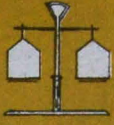


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# Ban on banners!



Where have all the banners gone?

By EMMA CLARK

Have you wondered why there were no banners displayed along Yarra Street in the weeks leading up to the Warrandyte Festival?

They were not displayed this year—for the first time in more than 25 years—because of tougher restrictions being enforced by the company responsible for the power poles.

"It's very sad. Some of these banners have been used for 25 years and can't be used any more," said John Boyle, chairman of the Warrandyte Festival Committee.

"There are at least 60 double-sided banners from all sorts of organisations. They are all works of art that cannot be duplicated."

Power company SP Ausnet—a division of Singapore Power—cited "industrial change" and safety issues as the main reasons for the more rigorous restrictions.

A spokesperson from the company told the *Diary* that "as part of an industry-wide program the government has reinforced to the industry the importance of taking a consistent approach to ensure that works are carried out safely. Safety is the number one priority for SP AusNet".

A field report carried out by the power company revealed that according to the specifications, the banners are 35 centimetres too long and in some cases use the incorrect brackets.

There are also older brackets which "are now rusty and some of the screws have fallen out. Some of the brackets no longer come out at a right angle and one is quite likely to fall and is overlooking a bus stop."

There are also brackets on "metal impact absorbent frangible poles" which are designed to collapse on impact. Banners on these poles could increase the chance of the poles collapsing in high winds.

"This is clearly unsuitable and poses a risk of people inadvertently erecting the banners on these structures," said the spokesperson.

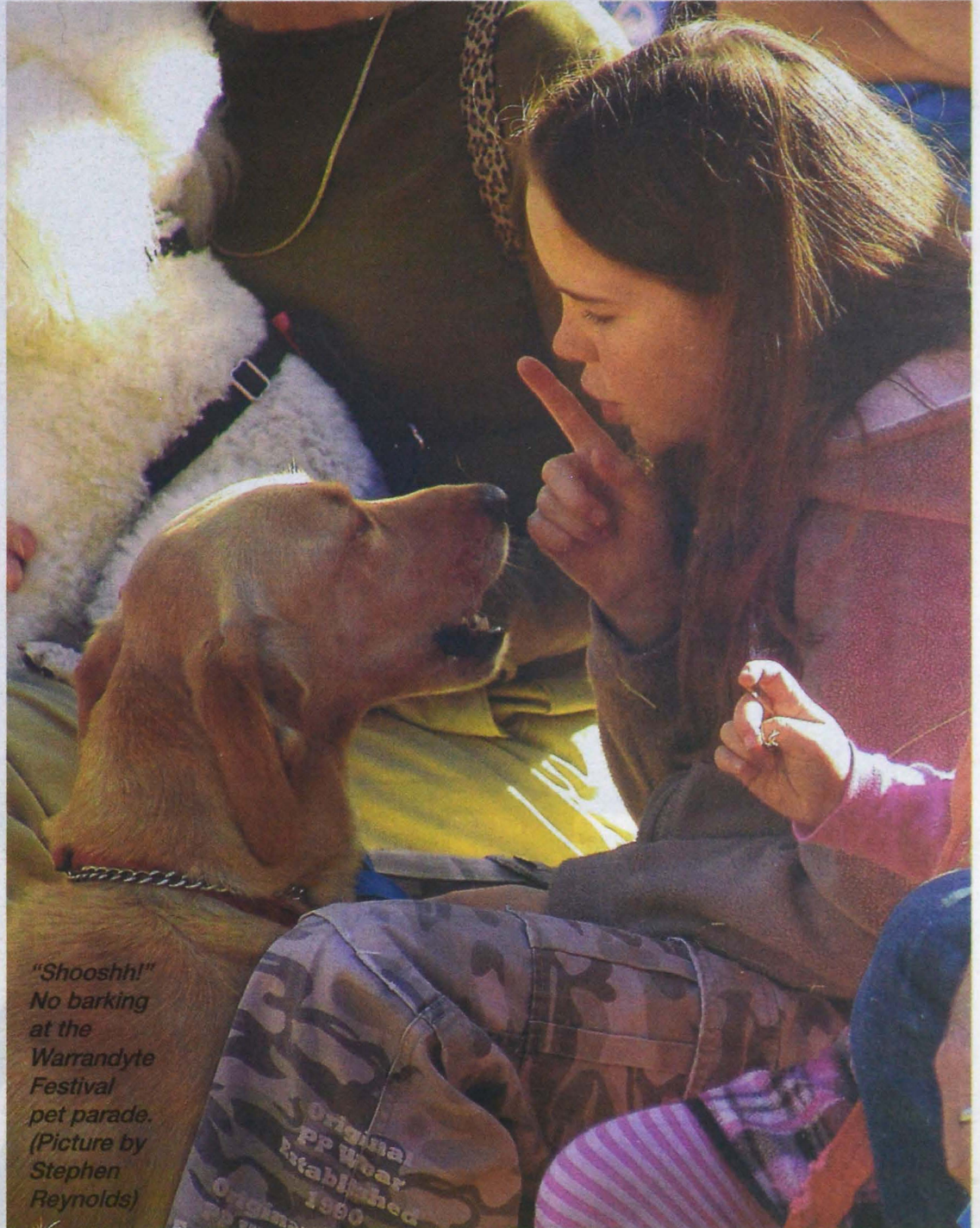
"Banners can be put up on power poles, provided that appropriate safety precautions and regulations are adhered to," he said.

"We are doing all we can to help the Warrandyte Festival. We have communicated extensively with festival organisers throughout the process. We communicated all information needed to the organisers and their contractor."

"SP AusNet has a standard process where any council or individual wishing to use our assets needs to make an application through our network services centre and on approval of this completed application, works are then carried out by either SP AusNet or a contractor accredited to work on our assets."

Mr Boyle said, "The banners are traditionally displayed in the weeks leading up to the festival. The tradition was begun by Pauline Cross, local artist and long-time member of the Warrandyte Arts Association. Local artists and art teachers carried on the practice, with many school students and organisations creating artworks over the years."

"Students had already begun painting new banners for the festival this year before the decision was made not to display them," Mr Boyle said.



"Shooshh!"  
No barking at the Warrandyte Festival pet parade. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

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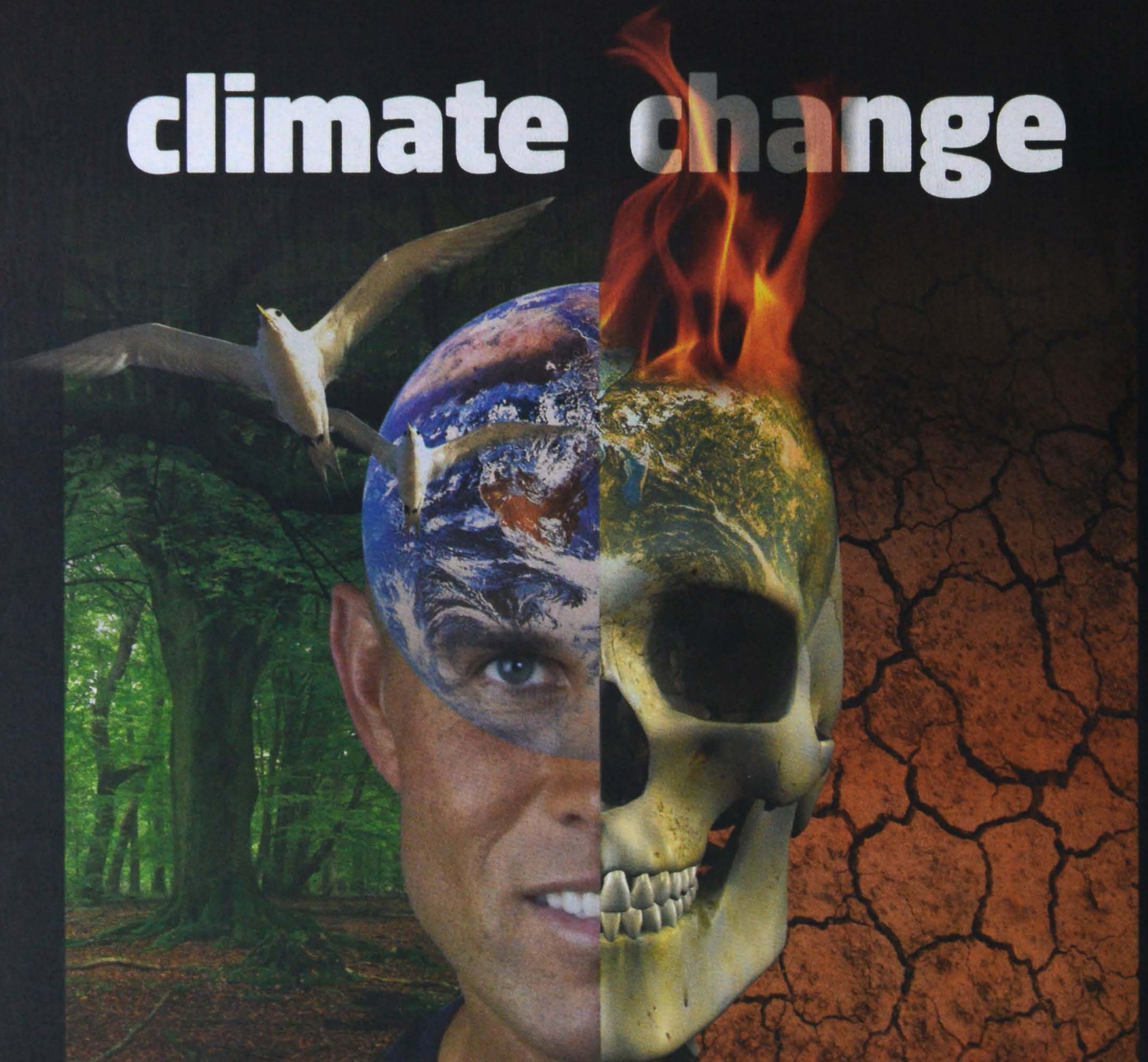
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# climate change



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# Climate change: Warrandyte CAN help make a difference

By EMMA CLARK

We have a new local pressure group: Warrandyte Climate Action Now—or Warrandyte CAN for short.

One outcome of the public meeting held earlier this year, the new group is planning a series of local strategies and campaigns.

Approximately 80 people have shown interest in the group, indicating their willingness to join. A recent planning meeting of about 25 people decided on a name and formulated a mission statement.

The group will be called Warrandyte Climate Action Now, or Warrandyte CAN.

The aims of the group are “to communicate to our community the urgent need to take action on climate change and to create awareness and motivate people to act.”

The group is also hoping to create links with other community groups. As the *Diary* went to press, Warrandyte CAN members were meeting with other climate change groups in Maroondah, Knox and Yarra Ranges.

Warrandyte CAN was initially formed out of an inspiring—yet alarming—presentation by local environmentalist Adrian Whitehead at the Warrandyte Community Centre in late February. This meeting was attended by about 80 concerned local

residents.

Warrandyte graphic designer Wayne Rankin helped organise this initial presentation.

“People need to remember that they can do a lot to help the problem,” Mr Rankin told the *Diary*. “Instead of thinking that there is nothing ordinary folk can do about this desperately urgent situation, we are trying to focus on what people can do, and they can do a lot.”

Wayne has produced a striking poster for Warrandyte CAN, reproduced on the opposite page of this issue of the *Diary*.

Climate change is set to become the biggest issue of this era, with rising sea levels and increased drought and bushfires a very likely outcome over the next decade.

“Our long term goal is to make Warrandyte carbon neutral. This would happen through education and publicising our group. We are also looking at having different speakers come and talk about climate change, not just to the group, but to everyone in Warrandyte.”

“We will also look at working with the high school and maybe getting some speakers to talk to the kids there.”

The group helped organise a sustainable energy stand at the Warrandyte Festival, creating a lot of local interest. “We had a terrific response from people at the festival,” said Mr Rankin.



Wayne Rankin (centre) signs up a convert at Warrandyte CAN's festival display.



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## High School group working to modify global warming

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- One million species worldwide are facing extinction due to climate change.
- 150 million refugees are expected from global climate change by 2050.
- Chunks of ice larger than sizeable countries have been breaking away from Antarctica.

Local action by communities across the globe can make a real difference. Join Warrandyte Climate Action Now. Call Wayne Rankin on 9844 1959.

Warrandyte CAN solar demonstration at the Warrandyte Festival.

Local students are getting on the climate change bandwagon, with an environmental group at Warrandyte High setting out to make positive changes within the school community.

Year 11 WHS student and local resident Matt Sleeth has been campaigning within the school and community on environmental issues.

Matt was inspired by a presentation given by local environmentalist Adrian Whitehead in late February.

“I’ve always had a passion for conservation and sustainability. I was looking to see what I could do to help, there have been a few things happening,” said Matt. He has also been involved in Warrandyte Climate Action Now, the community group that has emerged following the presentation by Mr Whitehead.

Wayne Rankin, an organiser of the initial presentation, emphasises the importance of education in creating change. “We need to educate the next generations about sustainable ways of looking after the environment,” he told the *Diary*. The community group is hoping

to arrange for Mr Whitehead to address the students at Warrandyte High.

Matt Sleeth told the *Diary*, “there is a group of 16 of us at school and we meet every Friday and discuss what we can do. We have been trying to get some money out of the school.” The group organises such projects as building possum boxes to attract animals and arranging to get recycling bins collected more often.

“We have applied for a grant from Manningham council, which we would use to install water tanks at the school. We could also use it to fix the leaking taps and improve the water use in the toilets, as a lot of water is being wasted. The third option is to improve our water treatment plant and recycle the water to use on the ovals.”

The group is also looking at getting new rubbish bins around the school. “The rubbish is bad, it’s a big problem. Crows get into the bins and rubbish ends up everywhere. We really need new bins with lids that the wind can’t blow off to stop the mess,” said Matt.

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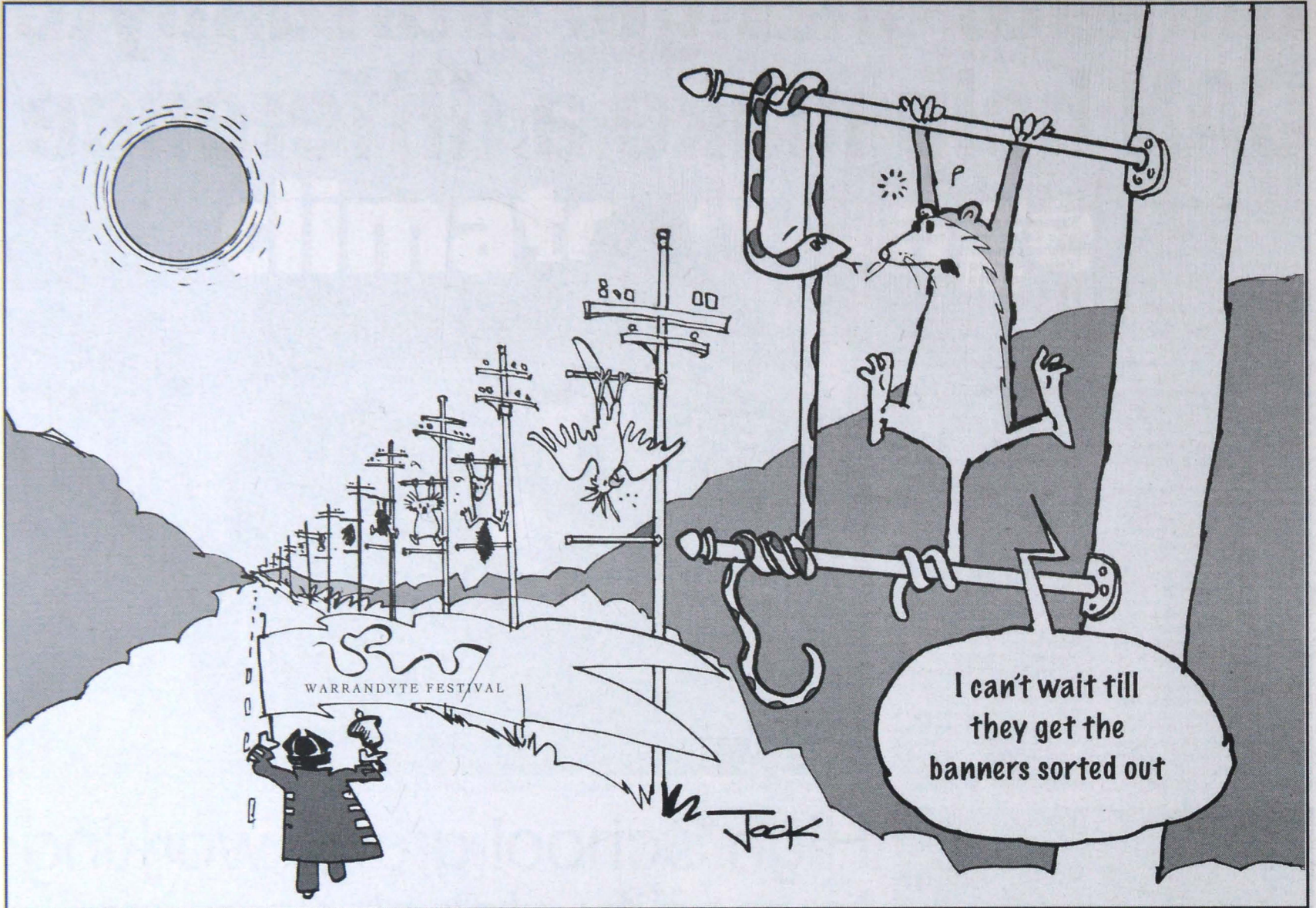
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**THE NIGHT THE STAR WAS THROWN**

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


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# Drought-struck grounds dry as dust

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**W**E all know how Stage 3 of the latest water restrictions is affecting our households and gardens, but what do these limitations on watering mean to our community's sports grounds?

