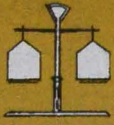


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Global warming!

Residents group plans to mobilise our community

By EMMA CLARK

Escalating bushfire disasters across Victoria this summer are underlining the local urgency of the threat of global warming and climate change.

Several local people are so concerned about the imminent threat of global warming that they are organising a public forum in Warrandyte to explore this issue and plan future action.

This initiative grew out of a smaller gathering of Osborne Road neighbours who came together to hear environmentalist and local Adrian Whitehead speak on the urgency of this problem.

"The idea for a wider public forum on the issue emerged from this gathering," Wayne Rankin of Osborne Road told the *Diary*.

Mr Rankin said that the forum aims to educate and inform locals of the impact of climate change.

"The problem of global warming is the biggest issue that we will face, and whilst it seems overwhelming, there are things that everyone can do that will help," he said.

The community-wide forum entitled, "Climate Change: What you should know and what you can do", will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at 7.30pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Adrian Whitehead will give a presentation to shed light on some of the effects and consequences of climate change, and what needs to be done to prevent further damage to the environment.

New Warrandyte resident and long-time environmentalist Bev Brock will also speak.

Forum organisers hope that local action will follow. "Perhaps people might want to form neighbourhood groups that could further discuss this issue and even look to becoming directly involved," Wayne Rankin said.

"Warrandyte locals are lucky enough to live in an amazing natural environment. However climate change could

threaten the flora and fauna which we often take for granted," Adrian Whitehead told the *Diary*.

Scientists have long been voicing concern over the effects of global warming on the environment and human civilisation.

The past few decades have seen a dramatic increase in carbon dioxide emissions, which has significantly altered our climate. Australian scientists at the CSIRO estimate that if we do nothing, temperatures in Australia could be up to 2°C hotter by 2030 and up to 6°C hotter by 2070.

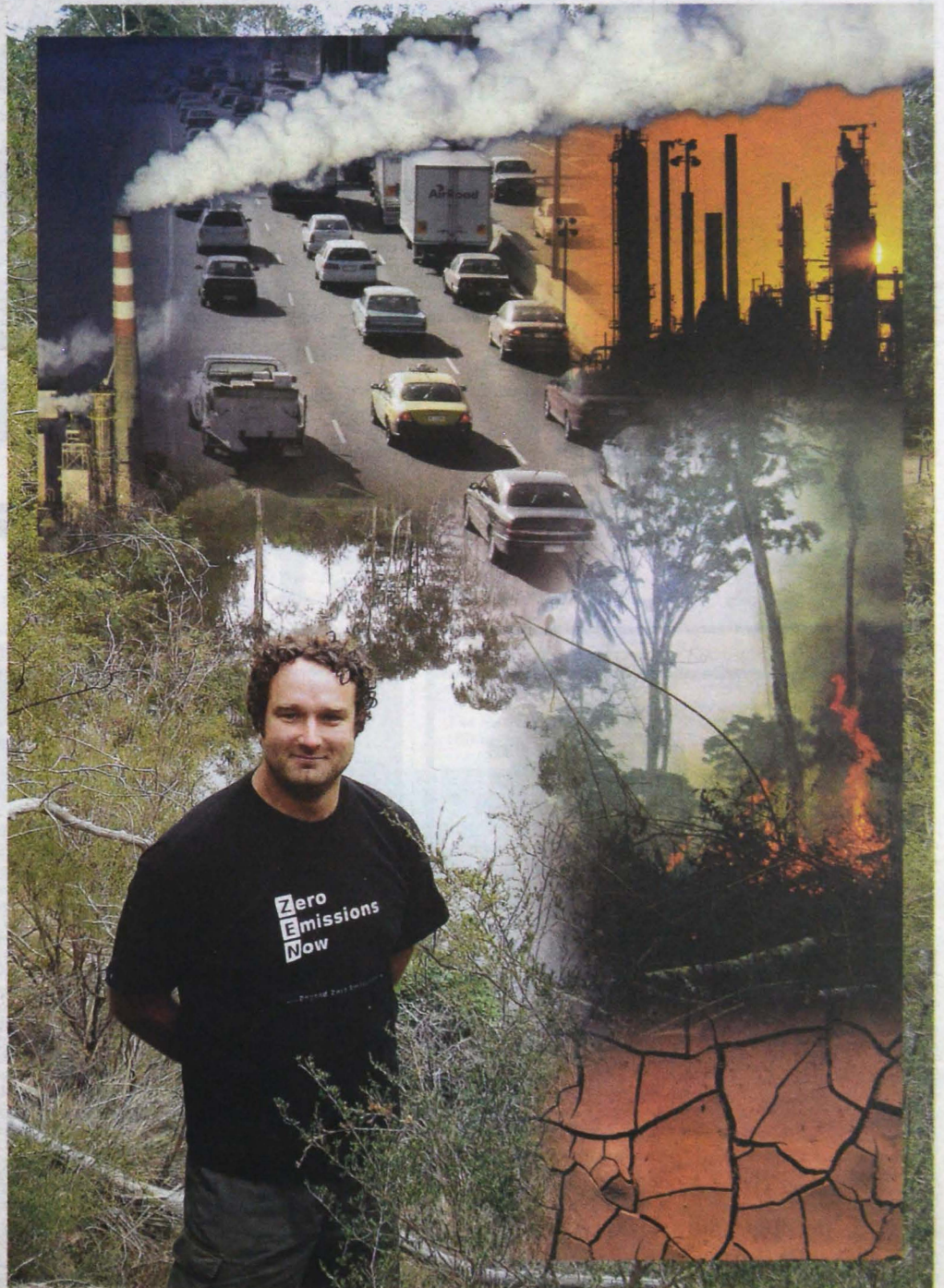
"We can expect more frequent and severe droughts, bushfires, floods and storms; damage to our farming and tourism economies as crops fail and attractions like ski fields and the Great Barrier Reef disappear; and wildlife extinctions as habitat disappears." According to Mr Whitehead, greater extremes of weather are already clearly noticeable in the last five years alone. Raging heat waves in Europe, hurricanes such as Katrina in the US and Larry in Queensland and the Boxing Day tsunami are all examples of the intense changes to our climate.

Closer to home, the CSIRO has recently conducted a study on the effects of climate change on bushfire-prone areas, such as Warrandyte. A key finding of the study is that an increase in fire-weather risk is likely in the next 30 years, including the average number of days when the fire danger index rating is very high or extreme.

The number of total fire ban days is likely to increase by up to 70 per cent by 2050 if something is not done about global warming.

All Warrandyte residents are encouraged to attend the forum and learn about the effects that their lifestyles may have on the environment; and what they can do to help counter this situation.

Adrian Whitehead. (Picture by Emma Clark, digital montage by Stephen Reynolds)



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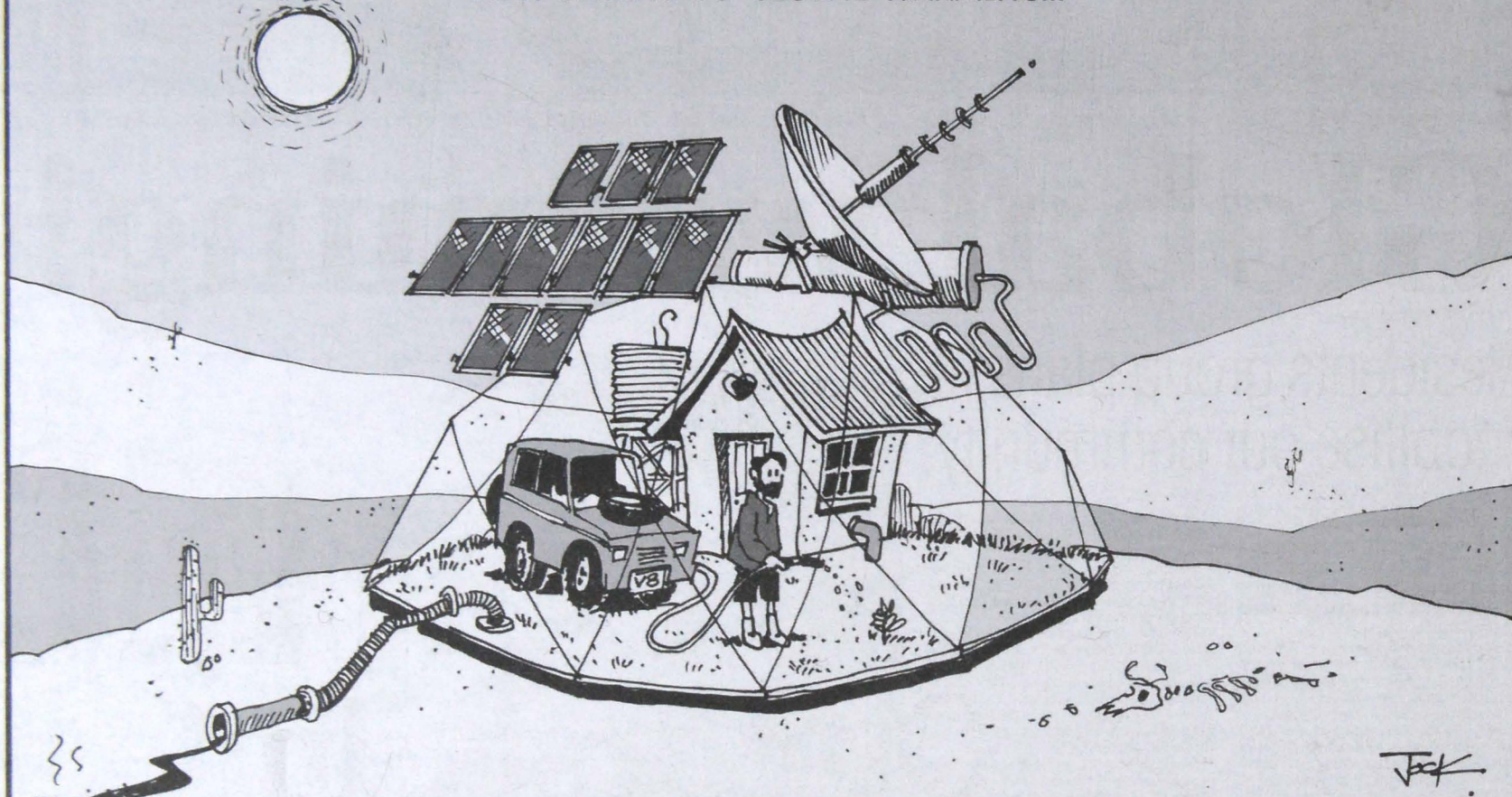
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Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 30km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in 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.



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THE NIGHT THE STAR WAS THROWN

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



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Memories of Festival 2006

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



River magic

River flows through festival program

By EMMA CLARK
 It's that time of year again, with preparations well under way for the 2007 Warrandyte Festival, to be held on March 24 and 25.

The theme will be River Magic, reflecting the close relationship that Warrandyte has with the Yarra River and the festival's main location on the riverbank at Stiggants Reserve.

This festival will feature a number of new events this year, including the inaugural Warrandyte Film Festival and Warrandyte Wonders, a variety show held on the main stage on the Saturday night, featuring a hybrid of music, images, artwork, and light.

The King and Queen of the Festival will be Keith and Peta Walker. Keith is a long term resident and sergeant of the Warrandyte police. Peta has been involved with the Warrandyte Netball club for many years.

Events which were launched last year, such as the Mountain Bike Fun Ride, will continue again in 2007 with 10 kilometre and 16 kilometre options. Entries for the bike ride and the film festival can be accessed on the festival website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~warrfest/>

index.htm. Young people and children are a large part of the magic of the festival, with a number of youth events planned this year.

The youth stage will be closer to the main body of the festival than in previous years, situated between the car park at Stiggant Street and the footbridge near the river.

The bands are all local young musicians, with a rock emphasis early in the afternoon with the Sleepy Bear Parade, The Screaming Pigeons, The Vanbrance and Ross Byrne's "Of the Night", followed by a hip hop bracket with an all girl dance group. There will be a jazz/funk/soul bracket from 3-5pm, featuring Jazzschool from Luther College, Sunday Soul from Rudolph Steiner, and local star musicians, Super Deluxe and The Teskey Brothers. The Skate Comp will be held at the skate park on Sunday from 1pm to 5pm, with free entry for primary, secondary and open age groups.

