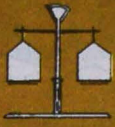


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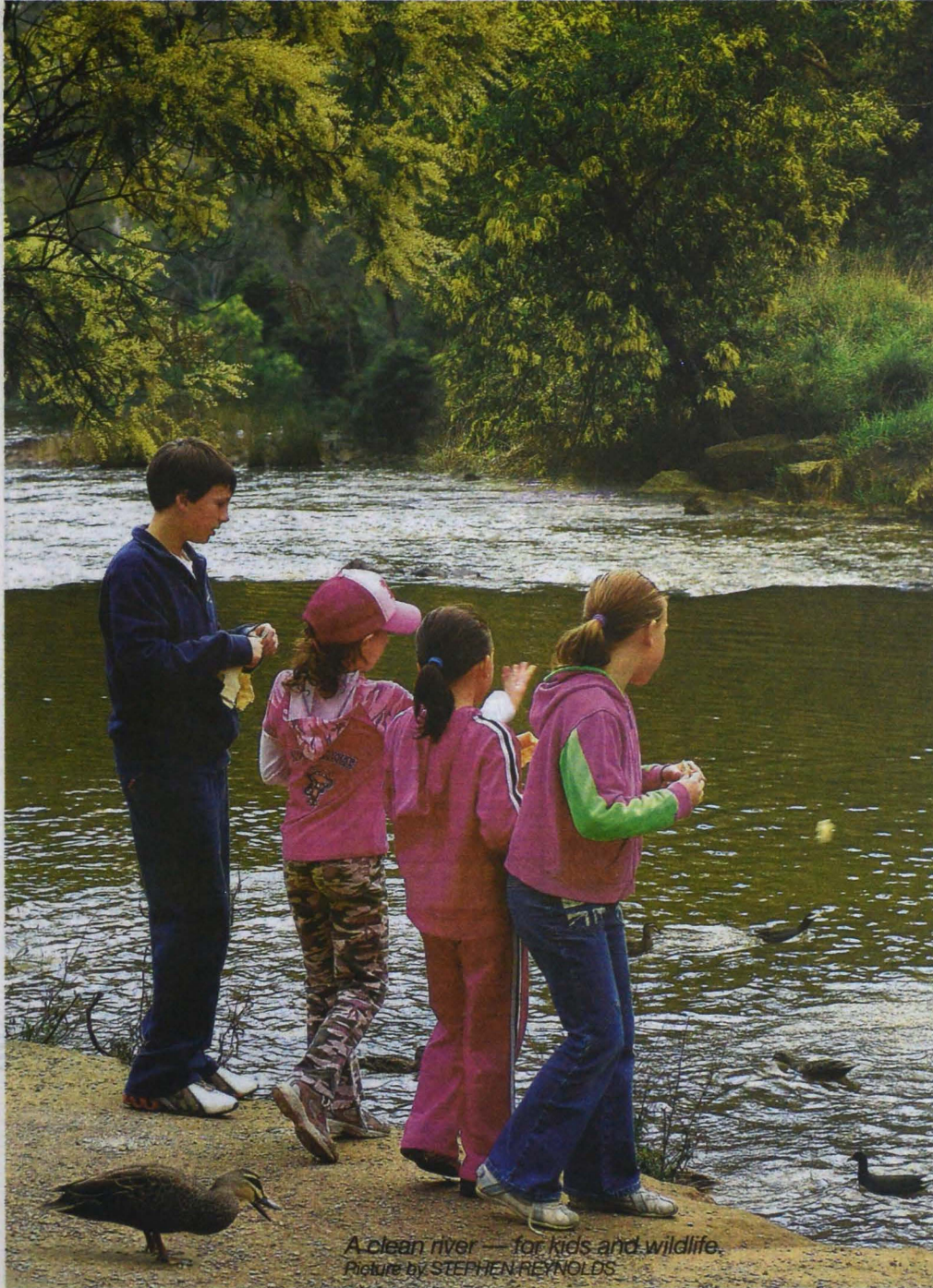


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# Sewerage pledge



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## Libs would spend \$28 million, 'much of it in Warrandyte'

EXCLUSIVE

By EMMA CLARK

A future Liberal state government would spend \$28 million on sewerage in the Yarra Valley, much of it in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards area.

Opposition leader Ted Baillieu made this commitment when he visited Warrandyte late last month in support of Liberal candidate Ryan Smith.

According to Mr Baillieu, the Liberals plan to spend \$51.5 million on "cleaning up and making the Yarra safe for all Victorians".

This would include \$28 million towards reducing the number of stand-alone septic systems, the connection of 18,500 domestic septic tanks that presently flow directly into the Yarra and \$5 million towards supporting riparian vegetation.

Mr Baillieu said that of the \$50.1 million, "quite a lot would end up in Warrandyte, as this is where the real issue is."

"We are putting forward \$28 million for septic, and that is actual budgeted money. We will support the relevant authorities on their septic backlog program and actually make a budget commitment that will allow these authorities to bring forward their programs."

"All the government is offering is rhetoric about decades into the future. It has been spin, spin, spin, not sewer, sewer, sewer; which is what we need," Mr Baillieu said.

"There is also the problem of contamination up this end of the Yarra with the high E.Coli counts."

Connecting septic tanks would reduce leakage and play an enormous

part in improving the levels of E.Coli in the river.

"The objective is about making people safe, and making the river useable for recreation again, and when the river is healthy I'll be the first to swim in it."

Retiring Liberal MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood, has campaigned for many years to have the entire Warrandyte and Park Orchards area sewered.

● The Liberals have announced that if elected, they would scrap the ALP's Melbourne 2030 blueprint. This contains important initiatives to protect green wedges and to "ensure the long-term protection of environmentally significant areas, natural resource-based uses and rural vistas".

The *Diary* was anxious to secure a commitment from Mr Baillieu regarding the future of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge.

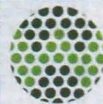
There has been recent speculation about Liberal plans for the green wedges in their counter-initiative to Melbourne 2030, titled Metropolitan Planning: A Plan for All.

Mr Baillieu assured the *Diary* that "there will be no changes to the green wedges".

"The definition of 'green wedges' has expanded to mean all land outside the Urban Growth Boundary and inside the Outer Metropolitan Perimeter. Green wedge land occupies a donut shape around urban Melbourne and comprises some 800,000 hectares.

"We will identify all green wedge land deemed to have high conservation or public interest value and develop a network of public land and high conservation green belts in Green Wedge land for public use and protection.

"This would not affect Warrandyte, but instead have more impact in the south-east and western regions," Mr Baillieu said.



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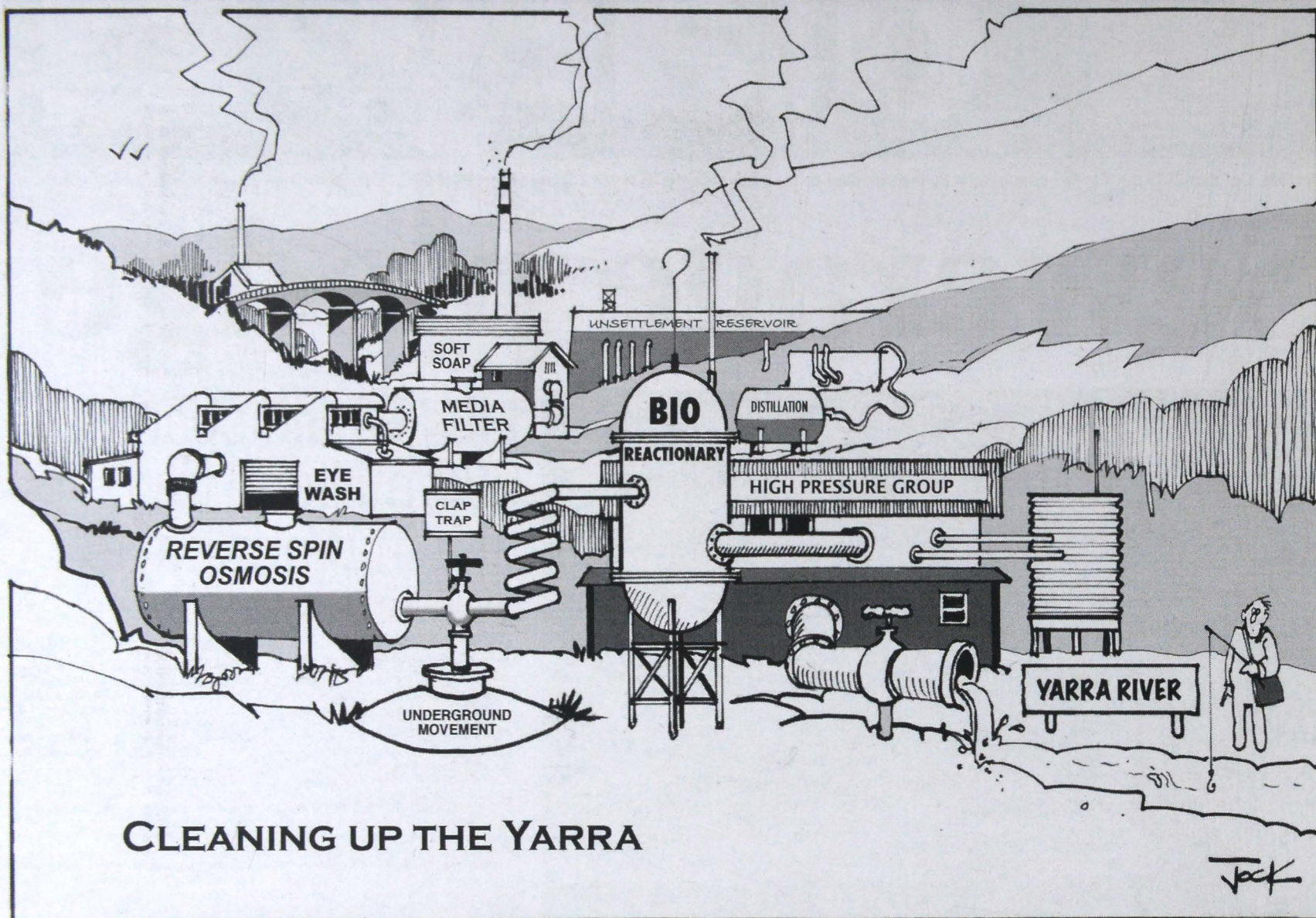
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### THE NIGHT THE STAR WAS THROWN

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



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# Seniors' housing site?

By EMMA CLARK & CLIFF GREEN

A possible site for retirement cluster housing has been located in a road reserve along the north side of Yarra Street opposite Blair Street.

The Crown land reserve, accessed from Yarra Street at the Harris Gully roundabout, is bounded by a service road serving several houses on one side, with a disused bitumen road (obviously the old Yarra Street) through the middle.

The area is grassed, with a number of large trees.

It has been estimated that a cluster of up to 12 cottages could be built on this land—mainly on the site of the old road—with minimum disturbance to the existing environment.

A sub-committee was formed at the recent Warrandyte Community Association retirement forum to pursue the issue of retirement housing in Warrandyte. It comprises Sarah Wrigley, Ivan Fulton, Marjorie Lapworth, Val Polley and David Ellis.

The committee has come up with several possible ideas, and "this looks like the most favourable site," Val Polley, WCA deputy president and sub-committee convenor told the *Diary*.

The preferred land is close to shopping, two medical centres, sporting facilities, the senior citizens centre and bus stops.

"It is early days yet, but we are looking at a number of possible locations. We are defining what we are looking at, as well as what we are looking for.

"This is exciting though, as this piece of land is looking to be the best possibility so far, Ms Polley said."

The sub-committee is focussing on the possibility of several separate clusters of retirement cottages rather than a larger retirement "village". Apart from the unavailability of land for a large complex, many local residents have expressed a wish to remain close to their community, rather than living in separate, old-age "ghettos".

The cluster on the corner of Yarra and Stiggart streets is considered one appropriate model.

The top end of the road reserve is bounded by several acres of privately owned farmland that has long been coveted as a potential site for retirement housing, but despite many approaches to the overseas owner, this land has always been unavailable.

The Crown-owned land has several environmental restrictions, including Significant Wildlife and Wildfire Management overlays. These could create planning issues in the future.

Paul Molan, director of environmental amenity at Manningham council, told the *Diary* that "council will consider

any proposals put forward by the community in the light of existing topographical and other constraints.

"Warrandyte has many planning controls in place which limit the development potential of properties and hence a great deal of consultation with residents and affected authorities will be required as part of the development of any proposal.

"Council is aware that the provision of retirement housing in Warrandyte is an important issue for the community," Mr Molan said.

The state-legislated "dual occupancy ban" in Warrandyte and Park Orchards makes planning difficult, but legitimate retirement housing is exempt from this legislation.

The issue of retirement housing in Warrandyte is of long-standing concern, as many long-term residents are forced to move away from their neighbours, friends and the community when they can no longer manage their larger houses and gardens.

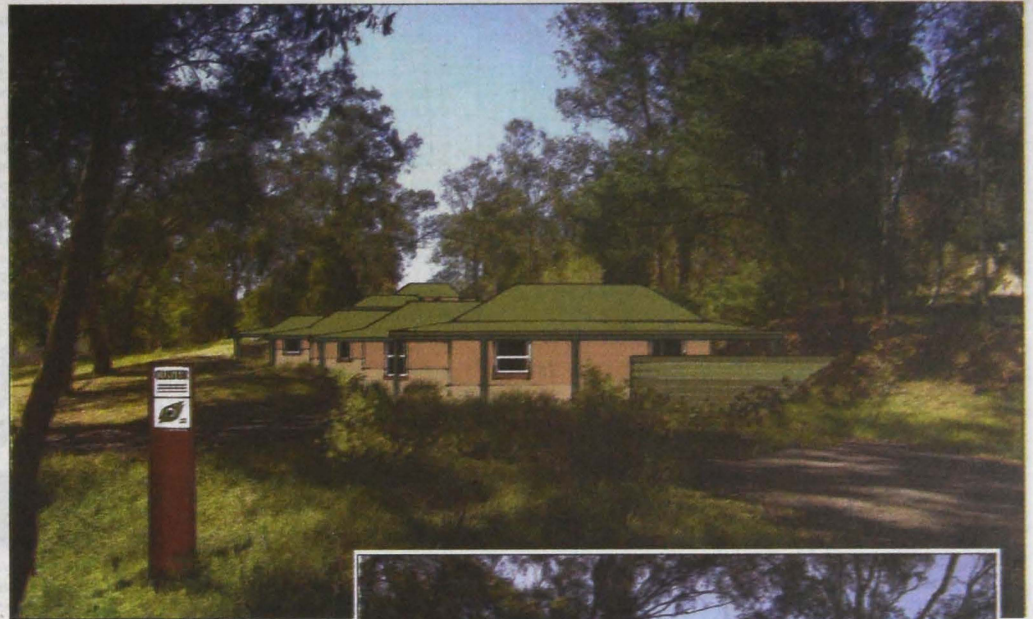
The *Diary* has been reporting on this issue for 30 years.

During the past 10 years, two major proposals for retirement housing have been thwarted.

In 1996 a \$350,000 offer by the old Doncaster and Templestowe council for land purchase was withdrawn when Manningham was created under government amalgamation.

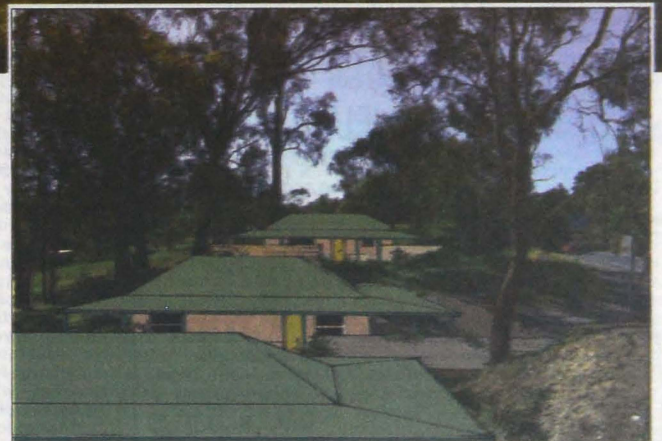
In 2004 an ideal site near St Gerard's Catholic Church was finally approved for the extension of Andersons Creek Cemetery.

The June issue of the *Diary* floated the idea that bushland on the corner of Harris Gully Road and Yarra Street could be used as a possible site for cluster-style retirement housing. This proposal sparked mixed reactions from residents.



Artists' impressions of a proposed retirement housing cluster on a road reserve adjoining Yarra Street. They show how cottages could be built along the site of the old road, resulting in minimal interference with the existing environment.

Digital imaging by Jock Macneish & Stephen Reynolds



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## Having your say

The Warrandyte Community Association is conducting a survey, through the *Diary*, aimed at ascertaining the level of interest in the community for retirement housing. WCA is not necessarily looking, through this survey, for people prepared to serve on committees, etc.

It is simply an appeal to residents to register an interest in such housing. This should not be seen as a future commitment to occupy retirement housing.

