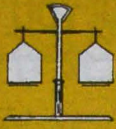


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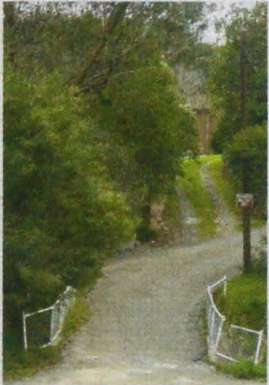
# Retirees' housing

## Co-op buys site for seniors' cottages

By CLIFF GREEN

A property has been purchased in Warrandyte as a site for a cluster of cottages for retired residents.

The site, in Harris Gully Road (pictured below), has been bought by the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Co-operative, formerly a sub-committee of the Warrandyte Community Association.



Speaking at the annual general meeting of WCA last month, committee member Doug Seymour told the gathering, "A property of just over half an acre has been purchased, which we hope to develop into a small cluster of five retirement units".

Committee member Sarah Wrigley explained that "the present initiative began at a public forum, held last September, to discuss the lack of local retirement housing options."

A number of sites have been investigated since, but none are readily available.

"An opportunity recently came up when long-standing local resident Mr Frank Doyle found himself having to find alternative accommodation away from Warrandyte," Ms Wrigley said.

The proposal followed an appeal in the June issue of the *Diary*, suggesting people in Mr Doyle's predicament might

consider selling their property and occupying one of the units when the land was developed for retirement housing.

"Mr Doyle's family approached the committee (now the co-operative)," Ms Wrigley said, "and suggested his property in Harris Gully Road would be suitable."

The site is within easy walking distance of Goldfields Plaza shopping centre, medical facilities and public transport.

"The family and the co-operative have now entered into a contract to purchase the site, with bridging finance provided by one of the directors of the co-operative," Ms Wrigley said.

"We are delighted to get this property and are grateful to the Doyle family for this demonstration of the Warrandyte spirit in giving first option to WCA and the community," said Doug Seymour, a co-operative director.

Mr Seymour outlined the co-operative's vision of five sensitively designed retirement units, suitably sited on the land and appropriate to the environment.

The co-operative has written to the neighbours to get their views on the development and has held discussions with Manningham council.

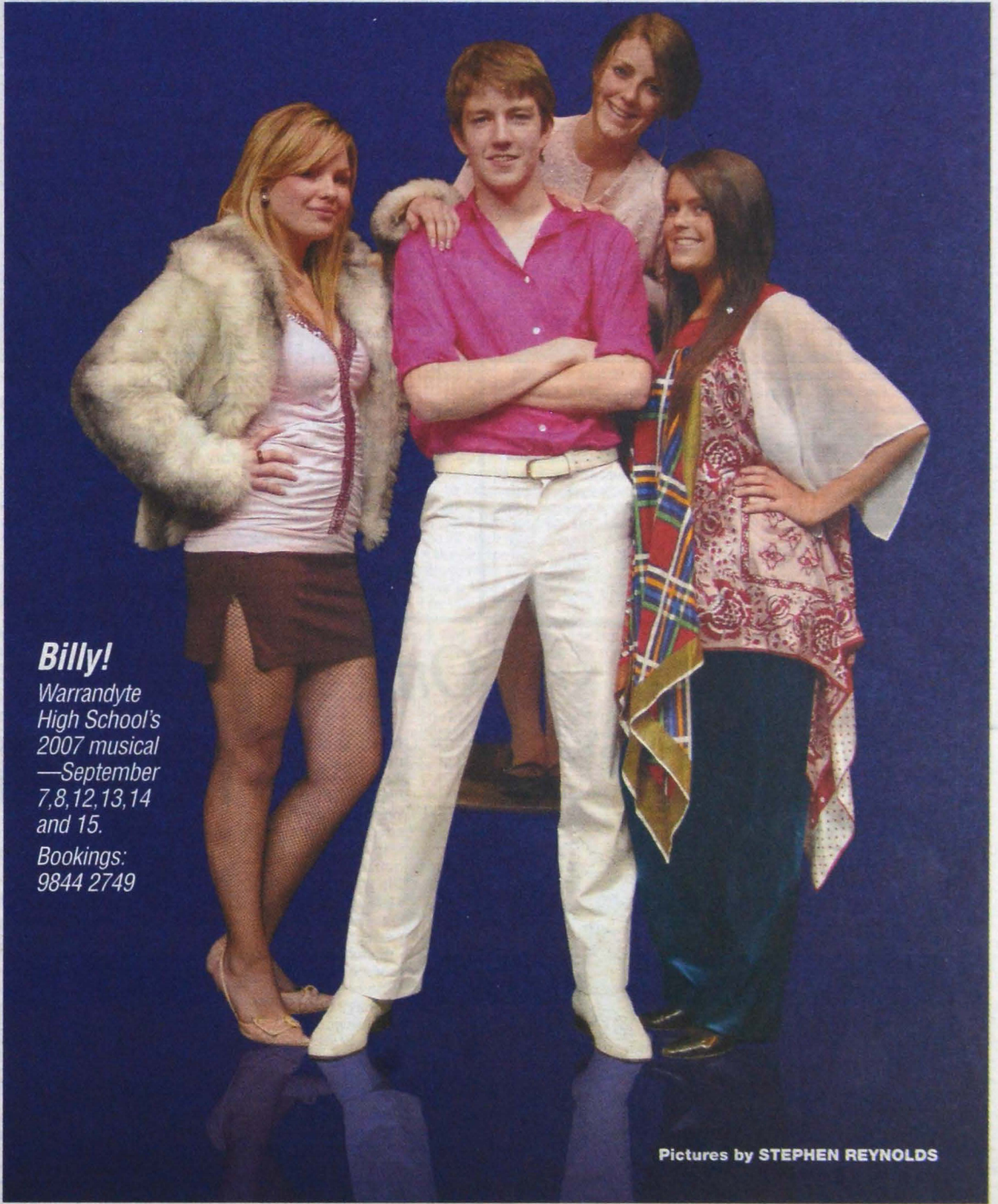
"All our enquiries to date have been very encouraging," Mr Seymour said. "We now need the community to get behind us to make this happen."

While bridging finance has been provided, the co-operative will be seeking other sources of funding from the community and government. "We will be asking the community to become paid-up members of the co-operative," Ms Wrigley said.

"We will also be seeking local support in terms of project management, building and landscaping."

The first public meeting of the retirement housing co-operative will be held at the senior citizens centre in Tarooma Avenue on Monday, August 27 at 7.30pm.

Further information from Doug Seymour (9844 2740), Sarah Wrigley (9844 2678) or David Ellis (9844 3292).



### Billy!

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## Local MP 'denied access' to state park ranger

# Footbridge plan



The old suspension bridge at Pound Bend, destroyed by record floods in November 1934. (Picture courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society)

By EMMA CLARK

North Warrandyte and Warrandyte could be connected by a pedestrian bridge across the Yarra.

The Warrandyte Lions Club is investigating the possibility of constructing a bridge spanning the river from the car park at the end of Tarroona Avenue, near Pound Bend, to the reserve at Bradley's Lane.

The Lions Club has consulted both Manningham and Nillumbik councils and the Warrandyte CFA and Bicycle Victoria about the project.

Both councils are supportive of the project. The bridge will serve to connect the two electorates, making the Warrandyte township more accessible to residents of North Warrandyte.

John Boyle, a member of the Lions Club, told the *Diary*, "It will mean that school children can walk or ride bikes to both primary schools and War-

randy High School from North Warrandyte instead of having to be driven through the town. This could free up some of the morning traffic problems on Research Road and Yarra Street. It would also give greater access to the West End shops for North Warrandyte residents."

The Warrandyte CFA and Bicycle Victoria have both expressed their support for the bridge. A river crossing in that area would make it easier for residents to cross the river quickly in the event of a fire. It would also connect North Warrandyte with the bicycle network which runs along the river into the city.

Local resident Don Hughes is a lieutenant colonel in the Royal Australian Engineers for the Defence Force and was involved in building a pedestrian bridge in Warburton in 2000. It was a steel, rope and timber swing bridge

built as a community project between the Army and the local community.

Mr Hughes told the *Diary*, that while "there was a big bureaucratic process with many different groups and authorities to consult, however the bridge brought together a community which was quite divided by the river. Both sides of the river were quite separate but the bridge united them by allowing easier access, also by creating a project for both sides to work on together."

The Warburton bridge has a 34 metre span with nine metre towers at each end, with a one metre wide timber walkway, six metres above the river bed.

Lions Club president Ian Shugg said that a timber swing bridge would be "ideal for the area."

The Lions Club special projects committee would partially fund the project. Mr Shugg said, "The bridge would have lots of advantages to the community.

We are just trying to get the project off the ground at the moment. We are consulting with the different groups involved and gathering interest."

A meeting with federal member Kevin Andrews and the Lions Club has been arranged for later this month in an effort to gain federal support. The Lions Club is investigating the possibility of involving the engineering faculty of Melbourne University or the Army.

A timber footbridge crossing the river in Warrandyte was washed away in the floods of 1934 and there has not been one since.

The road bridge connecting Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road and Yarra Street is the only major river crossing between Fitzsimmons Lane in Templestowe and Yarra Glen.

● The *Diary* invites readers' comments on this project.

Warrandyte's elected state representative believes he has been denied open access to the senior ranger at Warrandyte State Park.

Ryan Smith, MP for Warrandyte, told the *Diary* that his office contacted the senior ranger to seek an informal meeting with him on behalf of a local charity.

"The charity had asked me to enquire about the possibility of it funding a local project and was seeking clarification on the process needed to move forward," Mr Smith said.

He claims his staff was advised to make the request through the minister's office.

"I thought there had been some confusion regarding this and emailed him myself, informing him as to why I wished to meet," Mr Smith said.

"My request was met with the following reply: 'Parks Victoria protocol on this is for you to write your request to the Minister's office, indicating that you want to speak to me and the topic you want to speak to me about'."

Mr Smith raised the matter in state parliament last month, stating: "Warrandyte is a place that has a great deal of voluntary involvement, and it all works very well because people are constantly engaged with each other on a regular, informal basis."



Ryan Smith

"My most recent visit to the Warrandyte State Park rangers' office included a very pleasant, informal chat with the staff, and I was invited back at any time for a cuppa."

Mr Smith told the *Diary* that he "now needs to consult with the big boys in town and request, through the minister, a meeting with our local Parks Victoria ranger."

"Can you imagine how the people of Warrandyte would feel if their elected representative had to put in a formal request every time he needed to consult with a government department on their behalf?"

"Do I now need to write to the minister for police every time I want to meet with the local police or do I need to write to the minister for education to speak to the local school principals?"

## Lights? Next year

By EMMA CLARK

The long-awaited traffic lights crossing in Yarra Street will be completed by May next year, according to VicRoads.

In October last year, the *Diary* reported that Manningham council had allocated \$287,000 to install the crossing, as part of a \$719,000 funding package from the state government. The project was set to be completed by mid-2007.

Manningham council told the *Diary* that the project had been taken on by VicRoads.

Steve Brown, regional metro south-east manager, said that "VicRoads has recently received funding in their

2007-08 budget for the development of a pedestrian crossing in Yarra Street, Warrandyte."

"These important works will start early 2008 and are expected to be completed in May 2008."

The current crossing has flashing "legs" lights and has been a cause of concern for local residents due to poor lighting and difficulty seeing pedestrians, especially at night.

The crossing is the only spot between the two roundabouts on Yarra Street where pedestrians can safely cross from the shops on the eastern side to the river and the car park across the road.



Pedestrian crossing: no lights until next year. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

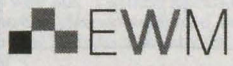


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## Plum trees are 'woody weeds'

I'm often intrigued by how people can have such very different views regarding the one scenario, so I had to grin when I read Rosalie Loo's "Old plum trees add to picturesque character" in the June edition. My view couldn't be more different.

I have to admit I see our local landscape through the prism of my great interest (passion might be more accurate!) for helping wildlife recover from the battering it's been given over the last century and a half. Consequently I've done a lot of work in the 16 years we've lived here to help repair damaged vegetation communities; this has mainly been a mix of planting and weeding. So I'm very familiar with the woody weeds.

And while I do love John Williamson's "Give me a home among the gum trees..." I reckon the plum trees he's talking about are on private property.