Regular participants in the Festival parade will receive their application forms soon. For new inquiries, contact Jill Parker on 9844 0180.

Our first filmfest flickers into life

By EMMA CLARK

Budding Spielbergs, Coppolas and Tarantinos should be gearing up for the inaugural Warrandyte Film Festival, to be staged in conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival.

The film festival will be held at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Sunday, March 25 at 2pm, Tuesday, March 27 at 8pm and Wednesday, March 28, also at 8pm. (See program this page and advertisement on page 9).

The event will celebrate films featuring and inspired by Warrandyte and Warrandyte residents over the years.

"A highlight will be the Cameo awards, rival to the Oscars and Golden Globes, which will judge filmmakers across a range of fields," a film festival organiser told the *Diary*.

Winners will receive a Cameo Award, including a certificate and carved porcelain statuette, "not unlike an Oscar". Entries can be film, video or animation and any genre is welcome. Entries will be categorised according to age, with a 12 years and under section for children interested in film, 13 to 18 for high school-aged filmmakers and an 18-plus category.

Entries will be screened at a matinee on Sunday, March

18 at the Mechanics' Institute Hall.

Jeremy Loftus-Hills, part of the team behind the festival, hopes that the events of the festival will "excite and moti-

gether and discuss experiences, we hope to inspire and support anyone interested in film."

The festival will also feature a tribute to Warrandyte film di-

through the 1960s.

The event will also screen archival films such as "In my beginning", a 1946 documentary produced about the Koor-nong School, an experimental school established in what is now Koor-mong Avenue. The film features original footage of Warrandyte and the Yarra in the 1940s.

For further information and an entry form for the Cameo Awards, visit the Warrandyte Film Festival website at <http://www.waffca.edutv.com.au/>

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vate people to work together and discuss ideas.

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rector David Baker. David was active in the film and television industry during the post-war era. He was pivotal in pushing traditional cinematic conventions and directed the classic Australian children's TV series, "The Magic Boomerang"

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Fire: it ain't over yet!

Summer's end: worst fire danger

By JOHN SCHAUBLE

While Warrandyte has escaped the fires that have burnt more than 1.18 million hectares of Victoria this summer, the danger locally is far from over.

A few hot, windy days are all that stands between an uneventful end to summer and a bushfire disaster in the Lower Yarra, according to CFA Lower Yarra group officer Brian Sandlant.

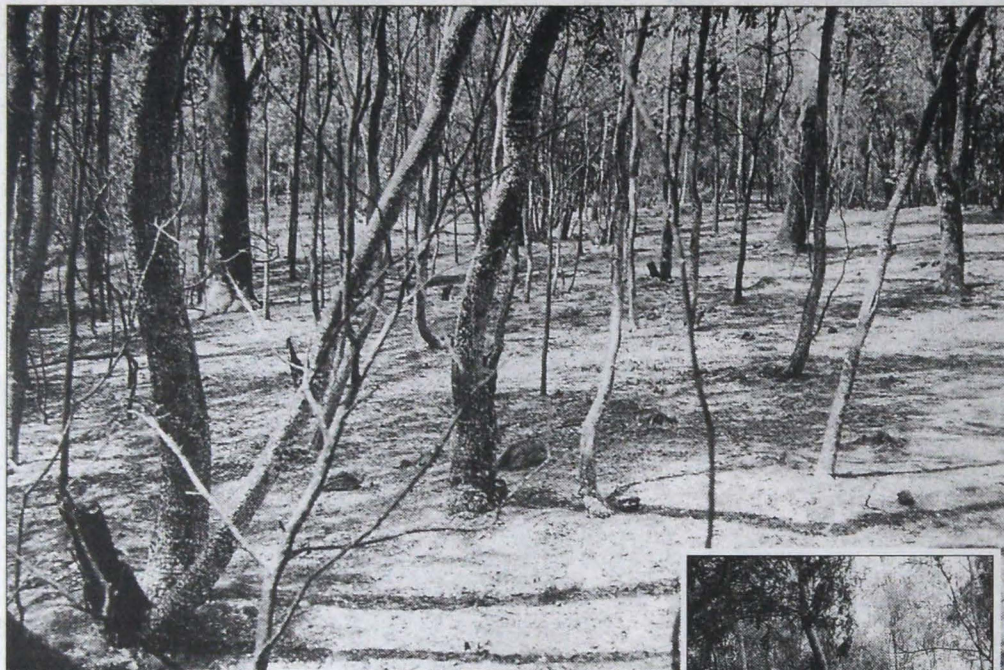
He is warning residents not to become complacent over the coming weeks, historically one of the most dangerous times for bushfires in the local area.

"It is generally towards the end of summer that residents of the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges face their most significant bushfire risk," said Mr Sandlant.

While the areas around Warrandyte, Eltham, Panton Hill and Wattle Glen have faced severe fires in January — most notably in 1939 and 1962 — some of the worst fires in the Lower Yarra have been later in the summer, he said.

In 1914 and again in 1923 and 1926, the Lower Yarra was besieged by bushfires. In March 1965, disastrous fires claimed three lives and destroyed 15 homes in North Eltham. A 200 hectare fire crossed the Yarra River between Warrandyte and Research. Fires in 1985 around Warrandyte also occurred in February. A significant fire also burned through the Pound Bend area in late February 1991.

The prolonged drought across Victoria has meant that the landscape has been ready to burn for much of this



Brown's Gully, Warrandyte: all that remained after February 25, 1991.

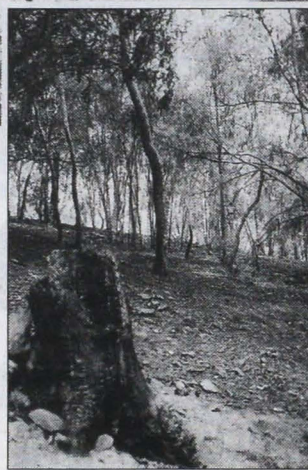
summer. Timely rains and some cooler weather since Christmas have helped reduce the risk of local ignitions, especially in grassland areas.

"There's a real danger of complacency, especially as the big fires in Gippsland and the north-east have been brought under control," Mr Sandlant said. "But the danger is not over yet. It won't be until we get some significant rain and a shift to cooler weather patterns."

Mr Sandlant said it was important for families to review their bushfire plans and ensure preparations and

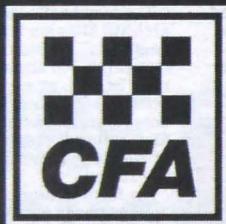
equipment are in place for the last few weeks of summer. A number of small fires with potential to affect the suburban interface areas had already broken out in the Kinglake area this summer, he added.

Meanwhile, CFA Yarra Area Community Safety spokesman Geoff Deacon called on residents to be careful when using solid fuel barbecues and angle grinders. "A number serious fires were started in the north of the state over the Australia Day weekend due to careless or improper use of fire or machinery," he said.



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 fire 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.
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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:

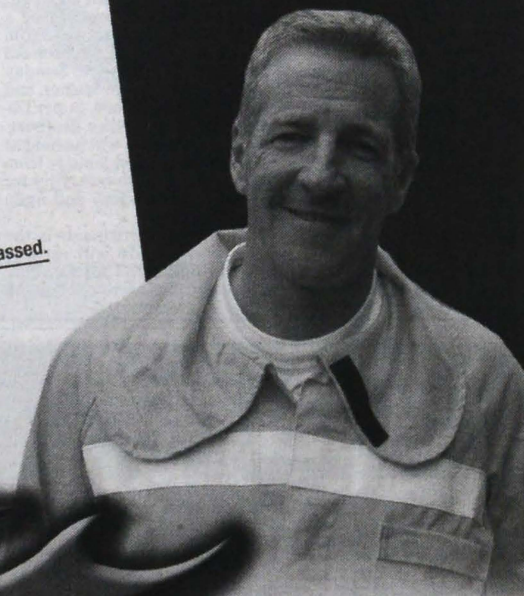
Plan what to do as a fire approaches.

- 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.

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Local firefighters hold the line



By SANDY BURGOYNE

During the recent bushfire emergency volunteers from Warrandyte's three CFA brigades were deployed in various Gippsland hot spots. Daily papers and television news services were saturated with images of wildfire and firestorms in Gippsland during the time, but some Warrandytes had a different experience.

Stephanie Mason, from the North Warrandyte brigade, didn't see the wildfire front during her deployment to Heyfield, but she assisted with a large backburn along a road. A new fire had broken out after a lightning strike overnight.

"We try to burn back to where the lightning has hit to stop the residential side catching alight," she said.

Graham Laurence, also of North Warrandyte, said that it was a matter of routine.

"A lot of times when you go up to those areas you don't do much at all. You have got to be there just in case something does happen, so it is all preventative.

"It is not what you call really eventful, but it has to be done," he told the *Diary*. However, he did have some excitement while turning a four-wheel drive vehicle near Tambo Crossing.

"I was just backing to an area where the dozer had turned around. I was just checking while I was turning and this tree fell over the front windscreen.

"It put a big dint in the window-sill area. It smashed the windscreen and the side window, the mirror, one of the aerials that was on the car, and a big branch pierced right down where the window comes up in the door," he said.

Nobody was injured, but the four-wheel drive ended its campaign on the back of a truck.

Time waiting for the wildfire to come out of the bush at Boisdale was put to good use.

One of the Warrandyte strike teams checked the preparation of community assets such as waterways and sporting fields. They prepared guttering, carried gas bottles away from buildings and moved wood piles. However, the threat never materialised at that township.

Tom Goldstraw, third lieutenant of South Warrandyte, described a daunting sight that greeted him on the Traralgon footy ground early in the emergency.

"Sitting there in the morning having breakfast and looking at 80 tankers there and 15 or 20 pumpers...usually if there's a fire that's got 50 trucks it's a

fairly significant fire, but to see a fire that was going to have 100 trucks put onto it in one go was a fairly significant thing and I think something that not a lot of people had seen before," he told the *Diary*.

The media had speculated that all the fires could join up that weekend and burn to the coast. To the relief of all, the firefront didn't break out as anticipated.

South's Tom Goldstraw stressed the important roles employers play in releasing CFA volunteers to fight fires. His employer, Mark Webster of Oban Trading, has actively supported the South Warrandyte brigade for many years.

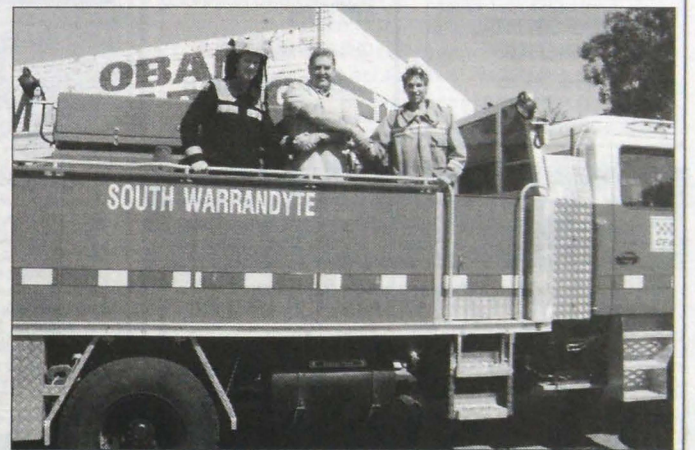
The fire threat has retreated somewhat, but Shane Murphy warns that we should not become complacent.

"Although we have had weather that has helped, it certainly hasn't ended the fires and there is further hot weather ahead throughout February and March.

"There will certainly be an ongoing commitment for a period of time in (the Gippsland) fires and possibly in other areas throughout the state, given that we are only now entering when our normal fire season starts," he said.



Above and left: behind the lines at Tambo Crossing.



Right: the old survivor, Woods Point. Far right: (from left) local heroes Tom Goldstraw, Mark Webster, Damien Ziino of South Warrandyte CFA.

Pictures by local firefighters

They didn't forget the homefront

By SANDY BURGOYNE

While local CFA members were fighting fires in Gippsland during the recent emergency, Warrandyte and district still had fire protection.

"The main thing to stress is that we have sent a lot of people away and we have had vehicles away, all of which are back now. We had a number of people who, whilst they can't wear a badge to say they went and fought the fires in Gippsland, were defending the home front in case something happened, which fortunately it didn't," Paul Buck, a deputy group officer (DGO) told the *Diary*.