The more people who show an interest, the greater the chance of convincing governments—local and state—of the need for such housing.

However, WCA is interested in residents' ideas and opinions on this issue and suggestions as to other land that could be suitable.

"It is very early days yet and we are still exploring all possibilities," Val Polley said. "Any suggestions or opinions will be considered."

# Election lights up Yarra Street crossing

By EMMA CLARK

Community action and a looming state election have caused the government to upgrade the controversial zebra crossing in Yarra Street.

The crossing in front of the Bendigo Bank will be upgraded to a pedestrian-operated crossing next year, under a \$719,000 state government funding boost for the Manningham area.

The package includes \$287,000 towards the crossing

and will include pedestrian-operated traffic lights and kerb ramps to allow easier access for wheelchairs and elderly citizens.

The project is set to be completed by mid-2007.

The local Police and Community Consultative Committee has been campaigning for the crossing to be upgraded since 2002.

"We raised a petition calling for the upgrade in September 2002," PCCC chairman Alan

Alder told the *Diary*.

"We see this as a bit of a red letter day. The PCCC are proud to have been able to contribute to the safety of our community's residents and others."

Jarrod Panther, ALP candidate for Warrandyte, told the *Diary* that this is an example of the "government continuing to provide the highest commitment to benefit the local community".

Manningham council has

applied to VicRoads over a number of years for funding to upgrade the crossing to a fully controlled pedestrian operated signal facility.

The current crossing has flashing "legs" lights and has been of concern to local residents. Pedestrians have been difficult to see at times, especially at night.

The crossing is the only one on Yarra Street where pedestrians can safely cross from the shops on the eastern

side to the river and car park across the road.

A reduced speed limit through the township from 60 to 50 kilometres introduced recently lessened the risk of an accident at the crossing, but it is still considered a dangerous spot for pedestrians.

The funding package also includes \$208,000 for the construction of a new bicycle and walking path along Mullum Creek between Tindals Road and Park Road.

Lidia Argondizzo, state MP for Templestowe Province, announced the funding last week as part of the government's "Meeting Our Transport Challenges" plan, which will invest \$10 billion over 10 years.

"I would like to acknowledge the involvement of the local community in bringing these projects to our attention," Ms Argondizzo said.

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## Is promise 'funny money'?

I note the Liberal Party's media release of Tuesday, September 26: \$900,000 to Fix Traffic Nightmares in Warrandyte. Ted Baillieu and retinue have been pork-barrelling around the eastern suburbs for weeks now, doling out imaginary cash. Finally Warrandyte gets a guernsey (well, sort of).

In fact, the only specific case mentioned is the Knees-Falconer Road intersection in Park Orchards. There is no doubt that the intersection needs attention, especially given the proximity to St Anne's school. Those concerned residents and council officers who have been pursuing this issue for months will be aware that just this (last) week, Manningham council earmarked funding of over \$360,000 to this very project. Thanks Manningham.

As a local road intersection it would not normally be eligible for further supplementary state funding, nor would that be expected by local government. If the (notional) handout is anything more than a hollow gesture the question arises: does Mr Baillieu propose to extend similar expenditure to every problematic local intersection throughout the state?

Even Monopoly money can run out. Perhaps instead of this sort of easy and inconsequential grandstanding, Mr Baillieu might come up with some sound strategies to really benefit Warrandyte, Park Orchards and every other part of Melbourne. How about something to actually reduce the number of cars on our crowded roads, making for safer and more efficient commuting for those who have to drive—while providing an affordable, efficient and reliable alternative for all of us?

You've got it, Ted: a world-class, first-rate public transport system. The Greens have always been for it. We'd love you to have you on board—and bring Steve with you.

David Ellis  
Greens candidate for  
Warrandyte

# Locals worked for crossing lights

The recent announcement that the state government had allocated \$719,000 for road funding projects in Manningham, which included \$287,000 to upgrade an existing zebra crossing to a pedestrian operated crossing on Yarra Street in Warrandyte is a very satisfying outcome to a four-year campaign.

Following a number of complaints to the local Police and Community Consultative committee, we raised a petition calling for the upgrade in September, 2002. Within three weeks we had 387 signatures supporting the concept. This petition was forwarded to the minister for transport and Manningham council mid-October 2002 and was acknowledged. Regular follow-ups to VicRoads through council yielded the usual "under consideration" responses.

The reduction of the speed limit through Warrandyte, also a part PCCC initiative, reduced the incidence of near misses on the crossing only slightly—the girls in the Bendigo Bank with their "bringside" view will confirm that the squeal of brakes and "near misses" are still a regular event—almost anyone you talk to has a pedes-

trian crossing incident to relate—cars driving through, near and actual "tailenders" caused by pedestrians suddenly stepping onto the crossing and so on.

It is easy to pick the locals using the crossing—they will wait until traffic has halted before stepping onto the crossing, although that does not necessarily guarantee safety. It seems to be non-locals who step onto the crossing and hope that they have been seen. Night time is deadly. The crossing, being at the top of a rise in the road from both directions, has drivers looking straight into the headlights of oncoming traffic, making it near impossible to see pedestrians at the crossing in spite of the overhead illumination being upgraded following another PCCC request.

We see this as a bit of a red letter day. Not everyone will be in favour of the upgrade but the PCCC are proud to have been able to effectively contribute to the safety of our community's residents and others.

Alan Alder  
chairman, Warrandyte,  
Park Orchards, Wonga Park PCCC

### dear diary

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### Thanks again

After you printed my letter, a friend of Gael Shannon's contacted her. I have received a letter and several e-mails. Thank you for your help.

Suzanne Scott  
Bradenton, Florida,  
USA

## Support for kids' footy

I am writing to you on behalf of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club to thank Robert White for his tremendous support given to our club during 2006.

Each month, he provided us with excellent coverage of our activities.

I personally am very appreciative of this.

I believe this season we have had unprecedented exposure within the community paper. I only receive really positive feedback from the parents as to these monthly articles.

On a personal note, I have really appreciated how Robert responded to the challenge of keeping the sports coverage up to its normal standards. I think he has done a marvelous job.

Our club thanks Robert for what he has done this year and we look forward to working with him in 2007.

Dennis J. Hoiberg  
president, Warrandyte  
Junior Football Club

### Special thanks

I just wanted to thank you all for publishing the obituary for my Dad, Jack Stringer, in September's issue. It was a wonderful tribute to him and I'm grateful that his story was told.

The *Diary* truly is a wonderful local paper. But without all your hard work it would never happen. Thanks to you all once again and I look forward to seeing you all really soon.

Jo Pearson  
Mitchell Avenue

### Vines ruined

I agree with Jean Chapman's letter in the September *Diary* about the Wonga vines at the community centre. Alas Jean, the vines haven't been pruned but removed! Who did this and why? Local environment groups are actively encouraging residents to plant indigenous and it's a blow to have these well-established native vines in the centre of our village taken out. Too untidy for some?

Gay Harris (by email)

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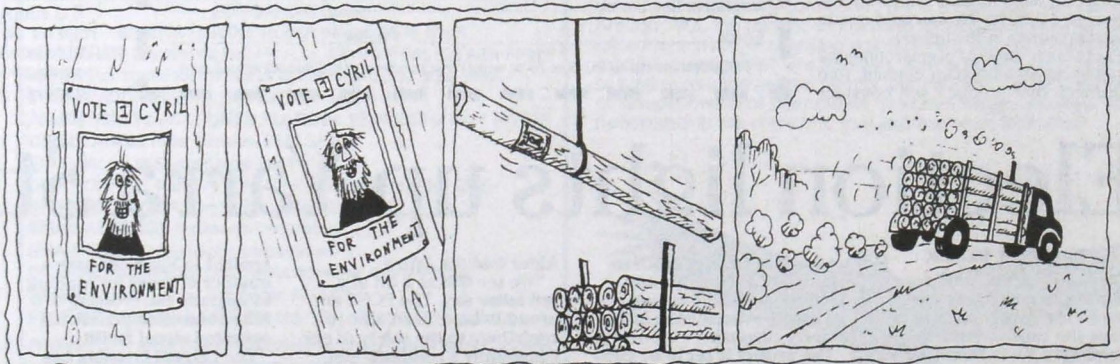


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# Conserving the future (and wine) in Warrandyte

VAL POLLEY has been active in the preservation of Warrandyte as a special place for almost 40 years. Here she tracks the ongoing story of our very own conservation battles.

CONSERVATION—it's a term we all understand and are quite conversant with today and yet it wasn't always so. Back in the 1960s Warrandyte was a much smaller, quieter township than the one we know today. Then the Golden Gate milk bar was the only West End store, the old post office was the post office. Mr Gedge owned the chemist shop (and closed for lunch), Mr Mathews was the butcher, Norma and Keith Webb ran the small central supermarket and Potter's Cottage sold pottery! Milk was still home-delivered and our metal rubbish bins were emptied weekly. Warrandyte was a small rural outpost on the outer edge of a metropolitan city and we all loved it like that.

Back then Warrandyte south of the river was part of the new City of Doncaster and Templestowe. As such it fell under the auspices of the Doncaster and Templestowe Tree Preservation Society which was the major source of conservation effort and together with local residents it put a great deal of exertion and energy into the Warrandyte area.

Without the rubbish collections and restrictions that exist today, Warrandyte then provided a major target for dumpers. There were lots of Crown land reserves (under a range of committees of management), mine shafts and an open track network providing easy access for those disposing of building and garden rubbish, unwanted pets, old cars and other discarded items.

Together with tree planting activities, the society organised a number of rubbish removal workdays, removing tons of rubbish, including a number of car bodies, from the various reserves. It was astounding to see the amount of rubbish that could be collected from one area in just one day.

By the late 1960s however, it was becoming all too obvious that Warrandyte was facing new threats and

challenges. Melbourne's urban sprawl was beginning to push eastwards and developers began seriously eyeing land in and about the township. Following proposals to develop some Crown land reserves; including a plan for a golf course, a group of residents and organisations came up with a proposal to place all the Crown Land reserves into a State Park. The proposal was published in 1969 and received enthusiastic community support although it took another decade and an enlightened premier, (Rupert Hamer), before it became a reality.

But still proposals for development in the township kept surfacing and in 1971 when bulldozers were busy and yet more subdivisions were being approved, many local residents had had enough. They wrote to the *Diary* asking "When will all the trees be gone?" In no uncertain terms they expressed their concerns about the clearing of bushland and the destruction of the Warrandyte they knew and loved.

"Bulldozers—or birds?" demanded the *Diary* in its front page headline and in true Warrandyte style invited the community to attend a public meeting to discuss the issue. The result was a packed Mechanics Institute and the formation of the Warrandyte Environment League (WEL) that was to become a major institution in the town over the next two decades or so.

The new committee immediately found itself in the middle of significant planning matters. The Board of Works (MMBW) had released its new planning scheme which required a great deal of work from the members and a steep learning curve! In addition there were a number of critical environmental issues, in particular, development pressures and the lack of such infrastructure as roads, drainage, sewerage and public transport. WEL threw itself into the fray with enthusiasm and soon became a force to be reckoned with. Local councils, state and federal politicians were all

made aware that here was a group that was informed, articulate and committed to the conservation of Warrandyte. It was a time when there was an unprecedented interest in conservation and governments at all levels began to take note.

WEL's logo was a highly symbolic design. The leaf shape signified Warrandyte, the central vein denoted the river (in a "w" wave) separating north and south. When the committee found itself at odds with councillors who did not want to deal with ratepayers from the "wrong" side of the river, the logo became a powerful symbol of the "One Warrandyte" campaign and appeared on T-shirts throughout the township. Early WEL stood candidates for council, fought against the Yarra Brae dam, proposed alternatives for the layout of the recreation reserve and Yarra Street parking which were accepted, fought against poor subdivisions, gaining better drainage and sewerage outcomes, pressed for a cleaner Yarra River and generally took part in all manner of issues, engaging federal and state politicians and local councillors in debate.

It was fun as well. At one point WEL needed to raise funds in order to carry out its work. It was decided a wine bottling was the go, good, cheap wine being hard to find at that time. Keith Webb promised to source some excellent wine, bottles were duly hoarded and one fine weekend all gathered and a production line established. Many dozens of bottles later WEL was distributing its Conservation Claret, which was enthusiastically received. This success led to a second bottling with a doubling in output. Initially the bottling proceeded enthusiastically. Then the bottles ran out so more had to be garnered, then time ran out. By the time all wine was eventually bottled the committee (and partners) could barely face drinking it! Nor was all this output sold, so the surplus

was stored (and forgotten). A surprise came some time later when an enquiry was received as to whether any Conservation Claret remained. It did and had aged beautifully so was highly sought after.

Over the decades WEL, under various presidents and committees, continued to maintain its conservation brief as well as proposing a number of new initiatives. In 1975 it held a historical exhibition and saw the formation of the historical society. Also in 1975 it conducted a survey, together with the Uniting Church. This provided benchmark data on why residents chose to live in Warrandyte and their aspirations. WEL fought for the Koorong, Professor's Hill, and the Chase in North Warrandyte and lobbied continuously for the formation of the State Park, protection of the Green Wedge and on Yarra River issues.

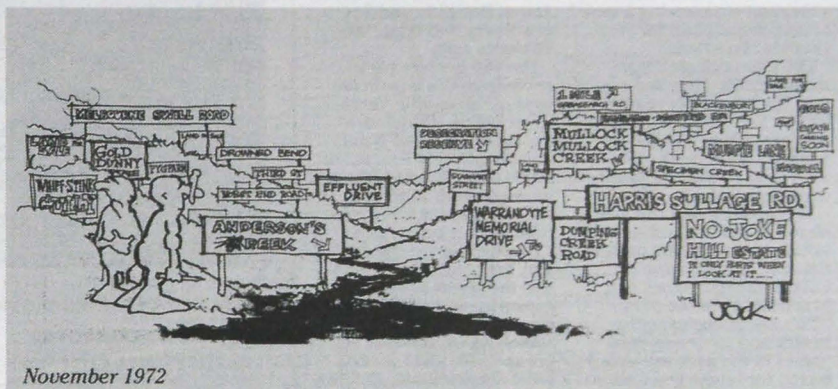
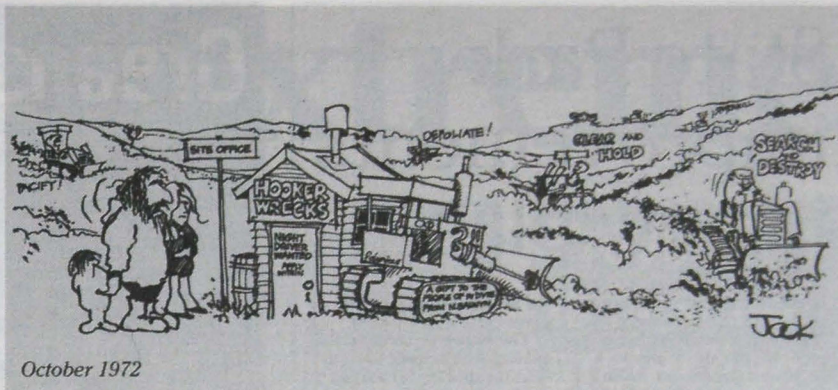
The iconic "This is Warrandyte" Festival was started by WEL in 1977. It was conceived to increase local awareness of Warrandyte's unique environment and to show visitors how Warrandyte makes use of its surroundings. So nearly a disaster because of a petrol strike, the inaugural festival turned into a triumph with everyone walking to the events to support the festival. The festival has gone from strength to strength over the years, still drawing huge crowds.

In 1980 WEL proposed the Getson property, at the corner of Webb and Yarra streets, should be purchased for Warrandyte. From there plans were developed for a community centre resulting in the current building. However WEL's influence was beginning to wane due to the formation of other lobby groups within the town. The Warrandyte Advisory Committee (WAC) had been formed in 1978 in response to pressure from community groups for better liaison with the two councils. It tackled wide ranging issues of local concern, not just those concerning the environment. Friends

of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) was formed in 1982 and was primarily engaged in practical activities in the park. This attracted many residents who wanted a more "hands-on" approach to conservation matters. The Post Office Preservation Group was formed to save and restore that building which, after many problems, including fire and funding difficulties, finally re-opened in 1987. Government at all levels had responded over time to environmental and conservation concerns and now had ministers and departments dedicated to the issues. Without major challenges and with diminished support for WEL it was decided to wind up the organisation and allow others to carry the work forward. However WEL was hugely influential for its time and rightfully deserves its place in the township's history.

As is so often the case, events have turned full circle. WAC was wound up when local councils were amalgamated. FOWSP became more focused on internal state park issues. When the management of the Warrandyte Community Centre became an issue, a specific supporters group was formed.

Within two years however, it became apparent that there were many new concerns and threats facing the township that no existing group was able to address. Following articles in the *Diary*, another packed public meeting led to the formation of the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) whose objectives are: promoting community life in Warrandyte; defending its character and heritage; protecting the environment and the Green Wedge and promoting sporting, educational, recreational and cultural activities. WCA has inherited the mantle of WEL and WAC, and with the support of the community will continue to uphold conservation and planning ideals to the ultimate benefit of the township and its residents.