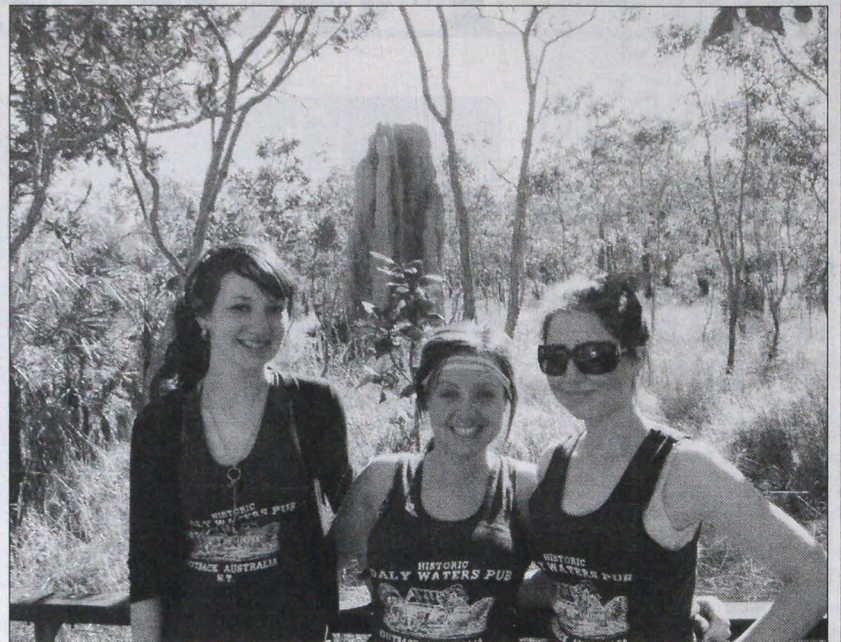
Also does she realise that two-thirds of our state's original vegetation has been obliterated? It follows that our wildlife has been restricted to one third of its original territory, which explains the numerous deaths and extinctions.

Anyway, visually I think those suckering shrubs are extremely ugly for much of the year, masquerading cleverly as a collection of dead sticks. (The photo accompanying her letter didn't show this aspect, portraying them at their floristic peak!) The stretch in question has been neglected for many decades (possibly a century), allowing the plum trees to proliferate and be surrounded by a horrible mix of ground-dwelling and tree-climbing weeds: ivy, oxalis, kikuya, plantain, etc.

As to visitors noticing the loss of this section of "picturesque Victorian character" I very much doubt that as there are hundreds, perhaps more than a thousand—I gave up counting—between Tills Drive and Everard Drive. Also I disagree that we don't need the parking. I've often seen it much used and use it myself occasionally.

Joan MacMahon  
Bradleys Lane

## 'Well-behaved teenagers'



Warrandyte High School girls holidaying in Kakadu.

I spent the morning at Beny Springs (46 km SE of Darwin—we're on the road until September). Having enjoyed a swim in the warm spring water, I settled in the sunshine to read my book, while my family—holidaying from Victoria for the school holidays—took themselves off on a nature walk.

Around me was a large group of well-behaved teenagers. The girls were sunning

themselves in their bikinis while the boys played a ball game in the water with their teachers.

On enquiring of one of the boys where they were from, I was astonished and delighted to hear they were from Warrandyte High School!

What a small world.

Ann Ley  
West End Road

## Letterbox thieves

Who stole my letterbox? Not just any letterbox. A rather extraordinary letterbox: a very large hand, pointing up our driveway, lovingly carved by my brother, into a block of treated pine.

It sat on a 4 inch by 4 inch post, about a metre and a half high and was extremely heavy and awkward to handle. But someone has gone to the trouble of studying it in the daylight in order to know how to steal it during the dark of night.

Strangely enough, I even think I heard them do it, but would never have thought to check if my letterbox was being stolen in the middle of the night.

Someone's mate or someone's parents know about my letterbox. It is the only one like it, and we are, I believe, the only family in Australia with our surname so lovingly carved across the front of our letterbox. I want it back, please.

Stolen around 10.45pm on Wednesday, July 25.

Briony Bottarelli  
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### 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.

## CLYDE & OCKER



"Write to the *Diary* about it Ock."  
"I can't. My hands are tied behind my back!"

## Nights to remember

It is great that the talents and goodwill of Warrandyte people are spread "over the border" of Reynolds Road to "Warranvale", the curious Round House on the Hill, supportive care.

In the pouring rain, a goodwill driver landed in the monstrous ditch outside "Warranvale". Five good men and true with a tow-ropes pulled out the driver on their way home to Warrandyte. Computer volunteer from Information Warrandyte assists the technically inept.

Now all-star cast of Tom and Ruby Bone, well-known around the Club and Village circuit, kept up a non-stop patter of Scottish, Irish and English songs, a touch of Shirley Temple, with recitations of Banjo Patterson and Henry Lawson.

While Tom changed kilt and dinosaur trousers, accompanist Judith Hayward, pianist from the Warrandyte Music Group, wearing her hat and shawl from the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House knitting group, filled in the spaces.

Louise Joy  
"Warranvale"

## CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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# 'True expression' of this place

This issue of the *Diary* is our 400th. SANDY BURGOYNE has researched our story and here presents an account of the first 37 years of Warrandyte's "priceless" newspaper...

**T**HE first copies of the *Warrandyte Diary* slid off the press in early December 1970 into a very different world. A new Austin X6 car cost \$A2598 including tax and the Royal Commission into the collapse of Melbourne's West Gate Bridge continued. In May of that year more than 70,000 people packed the streets of Melbourne in the Vietnam moratorium march — protesting at the involvement of Australian troops in the Vietnam War.

In mid-1970 the recently formed Warrandyte youth club was trying to make its activities known in the community. Committee member Cliff Green was put in charge of publicity. He sent regular notices to the commercial local paper, but without success. "I found they weren't interested in stories about Warrandyte... We couldn't get anything in," he remembered of that time.

The youth club committee resolved to start its own newsletter with Cliff Green as editor. This publication would be about the whole community, not just the youth club and would be named the *Warrandyte Diary* — "Warrandyte" to give a feeling of belonging to a place and "Diary" to show it would inform residents of community events. It would circulate in what the club considered to be the local community and not stop at the river — North Warrandyte would be included.

This project was to be funded totally from advertising and Cliff Green made a dummy of the new publication to show to prospective advertisers. "I started to tread the streets around Warrandyte looking for advertising. The first advertiser I signed up was Peter McDougall (real estate agent). I walked into his office and he took a nice big ad. I walked out of his office and Ron Day (a contractor) was sitting in his truck and I put it on Ron Day and he signed up. I think Tom Kerkhof (television repairs) came along and Ron Day said, 'here, you'd better be in this too'. So within a matter of half an hour I had this run of advertisers," he said.

Cliff made a number of decisions with that first issue that continue today. For instance, the publication would be produced monthly except January. The *Diary's* staff of reporters, photographers, cartoonists and many others would be volunteers, but the money from selling advertising space would pay for professional typesetting and printing. As the newspaper didn't have an office he affixed a large yellow letterbox to the old cypress tree in Yarra Street (which is now known as the "Diary tree"), where locals could leave news leads and copy for their advertisements.

One decision that didn't turn out was to have the youth club children deliver the *Diary* to every letterbox in the district. Cliff Green recalled, "when we found the first bundle of (newspapers) trapped in Anderson's Creek we decided that wasn't working". The solution was simple. "We went around... and every business we asked was prepared to take them on the counter and that's how they've been distributed ever since," Cliff Green said.

Peter Lovett, a sports sub-editor with the now defunct afternoon paper *The Herald*, offered his help early in the *Diary's* history. He wasn't particularly complimentary about the appearance of the publication. "You wouldn't call that a newspaper. You've got to get professional about it," he is quoted as saying. Lovett set about changing the *Diary* into a newspaper. He added "hard news" reporting to the notification of past and future events and gravitated news stories to the front and concentrated sports on



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### Only Two Fire Calls

Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade reports only two fire calls in the recent period. These were: Cooking fat caught fire on a stove in a house in Pound Road on Friday, October 9th. A call was received on the following day to a fire in the open in Tindalls Road. This was found to be someone burning off a window and the fire was permitted to continue burning. See fire precaution details on page 8.

Today marks the publication of the first issue of Warrandyte's first newspaper.

(At least we believe it to be the first. So far we have not discovered traces of a predecessor!)

Warrandyte *Diary* will be published monthly as a combined community service and fund-raising venture by the General Committee of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club.

All work on the paper is being undertaken on a voluntary basis; all profits from the project will be used to assist the operation of our long-needed Youth Club.

Warrandyte is a special place. That is why we live here. There are easier places in which to live. Places served by better transport, places without the annual threat of bushfires. But we have chosen Warrandyte.

A sense of belonging to a different type of community may be one of the many reasons why we made the choice.

But this community is growing larger day-by-day. Too large for news to pass by word of mouth. Even the "bush telegraph" is not reaching everyone.

Hence the need for a local newspaper, a focal point, tying together the many varied activities and interests of the "village". If Warrandyte is a special place, then it has need for a special kind of paper. A paper that is close to, and part of, its community.

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the back pages.

Lee Tindale, a journalist who worked in the same building as Lovett, joined the staff of the fledgling newspaper soon after. He commenced writing the "In Red and White" column under the guise of "Smokey Joe" in June 1974 and continued until ill-health caused him to cease at the end of 2005. He died a few months later.

At the beginning of 1976 the *Diary* was without an editor and the first three issues were not produced. It seemed that the *Warrandyte Diary* would go the way of many other community newspapers and quietly disappear. Lee Tindale took on the editorship and ran the publication with the help of his wife Jan. "I had no intention of stepping in but no-one else would, or did, so I came home with a new baby to do by myself," he said of that time.

Fortunately early in 1979 Judy Macdonald and Jan Vagg, although neither had a journalistic background, jointly took on the editorship. Finding enough content for the *Diary* was always a challenge and Judy Macdonald described what she called "Yellow Box Disease", "the symptoms of which were not being able to drive or walk past the old cypress tree without stopping and peering hopefully through the slot of the yellow 'Diary box'. Usually it was empty, except for something with eight legs which was peering back."

Ken Virtue and his wife Lee took on the editorship in 1981. "We thought that (it) would be a good way to get to know people and the community. To be quite honest I really didn't realise what I was getting myself into," he said.

Virtue was an active member of the Warrandyte Arts Association and he sought to increase the *Diary's* coverage of the arts.

With the next change of editors in 1983 career journalists were once more in charge — Bob Millington and Mark Davis who both worked at *The Age*. They immediately set about a task that was long overdue. The *Diary* was still produced via letterpress (also called hot metal), a technology that apart from mechanisation had its roots in Gutenberg's 15th century press. Within three months of taking over the co-editors had moved to offset printing. Millington pushed on to redesign the appearance of the paper. In 1987 he completed his vision for the *Diary* when he changed from the current "bastard" page size to tabloid. However, the job of assembling the newspaper remained a cottage industry. Millington remembered that the *Diary* was put together, "on the pine table in the kitchen of our house... The most technological thing we ever had was an electric typewriter."

An editorial committee ran the paper from 1990 to 1993 when Cliff Green took over as news editor with Lee Tindale as sports editor.

At the end of 1991, 21 years after its foundation, the *Warrandyte Diary* finally moved into its own office in the Community Centre on Yarra Street. For the first time in its history the *Diary* was in the midst of the community it served and Warrandyte residents could visit the street-front office. By this time, Cliff Green and Lee Tindale were co-editors. Apart from the setbacks of a robbery in 1997 and being close to eviction from its Community Centre office in

### Village Calendar

Turn to inside pages for further details of these coming events.

#### DECEMBER

- 2nd—Youth Club General Committee.
- 3rd—Elderly Citizens' General Meeting; Potters Cottage Xmas Show preview.
- 8th—Warrandyte Fire Brigade Meeting.
- 9th—St. John's Ladies' Guild Break-up Party.
- 10th—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 11th—Youth Club Senior Break-up Night.
- 12th—R.S.L. Dinner
- 13th—Youth Club Jamboree.
- 16th—Elderly Citizens' Christmas Luncheon.
- 19th—W.A.A. Children's Creative Dance & Music Recitals & Exhibition by Junior Painting Classes.
- 20th—Children's Recital & Exhibition continues.
- 24th—Christmas Eve Church Services.
- 25th—Christmas Day Services.

#### JANUARY

- 12th—Warrandyte Fire Brigade Meeting.
- 18th—Summer Potters School commences.
- 21st—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 22nd—Youth Club activities resume.
- 26th—Youth Club Holiday Play Group commences.
- 28th—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 29th—Youth Club Holiday Play Group concludes.

2000, the *Diary* settled into a period of relative stability and consolidation that continues to the present.

