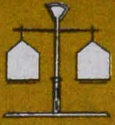


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## Bloods' centenary triumph!



Let the party begin! Warrandyte players celebrate a wonderful premiership win. Full report: Page 27

Picture by ROBERT WHITE

# Pre-school victory

By EMMA CLARK

Community action has thwarted a plan to exclude south-of-the-river children from Yarra Warra kindergarten.

Nillumbik council originally sent a letter to the kinder committee informing them that as of January 2007, zoning would apply and Manningham children could not be enrolled in the popular Warrandyte-Research Road kindergarten.

The Yarra Warra committee approached the Nillumbik council immediately the letter was received, and despite having to wait five weeks for a

response from council, were successful in changing the policy.

Sarah Drew, president of the committee said, "Both parties worked hard to come up with a resolution which suited both of us. So we are quite proud of ourselves, we worked hard and stood up for something we believed in and got a reasonable result."

The July *Diary* featured a report about the difficulties the community faces, on the cusp of two municipalities.

Kinder parent Jozica Kutin wrote in a letter in last month's issue that the council policy "does not reflect the

structure and sense of community in Warrandyte".

However, the kinder group effectively prevented council policy from further separating the community. Ms Drew said that council had received a large number of complaints about the zoning policy from other kindergartens in Nillumbik and parents at Yarra Warra. They saw how passionate residents were and understood that "Warrandyte is different to other towns and is looked at differently".

John Van Esveld, coordinator of community services at Nillumbik council

told the *Diary* that after the kinder group approached Nillumbik council they "have introduced guidelines which give priority of access to those families with a connection to Nillumbik. This is to ensure that families with a connection to Nillumbik shire are not denied access at the expense of families with no Nillumbik connection."

Ms Drew said that unless there was a boom in four-year-old children in the North Warrandyte area, the policy would not be applied.

"The only time Manningham families would not be allowed access is if there

were 150 children from Nillumbik applying, which is impossible, unless there is a housing estate going up in North Warrandyte which we don't know about.

"Enrolments have already suffered after people heard about the original policy. We want to inform the community that the kinder will still be taking children from both sides of the river.

Approximately half the families with children currently attending the kinder live in Nillumbik and half live in Manningham, so restricting Manningham children would severely affect enrolment numbers.



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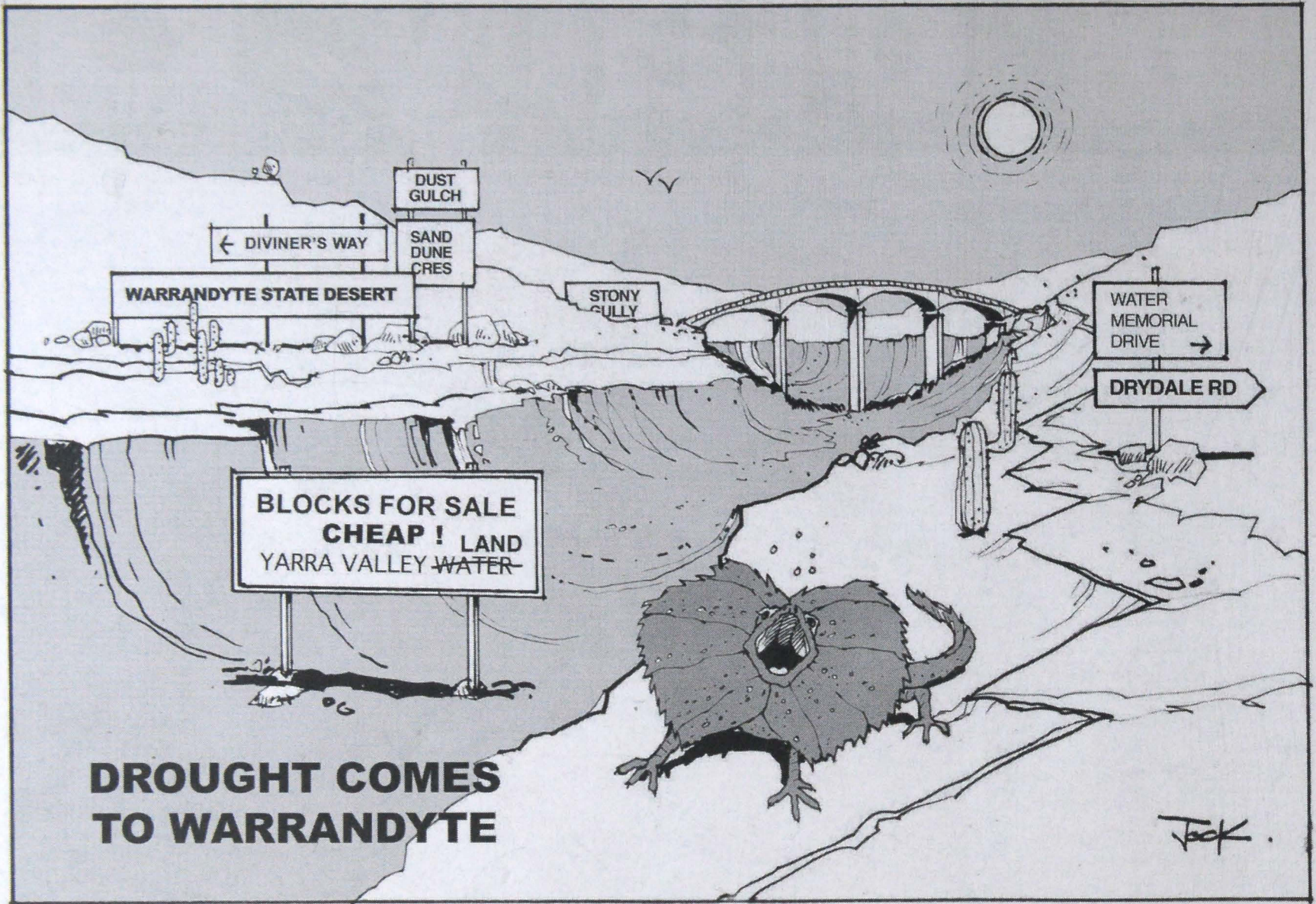
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Graphic by Melanie Coupar

**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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# Community calls for retirement housing

## Committee formed to develop strategy

By EMMA CLARK

Residents came together late last month to discuss action aimed at solving a long-standing issue in Warrandyte—retirement housing.

The public forum, called by the Warrandyte Community Association, follows many expressions of concern published in this newspaper.

Manningham councillors Pat Young and Ron Kitchingman and local state election candidates Ryan Smith (Liberal) and David Ellis (Greens) attended.

WCA deputy president Val Polley, former Doncaster mayor and contributor to Manningham council's positive ageing strategy, chaired the meeting. She was supported by Margory Lapworth of the Warrandyte Housing and Support Services and *Diary* editor Cliff Green.

"With the introduction of the council ageing strategy, now seemed an opportune time to call together people with an interest in this issue," Ms Polley said in her opening address.

Ms Lapworth told the group that the waiting list in Manningham for state-funded retirement housing is 400, with 179 of these having listed their first preference as Warrandyte.

"The problem of there being no land available is a difficult issue," Ms Lapworth said. "We need to persuade the powers-that-be and show them we are willing to try hard. There are many elderly people in Warrandyte who are not asset-rich but have lived all their life in this town and shouldn't have to leave."

Cliff Green stated that the issue first came up in the *Diary* 30 years ago, when in 1976, 600 units on the corner of Alexander and Warrandyte roads was proposed. This idea fell through two years later, and the issue was sidelined until 1983 when the housing at Stiggants was built. There was originally to be 16 units, but ended up being only 10.

Shortly after, groundbreaking legislation came in forbidding dual occupancy in Warrandyte. Many elderly people led the campaign knowing that the no dual occupancy policy would make it difficult for them to stay in the town in retirement. They selflessly decided that they weren't going to be the generation that "turned the town into something we don't want it to be," Mr Green said.

The last decision by the old Doncaster and Templestowe council before they were amalgamated into Manningham was to grant \$350,000 towards land for retirement housing in Warrandyte. Sadly, this funding was cancelled when Manningham was established in 1994.

The heartache in the town was immense at that time, and the search for retirement housing has been passionate since. Cliff Green informed the group that people come into the *Diary* office every week, wanting to know how they can still get the paper, as they have been forced to move away.

"The sadness in these people's eyes is immense. They do not want to move away but are being forced to," he said.

"The post-war generation was responsible for setting up many community institutions, such as the Warrandyte Arts Association, the Environment League and the *Diary*. It is devastating to have lost many of these people," Mr Green said.

The forum was then open for public discussion.

Cr Pat Young described conditions of the no dual occupancy policy, explaining that "housing for over 55s, such as retirement housing, is exempt from the no dual occupancy laws. They also must be close to transport, doctors and shops."

Local Greens candidate David Ellis questioned Cr Young on the feasibility of financial support from Manningham council to fund a project, considering the \$350,000 allocated by the defunct Doncaster council set a precedent.

Cr Young said, "council does not buy land, but we will use other means to support any plans to build retirement housing."

Cliff Green proposed that

"some sort of co-operative would work best" in providing resources and funding, and that Crown land would be ideal as a location. "The skills exist in Warrandyte for major volunteer involvement, whether legal, architectural or trade based."

A member of the public questioned the possibility of using State Park land if the problem became unsolvable. The panel responded by saying that not only is that perhaps too controversial, but there are many layers of boundaries and policies. "We don't want to start cutting into the Green Wedge. WCA is not in favour of using the State Park," Ms Polley said.

"Nothing can be achieved if we begin to talk about using State Park land," Mr Green said. "We will need the total support of the community, and talk about using State Park land will split the community."

The possibility of using the woodyard site near the roundabout at Harris Gully Road and Yarra Street was raised, although it was explained that half is covered by a "land subject to inundation" ruling. David Ellis pointed out that zoning can be changed, although it is a difficult process. He gave the example of Crown Casino at Southbank being below flood level.

Sarah Wrigley, from the Bendigo Bank, expressed concern that "we are looking at land before we are looking at the needs of the community".

Ms Lapworth brought up the issue of cost, saying that the law dictates that retirement villages or clusters must have a certain number of people who are financially underprivileged living there.

Cr Ron Kitchingman said the units must be reasonably priced. "The community must be involved. Sometimes, these one or two bedroom units can cost as much as a three or four bedroom house. People will sell their house to move into these homes and end up with nothing in the bank. Any way the community can contribute would be great."

Another resident expressed concern over "cluster housing" being too small and not providing enough assistance to elderly people. Ms Lapworth explained that at Stiggants, "No one has ever gone without anything. We look after them: they get meals on wheels, the Scouts clean their gutters, and Lions and Rotary help out with shopping."

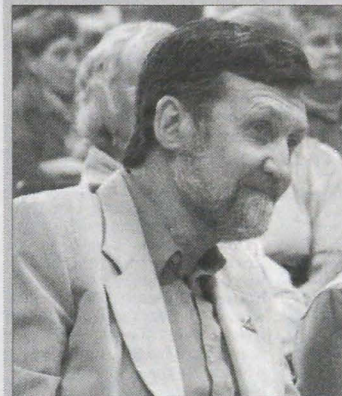
A survey through the *Diary* of local residents was suggested, to obtain a more concrete idea of the needs of the community. Val Polley and David Ellis proposed a sub-committee of WCA should be formed to address issues further. Nominations were called and a committee comprising Sarah Wrigley, Ivan Fulton, Marjorie Lapworth, Val Polley, David Ellis and retiring MP Phil Honeywood was established.



Margory Lapworth: 400 on Manningham waiting list



Val Polley: An opportune time to call together people with an interest

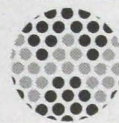


David Ellis: Zoning can be changed — but with difficulty



Cr Pat Young: Aged housing exempted from dual occupancy rules

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 A planning scheme amendment has been prepared by Council, which proposes to replace the current Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and to revise a number of local planning policies. The proposal known as Amendment C52 to the Manningham Planning Scheme, applies to all land in the City of Manningham and is currently on public exhibition.  
 The revised MSS does not significantly alter Council's planning policy, but rather, seeks to reflect changes in legislation and State policy, and include strategic work that has been adopted by Council since the introduction of the new format planning scheme in June 2000.  
 The amendment also revises a number of existing Local Planning Policies and introduces two new Local Planning Policies. The revised Local Planning Policies are:  
 • Design and development policy (applying to development in Business Zones);  
 • Cultural heritage policy;  
 • Accommodation premises policy (applying to group accommodation such as retirement villages);  
 • Non-residential uses in residential areas policy;  
 • Eating and entertainment premises policy;  
 • Outdoor advertising signs policy; and  
 • Battle axe blocks policy.  
 The two new Local Planning Policies are:  
 • Safety through urban design policy; and  
 • Industrial areas policy  
 The MSS and local planning policies are important in shaping Manningham's future planning decisions, and I encourage you to take the time to view them. You can view the documents:  
 • at the office of the planning authority, Manningham City Council, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.  
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 If you wish to discuss the proposed Amendment or require further information, please contact the Strategic Planning team on 9840 9434 or via email at [eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au).  
**You are invited to make a submission by 13 October 2006.**  
 Signed: **JOHN BENNIE**

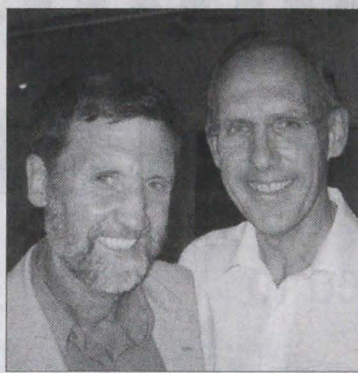
# Attention drawn to aged housing

It will now be clear to most people that the recent proposal to locate retirement housing on the burnt-out (so called degraded) bushland near the fire station is not viable. Not only is the land subject to inundation, but the DSE, the controlling authority, is specifically committed to a policy of protecting stream-frontage land.

Still, we can welcome the fact that this particular kite has been flown. For one thing it has drawn attention to an important tract of urban bushland which has indeed been left in very poor shape. As a small parcel (1.6ha) close to school, shops and residences, it is not at all suited to the DSE policy of leaving fallen trees and branches in order to encourage natural regeneration. A total shift of responsibilities to Manningham council or a committee of management would, in my view, be a move for the better.

For another thing, the proposal has revived the issue of retirement housing in Warrandyte. The discussion, however, needs to be broadened from "where" to "how".

A central concern is to ensure that retirement housing in Warrandyte can be re-



David Ellis with Greens leader Bob Brown

served for the people of Warrandyte. Where retirement housing is privately developed, as in the present boom industry throughout Australia, it will go to whoever can pay, irrespective of where they come from. Places in state public projects, on the other hand,

will be offered on a basis of need—again irrespective of where applicants have lived their lives.

What is needed is a community retirement housing model that can legitimately give priority to people who have lived in the community—in this case Warrandyte.

A community trust venture, underwritten by local private shareholders, would be one way to achieve this. State and local government will also need to be involved, and even a public-private venture is a possibility. It need not be a case of re-inventing the wheel; many large philanthropic organisations, as well as local councils, have had to address similar concerns among their client base.

There will be a way for Warrandyte to take this important initiative further. I will be putting some of the options, as I see them, to the WCA forum in the hope that these and others can be further investigated by an appropriate committee.

David Ellis  
 Greens candidate  
 for Warrandyte

## Our words go round the world

I knew Warrandyte was special after living there for 17 years, but this week when Donvale friends, the Naughtins, visited us in Salisbury and gave us the May, June and August editions of the *Diary*, I nearly cried.

How special is your community and what a wonderful asset the *Diary* is, especially a paper copy!

As I flipped the pages I saw a wonderful tribute to the Rotherhams. Ted taught me photography at RMIT, although I bet he doesn't remember me.

Opposite was a story about Corinne, a former neighbour, there's Dominic, who sold our house, tributes to Jo Laurence who I fondly remember as a friend over many years, and Jean-Pierre Lajoie; and of course there's all the gossip, politics, humour and sport I've always loved reading.

To cap off my delight, in the May edition was a picture of my footballer son, Aidan Davey, scrambling for the ball yet again. I have been able to follow the progress of the Dytes on the web. How I would love to be in town when the finals are being played so I can barrack my heart out as we did when the Colts won the premiership back in 1997, I think it was.

Living in Salisbury with its stunning cathedral and Stonehenge just a 15-minute drive away, I am constantly surrounded by tourists marvelling at this medieval town. Its twice-weekly market brings the community together, haggling over fresh organic produce, cheeses and olives from France, trout from local streams and garlic from the Isle of Wight. It is a patchwork of generations, cultures and lifestyles, meeting for a common purpose—to enjoy the company of others in a safe environment, as they have done in this market square for centuries.

Down in Warrandyte, though, I couldn't think of a safer community or better lifestyle anywhere else in the world.

Jenny Grinlington  
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## Why trash the vines?

What is the logic in planting Wonga vine at the base of the deck pillars on the Community Centre if it is going to be pruned to the ground in spring, just when it is about to flower?

Apart from the loss of the beauty and perfume there is the lack of shade which it would have provided in summer.

I realise that this is a cheap and easy way out for the council, however it would look much better if it was trimmed from time to time and trained along the rail of the balcony.

Jean Chapman  
 Taroonia Avenue

## Seeking an old friend

In 1964/65 I attended Manatee High School in Bradenton, Florida, USA. That year we had an Australian exchange student. Her name was Gail Shannon. Her home address was Kangaroo Ground Road, Warrandyte. I would love to get in touch with her again. I realise she may have moved away, but perhaps someone there might know her and how to get in touch.

Thank you for any help you can give me.

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## Happy memories of Elsa

I am saddened to hear, only yesterday, of the passing of Elsa Arden some weeks ago. I first met Elsa in the 1970s. I purchased many lovely pots crafted by her and several made specifically for me, including a huge terrace pot that would barely fit into the kiln.

When I opened my gallery in Yarra Glen in 1980, Elsa was a staunch supporter. This continued on through my restaurant-gallery days in Healesville to 1991.

Since then we had enjoyed many glasses of wine and lunch-time barbecues when her husband Cyril was alive, and the odd lunch.

She will be remembered, not only for her craft, but also her smile, sense of humour and generosity of spirit.

Jo Gilligan  
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## We bring news from home

My name is Joan Thomas and I worked at the milk bar/newsagency in Yarra Street, then at the newsagency at Goldfields.

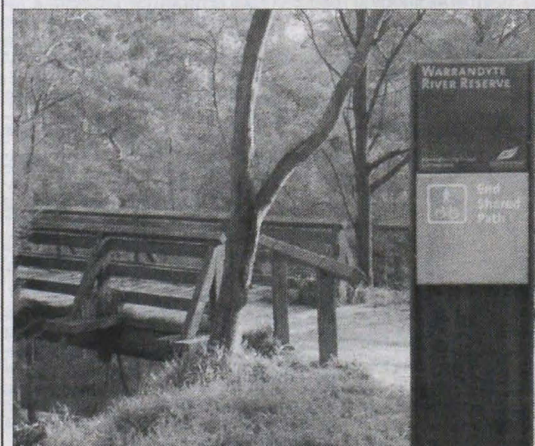
In March of this year, my son Russell, a member of the RAAF, went overseas. When I asked him if he needed anything sent to him, like toiletries, lollies, etc. he said he should be okay. But after a "short thought", he said there is one thing I could send him, and that is the *Warrandyte Diary*.

I thought you might like to know how popular the *Diary* is in my family. It is over 20 years since we left Warrandyte, and thanks to my sister, Dawn Bellinger, I don't think I have missed one issue.

Thank you for your great paper, it keeps us in touch with Warrandyte. Keep up the great work.

Joan Thomas  
 Croydon

## Impressed by signs



I would like to congratulate Manningham council and the Warrandyte Community Association on the new signs along the river (pictured above). They are pleasing in design, dignified and unobtrusive. They tell us all we need to know with minimum impact on the environment.

Impressed  
 Webb Street

## CYRIL



By PAUL WILLIAMS



# Having a go at council

Local government influences many aspects of our lives every day. VAL POLLEY, local resident and former mayor of Doncaster and Templestowe, examines the role of councillors in the community.

**C**AN you name your local councillors? If you live in Manningham and replied "Pat Young and Ron Kitchingman" or live in North Warrandyte and replied "Warwick Leeson" then top marks. So often it appears ratepayers only bother with their council or councillors when there is an issue or controversy that affects them directly.

History shows that every now and again Warrandyte residents become extremely concerned about the performance of their municipal councils. Big rate increases, inadequacy of basic services, concern about threats to lifestyle, alarm about threats to the character of the township, unexplained departure of administrators and introduction of entrepreneurial activities. In past times, all these issues have galvanised locals to action, and in both municipalities.

Looking back over the past few decades it's easy to pinpoint times when local organisations become so concerned they do something positive. Warrandyte has always been a self-help township and its contribution to local government has been no exception. The most fruitful periods for the town are when local residents elected to councils have been able to utilise their local networks to achieve results that enrich community life.

**O**NE example occurred in the early 1970s when the Warrandyte Environment League, (WEL) formed by concerned residents when the bush in Harris Gully Road was threatened by development, became extremely concerned over a number of critical environmental issues. This was a time when the environmental issues were only just becoming understood and widely recognised by governments and media worldwide and the term conservation was used. Warrandyte was beginning to feel development pressures not experienced before while at the same time suffering a lack of infrastructure such as roads, drainage, sewerage, public transport and so forth.