## State Park improvements in new plan

Horse-riding and mountain biking are to continue in Warrandyte State Park, according to the minister for the environment, John Thwaites.

This was revealed in a statement announcing a new management plan for Warrandyte State Park.

The plan, released last month by Mr Thwaites and Yan Yean MP Danielle Green, includes details of new and improved visitor facilities at the park and improved habitat for indigenous species.

Mr Thwaites said the plan aimed to strike a sustainable balance between the protection and conservation of environmental values and practical use of the park.

"It's about ensuring the health and environmental values of the park are protected for future generations to enjoy while allowing the continuation of popular activities such as mountain biking and horse-riding," Mr Thwaites said.

"Additional walking tracks and signs, and new visitor facilities detailed in the plan will provide new opportunities for the public to appreciate the natural landscape and cultural heritage of Warrandyte State Park.

"The plan also includes conservation initiatives, for example, introducing special protection measures to enhance the diversity of faunal habitats such as riparian woodland and forest, dry foothills woodland and

the areas abutting the Yarra River.

"The improvements to the habitat will benefit various wildlife species including the Brush-tailed Phascogale, Powerful Owl, Yellow-spot Jewell Butterfly and Southern Warty Bell Frog," Mr Thwaites said.

The 680 hectare park encompasses a significant area of the middle Yarra River valley. It includes the areas of Pound Bend, Jumping Creek, Fourth Hill, Stane Brae, Mount Lofty and numerous other areas near the Yarra River from Warrandyte to Wonga Park.

Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, said the new plan was the result of extensive consultation with the local community, Indigenous stakeholders, interest groups and other government agencies over the last four years.

"The new management plan replaces the existing 1990 plan for the area. Additions to the park, a greater knowledge of natural and cultural values and increased visitor and neighbour pressures have warranted a review and the preparation of this new plan.

"I thank the individuals and organisations who provided submissions on the draft management plan and look forward to the community's ongoing support for, and participation in, the future management of this park," Ms Green said.

## Greens champion a clean river



Riverwatchers: Greens Bill Pemberton, David Ellis, Senator Kerry Nettle and (rear) Chris Gymer enjoy the Yarra at Warrandyte. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

By SANDY BURGOYNE

A healthy Yarra River flows through the Greens campaign for Warrandyte.

This was emphasised when David Ellis, Greens candidate for Warrandyte, brought a coterie of Greens colleagues here earlier this month.

They underlined the importance the party places on a healthy river system. Federal senator Kerry Nettle, Bill Pemberton (candidate for the upper house Eastern Metropolitan Region) and Chris Gymer (candidate for Doncaster) accompanied Mr Ellis to the banks of the Yarra River.

"A healthy river brings a healthy community," Mr Ellis said. "Whether it's dad and the family going fishing or whether it's going for a swim—rivers bring people together."

However, although the Yarra flows at a reasonable level now, the river faces challenges in the future. "We've had four months with seriously below average rainfall. That is quite extraordinary. We are going to have to decide on some hard measures to preserve the Yarra," he said. Mr Ellis claimed that logging in the highland catchments that feed the Yarra is in part responsible for a lack of water flowing to the river. After clear-fell logging the regrowth of vegetation, both native and exotic, absorbs the water and reduces run off. He quoted Department of Sustainability and Environment figures as showing that run-off water to catchments from logged areas is still greatly reduced 30 years later.

Senator Nettle agreed. "Stopping the logging in the catch-

ment of the Yarra would have a significant impact on the health of the Yarra and ensure that we continue to have the water flows into the Yarra," she said.

David Ellis also drew attention to the quality of run-off water from the Warrandyte district.

"The septic (tank) belongs to the 19th century and we can't afford that in the 21st," he said. "The Greens have a policy to encourage alternatives. For example complete bio-digestible systems that are indeed available here in Warrandyte. There are also composting toilets—there are a number of sensible solutions. The septic is really old technology that has got to be phased out and quickly. Partly we will be looking to sewer areas that haven't previously been sewered. Where it's not practical to do that we

are looking at alternatives to the septic," he said.

Mr Ellis believes that if he is elected in the November election he will be a genuine voice for Warrandyte.

"The Greens have got a range of very exciting policies across a number of issues," he said.

"I feel that an independently-minded member of a minor party, not bound to some of the major constraints of the major parties and not following the dictates of the heavyweights, can come up with imaginative ideas in a way that a backbencher, for Liberal or Labor, is not free to do."

Senator Nettle added, "When you are in safe seats you can be taken for granted, so there is value in having someone different, as an alternative (to a major party)."



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Dr David Tacey is Associate Professor in the School of Critical Enquiry, La Trobe University, Melbourne. He teaches courses on spirituality, analytical psychology and literary studies. He is the author of eight books, including "The Spirituality Revolution: The Emergence of Contemporary Spirituality" (Sydney, 2003); and "ReEnchantment: The New Australian Spirituality" (Sydney 2000). His most recent books are "How to Read Jung" (2006), and "The Idea of the Numinous" (2006). His main research topic is the recovery of meaning in the contemporary world, an interest that takes him into several fields of knowledge.

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# Fire danger extreme

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte and surrounds are facing an extreme fire danger period.

"After one of the driest winters and the hottest September on record our forests are poised to ignite," Jeff Adair, CFA Yarra Area community safety manager told the *Diary*.

"Forest fuel conditions are crisp, when normally they should be lush with growth. Our water catchments are perilously low and stream flows are slowing to a trickle.

"This all adds to a potentially disastrous and life-threatening season," Mr Adair said.

The Bureau of Meteorology is telling us that the summer fire season outlook is far above normal temperatures, both daytime and overnight with higher than normal maximum temperatures across Victoria.

According to the bureau, there is a possibility of an El Nino event occurring prior to Christmas. This means the season will be drier and warmer and will worsen an already serious situation.

Should spring rain fail to come, we can expect forest fire intensity to be extreme, with rapid rates of spread and intense and unpredictable fire behaviour.

"CFA urges all residents to ensure that early preparation and planning is completed at the earliest possibility," Mr Adair said.

"Every year we have a potential for fire, however this year the threat is monumental.

"Locals cannot afford to be complacent and delay their planning, fuel reduction and the security of their homes, pets and loved ones."

CFA has stressed that, should fire occur in the area, traffic will become chaotic very quickly and there is every likelihood that traffic management points will be established by Victoria Police to ensure priority will be given to CFA trucks and other emergency vehicles.

"Every Warrandyte person needs to seriously reconsider their arrangements in the event of fire," Mr Adair said. "To expect to be able to return to the area during a fire may not be



possible."

The decision to establish traffic management points will be made on the day by CFA and Victoria Police and will occur quickly and decisively.

"Locals should be prepared to have to wait until the fire is contained before they can return home," Mr Adair said.

"This scenario underlines the importance of considering your options and making an early and informed decision as to stay and defend, or leave before a fire starts."

Many residents will want to stay and protect their property.

"It important for the community to

understand that it is a relatively safe and worthwhile option for residents to stay and defend their home during a wildfire," Mr Adair said.

This will apply if:

- They are physically able and mentally prepared to defend;
- They have a well-prepared home, with adequate, defensible space.

However, not all people have the desire or capacity to stay with their home. It is a safe and sensible option for residents to leave the area well before fire threatens:

- If they do not have the physical capacity and psychological readiness

to actively defend their house and will not be supported by others in the household.

● If the house is likely to be subject to excessive amounts of radiant heat and direct flame contact due to heavy fuel loads very close to the house.

"Early indicators tell us that this season could be the longest, hottest and most severe summer fire period in Warrandyte's history," Mr Adair said. "We have all chosen to live in this place, despite the difficulties and risks. It is the responsibility of everyone to do everything possible to make it as safe as possible."

## Prevention is best fire protection



- Reduce fuel around the home—long grass, leaves and twigs should be removed.
- Make sure under the home is clear of combustible material.
- Move firewood away from the walls of your home.
- Cover vents and crevices with fine wire to prevent sparks and embers entering.
- Gutters should be cleaned.
- Ensure access to adequate static water supplies.
- Check and have your firefighting equipment serviced.
- Most importantly—make sure you have a practical bushfire plan in place. Decide whether you will stay and protect or leave early. Consider who will be home and when. More than one plan may be needed to cover different scenarios.

● For further fire information updates, residents are urged to tune in to local radio, especially ABC Radio 774, the emergency services broadcaster, or call the Victorian bushfire information line on 1800 240 667.

● Anyone interested in joining the CFA as a volunteer can contact the volunteer hotline on 1800 232 636.

## 'Cool burn' code puts people first

The state government has issued a new code for the management of fire on public land, calling on public and private landholders to work together.

The code "places emphasis on the protection of human life, property, assets and environmental values and will provide a strong basis for fire management in the state's parks and forests for the next 10 years," environment minister John Thwaites said.

"The code will also ensure lo-

cal community knowledge will be actively sought and used to inform fire management decisions." The new code follows widespread community and media criticism of departmental so-called "cool burn" fuel reduction programs, several of which have escaped controls and resulted in disastrous wildfires.

"We know that the suppression of bushfires and the management of fuel reduction burns and other forms of prescribed burning works best when public

and private landholders work together," Mr Thwaites said.

He said community engagement was explicitly written into the code to improve information flow to the community during fire incidents and at other times.

"The code stipulates that we will seek and use local knowledge during incidents and the planning of activities. It also reflects our intention to increase transparency of the DSE's processes and objectives."

## Green waste vouchers for bushfire clean-ups

Residents in Manningham are again being offered a free service to assist with the disposal of waste from garden and property clean-ups to reduce fire risk.

The council is urging residents to start preparing their properties for the fire danger period by reducing sources of fuel such as tree branches and green waste.

"The fire danger period for summer 2006/2007 is fast approaching and as a consequence the Manningham area faces a substantial threat this summer," a council spokesperson said.

Council is assisting residents within fire prone areas to engage in fuel reduction by offering a free

disposal service each Sunday for a period of six weeks prior to the fire danger period.

Council has identified a priority risk to residents living within Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Wonga Park, Park Orchards and Donvale areas. To minimise the impact of an uncontrolled fire, residents are eligible for free vouchers to dispose of green or dry clean wood and branches to a maximum of 100mm diameter. Only clean green waste will be accepted.

"Residents should check the requirements of the Manningham planning scheme if they are unaware of the provisions relating

to a tree pruning in their area," the spokesperson said.

Waste can be disposed of at the Garden Waste Recycle Centre, corner of Blackburn and Websters roads, with entry via the Websters Road entrance. (Melway 34 D2).

Contaminated and mixed loads of waste will not be accepted at the centre.

This free service will only operate between 9am and 3pm, Sunday, November 12 until Sunday, December 17.

Vouchers can only be obtained from the council health and local laws unit on 9840 9333 or by attending the council customer service desk.



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## Traffic diversion in fire situation

During a future significant fire situation—or any other major emergency—people who want to cross the bridge towards the firefront, enter, or maybe escape from areas close to the fire, will be sent to an emergency relief centre.

These centres will be located at Domeney Reserve and St Anne's primary school in Park Orchards, Whitefriars College in Donvale and the Ted Ajani Reserve in Lower Templestowe.

Red Cross will register everyone arriving at these centres.

Police will be present and will be in contact with the emergency control centre.

People will be kept informed about the progress of the emergency and when it is safe to go home.

Such information will come from the CFA and only with their expert knowledge will people be sent back to defend their homes against ember attack.

The firefront will have passed at this stage, so no one will be sent into a raging inferno.

It may be possible for people waiting at an emergency relief centre to pass on information of a situation at their home that might be concerning them; the presence of pets, for example.

People returning to their homes should be adequately prepared and equipped and wearing appropriate clothing. If people are properly prepared they might be able to return within an hour. The police will be keen to get people back to their homes as soon as it is safe.

Traffic from outside, wishing to come through Warrandyte during an emergency, will be dealt with at traffic diversion points.

Initially, these would be established at Jumping Creek Road, Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, the bridge, Harris Gully Road, Tindals Road and Pound Road.



### MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL IS ASSISTING RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON

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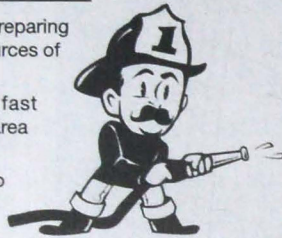
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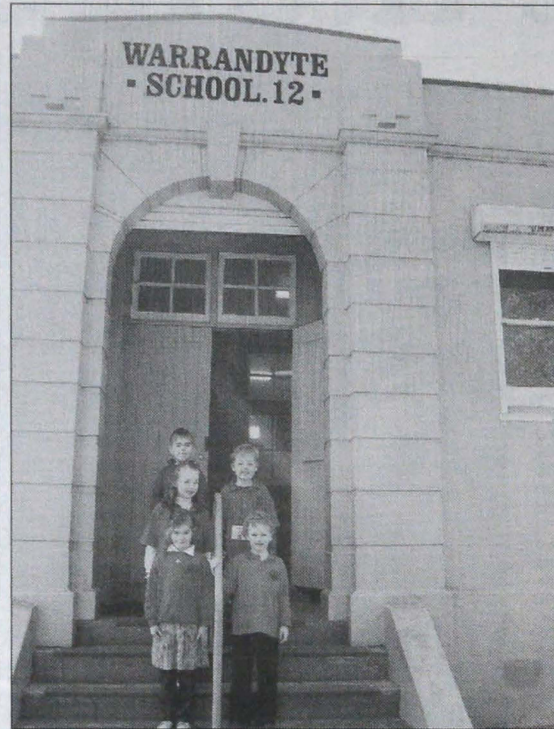
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# What's in a name?



Now Ella, Joseph, Mia, Kye and Cameron—all Preps—know exactly where they are.

The name on the front of Warrandyte Primary School's original building has been restored.

The building, crafted in stone for the children of miners and other townfolk in 1863, had long lost its name.

"Over time the lettering has fallen off, vanished," principal Gill Binger said. "It has been the dream of ex-students to see this school building restored to its former glory."

Various government organisations, including Heritage Victoria, have been approached, but funding was refused.

"Now, thanks to Margory Lapworth and the Warrandyte Market Committee the school name has been replaced in its original format."

The school has also received funds from Warrandyte Lions to assist the further restoration of the building. "New finials were installed during the recent school holidays," Ms Binger said.

The school is holding a "back to the old days" event to celebrate the restoration of this important Warrandyte landmark on Friday, October 20. Activities will start at 9.15am, with official celebration at 10.45am.

Parents and past students are welcome to attend. More information from Doreen or Gill on 9844 3537.



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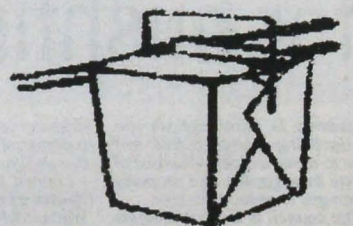
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# Very little for us in transport survey

Warrandyte Community Association has expressed its disappointment that the state government's recently released north-east integrated transport strategy contained "nothing for Warrandyte".

Although the report was welcomed by Manningham council, WCA claims "there is nothing in the NEITS for the residents of Warrandyte with regards to any improvements in bus service."

"In addition, there are no plans in NEITS for improved bike paths in or near Warrandyte."

"Needless to say, WCA is very disappointed that NEITS contains no initiatives with direct benefit to the residents of either Warrandyte or North Warrandyte."

WCA has been actively involved in investigating the problems and potential solutions to transport issues for the Warrandyte community for several years.

A successful traffic forum was held in December 2004 with more than 100 residents attending and making comments to representatives from the Manningham and Nillumbik councils and VicRoads.

"Traffic congestion in Warrandyte is becoming a serious issue," the WCA submission states.

"In addition, the community is very concerned about the sustainability of our transport system. While many residents would like to leave their cars at home in line with state government encouragement, the very limited walking, cycling and public transport options make this unrealistic for the vast majority of Warrandyte residents."

A number of North Warrandyte commuters take the train from Eltham and WCA believes "NEITS contains some positive initiatives with regards to the Hurstbridge train line, namely duplication of the single track west of Westgarth."

WCA also welcomes the con-

struction of bike lockers at Eltham station. "However, due to lack of a bike lane or sufficiently wide roads from Warrandyte to Research, it is doubtful if many residents would risk trying to ride from Warrandyte to the Eltham railway station on a regular basis."

With regard to bus travel, WCA points out that Warrandyte is served by two companies. The infrequency of both services, "make connection between the two bus companies' schedules oftentimes awkward and impractical".

National serves Warrandyte with buses to The Pines, Ringwood station and to the Melbourne CBD via Doncaster. Buses run each 20 minutes during weekday peak, 30 minutes weekday off-peak, hourly on Saturdays and every two hours on Sunday.

However issues of overcrowding and a desperately slow journey to the CBD "could be resolved by adding two or three express bus services daily, particularly during morning and afternoon peaks".