Under Stage 3 local councils had to make some difficult choices, as only one in four reserves are allowed to be watered. For Manningham this meant nine had to be selected throughout the municipality. Those in the *Diary* distribution area are:

- Warrandyte Reserve main oval;
- Dorney Reserve, Park Orchards;
- Donvale Reserve main oval.

Council is also required to demonstrate a 25 per cent water saving based on previous usage on those nine nominated grounds.

Local sporting clubs are adapting to life with a considerably reduced water allocation. On April 1, Stage 3a restrictions, which do not further limit the watering of sportsgrounds, came into force. This gives a reprieve to playing surfaces as the Stage 4 restrictions, which were a possibility in May, would bring a total ban on watering them with mains water.

However, Donvale bowls club is fairing quite well, due to a mixture of good planning and good luck.

"With the type of grass we have in our club it doesn't take a lot of water and it only grows in warmer weather. Now whoever put it in 20-odd years ago was a very clever person, and because of that we are extremely lucky," Graham Howard, club secretary told the *Diary*.

The club's grass rink is made with Santa Ana couch and needs watering only once a week. This variety, which is used on many golf courses, sits flatter than other grasses and, being a couch, grows laterally, forming a web over the soil. Santa Ana is hard wearing and can cut water consumption by more than 70 per cent compared with other grass species commonly used on playing surfaces.

The Donvale bowls club also has a synthetic rink which was installed 10 years ago, but not because of a lack of water.

"We were one of the first clubs with a synthetic rink ... on this

side of the city, and we went into it because you could play all year round. We have a winter competition that we play over on the synthetic," Graham Howard said.

Warrandyte's cricket season is drawing to a close and John Chapman is far from happy with the condition of Warrandyte's main oval.

"The water restrictions are having the same effect on the sporting grounds as on everybody's lawns.

"The main oval is still meant to be watered, but the grass isn't so good because it's full of weeds. So even though it's being watered the grounds aren't in very good condition," he said.

Under its conservation agreement with Yarra Valley Water, council is watering the ground two evenings per week.

The surface is rock-hard causing cricket balls to ricochet off the ground. As the Warrandyte fourths cricket team trooped out to the wicket for their finals match, football club committee member Ric Gordon mused that the fieldsmen may need mouthguards.

Warrandyte football club was required to conduct its pre-season training away from the main oval to allow the playing surface to recover. This followed from an agreement between the EFL and municipal councils. The EFL has redrawn all fixtures with the Division 3 competition set to commence on April 21.

Warrandyte's main oval was green until mid December, but it rapidly turned brown over the next couple of weeks. It now looks like the surface of Mars, complete with the "canals".

Manningham council claims that the brown patches are dead weeds and that the grass species are intact. Now that the cricket season is over council plans to re-seed the oval to make it ready for winter sports.

The football club's Ric Gordon is optimistic the ground can make a good recovery.

"Grass doesn't take that long to grow if there's rain and seed and fertiliser," he said. "The birds, the cockies, tend to get into the seed a bit, so you get flocks of them sitting there, so it's a bit of a lost cause the seeding side," he added.

Warrandyte's tennis club is also working inside the limitations. En-tout-cas may mean "in every case", but the courts still need watering.

"It is actually the moisture that binds the fine material together," club president Mark Bence told the *Diary*. "So if it doesn't get watered it'll go very powdery and then eventually, if you play on it and it's not watered, the surface breaks up and then you start getting these stones coming up from underneath."

Tennis Victoria negotiated with the water authorities to produce a workable watering regime for its member clubs. This requires the Warrandyte club to nominate three of its six courts as playing courts. These can be watered with mains water before the start of every set, or before a coaching session. Other limited watering is permitted.

"Between seven and eight at night we can go down and water those courts for a maximum of half an hour, just so that they don't break up, so that they remain viable courts. We are doing that a couple of times a week," Mark Bence said.

With half its courts out of action the club's playing schedule has been put under pressure.

"We have still played and we haven't cancelled any of our competitions, but the night tennis has probably gone a bit later than normal," Mr Bence said.

The tennis club is planning to be less dependent on the supply of mains water next summer.

"We have an application for a planning permit in to council and we've ordered a 27,000 litre water tank, which we are going to install under the clubhouse.

"We have got a fairly big roof, so we can capture that water and then we are going to install a pump onto that tank. Then we'll set up a separate watering system, so that we can use the water out of the tank. That will help us extend the life of the courts over summer," Mark Bence told the *Diary*.

"If we had a long hot summer, like we've had this season, it won't sustain us for the whole summer. What we will need to do is buy in some water, not town water but some dam water or water from other sources and top that tank up as a back up ... we think it's pretty important to be able to keep playing tennis and have people playing tennis," he said.

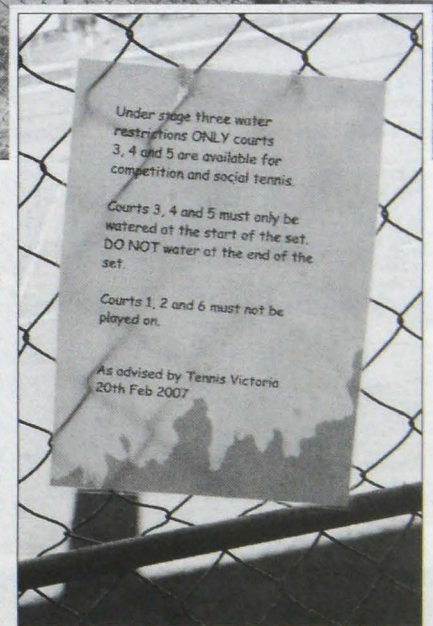
Sporting clubs are an important part of the fabric of any community and those around Warrandyte are rising to the challenge of functioning in a drier environment.



Above: Warrandyte Recreation Reserve main oval resembles the surface of Mars — but those lines definitely aren't canals!

Right: Warning sign at Warrandyte Tennis Club. A rainwater tank should ease the problem.

Pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

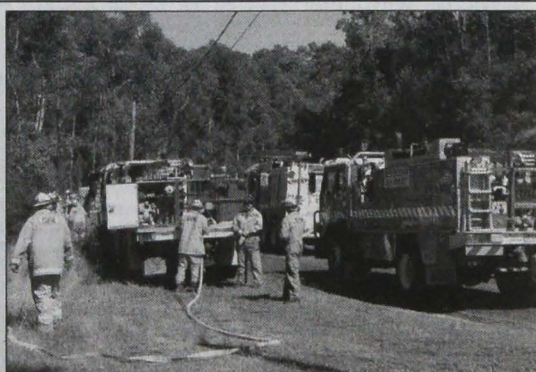


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Local CFA brigades exercise for an emergency. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

## Smell smoke? It may not be a bushfire

Local residents are reminded that smoke in the air at this time of year doesn't necessarily mean a bushfire.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment has begun autumn fuel reduction burning and will continue the program through the Easter holidays, and for as long as weather conditions allow.

"Fuel reduction burning is vital in reducing bushfire risk and DSE is committed to conducting fuel reduction burns whenever conditions are suitable," DSE state duty officer, Richard Alder, told the *Diary*.

"Fuel reduction burns are identified and planned well in advance, but can only be done under particular temperatures, humidity, wind speed, wind direction and soil and fuel moisture levels.

"Conditions are assessed on a day-by-day basis, with resources and equipment moved into place quickly to do the burn when conditions are right. This means there isn't always a lot of notice about what day a particular burn will be conducted, so we ask the community to be aware of fuel reduction burn-

ing and to do what they can to stay informed," Mr Alder said.

"Fuel reduction burning is unlikely to inconvenience people during their Easter holidays, but there are a few things people should be aware of.

"Take notice of any road and track closures as there may be fuel reduction burning in the area, and look out for signage detailing upcoming burns."

If people are concerned about whether smoke they see is a fuel reduction burn

or a bushfire, or would like more information on fuel reduction burns, they can call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (freecall) on 1800 240 667 or visit [www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires).

"It's a good idea for people going on holidays to take the number for the Victorian Bushfire Information Line with them or program it into their mobile phones. If they see smoke and are concerned whether it is a fire or a fuel reduction burn they can get information quickly that way," Mr Alder said.





## Festival bouquets

I was very impressed with the Saturday night concert/light show that was part of the festival. The band was "The Responders" and the light show maestro was Hugh McSpedden. Both parts of the performance were excellent. I thought the two elements combined to create some captivatingly beautiful images. Hughmania forever!

Stephen Clendinnen  
(by email)

I would again like to congratulate the organisers of the Warrandyte Festival for once more staging a successful event. The much-needed rain on the Saturday did little to dampen the spirits of those involved, with organisers, locals and visitors united in supporting the festivities. It was great to see many residents set up with chairs, tables and champagne outside their houses for the street parade, with the rain obligingly stopping for the duration. Sunday was equally well attended, with people flocking to the many stalls and such events as the billycart derby. Well done to all those involved and I'm sure Warrandyte is already eagerly looking forward to the next year's festival.

Ryan Smith  
MP for Warrandyte

## In search of a cousin

In October 1945, soon after the termination of hostilities in Europe, my mother took me to London to meet my maternal grandmother. She had a somewhat unusual name, Harriet Norman Taylor. She was born in Leatherhead in 1851 and she died around 1950. I believe that she resided at 92 Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth.

During the course of the visit we met a lady whose surname was Freeman and her son, Magnus Freeman. He was my cousin and he explained that he and his wife were emigrating to Australia shortly (regrettably I cannot recall her Christian name). For some years I regularly received correspondence from them until we eventually moved home and the letters ceased.

Due to time it is possible that he is now deceased, but I would very much like to contact any members of his immediate family or anyone who knew him or his wife.

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## Why the pink ribbons?

Can anyone tell me the reason for the pink ribbons tied around trees or outside residences in this area.

I even saw them in the State Park some time ago.

Now I seldom see them, but there is one tied around a small tree in our street.

Does anyone still remember that old song sung by Doris Day called "Tie a Yellow Rib-

bon Round the Old Oak Tree"? The song was one of those with meaningless words of the time, and so I sort of saw a connection there. Or perhaps there isn't one.

Ron Bence  
Hawkes Road

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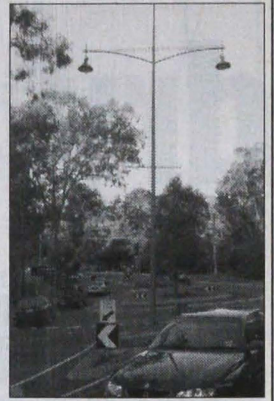
## Festival banners sadly missed

dear diary

Like most Warrandytians I look forward to the festival every year. When March rolls around I eagerly anticipate the smell of sawdust at the Reserve, the sounds of the parade rolling by as I watch from the petrol station, and the sight of the fireworks exploding above the trees at Stiggants.

But what I most look forward to, what most reminds me that the Festival is on its way, was decidedly absent this year. I waited and watched and hoped every day before the Festival that I would see the colourful banners appear on the light poles all along Yarra Street.

But alas, I was disappointed. Where Are The Banners? I am a big fan and supporter of the Warrandyte Festival and the banners are a big part of it. I am more than happy to take responsibility for ensuring the banners are put up next year, if



someone will tell me where they are hiding.

The Warrandyte Festival is an important tradition in our town. Let's keep doing the things that make it great.

Phillippa Bottomley  
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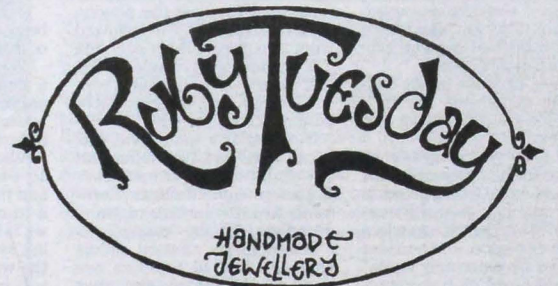
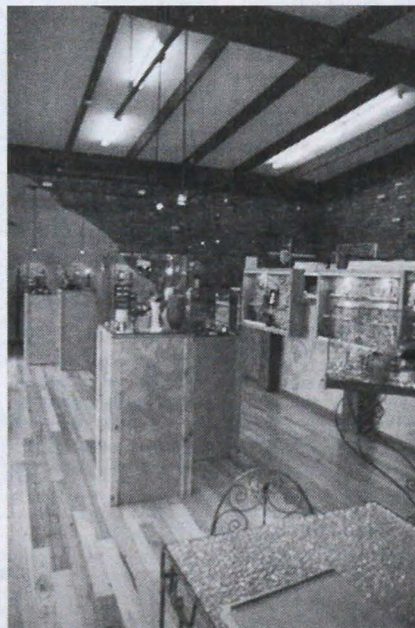
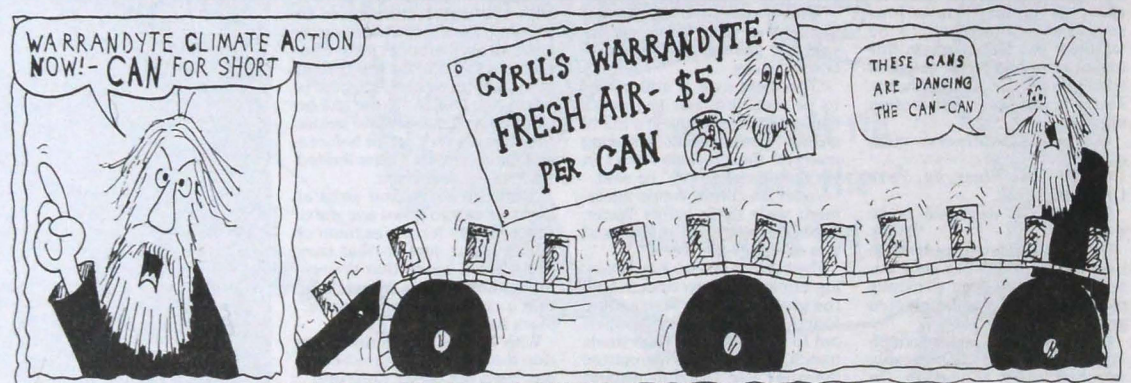
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By PAUL WILLIAMS



If you have been for a stroll down the West End lately, you may have noticed that the old Warrandyte hardware store has undergone a transformation, into the new home of Ruby Tuesday Jewellery.

Over the past couple of months, local jeweller Terry Rafferty has donned his builder's cap and work boots, and with a pencil behind his ear, worked by day and by candlelight (not during total fire bans of course), to transform the old store into their new gallery and workshop.

With easier access, better parking facilities, and closer proximity to residential Warrandyte, the team at Ruby Tuesday are enjoying meeting many of the local faces, as well as welcoming their loyal customers to their new premises.

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# Bank offering 'free' money

The Warrandyte Community Bank will soon be celebrating its fourth birthday.

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Board member Sarah Wrigley told the *Diary* that "our charter requires us to return up to 80 per cent of profits back to the community".

The branch is planning their sponsorship program for 2007-08.

"If your voluntary organisation or club banks with us, and you meet the criteria of our sponsorship policy, we would like to hear from you," Ms Wrigley said.

There are three categories for sponsorship: major sponsorships up to \$1500, minor sponsorships up to \$250 and a special event sponsorship of an unspecified amount.

The form needs to be completed by May 15, 2007. Call manager Mark Challen on 9844 2233 for further information.



# Local concern at bank merger

By CLIFF GREEN

Bendigo Bank could be facing what the financial press is describing as a "\$2.4 billion smash-and-grab deal" by the Bank of Queensland.

Several locals have expressed concern that our hard-won community bank branch of the Bendigo Bank could be under threat.

However, Warrandyte branch chairman John Provan has assured the *Diary* that "it's business as usual at the local branch as Bendigo Bank considers a conditional merger proposal from the Bank of Queensland".

