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It's still our centre



Community facility will remain under local management

By CLIFF GREEN

Manningham council has decided that the Warrandyte Community Centre should continue to be managed by a locally-based team.

This follows the commissioning by council of independent consultants to undertake a review "of the Warrandyte Community Centre management model to ensure that the centre is managed according to best practice".

The consultants carried out extensive interviews with tenants of the centre and community representatives and investigated "best practice community facility models, advantages and disadvantages of the current management model and alternative management models".

The review's findings "highlighted the importance of the centre being managed by the community". The consultants stated: "While alternative management models may be considered, there is unlikely to be a significantly better financial return and the political fallout from the community would be considerable."

They revealed "that the current management model strongly meets community building and community strengthening objectives, as well as meeting community aspirations".

Council's decision to review the situation was triggered by the impending expiration of the contract to manage the centre, currently held by the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group.

There was some concern in the community when it became known that council was investigating the situation.

This goes back to 2000, when Warrandyte had to battle hard to maintain community management of the centre.

Based on their "user-pays" principle, council resolved that the prime Yarra Street frontage offices in the centre should be rented at commercial rates. This could have led to the eviction of the community groups that had occupied these spaces since the centre was established a decade earlier.

To facilitate this new regime, council sacked the community-based management group and called for nominations to a new committee. Only one nomination was received. Council officers then took over the running of the centre.

Community reaction to this situation was immediate and sustained. A public meeting was called and the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group was formed.

Council then called for "expressions of interest" from "not-for-profit" groups to run the centre. The Manningham Recreation Association, YMCA and the Supporters Group indicated their interest.

YMCA pulled out when they realised the community's involvement and the Manningham Recreation Association's tender document was found to be incomplete.

The contract to manage the centre was awarded to the local Supporters Group. They have continued in this role ever since.

The present management group's contract has been extended by six months to allow time for council to further explore the community management model.

Council has resolved to "have further discussions with the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House and the Warrandyte Community Association to ascertain their interest" in managing the centre.

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Don't let film fool

I was glad to be one of around 100 people (or more) at the recent climate change forum at Warrandyte High School. Warrandyte CAN (Climate Action Now) did a great job in bringing together an impressive panel of informative speakers outlining the need to act on climate change.

Like other climate action groups forming around Melbourne and around the country, this local group has achieved a lot in a short time with resources only of commitment and enthusiasm. My concern is that such encouraging community responses are now at risk of being effectively undermined by well-organised and well-financed forces, equally (if perversely) committed to ensure that we do NOT act on climate change.

While a growing number of us, and virtually all scientists in the field, see climate change as a national and global emergency, persistent and well-resourced interests (primarily connected to mining and related industries) are seeking to minimise this situation for their own short-term gain—regardless of the future consequences for our planet, our country and our children.

The most recent of these is a film now in circulation as a DVD and soon to be shown on ABC-TV: "The Great Global Warming Swindle". The title alone tells all you need to know about its lack of scientific objectivity. The fact that it is even being considered for our public broadcaster tells something about the decline of the ABC after a decade of pressure and politically loaded appointments by the present government.

"The Great Global Warming Swindle" is not science, or even vigorous political polemic. It is propaganda. It is not ultimately persuasive, and it is not designed to be. It is designed only to sow toxic seeds of doubt.

I do not suggest people should not have the right of access to this film. Indeed I would be pleased to show the film to any interested group or family and outline and fully reference those points where it is simply twisting (and hiding) the truth.

It is certain that Warrandyte people will encounter this propaganda—when it is aired on the ABC—if not before. My concern then is that the rapid impact of groups like our Warrandyte CAN will be undermined by a demoralising miasma of doubt, even as the community at last begins to awake to the need for urgent action.

The truth of climate change ultimately will not be denied, but it can be delayed—allowing a few more short years of profit to vested interests at the expense of decades of misery, poverty and social disruption for future generations.

I trust Warrandyte people will not fall for the "Swindle".

David Ellis
Greens candidate
for Menzies



Plum trees would be sacrificed to parking along Yarra Street.
(Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Old plum trees add to picturesque character

Letter to Simon Mitchell,
Statutory Planning Dept,
Manningham City Council

I have just received your reply to my letter of concern regarding the axing of the lovely old plum trees (in Yarra Street) all along the footpath leading to the bridge at Warrandyte.

You state that the plum trees are "locally valued as having significance to Warrandyte" but in the same sentence go on to say "it is considered that the area would benefit from the replacement planting of indigenous species".

In other words, although we acknowledge that the plum trees are historically relevant to Warrandyte, and that the

residents value them, we are still intending to cut them down to implement our project.

Having looked at the area I can't see why the footpath from the bridge can't be extended to meet up with the existing footpath near the Bakery. A small timber fence similar to the one on the other side of the bridge going up to Research Road could be built, and the plum trees left where they are.

That small stretch along there could be designated a no-parking zone and the safety concerns would have been met with little disturbance.

Shopkeepers are well served in Warrandyte with a large number of off-street car parking spaces, more so than many

other areas.

In the interests of retaining the character of Warrandyte, I can't believe that they would be so greedy as to demand the destruction of Warrandyte's pretty rural character just for a couple of extra car parking spaces?

It is, after all, the picturesque Victorian character that draws the people who fill their shops, and the old plum trees contribute a lot to this atmosphere.

Rosalie Loo
(by email)

Editor's note: Mr Mitchell's reply also stated that "the plum trees are considered to be an environmental weed species".

dear diary

Letters to the *Diary* on local topics are welcome. All letters—including emails—must include the writer's full name, address and phone number, even if not intended for publication. Letters may be edited for reasons of style, length or legality. Letters can be posted to: Warrandyte Diary, PO Box 209, Warrandyte Vic 3113. They can be emailed to: warrandytediary@aapt.net.au; faxed to: 9844 4168 or left in the mail slot in the Diary's front door at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

SHOP LOCALLY

New sign appals

Like a lot of Warrandyte residents, I am appalled at the waste of taxpayers' money spent in erecting the unnecessary "T-junction" sign at the Research Road/Kangaroo Ground Road intersection.

Surely we are intelligent enough to know to slow down and stop, without being told to.

The money wasted on this outrageous flashing sign could have been put to better use. For instance, putting food into the Community Food Bank or assisting Warrandyte Housing and Support Services, as there are families in our community urgently in need of housing and food. For example, a family at present living in their car as there is no emergency housing

available.

I am fed up with taxpayers' money being spent on pointless and useless exercises. Spend it where it is needed!

Lyn McDonald
Hawkes Road

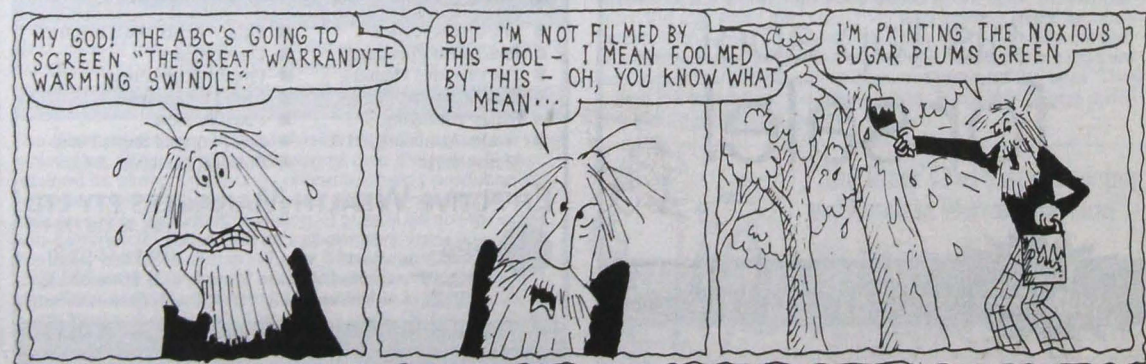
Another sign

While it is appreciated that local businesses need some signage alerting the public to their whereabouts, there seems to be an unnecessary proliferation of these signs in some areas. And please Warrandyte Café, we do not need signs despoiling our lovely riverbank.

Riverwalker
(name and address supplied)

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



Saving the heart of our community

By **CLIFF GREEN**

THE recent decision by Manningham council to keep the Warrandyte Community Centre under local management has been welcomed by residents.

The initial securing of the site, the design and construction of the centre and the battle to prevent it being handed over to commercial interests have all been catalysts for a number of hard-fought campaigns, won by this community over many years.

The centre's site, on Yarra Street, between the Webb Street and Mitchell Avenue corners, was known as Specimen Gully in the days of the Gold Rush.

According to local historian, the late Bruce Bence, "Specimen Gully must have been a busy place following the discovery of gold here in 1851. The Surveyor General's map of Andersons Creek (now Warrandyte), dated as early as October 30, 1856, shows the gully as 'alluvial sinkings worked out'.

"The site became crown land until October 28, 1937 when W.D. Moore became the first freehold owner. At that time the land was two separate allotments, divided by a drainage reserve."

According to Bruce Bence, "a garage was built on the site by W.D. Moore in 1923. He also built the shop and café known as the Central Tea Rooms that Miss A.C. Moore ran with her father Jack for 36 years.

"J.J. Moore and Len Retchford operated a garage and hire car service from the site on the Webb Street corner." The garage was later run by Frank Nankivell and Lloyd Holyoak, and was finally known as Getson Motors.

According to Bruce Bence, "Jack Moore built a new store on the Specimen Gully land, at the corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue." It later saw service as a branch of the ES&A bank.

Ultimately, the buildings on the site fell into disuse and disrepair and the area was ripe for redevelopment. The site was privately owned, so it was assumed it would be commercially developed. But the community had other ideas.

One suggestion was to build a supermarket with a rooftop car park. Describing the area as "the real heart of Warrandyte", the Warrandyte Environment League moved at a public meeting that Doncaster and

Templestowe council should acquire the land "for development as a village centre, serving the whole community".

The word was out that locals would oppose all attempts at commercial development and the site was twice passed in at auction. Warrandyte Ward councillor John Scott supported the community, Eltham council said they'd help finance the centre, and in 1981, Doncaster council purchased the site for the bargain price of \$200,000.

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee set up a sub-committee to work on the project under their chairman Peter Harkin, a local architect. Council had pointed out that it could be 10 years before finance was available for a new centre.

Meanwhile the existing buildings on the land were made available to local groups, including an historical display, an employment co-op and a drop-in coffee shop for young people.

It was May 1987 before WAC and the *Diary* joined forces and began serious campaigning for a new centre. Although the 10-year moratorium was soon to expire, finance was still the problem.

Then council decided the old buildings were unsafe and the youth coffee shop should close. This galvanised community action. They lobbied hard and extracted a promise from council to "consider options for the site". Among them was a suggestion that the entire site should be commercially developed, with "an alternative site for a community centre".

It didn't quite come to that, although some councillors were intent on financing the project with a big commercial component on the site. Warrandyte resident councillor, Ken McKenzie, revealed these fears in the *Diary*.

"I am staggered and bewildered to hear talk of six, eight or even 12 retail outlets proposed for this site," he said. "This land was purchased for a community centre in Warrandyte and it is imperative that the entire site be used solely for the benefit of the community."

By the end of 1988 council had agreed to build the centre. However, one third of the floor space, at the rear and accessed from Webb Street, was to be used for commercial offices and possibly a restaurant. But commercial development was already moving to the west end of town, and this project was abandoned.



August 1991



Caught in the act: council valuers measuring up the *Diary* office — November 2000.

Meanwhile the WAC group—which included Alan King and Glenn Martin—had been consulting with the community, inviting individuals and groups to submit their ideas as to how the completed centre should look and what it should contain.

Architects Whitford and Peck's prize-winning design was embraced by the community, providing as it did permanent premises for a number of community groups, and a wide variety of publicly available spaces. Landscaping was designed by Bev Hanson and the garden was planted, mostly by volunteers.

The centre was officially opened on July 13, 1991.

The *Diary* had battled, along with the community, for this centre for more than 10 years. Since its inception, the paper had been produced on the kitchen tables and living room floors of its editors. Now we had our own splendid "newsroom", right on the main street, in the heart of its community. We had saved against this day for years, and we purchased computers and other equipment that enabled us to embrace the latest in onscreen digital production and to come together—for the first time—as a true working collective.

The centre was run by a local management committee, representing the permanent tenants and the wider community. This model continued successfully for almost a decade, until Manningham council (as it was by then) was bitten by the "user-pays" bug—as were most levels of government throughout the country. This decreed that the Warrandyte Community Centre should be "self-supporting"; not only that, but it should pay "rent" back to council. Locals—and this paper—argued that we already paid our council rates and that Warrandyte was not exactly awash with council-provided facilities.

Council had called in outside consultants who recommended that the

existing management structure be retained.

Despite this, council sacked the management committee, requiring a future management group to "maximise the centre's earnings from rental of prime spaces at market rates".

Jock Macneish, chairman of the sacked committee responded. He stated that council "is telling a future management committee what it has to do, when to do it, where to do it and how much it's all supposed to cost. The council appears to want ... a committee 'for doing what it's told'."

Council called for nominations for a new management committee to operate under the new terms. Only one nomination was received. Council then moved to directly manage the centre through its own officers. They wrote to the permanent tenants, placing them on three months notice. The *Diary* was not included in this warning; we assumed we faced imminent eviction, reinforced when we were "visited" by council-hired property valuers, who proceeded to measure up our office.

In their report, the consultants warned council "it is probable that there would be a significant community backlash over this option as it would be seen as reducing the community focus by introducing 'commercial' interests".

Which is exactly what happened. When the community learned what was happening, the "backlash" was loud and immediate. The *Diary* received a record number of letters protesting council's action, many identifying what they saw as a direct attack on the community newspaper in particular.

Council then announced they were calling tenders "from not-for-profit organisations to manage the Warrandyte Community Centre".

A petition was circulating, a public meeting was called and local

residents packed the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall. The Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group was formed and all residents were invited to join. The response was immediate and substantial. Jock Macneish was elected chairman.

Council then called for tenders—across the Christmas period—with January 10 as the closing date. But Warrandyte was up to the challenge. The Supporters Group developed a detailed and convincing tender document, which was lodged on time.

We believe there were two other groups tendering. The Manningham Recreation Association—a council appointed group that had recently won the tender to manage the Dorney Reserve in Park Orchards—and YMCA, who ran the Aquarena swimming centre.

The March 2001 issue of the *Diary* announced the good news. The Supporters Group had won the tender! According to council sources, the YMCA bid was withdrawn at the interview stage when they realised the community's intentions, and the Manningham Recreation Association "failed to submit a business plan".

The Supporters Group has continued to successfully manage the centre. As their lease agreement expires this month, Manningham council decided to appoint consultants to review the situation.