The *Diary* has been fortunate in the drive, vision and talent of its editors, but the success the paper enjoys today would not have been possible without the other capable staff who freely gave of their time. Many of these people have had a long association with the newspaper. For instance, Jock Macneish provided a cartoon for the first issue in 1970 and he remains a regular contributor today. In the days of letterpress, illustrations were expensive to prepare for inclusion. In August 1971 the *Diary* ran a Macneish cartoon of a public meeting at the Mechanics' Institute that showed around 30 people bursting out of the hall. On the far right-hand side of the illustration two larger figures were discussing the mayhem occurring at the meeting. Cliff Green and Peter Lovett (then co-editors) realised they could use these two characters. They had the printer cut off that side of the block ready to be used on its own. The editors could then have the two cartoon characters, now named Clyde & Ocker, regularly comment on any topic for the cost of a few lines of hot metal type. These two caricatures continue to comment regularly in the *Diary* on topics both serious and flippant, although the technical and financial imperatives that led to their creation no longer exist.

The *Warrandyte Diary* provides a little-known service to the community by way of its cadet reporter scheme. Jan Tindale, the newspaper's chief of staff for many years, unofficially started this involvement during the mid 1980s when she invited high school students to write for the paper. "We'll assign them a job and see how they go. After two or three stories we do expect them to take over themselves and start using their own imagination and... finding their own stories," she said of the process. The first task is usually a short article on a community event that requires simple reporting without the need for extensive research.

A minority of the *Diary's* young reporters go on to become regular contributors, following on to university studies and a career in journalism. Clinton Grybas was appointed cadet reporter in 1994. From the *Diary* he joined the ABC in Perth as a radio and television sports reporter. He went on to become part of the sports commentary team on commercial radio station 3AW and make regular appearances on Fox Sport. Emma Clark and Joanne Green are the current *Diary* cadets.

Former editor Bob Millington believes that the *Diary* has endured because it has remained in touch with its readers. "It's because it's always got plenty of people in it, stories about people. It's a cliché, but it does have the pulse of the town. I think it's always also battled for the town."

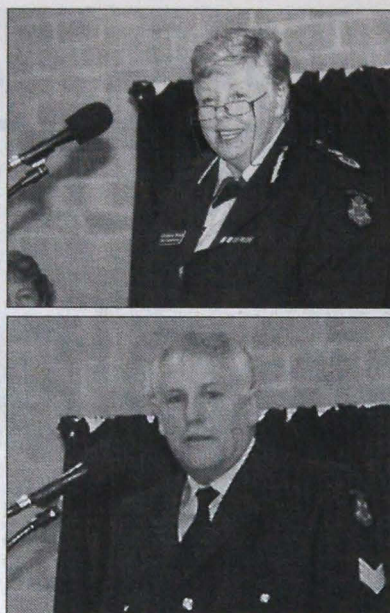
For 37 years the *Warrandyte Diary* has carried the local news—news that originates in Warrandyte; news that is important to the residents of Warrandyte; news that touches the lives of Warrandyte residents — news that will never be on the agenda of the Melbourne dailies. The *Diary* has gone beyond the passive reporting of community events to present the readers with important issues that may not yet be on the public agenda, such as ring roads, zoning, building standards and conservation of the environment.

The *Diary* also reports the news that makes a community: the amateur theatre, the schools, the sports, the gossip and the obituaries. In reporting to the community the paper has not taken itself too seriously. It has always included humour through the columnists such as Smokey Joe and through its cartoons. In the *Diary* the community has a quality newspaper that is well designed and the editors and staff have always tried to maintain high standards of journalism and ethics.

The *Diary* has united a community. It has re-defined Warrandyte as a place, as it has always treated North Warrandyte as a part of the community. Local people have always considered this to be the case but the local weekly newspapers and the municipal councils believe them to be separate places with different interests.



Above: Warrandyte's new police station.



Top right: Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon  
Right: Sgt Keith Walker

## Community garden taps into water supply from above

Rising to the challenge of water conservation, the Warrandyte Community Garden has installed a rainwater tank at their garden in Police Street.

The tank collects water from the roof of the new police station next door, which is then reticulated around the garden, supplementing the mains supply and acting as an emergency water supply during drought.

The Community Garden, an initiative of the Police and Citizens Advisory Committee, was established in April, 1999.

There are 24 plots on the

site, plus a toolshed, greenhouse, gazebo, cubbyhouse and sandpit.

Many plotheholders have experienced real difficulties attempting to keep their gardens watered during the current level of water restrictions.

Finance for the tank and associated plumbing has been provided by Manningham council, the Warrandyte Community Market and several suppliers and minor sponsors.

Anyone interested in taking up a plot at the garden should call Julie Cottier on 9873 3969.



The right connections: plumbers install the rainwater tank at the Warrandyte Community Garden. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

# New cop shop opens

Words and pictures  
By SANDY BURGOYNE

Warrandyte's police station was officially opened early last month, although the local police had moved into the new facility in March.

Officials and guests crowded into a downstairs room of the new building where Bob Cameron, the minister for police and emergency services, and Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon declared the station open and unveiled a wall plaque.

Representatives from a cross-section of Warrandyte organisations attended, as well as others from further afield.

They included state parliamentarians, Ryan Smith MP for Warrandyte, Danielle Green MP for Yan Yean and Brian Tee MLC for the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

Representatives of the CFA, State Emergency Service, Manningham and Nillumbik councils, the Warrandyte and Park Orchards Police Community

Consultative Committee, service clubs and students from Warrandyte High School also attended.

In his speech, Minister Cameron said that the station would help local officers continue to provide their emergency response and crime preventative initiatives.

"The previous station was due for an upgrade and I'm sure this new station will greatly assist police in continuing their excellent work in the community."

"Officers at Warrandyte have done a terrific job and local crime is on the decline. To continue this work, it's important they are supported with the necessary resources," Mr Cameron said.

The chief commissioner noted that police officers assigned to Warrandyte tended to remain in the district their entire careers.

"I don't think any of us are concerned about getting people to stay here — particularly when

... we are making a difference in our community.

"The support local police have received from the community is a contributing factor to members wanting to remain in the area for an extended period of time," Ms Nixon said.

The station cost \$700,000 to construct. The old building had been in use for many decades and was roundly considered to be inadequate for the purpose. The building was too small for the number of staff and lacked modern facilities. It was demolished last year.

The new building is purpose-built for the job and the officers stationed at Warrandyte were consulted during the design stages.

The station includes an interview room, holding cell, mess room, property store, administration section and a lock-up garage. Up-to-date IT and communications equipment are installed. The local police consider it worth waiting for.

"The Warrandyte police are enjoying the new station and the professional image it portrays. To have a purpose built facility is just wonderful," Sergeant Keith Walker told the *Diary*.

The official opening ceremony ended with the police chaplain, the Rev John Broughton, blessing the building as "a workplace for those called to the vocation of policing".

Local MP Ryan Smith told the *Diary*, "police in Warrandyte are highly regarded and respected as an integral part of this community. They work with the community to the betterment of the people of Warrandyte, working through local issues in an empathetic and sympathetic way."

"I am thrilled and excited about these new premises and hope they affirm the gratitude we all feel towards the dedicated police men and women of Warrandyte, who have given so much to the community," Mr Smith said.

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WCA annual general meeting



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

## Community centre's future looks secure

**By CLIFF GREEN**  
The question of the future management of the Warrandyte Community Centre was a major topic of discussion at the recent annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Association.

"The Warrandyte community must not fall asleep again and lose control of this valuable asset," WCA president Dick Davies told the meeting.

"Manningham have sensibly extended the current contract with the centre's supporters group (which has been running the centre since 2000) until the end of 2007 to enable the community to gather appropriate support.

"However, the current management team, which has done a magnificent job under the chairmanship of Jock Macneish, is unable to continue with the voluntary workload. A new management team is needed," Mr Davies said.

The meeting generally agreed that the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group, an incorporated body, should continue to run the centre, but it needed revitalisation—"new blood"—in particular a new chairperson.

There was some disquiet expressed about the role of the centre in the community. "Perhaps it's been too successful," someone said. There were complaints from community groups than when they rang to book a

room for a committee meeting—or whatever—permanent and ongoing bookings meant there was no space available.

"Perhaps this gives the impression that the community is not welcome in its own centre. Is there a need for a meeting room to be kept available, a space dedicated to occasional—or perhaps—monthly bookings?"

It was pointed out that the committee needs to "balance its books" and permanent bookings enable the council "rent" of approximately \$5000 a year to be met.

Cr Pat Young of Manningham council suggested that this amount did not even cover maintenance of the building, which was an ongoing council responsibility. She emphasised that council is committed to the centre continuing to be managed by the Warrandyte community.

The centre's total annual budget is between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

"We have no intention of attempting to re-invent the wheel," Mr Davies said. "We need to keep the supporters' group in place, but with a new, energetic committee and chairperson. There must be people in the Warrandyte community who are prepared to assist in this rewarding and essential role. We would love to hear from them."

● Jock Macneish can be contacted on 9844 4164.

The Warrandyte Community Association has enjoyed a busy and productive year, president Dick Davies reported at the association's annual general meeting recently.



A summary of his report follows...

Retirement accommodation for older members of the community who otherwise will leave to live elsewhere has been a top priority. (See report, page 1.)

Our strategy has been to provide a forum for the community to pursue the issue. WCA held a forum on retirement accommodation in Warrandyte in 2006 and as a result established a sub-committee to review and pursue options.

This sub-committee is now becoming incorporated in its own right as a non-trading cooperative and will follow up the issue independently of the WCA. This is advisable as their mandate and objectives may well diverge from those of the WCA.

### Local and state government

We are now holding twice yearly meetings with Manningham council. Major issues under discussion are the future management of the Warrandyte Community Centre (see report this page), retirement housing

and heritage planning for Warrandyte township.

WCA made a submission to the Victorian Electoral Commission regarding boundary changes in Manningham. We argued for preservation of the existing eight member council and retention of existing boundaries to Mullum Mullum Ward (with minor revision) to retain the community of interest between Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park. However, VEC found in favour of a nine member council with revised boundaries.

Following last year's AGM, WCA held a public forum with state MPs and local councillors. Prior to the state election, we held a lively, well attended candidates' forum.

### Heritage guidelines

WCA made a submission to Manningham council regarding proposed amendments to the Warrandyte township heritage guidelines, including a review of excessive signage in Warrandyte. WCA was concerned that the existing guidelines would be watered down and leave too much to discretionary action by council officers who come and go over a period of time.

A developer argued that there was little merit in the East End worth preserving!

Whilst the review upholds council's position, it adopts many of the suggestions and views put by the association.

### Emergency planning

Following our well attended public forum on traffic issues in Warrandyte in December 2005, we established a traffic and transport sub-committee which has participated in a Nillumbik transport survey and held discussions with police regarding emergency services and plans for Warrandyte.

We have sought clarification of emergency relief centre procedures for both councils. Whilst local councils and police and emergency services have well-laid plans, there is some confusion in the public mind regarding procedures. For example, one member queried where she could safely go in the event of a declared fire ban day.

We will issue a comprehensive review of emergency procedures in the spring, prior to the next fire season.

### Development

WCA raised concerns about several development issues. These were: 250 Research Road (resolved successfully), 32 Mullins Road, post office building re-development, Donvale Christian School expansion in the Green Wedge (opposed and lost at a panel hearing, Deep Creek residential development (resolved successfully), unauthorised roadside verge construction in Winding Way, and unauthorised mountain bike construction in Chase Reserve.

### Environment

WCA has consistently lobbied state government regarding under-funding of the Warrandyte State Park. At our last AGM, Danielle Green (MHR for Yan Yean) presented figures showing an increase in the Park's budget from \$514,000 in 2001/02 to \$874,767 in 2006/07.

North of the Warrandyte Bridge—the so called "Gateway to North Warrandyte"—is a mess of signage. Nillumbik has allocated funding of \$44,580 for engineering, landscaping and site works in the area.

An important policy development for the coming year will be WCA's proposal to develop guidelines for economically viable and sustainable business consistent with the Green Wedge. Much Green Wedge land lies derelict with no incentive for owners to maintain or improve it. Under WCA's mandate to protect the Green Wedge we must seek solutions to improve this amenity.

### Sport and recreation

Congratulations to committee member David Dyason who has initiated a draft policy on issues and facilities for young people in Warrandyte. Initial discussions have centred around finding local accommodation for the Warrandyte Netball Club and developing support for adventure canoeing for primary age students. A sub-committee has been formed to address this issue.