"Issues in North Warrandyte are entirely different," WCA claims. "Unlike the bus service south of the river, Panorama bus frequencies in North Warrandyte—even in peak hours—are pathetic by any standard."

The service to Eltham via Kangaroo Ground Road runs hourly during morning peak, none during the afternoon peak, every two hours during weekday off-peak until 5pm, approximately every 80 minutes on Saturday, with no service on Sunday.

Buses to Eltham via Research Road run to the same schedule as above, except there are hourly buses during the weekday afternoon peak.

Due to the difficulties of connecting with trains to or from Eltham, "North Warrandyte commuters wishing to 'Travel smart' and leave their cars at home, commuting options



are either very infrequent or non-existent—even during peak hours."

WCA has requested "that the state government should fund at least two bus services for North Warrandyte commuters during the peak morning and afternoon periods and should connect to express trains. In addition, at least hourly bus services should be provided seven days a week as a reasonable transport alternative."

The association states that the Warrandyte community is appreciative of the bus service provided to Warrandyte Primary School children living in North Warrandyte, more than 4km from the school, but requests that a similar service be provided for children attending Andersons Creek Primary School. This would "reduce car trips, air pollution and traffic congestion," especially at the "heavily congested" Warrandyte bridge.

WCA notes there are no plans

in the strategy for bike lanes in or near Warrandyte. A proposed bike path route is shown, but this is given no "priority to complete".

The existing bike and walking path along the Yarra from Taroona Avenue, eastward to the Warrandyte bridge, has not been included in the strategy.

Manningham has a long-range plan to connect this path to the Yarra River-Mullum Mullum Creek trail that crosses Warrandyte Road near Beasley's nursery.

WCA believes "such a connecting path or bike lane could be planned to pass Warrandyte High School, providing students with a safe route to travel to and from Warrandyte township".

A network of safe bike lanes and walking paths around Warrandyte would help achieve several government aims, including: increasing sustainable transport, reducing air pollution, combating childhood obesity and improving safety.

## Phil's farewell: last Green Wedge shot

By CLIFF GREEN

The Warrandyte community came in for glowing praise when retiring MP Phil Honeywood made his final speech to parliament earlier this month.

"My electorate has educated me," Mr Honeywood said. "I was no environmentalist before I became MP for Warrandyte, but I was very fortunate."

"Unfortunately for Lou Hill, who was the hardworking (Labor) member at the time, there was a dual-occupancy-as-of-right policy across metropolitan Melbourne and I won that election on the back of the fact that my electorate wanted no dual occupancy, and we have retained that."

"They wanted their precious Green Wedge kept as well, so there is no subdivision below 20 acres. I am proud to say my greatest

achievement in my electorate was to have changed nothing," Mr Honeywood said.

True to form, Mr Honeywood could not resist one last crack at the Green Wedge.

He raised concerns in his speech that hidden in the upcoming water legislation was provision to rezone Green Wedge land in Werribee for a marina and new residential development.

"At the time they put their Green Wedge legislation through parliament, which we Liberals supported, Labor claimed that all Green Wedge land would be excluded forever."

"However, now with the Chinese nursing home (on the borders of) Warrandyte, their legislation may not be worth the paper it is written on," Mr Honeywood told parliament.

He listed some of his major achievements as provision of a basketball stadium at Andersons Creek Primary School, inclusion of Mount Lofty and Scotchmans Hill in Warrandyte State Park, funding the gold interpretive trail in the park and banning the walking of dogs in sensitive areas of the park.

Mr Honeywood strongly encouraged the formation of the Warrandyte Community Association. "I feel vindicated that the wider community is taking up my campaign for local sewerage connection and improving the health of the Yarra River."

It is understood Phil Honeywood will be taking up a position in international education. He has also promised to pursue a voluntary role, helping to coordinate the campaign for retirement housing in Warrandyte.

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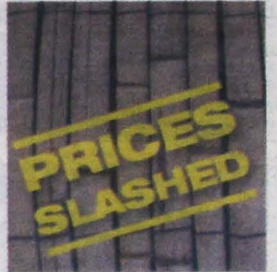
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## Brownies seek new leaders

Warrandyte Brownie Guides are facing a leadership crisis. The current leaders are retiring at the end of 2006.

"If no replacements are found soon, the Brownies will have to fold," a spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"Brownies provides fantastic opportunities for young girls to meet personal challenges, learn leadership skills, make new friends and have fun."

Guides Victoria provides leadership and first-aid training for prospective leaders. "The training is practical and has an emphasis on fun," the spokesperson said. Leader positions are open to women aged 18 or over.

Warrandyte Brownies currently consists of "15 delightful, enthusiastic girls ranging from age 7 to 11". The group meets weekly at the Warrandyte Uniting Church hall in Taroona Avenue.

Anyone interested can contact the current leaders: Jill on 9844 0180, Jenny on 9844 4542 and Gill on 9844 1156.



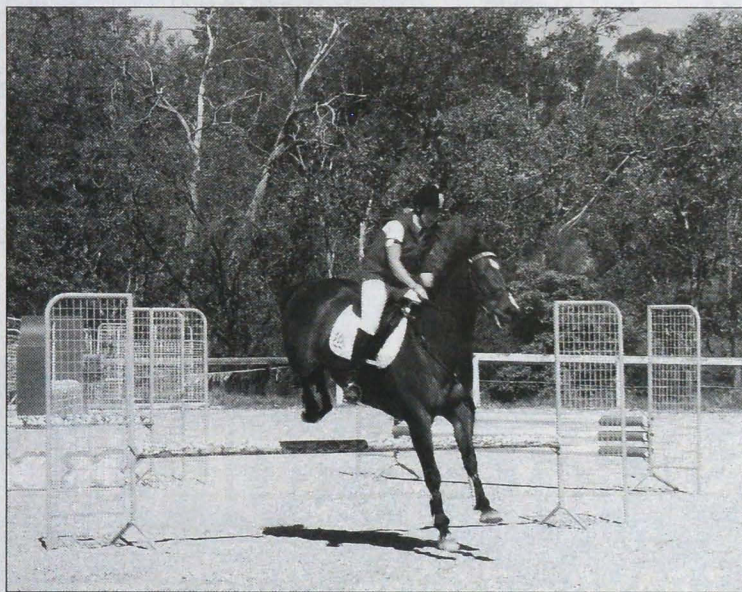
Cycling is a popular activity with Warrandyte's Brownies.

## Horse riders show off their skills, courage



Leah Simmons, a member of Wyena Horse and Pony Club in South Warrandyte, received the Pony Club Association of Victoria Award of Merit. This was presented at Wyena by Jim Page, the president of the Northern Metropolitan Zone (pictured above).

Leah is president of the junior committee at Wyena and received this award in recognition of her work within the pony club where she organises rallies, events and fund-raisers and devotes many hours encouraging the development of the younger members' riding skills.



Sixty riders from around Victoria joined members of the Wyena Adult Riding Club at the pony club grounds in South Warrandyte for the club's combined training competition earlier this month.

Events were won by Nicola Reynoldson, Glen Dear, Benita McDonough, Barb Wal, Helen Cocks, Tara McLeod and Jodie Dowie.

Riders and spectators were treated to a display of synchronised riding to music by Quadrille Australia. "This style of riding was first performed in Europe by cavalry on parade during the 17th century," club spokesperson Ron Garrett told the *Diary*.

*Sherry Morley shows good style riding Stage Lighting over the showjumping course at Wyena Adult Riding Club.*

There is an estimated 700 riders in Manningham and about 100 ride at the pony club grounds in South Warrandyte. "Adult riding club competitions and trail rides attract riders from as far as Albury," Dr Garrett said. "The main rallies are held on the first Saturday of each month and new members are welcome. Our oldest rider is nearly 70."

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## More water for our river

The state government is returning 20 billion litres in environmental flows to the Yarra River.

"This proposal for the Yarra is in addition to a comprehensive program of wetlands works, stormwater treatment, litter traps and sewerage upgrades," water minister John Thwaites told the *Diary* in a statement issued through Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean.

This promise follows legislation earlier this year strengthening the Yarra's status as a "heritage river", and the government's declaration that no more dams will be built on the Yarra.

"Environmental works and environmental water flows are helping restore and maintain the health of Victoria's rivers for future generations," Mr Thwaites said.

"Rivers are the lifeblood of Victoria, providing vital water for our homes, towns, farms and businesses, but one third of our rivers are in poor condition," Mr Thwaites said.

"The government has legislated to provide a legal entitlement for river environmental flows."

Mr Thwaites said stressed rivers throughout Victoria were receiving additional environmental flows to safeguard their health.



## Weather alert

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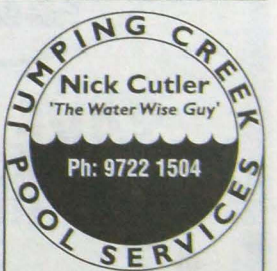
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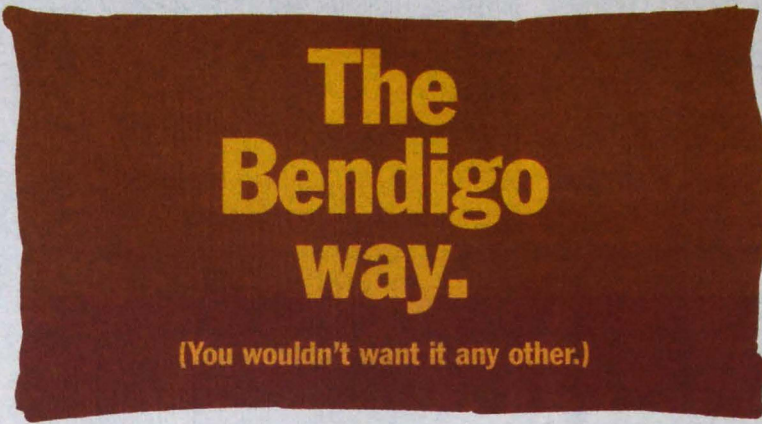
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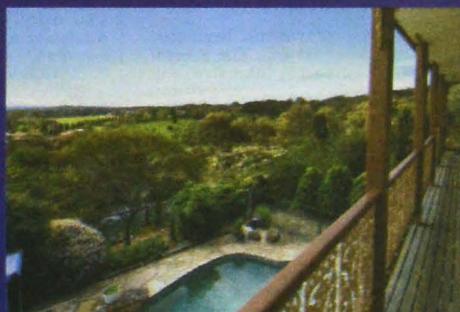
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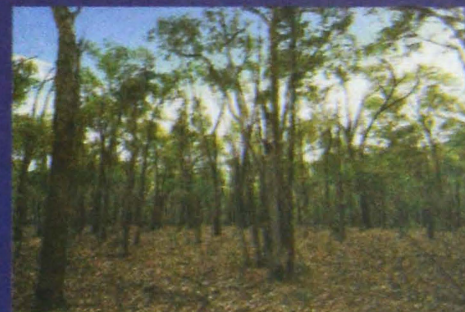
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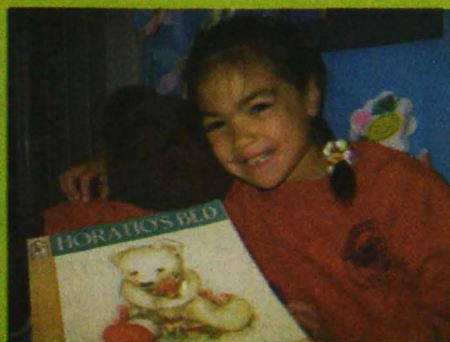


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# Festival needs your support

**A bumper evening to raise funds for the 2007 Warrandyte Festival will be held in the Andersons Creek Primary School multi-purpose room on Saturday, November 18 commencing at 8pm. The committee is aiming to raise \$5000 to \$7000 to ensure the continuing success of the festival. The event will feature entertainment provided by local musicians, actors and comperes. Funds will be raised through auctions and the \$20 entry. Tickets can be purchased from Joan at the Old Bakery Bookshop in Yarra Street. 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. All enquiries and suggestions to Glen Jameson on 9844 2395, John Boyle on 9844 3120 or Judy Finger on 9844 3150.**

## One-act

Warrandyte Theatre Company is staging a series of one-act play workshops at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute during October and November. The play "Foreplay" will be workshopped by director Caroline Shaw on Sunday, October 29; "The Window" (Carolyn O'Meara) on Sunday, November 5; "The Boat" (Lynne Counsel) on Sunday, November 19 and "The Proposal" (Adrian Rice) on Sunday, November 26. The workshops will run from 2pm to 5pm. Beginners and old-stagers welcome. Call Simone on 9818 4662 for more details.

## Sale

The Warrandyte Historical Society will be holding a "Pots, Plants and Photographs" sale at the Warrandyte community market on Saturday, November 4. There will be bargain pots and plants and a selection of historic photographs of Warrandyte.

## Festival

The annual general meeting of Warrandyte Festival Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 8pm in the Evelyn room at the Warrandyte Community Centre. All interested people are welcome. Please call John Boyle on 9844 2880 for further information.

## Seminar

The next Manningham Council Environment Seminar will be held on Wednesday, November 1 in the South Warrandyte hall in Hall Road, South Warrandyte. It will commence at 7.30pm. There is no cost and bookings are not required. The topic, "The Indigenous Story", will be related by historian Mick Woiwod of Kangaroo Ground.

## Twins

The Melbourne Neuropsychiatry Centre is looking for twins to participate in research studying the role of genes and environmental factors in developing mental illness. They are looking for twins aged 18-25, where either, both, one or neither twin has experienced psychosis. All information is treated in strict

## out of the box

By JUDY GREEN

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## Volunteers

Volunteers are required by Do Care to help older or disabled people in the local community. Call 9762 5211 if you are interested.



## Repeat performance

Glen and Heather Jameson were featured performers at the 2006 Warrandyte Festival. They will be repeating their success at the Festival fundraiser at the Andersons Creek Primary School on Saturday, November 18 commencing at 8pm. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

# Click go the cameras

A mini film festival is being organised in conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival, to be held in March next year.

The festival will show films made by local filmmakers and films about the Warrandyte community and its environment.

The film festival committee invites everyone interested to participate in the festival. There are many ways to do this but the most exciting is to make and enter a film into the Cameo Awards section of the event.

"If you need help and support to do this your community is right behind you," a spokesperson said. Organisers have arranged a summer school to allow potential local filmmakers to hone their cinematic skills.

The first workshop—From Idea to Script—will

run across three Sunday afternoons, beginning on November 11 and will cost \$65. The second workshop, a Digital Filmmaking Intensive, will run across the first weekend in December and will cost \$165.

"The late David Baker was a professional Warrandyte filmmaker," the spokesperson said. "As a precursor of the 1970s Australian film renaissance he made many films in and around the township. He made innovative use of the scarce resources of those times."

"The inaugural Warrandyte Film Festival will pay tribute to his life and work."

More details from the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, 9844 1839. Entry forms and details available from Warrandyte Neighbourhood House after October 20.

## Watercolours

An exhibition of watercolour paintings of flowers and fruit by past Warrandyte resident Helen Cox will be held at Bridges Gallery and Restaurant from October 18 to November 26. The gallery is at 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge.

## Montsalvat

The Wildlife Art Society of Australasia's biennial "Wild Awards" is on display in the Barn Gallery at Montsalvat until Sunday, November 5. Montsalvat's Long Gallery is featuring Hua Wen Xu's traditional Chinese calligraphy and painting until Monday, October 30. Montsalvat is at 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham.

## Stonehouse

Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is currently showcasing the work of the

## artyfacts

Koorakooracup potters from the Sunbury-Macedon area. The group takes its name from the original inhabitants of the area.

## Perceptions

An exhibition of oil and acrylic paintings by Bernadine Williams entitled "Evening Perceptions", will open at the ArtStreams Gallery, 63 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, on Friday, October 20 at 6pm. It will continue until Sunday, October 29. Gallery hours are Thursday to Sunday, 11.30am to 4.30pm. Enquiries: 9844 0248.