Paul is a DGO of the CFA group to which Warrandyte's three brigades belong. This group also includes Kinglake West, Wattle Glen, St Andrews and Christmas Hills. Part of his job as a DGO is to plan vehicle and crew deployments from the group to "campaign fires" such as those in Gippsland. He is captain of the North Warrandyte brigade.

At the height of the Gippsland emergency local residents may have wondered at the number of vehicles in local fire stations.

"As people pass through Warrandyte (district) and have a look in the stations they may not see quite as many fire trucks in there as normal, or different sorts of trucks," Shane Murphy, captain of Warrandyte CFA brigade said.

The three local brigades made com-

mitments of both personnel and equipment to the campaign fires raging around Gippsland in December and early January. Typically vehicles and appliances were deployed to a district and fresh teams from the CFA group were rotated through them.

For instance, a South Warrandyte tanker was deployed in strike team 1364 which saw service from Toongabbie, through Heyfield to Licola and across to Briargolong.

During the emergency the Warrandyte brigades sent more than 50 of their firefighters to the Gippsland fires. A typical tour of duty was three days and two nights and several firefighters did more than one stint.

Personnel were taken by bus to the staging area near the fire and returned the same way. Deploying CFA vehicles and finding teams to crew them is a complicated and demanding job.

"We (were) crewing vehicles down in the Gippsland area. We had the St Andrews tanker down there for a number of weeks, as was a Pantom Hills tanker and we were just crewing those vehicles on a rotational basis, as requests were coming through from the management team running the fire. (Yarra Area headquarters) would put out requests for resources and we would in turn get a call and try to get those resources together and get them to where they were leaving from, which in most cases

was Lilydale. (Then we would) start looking for the next rotation which would go down to relieve them," Paul Buck said.

"On the busy weeks, when we had a number of resources away and they were asking for more trucks on top of that, it almost becomes a full-time job.

"It's a bit of a jigsaw puzzle at times, particularly over the holiday break. It's been, I wouldn't say a struggle, but it's certainly been a bit of an effort to put the crews together, with people going away on holidays and with people now going back to work it becomes a little harder as well," he said.

Naturally all requests for resources find their way to individual brigades.

"When we get a request for crews to go away, we check how many people we've got around and from that we juggle to ensure that we still have someone who's going to jump on the truck here," Tom Goldstraw, third lieutenant with the South Warrandyte brigade, told the *Diary*.

"We work with other local stations and as they have extra people or they have fewer people, we help them out—giving them extra crews to man their trucks and vice versa.

"If we are a bit short they send crews up to us to ensure that we are covered back home."

Shane Murphy, Warrandyte's captain,

tries to balance the experience of teams he sends to the firefighting effort.

"What happens is that we get a request to provide either crews or resources to these fires and we look what the actual request is so that we send a number of people, either crew members, crew leaders or experienced four-wheel drivers," he told the *Diary*.

"That allows us to have a bit of a mix of people. We send experienced people and we also have an opportunity to send some people who are relatively new to wildfire firefighting, some are going to their first wildfire fire."

Arrangements were made to keep enough vehicles in the fire stations of Warrandyte and district during the deployments to handle local emergencies.

"At the height of (the Gippsland fire) we had three vehicles out of Warrandyte and two out of South Warrandyte. We were able to backfill the stations with vehicles from other brigades who hadn't committed for the fires and also using council vehicles to provide a local coverage," DGO Paul Buck told the *Diary*.

So although Warrandyte's three brigades rose to the challenge of providing crews and trucks for the campaign fires raging in Gippsland, CFA management of personnel and vehicle deployment ensured the home front was covered in case of an emergency.

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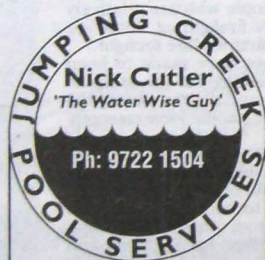
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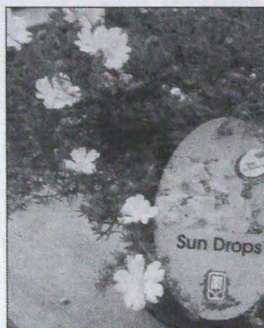
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'Accurate' story

Josh Revell of FOWSP passed on Sandy Burgoyne's article (on Sun Drops) in the last issue of the Warrandyte Diary. It is one of the better, accurate and to-the-point write-ups we've seen. Sandy obviously knows her "onions".

Correa multibelle is a mass of hundreds of buds, and as we've put a specimen in a terracotta pot with Sun Drops, it should be a "wow" display by late summer/early autumn.

Bill Molyneux
Australora, Dixons Creek



dear diary

John is handing in his licence

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all those kind people who offered their assistance in the provision of transport now that I have given up driving my car.

There are a number of reasons why I have done this. They are as follows.

When I speak to people in the community, not just locally but the wider community—particularly those who have elderly parents still driving and whom they wish would stop driving—it is apparent to me that there is a consensus of opinion that there should be an age limit to driving. I believe it is better to arrive at this conclusion voluntarily rather than have it forced through ill-health or some other cause.

When I look back on my life experience, particularly the last 70 years, it seems to me that the biggest contribution to the greenhouse effect is the private car and not the burning of coal to produce electricity.



The gas that was used before the introduction of natural gas was produced from coal and was heavier than air. But the gas produced by the use of petrol is lighter than air, so that to me is a greater contributor to climate change, particularly when you take into consideration the number of vehicles on the road today compared to 60 or 70 years ago.

For a reduction in the adverse effects to take place, it is my firm belief that a reduced reliance on

the use of private vehicles must take place and a greater use of public transport should be made. This is of greater future benefit to people 20 or more years younger than my wife and I. It is something you should be doing now.

As we can manage with private transport, this is our contribution to a reduction in the greenhouse effect.

John Gilbert
Valias Street

Where are you?

I have lost contact with long-time friends Pam and John Stevens who were living in Warrandyte from 1980 to 2000 when I last had contact. I am just wondering if someone may be able to reunite us.

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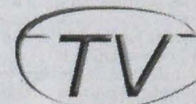
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Caring for the creek

Words and picture by SANDY BURGOYNE

Warrandyte's newest Landcare group will look after a piece of Warrandyte history. Surprisingly, until the formation of Anderson's Creek Catchment Area (ACCA) Landcare Group, the waterway where Louis Michel discovered gold in 1851 did not have a single volunteer organisation dedicated to caring for it.

Robyn Gillespie, a convenor of ACCA, first considered starting a "friends of" group for Husseys Lane, but she wanted to do something to benefit the whole of the creek's catchment. Manningham council suggested she look at forming a Landcare group, which she realised was the answer.

"Landcare can work on either public or private land. So we can apply for grants to work over the whole catchment area, so that we are not just doing little pockets here and there. A lot of programs either work on public land only or on private land only, but Landcare covers everyone," she told the *Diary*.

"The area extends quite a large distance from the creek. We go all the way over to meet Jumping Creek Landcare group, and we go to the ridge above Harris Gully. A very big area encompassing most of the township."

The ACCA's priorities include



Robyn Gillespie at Andersons Creek.

a healthy water flow from Anderson's Creek into the Yarra River; the elimination of weeds and litter and increased natural indigenous vegetation around the waterway.

The new group will be launched at a fun and information day on Saturday, February 17, at

Stiggants Reserve from 11am. Speakers from the Catchment Management Authority and Melbourne Water will begin the proceedings. Other attractions include a children's modelling play space; plant identification; a raffle and a barbecue lunch. The ACCA is hoping to sign-up

new members at the launch. "It is for everybody. It's not necessarily someone who wants to pull out weeds. There is a job for everybody," Robyn Gillespie said.

● For further details on ACCA contact Robyn Gillespie on 0417 377 649.

Tiny heartbeats

A generous Warrandyte donation has come to the rescue of a tiny village birthing centre in Southern Sudan.

The donors, a local business couple who wish to remain anonymous, have donated about \$800 so a Doppler, used to measure foetal heartbeats, could be sent to the remote village of Akeum.

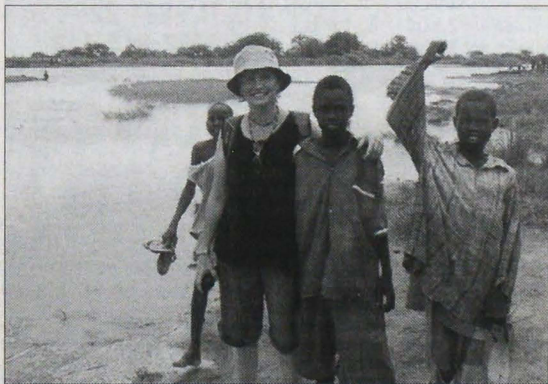
As reported last month, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House was inspired by resident Jean Chapman to send a parcel of urgently needed items for the birthing centre. These included scissors, blankets, cheap watches, vegetable seeds and other items. Jean was alerted to this need by another local resident, Kussum Wells, who works in Sudan.

The WNH volunteers gathered these articles and despatched them to Akeum. However, the Doppler was outside their financial resources, but they were determined to raise the money. When the story appeared in the December issue of the *Diary*, the local Good Samaritans made their generous offer.

"The donors told Neighbourhood House that they wanted to honour the true spirit of Christmas and make a gift that would truly make a difference," WNH coordinator Karen Throssell told the *Diary*.

A WNH-sponsored group, the Friends of Akeum, has grown out of this effort.

If you would like to be part of this initiative, please call Karen on 9844 1839.



Kussum Wells with several young Akeum residents.

Those old photos are precious



Memories are made of this.

Warrandyte Historical Society wants your photo snapshots showcasing Warrandyte: its landscapes, buildings, events and residents. Warrandytians are being asked to share their memories as part of the society's project to document the middle years of the 20th century.

"We've identified a gap in the society's photographic collection," said Monday archiver, Shelagh Morton.

"We are especially keen to collect images from the period, 1945 to 1975, though we are happy to also see any other significant photos residents may have."


The society is planning a weekend in April when the archive group will be on hand at the Old Post Office Museum to view, copy and document photos brought in by residents.

"Although the weekend

is more than two months away, we are giving some advance notice so that residents can sort out suitable photos for us," Shelagh said. "We want all the photos to involve Warrandyte in some way, people and places need to be identified and dates noted. On the day we will be able to scan and return any photos residents wish to take away again".

The society is looking to capture worthwhile photos from the years of snapshot cameras when it was not customary to take lots of photographs, as well as obtain images from older residents concerned about the future of their collections.

● Anyone seeking information can phone Shelagh Morton on 9844 3610 or Val Polley on 9844 3086.



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Sarah tops the score

Young Warrandyte resident, Sarah Spottiswood (pictured), has chalked up a significant number of successes during her final year at Fintona Girls School. She was awarded the Caltex Medallion for participation and excellence, the principal's and deputy principal's prizes, and the Pierre de Coubertin award from the Australian Olympic Committee for sportsmanship.

Sarah was captain of her school swimming, athletics and senior hockey teams. She received a perfect score of 50 for English and an ENTER of 99.2 in her VCE exams.

A former student at Andersons Creek Primary School and a local Brownie, Sarah is well-known in the Warrandyte Basketball Club and in dance circles and was a lifesaver with the Inverloch club over the recent summer.

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He's top young citizen

By EMMA CLARK

Warrandyte teenager Ben Dennis has been named Manningham Young Citizen of the Year.

The awards were part of the citizenship ceremony held on Australia Day Eve. Manningham mayor, Cr Ron Kitchingman said that the awards honour "individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the community".

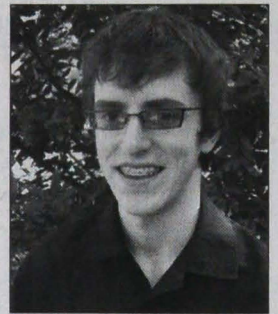
Ben, 15, is a member of the Manningham YMCA FreeZA committee, which organises drug and alcohol free youth events within Manningham. FreeZA is a state government program that provides opportunities for young people to organise cultural events for their peers.

"Ben has shown strong leadership abilities, has a positive manner, has been a great support to other committee

members and has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to learning," a council spokesman said. "He has impressed with his endless energy and constructive use of his time which has helped the FreeZA committee achieve new goals."