Following an extensive process of research and interview, the consultants' report "highlighted the importance of the centre being managed by the community". At their April 24 meeting, council resolved to continue community management. The Supporters Group contract was to be extended for a further six months, and the Supporters Group, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House and the Warrandyte Community Association were to be approached "in relation to their interest in the future management of WCC".



September 2000

North parents get fast action

By EMMA CLARK

A fence surrounding North Warrandyte Community Centre has failed to keep children off busy Research Road.

A letter from Yarra Warra Pre-School committee member Jozica Kutin to Nillumbik mayor Warwick Leeson was published in the *Diary* last month.

The letter outlined an incident where a young child climbed through the fence and ran out to Research Road. The letter called for improvements to the boundary fence of the North Warrandyte Community Centre, where the kinder is situated.

"It is my understanding that the inadequacy of this fence has been an issue since the new centre was constructed. The council must act immediately, before there is a fatality," wrote Ms Kutin.

Ms Kutin said that nearly three weeks ago she had a meeting with council, who indicated that a childproof fence would be constructed between the kinder and the car park.

The delay in action prompted Ms Kutin to call Nillumbik

council late last month. They responded that the work would be completed within another two weeks.

"We are really happy that they are finally doing something about this, but it has taken so long and the communication from the council has been poor. It took enraged parents to get them moving," Ms Kutin said.

When the *Diary* contacted Nillumbik council about the issue, they stated that the works will be completed by June 8.

"Whilst it is fantastic that they are putting in the childproof fence, there is a whole range of issues still about the boundary fence," said Ms Kutin. "The bus stops outside the kinder, and the kids have to crawl through the fence to get inside to meet their parents as there is no pedestrian gate."

"For parents who walk their kids to kinder, they have to walk halfway down the hill past the kinder and back up inside the fence. With a pram, this is even more difficult. There are no proper footpaths along the kinder side of the road."



Escape proof? We don't think so. (Picture by Emma Clark)

Lighting up for danger

Words and picture by SANDY BURGOYNE

Road-users north of the river now have a high-tech sign to warn them when they are approaching the end of Research Road.

The large electronic sign is on the north side of the road and is about three metres high. It is approximately 80 metres from the T-intersection with Kangaroo Ground Road and samples the speed of an east-bound vehicle as it rounds the corner near Somers Road. If the vehicle is travelling above 55km/h the driver is rewarded with a pulsating display worthy of a pinball machine — a yellow T atop a red "prepare to stop" warning. At other times the sign's display remains dark.

VicRoads management is convinced the sign is needed. "The vehicle activated sign on Research Road was installed at this T-intersection as a safety measure," Steve Brown, Vic Roads regional manager told the *Diary*. "The road approaching this intersection has a steep descent and the statistics show that there has been a number of motorists that run off the end of the road at this intersection. The sign will ensure that drivers are aware of the speed they are travelling and ensure that they approach the intersection with caution."

Local residents are puzzled why their road has been sin-

gled out for this particular piece of technology, as none of the regular road-users who spoke to the *Diary* had noticed a large number of vehicles over-running the intersection. However, two incidents were frequently mentioned.

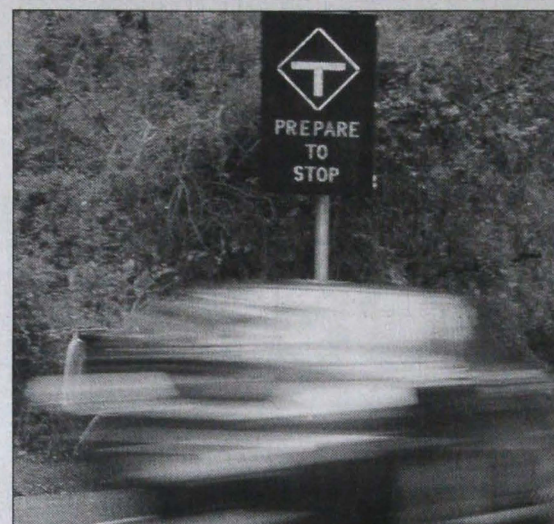
"Over the last several years, we've had ... two heavy trucks go right through the intersection. They have come down Research Road and have ended up crashing into the wall on the other side of the intersection, because their brakes have failed. It seems to be a bit of a problem with the trucks coming along Research Road from the Eltham end and having to use their brakes all the way along during many steep inclines and actually running out of air for their brakes at the end," Warrandyte's Sergeant Keith Walker told the *Diary*.

In such a case of brake fade an illuminated sign would offer little help to the unfortunate driver as s/he flashed past it on their way down the hill.

The Research Road intersection is technically in the jurisdiction of the Eltham police. However, Senior Sergeant John Scully of the Eltham station was not consulted about the need for this new vehicle activated sign.

The *Diary* was unable to find out the cost of this high-tech sign, but some local residents believe that the money could have been used to improve traffic flow.

"Most weekday mornings I



Illuminated sign reacts to fast-moving traffic.

inch my car at less than walking pace down the hill towards the Kangaroo Ground Road intersection. The traffic is usually backed up at least to Sloan's Corner," North Warrandyte resident Ian Wright told the *Diary*.

"VicRoads should look at alleviating the regular traffic jams instead of putting up fancy electronic signs. The money would be better spent on modifying the intersection to enable the Research Road traffic to flow in a smoother manner to the bridge and not be forced to technically break the law on entering the intersection."

Thankfully the sign remains dark when traffic is banked up to Sloan's Corner.

North Warrandyte plumber, Bunter McLean, has other criticisms of the vehicle activated sign. "I think it is just so un-Warrandyte," he told the *Diary*.

"How much has the (Manningham) council just spent getting rid of all the crappy signs and putting up more friendly War-

randyte signs in the village? "They've upgraded all the streetscape on the main road and got rid of all the normal signs and made them more friendly to Warrandyte," he said.

Mr McLean also pointed out that VicRoads has erected this vehicle-activated signal without consulting the community.

"If you wanted to put a deck out the side of your (house) you would have to put a notice out the front notifying everybody in the area that you were going to put in a timber deck ... You would have to get a planning permit and these people can just willy-nilly do what they want to," he said.

The installation of this vehicle activated sign on Research Road may bemuse local residents, but Sergeant Keith Walker believes it may have its benefits. "Look, the bottom line is ... if it saves lives, wonderful."



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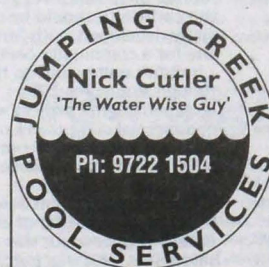
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Global warning

Living the good green life

By EMMA CLARK

Warrandyte is above average in Green Power use, according to speakers at a forum held by Warrandyte Climate Action Now.

Warrandyte's own "soldiers against climate change", Warrandyte CAN, held a forum late last month to discuss the different strategies being undertaken by government and business, and to explain some of the jargon associated with climate change schemes.

Approximately 90 people attended the forum held at Warrandyte High School.

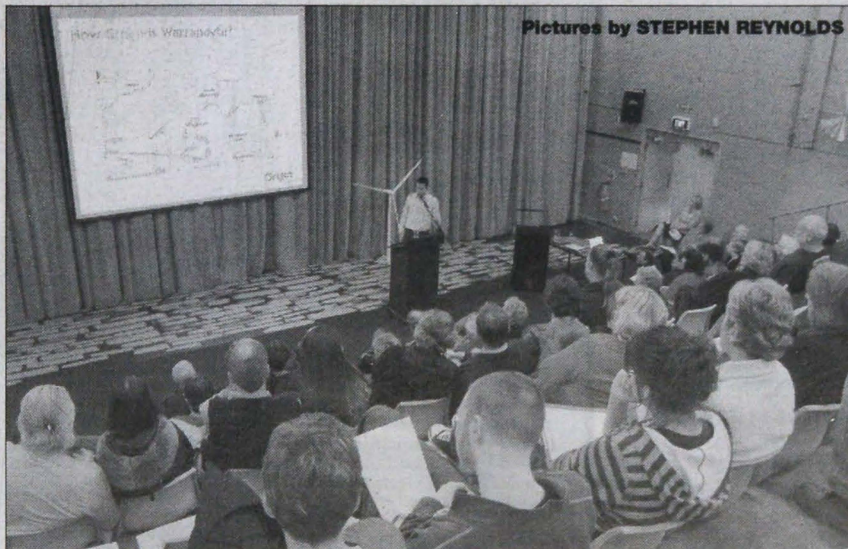
The first speaker of the evening was Willem Biesheuvel, environmental product manager from Origin Energy. Willem explained some of the consequences of not reducing or eliminating carbon emissions.

"According to CSIRO predictions, a temperature increase of two to three degrees will mean a 10 per cent increase in forest fire dangers and a 17 per cent increase in road maintenance costs," Mr Biesheuvel said. "Sea level rising will destroy many Pacific islands and even low lying major cities, such as London. This will result in huge numbers of environmental refugees. In Australia, coral bleaching will destroy the Great Barrier Reef, which is worth \$1 billion to the economy."

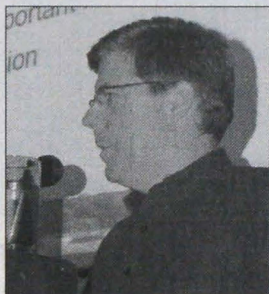
Mr Biesheuvel went on to explain how green Warrandyte is. Origin Energy is the biggest provider of Green Power, and according to the number of households signed up with Origin, 2000 households out of 11,500 in Warrandyte and district use Green Power. "This is above average. Warrandyte households have already saved 14,000 tons of greenhouse emissions."

The "greenest" street in Warrandyte is Blair Street followed by Brackenbury Street and then Yarra Street, Melbourne Hill Road and Kangaroo Ground Road. "While this is great to see, Warrandyte can definitely become greener."

Mr Biesheuvel then went through the Origin products which households can use to reduce or eliminate their carbon emissions. It costs only one dollar per day more to become fully



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



Jonathan Upson: a windy argument



Clare Penrose: trading carbon

"green". "The more people who choose Green Power, the more demand there is for it, which forces businesses to find more cost-effective products and innovations," he said.

The second speaker was Clare Penrose, Victorian representative for the National Emissions Trading Taskforce Secretariat. The taskforce is made up of the states and territories of Australia, without the assistance of the federal government. It is investigating a national emissions trading scheme, and has told the federal government that if the federal government doesn't adopt a national emissions trading scheme by 2010, the states and territories will go ahead with one regardless.

Ms Penrose explained a few of the terms associated with emissions trading.

"Emissions trading is a system which can manage and control emissions. A limit is set on how much a business can emit, and then permits to emit are created. These permits are then

bought and sold, which puts a cost on emitting."

Businesses will be penalised if they emit without enough permits, and gradually the cap would be lowered on how much can be emitted. The emissions trading scheme allows international co-operation, as "climate change is a global issue," said Ms Penrose, "any solution will have to be global. And the sooner we act, the less it will cost."

The next speaker was Dugald Murray from the energy division of the Victorian Department of Primary Industries. Dugald explained how Victorians have come to be dependent on brown coal. "It is cheap, and there is lots of it. But as we know, burning fossil fuels does a lot of harm. Victorians use 90 per cent brown coal in their energy use. We need more renewable sources and to reduce overall consumption," Mr Murray explained several plans and actions which the state government has implemented to

reduce brown coal dependency and support the development of new technology.

The final speaker was Jonathan Upson, wind project development manager at Wind Farm Developments and local resident. Mr Upson spoke about the benefits of wind energy.

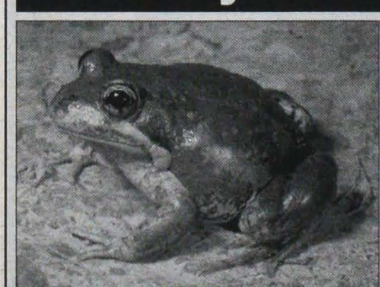
"Wind energy is the fastest growing industry in the world," said Mr Upson. "There are 500 turbines in Australia, which is small compared to the rest of the world. The industry is so big internationally that Australia is being left behind. In Australia, only eight per cent of electricity comes from renewable energy. We are one of a few countries going backwards in terms of renewable energy use."

Mr Upson explained that if Australia had 25 per cent renewable energy, it would be the equivalent to taking every car and truck off the road. It would abate 100 million tonnes of emissions. "This would cost every household only \$1.25 per week, which is nothing compared to how much is spent on using fossil fuels. The turbines cost about \$2.5 million dollars, but the cost and the embedded energy used to install them is paid off within about nine months. The turbines last for about 20 years."

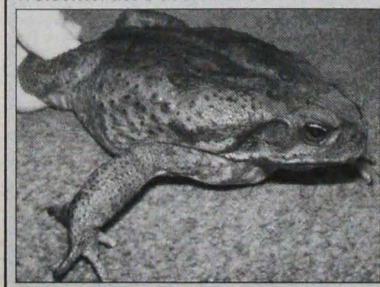
With wind energy, there would be no need to wait 15 years for another solution to work. It is essentially the best solution we have," said Mr Upson.

Warrandyte CAN is looking at holding more events aimed at informing the public about the climate change and solutions. For more information, contact Wayne Rankin on 9844 1959.

Know your amphibians



Welcome: the Pobblebonk



Not wanted: a cane toad

Public concern that cane toads could be invading Victoria has heightened the fear that native frogs and toads could be killed as a consequence.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment has urged people to ensure they get any suspected cane toads accurately identified.

"It's great that recent publicity has heightened awareness about this devastating pest," DSE spokesman Ian Temby told the *Diary*. "But the last thing we want is for our native frogs to pay the price."

"Populations of our native frogs are already suffering from the drought and habitat loss, without people deciding to kill them just in case they are a cane toad."

Native species resembling cane toads to the untrained eye include the Spotted Marsh Frog, Brown Striped Frog, Eastern Banjo Frog (also known as the Pobblebonk), the Common Eastern Froglet, the Plains Froglet, Southern Toadlet, Haswell's Frog (or Red-groined Froglet) and the Common Spadefoot Toad.

• Anyone who sees a suspected cane toad should keep it in a cool container and call the DSE on 136 186 for accurate information. Digital photographs can be emailed to customer.service@vic.gov.au

Renewed life at Park Orchards shopping hub

The Park Orchards shopping centre is to be transformed, thanks to the completion of a comprehensive plan to re-position and re-invigorate the centre.

The plan was developed by Manningham council and the newly-formed Park Orchards Traders Association with a \$12,000 grant from the state government's StreetLife program.

"The Park Orchards StreetLife project aims to create a vibrant, active centre that functions cohesively to best meet the needs of both traders and the community," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"The plan and new branding for the Park Orchards centre reflects a move towards the future."