Mr Provan said the community bank company's partner, Bendigo Bank, was presented with the proposal from the Bank of Queensland last month.

"As it is required to do under its legal obligations, Bendigo Bank is now considering the proposal," Mr Provan said. "But we are confident that as a

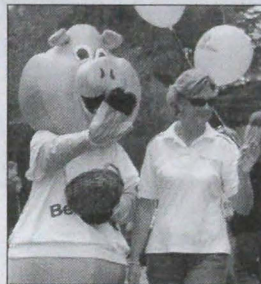
community bank company, our interests will be given proper consideration during the proposal's evaluation.

"Bendigo Bank has committed to take our interests into account. They acknowledge that the community bank network has a direct impact on the future value of the business under any ownership scenario."

Local residents will be watching developments with interest. They will remember how banking services wound down in Warrandyte when the Commonwealth Bank took over our State Bank branch, culminating in the final closure of that branch, leaving Warrandyte with no banking services.

Quick action by the Warrandyte Business Association following this—coupled with widespread community support—resulted in the establishment of a community bank branch.

This branch now enjoys a high



Community based: Bendigo Bank at the festival.

level of community goodwill.

Mr Provan indicated that discussions between Bendigo Bank and the Bank of Queensland were expected to take some time, and said "the local board will keep its shareholders and customers informed of any developments."

"In the meantime it's business as usual. Our staff will continue to provide customers with the very best service and our company remains committed to supporting our local community," Mr Provan said.

(Cliff Green owns shares in the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank.)

# Youth needs probed

By EMMA CLARK

Warrandyte's lack of both retirement housing and youth facilities shows a need for services at each end of the age spectrum.

There have been no youth services in Warrandyte for several years and the need for youth facilities is becoming prevalent. Warrandyte Community Association president Dick Davies stated in last month's *Diary* that "it has become apparent that there are once again issues arising around the lack of facilities for young people in Warrandyte."

"This issue will be on the agenda when we meet with Manningham council representatives in August," he said.

The *Diary* took the issue to the streets and asked young people what they wanted in the way of facilities for young people in Warrandyte.

Nick Adams, 16, said "there is nothing to do in Warrandyte besides going to the skate park and that's not even that good." This was echoed by Nick's friend Brenton Genovese, 15. "Warrandyte is nice for older people but it's so far away from everything and there is nothing for us to do. We have to catch buses to go to movies and shopping centres, which is a pain."

Sarah Jenkins, 17, told the *Diary* that she understood the need for youth services. "I think that because Warrandyte is pretty small and isolated kids get bored easily. There is not much to do for teenagers who can't drive yet, so lots of people just hang out at IGA or the skate park, or go to people's houses and get drunk. If there was somewhere cool to go, like a café or music venue then I think people would use it."

Ingrid Stevens, also 17, said that "Gingko was good because you could go and see music and catch up with people without going far from home. Somewhere like that has couches and music and food would be great.

And in the daytime it could have computers and people to help kids with school or life troubles."

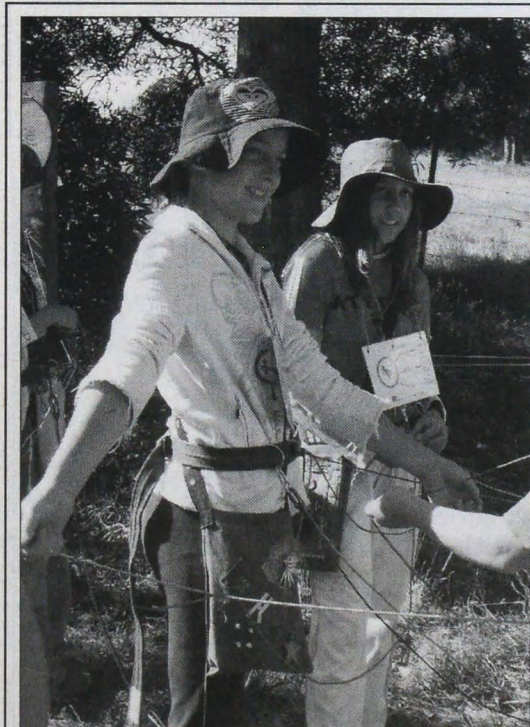
David Dyason from the WCA is investigating different ideas for youth services. "The original Warrandyte Co-op established a whole stack of services from childcare to youth services. Many of these are still operating, but the youth services seem to have collapsed. We are looking at the original models used by the co-op and revisiting some of the original ideas behind the services."

There was originally a café-style meeting place on the old Getson site and upstairs at the Warrandyte Community Centre. "We will be looking at this kind of model and perhaps try to get local businesses involved. Something like that would not only provide skills but a mechanism for long term employment. We could incorporate mentoring and skills training," said Mr Dyason.

Mr Dyason identified two levels of youth services needed. "The first is for youth in crisis, and the second is for youth who have the potential to end up in a bad situation but haven't yet."

"Manningham council seems to think that the skate park is enough in terms of youth facilities. But it is not really fulfilling anything. The park doesn't really cater for girls, and only really caters for a specific group of boys."

"We are looking at using the West End space and have been consulting with the local sports clubs in terms of what they offer. We have been getting a certain level of support from the different sports clubs. The 'alcohol culture' at the football and cricket clubs makes it difficult as the youth services will have to be drug and alcohol free. The netball club in particular has been very interested as they have no space of their own."



# Keeping the earth

Students from Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools attended a very special camp earlier this year. Held at the Yarra Ranges camp at Toolabewong near Healesville, the Earthkeepers' camp featured fun experiences and many skills were learned. "The activity we liked the best was having our own Magic Spots," a young camper told the *Diary*. "Magic Spots are places in your backyard, bush, forest or any other nice spot where you can just sit down and relax and listen to the call of the wildlife." ● Our picture shows Rachel and Leah learning the ropes as young Earthkeepers.

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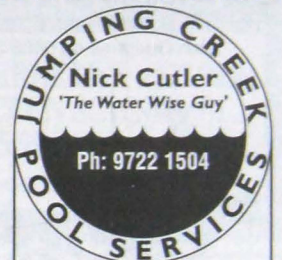
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## These kids had close shaves!

We've had local coppers shave their heads in support of cancer research—even estate agents! But last month a bunch of kids at Warrandyte Primary School faced the clippers.

When they discovered their classmate Adrian is battling leukaemia, a group of boys decided to get with the look and support the World's Greatest Shave.

Sixteen students shaved off their locks, while the rest of the school went crazy with gel and hair colour. A total of \$2000 was raised for leukaemia research.

If you shave your head you have to pull a funny face: (back row) Lauchlann, Alex, Adrian, Sean and Connor; (middle row) Robert, Sid and Jamie; and (front) Andre—all faced the clippers, then the camera.

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# Up, up and away!

Wyena Horse and Pony Club held their first Hickstead and Show Jumping Day last month at their grounds in South Warrandyte, using their upgraded cross country course.

Pony club riders from grades two to five took part in the event, completing their dressage on the Saturday, with an optional show jumping competition and the Hickstead course on the Sunday. Grade Two was won by Leah Simmons of Wyena, riding TEP Annie, Grade Three was won by Georgina Mock of Kangaroo Ground riding Ella Fitzgerald, Grade Four was won by Ashleigh Page of Wyena riding Jazmin and the Grade Five section was won by Samantha Hope of Wyena riding Timmy.



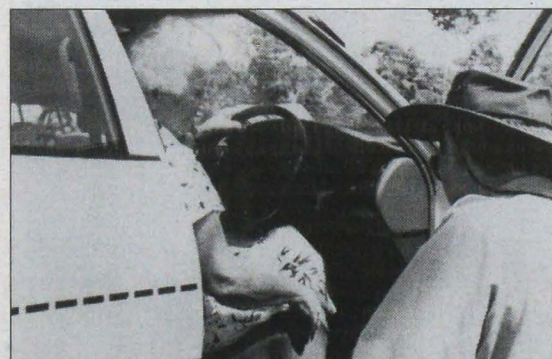
*Inset: Wyena Pony Club rider Samantha Hope proudly displays her trophy and ribbon.*

## Lions' special kids

Warrandyte Lions Club has long been a staunch supporter of Canteen—Kids Living With Cancer. Late last month the club—combining with Eildon Lions Club and the Eildon Boat Club—hosted a function at Lake Eildon. An auction raised \$27,000 for Canteen. On the Sunday, the teenagers were taken out on the lake in houseboats where they enjoyed water-sports. Warrandyte Lions has now raised more than \$150,000 for this worthwhile cause.



*Canteen kids enjoy a barbecue in the bush, courtesy of Warrandyte Lions.*



*Oldest VIP Joyce (87) takes a turn at the wheel*

## They drove by touch ...for the fun of it!

One of Warrandyte Lions Club's major projects each year is their "In the driver's seat" program, designed to give a number of legally blind people an opportunity to drive a car on the Sandown Motor Circuit. The eleventh consecutive staging of this event took place late last month and 180 "Visually Impaired Participants" (VIPs to you!) took part. They came from all over Melbourne—and Victoria: Mildura, Bendigo, Port Arlington, and Moe. "Paul came with his guide dog Zac, all the way from Darwin,

organiser Peter Watts told the *Diary*. (Peter is himself blind.) "Young Rebecca left Cootamundra at 2.30am to travel alone by train." "These people had one goal," Peter Watts said. "To have the opportunity to drive a motor car for the first time, or to relive memories of a time when they had been able to drive." The program is supported by the VACC, the Vintage Drivers Club, the Ulysses Motor Cycle Club and the 1949-'59 Ford Customline Club.



## Lest we forget

Anzac Day will be commemorated in Warrandyte with a parade, assembling in Yarra Street at Whipstick Gully at 10.30am on Wednesday, April 25. Following the march, a non-denominational remembrance service will be held in the RSL Memorial Grounds, between Yarra and Brackenbury streets, commencing at approximately 10.45am. Refreshments will be served in the clubrooms following the service. Everyone welcome.



*Victoria Bevan-Jones of Doleen Road was recently awarded the John Miller Medal at the Monash Marketing Awards for Excellence. This medal is awarded each year to the top student studying for a double degree in marketing and business management. Victoria is receiving her medal from Dr John Miller AO, first dean of the faculty.*

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# Warrandyte Village Festival

## From kinder kid to cool cat



By JOANNE GREEN

**T**HE Warrandyte Festival brings us all together, as family, as friends and as an entire community. Whether you're at the festival with your family or your friends depends on your age.

Starting university this year, I am once again willing to walk around the festival with my Mum, without trying to wander off and find friends. After five years of trying to do this in high school, it was nice to just spend a quiet afternoon at the festival with family. One thing I noticed about the festival is the experience changes as you grow. As I watched the parade this year and saw the kinder kids sitting in the back of a truck in costume, I realise that one of those little kinder kids was once me.

My memories of the festival start with sitting on that truck at the age of four. Back then at the festival I never left my parents' side as I had my face painted as a princess or jungle animal and took part in the excitement of the lucky dip. I remember staying at the festival when the fire brigade would demonstrate how they used the "jaws of life" to free a person trapped in a car. I always watched in awe.

The years of primary school were without doubt the most exciting time to attend the festival. I began to notice the colourful banners that hung from the lights poles in the main street in the weeks leading up to the festival every year, each beautifully painted representing a different group in Warrandyte. Back then the festival was all about the activities you could do. I remember playing mini-golf and painting plaster figurines while still dressed in my parade costume that I would wear all day on Saturday.

There was also the annual excitement of decorating ducks for the duck race. I won third prize in the decorated duck

competition for my somewhat accurate portrayal of Prime Minister John Howard, which sat on the TV for almost a year until Mum could no longer look at the prime minister without seeing a duck and threw it away.

When it came time for the ducks to race down the Yarra I was never quite as successful, my ducks got lost in the awkward mass floating in the river. I'm not even sure if any finished a race.

In primary school I also spent weeks preparing my costumes for the parade with my class mates during art class. I was a jellyfish for the "under the sea" parade, a swimmer during a particularly wet parade for the 1996 Olympics and also an Arab for a multicultural parade. On Saturday morning I would get up early and stand by the tennis courts with my schoolmates and we would all eagerly await 11 o'clock when we would proudly show off our costumes to all of Warrandyte.

When high school came along I stopped taking part in the parade. I guess I was too much of a "non-conformist" to take part in community events. Instead I'd watch the parade by the side of the road with my friends and together we'd laugh at our class mates who were brave enough to take part.

I also stopped taking part in other activities, such as the duck race or the mini-golf, instead I'd spend my weekend buying cheap jewellery and oversized lollypops from the market stalls. In high school the seemingly endless treks down Tarroona Avenue began; to Stiggants Reserve, where the colour and excitement of the weekend would strike you right away. The smells of the satays, the warm jam doughnuts from the CFA and the sausages from Warrandyte High's music support group mix in the air, so that you couldn't resist staying there for a while and with my friends collectively consume as many of the exotic festival foods as we could.

Then we would walk back down Tarroona Avenue to the skate park where the bands were playing and the skateboarders were showing off their talent. I would cease my endless travels for only half an hour, to sit on the dry grass in front of the stage and watch my sister play the clarinet in the school band.

High school also brought the new experience of the Warrandyte Festival at night time, the party at the skate park on Saturday night, then the fireworks on Sunday. I first attended with my friends at 15. We had heard in previous years that it could get pretty wild down at the skate park after dark. However, there was a police crackdown that year and we wandered aimlessly around for a couple of hours before all going home.

Then on Sunday we walked down Tarroona Avenue to Stiggants Reserve to lie on the grass and watch the fireworks, and get our final doses of doughnuts and fairy floss before we had to return to school and normality on Monday.

This year the festival was a very different experience. It was no longer a matter of seeing my friends for 12 days in a row, but instead catching up with people I hadn't seen in ages as I stopped by between work and uni assignments. We would stop and talk for a while and ask how university, Tafe or work was, and the conversations would always end with the phrase, "I hope it's not as long before I see you next."

This year I noticed for the first time how the festival brings the whole community together, and how most people in Warrandyte at least know someone who knows you. While the experience of the festival changes every year, one thing will always stay the same. The festival will always bring us together, to spend one cheerful weekend out in the sun.

## Art show success

The Warrandyte Art Show, conducted by the Rotary Club of Warrandyte, long an integral part of the festival, was an outstanding success this year, with more than 40 paintings sold.

The show, enjoying its second year at the Community Church, attracted a wide range of artists and media, from around Victoria and locally. Improved lighting this year added to the visitors' appreciation of the work displayed.

First prize was awarded to Fiona Billbrough, second prize went to Terry Liwitzka and third prize was won by Barbara Hayward.

The Young Artists Award, featuring work from senior students at Warrandyte High School (pictured far right), was won by Erin Brown.

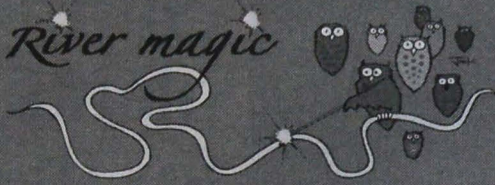
See Warrandyte Youth Arts Award, page 17.



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River magic



# Warrandyte Village Festival

## Inaugural filmfest top show

By CLIFF GREEN

If you failed to catch up with the inaugural season of the Warrandyte Film Festival, you missed a treat.

Staged at the Mechanics Institute Hall as part of the Warrandyte Festival, this filmfest was appropriately unique in its format and presentation.

Sunday afternoon saw the screening of entries for the Cameo Awards. More than 20 shorts, covering a wide range of genres including documentary, music, drama and comedy competed for these awards in two categories: young filmmakers and an open section. Most popular with the audience were those shot in local settings.

Cameos were awarded to Nicole Jenvey for "One for the Master" (young filmmaker category); Ilan Abrahams, "The Minstrel" (open category); Lyn Ashby, "Under the Weather" (best film). The audience choice award went to Leah Dobjecer and Novak Ristov for "Men's Shed".

The next session, on the Tuesday evening, was devised as a tribute to the late David Baker, celebrated film director and well-known local identity.

David directed many episodes of such Australian TV series as "Spyforce" and the children's programs "Terrible Ten" and "The Magic Boomerang", but this occasion saw the screening of two of his acclaimed short features.

"Squeaker's Mate", from the short

story by Barbara Baynton, tells of a bush woman's struggle for identity and survival on the colonial frontier. Uncompromising in its portrayal of the relentless brutality of this woman's life, it pursued its story right to the end, with credible performances and close, unflinching camerawork.

"The Family Man", one segment of a quartet of films entitled "Libido", was in complete contrast, although it too struck a convincing blow for women's rights and dignity.

Written by David Williamson and starring Jack Thompson and Max Gillies in early but memorable performances, "The Family Man" tracked the adventures of two young chauvinists who set out to sexually exploit and humiliate two young women who managed, against all odds, to turn the tables.