In its early days, WEL felt councils were not taking its opinions or the needs of residents seriously enough so in 1972 decided to sponsor a candidate for an extraordinary election in the city of Doncaster and Templestowe. Wally Walsh, a member of WEL, duly nominated. Wally was very well credentialed in the eyes of local residents. He was a long term resident of Warrandyte; his father having run the bakery for many years. A policeman, he was very well known in the community having been involved at some time with most of the community groups from a very young age.

Wally gave his opponent, Ian Marsden from Park Orchards, a very close contest. He failed by just 50 votes. WEL professed satisfaction that he had come so close especially as he had fought on environmental issues which indicated concern for the environment across the ward. Another beneficial outcome was from that

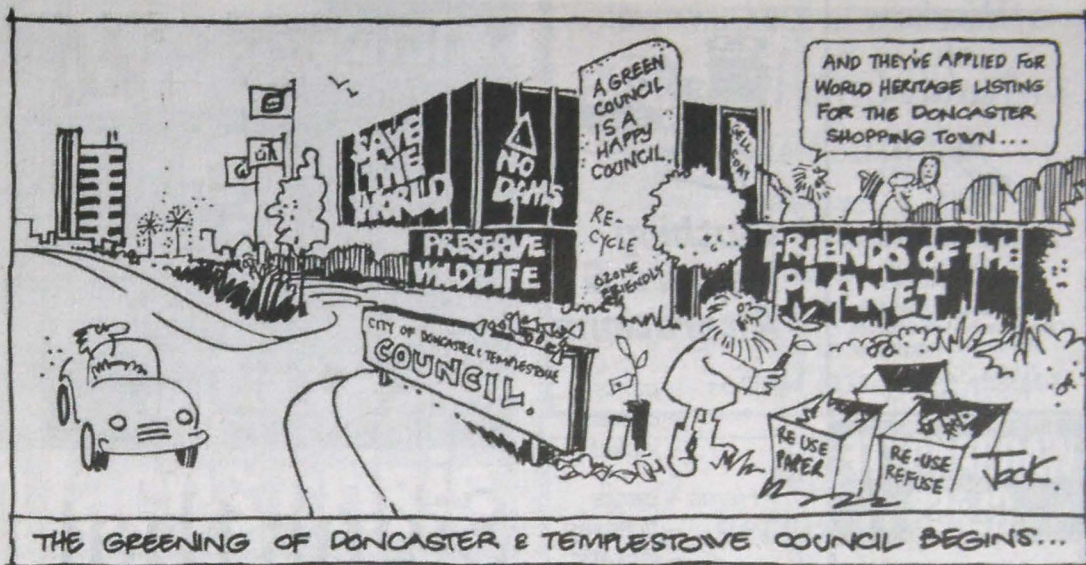
time, the two Park Orchards councillors took Warrandyte issues, conservation matters, (and WEL), much more seriously than had been the case previously.

Despite the improved cooperation, WEL felt there was still a need for a Warrandyte conservation minded councillor so the following year it opted to try again. This time Wally was unable to stand so I was nominated. I was involved in a number of community groups at the time which was thought would give me good support but my opponent was John Scott, a 19-year resident who could claim his wife's family had been resident in Warrandyte for over 100 years. This time the contest was harder because the choice was between two Warrandyte residents with similar issues and concerns and the contest was keenly fought. John claimed environment protection, social welfare and the provision of recreational facilities as his important issues and was strongly supported by some Warrandyte groups and the Park Orchards Ratepayers.

I too stood on conservation and protection issues, provision of recreation facilities and other services but in the final analysis could not muster enough support. These too were the early days of Women's Liberation. I found being a young woman with young children a real disadvantage with comments being constantly made about naive young women who might neglect their family. This was a time too when political parties were very active in the area. Although candidates were not openly endorsed, some nevertheless received assistance with canvassing and other electoral tasks. The eventual result was a resounding win for John but again the positive outcome was that WEL and environmental issues became better known to all the councillors at the time.

**W**ARRANDYTE continued to receive a high degree of support from ward councillors at D&T council. Councillors Scott and Marsden were both active and diligent, being elected and re-elected over the decade and both serving as mayor. Over this time substantial changes were occurring across the municipality. It was during this decade that Donvale and East Doncaster saw the beginning of their transformation from orchard and pasture land into suburbs and Warrandyte came under ever increasing developmental pressure.

The following decade, the 1980s, saw Warrandyte represented by local residents Anne Martin and Ken McKenzie. Anne was an ardent conservationist and not afraid to be controversial. Ken brought his long experience in local youth and recreation groups to his role as councillor. His mild eccentricities endeared him to people and he was a popular figure. This decade saw improvements to recreation facilities, planning for the community centre, streetscape planning and many other improvements. Ken was



Diary, September 1989



Rob Gell and Val Polley: Council "changed direction overnight".

repeatedly re-elected until 1989 when illness brought his incumbency to an end. This coincided with Cr Greg Nicolau, a young and rather unknown ward representative also deciding to quit, thus there were two vacancies created.

1989 was a crunch time for the Doncaster and Templestowe council. There had been a damaging garbage dispute, exorbitant and uneven rate increases and several senior staff had left. To make matters worse, there was the threat of government intervention. The council had been receiving bad press, was perceived as being development oriented, and entrepreneurial and not listening to its residents.

Warrandyte township had been threatened with dual occupancy which Bruce Bence and a group of concerned residents had successfully fought. But this was followed by the possibility of rezoning in the Green Wedge, so once again there was a push to elect Warrandyte residents with community, and conservation credentials. This time Rob Gell, the popular TV weatherman who lived in Webb Street and myself nominated.

**F**OR this election we had the support not only of Warrandyte community organisations but also the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association. So despite a sustained campaign by the Park Orchards Landowners Association who supported rezoning, we were both overwhelmingly elected. Not only that, we joined

a council that contained a number of new councillors so it changed direction overnight, turned somewhat "green" and threw out the proposals to rezone the Green Wedge. However over time Rob found combining his work and role as councillor too onerous and was replaced by well known Warrandyte activist Louise Joy.

**F**OR over six years and into the mid-1990s the Warrandyte Ward team of Vern Denford, Louise and myself worked hard for Warrandyte. We fought off many attempts to subvert the Green Wedge, saw the construction of the Community Centre, appointed a conservation officer, undertook streetscape improvements such as undergrounding electricity and riverbank plantings and seating and were overwhelmingly re-elected. It was a period of forward planning. The first heritage study, open space study, vegetation study, residential study—designs and directions—were all part of the strategic planning undertaken. It was a rich and rewarding time for Warrandyte and the city.

In 1992 I served as mayor and the city celebrated its silver anniversary but then everything changed with the Kennett government introducing council amalgamations in 1994 when the City of Doncaster and Templestowe ceased to exist and all the councillors were summarily dismissed. The aim was to consolidate small councils across the state and encourage well qualified people to stand as councillors to provide direc-

tion and policy.

The new City of Manningham (the old D & T plus Wonga Park) took office in 1997. The old Warrandyte ward vanished becoming Mullum Mullum with two councillors to represent it. For nearly a decade Warrandyte's interests have been served by local resident Pat Young, working industriously on issues facing the township with outcomes such as the Federation Playspace, riverbank study and the Warrandyte urban design framework; the latter coming about as a result of initiatives proposed by the Warrandyte Community Association.

North Warrandyte has not been involved in so many controversies. Prior to 1994 it was part of the Shire of Eltham and is now in the Shire of Nillumbik and it has not often had direct representation by North Warrandyte residents. Don Ingersole and more recently Bob Stubbings are two local residents who ensured that North Warrandyte was not a forgotten area. Painter John Searle and architect Robert Marshall have also represented the area with a special affection for North Warrandyte. It is mainly local residents who have ensured that issues are addressed by council; examples such as Professor's Hill and The Chase are two with positive outcomes for the township. But the shire is very large and facing considerable difficulties both financially and administratively while North Warrandyte seems to be increasingly viewed as small and remote.


**H**ISTORY has a habit of repeating itself. Pat Young, currently mayor of Manningham, is coming to the end of a decade of representation, the CEO of Manningham has resigned, there have been protests about rate rises, concerns about Green Wedge politics, apprehension about threats to lifestyle, alarm about threats to the character of the township, and introduction of entrepreneurial activities such as Gainshare within council.

Prior to the next elections, residents and community organisations may need to consider who will stand for election to their local councils and best represent the residents of Warrandyte and the interests of the township. Being a councillor can be extremely rewarding, it is the branch of government closest to where we live and decisions taken have a direct influence on our lives. Speaking personally I found it to be a very rewarding experience, improving skill levels, increasing understanding of social, environmental and financial issues, strengthening community ties, improving planning knowledge and providing an opportunity to make a difference. I found the skills I acquired benefited me in my employment and within the community.

It would be great if some of our younger residents would consider a term in council. The role was once viewed as a stepping stone into wider politics, or for employment and personal advancement. The same can be true today and nowadays the role is better paid and supported. But it is of little importance in the end what individual goals are desired. Based on the history, it is passion and dedication to the future of Warrandyte combined with the support of community and organisations which ensures results that enrich the community, build social capital and benefit the township.



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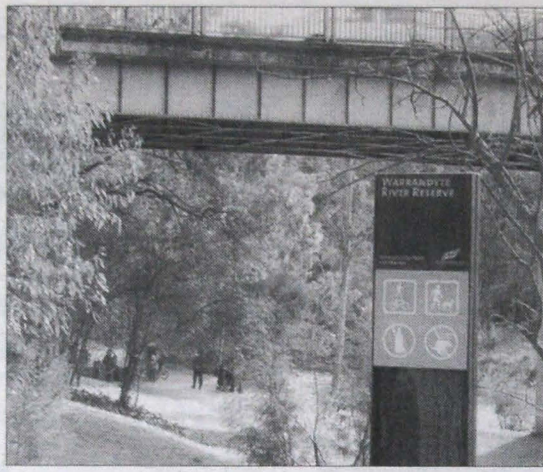
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# Signs that point the way

By EMMA CLARK

New signs have been appearing along the Yarra in recent weeks, commissioned as part of the Manningham council's sign strategy and streetscape development project.

The "patina brass" or rusting steel-effect, slender vertical signs (pictured above) have received positive feedback from riverside dog walkers and tourists to the area.

Kerrie Boyle, spokesperson for the Warrandyte Community Association and keen advocate for the new sign strategy thought that the signs look fantastic.

"They are exactly what we had hoped for. They blend in perfectly and don't distract from the surrounding environment. The new signs look much better than the ones they have replaced."

James Wilkie, a Sunday visitor to the area from Brunswick, said that whilst he hardly

noticed the signs at first, they looked great. "They are subtle enough that they don't ruin the atmosphere, which can often happen in places like beaches and parks."

Paul Molan, director of environmental amenity for Manningham council said that the next lot of signs, to be placed along the Yarra Street precinct, will most likely be installed before June next year.

There will be approximately 16 new signs along the street, from the area outside the post office down to the bus stop and toilet block.

"We are working with VicRoads to design a base for the signs, as they need to be able to collapse for safety reasons."

"Also, we are planning on incorporating the blue parking signs and one-way signs in the brass background."

"The possibility of including the 'artist's

signs' in the new signage is also being explored," said Mr Molan.

"We need to get the okay from our project management unit and the signs will be implemented."

The signage design was carried out by David Lancashire Design as part of Manningham council's streetscape improvement project. The first stage of the works, between Whipstick Gully Road and the Grand Hotel, commenced in June and will be completed this month.

The works have a budgeted cost of \$95,000 and are being undertaken by Contek Constructions Pty Ltd.

According to council, "the completed project will convey the colour and heritage of Warrandyte, featuring stone-block kerbing and natural stone-surfaced footpaths, and landscaping beside the road".

# Our bank is 'cashed up'

As predicted by the *Diary* last May, the Warrandyte Community Bank will be ratifying a dividend for shareholders at its annual general meeting in November.

This follows the announcement that late in July, the bank exceeded \$60 million in funds under management, "a great achievement in just over three years of opening its doors in Warrandyte," chairman John Provan told the *Diary*.

"It's been a steady growth pattern over those three years," Mr Provan said. "But it has been a great achieve-

ment to see this level of growth continuing."

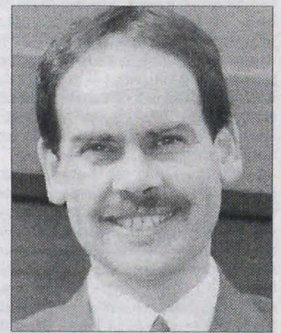
The bank obtained its 3000th customer in late August. The lucky family—Dr Graeme Hubbert, Karen Hubbert and their daughter Seanna from Kangaroo Ground—received a \$100 dinner voucher.

"Warrandyte Community Bank covers a wider area than just Warrandyte, and we have been steadily focussing on the Kangaroo Ground, Wonga Park and Park Orchards areas to increase and grow the business," manager Mark Challen said.

The Warrandyte Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank has distributed in excess of \$20,000 to local organisations as sponsorships this year. These included kindergartens, schools, senior citizens, sporting clubs, and especially the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Occasional Child-care Centre.

"It's a great feeling to be able to give away this money to the community," bank board member Sarah Wrigley said.

"We have to give up to 80 per cent of our profits back to the community. It really is a win-win situation."



Mark Challen

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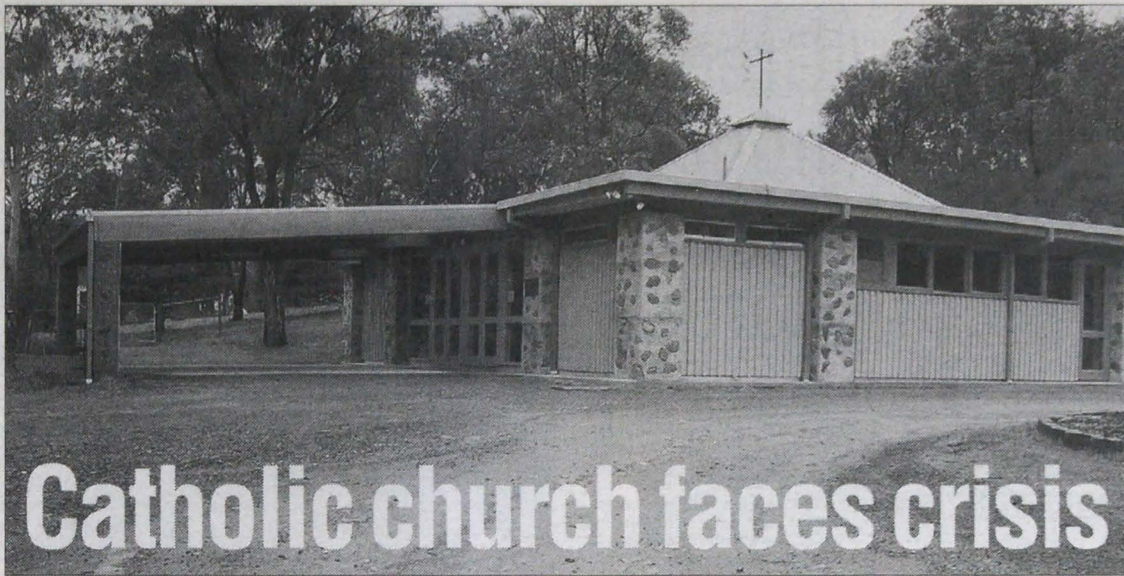
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# Catholic church faces crisis

By EMMA CLARK

The parish of St Gerard and St Anne held its last mass at the Catholic Church in Warrandyte late last month, due to decreasing church attendance. The parish is made up of people from Park Orchards and Warrandyte and for the past 30 years has held mass at both St Anne's in Park Orchards and at St Gerard's Catholic Church in Warrandyte. Lys Crowe, pastoral associate of the church, said that "this does not mean that the church is closing. It was just not feasible having two weekend masses.

"We have shared a priest with St John's in Mitcham for the past two years and having two masses made this hard. The church will still be used for funerals, prayer groups, weddings and religious education classes." A letter sent to parishioners by the pastoral council stated that "we only see one Mass Centre as being viable, with the most appropriate place being Park Orchards". The letter also expressed concern over the future of the parish and speculated that "we may not continue as our own parish," but may have to merge with another parish.

The final mass was acknowledged with expressions of appreciation by Saskia Harris and Lyn Lyford. "We give thanks for the rich history of worship in Warrandyte stretching back to the 1890s when a priest rode out on horseback to celebrate mass," said Ms Harris. Local residents have expressed their regret and sadness at the cancellation of the mass, but as Ms Crowe said, "this does not mean the church is closing its doors". Sunday and Tuesday morning mass at St Anne's in Park

Orchards will still continue, and Ms Crowe encourages people who frequented the Saturday Warrandyte mass to attend. The first St Gerard's Catholic Church was built on the corner of Brackenbury Street and Mitchell Avenue in Warrandyte. It was destroyed in the devastating 1939 bushfires, which also destroyed two other Warrandyte churches and an estimated 160 homes. A new church was built on the same site and used from 1941 to 1976. The current church was built on land adjacent to Andersons Creek cemetery.

# Chance for local filmmakers

March next year will see the inaugural Warrandyte Film Festival screen in conjunction with the Warrandyte Village Festival. The festival will show films made by local filmmakers and films about the Warrandyte community and its environment. A project organiser told the *Diary* that the purpose of the festival is "to encourage visual artists of all styles and orientations to share their work with each other and with local audiences." "It is meant to enable people who might otherwise not make a film, as well as provide an audience for those keen to tell a story, deliver a message, entertain or inform. Animation, nature shows, personal profiles, social comment, comedies—the only limit is your imagination." "You may have a vague idea or you may have some old footage you have never got around to editing, or you may just want to go wild with that new DV camera!" Filmmakers are encouraged to produce



a short film (3 to 10 minutes) to show at a local venue on festival weekend. A summer school, tutored by film professionals and experts will run later in the year, allowing locals to develop their filmmaking skills. The first workshop—From Idea to Script—will guide tyro filmmakers through the development of a script. It will run across three Sunday afternoons, beginning on November 11 and will cost \$65. The second workshop, a Digital Filmmaking Intensive—for beginners and those who

have already produced a short film—will run across the first weekend in December. Participants will shoot and edit a five-page script. This workshop will cost \$165. The film festival is a joint project of the Festival Committee, Neighbourhood House, Community Centre and the Warrandyte Arts Association. Equipment and expert tuition will be provided in conjunction with Open Channel. Dates could be subject to change. Local community organisations and schools are invited to participate. The film festival will begin with the "Cameo Awards" screening on the Sunday prior to the Warrandyte Festival. "Cameos" will be presented in a variety of categories, including best student film, best local story, technical excellence and audience choice. More details including how and when to lodge entries are available on the Warrandyte Festival website (<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~warrfest/index.htm>)

# State Park budget creeps up

By CLIFF GREEN

The local community—through the Warrandyte Community Association, the Friends of Warrandyte State Park and the *Diary*—have been campaigning for years for the full restoration of state government funding for Warrandyte State Park. The "operating budget", out of which contractors' services, which include weed spraying and feral animal control, was

reduced by 90 per cent—from \$100,000 to \$10,000—following the devastating 2003 bushfires in the Alpine region, as Parks Victoria struggled to restore the High Country. The operating budget has been increased year by year since, but it had still not been fully restored last year. However this financial year, Parks Victoria has not separated an operating budget from the

"global" budget. "In the past we have discussed the Park's budget in terms of operation budget," Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, told the *Diary*. "This year I have been provided by Parks Victoria with an 'overall budget' made up of two components—'base costs' and 'other budget'." "These figures provide a more comprehensive overview of Park funding," Ms Green said.

Figures supplied to the *Diary* indicate that the estimated total budget for 2002/3 (prior to the fires) was \$586,000, for 2004/05 (following the fires) it was \$630,500, in 2005/06 it was \$791,561 and in the current financial year the total estimated budget is \$874,767. Ms Green pointed out that "these figures do not include any grants the Park might receive in funding".

# Scouts prepare for centenary

By JOANNE GREEN



With 2007 marking a century of scouting worldwide, Warrandyte Scouts have been active this year preparing for the Jamboree. Seven of Warrandyte's young Scouts have qualified for their Red Cord. This means they will be able to attend the Jamboree which will be held in Victoria next year. Two other Warrandyte scouts will also be attending. To qualify for their Red Cord, the Warrandyte Scouts needed to have received their pioneer badge, two other proficiency badges and a patrol activity badge. To help them achieve their Red Cord, the Scouts have taken part in many camps, learning such skills as leadership, gourmet camp cooking and blacksmithing. They have also participated in caving and canoeing. Warrandyte's scouts recently participated in the "Murray-Darling Rescue", a tree planting exercise in the Murray-Darling Drainage Basin, with hundreds of other scouts from around Victoria. Scout leader Andrew Lavery told the *Diary*, "We had two troops go away earlier in the year to the Stradbroke cup, a competitive

standing camp where the scouts use their skills and knowledge of camping. "They learnt a lot about teamwork," he said. Warrandyte's Scout Troop has approximately 13 members from different schools and different backgrounds. Leader Steven Wakefield said, "We try to instil good ethics and morals, and teach about citizenship." The scouts have recently built toy boxes, shoe boxes that they fill with toys to send over to orphans in Belarus. This was part of one member's school project. Warrandyte's only girl Scout, Molly, who has been scouting for two months, told the *Diary*. "I'm always learning something new. There are activities outside where you interact with other people." "This is the first year we've had any girls in the Warrandyte troop," Andrew Lavery said. "A few other girls have expressed interest." Warrandyte Scouts are currently seeking more members to join in with their activities. They have a lot planned for the rest of this year, including dinner at the police academy with the police cadets and indoor rock climbing.