"It includes the development of branding concepts, marketing strategies and a small events program, event activities, suggestions for increased visitor attractions and recommendations for a mix of retail outlets," the spokesperson said.

"The 21 traders in the shopping centre are working as a united group, together with council, to deliver the project."

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ALP man challenges Andrews

A federal election candidate is directly challenging Kevin Andrews, sitting member and former minister for industrial relations, on the government's IR policy.

Andrew Campbell, ALP federal election candidate (pictured below), who states he has been a resident of the local area for 45 years, believes the community is concerned about "the extreme work laws implemented by the local member, Kevin Andrews".

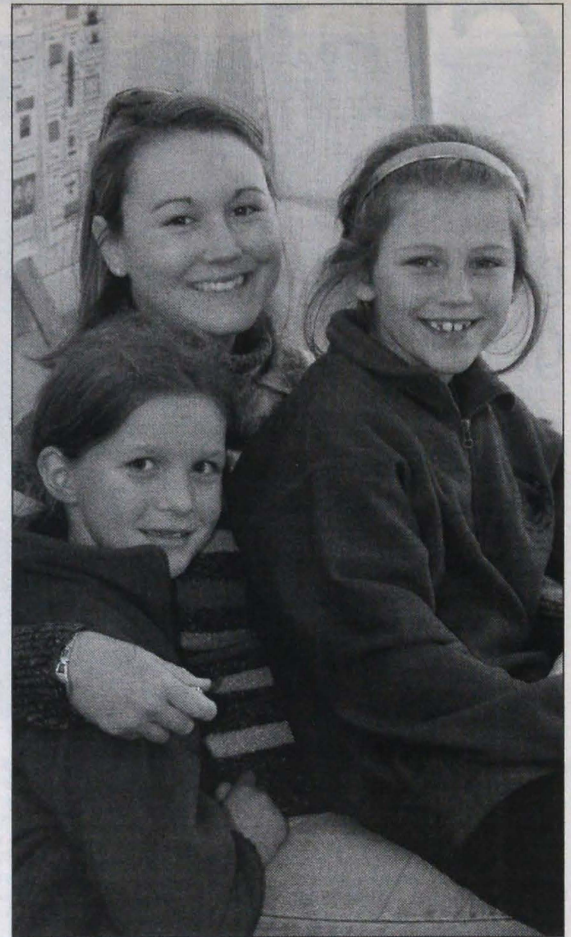
"Climate change and education are also issues of concern to them," Mr Campbell told the *Diary*.

Mr Campbell states that, "as a former businessman and farmer, I understand that the priorities of the electorate must be addressed."

"I believe I have the background and experience to deal with these issues and will work hard to get real outcomes," Mr Campbell said.

"Kevin Andrews and the Howard government are walking contradictions when it comes to standing up for the issues that matter to the local community. They simply take the community for granted."

"What I have learned over the years is to listen to people, their opinions, discuss ways of finding real solutions as a community and then get in and do something about it. That is exactly what I propose to do," Mr Campbell said.

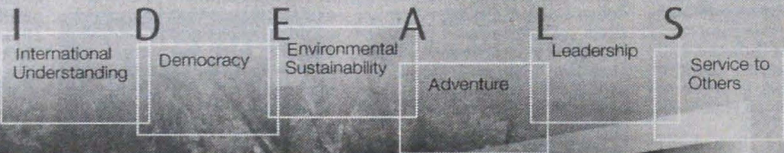


Learning the lingo

Lisa Alessandri, a student teacher from Indiana, USA, has been working at Warrandyte Primary School during the past few months. "The students at WPS took Lisa to their hearts," principal Gillian Binger told the *Diary*. "They taught me some Aussie lingo," Lisa said, "like 'reckon', 'mate' and 'loo'. But I hope I have helped them with their learning. In Indiana we rely on textbooks a lot. Education at Warrandyte allows for more flexibility and creativity. I will treasure forever the friends I have made here." Pictured with Lisa are Emma (left) and Lissi.

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Signs reflect town spirit

By CLIFF GREEN

New council signs, designed to sensitively harmonise with the environment, have been erected along Yarra Street, between Whipstick Gully and the post office, and along the river trail.

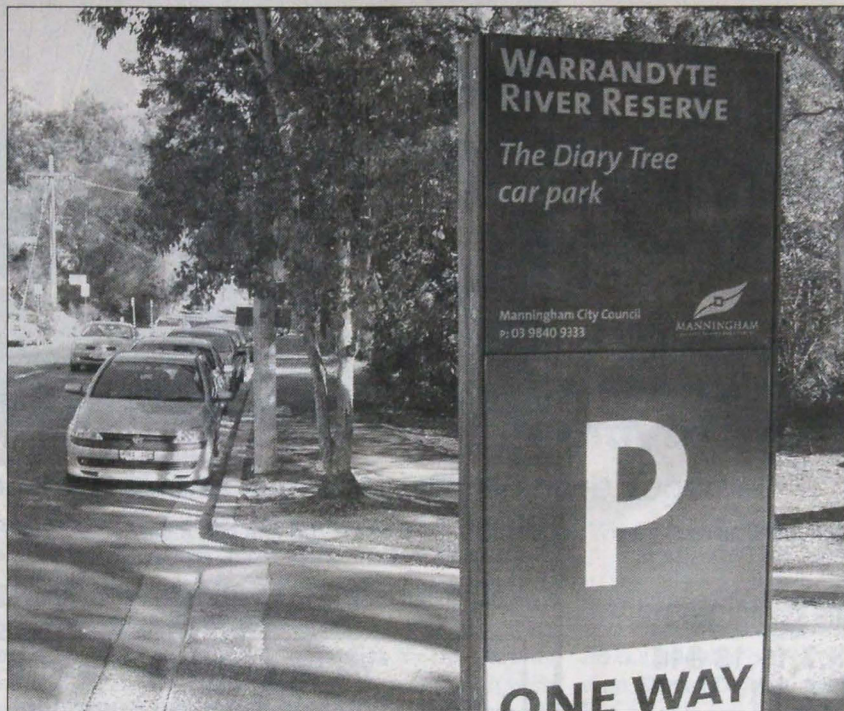
Slender vertical signs mounted on rusted steel, designed to "disappear into the environmental fabric", they are the work of consultant David Lancashire, commissioned by Manningham Council back in 2005 to address Warrandyte's signage problems as part of the Pride of Place campaign.

Originally costed at approximately \$500 each, they are generally smaller and less obtrusive than those they have replaced. Many of the signs carry several messages, thus reducing signage overall.

As part of this process, and to assist with identification, the car parks along Yarra Street have been given names by council. Several of them have links with Warrandyte's recent history.

For example, the car park opposite the Grand Hotel has been officially named "The Diary Tree" car park. This commemorates the old Monterey Cypress that once stood in the front garden of a house on this site and still survives.

Before the *Diary* had an office in the community centre, a letterbox was fixed to this tree, enabling the community to communicate with the paper. Our column "Out of the box", harks



back to those days. Council arborists have been caring for this venerable tree for many years, counteracting the vicissitudes of storm and tempest and unsympathetic trenching around its roots.

The "Gospel Car Park", marks the days of the Gospel Chapel, a place of worship that metamorphosed into the Warrandyte Community Church and later moved to the former squash courts building, further along Yarra Street. The old chapel is now occupied by Stonehouse Gallery.

The new signage policy depends for its ultimate success on the cooperation of local traders. They are being encouraged to limit the number and size of signs and to use a restricted palette of colours. The use of A-frame signs on the footpaths is also being discouraged.

Above: car park sign marks a feature of the Diary's history. Below: one sign serves many purposes. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)



We're on watch

A Neighbourhood Watch group has been established in Warrandyte. This decision was taken at a well-attended public meeting held last month.

The new group will include residents living between Heidelberg Road and Everard Drive and between Campbell Court, Naughton Avenue and Taroon Avenue. It could later be extended to include other streets in Warrandyte.

"Park Orchards already has 900 families involved," a spokesperson for the group told the *Diary*. "Neighbourhood Watch activities have proved effective in improving community security and safety since the scheme started in 1983.

"As always in Warrandyte, many residents have offered to ensure the success of the new scheme here and a volunteer committee is being formed to get it under way," the spokesperson said.

• Further information from Phil Clark, 9844 3091.

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"Still watching your neighbours, Ock?"
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Filmmaking course

Interested in digital filmmaking? As a follow-up to the successful Warrandyte Film Festival earlier this year, a digital filmmaking workshop will be held in August.

The two and a half day workshop will include script development, crewing and production scheduling, camera operation, sound, lighting, direction, digital editing principles and how to use Final Cut Pro.

"Participants will work in small groups with expert tuition and support will be available throughout," an organiser told the *Diary*.

At the end of the workshop, participants will receive a DVD of their finished film. It is hoped that participants will go on to make their own films and "that a network of local filmmakers

will take root".

"The workshop also aims to develop the community's capacity to express itself creatively, to tell stories on film and record events on all levels—personal, family, community and global," the organiser said.

The workshop will be facilitated by the Warrandyte Arts Association, the Festival Committee and the Community Centre. It will be delivered by Open Channel and some funding has been provided by Manningham Council.

It will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on the weekend of August 3, 4 and 5. Cost is \$200 and places are strictly limited. Enrolments close on July 13. Further information from Jeremy Loftus-Hills on 9844 1603 or email at www.wafca.edutv.com.au.

Our civic future ...

Nillumbik Shire Council has begun a process of community consultation regarding a long-term solution to its Civic Centre requirements.

The existing Nillumbik Shire Civic Centre no longer meets Council's needs. This is having an impact on the services we deliver to the community.

We have three options for a long-term solution. Two of these options (A and C) can be implemented with **no impact on rates**. All options involve the sale of Council land at the existing Civic Centre site in Greensborough.

Option A: Refurbish and expand existing centre by 20 per cent (630m²).

Option B: Refurbish and expand existing centre by 400m² and establish two small satellite facilities.

Option C: Establish a new centralised facility on Council-owned land at 895 Main Road, Eltham.

Council has identified four criteria to assess the three options. We are seeking feedback from the community on whether these are the criteria that should be applied and how much significance they should be given in considering a solution.

Accessibility – The solution needs to provide better access for residents, customers and staff, including proximity to public transport.

Town Centre location – The solution should be located within a major town centre, consistent with planning principles.

Affordability/Cost – The solution ought to have minimal or no impact on rates.

Environmental sustainability – The solution should provide Civic Centre facilities which are environmentally sustainable.

A Discussion Paper has been released by Council to assist the community to understand what is being considered, and also to explain how you can participate in the consultation process. A comprehensive Issues and Options Report is also available which provides full details about this important subject. Council will conduct two community workshops in June to enable interested members of the community to take part in discussions about this important issue. Both workshops will be independently facilitated.

The workshops will be held on:

Thursday 14 June at 7pm, Ashton Manor, 49-55 Main Road, Diamond Creek

Thursday 21 June at 7pm, Eltham Community and Reception Centre, Main Road, Eltham

Members of the public can register by phone on 9433 3111, email nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or by writing to Council at PO Box 476, Greensborough 3088.

Copies of all documents are available at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or by calling 9433 3111.

Public submissions close on 31 July 2007.

Draft Council Plan 2007-2011

Community members are welcome to provide a written submission on Council's recently completed Draft Council Plan. Copies of the Draft Plan may be viewed online at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au, alternatively copies are available at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough between 8.30am-6.30pm Mondays and 8.30am-5pm Tuesday to Friday.

Copies are also available for inspection at the Eltham and Diamond Valley Libraries and Living & Learning Nillumbik Centres during opening hours.

Written submissions on any aspect of the Draft Plan can be made to Council by 5pm Wednesday 13 June 2007 addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Nillumbik Shire Council, PO Box 476, Greensborough Vic 3088.

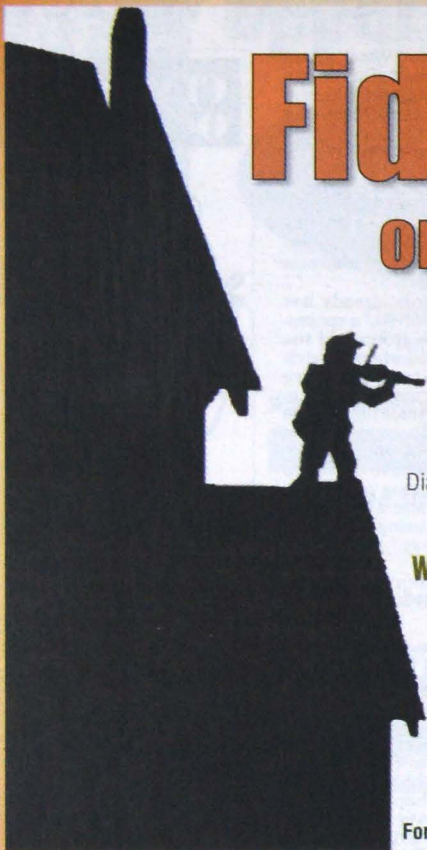
Submissions will be considered at the Special Policy and Services Committee Meeting at 7pm Tuesday 19 June 2007 at Civic Drive, Greensborough.

Any person who has made a written submission and requested to be heard in support of the submission is entitled to address Councillors at this meeting in person or by a person acting on their behalf.