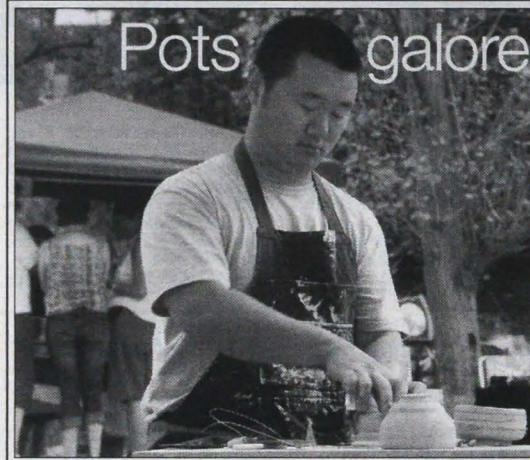
Ben attended Anderson's Creek Primary School and is currently a student at Luther College. He plays saxophone and DJs in his spare time. "I got involved after responding to an advertisement about a year ago, as I like music and organising events," Ben said. At the moment, Ben is helping organise entertainment for "Walk the Torque", an event to be held on April 21 and 22 to raise young people's awareness of road safety.

Manningham Citizen of the Year is Vera Hampson of Doncaster. Mrs Hampson has volunteered at Meals on Wheels



Ben Dennis

for 18 years and at the Box Hill Hospital kiosk for 17 years. "She has served the community with great enthusiasm, showing empathy for everyone she has come into contact with," the spokesman said.



Warrandyte's Pottery Expo has become a permanent feature of the local summer season.

Situated on the riverbank below Webb Street—accessible from Yarra Street—the expo will showcase—and offer for sale—the work of 40 leading Australian potters and ceramic artists.

A special feature this year will be the attendance of seven French potters who will display their work and demonstrate their techniques.

An ephemeral sculpture will be constructed through the weekend, music will drift across the riverbank and food and drink will be available.

The pottery expo will be held on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 February between 10am and 5.30pm.

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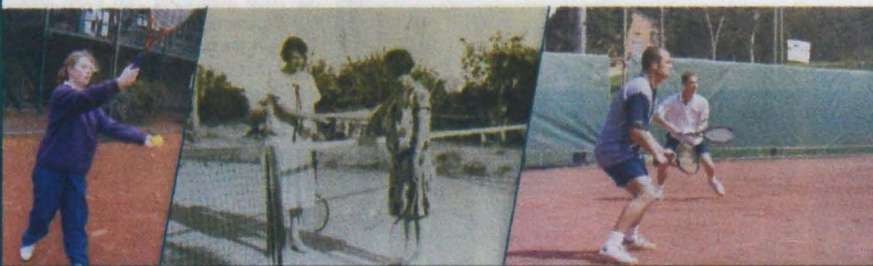


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Wednesday, March 21 Tree-planting, BYO barbecue
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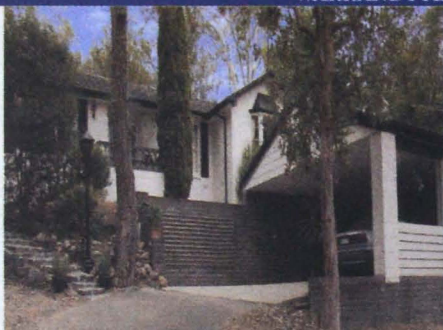
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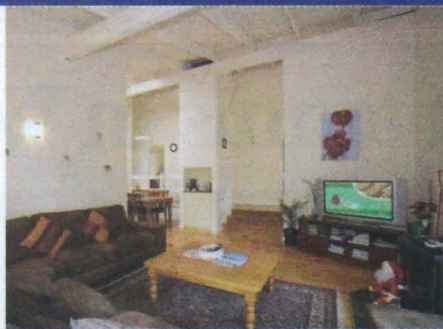


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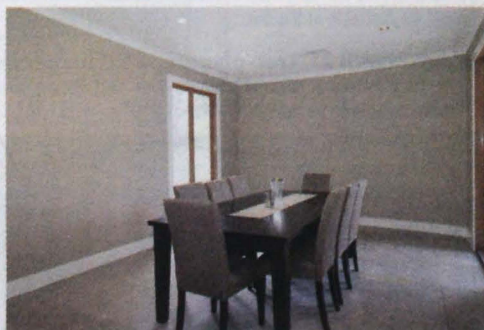
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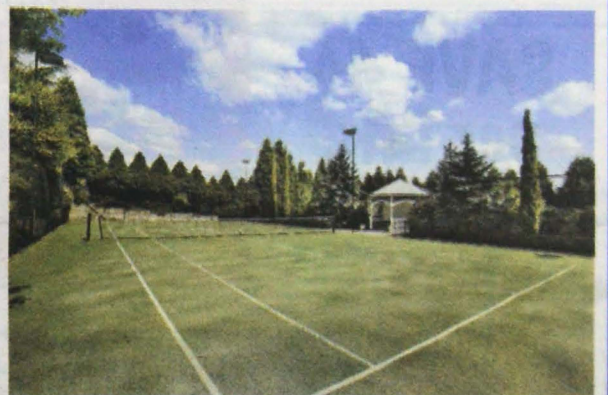
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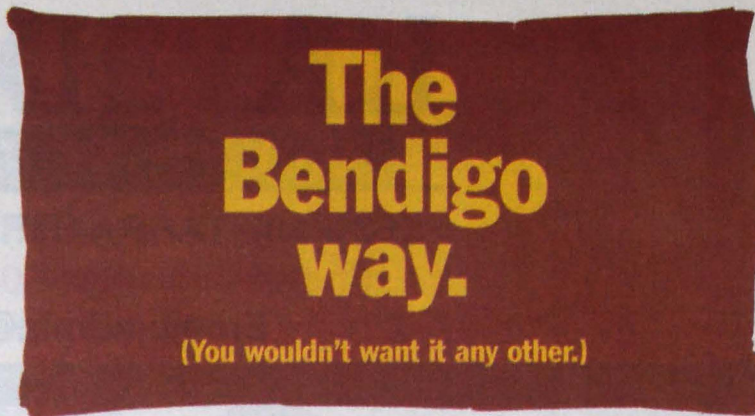
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Special events for health week

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Wanted

The Warrandyte Historical Society would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to donate

a good tape recorder (which uses standard tapes and has an external microphone) to the society for recording oral histories. If anyone can assist please ring Val Polley on 9844 3086. The society is always seeking new members, but at the moment they are without a president and a secretary. The need is becoming urgent. Please ring Shirley Rotherham on 9844 2438 if you are interested.

Landcare

The Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare Group will be launched at Stiggants Reserve, Warrandyte on Saturday February 17 from 11am. There will be free activities for the kids from 11am, free barbecue from 12 noon with plant identification and advice from the experts.

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.

Over 60

Manningham Community Health Service is conducting a series of sessions to assist women over 60 cope with life changes. Under the guidance of a qualified facilitator, the group will explore health, family relationships recreation, learning and community changes. Group meetings will be on February 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 13 and 20 from 2pm to 4pm at 1020 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East. Participants must live in the Manningham area and be 60 years or over. Enquiries to Pam on 8841 3012.



The Warrandyte Interchurch Council has asked the Diary to thank the community for their support and generosity at the annual Carols by Candlelight concert held at Stiggants Reserve in December. Over one thousand people attended and \$1103 was passed on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.



Warrandyte Uniting Church will hold a pancake stall outside Warrandyte IGA supermarket on Saturday, February 24. Money raised will go to the Share Community Appeal for welfare projects.

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Expo

The 2007 Warrandyte Pottery Expo will be staged on the riverbank below Webb Street on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 between 10am and 5.30pm. Call Jane Annois, 9844 2765 for more information.

Sculpture

Deborah Halpern Studio is presenting a series of workshops on creating mosaics, working

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Artstreams

Artstreams Gallery's exhibition "Landscape and Beyond" features paintings and prints inspired by and reflecting the natural beauty of the Yarra Valley. Currently open, it runs until Wednesday, February 14. The gallery is at 63 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Music

Guitarist Sebastian Jorgensen is presenting a farewell concert on Valentines Day, prior to his departure for the USA where he has been invited to give concerts in New York and elsewhere. The performance will be held at the Montsalvat Barn Gallery, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham on Wednesday, February 14 at 7.30pm. Tickets \$20 (\$15 concession).

Students

Graduate students from Holmesglen, Chisholm and Box Hill TAFE colleges are showcasing their work during February at

the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. The gallery is open from 10am to 5pm daily.

Ceramics

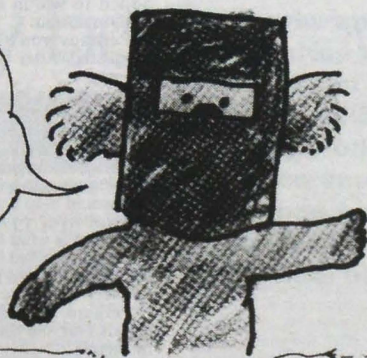
An exhibition of contemporary French ceramics from the Rhone Alpes region of France will be on display at the Manningham Gallery until Saturday, February 17. There will be an artist's talk on Saturday, February 10 from 3pm to 4pm with seven French artists in attendance. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, open from 11am to 5pm, Tuesday to Friday and 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays.

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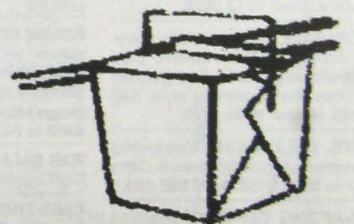
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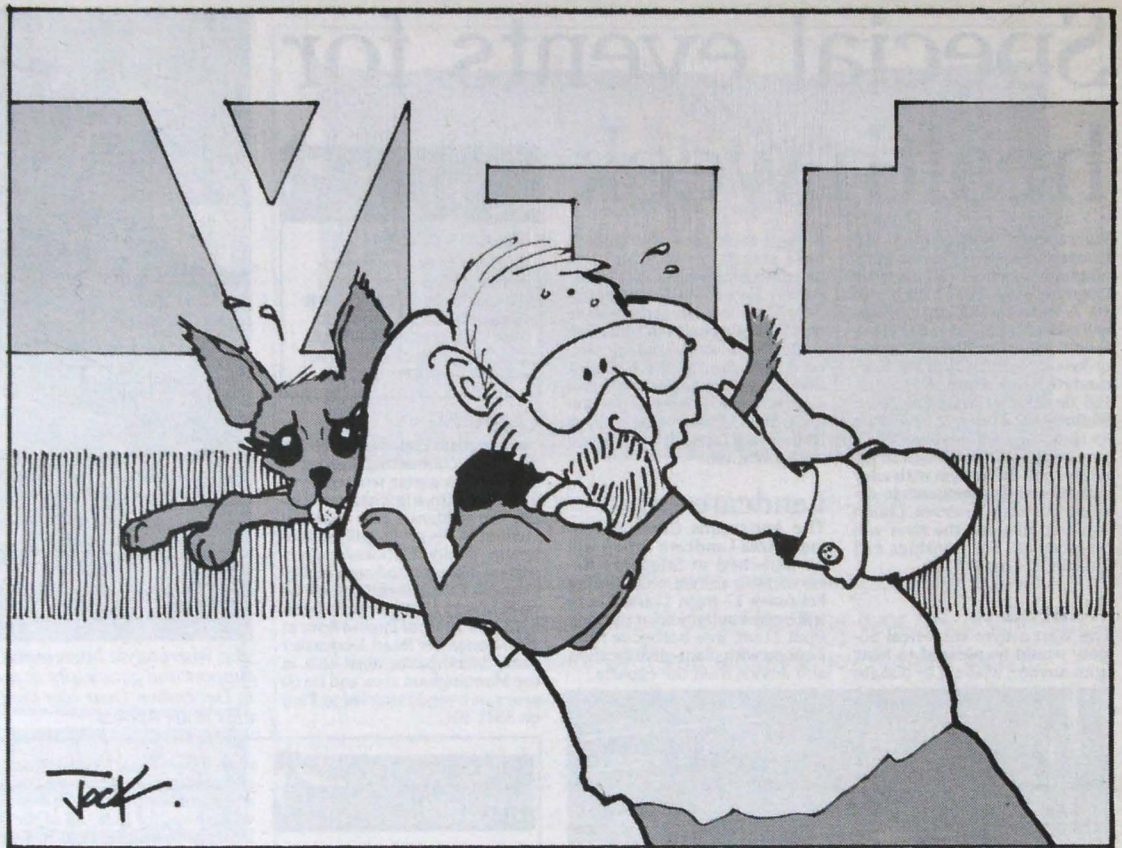
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Heads or tails? Who'd be an animal doctor!

