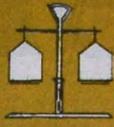


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Firefront warning

CFA trucks may not enter roads—'under certain conditions'

By CLIFF GREEN

Local residents are warned that fire trucks will take priority on district roads during a major wildfire event.

Warrandyte and North Warrandyte CFA brigades have stated that fire trucks will endeavour to access all roads.

However, the decision to access certain roads will be determined by the fire officer in charge and be dependent on a number of factors.

According to Jeff Adair, CFA community safety manager, Yarra Area, "the safety of our fire crews will always remain first priority and if local fire conditions threaten, our crews will not be entering these roads."

"If fire intensity is so severe that this limits the effectiveness of our fire trucks we will position them in locations where we are more likely to control the spread of fire."

"This may mean that trucks will not enter certain roads."

CFA is concerned that roads that are narrow, steep, heavily-vegetated and with limited ability for fire trucks to turn around, may well restrict access.

"Warrandyte is characterised by many of these factors," Mr Adair said.

"Our residential areas are ringed by pockets of State Park that contain a continuous fuel source and undulat-

ing and difficult-to-access terrain. Houses are jammed in, cheek-by-jowl, often surrounded by dense gardens, served by narrow, winding roads."

CFA stresses that under normal conditions, fire trucks will enter these roads. However, "this year we are facing extreme conditions—possibly the worst on record," Mr Adair said.

"The potential for significant house loss is very real. All the evidence indicates that we will have extreme weather days of high wind, soaring temperatures and low humidity, following hard upon this long dry winter and spring."

CFA stresses that if residents are relying on gaining unrestricted access when returning to their street during a fire emergency, as well as believing that CFA fire trucks will always be present, their fire plans could be disastrously flawed.

Difficult traffic conditions occur twice daily in Warrandyte. CFA and the police are concerned that gridlock conditions in the township—especially approaching the bridge—will stop fire trucks from getting to where they are needed most.

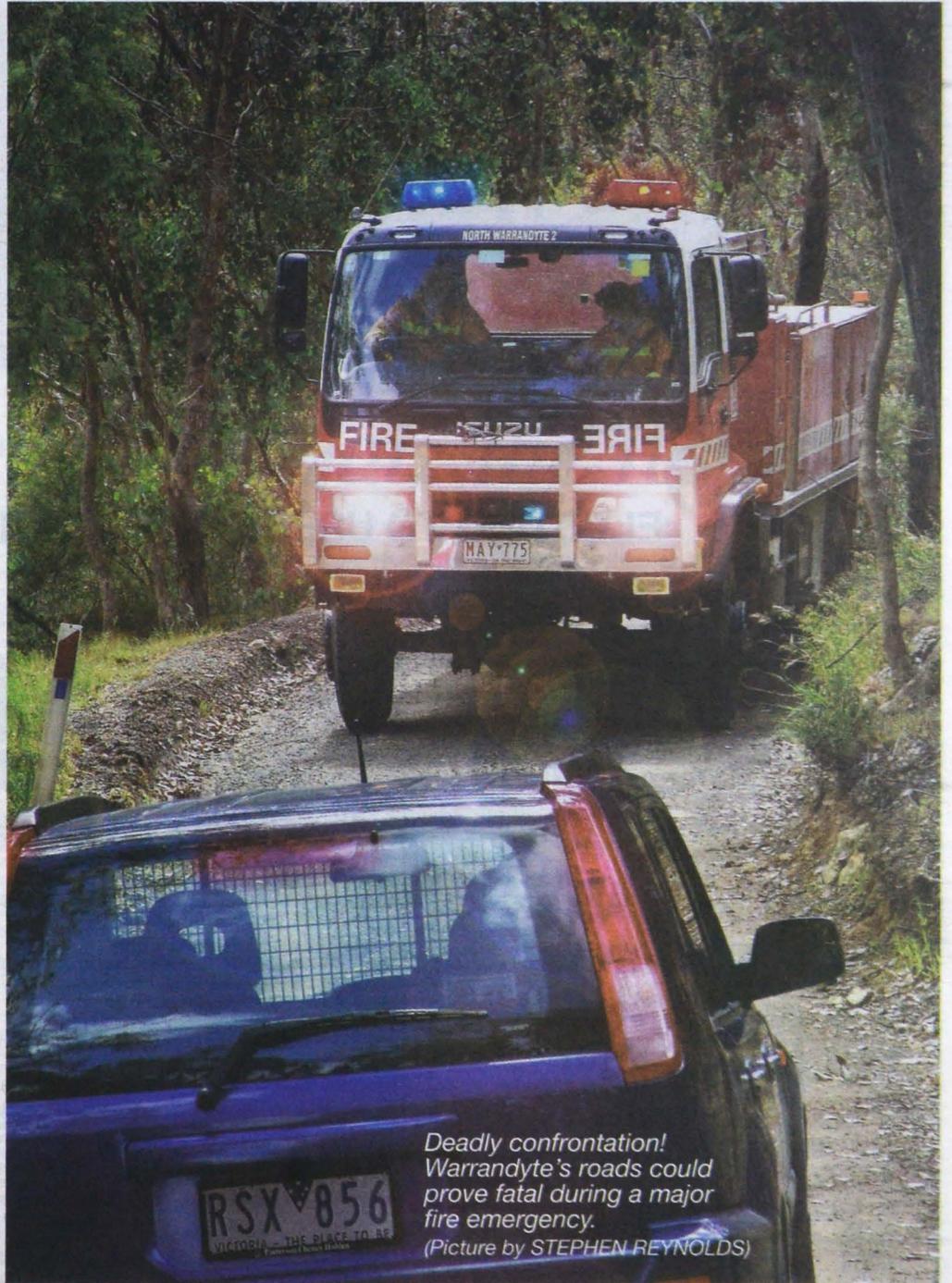
"Police, under instructions from CFA, will form a ring of traffic management points at the first sign of a serious fire threat," Mr Adair said. "We urge residents to be aware of this and to factor this into their fire plans."

"People will not be restricted in leaving the area, but their progress will be severely slowed at key locations, such as the Warrandyte Bridge and the roundabouts."

This situation was highlighted during the February 1991 fires when seven accidents occurred at the bridge in a short space of time.

During fire emergencies "people wishing to leave, or gain access, will experience significant driver behaviour change," Mr Adair said. "Anxiety will increase, tolerance will decrease and the likelihood of being involved in a vehicle accident will rise considerably."

"This will restrict access by our emergency service vehicles even further, and create further pandemonium on local roads. These situations can be avoided through early planning and disciplined implementation of family fire plans."



Deadly confrontation!
Warrandyte's roads could prove fatal during a major fire emergency.
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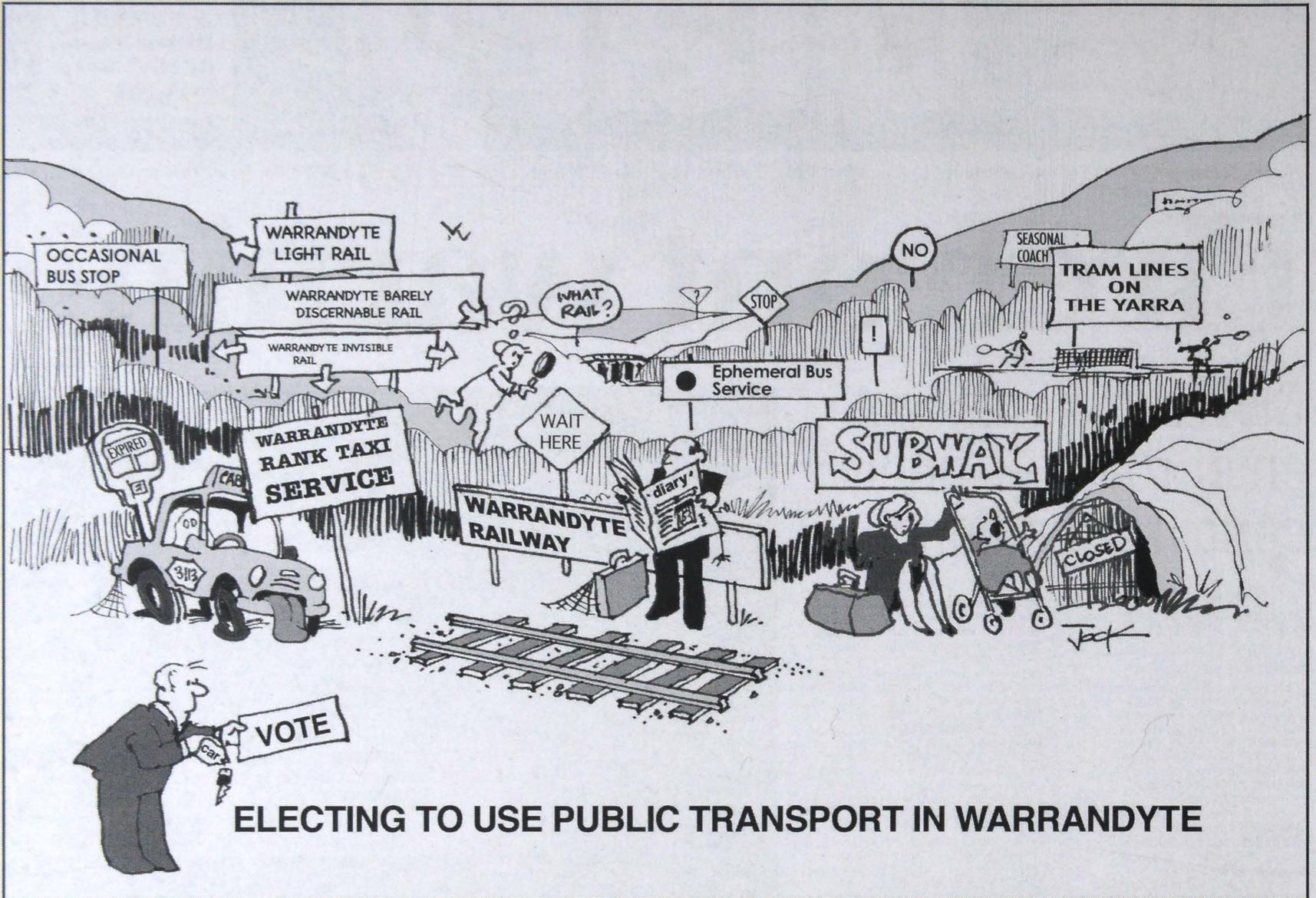
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Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 30km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. It soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.



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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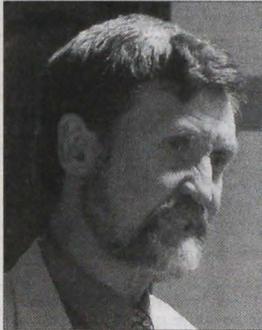
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Meet the candidates

Last winning words?

State election candidates from both sides of the river were asked by the *Diary* to submit a final message to voters.



DAVID ELLIS
Greens, Warrandyte

Liberal or Labor, is that really all the choice you need? As I see it, both the old parties have failed Victoria. The evidence? Our dwindling water reserves, the sell-off of essential services, poor planning for a sprawling city and a total unpreparedness for the challenges of climate change. I hope Warrandytians will vote not just for a party but for a person. It would be a privilege to be that person—and I will not let Warrandyte down.

DANIELLE GREEN
ALP, Yan Yean

Together we have achieved a lot: Green Wedge legislation, new State Park depot, new police station, Nillumbik's crime rate down by 40 per cent, smallest class sizes in 30 years, more teachers, more nurses and the Austin Hospital saved from privatisation and rebuilt. The future holds challenges, including water, climate change, renewable energy, Howard's unfair "Work-Choices", our ageing population and improving public transport. I'm committed to working with the North Warrandyte community to meet these challenges and achieve the right balance.



JARROD PANTHER
ALP, Warrandyte

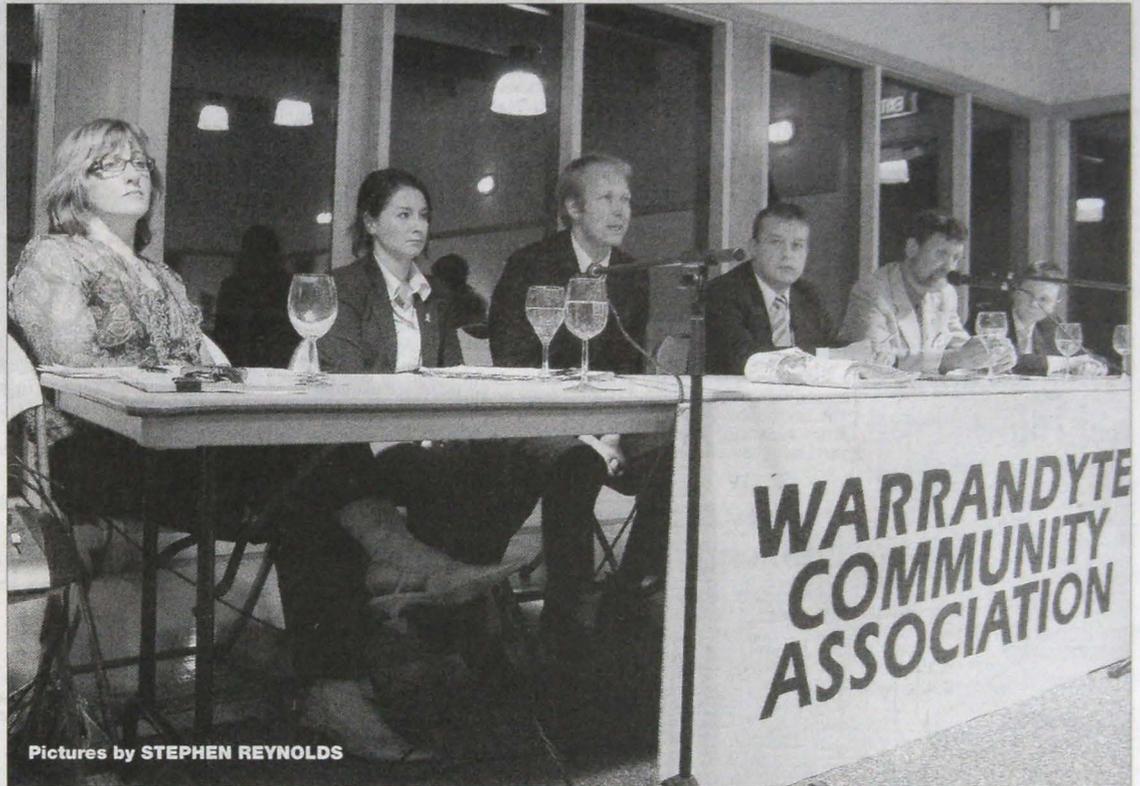
My commitment to Warrandyte is simple—strong, stable, local representation. The Bracks government has achieved much in our local area, providing millions of dollars to improve local schools and roads as well as our new police station, set to be completed in December. But there is more to do. Many of the unique challenges facing Warrandyte have no easy answers, but I am confident that through the ongoing commitment of our local community the answers can be found.

RYAN SMITH
Liberal, Warrandyte

Under seven years of a Labor government, with record money to spend, we've seen no improvements to public transport, our roads are congested, the Yarra is dirtier and the Green Wedge has been encroached upon at Labor's discretion. In Warrandyte, I am committed to revitalising the Yarra River through reducing the reliance on septic tanks, protecting our unique environment and providing the better schools, roads and public transport our region deserves. I look forward to working with you for Warrandyte's future to get Victoria moving again.



Aneta Ivanovksi (Liberal, Yan Yean) and Karen Geradts (Greens, Yan Yean) had not submitted statements when the *Diary* went to press.



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Candidates line up: (from left) Danielle Green, Aneta Ivanovksi, Greg Barber, Ryan Smith, David Ellis and Jarrod Panther.

Residents quiz the hopefuls

By **EMMA CLARK**

Political rhetoric, party lines and climate change were the order of the night at the Warrandyte Community Association's "meet the candidates" forum at the North Warrandyte Community Centre last month.

Residents had the opportunity to fire questions at candidates from both sides of the river and all sides of the political spectrum.

From Yan Yean came Labor MP Danielle Green, Liberal candidate Aneta Ivanovksi and Greg Barber, Greens candidate for the upper house. (Mr Barber was standing in for lower house Greens candidate Karen Geradts, who was unable to attend the forum.)

Hopefuls for the Warrandyte electorate were Ryan Smith from the Liberal Party, Jarrod Panther from the ALP and Greens candidate David Ellis.

Jonathan Upton, deputy vice-president of the WCA, presided over the proceedings and ensured residents and candidates kept their questions and answers brief and to the point.

The forum opened with a request from Bruce Davidson that each candidate explain their qualifications, experience and reasons for standing for parliament. Danielle Green began by outlining her four years as a MLA for Yan Yean, explaining that the misdeeds of the Kennett government had encouraged her to become more active in politics.

Aneta Ivanovksi explained that whilst she is relatively new to politics, her time as a treasurer and vice-president of student associations at Latrobe University inspired her to become politically involved. Greg Barber studied biology at Latrobe and was involved in conservation and landcare before doing an MBA and being elected to the Yarra City Council.

of the tongue almost saw Ms Ivanovksi commit to damming the Yarra before correcting herself to being "committed to damming the Maribyrnong and a strong water policy plan for the future". Mr Barber expressed concern over "not the water we use, but the water we waste" and said "logging water catchments along the Yarra is detrimental to water conservation".

said that he will be "your voice in parliament" and David Ellis replied that he "would not be part of any political structure that does not support the Green Wedge".