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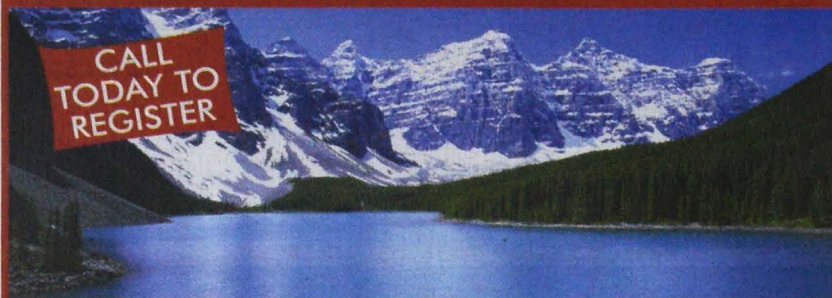
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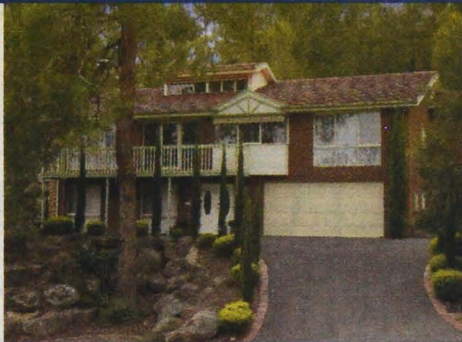
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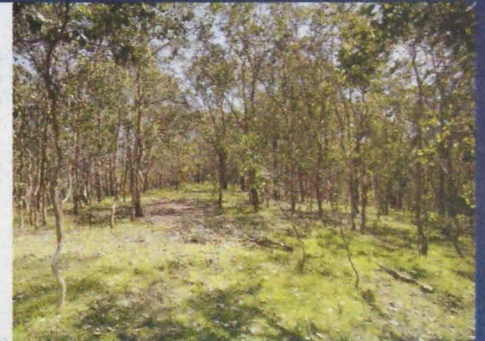
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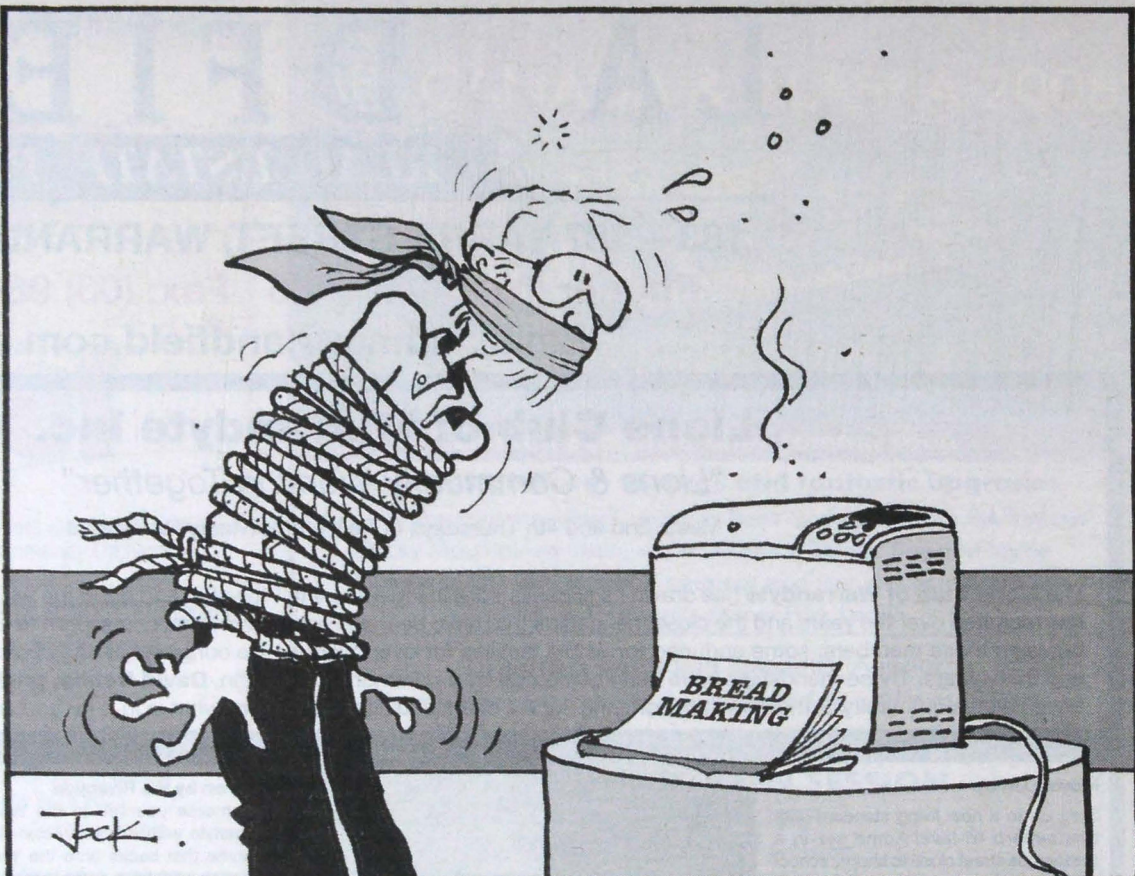
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Herself and I, however, have inherited the bower bird gene and can't bring ourselves to get rid of what we call "memorabilia" but what more pragmatic decorators might call "useless junk".



"Didn't it ever occur to you that you have been trying to use a Sunbeam instruction booklet with our Breville bread-maker?"

I must come clean at this stage however, and admit that I'm a bit more inconsistent about keeping things than is Herself. I am quite happy to collect but I also reach a threshold level of collecting. By this I mean that the boxes and cupboards stuffed full of "treasures" become too much for me to cope with and my, obviously male, "throw the baby out with the bathwater" gene rises to the surface. It's at moments like these that I need to be gagged and bound until the fit passes because, in the past, I have been known to commit unforgivable indiscretions.

Photos have always been a danger area. Like everyone else,

we have photos in a variety of places. I'd like to use this occasion to publicly acknowledge Herself's spectacular diligence in this area. It is she who has organised most of our photos into albums. The only problem is that the albums occupy what seems like 40 metres of shelf space and this doesn't count the rest of the "priceless memories" still in suitcases and cardboard boxes lurking under the stairs.

There have been occasions on which I have suggested we dump all the photos we haven't looked at in the past two years.

For some reason, this suggestion has been met with incredulity and a sobbing indictment of my lack of sensitivity.

Fortunately, the disposal of the odd piece of furniture or electrical appliance is not as emotionally fraught. Firstly, it doesn't happen very often and secondly, it usually occurs after an international summit meeting. Which is why it was so strange that we had trouble with the bread-making machine.

Although I had been making bread by following the directions in the booklet that came with the machine, Herself had not. One day, however, she decided she wanted to use the dough-making facility of the machine and then to make hot cross buns. The problem was that she had some questions about the procedure. She decided to ring the "help line". As usual, she had to wait, and wait and wait. In the meantime, I went to do some shopping.

I arrived home to find a distraught wife.

"I have never felt so embarrassed and stupid!"

"Why?"

"Didn't it ever occur to you that you have been trying to use a Sunbeam instruction booklet with our Breville bread-maker? No wonder the woman thought I was bonkers! She was very nice but must have wondered about my sanity when I asked her to turn to page 23 of the booklet and we spent an unhelpful five minutes trying to make sense of the whole thing."

I looked across at the machine

and suddenly recollected thinking in the past that ours and the machine used in the booklet must have been different models as the operating panel was on the top, not on the side as was the case in the photo.

I spluttered a lot and apologised. How could this have happened? I searched through the instruction booklet drawer and there it was; the Breville booklet. Interestingly, it insisted the ingredients were loaded in exactly the opposite order than for the other machine.

But how had this happened? Why was I using a booklet for a machine we don't have? Gradually, the horrible truth dawned. I must have had a "relatives moment". It must have been one of those occasions when I escaped the gag and ropes. An occasion when I decided we hadn't used the machine enough and that we needed the space for more photo albums. Clandestinely, the machine was removed but the booklet remained as a sinister reminder of my past folly. I can only assume that when we shifted houses we bought a new machine and I continued to use the old booklet. Out of sight, out of mind.

But now I've learned my lesson. No more dumping! Although, those albums are bugging me. What if I scan all the old photos, I'd be able to get rid of metres of albums and tons of photos.

"Come here. Obviously it's time for the ropes and gag!"

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One fox's poison can be a native animal's fruit salad

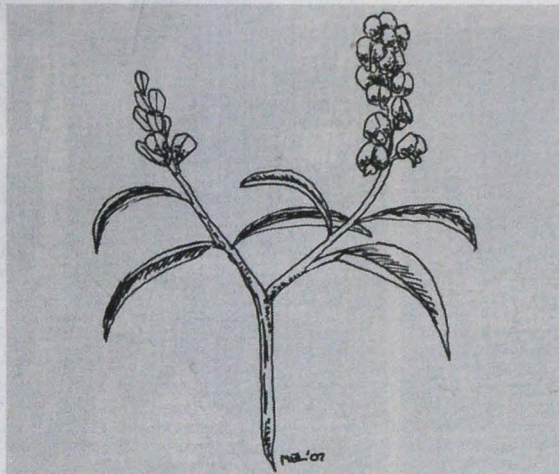
WHAT is the connection between a native West Australian pea flower and the introduced fox? The answer will be revealed a little later.

In 1855 the first two foxes arrived in Australia, deliberately imported to satisfy the early colonial gentlemen's desire for hunting. The foxes found their new home very much to their liking with a plethora of prey, both native and livestock, and few predators. The rapid expansion of their range was undoubtedly aided by the spread of their main prey item—the rabbit. Today foxes are found over two thirds of the continent, mostly south of tropical regions and are declared as vermin.

Apart from the dingo, the fox is Australia's largest terrestrial predator and they have as great an impact on native fauna as rabbits have on native flora. It has been estimated that the fox has contributed to the extinction of at least 20 native animals and caused another 43 to become endangered or threatened.

Vulpes vulpes, the Red Fox, has speed, agility, excellent eyesight, acute hearing, a keen sense of smell and large canine teeth—all the attributes of a supreme hunter. It is a solitary animal and unlike wolves does not hunt in a pack. Foxes are opportunistic feeders. As well as preying on small mammals, reptiles and birds, their diet includes fruits and berries. Where their population is greatest, on the urban-rural fringe, they attack domestic fowl, pet rabbits and guinea pigs and will scavenge around rubbish bins, compost heaps and leftover pet food.

Options for the controls of foxes include shooting, fumiga-



tion of breeding dens, trapping and baiting—all have their limitations. Baiting is probably the most controversial. The poison, known as 1080—traded as Foxoff—is contained in a dried meat-based bait which is buried. Once eaten, the poison is absorbed into the body where it blocks the enzymes necessary for energy production resulting in loss of energy to vital organs and, eventually, total organ failure and death.

The development and use of 1080 began in the 1940s in America, but in the 1970s it was banned in that country. The ban was lifted in the mid-1980s but with its use severely restricted. 1080 has been used in Australia since 1950, however the bulk of the world's use of this poison actually occurs in New Zealand.

1080 is a naturally occurring poison. Chemically known as sodium monofluoroacetate or monofluoroacetic acid, it is

found in plants belonging to a genus of peas called *Gastrolobium* which grow in the heavy acidic soils and sandy loams of south-west Western Australia. Although the poison is found in all parts of the plant, the greatest concentration is in the flowers. Many species of *Gastrolobium* occur throughout rural areas and are a serious threat to cattle and sheep. The toxin has been reported in 18 species and the plants are considered to be among the most serious stock poisons in the country.

Many native animals of south-western Australia that feed on the peas have developed a high tolerance to the toxin, as have the animals that feed on them. For example, Brushtail Possums from the south-west can endure 150 times as much fluoroacetate as possums from the east of the country.

The presence of these poisonous peas is thought to have naturally suppressed fox num-

nature
By PAT COUPAR
Drawn by MELANIE COUPAR

bers in the south-west while allowing native animals like numbats, phascogales, bettongs and quolls to thrive. These animals once ranged as far as inland New South Wales, now they are only found in regions where the *Gastrolobium* peas grow. In addition, the tolerance of native animals to the poison makes baiting for foxes a far less risky business.

The use of 1080, its general toxicity, risk to non-target animals and environmental impacts have been extensively studied over the years. For instance, foxes have been shown to be 13 times more sensitive to the poison than Quolls. Dogs, on the other hand are highly sensitive and for this reason 1080 is not used close to urban areas. Benefits must be weighed against the risks.

On the local scene, options for fox control are limited. Studies of their scats has shown that the foxes around our area feed mostly on fruit as few bones and fur have been found in the droppings. In the northern reserves where there is greater diversity of native marsupials, Warrandyte State Park rangers have carried out a program of trapping. Over the last three years, on average, between 20 and 30 foxes have been caught.

Those early colonial gentlemen could never have imagined that over 150 years after they introduced the Red Fox, we would still be paying the price today for the indulgence of their sporting activity.

Looking back on a rich life

MY dear old mother-in-law died the other day. Her spirit was indomitable but her kidneys, much abused by years of cancer and chemotherapy, just couldn't go the distance. Her death was distressing for all of us, but departing peacefully in her sleep was a blessing indeed.

We gave Olive the best possible send-off—at least I think we did. Organising a funeral involves trying to operate on all cylinders whilst being in shock. Some people thrive on this sort of adrenalin rush, but I think I'm genetically disposed towards a life less on the edge. It was all a bit sudden. People descended on us from all directions, then all too soon they were gone again. We came home with handbags and pockets stuffed full of cards, notes, letters, business cards, even books, and found ourselves making vague promises about obituaries, computer files, second editions and revised versions, swapping emails, having meetings and lunches with people... I should have taken a secretary!

But one can run on adrenalin

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

for only so long. We've fallen in the biggest heap—I can't remember when any of us felt so flat. Fortunately (or unfortunately, depending on which way you look at it) there is much to be done, including obituaries.

Condensing an eventful life into a few hundred words is a big ask. Writing a whole biography would be easier! Olive was a born leader, and inspired many others during her long careers in mathematics and genealogy. There are so many highlights, so many people, so many anecdotes.

Her sons have vivid memories from their teenage years of dinner-table mathematics, and how none of them ever left the house under-prepared for an exam. It is hardly surprising that all three turned into first class mathematicians—there was clearly no escape, especially once it was clear that they'd inherited their mother's genes.

Olive's grandchildren, when they arrived, were even more firmly cornered, mathematically speaking. Luckily they've all been up to it.

Although it's fascinating to observe the way that genes filter down through the generations (as in "Isn't Harry the spitting image of Uncle Albert!" or "That Dodger won't ever amount to much, he's too much like that no-hoper grandfather of his"), the most interesting aspect of genealogy is learning how families fit into the bigger picture. Olive's enthusiasm for grass-roots Victorian history was infectious, and it was this aspect of her life that had most impact on our family in later years. Relatives from near and far followed her all over the state, attending gatherings and viewing documents, photographs, monuments, plaques, former landholdings, churches, schools, cemeteries and the like. She had a knack for seeing the connectedness of things. The importance, for example, of the arrival of her husband's ancestors aboard the *Glen Huntley*, did not escape her. It was the first "fever ship" to enter

Port Phillip, sailing from Scotland in 1839 and leading to the establishment of Melbourne's first quarantine camp at Pt Ormond and St Kilda's first official burial ground. An event marking the 160th anniversary of the arrival of the ill-fated barque proved memorable indeed, and included a dramatic re-enactment by the St Kilda Historical Society. Her eldest grandson, a fifth generation *Glen Huntley* descendant, spoke with pride at a formal reception at the St Kilda Town Hall; another wrote an article for a district newspaper. Olive thus ignited in even the youngest generation a lively interest and pride in their history. The methods that made her such a successful teacher of mathematics also served her well in genealogy. "The trick," she'd say, "is for learning to be relevant and fun."

We'll certainly miss her. Who will make us toe the line now? Who will ring up next July or August to see what arrangements we're making for Christmas? (I must have been a sad disappointment to her in some respects!) Life will never be quite the same again.