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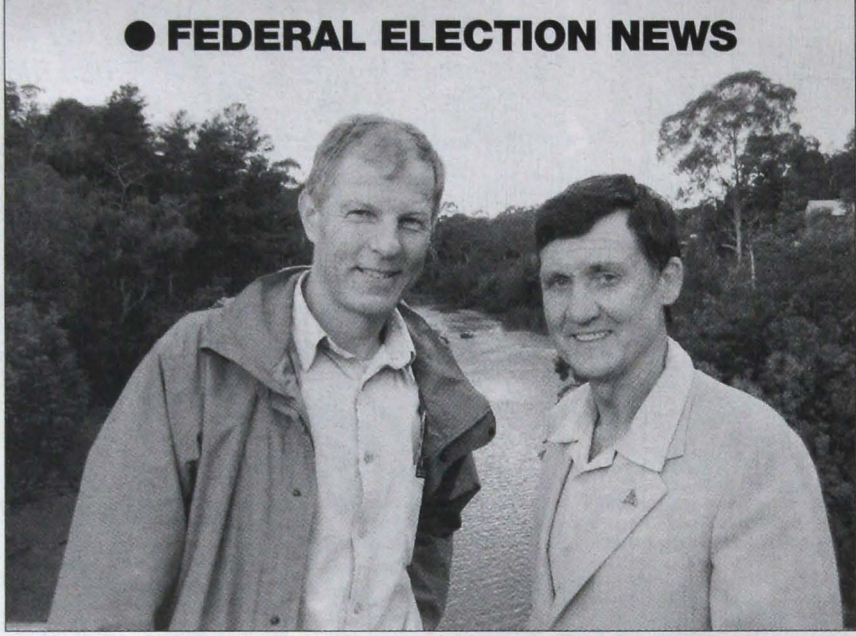
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Frank de Jong (left) and David Ellis compare their communities.

● **FEDERAL ELECTION NEWS**

**Canadian connection**

Canadian Greens leader Frank de Jong recently visited Warrandyte at the invitation of local Greens candidate David Ellis.  
 According to Mr Ellis, Mr de Jong took the opportunity to compare Melbourne's planning issues with those of his native Toronto, emphasising the need for what he call "walkable" communities.  
 "Current urban planning is based in the presumption that everyone has a car," Mr de Jong said. "This is clearly not so. For a start, the young and the old are effectively excluded."  
 "I imagine that young people in Warrandyte, whether for employment or access to services would be only too aware of this."  
 "Also excluded are those who cannot afford a car, or the fuel for a car. That last group is only going to increase as world oil shortages take effect."  
 Mr de Jong is in Australia to give a series of lectures on "true-cost" economics. He sees both Australia and Canada as "sharing the mixed blessing of being a lucky country with relatively abundant mineral resources."  
 "In your case, that means coal and uranium; in our case, uranium and tar sands. The temptation for both countries has been to exploit what seems like a cheap resource, but if we factor in the costs to the environment in real dollar-value terms we have actually been putting our future further and further into debt."  
 ● David Ellis can be contacted on 9844 5135.

**Mortgagees suffer stress**

According to the ALP candidate for Menzies (which includes Warrandyte), "a whopping 27.6 percent of households with a mortgage are all suffering mortgage stress".  
 Data collected in the 2006 census indicates that 3177 households in the electorate were "struggling with their monthly repayments in 2006—up 91 per cent from 2001."  
 "This alarming picture is likely to have deteriorated further since, with two of the eight interest rate hikes only coming into effect after the 2006 census data was collected," Mr Campbell said.  
 "The census data shows just how badly Mr Howard has let Australian families down, after saying at the last election that he could be trusted to keep interest rates at record lows."  
 "Mr Howard thinks interest rates are low, but official data shows households are carrying three times the level of debt that they did almost 20 years ago. With three times the debt, interest rates rate rises have three times the impact," Mr Campbell said.  
 "Labor has outlined a detailed plan to keep maximum downward pressure on interest rates by implementing economic reforms that will reduce inflationary pressure in the economy through investing in skills and essential infrastructure."



● Andrew Campbell can be contacted on 9844 4564 or 0419 872 564.

**Greens rally out north**

Eltham psychology student and mother, Lisa Hodgson, has been endorsed as the Greens candidate for Jaga Jaga at the forthcoming federal election. Jaga Jaga includes North Warrandyte.  
 Lisa was born and educated in Eltham, where she still lives with her partner and their three adult children. As a mature-age student she gained a post-graduate diploma in psychology, resulting in the publication of her thesis on forgiveness in an international journal.  
 She works in the family emergency management business and is a casual researcher at Latrobe.  
 "Having grown up in the Green Wedge, I have developed strong community and environmental values," she told the *Diary*.  
 "As a mother, a student and small business partner, I have first-hand knowledge of what families are up against in the current political environment."  
 Ms Hodgson is guest speaker at the next meeting of the North Warrandyte branch of the Greens at 80 Kangaroo Ground Road, on Thursday, August 16 commencing at 7.30pm.  
 ● Lisa Hodgson can be contacted on 0437 847 680.



**Landcare groupies**

The Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare Group recently marked the anniversary of the group's first major activity with a return to the site in Hillcrest Road, South Warrandyte.  
 "In July 2006, 500 hundred indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses were planted at the overgrazed site," president Tracey Wood told the *Diary*.  
 "The group revisited the site to assess the viability of the planting and celebrate many other activities undertaken since, including planting days, water monitoring through Waterwatch, rabbit monitoring and Weedbuster action."  
 ● Further information about the Jumping Creek Landcare Group available from Karen on 9876 1230 or jumpingcreek@bigpond.com



**CAN plans expo**

By JOANNE GREEN  
 The local climate action group—WarrandyteCAN—is planning a mini expo as their next event, where people can learn about making their homes more energy efficient. They hope to have experts present who will man displays and talk to people about such topics as solar power, grey water and double-glazing.  
 "Things people can do themselves in their own homes," CAN's Wayne Rankin told the *Diary*.  
 The expo was suggested at CAN's second public forum on Monday, August 30 at Andersons Creek Primary School. More than 50 people heard practical advice on how to make their homes more energy efficient. Local councils were invited to give an update on what Manningham and Nillumbik are doing to make the area's energy use more efficient.  
 Paul Brown, greenhouse officer at Nillumbik shire, reported that his council is purchasing 100 per cent Green Energy for council buildings, including the Eltham leisure centre. Potentially, this could cut 8000 tonnes of greenhouse emissions.  
 Nillumbik is also engaged in a four-year program to re-surface sports grounds with drought tolerant grass and to install irrigation. They plan to change street lights from 96 watt globes to up-to-date 30 watt globes that provide the same amount of light. Street lighting is the cause of 30 per cent of greenhouse emissions for the council.  
 Faye Adams of Manningham council gave a "theoretical speech on ecologically sustainable development", stating that current Australian housing has an average of 2 to 3 star energy ratings. This level is low compared to other developed countries. She introduced the concept of carbon rationing; a system based on personal carbon allowances allowing people to trade-off or sell the excess carbon allowances they do not use.  
 Anna Strempl of the Moreland Energy Foundation and environmental scientist Stuart McQuire offered practical advice on how residents can cut their household emissions.  
 Ms Strempl talked about the rebates that were recently introduced for roof insulation; a 30 per cent rebate is now available for the cost of insulation, up to \$300, and an amount up to \$1500 is being offered for the installation of solar hot water systems. She also mentioned changing household lighting to compact fluorescent globes. These use up to 80 per cent less energy than incandescent globes.  
 Stuart McQuire, owner of a model sustainable home in West Brunswick, told the gathering how, in the past 10 years, he had cut his electricity usage by 100 per cent and his gas usage by 63 per cent by installing his own solar energy supply. He has sealed out draughts, utilised grey water and has composted food scraps instead of letting them go to landfill.  
 WarrandyteCAN offered cheap compact fluorescent light globes at the meeting. They had invited Yarra Valley Water to arrange a shower-head changeover. However the authority declined.  
 ● Further information on WarrandyteCAN and its policies is available from Wayne Rankin on 9844 1959.





Community gathered to bid adieu to Ros McDonald.

# Farewell, Rev Ros

Rev Ros McDonald (pictured right), the minister at Warrandyte Uniting Church for the past eight years, is moving on.

The church community farewelled Ros with a special service and luncheon on Sunday, July 22.

Church spokesperson Leeanne Keam told the *Diary* that "the many personal and caring touches throughout this service were testimony to the respect and care the congregation had developed for Ros."

"Ros had a strong interest in eco-theology and a gift for encouraging others, no matter what age, to share their talents, interests and enthusiasm."

"She helped the congregation develop a number of programs that have been well supported by the Warrandyte community, including 'Music Together Time' and the Peace Wall mosaic on the front of the church building," Ms Keam said.

Rev Ros McDonald is taking up a new posting at Mernda, near Whittlesea.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

# Lions plan big, exciting projects

The Lions Club of Warrandyte has been investigating areas of need within the town.

They looked first at the Lions Park and the bridge tennis courts, and decided the barbecue should be replaced with a stainless steel top and new hotplates. They had already decided to replace the tables and seats in this area.

Beyond that, they have told

Manningham council they wish to share in improving the courts—including a water-saving surface and lights—and upgrading the old pavilion with the addition of a change room.

The club has taken up a challenge from the Warrandyte Community Association and offered to help provide adequate facilities for the netball players.

Lions are discussing with the

netball committee and the senior citizens the possibility of providing shared facilities on the old Whitehouse site that could include indoor cricket and a drop-in centre for young people.

Lions are also investigating if they can play a role in the provision of retirement housing in Warrandyte.

They believe there could be a

need for a second river crossing and are investigating the possibility of a footbridge. (See report elsewhere in this issue.)

The club has a new board. These include Ian Shugg as president (for the third time!), Laurie Hilakari, Carl Sanders and Geoff Taylor as vice-presidents and Chris Viney as secretary.

• Ian Shugg can be contacted on 9894 0024 or 0428 371 822.

# 'Gong' for tourist soundposts



The Warrandyte Soundscapes Trail has been commended in the best history walk-tour section of the Victorian Community History awards.

The trail, a series of pre-recorded listening posts at historically important locations around the township, feature songs, commentary and actuality voices.

The project was sponsored by Manningham council with key input from the Warrandyte Historical Society, Warrandyte Arts Association and local primary schools.

Manningham councillor Pat Young is thrilled that the soundscapes trail has been recognised.

"The objective of the project was to capture the events, memories and stories and communicate them to a wider audience," Cr Young told the *Diary*. "New visitors to Warrandyte will be informed and entertained by our wonderful history."

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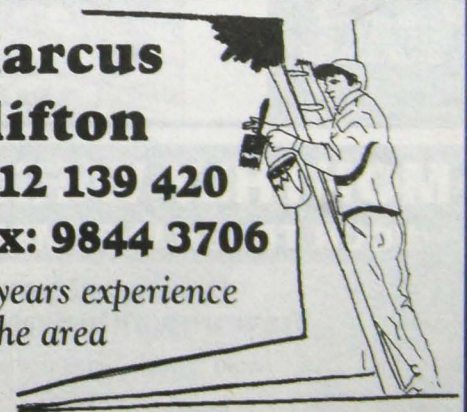
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# Gilligan back on a 'good cause' bash

Words and picture by JOANN E GREEN

The 1963 EJ Holden is yellow with the good ship SS Minnow (pictured below) attached to the roof on a bamboo frame. Each side of the boat there are palm trees and coconuts.

The Gilligan's Island themed station wagon is what Harry Southall, Barry Medley and Colin Anderson will set off in later this month for the annual Variety Bush Bash. This is the first time the trio has entered the Bash.

"It's something I've been wanting to do for a few years," Harry Southall told the *Diary*.

Entrants for the Variety Bush must have raised a minimum

of \$7000 in donations for Variety Club charities, plus a \$500 entry fee. Locals Harry, Barry and Colin have raised almost \$20,000 in only six months with the help of their contacts in the motor exhaust, excavation and car wholesale industries.