Lack of public transport in North Warrandyte was raised. Ms Green emphasised the government's \$650 million pledge to improve local public transport, and Mr Barber outlined how public transport should be "faster, cheaper and safer than a car". Aneta Ivanovksi said that transport is a number one priority in Yan Yean.

The evening finished with closing statements by each candidate. Danielle Green said, "There are many challenges, but I value my position highly and have been proud to have achieved a lot in my time as MP." She cited as an example new hospital and mental health facilities recently opened in Yan Yean.

Aneta Ivanovksi declared that she would "fight hard for the people of Yan Yean and to localise candidates". The Greens' Greg Barber emphasised how votes can make a difference. "Liberal and Labor agree on two-thirds of resolutions, so an alternative voice in parliament is important."

Ryan Smith is "committed to making the community better than what's been offered in the past few years," and David Ellis is dedicated to "putting public transport back into public hands, and tackling water shortage and climate change".

"Importance of an informed public to keep score on MPs"

Ryan Smith has a background in finance and banking, including experience in funding and cash management. Greens candidate David Ellis lives and works in Warrandyte and is involved in a number of local organisations and community groups. ALP's Jarrod Panther has been employed as an electorate officer by two state MPs.

Richard Aumann asked the candidates about public access to their policies and actions. Ms Green said, "I am committed to remaining accountable and ensuring that the public is informed." Mr Barber expressed the importance of an informed public to "keep score" on MPs.

The big issues of climate change and water conservation were raised and each candidate had passionate responses. A slip

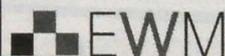
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WAA Potters Mitchell Avenue

Let's hear it for David

Time for all good ALP and Liberal voters to make a change. David Ellis, brilliant local candidate, has already proved himself in campaigning, alert to local issues, respectful to other candidates, a gentleman politician. Each party has always claimed Green Wedge issues crucial to the Warrandyte electorate. So, why beat about the bush? This time vote Greens, David Ellis. Let Warrandyte speak with an individual voice, influencing major decisions. Definitely it's time for David Ellis.

Louise Joy Brackenbury Street

Eating dust on our bush roads

As a regular visitor to North Warrandyte to visit my wonderful Mum, a long time resident of 50-odd years, I can certainly sympathise with how dry and dusty the area has become. This is brought home even more when we traverse the streets to visit the river, look for the echidna that lives near the post box or head off up the road where a good cup of tea with one of several neighbours is guaranteed. Many of these much-loved streets are unmade, often only one car-width wide and at present, heavily dust-laden.

It is on these sojourns that it is evident that not everyone is aware of the need to change their driving habits under these conditions. It is not easy at any age to be a pedestrian and bear the brunt of a mini dust storm from a passing car going too fast, but even harder when age

and mobility problems make such a simple walking pleasure challenging.

Given, as we are told, there are many more months of these conditions to endure, this letter is a gentle reminder to those driving along these much-loved tracks to maintain a speed limit that does not stir up the dust.

As many of these roads are one-way, the lower the speed, the less dust, the easier it is to react to oncoming traffic, particularly when a pedestrian is thrown into the mix. Not to mention helping to ensure the safety of anyone of any age walking such streets. An easy way to check is to look in the rear-vision mirror to see if the dust storm pursuing you is of your making.

Rilka Macainsh Barton, ACT

'Funny money' challenge

I would like to respond to David Ellis's letter, "Is promise funny money?" (*Diary*, October) and his allegation that recent Liberal media releases are merely pork-barrelling.

The funding announcement that my colleague Mary Wooldridge in Doncaster and I have been making with Ted Baillieu in Manningham come as a result of listening to the community and working with our leadership team to address their concerns.

I can assure Mr Ellis that each project is carefully costed and that we are committed to delivering on each and every one of them.

Instead of expressing his cynicism towards our initiatives, I would urge Mr Ellis to join me in asking why the Labor government has neglected these areas of concern during seven years of record revenues.

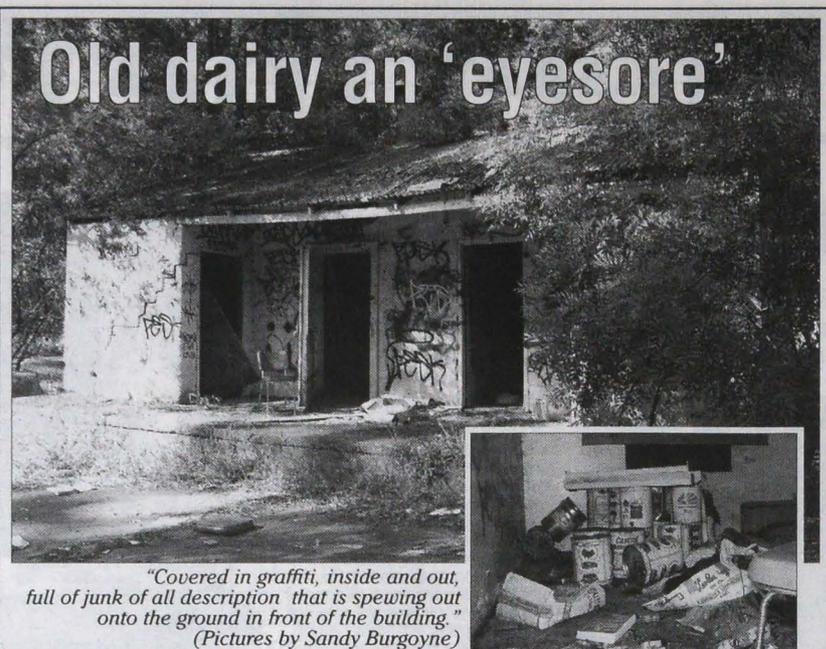
Ryan Smith Liberal candidate for Warrandyte

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NOTE

Email reception at the *Diary* has been misbehaving recently. If you emailed a letter to us over the past weeks and it hasn't been published (and it's still current) please accept our apologies and re-submit.



"Covered in graffiti, inside and out, full of junk of all description that is spewing out onto the ground in front of the building." (Pictures by Sandy Burgoyne)

May I draw the attention of the Warrandyte community to yet another eyesore—the old dairy building on the riverbank near Warrandyte Housing and Support Services. What a disgrace!

The concrete shell of the derelict building with its asbestos roof is in the most appalling state of repair. It is covered in graffiti, inside and out, full of junk of all description that is spewing out onto the ground in front of the building.

Apart from the foul stench, there is a scene of wilful destruction: upset chemical drums, hundreds of spilt teabags, scattered papers, broken and tangled cassette tapes, ripped up books and

old furniture broken to pieces (some of which someone is trying to sell for \$75.) Until last week there was a homeless person living in one of the "rooms". This disgusting eyesore is obviously used at night by drug-takers and drinkers.

I have called Manningham council twice and given detailed descriptions of the location of this mess. So far no action has been taken. I am worried children will venture into this building, which is completely open, and hurt themselves on broken glass and dangerous substances.

Does anyone know who owns this "building"? Surely it is not considered to be "heritage"! If it is, why doesn't someone clean

it up and restore it? If not, it should be demolished as soon as possible.

Bronwyn Doran (by email)

Who is responsible?

I live opposite the old dairy on Yarra Street. For many months now the building has been open (broken into) and there has been a considerable mess at the site. Do you know who is responsible for clearing this up, or where I could direct my grievances?

Gary Butcher Yarra Street

Scouts' appreciation

The district commissioner for Scouts in Manningham, Bob Browne, recently showcased Joanne Green's *Diary* article on Warrandyte Scouts (September 2006) to all the district Scout leaders. He highlighted it as a superb example of describing Scouts and their activities from the public perspective.

Please pass on our sincere thanks to Joanne—she obviously has an innate talent for journalism.

Don Hughes Scout Group Leader

Weedy words

Thank you to Pat Coupar for extolling the beauty of the weeds along the roadsides of Warrandyte. All Pat needed to add was "the sun glistened as it was reflected off the bottles and cans nestled among the vegetation" to complete the woeful picture.

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Are river promises watertight?

Local resident IAN PENROSE, water scientist and a leading member of the Yarra Riverkeepers, examines the promises and plans of the major political parties for the future survival of our river.

OUR state politicians talk often about the Yarra River. And as the election approaches, both major parties are promising to look after it. But are their proposals tackling the real issues? What do they mean for the river at Warrandyte?

The Yarra River is vital to the social and economic wellbeing of Melburnians. Seventy per cent of our drinking water comes from its catchment. It is the centrepiece of our largest Green Wedge, providing a natural respite from the concrete urban sprawl. Proximity to the cool, flowing waters of the Yarra in a relatively unspoilt bush setting is what makes Warrandyte so special, and even more so in a drier future climate.

Sadly our dependence on the Yarra has not been matched by our care for it. Its health is suffering in three ways—reduced flows due to water extraction, water pollution, and loss of native vegetation and wetlands.

How does the Labor government or its Liberal opposition intend to fix these problems?

Reduced river flows

The government has acknowledged that the Yarra is suffering from the amount of water taken from it. According to a 2005 Melbourne Water study using 40 years of data the median daily flow at Warrandyte over a typical 12-month period is only 42 per cent of the natural flow. The loss is even more pronounced in dry times: during the 20 per cent lowest flow days in the year, the median flow is just one-third of natural. Flows last month (October) were lower still.

The government recently finalised its so-called central region sustainable water strategy. This addresses such topics as Melbourne's future water supply and environmental flows for the Yarra. It outlines positive programs to save and recycle water, and proposes two initiatives that will

directly benefit the river. One is to put, for the first time, a maximum cap on the amount of water taken from the Yarra. The other is to set aside a small quantity of water for release into the river at times that reflect a more natural pattern of flows.

But the strategy has a major shortcoming. The proposed cap on extraction, at 400,000 megalitres per year, is higher than current average usage of 320,000 megalitres. This means that even more water can be extracted. The Yarra, now only half its natural size, will shrink even further. This must not be allowed to happen.

The Liberal opposition has criticised the "spin" in the government's proposals, but has failed to say what it would do to protect river flows. Its recent suggestion to dam the Maribyrnong River reflects outmoded thinking on water management and a poor appreciation of how dams hurt our rivers. The Labor government has said that no new dams are needed in Melbourne.

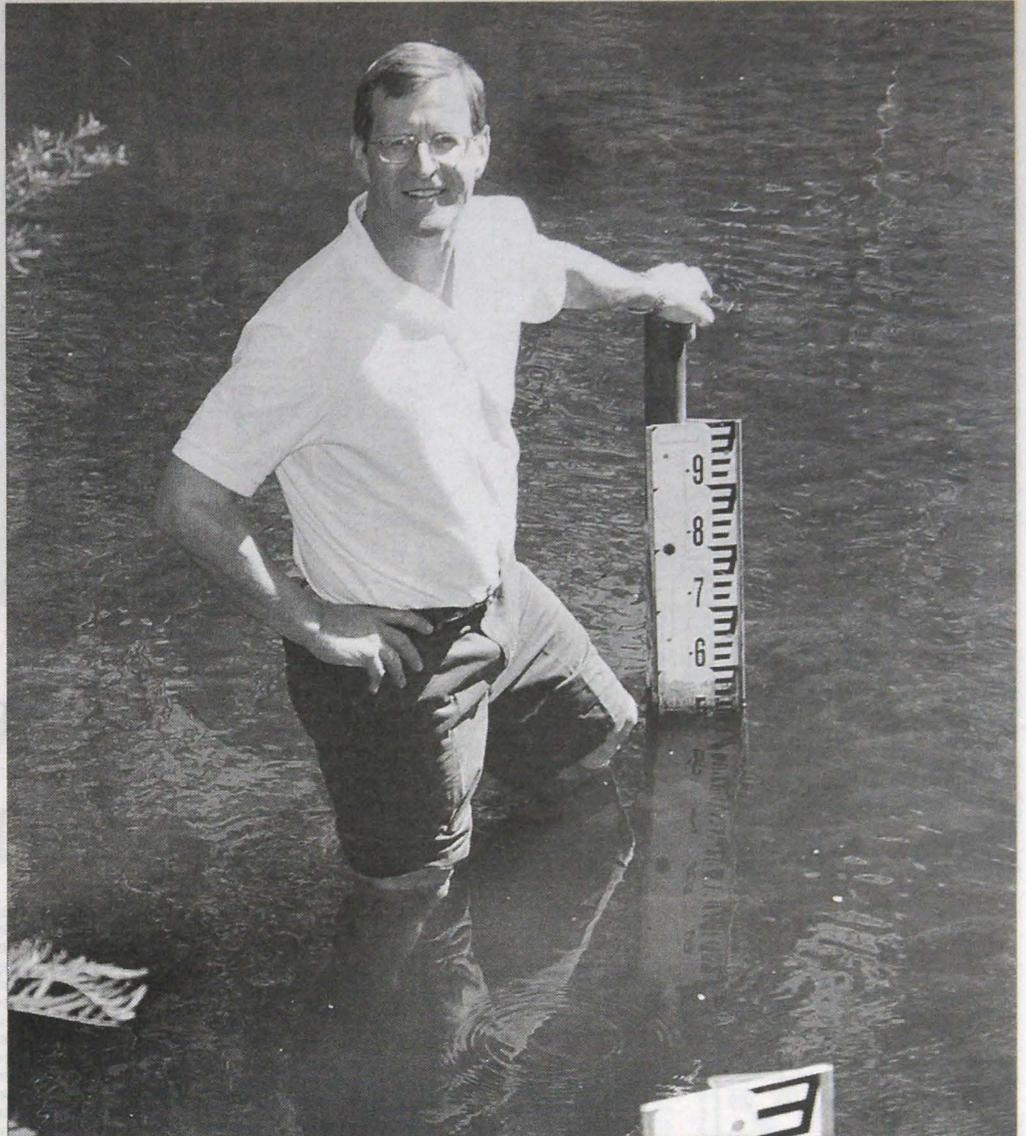
Water pollution

Our antiquated stormwater and sewerage systems are the main polluters of the Yarra. Stormwater run-off from suburban streets and agricultural land flushes chemicals and litter straight into our waterways, and human waste leaks from old sewer pipes and septic tanks.

The government is tackling sewage pollution by upgrading sewer lines in the inner northern suburbs, and replacing septic tanks in outer eastern suburbs with reticulated systems. New ways to manage stormwater are also being introduced but on a scale that is miniscule compared to the problem.

The opposition has promised to strengthen enforcement against polluters and that is warranted. It has also criticised, quite rightly, the slow pace of the septic tank replacement program.

But septic tanks are not the main



Plumbing the depths: Ian Penrose checks out the Yarra. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

culprits and recent research by Monash University's Dr Chris Walsh shows that only a small proportion are polluting the river. To replace them by installing large sewer pipes and pumping our waste all the way to Werribee will incur other environmental costs. One hopes that the replacement program is appropriately targeted.

It is often asked whether the Yarra is or should be made safe for swimming. Warrandyte is one of few places where the river is clean enough to go swimming—but not always. Twenty per cent of the EPA e-coli readings at Warrandyte over the past year were above the safe level. At other sites, the readings are sometimes so high that even boating is not recommended.

The opposition has promised to make the entire Yarra safe for swimming by 2015. The government originally supported a similar target but now says that that was just an aspirational goal and that swimming will continue to be ill-advised in the urbanised reaches of the river after heavy rainfall.

But a stretching target is needed to drive improvement. Whilst the Yarra is a natural system and will never be swimming-pool clean, we, the resi-

dents of a modern and wealthy city, should not tolerate human waste and chemicals fouling our river.

Loss of native vegetation

Protection of the Green Wedge and the remaining pockets of native bush in the Yarra corridor must be sacrosanct.

The pressure from housing and other "developments" around Warrandyte is a regular source of angst for many residents, although it is not generally appreciated that the loss of vegetation and habitat near the river also impacts on its environmental health.

The government's Melbourne 2030 plan was meant to fix the issue, but anecdotal evidence suggests that the protected areas are being whittled away at the edges, and much more public funding is being spent supporting the growth corridors than looking after the Green Wedges.

The opposition's promise to replace Melbourne 2030 with its own planning framework provides little comfort to people who value the natural landscape.