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The face in the mirror

By RICHARD MORTON

EARLY in 2000, Christian Clement, accountant and local historian living in the village of Morbecque (Nord), France, discovered among the correspondence and effects of his late mother-in-law, a letter written in competent French by the wife of an Australian soldier.

The sender wrote to thank the recipient for the hospitality extended by her to the writer's husband, then on active service in France. The date of the letter was April 28, 1917 and the printed letterhead was "The Robins, Warrandyte".

Clement had never heard of Warrandyte but, on conducting a Google search, discovered the email address of the *Warrandyte Diary* and sent a message with a copy of the original letter. On having this correspondence translated, the editor of the *Diary* was immediately able to identify the letter writer as Edith Susan Gerard Boyd, wife of well-known Warrandyte artist, Penleigh Boyd.

By coincidence, my wife Shelagh and I were planning a holiday in France (including a visit to the WW1 battle-

fields in Flanders) in April 2000 and arranged to call on the Clement family in Morbecque. A pleasant visit took place and subsequent contact has been maintained.

Meantime a further message from Christian Clement had arrived with an attachment of a photograph of a soldier in shirtsleeves standing beside a small dog sitting on a chair. The photograph was taken in the garden of Clement's wife Edith's house, rue du Chateau de l'Orme, Hazebrouck.

The grandmother's name was Angèle Asseman (née Deroo) (1877-1958) wife of Elie Asseman, engine driver with the French railways. Hazebrouck was and is an important junction in the French railway system with lines coming from Calais and Paris and going on to Lille, then in German hands. In 1914-18 it was the main supply point for the Ypres (Ieper) front. The Asseman's house was a welcoming billet behind the lines for a number of Australian soldiers.

The verso of the photograph carries the legend "le chien Fox et un soldat Australien 1914-1918". There was nothing to identify the soldier, but Clement believed it to be Penleigh Boyd.

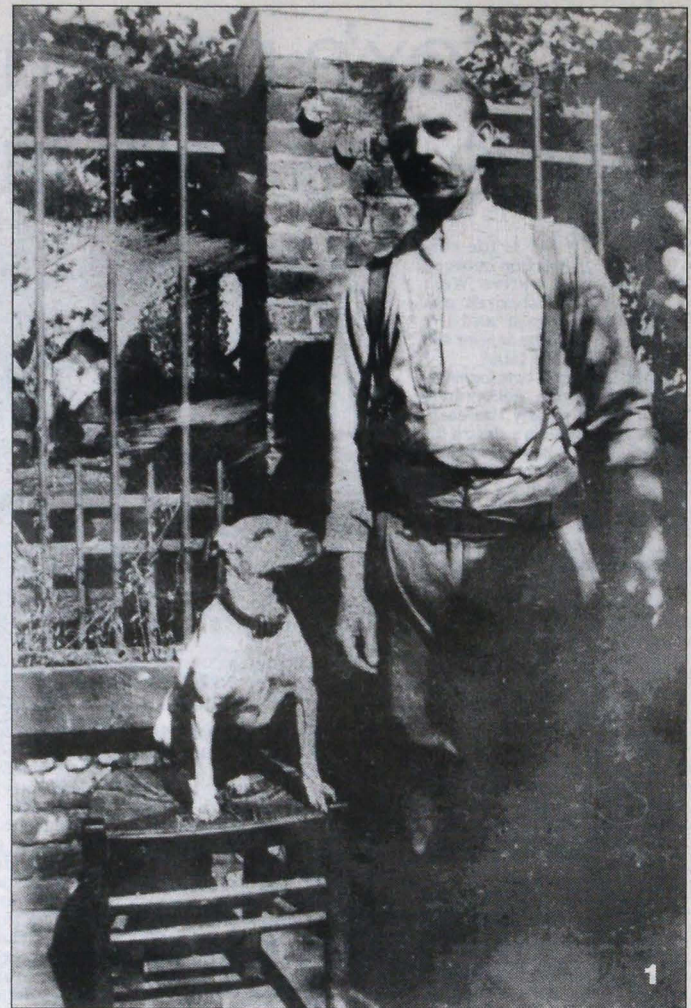
The provenance of this photograph

has been a fascinating research project.

A studio photo portrait reproduced as the frontispiece to Penleigh Boyd's *Salvage* (1918) must have been taken about the same time but seemed to show no resemblance. In 2000-2001 Brenda Niall was completing her magisterial study of the Boyd family and I sent her a copy of the photograph in the hope that she or members of the Boyd family might be able to identify it.

Boyd's grandson (also named Penleigh Boyd) doubted there was any resemblance but was able to produce copies of two self-portraits in the possession of the family for comparison. Superficially neither of these seemed to provide a definitive answer but, when sent copies, Christian Clement made a breakthrough.

By definition a self-portrait must be a mirror image drawn or painted by the artist from his reflection in a mirror. Clement scanned the small pencil sketch self-portrait, reversed the image and transposed it on the photograph. The similarities were enough to remove all doubts; Penleigh Boyd (jnr) on carrying out the same experiment agreed that "the features line up with unnerving accuracy".



1 Was this Warrandyte artist Penleigh Boyd? The "unknown" Australian soldier with the dog, "Fox" in the Morbecque garden of the Asseman family.

2 A studio photo of Sergeant Penleigh Boyd, thought to bear no resemblance to (1).

3 A self-portrait sketch of Penleigh Boyd. Again it was claimed there was no convincing resemblance to the soldier in the garden.

4 However, when (3) was reversed, bearing in mind the self-portrait would be a mirror image, the match was complete.



Penleigh, Angèle—and 'Fox'

FAMOUS Australian artist and Warrandyte resident Penleigh Boyd, then a sergeant in the Electrical and Mechanical Mining Unit of the AIF, stationed near Ypres, found refuge from the horrors of the war in France with a local family in the village of Morbecque.

The five year-old daughter of the family, Angèle Deroo, and their little dog "Fox", became Penleigh's special friends. When his wife Edith, back home in Warrandyte, wrote to Madame Deroo "to thank you for everything you are doing for my husband" she added, "our small son sends his best wishes to your little girl. He is too small to write a letter".

So special was this letter to Angèle

that she kept it safe for the rest of her life, leaving it to her son-in-law, Christian Clement, to find it among her papers following her death, and setting him off on a quest across the world in search of the Australian soldier who had obviously meant so much to her.

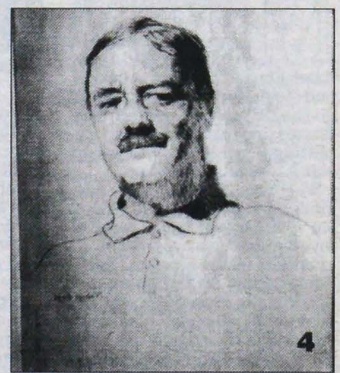
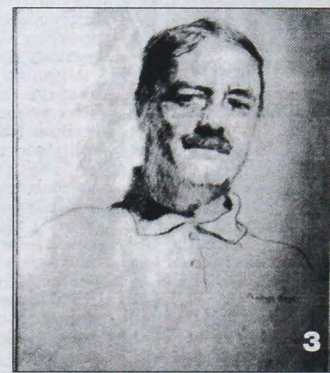
Sergeant Boyd remained in the war zone until he was wounded in action—gassed—on September 6, 1917. He was evacuated to a hospital in England, where he was diagnosed as suffering from a "cardiac disability".

Invalided home to Australia—and Warrandyte—he confirmed and strengthened his reputation as a landscape and portrait painter. His masterly renditions of the river and wattles at Warrandyte still delight all

who see them. In September 1923, driving to Sydney, he was killed when his car overturned near Warragul. Had his war-damaged heart given out at this critical moment?

When we told this story in our issue of April 2000, we concluded, "Eighty-four years on from the time when this young, sensitive interpreter of the natural world was thrown willy-nilly into a choking, blinding, burning holocaust, a family living in a village, perhaps much like our own, has reached out across cyberspace and made contact in a spirit of gratitude and warm friendship. Another small tile falls into place in the mosaic that is the Anzac legend."

CLIFF GREEN



FOWSP's charmer goes public

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Gardens across Australia are again welcoming a flowering shrub from Warrandyte. *Correa Tucker Time Multi Bella* is another discovery from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) that *Austraflora* is propagating and marketing around the country.

Correa reflexa, also known as native fuchsia and common correa, is found in Warrandyte State Park and bushland through the district.

The plant carries single long bell-shaped flowers, which are usually pale green.

FOWSP members were intrigued two years ago to find in the State Park a *Correa reflexa* with a mass of green-tipped, pink flowers. They again asked Bill Molyneux of *Austraflora* for advice on the marketability of

this shrub.

Extensive propagation and growing trials followed and the new *Correa reflexa* proved itself a commercial prospect.

"*Correas* usually flower in pairs or singly, but this flower can sometimes be in heads of seven or eight...hence the name *Multi Bella*," Mr Molyneux told the *Diary*. *Austraflora* also added the "banner name" *Tucker Time* to the shrub's title to show it provides nectar for local birds.

Multi Bella is a dense multi-flowering shrub (40-60cm high and 35-40cm wide) with clusters of the distinctive green-tipped, pink bells. The leaves are a soft grey-green and the flowers are carried both outside and inside the canopy.

Multi Bella blooms from early autumn into winter, giving a

food source to local birds, such as the eastern spinebill, and the yellow-faced and white-naped honeyeaters. This is particularly welcome as it occurs at a time of year when nectar is otherwise scarce.

The new *Correa* grows well in full sun or light shade across a range of soil types. The shrub does best in a temperate climate and can be successfully grown in a pot on a balcony or patio.

Once established in the garden, *Multi Bella* has frugal watering needs. "These are the sorts of plants for our current and projected climate conditions with low water regimes," Bill Molyneux said.

Multi Bella is the second FOWSP plant find to be successfully propagated and marketed through *Austraflora*. As reported in last December's

issue of the *Diary*, *Hibbertia Sun Drops* was released late last year and is selling well. FOWSP uses royalties from the sales of both shrubs to support local environmental and conservation projects.

FOWSP does not have any other commercial releases in the pipeline at present, but *Austraflora* remains in touch with the group. "We are always talking to them and looking at what they've got," Mr Molyneux said.

Correa Multi Bella and *Hibbertia Sun Drops* are on sale at retail nurseries and are not available from the FOWSP nursery at Pound Bend.

● The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.



...clusters of the distinctive green-tipped, pink bells...



Denise won all hearts

FROM Balwyn, to England and the long road to Kathmandu and back to the eastern suburbs—it's the life so far of Denise Farran who's retired from teaching at Warrandyte Primary School after 26 years there.

"I've been happy with it," Denise said, "with work habits changing it's quite an achievement to get a 35 year teaching certificate. I've had lots of laughs, colleagues, experiences, conferences, camps and professional development days. How many hats can you wear as a teacher?"

"Someone tapped me on the shoulder the other day and said 'thank you for inspiring me.' She was buying wax paper for decorating lampshades using a method I taught her. I was taken aback a bit because I don't think like that; I thought it was just my job and I do it well. I am a consumer of art—I don't see myself as a true artist but I sense it in other people. I know how to extend them and how to say 'have you thought of...?'"

"Someone said once 'teaching sucks the life out of you.' Teaching demands have become greater. I'm not a great disciplinarian. I get angry when behavioural problems occur and I've only got an hour with the class in the art room, and also when children dispose of their work. I saw a piece of framed artwork by a child I taught who is now a primary school teacher and it was just lovely.

"Children's artwork blows me away, especially by ones who aren't confident, I tell them to enjoy it and be part of it and have a go. I love their laughter and having fun with them. I guess my passion is instilling in them a love of art.

"Children ask me if I have any children and I tell them 'yes, lots, and they all went to Warrandyte primary school'. It makes them giggle. I've had more contact with children than their parents sometimes. I've worked with children for 35 years and maybe I will feel the loss now. I didn't feel the need. I think I was never presented with the right person at the right time."

Denise's family is from Melbourne and Sydney and she suspects her roots are Irish. "I bought a shawl in Ireland which was made on a property called Farranfore in Killarney. There are plumbers in Ireland called Farran. My father's mother's maiden name was Jones—I think she came off a ship at Warrnambool. My mother's side is a big family, seven or eight cousins but they didn't keep in touch and it's lovely now that in her 80s that they're getting in contact."

She grew up with her brother in North Balwyn when it was all creeks, paddocks, draught horses, the local dairy and the tip. "I just loved it. I was gone all day, off with a billycart, looking for yabbies in the creek, building cubbies in the tip, mushrooming. There were no roads, just dirt tracks," she said.

"Our old house is still there, but now it's surrounded by other houses. We were living in a caravan while it was being finished and I got the chicken pox. One bedroom had been painted so I lived on a canvas stretcher in there, then my father got chicken pox and he had to stay in the caravan.

village people

By PRUDENCE TRUBY KING

"For pocket money I looked after people's horses which were all tethered and I carted water to them. I became a really good fence builder, making paddocks from vacant lots. You could take the remains of an old pram to the blacksmiths and he would convert it into horse shoes.

"I was given a horse by the local milk bar. Her name was Princess and she was the ugliest thing you've ever seen. I adored her. We went off to pony club at North Eastern. The highlight was going to Parliament House to see the king and queen of Thailand. We were all on our horses, scrubbed and polished.

"I never competed, I rode for the sheer enjoyment—I really enjoyed tending horses and riding. It's how I got to know Warrandyte. I'd ride off and visit friends, tie up the horse outside and have a cup of coffee."

Denise graduated from Burwood Teachers' College with a primary diploma, specialising in art and craft. "In those days girls could go into banking, nursing or teaching and I thought one out of three would allow me to get outside, I'm a bit of an outside person. I started at St Albans Primary School while lots of the others landed the equivalent of contract positions—it was quite an achievement to get a permanent fulltime position. The school was full of Yugoslav, Italian and Greek mothers who spoon-fed their children through the cyclone fence at lunchtime. Here was this coy, protected girl listening to other languages, a fantastic eye-opener into other cultures. I remember telling my mother how I couldn't believe there were three aisles devoted to pastas in the supermarket."

After three years Denise moved to Portarlington primary. "I could always tell if I was late for school by whether the dairy cows had crossed the Point Lonsdale road. I loved it down there—I bought my third horse, Zorba, an 18 month colt from Kangaroo Ground, and broke him in. I had him all his life until he died at 27 in 1999. He was never shod and we went all around Queenscliff and on the beaches, it was a just fabulous experience," she said.