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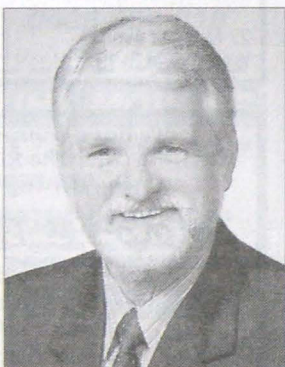
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**Greens hopeful out north**



Primary school science teacher, Karin Geradts (pictured), has been selected as the Greens candidate for the Yan Yean electorate in the Victorian elections.

Ms Geradts will be remembered in North Warrandyte when she stood for election as a Nillumbik councillor.

As befits a Greens candidate, Karin Geradts, who lives in Hurstbridge, has developed an innovative, hands-on science program that incorporates the planting and maintenance of a large vegetable garden and orchard, composting, recycling, chickens, caring for animals, native plant propagation and planting, as well as the more traditional aspects of science. She has also introduced smog-busters days and rubbish-free lunch days at her school.

"Today's children will be tomorrow's leaders," Ms Geradts said. "Unless we act, they will be confronted with the problems that are being created today, such as climate change, air pollution, the logging of native forests and water catchments, and inadequate public transport."

"Children respond with indignation when they learn about the effects of logging, burning brown coal for electricity and the impact of car exhaust fumes, and are very keen to do something positive to help," she said. "My students have planted extensively in the school grounds. Last week 150 enthusiastic students planted 450 native plants in under three hours!"

Ms Geradts is standing for state parliament in the November 25 election because she believes that the Bracks Government is heading in the wrong

direction on many issues.

She said: "Too much money is being spent on roads and freeways and not enough on public transport. People in the Warrandyte area are only too aware of the problem. They live with the reality of poor access to public transport and peak hour traffic jams, plus the looming threat of the ring road extension past their doors. This is typical of the Bracks government's short-term thinking. With climate change upon us and rising petrol prices, we must act for the future."

Greg Barber, former Mayor of the City of Yarra, is The Greens candidate for the newly created

upper house seat of Northern Metropolitan Region. He told the *Diary*, "The Greens believe that with every decision we make, we must ask ourselves 'Will people in 100 years thank us for this?'"

Ms Geradts and Mr Barber believe the under-funding of schools, youth services and sporting facilities, as well as the government's reliance on gambling revenue, are major issues in this state election.

● For further information and comment please contact: Karin Geradts on (mob) 0401 902 802; Greg Barber on (mob) 0433 044 771.

**Candidates face forum**

State elections are approaching, and the Warrandyte Community Association is running a public forum, so residents can quiz their local candidates.

"All six lower house candidates (Greens, ALP and Liberal), from both sides of the river, are expected to attend," WCA spokesman Jonathan Upson told the *Diary*. "As Phil Honeywood, sitting MP for Warrandyte is retiring, the campaign for this seat is much more wide open this time around."

"While the candidates will have the opportunity to make some very brief remarks, the focus of the evening will be on answering questions from the floor."

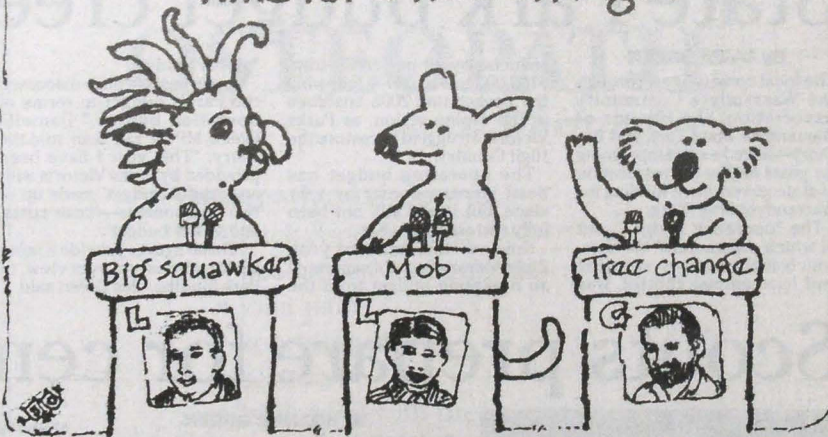
● The forum will be held at the North Warrandyte Community Centre in Research Road on Tuesday, October 17, starting at 7.30pm.

"Please mark your calendar for Tuesday night, October 17, to voice your concerns and ask your questions of our state government candidates," Mr Upson said.

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By SYD & ONA

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# Around the schools

## Trivia time at WHS

Warrandyte High School staged their famous fundraising Trivia Night last month. The theme was "Carnivale" and a fun night was had by all, featuring entertaining games, impromptu dress-ups and a silent auction. The multi-purpose room at Andersons Creek Primary School was the venue and the night was judged an outstanding success by the 200 who attended. In excess of \$6500 was raised for WHS funds.

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



## Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum balls!

The kids at Warrandyte Primary School have been rehearsing all term for their big production for 2006. They are performing "Kids at Sea", by local authors Kevin O'Mara, Mark Leehy and Lynne Bartlett, at Karralyka Theatre this month. Grades 5 and 6 are presenting this rollicking musical play, with the other grades performing a variety of musical and dramatic items. Jesse, Isabel and Gabby (pictured left) star in the main roles.



## Bushland renewal at Andersons Creek primary school



Bushland in Harris Gully Road, badly damaged in a controversial "cool burn" has received timely first aid from the kids at Andersons Creek Primary School.

More than 100 Prep and Grade 2 students and their teachers carried out a re-planting scheme with the help of Manningham council's bushland management team and mayor, Cr Pat Young, last month.

The affected land is directly behind the school.

Cr Young said the new plants are all indigenous to Manningham, grown from seed collected in the Warrandyte area and grown in council's nursery.

"There were primarily Man-na Gums but the children also planted Yellow Box, Red Box and Narrow Leaf Peppermint

as well as seven local varieties of shrubs.

"It was so much fun to see the primary school kids really getting involved. The smiles on their faces were a delight to see and their eagerness to help and their enthusiasm was infectious.

"Projects such as this planting day reinforce the message to the next generation that it is vital that we all need to look after our environment," Cr Young said.

● Andersons Creek kids also celebrated Schools Tree Planting Day by planting a number of trees in the schoolground with the help of Warrandyte Lions, sponsored by Planet Ark and Toyota.

"This program sends a positive environmental message to Australian children," a Lions spokesperson said.

## Shrek was there

Shrek and Princess Fiona (pictured above) were chosen Best Dressed Hero and Heroine at Warrandyte Primary School's great grand fundraising trivia night, held last month.

"We had a super night, even though the crowd was smaller than previous years," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*. "However, with all the alter egos in the hall, the space was filled more than adequately!"



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# Take care: beware of bird attack

With the arrival of spring, Warrandyte's bushland, roadside verges and parks could be danger zones—so watch out!

Springtime is breeding season for magpies, mynas, butcherbirds and masked lapwings (also known as plovers). These birds may do whatever it takes to protect their nests, eggs and young. They may swoop passers-by if they feel threatened.

Our normally safe reserves and roadways can become dangerous for children, pedestrians and cyclists using pathways and grounds near where birds are nesting.

Over the years, Victorians have suffered serious injuries from swooping birds, particularly magpies, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) wants to help people understand why birds swoop and how to avoid being swooped.

DSE has produced an information brochure detailing why birds swoop, key species and

ways to avoid them; and a sign to alert people to potential danger. There is also a sticker with a pair of eyes, to be attached to the back of hats and bike helmets, which may prevent bird swoops.

DSE wildlife officer Glenn Sharp said only a small proportion of birds swoop people, but most communities have areas where birds nest each year so it is important to be aware and take precautions.

"There is no need for people to panic, but there is a safety risk and we want people to take care for just a few months of each year while these native birds are nesting," Mr Sharp said.

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# Life honour for Diary editor

By DAVID WYMAN

Cliff Green, editor and founder of the *Diary*, has been inducted as a life member of the Australian Writers Guild.

Guild president Simon Hopkinson, announcing the appointment, noted Cliff's "tireless work as a long-standing member of the guild" and

his outstanding achievement as "one of the nation's most respected and acclaimed screenwriters".

Cliff's writing achievements, apart from his full involvement in this newspaper, include feature films (Picnic at Hanging Rock is one of the best known) television plays,

TV series episodes and mini-series, TV adaptations (such as *Power Without Glory*), children's TV dramas, documentary films (*Big River* was one) and the stage play *Cop Out*.

He has written many books, including several for children and a novel, *Break of Day*. Awards for Cliff's works have

been many—from the TV Society, the Variety Club, Awards, and the Australian Film Institute. His work on the ABC drama series, *Janus*, received an Australian Human Rights Award.

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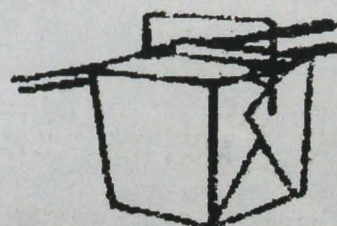
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# On the acacia trail...

Every two years the Australian Plant Society conducts a conference concentrating on a particular Australian plant genus. They chose acacias this year, and last month participants travelled out to admire the Hanson garden and bushland in Webb Street, Warrandyte. STEPHEN REYNOLDS captured the occasion in these pictures.



## Significant orchid find in Wonga Park


An unusually large colony of a rare wild orchid—the Dwarf Greenhood—has been discovered by Manningham council staff in the Wonga Park area. A council spokesperson said this is a significant find, but the orchid still faces the possibility of local extinction within 10-20 years. "Old records suggest that the flower, which is widespread in Victoria but is now rare in Melbourne, was once scattered around Warrandyte and Wonga Park," the spokesperson said. "A decline in its numbers in recent decades has brought fears that it had become extinct in Warrandyte State

Park. Even with the discovery since of two very small colonies of a few plants, concerns were held for its survival. "The long term survival prospects of the Dwarf Greenhood have received an extremely significant boost with this discovery in the Wonga Park area," the spokesperson said. "This latest find is the largest known population of the orchid in Manningham, and possibly the Melbourne area." Council's botanist, Dr Graeme Lorimer, said that although somewhat plain looking to some, the Dwarf Greenhood is a complex and

interesting flower. "The orchid has a spring-loaded tongue that exudes the sex scent of a female mosquito-like insect, attracting male insects that are flicked into a chamber. "The trapped insect then makes its way out via a tunnel past the female part of the flower, where it may leave pollen, and then past a patch of glue and two balls of pollen which adhere to the insect. The insect then carries the pollen to another flower after receiving no reward from its attempt. "Such deception is common in the district's wild orchids," he said.

## Creek path to be extended

The Mullum Mullum Creek linear trail in Donvale is to be extended, following state government funding through its off-road trail network program. Manningham has received \$97,800 for commencement of the extension of the shared trail, with council required to match the funding, dollar-for-dollar. The asphalt trail will be constructed from Park Road to Conos Court in Donvale. The path will be extended by approximately 500 metres. A bridge will be constructed across Mullum Mullum Creek to provide access to the McIntyres Reserve river flats. It is anticipated that these works will be completed by June 2007.

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## Our new cop shop

Warrandyte's new police station in Forbes Street is well under way. Replacing an old "light timber construction" building that was quite inadequate (pictured below), it is expected the new station will be finished before the end of the year.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

## Volunteer award

Residents are reminded that nominations for Manningham's Volunteer of the Year Awards opened on September 4 and will close on October 20.

Council is calling for nominations from non-profit organisations, associations, charitable groups, individuals and families actively involved in voluntary service in Manningham.

"Council recognises the essential and vital role that these community groups play and we salute our volunteers who serve them. They are the backbone of the community and without them Manningham simply would

not be able to function."

Nominations can be submitted in the following categories: Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Group of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year.

Category winners will receive a \$500 donation to a local charity or non-profit organisation of their choice and a framed certificate.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting Caitriona Fay, community development officer on 9840 9106.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony on International Volunteers Day in December.

## Kids' hearing

Warrandyte Lions co-ordinated hearing tests for children aged three-and-a-half to six at Kalinda Primary School in Ringwood last month, when 112 children were tested.

The tests, carried out by six final year students of the Melbourne University, under the supervision of Ms Rebecca Verhoef of the university's School of Audiology revealed that 25 per cent of those tested had some form of hearing defect, and three had permanent nerve hearing loss. All those detected with deficiencies are referred back to their

own doctors with details of the findings.

This is the 14th year Warrandyte Lions has organised these tests twice a year with the co-operation of schools in Warrandyte, Warranwood, North Ringwood and Ringwood.

Lions secretary Geoff Taylor, project organiser, said he is hopeful that the club will be able to return to Amblyopia (Lazy Eye) screening within the next three months, incorporating Glaucoma testing for parents and grandparents accompanying the children.

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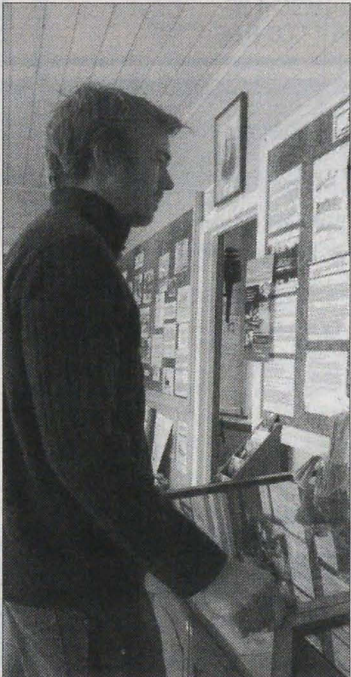
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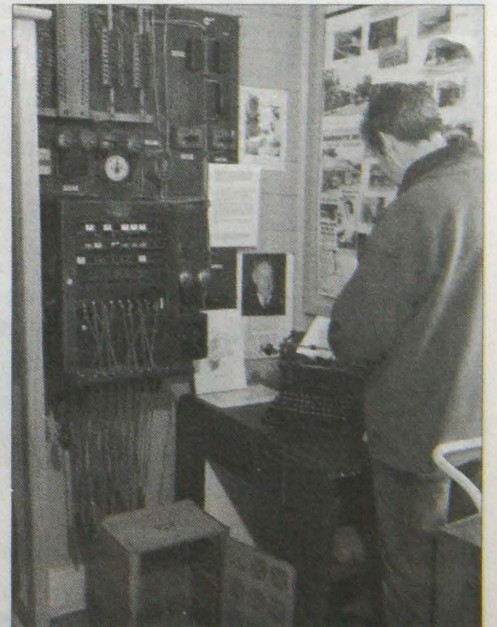
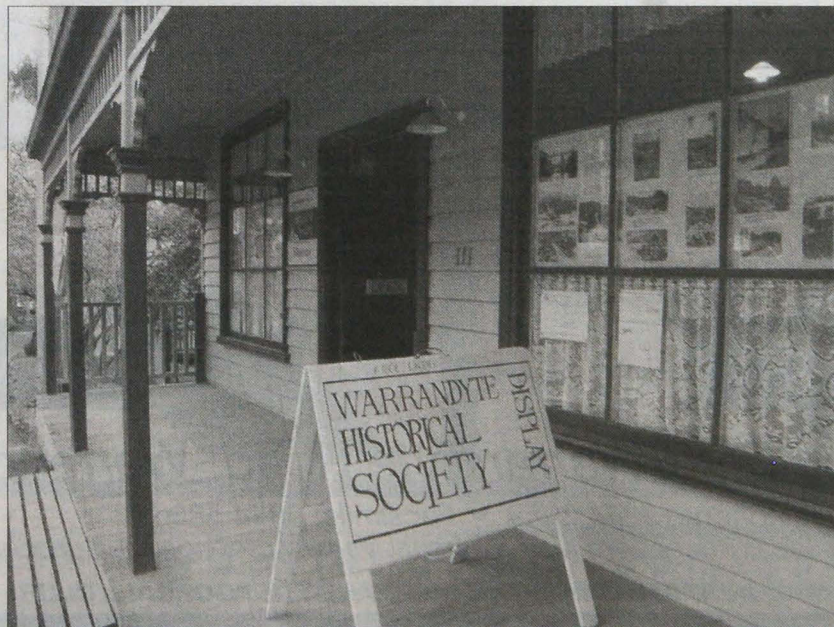
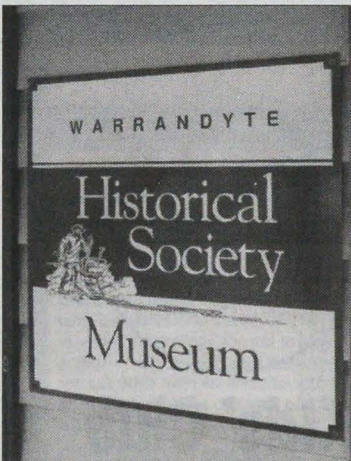


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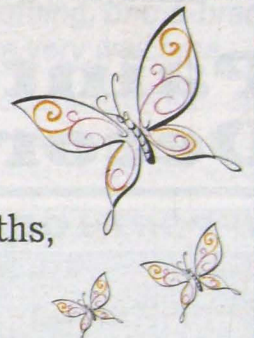
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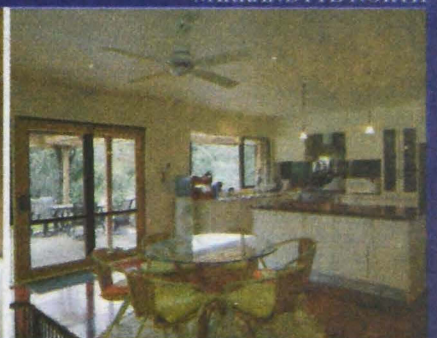
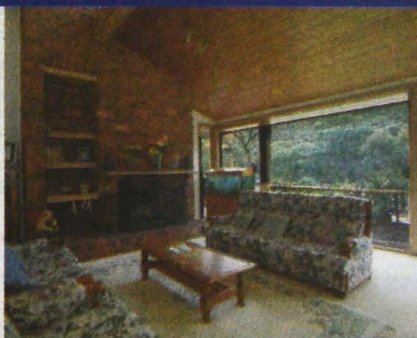


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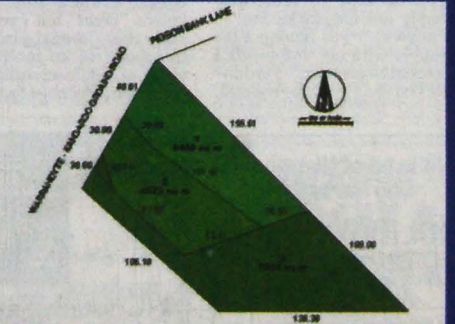
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# How to 'back up' and not 'crash' your computer

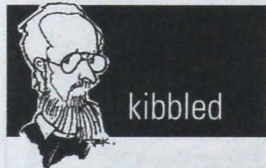
I'm feeling a little fragile. I thought I'd better back up the files on our computer and, for those of you reading this who can't remember The Horrie Dargie Quartet, you will find what I'm going to tell you hard to believe.

Information sessions that you hear on the radio are misnamed. They should be called "stress sessions" because that's invariably how I feel before, during and after listening to them.

"Coming up after this break is our resident expert on finance, Jock McSparran, who will advise you what you might do with all that lazy money you have hanging about the house."

Instant panic! If I don't listen then I'm just burying my head in the sand when I could be on the first step towards Bill Gatesdom. If I do listen I'll quickly find out that it's not worth even picking up the phone to dial the bank, an advisor or a stockbroker unless I've got more than the GNP of an emerging superpower to invest. After I've finished listening, I get so confused that I end up blowing the whole lot I have to invest on another tank full of petrol. And it's even worse with computer experts.

Amongst us there are countless partners of tradesmen, doctors, lawyers and any other useful job skills, who bemoan the fact that they can never get home visits or home service, so I shouldn't have been surprised when I contacted Boy Wonder



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about a computer problem. "Hi mate, how was work? ... Oh that's a pity! Well I suppose they must feel just as frustrated as you do and ... Yes, they probably are dropkicks but ... well anyway, I was having a bit of trouble with our computer. I can't seem to get it to ... Pardon? ... No, I haven't read the manual,

I was hoping that after completing a degree in IT you might be able to ... Yes, I am aware that that's what you do all day but you are their IT software trouble shooter so I just assumed that's what they expect you to do. And I was just hoping that ... really? How many programming errors are posted about that program on the internet? Good heavens, but about my problem. It's just a small issue ... but other Help Desks give information over the phone so I thought ... well, yes, I suppose it can wait until your next visit but it would be nice to be able to use the computer in the next few weeks.

Admittedly, time and a change of occupation have led to a mellowing but I'm still the same klutz when it comes to operating our computer.

I mean, how or when were we less-young users supposed to learn about this technology? And I mean at a really basic level. Now, I'm not a complete fool but I still go into freeze frame when others start asking me about what operating systems I use and how much RAM and ROM I have and whether I prefer one firewall to another and how many megabytes or gigabytes a program uses.

I stole away to consult the dictionary about "mega" and "giga". From my scant knowledge of Greek, I knew that "megas" means "great" but I was pretty sure that "megabyte" wasn't the name of an international chain of fast food outlets. I was less than informed to read that

"mega" is two to the 20th power and giga is two to the 30th power but how that was to help me understand how much stuff I can get onto a disc was another matter altogether.

Which is why I panicked when I loaded the disc, found the files to copy and then pressed "copy to disc" and nothing but a dialog box appeared telling me that the computer had encountered a problem copying the first file. Had I expected too much of it? Didn't it have enough memory? To add insult to ignorance, I was then asked to choose between "Try again", "Skip" or "Cancel". None was an appealing choice.

What I wanted to see were the lights flickering and the tower whirring, both of which would have indicated that the monks inside the machine had dipped their quills in ink and were preparing to copy my files, in copperplate, onto my backup disc. But there was nothing.