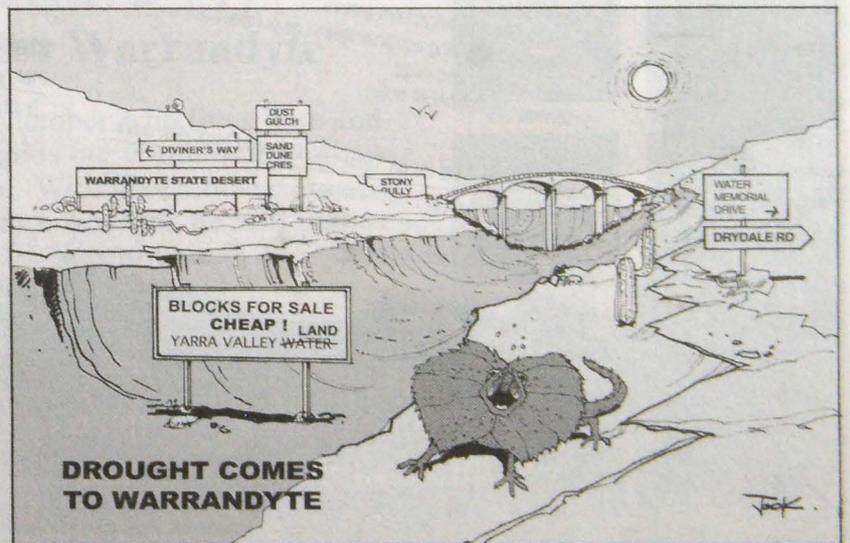
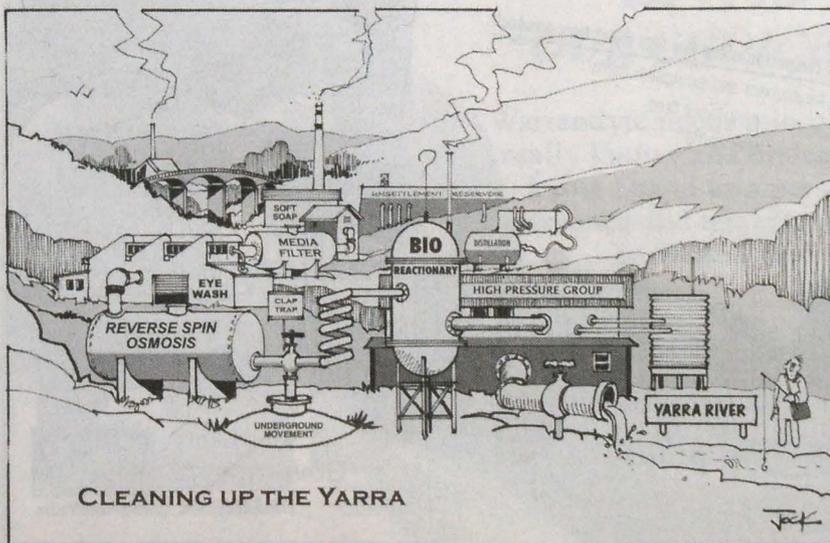
It is a political mantra that Melbourne should continue to expand. Will that really improve the quality

of life for Melburnians? No. Will it improve the health of the environment? No. Will future generations thank us for building a bigger city? No. It will just increase the pressure on our water supply, and threaten further the remaining bushland and health of the Yarra.

The Yarra River is a wonderful and precious natural asset. We owe it to ourselves and future generations to ensure that it gets the highest level of care.

It is vital that Victorians radically change how we think about and manage water. The extended drought, which may be the future norm, affords us no choice. The Yarra River flowing through the heart of Melbourne presents a critical litmus test of whether we and our governments are up to the challenge.

This article does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Yarra Riverkeeper Association. The association is not aligned to any political party. It is a community-based organisation that gives the Yarra a "voice", and works with others to enjoy and protect this special natural asset. They can be contacted by phoning 0448 927 720, emailing info@yarrariver.org.au or visiting www.yarrariver.org.au.



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Count me in!

How many koalas can you count?

Ever tried counting koalas? Manningham council is inviting residents to be part of a koala survey being conducted on Sunday, November 19.

The count monitors koala numbers in the municipality in order to establish a management strategy as they move into the suburbs.

Residents are encouraged to participate by obtaining and completing a simple form to record any koala sightings between dawn and 2pm on November 19.

The form records how many koalas were seen, what time they were seen, where they were seen and what type of tree they were in.

If you do spot a koala in your backyard, some tips to remember are:

- Do not attempt to handle it; koalas are not as cuddly as they appear.

- Put dogs inside the house, usually overnight, until the koala has disappeared. Koalas are easily stressed by their presence and have also been

known to inflict nasty wounds on dogs.

- Alert your neighbours that a koala is present and ask them to restrain their dogs until it has gone.

- If practical, place a plank of wood from the tree to a nearby fence so the koala can move safely without having to descend to the ground.

For further information please contact Kay Toussaint at Manningham council on 9840 9333 or Mrs Julie Pryor on 9722 1117.



Easy steps to your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Preparation is vital to bushfire survival. It's your responsibility to do everything you can to protect your home and assets. You need a plan that works for you and your family. CFA crews will fight every fire, but they **can't give individual warnings**, and **can't always defend every home**.
You need to decide early whether you plan to stay and actively defend your home or leave before the fire arrives.

Step 1:

Plan what you need to do before the summer fire season.

- Manage vegetation to reduce fuel for a fire
- Seal gaps around doors, windows and in the roof to keep out embers
- Clean leaves and twigs from gutters
- Assemble firefighting equipment such as pumps, hoses, buckets and mops
- Consider availability of water

Step 2:

Plan what you will do on Total Fire Ban and high risk days.

- Leave early before a fire threatens
- Get ready to stay and defend your home
- Listen to the radio for regular updates

Step 3:

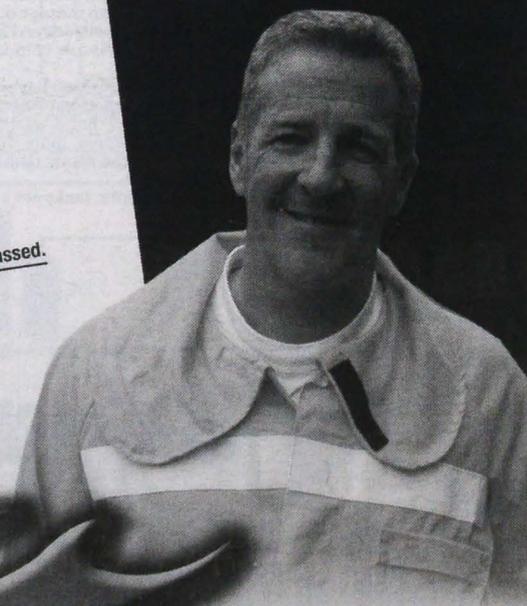
Plan what to do as a fire approaches.

- Put on protective clothing
- Wet down around the house
- Shut all windows and doors
- Remove doormats, garden furniture, boxes etc from around the house

Step 4:

Plan your response after the fire front has passed.

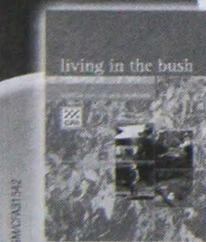
- Check for embers and extinguish them
- Continue monitoring, spot fires can start long afterwards.



For all the information you need to complete your plan call 1800 240 667, or visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

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No tolerance for fire

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.

By CLIFF GREEN

The Country Fire Authority, Victoria Police and Nillumbik and Manningham councils are adopting a "zero tolerance" attitude to illegal fires this summer.

This was stressed as fire restrictions were introduced two months earlier this season.

Fire restrictions came in on October 30 as a result of the "hottest and driest September and October on record," Jeff Adair, CFA community safety manager, Yarra Area, told the *Diary*.

"Following a decade of below average rainfall, our forests are tinder dry and could be consumed by fire during a summer which is forecast to be hotter and drier than ever.

"This is potentially an extraordinarily severe fire season."

Because of this, CFA has introduced fire restrictions two months earlier than normal.

Mr Adair explained that "zero tolerance" means that people disregarding the regulations would be fined, "and those fines will be quite considerable".

"People should not have left their fuel reduction burning until now," Mr Adair said. "It is too late. And it is illegal unless a permit is obtained. There is no moisture in the ground. People might think their fire is out, but it could be burning underground and could emerge on hot, windy days with disastrous results."

Fires in the open air are subject to legal restrictions now that the fire danger period has been declared. They will remain in force until May 1, 2007 unless revoked earlier due to seasonal conditions.

CFA and local councils receive many complaints and queries regarding the issuing of permits enabling residents to burn for fuel reduction purposes. During the fire danger period, which is now in force, it is highly unlikely that these permits will be issued by either agency.

"If residents have left their preparation to the last minute, CFA and local councils will encourage people to use alternative methods of reducing, removing or managing fuel loads," Mr Adair said. "This may require extra effort and cause some inconvenience, however this only highlights the importance of undertaking these vital fire prevention works well before the onset of the fire danger period.

"The state government, including the Premier, as well as emergency service agencies, have been providing early advice as to the severity of the season for the past two months or so. This should have been ample warning for residents to undertake fuel reduction measures around their home."

During the fire danger period, barbecues and campfires can be lit for cooking purposes—but only under certain conditions and in properly constructed fireplaces and commercially produced barbecues.

On days of total fire ban, barbecues that are fixed, fired by gas or electricity can be used within 20 metres of a dwelling. However, they must be attended at all times, be clear of



vegetation for an area of three metres around with a water supply of at least 10 litres, but preferably a garden hose. This provision does not apply to mobile homes, caravans or tents. Campfires for warmth or personal comfort and solid fuel barbecues are banned on days of total fire ban.

On days of total fire ban, only CFA regional offices can issue permits to registered caterers or community charitable organisations to allow

them to light a fire to prepare meals for other people in the course of a business or community function.

For tradespeople who conduct work such as welding, grinding, soldering or gas-cutting there are certain requirements. On days of total fire ban the use of this equipment is prohibited unless a permit from a CFA regional office is obtained. These cannot be issued by local councils.

Machinery such as chain saws, trac-

tors, slashers and equipment with internal combustion or heat engines can be used during the fire danger period, so long as they are free from fault and mechanical defects which could cause the outbreak of fire. A minimum of 10 litres of water should be available at all times whilst using this equipment.

On days of total fire ban, CFA encourages people to postpone work using such equipment.

There'll be a CFA demonstration near you

WARRANDYTE: Tuesday, November 21, 7pm, Warrandyte Fire Station, Harris Gully Road.

NORTH WARRANDYTE: Thursday, December 7, 6pm, North Warrandyte Fire Station, Glynn's Road.

Sunday, December 10, 5pm, cnr Floods and KG Road.

Sunday, December 17, 11am and 1pm, North Warrandyte Community Centre.

SOUTH WARRANDYTE: Thursday, December 7, 7.30pm, St Anne's Primary School, Knees Road, Park Orchards.

Tuesday, December 12, 7.30pm, South Warrandyte Fire Station, Brumbys Road.

RESEARCH: Wednesday, November 29, 7pm, Research Fire Station, Research-Warrandyte Road.

Lions learn about fire

Late last month, Warrandyte Lions were addressed by a panel of experts discussing the burning issue of what to do if a major fire ever strikes the area.

The panel included SES controller Alan Alder, police sergeant Keith Walker and Greg Kennedy, Will Hodson and Shane Murphy from the three Warrandyte CFA brigades.

The experts placed emphasis on the necessity for each family to have a disaster plan, "including whether to defend the home or leave it," a Lions Club spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"If the decision is not to defend, then on days of extreme fire danger it is better to leave early. If deciding to defend the home, residents should seek the advice of the CFA to discover any faults in their plans and suggestions for improvement."

It was stressed by the experts that once a fire is in progress, all road traffic would be diverted from the area.

"The bridge would be closed to normal traffic, open only to emergency vehicles," the spokesperson said. "There would be no way that someone working away from the area would be allowed to regain access to the fire area."

Parents with children at school should become aware of their schools' counter disaster plans, "so they can have peace of mind about their children's safety during an emergency".



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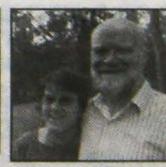
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**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987
MANNINGHAM PLANNING SCHEME
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT C60
AUTHORISATION A0473**

The Manningham City Council has prepared Amendment C60 to the Manningham Planning Scheme.

In accordance with section 9(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Minister for Planning authorised the Manningham City Council as the planning authority to prepare the amendment.

The amendment applies to the Warrandyte Township Heritage Precinct comprising residential, civic and commercial buildings, as well as parkland and open space in Yarra Street (and parts of intersecting streets) generally between Tresize Street and Mullens Road and part of Brackenbury Street.

The amendment proposes to incorporate the Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines (May 2006) into the schedule to Clause 81.01 of the Manningham Planning Scheme, and to delete the reference to the Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines, City of Doncaster and Templestowe, February 1993. The amendment also seeks to update the Municipal Strategic Statement and two local planning policies to update all references to the Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines.

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment at the following locations:

- at the office of the planning authority, Manningham City Council, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.
- at all libraries within the Municipality and at the Manningham e-Library @ Warrandyte located at Shop 2, 100 Melbourne Hill Road, Warrandyte.
- at the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Planning Information Centre, Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne.

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

The documents may also be viewed on Council's website www.manningham.vic.gov.au

You are invited to attend a public information session which will explain the proposed Guidelines and Planning Scheme changes. The information session is to be held at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre, Taroona Avenue Warrandyte (Melways Ref Map 35 C1) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22 November 2006.

Please RSVP if you wish to attend, by contacting Fiona Austin on 9840 9434 to assist with seating arrangements.

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority. Any submission you wish to make about this amendment should be in writing and must be sent to:

Teresa Dominik
Manager Economic and Environmental Planning
Manningham City Council
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The closing date for submissions is 15 December 2006.
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Jimmy and Debby of Jimmy's Place hosted a Halloween party for 100 adults and kids last month. The kids dressed up, enjoyed dinner then went on a pirate treasure hunt, followed by the distribution of door and costume prizes.

They're banking on a future for childcare kids

The future of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House childcare centre has been assured—at least for a further year.

This is the result of a \$5000 appeal, run jointly by the Neighbourhood House and the Warrandyte Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank, reaching its target.

The centre faced crisis last year when Manningham council refused to subsidise rent for their premises in the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Neighbour House believed they were being unfairly treated, as other neighbourhood houses were enjoying "peppercorn rental" in their council-owned premises.

An anonymous local donor stepped in and saved the situation last year, but this year a public appeal had to be launched.

The appeal target of \$5000 was reached in October by a collab-

orative effort of donations from members of the community, and the dollar-for-dollar matching commitment of the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch and a donation from the Community Enterprise Foundation.

"The Community Enterprise Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Bendigo Bank and works closely with community bank branches and local communities to make a difference at grass roots level," a bank spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"The occasional childcare centre is a much needed facility in our community and we have been proud to support this project," Warrandyte Community Bank chairman John Provan said.

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House manager Karen Throssell said: "It's wonderful to see the support the Warrandyte community can give to two great community institutions—the

Warrandyte Community Bank and the occasional childcare centre. Our staff and parents really appreciate the knowledge that the centre will stay open thanks to this project."

However, current funding only covers rent for this year. Donations can still be made—to ensure the ongoing future of the centre—over the counter at the Warrandyte Community Bank branch in Yarra Street, or by sending a cheque (payable to the Warrandyte Occasional Childcare Centre Project) to the Community Enterprise Foundation, Fountain Court, PO Box 480, Bendigo Vic 3552. All donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

• The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Bank branch will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre, corner Yarra and Webb streets, on Wednesday, November 22, commencing at 7pm.

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Warrandyte's new police station is growing apace. It is due to be completed next month. The station's listed location in Forbes Street has long been confusing. When the new station was being planned, the government searched for a more central site in Yarra Street, but no land was available. So instead of changing location they changed the street name! (See inset.)



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Motorcyclists beware!

Words and pictures by **SANDY BURGOWNE**

VicRoads has declared Ringwood-Warrandyte Road a motorcycle blackspot from Warrandyte village to Mullum Mullum Road in Ringwood.

The blackspot program identifies sections of road that have a high rate of motorcycle crashes, analyses the likely causes and carries out remedial work to improve road conditions.

Over the five-year period to the end of 2005, 11 motorcycle crashes were recorded on Ringwood-Warrandyte Road. Three of these resulted from motorcycles running off the road and two fatalities occurred.

VicRoads allocated \$82,620 to be spent on this stretch of road. The money for this expenditure comes from the motorcycle safety levy.

This \$50 surcharge is added to the TAC premium on the annual registration of every Victorian motorcycle above 126cc capacity. The levy has raised more than \$11.6 million since it was instituted in October 2002.

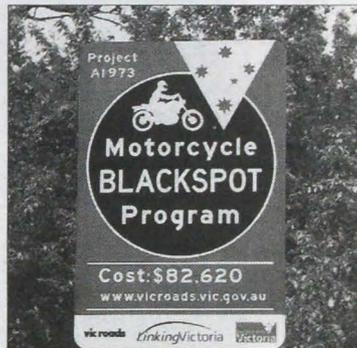
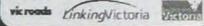
A field assessment of likely hazards showed that Ringwood-Warrandyte Road lacked adequate warnings of tight bends ahead. VicRoads, in association with the

Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council, resolved to install speed and curve advisory signs, curve alignment markers (CAMs) and extra guide posts. The CAMs are the large vertical signs with a black arrow on a yellow background on the edge of the road that indicate the direction of the curve. An example of these can be seen north of the Croydon Road intersection.

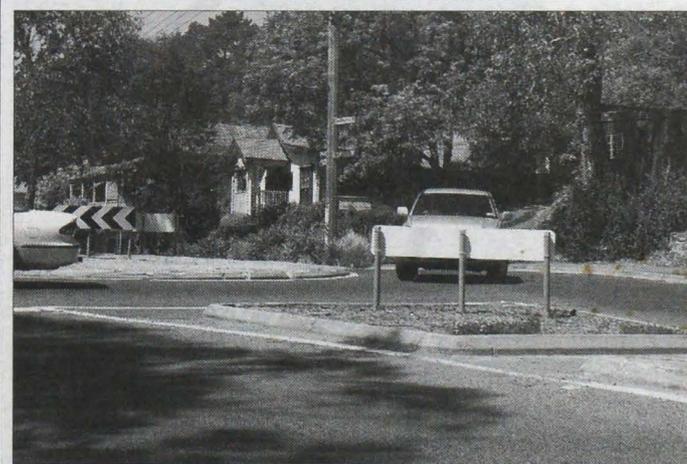
VicRoads recently completed this remedial work on Ringwood-Warrandyte Road with the installation of special signs warning of a motorcycling "high risk area". These lozenge-shaped signs have black markings on a yellow background and are situated at the east end of Warrandyte village and near Tortice Drive in North Ringwood.