In 1979 Denise went back to college on a year's study leave on full pay, completing a graduate diploma specialising in woodwork and jewellery. With 48 hours' notice she started an arts consulting job at Swan Hill teachers' centre. "Its territory was an enormous triangle from up the Murray at Robinvale, inland to Donald and Boort and Kerang." She said. "There were 45 schools, all primaries, some Catholic, and I'd travel to all these places like Manangatang, Quambatook and Culgoa, little one teacher schools with only a few children. I'd assist in writing their art room programs and do clay work with a portable kiln, trundling about in a Kombi. That role working in the country was a big responsibility, in charge of so many schools. I had a petrol allowance and I could easily do 1000km a week, easy. It was hard in



Denise Farran in 1988

summer, with no air conditioning in the schools and none in the car."

Denise also worked as a volunteer at the pioneer settlement at Swan Hill, inheriting a program called Horizons, a week of activities open to NSW and Victorian schools. "Lots of rural schools had very little social contact. There'd be 300-400 children daily and they'd do six activities through the day. We did lots with Aboriginal groups, didgeridoo playing, face and body painting, involving Aboriginal men who were learning to become teacher aides." She remembered that Malcolm and Tammy Fraser visited.

Denise took a year without pay and went to England, looking after a peer's string of polo ponies while living alone in a three-storey English manor. "Some were Australian and some were Argentinian ponies, wild and woolly after winter. I'd walk them out for exercise, riding one and leading two. The village was tiny, no pub but with a green, and a local woman from the village cooked me lunch on an Aga in the kitchen every day. The family hunted in winter and played polo in summer."

Then it was on the road, overland from London to Kathmandu. "We climbed the Buddha in Bamiyan, north of Kabul, that the Taliban blew up. Behind the rockface it was full of laneways and right at the top you had to jump onto the carved Buddha's head, it was

only about four or five metres square. A Japanese couple were camped on it, they were hand copying the beautiful blue and gold frieze which was painted onto the ceiling above them. It was a regular trip for Japanese students—I think some university in Japan has a lot of these hand drawings somewhere.

"We knew something political was going on in Afghanistan, we could see the armoury and we were called foreigners and stoned in the bus. We were a bit naïve because the Russians invaded months later."

Before reaching India the bus cracked right down the middle. "We lived on nuts and threw the shells down the crack in the floor, littering and composting at the same time, taking turns sitting at a 40 degree angle until the bus was welded back together. The bus eventually died when the passport man fell through the floor at the Nepalese border and we went by public transport for the rest of the way. I heard the bus was fixed and made it as far as Goa. The Indians were constantly prepared to fix it. How privileged, we went through countries that you can't get into now."

Denise also had three months in the US including 24 hours without power in New York. "It was a complete blackout in this hostel, and they were coming round with torches telling us to stay in our rooms, just like lockdown."

It was 1982 when Denise came to work at Warrandyte Primary School. "You could see the river from the art room and if you were having a bad day you could just daydream across to Kangaroo Ground, you could see the tower," she said.

"I'll never forget the opening of the ceramic mural in the music room at WPS for the 1998 bicentenary year. The children's drawings were done like a storyboard and we collaborated with Gus McLaren who did the firing of the bisque tiles, the first firing. The mural was covered in black satin sheets—and I don't know whose they were—and everyone was crammed into the room. Kevin O'Mara had the children singing 'We are Australian' and I was crying. The sheets were pulled off and there was this common gasp around the room, an audible 'aaah' as the sheets came down.

"I met Gus from the moment I moved to Warrandyte. The drama group was rehearsing Out of the Question and Gus strutted across in jeans and boots and I asked someone who he was. I was hooked, line and sinker. It was a fluke that he was into art. As a teenager I'd bought pots at Potters Cottage but I'd never bought a Gus McLaren pot. Gus inspires me artistically—he's an irascible rogue—and we're each other's backstop and fuelled by the love of arts and building."

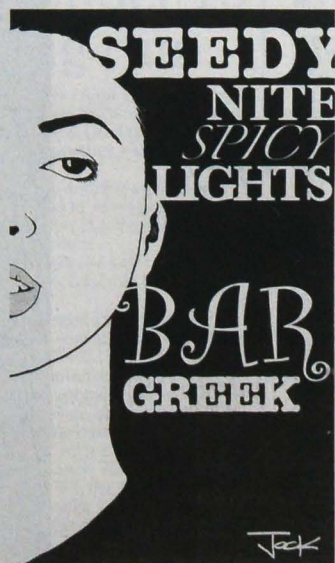
Denise spent some early days at Warrandyte working with Kevin in his musical productions, directing the first couple of them. "I'm a true Gemini and love all arts and surround myself with art work by my friends and contacts. My walls are like a cluttered gallery. I've not done any of my own stuff since my study year. But I'll go back and have lessons—jewellery, woodwork or painting. People know that what I do in Warrandyte is teach but there's lots of other things about me.

"I'd love to be involved with building a house with someone. I've just made a dry creek bed in front of the house. I built a bridge using one of my father's painting planks and mulched it all and used recycled stone. There's a bit of builder in me, I love clay and woodwork and 3D construction. At Warrandyte we built little mud brick houses and spread them round like a map on the floor with tea lights and fairy lights, the kids just loved it.

"I like drama and I really enjoy gardening, randomly riding, bushwalking and swimming. I'm so contented, my day fills so quickly. I was multi-skilled and now I have one task a day to get done, now that I'm retired and have all day in which to do it. I've stopped working, I'm so busy.

"I'll go back into some sort of education, perhaps doing something voluntary outdoors, maybe with the national park or as a vet nurse, animal husbandry. I'd like to do something recreational, like designing picnic areas, shelters and seating. Maybe I'll research some family history.

"I'm an optimist, outgoing and chatty. The drama group says they should hire me for my loud laugh, to lead the audience. I enjoy life. I'm most comfortable in the art room and classroom. I feel everyone has a story to tell and is worth listening to."



The adolescents

And here's a clutch of daughters bare-bellied, long limbed. Skittish colts prancing at bus stops.

They've had a childhood by the river, breathed sweet air, squelched mud between their toes. But now they're getting restless, the siren song grows louder the piper from the city blowing increasingly hypnotic tunes.

"But mum, it's just so boring there's nothing here to do... I want lights and clubs and seedy bars; old Greeks who chat on pavements; and spicy wafts from darkened doors. Not a sleepy stretch of river which by midnight is asleep.

"The artists and the fighters—they're now a dying race. I'm following the piper I've had it with this place!"

KAREN THROSSELL

Landcare checks first site

On Sunday, June 24, the Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare group is celebrating the anniversary of its first planting activity with a return to the property, in Hillcrest Road, South Warrandyte, to see how the plants have fared over the year. You are invited to join the group for refreshments, wander through the indigenous grasses, trees and shrubs that were planted then and discuss how the group may help with plantings on your own property. For catering or other information, please call Karen on 9876 1230.



Diamond Valley Singers return to Warrandyte High School Theatre with their July production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. The production is directed by Deb Uselioate with Eltham's John Leahy playing the pivotal role of Tevye. Lynne Counsel, who has directed and performed in Warrandyte is responsible for the sets. Diamond Valley Singers have combined with Diamond Valley and Eltham Orchestra to present this show. Performances are on Friday, July 6; Saturday, July 7; Sunday, July 8; Wednesday, July 11; Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14 at 8pm and Saturday, July 7 and Saturday, July 14 at 2pm. Tickets are \$25, \$20 concession. Family tickets \$60. Enquiries to Diane on 9718 2035.

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Montsalvat

Local artist Jill Jameson is exhibiting her works, along with 26 other artists, at an exhibition at both Montsalvat's Long Gallery and Barn Gallery. The artists all work, or have worked, with Richard Granville-Smith. The exhibition will close on Sunday, June 10.

Stonehouse

Joy Van der Heyden and Giselle Kuckhahn will showcase some of their sumi-e paintings, prints and pottery with experimental glazes at the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte during June. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Music

Artstreams is pleased to announce the first of their ongoing series of music events to be held at their gallery once a month. On Friday, June 29 they will present a program of blues, gypsy, jazz, country swing and more. Artists include Angie McMillan, singing and ukelele, Alec Umanski on mandolin and guitar together with local Mathew Arnold on fiddle. Be there at 7.30 for an 8pm start. Bookings essential on 9844 0248

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

Farewell

Friends, former students and parents are reminded that the farewell evening for retiring Warrandyte Primary School teacher Denise Farran will be held on Thursday, June 21 at the Warrandyte Retreat Restaurant, commencing at 7.30pm. Booking and enquiries to Doreen Hennesy on 9844 3537.

Twilight

Manningham YMCA Youth Services will be hosting their next Twilight Disability Disco on Saturday, June 16 at the Doncaster Senior Citizens Cen-

tre, cnr Doncaster Road and Dehnert Street East Doncaster. The disco is run in partnership with the Rotary Club of Doncaster, Manningham council and the Doncaster police. The June

disco will feature DJ Damian Carnevale and a special performance by Phillip Chalkers, a singer and entertainer with visual impairment. Entry is \$10, carers free. Bookings are es-

sential. Call Heidi on 9848 9544 or email heidi.buhnher@ymca.org.au.

Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road, South Warrandyte commencing at 7.30pm. The seminar is free.

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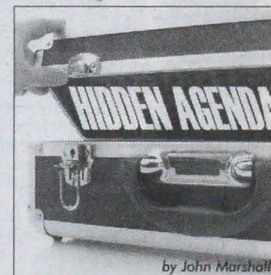
Information Warrandyte often receives enquiries about special happenings in local organisations. Please drop into their office in the Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte and let them know about upcoming events in your group.

Greens

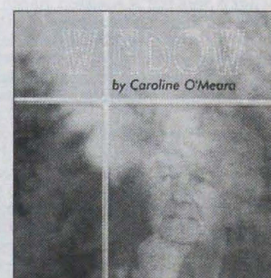
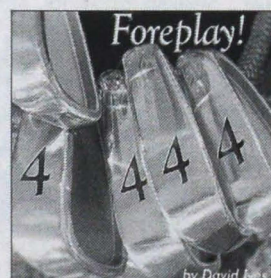
The North Warrandyte Greens branch is pleased to announce the guest speaker at their June meeting will be Victorian Greens' lead senate candidate, Dr Richard Di Natale. Richard is a medical doctor who has worked in indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and with AIDS sufferers in India. The meeting will be held at 80 Kangaroo Ground Road on Thursday, June 21 from 7.30 to 9.30pm. For information call Karin Geradts on 0401 902 802.

Seminar

Next month's Manningham City Council environment seminar will be on Wednesday, July 4. Sarah Bekessy will discuss "Extinction in the Suburbs". It will be held at the South War-



by John Marshall



by Caroline O'Meara

Warrandyte Theatre Group's series of one-act plays—*Window*, *Foreplay* and *Hidden Agenda*—are now in rehearsal. Performances are scheduled for June 22, 23, 29 and 30 at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute, cnr Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue. Tickets are available from Joan at the Old Bakery Bookshop.

COREY'S COMMUNITY By SYD & ONA

Corey's political roundup poll

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Win gives Big V women finals berth



Kelly Pollard and Chelsea Ranson, after a recent win against Hawthorn. Both girls played their junior basketball with the Redbacks.

Warrandyte Venom's Big V Women's Division 1 basketball side continued its outstanding form with maximum points from the weekend's double header.

Coming off a strong away win against Shepparton in their longest trip so far, it was a far less onerous trip to Sunbury.

Despite their relatively low ranking, Sunbury took the points in the first quarter to take a six point lead into the break.

However, the Venom controlled the game afterwards to record their tenth win from 11 starts with a 57-49 final scoreline.

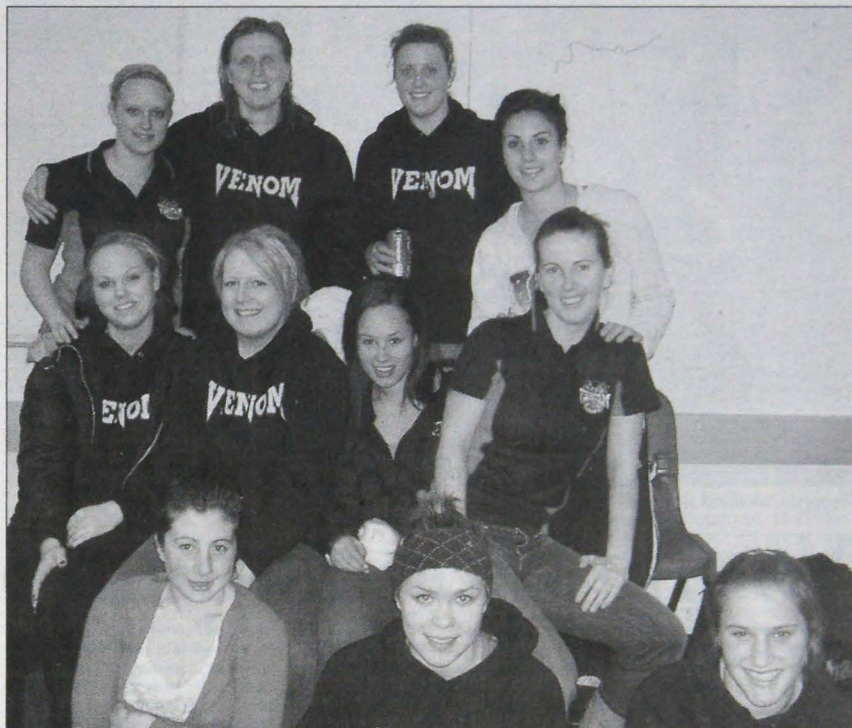
Sunday, the Venom had to back up to take on Craigieburn. At their last meeting, the Venom had to come behind at three-quarter time to overrun the Eagles to record a 12-point win.

This was a danger game but the Venom were able to pull together to record a 73-49 win in front of a large and local support crowd.

Key contributors continue to be captain Jo Metcalf, and guards Maree Vincent and Kate Cohen. All had 36 minutes court time each, contributing 53 points between them.

Defence continues to be the cornerstone of the Venom play, with Maree Vincent forcing two charging fouls.

The win guarantees the Venom a finals place and they now face the dangerous Diamond Valley in their next game.



The Big V side after their Shepparton win with the final score 69-65. Back Row: Michelle Ackland, Jo Metcalf, Eleanor Stevens, Lauren Sabidussi. Next Row: Liz Benbow, Nicole Dadswell, Melissa Cook, Maree Vincent. Front: Mandy Gammilonghi, Kelly Pollard, and Melissa Zuccolo.

Last-minute loss for Redbacks U19 boys

By TONY OLIVER

Warrandyte Redbacks Under 19 A grade boys put up a strong performance against the visiting Balwyn side, going down 50-41 in the end in the domestic Saturday basketball game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

The scores were locked at 27-all at the break after the Redbacks started strongly but where pegged back by the half time.