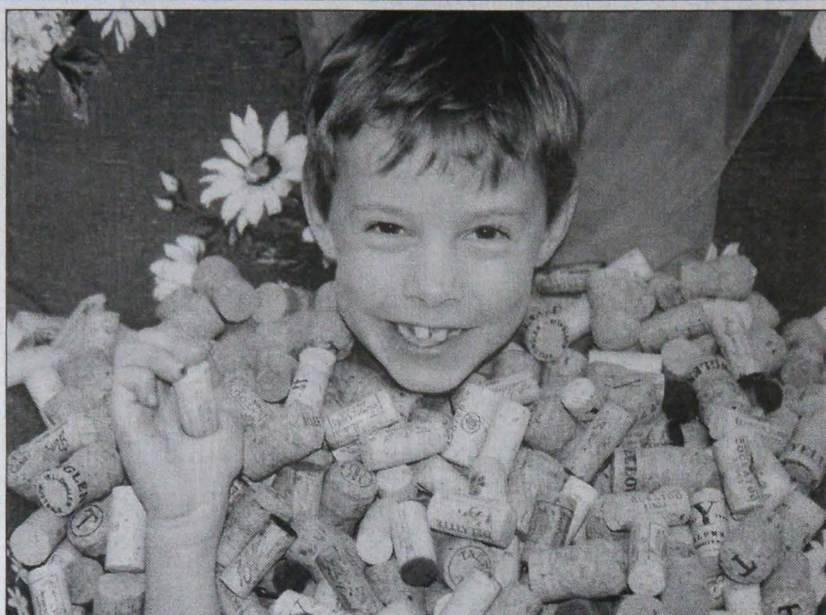
"If we do it again next year we hope to do better," Harry Southall said. "We'll have 12 months."

It has taken eight months to restore the car. The Variety Bush requires such modifications as stone guards and the strengthening of suspension systems for all Bash entrants. They have scrutineers who make sure the cars reach the necessary safety standards.

With only a few weeks until the Bash, the car is fully restored and decorated, the accommodation is booked; only their costumes await final adjustment. The costumes, like the car, are Gilligan's Island themed.

The theme was decided because Barry and Harry owned a houseboat last year. "Barry looks like the Skipper, I look like Gilligan...and Colin has long black hair so he's Maryanne," Harry said. "He wasn't too happy about that at first."

This year the Bash will travel between Melbourne and Byron Bay, stopping at places such as Nhill, Broken Hill and Tamworth along the way. It is expected to take 10 days.



## Kids collect corks

The kids at Warrandyte Primary School have been collecting corks to help raise funds towards the building of the Trail of the Elephants at Melbourne Zoo. So far the school has collected more than 3500 corks. The corks are sold to a recycling company where they are

granulated and used to make floor tiles, non-slip paint for boat decking, cricket balls and other things. The school is appealing for more corks. You can call Debi on 0438 599 577.

Our picture shows young Tiger having a corker time.

## Grand Hotel butts out

Warrandyte's Grand Hotel has been given a big thumbs-up by Manningham council for their effort in reducing cigarette butt litter outside the hotel.

Last issue of the *Diary* reported that council was conducting a survey to measure the immediate impact of state government legislation banning smoking in licensed and gambling venues.

The area outside the hotel was

used as a case study to measure any immediate changes in the amount of cigarette butt litter dropped outside the venue.


"The Grand Hotel is a great example of a local venue working hard to keep the streets clean," Manningham mayor Cr Ron Kitchingman told the *Diary*.

"The butt levels outside the hotel since the bans came into

effect were 75 per cent less than the levels measured the weekend before."

"Smokers are heeding the message, so it's a great combined effort," he said.

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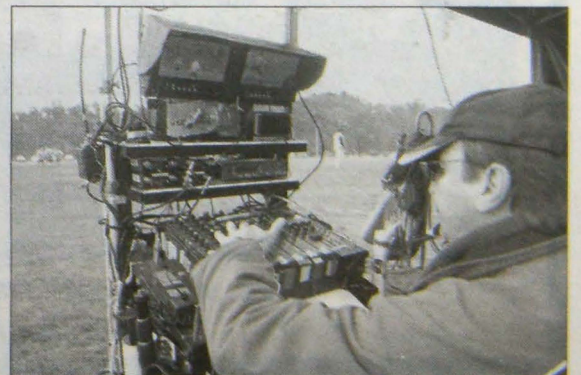
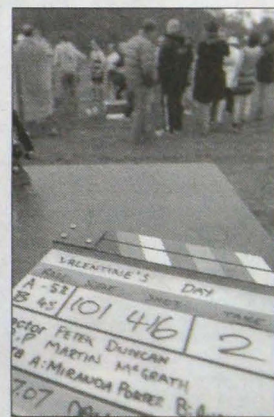


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Entries close Monday 10 September. Entry forms are available from Council.

### Daytime property management

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Call Lyn Meredith, Environmental Support Officer, on 9840 9326 to find out more or book your spot.

### Environment groups

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For more information contact Cathy Willis, Conservation Officer, on 9840 9122.

### Sustainable Gardening series

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Sessions will be held at Council offices. For more information or to book, call Kay Toussaint on 9840 9348. Attendance is free.

### Coming Up...

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#### Environment Seminar Habitat Corridors

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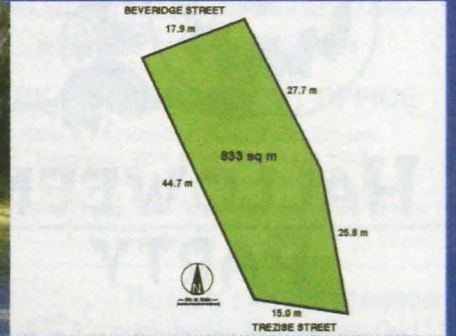
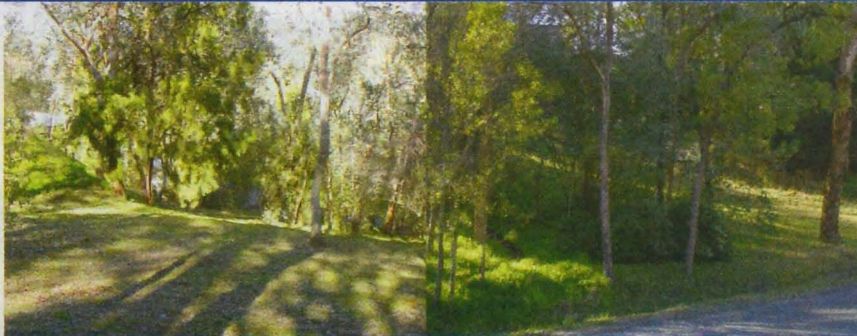
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## Coping with the rural crisis in the hen house

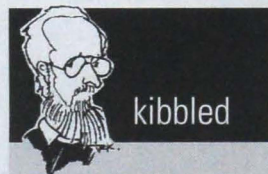
I'VE finally realised that I just don't have what it takes to be a farmer.

It's not that after years and years of bucolic toil I've become world weary struggling to make ends meet on broad acres or even broad hectares. It's just that even coping with the piddling one acre that we farm (*sic*), I have come to the conclusion that you need to be thicker skinned than I in order to cope with rural hassles.

Like the rest of the population, I found last year's drought tough going. I had assumed that we would be able to use the dam to water the veggie garden and fruit trees. Wrong! As the ground parched the dam shrank until there was nothing for the ducks to swim in, let alone provide water for crops. It was at this stage that I became aware of my rural insecurity.

"It's not fair!" I found myself muttering as our crops withered. "Why me?" News items about global warming, rural collapse, bankruptcy and farmers with Monopoly-sized debts merely confirmed my paranoia.

It's incomprehensible for me to understand the real farmer's psyche. How is it possible to be so understanding and accepting of all that Nature, in Her infinite wisdom, deals out? Whilst I was tearing hair and moaning, there were farmers standing amidst destroyed crops and swirling dust eddies explaining that this sort of thing happens and that they just have to wait. Waiting,



**"I had mortgaged the house to provide enough pellets and wheat to cover our absence..."**

it seems, is an essential for farming. Which brings me to the problem of livestock.

There are farmers who have minor issues with herds of cattle and thousands of sheep. Others have goat flocks, horse studs and other simple problems to deal with. I, on the other hand, have a real problem. Non-laying chooks. All three of them!

I started out with four. However, we went away for six weeks and deposited the chooks in the care of friends who have a grand enclosure for their four chooks.

Even at that stage, laying, or should I say, non-laying had become a bit of a problem but both my friend and I reasoned that it was just a phase they were going through and that they'd be back "on the lay" in no time.

I had mortgaged the house to provide enough pellets and wheat to cover our absence and had hired a "B Double" to cart them to my friend's place. When we arrived, I carefully introduced my chooks to his. Unexpectedly, instead of them introducing themselves to each other in a civilised manner, a very unseemly fracas began. Instantly, our respective top hens behaved like roosters. Images of Bali flashed through my mind as they ruffled their feathers, rose into the air and with talons unsheathed, went for each other.

Whilst the two gladiators did a Russell Crowe performance, the other chooks ran round in a suitably headless fashion. My friend, a more suitable farmer than I, nodded sagely and wisely commented that they would soon work out the pecking order and all would be well. Evidently they didn't and for the next six weeks the enclosure was like the set for The Gangs of New York, with the two groups, circling each other, occupying different sections of the enclosure without once burying the hatchet unless it was to be in the skull of one of the opposing gang members' heads. And they still didn't lay!

On our return, we went to collect our livestock only to be informed that one of our income-producing group had died. Predators are always a problem for farmers and we suffered the same fate. It seems that one day our friend's son came to visit. He has a very playful blue heeler who decided to jump the fence into the day grazing section of the chooks' enclosure. As he sauntered up to one of our hens, to introduce himself no doubt, our chook had a fit of the vapours and instantly died of fright. We were a sad group that made our way home that night.

At home, ensconced in their own pen, our chooks continued to refuse to lay. I pleaded with them, changed their feed and finally rested the axe against their laying boxes as a reminder of what could happen to uncooperative workers. (If only I'd been clever enough to have had them sign an AWA I'd have been able to despatch them much earlier!)

No doubt you have gathered that the whole rural experience has taken its toll. I pine for a full dam, for cartons full of free range eggs and basketsful of crisp fruit and vegetable. Temporarily, I'm a defeated man. I'm not the stuff of which real farmers are made. I've been forced to deal with drought, failed crops, stressed stock, predatory wildlife, reduced income... And I haven't coped.

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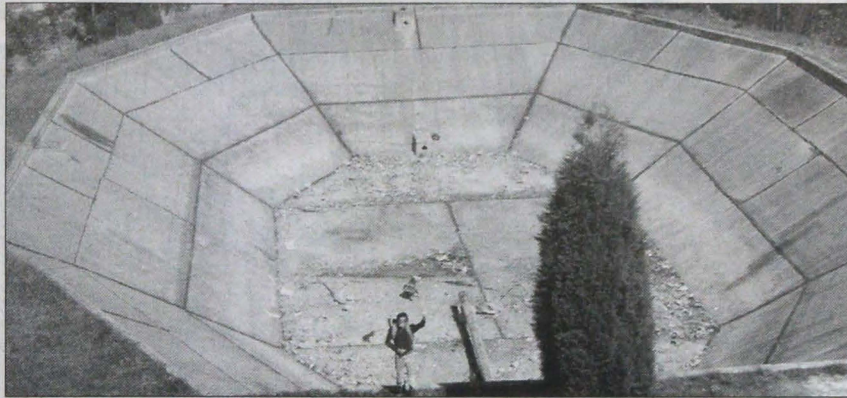
By PAT COUPAR

I'M reminiscing again. It's probably because my life will soon take a new direction that I am now reflecting on the past. I have been looking at some of our old photographs taken of Warrandyte in 1978 and it is somewhat disturbing to think that I am now the same age my mother was back then, and my daughter is now the same age I was in 1978.

Both my parents have since died. Come to think of it, most of the relatives and friends from my parents' generation that I knew when I was young are gone too. But you never quite get used to it. I still feel young, yet I am no longer young. I can no longer turn to my elders for memories of my young years, instead I must rely on photographs and old diaries.

Amongst the old photos of Warrandyte was one taken from the fire tower looking down on an empty reservoir. As I discovered later this was once Warrandyte's domestic water supply. The idea to pump water from the river was first mooted in 1947 as Warrandyte's population began to increase. In 1951 four different reticulation schemes were proposed. The option finally chosen involved pumping water directly to a basin on Fourth Hill for Warrandyte's supply and to a tank on Growlers Hill to service Warrandyte North. However, it wasn't until 1961 that the system was up and running. But that is all in the past, the fire tower is long gone and the reservoir filled in.

In 1973 my husband Mike and I left England and set up home in a white-painted weatherboard in Ringwood North. In our battered old Holden we



Water storage on Fourth Hill.

explored the local area and beyond. With Melways as our only guide we followed roads to patches of green. Heading north we found Warrandyte and the Yarra River.

My early memories of Warrandyte are of winter wattles, wildflowers in spring, walks with the dog, swimming in the river and exploring the mine tunnels. On one of those visits I recall being stopped at the entrance to Jumping Creek and asked to fill in a government survey on whether the area should become a State Park. Of course we said it should, and inevitably, in 1975, it did.

These days exploration is so much easier with detailed maps of most of the State Park reserves and even self-guided nature trails.