Perhaps the most popular—certainly the best-attended of the three sessions—was "Warrandyte on Screen", held on the Wednesday evening.

"The Christmas Carnival", made in the early 1930s, opened the program. Marking an art exhibition held in the late Penleigh Boyd's studio, and its accompanying Christmas celebration, this silent documentary depicted a Warrandyte society long gone, with the men wearing three-piece suits and the women in large hats, all tripping and stumbling their way along the bush path that led to this lovely old building, later destroyed by fire.



Director David Baker (far left) at work.

Only the cavorting children seemed to be enjoying themselves, although the solemnity of the occasion ensured that they only intruded into the near-static camera's range by accident.

Produced less than 15 years later, "In My Beginning" presents a quite different view of an aspect of Warrandyte life. Made by the Realist Film Unit, it tells the story of Koornong, an experimental school established in North Warrandyte, in a lovely riverside area where the residential street of the same name now runs.

Written and narrated by J C Neild, the school's founding principal, the film demonstrates the clear-eyed purpose

of this early educational adventurer and the delightful vitality and clear-eyed determination of the children of all ages who studied and debated in its classrooms, explored its surrounding bush and enjoyed its ever-beckoning river. However, even these teachers wore collars and ties! A gem of a film.

The program closed with a student film by John Hipwell junior. Inexplicably titled "I have Nondefut" it had all the rough edges of any teen-aged filmmaker's first effort. Relying on all the tricks of speeded-up action and slapstick performances, it delighted the audience as John and Joff and all their (then) young local friends

overacted their way through a vaguely scripted goldfields drama, culminating in the wildest shoot-out ever.

A standout highlight was the Cobb & Co coach, cobbled together from a Mini car with two rocking horses out front, the driver seated on the bonnet and two armed guards standing on the boot lid. Johnny Hipwell, graduate of the Swinburne Film School, has gone on to a successful career as a producer.

There has never been a film festival quite like this one. All credit to Jeremy Loftus-Hills and his team, with a special mention for the animated introductory clips by Wayne Rankin. Make sure you don't miss next year's edition!



Ducks had trouble racing on the low river. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

### FESTIVAL RESULTS

#### DUCK RACE

- 1 Anneke Mentink, Warrandyte Primary
- 2 Sid Arthur, Wonga Park Primary
- 3 Lauren Walton
- 4 Madeline Edsell, Andersons Creek Primary
- 5 Lara Petrou, Andersons Creek Primary

#### PARADE

- Best Overall Entry—Warranwood Primary
- Most Warrandytish—Warrandyte Childcare
- Most Colourful—Juniors Farm Childcare
- Most Imaginative—Warrandyte Pre-school
- Best Makeup/Costume—Andersons Creek

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- Draught—Scott MacDonald
- Bitter—Scott MacDonald
- Ale—Nick Frowd
- Pilsner—Michael Stanzel
- Stout—Scott MacDonald
- Special Mention—Scott MacDonald
- Public Choice—Pilsner, Tyson Aldenhoven
- Overall Champion—Pilsner, Michael Stanzel

#### ROTARY ART SHOW

- 1 Fiona Bilbrough
  - 2 Terry Lewitzka
  - 3 Barbara Hayward
- WHS Young Artist's Award—Erin Brown



#### WARRANDYTE SKATE COMPETITION

- 12 & Under:
- 1 Jackson Nechwatal
  - 2 Sebastian Batty
  - 3 Lachlan Stuckey
- 16 & Under:
- 1 Teddy Lack
  - 2 Ian Lewington
  - 3 Nathan Bellman
- Open:
- 1 Thomas Cosby
  - 2 Kyle Brophy
  - 3 Luke Reed

#### BILLYCART DERBY

- 1 Jack Robson (12)
  - 2 John Murrell & Simon Howard (15)
  - 3 Taylor Hayton (13)
- Best Cart—Darcy O'Connor (11)  
 Best Effort—Lachlan Shanahan (8)  
 Adult—Nick Frowd





### STREETSCAPE DESIGN TASK FORCE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

Council is seeking nominations for 2 Community Representatives on the Streetscape Design Task Force. The aim of the Task Force is to oversee the design and development of the streets of Manningham.

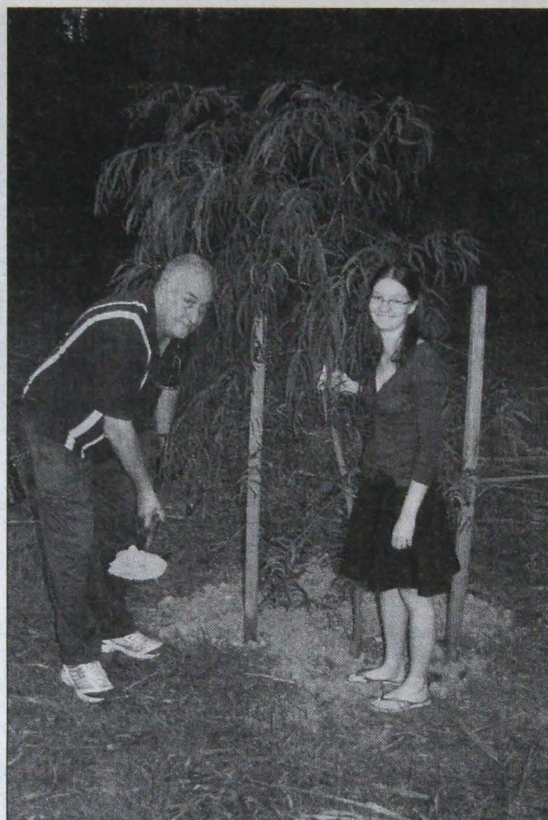
The Task Force meets on a quarterly basis, usually on a Monday night commencing at 6.00pm.

Nominations are sought from persons with experience in streetscape development and related disciplines to provide advice to Council on the implementation of its Street Tree Program and the design and development of other components of the streetscape.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the Committee may be obtained from Paul Molan on 9840 9386 or email Paul.Molan@manningham.vic.gov.au

Written or electronic applications are to be submitted by **Friday 4 May 2007** and addressed to:

Paul Molan  
Director Environmental Amenities  
Manningham City Council  
PO Box 1  
Doncaster Vic 3108  
Facsimile: 9840 9350



*Peter Renn, great-great grandson of George Wyatt, the club's first president and Emma Bence, youngest daughter of the current president, Mark Bence, plant the tree.*

*Past club member, Joan Stone (formerly Hussey) loads up the time capsule, assisted by junior members Bradley and Ryan Synnot. Joan played tennis in Warrandyte in the mid-1940s.*



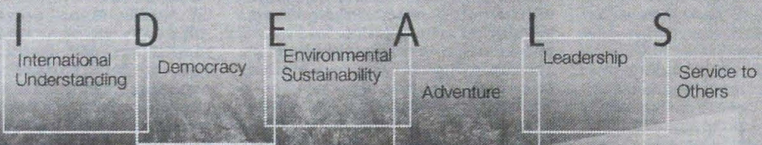
# Tennis club plants for the future

Warrandyte Tennis Club is celebrating its centenary this year with a number of special events. On Wednesday, March 21—exactly 100 years since the club's founding in 1907, the occasion was marked by the planting of a Manna gum and the installation of a time capsule at the clubhouse in Tarroona Avenue. The capsule is to be opened in 50 years.

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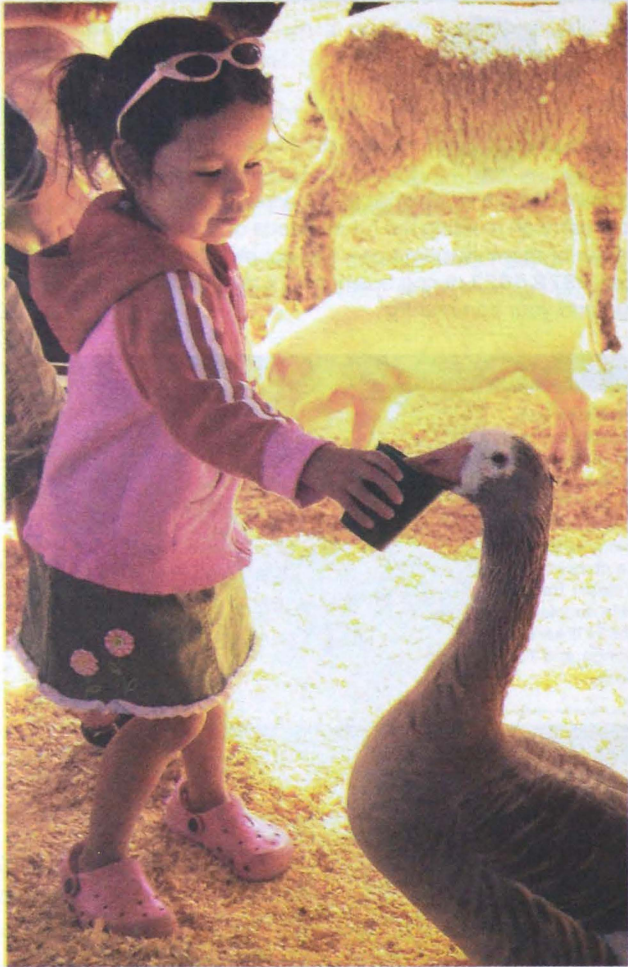
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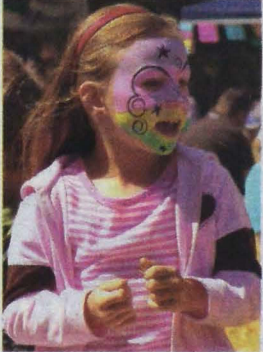
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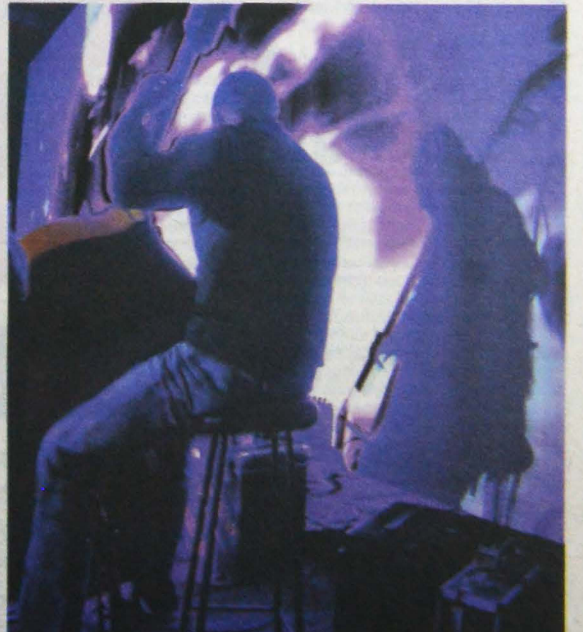




# Warrandyte Village Festival



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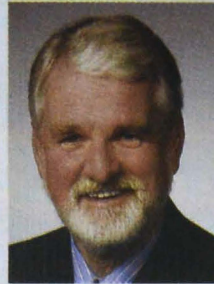
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# Designer takes out prestigious arts award

By CLIFF GREEN

INDUSTRIAL designer Liam Gough won the ninth Warrandyte Youth Arts Award at a gala function last month.

Liam, who has just completed a bachelor degree in industrial design at Swinburne, triumphed against a strong field of young finalists.

The \$6000 award, presented each second year, is sponsored by the Lions Club of Warrandyte. The assessment process is run by the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, publishers of the *Diary*.

The award is designed to celebrate the Warrandyte arts tradition, which goes back more than 100 years, when a group of young painters who were founding Australia's national art movement, first settled in the village.

Open to young Warrandyte artists of all disciplines aged between 18 and 24 years, the award aims to financially assist them at a critical point in their development: as they complete their tertiary training and are about to embark upon a professional career.

Each of the candidates is assessed by three separate assessors, each one paramount in the candidate's particular field. These assessments are all brought together and an adjudication panel from the Lions Club and the trust make the final choice.

The assessors are encouraged to base their comments, not on a body of completed work, but on the candidate's "potential for future outstanding achievement".

The contact the young artists make with their assessors is probably the uniquely most rewarding aspect of

this award.

Many become mentors to the young artists, guiding and advising them through their careers, sometimes opening up opportunities the candidates could only dream about.

Guest speaker at the awards presentation was Gabrielle Davidson, co-winner of the second award in 1990-91. A graduate of the Australian Ballet School, she joined the Australian Ballet Company and enjoyed an outstanding international career.

Gabrielle now works as a physiotherapist and teaches dance.

In her address, she told the young candidates: "I find it really exciting that here in Warrandyte we have so many young people who are artists, people who have dreams and are willing to go after them. It makes me feel really proud.

"As an assessor this year I discovered the amazing amount of work that goes into this award.

"How lucky we are to have people here in Warrandyte—those in the Lions Club and those crazy people on the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust—who support our young artists and give them the chance to find their voices.

"Life in the arts is tough, there is no guarantee of success. So learn to listen to yourself and believe in what you are doing. If you believe it, others will too."

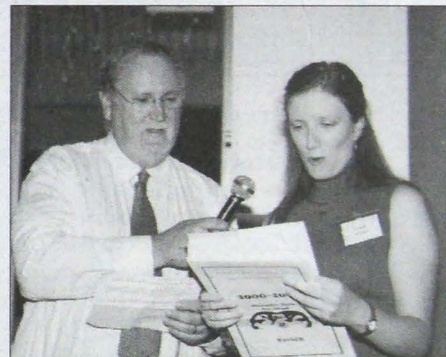
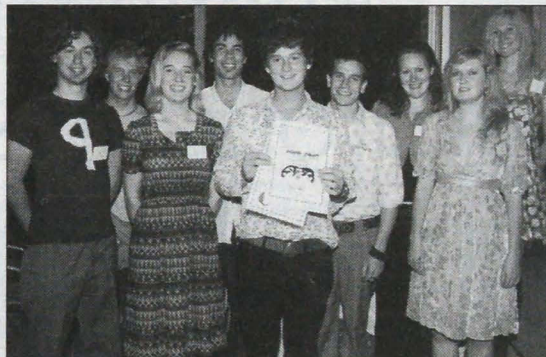
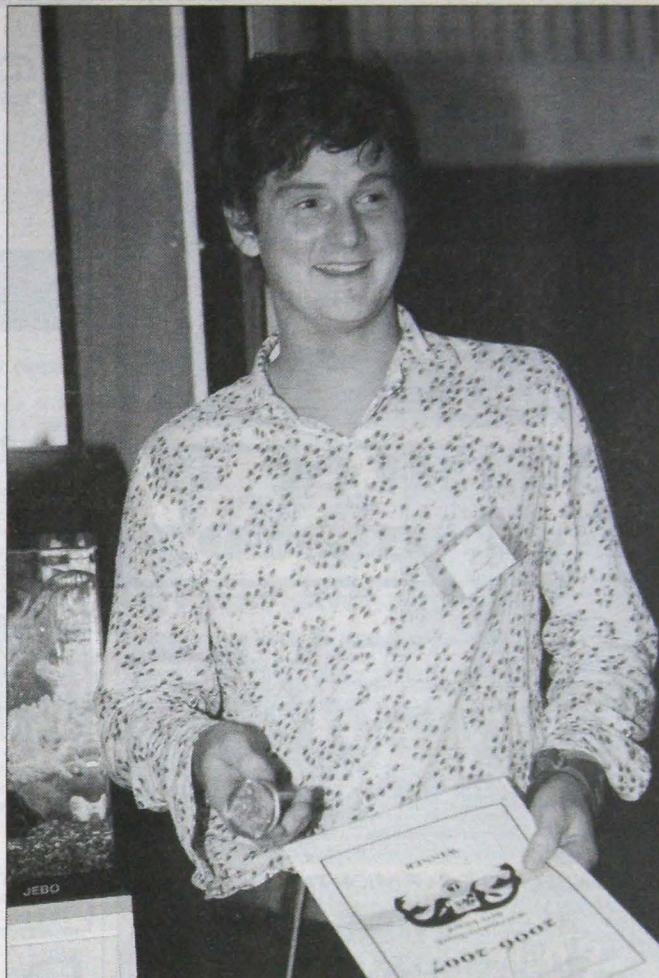
Finalists vying for the 2006-2007 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award were Matt Moran (actor and director), Andrew Boyle (pianist), Kirilly Barnett (architect), Loughlan Prior (contemporary ballet choreography), Emily Chaffee

(flautist), Sarah Jones (painter and printmaker), Liam Gough (industrial designer), Nicola Crowle (photographer), Joel Drew (jeweller), Josh Mitchell (actor, dance, physical theatre), Piers Brown (painting, drawing, sculpture).

● Applications for the next award will be announced in the *Diary* early in 2008.