The second half was close, with little between both sides. In the final few minutes, Balwyn had the run of the play, scoring critical, unanswered goals.

Josh Collins was strong in both offence and defence with 17 points, and was well supported by Shane Holloway with 10.

Gavin Whitmore's Under 17 A grade boys, who had a strong 44-22 win over Ivanhoe.

Ivanhoe were never in the game, with the Redbacks putting full court pressure on the visitors.

Solid scoring from team members was led by Ryan Holloway with 14 and Troy Ratcliffe with 10 points.

Ryan Holloway was the coach earlier in the day of the Redbacks Under 13 side, who had a convincing win 70-21 over Balwyn. In an open and free-flowing game, all players contributed to the result, with 21 points to Sam Holston and 23 points to Luke Collins.

Ian Wood is in charge of the Under 11 boys' side and was encouraged when they defeated the visiting Eltham side by 18-15 in a close game.

"I am taking a mature coaching style with the lads, asking them to take ownership of their choices on court," said Wood.

The tactic seems to be working for the side, and the Redbacks held control of the close game. Top scorer for Warrandyte was Chris Bolland with nine.

(Below) The U17 boys: Back: David Wood, Ryan Holloway, Anthony Spinosa, Josh Blakey. Front: coach Gavin Whitmore, Matt Lane, Shaun Turner, Troy Ratcliffe, Daniel Hughes.



(Right) The Under 11 boys who showed their style in the win against Eltham. Back: David Spinosa. Next row: Zac Ratcliffe, Dane Stewart, Zeph Hilton, Chris Bolland. Front: Conor Gardiner, Zac Plischka, Nathan Delacy (Below) The U19 side: Back: Jason Turner, Shane Holloway, Josh Collins, Race Ranson, Scott Collins. Front: Jake Ratcliffe, Matt Belgovani, Luke Dimmock.



The Under 16 boys after their 43-30 over Knox.

Triumphant Under 16 team's winning run

Stephen Murphy's Under 16 boys Friday Night basketball side continued their recent form with a strong 43-30 win over Knox at the Park Orchards Stadium. The Eastern Qualifying boys had lost their first five games but have put together a string of three wins to get their season back on track.

Kieran Murphy was dominant in the key, scoring a game-high 21 points and taking many rebounds. In a good, even performance, strong support came from Harley Pascoe, Andrew Huntington and Ryan Daniel who each scored six points.

Coach Murphy is still not quite sure where the side is positioned but an injury to tall centre Peter Cormick (six to eight weeks) will make the task harder.

At the Anderson Creek Stadium, Warrandyte's Venom Under 18 Metro 3 boys are also settling into their season, and went down in a good, fast game to Melbourne by 55-43. Warrandyte were well within reach going into the final minutes just four points down, but were not able to maintain the momentum. In the end, Melbourne's offence was able to score when necessary and this will be the focus of coach Ian Wood in the coming weeks.

David Wood top-scored for the Venom with 13, with good support from Ryan Holloway with seven. Coach Wood will need to work on the defence and will strive to lift the intensity of the players. Although still in fourth place, with four and half wins from eight starts, the side has yet to hit its straps and show the potential it does have.





Young footballers in warm-up game

Late-season start sees Auskick kicking off with 70 new players

After a weather-enforced delay to the start of the season, Auskick finally got underway with more than 70 aspiring young footballers joining the program.

It was good to see some of the four-year-olds like Luke Papez, Harry Canty and Aidan Ratcliffe all trying their luck against the older five-year-olds in the grid games that are held at the end of each session. Although scores are not kept, they all seemed to know who won the games.

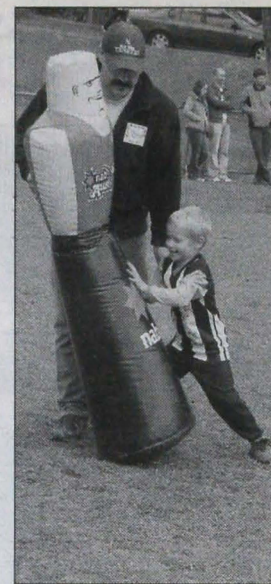
A number of the players are also doubling up in the tackers competition on a Sunday morning, with Ben Sproat, Riley Reardon, Sam Munks, Sam McAuley and Steven Garrick showing the benefit of Auskick skills sessions in their tackers games.

A grid game was held at half-time of the Warrandyte senior club's first home game of the season. Players to perform well were Callum Bowers, Leo Garrick, Ben Munks, Harper Oehlmann, Ben Jackson and Jasper Robison.

Mums and Dads also helped to enjoy the hospitality of the senior club's facilities.

The annual mother's day BBQ and kicking competition was held last week in ideal conditions and was won by local mum Birgitte Bowers.

The age range of Auskick is from four to nine, with both boys and girls participating. Parents are welcomed to participate in the helping of coaching.



Coach Craig Robison with six-year-old Ben Munks

Young Bloods pumping for Warrandyte

As the Warrandyte Football Club consolidates in Division Three after its fairy-tale premiership season in Division Four, it continues to develop young local players. Currently there is a group of five 'Baby Bloods' in the senior side - Dion Mullett Treleor, Luke Ebzery, Luke Dunn, Patrick Nichol and Chris Watson.

Dion and Luke Ebzery are the experienced pair of the group, being promoted from the U18's last season, and both playing a vital role in the club's premiership. They began their football careers together as U9 Tackers and won a premiership as U17 Colts. Dion also played tennis as a youngster, and was often runner-up in the best and fairest awards, with Luke pipping him at the post five times.

He was Club Captain in his final year with the juniors. Luke also played basketball which gave him the ball-handling skills required of a high marking forward, and he kicked 26 goals for the Bloods last year.

Dion came into the senior team and immediately made an impression, dominating in the midfield. Both boys took the step into senior football in their stride, not only cementing their place in the side, but being regularly named among the best players. "The Grand Final was just unreal," Dion recalled. "The incredible hype and huge crowd was amazing, and made it unreal. It was just like the real thing."

Chris (Watto) Watson and Luke (Dunny) Dunn spent all last year in the U18's, and are making the most of their chances in the senior side this year.

Chris, a carpentry apprentice, made his start in Auskick, and has fond memories of a premiership in U11's. He has very quick hands in close when roving around the packs, and has racked up huge stats in games against Nunawading and Templestowe. The family is from Adelaide, and are all passionate Port Adelaide fans.

"Dad's the assistant coach of the Warrandyte reserves, and

has been involved all the way through," he said. "There's no way I could have played anything else but football - Dad wouldn't let me!"

Luke Dunn has played basketball for Victoria, and toured the U.S. representing the Australian schools. He played some junior football at Park Orchards, and joined Warrandyte in last year's successful U18 squad. His brother, Matt (Spud), is in this year's U18 team.

Patrick (Paddy) Nichol has been playing since U9's and was Club Captain of the juniors. He is a keen cricketer, and has also joined his father on five Round the Bay and four Great Victorian bike rides. He comes from a sporting family, with his sister Georgia playing netball for Warrandyte.

The senior club relies on the local talent coming through from the juniors, and recognises the efforts of the dedicated coaches and officials of the local Auskick and junior football club.



Challenging times for junior teams

By ZAC BOYCE and TYSON BARBER

COLTS 1

Just outside the top four on percentage, Jason Bowen's chargers continue to impress. After taking some while to find their feet, the team has put together back-to-back wins and are in need now of some big scores to boost their percentage.

"The boys are getting used to each other now and to the game plan, and we are starting to see the results," said Colts deputy coach Jarrod Boyce.

Players such as Josh Blakey, Pat Eddy, Joshua Hale-Vaughan, Clayton Pearce, Kane Stoffels and Michael Whittle are being to make their mark.

"All the players are now benefiting from being together and, while we know we are in for a fight to remain competitive, we will continue to build our skills and our fitness" said Boyce.

COLTS 2

Despite coming home with a rush in the recent game against St Mary's 3, Colts 2 was unable to secure their first win of the season.

"The boys were down in the last quarter. They showed their ability to come back and achieved a draw (7-547 - 7-547)," said the prematurely aging coach James Bowen.

"These boys have had a bit of a struggle getting used to Colts football, but that draw should give them a real amount of encouragement as it showed them they are not too far away from a win."

Dylan Dezilwa, Simon Howard, John Murrell, Grant Westgarth

and Ben Sharp are all shaping up nicely and will continue to be real contributors as the season unfolds.

"My basic message to the team is to keep focusing on doing the little bits well, support your mates, have fun and I reckon we will soon taste victory," said the coach.

UNDER 15s

Despite the best efforts of all the players, particularly, Jordan Beltramin, Lachlan Chapman, Josh Harris, Alexi Sabo and Tobias Versteegen, the Under 15s continue to struggle during the season.

Coach Scott Chapman believes this is not through a lack of endeavour, talent or persistence. "The boys just need to realise that at time things don't go as they planned."

"When this happens, they need to remain patient, keep the game plan in their heads and look for their support."

"These boys are great and it's a pleasure to coach them and we are all looking forward to sharing success together."

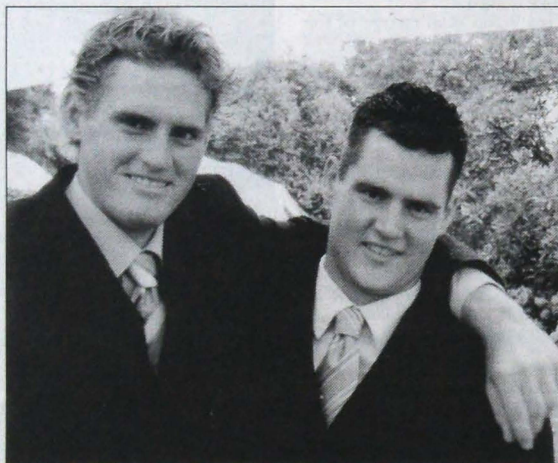
UNDER 14s

Coach Steve Blakey has to ply all of his coaching nous and experience into his charges this year as they are placed 8th on their ladder.

"These boys played in a grand final last year so we and they know that they can play."

"The current 1-4 win lose ratio doesn't look very good but with a bit of luck and a few close games, the results could have been a great deal different."

Players like Alistair Douglas,



Luke Harris, Adrian Mifsud, and Kieran Sproule-Carroll are all good players and like most of the boys, all they need is a slight change in fortune and they are away.

"I say to the boys - keep a positive attitude and positive things will happen," said Blakey.

UNDER 13s

The Under 13s sit just outside the top four on percentage and under the charge of Lance Nilsson they promise to be force this season.

Players like Jayden Clay, Jacob Harris, Lachlan Imeneo, William Lavery, Jake Wintle and Andrew Woodward continue to impress, along with the other members of the team.

Their recent win gave them a three-from-five win ratio and, as

with other teams within the club, now need to kick big scores to boost their percentage for later in the season.

"They continue to come together well as a team," said Nilsson "I am mildly confident that we are yet to see the best in this team. We will definitely be there or thereabouts when finals times come."

UNDER 12s

Gold division continues to be a challenge for the Under 12s. This division is all about playing at a faster rate against boys of a higher skills level than other divisions within the league. Coach Shane Newman continues to work on the skills levels of the boys and encourages them to learn something new every game.

"If players such as Rory Chip-

Bowen boys family affair

The brothers Bowen have made history at the Junior Club by being the first set of brothers to take joint taking coaching roles at the club.

Jason (right) and James (left) lead the two Colts squads at the club.

"It's great to give something back to the club" said Jason.

Both boys are ex-junior as well as current players in the Reserves within the Senior Club.

man, Jack Cousens, Daniel Ford, Darcy Lang and Talen Stroot can improve their skills by playing against skilled players, then it is positive for their future development," he said.

The team has yet to register a win this season

UNDER 11s

Gold division holds no such fears for Peter Stafford's Under 11s with them sharing top spot (on points) in their ladder.

Peter has these boys playing an attractive style of football that is impressing a growing band of admirers.

"These boys have responded to the challenges put in front of them this year and hopefully we can keep going throughout the season," he said.

Liam Dame, William Kerr, Christian Petracca, Zac Plischka, Brandon Stafford and Astan Ure are all responding to the challenges and developing skills.

"It promises to be a satisfying season for this band of boys," said coach Stafford.

UNDER 10s

The under 10s struggle from a lack of numbers but still turn up every week putting up Herculean efforts.

Coach David McMennemin continues to impress with his coaching ability of these boys. "We are supported by boys from under age groups to help us which has been good. It is pleasing to still watch the development of players such as Nick Anderson, Cameron Caffin, Connor Joy, Callum Northover and Joshua Rowarth improve every week. We have a plan in place to ensure these boys continue to develop their skills."

UNDER 9s

Coach Paul Reardon, his assistants, parents and players recently survived Tackers day, which involved teams from all around the league coming together and play a round robin.

All the boys played a number of games on the day and they not only enjoyed themselves, but played great football.

In an exhausting day, players such as Joshua Bilos, Luke Killey, Brodie Powell, Jake Stewart, Dion Stroot and Jake Tucker, Fergus Ward, Josh Beasley and Sam Munks played out of their skin.

● For more information concerning the club, contact Phil Ashfield, Secretary on 0409 542 112.

(Zac Boyce and Tyson Barber are Club Captain and Deputy Captain respectively.)

Dominant foe outclasses Bloods

By JAMES LOGAN

Warrandyte appears to be suffering from a premiership hangover, with only one win on the board after six outings, and sitting second-last on the ladder above the winless Mooroolbark.

Round 7 took place in bright sunshine last Saturday afternoon at Zerbes Reserve, and the 18 footballers took to the field knowing it would take a sustained four-quarter effort to knock off the dominant team in Division Three on their home turf.

Unfortunately, the Doncaster East on-ballers started to dominate that arm wrestle and, as the quarter continued, they began to rack up possessions almost at will.

Going into the quarter-time huddle trailing 5.3 to 0.0 it was difficult to see how Warrandyte was going to find avenues to goal, such as the extent of the Panthers' domination of the first term.

The second quarter yielded more punishment early for the Bloods, who conceded 11 goals before registering any score at all. It took a strong contested mark from Mick Morello to get Warrandyte's first major late in the first half, kicking straight from 30m out on a slight angle.

Another goal came soon after, with youngster Luke Dunn marking deep in attack and kicking his first for the day. It seemed the Warrandyte midfielders were finally beginning to match it with their Doncaster East opponents.

Andrew Brown, back in red and white this year after a stint at Templestowe, was providing some resistance, pushing hard both ways and taking a number of strong marks, and the Warrandyte back line was beginning to provide some good run.

Despite going into the sec-

ond half without Premiership midfielders Tom Naughtin and Ben Reid, (both unable to play further part in the game due to injuries), it looked a different Warrandyte team in the third quarter.