Still, I get the impression most Warrandytians do not know their Park very well. Even passionate nature lovers seem to stay within the comfort zone of their home range. Those south

of the river rarely venture to the northern reserves and vice versa.

In the early 1980s I joined a walking group. It was a turning point in my understanding and appreciation of nature. For this was no ordinary walking group. There was no "see how far you can walk in the shortest possible time".

The weekly activity was run by the Ringwood North Community Centre and called "walking with a naturalist". The naturalist was John Reid and he opened my eyes to a world within the world of nature that I thought I knew.

John's walks were all about walking slowly, taking time to stop, listen, examine closely, smell and even taste the bush. Most of the walks took place in bushland reserves around the local area—Yarran Dheran (Mitcham), 100 Acres (Park Orchards) and Hotchkins Ridge (Croydon), but by far the most visited areas were in the re-

cently formed Warrandyte State Park.

John was one of those people with an all-round knowledge of the environment and with a passion for it that he delivered with a gentle humour. From John I learnt about the intricate relationships between plants and animals. He showed us how a caterpillar can turn into a fungus, how an insect can trigger a flower for pollination, the way plants and animals use camouflage, mimicry to fool their predators and so much more.

In time John moved on. But he left a priceless legacy. I now look at life differently. I feel compelled to write the stories of the bush and to hopefully inspire others the way I was inspired all those years ago.

(Thanks to the Warrandyte Historical Society for information contained in an article entitled "Warrandyte Waterworks Trust" written by Richard Morton.)

# A once-in-a-lifetime birthday

IT was to be a quiet little gathering. A few friends, a few drinks and a few nibbles after dinner one Saturday night. Nothing grand, nothing outrageous, nothing formal. Our daughter's idea of a 21st birthday bash sounded pretty good to me. Easy-peasy. I should have known better.

First we needed "special" paper to make invitations. A quaint little shop in Brunswick, crammed with exquisite hand-made papers, provided a dazzling and arty selection. We eventually escaped with a bagful of gorgeous goodies and an unexpected degree of collateral damage to the Visa card. Eighty or so invitations were lovingly hand-crafted over the following week. Crikey, we hadn't even started on the party paper yet.

The invitations did look special, mind you, but completely did away with the original concept of "nothing grand, nothing outrageous, nothing formal". We had decidedly strayed into the realms of cocktails and high heels. Until this moment the party had been nothing more than a vague mirage hovering above a horizon cluttered with



rock-solid commitments, projects, meetings and deadlines. It was clearly time to sharpen the focus.

The all-important cake next demanded our attention. We scoured Melbourne for cake-decorating specialists. Whatever happened to my grandmother's favourite supplier in the basement of Royal Arcade? I'll swear the shop was still there last time I looked. Designing a centrepiece to match our new mood of rococo elegance could have been problematic, but fortunately we knew an excellent cake-maker, a man whose Swiss chocolate cake was to die for and whose decorating skills were nothing short of spectacular. The cake drama became a mere matter of making several visits to his hideout, clutching sketches of the proposed masterpiece, then waiting with bated breath for the final dénouement.

I was starting to feel a bit panicky. Just about everybody

was RSVP-ing in the affirmative, our little house was going to be totally overwhelmed, and the only thing I knew about cocktails was that (a) they're expensive, (b) they're brightly coloured, and (c) drinking too many makes you sick.

Again we were rescued, this time by a friend who provided recipes, jugs, shakers, shot glasses, stirrers and who knew the quantities of everything. The shopping list rendered the man of the house just about speechless, but fortunately we don't do this sort of thing very often.

I felt bad about outsourcing the catering, too, but it turned out to be the best money I've ever spent. Wonderful food, wonderful ladies running the kitchen. Bliss!

At the eleventh hour our street sign disappeared. How would carloads of city kids find us in the dark? Using a Melways isn't a strong point of Gen X. This was going to sort the sheep from the goats.

A spell of inclement weather encouraged us to erect a heated marquee on the deck, and to light a roaring fire outdoors. Friends and relatives helped with party lights, balloons, bar

service and speeches, and the cake was a triumph, absolutely splendid.

Before we knew it, the party was in full swing, with clusters of relatives bobbing like lifebuoys in a sea of beautiful young things. The night went by like a Cat Empire-infested dream, then just as suddenly as it had begun, the rowdy bustle evaporated into silence as a pale dawn crept across the eastern sky.

By early afternoon, the carpet of leftover sleeping bodies had stirred, eaten and departed. We were left gazing numbly at cake crumbs, balloons, oddly aligned furniture and a mind-boggling assortment of empties. And silence—complete silence, except for the birds. It was all quite wonderful.

I was especially grateful to be spared the so-called "standard" party peripherals: foreign objects in the pool, bongos in the shrubbery, people throwing up all over the place and trips to the emergency ward. It really was a wonderful night.

Funny how the inspiration all began in that quaint little Brunswick paper shop—I'll never underestimate the importance of invitations again.

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# Washing your hair

By **KAREN THROSSELL**

I DREAMED I was washing my hair.

I felt the endless hot water streaming over my head, rolling down my back, slinking over my shoulders—the pure sensual bliss of it. The smell of the shampoo, my fingers digging, lathering, wallowing...

And then the rinse, and the conditioner—lavender and Aloe Vera with a hint of mandarin oil—leaving it on for five minutes while I lathered again the bit I had already done. I stood luxuriating, soaking it in, watching it pouring and flowing over my head, rolling down my back, slinking over my shoulders...

I can't believe I used to do this every day. The sheer luxurious excess of it. Well, we got used to the idea that your hair could be stunning (read glossy Pantene swish) every day. And why not? Our water supply was limitless, wasn't it?

You washed your body every day—why not your hair? And then because it got a bit dry with all this attention, you had to put the oil back with conditioners and once a week with "treatments". Made it even more beautiful.

I'm old enough to remember when this wasn't the norm. When you washed your hair once a week (on Saturday night if you were "going out" or Sunday if you just

wanted it to look good for the beginning of the week) and it looked terrific (glossy Lustre-crème swish) for a couple of days; pretty good for another couple; ordinary for one or two.

But that's how it went. You just tried to adjust your hair-washing day around your social life. So I didn't go out very often.

And even earlier, with a childhood in the bush, when water came sporadically from our tank (or didn't) and not infinitely from a tap. How often you washed your hair depended on whether it was summer and how much water was in the tank. (Washing hair was actually quite low on the list of priorities—coming after drenching sheep and watering the tomatoes. Besides, those long plaits meant you could go without washing it for ages.)

So how did our expectations change? It can't have been all those Pantene ads. But advertising did have a lot to do with it. Clean became huge. (Everywhere you look there are germs—even in your hair.) Beauty via "products" became even huger. Whole shops dedicated to hair products, where there were shampoos, conditioners and "treatments" to deal with every imaginable type of hair—lifeless, frizzy, flyaway of course, coloured and treated hair. I don't think they

ever mentioned dirty hair: "Wash-lox shampoo, especially formulated for dirty hair".

But how did we get to need it washed so often? The theory was, why have dull or greasy hair for four days a week, when you can have that "just washed" feeling EVERY DAY. And it was pushed as a basic right: "Because I deserve it".

I was in India during the rampant hair washing stage of my life, staying with friends who were describing an impending religious ceremony when they would wear special clothes and WASH THEIR HAIR for the occasion, and I thought, "wow, as if it's a special treat?"

It was interesting. Normally they

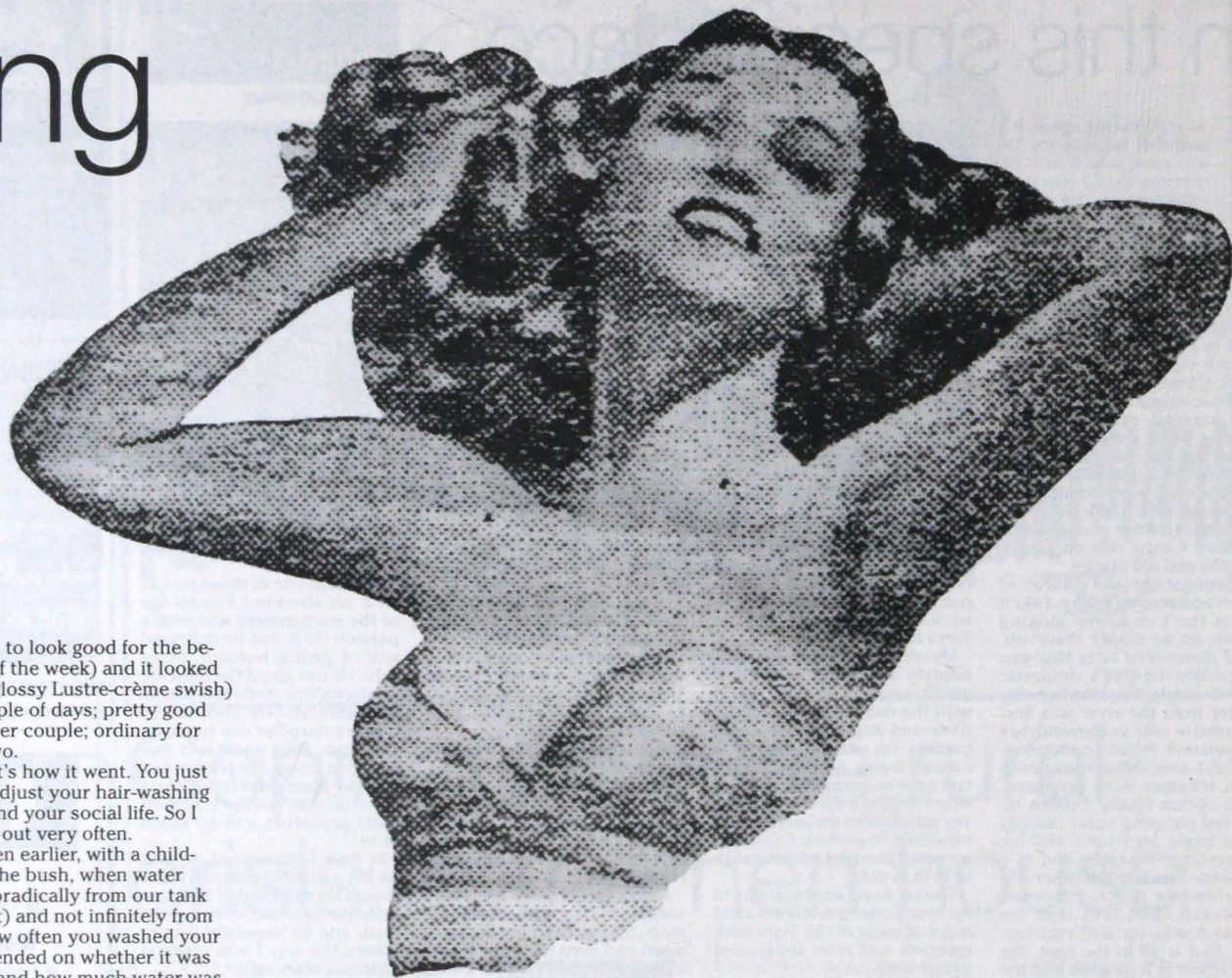
"oiled" their hair, rubbing coconut oil through it, putting the oil back in, where we were washing it out. I asked a group of giggling young girls about it. They said that brushing the oil in removed the dirt better than water did. I supposed it was a bit like the 100 brush strokes we were supposed to do before bed, in the old days.

My scalp was still tingling with the pleasure of my dream wish when the alarm woke me at six o'clock. We had our water turned on for only three hours, so I had to leap into action. After filling our drinking and cooking containers and putting on a load of washing, I had the big decision: how to use

the rest of my day's allocation.

The drooping lemon tree—one of the last remnants of my little garden—would love a drink, and the floor around the stove was getting very sticking underfoot. No, I thought. I know what I'll do. I'm going to wash my hair. It's been low on the priority list for so long that I've been forced to wear hats all week.

My imagination was so fired up, I could pretend that our sultry little trickle was a steaming gush, and I could stand there (for a few minutes at least) and dream about the good old days when our water supply was limitless. Well it was, wasn't it?



## Hibernation

In remote mountain caves  
huge black bears  
curl small  
buried in sleep  
as snow hurls its fury  
at not being noticed.

And here  
a chink of blue promise  
has elbowed its way  
into the sullen sky.

I absorb its potential  
from within my smug feathers,  
make lists in my head  
of things I should do.

But my usual bush walk  
in the face of slamming wind  
more penance than pleasure.  
The dismal grey  
splutters "go home".

The glum sodden garden  
grows slimy brown toadstools  
hand-numbing weeds  
freeze out all joy.