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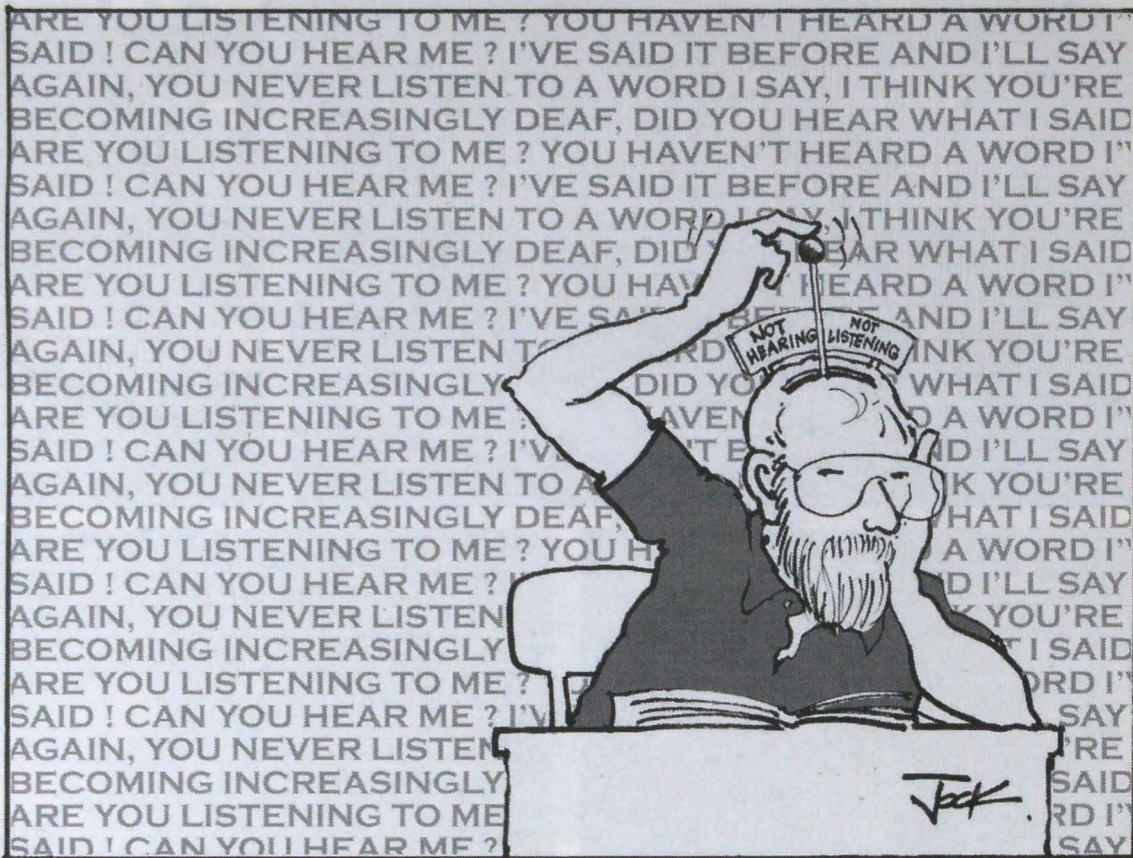
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# There's none so deaf as them that can't hear

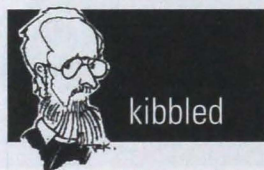
WELL, there are some high frequencies that you are having trouble with, but apart from that, there's nothing that indicates that you need an aid. In fact, if we fit one, it will make the lower sounds you hear seem a bit fuzzy. All it means is that you will have a bit of trouble discriminating between words that sound similar; things like 'fate' and 'mate'."

It was as I had expected but I had had orders to "do something about it!"  
"I'm sick and tired of repeating everything I say to you! You just won't admit that you are losing some of your hearing and you're just too vain to find out if you need to wear a hearing aid. I've just been talking to you for the last five minutes and you haven't heard a thing I've said."

Now there is an enormous difference between "not hearing" and "not listening". In fact, I've just taken a straw poll of 1000 men and the findings are conclusive. Two percent of those polled were clinically deaf but a staggering 98 percent of men are regularly found guilty of "not listening". Of that 98 percent, 100 percent have a peace-destroying malady called "selective listening".

The symptoms of selective listening are difficult to identify and each case manifests itself in a different way. The following, however, follows a common pattern.

"... and despite the fact that Andrew knew what was going on and had in fact been the one who brought it to her attention in



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the first place, the result of that was that Maureen was forced to do the whole thing on her own, which is hardly ... well, fair, under the circumstances, is it? ... Don't you agree? ..." Pause.

Rapidly. "So Maureen's sick? That's a shame."  
"What are you talking about?"

"You just said that Maureen

wasn't well."

"I said no such thing. Have you been listening to a thing I've said? It's your sister. Don't you care about the state she's in because of that man?"

After this clinical lapse, any attempt at recovery from this case of selective listening is impossible.

Similar examples can occur anywhere, however some of the more common situations are: in the car, in bed, at the dinner table, in supermarket shopping aisles and most common of all is during discussions about family get-togethers, weddings or party arrangements.

Statistics prove that those most closely associated with sufferers "don't understand". Sufferers feel marginalised and misunderstood and 100 percent of those polled stressed that "solid counselling" after a discovered lapse, provides only a temporary cure. Sufferers all report that their symptoms would abate if they had more peace and quiet, not full-throated aversion therapy.

"Not hearing" is different. It is when either the noise source is too quiet or too far away for it to be understood. "Not hearing" is far less gender specific than "not listening".

I will admit to a measure of mishearing of similar sounds and that has led me, on very few occasions, to feel obliged to ask for a repetition of the information. Herself is invariably gracious in responding to my request.

But the problem is not all to do with age. Television and film directors must accept a large measure of blame.

We have launched into an era of hand-held cameras, lighting technicians with a limited budget and of rude interviewees. And as evidence, I present "West Wing".

It was 15 minutes into one episode when Herself turned to me to ask whether I understood what was going on.

"Not a lot. They keep walking too fast along corridors, in the dark. They seem to be muttering and it's so dark, I can't even lip read." It seems to be a case of, "have hand-held camera, will play with it until I find out its best use". Until then, we have to struggle to catch the odd word as the characters run from one dimly lit-grotto to another. If current films are anything to go by, the White House is safe from any terrorist attack, as apparently it's so dark, no one will ever be able to locate it or hear anyone, even if it's bugged.

The other "hearing difficulty" is the latest rude interviewee approach. A policeman comes to interview a witness or suspect only to find, after the introductions, that the interviewee starts constructing a nuclear reactor or dismantles a vacuum cleaner whilst the plod is attempting to trip him up on an illogicality in his statement. Not only does the cop have to chase the interviewee around the house, bunker or museum but we, the viewers, have to try to separate the spoken words from the clattering, whirring or heaving of the extraneous props.

I don't really need a hearing aid. The TV has an OFF button—but for "selective listening"?

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# Feast of springtime colour celebrates our roadsides

**R**ETURNING home from a 10-day, 1000 kilometre trip, the first thing I noticed were the blossoming Cherry Plums along the main Warrandyte-Ringwood Road. When I left in mid-August the trees were still in their winter mode—naked and lifeless. Now, in a Cinderella-like transformation, the spiny bare branches were dressed in pretty white and pink tinged petals. Green leaves, though, were still a week or two away. Grown as much as an ornamental as for its small, juicy fruit, Cherry Plums—native to Europe and south-west Asia—are now well-established in Warrandyte.



What a botanical reserve Warrandyte's roadsides are with their multi-national trees, shrubs, wildflowers and mix of cultivars. Over the next few days I made a special point of looking at the roadside plants on my way to the supermarket and State Park. Beginning with my own street. Unmissable were the sprawling clumps of daisies that spilled down the banks from adjacent gardens. In shades of purple and pink, mixed with startling cadmium white, they virtually go unnoticed until they flower. Now I was seeing them in almost every street.

It took a while, but I finally tracked down the name of these large-headed daisies. They are called *Osteospermum* which is interesting, because its literal translation means Boneseed. However, Boneseed is the common vernacular for another South African plant—a yellow-flowered shrub scientifically known as *Chrysanthemoides monilifera* which, incidentally, is also flowering along the road.

Yellow has been the dominant colour of the roadside since July. First came the Cootamundra Wattles, their overburdened branches hanging low with the weight of massed fluffy balls, then came the canary yellow pea

flowers of Cape Broom growing a long way from its South African homeland. Its compatriot, the Agapanthus lily, leaking from driveways, also graced the roadside banks with their tufts of fleshy leaves. Their blue and white pom-pom flowers will not appear until December.

The sweet perfume of Freesias caught my nose. These strongly-scented, horticultural hybrids are miniature representatives of the Iris family. The creamy yellow Freesias will continue to bloom for several weeks before their leaves turn brown as the plants die off above ground over summer.

Further down the street the tunnel of elms had not yet developed their leaves. Neither had the heritage-listed Oak tree that stands stately on the corner, its spreading branches still unclothed. Close by, on the triangle at the road junction, the ground was covered in the white Angled Onion flowers. When I first came to Warrandyte I thought they were English Snowdrops, that is until I smelt their unpleasant pungent odour.

On the shady downhill side of the street Blue Periwinkle carpeted the ground—a touch of the Mediterranean in War-

randy. Slightly more purple than blue, its large symmetrical flowers provided a splash of colour amongst the sea of green. Where the Periwinkle ended, a mat of Soursob took over. With leaves that resemble clover, this South African groundcover dies back over the hotter months. Now in August it was vibrant with five-petalled, sulphur-yellow blooms.

With so many colourful flowers along the roadside I barely gave the evergreen Cotoneaster, Sweet Pittosporum, Radiata Pine and accompanying ivy, a second glance. But one bright shiny green plant scrambling down the bank and up trees did stand out—the evocatively named Bridal Creeper. This small-leaved creeper with its tiny white flowers was popular for wedding bouquets as well as hanging baskets. It was first recorded for sale in an Australian nursery catalogue as early as 1857.

Two weeks later on a balmy early spring morning, I wandered along the river track amongst the miscellany of stalls and displays at the Warrandyte Market. Standing admiring some rich-colored leadlight designs, I noticed large white flakes flut-

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By PAT COUPAR

tering gently from the sky and landing on the blue and red panes of glass. I looked up. It was the Cherry Plums losing their petals. So soon. Ah, but that's Warrandyte in spring.

### Plant of the Month

If you take a walk on Fourth Hill or some of the other drier slopes of the State Park, clusters of brilliant yellow lilies will catch your eye. These are the Bulbine Lilies (*Bulbine bulbosa*) and they make an attractive addition to the home garden. Spikes of flowers up to about 70 cms in height emerge from tufts of fleshy leaves.

Luckily this month the Friends of Warrandyte State Park are offering Bulbine Lilies for sale. They can be obtained from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery, which is located at the rangers depot at Pound Bend. For more information contact the nursery manager on 0408 313 7327

# Eleven good men—and me

**C**OLLECTING the mail is one of the more popular jobs around our place. It speaks volumes for the undying optimism of the human race, because the chances of collecting something exciting, such as a handwritten airmail letter or an unexpected big fat cheque, are close to zero. Checking out the postie's creative letterbox-stuffing is inevitably far more interesting than most of the mail we get these days. The postie seems to have endless ingenuity when it comes to devising different ways and means of coaxing mail and rainwater together into our letterbox. Fortunately it's been a fairly dry winter.

Just to keep our interest up, every now and then, an exotic postcard or a mystery letter falls out of the pile. And this week's unexpected letter was very mysterious indeed. The envelope displayed few clues other than an obscure PO box number and a clear cellophane window for the address. Metaphorically, it had "government" stamped all over it.

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Turning it over and over didn't offer any more clues. Neither did holding it up to the light, other than showing it to be a bulky typewritten missive of perhaps four A4 pages.

Couldn't be anything from the ATO (not their PO box number), nor the Electoral Office (not their style) nor even a speeding ticket (too thick). And it couldn't be pre-election government skite, because that sort of letter usually has fanfares all over it. And I haven't written off and requested anything lately. Who else would know me?

Once upon a time I couldn't wait to open mystery letters. But junk mail and having to dodge email viruses has changed all that. An aversion to opening unknown mail, a sort of firewall in the brain, is becoming part of our defensive national psyche. I guessed I'd better open this

letter though. It might be OK to ditch unwanted mail online, but I got the distinct impression that if I didn't respond to this official-looking paperwork, somebody might call round with a big stick. They obviously know where I live.

So it was with a mixture of wonder and trepidation that I carefully slit open the envelope. Ahhh! I would never have guessed. Jury duty! I have to be available for pretty much all of November and December. Couldn't they narrow that down a bit? I've got work to get through, along with meetings, deadlines, and trips all over the place.

It's years since I was called up. In the past I always had the excuse of breastfeeding, or caring for toddlers. Not any more. In fact none of the admissible excuses seem to apply. I can't honestly describe myself as elderly, infirm, disabled, mentally impaired, ineligible or disqualified. But I am pretty busy. There's no reason, however, to suppose that I'll be any less busy if I defer it for a few months, so I

might as well bite the bullet and get on with it.

As long as I don't get landed with anything too gruesome, it might even be fun. Courtroom TV dramas usually focus on the witnesses or counsel, and occasionally on the judge. But it's the jury in the end that has to tally up the pros and cons and their relative merits.

Fascinating as the law is, I was never tempted to study it. It's such a dry subject—all those weighty tomes with fine print, never-ending sentences and a deadly lack of punctuation. And the essays! Now there's something that hasn't changed. My law-student nephew recently stuck one of his latest assignments under my nose: "Why are neo-liberal institutionalists more optimistic about the prospect of interstate cooperation (in the global sense) than post-realists?"

Get a life, guys. I hope none of that talk gets banded around the courtroom or I'll switch off altogether. I'm a bit of a post-realist myself. I might not even get selected.

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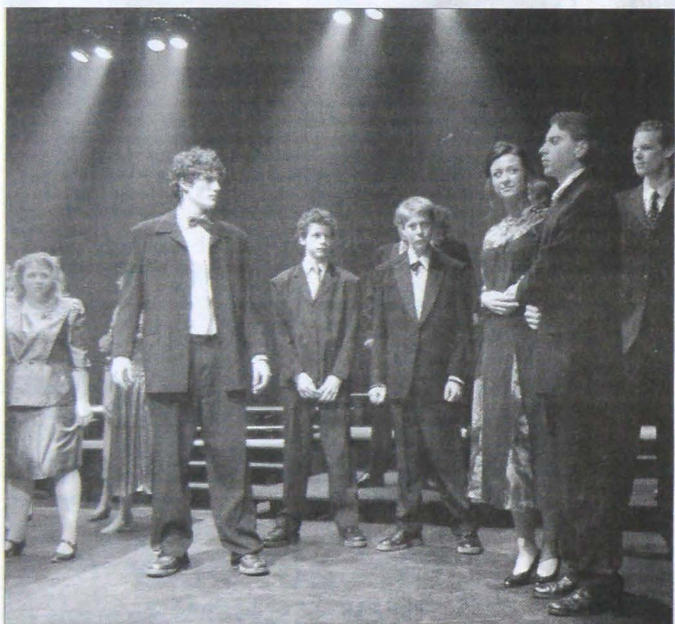
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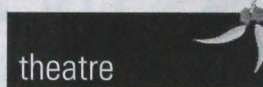
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**D**ANCING is not a crime!" roars teenager Ren McCormack (Adam Daniel) to the small-town wowsers on the Beaumont council. These wowsers, firmly under the thumb of Reverend Shaw Moore (James Anderson), have banned dancing in an attempt to curb the sort of social behaviour that they believe led to the deaths of four of their beloved sons. Shaw denounces as vile "...this obscene rock-and-roll music, with its gospel of easy sexuality and relaxed morality..." And the town council is 100 percent behind him.

But Ren, who is trying to deal with the breakup of his parents along with an unwanted transplant from urban Chicago, is an angry young man. His mission in life, indeed his passport to popularity, is to lead a revolt against the town council.

The counterpoint between Ren and Shaw, between the passion of youth and the dogmatism of authority, fuels the plot. In fact it pretty much is the plot, which is loosely based on a true story set in the small town of Elmore in Oklahoma in 1979. For over 90 years the Elmore town elders had forbidden dancing, although the rationale for this law was long-forgotten. When the high school class tried to hold a dance, the elders dug in their heels. Uproar ensued, families split, and neighbours fought. Finally the minister put his foot down and upheld the status quo. Inspired by a newspaper article about the situation in Elmore, Dean Pitchford first devised the screenplay for "Footloose" before creating a stage version during the early 1980s. This followed his song-



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writing success with "Fame" as well as writing music for such luminaries as Peter Allen and Kenny Loggins.

Of course there are a few sub-plots. The Rev Moore has a rather gorgeous daughter Ariel (Ashlee Noble), who is full of spunk and rebellion. When Ren first arrives in town, she is going out with biker gang leader Chuck Cranston (Robbie Bowen), undoubtedly to her father's great annoyance. Relationship issues abound: Ariel and Chuck, Ariel and Shaw, Ariel and Ren, Ren and Shaw, Shaw and his wife Vi (Georgia Vague), Vi and Ren's mother Ethel (Laura Wynne). Despite the limited storyline, there is abundant material for young actors to get their teeth into.

Adam Daniel gave us an appealing Ren, although his manner was a little studied at times. The vocals were generally good (especially "Dancing is Not a Crime"). Ashlee Noble produced an outstandingly polished performance as Ariel; her vocals were strong and true, beautifully sustaining the duet "Almost Paradise". James Anderson's acting prowess was evident in the difficult role of Rev Moore, and displayed a maturity beyond his years. Robbie Bowen was wonderfully wimpy in the role of biker gang leader Chuck Cranston.