Pictures by GAVIN ANDREW

Right: Liam Gough acknowledges his award. Below: finalists in the 2006-07 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award. Far right: Lions president Gary Clues and guest speaker Gabrielle Davidson announce the winner.



## Local identity missed

NEIL PEARSON, one of Warrandyte's best-known identities, died on March 4, aged 83.

Neil was born on July 12, 1923, the only child of John and Ethel Pearson. He attended Wensley College, and showing considerable artistic talent, was enrolled in the Fox Art Academy, studying fine and commercial art.

He worked as a freelance commercial artist until 1941 when he joined the army. He served in New Guinea as a draftsman and cartographer in the 8th Field Survey Section, 2nd AIF.

Neil was discharged from the army in 1946, resumed his career as a freelance commercial artist and married Thelma ("Bub") in 1947.

Tiring of city life, Neil and Bub and little Glenn, then aged 3, settled in Warrandyte, moving into a new house in Kangaroo Ground Road in 1952. A year later, second son John was born.

Neil and Bub loved the bush, the river and the peaceful ambience of Warrandyte, but most especially they appreciated the friendly local community.

By this time, family responsibilities had forced Neil to abandon the precarious existence of a freelance artist and he had sought employment as a draftsman with the State Electricity Commission.

In 1968 he swapped electricity for water and sewerage and joined the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.



Happy days: Neil and Bub Pearson.

Although again employed as a draftsman, his commercial artist's flair soon had him designing the Board's publications and magazine.

Although it took Neil more than an hour to drive from the city to Warrandyte each day, living in this place with its wonderful community life more than compensated. He joined the Warrandyte Arts Association in its early years, and was elected secretary of the Warrandyte Football Club, he loved fishing and played golf at Healesville with a number of fellow reprobates for many years. He enjoyed a "flutter" on the horses.

As a returned man, Neil naturally gravitated to the fellowship and good works of the RSL, serving as president, secretary and

treasurer. Neil retired from the Board of Works in 1978, continuing his wonderful Warrandyte life with Bub and travelling extensively throughout Australia and to Tonga and Fiji.

Finding the property in Kangaroo Ground Road too difficult to manage, Neil and Bub moved to Ringwood in 2002, then to Cherry Tree Village later that year. However, Neil still managed to travel to Warrandyte most afternoons and enjoy a few drinks with old mates at the RSL. Bub passed away soon after, and in November 2006 it was found necessary for Neil to move to a care facility in North Ringwood.

Neil is survived by his two sons, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## Beloved teacher dies

Rob Graham, a well-loved teacher at Warrandyte High School, died in a tragic cycling accident last month. The school has submitted the following tribute.

ROB began teaching in 1975 at Altona North High School and moved to Thomastown High School in 1976. He moved to Warrandyte High School in 1982.

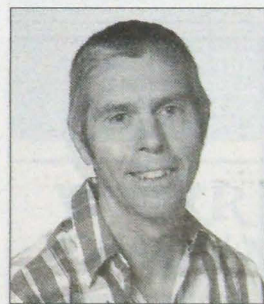
While at Warrandyte, Rob taught in the maths, PE, sport, science and IT areas. He was a subject co-ordinator and level co-ordinator for a number of years. In particular he was important in the introduction of information technology and computers to Warrandyte High School, being one of the first at the school to recognise their potential for students in the classroom.

He also co-ordinated sport for a number of years. It is in the area of sport and extra-curricular activities that he is particularly remembered.

Rob is remembered as a great motivator of students, able to guide and encourage them through a variety of sporting activities.

He provided opportunities and encouragement and was genuinely interested in students' sporting endeavors. He encouraged students to pursue sport beyond school and into wider competitions.

Rob conveyed his own passion for sport and personal fitness to students and staff. All spoke of his genuine interest in all sporting endeavors and his encour-



Rob Graham: directed his organs and tissues be available for donation.

agement of staff to coach school sports teams. He also coached a number of teams himself.

He took students on training sessions out of school hours to ensure that they were well prepared and reached their maximum sporting potential.

From 1987 to 1991 Rob organised a ski team for the interschool ski competition. Warrandyte High School was usually only one of a few state schools that competed and each year achieved success in these competitions. Rob's friendly approach with the students ensured that these camps were popular with students and parents.

In addition, as part of his role as sport co-ordinator, for many years Rob organised the Warrandyte High School swimming and athletic carnivals. He took school representative teams to district, zone and state finals. He helped organise and partici-

pated in the Great Victorian Bike Ride and he organised the cross-country (Fun Run) day.

During his 25 years at Warrandyte High School, Rob was a versatile member of staff, prepared to teach across a wide range of subject areas as required.

Rob Graham was a valued and respected member of the Warrandyte High School community who worked closely with staff, parents and students across a variety of academic and sporting areas.

The Warrandyte High School community is very deeply saddened that he is no longer with us.

As he lay critically injured in intensive care, Rob requested that all his life support systems should be shut down and directed that his organs and tissues be made available for donation.

● Stephen Bendle, a local resident and national manager of Australians Donate, inspired by Rob's almost unique gift, told the *Diary* that among the many legacies Rob Graham left after his untimely death is the knowledge that he was willing to help others by donating organs and tissues.

"While the vast majority of Australians support organ and tissue donation, the actual decision-making time is usually associated with some devastating trauma to a loved one," Mr Bendle said. "People can ease this burden on their loved ones by talking to their family and friends and registering their consent on the Organ Donor Register—just like Rob Graham."

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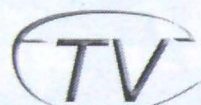
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# Drastic measures in a drought-struck garden

I'VE just received our water bill for the past few months and was pleased to discover that we have used half the amount we did for the same period last year.

Now I don't expect a medal or a march-past as no doubt everyone has made the same sort of water savings. What I want to comment on is how rapidly we have all adapted to the changes in weather conditions.

Each morning I look out our window at one particular Eucalyptus nicholi. It's showing definite signs of stress and I just hope it is redeemable given some downpours. Last year, if the same thing had happened to the tree we would have been terror-stricken and have poured water on it. Now we are resigned to the prospect that it might die and the distress is not in the financial cost of replanting but in the loss of time to get another to the same height. Herself and I haven't got unlimited years left and losing 10 just isn't on!

We live on an acre and, apart from the buildings, it is cultivated. Already, as a result of the drought, I have carted four laden trailer-loads of dead plants to the local recycling depot. The first casualties were those we planted last spring. We decided to replace the front lawn (sic) with larger garden beds and a Lilydale toppings path meandering through luxuriant annuals, creepers and bushes, both native and exotic.

When the spring winds and storms didn't happen, we be-



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**"Already as a result of the drought, I have carted four laden trailer-loads of dead plants to the local recycling depot."**

gan to worry. We had deliberately chosen "drought-tolerant" plants but soon found that when we went back to the nurseries, the old labelling had altered to "drought-tolerant, once established" and ours were anything but. Recycled shower water and spiked lemonade bottles kept them hanging on for a while, but soon they pleaded for us to give them a lethal injection and they just opted for voluntary euthanasia.

Once we had almost adjusted

to that loss, we noticed that supposedly drought-tolerant Westringias were looking anything but healthy. On looking around the garden we came to the realisation that it's not just a matter of "plant natives and they'll survive". We found that we had as many or more deaths amongst our indigenous plants as we did with our exotics. All grey foliage plants didn't survive equally. With some plants I assumed they were probably near their use-by date and the drought just hurried their death.

As the death count rose, we noticed we were passing through the stages of grieving. For a long time we denied that we were on a slippery (if only!) slope.

"They'll be right. Just need a good rain squall and they'll perk up!"

"I hope so. They are looking much worse than the others around the back."

"Nah, you're just panicking. You'll see."

After the first trailer load, we felt we had washed our hands of the problem. As we looked around, we could only see greenish plants, that is until the three to four metre high trees started to dry off at the top and others began to think it was autumn and lose their leaves in December. It was at this stage that I began to get angry.

"Crap plants! You can't trust them to foster proper plants before selling them nowadays."

"It's not the nurseries, you never take enough time to dig big enough holes when you

plant them."

As we walked around the garden, each disconsolate plant evoked another outburst of vitriol at the world.

Then, still grieving, we stopped being angry and began to do something about it. I bought miles of black concertina style hose and set up the grey-water rescue mission. I decided to concentrate on the top half acre and systematically watered the beds. I believed we had it beaten until I became aware of two things. One, I listened to a broadcast about "natural" clothes washing liquids being phosphate-free but not necessarily high salt-free and lots of natives don't like salt. Then I noticed that the Callistemon that I had been watering with PC grey water rapidly started to die. I put two and two together and came up with 12.

I'm not saying that we have now reached a Zen-like level of understanding and unity with the forces of the cosmos, but we are far more resigned to the situation than we used to be. In an attempt to save some of this year's quince crop, I removed three quarters of the crop so as not to stress the tree too much. Yesterday I noticed that there was nothing but an odd quince left. This morning I watched, quite dispassionately, as Eastern Rosellas ate the remaining quinces. I didn't get crest-fallen. I just marvelled at their beauty.

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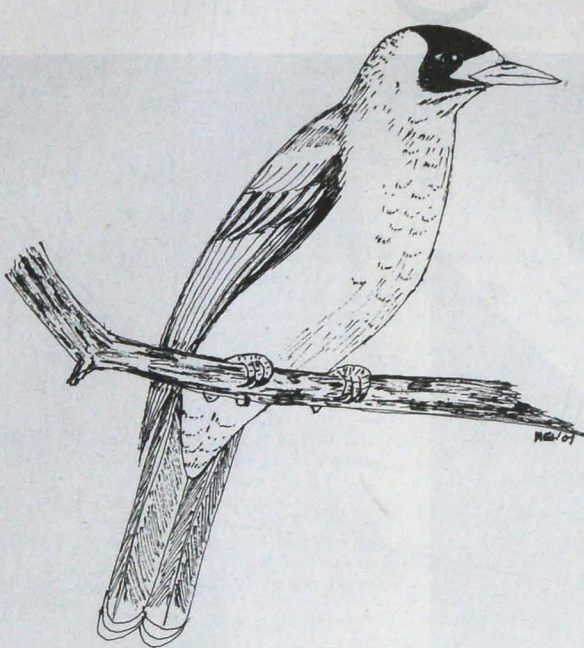
# Birds ringing the death knell in our eucalyptus canopy

**W**ARRANDYTE wouldn't be Warrandyte without the Bellbirds. Not long after we moved here over 20 years ago, I remember I was speaking to a friend on the phone when she suddenly stopped mid-conversation and said, "What's that noise?" It was, of course the "tink-tink" of Bellbirds calling in the background.

The colony of Bellbirds, or more correctly Bell Miners, had taken up residence in our Red Box trees. They stayed around for several years before moving on, leaving behind a number of much damaged trees. Thankfully, most of the foliage has since recovered.

The trouble with Bell Miners is that they are communal and aggressive, chasing away small insect-eating birds like wrens, pardalotes, thornbills and robins. Being a member of the Honeyeater family, Bell Miners have a sweet tooth. Their preference is for lerps—the white sugary shelters made by sap-sucking insects called psyllids (pronounced sillids). Because there are no insectivorous birds to consume the psyllids the tiny insects just keep on sucking sap and defoliating trees. And because Bell Miners keep eating the lerps, the psyllids keep on replacing their candy houses which only encourages the birds to stay. An unhealthy cycle develops as the ecological balance between eucalypt, insect and bird is tipped too far in favour of the Bell Miners.

Another aggressive Warrandyte avian, belonging to the same genus as the Bell Miner, is the Noisy Miner. Like their close relatives, Noisy Miners are also associated with eucalypt die-back. These backyard bandits with their trade mark black eye patches work co-operatively to exclude other birds from their



territory. Operating in teams, they are relentless in their pursuit of intruders by swooping and charging, tackling even large birds like kookaburras, ravens and cockatoos. They do not stop there. Gangs of Noisy Miners have been known to attack koalas, wallabies, foxes, dogs and even horses and cows!

While Bell Miners live and feed primarily amongst the foliage—often high up in the tree canopy—Noisy Miners will come down to the ground to feed. They are less selective than their Bell relatives, feeding on nectar, fruit and insects; but not the diversity or number previously consumed by the birds they have displaced.

Consequently there is a build-up of insect pests and the trees suffer.

Trials have been carried out to remove Noisy Miners from an area near Benalla in north-east Victoria. It was found that once the Miners were gone other species moved in quickly and while some Noisy Miners remained they did not attack. Like most bullies, once their numbers were reduced and they were in the minority they no longer had the bravado to attack.

Although not welcome, these two species of Miners are native and should not be confused with the Indian Mynah, also called Common Myna—a completely unrelated species that belongs

nature

By PAT COUPAR  
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

to the Starling family. Indian Mynahs were deliberately introduced into Australia for the purpose of controlling locust plagues—obviously someone took the literal meaning of their scientific name—*Acridotheres tristis*—seriously, for it translates as "dull-coloured locust-eater". But like so many misguided introductions, it didn't work and instead of controlling locusts the Mynahs became pests themselves.

Traditionally a bird of Asia, where they were often kept as caged birds, Indian Mynahs have become quite urbanised in eastern Australia. They hop and strut around city streets searching for food scraps amongst the litter, oblivious to human activity. One of the greatest concerns with Indian Mynahs is that they nest in tree hollows, often forcing out native tenants.

So there you have it, a tale of three Miners or rather two Miners and a Mynah—two native and one of them introduced, all of them pests. It is hard to accept that a native species can become a pest and even harder to do anything about it. Just how much of Warrandyte's eucalypt dieback is due to the two local Miners is unknown. My feeling is that a whole range of factors are involved, including drought, fire and disturbance.

I am pleased for the sake of the Red Box trees in my garden that the colony of Bell Miners has moved on, but in a strange way I miss hearing Warrandyte's tinkling forest chimes and, I believe, so too do my friends on the other end of the telephone line.

# Markets: we still love 'em!

**R**OAMING the backblocks of the Queen Victoria Market with all its syndicated junk reminds me just how good our own monthly market is. Not that I'm knocking Queen Vic—the delis and fresh food are excellent—but where are the useful stalls of old: the fabric traders, the hardware merchants and the quality footwear and clothing stalls? Gone to heaven alongside their shop-front counterparts, I suppose.

Wednesday night markets at the Queen Vic are something else though, a real summer treat. One can rock away to the beat of live music almost until the last train home, taking in the balmy evening, the handmade lemonade (containing juice from no less than five varieties of lemon), fragrant north African curries, marinated Greek lamb, yummy vegetarian stews, interesting wines and a wide range of alternative and ethnic market stalls.

Unlike Warrandyte, where market-goers typically sport sensible outdoor clothing, interesting hats and dogs on leads, the night markets boast an incredibly diverse clientele—office work-

our place  
By MARILYN MOORE

ers; young families; colourfully dressed immigrants from all corners of the globe; serious shoppers with handbags; trendsetters from the inner suburbs; browsers, revellers, hippies, yuppies, tourists, would-be arty types; and of course "normal" people like us—all out to make the most of the evening. It's like a giant kaleidoscopic art gallery with food hall attached, rocking to the beat of black Africa.

One of these days we might splash out on something more extravagant than juggling balls, belt buckles and lemon myrtle face scrub, but generally we just go along to soak up the atmosphere. At heart I'm a value-for-money shopper, although some people clearly get carried away. So far nothing has induced me to buy things like expensive aromatherapy socks—jasmine-scented with foot-massaging texture, and steeped in aloe vera to produce the tenderness of toes. (What happens when you

wash them? The socks, that is.) Neither have I been persuaded to "simplify my detox". I grew up on the apple-a-day theory, so I can't see that parting with several hundred dollars for this sort of advice would make a healthy difference to my inwards. It would, however, make a distinctly unhealthy difference to my bank balance.

The Warrandyte Festival Market, coinciding as it does with the end of daylight saving, pretty much marks the end of the summer market season. This year's was as good as ever. Everybody who could was down there enjoying the sunshine, the rain, the food, the people and especially the music. We personally didn't do much for the economy (we still have unopened pickles from last year); however, I did splash out on a couple of CDs. Sunday afternoon in front of the main stage rated amongst the best ever. Stiggants was packed by mid-afternoon, and the prospective lack of fireworks didn't seem to dampen spirits.

Hay fights proved a popular alternative for the kiddies, much to the dismay of performers and professional cameramen alike.

Editing out those flying clumps of straw will keep the video cameraman busy for weeks, I reckon.

Didn't notice any special offers this time on detox, or centering one's aura, so the 2007 Warrandyte Collector's Edition Award goes to a (presumably quick-thinking) stallholder who, somewhere along the track, conceived the idea of making jewellery from echidna spines. Dead echidnas, one understands; roadkill to be precise, buried for a year or so to reduce the likelihood of smelly attachments then carefully crafted into saleable items.