Then I looked at the disc and my heart sank. In the deep recesses of my computer education there was a faint recognition that a recordable DVD may not be what I wanted. Had I rung Boy Wonder, he might have had me put down so, instead, I went to the Post Office and asked a kindly, more-young person about discs.

I've now backed up on a re-writable CD but I do have one niggling worry. I haven't been able to locate the "rub out" key on my keyboard.

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# Bushland mimics invade drought-affected gardens

**H**E was cross, I could tell. On our previous visit, my husband Mike and I planted several hundred seedlings around the garden of our house in Mallacoota. Now, five weeks later, a proportion—albeit small—had been dug up by the local lyrebirds. And Mike wasn't the only one to be annoyed by the lyrebirds' activities. Many of the neighbours were also complaining about vandalism caused by the big birds.

The Mallacoota lyrebirds inhabit a rainforest gully that runs along the back of the properties in the street. In the past the birds have rarely ventured far onto the block, preferring the shelter of the bushland. But when the gully dried up last summer they came out into the open to dig for insects and other invertebrates in the watered gardens. There has been a deluge of rain since, but the birds, having found a ready source of food amongst the manicured mulch, continue to visit the gardens.

Unlike Mike, I cannot curse them. A few uprooted seedlings is a small price to pay to have these uniquely Australian birds dance around the garden. They run, jump and weave their way through the shrubs and over the rabbitproof fences. They don't fly much and when they do it is a low, weak affair. The birds have become so bold we see them walking along the edge of the road scratching amongst the damp leaf litter that has accumulated in the gutter. One female has even built a nest on the tank stand of the house across the road. The domed structure—comprised of loosely woven twigs, bark and dried bracken—was wedged between the water tank and the adjoining shed. Through the side entrance of the nest we were able to observe the mother-to-be sitting on her single egg, right at the



back of the nest.

The lyrebirds have taken particular liking to a relatively new garden bed we have established directly below our lounge room. From the full length window we are able to observe them with admiration (me) and agitation (Mike) as they rake the mulch with wide sideways sweeps of their massive grappling iron-like feet.

There are two species of lyrebird in Australia—Albert's, which is confined to a tiny area of sub-tropical rainforest on the border of Queensland and New South Wales, and the Superb which is found in a predominantly coastal band of moist forest along eastern Australia. They also occur in Tasmania where they were introduced in the 1930s and 1940s.

The birds belong to a genus

called *Menura* meaning "mighty tail" which refers, of course, to the elaborate exceptionally long tail feathers of the males that resemble an old-fashioned lyre. Females are smaller and although they also have long tails, they lack the silvery plumes that the males fan and quiver in their prancing, stomping courtship ritual. Males put all their effort into these dancing displays and take no part in domestic duties such as nest-building, brooding the egg or feeding the young.

Most birds with flamboyant plumage, like birds of paradise for instance, do not have a need for a particularly strong call to attract the opposite sex. Lyrebirds are an exception. Their courtship ritual is accompanied by a concerto. The avian troubadours steal the calls of other birds, stringing together a com-

## nature

By PAT COUPAR

plex song of kookaburra laughs, whipbird cracks, cockatoo whistles and magpie carols. They will even include mechanical sounds in their repertoire, mimicking chain saws, car alarms, camera shutters and the like!

I have never seen a lyrebird in Warrandyte, although there are some old records of them having been here about 40 years ago before the 1962 bushfire. However, across the river in the Bend of Islands there are consistent reports of lyrebird calls and sightings and it is thought that the birds are re-establishing in the area via a habitat link from Kinglake National Park.

We have now taken out measures to deter the lyrebirds from digging out some of the more precious plants in our Mallacoota garden and, secretly, I think Mike is as thrilled as I am to have these magnificent iconic birds on our property. For it is indeed a privilege to be living with lyrebirds.

## Plant of the Month

This month the Friends of Warrandyte State Park are offering another opportunity to obtain a six inch pot of flowering local orchids. The species this time is called Blunt Greenhood (*Pterostylis curta*). These hardy local orchids do very well in pots and can even be transplanted out into the garden provided rabbits, slugs and snails are kept away.

The orchids 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 317 327.

# Of squeezing tummy and time

**I**'VE just persuaded a travel insurance guru that I'm hale and hearty, and not even thinking about harbouring dread diseases, spurious subclauses or crushed cigarette packets. So I've decided to put my money where my mouth is and head off to the gym, an institution sadly neglected of late.

It can't be more than a few weeks since I was last there. Three, at a guess. Nine, actually. How time flies! No wonder I feel like a sack of spuds. Luckily the travel insurance inquisition didn't ask about that.

They've been missing me down at the gym. I know this because they've been phoning, leaving messages, even sending letters. All proffering advice on Time Management.

This has an ironic ring to it, don't you think? All these bright young things with not a care in the world, telling ME how to squeeze one more thing into my day.

Although I'm on the brink of the elasticised waistband demographic, I haven't completely succumbed, you know. I have

## our place

By MARILYN MOORE

been "squeezing" down to a very fine art. I can hold my breath, draw in the abs and coax a zip to the top of its tracks with the very best of them. Don't you worry about that; I practice this manoeuvre increasingly often.

And I can squeeze more into 10 minutes than you whipper-snappers at the gym could fit into a month of Sundays. It takes decades of training to be able to simultaneously shower, make the bed, eat breakfast, hang out the washing, cut lunches, deal with last minute emails, sort out the day's agenda and round up all the necessary paraphernalia, write out a shopping list, finish yesterday's crossword and feed the budgies before making a half-dressed dash for the 6.35am train.

I daresay that if I were better organised, or if I paid more attention to my starting technique, I could get this 10-minute

morning sprint down to eight minutes flat. But that wouldn't create much of a window for pumping iron. It would also take away the human factor, that haze of haphazardness that surrounds impromptu changes of plan, lost keys, recalcitrant alarm clocks, empty milk bottles and indecisiveness about appropriate clothing. One needs a certain amount of unpredictability first thing in the morning to fire up all one's cylinders. The weasel-word scribes would call it "responding positively to high-pressure stimulus by maintaining forward momentum on the back of a flexible approach to challenging deadlines in an array of multitasking workplace scenarios".

The trouble is that my forward momentum is stalling more and more often. The Superwoman image is being tarnished by a slump into sloth. Something has to change.

So, Ms Gymnasium, I will backpedal on my initial response to your missives and take your kind advice after all. I will rearrange my priorities so that I can revisit your establishment at the

earliest opportunity. The urge to shed the spare tyre has become greater than the need to get to work at the crack of dawn.

Maybe this change of heart has been triggered by the awful prospect of having to invest in a more voluminous pair of trousers. Maybe it was the realisation, after struggling to cycle home from Lygon Street with a bottle of wine in my panier, that every kilo counts. Perhaps it's the knowledge that somebody is soon going to have to prise the lawnmower from its winter lodgings.

But most probable of all, it's due to the early advent of spring sunshine, since Charlie the budgie seems to be similarly inspired. He's been madly running around and around the edge of his water bowl, huffing and puffing, chirruping and chattering, performing all manner of excited little squats and bobs. No doubt he's aiming to impress his missus.

My feeble attempts at push-ups are unlikely to impress anybody. But it's worth a go, even if only to prove that it can still be done.

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# Tons of cheek from a checkout chick

**I**F you're behind a grumpy shopper in the queue at IGA, just hope that you're in Sue Anderson's aisle for she'll soon have them cheered up. The public face of the Warrandyte supermarket for the past 10 years, Sue said she likes customers to be "happy" when they leave her till.

"I like to find out their problems, see if it helps, make a joke and act like an idiot," she said, "and I like to get to know the kids in case they get separated."

Before starting at IGA, Sue cleaned the Taroona Avenue kinder for eight years and was a lollipop lady at the Recreation Reserve crossing. She also looked after the little kids waiting there for the bus to St Anne's Primary School in Park Orchards. "Kids come up to me now and say 'you used to mind me at the crossing'—I won't tell you how old they are now." After four years she was missed by a car "by a quarter of an inch" so she went straight into the supermarket and applied for a job. "I started doing 10 hours a week in 1995 but was very soon fulltime. I loved doing the IGA float for the festival parade but we lost the ute about two years ago."

"I love cooking—I even give recipes to customers. Going to a nice restaurant and matching what they do. I'm not a chops and three veg cook—tonight we're having chicken with mushrooms, bacon and a cream sauce baked in the oven with steamed vegetables and scalloped potatoes."

"My mother used to burn the chops and undercook the peas so I don't know where that came from. My favourite dish would be Chinese prawns in ginger with shallots and I could eat seafood every day of the week—lobster if I could afford it. Every so often I go out for dinner with a group of friends from primary school days and we're always the last to leave the restaurant," she said.

"I remember going to the first stage production I went to. I was about seven or eight years old and I went to see My Fair Lady. The atmosphere was brilliant. I love musicals and everyone knows I sing along with everyone else at John Farnham concerts. I'd have loved to go

## village people

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

to Camelot—I've only seen the movie 20 times." She's keen to be creating again, especially cross-stitch.

Sue admired the late Princess of Wales and those who help others. "Princess Di was a people person too—what she achieved in the short span of her life was fantastic, she tried to alleviate sickness." The princess's death was especially poignant for her as it occurred a week after Sue's mother-in-law's death and she was on her way to clean out her unit when she heard the news.

Sue's mother came from Macedon and her father from Sydney and they were married after the war. "It was fitting that I was born in Albury which is halfway between the two," she said. A premature baby, she weighed only 3lbs at birth and had to remain in the town for her first two months. She grew up in Rosanna and went to Our Lady of Mercy school in Heidelberg from prep to year 11. "I was good at swimming and craft work but I didn't like study," she said. "I played netball until my opponents were too tall then I umpired. I did swimming training after school but when it started at 5am I gave up. Back then I had a 7am start at IGA."

"I was very lonely until I was nine," she said, "and I spent a lot of time with my girlfriend, who's one of nine. But then my sister came along and that was much better—she's very busy now with her three daughters but the phone's a wonderful thing. I found it hard to leave school after being there for so long—I think I was a bit scared of the wide world."

"Mum was frightened of water and Dad loved it. We'd spend Christmas at Torquay at the beach but Mum preferred it when we went to Marysville on holidays. She's 90 now and living in Macleod. I was a bit of a daddy's girl—I reminisce a lot and I remember he and I spent Mum's patio money together on a swimming pool. He always said he had Danish blood with connections to the

royal family but he was always spinning yarns. Losing Dad was hard."

Sue's husband Malcolm had his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on the Oriana migrating from Glasgow with his family and by chance the British Olympic team "which was very impressive for him". The pair met through a local Leo club and have made a considerable contribution to sporting clubs in Warrandyte.

"One of the hardest things I've ever done was to hold the positions of basketball stadium coordinator, fixtures officer, newsletter sender, treasurer, referees' coordinator and be on the social committee all at the same time. Doing all those jobs at once and working fulltime—I don't know how I did it, juggling it all," she said. "I had my three kids and worked five nights a week at basketball."

"But I've got a passion for the game and I've made lots of good friends there and I love going to games with Malcolm. At one point I had three kids playing plus two of them as well as Malcolm coaching, all on the one day. Now two of them play netball and I go and watch them in the finals." Sue won the basketball clubman of the year award in 1994 and the Andersons have just had their 20th anniversary of being in the club. Another highlight for her was seeing Clinton Grybas carrying the torch for the Commonwealth Games.

Sue follows the Brisbane Lions after initially barracking for Fitzroy where she and Malcolm had friends playing in the cricket seconds. "It was hard when the teams amalgamated but once I started yelling at the telly for Brisbane players I realised 'I'm back.'" She said the Lions are rebuilding now.

"Keeping quiet is also difficult for me—I probably talk in my sleep if the truth be known. It's hard doing housework when it's nice in the garden and I dream about my new kitchen which will happen in about 2010."

The Andersons came to Warrandyte as newly-weds after buying a block of land for \$6500. "The house cost \$18,000 to build back then but the sand septic system cost \$4500. There was a ban on building at first and we had to have a sand filter. It was a very frustrating



Sue Anderson (Picture by Jan Tindale)

time—there were lots of strikes and the house took another 12 months to build."

The family still lives there, with Melinda, 29, an accountant and Callum, 25 an IT support worker for The Body Shop. Michelle, 27, is a café manager for a leading Victorian chain and lives in Mill Park.

"They're all more intelligent than me, who took a while to work out my aptitude," Sue said. "I did 12 months of a dress designing course when I left school then studied secretarial business and ended up doing audits for a chartered accountant. But I'm

computer illiterate and very happy on the till, being with people. I don't want to do the rosters. I'm in charge of the cigarettes and magazines and I do the ordering and I can stack shelves."

The Andersons are planning a trip to Glasgow "some time down the track but I won't eat haggis," she said. "Life's not over yet and I'll get back to creating something one day. You never know what the world holds for us, going forward."

But don't go searching for Sue if you pop into IGA first thing in the morning. "I work hard enough—I'm not doing any more 7am starts."

*It started again  
the last time you did it,  
wiping sand eyes for the 15th hour  
in a cavernous airport  
built like a small city  
with moveable footpaths,  
somewhere, anywhere.  
There.*

*"Never again," you tiredly swear  
as you scrunch in your seat  
uncrumpling limbs  
through yet another  
miniscule movie  
you'd no wish to see...*

*And you love being home  
sleeping in a bed,  
your very own too, with your cat  
at the end.  
Making coffee your way,  
no thimble, no soup bowl  
no chai with condensed milk.*

*And hearing your music  
how much you missed that,  
and the trees and the birds.  
You sigh with delight,  
as a bright flash of parrots,  
jabber through trees.  
Improbable rainbows  
welcome you home.*

*And you chortle with glee  
at your wonderful friends  
How could you have left them?  
you mull over your red.  
We speak the same language,  
we ride the same waves.*

*And you get on with life:  
the things that you have to—  
the work and the washing  
the daily school run.  
There's drinks on a Friday,  
and town once a month.  
The Nova, Tiamos, a meal at the  
pub.  
The relief of familiar  
comfort zone smug.*

*And so it continues  
in a resigned sort of way  
the circle keeps turning  
and turning and turning...*

*until one grey day  
there's whiff of a scent  
of that "sly north wind"  
an itch and a sigh,  
and the waft of a smell  
of spices and sewers  
and tropical heat,  
stony white hillsides,  
or small winding streets.*

*And work's getting dreary,  
your friends are elsewhere.  
The country it seems has gone to  
the dogs,  
and those welcome routines  
have become just a slog.*

*And gradually you know  
the circle's complete.  
You're dreaming, escaping—  
anywhere else.*

*Something to plan for,  
saving your pay  
adventure is calling  
back on that plane—  
until the next time  
when it's "Never again".*

KAREN THROSSELL



## There and back



# Of wood and stone

## —a Warrandyte style emerged

Written by JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS  
Illustrated by JOCK MACNEISH

**P**ENLEIGH BOYD moved into "The Robins" with his wife Edith, in July 1914, on the eve of his 24th birthday. It was built to his design—the kind of house his second son Robin would later call an "individual triumph".

A throwback to Elizabethan England, its small, fixed panelled windows squint into the morning sun. Its hard concrete facade forms a "cold climate" barrier between its interior and the valley outside. This was a decidedly English response on the banks of Halfpenny Creek.

Robin rebuked his late father when, in 1952, he wrote, "Australian domestic architecture... is prey to thoughtless habits, snobberies and fickle sentiment". In fact, by the time he was 30, Robin Boyd believed that as a stock of buildings, Australian homes were a "collective calamity"—especially transplanted designs, like his father's.

Penleigh's studio stood a short walk up the creek from "The Robins". Its walls were woven with supple acacia stems and daubed with Warrandyte clay. Its windows were placed strategically to capture the Australian light. The studio evoked a contrasting ethos—rustic, passionate, at peace with its antipodean surrounds.

Edith sold "The Robins" immediately upon Penleigh's tragic death in 1923, but she went to great lengths to retain the studio. She painted there herself and rented it to fellow artists and friends. It became a much-loved haven in what Penleigh's uncle Martin called "the Latin quarter of the bush".

In the wake of the World War 1, modern art and swinging jazz encouraged stuffy Melbourne to "lighten up". When she chose instead to remain entranced by her own Victorian splendour, forward-looking people took refuge in places like Warrandyte. The Boyd property, with its unique buildings set on 14 acres, proved an attractive destination for these refugees. It is not surprising that a bohemian sub-

culture took root on the north bank of the Yarra in the shadow of Sloan's Hill during the 1920s.

No doubt there was a healthy disrespect between the township on the south side of the river and the "halfpenny mob" to the north. Most felt content to be on one side or the other, but there were some who could flourish on both. Alexa Gordon-Cumming was such a soul.

She was born in New Zealand in 1898, immigrated in 1919, married Guy Goyder in 1925 and rented "Moonlight Cottage" in 1932/33. Then in 1934 she and Guy purchased the hut that still stands at 32 Mullens

Road. She was well-educated but not trained in the arts or in architecture. According to the Doncaster Heritage Study (1994) she is formally "associated" with five other houses in and around the Pigtail estate. She owned the land, designed or built the houses—the archive is not totally clear. However if you look closely at 300 and 306 Yarra Street you will see what no archive can tell you—an instantly recognisable style of house that can now be found throughout this valley and beyond.

Professor Osborne's daughter, Audrey Cahn, was Alexa's peer and at 101 remembers her still. "She had a regal bearing, unconventional nature and mixed with all sorts of people—especially artists and the founders of Potters Cottage," she said.

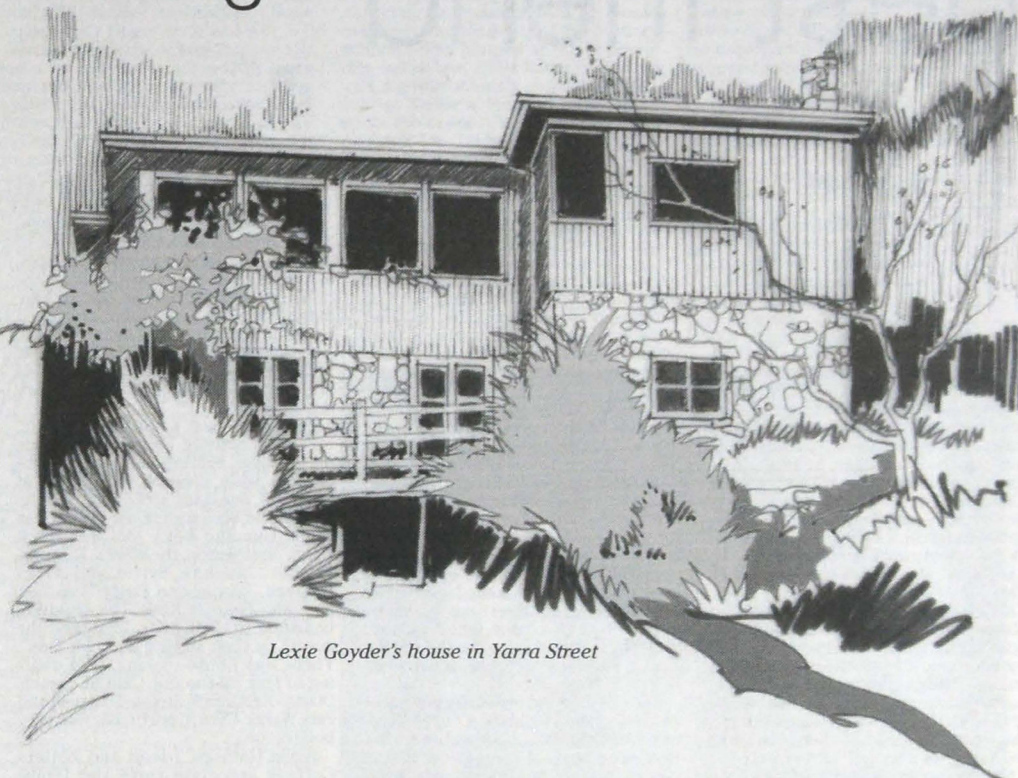
Yvonne Reid was close to Alexa during the last decades of her life. She remembers her wonderful company, forthright conversation and humanitarian outlook. "She was a very special person to me," said Yvonne. "Inspirational. She had aristocratic ancestry and wide interests—including pottery, art, architecture, socialism, eastern mysticism and Egyptian mythology. She loved to engage us with her ideas, yet there were some things she never revealed."

Alexa taught Yvonne how to build random-rubble stone walls—a method she herself learned from local stonemason, Kevin Sloan. She used formwork to set stones and rubble with mortar into rows, that were laid sequentially to a thickness of 30 to 45 centimetres. Her finished walls were sometimes two stories high. "I followed Lexie's directions in building a random-rubble pantry and inner wall in our house and it's still standing," said Yvonne.

Alexa was especially touched by the desire of local artists to express what it means to be in and of this country. She integrated this yearning into the work that interested her most—the design and construction of houses. She observed, listened and sketched for years before finally releasing the drawings for an original style of house.

It would be built on the eastern threshold of town. Set into a hill like "The Robins", with walls of random-rubble stone and timber and a flat iron roof. Facing north it would have plentiful vertical windows and follow the lie of the land—one level uphill, and two levels down. Additional rooms—mainly upstairs—would be clad in vertical boards made from local and recycled timber.