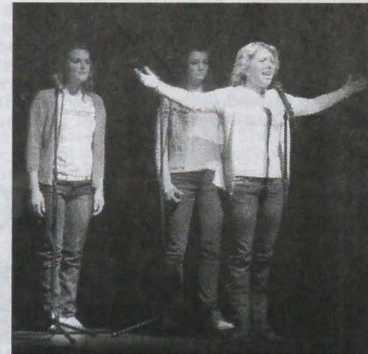
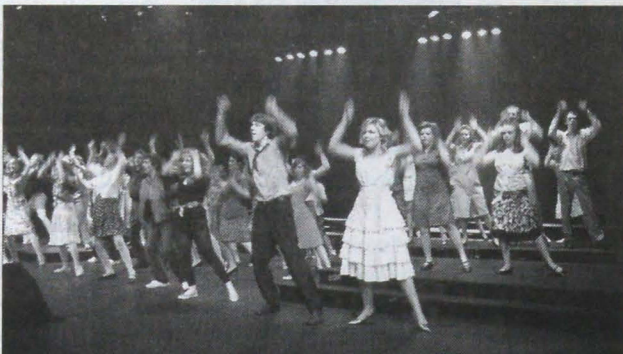
The role of Vi Moore turned out, rather unexpectedly, to be pivotal. More understanding, tolerant and lov-

ing than her narrow-minded husband, she becomes the lynchpin of unfolding events. Played with subtlety and maturity by Georgia Vague, her solo "Can You Find It In Your Heart?" and her duet with Laura Wynne as Ethel ("Learning To Be Silent") were real highlights.

Another strong supporting role was that of Willard, a shy country bumpkin with more inner strengths than you'd initially give him credit for. Ross Brown filled Willard's huge boots most convincingly, and his character-defining rendition of "Mama Says" was a standout favourite on the night.

Footloose's line-up of lively and contrasting characters provided the cast with an excellent opportunity to extend their theatrical skills and display their many talents. The melodies and harmonies written into the score, however, are deceptively difficult, and a few cracks started to show as several characters struggled to nail their parts. In contrast, the chorus numbers were uniformly uplifting. "Let's Make Believe We're In Love" by Irene & the Country Kickers (Kelly McLaden and friends), for example, was great fun to watch.

The orchestra, under the baton of Anna Anagnostou, was excellent throughout. Lighting (designed by Damien McLean and Nick Hodgins), backstage (under the management of Melissa Jenkins) and choreography (Alicia Haggart) were well-thought-out and seamless as always. The director's energy and experience were stamped all over this production, as he once again successfully steered a large group of young actors through months of hard work to the deserving applause of the audience. Take a bow, Michael Blake.



# Literate script weaves a spell

**H**ONOUR", an award-winning drama by celebrated Melbourne playwright Joanna Murray-Smith, was recently staged by the Warrandyte Theatre Company on its home turf at the Mechanics Institute. Now 50 years young, the WMI&AA is celebrating its maturity with some superb productions, and this was no exception.

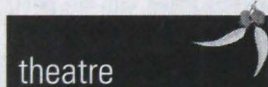
"Honour" at first seems something of a contradiction. On one hand, it won the 1996 Premier's Award for Best Drama and has since played to packed houses in New York, London, Malaysia, Brazil and Croatia. Joanna Murray-Smith has steadily consolidated a reputation for clarity, focus and wit. This play would have to be worth the trouble of seeing.

On the other hand, the plot is about as time-worn as one could imagine: middle-aged man leaves loving wife to rekindle sex life with dynamic admirer less than half his age. Loving wife recovers from shock and with great practicality (and a renewed sense of freedom) picks up the threads of a long-forgotten career. Meanwhile, dynamic young woman and middle-aged

man fall prey to reality and the affair is soon dead in the water. Daughter of middle-aged couple fires anger in all directions as security blanket is pulled from beneath her feet. Middle-aged man realises he might have made Mistake when he discovers that wife is coping well without him.

What on earth was Joanna Murray-Smith thinking when she decided on this plot? Only the most confident of playwrights would be tempted to publish another version of such an old story. However Murray-Smith obviously did a great job because the audience was riveted. So what new insights were offered? And how did it translate into a small-scale production?

It's easier to answer the second question first. This play is perfect for a small-stage, intimate production. The various sets (mainly the family lounge room and the girlfriend's bedroom) were creatively overlapped on-stage and effectively highlighted as required. The small venue meant that even back-row viewers were close enough to feel involved. The hall was booked out, extra seating was brought in to accommodate last-minute demand, and the packed auditorium seemed to



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amplify the electricity generated on-stage. The production, directed by Noeline Cooper and produced by Gail Macrae, worked a treat. Nobody would ever have guessed that this was Noeline's "serious" directing debut.

Back to the trickier question. It's difficult to pinpoint just why this play is so good, when even some of the insights are hackneyed. In the end, I think perhaps it's the spell woven by the tightly written and very literate script, which examines with immense clarity the changing relationships between Gus (a noted journalist and writer), his wife Honor (a poet in her past life), Claudia (a snazzy young journalist who is in awe of Gus's fame and intellect), and Sophie (twenty-something daughter of Gus and Honor). All four characters are well-educated and extremely articulate. I doubt if in real life any such combatants would be so clearly, so cleverly and so concisely able to express their feelings. The dialogue,

whilst retaining its humanity, is stripped bare of non-essentials. A few touches of humour blend nicely into the drama—an entertaining scene where Gus tries to tactfully review a piece of Claudia's none-too-brilliant writing, for example, turns out to be pivotal.

All four roles were challenging, and the three female roles in particular required a degree of restrained intensity that could only come from the heart. No room for shallow caricature here. Raine Dinale (Honor) brought depth and empathy to the role of spurned career wife and mother. Becca Posterino (Claudia) had a wonderfully strong stage presence. Her tangible physical vibrancy collapsed into a shadow of itself when the affair ended—perhaps this uncanny body language stems from years of training as a dancer. And Kate Warner proved to be a fabulous new talent in the role of Sophie.

Although the female roles were more meaty, the role of Gus was perhaps the most difficult to sustain. Bill Connolly created a dignified and credible character, with an air of slightly bewildered innocence that shrouded (but never concealed) Gus's midlife crisis. As the play developed,

Picture by DEBORAH SILVA



the focus seemed to be on Honor, on honour, on the lives of the three women and the ways in which they were able to survive emotional trauma. However in the end one suspected that the real focus was Gus, demonstrating the emotional isolation of even the most articulate of men. The subtlety of Connolly's performance added another dimension, and the audience was left with exactly the right degree of wonder about how

Gus's story would end. Under-performance of this play would have been dreary. Over-performance might have been moralistic. But perfectly pitched, WTC delivered it as a representation of the human condition with no goodies and baddies, only an understanding of each flawed character in an everyday setting that the entire audience could find some way of relating to. It was an absolute gem.

# Jamie scores a gong for top recycling job

**B**EFORE they were "buzz words", recycling and long-term sustainability were both work and passion for Jamie McKellar, 52, who has been invested with the Order of Australia Medal.

Managing director of a company that pioneered the recycling of concrete and brick materials, Jamie was awarded the OAM for services to the community through the development of the construction waste recycling industry and his commitment to environmentally sustainable industrial practices.

"It was a total surprise. I would have thought I was the last person ever," Jamie said before the investiture. "It's very humbling; I'm super proud to be recognised by my peers for having made a difference. I look at them, super achievers and they're putting me up for it. I'm exceptionally proud." He's also proud that two million tonnes of material per year that were headed for landfill are now not.

"I'm useless, I struggle doing things. But I believe in what I do, sustainability and the re-use of resources. I'm passionate about that as long as it's viable. There's so much crap about recycling and sustainability, but commercially it's a waste of time."

Jamie said the OAM, awarded to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service, was a great acknowledgment of his work in industrial recycling. "I think, 'hey, I started that' and now it's the major part of the business and we're the benchmark for the industry. It's a reflection of the work the company has achieved, a group of very talented people that I'm lucky enough to lead."

The company, Alex Fraser Proprietary Ltd, started in 1879 and has received three industry awards in the past decade. Jamie's grandfather joined the business in 1906 and his father Arch took it over after the war.

"Dad is a major influence on my life. He taught the value of money and how to work for it. A deal is a deal on the shake of the hand which has stood me in very good stead. My parents are terrific people. Dad had the war, universi-

village people  
By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

ty, then he went into the metal business with his father and they diversified into scrap metal in the mid-1950s.

"I was an accountant student at RMIT but I never completed the course, specialising in drinking at The Travellers across the road. I'm not an accountant. I always wanted to be involved with the business and I went to work with Dad in the early 1970s."

Scrap metal-focussed; instead of buying their own metal it was an opportunity to become their own supplier and gradually Jamie steered the company into the industrial demolition of power stations, gas works, oil refineries and other projects throughout Australia with large amounts of salvage.

"The BHP Kwinana steelworks in WA, old gasometers around Melbourne, Waverley Park—15 million tonnes we've processed and sold. We developed specifications in 1992 for what were formerly landfill materials that are now used to make the Western Ring Road, the Grand Prix track and the Geelong Road. It's now regarded as normal quarry products."

"Gasometers are 100 per cent recycled. Concrete and bricks from Waverley Park were crushed and turned into road base material, the steel went into reinforcing materials and timber such as the tallow-wood seats were all reused," Jamie said.

But he's concerned at the lack of resources for sustainability. "I see stupid things happen. It's a major frustration to see people take a heap of crap and put in into their recycling bin out the front of the house—that's collection and so much effort goes into it. But there's not enough tail-end—they have to develop a market. So often it's the cart before the horse. There's limited resources to develop sustainable solutions; it's not all about collection, although that's an important but small part."

Jamie's two brothers are also in the

company and all his three children have worked there. "Emily is my PA, Sam works on the crushing plant, learning from the ground up and Amber did work in the business but now she's playing mum with two kids."

"My greatest accomplishment is the kids, all three of them. They're all independent, free-thinking, very capable people. The credit lies mainly with their mother. And I'm very proud of the business."

Jamie "re-met" his future wife Anita on the bus when she was a student kindergarten teacher and he was at RMIT. They'd attended kindergarten and primary school together in Templestowe and they've now been in Warrandyte for 22 years. "Templestowe was like Warrandyte is now, like a country town. I always wanted to live here," he said.

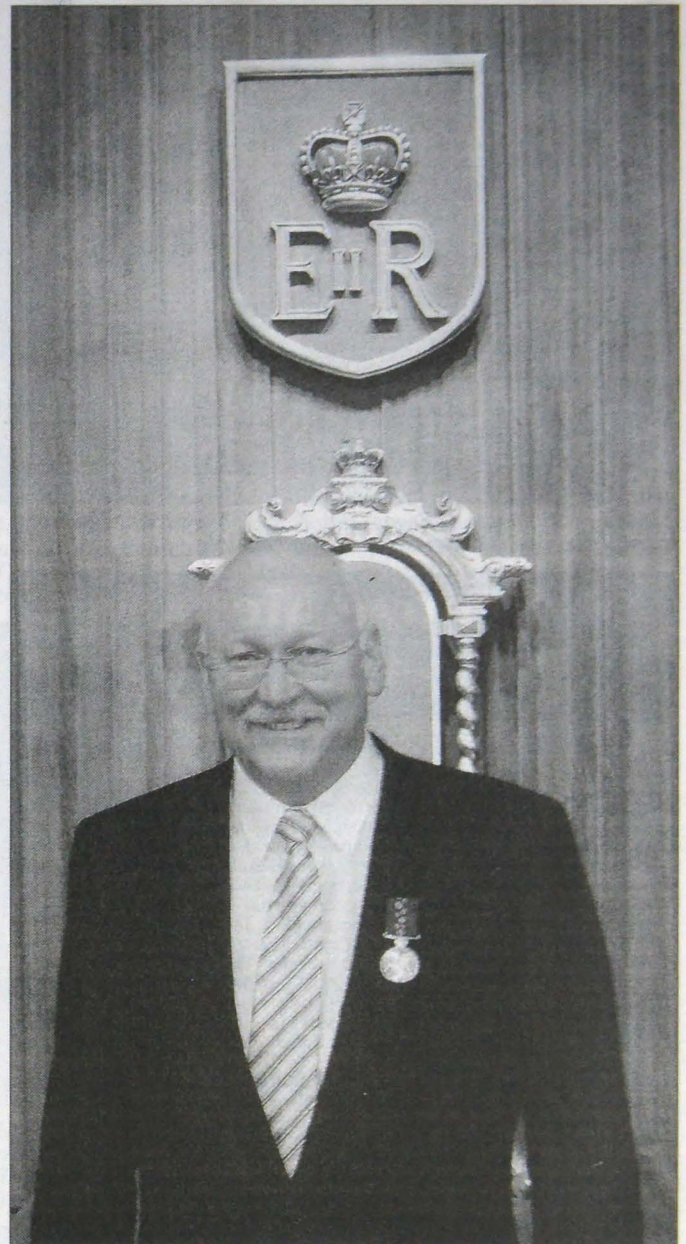
"Neat's my best friend. She'd probably kill me half the time for the fair amount of stuff I've got at home. I collect building materials—if I live to be 250 I'd still only use about half of it. Trusses, timber from the mid-1800s to use again for a restaurant or farm shed. There's no site or project but to finish the barns and sheds here in Warrandyte. But it's good junk, not rubbish."

"About 20 years ago we were going to sell and go farming in Omeo—I love the region. I'm not super horsey but I thought motorbikes would be the go. But Neat's uncle, who owned the property, said no and he saw Neat's second thoughts—once the kids left school they'd be forced to leave home. And I was too dumb to recognise it."

"So we gave the company a big kick along, invested significantly in plant and equipment and became Australia's leading industrial demolisher."

Jamie's leisure time is taken up with the family. "Both my daughters rode at pony club and Neat was president of Wyena for a long time while I built a lot of crosscountry courses. One of the kids' first ponies is still here in the paddock, aged 35 or 36, with his geriatric girlfriend. Sam was mad keen on basketball and football. I'm a regular golfer—I've played four times this year."

"People in Warrandyte probably don't know me as my office is in Laverton



"I'm going to wear it everywhere," Jamie McKellar OAM said after the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser AC, presented his Order of Australia Medal.

North so I do lots of kilometres. Thank goodness for the ring road. Once, a move closer was suggested, but the kids unanimously said 'have a nice life.' Warrandyte's a very special part of the world, I couldn't think of a better place to live."

The McKellar house is all second-hand bits and pieces, built around 10 years ago. "It's a modern mudbrick house, big blackwood doors and every room's got heaps of character and views. There's an old stairway from a building in Flinders Lane, it was just

a pile of treads, all jarrah and it looks spectacular in the house. It's junk that's had a rebirth, been given another life."

"I'm a long term planner. I've done a 50-year plan for the company, where it needs to be, the direction of the industry, the infrastructure. I always look forward. I'm not a good paper shuffler and reporting mundane administration stuff is not a strength."

"The family is what counts but the business is more demanding. The experiences we've had have bonded the family and made us what we are."

## Fairy tales



She heads for her bed when it all gets too hard. To the soft dark place Where it all goes away.

And I sit and I wait and watch while she sleeps her prince-dreaming sleep awaiting the kiss.

The kiss and the promise and the joyous return as if she really hadn't been sleeping for the last 100 years.

Missing the party with the oh so cool girls, and their much better dresses; the Monday exam; the three essays due, and the test for the P's

not to mention the Big One in 16 weeks time, the one that forever maps out your fate the one that signals the end of this life and the start of another that'll be even harder.

And who am I? when it all gets too hard—the grim wicked witch with the dracula finger dripping old warnings on hard stony ground.

But I'm sometimes OK the kind fairy god-mother, caressing the brow, endlessly patient calming the storms.

Sparkling, I hover in that soft Disney glow Aproned and cake baking "just do your best it'll all be OK."

And I wave my wand, breathing a sigh, pray for some magic and for pigs that fly.

KAREN THROSSELL



Under 18 girls, back row from left: Stacey Nelson, Brittany McGinley, Samantha O'Regan, Bob Powell, Maree Vincent. Front: April Richardson, Madeline Prior, Kaitlyn Little.

## Bronze Medal play-off results

The Venom were involved with four Bronze Medal games in the Eastern Qualifying division.

A Blue Flag was taken by the Under 18-2 boys coached by Paul Whittingham with a close but controlled win over Coburg by 47-42.

Late in the game Warrandyte established the winning lead with scoring from Matthew Spinoza, James Edward and Jesse Radasich

Two points from the free throw line from Julian Byrne completed the final Venom scoring but a final three point shot to Coburg was a fitting end to a good standard game played in good spirits.

Leading scorers were Jesse Radasich (13), James Edwards (11) along with Keith Dimech and Matt Spinoza with (7).

Also on the winners list were the Under 12 boys coached by Greg Pearson defeating Knox by 31-20. Knox had defeated the Venom in the qualifying semi final so the win was a good turn around.

Probably the unluckiest runners-up were the Under 16 boys, coached by Stephen Murphy, losing in overtime to Bulleen in a game that was close all day.

Overtime was needed when Andrew Huntington scored one from the free throw line for the Venom but Bulleen were able to do a bit more in extra time to take the points.

In the final Bronze Medal game, Warrandyte's Under 14 went down in another close game to Waverley by 31-26.