The motorcycle blackspots program is part of an integrated effort to lower the rate of rider crashes. Other elements include motorcycle rider education and training, engineering and technology projects and enforcement of the road law.

VicRoads and the Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council will evaluate all sections of road that have been modified as a result of the blackspots program to assess the benefits and the effectiveness of the road treatments used.


VicRoads are banking on new signs to solve motorcyclists' problems.



Roundabout riddle

The height of "arrow" signs on the traffic island on the south side of the Warrandyte Bridge is creating blind spots for motorists at the roundabout.

The signs effectively hide the blinkers of approaching vehicles, thus drivers do not know which way they are turning.

Representations have been made to Manningham council, but so far there has been no response.

Blinkers are invisible. Which way are they going?
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Retirement housing plans on the way

Planning for retirement housing in Warrandyte is well underway as a sub-committee of the Warrandyte Community Association continues to research this urgently-needed project.

"The sub-committee has been pleased to receive more than 30 registrations of interest from residents aged 55 and over since reports began appearing in the *Warrandyte Diary*," convenor Val Polley said. "These will form the basis of a reference group during the process."

"The sub-committee is also considering all the information and feedback it has received from residents while it continues to explore a number of possible locations within the township."

The group is currently looking at co-operative, community-owned and managed, cluster-style models. It is

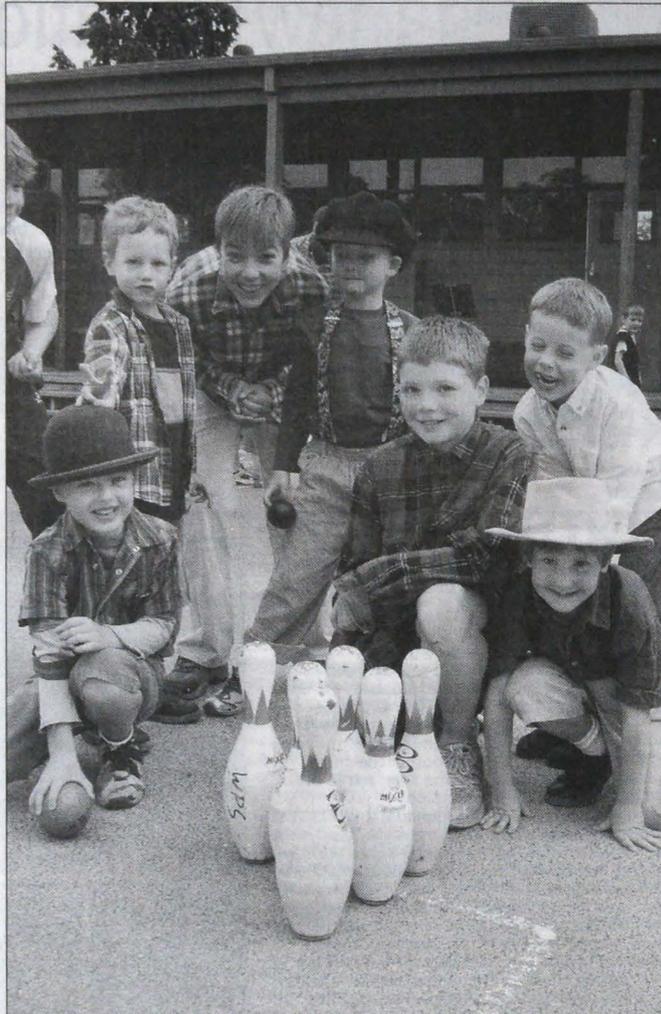
intended that such housing should be reserved for Warrandyte residents only, "but this model does not appear to be practised widely elsewhere," Ms Polley said.

They plan to meet with a group who are establishing a community living concept in Mansfield and with a senior executive with many years experience in the retirement and health care industry.

"We will be seeking a meeting with Manningham council once we have some positive proposals to discuss," Ms Polley said. "Any other planning and legal advice will be sought at a later date."

The sub-committee is still seeking expressions of interest from local residents. The form below can be clipped and forwarded to Warrandyte Community Association, PO Box 75, Warrandyte 3113.

Bowling 'em at WPS



Bowling 'em over! Kids at Warrandyte Primary School went back to "the olden days" last month, celebrating the restoration of their historic 1875 building. Year 6 students Lachlan and Mark show Kye, Joseph, Tiger, Joseph and Liam how to bowl.

Our bins are desegregated

Need more room in your recycling bin? Manningham council is removing the dividers from all bins across the municipality.

"Removing the divider will increase the space inside the bin," a council spokesperson said. "The more space there is in the bin, the more residents can recycle."

Improvements in technology have allowed the materials recovery facilities to now accept "commingled" recyclable materials.

"Once the dividers are removed all recyclable materials that normally go in the large green bin will no longer need to be separated as is currently being done."

This means that cans, glass and plastic bottles and cartons can now be mixed with the recyclable paper products.

"Simply place your paper and cardboard in the bin along with your bottles, cans and cartons and it will all be sorted," the spokesperson said.

"Please continue to put your bin out on your normal recycling collection day and over the next few months the bin dividers will be removed."

Cash grants for locals

The Warrandyte film festival, sponsored by WAA, and planned to take place during the Warrandyte Festival next March, and its associated filmmaking summer school, have been awarded financial assistance through Manningham council's community development grant program.

Other Warrandyte-based projects to receive grants include the "55 Plus" Variety Group at the Senior Citizens Centre, the Warrandyte Festival, Manningham Community Health Service for a program entitled "A Memorial to Warrandyte", and Arbias Recreation Centre, operating through the Warrandyte Community Centre.

A total of 37 local organisations, representing a wide cross-section of Manningham's welfare, sporting, arts, health, ethnic and special interest groups were successful in applying for funding through the program.

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Hot, dusty road

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Last month local builder Matt Jeffery, with three colleagues, took a team of Clydesdale horses on a 450km trek from Echuca across to Matong in NSW. The horses were pulling a 90-year-old "Chaff King" wagon that Matt had restored to its former glory.

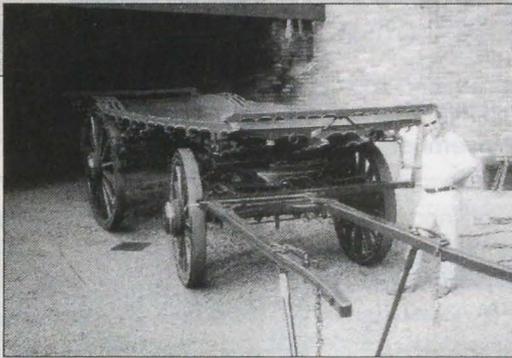
Matt had purchased the dilapidated wagon from a farm in the Matong district five years ago, but with conditions attached. "Only if I was to guarantee that I would restore it and not let it be sold off as a Melbourne garden ornament," Matt told the *Diary*.

Three of his Clydesdales took turns in the five-horse team used to pull the large wagon. The team travelled around 25km a day over old stock routes. The wagoners rested every four or five days to catch up with maintenance, such as hot shoeing



Matt's team takes a spell on the road to Matong. Right: the Chaff King wagon

and oiling the harness. A highlight of the trip was to drive the Chaff King to the farm at Matong where Matt had discovered the wagon. Farmer Lyle McPherson said that the restoration job was "bloody magnificent".



Prep kids learn computer skills



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Warrandyte High School students took 40 prep kids from Andersons Creek Primary School through a range of "digital adventures" last month.

The multimedia students had created digital storybooks and games as part of the VCE assessment and the preps were their target audience, testing their interactive projects.

Other classes joined in to make the occasion a full-blown celebration based on the classic 1960s picture book, "Where the Wild Things Are", by Maurice Sendak.

"The school library looked

Above: an Andersons Creek prep working with her high school mentor. Inset: the book on which the program was based.

a treat, decorated with many monsters and naughty Max, the main character in this timeless story," WHS teacher Claire Bloom told the *Diary*. After the digital activities the students enjoyed a "wild" feast.

Stitching a river

The "Busy Needles" group at Warrandyte Neighbourhood House has contributed to a project, inspired by the Yarra River "from its source to the sea".

Titled "The Long Yarra Quilt—Stitching our Stories", the project involved Nillumbik, Manningham, and Yarra Ranges councils and included school groups and the Steels Creek Stitchers.

"The idea was to tell stories from different communities along the river, then stitch them together in a community quilt," Karen Throssell, manager of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House said.

"Our six patches included appliqué, hand and machine embroidery, watercolour and photography. The project involved other members of the group when the completed patches were quilted."

The finished quilt was exhibited at the Scienceworks Museum. The exhibition included photographs of the Yarra taken a century apart—from 1904 to 2004.

"Warrandyte will have a chance to see the result of this fantastic community project when the quilt is exhibited at the Community Centre—possibly later in November," Ms Throssell said.



Busy Needles at work on Warrandyte's contribution to the Long Yarra Quilt.

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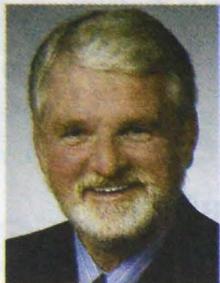
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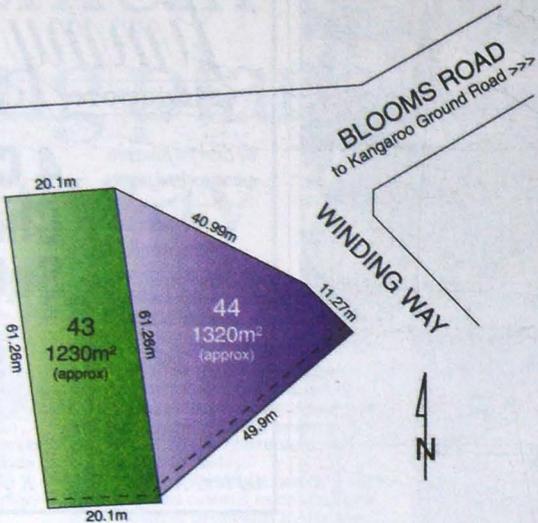
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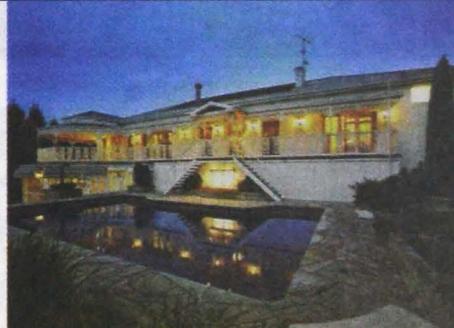
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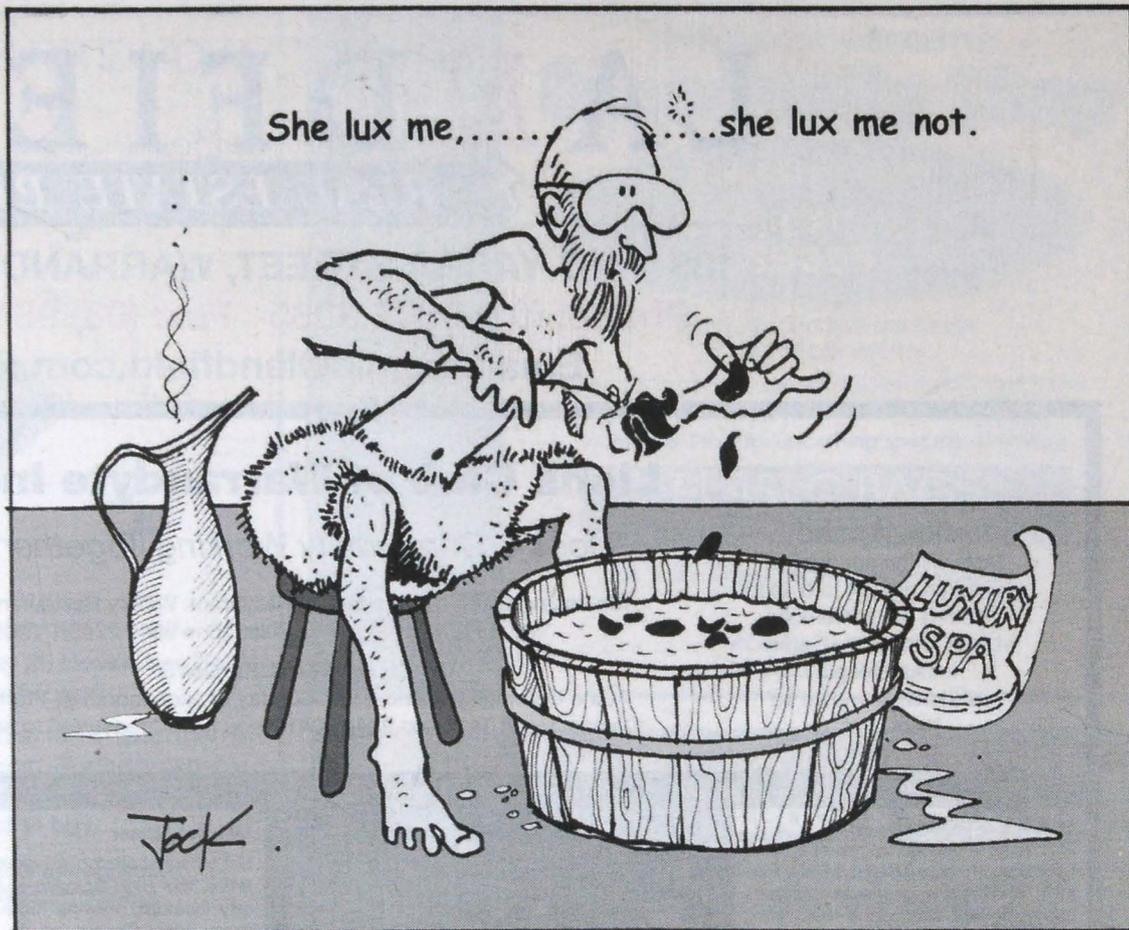
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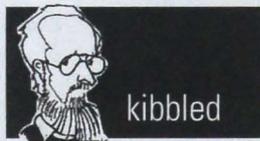
Rose petals by any other name still block drains

I'M worried about the world's supply of rose petals!

I've just been browsing through one of those magazines that cater for the alphabet generation; one of those mags that peppers every description of accommodation available with words like, "pamper", "indulge", "luxury" and "romance". There appear to be a surfeit of these glossy mags, all trying to capture what must be a very cashed-up demographic. If the number of metres allocated to these magazines is any indication of the value system of the target market, then Dubai is going to be their hottest destination for years to come. But back to the rose petals.

Invariably, if there is a photograph of the spa or eight-person bath "in your own private retreat", it's pounds to peanuts that there will be a shot of a dreamy-eyed couple up to their just-hidden nipples in rose-petal-strewn bath water. I can understand the woman liking the romance of being surrounded by aromatic rose petals but I'm a bit cynical about the guy's motives for immersing himself in something that's going to leave bits of him embarrassingly coated in cellulose when he stands up.

And just how many roses need to be torn apart to provide enough to cover the surface of a bath or spa? If we multiply the number needed for one bath by the number of spas aching to be covered, you can easily determine that there will need to be broad acres of roses



"And just how many roses need to be torn apart to provide enough to cover the surface of a bath or spa? And what happens to the drains when the bath plug is removed?"

grown, or at least they will need containers full of petals plying the seas to bring indulgence to lusting couples and the concurrent demise of the pot-pourri industry. Goodness only knows how our balance of trade will be affected.

And what happens to the drains when the bath plug is removed? Just imagine the num-

ber of blocked drains caused by the leaves forming a gummy mess in every U-bend. And I can't imagine the state of the spa filters. But perhaps the advertising shots cheat. Perhaps just out of shot, on the surface of the bath, is a plastic blow-up barrier that corrals the petals into just the area "in shot". Perhaps, when you reach your romantic destination and decide to have a rose-strewn bath, you'll be given a small packet of petals, a blow-up pontoon and a Dustbuster to suck up the soggy petals before you release the water. But it's not just rose petals!

I also worry about global warming. Have you noticed how many of the photographs of luxury destinations are shown with every light blazing on the property, even in the middle of the day? Is this because they are invariably "tucked away from the rest of the world" and are, as a consequence hard to find unless there is a glow in the sky by which large four-wheel drive vehicles can find them? This would be plausible were it not for the fact that the same thing applies to real estate ads for properties in the leafier suburbs of Melbourne. How many tonnes of coal need to be burnt so that the image of the house can be as glossy and sparkling as the paper on which it is printed?

It's fascinating to contemplate what captures our imaginations. Unless you haven't picked it up yet, all that self-indulgent "luxury" leaves me cold. I'm more likely to be turned on by the prospect of what's to do out-

side the accommodation. Which is just as well because our Provence experience wouldn't have cut the mustard with our magazine readers.

We were tempted by the many novels and films about the area and we weren't disappointed. We had a fabulous time visiting hilltop villages, eating local foods in small cafes and markets and exploring the varied natural landscapes. Which was just as well because we couldn't have relied on heading back to our "retreat" for a Swedish massage or a Reiki realigning to make the day.