I'm not sure that this sort of enterprise is strictly legal. How would you prove that your echidna had been dead when you found it? Parallels with illegal trade in elephant tusks and rhino horn spring to mind. However, in view of a lack of specific guidance on this topic, I'm trying to think what potentially saleable items we might ourselves have, buried up the hill behind the house. Budgie beaks? Fish tails?

Nuh. I'd rather recalibrate my aura. Bring on the vernal equinox!

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# Refuge from



With the approach of Anzac Day, DON CHARLWOOD remembers a walk on a mountain in Wales in 1943, an impending storm and the crash of an aircraft...

**I**N aircrew training for the Second World War navigators trained in pairs. They flew together, sat together in class and, in Canada, shared the same two-tiered bunks. In deference to my age, Max Bryant gave me the lower bunk: I was 26, he 20. A couple of years earlier he had been dux of Cowra High School; I had left school nine years before and in class floundered in his wake. To me he became like one of my younger brothers.

On leave in Britain we had done several long walks together and in 1943 booked from the end of July at the Ferry Inn in North Wales. The Ferry lay in the Conway Valley, beyond it rose the peaks of Snowdonia. By this time I had survived the 30 "operational sorties" over Germany the RAF required of us, but for Max the requirement was higher. The fact that he had been commissioned off-course and had

navigated the Atlantic to Britain, led to his crew being posted to the Pathfinder Force. The minimum requirement there was 45 "ops". He was well aware of this daunting total.

On June 12 I received my worst news of the war: Max and the other six men of his crew were lost on operations. As he had wished, his more personal belongings were delivered to me: his diaries, his photographs, his camera. I groped for days for his familiar presence handling them. I phoned the Ferry intending to cancel our bookings. Why I ended up not cancelling my own I don't know—perhaps a wish to get away from the Air Force, perhaps the warm Scottish voices of the couple who ran the inn. It turned out that they adopted me as soon as I arrived.

When I told them I intended walking in the hills, they advised me to talk over my plans each day with Constable William Jones, a decorated member of the Mountain Rescue Service. This I did and reported back to him at the end of each day. He would interpret for me then the meanings of Welsh place names from my ordnance survey and tell me of aircraft accidents near them.

Max was much in my mind on those walks and before the week was out I was feeling more than ever solitary. My last walk was the longest: to Carnedd Llewelyn, the

second highest peak in Wales. In the valleys the day had been oppressively hot, but when I reached the summit, mists came in behind me. I made no attempt to move until a break came, then began to run back, aiming to get below low cloud level. I ran to a slope that ended above two lakes, Melyn Lyn and Lyn Dulyn. I had heard of this place from Constable Jones: five aircraft had crashed thereabouts, two of them German.

Nearby I came on the remains of an Anson. I paused, wondering over the fate of its crew, then continued down till I was in sunshine. Northward I could now see down the length of the Conway Valley, out to the Irish Sea. The sky there was black and dominated by a cumulonimbus cloud of immense height, moving up the valley, cannonading as it came. As I was wearing no more than RAAF battledress I looked ahead for shelter and saw, far down, a cottage against the flank of a hill; on my map it was called Rowlyn Uchaf. I began running toward it, pacing with the cloud. Torrential rain from it was obliterating everything in its path. I was about halfway to the cottage when the whole range shook with thunder and the nearer peaks were blotted out. In strange contrast, the country about me was bathed in yellow light. As the first rain fell I reached the cottage door and heard

voices conversing light-heartedly in Welsh. I called, "May I shelter please from the storm?"

The voices ceased, then a man's voice answered, "Come in."

In dim light the glow of a fire from an open range fell on the faces of a young man and woman, and on an old woman sitting in the chimney corner. The two women were immediately silent and scarcely looked my way; the man turned towards me. I explained uneasily that I had come from Carnedd Llewelyn and walking to Tal-y-cafn where I was staying. He seemed surprised and said something in Welsh to the young woman. I thought she might have been unable to speak English, but she said, "You have walked a long way."

As my eyes became accustomed to the light I saw that the floor was of polished stone, large blue-grey slabs from the mountains. There was no ceiling to the room; the underside of the slates was white-washed—it must have been 14 feet to the gable. Against one wall stood a dresser of dark wood and on it a willow pattern dinner-set and pewter mugs. Beside the dresser stood a grandfather clock, its tick audible above the rain.

Having come so suddenly out of the storm—and out of the greater storm of war—into this peaceful domestic scene, bereft me of words; nor did the others speak.

I said at last, "This is a beautiful room."

The young woman smiled; the man replied, "The cottage will fall down one of these days—it is 400 years old."

Then we were all silent again, the rain threshing at the door.

Groping for words again I said, "I am in the Australian Air Force."

The young woman answered slowly, "We had an airman from New Zealand here."

"Walking, too?"

"No." It was the man who answered. "He crashed on the mountains in an Anson."

"By the two lakes?"

"Yes, by the two lakes. His head was injured and he was blind in one eye—it was out of its socket. There were three other men in the wreck. They were too badly injured to move."

I looked at him, waiting for him to go on. His eyes were somewhere beyond me.

"He pulled their parachutes and covered them with silk before he started down. It was winter and his hands became all torn from feeling the way. It took him 17 hours to reach us."

"Seventeen hours," I repeated.

"And the other three?"

"One lived and two died. We were long reaching them in the mists."

"The New Zealander?"

"He lived."



# the storm....

By now the rain had ceased and the young woman was setting the table for the evening meal. Before they sat to it she brought me a glass of milk. I drank it and thanked them and only paused to ask the way.

I was late that evening reporting to Constable Jones. He told me the name of the cottage meant "The Upper Whirlpool" and that the Anson had crashed six months ago.

**F**OR years after that I kept thinking of Rowlyn Urchaf; I longed to return to it.

In 1963, while working in Britain, I spent a weekend at The Ferry and attempted to walk back to it. I failed miserably, but I wrote about the haunting memory of it and my failed return for Blackwood's Magazine in 1965. Eleven years later my tale was passed to a Conway Valley man who was writing a book on the aircraft accidents in Snowdonia. His name was Edward Doylerush. My story had led him to investigate the Anson wreckage; he even passed me the name and address of the RNZAF pilot who had made the heroic descent: Ken Archer. Soon afterwards I met him in New Zealand, his sight had long since been restored. But Eddie also offered to take me to the cottage by an easier route than I had attempted, if ever again I came to Britain. He told me it was the home of William Williams and his sister; that by then their mother had died.

Eddie and his brother-in-law led me back in 1979. Although there was no storm, we arrived drenched by rain. Eddie's knock at the door started the barking of a dog. Mr Williams came out, holding a border collie by the muzzle. Eddie introduced me to him. Alas, he had no memory of me. I said then, "Do you remember the New Zealander who reached here from the crashed Anson?"

"Ah, I do indeed." He shook his head, "I thought he would lose his eye."

Our exchange flagged, then he said, "Thirty-six years, you say—1943? It may be that my sister will remember you. She has a remarkable memory. Would you like to meet her?"

"Very much," I said.

"Go along in, then." He allowed me to precede him into the inner place of my memory. A few steps and there it was as I remember it: stillness after wind and rain, the high roof with a ceiling, the sideboard with its willow-pattern dinner set, the grandfather clock. Then I saw an elderly woman sitting in the corner by the stove, gazing from the window toward the mountains, her face remote and absorbed. As she heard the sound of my entry, she turned and rose, then her whole demeanour changed, a youthfulness suffused her. She smiled and her eyes opened in welcome like the eyes of a child. She spoke quietly in Welsh, but it was beyond my understanding.

The others came in and her brother spoke to her, his voice like the voice of a parent, but also deferring to her. "This gentleman says he came here 36 years ago. Do you remember him?"

She smiled again and said, "A glass of milk."

Was it possible? A glass of milk!

"Yes," I said.

Her brother smiled happily. "There!" he said, as if he had expected it of her. Having remembered, his sister returned to her place by the stove, the light in her face ebbed, age descended again. Her brother said affectionately, "She has finished."

Eddie said, "We shall go now."

We each in turn shook Mr Williams' hand. His sister did not turn as we thanked them, nor did her absorbed expression change. We left her as I had first seen her mother, 36 years ago.

*Opposite page:  
"Mr Williams came out,  
holding a border collie  
by the muzzle."*

*Right: Flight Sergeant Don  
Charlwood navigating his  
Lancaster bomber deep  
into enemy territory.*



## Lest we forget

I always clean the shed on Anzac Day.  
Whilst the be-medalled march  
through misty streets  
lest they forget,  
I sort through headless tools and  
disintegrating bags  
of blood and bone  
lest I do.

I always clean the shed on Anzac Day.  
As they close their eyes in memory,  
(as much for grand-dad,  
no longer on the porch  
than what he went through at the Somme)  
I see again the day you went to die—  
the day I could have stopped you,  
but instead I cleaned the shed.

I always clean the shed on Anzac Day.  
I think of war and hate  
and sending loved ones off to die.  
Instead of saying  
"Help me, I'm going to clean the shed,"  
tough love made me silent,  
and silent too, you left  
then left the world you could not face.

I always clean the shed on Anzac Day.  
Like those mothers  
who every Sunday  
lay out his uniform,  
lest they forget.  
I delve through old poison,  
spilt fertiliser, and seeds  
that will never grow.

I always clean the shed on Anzac Day  
picture those old soldiers in the pub,  
spilling memories through a friendly fog  
and me in the shed  
thinking about death.  
But the day is important,  
lest we forget  
what really went on.

Forget about mateship,  
forget about love.  
Think of brutality, blood  
betrayal, and pain  
and in our different way  
we say never,  
never again.

**KAREN THROSELL**





# The circus is coming to town!

The Manningham Arts Centre school holiday program from April 10 to April 13 will be teaching circus acts to the children. Legs Akimbo Circus will be revealing the wackiest tricks in acrobalance, juggling, and hula-hoops for children aged 5 to 15. Children will learn the techniques with the help of skilled trainers using balls, rings, club and poi, teaching them balance, team skills and coordination. Other activities at the centre will include puppet-making, clay play, mask-making and drumming with the Bongo Brothers. For all bookings call 9840 9381 or 9840 9382. The centre is located on the corner of Foote Street and Glendale Avenue in Templestowe.

## 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 [thediarystaff@vicnet.net.au](mailto:thediarystaff@vicnet.net.au), fax it to 9844 4168, or post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113 by the last Friday in the month.

tea will be provided. Enquiries to Colin Bentley, 9876 5754, Bella Wilkey 9879 3356 or Alan Rundell 9870 0379.

## Companions

The St John Ambulance Visiting Friends branch is seeking volunteers to help with their program, particularly in the Eltham and Diamond Creek areas. They are looking for people to spend an hour or so each fortnight visiting elderly people in aged-care homes in the area. If you can help or want further information call 9737 1053.

## Weeding

Anderson's Creek Catchment Area landcare group have organised a weeding day along Gold Memorial Road on Thursday, April 5, in conjunction with FOWSP and Bushgain. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Meet at the Gold Memorial car park at 10am with secateurs, hand loppers and gloves.

## Lost

If you misplaced your glasses or items of clothing, abandoned bags at the children's market or left anything behind over the Festival weekend, help could be at hand. Please telephone



Photos wanted. Snap to it! Warrandyte Historical Society wants your old photos: family snaps, pics of Warrandyte personalities, buildings, landscapes and events. They are especially keen to collect images from the period 1945 to 1975. WHS is holding a photographic collection weekend on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29, between 11am and 2pm at the Old Post Office Museum in Yarra Street. Society members will view, copy and document photos brought in. Call Shelagh Morton on 9844 3610 or Val Polley on 9844 3086 for more information. (Photo: a group of 1970s Diary tragics.)

Janet George on 9844 2695. Emergency! A pair of children's prescription glasses were left in the portable toilets near the Stiggants stage on Sunday afternoon. Any finders?

## Sustainability

As part of Manningham council's free series of sustainable homes seminars, a session entitled "Going Places in Manningham—Efficient Transport Solutions", will be held on Thursday, April 19 from 6.45pm to 9pm. The venue is the council chambers, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Bookings on 9840 9348 or email to [eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au).

## Do Care

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## artyfacts

### Open

Diary artists Ona and Syd will be opening their studio on Saturdays and Sundays, May 5 and 6 and May 12 and 13 from 12noon to 5pm. Their studio is located at the corner of Henley and Oxley roads, Kangaroo Ground, Melway 24 F1.

### Tableware

During April, Stonehouse Gallery are showing a collection of pottery tableware created by Jan O'Neill and Barbara Ratcliffe. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte and open daily from 10am to 5pm.

### Theatre

The Warrandyte Theatre Group are conducting auditions for their forthcoming production of one-act plays. The plays are "Foreplay" by David Ives, "Window" by Caroline O'Meara and "The Proposal" by John Marshall. Performance dates are June 22, 23, 29 and 30. The auditions will be held in the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute hall on Thursday, April 26 at 8pm and Sunday, April 29 at 2pm.

### Musical

The Park Players are presenting the classic Cole Porter musical, "High Society" at Karralyka Theatre, Mines Road, Ringwood on May 4 and 5 at 8pm and May 5 and 6 at 2pm. Tickets are \$30 for adults \$27 for seniors. To book phone Diana on 9844 5827. Park Players, formed in 1997, is a community musical theatre group based in Park Orchards with a philosophy of promoting community involvement in musical theatre and supporting local talent.

### Photography

The works of photographer and sociologist Kristin Diemer will be shown at an exhibition at Manningham Gallery from April 11 to 28. Entitled "One Becomes Two" the show explores what it means to be pregnant for modern women and their often forgotten partners. The exhibition is supporting PANDA (Post and Antenatal Depression Association) donating 20 per cent from sale proceeds. The gallery, at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster is open from 11am to 5pm, Tuesday to Friday and between 2pm and 5pm on Saturdays.

### Montsalvat

The Long Gallery at Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham is currently showing recent works by Kathy Wacey, Elizabeth Kennedy and Ron Bailey. The exhibition runs from April 3 to May 13. The gallery is open from 9am to 5pm daily.

## Environment

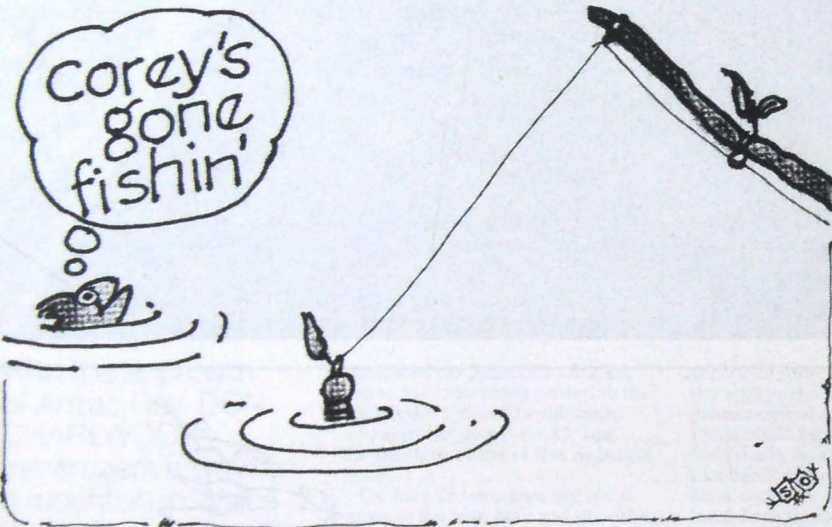
The next Manningham City Council Environment Seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 2 at the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road, South Warrandyte. Craig Cleeland will introduce the "Frogs of Melbourne" with some general and ecological considerations when designing frog-friendly breeding sites. Craig, a teacher at Aquinas College, is a long-time advocate for frog conservation.

## Open

Warrandyte Senior Citizens are holding an open day on Monday, April 23 from 12.30pm at their centre in Tarroona Avenue, Warrandyte. Visitors are welcome to take part in the many activities—indoor bowls, snooker, art links program or gentle exercises. The Warrandyte "55 Plus" variety group will provide entertainment with guest artist Brendan Scott, who will join in for some tap dancing. Afternoon

## COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA



## Easter church services

Details of the Warrandyte-Park Orchards church services are as follows: Stations of the Cross at Stiggants Reserve at 10.30am on Good Friday. Uniting Church (9844 3476) Thursday, April 5, 7.30pm; Good Friday, 9am; Easter Sunday, 10.15am. Anglican (9844 3473) Good Friday, 2pm; Easter Sunday, 8am and 9.30am. Community Church (9844 4148) Good Friday, 9am; Easter Sunday, 9am and 11am. Catholic (9876 3717) Thursday, April 5, 8pm at North Ringwood; Good Friday, 3pm at Park Orchards and North Ringwood; Easter Saturday, 7.30pm at Park Orchards; 8pm at North Ringwood; Easter Sunday, 10.30am at Park Orchards; 9am and 10.30am at North Ringwood.