Her house was not only an individual tri-



Lexie Goyder's house in Yarra Street

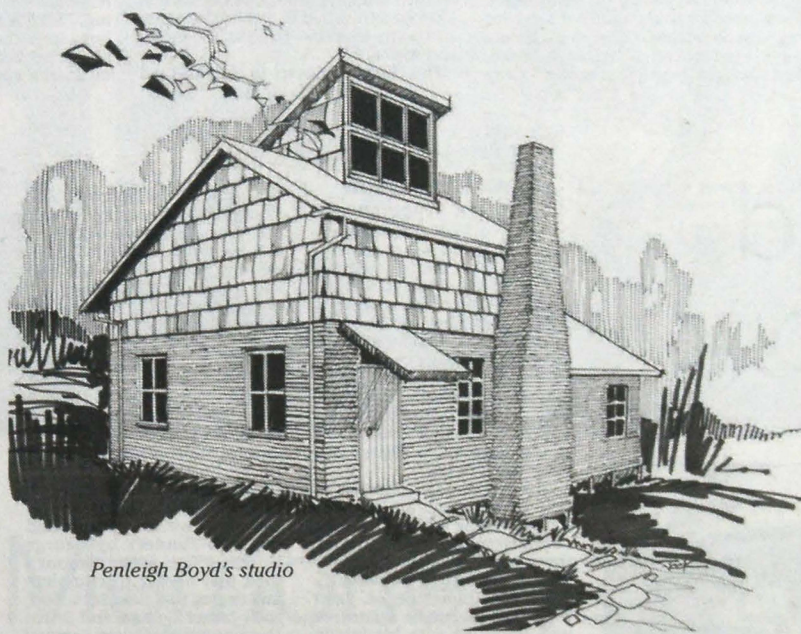
umph, but an important milestone in the development of a unique Australian style of home. When he defined the emergence of the "Warrandyte style" of architecture, Robin Boyd described Alexa's house precisely: "...a neo Californian bungalow style, rubble stone, vertical boarded walls, shed roofs, sudden studio-like windows—a somewhat nostalgic bushland atmosphere plus plumbing". But still there was more to be done. The "halfpenny mob" saw what Alexa had done and although im-

pressed, they knew that despite its novelty it was based on a foreign design. What they were searching for, in life as in art, continued to be a pure expression of Australianness. The Wurundjeri people could establish a home that expressed this with ease, but the Europeans needed a truckload of gellignite and a leviathan of a man to achieve it. Down on his luck as an artist, Danila Vassilief moved into North Warrandyte in 1939 when the Nielsds invited him to teach art at the new

Koornong School. He bought an acre off the Wombat Creek where he built, what his wife called, "an experience in stone". He blasted the stones from the igneous rock at his feet, and felled mighty eucalypts for the roof. He built tirelessly for seven peaceful years. Once that was done, he returned to his art and the storm that was his lot in life.

The house he called "Stonygrad", stands three stories high, and is really a great work of art. It was the way Vassilief gained deeper insight into his art, his life and his natural and social environment. After building his house he completed his greatest works of art. Many of these were in a new medium—sculpted from Lilydale stone (a rock, they say, only he could control).

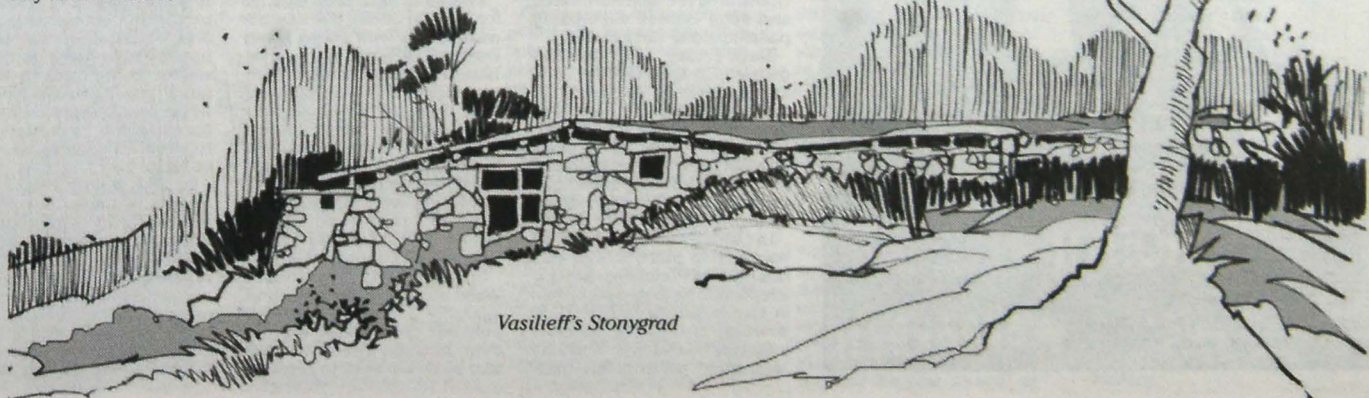
These pioneers have all left us now, but their spirits meander here still. Some, like Alexa, are all but forgotten, but the journey they travelled opened new possibilities in homes and materials and art. Their experiences illuminated similar journeys and innovations, and by the late 1940s had inspired architects like John Hipwell, Alistair Knox and Frederick Janeba who developed new house design and construction methods. In turn this gave rise to a new generation of owner-builders and what we now call the "Victorian Modern" style of domestic architecture.



Penleigh Boyd's studio



Alexa Goyder



Vassilief's Stonygrad



# Fine artist, best friend

By JOY DAHL

**E**LSA ARDERN, well known potter and raconteur, lived in Warrandyte for 60 years and died peacefully on June 30 at a retirement home in Ringwood. She was 88.

Elsa Nellie Griffith was born on October 24, 1917 in Napier, New Zealand, the middle child sandwiched between four siblings. Luckily the family moved to Taranaki just before the earthquake. Although her father, William Percy, was strict Welsh Methodist, mother Ethel was ahead of her time, believing that girls could do anything. In fact, for a girl, Elsa was quite a lad—outgoing and adventurous—camping, mountaineering and even hitchhiking with, in her words, “a display of gormless innocence”.

Only 16, Elsa and a friend came to Melbourne to find better paid work. The girls rented a room in Power Street, Hawthorn where the landlady, according to Elsa, “entertained herself by watching the electricity meter go round”. They saved tuppence by walking instead of using public transport. Elsa first fitted corsetry, considered the job a “dead end,” and moved on to mother craft nursing.

Outdoor activities were pursued on holidays. On a canoe trip at Eildon, in the middle of the night during a terrific storm, Elsa met the love of her life, Cyril Ardern. Cyril and his pal were camping nearby. When the thunder and lightning started they appeared at the girl's tent with lanterns. “Yoo hoo! We're just checking to see if you girls are all right.” Names and addresses were exchanged. Cyril invited Elsa out to dances. They travelled by tram and considerable walking, he in black tie and she in rustling, turquoise silk taffeta. The couple camped, cycled and canoed. Pressure from Elsa's parents prevailed, producing what Elsa called “a most unromantic proposal” from the reluctant Cyril. They married at St Paul's Anglican Church, East Kew in 1939.

In Warrandyte, familiar from their out-

door adventures, the Arderns bought two acres for 120 pounds in 1942. Their original house is at Pound Road and West End Avenue (then called Pound Lane.) a rough track, cut down the centre by a deep ravine, in which saplings grew. Cyril read up on construction and built a small house after work on summer evenings and during his short weekends. Elsa drove, towing a small trailer, to purchase building materials; timber, galvanised iron and asbestos cement.

Their first-born, Gray, was brought home from the Alfred Hospital to the bush camp on the block they named “Eildon”. The photos show partially completed roof and walls with unglazed windows. Nappies were boiled in a kerosene tin over fire. There was no electricity, power or gas. Water was collected from the roof. Later there was a warm, cosy kitchen with a big coke range Elsa kept fired up for cooking, heating and hot water. A summertime kerosene stove with a blue flame, inconspicuous in daylight, could have caused the fire which burned the house down when Gray was three.

They rebuilt and gradually vegetable gardens, poultry sheds, Cocker Spaniels, and little sister Linley were added. Elsa was constant companion, nature guide, teacher and storyteller. They wandered through the bush collecting and mounting interesting plants. It was all bush then, there were only three houses in Pound Road. Cyril and Elsa were very much in love. Arriving home from work he'd lift Elsa up and swing her around. The kids were briefly greeted and expected to disappear as their parents poured two stiff drinks and sat down to share stories of the day.

Around 1950, Myrtle Barber, friend and hobby potter introduced Elsa to hand-made earthenware. Elsa then enrolled at RMIT where she studied for a diploma in ceramics and discovered the Vic Market. “Always a groundbreaker, Mum used to bring unusual food for my school lunches. Other state school boys were horrified by black bread, and thought capsicum exotic,” Gray

recalls.

Elsa volunteered, teaching at the Warrandyte Arts Association for decades, and later at Potters Cottage. She produced an amazing stream of earthenware, mostly functional pieces, from a tiny pottery workshop under the house where Cyril built an electric kiln. In the late 1950s a new home and much larger pottery building were erected, next door to the original which was sold in the 1970s. Cyril painted on weekends and Elsa made pottery almost every day for 50 years.

Warrandyte was a hotbed of artistic, bohemian activity. There were picnics on the river, exhibition openings with copious wine, dinners and parties at home—a constant stream of people. The whole Warrandyte art crowd was there: Gus and Betty McLaren, Phyl Dunn, Reg Preston, the Whitts, Rayners, Henkes, Janebas, Sylvia and Artek Halpern, Danila and Betty Vassilief, Inge and Graeme King. The children, banished to their beds, identified the guests by their singing and “whoops”. There was house-shaking, wild dancing to jazz by the Hot Club of France, Django Reinhardt, Stefan Grappelli and Fats Waller. Cyril in particular was very boisterous.

Sylvia Halpern, friend and Potters Cottage associate since the 1960s, recounts, “Elsa persisted with the very difficult ash glazes, which were notoriously unpredictable. No one else was using them. She achieved some beautiful finishes.”

“Only Elsa could get me up at 7am for long walks. I couldn't keep up with her speed. She wasn't afraid of anything, once charging through a bull's paddock, taking a shortcut.” The friends continued boating, camping, and hiking for more than 30 years. They built a hut together on Mt Baw Baw, eventually receiving free passes to the chair lift because they were the oldest skiers on the mountain. After Cyril's death in 1994 Elsa travelled extensively—alone and with friends—to Europe, India, and Africa.

The Hunters moved to Pound Road



in 1999. Elsa's stories were their connection to the history of Warrandyte. Joel recalls, “My first impression was of a stunning, vibrant young soul in an old body. She wasn't frail. She was still working hard in her shed—minimum eight hours a day. Looking 80 but acting 60, Elsa had vibrancy about her, and a lovely lilting voice that sounded almost like Dame Edna. She joked about herself, ‘the doctor told me I should drink a little less so I bought smaller glasses. Sadly I drink twice as many.’”

In 2001 Gray returned. Elsa needed help, although she continued fighting vigorously to maintain her independence. To lighten things up he started calling her “Chooky” and got away with it because he made her laugh, explaining, “Like a hen you are gregarious, busy, cheerful, productive and give a sharp peck if one isn't careful.” The nickname spread infectiously among

her many friends and admirers who still fondly call her Chooky.

Elsa's capacity to attract and charm people never deteriorated as her health did. Even when she could no longer tell delightful stories, having become virtually mute, she managed a musical “hmmmm”, her longtime multipurpose utterance. In her last days at Olivet one of the nurses confided to Gray, “We're not supposed to have favourites. I shouldn't be telling you this, but Chooky's our favourite.”

The Hunters and Loughnanes, neighbours who untiringly supported Elsa during her last four years, turned up with bread and soup. Gray lit the fire and poured wine. They said, “Chooky would have loved this. No funeral or flowery speeches—just sharing drinks, laughter and stories.” They planted a fig tree for her. “As sad as it was,” Joel said, “it wasn't sad. Elsa lived a full life.”

# Splendid neighbour

By IVAN SCHNEIDER

**J**ACK STRINGER, one of Warrandyte's best-loved sons, died on July 26 following a short battle with cancer. He was 76.

Born Jack Graham Pendrell Stringer on September 29, 1929 to George and Alice Stringer (formerly Schneider), Jack's early life was spent at the family property overlooking the old Warrandyte bridge. His mother's family had lived in Warrandyte since the late 1800s.

Jack described Warrandyte as “the most wonderful town for a boy to grow up in”. However several traumatic events during those years helped to mould his strong family and community values. He remembered, aged five, sheltering under a pine tree and watching with his family as the Yarra River rose higher and higher. The 1934 floods devastated the Melbourne area and soon canoes were being paddled along Yarra Street.

Black Friday, 1939, saw the district ravaged by fire. Jack and his family sheltered in the river as their house was destroyed, along with many others. This event left its mark on a Warrandyte generation and would have strongly influenced several of Jack's future community involvements.

Jack was educated at Warrandyte State School and Box Hill Boys Technical School, after which he joined his father in the building industry. A shortage of building material following World War 2 meant Jack spent much of his time

driving all over Melbourne in their Whippet utility, seeking building materials, especially nails.

In his spare time Jack helped supervise a boys' club at the Mechanics Institute Hall and also organised dances there. One of his triumphs was hiring Graeme Bell and his jazz band.

In 1952 the family business (later known as G. E. Stringer & Sons Pty Ltd), won a contract to be built at the Flinders Naval Depot. The stone came from Jack McAuley's quarry at Templestowe and was carted down to Flinders by George Hurren. The stonemasonry took just a year to complete and during that time Jack, Bud, their father George, and Bruce Day who assisted them, camped on site and only went home at weekends.

This must have been difficult for Jack, for during this time his relationship with young Gwen Dwight from South Warrandyte blossomed, culminating in their marriage in 1954. The following year daughter Bronwyn was born, and the family moved into a new house Jack was building in Research Road, North Warrandyte. Four more daughters were born: Jo-ann (now Jo Pearson and still residing in Warrandyte), Gail, Deborah and Georgina.

In those early years North Warrandyte was remote and sparsely populated and with only one fire truck in Warrandyte, Jack saw a need for a fire unit to be on hand to respond

quickly to any local threat. So together with other residents, Jack helped form, and became captain of what is now the North Warrandyte CFA brigade. Hence much of Jack's time was involved in rallying and fund raising to build and equip a fire station which continues to operate on the same site.

Jack would down tools at the sight of any new outbreak and was responsible for saving many North Warrandyte and district homes. He acted as mentor to new members and gained respect from CFA members in other regions. On the crucial day of the 1962 Christmas Hills/Kinglake fires, Jack was out as usual, operating the family's Bedford truck with a water tank on board, accompanied by Bruce Day and others. They parked at the Research Road end of Blooms Road and made their way, with knapsack pumps, down through the paddocks northward, extinguishing spot fires. The wind suddenly picked up and they were forced to retreat to the truck in double quick time. The truck, blistered by heat, took them to safety. Not far away two men attempting to avoid the flames were not so lucky.

In 1976, feeling a need for a change of pace, Jack shifted his family from his beloved Warrandyte, where he had spent 47 years, upriver to Yarra Junction. With the assistance of family members, Jack purchased and operated the local hardware business. It was not long before he joined the local CFA brigade and Rotary

Club and spent many more hours involved in community activities making many friends along the way.

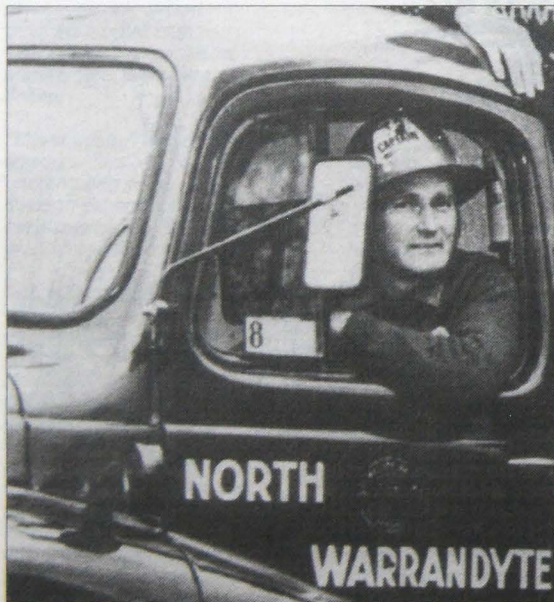
Once again he got the urge to try his hand at another venture and in 1985 the family took over the ownership and management of Lakes Bushland Caravan Park at Nicholson in Gippsland. Here, Jack and family members enjoyed 13 wonderful years. Again he joined the local Rotary Club, became very involved in community events and after restoring two cars, joined a vintage car club.

After the caravan park was sold, Jack and Gwen retired briefly to a picturesque property on the Delatite River at Piries outside Mansfield and later moved to a smaller but more convenient property in Alexandra. Always interested in community affairs, Jack joined the Alexandra Probus Club where he once more served a spell as president and made many more friends.

Over the years, Jack made enormous contributions to local communities through his voluntary work in CFA, Rotary, and Probus. Fittingly, he was awarded the Queen's Medal and life membership of the North Warrandyte CFA brigade. He was honoured by Rotary, receiving the Paul Fellow Award.

Jack is survived by his wife Gwen, his five daughters and their families, including 12 grandchildren.

Jack Stringer will be sadly missed by family and friends and by the communities he so willingly served.





# The hills are alive...

By MEAGHAN O'CONNOR

**Y**OU can step outside your door in Warrandyte and experience a symphony of music: the kookaburra calls the rain, the rain brings the frogs, day brings bellbirds and magpies and the night brings out the possums and owls.

Sometimes we share the magic of the migration of the Black Cockatoo. Lately at sunset they take flight over the valley to land in a big tree at Husseys Pool on the Yarra. The energy, music and excitement they create as they dance the winter skies is a breathtaking opera.

Warrandyte is a place of inspiration, where music and creativity is a way of life, from our homes to our community, to our schools and in our restaurants and pubs.

At the end of the working week, Friday nights at the Warrandyte Pub features live music. The band kicks off at 9pm with classic rock and roll or some good old country music. Floz, a three-piece cover band rocks the night away and everyone is always out for a good time. Pure pub atmosphere: pool tables, relaxing chesterfield couches, beer in hand, moving to the music. A great place to unwind, have a chat and kick off your stilettoes as there's always plenty of dancing.

In November 1955, Joan Golding and friends called a public meeting at the old Golden Gate store to recruit locals interested in drama. Attendance was high but they weren't only interested in drama. And so the arts association was born with groups in film, art, drama, and music.

Now in its 50th year the WAA Music Group brings music to the homes of Warrandyte. Locals can enjoy supper and wine whilst performing and appreciating different musical styles. The main aim of the group is to bring players and music lovers in the community together. You never know what a musical evening in Warrandyte can inspire and create.

The Bellbird Singers is now in its

eight year. It welcomes singers of all talent levels and voice type. Soprano, alto, tenor and bass are welcome. The group has more than 30 members, both men and women, 18 years and over. Rehearsals are held every Monday night from 8 to 10pm at the Uniting Church in Taroona Avenue. Night commences with a glass of port to warm up the vocal chords and beautiful pieces of music are sung from Danny Boy to the Elvis classic Love Me Tender. The Bellbirds perform at local nursing homes, retirement villages and the annual Christmas Carols at Stiggants Reserve. There are no auditions to becoming a Bellbird, so for a great night out full of laughs, contact Lise Moran on 9844 2553. Membership is only \$35 dollars a term.

Music for many children begins at school, and Warrandyte Primary School is in full production, rehearsing and creating costumes for their annual school production. This year they are doing another Bush Fire Press creation, Kids at Sea. Bush Fire Press was started over 20 years ago by locals Kevin O'Mara, who was the primary school's music teacher and two teachers from Templestowe Valley Primary School, Mark Leehy, and Lynne Bartlett.

Many will remember their first production, Super Kids and they have since gone on to write many more, including Kids in Paradise, Kids Summer Nights Dream (an adaptation from Shakespeare) and Kids at Sea. These locally created productions are now enjoyed and performed by school children all around the world, from Italy to the USA and Canada.

Andersons Creek Primary has already performed two of their annual productions with the grades 5 and 6 doing Peter Pan and the grades 3 and 4 performing a Bush Fire Press production, Kids In Paradise. Earlier this month Preps, 1 and 2 performed Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

If children or adults are interested in learning an instrument, Warrandyte Primary School is home to the After School Music Program, open to all ages and all levels. Individuals can explore

and learn in a group environment or one-to-one tuition. There are teachers of flute, singing, piano, saxophone, clarinet, violin, guitar, trumpet and drums. For further information, please contact Judy Finger on 9844 3150.

Warrandyte High school has always had a strong music focus with more than 100 students currently learning musical instruments, including flute, drums, guitar, piano and vocal. In July students from years 7 to 11 attended the annual music camp held to fine-tune their playing skills for the annual Melbourne School Band Festival, held in early August. Warrandyte's Junior, Symphonic and Jazz bands competed in the festival.

Warrandyte High School has always performed amazing musical productions with a very high calibre of talent. This year's production is the 1980s Hollywood classic Footloose. With a strong cast of 52 students they are strutting their stuff, dancing, singing and acting the night away. In early October, the high school is inviting everyone to come and enjoy a concert, presenting the year's work of the music students.

Warrandyte is home to many creative people. Barry McKimm is a local musician and composer who has long dedicated his time and talent to music within Warrandyte. He played trumpet with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra for 30 years.