Tom Roberts, a key defender in his first year at the Bloods, was getting his fist to everything, on his way to amassing an incredible 20 spoils for the match. Glen Carle was racking up possessions across half back, and is starting to get back to his best after a two-year break from the game.

Dunn goaled from another strong lead and mark, then Nathan Rose drifted down and goaled from a contested mark and the scoreboard started to look a little bit more respectable.

Morello goaled from a clever banana kick from the pocket in the last minutes of the term and the Bloods went into the three-quarter time huddle trailing by 7.0 points.

Coach Peter Green maintained a positive outlook when addressing the team before the final quarter, reiterating the need to stick to the original game plan; to play on as much as possible and avoid kicking over the man on the mark, in order to try and negate the massive height advantage of the Doncaster East team.

Inspirational Warrandyte co-captain Tom Naughtin, out of action with a bruised hip, implored his team mates to win the quarter, and it looked a real possibility as Luke Dunn roved his own contest and snapped a brilliant goal, his third, over his shoulder in the first minutes of the term.

Unfortunately the Panthers had other ideas and were able to break away to kick the next three goals, extending their lead further in a match that was ef-

fectively over at half time.

To their credit though, the Warrandyte boys fought courageously until the end, Dunn goaling late to take his tally to four goals for the day. Dion Mullett-Treloar battled hard all day on a much bigger opponent, as did Ben Taylor in his second senior game. Lee Evans worked tirelessly in the ruck for four quarters, also presenting across half forward and contesting countless pack marks.

Jarrold Boyce and Josh Eyre also worked hard holding together an undermanned midfield group, the absence of stars Luke Naughtin and Todd Holman leaving a noticeable hole in the team structure.

Matt Treeby looked impressive in his first senior game since sustaining a hamstring injury against Boronia in Round One, and Craig Lincoln was determined as always. Despite some positive signs to emerge from the match, Warrandyte were unable to avoid a 100-point defeat at the hands of the deserved Premiership favourites.

Warrandyte 7.6-48 Doncaster East 22.18-150

Best: T. Roberts, D. Mullett-Treloar, L. Dunn, L. Evans, A. Brown, B. Taylor. Goals: L. Dunn 4, M. Morello 2, N. Rose. **ROUND SIX**

Following the excellent victory by the Warrandyte reserves, there was an expectant air in the rooms before the game. Unfortunately, this could not be transferred onto the ground in the form of a competitive showing in the first quarter of the match.

The Bloods were humiliated by their sub-standard play in the first half. Coach Peter Green gave a classic spray to the boys, heard across the road no doubt, and Tom Naughtin, who was off the ground injured after receiving a heavy blow to the hip in

the first moments of the game, let the boys know they needed to lift.

The second half saw a greater application of the Bloods' key performance indicators, with players putting their heads over the ball and managing to clear the ball more effectively from the back half.

Josh Eyre was again one of the best, running out of the backline, along with 'Dogga' Carle who played his 100th game in red and white.

Rick Bourke and Dion Mullett-Treloar performed well, along with new recruits Paul Bellofiore and Tom Roberts, both in their first seasons at Warrandyte.

'Magic Hands' Michael Morello kicked 4 goals in what might be a return to form.

Warrandyte 1.2 2.4 7.7 12.12-84

Coldstream 8.3 12.9 15.11 24.14-158

Goals: M. Morello 4, L. Dunn 2, N. Rose 2, P. Bellofiore 2, A. Brown, B. Taylor, L. Ebzery. Best: G. Carle, T. Roberts, L. Evans, R. Bourke, M. Wood, A. Brown. **ROUND FIVE**

The seniors entered the game down a few players due to injury, but this allowed them to introduce some fresh legs into the team; most notably under eighteen Pat Nichols for his first senior game.

The first quarter was a blood bath, with the Bloods bleeding six goals and only managing to put one on the board, admittedly kicking into a stiff breeze. This first quarter lapse was to prove their undoing throughout the day, as the deficit remained around the five goal mark for most of the encounter.

The remaining three quarters were a relatively evenly fought battle with Warrandyte's half back line providing run along with the midfield, but a lack of accountability allowed Upper

Gully players to make position in dangerous areas. The attack on the ball from Warrandyte also lifted after quarter time, taking the game's intensity to another level.

Josh Eyre gave everything he had, wanting to ensure he contributes as much as possible before he heads to Duntroon later in the year.

Tom Naughtin, Dion Mullett-Treloar and Lee Evans were also impressive for most of the day, Lee having to ruck all day against three different rotating opposition ruckman.

After suffering a number of further injuries to key players including ruckman Rene Pidgeon and on-baller Luke Naughtin, the Bloods eventually finished the game with no fit players on the bench, and went down by 37 points.

Upper Ferntree Gully 6.2 9.2 11.12 13.13-91

Warrandyte 2.1 4.2 5.4 8.6-54

Goal Kickers: M. Morello 2, L. Dunn 2, M. Wood, B. Zach, P. Bellofiore. Best Players: J. Eyre, L. Evans, T. Naughtin, B. Reid, L. Ebzery, C. Quinlan. **ROUND FOUR**

Focus moved to the local derby against Templestowe shortly after our loss to Nunawading. As always, Warrandyte players were determined to rise to the occasion and beat the Dockers nee Dragons. It was also essential to get our first win in '07 to remain in touch with the four.

With the passing of Joyce Templeton, our oldest life member, and co-captain Tom Naughtin's 50th game, motivation certainly wouldn't be difficult to muster. In perfect conditions for football, a large crowd gathered to watch the battle for the Yarra Cup.

Warrandyte had five premiership players return to the fold and confidence among some

of the older players was high. For the first time this year, Warrandyte were winning the centre clearances through Rene Pidgeon.

Young Luke Dunn marked solidly early but could not convert his three shots on goal. Intensity had increased from previous weeks and the Bloods' attack on the ball left Templestowe wanting.

However, with the majority of possession Warrandyte could not apply scoreboard pressure. Grybas left the field injured and when ex-blood Liam Riley converted two set shots (before being sent off for tripping) it was Templestowe leading at quarter time. The Bloods then dominated the next two quarters kicking 11.7 to 4.4.

A 45-point three quarter time lead should have been more with poor kicking for goal. Pidgeon, Naughtin, Bellofiore and Reid provided great drive around the ground while Holman and Roberts showed their class across the back flank.

Lee Evans continues to evolve into a fantastic centre-half forward and presented himself all day.

Julian Violato was left to run free and dominated the quarter, kicking three goals. Warrandyte's large contingent of supporters started getting nervous before Brown, in his first game for the club in six years, kicked a steady goal and increased the lead back to 23 points.

At game's end, the margin was 15 points which did not reflect the Bloods dominance of the contest.

Warrandyte 13.11-89

Templestowe 11.8-74

Goals: M. Morello 3, A. Brown 2, S. Garrett 2, L. Evans 2, L. Dunn 2, P. Bellofiore. Best: T. Naughtin, C. Watson, R. Pidgeon, P. Bellofiore, T. Roberts, T. Holman.

Victorious Under 18's three-time winners

By RIC GORDON

ROUND 7

The colts boys came into this match fresh from a week's break due to the bye, and it was clear from the first bounce that they were switched on.

Against a much bigger opposition, the colts showed great courage and commitment, running hard and in numbers and moving the ball quickly.

Matt Dunn and Jason Khouri were strong in the air all day, taking marks all around the ground, and when the ball did hit the ground on-ballers such as Tim Beasley and Daniel Large were able to mop up, Large sustaining a heavy knock to the head in the process.

Tom Maddocks was also influential working up and down the wing and taking some impressive grabs. Warrandyte were in front all day, extending a two-goal half-time lead into an almost five-goal lead late in the third quarter.

To their credit, the Doncaster East colts mounted a strong comeback and almost hit the lead in the final minutes of the match in what would have been a heartbreaking finish for the Warrandyte boys.

Fortunately Warrandyte were able to stand tall when it counted and held on for a hard-fought five-point victory, taking their winning streak to three and placing them third on the ladder.

It is significant to note that at this stage they have played one less game than the other three teams in the top four due to the bye.

Warrandyte 13.10-88

Doncaster East 11.17-83

Best: M. Dunn, J. Khouri, T. Beasley, E. Jones, T. Maddocks, D. Large. **ROUND 5**

The under 18s got the day off to a positive start. The sun

shone for most of the morning, as did the team play of the Warrandyte boys.

After dominating all around the ground for the first three quarters, going into the final break the team lead by almost 10 goals, with a huge win a strong possibility.

Unfortunately, Upper Gully showed some fighting spirit in the final term and were able to reduce the eventual margin to a respectable 4 goals. Though the final margin was smaller than what might have been, coach Vitiritti was pleased with the performance of his young charges, in particular Daniel Large, Matt Dunn, Trav Parsonage, Jake Bentley, Tim Beasley and Jason Khouri, who impressed the Warrandyte crowd late in the third quarter with a booming goal kicked from inside the centre square. Tyson Fitzgerald was also impressive, booting 6 goals.

Upper Ferntree Gully 2.2 1.4 6.7 10.11-71

Warrandyte 4.1 3.0 6.2 15.5-95

Goals: T. Fitzgerald 6, J. Khouri 3, T. Beasley 2, L. Brewis 2, C. Fulton, T. Maddocks. Best: M. Dunn, D. Large, T. Parsonage, J. Khouri, J. Bentley, T. Beasley. **ROUND 4**

This was a fairly even game until the final quarter, when the spectators were treated to an exciting finish with the Bloods coming from three points behind to totally dominate and turn it into a four-goal win.

Warrandyte were superior in the air, with Matt Dunn marking everything in sight and Tristan Maddocks having a field day.

Warrandyte 3.0 4.3 5.5 9.9-63

Templestowe 2.0 3.1 6.2 6.4-40

Best: T. Maddocks, T. Beasley, T. Fitzgerald, E. Jones, M. Dunn, J. Khouri.

Height gap hinders Reserves

By RICK CURTIS

The Reserves side has had a difficult first half of the season, with results almost mirroring those of the seniors. They are sitting second-last on the ladder with one win, ahead of Mooroolbark a winless last.

Coach Ash Grybas said "I have been encouraged by the heart and spirit shown by the boys, even when they are down. We have had an unsettled side due to injuries and players going in and out of the seniors, but when we've had our best team, we're more than competitive."

ROUND 7

The first quarter started off well with Warrandyte scoring the first two goals, but unfortunately the team let East Doncaster in with a fade-out at the end of the first quarter. Warrandyte were let off time after time through East Doncaster's inability to kick straight, thus keeping Warrandyte in the game up until the final quarter.

Warrandyte were kicking straight when given their chances, but the ball wasn't getting to Campbell Holland at full forward often enough.

Once the ball was in the forward line the forwards worked hard to keep it in there. Warrandyte's backline pressure, particularly from Ryan Parker and Flynn Jarvis was fantastic making it hard for East Doncaster to get easy goals.

Pat Hernandez put in a good game at full back against strong opposition. Bruno also had a great game in the centre, offering much needed run, with support from Cal Haskings and Bernie Opteynde.

Cal 'DJ' Haskings was welcomed back after suffering a suspected broken hand and showed why he is now one of the leaders of this side.

Overall East Doncaster was too tall for a Warrandyte side that is lacking height and age. Warrandyte fielded a very



The Reserves, victorious after their win against Coldstream.

young side and it showed that East Doncaster had more experience, but this has been a very good learning curve for the Young Bloods, who have experienced players such as Dale Vitiritti and coach Ash Grybas to learn from.

Dale Vitiritti played his 299th game against East Doncaster and it's obvious that he is one of the greats of the club. When he plays his 300th all the boys will be giving everything for Vitti's, a hero to a lot of the boys.

Warrandyte 6.2-38

Doncaster East 15.28-118

Goals: B. Deaizpurua 2, C. Holland 2, B. Zach, C. Chapman, C. Haskings, O. Mock. Best: B. Zach, B. Taylor, C. Haskings, B. Counsel, L. Giampietro, C. Chapman. **ROUND 6**

With passion ignited in the boys after a tragic loss suffered by one of the club's dearest friends, 2nds Assistant Coach Mark Watson, the team was ready to play. It could be felt by every player in the change rooms even before they stepped out to the field.

The team was strengthened

by the inclusion of Jimmy Logan from the firsts, Matt Treeby returning from a hamstring injury and Ash Grybas as playing coach.

The first quarter was a close one and it was a telling sign that the whole game was going to be a close one.

The game was played with physicality and pace, and in the third quarter Leigh Giampietro suffered from a dislocated shoulder and at the same time a suspected broken ankle.

Logan was sent up forward where he offered leads and kicked goals. This motivated the team to kick on, start running the ball more and kick to leading targets. The team started to play their best football for the whole year.

Something that stuck out to all spectators was the team camaraderie. When there was a scuffle down in front of goal and then later on the wing, it showed that the team had grown from the start of the year and now were all playing as one.

Coldstream were able to kick straight all day, but that couldn't stop Warrandyte from

finally registering their first win of the year.

Warrandyte 3.4 6.6 9.5 15.14-104

Coldstream 4.0 7.0 11.1 13.2-80

Goals: B. Elliott 3, C. Holland 2, J. Logan 2, B. Zach 2, S. Donovan, L. Giampietro, C. Lincoln, D. Vitiritti, B. Opteynde, B. Counsel. Best: B. Counsel, D. Vitiritti, M. Treeby, B. Zach, C. Lincoln, J. Logan. **ROUND 5**

As the reserves took the field, the weather changed from bright and sunny to overcast within the blink of an eye.

In the first quarter the team looked destined for a loss with Upper Ferntree Gully entering their forward 50 with far greater ease than Warrandyte.

To the credit of the team, they lifted their game in the next two quarters, kicking five goals to one in the third quarter to find themselves within a point at three-quarter time.

Unfortunately the battling Bloods were over-run in the last quarter, largely due to a lack of legs on what was a sizeable Upper Gully paddock. Campbell Holland was on fire at full forward, and Geoff Zach frustrated the Upper Gully backs in the third quarter, bobbing up to kick three classy goals.

Best on ground was awarded to Brian Elliot who collected kicks all over the park, and also managed to take a screamer in the third quarter right in front of the Warrandyte faithful, simultaneously knocking out the opposition player he used as a step ladder. Other best players were Steve Lockie, Craig Lincoln, Ben Taylor, Sean Donovan and Nick Drake. Upper Gully ran out winners by 31 points.

Upper Ferntree Gully 2.2 4.3 5.5 11.7-73

Warrandyte 0.1 0.1 5.4 6.6-42

Goals: G. Zach 3, C. Holland 2, J. Bowen. Best: B. Elliott, S. Lockie, C. Lincoln, B. Taylor, S. Donovan, N. Drake.

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