We were staying, literally, in a crevice of the city wall of the old village. There was no bath. The shower was behind a plastic curtain in a nook in the kitchen, between the fridge and the pantry. Our bed was an Ikea sofa bed. Not too bad, you might think, unless you find a three centimetre thick, low density foam mattress less than acceptable. Now this accommodation was not ideal and a little "luxury", that is, an ordinary spring mattress would have saved thousands in chiropractors' bills when we got home.

But there must be a mid-point. Roughing-it has a place and, I concede, an indulgent weekend is fine, but what I find most distressing is the singular propagandising about travel expectations. I don't mind them cutting a rose to put in a vase but I don't think we need to destroy the whole bower.

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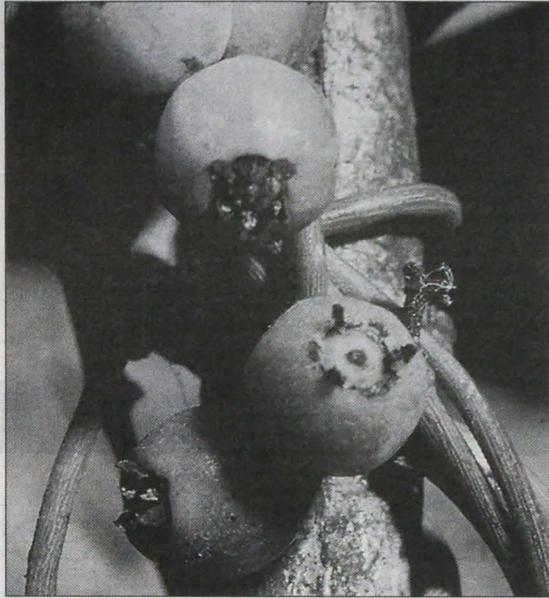
Rains come, softening the outside coating of the stone and releasing the seed. Soon a shoot appears and a wiry stem develops. As it grows, the stem reaches out, searching for support, and finds it in the form of a leafy Christmas Bush. The young stem wraps around the branches of its new host. Small sucker-like pads called haustorium penetrate the tissues of the support shrub to steal its nutrients.

As its roots wither, the climber becomes independent of the ground and dependant upon its host. However, it is not a total parasite. Although leaves are reduced to stem-clasping scales—not visible to the naked eye—the yellow-green cylindrical stems contain chlorophyll and perform the function of photosynthesis.

Growth is thick and fast. Soon the branches of the Christmas Bush become enveloped in a tangle of rope-like stems that may eventually strangle it. No wonder they call this climber the Devil's Twine.

Another name for the robust climber is Coarse Dodder Laurel (*Cassutha melantha*) and it is by far the most damaging of the three Dodder Laurel species found in Warrandyte. It has no preference as to its species of host plant. Most trees are able to sustain the creeper without much harm, but smaller shrubs are often totally engulfed by it.

During winter, spikes of insignificant white flowers are produced, these are followed



Picture by Mike Coupar

by globular green berries that turn black as they ripen and the seed inside matures. And so, as birds eat the berries, the cycle begins again.

While Devil's Twine may have some undesirable habits, it nevertheless plays an important role in the ecosystem. In particular, here in Warrandyte one butterfly could not exist without it. The Common Dusky Blue is a small butterfly with bronze-blue wings that gleam with a metallic sheen in the sunlight. Its slater-shaped, downy green caterpillars feed exclusively on the tender young shoots and—when available—the flowerbuds of Devil's Twine and other species of Dodder Laurel.

During the day the caterpillars hide amongst the mass of intertwined stems moving out

at night to feed on the tender growing tips. Pupation takes place beneath loose bark of the host tree or shrub, or beneath dead tree leaves. At first the pupa is pink, turning brown as the tissues and cells of the caterpillar inside break down and reorganise themselves into the butterfly.

Another insect totally reliant on Dodder Laurels for food is a moth, or rather the caterpillar of a moth. It is a brightly coloured caterpillar with irregular bands of orange and black—classic warning colours that state "I am poisonous". Not in this case. The caterpillar is actually harmless, but by mimicking other toxic species it is able to fool its predators into leaving it alone.

The colours are replicated in

nature By PAT COUPAR

the moth, which has eye-catching, bold black and white wings and a brilliant orange abdomen. Unlike most moths it flies in the daytime and has the rare ability to emit sounds. Called the Whistling Moth, the noise it makes is more like a series of clicks. They are produced only by males, which have a specialised transparent ribbed area on the forewing that rubs against a small protrusion in flight. It is thought that the sound is associated with mating.

The majority of moths are nocturnal with rather dull grey or brown coloration, hence we prefer butterflies with their bright colours and patterns. It is the human way to judge animals—and plants for that matter—on the way they look. Perhaps we would view the Devil's Twine more favourably if it was covered in a mass of bright red blooms! But it is the hidden value of this plant and its Dodder Laurel relatives that are so important. Next time you see a shining blue butterfly skimming over the flowers, just remember it would not be there at all if it wasn't for the ugly tangle of Devil's Twine.

Aggie update

If environmental reasons are not enough for you to remove your Agapanthus, perhaps this will change your mind. According to snake handler Sean McCarthy, Aggies are "snake heaven". As one of the few people authorised to remove snakes from private property, he is often called out to remove snakes hiding in clumps of Agapanthus or "Portsea Roses" as they are called on the Mornington Peninsula where he lives.

Memory of a river somewhere

THE promise of a long hot summer and early fire restrictions had us doing the annual clean-up rather early this year. Usually we get out the brushcutter about a week before Christmas, mostly so as not to lose assorted nephews and nieces in the undergrowth. But last Sunday, when it was still only October, there were bonfires up and down the street as we all got out and busily cleared up the year's windfalls, weeded around long-lost seedlings and cut out unwanted pittosporum, ivy and blackberries.

Amazing how vigorously rubbish grows. Amazing how it burns, too. Have you seen how pittosporum explodes into flame on a bonfire? My next job will be to persuade the resident chainsaw operator to cut down the large specimen growing by our deck. It's making me twitchy.

One thing about the annual spring clean—it makes you take a good look at things that you haven't looked at for a while. Cobwebs in the storeroom, for example. Tarzan could swing from them. How did they grow so quickly? I'm sure they weren't

our place By MARILYN MOORE

there last week. And who can tell me why my largest teak salad bowl is sitting on the hearth, full of river pebbles? No wonder I couldn't find it for last summer's barbecues! In fact it's been missing for several years.

The pebbles are worth a closer inspection—memories of a riverbed somewhere, now collecting dust. Cleaned up they'd be rather pretty, an entrancing kaleidoscope of greys, ochres, greens and reds. Where could such a diverse collection have come from?

It must be an impressive river to have carved a route through such a variety of terrain. And probably a Tasmanian river, judging by the evidence: heavy dark-grey dolerite, vivid red chert, ancient pale limestone, iron-stained ochre and pink quartzites, finely banded chert, milky quartz in many colours, a warm red granite and several cobbles of fine-grained sedimentary rock, the curved outline enhancing the delicate pattern of finely cross-bedded layers.

Each pebble is a treasure in itself, each embodying the memory of a geological era long gone: deep oceans, gentle shorelines, deep-seated magma chambers and the violent upheavals and outpourings of Jurassic volcanism.

However, not all of these pebbles are Tasmanian. A few misfits have obviously snuck into the collection. A piece of grey flint, comfortable to hold on one side but with a finely-chiselled ridge running along its length on the other—a bit rough, but definitely a cutting tool.

There's also a gorgeous glass pebble of frosted sapphire-blue. At the bottom of the bowl, tiny lustrous pebbles of ironstone carry a distinctive desert polish that comes only from the gibber plains of central Australia.

Finally, in a bowlful of stones that have an average age of several hundred million years, an almost weightless piece of porous white dune limestone is way out of its league. It's probably not even one million years old.

While I'm sorting through this long-forgotten collection, another rite of spring rears its ugly head.

Why would a mudlark spend every waking moment jumping up and pecking at our lounge-room window? I used to think that he was aiming to rid his territory of the aggressive image reflected in the window, but this window is so caked with muddy peck-marks that it would be hard-pressed to reflect an atom bomb exploding, much less a loitering bird.

What evolutionary benefit could there possibly be in such obsessive and futile behaviour?

This idiotic bird is seriously neglecting his missus, his dinner and his other duties. Perhaps he's in the running for a Darwin Award, whereby somebody's unaccountably stupid behaviour renders him a non-contributor to the gene pool of the species.

Ah well, no time to ponder all these things now. Off to work. I suppose whoever gets home first tonight will wonder why on earth the kitchen sink is full of pebbles. Such is life—full of little mysteries.

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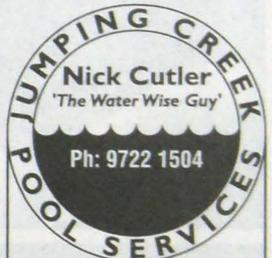


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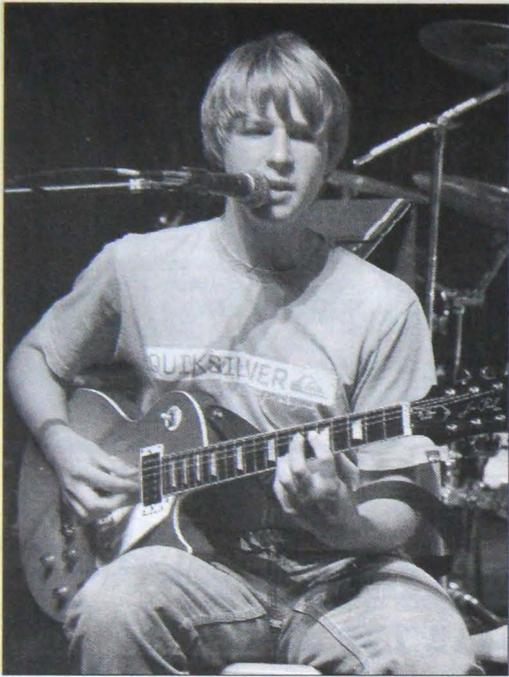
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High note at school

Warrandyte High School's music program struck a chord with parents and friends at their annual music concert last month. The junior, symphonic and big bands featured, and the many small ensembles added their wonderful sounds. STEPHEN REYNOLDS was there and took these pictures.



Jonathan and the windmills of his mind

WHEN he turned 40 seven years ago Jonathan Upson, vice president of the Warrandyte Community Association, decided it was time to do something he was passionate about. He develops wind farms for Wind Farm Developments, a private New Zealand company.

"I'm a committed environmentalist who's lucky to have a career. It's ironic—technically speaking I'm a developer during the day but in the community association I help oppose inappropriate development," he said. "I'm learning all the time and it helps me to see it from both sides. Changing careers takes you out of your comfort zone—life's a lot about learning."

"There are two areas that the WCA focuses on. We help Warrandyte residents when they're confronted with an inappropriate development proposal. The planning system is so complex and VCAT is skewed." He said it's very difficult for people to stop something on the first attempt but WCA can provide background and experience and can help reach a reasonable compromise.

"People don't think about issues until they get a notice of subdivision and suddenly it's really important," he said. WCA has also helped organise candidate forums for state and local candidates.

"I spend a fair amount of time doing WCA stuff. Warrandyte's a special place, so close to a major city but retaining historical and environmental charm. It requires people to work at it—if you let down your guard this could slip away. It's important that groups like WCA exist to keep small issues from rising into big ones. Sometimes councils are not as diligent as they should be."

Jonathan has just got project approval for his company to build 21 wind turbines near Camperdown, which he says has got community support. "Only a couple of neighbours don't like them. The media focuses on the controversial projects. I always get a response when I say what I do."

"I was the company's only employee in Australia until recently. It's a very precarious field

village people

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

because of downsizing. In other states the industry is over but the premier announced a state-based renewable energy scheme which will keep it going in Victoria. I'm not a fanatic for wind energy but it's just common sense—a free, renewable source of energy which is the cheapest and most reliable form of renewable energy at the moment."

He said there's an enormous amount of public misinformation and he's very frustrated at the current federal government's response to climate change.

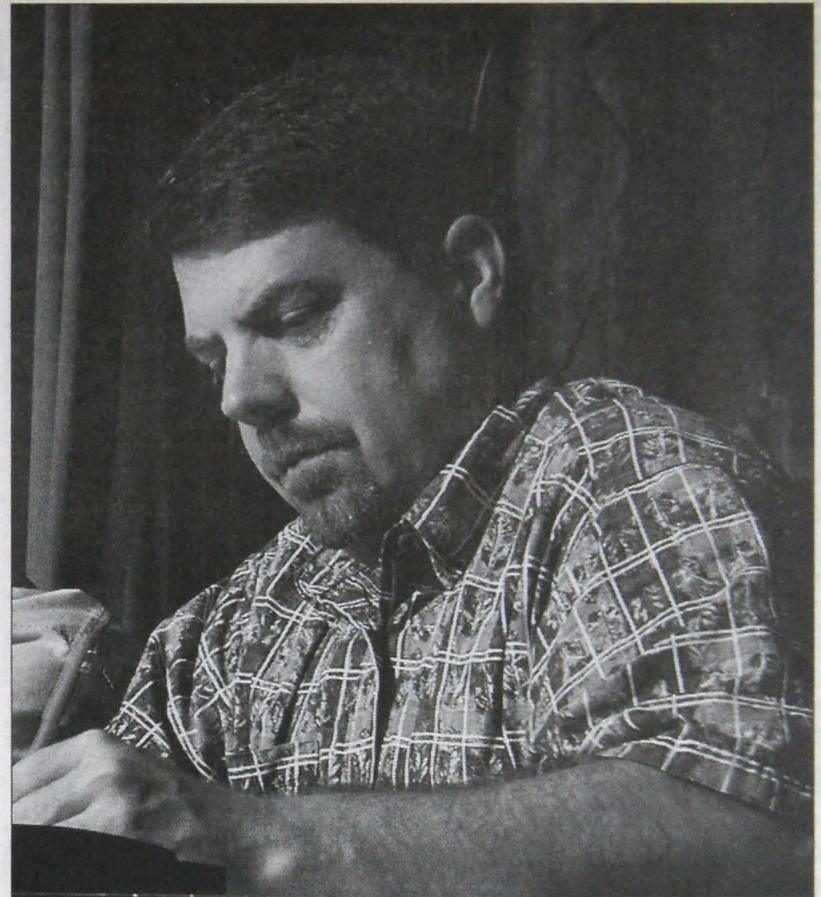
"For example the Cobden project will provide enough electricity for 20,000 homes—just one turbine would do the whole of Warrandyte. I'm really proud of my current work, providing that much clean energy with no pollution. It's challenging going through the planning process, it's quite complex—the application that I write is 500 pages long."

Jonathan was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in a suburb named after the Shakers. "Cleveland has a bit of a reputation in the US—everyone leaves Cleveland, Ohio. The city went bankrupt, it defaulted on loans, the river caught on fire. Hot muggy summers and one foot of snow overnight is not unusual. No-one had chains, you just learned how to drive in it. You got up a bit of speed on a hill to make it over the top. We never had Halloween problems and now you have to x-ray candy bags at the police station."

He's the middle child of five and his dad is 92 now, and both of his father's parents lived into their nineties.

"As a parent of two I can't believe my parents raised five of us—it's hard to find the time for two. Although I never felt my parents never had time for me. My older brother and I got into various sorts of trouble."

"I had a teacher at the private boys' school



Jonathan Upson (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

that I went to, who only lasted a year. He taught history but he spent a lot more time discussing contemporary issues like the decline of American civilisation to us in Grade 10. He was an interesting philosopher who spoke his mind. He said kids were 'in danger of passing school and failing life', which didn't go down well with the parents. He was a bit unorthodox so I latched onto him as I found the school leaders hypocritical."

After high school Jonathan worked for General Electric aircraft group doing things like bird strike tests. "We would use an air-powered canon to fire dead birds at 200 metres a second into a turbine engine to see if the engine shuts itself down in an orderly fashion," he said.

Jonathan said he's perhaps better known as singer Lisa Upson's husband. "My family is most important. Lisa and I met in very unlikely circumstances on the Great Barrier Reef. We had a long-distance romance for two years then she got leave of absence and moved to the US. Lisa lived in the US for eight years and we always planned to move to Australia, we decided we wouldn't just live in the US. We're fortunate that we both decided on Melbourne and Warrandyte."

"We were looking at period homes and my brother-in-law said he thought we'd like Warrandyte. It looks like a country town. We bought here and have never regretted it. It's half an hour from the city with all those things to do but with the community spirit of a country town. We moved here eight years ago—we're

relative newcomers!

"I showed up at Auskick and the guy threw me a ball and said 'we're not here to baby sit—teach these kids to kick a ball.' I told him to listen to my accent. I'm also a very mediocre basketball coach for my son's team."