Barry has been a professional musician since he was 14, working in dance bands in inner city halls, always with a keen interest in community based music. "The grassroots," that's what he calls it, as that's where it all begins. "It starts within a community and the arts should serve the community. Communities often reject artwork so art in itself becomes incomprehensible, to some extent, an elite activity." Barry feels art not only challenges a community, but has enormous power to unite people and bring individuals together. This

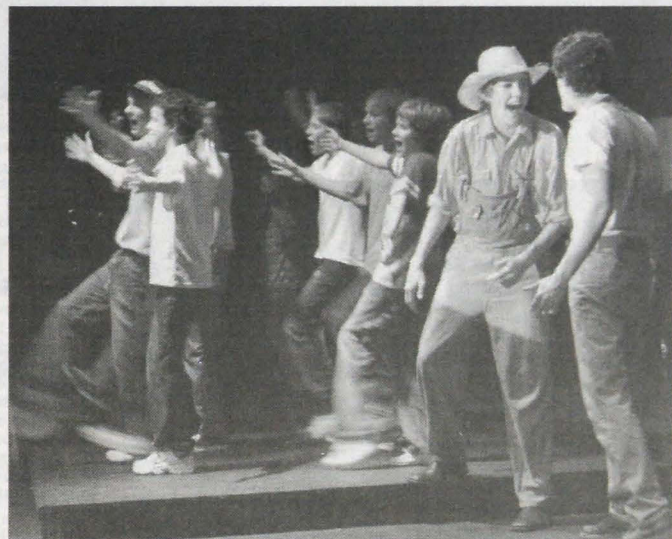
side of the music is really important to Barry.

Jan Tovey, who was community arts officer, heard Barry was a professional musician and asked him if he would establish a music group at the primary school. Barry jumped at the opportunity. In the late 1980s Barry combined with a group of locals and created The Sallow Wattle a musical play. Barry wrote the music, Cliff Green wrote the play and Lee Tindale wrote the lyrics. The production was premiered at Warrandyte High School.

Having retired from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Barry's ambition was to continue composing his own work, "before his eyes and ears started to pack up". But he saw an advertisement in a local paper for a musical director for the Eltham Concert Band and he could not help himself. Barry's involvement included themed

concerts—from cabaret to opera—and collaborations in concert with local performance artists. But he found he was spending much of his time orchestrating other people's arrangements rather than composing his own music. He decided this wasn't what he really wanted to do so after seven years with the Eltham Concert Band he handed over the conductor's baton.

Warrandyte provides a wealth of musical activity. Over the coming 12 months there will be the Christmas Carols at Stiggants Reserve and the Warrandyte Festival, always rich in musical events and inspiration. You can also drop by the local post office and pick up a CD and support our local talent—Ella Thomson, Mark Rigoni and Lisa Upson and Kieran Murphy. You never know where local music can lead you; from the grass roots of Warrandyte to the world stage.



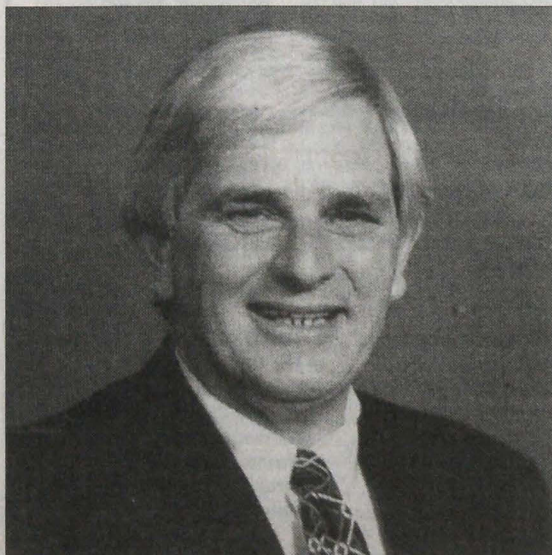
A Warrandyte High School musical production



Andersons Creek Primary School choir



Barry McKimm conducts the Eltham Concert Band



## Memories of 'Doigy'

**G**RAEME DOIG, well-known in the district as acting and deputy principal at Warrandyte High School for many years, died last month. He was 64.

Born in Mildura on April 28, 1942, the only son of Tom and Hazel Doig, Graeme was educated at Mildura State School and Mildura High School. He came to Melbourne in 1965 to study teaching at the University of Melbourne, majored in physics, then obtained a second teaching degree at Monash. He entered the teaching profession, holding various positions teaching physics and mathematics, including tutoring students at a

teachers training college. Graeme was ultimately appointed to Warrandyte High School where he was acting principal and deputy principal over a lengthy period. A resident of Park Orchards for a number of years, he then moved to North Ringwood. He was well known in Warrandyte for his gregariousness, his smile and generosity, being a frequent visitor to the homes of friends and pupils, where he often spent time in discussion and righting the world of its manifold wrongs, as well as tutoring outside school hours. Many Warrandyte residents who had the good fortune to be taught and tutored by "Doigy"

will know that he brought a different dimension into their school years, being the one who took that one extra step to help his pupils and the school community. An accomplished tennis player, he played at A Grade Pennant level. He was a keen fisherman who liked nothing better than spending time on the Murray River, beloved from childhood. Graeme Doig joined Warrandyte Lions in 1996 and for many years gave his time and his considerable talent, serving the community in various roles, such as chairman of the opportunity shop, the deb ball, and youth of the year, as well as

involvement in many other Lions projects. His passion for total commitment to a task and his extraordinary ability for organising and documenting events and job functions will be remembered with great fondness and appreciation. Graeme suffered from prostate cancer, to which he succumbed on Wednesday, August 2 in Ringwood Private Hospital. Following a service in Warrandyte, celebrating his life and many achievements, he was laid to rest in the family plot in Mildura cemetery. He is survived by his mother and three children.



# Raising funds for the festival

The Warrandyte Festival Committee is holding a fundraising evening on Saturday, November 18 at the Anderson Creek Primary School multipurpose room. The committee is aiming to raise \$5000 to \$7000 to ensure the 2007 festival continues as a high quality event. The fundraiser will feature entertainment provided by local musicians, actors and comedians. Funds will be raised with auctions, raffles and the \$20 entry price. Tickets can be purchased from Joan at the Old Bakery Bookshop. You need to book early as numbers are restricted to 20 tables of 10 persons each. The committee is urgently seeking auction items—anything you think someone else might like to buy. If you have any such items, enquiries or suggestions please call Glen Jameson on 9844 2395, John Boyle on 9844 3120 or Judy Finger on 9844 3150.

## St Stephen's

In September St Stephen's Anglican Church in Warrandyte is celebrating its centenary. On Sunday, September 17 at 10am there will be a special Eucharist to commemorate the occasion. Bishop John Bayton will be the guest celebrant and preacher. Morning tea will follow the service.

## Youth

Manningham YMCA Youth Services have been maintaining the successful Disability Service—LAP (Leisure Access Program) for the last year. Lap is a recreational and social program for teenagers and young adults living with a disability. Activities are run on Saturdays or Wednesday evenings with special school holiday programs including jet boat riding, bowling, theatre performances,

## out of the box

By JUDY GREEN

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

trips to the movies, and the Royal Melbourne Show. If you are interested contact Melanie Hare on 9848 9544 or melanie.hare@ymca.org.au

## Seminar

Manningham council's next Environment Seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at the South Warrandyte Hall, 66-68 Hall Road, South Warrandyte. The topic is Koorie Landscapes conducted by Bett Gott. Commencing time is 7.30pm. No bookings are required.

## Activities

A committee has been formed to establish a Life Activities Club in Manningham. It will be formally launched at the Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster on Wednesday, November 8 at 7.30pm. The club is a non-profit organisation, run by local people and aimed at active over-50s. For further information call 9807 6210.

## Arthritis

The Manningham Arthritis Support Group, at the Manningham Community Health Service, is running a session on Wednesday, September 27 at 2pm, at which the guest speaker, an occupational therapist, will discuss sleep. On Wednesday, October 25, also at 2pm, a Vic-Fit accredited exercise leader will run a gentle exercise class. Wear comfortable clothing. No cost, afternoon tea provided. The service is at the corner of Doncaster and Blackburn roads, Doncaster East. Call 8841 3000 for more information.

## Do Care

Do Care are seeking volunteers. Please call 9762 5211 for further information if think you may be able to help with older or disabled persons in your community.



## Springtime in the garden

The Hanson garden at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte (pictured above) will be open to the public as part of the Open Gardens scheme on the weekend of September 23 and 24 between 10am and 4.30pm. This is an informal garden featuring mainly Australian plants. Admission is \$5 for adults. Plants will also be on sale.



The Warrandyte Community Garden (pictured above) currently has no-one on its waiting list and it is likely some plots may become available in the near future. After paying a joining fee of \$25 plots then only cost \$10 a year. The garden is situated behind the police station. If you are interested or would like further information please call Julie Cottier on 9873 3969.

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to 4.30pm. Phone 9844 0248 for details.

## Taize singers wanted

New Warrandyte resident Jane Oldfield is looking for anyone interested in the singing of Taize songs. These are simple religious songs collected from around the world and traditionally sung in harmonies or rounds. No singing training or multilingual skills are required. If this unusual musical activity appeals to you call Jane on 9844 1721 (AH).

## Sculpture

The annual exhibition of the Association of Sculptors of Victoria is now running in the Barn Gallery at Montsalvat, Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham, continuing until October 1. Phone 9439 7712 for further information.

## Justice

An exhibition of artwork at Artstreams Gallery, entitled Justice Denied, will be opened by Professor Tim McCormack at 2pm on Sunday, September 17. Proceeds will go to the Bring David Hicks Home campaign, to help with legal costs. The exhibition has been designed to protest against the "abominable treatment of an unconvicted man". Artstreams is at the corner of Forbes and Yarra streets and is open from Thursday to Sunday, 11.30am

## Stonehouse

A colourful celebration of the spring season by the Stonehouse artists is on show at their gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte during September. Works in clay, textiles and jewellery are included.

## Singer

Local singer/songwriter Ben Mitchell, who recently released his CD "The Stars Can See" will be performing at Wellers in Kangaroo Ground on Friday, September 15, prior to his leaving to perform in Berlin, Amsterdam, London and Paris.

## Montsalvat

The Taste of Montsalvat will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 10am to 4pm. This spring festival will include demonstrations/talks on beer brewing, cooking, soap making and garden tips, highlighting sustainability. There will be many activities including complimentary wine tastings, an exhibition of sculpture (see above) and the Montsalvat artists' studios will be open.

## Photographs

An exhibition of photographs by Anna Sande entitled "Iran 2005: Two Faces" will be on show at the Manningham Gallery until Saturday, September 23. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster and open from 11am to 5pm, Tuesday to Friday and 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays. The photographs are the result of Anna's time in Iran in 2005 and include images of mullahs and martyr murals, architecture, decoration and landscapes.

## Drama

The Warrandyte Theatre Company is presenting a series of physical theatre and improvisation workshops for young people aged 15 to 20. The workshops will run at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on Tuesday, September 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 between 12noon and 3pm and cost \$75 for the three sessions. They will be run by Josh Mitchell and Renae Peck and will feature improvisation, developing character and acro-balance. Further enquiries to Josh on 0409 794 399. Places are limited.

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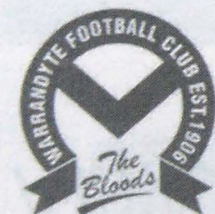
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# Basketball



Venom Under 18 coach, Paul Whittingham addresses his team.

# Mixed results for Venom

By TONY OLIVER with DAMIEN ARSENI & JIM KAFKALAKIS

The first day of spring resulted in totally different outcomes for the remaining nine Warrandyte Venom basketball teams in the finals of the Friday Night Championship competition.

The three girls' sides were all successful and go straight into the Grand Final while the six boys' sides all went down with three going onto Bornze medal playoff and three going to Preliminary Finals.

Justin Nelson's Under 14 Metro 1 girls had a hard fought 26-20 win over Ballarat at Mill Park stadium to progress to the Grand Final.

There was nothing in the game at the break with Ballarat with a one point lead. At the 10 minute mark of the second half, it was Warrandyte with the one point advantage.

Warrandyte were more composed in the critical last few minutes opening up the lead to secure the passage through to the Grand Final.

Centre Ashlee Brobbel was able to take some telling rebounds at key times.

After the game, Nelson paid glowing praise to the team work: "Fantastic group team effort. The girls showed that when you play as a team, you get the result. Warrandyte is proud to have so many dedicated players - it is just like a big family".

Top scorers for the Venom were Aly Birch with 10, assisted by Ashlee Brobbel and Meg Dargan with six each, and Zanetta Hosking with three.

In an earlier game at Mill Park, Jim Kafkalakis's Under 12 Metro 3 girls also won through to the Grand Final with a 37-31 win over Werribee.

The Warrandyte Venom girls were the favourites going into this game winning 15 and only losing three games all season. But they were prepared for a tough game as the Werribee Devils had inflicted the Venom's biggest loss for the season three weeks earlier (10 points).

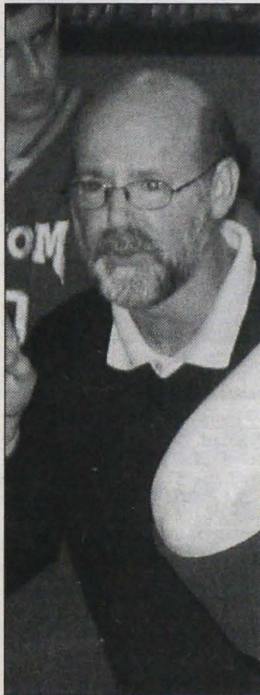
The Devils took the lead for the first few minutes but the Venom girls steadied and followed their game plan to drive hard at the Devils zone defence.

At the break, the Venom lead had extended to seven points and the second half saw some great efforts by both teams but Venom held onto their lead to win by six.

Leading scorers were Jordan Moloney with 14 and Rachael Watson with 11.

Maree Vincent's Under 18 girls also progressed straight to the Metro 4 Grand Final with a close 48-36 win over minor premiers Waverley.

Waverley were in foul trou-



Venom coach, Ian Wood, presses home a point.

ble late in the game and lost key players with five fouls to give the victory to Warrandyte by a margin which did not reflect the closeness of the contest.

Damian Arsenis's Under 12 Metro 1 boys lost a heart-breaking Qualifying Final against minor premiers Geelong in overtime.

With a Grand Final berth on the line, the Venom began positively to eke out a small early lead through some good teamwork up the court.

A spate of turnovers then began to cost the Venom youngsters dearly, as Geelong fought back hard to open up a handy nine-point lead late in the second half. Displaying a cool head within the final minute, point guard Tim Apostolides (5pts) nailed a three pointer from the right-corner, which was quickly followed by another from Jack Cousens (16pts) that allowed the Venom to close within three points at the main break.

The second half was a thriller as both teams traded baskets and the lead. Despite a strong three-point play by Jack Linney (3pts), Warrandyte was unable to capitalise on their dominance inside the paint through Reece McKenzie (2pts, 18 rebounds, five blocked shots) and Michael DeLacy (4pts, nine rebounds).

Warrandyte's free-throw shooting was also hurting them on the scoreboard as they shot an uncharacteristically low 21 per cent from the line. In a further blow, Apostolides fouled out with three minutes left in the game and the game was destined to go right down to the wire.

The Venom were down by three points and Geelong in possession with only 27 seconds remaining and running down the clock. With seven seconds remaining, Zac Ratcliffe (6pts) stole the ball and fed it to Cousens who then connected on a miraculous off-balance buzzer-beating three-point attempt to send the crowd into raptures and the game into overtime.

Although the Venom quickly ran out to a five point lead in overtime, Geelong ran out the game harder to eventually win 41-38 despite a number of last gasp attempts at stealing the win from the field and the line.

They are still alive and will play in the Preliminary Final on the coming weekend.

Also in the Preliminary Final will be Ian Wood's Under 18 Metro 3 boys after they lost the Qualifying Semi-final to Coburg by 46-35.

This was a game of two halves with Warrandyte Venom in control with a 20-15 lead at the break.

Coburg however upped the pressure on the ball carrier and were able to force a number of costly turnovers.

Late in the game the Coburg lead was cut to three with a good outside shot to David Wood, but Coburg were able to reply soon afterwards with an uncontested drive to the basket.

Leading scorers were David Wood with 11, Matthew Clough with nine and Ben Power with eight.

Also in the Preliminary Final will be Venom's under 16 East boys after losing 40-27 in the Qualifying Semi-final to Blackburn.

A bronze medal game awaits the second Under 18 boys side after Paul Whittingham's side lost 35-30 in a close contest with Coburg. Warrandyte were always going to struggle with only five players and were within a couple of goals of Coburg for the entire match.

Coburg held a five point lead with two minutes to go and despite some desperate attempts form both sides there was no further score to either side.

Bronze medal games will also feature Venom sides, with the East Under 12 boys (after losing 36-15 to Sandringham) and East Under 14 boys (after losing 44-22 to Waverley) represented.



The Under 14 Venom girls are into the Grand Final. Back row from left: Ellisha Gavan, Justin Nelson, Amber Saunders, Sophie Richardson, Caitlin Hallett, Zanetta Hosking. Front Row Gemma Iacono, Meg Dargan, Aly Birch, Ashlee Brobbel

# Redbacks into Grand Finals

Preliminary Final day for the EDJBA Saturday basketball competition saw a number of Redback sides going through to the Grand Final.

Despite a strong second half, the Under 19 A Grade boys could not make up for a slow start going down to Eltham by 51-44.

The Redbacks were down 27-14 at half time and a big effort was needed in the second half.

The opening minutes were positive with an outside shot from Grant Godwin for three. Godwin scored again from an inside drive and when the Redbacks' Josh Collins went to the free throw line for one success and the margin was back to seven.

Within a minute Collins was again on the score sheet with a field goal to cut the margin to five.

Eltham steadied with a basket to Ari Pianta at the 15 minute mark. The remainder of the game was tight with neither side being able to extend or to cut the margin by more than two points.

Leading scorer for Warrandyte was Mitch Hawley, assisted by Grant Godwin with nine, Josh Collins with seven and Luke Dimmock with five.

Warrandyte's Under 15 boys will be in the Grand Final after a tight win over Bulleen by 45-41.

Warrandyte had sown some inconsistency in recent weeks

and with Bulleen scoring just on half time to cut the margin to one point, there was concern over the second half.

The second half with tight with the game locked up as the clocked ticked down to three minutes.

A defensive turn over to Shaun Turner and a pass over to Troy Ratcliffe on the fast break allowed Warrandyte to take a lead at 40-38.

The remaining minutes were tense with Warrandyte holding on to the lead and Bulleen desperate for possession. Any chance of overtime was lost to Bulleen when Warrandyte's Ryan Holloway took a strong rebound in the dying seconds.

Coach Gavin Whitmore was very pleased with the full game concentration and consistency.

All Redback players were on the score sheet, with David Holman and Troy Ratcliffe with nine, Ryan Holloway with eight and Andrew Clough with seven the main contributors.

In the Under 13 A Grade games, Warrandyte ended up with a win and a loss.

The girls coached by Kellie Taylor and Sharon Bensch recorded a strong win over Bulleen by 36-24 to advance to the Grand Final.

Bulleen captured the lead with just over 11 minutes to go, when the Redbacks steadied and with stronger play at

critical times came away with the win.

Leading scorers for Warrandyte were Sophie Richardson with 11, Aly Birch with eight and Casey Taylor with six.

The Under 13 boys, coached by Ryan Holloway, had a heart-breaking loss in overtime against Balwyn.

Warrandyte were in front for the whole game until Balwyn sent the game into overtime.

Full court pressure from Balwyn resulted in the critical turnovers and Balwyn were steadier to win by 41-36.

Darcy Jones (10pts), Sam Tansley, Sam Holston (8pts), TJ Law (6) and Taylor Hayton (4pts) were the scorers.

Both Under 9 Redback teams are in the Grand Finals after Preliminary Final wins at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

The boys, coached by David Gibson, recorded a strong 33-22 win over Park Orchards. Max Stevenson and Zac Stevenson each with 11 points, and Nicolas Parker (5pts) were Warrandyte's top scorers.

The Under 9 girls won in overtime defeating Ivanhoe by 20-18. Maddison Taylor scored the winning goal just on the buzzer but all young Redback girls contributed to the win.

Olivia Yammouni (7pts), Maddison Taylor (6pts), Lauren Robertson with (5pts) and Hayley McIntyre (2pts) were Warrandyte's scorers.



The Redback Under 19 boys lost to Eltham. Back row from left: Jake Ratcliffe, Jace Ransom, Grant Godwin, Josh Collins, Mitchell Hawley. Front: Luke Dimmock, Shane Holloway, Jason Turner



## Warrandyte Junior Football

# Under 13s fall short in Grand Final clash

Warrandyte Junior Football Club's Under 13s were defeated by Macleod by two goals in last month's Grand Final.

Playing in the final capped off a great season for the team.

"To come from the bottom of the ladder last season to almost winning the premiership is testament to the hard work they have put in and we are all very proud of their efforts," said club secretary Phil Ashfield.

Other highlights included the great showing of so many of Warrandyte's players in the YJFL Best and Fairest Count.

Jacob Ballard took out the Under 12s Best and Fairest award with Ryan Exon finishing third.

In the Under 10s, Reece McKenzie came third as did Darcy Jones in the Under 13s. Several other players finished in the top 10.

Ben Power was named in the ruck in the Colts "Team of the Year" which capped off a great season for him having also represented Victoria in the NAB AFL Under 16s championships.

Planning is now well under way for next season to build on the many successes of this year, with the focus on skill development set to continue.

The club hopes to have all coaches for next season appointed by the end of the year and anybody interested in coaching should contact Phil Ashfield on 0409 542 112 by the end of September.

Warrandyte Junior Football Club coaches report on the performance of their teams.