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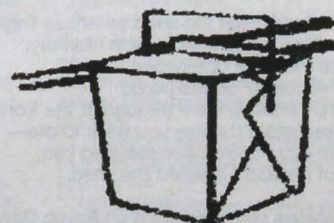
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# Stage set for junior football to kick off

By ZAC BOYCE & TYSON BARBER

The uncertainty of the starting date has not got in the way of the planning and preparation of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club for season 2007.

The start date has finally been confirmed as April 29 and already the signs are that Warrandyte are in for a very successful season.

The club has been in heavy planning mode for the season which promises to be the most exciting yet.

The Club has announced that for the first time in a long while, there will be two Colts (Combined Under 16/17s age group) teams.

"We knew that we had around 35 players in the Colts squad after registration day. This wasn't enough for two squads and too many for one so we went to the players and asked for their support in attracting more players to the club and they responded magnificently.

"We now have enough for two competitive squads and this age group are really looking forward to the year," said club secretary, Phil Ashfield.

"What is particularly important in attracting so many new players to the club at this level is that it confirms that our reputation for innovation is well known and that we are a family and player friendly club." If we can retain these boys in our community, it really sets up the Under 18s for several seasons."

The club has also attracted quality coaches for season 2007. They are Paul Reardon (Under 9s), David McMennemin (Under 10s), Peter Stafford (Under 11s), Shane Newman (Under 12s) Lance Nilsson (Under 13s), Steve Blakey (Under 14s) Scott Chapman (Under 15s) and Jason Bowen (Colts). The selection process for the additional Colts coach is in its final stages.

"The club takes coach development very seriously and all coaches have attended and progressed through the Level 1 coaching programs," said Ashfield.

"A number of coaches also attended the specialist coach development weekend conducted by the AFL. These sessions proved very worthwhile and is something that we will continue to encourage all of our coaches to participate in."

In the off season, as a way of maintaining player fitness, Steve Ballard from the football operations committee organised a series of specialist skills training sessions for selected players and these were both well received and well organised.

"An external and specialist skills coaching company was engaged by the club with them structuring some special skills development sessions for the players," said Ballard.

"The sessions were conducted in Bulleen and while these sessions were challenging due to their intensity and the heat all players really enjoyed the opportunity."

Numbers in most of the ages are strong. The only age group that may need more players is the Under 10s and should any child at this age wish to play junior football they are most welcome.

Paul Reardon reports a strong group of boys in the Under 9s. This is the entry level to the club and this year the objective will be to develop their skills and enjoyment.

Structured coaching strategies apply for all age groups and all players are set to benefit from this years activity.

The club is in constant communication with the Manningham City Council as well as the Yarra Junior Football League to monitor the quality of the playing grounds.

"The drought has played havoc with the schedule but we need to remain patient and have in the front of our minds, the safety of our players," said Steve Blakey, who is a member of the club Committee and YJFL Director.

For more information about the activities of the club, contact Phil Ashfield on 0409 542 112.

## Sport proves a hit for children with disabilities

Warrandyte Lions Tennis Club and Donvale Bowls Club were a big hit with a dozen lucky youngsters last month and they have the support from their families and community services to prove it.

Eastern Recreation and Leisure Services (ERLS) Respite Program provided free overnight camps and sports development clinics for children with a disability who live in Manningham.

The sports clinics also featured Manningham sporting clubs who are proudly working to ensure people with a disability have opportunities to become more involved in their sport.

The sports clinics kicked-off at Warrandyte Lions Tennis Club who have also been instrumental in providing tennis clinics for people with disabilities through the 'Everyone For Tennis' program.

The clinics were led by Russell Cornell who is the head coach of the 'Everyone For Tennis' program and has extensive experience in coaching people with disabilities.

"The kids were fantastic throughout the whole morning. By providing that 'fun' element to tennis really engaged their attention and enthusiasm" Cornell said.

After much physical exercise during the tennis clinics the group made their way to Donvale Bowls Club for an afternoon of lawn bowls.

Donvale Bowls members Keith Rochow and Anne Robinson volunteered their Saturday afternoon to teach the fundamentals of lawn bowls to the children. Support from the Royal Victorian Bowls Association's (RVBA) Shannon Ryan was also offered on the day by awarding the children with certificates and showbags.

"The RVBA has a strong commitment to providing pathways for people of all abilities and ages and encourage participation from grass roots level through to elite level performance" Ryan said.

Families, who were also encouraged to attend the sports clinics, provided positive feedback and have made requests to see the sports clinics continue on a regular basis.

For more information on ERLS Sport and Active Recreation Respite Program contact (03) 9848 9204



Mixed 6 premiers, from left Amie Brockwell, Daniel Tester, Camilla Rogers, Jade Valentino, Ryan Tester and Lachlan Buckley

# Four pennants to junior tennis teams

Warrandyte Tennis Club's junior teams have recorded outstanding results over the summer ERT season with 11 of the 19 teams finishing in the top four.

Of these seven went on to win the semi-final and four of these brought home the winning flags.

Premiership winners were Mixed singles/doubles 3 and 6, Boys singles/doubles 15 and Girls singles/doubles 5.

The Mixed 3 team (Tristan Valentino, Zac Boyce, Rowan Guymer, Elise Northover, Tessa Cudmore, Claire Bence), led by the best juniors in the club, scraped through a very tight semi-final.

After drawing on both sets and games Tristan Valentino and Elise Northover played a deciding set winning 6-2 to secure a grand final spot.

The team went on to win the flag defeating top team Upwey/Tecoma. With the match sitting at three sets each after the singles Warrandyte came to the fore in the mixed doubles winning one of these sets 6-0 putting them in an unbeatable position.

Mixed 6 which included Lachlan Buckley, Daniel Tester, Ryan Tester, Camilla Rogers,



Mixed 3 Grade premiers, from left Elise Northover, Tessa Cudmore, Tristan Valentino, Zac Boyce, Rowan Guymer.

Jade Valentino and Amie Brockwell played well all season to finish convincingly on top of the ladder with several of the players undefeated in

their singles.

They took out the premiership in a delayed grand final with both Camilla Rogers and Jade Valentino winning their

singles 6-0. Final scores were 5 sets 40 games to 3 sets 2 games.

Boys 15 (Daniel Ford-Learner, Daniel Mifsud, Nick Ford-Learner, Brayden Mifsud, Mark Ford-Learner and Eric Li) were top of the ladder all season.

In the grand final they had secured the premiership after five sets with an unbeatable 30 games to eight.

They relaxed a little to finally finish the match 6 sets 45 games to 2 sets 23 games, probably the closest match they had all season.

Girls 5 finished second on the ladder and after a convincing win in the semi final they proceeded to defeat the opposition in the grand final 5 sets 37 games to 3 sets 32 game.

Team captain Larissa Travassaros was undefeated in her number one singles position through the home and away matches.

The team comprised Larissa Travassaros, Gabby Mitchell, Parris Webb, Stefanie Lambrianidis and Erica Brockwell and Emma Bence.

Boys singles/doubles 14, Girls doubles 12 and the Sunday Mixed singles/doubles 3 brought home the runners-up flags.



Girls 5 premiers, from left, Larissa Travassaros, Parris Webb, Stefanie Lambrianidis, Emma Bence, Gabbi Mitchell, Erin Brockwell.

# Starting date now set for EFL

Recommendations put to councils by the Eastern Football League to defer the start of the season have been accepted by all councils that provide facilities for EFL clubs.

It is a positive step in ensuring that grounds are in the best possible condition for the

2007 season.

Manningham Council maintains a general ban regarding the use of grounds for practice matches, and has only allowed the club two hours for training on the small oval to the north of the main oval until the end of April.

Warrandyte will play a prac-

tice match against Doncaster at Schramm's Reserve on Saturday April 21.

A new draw has been developed that minimizes the disruption to events already planned by clubs.

Division Three starts one week late, on April 21 with a bye for Warrandyte.

The club's first game after its Fourth Division premiership win will be on Saturday April 28 at home against Boronia, when the 2006 premiership flag will be unfurled.

The missing round will be made up on the June long weekend, which is normally free of games.



## Bloods target shot at finals

Warrandyte Football Club is aiming for finals once again, this time in the tougher EFL Division Three.

"We're going for the top four!" said senior coach Peter Green. "Our initial goal will be to consolidate our position in the new division, then see how we go.

"We have a strong leadership group with young players coming into their fourth and fifth seasons, when they should be playing their best footy.

"I expect Tom Naughtin, Josh Eyre, Ben Reid and Michael Morello to take on added responsibility and make a real impact on the game," said Green.

The coach will also be trying out some of the Under 18s from last season.

"I'm hoping players like Joe O'Mara, Luke Dunn, Daniel Large and Chris Watson will become regulars in the side," he said.

But will Green be taking on a playing role himself in season 2007?

"I think I will be of more value on the sidelines, providing direction to the coaching team and the young players from the bench. Who knows, if we get to finals, I just love finals footy, I'll probably pull on the boots then!"



Peter Green



Back Row: Jack Ellis, Mitchell Gaffney, Dylan Burns, Darcy Jones, Jayden Clay, Jarryd Lane. Front Jarrod Buzzini, Luke Warren, Kyle Robertson, Alex Hubbert, Nick Oremek, Alistair Douglas. Absent Tim Baker, Rowan McKenzie.

## U14s complete flag double

By DAVID ELLIS

Warrandyte's Under 14s have won the Ringwood District Grand Final to complete an outstanding double.

Two seasons ago, this group of boys won the Under 12 premiership.

But while the Under 14s won the flag, the Under 12s had to be content with being runners-up.

In the Under 14-3 Grand Final, Warrandyte won the toss and batted.

The opening pair of Jaidyn Clay and Jack Ellis were in trouble early as Clay was caught behind leaving Warrandyte 1-8 after three overs.

Then Jones and Ellis combined for a 73 run partnership with Ellis caught just before a break in play due to rain.

With Jones retiring on 40, Lane and Gaffney combined to add another 50 partnership but Lane's wicket saw a batting collapse begin at the 38 over mark.

Wickets tumbled but anchored by an unbeaten 23

from Burns Warrandyte finished on a respectable 176 off 49 overs.

The warning of guarding against complacency from Coach Micheal Douglas appeared to have not been wasted as the Warrandyte bowling attack tore into the North Ringwood batting.

The third over saw North Ringwood 3/2 and the competition's highest scorer back in the pavilion with a duck.

North Ringwood could never recover and once a fourth wicket partnership of 25 was broken by Jones the rot set in. With Lane and Ellis mopping up the tail, North Ringwood were dispatched for 55 off 28 overs giving Warrandyte the premiership flag.

Scores: Warrandyte 176 (Jones 45) d North Ringwood 55 (Ellis 4/2, Lane 3/17)

● Warrandyte's Under 12-3 team was unbeaten for the season but knew they had a tough encounter against Wonga Park.

Warrandyte lost the toss

and Wonga Park batted first. A late injury to Brown left the Warrandyte team a bit flat and the bowling lacked its usual spark.

But with strengths in all areas, the fielding unit put pressure on the Wonga Park side to force four run outs and this left Wonga Park on 173 at the end of the first day's play.

The usually assured opening partnership of Ellis and McMellen didn't fire to give the team its normal platform to build upon and Warrandyte were unable to regularly break the well drilled Wonga Park field.

Despite some excellent batting by both Nilsson boys, resolutely supported by Ward, Warrandyte fell short of the Wonga Park total.

Coach Greg Creber said the team had had a "fantastic season playing some very good cricket and there was nothing to hang their heads about."

Scores: Warrandyte 9/131 (T. Nilsson 30 n.o., D. Nilsson 33 n.o.) lost to Wonga Park 8/173

## Wellesley highlights awards night

Warrandyte Cricket Club secretary, Daniel Wellesley topped off a stellar year with three major club awards at last month's presentation night.

Wellesley won the Darryl Valentine Memorial Shield for the Champion Player (other than First XI).

He also won the McCartin Family Club Person of the Year award and the Second XI batting award which was highlighted with two centuries.

And to top off his year, he won the RDCA B Grade batting award with an average of 79.83.

First XI captain, Adam White, won his fourth Jack McAuley Shield as Senior Club Champion. He also won the First XI batting award.

Warrandyte Lions Club also presented a Youth Encouragement Award which went to Josh Eyre.

Full list of awards:

President's Award: Steve Pascoe

McCartin Family Shield - Clubperson of the Year: Daniel Wellesley

Jack McAuley Shield - Club Champion: Adam White

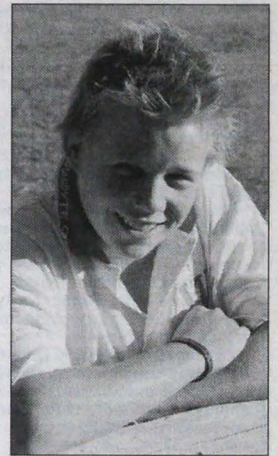
Darryl Valentine Shield - Cricketer of the Year: Daniel Wellesley

Maria McGhee Memorial Award - Best Performed Junior in Seniors: Chris Barry

First XI: Batting Award, Adam White; Bowling Award, Chris Barry; Fielding Award, Matthew Chapman; Captain's Award, Matthew Sazenis.

Second XI: Batting Award, Daniel Wellesley; Bowling Award, Jake Sherriff; Fielding Award, Luke Salton; Captain's Award, Tim Hookey.

Third XI: Batting Award, Nathan Croft; Bowling Award, Jack Ellis;



Chris Barry ... named top junior player in senior cricket at Warrandyte.

Fielding Award, Luke Revell; Captain's Award, Jack Ellis.

Fourth XI: Batting Award, Adam Maltman; Bowling Award, Graham Rees; Fielding Award, Tully Grieve; Captain's Award, Daniel Barry.

Fifth XI: Batting Award, Gary Peter-Budge; Bowling Award, no qualifiers.

Club Best & Fairest - Steve Pascoe Medal: Adam White

1st XI Best & Fairest - Gerald Walshe Medal: Adam White

2nd XI Best & Fairest - Brett Kline Medal: Danny Cash

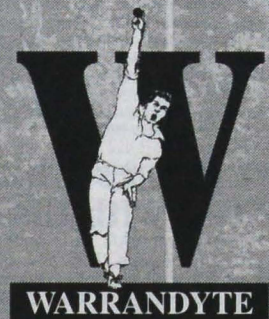
3rd XI Best & Fairest - Nathan Croft Medal: Jack Ellis

4th XI Best & Fairest - Jim Gathercole Medal: Josh Eyre & Josh McKellar

5th XI Best & Fairest - Bob Leguier Medal: Gary Peter-Budge

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# Centuries by the dozen in run-fest season



Adam White



Daniel Wellesley



Mark Centofanti



Adam Beardall



Ben Taylor



Campbell Holland



Nathan Croft



Adam Maltman

It has been a spectacular season for batsmen in all grades at the Warrandyte Cricket Club. A total of 12 centuries have been scored by 10 different players in all five grades.

The Third XI produced four centuries from four separate players while Daniel Wellesley and Marc Centofanti monopolised the crease in the Second XI with two centuries each.

Wellesley was the highest scorer with an unbeaten 171. Captain, Adam White, was the only First XI player to score a century. For the record:

Adam White - 136 (First XI)  
 Daniel Wellesley - 171no (2nd XI)  
 Daniel Wellesley - 121 (2nd XI)  
 Marc Centofanti - 131 (2nd XI)  
 Marc Centofanti - 118 (2nd XI)  
 Adam Beardall - 162 (3rd XI)

Ben Taylor - 111no (3rd XI)  
 Craig Holland - 101 (3rd XI)  
 Nathan Croft - 104 (3rd XI)  
 Nathan Aly - 111no (4th XI)  
 Adam Maltman - 138no (4th XI)  
 Jason Bowen - 125no (5th XI)

Premierships for lower elevens but for the seniors ...

## Flag hopes fall short

Warrandyte's late run to the Ringwood District Cricket Association Second Division premiership came to an end following a desperate, but unsuccessful runs chase in the preliminary final against Bayswater Park. Set 267 to win, the courageous Dytes fell only 20 runs short with 16-year-old Chris Barry's 68 runs almost delivering victory.

Despite the loss, the club did win two senior premierships in the Second and Fourth XIs.

They were the club's first senior premierships for 11 years. The juniors also brought home a premiership with the Under 14s having a comfortable win.

For the First XI, it was their third preliminary final defeat in six years but captain, Adam White remained enthusiastic despite the frustration of the defeat.

"With two matches to go we weren't even a chance for the finals but we won two matches outright to win our way into the top four and then we had an amazing first semi final win," he said.

"We had a big total to chase again in the preliminary final and we just fell short. We just couldn't repeat the magic of the week before but it showed that we have a fighting spirit and a determination to work hard to achieve a result.