MILLI, our wonder dog, had to go to the vet.

Now she has been to the vet several times before for things such as inoculations or the odd laceration but this time she had problems at both ends. Her breath was foul and her teeth definitely needed the plaque removed. At her other end, she needed her anal glands emptied. I'm not going into details about how we knew this but suffice it to say that rugs are best used for walking on.

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Whereas our normal vet is laconic, the temporary vet was as over-the-top as an episode of "LA Hyper Dramatic Emergency Ward".

Before he did anything medical to Milli, he gave me a lecture on the importance of bones for keeping a dog's teeth clean. After he'd told me of the benefits of healthy gums and bacteria-free orifices, he paused, looked at me and asked, "You don't give her cooked chicken bones do you?"

"No."

"Or cooked chicken wings?"

"No, but we do give her fried biodynamic chicken breasts lightly pan-seared with just a dash of soy and sweet chilli sauce."

"Well that's OK but I'd go easy on the chilli sauce."

There was a pause so I launched in. "Well what type of bones would you suggest?"

"Something large with lots of marrowbone jelly. Something like a beef leg bone would be good."

I took a deep breath. "She's a Chihuahua/foxy cross. The bone would be bigger than she is!"

"Good, take her a while to get through it." Having delivered this, he then approached Milli. I became a little concerned when he asked me whether I could

open Milli's mouth so he could get a better look and have both hands free to do whatever it was he had to do.

Now Milli and I have an understanding. I only open her mouth to shove a tablet down her throat after which she gets a Schmakos for not taking off Mr Pointer. She found it troubling, therefore, when I opened her mouth and another creature came at her with a deplaqueing instrument. Despite being small, she has very strong jaw muscles added to which she has firm determination.

"Perhaps you should try," I suggested. After all, you're the expert.

"I'm really a large animal vet but let's see what we can do."

Four minutes seems like an eternity when you are watching an unequal struggle between an 85 kilo man and a 5 kilo dog.

"It would help if you had more control over your dog!" Or I think that is what he said as his voice was muffled by the plaque removing tool he had clamped between his teeth.

"Perhaps I'll look at her anal glands first and then go back to her teeth."

I agreed that this was probably a good tactical move and offered to hold Milli in a headlock whilst he began to investigate her posterior.

Whilst Milli and I became more intimate with our heads locked with my arm around her body and my hand holding her muzzle away from potential danger, James Herriot ploughed away with latex gloves, petroleum jelly and Kleenex tissues.

"I'm afraid the right one is blocked. It'll need an operation

to unblock it. And while she's out to it, he can deplaque her teeth at the same time. I suggest you book her in for next week. Your vet will be back by then. I could do it but I'm fully booked this week. In the meantime, I think she should go on a course of antibiotics in preparation for the operation."

I brought her back the following week and explained what had happened. He didn't say a word to me but to Milli he almost whispered, "Now let's have a look at you."

It would be an exaggeration to say that she instantly rolled over to let him scratch her tummy but she didn't complain too much when he gave her the sedative injection.

It didn't take long for the plaque to be chipped off, three small rotten teeth to be extracted, the anal glands emptied and one infected gland squirted with antibiotic.

"Bring her back next week and we'll check how the infection is."

A week later I walked her into the surgery. She wasn't rapt but she behaved. He duly inspected and squirted the antibiotic.

"How much do I owe you?" I asked.

True to form, he looked at Milli, at me then at the raffle ticket book on the desk.

"How about you buy a raffle ticket? If we can't get others to buy them, we'll have to buy them ourselves."

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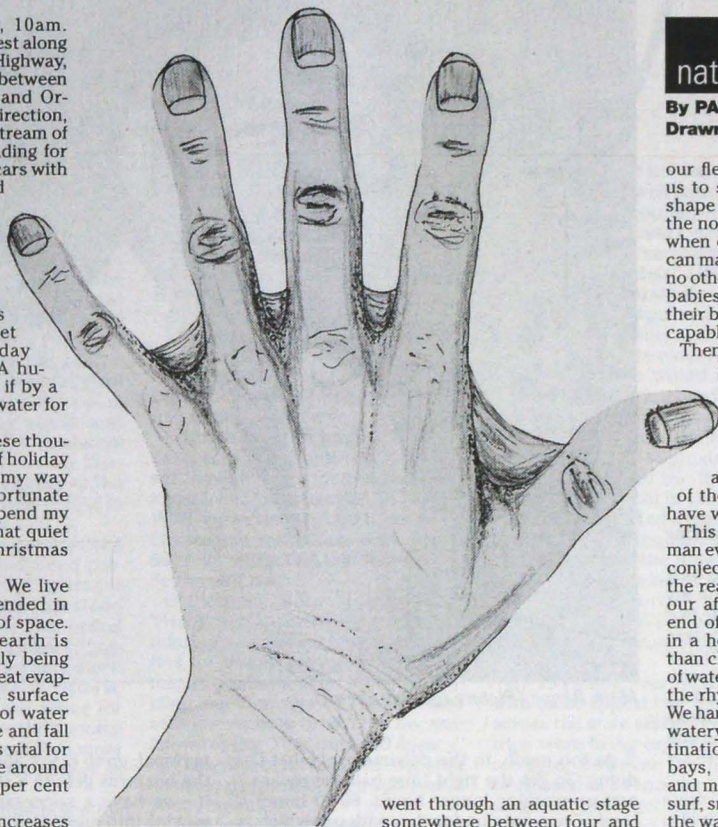
Holiday brainteaser: Did our ancestors live underwater?

BOXING Day, 10am. Travelling west along the Princes Highway, somewhere between Cann River and Orbst. In the opposite direction, an almost continuous stream of holiday traffic was heading for the coast. Overloaded cars with roof racks burdened with surfboards, canoes and kayaks. Cars towing trailers, caravans and boats. So many boats, from tiny tinnies to fancy fibre-glass cruisers. Inboards and outboards. And jet skis—those modern-day disturbers of peace. A human exodus drawn, as if by a magnetic force, to the water for fun and relaxation.

I'm no different to these thousands and thousands of holiday makers. But I am on my way back to Warrandyte, fortunate to have been able to spend my time by the beach in that quiet lull before the post-Christmas invasion.

Water is everything. We live on a blue planet suspended in the velvety black void of space. Seventy per cent of earth is water that is constantly being recycled. As the sun's heat evaporates water from the surface of the oceans, clouds of water vapour form, condense and fall as rain or snow. Water is vital for life. Most organisms are around 65 per cent water—95 per cent in the case of jellyfish.

As it freezes, water increases in volume by nine per cent and becomes lighter—that is why ice floats. Water can dissolve more substances, especially salts, than any other solvent. But ask a chemist and they will tell you that in accordance with its chemical structure, water should not be a liquid, but a gas like carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and hydrogen sulphide (H₂S). However, unlike those compounds, a particular property of the water molecules (H₂O) is their ability to bond together to maintain a liquid form.



Recently I was watching the Australian swimming championships on television, marvelling at the grace, supple agility and speed of the swimmers as they sliced through the water. For a terrestrial animal we swim very well. We are at home in the water. Some people—with training—can hold their breath underwater for more than three minutes.

There is a theory, albeit contentious, that our ancestors

went through an aquatic stage somewhere between four and seven million years ago. First proposed in 1930 by marine biologist Sir Alister Hardy, the theory was based on a number of our anatomical features. Unlike other primates, humans have a layer of subcutaneous fat beneath the skin. Hardy likened this to the "blubber" of whales. In addition, the direction of human hair tracts—best seen at the base of the neck—are streamlined, aiding movement of the body through water.

There are other features indicating an aquatic existence, like

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

our flexible spine that enables us to swim like otters and the shape of our nose that shields the nostril from taking in water when diving. We weep tears as can many marine mammals, but no other primate. Also, newborn babies can automatically hold their breath underwater and are capable of swimming unaided.

Then there is the partial webbing of our fingers and toes. Now only vestigial, it is clearly visible when the thumb and forefinger are spread wide. And, surprisingly, around seven per cent of the human population still have webbed toes!

This new interpretation of human evolution is, of course, pure conjecture. However, whatever the reason, there is no denying our affinity with water. At the end of a stressful day we soak in a hot bath to soothe rather than cleanse. We love the sound of water—the crashing of waves, the rhythmical ripple of a river. We hang pictures on our walls of watery scenes. At holiday destinations we seek out oceans, bays, coral reefs, rivers, lakes and mountain creeks. We swim, surf, snorkel or simply paddle at the water's edge.

One of the advantages of getting older is that with our children now adults, holidays can be taken at any time. So this February as the children go back to school, we will return to our haven by the sea and be mesmerised again by shimmering, ever-changing patterns of spangled diamonds created by sunlight on water.

More information on Sir Alister Hardy's aquatic theory can be found in "The Human Animal" by Desmond Morris.

How many bods per BOD?

IT would take about a week's worth of trips to the 'loo' to read through all the posters on the wall of our little room. Amongst other things there are pictorial catalogues of birds and insects, a moon chart, favourite calendars from years gone by, a German grammar summary and a much-studied chart of the nuclei, exit points and functions of cranial nerves. One of the most unusual items is the bush barometer—string's wet (it's raining), string's dry (it's not raining), string has a shadow (it's sunny), string's moving (it's windy) and so on. It ought to be hanging outside somewhere, but as it's made of cardboard it's probably safer where it is.

It appears, though, that we might need to clear a space on this wall, a space big enough to take a framed certificate. Yes folks, the council on the other side of the river has recently issued permits that allow householders to make specified deposits into their septic tanks. I'm sure our council will be fol-

our place
By **MARILYN MOORE**

lowing suit just as soon as they can load up their official certificate-making software. If we are lucky we might even get a nice border on it.

It boggles the mind, doesn't it, that we've been happily using our 'loo' in a free and unlicensed state of mind since time immemorial? Free to ponder the relative sizes of a tawny frogmouth and a mopoke, or how a bush cockroach came to be classified as an Advanced Winged Insect, or the rippled pattern across the page that results from the different periods of the lunar and solar calendars. Not any more. Now we need to keep our minds on the job. Pondering the precise requirements and restrictions of the new Po Permit might take the rest of our lives.

It's not exactly straightforward. The permit allows a maxi-

mum of 1500 grams/day of something called BOD to be deposited into the septic tank. Over Christmas we ran a competition trying to guess what BOD was ... Backyard Organic Deposits? Biological Outgoing Data? Bodily Organic Discharge? ... until one of our more knowledgeable friends came up with the answer. Biological Oxygen Demand is the number of grams of oxygen required to decompose whatever it is that goes down your 'loo'.

Well, how is the average punter supposed to convert that into something tangible? Is that three trips to the 'loo' each day? Six? Twenty-seven? It would have been bad enough if people had to work out the weight of their daily doings, but the permit gives no clues at all as to how this BOD should be estimated. You wouldn't want to get it wrong, either. There is a \$200 on-the-spot fine for exceeding the limit, and a maximum penalty of \$10,000 if you give any further cheek.

Obviously nobody at the busi-

ness end of the council has been to see "Kenny", or they'd know more about the difficulty of calculating these things. What if you have a party? The film starts off with Kenny, a portaloos contractor, on the phone, helping a client with his calculations. The intake of the guests will have a profound effect on the number of portaloos required.

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Don't get me wrong, I have absolutely no problem with councils making sure that people get their septic tanks cleaned out regularly. That should have been happening all along. But an official permit to deposit up to 1500 grams of BOD into the system each day? As I said, if we ever get one, it will be framed and placed in a prominent place.

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"Going to the Chelsea Flower Show was more of a personal journey but it was a work thing too," Mark said "There've been two achievements—raising the family (teenage daughters Claire, Veronica and Emma) with Mandy, that's a dual thing. But going to Chelsea, lots said we couldn't do it."

Mark is a fifth generation descendant of Tom Logan, who was licensed to mine gold in Warrandyte in 1852. Mark's maternal grandfather William Hussey operated a quarry in South Warrandyte and also ran the coach service from Ringwood station with a two-horse drag. It was "Ben Hussey" who drove a similar coach carrying schoolgirls to the picnic at Hanging Rock in the film of that name.