## TACKERS

By David McMennemin

When we started training we soon realised that the commitment of these boys would ensure that we fielded a strong competitive team on the field.

At the start of the season the boys showed us they knew how to win games and it was the new boys in the team such as Brodie Powell, Fergus Ward, Dylan Clifton, James Buckley, Joshua Bilos, Ryley Reardon, Joshua Costin and Daniel Whittle, who brought this enthusiasm and determination to the field each week.

As Tackers, they learn to play the game in match play conditions and keep improving on their skill levels.

All the boys were hard at the ball but some liked to go a bit further to really apply the pressure and here we were led by the likes of Fergus Ward, Lachlan Wintle, Connor Lucas, Dylan Krajnc and Joshua Bilos.

As the season progressed so did the boy's development and confidence where some of those new players really started to star and this was evident in Joel Bumpstead, Jake Tucker, Connor Joy and Joshua Kleeberg.

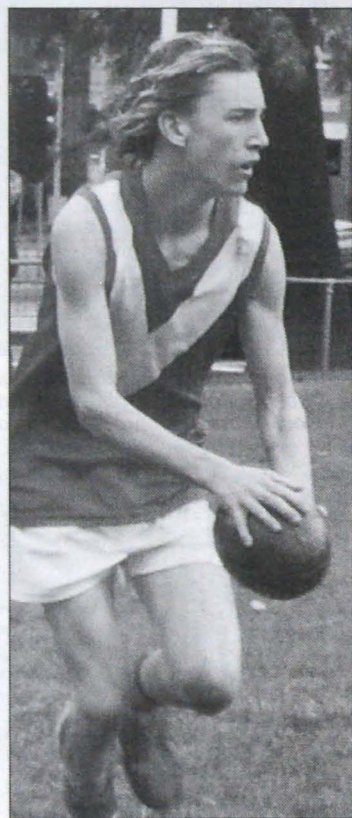
Four boys were in their third year with the tackers in Lachlan Wintle, Kyle Norris, Joshua Rowarth and Kyal McMennemin. These four boys had a great season on the field and showed experience and leadership to the rest of the team.

At the end of the season we had 20 boys who were playing great team football and displaying a performance each week that showed that they were as good as any team going around.

## UNDER 10s

By Peter Stafford

The pre season started and our list looked fantastic with several newcomers and the pleasing sight of all the faces



Nathan Down

from the tackers.

We set some early rules at training and the boys understood the parts they had to play. The mix of the older boys with the new boys worked really well and when it came time to play the first game (against Doncaster Heights) it was obvious that coach had all the nerves and the players had none.

Our first loss came mid season when we went down by one point to Ivanhoe. The boys took the loss hard, some even showing their emotions. Being upset showed me how much these boys hated losing. To their credit they hit the training track hard and turned it around, only losing four games for the season and one draw, it meant we would play off in the finals where we lost to Ivanhoe, again by a point.

## UNDER 11s

By Shane Newman

Coupled with the loss of a few midfielders and a promotion to Gold division, it was always going to be a transitional year for the Under 11s in 2006.

The first half of the season saw Warrandyte struggling to be competitive in a couple of games.

Many lesser teams would drop their heads and struggle for motivation but the character of these players continued to prevail. Slowly but surely we started to claw our way in to games and by the second half of the season, the competitive nature of the Under 11s was on display.

The impressive improvement continued including two wins from our last three home games.

The strength of this side is the evenness of the group and the willingness to work for each other. New players Talon Stroot and Jake Martin made a contribution immediately and together with Luke Brendish, Josh Brayden, Michael Holloway, Darcy Lang, Rory Chipman, Ben McMellen and

## Honours for junior footballers

Warrandyte Colts ruckman Ben Power was chosen for the AFL Victorian Metro Under 16 team which competed in the Under 16 Championship held in Brisbane earlier this season.

This championship was played against similar teams from Western Australia, South Australia, Victorian Country, Queensland and NSW.

Ben played in every game and described the event as a "great learning opportunity". Ben is also a regular in the Northern Knights Development Squad and this year was picked in the YJFL Colts Team of the Year.

Under 12s player Ryan Exon was selected to play in the Victorian team that participated in the Victorian Primary School Sports Association's national championship held in Darwin in August.

The Championship attracted teams from NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Northern Territory and the ACT with Victoria being the undefeated Champions.

Ryan played in all seven games held over the carnival.

Nathan Down won selection in the Under 15 side in the Sherrin Metropolitan Junior Championships and played three games against other metropolitan leagues.

Under 12s player Jacob Ballard topped the count in the Under 12 YJFL player count.

Tyson Clancy, they gave us plenty of drive from defence.

Jake Wintle played more in the midfield this year and together with Ryan Tester and Michael De Lacy, we had a dominant ruck division. Matt Collins, Levi Polkinghorne, Daniel Mifsud, Lloyd Grounds, Joe Hardy and Jack Cousins spent time up forward, down back and in the midfield which will accelerate their improvement and Bradley Stone, Kyle Newman, Sebastian Falcone and Campbell Prior all continued to impress.

## UNDER 12s

By Lance Nilsson

Despite finishing the home and away season in third position the Bloods were defeated by Kew Rovers who proved to be the better team in the first semi final.

An outstanding game by Jacob Ballard in blustery conditions was a highlight of the final.

Our defence was very strong throughout the final and the season as a whole. Jack Power had a magnificent season and his decision making and attacking plays were instrumental in getting the team to the finals.

Lachlan Frowd, Daniel Krajnc and Jarrod Buzzini were desperate and disciplined in their defensive work all year and rebounded constantly to give midfielders and forwards many opportunities.

Kyle Robertson, Josh Edwards and Neil Brown played in a variety of positions and were valuable contributors all season.

Jacob Harris made great progress in 2006 and was ably supported by Jayden Clay, Tim Baker and Sam Holston who all put body pressure on the opposition and provided marking targets around the ground.

Madie Denholm was fearless and played with enormous passion and skill. Zac

Galbally in his debut season marked strongly and consistently drove the ball forward to bring others into the game. Daniel Nilsson won many hard balls and contributed goals at crucial stages of games.

Billy Lavery ran tirelessly on a wing and was influential in games as a pinch hitting ruckman.

We had a number of key contributors up forward. Jacob Ballard was creative and Tim Nilsson used the ball effectively and his contested marking was of enormous value. James Munks kicked goals from contested marks and Andrew Woodward continued his development and added creative handball to his game in the latter part of the season.

James Fisher grew in confidence and was prepared to jump into contested marking contests while Rowan McKenzie marked strongly at half forward in games and had the ability to go back when required.

## UNDER 13s

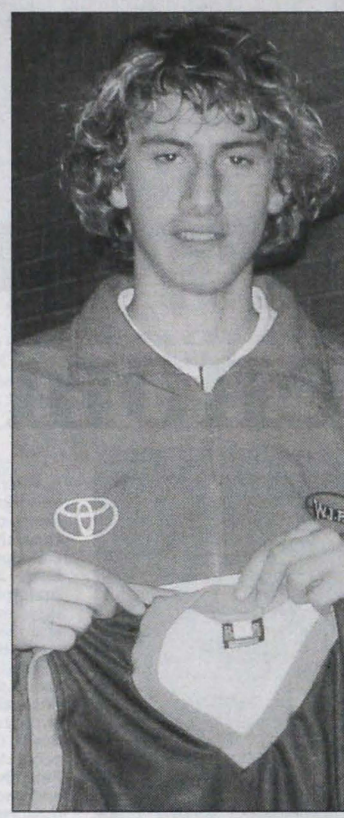
By Steve Blakey

It was great to see the continued development of all players and especially how some players stood up to personal and team challenges.

Sam Tansley just kept putting the ball in the right spot for team mates; Darcy Jones showed his ability to run nearly all day and Michael McDougall just grew in stature with every game.

Lachlan Buckley, Taylor Hayton and Matty Edwards also showed that they could play the big man role, as well forward or back.

Sam Beasley surprised everybody with his new found skills, speed and confidence, especially the day he started in the centre. Players such as Steve Wildsmith, Alistair Douglas, Adam Harahap all got in amongst the goals by following directions and playing the team game.



Ben Power

James Kalinchev and Nathan Thorpe joined the team this year and fitted in well.

TJ Law proved himself as one of the best marks in the league. Kieran Sproule-Carroll was dynamite as a forward and back man and Mitchell Gaffney showed his brilliance and dash in many games.

Tom King, Nick Tooke and Dylan Burns showed great endeavour while Matty Colbourne Veale showed his courage and speed on a regular basis.

Adrian Mifsud was starting to show his old goal sneaking ways late in the season.

## UNDER 14s

By Chris Appleby

Being promoted to Brown from Green division was going to be this team's biggest challenge and significant losses in the first two rounds were certainly an early test for the Bloods.

The appointment of the three captains in Lachy Chapman, Jake Miller and Toby Versteegen was a great success.

Lachy held down the backline, Jake controlled the on-balls and Toby directed an open forward line.

Selection of five Bloods team members for the three metropolitan sides was commendable. Congratulations to Jordan Beltramin, Josh Harris, Andrew Reddie, Lachy Chapman and Nathan Campbell.

Set backs were apparent with Sam Allardice receiving a season-ending shoulder injury, Pat Heffernan with a broken wrist, Jake Van der Zant with a major hamstring tear and Nathan Campbell finishing the year a game out before finals with a broken collarbone.

## UNDER 15s

By Jason Bowen

Season 2006 for the Warrandyte Under 15's has

shown supporters, parents and even the boys themselves a glimpse of what they are capable of with the correct application and mental attitude.

The team started slowly but soon got on a roll, beating some in-form and fancied teams but we regularly let ourselves down against weaker opposition in away games.

During the season the boys combined to play smart, hard, aggressive and team orientated football with their backs against the wall.

They learned to win and rise to challenges, when the odds were against them and the only thing that can bring success is hard work, commitment, determination and mateship.

We were to lose the final game of the season to a Doncaster team who proved much too strong on the day but we had reached the finals on percentage and played the same Doncaster team a week later.

The boys trained hard and digested a lot of information regarding the Doncaster team we had seen the week before and also about how were going to approach this final game.

With the excitement of finals week, a good preparation and a few words of encouragement from two of last season's Colts premiership players and our courageous captain Sam Casey led the boys out onto the field where they gave everything but fell agonisingly short.

## COLTS

By Clem Mifsud

After some of the older boys decided to play for the Under 18s team, we ended up with a starting list of 34 players and had to roster players off throughout the year to ensure that all the Colts got some game time.

This made it difficult for everyone, as it was not possible to field a settled team or give players a regular opportunity in certain positions.

Despite the problems with rotations and a large bench, we were able to field a team that had a successful year.

We ended up winning 11 games and finished in third position at the end of the season. We defeated Kew in the first semi-final, but fell short of Hawthorn Citizens in the preliminary final.

Tyson Fitzgerald was our greatest goal scorer during the year and with Tyson Barber, Pat Eddy and Tim Hookey, were prominent ball getters on the wing and half forward.

Wade King was a strong force at full forward and was surrounded by a number of goal sneaks including Luke Saunders, Tom Maddocks (including five goals in one game), James Johnson, Keith Dimech, Heath Corke, Luke Miller, Josh Hale-Vaughan, Nathan Annand, Jack Wright and Jordan Hutchinson.

Nick Crosbie was also a focus as a forward but also played some great games in defence.

Tom Fitzgerald rucked but was also a tear-away on the wing. Ben Power dominated the ruck and forward line when he was available.

Nathan Gordon, David Wood, Braydan Pettigrove, Michael Whittle and Narayan Tobin spent a large amount of time in the midfield, and Luke Brevis, Andrew Oxley, Justin Hull, Peter Cudmore, Ben Everard and the long-kicking Pat Nichol were consistent defenders.



Cricket

# 'Dytes swing into new season

Warrandyte Cricket Club is confident it will be back playing a big part in this year's Ringwood District Cricket Association's Wilkins Cup finals series following its dramatic season last year that saw the club narrowly avoid relegation.

With an extensive review of last season now finished and a focus on recruiting and player development nearing its completion, Warrandyte believes it is on its way back to its best.

The club moved quickly to re-sign Adam White as captain, which gave him the opportunity to launch into a review of the club early in the off-season, along with the help of a cricket sub-committee.

The club also appointed club legend Steve Pascoe as chairman of selectors.

Another significant change has seen Jason Graf take over as Second Eleven captain. With years of experience at First Eleven level, Graf's move will further strengthen the depth below the senior team.

Warrandyte is still finalising its senior list, with a number of key recruits close to confirming their move to the club this year.

But regardless of the injection of new players, White believed there was no reason to panic following last year's forgettable season.

"There were reasons why things didn't work out for us last year and we have addressed that during the past couple months.

"I am not prepared to talk too much about what we have changed moving forward, other than to say we will go into the new season with a much stronger resolve and a more positive attitude.

"There's no reason to go and change too much. We were a chance in most games we played last year, but unfortunately, we did not close the deal when we had our opportunities," White said.

Apart from the injection of possibly three new faces in the first eleven, the senior core playing group looks set to remain intact.

There will however, be some shift in focus to the emergence of some of the junior stars that have improved significantly in recent times.

"I don't want to put a number on how many of our good young kids will play first eleven cricket this year, but it is fair to say there are proba-

bly four or five that have the capability to hold their own at the top level," White said.

Last year Warrandyte blooded three of its best juniors into the first eleven, with Tyson Rees, Ayrton Dehmel and Chris Barry all getting a taste of big time.

"It gave them a chance to see what it was like and also show what sort of improvement they needed to make during the winter to become regular contributors moving forward," White said.

Barry was clearly one of the highlights of a disappointing season for the club, showing a lot of flair with the bat and ball late in the season, despite incredibly, being only 15-years-old.

"He mixed it with some of the best players in the competition and succeeded. He wasn't intimidated at all - and it's that sort of fresh, positive approach we want to encourage," White said.

Warrandyte is hoping for a big year from Matthew Sazenis this season, after breaking a number of records playing cricket in England this winter.

White is confident that after a modest return last year, Sazenis will be back to his very best this year.

"Matt struggled a little bit with his confidence last season with both bat and ball I think it's fair to say," White said.

"But he is an absolute match-winner and now he has rediscovered his form and his passion for the game, we are really expecting big things from him this season," White added.

While there might be some focus on some of the standout juniors, the Warrandyte captain is also hoping that others will want to play a big part in the senior line-up who are starting to get into the prime of their careers.

"Everyone will be given an opportunity, they just have to want it enough," White added.

With the first game less than a month away, the club is still looking for players to help build on the impressive early season momentum.

From Tuesday September 12, training resumes outdoors at the Warrandyte Reserve from 5pm, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sunday morning sessions will also be organised for players that have work commitments during the week.

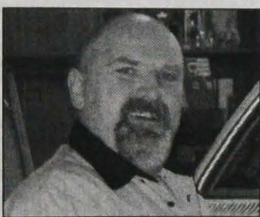
## Engine problems limit Jim's hopes

Warrandyte's drag racer, Jim Burbidge, has returned from the Australian Nostalgia Titles in Queensland without a trophy, but with the recognition that he was able to compete in all races.

"A small problem in maybe the electrics or fuel tune up kept the car about half a second off the pace," Jim said.

"This doesn't sound like much but in drag racing, it's a lifetime."

Jim is recovering from a scare during practice when he was forced to abandon a run. "I followed soon after a



Jim Burbidge

dragster that was running on kerosene. It sprayed a fine mist on some sections of the track and I found one while doing

## Message to all veteran cricketers ...

# You are wanted!

TOM COLMAN talks to a man in search of cricketers who are in the twilight of their playing careers.

Like many other men around Melbourne, and the world, Steve Pascoe is a cricketing tragic. He has played the game for 43 years at different levels and now in his mid-50s, he is again looking forward to the new season.

His cricketing pedigree is flawless. He has played at senior levels in the Ringwood District Cricket Association with both Norwood and Warrandyte and has held executive positions, including president, with both clubs. He has also been president of the RDCA and even turned to umpiring last season to get his fix of cricket.

But as a new season begins to fire up with most clubs around Melbourne already into heavy training, Steve has embarked on a recruiting drive with a difference.

He has set out to recruit veteran cricketers to play for Warrandyte Cricket Club's veterans teams.

"This season, we are looking to get two veterans teams entered into the RDCA competition... an over 40 and an over 50 team.

"In years gone by we have had the two teams and they played on alternate weeks with some players called on to play every Sunday. But some of the guys now can't play every week.

"So this year, both teams will play on the same day every second week, so we are really looking for people who are keen to get back into cricket in a semi social setting."

His main task is recruiting "younger veterans," or those who have recently turned 40, which is the starting age for senior players.

"It is a bit strange that I'm trying to recruit older men to play cricket, because normally, clubs are trying to get young guys to play.

"But what we are looking for is men who may have wandered away from cricket for one reason or another and who are keen to come down and have a game every couple of weeks," Steve said.

"One of the really good things about veterans cricket is the social aspect of it. It's just a really good concept, because we play every second week, and then go out after the game for dinner at a restaurant or pub.

"It's a really good chance for the families to come and have dinner with the men when they have finished playing. It is a really good way to spend a Sunday," he said.

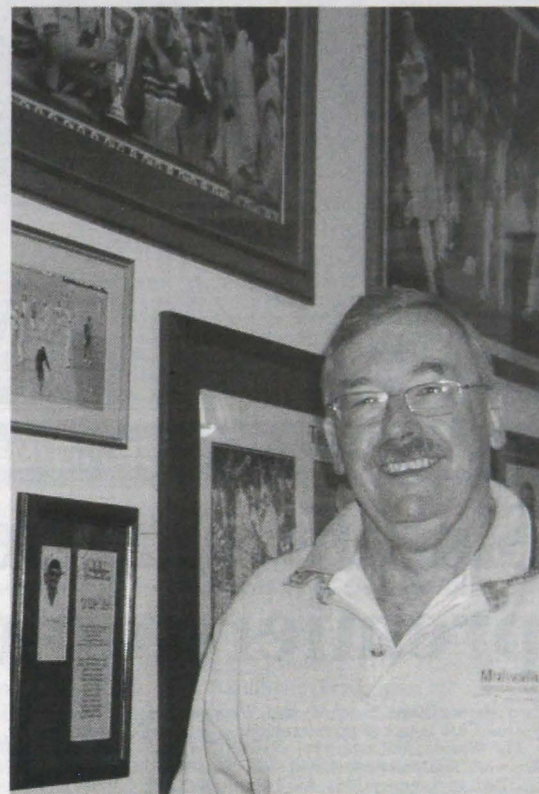
Warrandyte was one of the four clubs who took part in the first season of veterans cricket almost 20 years ago.

Matches are 36 overs per side with no bowler permitted to bowl more than six overs. Batsmen must retire when they have scored 40 runs.

The season runs from mid-October until February with a break over Christmas. There are seven home and away rounds followed by finals.

Steve started as a junior at Norwood and progressed through the senior ranks and was later awarded Life Membership.

A decorated player in the RDCA, including an award for the association's top all rounder, Steve joined Warrandyte



The walls at Steve Pascoe's Warrandyte house are filled with cricket memorabilia.

as captain-coach in the 1970s.

He and his wife, Ann, have dedicated much of their life to cricket and the Warrandyte club and both have been awarded Life Memberships. They are also Life Members of the RDCA.

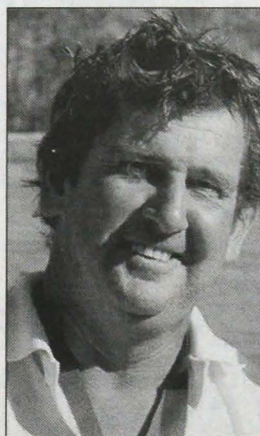
"I've played a fair bit of cricket in my time and I just love it. But I would love to meet some new people who would like to be involved," Steve said.

"And I would also love to see some familiar faces who may have stopped playing a few years ago. We have the teams, now we need the players."

As the start of the new cricket season draws closer, it's not too late for "older" players to check out their playing gear and be part of the veterans scene.

If anyone wants to get involved with the veterans at Warrandyte Cricket Club, they can call Steve on 9844 1213.

## Hawks set to be a force



South Warrandyte president, Barry Williams.

South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club is again in the swing of things and preparing for another big season in the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Chandler Shield.

The senior team made the finals last season but were beaten in the Preliminary Final.

The club is hoping that extensive work at Colman

115mph and started to slide sideways towards a concrete wall.

"Thankfully I was able to abort the run," he said.

Jim said his sponsors, Warrandyte Electrics, Milestone Chemicals, Jonco Services, PRS Chasis, Yarra Valley Prestige Car care, Riveresque, Water Treatment Victoria, Lobosco's Restaurant, Penguin Dry Cleaners, Honey Health, Goji Juices, Warrandyte Auto Electrics, Warrandyte Newsagency and Possum Hollow Natural Health made the trip possible.

## WARRANDYTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

### Junior Football Coaches Wanted

The Warrandyte Junior Football Club is seeking expressions of interest from energetic and committed people wanting to coach in 2007. The WJFC has teams in the Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and combined Under 16/17 (Colts) age groups

All coaches will be required to have (or be willing to undertake next season at the club's expense) Level 1 coaching accreditation. These coaches will be supported by specialist skills coaches appointed by the Club

Interested persons should submit a brief outline of their background including any previous coaching experience and which team(s) you are interested in coaching by the 30th September 2006 to:

**The Secretary, PO Box 259, Warrandyte 3113 or email to wjfcsec@bigpond.com**

Closing date : 30 September 2006

Interviews for all positions will be conducted later this year.