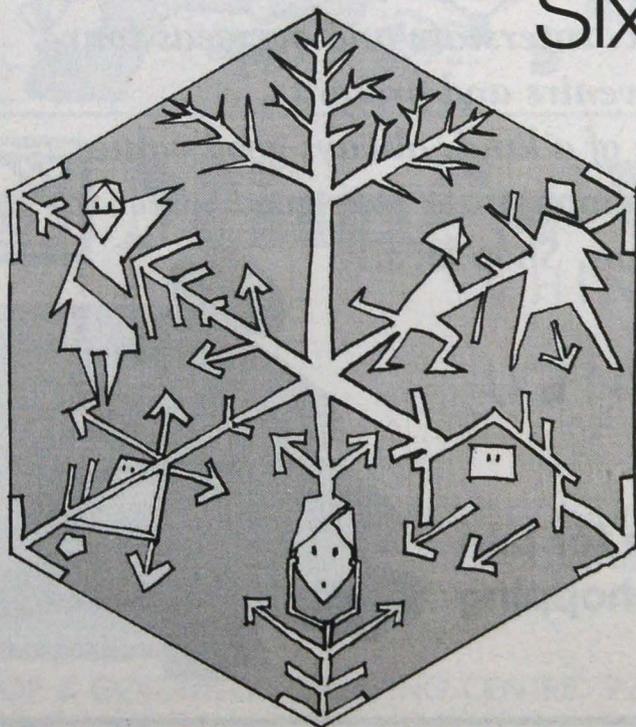
Jonathan said that unlike many Americans, he's travelled widely, spending a week every month in Asia when he worked for Hewlett Packard. "It was challenging to understand the culture and learning to work effectively and establish friendships wasn't easy. When I left the company they called me the Chinese American—I took it as a pretty big compliment."

"As an American in Australia I find most people remember when I call up a shop then drop in. They say, 'oh, you're the guy who rang,'—everyone knows you're American. It probably didn't help my current job—they didn't want this American talking to farmers, they didn't need this loud Yank coming in."

"I went to the public meeting after Jeff Kennett sacked Nillumbik council. Ninety per cent of the audience hated the guy, they were rovable, feral, yelling at him. He loved it. An American politician would never go to a meeting where people opposed him."

Jonathan received dual citizenship this year. "I'd put it off for a little while because I had this nightmare of Amanda Vanstone giving me the certificate. It's a chance for me to vote for the first time. So in some sense I'm a fair dinkum Aussie."

Six kinds of loneliness



Wake to the glancing light
on the black tracery of trees.
I turn to gasp my delight
and there's no-one to tell.
I look again and the moment's gone
and it's as if it never was.

Indian girl walking in
the icy dusk
distinctive with fierce stride
and unsmiling face,
the foggy damp seeping through
the several clutched cardigans.
So far from home.

It's finally arrived,
I've been waiting all year,
and tingling all day
impatient to tell her.
And with dramatic flourish
finally I do.
She smiles vacantly
head bobbing,
white plugs in her ears.

All the young mums, their babies rugged up
for morning stroll
takes me back to the days when
that's what I'd do each morning,
knowing that in the evening
he'd come home with a hug
and while he'd pace the baby
we'd offload the day
later curling warm together
breathing in unison.

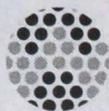
Defined as together
yet so apart.
No words, but grunts and grumbles
pass between them for the day,
their world reduced to bitter tolerance.
And always when they're out
she walks three steps behind.

"They're all going out
and I'm home alone."
Alone?
I must be going out
but I've not yet been invited.
Then again maybe,
I'm not really here.

KAREN THROSSELL

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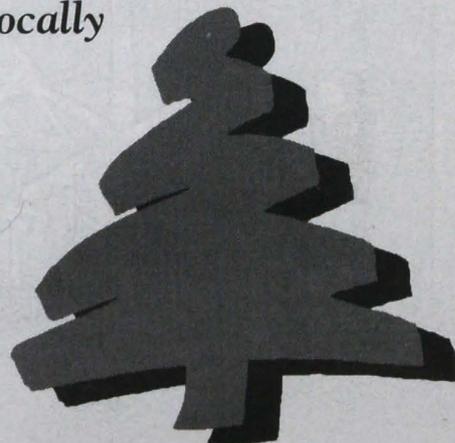
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Peace Wall nears completion

A mosaic "Peace Wall" is being erected in the garden at Warrandyte Uniting Church in Taroona Avenue. "We wanted to create a place of peace, where people could reflect, contemplate and draw strength in serenity," Rev Ros McDonald said. The Peace Wall will be unveiled on Sunday, December 3. The church has asked us to thank all those who have helped in the creation of the wall.

Pre-school

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte and District Pre-school will be held on Monday, November 13 at the pre-school in Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte, commencing at 7pm. Business will include election of office bearers.

Seminar

The Manningham City Council's next free Environment Seminar will be held on Wednesday, December 6. The venue is the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road and commencing time is 7.30pm. The topic for the night is "Bush Heritage Fund", conducted by Paul Foreman.

Workshops

Warrandyte Theatre Company is running a series of workshops during November. "The Boat" directed by Lynne Counsel is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 with "The Proposal" directed by Adrian Rice on Sunday, November 26. They will run from 2pm to 5pm at the Mechanics Institute Hall, corner Mitchell Avenue and Yarra Street, Warrandyte. All are welcome—"beginners and old-stagers". For more details call Simone on 9818 4662.

Twilight

Wonga Park Primary School's Twilight Market will be held on Friday, November 17 at the school in Dudley Road, Wonga Park from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls and food outlets including special stalls for children. A new feature this year will be talent quests for children, teenagers and adults. There will also be a silent auction. This is the school's major fundraiser for 2006.

Festival

A final reminder that Warrandyte Festival's fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 7pm to midnight at the Anderson's Creek Primary School in Drysdale Road. Performances include Another Season, Shades, Dingley Delltones, Jo Pearson and the Way Jays, Kevin O'Mara and Alan Cornell and Orangatango. There will be an auction and raffles. Cost is \$20 per head, BYO supper and drinks. Tables seat 10-12 people. Tickets from Joan at the Old Bakery Bookshop on 9844 1744. For further information call Mary Ann Gibson on 9844 4431.

Health

The Manningham Community Health Service has recently commenced operation of a children's occupational therapy service in the Warrandyte Community Centre, corner Webb and Yarra streets. There are plans to commence a podiatry service in the New Year as well as such other services such as pre-natal and post-natal exercise classes, depending on the local community need. A wide variety of services are provided at the

out of the box

By JUDY GREEN

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

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Bank

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at the Warrandyte Community Centre, corner Webb and Yarra streets, commencing at 7pm. Shareholders are urged to come along and participate in the running of their very own bank.

Men

The Men's Shed has been established by Manningham Community Health as a space for young men with disabilities or older frail men to pursue their interest in making or fixing things while providing them with an opportunity to socialise with others. A 15-minute film entitled "Men's Shed—The Movie" will be shown on Sunday, December 3 from 3 to 4pm along with a special appearance by comedian Jean Kitson. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP to Novak on 0416 140 961 by November 27.



Artist Denise Keele-Bedford and ceramacist MaryLou Pittard finalise colours for the tile infill of the Peace Wall to be erected at the Warrandyte Uniting Church. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Open

Diary artists Ona and Syd will be opening their studio on Saturdays and Sunday, November 11 and 12, 18 and 19, 25 and 26 and December 2 and 3 from 12noon to 5pm. Their studio is located at the corner of Henley and Oxley roads, Kangaroo Ground, Melway 24 F1.

Ella

Local teenager Ella Thompson is about to launch her Australian tour supporting Renee Geyer and Vika and Linda Bull. The tour, "Voice" will take her to Perth, Canberra, Sydney, Queensland and South Australia. There will be Melbourne performances at the Prince of Wales in St Kilda on November 15 and 16.

Christmas

Stonehouse's first Christmas in their new location will be celebrated with their "Pre-



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view" exhibition showcasing pottery, textiles, jewellery, toys, wood products and caneware made by both local and Australian artists. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm in the old Gospel Chapel at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Sculpture

Local sculptor Malcolm Laurence is showing his metal sculptures along with paintings and prints by his sister Anita at the Muse Gallery at the Milawa Cheese Factory, Factory Road, Milawa until November 27. The gallery is open 10am to 5pm, Mondays to Thursdays.

Montsalvat

10/11 The Rehearsal is a music theatre presentation and perfor-

mance developed by Sebastian Jorgensen over many years. The latest production is centred round his interpretation and homage to the music of the local Wurundjeri and their famed songman Wenberi, who was shot dead by police in 1840. The performance will take place at the Montsalvat Great Hall on Wednesday, November 29 at 8pm. Cost is \$18 (\$12 concession). Enquiries to 9439 7712.

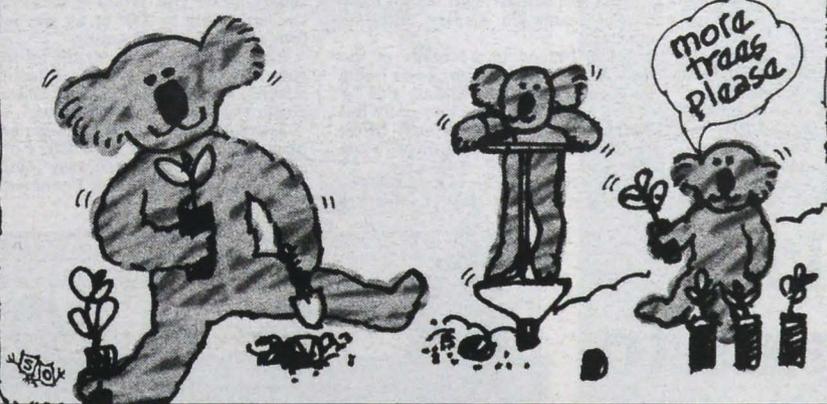
Early

Artstreams Gallery is holding their pre-Christmas party and fine art sale on Friday, November 17 at 6pm. The \$10 entry fee will entitle guests to exhibit a piece of their art (width limit 50cm) for sale at 25 per cent commission. Refreshments will be provided, booking is essential on 9844 0248. Artstreams is at 63 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, on the corner of Police Street.

COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA

Corey doing his bit for climate change



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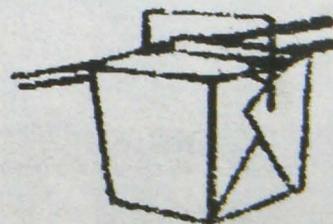
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Craig Peacock shows the strain of his world championship win. Picture: Trish Albert, South Eastern Cycling.

World champion has mountains to cross

TIM COLMAN talks to Warrandyte's newest world champion.

Five years ago, Craig Peacock drove across the Simpson Desert in Central Australia and decided that he could ride his bike across it.

A man with no experience of mountain biking, he decided to test his mental and physical capacity to challenge the extreme conditions of a desert. That was Craig's first association with the new sport of mountain biking. Now he Warrandyte's newest world champion.

The world solo 24 hour championships were held in Atlanta, Georgia in the USA in early October at the site of mountain biking's debut as an Olympic Sport, the Georgia International Horse Park.

And it was Warrandyte's own Craig Peacock who won the 45 to 49 age group category in the gruelling event.

The competition brought together national champions from all around the world and required them to ride the most laps of the course in 24 hours.

An endurance race, in every sense of the word, each lap of the course was 13km and contained about 330 metres of climbing. Even more staggering was the fact that Craig would only stop for periods of 5-30 seconds between each lap to receive food and water.

Craig completed 24 laps, riding an amazing 320km and climbing over 8000 vertical metres to win his category by a massive five laps. His time would have placed him 10th overall in the elite men's category.

"The key to the whole race was getting my body used to spending extended time on the bike. So over about 20 weeks in the lead up to the race I had to build up from four hours at a time to about 12 hours at a time," he said. "So I would end spending about 20 hours total on the bike over a week."

For many people waking up in the early hours of the morning and riding upwards of 100 km in a day is near on impossible, but for Craig, it was his critical training regime.

"I woke up about 4am and got on the bike, ride into the city and back along the Yarra Trail, then ride out to Kinglake National Park and practice on the climbs and conditions of the dirt tracks for a few hours, and get back home about 4-5pm. It was about 12 hours and about 100 km total on the bike in one day."

However, there was one aspect of the race that Craig could not simulate on his training rides around Melbourne ... Atlanta's humid conditions.

So to compensate, Craig built a humidity shed in his backyard to get himself used to the different conditions and acclimatise to the harsher USA conditions.

But Craig could not have completed the race on his own; he had a number of people supporting him the whole way.

"I had my wife Karen and son James over in Atlanta with me. Karen took care of the nutrition side of it and James made sure the bikes were ready to go," he said. "Bicycle Workshop in Ringwood were also great. They gave me two new bikes with totally new gear."

While the race brought together many national champions, Craig says that the event still took many by surprise as to how tough it was.

"Everyone goes really gung-ho for the first 12 hours or so, while they still have plenty of energy. On average we were completing a lap in about an hour. But by the end there were a lot of guys whose bodies had totally shut down and were doing 3-hour laps, if they were still going at all."

"By morning there were even some guys who had gone to sleep on the side of the track, so it is really the ultimate endurance race ... in our sport anyway."

Craig qualified for the World Championships, via the Australian marathon championships in Queensland last year.

He also won the Australian 24 hour championships, an event Craig says, is as popular for teams as the Around the Bay in a Day event where riders start at Docklands in the city and ride around Port Philip Bay through Sorrento, Queenscliff and Geelong before ending back at Docklands.

"There are about 3000 people that take part in the Australian 24 hour championships in Canberra, but there are also Victorian endurance events once a month and other races during the year, so the sport is growing all the time. The endurance events are mostly popular with teams," Craig said.

"Our sport is still relatively new. Mountain biking really only started competitively in the early 1990s but really took a big step when it was included in the Atlanta Olympics of 1996."

But for Craig the world championship has been the reward for his enthusiasm in his sport and the hard work he has done. From his first ride across the Simpson Desert to his winning ride in Atlanta, he has done what few others have done.

For now though, Craig is back to work until he attempts to defend his title next year, when the event will be held in Whistler, Canada, a venue better known for its brilliant winter skiing and snowboarding conditions than its mountain biking conditions.

Basketball

Venom goes from strength to strength

By DAMIAN ARSENI

Following the success of the 2006 representative basketball season - a season that saw Warrandyte Venom ranked fourth among all associations in Victoria for finals appearances, the Venom program continues to go from strength to strength.

Warrandyte Venom have entered an amazing 20 teams in the 2007 Victorian Junior Basketball League season. That's an increase on the 15 teams that represented the

Association last season as more than 70 new players have been welcomed to the program.

It could have been more, however it has been decided that the Under 20 men will play MMBL next season instead.

A Venom uniform presentation evening was held on Thursday, 26 October 2006 at the Warrandyte Sports Complex.

With so many younger teams in the under 12 and 14 age groups, and coupled with the anticipated return of

the Warrandyte Venom Future Forces Program in 2007, the future is looking extremely bright for Warrandyte Venom for long term success both on and off the court!

Teams are now just about all finalised, and have all been posted on this website for viewing. As teams play in the Spring Development Phase, some minor changes may be made where they may be required.

Warrandyte Venom held two very successful intra club events against Camberwell and Darebin over recent

Friday nights.

The official pre-season grading started last Friday night with a number of teams on display at home courts.

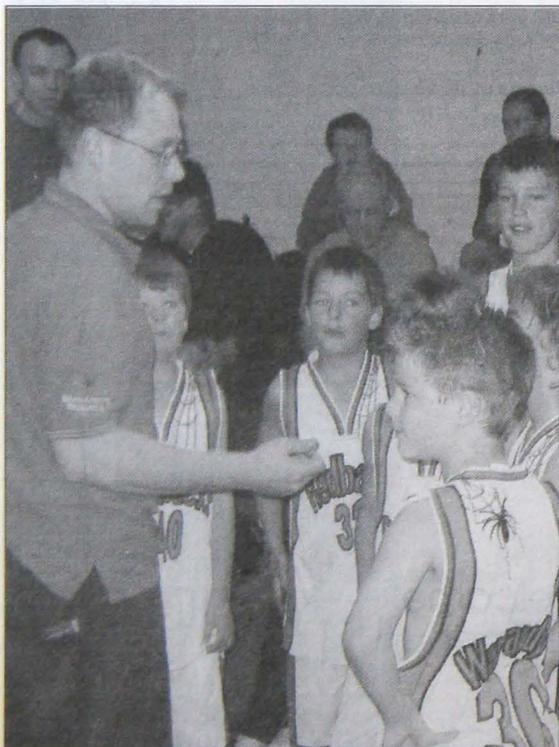
Justin Nelson is in charge of the bottom age Under 16 girls who had a strong win against an Eltham side by 44-25. The game was close early but Warrandyte's superior speed broke the game apart mid way through the first half.

"It is one of the fastest teams I've come across" said Nelson after the

win. "The team continues to learn and work on combinations. The long term goal for this group is Victorian Championship in 2008 as all are bottom age for the 2007 season."

In another good sign for the future, Julie Davis's Under 14 girls defeated Darebin by 24-14 in a game that was closer than the scores indicated.

Jasmine Haikal was able to use her height in the key to good effect but scoring honours went to Casey Taylor with 12 points and Amber Beard with seven points.



Under 12s coach, Ryan Holloway, has some encouraging words for his Redback team.

Redbacks have plans to field 52 teams

By TONY OLIVER

The new season of Saturday basketball has just started with the new school term and Warrandyte Redbacks have 52 teams entered with more than 40 new players.

Grading games are under way with some impressive performances so far.

Ryan Holloway is a new coach and has been given the important challenge of Warrandyte's Under 12 boys side currently trialling in BA grade.

They had an impressive win over Eltham 45-33 after leading 18-14 at the break in a game at Warrandyte High School.