Mark, 46, joined Semken Landscaping with friend Martin Semken over 18 years ago and the company now has an annual turnover of five million dollars. They met as students at Norwood High School and Martin went straight into gardening while Mark worked for Telecom for 10 years, initially in sales, then as a training officer and ultimately manager of the state communications training centre. They did small landscaping jobs together, then Martin decided to start his own business. Mark joined him a few months later. They hired more workers as the jobs came in, keeping costs down by owning only small machinery that they could use much of the time. As the business expanded Semken Landscaping began winning gold medals for their display gardens at the Melbourne

village people

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

International Flower and Garden Show, working frantically to perfect their designs.

"The work ethic, trying to achieve the best you can every day, I think that stems from my father Bruce, who was also into history. He had a huge influence in that," said Mark. Bruce was an avid bushwalker who completed the 80 kilometre Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair track with his son six times between the ages of 13 and 21. "He was a hard taskmaster; we had to do things right. So you're up at the crack of dawn and you work until dark. Didn't matter if you were six or 16, you worked flat out all day."

Having his own family and meeting and marrying Mandy were crucial periods of Mark's life. "It changes your perception," he said. "All were very big influences and it makes you reassess what you do in life. Changing careers and losing both parents within 12 months—burying my parents was the hardest thing. I enjoy what I'm doing and I do my best."

Mark said he's very close to Mandy's parents Cliff and Judy Green. "I've known them for 30 years. And I'm very close to Marty and his family."

And what has made him successful in business? "Take three things: hard work and attention to detail, a business partner who's like-minded, and Mandy's support. She's allowed me to work long hours to achieve it."

Mark loves tennis and skiing and has just spent a fortnight on the Canadian slopes with nine mates. "Four of us went skiing five years ago and said we'd do it every second year. I'm hoping we'll go to Japan next time where I have a very good friend."

He said he finds it hard to say no to people.



Mark Bence (Picture by Judy Green)

"I do too much, to the detriment of what I'm doing. To get the right time balance means I end up working longer hours, 60-70 hours a week. I've a passion for the outdoors which is how I came into this business and now I'm back indoors with just a bit of hands-on," he said.

"I'm fairly placid most of the time and take most things in my stride although my employees might not agree with that." He doesn't often get angry, usually at people being inefficient or not thinking.

Involved with local football and cricket "a long time ago" and president of Warrandyte Tennis Club for nine of the past 12 years, Mark plays tennis three times a week. The club celebrates its 100th anniversary this year and he's hoping for 300 people to join the celebrations in March and April.

He gets a lot of pleasure from his family, watching them grow up and achieve. "I'd like to do more things with Mandy and the kids, spend more time with them—it's a juggling act. There's probably nothing I want to do from the business point of view, except to grow the business. Personally, there's lots of places to travel. I'd love to go to base camp at Mt Everest, trek

in Nepal, go to Egypt and Gallipoli. I'm hoping the business gets to a stage where we can do it—we have a succession plan with people moving into more serious roles.

"I look forwards. I learn by my mistakes so I can move forward and I look at the past to make me a better person for the future. I look forward to the business's future and the family, doing things as the kids grow up.

"The plan is in five to 10 years to ease back. I've travelled over the past few years and once the kids get through uni, Mandy and I can see Australia and the world a bit more. We want to visit friends from gardening in England, Japan and New Zealand who have the same passion as we do."

He's interested in history and reading historical books. "I'm a fairly simple meat-and-three-veg sort of person. Pretty boring, that's me. At school I liked archaeology, I would have liked to do that but my careers teacher said I'd never get a job. I could study that again in 10 years' time, do it as an interest."

(Some quotes were taken from "Australian Inspiration", by Cliff Green with Jim Fogarty.)



Riverspeak

The surface of the river
is a thick glossy skin
gliding and rolling
over the smooth muscles
of its hidden, twisting, swirling body.

Sliding through dark worlds—carrying ancient secrets
of earth knowledge
looking like 'cello music sounds
rolling ropes and coils and skeins into its journey.
Talking its journey.

An undercurrent of invitation
for someone to briefly join its essence.
Feel the universal pulse
just for a moment to understand the oneness
the fragility.

That invitation is always there
constantly, quietly projected.
A silent plea
for us to feel its energy:
connect.

Listen to its heartbeat
feel its quiet desperation
understand the Riverspeak.
Act.

SUE CLINTON

WARRANDYTE'S YOUTH HOSTEL

Home away from home

By VAL POLLEY

SUMMMER! The time when our thoughts turn to holidays and articles on adventure travel and favourite holiday spots appear in the newspapers. My musings focus on youth hostelling, no doubt inspired by the contents of a box I've been given containing a number of The Hosteller magazines, several photos and assorted papers. As a past hosteller (both in my youth and in more recent times), I've always had a sense of pride in the role Warrandyte played in the history of the Youth Hostel Association (YHA) in Australia.

A plaque on a boulder located amongst trees at Pound Bend provides the only tangible reminder today of the youth hostel that stood there for over 50 years. This hostel was a vital part in the history of hostelling in Australia, as not only was it the very first youth hostel in Victoria, the building was also the venue for a meeting in 1947 where the national organisation was formed. Two more "firsts" that should be recognised in Warrandyte's history.

In these days of multi-choice for young travellers who can pick between staying at B&Bs, backpackers, lodges, caravans or camping cabins; it is perhaps difficult to visualise those simpler times when youth hostels provided young people with cheap and well located places to stay. I feel nostalgic for the days when it was required to arrive by foot, bike, canoe or horse and there were tasks to complete before one could leave.

Now there are as likely to be as many "grey nomads" as young people at the modern hostel as well as plentiful hot showers and other modern conveniences. And no tasks or curfews!

Youth hostelling is an international

movement that began in Germany in 1909. The YHA in Victoria was started by a group of enthusiastic people in 1939. Ironically this was the same day that Robert Menzies pledged Australia's support for Great Britain following the declaration of war between Britain and Germany.

The association's first acquisition was in 1940 when it leased a house at Pound Bend in Warrandyte from the Lands Department for a peppercorn rent of one pound a year.

Prior to this the house had been used as a farmhouse on a soldier settlement block for the family of a returned serviceman following WW1. However the hard times of the Depression saw it abandoned until taken up by the YHA under the Closer Settlement Act.

In those early days it appears the YHA played an important social role, offering new and exciting opportunities for young men and women to meet, socialise and go walking or cycling together. One of The Hosteller articles reports how YHA became known as the "Your Husband Agency" or "Your Husband Assured" because so many people met their spouses at youth hostels!

The Warrandyte hostel was tucked away on a quiet site at the end of Pound Bend Road. Despite Warrandyte's relative proximity to Melbourne, the hostel provided a tranquil, reflective bush environment, nestled as it was among gum and wattle trees and surrounded by paddocks with the murmur of the river and occasional birdsong in the background.

The first hostellers at the Warrandyte hostel were a party of school children and their teacher. During WW2 honorary membership was given to all army personnel for the duration, so it was not unusual to find parties of servicemen staying for

a few days. After the war the hostel continued to be well patronised. Not only was it the stopping-off point for numerous walks and cycling trips, it was also used in campaigns such as "Know Your Hostels" (1946). It was described as a "first rate hostel" in a 1947 Hosteller magazine as a result of many improvements to the property. No doubt there are older residents in Warrandyte who would remember the hostel, participated in social events there or perhaps met their spouse through its activities?

The hostel's close proximity to the Yarra River led to the introduction of a new sport; that of canoeing, and in 1947 YHA started a canoe touring section. Work then commenced on a canoe shed in the hostel grounds and canoeing weekends were organised. It was reported in July 1947 that 12 canoes and 24 people made the 50 mile trip from Wonga Park to Fairfield.

By 1949 however, many hostels with more appeal had been opened across the state and only occasional trips were being organised for Warrandyte. However the hostel was often used as a venue for special evenings or "get-togethers". One such occasion reported in the magazine, was held in December 1949 with girls sporting flowers and ribbons in their hair and men wearing international style costumes. People camped in the grounds, there was much music and dancing and a singalong round a campfire. The next day saw participants swimming in the Yarra and learning how to canoe.

Similar events continued to be held over the years but it gradually became the canoeists who used the building on a regular basis. The building underwent several changes, the old septic and water tanks were replaced, and in 1959 electricity was finally connected followed in 1976 by

hot showers. A new canoe shed was built in 1982 and canoes were still being kept on the Warrandyte site right up to 1989.

During the 1970s and 1980s it was still mainly used for canoeing activities. General use increasingly declined, though occasionally Pound Road residents picked up young travellers, laden with backpack and food supplies, at the top of the hill near the bus stop and delivered them to the hostel. However by 1983 it was no longer being used frequently. The hostel which had been the centre of so many social events and activities was being by-passed for more modern hostels at more frequently visited destinations.

The lease on the site was due to expire on March 31, 1986 when it was to revert to the National Parks Service. The building was deemed to require a large sum of money to bring it up to acceptable standards including the replacement of the water tanks and a major bathroom refit. So following the decline in overnight use, difficulties in finding a caretaker/manager to be the keyholder and the end of tenure, YHA finally discontinued its use of the hostel building and reluctantly closed the hostel in 1986.

A conservation assessment was carried out in 1988 that documented the floor plan of the building. Photos were taken of the interior revealing some interesting artwork contributions from members! Many members left their mark on the walls in the form of original signed art. One of them, "Colin", dedicated his painting of an exotic street scene to his Mum on Mother's Day, 1977.

In 1989 YHA celebrated the 50th anniversary of their establishment in Victoria and so a boulder with a commemorative plaque was placed close to the old hostel building. The commemoration ceremony was at-

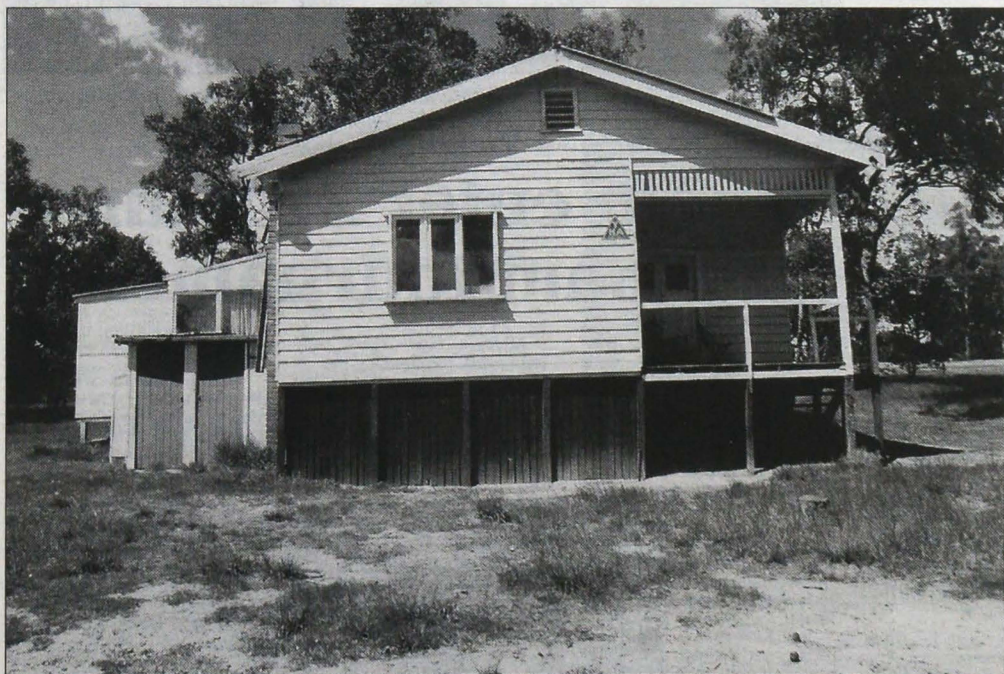
tended by the then Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, Kay Setches, along with YHA office bearers and representatives from local councils, government departments and members of the community.

The hostel building was due for demolition when fate took a hand. On February 25, 1991 Warrandyte's worst fire for 22 years broke out at Pound Bend. Spreading rapidly through the Pound Bend area it jumped the river into Bradleys Lane and by the time it was brought under control at about 8pm, had burnt out some 70 hectares of bush and threatened several houses. The only residence destroyed was the old youth hostel building along with the canoe shed.