Now the blue's gone  
bed's looking good.  
The wild thrash of trees  
needs watching;  
the rain's roof concerto  
an insistent lullaby.

And if that palls at all  
there's a pile of books  
a fire to curl up by  
and a huge black bear  
to steal my dreams.

**KAREN THROSSELL**



# A policeman's lot: from here to Warburton!

With the official opening of our new police station last month, SANDY BURGOYNE has tracked the story of policing in Warrandyte over the years.

**O**UR first police station was established at Anderson's Creek in August 1856, but without a house or lockup. Police records of that time show that a constable's house would be "conveyed to its destination and will be erected in a few days". By October the house stood on a section of several acres. At about this time recently surveyed town allotments went on sale.

Three years later Senior Constable J. Feathers Dunlap is recorded as being in charge at Anderson's Creek, with the following inventory: one room of zinc for quarters; a six-stall zinc stable; and a lock-up of wood with a zinc roof. A tour of duty was demanding in those days, as the mounted constable was required to visit the new mining claims at Warburton and included the New Chum (Healesville) field. The round trip took three days. Much of the track was rough with several treacherous creek crossings.

Contemporary records show that police officers at Anderson's Creek were kept busy. For instance in 1860, Mounted Constable John McAdam reported a resident selling "spirituous liquors" without a

licence, and Mounted Constable Purcell reported the arrest and trial of Francisco Palliscena, alias William Hatfield a ticket-of-leave holder, for robbery.

In 1863 an extra mounted constable was approved for Anderson's Creek until the building of a police station at Warburton later that year. Official quarters were not available for the new arrival and he was paid an allowance of two shillings per night for accommodation.

In the following year Inspecting Superintendent P.K. Smith visited Anderson's Creek and reported: "The importance which at one time distinguishes this gold field, seems to have departed." The furore of the initial gold rush had passed and the police station closed in 1865.

A police presence had been re-established by 1891, as in that year Mounted Constable McCormick (or McCormack) of Warrandyte rescued the mail carrier and the coach driver from the flooded Woori Yallock Creek.

The well-being of the local officers' horses was essential to the coverage of their large district. In 1893 Warrandyte's Mounted Constable Wade reported to Superintendent Montfort that the poor shoeing by the police contractor had caused his troop horse to become lame. Mr W. Gribble of Box Hill shod horses for police stations from Burwood to Warrandyte. Mounted Constable Wade's complaint was not the only one received about this farrier and Mr Gribble "resigned his contracts" soon after.

In 1900 the local officers were becoming frustrated with the poor

condition of the police station, which was described as being situated on "the Hill" adjacent to the recreation ground. Mr Stiggants jnr was the property's landlord and a lively correspondence ensued between himself and Superintendent R.A. Smyth (or Smythe).

The superintendent wanted overdue maintenance and repairs carried out on the building, whereas the landlord made his own demands known. During this standoff Mrs McGill wrote to Superintendent Crampton offering a property on Yarra Street (near the present telephone exchange) for lease. She said in her letter, "I am prepared to let my premises centrally situated and adjoining Court House consisting of six rooms, kitchen, stable, outbuildings and paddock at thirty nine pounds per annum." Her offer was investigated and although it cost £3 a year more than the Stiggants property it was recommended as "the premises are well worth it. The present station is in an out of way place and in bad repair." The officers moved to the new premises in the middle of 1901.

Apparently some Warrandyte officers had trouble keeping their records up-to-date. "Constable Parsons has not replied to my question of 14th herein," Superintendent Crampton fulminated in May 1901 in an internal memo. "The Constable must endeavour to treat Correspondence more Systematically and Carefully."

The Police Gazette for September 1917 noted that the Warrandyte station "has been broken up". One year later the same publication announced that "a police station opened on the 2nd of this month". In January 1932 The Advertiser

(late Evelyn Observer) reported that fire destroyed the house being used as the Warrandyte police station. All police papers and documents were lost.

Early in 1935 Constable Bert Birthisel became officer in charge at Warrandyte. Three years later he was also elected captain of the local Bush Fire Brigade at its inaugural meeting.

According to local historian Bruce Bence, the police station was still at 71 Yarra Street in the mid 1940s. At some stage, probably during the 1950s, the office re-located around the corner to Forbes Street (now Police Street) to the weatherboard building that stood there until late last year.

In July 1973 Cr Marsden from the local council (then Doncaster-Templestowe) claimed in the *Diary* that Warrandyte police station was manned for only one third of its operating hours. He blamed this on two officers serving an area of 21 square miles.

A local officer, Constable Andy Baker, in 1979 helped organise a regular Blue Light disco at the Athenaeum Hall in Doncaster, including a free bus service for Warrandyte teenagers.

The *Diary* reported, complete with Jock cartoon, the police investigation of a strange occurrence on Yarra Street at the end of 1984. Enterprising thieves had broken into the then State Savings Bank building and tried to haul the safe through the front door with a portable crane.

Two local senior constables continued a close association with the community, as the *Diary* reported in 1985. Wayne Pattison was playing football with Warrandyte and

Andy Baker, formerly of the mounted branch, offered advice on horse care. Baker was also president of the Warrandyte youth coffee shop at that time.

In late 1989 the *Diary* warned of a proposal that the jurisdiction of Warrandyte police cease at the river. After much debate within a community that was tired of outsiders seeing the Yarra as a barrier instead of a place of meeting, responsibility for North Warrandyte was passed to the Eltham police station in mid-1991. This arrangement continues.

In September 1992 Sergeant Keith Walker took over as officer in charge and continues today. This makes him the second longest serving officer at Warrandyte since Senior Constable Cyril Moss—1963 to 1979.

The *Diary* reported at the end of 1995 that the state government wanted to sell what was locally known as the "police house" on the corner of Yarra and Forbes streets. Over the years many officers stationed at Warrandyte had made it their home, but it was transferred to the ownership of another government department and the Walkers had to look for housing elsewhere.

In 1997 Sergeant Keith Walker had the inspired vision of turning the "police paddock" between the police station and the river flat, where the troop horses were once kept, into a community garden. After much lobbying, plus many donations of money and time from local people, the Warrandyte Community Garden opened in April 1999. For a modest annual fee local gardeners can tend their crops beside the new police facility.

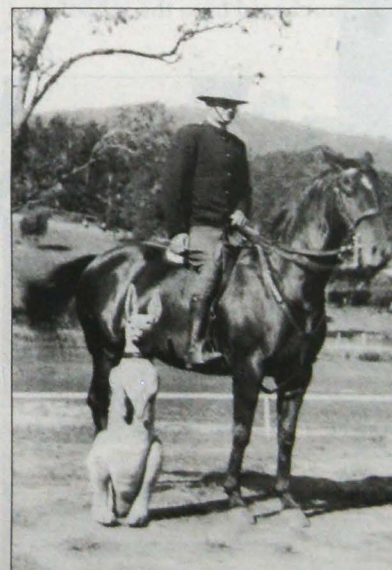


*The Old Police Station - Warrandyte, Victoria*

(Photo courtesy Victoria Police Museum)



*Superior accommodation: Warrandyte's old lock-up. (Victoria Police Museum)*



*Model prisoner: Constable Bert Birthisel mounted on his troop horse Minnie. The kangaroo was a well-known prop used by local photographer Bill Norman. (Warrandyte Historical Society)*

# He was a man of his words

By CLIFF GREEN

**D**AVID WYMAN, well-known in Warrandyte for his contributions to this newspaper, died late in June. He was almost 75.

Born in Barmera, South Australia on July 23, 1932, David was the younger child of Florence and Charles Wyman who owned a vineyard. He attended Barmera Primary School and Glossop High School, and went on to Urbrae Agricultural College.

He began his career in newspapers as an agricultural reporter on the Stock Journal in Adelaide. As a 21 year-old he took leave of absence and travelled by ship to Europe with a party of Rover Scouts, of which he was an enthusiastic member.

After attending the World Rover Scout Moot in Switzerland he travelled to London, finding work on a local paper in Ipswich and dispatching material as a freelance to a Melbourne paper and the Stock Journal in Adelaide. During this time he travelled with his best mate Peter through Europe for three months as a pillion passenger on a motorbike.

David returned to Adelaide in 1955, resuming his job on the Stock Journal. During that time he met Dorothy and they married, establishing a wonderful and loving 50 years partnership. A few years later they moved to Gippsland in Victoria, where David

launched a farming paper for the David Syme organisation, publishers of The Age. He was later promoted to the position of managing editor of Syme's Latrobe Valley newspapers.

In 1962 he took a job as public relations manager with Rocla Pipes (later Monier). Dorothy and David settled in Ringwood, then moved to Warrandyte in 1987. David and Dorothy established a small PR consultancy and he was able to work from home, editing Monier's house journal and preparing their catalogues and advertisements. He also did PR work for other clients. With Dorothy, he spent many hours exploring Warrandyte's bush and waterways.

His son Richard told the gathering at David's funeral: "He was a conservationist, long before global warming became a focus. He was a nature lover. Every family holiday or outing involved stopping to collect seedlings, which he later would propagate, one of his great passions."

As well as bushwalking, David enjoyed a number of other pursuits. "Dad also loved sailing," Richard said. "He joined the UPYA, the United Private Yacht Owners Association, or as fondly referred to by Dad and his mates, the Union for the Prevention of Young Alcoholics."

That same year David and Dorothy came to Warrandyte, the *Diary* advertised for a voluntary news editor. David responded, offering his services,

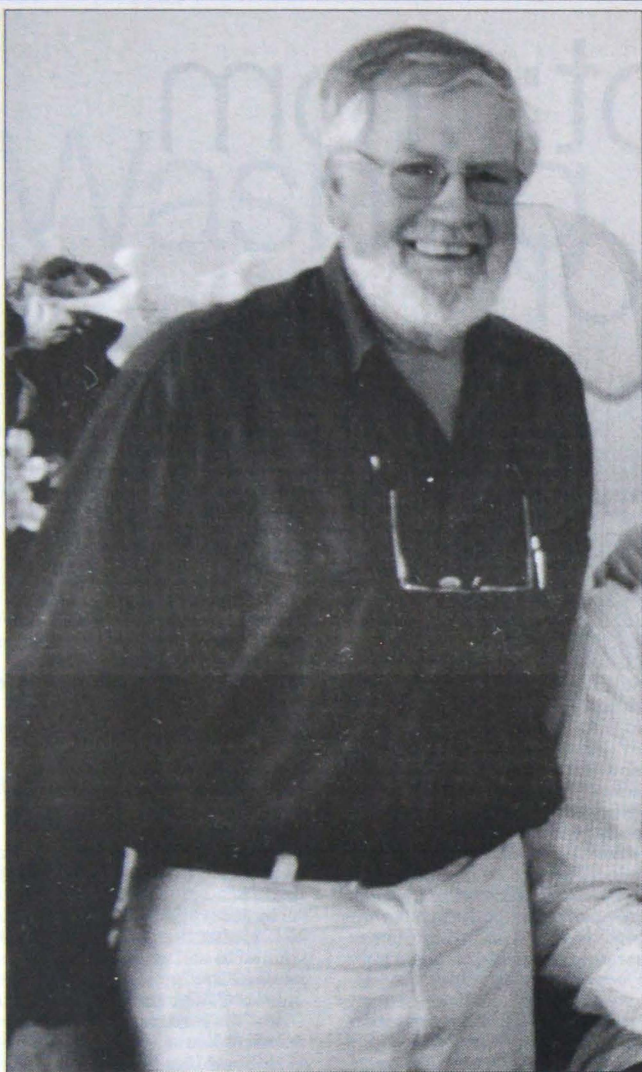
not as an editor, but as a reporter. He was immediately put to work. He covered many of our "big", front-page stories, month by month, for almost 20 years. He reported a wide variety of community issues, but it was his environmental and planning stories that are most noteworthy.

His love of this place and its environment, the biology he gleaned in college and his wide experience as an agricultural journalist and editor gave him the confidence needed to tackle these often difficult topics.

David was a persistent, fair and accurate reporter, with a clear and elegant writing style. His knowledge and his wide network of sources gave his work a credibility that lifted news reporting on the *Diary* to a new level. He was especially committed to the defence of the Green Wedge and his reporting informed that long and often bitter community struggle with passion and authority.

David Wyman was a true gentleman, in the best old-fashioned sense. Ever courteous, even under pressure, he was a splendid friend and neighbour; always there with a laugh and a kind word.