"We have a very young and talented squad and the future is very exciting," he said.

Bayswater Park batted first and seemed certain to post a huge score when they went to tea at 1-121. But tight bowling from Gerald Walshe, Matt Sazenis, Blake Morgan and White limited the talented opposition batting line-up to 266 on what was a lightning fast outfield.

Warrandyte's runs chase started steadily but wickets fell at decisive moments and at 4-87 at tea, the target seemed out of reach. But Dave Mooney and Chris Barry combined in a 120 run partnership that put Warrandyte well within reach of victory.

Barry, who scored a match winning 39 in the first semi final and the experienced Mooney pushed the ball into gaps and ran singles at every chance and slowly built the score to a point where 50 runs



Warrandyte's Fourth XI celebrate their premiership win. The premiership team included Geoff Zach Graham Rees (c), Tully Grieve, Josh McKellar, James Logan, Adam Maltman, Josh Eyre, Eric Blyth-Elvin, Daniel Barry, Alex McIntosh, Chris Carver, John Barry (12th Man)

were needed off 50 balls. But both batsmen were dismissed in quick succession and the lower order could not keep up the run rate.

● The Second XI, which had dominated its grade all season, took home the premiership in a match that was reduced to a one-day game because of rain on the first day.

The Seconds had surprisingly lost the Second Semi Final to Bayswater Park but demolished Norwood in the preliminary final to earn a re-match with Bayswater Park in the Grand Final.

And it proved to be a quirky of fate that helped Warrandyte across the line.

The decision to revert to a one-day game forced selectors to re-think their team line-up and Andrew Jarvis was brought into the team at the last minute.

He quickly honoured the selectors' faith with a man-of-the-match performance with 45.

Openers Ben Taylor and Marc Centofanti got the team off to a bright start with an opening stand of 62 but a mini-collapse was halted by Jarvis who worked the ball into gaps for singles and twos.

The rain had made the ground very slow and Jarvis played to the conditions, preferring to take the runs that were on offer, rather than try to blast boundaries. Set 171 to win, Bayswater Park were immediately in trouble as Campbell Holland blasted out

the opening batsmen with a typical fiery spell.

He received support from Stuart Haworth, Daniel Wellesley and Tim Hookey as they bowled a tight line and length, forcing the batsmen to play risky strokes.

Two brilliant run-outs by Cam Day towards the end of the innings snuffed out any chance Bayswater Park had of reaching their target.

● The Fourth XI who had led their grade all season, had some anxious moments before taking out the premiership against arch rivals, Olinda.

Josh McKellar was the team's hero with the ball taking six wickets. In only his first season at senior level with the club, McKellar has produced an outstanding season with the ball and his grand final effort saw Olinda dismissed for 173.

At 4-90 Warrandyte were in a sound position to reach their target until an Olinda bowler took a hat trick and Warrandyte cashed to 7-90.

Enter 14-year-old Daniel Barry. Under extreme pressure from Olinda, he combined with Adam Maltman in an 80 run partnership that saw Warrandyte take out the premiership.

Daniel, the younger brother of First XI player, Chris, has been one of the stars all season for the Fourth XI and he and the more experienced Maltman put together one of the most important partnerships for the club in recent history.

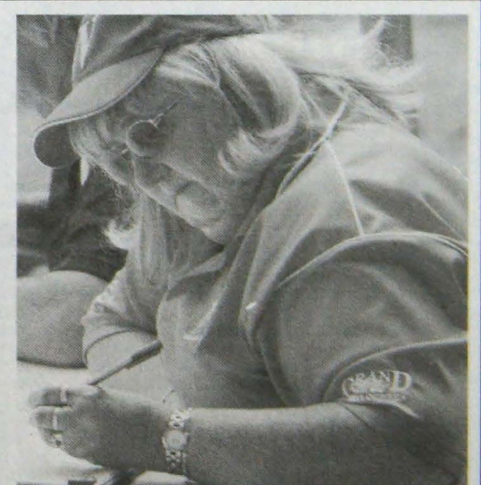


Warrandyte's premiership captains Jason Graf (Second XI) left and Graham Rees (Fourth XI) with their medallions.



Warrandyte's Second XI after their premiership win. The team included Marc Centofanti, Ben Taylor, Daniel Wellesley, Cam Day, Andrew Jarvis, Stuart Howarth, Campbell Holland, Jason Graf (c), Jake Sherriff, Tim Hookey, Luke Salton, Tyson Rees (12th man), Adam Beardall (emergency), Steve Goddard (emergency).

## Reward for top scorer



Ann Pascoe often boasts that she has scored more runs at the Warrandyte Cricket Club than anyone else.

And there would be no-one who would dispute her claim.

At last month's presentation night, Ann was acknowledged for her efforts as a scorer for the First XI.

She has been the official First XI scorer since 1977-78 and still retains the role today.

For the record, she scored her 350th First XI match in the second game after Christmas and has scored a total of 806 innings.

Ann is a Life Member of the club and says she has no plans of giving up her important role.

Ann Pascoe ... among the runs at Warrandyte.



# Grybas is named Warrandyte's Mr Basketball

By JUSTIN NELSON

As the Warrandyte Venom team embarks on its inaugural Big V season, Warrandyte Basketball Association president Stephen Bendle has announced its Number One Member - media star and sports commentator Clinton Grybas.

An avid Warrandyte sports fan and former Warrandyte Basketball

Association committee member, Grybas played extensively during his junior days with Warrandyte Redbacks and has always been a big supporter of basketball.

On accepting the honour, Grybas spoke of his excitement in seeing Warrandyte Venom entering the Big V and congratulated the association on building a pathway for local players.

"I was ecstatic to hear of

Warrandyte's inclusion in the 2007 Big V basketball season.

"This is the culmination of many years of hard work by the committee, which I was part of for many years," said Grybas.

"It's great that our young girls have a real pathway in the game, something they can aspire to and now they don't have to leave Warrandyte to do it."

Despite his busy schedule during the AFL season, Grybas is looking forward to attending as many Venom games as possible and readily accepted the honour of being Venom's number one member.

"It's an honour to be the inaugural number one ticket holder and I look forward to seeing the team in action. Hopefully everyone can get behind this Warrandyte team on a big stage."

Memberships for the 2007 season, which includes entry to 10 home games, are now available by calling Lisa Saunders on 0402 380 528. Adult memberships cost \$50 each, while children (U16) are \$25 each.

For more information on Warrandyte Venom's involvement in the Big V competition, please contact Basketball Operations Manager Justin Nelson on 9725 5697.

# Big V Venom start season with a double

By JUSTIN NELSON & TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte Venom celebrated a successful start in the Big V women's division one competition on the Festival weekend with two commanding wins.

Confronted with a challenging double-header, the Venom showcased the talent and enthusiasm they hope will take them to a finals spot in their first year, rounding up Blackburn and Sunbury in emphatic style.

Coach Justin Nelson was happy with the results and pointed to the team's unique bond as the major factor behind the superb start.

"We have moulded a great group of girls who respect and support each other, and they work very hard to get positive results," said Nelson.

"The club is proud to have local representation and a quality group of younger players coming through the ranks. I think we can expect 2007 to be an exciting year."

The dual victories vindicated the league's decision to place Venom straight into division one and up against some of the competition's most competitive women's teams.

The opening round was played at the Veneto court, home ground for Blackburn Vikings with a 6 pm tip off on Saturday.

Both sides were tentative in the first quarter but the play started to flow as the girls worked into their rhythm.

Blackburn settled more quickly and held the early advantage. The Venom finally got into their stride turned at the first break with a comfortable 21-12 lead.

The second quarter was similar and the game appeared all over at the long break with a 34-19 score line to the Venom.

The Venom's talls, Eleanor Stevens (eight game rebounds) and captain Jo



Chelsea Ransom, came off the bench in Warrandyte Venom's opening win against Blackburn Vikings.



Kate Cohen controlled the play for Warrandyte Venom in their first win against Blackburn Vikings.

Metcalfe (six game rebounds) were strong under the basket both offensively and defensively.

The complexion of the game changed dramatically in the second half when the Vikings were successful with three outside shots and with no strong reply from the Venom, the gap closed to eight points with the momentum to the home side.

Michelle Ackland's outside shooting was keeping the Venom in the game. It was the lead players, guard Kate Cohen and centre Jo Metcalfe who were able to steady the game.

In the final quarter neither side were able to exert any significant momentum and the Venom came away with a strong 74-49 win.

Scoring was shared around with 12 points to Michelle Ackland, Jo Metcalfe and Eleanor Stevens. Kate Cohen was awarded MVP, jointly with

Tammie Andriaanse (Blackburn Viking).

The stage was set for the home game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre on Festival Sunday.

A good crowd saw the Venom continue their form with a comprehensive win over Sunbury by 71-49.

Up by nine points at quarter-time, the Venom never let go of the double-figure lead and pushed away courtesy of some outstanding defence to close out the match with a 22-point win.

Former WNBL star Jo Metcalfe again stood out, taking the MVP award.

Top scorers included Metcalfe (21 points) and Maree Vincent (14 points), while Liz Benbow (nine rebounds) was as solid as a rock in defence and dominated the boards.

The Venom are next at home to Mildura on Saturday night April 24 at 7:30 pm.



Redbacks' Under 12 boys took out the premiership in their division. Back row from left, Leigh Thomas, Daniel Haikal, Nick Stuyfbergen, Rob Wainwright. Front, Gareth Newbury, Allan Pardoe, Angela Germech (coach), Ben McMellon

# Redbacks bring home five flags

By TONY OLIVER

The Grand Finals of the EDJBA (Saturday basketball) have just been completed and 14 Warrandyte Redback sides made it through on this special day. Five teams came away as premiers while nine were runners up.

After going through the season with only one loss, Jenni O'Brien's Under 16 A grade girls were confident they would have the measure of their opponents Balwyn.

Balwyn at full strength were always in control and came away with the premiership with a 44-30 result.

Warrandyte were never able to challenge despite lifting the intensity in the final minutes in what ended up being a physical game.

Melissa Zuccolo led the scoring for the Redback with 13 points, supported with seven points from Nicolette Prior.

The following game was a cracker with Matt Hibbert in charge of the Under 18 B grade girls playing also against Balwyn.

Warrandyte started well with Megan Walker and Kara Hibbert strong under the basket. Balwyn were slowly coming back into the game in the

later stages of the first half and established a handy five point lead at one stage.

The score line of only 16-14 in Balwyn's favour was a surprise to many.

In the second half Warrandyte came out far more focussed. Determined play from Madeleine Prior and Sarah Clough saw the Redbacks open up a six point lead with 10 minutes to go.

Emma Humphreys with a three point play starting on the base line had Warrandyte's lead at eight points as the vital three minute time ticked over.

Maddie Prior was playing with four fouls from the start of the second half and when she incurred the displeasure of the referees with just over two minutes to go, Warrandyte were down to four tiring players and an eight point lead to protect.

Sarah Clough, now Warrandyte's main ball handler, was heavily fouled twice in the last few minutes. Although not making Balwyn pay on the scoreboard, a rebound to Kara Hibbert sealed the amazing win with a 41-34 scoreline.

Sarah Clough was Warrandyte's top point scorer, with 14-all in the second half, including three outside shots.

The other scorers were Kara Hibbert (10), Emma Humphreys (6), Maddie Prior (6) and Megan Walker (2).

Another top A Grade girls game was the Under 14 where Warrandyte took on Eltham.

Warrandyte started well and there were early thoughts of a great win. However, Eltham's superior play and excellent defensive pressure did not allow the Redback girls to get into the game.

Eltham were a tall side with a number of highly credentialed players and their class told with a 40-27 final score.

However, like the top A Grade girls, getting to the top A grade grand final is no mean feat.

Courtney Petalas top scored with 11 points, with five points from Meg Dargan and four from Ashlee Brobel.

A premiership came to Warrandyte's Under 8 girls (Julie Dimmock coach), with Josie Dimmock, Kathryn Dean, Natalie McDonald and Jenna Mokaraka scoring.

The Under 16 D grade girls coached by Steve Killey also took home a flag.

Runners up in the girls were Jo Metcalfe's Under 10 D girls, Jenni O'Brien's Under 14 B girls who had to win their last home and away game to make the finals (Jessy Telford scored 17 points) and Nick Peters's Under 18 A grade girls who lost to Collingwood by 42-31.

There were two premierships for the Warrandyte boys, with Matt Lane's Under 14 boys successful over Nunawading Vikings and Angela Germech's Under 12 boys winning over Eltham by 31-28.

This last game was close with Warrandyte having to withstand a late surge by Eltham.

Allan Pardoe with 16 points led the Redbacks scoring, well assisted by Daniel Haikal with six points and Ben McMellon with five points.

Runners-up boys' sides were Malcolm Anderson's Under 16, Damian Arsenis's Under 10 B and Alexandre Reeve's Under 10 C grade, and Nickey Tucker's Under 8. Alexandre had a good weekend being part of the winning Under 16 girls side.

# Venom make strong start to Championship season

The home and away season of the Junior Championship Competition (Friday Night basketball) is under way with a number of Warrandyte Venom teams showing good early form.

In a sign of Warrandyte's growing strength, there were 12 home games spread across three courts.

On the girl's side, both teams in Under 16 and Under 18 girls were successful, along with a draw to the Metro 1 Under 14, a win to Penny Kafkalakis Under 14s and a creditable loss to Broadmeadows, one of the stronger teams, in the Under 12 Metro 1.

On the boys side there were wins to the Metro 1 Under 12 of Damian Arsenis, and Steve Killey's Under 14, and close losses to Steven Murphy's Under 16s and Gavin Eddy's Under 12 (East).

The closing game at WCSC was Nicole Howard's Under 16 girls who came from behind to down Latrobe.

Trailing late in the game, the Venom girls pushed themselves hard to overrun Latrobe by 45-37. An acrobatic two point shot to Nicolette Prior capped off the win.

Courtney Anderson with 12 points and Brittany McGinley with 11 points were the leading Venom scorers.

Earlier, Justin Nelson's Metro 1 Under 16 girls recorded their first win of the competition with a gutsy win over Broadmeadows by 31-28.

In an earlier game at WCSC, Damian Arsenis continues to show why he is one of the best coaches of younger players with a 29-25 win over Corio Bay in the Metro 1 division.

James Appleby top scored with seven points with Zac Plischka, Dane Stewart and Conor Gardiner with six points giving strong support.

Rowan McKenzie, Lachie Moore, and Kyle Robertson all scored eight points in the win by Steve Killey's Under 14 boys (East) win over Western Port, by 37-31.



Redbacks' Under 8s Premiers. Back row from left, Megan Penver, Josie Dimmock, Jenna Mokaraka, Leah Biondo. Front, Whitney Jeeves, Natalie McDonald, Chloe Gordon, Kathryn Dean.



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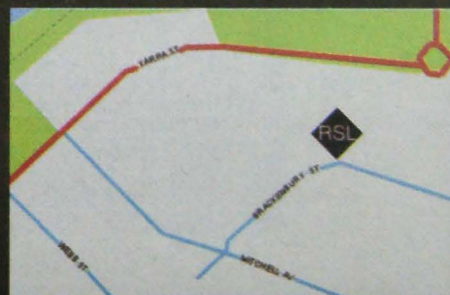
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**warrandyte north** tender  
 tender closes 5pm tuesday 3 april, unless sold prior  
 buyer enquiry range \$480k-\$530k  
 Newly renovated tri-level 5 double BR home set on more than 1 acre. Features open plan kitchen/meals/family. Separate sitting room and adjacent open plan study. Downstairs rumpus/home office. Double auto garage with internal access.



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 With 5BRs (4 doubles), this home offers space for a growing family. Features kitchen/meals. L-shaped lounge/dining. Downstairs rumpus. 2 open plan studies. Triple garage. Paved IG pool and tennis court. Deck and terrace. All set on a tranquil near level 1 acre.



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 A perfect 10! Fully renovated designer 4 BR + study home. Features: lounge/dining, kitchen/meals/family living, separate rumpus. 3 pristine bathrooms. Covered deck & spa. All set on more than 1 acre of lush gardens. Double auto garage and ample additional parking.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

congratulations to each of the talented entrants in the 2007 'young artists award' at the rotary club of warrandyte's 23rd annual art show!



Erin Brown (winner), Amy Burns, Ken Takada, Sarah Matheou, Jessica Rodhe, Jess Balding, Rhiannon Flower, Maddy Chaffee, Jonathon Nye, Tania Jeffery, Courtney Frankl, Hayley Medley, Lucinda Barnett and Liam Smith

Among the prizes awarded at this year's Warrandyte Rotary Art Show was the coveted 'Young Artist Award'. Fourteen students from Warrandyte High School were selected to submit works for public display and judging. The winning student, Erin Brown, received a \$200 cash prize and earned a \$200 grant for her school.

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