Only the chimney was left standing amongst charred timbers and twisted corrugated iron sheets. After clearing the site of debris, the commemorative boulder was left situated somewhat forlornly in the midst of bare ground, the location no longer so idyllic. Perhaps it's now time for some landscaping or beautification in recognition of the importance of the site to the youth hostel movement, particularly as it approaches its centenary.

YHA is not only for youth but for the young-at-heart, and still provides accommodation and friendship across the globe. Indeed YHA Australia remains a major player in budget accommodation with about one million bed nights annually. The Warrandyte hostel may have come and gone but there is no doubt it left its mark and its memories on the history of the town and on many members of the YHA, both past and present.

With acknowledgements to the Warrandyte State Park and Warrandyte Historical Society for material used to compile this article.



Above: Australia's first YHA hostel in 1988.
Right: Only the chimney was left standing.
Inset: The commemorative plaque at Pound Bend.



YHA

This memorial commemorates the 50th anniversary of the establishment of YHA in Australia. On this site the first YHA Youth Hostel in Australia was established in 1939. It was the venue for the inaugural meeting of the Australian Youth Hostels Association on 25-27 January 1947.

Unveiled on 3 September 1989 by
The Hon. Kay Setches, MP
Minister for Conservation,
Forests & Lands

Youth Hostels Association of Victoria
founded 4 September 1939

President stands down after seven years

Warrandyte Netball Club farewelled its president for the past seven years, Lesley Reid, at its recent presentation night.

The club also honoured Club Person of the Year, Amie Dusting who was presented with her award by new president, Sonya Febbo.

The presentation night combined both the Winter and Spring DDNA seasons.

Amie has been coaching for the Warrandyte Netball Club for four years, starting with a Netball Skills Clinic, then Under 11 and Under 13 teams, before achieving back-to-back season premierships last year with the Under 15/2s.

A player for the club since she was eight, Amie played with the Open A team in 2006, and was a representative player with the Doncaster and District Netball Association over three years.

Apart from her role as president, Lesley was a member of the Warrandyte Netball Club committee for eight years.

Lesley, who with her two daughters, Lauren and Simone, and supported by husband John, has been involved in the full range of club activities.

A very hands-on president, Lesley could be seen at the courts from 9am Saturdays until the final game finished in mid-afternoon.

Committee secretary Peta Walker's tribute to Lesley at the presentation night spoke of her 'broad and accurate knowledge of all the players in the club.'

Peta said Lesley knew who played in which position, which team won last season,



Former Warrandyte Netball Club president, Lesley Reid, left, with Peta Walker.

by how much and against which club. She was often present at weeknight training, even if one of her daughters wasn't training or coaching.

"She was always on the end of the phone for advice, giving hours each week to the club," Peta said.

Lesley organised the umpires for the club at the Saturday matches and was on-hand to pay them or to find an umpire if the club was short.

Lesley hasn't stepped away from the club entirely as she is continuing her involvement through team selection.

Training has now started for the Under 15's while the Under 13s start on February 7 and February 8 for the Under 11s.

New players should contact Peta Walker 9844 4898.



Amie Dusting.

Brothers team up for Bloods

Warrandyte Football Club has signed Luke Naughtin, who joins his brother Tom, a captain of the Bloods.

Luke returns to Warrandyte after five years playing senior football with both North Ringwood and then Ringwood in EFL First Division.

He was an outstanding midfielder in his junior years at Warrandyte, winning a premiership playing in the centre for the Under 17s, and has won individual awards at every level of his career so far.

"I didn't want to finish my playing career without having had the opportunity to play with my brother and it means a lot to me to put something back into the club that I started with," Naughtin said.

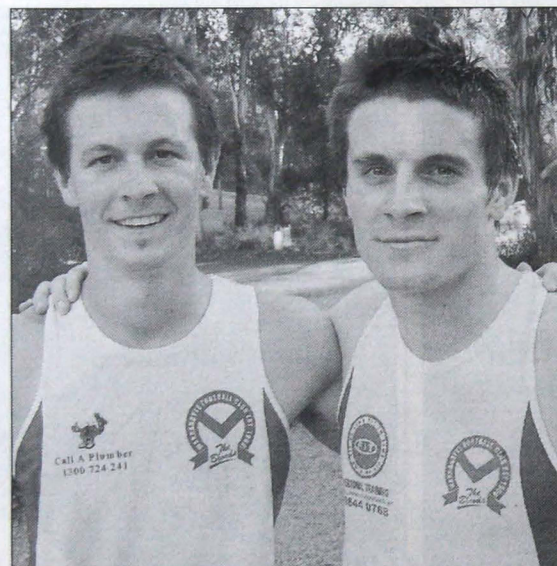
In other recruiting developments, the club has secured the services of key position player Blake Deaizpurua from Mitcham, goal-sneak Shane Burns all the way from the Northern Territory and winger Glen Carle is returning to Warrandyte after two years overseas.

Andrew Brown is another of the players to return after playing First Division football with East Ringwood, where he played in the finals every year, and more recently with the VFL Bendigo Bombers.

He played in Warrandyte's 1999 senior grand final and was with the club for four years after starting as a junior.

He suffered a hamstring injury last year, but will pull on the boots for the Bloods as soon as he has recovered fully.

He will act as assistant playing coach and take training on Mondays with Reserves' coach Ash Grybas and Wednesdays



The Naughtin brothers, Luke, left, and Tom, will play together at Warrandyte this season.

with tri-athlete and running coach Steve Moresi.

Coach, Peter Green and assistant Glen McCartin will take training on Fridays. Personal trainer Jarrod Boyce will take the warm-up sessions.

Like all clubs, council water restrictions have denied the players access to ovals, however alternative arrangements have been made.

A number of training sessions will be held at Westerfolds Park and the club has arranged three sessions at Richmond's Punt Road with

trainer John Vickery. Warrandyte Football Club Legend Dale Vitiritti has accepted the position of Under 18 coach for 2007.

He has played 295 games for the Bloods and is the only player to win three premierships in the red and white.

Recognising the importance of the Under 18's development, the boys have again been invited to train with the senior squad.

Any boys interested in playing Under 18 football should contact Brian Williams on 0405 268 117.

More bite for Big V Venom

The Big V women's basketball competition will see an exciting inclusion on court this season with confirmation that former WNBL star Jo Metcalfe will play for new club Warrandyte Venom in Division One.

Metcalfe, who ranks as the eighth all-time highest scorer in the WNBL, has joined her home-town club as a playing assistant coach and is looking forward to helping Venom make an impact in 2007 and beyond.

A former MVP and All-Star Five award winner in the WNBL, and an Australian representative, Metcalfe brings experience to the team and is sure to play an integral role in the ongoing development of Venom's junior players.

The club has also confirmed their senior coaching staff for the season with 2004 Big V women's Coach of the Year, Justin Nelson, taking the reigns along with former Sandringham women's coach David Reinecke.

Venom's assistant coaches include Jo Metcalfe, along with fitness and conditioning coach Steve Metcalfe, and Hawthorn's 2006 assistant

coach, Nicole Howard.

Nelson says an 18-player senior squad will be announced next week, with a number of experienced senior players, including Metcalfe, set to lead the Venom in its inaugural year.

"It's amazing how many people in the basketball fraternity want to know who is playing for us, but that's natural given that we are the new kids on the block and all will be revealed soon enough," said Nelson.

"We have recruited strongly and gained a number of experienced players, but best of all the squad is made up of 16 players living in and around the Warrandyte region.

"Many of the girls also coach within our junior representative and domestic programs, which helps to build a pathway for the kids in Warrandyte."

The Venom squad has been training since early November last year, a move Nelson hopes will pay big dividends as the season progresses towards the playoffs in August.

"Jo (Metcalfe) has been fantastic during the pre-season, particularly with our younger

players, as has Steve (Metcalfe) with his implementation of a training program that is second to none.

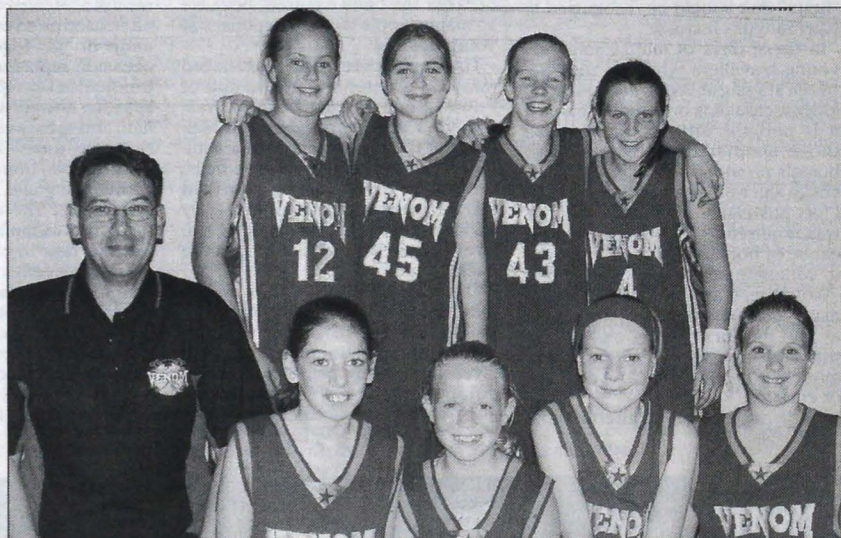
Nelson also confirmed the inclusion of All-American guard Maree Vincent and former England University representative Jodi Kennedy, but remains tight-lipped on the remainder of the squad.

"I have no doubt the league will be happy that Warrandyte is looking after local players and growing the sport in its own backyard.

"This is not a one-year project. We want a men's team in the future and we want to be respected for our competitiveness," Nelson said.

The club has arranged three practice matches in February, all at Warrandyte Sports Complex. The first is against Keilor or Sunday February 11 at 3pm, followed by a showdown with Coburg on Sunday February 18 at 3pm.

A third game is scheduled for Sunday February 25, but the opponent is yet to be finalised. Venom will play in the Big V pre-season tournament across the Labour-Day weekend in March, prior to the season starting on March 24.



Venom's Under 12 premier team with coach, Jim Kafkalakis. Back row from left: Lauren Ricci, Emily Stones, Megan Keppel, Simone Carvana. Front: Oliva Yammouni, Lauren Robertson, Madeleine Edsell, Madison Geddes.

Venom enter 21 teams at Eltham tournament

The Eltham-Dandenong Basketball Tournament, with more than 700 teams competing, is widely considered as one of the largest junior tournaments in the world.

Warrandyte Venom fielded one of the largest number of teams in recent years with 21 teams from Under 10s to Under 20s.

Overall it was very successful with two premierships, three runners up and a further four teams making the semi finals.

Jim Kafkalakis's Under 12 girls went through the weekend with only one loss, defeating Darebin in the semi finals.

In a low scoring grand final Warrandyte were behind by four points at the break against Darebin.

However the margin was quickly reversed early in the second half, a lead which the young Venom girls held to record a 23-19 win.

Also successful was the Under 10 boys development side, coached by Damian Arsenis easily winning the grand final against Eltham by 25-10.

After a slow start they improved immensely as a team to win through to the grand final.

The players, a combined side of Warrandyte Redback and Park Orchards Stealers, form part of the Under 12 Boys

Future Forces Program for 2007.

Grand Finalists were Greg Pearson's Under 12s who went down by 34-31 against Wallan, the only side to have defeated the Redback Venom during the whole tournament.

Boys put in 'Cage'

Fourteen boys who are members of the Venom Under 12 boys' program represented the Warrandyte Basketball Association with pride as they played exhibition games before the game and during half time of an National Basketball League contest.

Basketball Victoria provided Warrandyte Venom with the chance to take part in what is known as the McDonalds Super Mini Series which provides an opportunity to promote junior basketball and, in the process, provide children with an experience they will never forget.

Playing a 20-minute challenge as the official warm-up before the tip-off in the local derby between the Melbourne Tigers and South Dragons, the two teams of seven Venom players were full of excitement and determination.

When the youngsters were also told they would be providing the guard of honour for the Tigers as they were to be introduced onto the court, they responded by enthusiastically greeting their idols with high-fives as they entered the arena.

With the sold-out Cage rocking, the Venom youngsters were far from overawed in front of a sell-out 3500 fans, again trying to steal the limelight from the main event as they played another five-minute game during the half time break.



Tim Hookey, left, and Ben Taylor made their debuts for Warrandyte.