Warrandyte were slow in the first half but lifted the intensity in both offence and defence in the second half to finish the stronger.

Scoring was shared with Tim Apostolides with 14 points, Jack Cousens with 10

points and Reece McKenzie with eight points the main contributors.

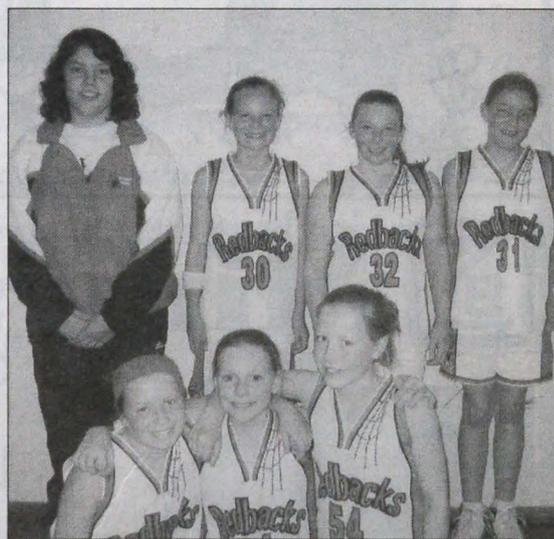
This game was followed by the Under 10 boys, coached by Damian Arsenis.

Again the opponents were Eltham and the Redbacks came away with an impressive 41-24 win in this A grade encounter.

All players contributed to the result on the scoreboard with Zac Ratcliffe with 13 points, Adam Mitchell with eight points and Chris Bollards with six points the main contributors.

Penny Kafkalakis was not so fortunate with her Under 12 A grade girls who went down to Doncats by 33-25. However most of the Doncats have Victorian Championship experience on Friday night and the Redback girls' performance was highly commendable.

A high standard game in the evening at Warrandyte



Redbacks' Under 12 girl's team. Back row from left: Penny Kafkalakis, Tess Gardiner, Hannah Bensch, Rachael Watson. Front: Sarah Boras, Madeleine Edsell, Brenna Edsell.

Community Sports Centre saw Ian Wood's Under 18 boys score a 58-30 win over Bulleen.

The action early was tight with Warrandyte leading 25-21 at the break after Tom Fitzpatrick scored a three point shot from just inside the

centre line right on the buzzer.

The main scorers were Tom Fitzpatrick (21), Tyson Barber (13) and David Wood (10). Warrandyte's Under 18 girls came up against a far too experienced and talented Koonung side and went down 77-21.



Anyone for tennis? These youngsters were quick to answer the call at Warrandyte Tennis Club's Supersmashers program last month.

Supersmashers proves a big hit

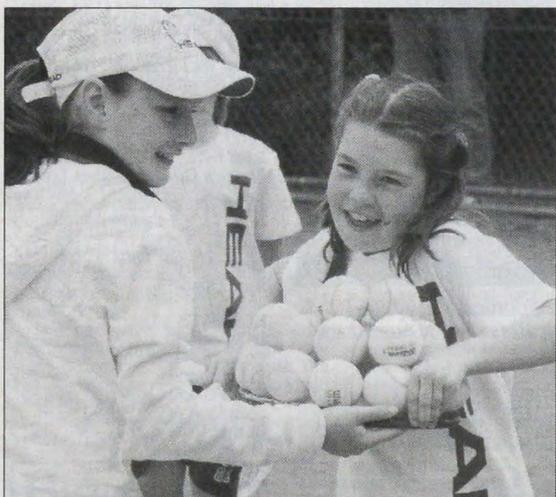
There may well have been a future Lleyton Hewitt or Alicia Molik among the throng of young children who attended Warrandyte Tennis Club's annual Supersmashers program last month. The skills clinic is open to children living in Warrandyte or surrounding areas aged between 6-12 years.

The program, designed for children not yet of competition standard, is conducted by club coach Aaron Nolan. The club's junior co-ordinator, Michelle Gilling, said Supersmashers was a fun way of introducing young children to tennis. She said that for many children, it was the ideal introduc-

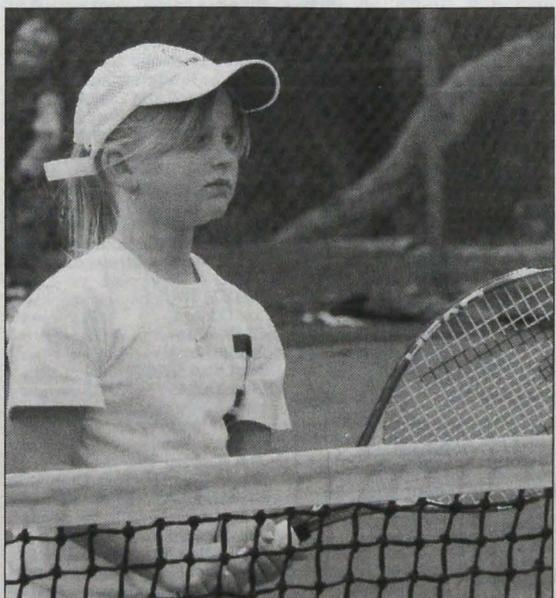
tion to Saturday club competition. Aaron Nolan organised a number of talented young tennis players to help out on the day. The children also received a "Smashpak" containing a number of tennis goodies including a racquet, cap and T-shirt.



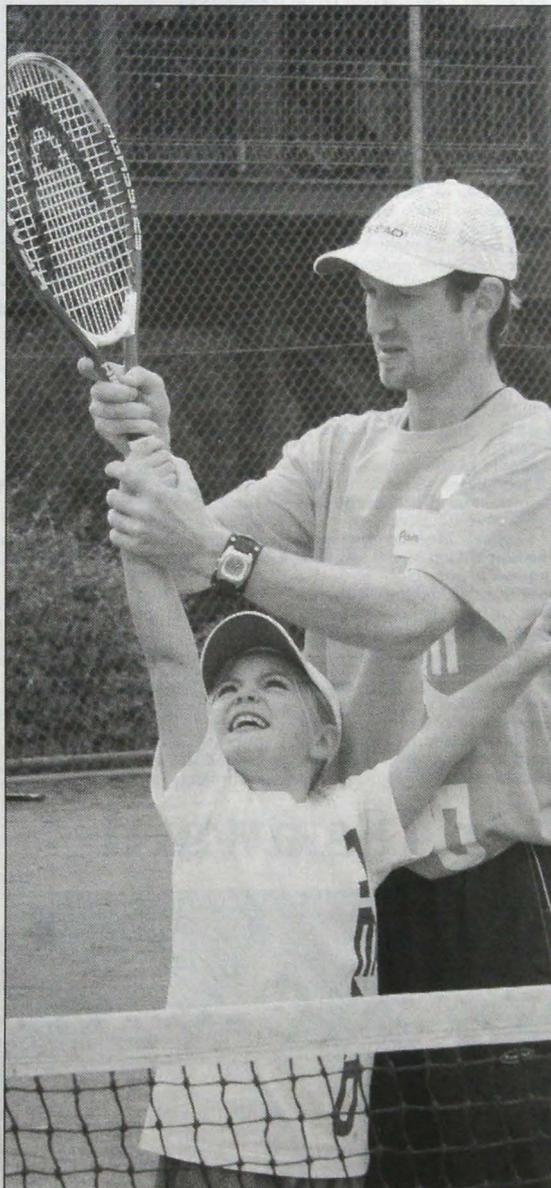
Jess Delaney (assistant to Warrandyte Tennis Club coach, Aaron Nolan) talks with a group of children during the Supersmashers program.



One of the skills you have to learn at a coaching clinic is how to collect the tennis balls. Katie Waugh, left, and Meg Hogan caught on very quickly.



Zoe Stafford was all concentration when it came her turn to play a volley.



Warrandyte Tennis Club coach, Aaron Nolan, shows Sophie Bonollo how to become a real super smasher.



Warrandyte Tennis Club's Junior Top Gun winners, Joel Greve and Elise Northover.

Top juniors serve up their talent

Promising 13-year-old Elise Northover was victorious in Warrandyte Tennis Club's Top Gun tournament played last month. In the girls' final she defeated last year's winner and current junior club champion, Claire Bence, 6-2. In the boys event, Joel Greve retained his 2005 title in a nail-biting match against Tristan Valentino. Tristan shot ahead in the early part of the set and was leading 4-1 before Joel rallied, taking the set to 5-all and finally snatching the match after being 0-40 down in the last game. Joel is the current junior boy champion. The tournament is an invitation event for 16 of the strongest juniors playing competition for the club. The culmination of the junior club's year will be a presentation night on Friday November 17 at the Tarroona Ave clubhouse. The evening will celebrate the year's many junior activities with a variety of awards, followed by supper, a DJ and Karaoke. Family and friends are welcome to attend.



Warrandyte Junior Football Club's top coaches, Shane Newman, left, and Jason Bowen.

Warrandyte's football Centenary climax Premier captain is Bloods' best

By RIC GORDON

There were a few surprises when Warrandyte Football Club hosted around 200 players and guests at the annual gala vote count and presentation night at the luxurious Manningham Function Centre last month.

The night was a climax to Warrandyte's Centenary celebrations which included winning the Eastern Football League Fourth Division premiership.

The Best and Fairest was won by club captain and favourite Matt Wood, with fierce defender Ben Reid runner up and the talented Todd Holman awarded third.

Ben Reid also was judged the most courageous player, which got him over the line to win the inaugural Club Champion award presented (and named after) the legendary John O'Brien.

It was tight for Most Determined, with the coaches having to select from a team full of focussed young premiership players, but they finally decided on the shy half forward Grant McAdam, whose brand of exciting, yet no-nonsense football had impressed them throughout the season.

Matthew Wood had led the side consistently throughout the season, gathering numerous possessions in spite of constant tagging and attention from the opposition. He was also popular with the umpires, finishing third in the League votes.

It was no surprise that he returned from a high blow in the semi-final suffering from concussion and with teeth missing to play a major part in the Grand Final victory.

Ben Reid also endured pain in the Grand Final, playing the last two games with a broken hand.

Best First Year Player went to the high marking Lee Evans, another junior player to emerge in the seniors, with the reliable Aidan Davey taking out the prestigious Players' Award.

Player of the Finals went to coach Peter Green, whose inspirational efforts in the two finals were decisive.

Michael Morello received the Ron Wilson Medal for leading both the club and the league goal kicking, with his safe, strong hands and laid back yet accurate kicking style.

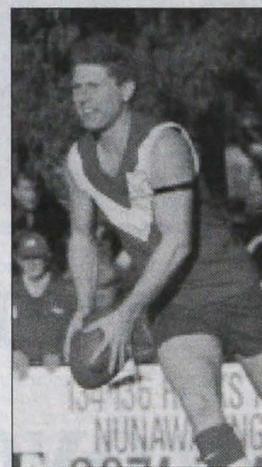
The contribution of club volunteers was also recognised on the night, with Phil Treeby's Presidents Award going to Reserves team manager, Nicole Andrew, and Life Membership bestowed on



Warrandyte captain and Best and Fairest, Matt Wood.



Lee Evans ... Warrandyte's Best First Year Player.



James Logan ... voted Warrandyte's Best Clubman

Newman named Coach of Year

By ZAC BOYCE & TYSON BARBER

Warrandyte Junior Football Club Under 11 Coach Shane Newman has been named the Junior Coach of the Year by the Eastern Region Australian Football Coaches Association.

This capped a great year for Shane as he was also named the Yarra Junior Football League's Interleague Coach for the Under 11s Gold Division.

On the same night, it was announced that Under 15 coach Jason Bowen had been short listed into the last five for consideration as the Youth Coach of the Year.

"This was a fantastic result to have two of the club's eight coaches get into the final group of the nominees" said WJFC secretary Phil Ashfield.

"The process is that the club forwards names for consideration by the Eastern Region. They are assessed by external judges as to their merits, personal attributes, coaching capacity, attitude to junior football and achievements and the final shortlist is presented for consideration.

"It is a great achievement for first year coach Jason to get into this esteemed group and even though he didn't get the final nomination, he did really well," Ashfield said.

Newman coached in the YJFL's highest Gold Division this season.

"While his team had more losses than wins, he demonstrated a really high regard for the boys and kept them motivated and focused on their football and on their club," said Ashfield.

Bowen, a Warrandyte senior reserves player, thanked the WJFC for its support during the year and said that just being nominated was a huge honour.

He thanked his team for their efforts during the year as well as his assistant Andrew Gordon and team managers Wayne Moore and Allison Aldenhoven.

Newman is in his third year of coaching. He started with the Under 9s, then Under 10s and now this year the Under 11s.

"Our Under 10 team made the Grand Final last year and

while we were unable to take the premiership flag, the boys really enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot," Newman said.

"Due to our success last season, we were upgraded to Gold Division, which is the highest level. Initially, it took a while to adjust to the increased pace but we eventually matched it with the better teams including two wins from our last three home games which reflected the persistence and willingness of the players to improve."

Newman said his coaching philosophy was to "give the kids a go, to assist them with their skills, to treat them with respect, to respect individual differences and motivation and just let them have fun."

Newman said his award was an acknowledgment of the way things were done at the Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

"With the support of coaching co-ordinator Brian Cartwright and specialist coaching support from people such as Steve Ballard and Warren McKenzie, we do put a lot of effort into the boys and this award, while it is given to an individual, really is recognition for all of us," Newman said.

"The support of assistant Jamie Polkinghorne, team manager Christine Wintle, my wife Simone and a fantastic group of parents makes my role quite easy."

Newman said that many changes had taken place in the past year or so which had reinforced the Warrandyte Junior Football Club as a fantastic place for players, coaches and their families to be involved.

"Resources including statistical software programs, video analysis equipment etc are available for the coaches to use and together with the willingness of all the coaches to attend seminars and courses, our coaches are some of the best available," he said.

"The club also runs holiday skills programs with high level coaches who are available to any player who wants to improve their skills and there are accelerated skills programs for players who are at the representative level."

Tight finish in Under 18s award

The quality and depth of the Under 18 side was obvious all season, but was underlined by the evenness of the voting, with five players sharing three awards.

Two players, Chris Watson and Joe O'Mara shared the Best and Fairest. There were also two runners-up Best and Fairests: Daniel Large and Jake Radcliffe. Third went to full forward Luke Dunn.

Most Improved was awarded to Steve Lockie, and Most Determined to Chris MacDougall. Most Consistent was Luke Dunn, with the flamboyant Oliver Mock judged Player of the Finals.



Under 18 trophy winners from left, Daniel Large, Jake Radcliffe, Luke Dunn, Chris Watson and Joe O'Mara.

The Best and Fairest votes

SENIORS	
Matt Wood	31
Ben Reid	23
Todd Holman	21
Aidan Davey	20
Michael Morello	19
Lee Evans	18
Dion Mullet-Treloar	18
Matt Treeby	18
Grant McAdam	16
Tom Naughtin	14
Rick Templeton	13
Craig Dick	12
Peter Green	12
Josh Eyre	10
Andrew Gordon, James Logan, 9; Ash Grybas, Michael Stewart, 8; Craig Lincoln, 6; Luke Ebzery, 5, Brian Elliott, 4; Nicholas Drake, Chris Quinlan, Dale Vitiritti, 2; Cal Haskings, Joe O'Mara, 1.	

RESERVES	
Dale Vitiritti	20
Richard Bourke	19
Cal Haskings	19
Leigh Giampietro	15
Sean Donovan	13
Bernie Opteynde	13
James Riddell	13
Jarrold Boyce	10
Paul O'Mara	10
Pat Hernandez, Campbell Holland, 9; Nick Drake, Jamie Ellis, Craig Lincoln, 7; Flynn Jarvis, David Young, Geoff Zach, 6; Jason Bowen, Brian Elliott, Aaron Jenkins, Kon Krios, Josh McKellar, Damian Robertson, 5; Trevor Elliott, Dylan Hudson, Ryan Parker, John Prangle, 4; John Burgoyne, Chris Chapman, Lee Evans, Adrian Eyre, Rowan Gordon, Rene Pidgeon, John Potter, Chris Quinlan, Simon Young, 3; Josh Eyre, Grant McAdam, Phillip Deveny, Tom Naughtin, Tahn Reid, Terry Ryan, 2; Travis Brogan, Ant DeSarro, Todd Holman, David Mock, Mathew Neale, 1.	

UNDER 18	
Joe O'Mara	23
Chris Watson	23
Daniel Large	21
Jake Radcliffe	21
Luke Dunn	19
Paul Burgoyne	17
Chris MacDougall	14
Brendan Zach	14
Tim Beasley	11
Scott Allwood, Tom Dlabik, 9; Rick Curtis, Matthew Dunn, 8; Tulloch Greve, Dion Mullet-Treloar, 7; Nick Meade, 6; Mitchell Canham, Steve Lockie, 5; Callum Fulton, Oliver Mock, 4; Kelly Beaumont, Yaaren Bektash, Ryan Campbell, Luke Ebzery, Hamish Hoskings, 3; Jesse Monterio, 2; Ross Brown, Jarrod Dillon, Daniel Wilson, 1.	

long time advocate of junior and Under 18 football, Brian Williams.

Best Club Person went to secretary, vice president and social convener, James Logan. The committee surprised him by updating his carefully prepared PowerPoint presentation at the last minute while he was distracted by the pre-dinner drinks and finger food in the foyer of the council chambers.