This was a significant improvement on an earlier semi-final when the gap was 25 points. A top game by Jack Power in a generally good side.

The final wrap up of the first season of the Warrandyte Venom has set the bar very high. In total 15 teams were entered with 11 teams making the finals and two others just missing out.

Of the nine teams, five made grand finals with one premierships and four runners-up, while four teams were in Bronze medal games with two wins and two runners-up.



New Life Members, Malcolm and Sue Anderson.

## Basketball couple are Life Members

Life membership of the Warrandyte Basketball Association was conferred on Sue and Malcolm Anderson at the association's Presentation Day in September.

Sue and Malcolm have been long supporters of the association. Sue was on committee for a number of years, as treasurer, stadium manager, referees appointments and has worked tirelessly on many activities including dinner dances and the festival stall.

Malcolm, apart from being an excellent and long standing coach, has also been boys' director and helped out on many association functions.

# Basketball



Coach Damien Arsenis with his Under 12 premierships team.

# Venom finish in premierships style

By TONY OLIVER

It was a spectacular end to the stunning first season of the Warrandyte Venom representative basketball season when five Venom sides made it through to their respective grand finals resulting in one premierships and four runners up

Another major achievement of the season just gone was the first Victorian Championship side, the Under 18 girls.

Four sides played off in Bronze medal play-offs, for two wins and two runners up. This sets up the "new" club in a strong position for the 2006/07 season with practice games and grading beginning in October.

"It looks like we will have 22 teams next season," said coach Justin Nelson.

● The honour of the club's first premierships went to Damian Arsenis's Under 12 Metro 12 boys.

Warrandyte took on minor premiers Geelong. Both sides had had a number of close games all season with little between the sides. Geelong had had the week's rest while Warrandyte needed to defeat Cranbourne in the preliminary final.

In line with previous encounters between these sides, there was little in the game at the half time break with Venom holding a two point lead.

The second half was also tight until Warrandyte were able to put some unanswered points on the board late in the game through Reece McKenzie, Michael Holloway and Tim Apostolides.

The final score line favoured Warrandyte 29-22.

Warrandyte's game was more flowing and was built on a strong defensive structure. Geelong were hampered by having to play all their games in the Melbourne area, and even for the grand final had to make the long trek over to Dandenong.

Top scorers for Warrandyte were

Reece McKenzie (10), Michael Delacey (6) and Tim Apostolides (5). Reece McKenzie was awarded the Most Determined Player award.

Like a number of the Warrandyte players, Reece had played in a domestic grand final earlier in the day and had also been awarded a Most Determined Player award.

● Warrandyte's Under 12 and Under 14 girls sides went into their grand finals as warm favourites having been minor premiers, but both lost to better opponents on the night.

First up on the night were the Under 12 Metro 3 girls up against Dandenong who had fought their way up from the elimination semi final.

The signs looked good for the Venom after Warrandyte won the opening tip off and soon opened the scoring with a three point shot by Madison Geddes.

Madeline Hallett scored for Warrandyte, but the taller Dandenong side settled down to put pressure on Warrandyte.

Dandenong were able to score freely while restricting Warrandyte and took the honours with a 19-8 lead at the break.

Hopes of a second half come back were soon dashed when Dandenong continued to control play and the final result was a 34-19 win to Dandenong.

Madeline Hallett with eight points led the scoring for Warrandyte, with five to Demi Joy and three each to Madison Geddes and Jordan Moloney.

● The Under 14 girls coached by Justin Nelson were in control for most of their Metro 1 grand final against Frankston but were overrun in the last few minutes to lose 28-24.

The second half was typical of the game with tight defense an outstanding feature.

Frankston had their noses in front late in the game, but the scores were locked at 24 all with three minutes to

go after Warrandyte's Caitlin Hallett scored from the free throw line.

Frankston scored an uncontested basket to take the lead and start to run down the clock. Warrandyte were in foul trouble and Frankston capitalised to extend the margin to four points which remained the final margin.

Ashlee Brobbel scored nine points for Warrandyte with four points to Sophie Richardson.

● In the last of the grand finals for the girls, Maree Vincent's Under 18 Metro 4 lost to Darebin by 49-27.

Warrandyte were competitive but were not able to put enough pressure on Darebin to force the errors. Darebin led 22-11 at the break and maintained control in the second half.

April Richardson with 12 points and Madeline Prior with seven were the Venom's leading scorers.

● On the adjoining court, Ian Wood's Under 18 boys battled with Coburg for the Metro 3 flag.

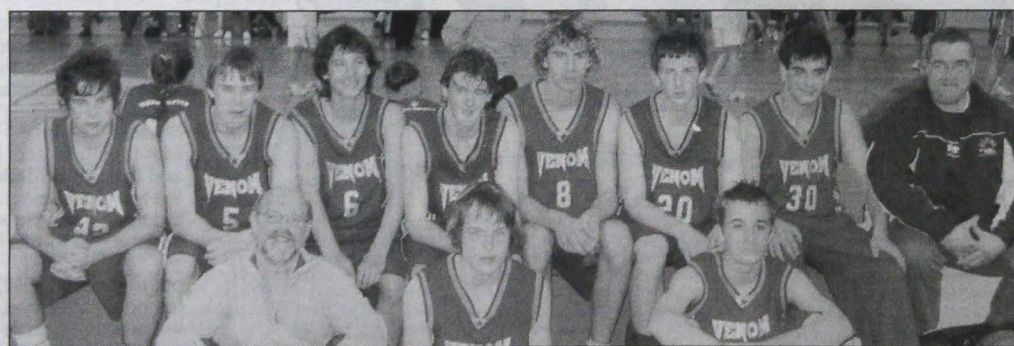
Warrandyte held a three point lead at the break but this was a similar situation when these teams met in the major semi-final. In that game, Coburg stormed over the Venom in the second half to go straight to the grand final.

There was no repeat as the second half remained tight with the lead constantly changing hands.

One point from the free throw line to Ian McLeod tied the score for Warrandyte with just on two minutes to go but the advantage was with Coburg when Warrandyte were in foul trouble.

An outside shot from David Wood missed and the defensive rebound from Coburg allowed them to run more time off the clock and finally take the premierships 37-34.

Leading scorers for Warrandyte were Ben Power with 13 points, David Wood with nine and Matthew Clough with six.



Under 18 boys, from left back row: Pat Eddy, Wade King, David Wood, Matthew Clough, Ben Power, Ian McLeod, Anthony Spinoza, Gavin Eddy. Front: Ian Wood, Josh Blakey, Tom Fitzpatrick.

# Basketball

## Lucky seven for Redbacks

By TONY OLIVER

SEVEN premierships and seven runners-up highlighted a successful winter season for Warrandyte Redbacks.

At the presentation day, club president Stephen Bendle paid tribute to the effort that everyone had put in over the winter season. Expectations are that there will be 52 teams turning out for the summer season.

### UNDER 15

Experienced Gavin Whitmore was once again in finals action when his Under 15 boys took on Eltham in the AR grade grand final.

Eltham had easily defeated Warrandyte in the major semi-final to progress straight to the title game.

Little separated both sides at the half time break after Shaun Turner scored from the free throw line to establish a six point lead to Warrandyte at 23-17.

The Redback boys were able to maintain their composure in the second half. Matthew Lane was forced off the court late in the game with a bleeding nose but that did not prevent Warrandyte from securing a 44-38 win.

"It was a good team effort and an excellent turn around after the semi final loss" Whitmore said after the game.

Leading scorers for Warrandyte were Ryan Holloway with 16 points and Daniel Hughes with 13. Both players were strong under the basket with good defensive rebounds a feature.

### UNDER 13

Warrandyte were well represented in the Under 13 girls with two teams in the grand final.

The top side, coached by Kelli Taylor, scored a thrilling win over Koonung by 32-31. The Redbacks appeared to have the game in their keeping leading by 10 points late in the game, but Koonung came back and grabbed the lead with just under one minute to go.

Aly Birch dragged one back from the free throw line and a successful outside shot by Amber Saunders with seconds on the clock saw Warrandyte back in front for the premiership flag.

Scorers for Warrandyte were Sophie Richardson (Most Determined Player) and Aly Birch with nine points each, Amber Saunders with eight, Casey Taylor with four and Shelby Greenlaw with two.

Warrandyte's WR2 side, coached by Anne Cousens had a 37-24 win over Eltham with strong contributions from all including new player Jasmine Haikal, in her first season.

### UNDER 11

In an interesting situation, six of the seven Under 11 boys sides made it through to the grand final.

Stephen Kille's AR side lost to Eltham by 38-15 with Tim Apostilides taking out the MDP award. Trent Arnold (6), Michael Delacey (4) and Jack Cousens (3) were the main scorers.

Damian Arsenis coached his WR2 side to the grand final but in a tight overtime game, lost by 28-26.

A number of the Redback players were in foul trouble by the end of the game which added to the pressure. Leading scorers were Reece McKenzie (15), Zac Ratcliffe (6) and Jamie Arnold (4).

Arsenis was also involved with a second side with another runners-up flag against another Eltham side by 35-32.

A five minute patch when Eltham were dominant was enough despite excellent efforts by Chris Bolland and Noah Wakefield. Top scorers were Chris Bolland and Alex Sendikas (8) and Ben Arnold (6).

Angela Germech had mixed success. Her WR6 boys had a thrilling 22-21 win over Balwyn. Warrandyte were leading for the second half but could not shake a determined Balwyn.

The gap narrowed to one point with 30 seconds to go. Drew Corke, ultimately the MDP for the game, extended the lead to two with success from the free throw line.

Balwyn had a trip to the free throw line with less than five seconds to go but could only manage a single point to allow Warrandyte to hold on.

Top scorers for Warrandyte were Ben McMellin (7), Jake Martin (5) and Drew Corke (4).

The WR7's lost to Eltham by 41-34. Warrandyte's Alan Pardoe was awarded the MDP award with a 17 point contribution. Jack Eadie also scored 12.

Doug Hilton's WR5's lost narrowly to Nunawading by 27-24.

For the girls, Penny Kafkalakis's side was successful coming back from a slow start to record a six point win over Collingwood.

Laura Dawson and Stephanie Ims were the coaches of the WR4 girls side, who lost narrowly to Ivanhoe by 18-16. Warrandyte had the chance to send the game into overtime but the shot rolled around the ring and out.

Paige Biondo (6) and Misty Taylor (4) were the main scorers for Warrandyte. Zerah Gordon was awarded the MDP.

### UNDER 9

Kelli Taylor (supercoach - her second flag of the day) coached Warrandyte's Under 9 girls to a premiership with a 37-10 win over Eltham.

Maddie Taylor with 15 points and a strong all round game was awarded MDP. Olivia Yammouni (11) and Jessica Hunter (6) also scored well for Warrandyte.

Club President Stephen Bendle, an interested spectator at the game, was forced to bring out the whistle when because of a miscommunication, only one referee was available.

David Gibson was coach of the Under 9 Redback side and guided his young charges to a 32-25 win over Nunawading.

The score line does not reflect the tight second half with Nunawading pulling level late in the game.

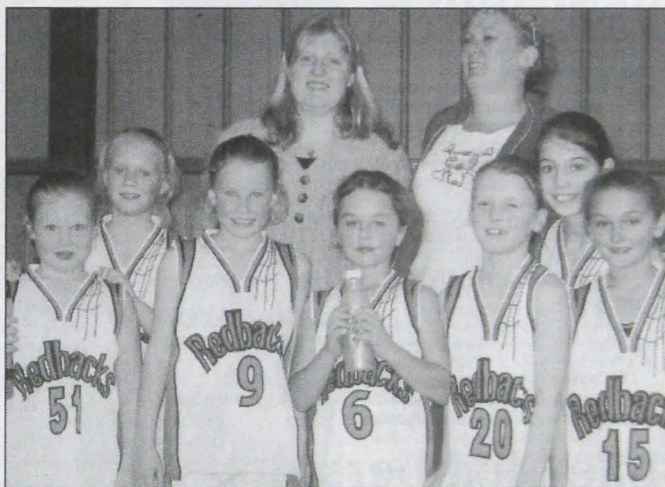
Leading the scoring for Warrandyte were Max Stevenson with 10, supported by Joshua Gill and David Spinoza with six each.

The final grand finalists were WR6 boys, coached by Fiona Rennie. A 2-2 score line against Bulleen showed a tight first half. In the second half, the Warrandyte shots did not drop whereas the Bulleen shots did, Bulleen winning by 12-2.

On the brighter side, Redback's Dylan Lee-Porcher received the MDP award.



Happy after the Under 13 grand final win. Coaches Kelli Taylor and Sharon Bensch at back. Standing from left, Hannah Bensch, Casey Taylor, Aly Birch, Shelby Greenlaw, Claire Brown. Front: Sophie Richardson (MDP) and Amber Saunders.



Under 9 coaches, Ashlee O'Brien and Kelli Taylor with their premier team from left: Daisy Cousens, Lauren Robertson, Maddison Taylor (MDP), Kirsten Beriman, Hayley McIntyre, Olivia Yammouni and Jessica Hunter.



Under 15 coach Gavin Whitmore with his team, Troy Ratcliffe, Andrew Clough, Ryan Holloway, Jarred Goodwin, Daniel Hughes, Matthew Lane, David Holman, Shaun Turner.



Under 9A coach, David Gibson with his premiership team, back row from left: Zac Stevenson, Max Stevenson, Jamie Arnold, Dylan Hart, David Spinoza, Ben Robson. Front: Nicholas Parker, Joshua Gill.



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## Sport snapshots



Basketball award winners from left, Anne Cousens, Ryan Holloway and Di Trenfield.

## Loyal basketball service recognised

Warrandyte Basketball Association has recognised major contributions made to the basketball family at the presentation day in September at the Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

Anne Cousens was recognised with the Ross McLennan Coaches award for her efforts particularly in the area of coaching.

Anne has been a committee member for two years. She has three children and has coached them all during her time with Warrandyte.

She has also been Girls' Registrar and a selector of the girls' teams.

Ryan Holloway received the Daryl Valentine Award for a Junior Redback. Ryan coaches, plays and referees and is always a ready helper around the club.

Di Trenfield has recently taken over the role as Association Administrator and the Tom Hay Award recognises her contribution in all areas.

## Life Membership for cricket stalwart

Warrandyte Cricket Club has recognised the loyalty of Graham Lawrence by awarding him Life Membership of the club.

Graham has played with Warrandyte for more than 35 years and is still a playing member in Warrandyte's veteran's team.

Graham played most of his cricket in the club's lower elevens where he was a prolific run scorer, mainly as an opening batsman.

He also captained Warrandyte's lower elevens for many years.

Since his retirement from Saturday afternoon cricket, Graham has remained a loyal supporter of the club, and attends most senior matches, both home and away.

Warrandyte president, Greg Creber, said Graham remained a popular member of the club and his Life Membership was a fitting reward for his loyalty and service.



Graham Lawrence

## Tennis title winners

Warrandyte Tennis Club player, Brendan Hogan was the star performer in the recent grand final of Eastern Region Tennis Open Section 9.

Heading for a perfect score, he finally lost a game in the last set - on his own serve. Other players on the day were John Edsell, Sam Del'aglio and Greg Lawrence.

A total of 11 players participated across the season to take the team to number one on the ladder. They included Mark Bence, James Razzi, Wendy Synnot, Claire Bence, Tessa Cudmore, Nicole Hogan and Melissa Cooper.

In the final, the team defeated second-placed Currawong 6 sets 48 games to 0 sets 11 games. Open sets 2 also reached the grand final but they were unable to get on top of Mooroolbark losing by seven games.

Results were reversed in the juniors where Mooroolbark lost to Warrandyte in the final of Boys singles/doubles 16.

The winning team consisted of Dylan Burns, Dane Wilshire, Alex Jurkenas, Jim Taylor and Matt Sheers.

Three other junior teams, boys 17 (Jakob Reade, Toby Versteegen, Daniel Ford-Learner, Daniel Mifsud, Brayden Mifsud, Jake McKee), Boys 20 (Eric Li, Nick Ford-Learner, Mark Ford-Learner, Trent Matthews, Roland Youakim, Braden Pynt, and Boys 29 (Aran Spottiswood, Paul Arnaud, Declan Turner, Andrew Matotek, Jack Connelly, Max Pflitzer) reached the grand final but were defeated on the day.

## Sisters set their netball goals

When Amie Dusting coached Warrandyte Netball Club's Under 15 (2) winter premierships, it was her first success.

On the same day, her elder sister, Nat, coached the Under 15 (1) team to a premiership ... but it was her fifth success as a coach with the club.

Now the youngest of the Dusting sisters, Jess, is planning to take on a coaching role.

Nat, 20, is now working while Amie, 17, and Jess, 13, attend Warrandyte High School.

All have played netball since they were eight-years-old and while Nat and Amie are keen on coaching, they still play with Warrandyte's open age side.

Jess has just completed a successful winter playing season being a member of the Under 13 team that was runner-up in the grand final.

All three girls have played at association representative level.

Amie says she prefers the playing side of the game while Nat's preference is for coaching.