Former juniors make their senior team debuts

Tim Hookey and Ben Taylor, both former junior players at Warrandyte, are the latest to make their debuts in the senior team. Hookey played his first game against Norwood, taking two wickets with his medium fast bowling while Taylor, a powerful left handed batsman, made five against Montrose.

Warrandyte has played five first time players this season as part of its program to blood new talent, especially those who have come up through junior ranks. "We have a wealth of ability in our juniors and our lower grades," said senior captain, Adam White. "All we need now is time for these youngsters to mature as cricketers." Another 15-year-old, Chris Barry, is already a regular member of the first eleven.

Fifth narrow loss ends Dyte's finals hopes

Warrandyte's heart-breaking season took another agonising twist on Saturday, after the Bloods fell at the hands of Montrose by just eight runs.

Needing to win to stay in the chasing pack for a spot in the finals, Warrandyte could not chase down Montrose's target of 220 during the second day, despite the best efforts of Nami Yilmaz who scored 99.

The latest narrow has seen Warrandyte lose four games by under 10 runs so far this season, while in another game, the Bloods were beaten on the second last ball of the match to Norwood.

With everything at stake against Montrose, Saturday's loss was the hardest of all for the players to take.

The chase started in chaotic scenes, with Matthew Sazenis and Adam White both controversially adjudged LBW within the first five overs without either batsman scoring.

But things got worse, when Daniel Wellesley and Dave Mooney also went cheaply, leaving Warrandyte at 4 for 25.

But despite the carnage, Yilmaz decided the best way to get out of the dire situation was to attack.

He managed to turn the momentum back in Warrandyte's favour with his aggressive stroke play and confidence.

Supported by Chris Barry and Matthew Chapman, the Bloods looked to be right back in the game at 6-170, only for Chapman and Yilmaz to fall quickly, meaning Gerald Walshe was left to bat with the tail in a last-ditch attempt to eek out the final 30 runs.

But in the end Warrandyte was to fall just short again, leaving it almost impossible for the Bloods to be involved in finals action this season.

The Warrandyte captain found it difficult to hide his disappointment after the game, after yet close loss.

"It's hard to know what to say when you watch the players fight it out right to the very end every week and see the team come out of it all without

a win," Adam White said. "The team has shown incredible character to remain as upbeat as it has all year. We know we are playing so much better than what we did last year, but ultimately a season is judged on how many wins you have at the end of the year ... and we haven't had enough," White explained.

The year has not been completely written off by Warrandyte.

If it can win its final two games and other results go Warrandyte's way, the Bloods could still sneak into the finals.

"While it is possible, it is completely out of our hands," White said.

"I am just worried about our next game to try and get out of this bad habit of getting close but not walking away with a win," White explained.

Warrandyte's second eleven has continued its dominance over its competition, with another devastating display against Montrose's second eleven.

Chasing 226 for victory, the Bloods finished the day with a staggering 9-361 off their 80 overs.

It was the third highest second eleven total in Warrandyte's 150-year history.

Led by 118 by Mark Centofanti, 70 from Andrew Jarvis and unbeaten 50 from Blake Morgan, the second eleven destroyed the Montrose attack.

The second eleven, led by Jason Graf, is now two games clear on top of the table.

While the first eleven might be struggling to discover the winning formula, the seconds, as well as the third and fourth elevens are virtually guaranteed finals action.

The third eleven is sitting third, while the fourth eleven is on top of the ladder with two home-and-away matches remaining for the season.

ROUND 10:
First XI: Warrandyte 9-224 (A. White 66, G. Walshe 38, Day 28, Sazenis 26, C. Barry 22) lost to Bayswater Park 7-229 (G.



Nami Yilmaz, who joined Warrandyte this season, fell one run short of a century against Montrose.

Walshe 2-29, A. White 2-52).
Second XI: Warrandyte 5-275 (Cash 71, Taylor 47, Holland 44, Wellesley 37) d Bayswater Park 9-257 (Hookey 6-52).
Third XI: Warrandyte 194 (T. Rees 59, Wright 44) d Croydon North 189 (T. Rees 4-25,

Broome 2-25).
Fourth XI: Warrandyte 181 (Revell 80, T. Grieve 56) d Mooroolbark 126 (D. Barry 4-13, E. Blyth-Levin 4-23).
Fifth XI: Warrandyte 190 (Logan 70 no, G. Peter-Budge 65) lost to Warranwood 3-242

(G. Peter-Budge 2-31)
ROUND 11:
First XI: Warrandyte 158 (Nilmaz 43, C. Barry 35) lost to Norwood 8-195 (Hookey 2-39).
Second XI: Warrandyte 8-203 (Wellesley 80, Howarth 23) drew with Norwood 0-0.
Third XI: Warrandyte 0-50 drew with North Ringwood 9-233.
Fourth XI: Warrandyte 4-268 (G. Zach 61, G. Rees 51, McKellar 48 no, T. Grieve 35 no) d North Ringwood 46 (C. Carver 3-14, T. Walshe 3-18).
Fifth XI: Warrandyte 8-205 (J. Grieve 70, C. Chapman 59) lost to East Ringwood 3-236

ROUND 12:
First XI: Warrandyte 212 (Yilmaz 99) lost to Montrose 8-220 (Walshe 3-77) and 1-17
Second XI: Warrandyte 9-361 (Centofanti 118, Jarvis 70, Morgan 50 no) d Montrose 7226 (Beardall 4-94).
Third XI: Warrandyte 173 (Broome 53) and 3-117 (Wright 52 no) lost to East Ringwood 189 (Beggs 3-19)
Fourth XI: Warrandyte 95 and 8 dec 143 (McKellar 64) lost to Olinda 119 (McIntosh 6-55) and 5-138
Fifth XI: Warrandyte 4-285 (Bowen 129 no, Logan 67) lost to North Ringwood 6-340.

Warrandyte cashes in on its English cricket experiment



Danny Cash

Warrandyte's latest English player returned home to the UK during the week, after scoring more than 300 runs for the club in his short stay.

Danny Cash played in the first and second elevens during the season and has been one of the keys to the success of the second eleven this season.

Cash made his debut in the first eleven, but injured his knee during the match and that prevented him from playing any more games in the highest grade before he returned home.

Warrandyte has had several players come from England over the past few years, but there is no question Cash has been the most successful English experiment and will be missed in the second eleven's quest for a premiership.

Disability tennis a big hit

Inclusive tennis was a big topic late last year at Warrandyte Lions Tennis Courts as the First Annual "Everyone For Tennis" Open Day took place.

More than 60 enthusiastic tennis players from various disability services within the community participated in a day of healthy tennis competition.

Guests, including newly elected Mayor Ron Kitchingman, were entertained with the display of tennis skills and fitness as the day started with a series of knock-out events run by accredited coach Russell Cornell.

"The participants have enjoyed the tennis clinics all year and now have a chance to showcase their skills," Cornell said.

The aim of the day was to celebrate the success of the program by providing participants and stakeholders with an action-packed morning of tennis.

Disability services including Onemda, ARBIAS, Monkami, St. John of God, NADRASCA and Burke and Beyond participate in weekly tennis clinics which promotes fitness, healthy well-being and tennis inclusion for all abilities.

The Warrandyte Lions Club with support from the Department of Victorian Communities and Manningham City Council has funded the clinics for several years and are pleased with the growth of the program.

"With support from the various community services, state sporting associations and local governments, the program will be secure for future participation," Colin Davis from Warrandyte Lions Club said.

The partnering organisations including Onemda, ARBIAS, Scope and ERLS monitor the operating of the program by providing training opportunities for volunteers, program promotion and future sustainability options.

The aim of the program is to provide people with disabilities an opportunity to develop their tennis skills under expert tuition whilst increasing their physical well being.

The sessions are fun, engaging and socially interactive.

Warrandyte Lions Tennis Club runs tennis clinics on Thursday and Friday mornings at the Warrandyte Lions Tennis Courts, Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

For further information about volunteering, participating or sponsoring the program, please contact Stefan Smith (03) 9855 9977

Family boasts hat-trick of hockey stars



A hockey family ... Annika, Susie and Josh Morris.

By JACK WRIGHT

Warrandyte's own Josh Morris has become the latest member of the Morris household to be selected to represent Victoria in hockey.

Twelve-year-old Josh was chosen as the goalkeeper for the Under 12 Victorian Primary Schools team. Victoria won the National Championships in September last year by defeating Queensland 2-0 in the final held at Melbourne's State Hockey Centre.

The victory was made even sweeter by the attendance of his Grade 6 peers from Warrandyte Primary School to support him.

His local junior club performances led Doncaster Hockey Club and Warrandyte Primary School to nominate him for a position in the five-week selection trials.

Josh was also recruited for the

Victorian Indoor Squad that travelled to Wollongong over the summer break.

Josh's love for hockey began at a young age when he watched a local senior club match.

He witnessed three "awesome" simultaneous saves by a now Australian goalkeeper.

This spectacle initiated his aspirations to obtain a goalkeeping position.

Josh is the third family member to represent his state in hockey following on from his mother, Susie, who played for Victoria at senior level last year and his sister, Annika, who was selected as a forward for the Under 16 Victorian squad.

Unfortunately Annika was struck down with a back injury just before the start of the carnival and was unable to compete.

Although he may not be a hockey

star, Josh and Annika's father has spent plenty of time supporting and encouraging his hockey loving family.

The family's interest in hockey stretches back to Darwin, where Susie played most of her junior career.

Both Josh and Annika are solely committed to hockey. Even though they tried many other sports, hockey has remained their main interest.

Josh and Annika still play juniors for Doncaster Hockey Club on Friday nights. In addition, Annika also plays in the open division along with her Mum.

They both hope to continue their hockey development, with Josh aiming eventually to represent Victoria in future national champs.

Only time will tell if he fulfills his dream of playing for Australia in the Commonwealth or Olympic games.

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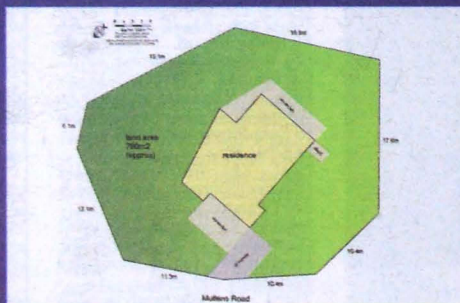
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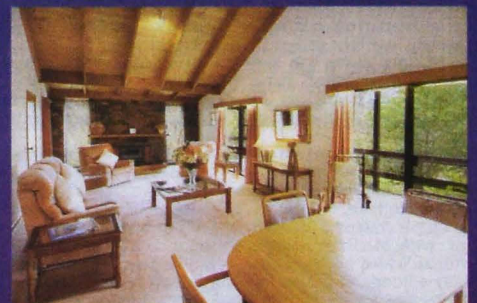
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In its glory days this 3BR home featured a large sunny kitchen, spacious formal lounge with SFH. Situated on a totally useable 790sqm allotment in a sensational location! Walk to river, cafés, transport, warrandyte village with easy access to melbourne's cbd via eastern freeway.



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Are you looking to buy your first Warrandyte property? This 2BR home is freshly painted throughout and features open plan kitchen and family meals with pot belly gas heater and floating floorboards. Separate formal lounge/dining. Walk to river, warrandyte village and transport.



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Immaculately presented 4BR home on a north facing 1/2 acre allotment. Features lounge/dining, kitchen/meals. Downstairs rumpus, guest bedroom, outdoor spa and double garage.



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Gorgeous newly completed 5BR family home. Formal lounge/dining. Kitchen/meals with jarrah floors. Separate family living area. 5 double bedrooms! Landscaped gardens, space for children to play. Fantastic location. Walk to river, park, school, shops and transport.



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 buyer enquiry range \$470k-\$500k

Searching for something that offers the flexibility to update or build? This spacious 3BR home set on a beautiful 435sqm allotment features kitchen/meals, elevated lounge, double carport, single garage, workshop and a rear patio with lots of sunshine.



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 buyer enquiry range \$540k+

Million dollar river views! Less than 8 years old this 4BR family home features spacious formal lounge and dining. Separate informal family living area. Kitchen with SS appliances and family meals area. Main BR with river views, ensuite and WVIR. 1/2 acre of landscaped gardens. Double garage with internal access.



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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, meals and family area. Separate rumpus. Solar heated IG pool. Double garage and workshop. Walk to river, shops, schools, transport and village.



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