Any queries in the meantime can be directed to Club Secretary, Phil Ashfield on 0409 542 112





Coach Nat Dusting, left, with her premiership team, Jennie Annand, Ashlee Collins, Emilee Hassall, Bonnie Jones, Georgia Nichol, Simone Reid, Laura Roodhouse, Fiona Tansley and Ally Van Summeran.

# Sisters win netball premiership double

Two sisters have coached two Warrandyte Netball Club teams to premierships. The Winter Doncaster and District Netball Association Grand Finals, held in August 2006, resulted in premierships for two Under 15 teams. The coaches for the two successful teams were Warrandyte's Dusting sisters, Nat and Amie. Nat Dusting, a previous Warrandyte Netball Club Person of the Year, continued her finals success, coaching the Under 15/1 Magpies to a further premiership. Amie Dusting, a Warrandyte High School student, coached the Under 15/2 Rosellas to their first premiership. The Under 15/1 Magpies, who were undefeated during the season, beat the Koonung Meteors 32-27.

The Under 15/2 Rosellas finished second on the ladder for Section 2 at season's end. They defeated minor premiers Deep Creek Gems in a nail-biting finish, with a score of 24-23. Nat and Amie's younger sister Jess also participated in a Grand Final as a player in the Under 13/1 Brumbies team. The Brumbies, coached by Teresa Knott, were runners up to the East Doncaster Hot Shots. The Brumbies team is: Claudia Bowers, Montana Cox, Jess Dusting, Helena Dwyer, Brigitte Freemantle, Georgette McKeough, Melissa Moritz and Gabby Ryan. Warrandyte will again field teams in all age groups in the spring netball season, from late August to November, at the Templestowe Leisure Centre. Enquiries: Club President Lesley Reid, 9844 2068.



Coach Amie Dusting (third from right standing) with her team Kathleen Kopietz, Sarah Lewis, Lucinda Link, Alysce Maclaren, Kelsie Nabbin, Harriet Rappell, Chloe Simpson, Mikaela Smith and Emily Van Bergen.

# Tennis serves up centenary

Warrandyte Tennis Club has plans well under way to celebrate their centenary next year. A number of events are being arranged, starting with a wine and cheese night to launch the year, along with a display of memorabilia, on Saturday March 3. The major function, a dinner dance at Karralyka in Ringwood will be on Saturday April 21. The new expanded and updated edition of the club's history will be launched at this event. Other events later in the year include a Family Fun Day in October 2007. A feature of this day will be a mixed doubles tournament. This will echo the mixed doubles played to celebrate the opening of the club's first court adjacent to the bridge. The club was formed on March 21, 1907 under the guidance of George Wyatt as president. Members then set about organising fund-raising events, mainly concerts, to obtain the necessary funds. The building of the court, all done by volunteers, proceeded

ed and it was ready to open in May 1908. The club is trying to establish a comprehensive list of past members and their addresses and is appealing for anyone who wishes to be included, or knows of someone no longer in the district who they think would be interested, to call Judy Green on 9844 2096, Greg Lawrence on 9844 2398 or use the email link on the website, www.warrandytetennis.org.au. Donations or loan of photos or other memorabilia are also being sought.

Canterbury in the semi-final and went on to beat Kooyong in the grand final, 5 sets 44 games to 1 set 28 games.

## Super time for Supersmashers

Warrandyte's Tennis club's annual Supersmashers will be run again this year starting on October 15 and finishing on November 26 from 10.30 to 12 noon each Sunday. The program is open to children living in Warrandyte or surrounding areas who must be six years old by October 8 and no older than 12 on November 12.

## Premiership hat-trick

Warrandyte Tennis Club's Section B5 team, have scored a hat trick. Playing in the Tuesday mid-week ladies competition, the team took out the premiership for the third consecutive year when they played in the finals last month. The team consisting of Nicole Hogan, Maiike Naude, Sally Greg, Karin Green and Trish Alger defeated

children not yet of competition standard, is conducted by club coach Aaron Nolan. Participants will receive a "Smashpak" containing a number of tennis goodies including a racquet, cap and T-shirt. Entry forms are available at the club, the Post office or The Corner milk bar on the corner of Yarra St and Webb St. Numbers are limited so participants are urged to get their entry forms in early.

# Auskick completes successful season

Warrandyte Auskick season ended in the same fashion as it began - with the excitement meter on extreme. Dads, mums, grandparents, siblings and friends turned out to cheer the Auskickers on. The kids proudly showed off the skills they had learnt throughout the season and pitted their talents against the dads in a footy showdown. The footy-fest was topped off with a barbecue and trophy presentation. Later in the day the level of passion and commitment for the game was demonstrated when more than 20 kids returned to the oval for an exhibition match during the seniors half time break. Head Warrandyte Auskick coach, Edward Munks said 2006 was very rewarding as more than 80 young boys and girls participated in the program. "They not only learned the skills but made many new friends in the process," he said. "It was pleasing to see the improvement during the course of the year. Ben Dickson showed that he will have a booming accurate left foot kick after drilling goals from 30 metres out; Elysha Sproule-Carroll is the third in her family to do Auskick with elder brothers Tyson and Kieran while Jarryd Edgecumbe is showing plenty



Auskick coaches Edward Munks and Paul Reardon with Richmond player Adam Pattison who attended an Auskick session and shared some coaching secrets with coaches and children.

of potential." Munks said it was pleasing to see that three four-year-olds started the year and were able to mix it with the older five-year-olds in the weekly grid games, their skills improving rapidly each week. Some of the older players will be graduating to the Warrandyte Junior Football clubs' Tackers team next year. Munks thanked Dennis Hoiberg and the Warrandyte

Junior Football Club for their help and assistance during the year. "They have certainly provided a pathway for our aspiring youngsters to play in competition football in a family friendly environment". Munks also paid tribute to all the coaches in Paul Reardon, Craig Robison, Wally Cashion, Mark Trewella, the rest of the committee, and to the many parent helpers.



Ryan Exon ... Victorian football representative.

# Footballers show athletic talent

Ryan Exon from the Warrandyte Junior Football Club recently returned from Darwin after representing Victoria in the prestigious 12-year-old school boy competition. Ryan, who is also a member of the East Doncaster Little Athletics Club figured amongst Victoria's best players in a number of the games. Playing mainly as a running half back, Ryan consistently starved his opponents of the ball and was also used in the forward line where he kicked

three goals. Ryan's running and athletic ability was first noticed by the state selectors early in the trial games. Ryan said that his participation in Little Athletics with the East Doncaster Little Athletics Club provided him with the strength, speed and endurance to effectively compete with bigger bodied boys in the football carnival. "I really enjoyed the chance to compete with the best 12-year-olds in Australia, however my focus now is on athletics and to improve my personal

bests and have fun being with my mates." Ryan's athletics mates also include a number of Warrandyte's Under 12 team members. One of his Warrandyte football and athletics team mates Jacob Ballard also won the Yarra Junior football league Gold division Under 12's Best and Fairest medal. The athletics season starts on October 7 at Rieschiecks Reserve on George St, Doncaster East. The competition times and days run generally on a

Saturday with Under 6 to Under 8 from 8.30 - 10 am and Under 9 to Under 15 from 10 am - 12.15 pm. During October the East Doncaster club will also be having a special bring a friend month. New aspiring little athletes can attend two free sessions before making their minds up to join the club. For further information on East Doncaster Little Athletics contact: Edward Munks 0439 342 478; Wendy Exon 9481 9093 or Kirsten St John 9857 9960.



# A Warrandyte team that played for Warrandyte

By *Diary Sports Editor*, ROBERT WHITE

As the summer sun burned down on a group of footballers going through the necessary evil of pre-season training, a small group of dedicated men at the Warrandyte Football Club was hatching a plan.

Embarrassed at being demoted from the Eastern Football League Third Division the previous season, the club committee headed by a determined and dedicated president in Phil Treeby decided to take a positive approach to the club's demise.

For many years the club had relied on outside players to boost talent stocks but the itinerant nature of the recruits made it difficult to engender loyalty and longevity.

The new plan was to foster young players, most of whom had come up through the ranks of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

And the plan was not a quick fix. Under the guidance of coach Peter Green, this new playing group was to be taught, encouraged and most of all, given time to develop their skills. This was a work in progress that in a few years would see the club climb out of Fourth Division with a confidence and a surety that would make advancement to First Division a reality rather than a pipe dream.

The new Warrandyte team would be simply that ... a Warrandyte team.

It is perhaps the natural exuberance of youth that refused

to believe that this plan could not be achieved at a far greater speed.

But no-one, not even the players themselves, could have believed that they could win the Fourth Division premiership at their first attempt.

But so it has come to pass.

The fairytale Grand Final win over Whitehorse Pioneers on Sunday, a team that had easily accounted for the Bloods twice during the season, was more than anyone could have expected.

Warrandyte's team during the year was made up generally of scrawny young kids, eager for a game of football. There were even a few who had played in the club's Under 18 team earlier in the season.

They matched it with the lesser performing teams of the division but looked totally out of their depth in both size and experience when playing against the power clubs.

But Warrandyte's new footballers carried no baggage of defeats and disappointments of the past. This was a group prepared to play football with almost a reckless abandon. They were prepared to take risks and make mistakes. And Green was happy to let them learn from those mistakes.

Just the same, with two rounds remaining, it seemed certain they would play off in the cut throat First Semi Final and even a loss at this stage would still have rendered a good score on their end-of-year report card.

But results fell their way and they sneaked into second place and then defeated the powerful Basin side by a point in the Second Semi Final.

The manner in which the eager Warrandyte youth approached the Grand Final on Sunday gave little doubt that they had come to play. A fearless attack on the ball coupled with the bullocking role of Green who showed the way like a master with his team of apprentices, never let the game out of their grasp.

The third quarter was the key. Warrandyte led by 15 points at the main break with the Pioneers having use of a stiff breeze. Goals to Green and the unflappable Michael Morello enabled the Bloods to keep their noses in front at the final change.

This left Todd Holman and skipper, Matt Wood, to deliver the final crushing blows, with Wood's snapped goal from the boundary a fitting epilogue to an outstanding team performance.

Well, where to from here?

The Bloods are back in Third Division and let there be no doubting that matches next season will be like a Grand Final each week against bigger and tougher opposition.

But importantly, the base has now been laid. Warrandyte has a team of young footballers who are destined to play together as a group for the next 10 years.

The club's destiny is in their hands.

## Centenary premiership

# Bloods' Grand Final dream

By RICK GORDON

The Bloods completed the final chapter of their fairytale centenary season with a huge win over the fast finishing Whitehorse Pioneers in the Grand Final on Sunday at Walker Park, Mitcham.

A record Division Four crowd of almost 3000 witnessed an intense struggle between two evenly matched sides, but it was the boys in red and white who showed more desire and courage in their attack on the ball.

For most of the players it was the first Grand Final they had played in, but they looked like experienced, seasoned finals specialists.

Warrandyte went into the final with a full list, and playing a confident, cheeky brand of play-on football.

Every Warrandyte player applied intense pressure from the opening bounce and never let up throughout the game. They shut down the mid-field dominance of the Pioneers, and controlled the stoppages.

Craig Dick excelled in the ruck, and onballers Tom Naughtin, Josh Eyre and triple premiership player Dale Vitiritti had first use of the ball.

Even when Whitehorse got the ball into their forward line, the backs remained tight as Ash Grybus crashed packs and punched the ball forward, supported by Rick Templeton and Jimmy Logan.

Whitehorse kicked with the breeze in the first quarter, but it was Warrandyte that applied more intensity at the ball, but kicked inaccurately and allowed Whitehorse to score two late goals to lead by that margin at quarter time.

Warrandyte had their turn with the wind and dominated the second quarter, reversing that lead at half time.

The half-back line of Mick Stewart, Matt Treeby and Todd Holman were fearless, repelling every attack and setting up scoring opportunities for the Bloods, ably assisted by the ever-reliable Andrew Gordon.

The third quarter was an arm wrestle, but Warrandyte managed to score in a short burst with goals to Luke Ebzery and Michael Morello to go into the last break just four points up.

After a tense opening, the final quarter became an opportunity for the red and white army to celebrate, with high marking forwards Lee Evans, Michael Morello and Grant McAdam all scoring against a Whitehorse backline that became rattled by the unrelenting pressure applied by the Warrandyte players.

Wingers Aiden Davey and young Dion Mullett-Treloar showed their class, and Ben Reid marked solidly in spite of a broken hand.

Captain Matt Wood was another who showed courage, returning to the fray after a knock out blow two weeks before, snapping the final goal over his shoulder from the boundary line to give the Bloods a 24 point win.



Celebrations for Warrandyte's premiership team. Picture: GAVIN ANDREW.

Todd Holman was the fitting winner of the Frank Bibby Medal for Best on Ground, just pipping playing coach Peter Green who led his troops with a magnificent display of tough, hard football in the centre.

Chris Quinlan, an experienced Warrandyte player and Chairman of Selectors, had been eased out of retirement late in the season and he added experience and steadiness to the forward line.

**Warrandyte** 1.4 6.8 8.8 **12.12 (84)**  
**Whitehorse** 3.4 4.5 7.10 **8.12 (60)**  
Best: Todd Holman, Matt Treeby, Craig Dick, Peter Green, Josh Eyre, Tom Naughtin.  
Goals: L. Evans, 2 M. Morello 2 M. Wood, 2 L. Ebzery, 2 P. Green, G. McAdam, T. Holman, M. Treeby  
**FRANK BIBBY MEDAL** (Best on Ground): Todd Holman

## One point win sets up title bid

A hard-fought win by a solitary point over The Basin in the Second Semi Final saw Warrandyte book an unexpected place in the Grand Final.

Warrandyte headed into the game with a 'nothing to lose mentality' and realised the pressure was on The Basin to make their third Grand Final in as many years.

The Bears jumped Warrandyte in

Round 16 to set up a comfortable win and the Bloods were conscious to ensure that history didn't repeat itself.

A quick centre break and free kick inside The Basin's forward line set the scene for numerous free kicks that would be awarded inside the 50 metre arc.

After a couple of early scares and hard knocks, Warrandyte settled and purposeful running resulted in a five goal to two quarter and a 13 point lead at the first break.

The Basin dominated the centre clearances, however constant pressure and a tight backline turned defence into attack and the Warrandyte forwards capitalised on their opportunities with straight kicking. It was a fast paced game with good skills and ball movement keeping the large pro-Warrandyte crowd entertained.

Skipper Matt Wood was taken high and forced from the field with teeth missing and a split lip.

This lifted the physicality of the game, which the Bloods relished, and extended their lead after the break to 31 points which was reduced to 25 points at the last change.

Coach Peter Green praised Warrandyte's intensity and work rate, imploring them to sustain the pressure for another 30 minutes.

The Basin held possession for the first half of the final quarter, having numerous shots and eventually tak-

ing the lead for the first time since the opening minutes, courtesy of an Anderson free kick with minutes remaining.

The Bloods fought back to level scores through a Morello point and then hit the front with a Quinlan snap which was touched by a team-mate on the goal line.

A spectacular mark by Mullett-Treloar from the kick out gave the Bloods a chance to control the tempo and hang on to win by a solitary point.

**Warrandyte** 14.15-99 d.  
**The Basin** 14.14-98  
Goals: M. Morello 6, G. McAdam 3, T. Holman 2, P. Green, M. Treeby, L. Evans  
Best: G. McAdam, T. Holman, M. Morello, P. Green, M. Stewart, J. Eyre  
**Round 17**  
**Warrandyte** 13.15-93 d.  
**Surrey Park** 8.5-53  
Best: A. Davey, J. Eyre, R. Templeton, G. McAdam, C. Dick, M. Wood  
Goals: P. Green 2, M. Morello 2, L. Evans 2, A. Gordon, C. Quinlan, M. Treeby, M. Wood, T. Naughtin, A. Davey, T. Holman  
**Round 18**  
**Warrandyte** 22.17-149 def.  
**Glen Waverley Hawks** 11.8-74  
Goals: M. Morello 7, L. Evans 2, G. McAdam 2, L. Ebzery 2, T. Holman 2, L. Dunn 2, A. Gordon, M. Wood, C. Haskings, J. O'Mara  
Best: M. Wood, C. Haskings, J. Eyre, L. Evans, L. Ebzery, M. Morello

## The premiership line-up

**Backs:** Ricky Templeton, Ash Grybas, Matt Treeby  
**Half backs:** Todd Holman, Nick Stewart, Dion Mullett-Treloar  
**Centres:** Aiden Davey, Peter Green (coach), Andrew Gordon  
**Half forwards:** Matt Wood (captain), Lee Evans, Luke Ebzery  
**Forwards:** Chris Quinlan, Michael Morello, Grant McAdam  
**Followers:** Craig Dick, Dale Vitiritti, Josh Eyre  
**Interchange:** Ben Reid, Tom Naughtin, Jim Logan  
**Emergencies:** Nick Drake, Brian Elliot, Craig Lincoln.  
**Team Manager:** Terry Ryan  
**Runner:** Travis Brogan  
**Trainers:** Kate Warren-Smith, David Mock, Jane Norton

## Reserves miss finals action

Warrandyte Reserves finished the season strongly, but missed out on finals action by a frustrating half a game.

The team was made up of young players on the fringes of senior selection, and played an exciting brand of football.

They also showed the inconsistency of an inexperienced side and were unable to win enough of the close games through the season.

**Round 17:**  
**Warrandyte** 16.9-105 d.  
**Surrey Park** 11.8-74  
Goals: B. Elliott 5, D. Young 2, R. Pidgeon 2, A. Jenkins, C. Lincoln, T. Ryan, J. Riddell, G. Zach, C. Haskings, B. Opteynde, R. Parker  
Best: J. Boyce, B. Elliott, C. Haskings, R. Bourke, C. Lincoln, L. Giampietro  
**Round 18:**  
**Warrandyte** 11.14-80 d.  
**Glen Waverley Hawks** 7.6-48  
Goals: C. Holland 2, T. Ryan 2, R. Bourke 2, C. Lincoln, J. McKellar, G. Zach, J. Boyce, R. Parker  
Best: P. O'Mara, R. Bourke, S. Donovan, J. Boyce, C. Holland, C. Lincoln

**Under 18s fall in knock-out match**

## Under 18s fall in knock-out match

Warrandyte's Under 18s failed by 11 points in their Preliminary Final match against Forest Hill who eventually went on to take the premiership.

In the First Semi Final, Warrandyte defeated Whitehorse Pioneers.

The U18s were struggling for numbers early in the year, but proved to be a great force in the competition and were just unable to secure a Grand Final berth.

**First Semi Final scores:**  
**Warrandyte** 17.13-115 d  
**Whitehorse Pioneers** 13.3-81  
Goals: L. Dunn 5, B. Zach 3, Y. Bektash 2, L. Ebzery, R. Curtis, M. Canham, C. MacDougall, T. Greve, J. Ratcliffe  
Best: B. Zach, T. Dlabik, D. Large, T. Greve, P. Burgoyne, O. Mock  
**Preliminary Final scores:**  
**Forest Hill** 15.10-100 d  
**Warrandyte** 13.11-89  
Goals: L. Ebzery 5, L. Dunn 3, Y. Bektash 2, C. Watson, S. Lockie  
Best: D. Large, T. Dlabik, L. Ebzery, P. Burgoyne, D. Mullett-Treloar



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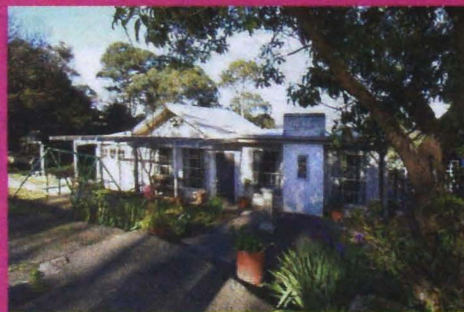
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Looking for your first warrandyte home? This 3BR family home on over 1/3 acre offers lounge/dining with ofp. Kitchen/meals. Elevated deck that overlooks private pool. Artists' studio & two additional workshops/sheds. Dbl carport.



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**warrandyte north** for sale  
 buyer enquiry range \$460k-\$500k

Charming weatherboard home on 1/3 acre of beautiful bushland. 4 double BRs. 3 living areas. Modern timber kitchen/meals. Family living area. Lounge/dining. Polished boards. Covered deck for entertaining. Fully fenced rear gardens. Walk to Yarra River!



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Renovated to perfection! Immaculate 5BR + study (suit 6<sup>th</sup> BR) home. Large formal dining. Separate family living area. Sparkling kitchen with SS appliances opens to family dining area. Elevated deck for entertaining. Near level block with space for a pool (stca). Double garage. Walk to river, village, school, transport.



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5 double BR family home ideally situated to take advantage of the best of Warrandyte! Kitchen/meals. Bright formal lounge. Elevated outdoor terrace. Downstairs self contained 1BR zone with huge rumpus, kitchen/meals, ensuite. Near 1/2 acre of established gardens with pool. Walk to Yarra River, Pound Bend Reserve, Goldfields, school, transport.



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Contemporary 5BR family home with more than 40 squares of generous indoor accommodation. Near level 1 acre of established gardens incl IG pool. Kitchen/meals. Formal lounge. Formal dining. HUGE rumpus with wetbar, room for pool table & home cinema. Terrace. Dbl car accom PLUS 1 car workshop. PLUS separate 20'x20' double garage.



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The ultimate in Warrandyte living. Hamish Knox designed 5BR + study residence on near level 1.5 acres with DIRECT RIVER ACCESS! SIX formal and informal living areas PLUS separate studio. Kitchen/family dining with river views. Family room. Rumpus. Formal lounge. Formal dining. Parents' retreat. Double car accommodation and ample additional parking.

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