"It is more rewarding as you see the girls improve and develop their games," she said.

Apart from her role as a coach of players, Nat is also a badged netball umpire and also coaches umpires.

Jess will start her coaching as an assistant to the Under 11 coach and is looking forward to the new challenge.

The Dusting sisters want to encourage more girls to take on netball.

Nat said all sports had their strengths but netball was more of a team sport than most.

"Everyone in the team has an important role to play," she said.

"You can't run with the ball so it's not as easy for one star player to dominate."

Practice is conducted at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve on Tuesday nights and more details are available from club president Lesley Reid, 9844 2068.



Warrandyte's Dusting sisters, from left, Nat, Jess and Amie.

## New ground, upgraded pavilion ...

# Hawks are ready to win at their new nest

TIM COLMAN spoke with South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club leader, Barry Williams, on the eve of a new season that sees the club using its upgraded oval for the first time.

October marks the end of indoor training and the beginning of the cricket season and for one local club, it marks the end of a long winter's wait.

South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club players are now the proud owners of a brand new ground with use of the newly developed Colman Reserve.

Colman Reserve has undergone a facelift, which includes a levelling of the oval, resurfacing of the grass, a new synthetic pitch and new training facilities, as well as new fencing around the boundary of the ground.

And with a deck now on the club house and plans for a balcony in coming years, president Barry Williams says that the club couldn't be in a better position both on and off the field.

"We've got some really great facilities now, including one of the best surfaces in the competition," he said.

"The club has performed really well over about the past five years, culminating in the finals of the Chandler Shield in the RDCA last year. So for us, the new facilities are a real treat.

"But we did get a bit of help with the project," Barry said. Manningham City Council was responsible for securing

the grant from the State Government, with Warrandyte South Cricket Club providing plenty of labour hours to ensure that the upgrade was completed.

"One of our sponsors, Glenn Davis from Fleet Plant Hire, was responsible for the excavation of the nets, which totalled about \$6000 worth of work," said Williams.

"That was a massive help but we also provided a lot of 'in kind' work, meaning that while the council oversaw it, a lot of people played an important part."

South Warrandyte started their third consecutive campaign in the RDCA's top competition on Saturday against South Wantirna with four other senior teams, four junior teams, two veterans teams and non-competitive juniors involved in the Milo Have a Go program.

South Warrandyte has had outstanding success in recent years moving from Third Division five years ago, through Second Division and

now into the Chandler Shield, where they have played for the past three years.

But it is not just the first XI that will be able to use the new facilities offered at Colman Reserve.

"The firsts and seconds play on the ground on Saturdays, and the veterans' teams play their seven game season on Sundays, with all players training at the ground," Williams said.

both clubs.

But it is the new facilities that have the club most excited, with the club house also receiving a face-lift, with a new bar and kitchen, as well as front windows.

Williams praised the efforts of the Manningham council, particularly George Coster and Zac Anver who were responsible for overseeing the project.

But for Barry Williams, who has been at the club for 10 years, and been president for four years, the upgrades at Colman Reserve are the result of a lot of people's hard work.

"It was really just a matter of pushing our own barrel and getting ourselves heard so that we could get the ground looking the way it does now.

"The council were just fantastic to work with and now we can look towards a new season with one of the best grounds in Melbourne, in my opinion."

"It is a really great time for us. We are a family club, and we really try to make the club have a really good environment and a really good feeling about it.

"We are always happy to see new faces and welcome new members and players, and with the new facilities and the view from the ground out towards the national park," Williams said.

# Dytes sparkle in opening game win

Warrandyte has scored an impressive win on the opening day of the new Wilkins Shield season, with a five-wicket victory over Bayswater Park.

With a new-look team and a bright new approach to their cricket, the Bloods could surprise many teams in the competition, after downing one of the big premierships contenders.

Chasing 168 for victory, Warrandyte passed the target with one over to spare, with an unbeaten 67 from captain Adam White being one of the highlights.

But White was not the only one to make an impact with the bat.

New opening batsman Nami Yilmaz scored an enterprising 34 at the top of the innings, which included seven boundaries, as his aggressive approach set the tone for the Warrandyte innings.

Yilmaz's good start was capitalised by White and Dave Mooney, as the experienced pair put on 55 runs for the fourth wicket to put the home side in a commanding position.

Even though Mooney was run out for 33, the damage had been done and with White still at the crease, Warrandyte always seemed to have the game in control.

It certainly did not look like it was going to be Warrandyte's day early on, with Bayswater Park getting off to a fast start.

The Sharks jumped out of the blocks and had scored at five runs an over by the halfway mark.

Dropped catches and inconsistent bowling was hurting Warrandyte, but to the team's credit, it did not lose focus.

A solid spell of bowling from Matthew Sazenis, followed by an impressive performance from Campbell Holland helped turn the game into even-money contest.

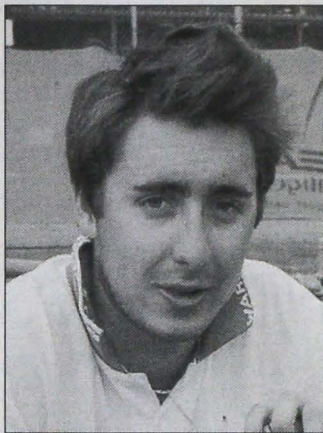
Holland finished with two wickets, as did White towards the end, which helped restrict Bayswater Park to 8-167 of its 40 overs.

And with the momentum swinging Warrandyte's way as it got itself back into the game, the home side was always going to be hard to stop when it was its turn to bat.

It was a buoyant Warrandyte rooms after the game, with the team delighted to get an early win on the board after last year's struggles.

"We really had to dig deep to get back into the game after such a bad start, so to be able to turn things around the way we did is so pleasing," White said after the game.

"I always felt we had improved our attitude and maturity during the pre-



Matthew Sazenis ... tight spell of bowling.

season, but to actually see it really put to the test in our first game and come out on top will give all of us a real confidence boost.

"We have still got a lot of improvement left in our team, so to get an early win is a huge bonus for us."

"But I don't want anyone getting too comfortable after just one game."

White said that for the first time for many years the club had real depth in its ranks.

"Players know they have to keep contributing each week or their spot will be in danger."

But while it was a good start, White refused to get too carried away.

"While we have a few experienced players, we still have a very young First Eleven squad, so we will have quite a few ups and downs along the way," he said.

"So long as we keep improving and learn as we go along, I am really excited about what might happen at this club over the next couple of years."

The captain also made mention of new recruit Nami Yilmaz.

"He is a massive bonus for us at the top of the order. He loves to take the game on within reason and I think it is fantastic, because it gives all of his team mates confidence."

"If he can get things happening for us early, it will make things a lot easier for everyone else," White said.

In the lower grades, results were mixed, but Warrandyte was a chance of winning all five grades.

Ultimately apart from the First Eleven, the Fourth Eleven was the only team to taste success, with all other teams narrowly missing out.

In the Second Eleven, Warrandyte fell agonisingly short of a big run chase at Bayswater Park.

Steve Goddard and Warrandyte's latest English player, Danny Cash, both scored 30s, while Dean Gidley and youngster Jake Sheriff snared two wickets each.

Tyson Walshe signaled his dramatic improvement with a devastating spell in the Third Eleven.

His two wickets opening the bowling showed he is quickly following in the footsteps of his father Gerald who is still playing in the First Eleven.

Walshe is one of several young fast bowlers at Warrandyte throughout the ranks who are showing significant improvement in an encouraging sign for the club.

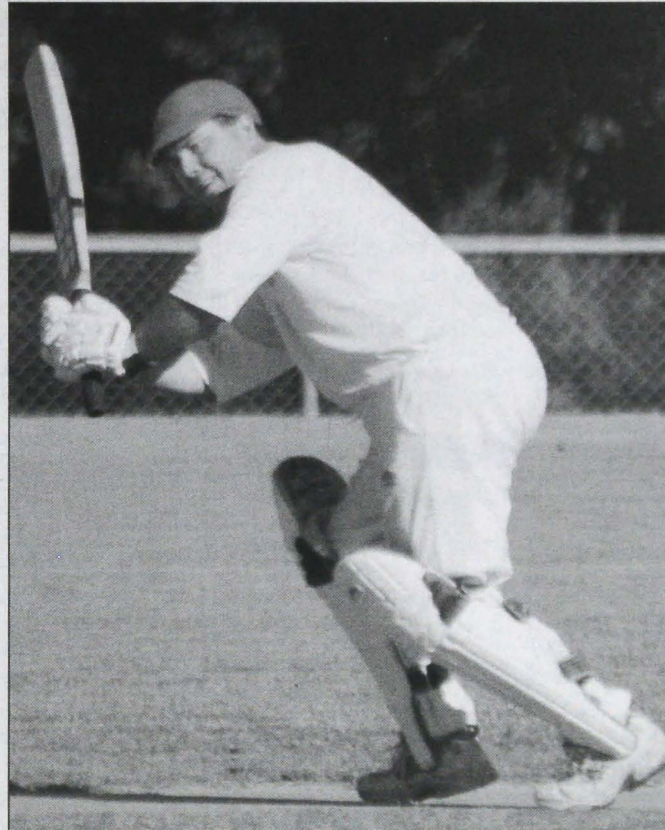
Fourth Eleven captain Graham Rees was the star of the show in his side's win. He made 42 and also took four wickets.

But he was well supported by young Will Standing who made his highest score of 42, along with Adam Maltman who also made it into the 40s.

And while the Fifth Eleven could not quite manage a win, it will be remembered for yet another father-son combination putting together a memorable partnership.

Daniel Barry, 13, and his father John compiled a 50 run stand, which was incredibly dominated by young Daniel.

Only two years ago, Daniel's brother, Chris, was playing in the Fifth Eleven at the same age. Chris is now one of the stars of the First Eleven.



Warrandyte captain, Adam White, on his way to an unbeaten 67 on Saturday.



Former Warrandyte captain, Robert White, presents senior debutante, Blake Morgan, with his playing shirt.

## Duo makes debut in senior team

Warrandyte had two players make their debut in the senior team in Saturday's opening round against Bayswater Park.

Each new senior player is presented with his "numbers" which represent the order in which they have represented the senior team since 1950.

Nami Yilmaz, who joined the club this season made his debut with shirt number 250 while former Under 16 captain, Blake Morgan was given shirt number 251.

Yilmaz virtually walked in off the street and asked for a game and then starred in his first game, scoring a rapid fire 34.

Morgan has worked his way through the grades and earned his place in the senior team following an outstanding pre-season.

Unfortunately he was not required to bat as Warrandyte won their opening round comfortably.

The club invited former club captain and president, Robert White, to present the "numbers" to the debutantes on the Thursday night before the first game.

# Bloods take confidence into Third Division

By RICK GORDON

Celebrations have continued for almost a month after Warrandyte took out the Division Four premiership Eastern Football League premiership.

Coach Peter Green is looking forward to a return to Division Three, and another competitive year from his young team of locals.

"It's just onwards and upwards for the club from here!" he said.

He said the club's promotion was just reward for its hard work this year, but he said the Bloods had to maintain their effort.

"We've still got a lot of improving to do, but we've got a young side and there's a lot of improvement in them yet," he said. "Their willingness to learn and to work hard will hold us in good stead."

The club is celebrating the conclusion to a successful Centenary season with a gala vote count and presentation night on Friday October 13 at Manningham Function Centre.

Votes from the final games of the season will be counted for all three teams, and trophies presented to the Best and Fairest players, in addition to the other club awards.

"This will also be a wonderful occasion to recognise the contribution of our huge band of dedicated supporters and loyal sponsors," said club president Phil Treeby. "We just simply could not function without them."

The competition is keen amongst the firsts players, with Todd Holman, Matt Wood, Aiden Davey and Dion Mullet-Treloar favourites after having solid seasons. Grant McAdam, Michael Stewart and Lee Evans made late charges. Forwards Michael Morello and Luke Ebzery are both expected to poll well, and Ben Reid, Rick Templeton, James Logan, Andrew Gordon and Matt Treeby were all consistent performers in the backline.

Tom Naughtin, Craig Dick, Ash Grybas and Josh Eyre were all match winners, but their chances will suffer due to missing games through injury.

The reserves and Under 18 awards will also be hotly contested, as both teams had successful seasons and are brimming with local talent.

Cal Haskings, Ricky Bourke, Jarrod Boyce, Sean Donovan and Campbell Holland were regular stars in the twos, with Jason Bowen, Craig Lincoln, Leigh Giampietro and Paul O'Mara sure to attract votes.

Unfortunately, players such as Dale Vittiritti, Brian Elliott, Jamie Ellis, and Nick Drake were regulars in both sides, so their votes will be split between the two.

Coach David Young is upbeat about his talented team, who missed out on finals action by half a game.

"More than 40 players represented the reserves

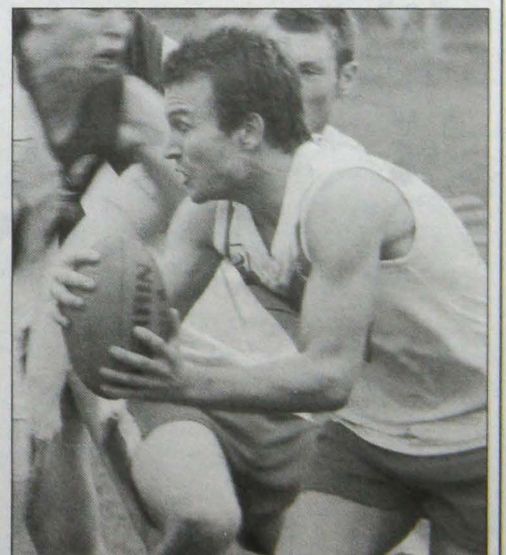
throughout the season, with 16 of those guys also playing senior footy at some point, meaning the depth of our club is on the improve, so our future looks very bright."

The thirds can almost raffle their awards between a raft of talented young boys including Luke and Matt Dunn, Chris Watson, Tully Greve, Jake Radcliffe, Tom Dlabik, Daniel Large, Joe O'Mara, Rick Curtis, Chris McDougall and Paul Burgoyne. Coach Brad Valentine

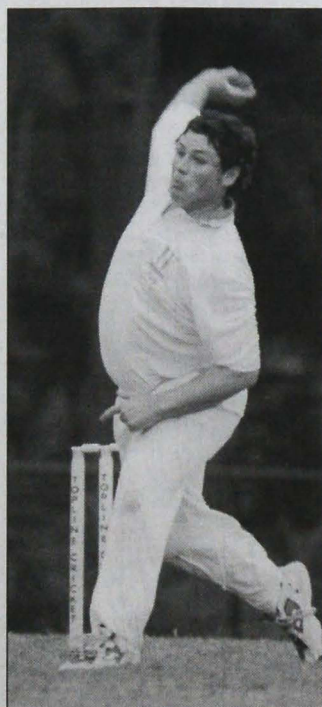
Some of the Under 18 team will be eligible to play again next year and will be joined by the top age Colts from the junior club.

Phil Treeby said: "We have been working very closely with the juniors to the mutual benefit of both clubs to ensure a smooth transition for the players. They are the future of the Warrandyte Football Club."

Anyone interested in finding out more should contact the coach, Peter Green on 0437 241 877 or Assistant Coach Glen McCartin on 0411 846 758.



Warrandyte's inspirational leader, Matt Wood.



Campbell Holland picked up two vital wickets and turned Saturday's game in Warrandyte's favour.



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## Lions Club of Warrandyte Inc.

*“Lions & Community Working Together”*



With the approach of another fire season the club has arranged for its 26 October meeting to include a panel discussion on all facets of the dangers facing Warrandyte residents and ways the dangers can be reduced. The panel chaired by Sgt. Keith Walker of the Warrandyte Police will also comprise of Officers-In-Charge of our three CFA brigades and local State Emergency Service.

The venue will be **Kellybrook Winery Restaurant**, at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start on **Thursday, 26th October**. The cost will be \$28.00 per head, which includes a 3 course meal.

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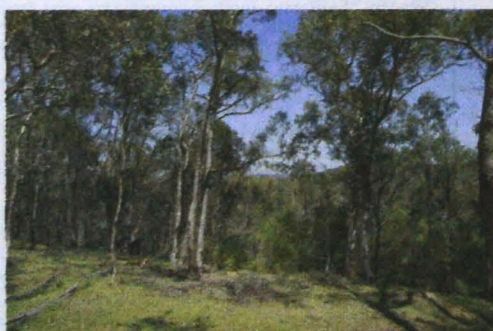
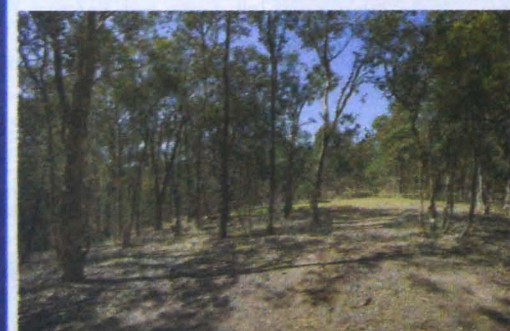
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