Peter Green continued the community theme in his speech, dedicating this season's premiership win to the hundreds of local supporters, parents and volunteers around the club, and outlining his plans to strengthen the

community ties.

The evening had all the hallmarks of the slightly more famous Brownlow count, with the players unrecognisable in suits and ties and glamorous partners in designer gowns. Most of the players from all three teams were in attendance, and many of the parents enjoyed the magnificent food and drinks on offer, adding to the social buzz of the occasion.

RESERVES

Reserves coach David Young started the proceedings with the awards for the second eighteen.

Best and Fairest was won by triple premiership player 'old man' Dale Vitiritti, with equal second shared by the nuggety Cal Haskings and fleet footed on-baller Rick Bourke.

Third went to the reliable half-back Lee Giampietro. Jarrold Boyce was awarded Most Courageous, and the Most Determined player was big Bernie Opteynde.

The Players' Award was taken out by a well deserving Cal Haskings, and Rick Bourke came to the attention of the umpires, finishing second in the league Best and Fairest.

A new award was introduced this year, the John McCartin Jnr WCC/WFC Best Sportsperson, recognising the connection between the football club and the cricket club.

Craig Lincoln's combined tally of votes in both sports gave him the honour of winning the inaugural trophy.

Cricket

'Dytes stumble after good start

After four rounds of the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Wilkins Shield competition, Warrandyte could very easily be on top of the ladder and undefeated.

Instead, three consecutive narrow losses see the Bloods desperately trying to keep their season alive.

After a win in the first round of the season against Bayswater Park, the season got off to a promising start, but the club has been unable to capitalise on the opening day win.

In Round two, Warrandyte fell six runs short of Montrose in a high-scoring one-day game.

In the next game, flag-favourite Norwood defeated the Bloods off the second last ball and then on Saturday, St Andrews added further pain to Warrandyte's early part to the season, as the Saints downed Warrandyte by seven runs.

Captain Adam White missed the last two games because of work commitments, but returns this week for an important match against East Ringwood.

White believes the First Eleven squad is improving, but concedes there is still plenty of work to be done.

"I am happy at the fact that we have been competitive in every game we have played so far this season, but we can't lose sight of the fact we are not closing the deal when the game is there to be won," White said.

"I don't want to start having everyone feeling sorry for themselves for getting close all the time. We have to rise above the disappointments and learn to be mentally stronger when things start getting serious in a game."

"What the players have to realise is that there is a big difference between being competitive every week and actually being good enough to win games."

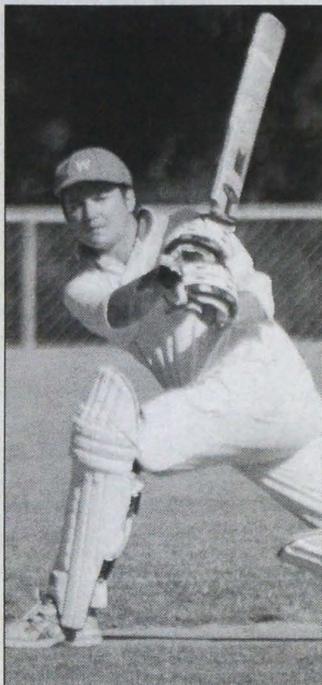
The loss to St Andrews on Saturday was a big reality check for the team, after going into the game expecting to win.

After restricting St Andrews to only 124, Warrandyte appeared to be in control of the game.

But after a disappointing start, the Bloods lost their momentum and ultimately the match, as they were bowled out in the last over for 117 runs.

Matthew Sazenis and Mark Centofanti both reached 30, but there were no other contributors with the bat in Warrandyte's worst performance for the season.

The loss sees Warrandyte sitting second bottom on the table and a trip



Matt Chapman ... in form behind the stumps but Warrandyte needs him to score runs.

to East Ringwood against a team high on confidence following consecutive victories.

But despite the 1-3 start, White remains confident the season is not lost.

"It is still very early in the year. There is no reason for panic, because we are seeing improvement from almost every player on our list," he said.

After a season playing cricket in England, the dramatic improvement in Sazenis has been one of the highlights of the season.

He has already scored more runs this season than for the entire season last year, while he has rediscovered the confidence with his bowling to again be seen as one of the most dangerous left arm spinners in the competition.

After some health problems, Centofanti has added some invaluable composure to the top of the

order, while 15-year-old Chris Barry is starting to develop into an impressive all-rounder.

Matthew Chapman's wicket-keeping has also been eye-catching, while Dave Mooney is batting as well as Warrandyte has seen in quite a few seasons.

But perhaps the biggest highlight of the season club at the moment.

"We probably have at least 18 players capable of playing in the firsts at the moment which is a really pleasing aspect so early in the year," White said.

"It means there is plenty of pressure on positions in the team and we will keep tinkering with it until we think we have the right balance for the second half of the season."

The second eleven has been in stunning form over the past three weeks, with two strong wins.

A number of different players have all contributed to the strong start to the season, with Dean Gidley, Cameron Day and Centofanti already rewarded with promotion to the First Eleven.

With youngsters Jake Sherrif, Tim Hookey, Tyson Rees and English recruit Danny Cash also in good form, there are other players waiting in the wings for their chance.

The individual highlight of the first four rounds of the season came in the Third Eleven last Saturday, when Ben Taylor became the first player in the club to score a century this season with an unbeaten 111 against Wonga Park.

Scores:
Round 4:
First XI: St.A 8/124 (C.Barry 2/16, Gidley 2/24, Sazenis 2/46) d Warrandyte 117 (Sazenis 37).
Seconds: Warrandyte 8/184 (Cash 40, Graf 38, Goddard 28) d St.Andrews.
Thirds: Warrandyte 3/204 (B.Taylor 111no, Creber 49) d Wonga Park 8/138 (R.Pascoe 3/17, Lockie 2/19, McIntosh 2/30).
Fourths: Warrandyte 6/178 (McKellar 55, Zach 35) d Warranwood 8/149 (G.Rees 4/22)

New games record holder

Veteran opening bowler, Gerald Walshe set a new record for the number of senior games played for Warrandyte in last Saturday's round.

Walshe took the record from former president and club captain-coach, Steve Pascoe.

Key players move on but juniors still a force

Warrandyte Cricket Club's Under 16s have lost a number of key players such as Tim Hookey and Tyson Walshe this year due to their graduation to the senior ranks and while these players have been replaced by some good under 14s, they lack the experience at this level.

This season will be a challenge for the Under 16s but under the coaching of Warrandyte legend Gerald Walshe and with the experience of Chris Barry, Ayrton Dehmel, Jake Sherrif and mixed with the enthusiasm of Jake Van-Der-Zant, Daniel Barry, and Ryan Pascoe the team appears to have players to complete a successful season.

The start of the season is always interesting at Under 14 level as coaches get to see how the boys have or haven't grown over the previous year.

The lasting memory of the Round 1 match will be Luke Warren facing a bowler at least twice his height. Luke didn't last that long but still came off smiling, perhaps with relief!

The match was close due to some good bowling by Mitchell Gaffney however Bayswater Park edged passed the 83 set by Warrandyte to win the game.

Warrandyte recovered some pride by posting 145 in their second inning with Jones and Ellis dominating with

the bat.

The Under 12s are an interesting mix of some boys with 2-3 years at this level such as the Nilsson twins (Tim and Daniel), Neil Brown and Tom Ellis combined with some real youngsters such as Jamie Arnold and Cameron Creber both aged nine.

In their Round 2 game, Warrandyte posted a huge score of 206 and then proceeded to bowl out Warranwood for 81.

As a consequence they have been moved up to the Under 12-3 level. This group of boys look like they really enjoy their game of cricket and coached by Warrandyte club president Greg Creber the season is sure to prove an excellent apprenticeship for their future cricket careers.

Round 1:
Under 16: North Ringwood 8/166 d Warrandyte 83 (C Barry 37 n.o.).
Under 14: Warrandyte 83 (J. Ellis 43) and 8/145 (J. Ellis 35 n.o., D. Jones 30) lost to Bayswater Park 114 (M Gaffney 3/4)
Round 2:
Under 16: Warrandyte 72 and 1/151 (A. Dehmel 56 n.o., C. Barry 51, T. Peter-Budge 32 n.o.) lost to Bayswater Park 7/160.
Under 14: Bye
Under 12: Warrandyte 7/206 (T. Nilsson 28 n.o., T. Ellis 27 n.o., R. Chipman 27 n.o.) d Warranwood 81.

Sport snapshots



Coach Steve Ballard and the Anderson's Creek team, from left, Tim Nilsson, Neil Brown (emergency), Mat Colborne-Veel, Liam Roodhouse and Jacob Ballard.

Students are on the run at Anderson's Creek

A group of Grade 6 students from Anderson's Creek Primary School performed with distinction and great courage in winning a bronze medal in the 100 metres relay at the recent Victorian Primary Schools Championships in Bendigo.

The team was led home by Mat Colborne-Veel on one ankle, capitalising on the brilliant speed and changeovers of Tim Nilsson, Liam Roodhouse and Jacob Ballard.

The coaching of Steve Ballard gave the boys the best opportunity to fulfill their potential. Jacob Ballard had a magnificent carnival with silver in the hurdles and bronze in the long jump.

Liam Roodhouse was exceptional in the triple jump placing sixth in the state.

Open Day to showcase disability tennis program

Warrandyte Lions Club, with support from the Department for Victorian Communities and Manningham City Council, has developed tennis coaching clinics for people with disabilities.

And to highlight the program, an Open Day will be held at the Warrandyte Lions Tennis Courts near the Yarra River bridge on Friday December 8, starting at 10.30am.

The 'Everyone For Tennis' program currently services six disability day support organisations, within the municipality, with more than 60 participants involved in weekly clinics.

The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for people with a disability to experience an enjoyable and physically active sport while promoting social interaction amongst the players.

It is important that the program continues to be supported as the strain and pressures for families who provide full time care and support to people with complex needs are provided with respite options.

- The program's aims are:
- Fun and interactive tennis tuition.
 - Professional and ability focused session plans.
 - Providing an opportunity for social and community engagement.
 - Promoting tennis inclusion for all abilities.
 - Promoting fitness and healthy wellbeing through learning the game of tennis.

The day will start at 10.30am with a knock-out tennis competition for all members run by tennis coaches.

The official part of the Open Day will start at 11am and from midday until 1pm there will be a free sausage sizzle and social games of tennis.

A Lions Club official said the day was an open invitation for anyone to attend and see how successful the program had become.

For further details contact Simon Lewis, Onemda Association, 9842 1955.

Junior athletes gear up for a busy track season

The Little Athletics season started with a rush on October 7 at George Street, Doncaster. Many young local Warrandyte athletes are participating this season with the East Doncaster Dragons.

Former Anderson's Creek student Breanna Large recently competed in the Victorian Schools competition coming a close second in the javelin.

Natalie Exon also competed in the javelin where she came 13th and also competed in the 800 metres.

Relay season is now in full swing with the Eastern Region qualifications to be held at the Doncaster track on November 19. Successful teams qualify to run in the State Championships to be held at Olympic Park.

At the recently held relay meet at Box Hill, East Doncaster athletes performed extremely well with many of the teams amongst the medals.

Doncaster Open Day will be held on December 16 which will conclude with a spectacular 30 minute fire work display and everyone is welcome to attend.

For any one wishing to join the East Doncaster Dragons please contact club president Eadward Munks on 0439 342 478.



Warrandyte athletic team mates from left, Kathryn St John, Breanna Large and Sarah Valentine.

Have-A-Go at cricket

Warrandyte Cricket Club's Milo Have-A-Go cricket program gets under way at the Warrandyte cricket ground on November 11, starting at 6pm.

Registration Day was held on November 3 but parents can still register their children on November 11.

The program is for girls and boys aged between 5 - 8 years and costs \$40 and the club can take cash or cheque.

Milo Have-A-Go is for girls and boys of all abilities from beginners to the more experienced. The aim is to have fun, make friends, learn new games and skills in cricket and enjoy sport.

The skills learned will transfer over to many different sports as well as games ideals and learning to play as a team.

All participants receive a structured 12 week program which seeks to provide each participant with the opportunity to develop cricket skills, physical fitness, social skills, sportsmanship and understanding of the game of cricket.

All participants receive a pack that includes a Milo Have-A-Go cricket bat, cricket ball, carry bag, T-shirt and bucket hat.

Contact the Steve Pascoe 9844 1213 or Dave Ellis 0419 514 962 for further details.

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- **Warrandyte:** 7pm, Tuesday 21 November. Warrandyte Fire Station, Harris Gully Road (Mel ref 35 C2)
- **Research:** 7pm, Wednesday 29 November. Research Fire Station, Research-W'dyde Road (Mel ref 22 G2)
- **North Warrandyte:** 6pm, Thursday 7 December. North Warrandyte Fire Station, Glynns Road (Mel ref 23 B7)
- **South Warrandyte:** 7.30pm, Thursday 7 December. St Anne's Primary School, Knees Road (Mel ref 35 E9)
- **North Warrandyte:** 5pm, Sunday 10 December. Cnr Floods & Kangaroo Ground -W'dyde Road (Mel ref 23 G6)
- **South Warrandyte:** 7.30pm, Tuesday 12 December. South Warrandyte Fire Station, Brumbys Road (Mel ref 35 J5)
- **North Warrandyte:** 11am, Sunday 17 December. North Warrandyte Community Centre (Mel ref 23 D9)
- **North Warrandyte:** 1pm, Sunday 17 December. North Warrandyte Community Centre (Mel ref 23 D9)



wonga park private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$335-\$365k

Situated on more than 1/3 acre this 5BR home offers open plan formal lounge/dining with polished floor boards throughout. Ducted heating, rain water tank PLUS workshop. Close to shops, schools & transport.



warrandyte auction
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Walk to everything! Single level 3BR brick veneer home on level near 1/4 acre in the heart of Warrandyte. Features: kitchen/meals, lounge/dining, double lockup garage. Walk to primary school, goldfields, transport and village.



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Charming 3BR+study home on near 1/4 acre. Features: lounge & separate dining. Open plan kitchen/meals & family living area. Fully fenced courtyard—ideal to watch children play. Elevated rear deck. Walk to p/school, goldfields, transport and village.



warrandyte north auction
 11am saturday 18 november unless sold prior
 buyer enquiry range \$400k+

Set on over 1/2 acre of native bushland, this 4BR mudbrick property is the quintessential warrandyte home! Open plan kitchen/meals with adjacent family & sitting rooms. Sep. formal dining. Large underhouse storage. AG pool & deck. Dual street access and dbl car accommodation.



warrandyte tender
 closes 5pm tuesday 5 december unless sold prior
 buyer enquiry range \$410k-\$460k

This romantic 3 bedroom + study Tudor style family home has botanical rear gardens that your friends will envy! Features formal lounge/dining. Separate rumpus. Sunroom with lush garden views. Kitchen and family meals. Set on near 1/3 acre. Walk to river, village, school and transport.



warrandyte tender
 closes 5pm tuesday 28 november unless sold prior
 buyer enquiry range \$500k+

Attractive 3BR + study mud brick home on over 1/2 acre of gorgeous gardens designed to capture the beauty of Warrandyte. Open plan kitchen/dining/family. Huge main BR with ensuite. PLUS self contained 1BR cottage with sep driveway - ideal to rent out or use as home office.



warrandyte north private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$530k-\$600k

Searching for something that offers the flexibility to update or build? This spacious 3BR home set on a beautiful 4359sqm allotment features kitchen/meals, elevated lounge, double carport, single garage, workshop & a rear patio with lots of sunshine.



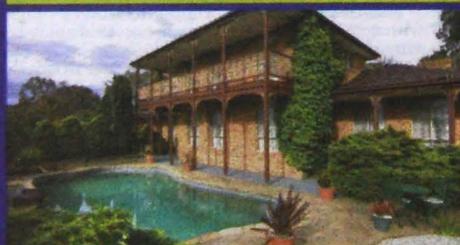
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Count them - 5 living areas! 4BR + study home situated on 2/3 acre in one of Warrandyte's best loved family precincts. Lounge/dining. Gourmet emporite kitchen, family meals and family living area. Separate rumpus. Solar heated IG pool. Dbl garage and workshop.



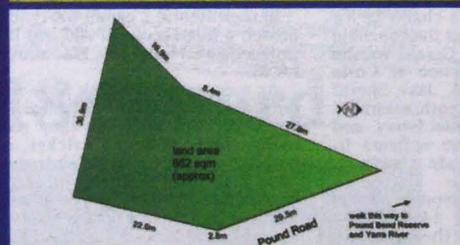
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Imagine life with the Yarra River at the bottom of your garden! Contemporary 5BR home with DIRECT RIVER ACCESS! Spacious kitchen/meals. Formal lounge/dining. Children's retreat. Covered entertaining area. Dbl garage.



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warrandyte private sale
 buyer enquiry range \$270k-\$300k

With so little vacant land left in Warrandyte, this 862sqm approx allotment is a rare find! Situated in a coveted pocket of Warrandyte, only a short stroll to the Yarra River & Pound Bend Reserve and within easy walking distance of Goldfields Plaza, transport and primary school.



kangaroo ground/bend of islands auction
 trustee in possession

2pm saturday 18 november unless sold prior
 buyer enquiry range \$200k+
 Magnificent lightly treed near 4.5 acre allotment, situated in the heart of the Bend of Islands conservation zone, offering state park and river access.

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