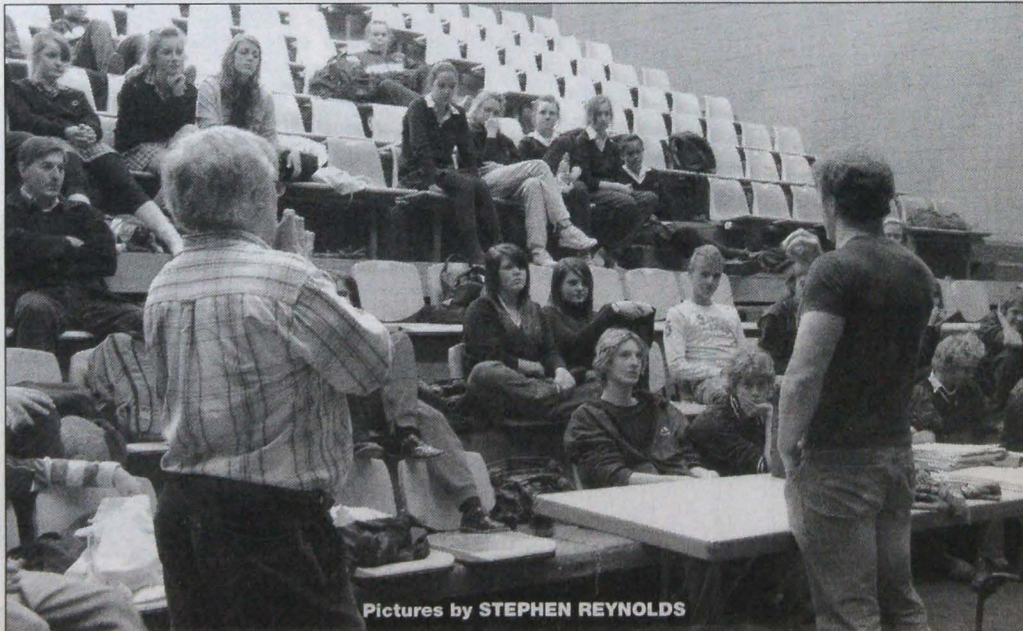
David retired when he reached 70, and though suffering indifferent health in following years, he continued writing for the *Diary*. His tragic, sudden death from a heart attack on June 29 was quite unexpected. He is sadly missed.



## RSC star visits local high school

Warrandyte High School students busy preparing "Billy", their current musical production, were fortunate to have a flying visit by Royal Shakespeare Company cast member Russell Byrne, who is appearing in "King Lear" with Sir Ian McKellen as part of a world tour. The young performers were astonished to hear that Mr Byrne is also appearing in "The Seagull". He said both roles were extremely demanding. "King Lear" runs for more than three hours and although first performed 400 years ago, the epic tragedy remains in his mind "as one of the greatest plays in world drama".

● The musical "Billy" will be performed in the Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Road on September 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Tickets can be purchased from the school on 9844 2749.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

# Friends plan a big birthday

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The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are celebrating their 25th anniversary during 2007 and plans are well advanced for a big celebration later in the year. They also intend publishing a special colour edition of their newsletter in October and are appealing for stories and anecdotes to include in this publication as well as photos, filmed material and documents for a display illustrating their early years. They can be sent to PO Box 220, Warrandyte, 3113, or emailed to [ian.coupar@vcp.monash.edu.au](mailto:ian.coupar@vcp.monash.edu.au) by August 31.



Bev and John Hanson's garden in Webb Street, Warrandyte, is a fine example of a sustainable garden. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds.)

## out of the box

By JUDY GREEN

Drop your news in the letterbox in the front door of our office at the Community Centre, email it to [warrandytediary@aapt.net.au](mailto: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.

## Sustainable

Manningham council and Sustainable Gardening Australia are running a series of seminars to help local residents create a garden that is in harmony with the local environment. The first seminar is on Tuesday, August 21 and they will continue each Tuesday for five weeks at Function Room 3, 699 Doncaster Road. Topics will include "Soils, erosion drainage and waterways" and "Garden irrigation, rainwater tanks and greywater". Bookings and further information from Kay Toussaint on 9840 9348. Sessions are free, but places are limited.

## Information

The annual general meeting of Information Warrandyte will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre, Yarra Street, on

Tuesday, August 28 commencing at 8pm. Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm. RSVP by Tuesday, August 21 to 9844 2906.

## Greens

Jaga Jaga Greens' federal candidate, Lisa Hodgson, will be guest speaker at the North Warrandyte Greens' August meeting. The meeting will be held at 80 Kangaroo Ground Road on Thursday, August 16 between 7.30 and 9.30pm. For further information, please phone Karen Gerads on 0401 902 802 or email [northwarrandytebranch@vic.greens.org.au](mailto:northwarrandytebranch@vic.greens.org.au)

## Leadership

A one-day workshop is being held in Warranwood to assist participants develop their "deep leadership" skills, facilitated by Yehuda Tagar, counsellor and psychotherapist. It will involve "learning how to act consciously for a vision of the future, and not unconsciously from current habits and past pressures". The seminar will be held at the Michael Centre, Wellington Park Drive, Warranwood, on Saturday, September 8 between 9.30am and 5pm. Cost is \$185 (concession \$150). Call Kate Casey on 0419 246 389 for more information.

## Raffle

Want to support your community and be in the running for a \$6000 Coles/Myer shopping

spree? The Kiwanis Club of Doncaster-Templestowe, with the support of Manningham council, is conducting a community raffle. Groups can sell tickets for \$2; retain \$1.75 with 25 cents going to the Manningham Charitable Trust. Coles/Myer vouchers for \$6000 (first), \$3000 (second) and \$1000 (third) can be won. Enquiries to Phil Rock on 9840 2805 or 0419 001 699.

## Foster

Anglicare is appealing for volunteer foster carers for babies, children and young people in the eastern region. Foster carers receive comprehensive training, tax-free reimbursement and 24/7 case worker support. Please call 1300 889 335 if you are interested.

## Care

Do Care are seeking volunteers to help with older or disabled people in the community. If you can help please call Wesley Do Care on 9762 5211.

## Newsletters

Looking for a simple way to keep the *Diary* informed of your group's activities? Put us on your newsletter mailing list: PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113.

## Lipstick

"Lipstick Dreams" is the title of Warrandyte Theatre Company's next production. It is billed as "a light-hearted look at the lives of four different women living in a small country town". The play, directed by Bill Connolly, will be staged at the Mechanics Institute Hall on October 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13.

## Duet

Stonehouse Gallery's August exhibition is a "double act", featuring work in both textiles and clay by four members of the collective. Cushions, scarves and bags reflect the colours, patterns and designs of their clay work. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte (formerly the Gospel Chapel).

## Manningham

An exhibition of art by Camberwell Grammar School boys, Years 6 to 10, is currently showing at the Manningham Gallery. It is entitled "Journeys". A special event for lovers of exotic jazz is coming to the gallery on Sunday, September 9. Entitled "Flavours of Jazz: Japan", the performance features Noriko Tandano on Shamisen (Japanese banjo), Adrian Sherriff on Shakuhachi flute and Bob Sedergreen on piano. Manningham Gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Further information on 9840 9367.

## Drum

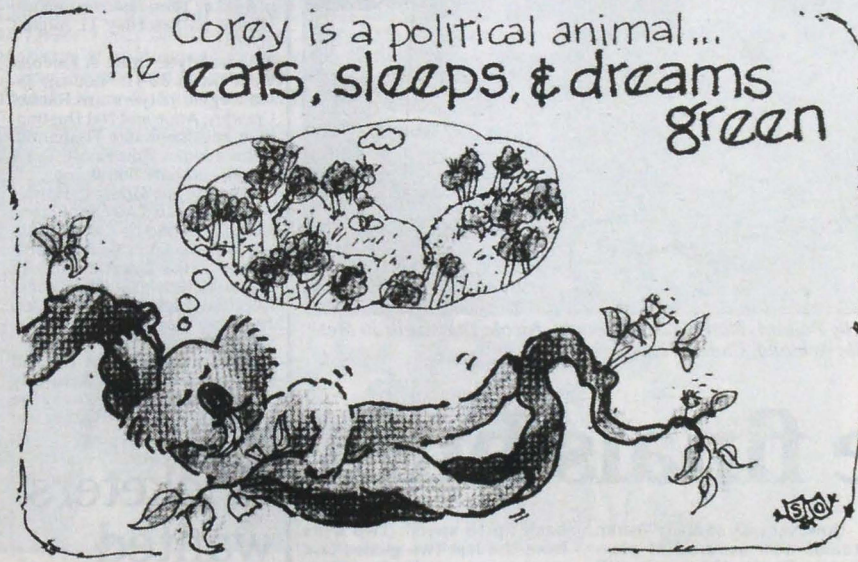
Get the drum on a hand-drumming course being conducted at Allwood Neighbourhood House in Hurstbridge. Djembe drums are supplied and beginners are welcome. Call Annie on 9718 1002 or 0407 102 578 for more information.

## Need to know

This page is designed to publicise community events. Ensure you tell us: What it is. When it is. Where it is. Is there a cost? Phone number for enquiries.

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By SYD & ONA



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## Warrandyte hopes for 2008 VJBL

Warrandyte Venom's on-court success in the Victorian Junior Basketball League is set to continue in 2008, if the overwhelming success of the Venom Future Forces boys program is anything to go by.

Conducted throughout 2007, the Venom Future Forces program has seen more than 30 talented players from the Warrandyte Redbacks and Park Orchards Steelers domestic basketball clubs take part in the development program designed to bridge the gap between domestic and representative basketball.

Under 12 boys head coach Damian Arsenis has been running the successful program for the past two years and is not surprised of the success of the junior development program.

"Warrandyte Venom is a great club to be a part of and it continues to go from strength to strength both on and off the court," he said.

"Overall, our junior girls program is already very strong, and the boys are set to follow with a growing talent pool from which to build from. We had two highly competitive under 12 boys teams in 2006, with our first team winning the Metro 1 grand final. This year we have three teams, and two of them are playing in two of the top three divisions.

"Most of them graduated from the Future Forces program last year. That goes to highlight the depth of talent we currently have and how successful the Future Forces program has been."

Despite not playing rep-ball in 2007, the current crop of emerging talent has been regularly taking to the court in tournaments throughout the year to hasten their development.

Damian said: "We entered two development teams comprising of Future Forces participants in the Eltham-Dandenong tournament back in January, and another three teams at the Nunawading tournament held last June.

"The teams not only improved and had a great time, but they were also successful —boasting two grand final appearances for one premiership."

Riding the success of the

Big V Division 1 Venom women in their first season, along with the ongoing success of the junior Venom program, is a huge influx of talented juniors expected to try-out for teams in the 2008 season.

Damian added: "Kids are talking about Warrandyte Venom wherever you go. We are expecting to field a club record four under 12 boys teams next season, just to highlight how strong the Venom program has become."

Try-outs for places in Warrandyte Venom's 2008 junior representative teams commence on September 16 and will be held at the Warrandyte Sports complex (Andersons Creek Primary School). An information session for new players to the Venom representative basketball program is being held from 1pm on 2 September 2 at the same venue.

For more information on the Warrandyte Venom program, please contact Justin Nelson on 9725 5697 or 0413 453 257 or visit: [www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au](http://www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au)

## Warrnambool loss sharpens resolve

Warrandyte Venom returned to Melbourne feeling the pinch after a 58-86 loss to Warrnambool, however hopes are high in the Venom camp given injured stars Jo Metcalfe and Maree Vincent will both return to the game.

Coach Justin Nelson is confident that his team will put on a good show and is content that he finally has a full squad to work with. "It's been a tough few weeks for us, but we certainly won't walk away wondering, it's crunch time and we are up for the challenge."

Metcalfe, who has missed the past month with a leg injury, and Vincent, who missed the Warrnambool match with a back complaint, both average 16 points per game this season and are vital cogs in the Venom wheel.

"It's been frustrating over the past month with injuries to key players, along with others suffering illness and some attending family events, but things are looking good for this week," said Nelson.

"Jo and Maree are keen to get back out on court and hopefully

lead us into our first grand final series. Jo played the last few minutes last week just to test her injury and she has come through it with flying colours.

"It's either win and progress or lose and watch from the sidelines, so we'll give it everything we've got. Make no mistake, our girls will go hard and fight for the win."

Nelson appreciates the enormous impact his team has made in its first season and rates it as one of the best basketball seasons he has enjoyed as a coach.

"I have to pinch myself every now and again. This is a very special group. They are dedicated and committed. I'll probably appreciate their efforts even more once the next few weeks are out of the way.

"Not only has it been enjoyable, but I've enjoyed watching the club grow as a result. The publicity Warrandyte Basketball has gained is enormous. Young players in the region want to come and play for Venom and I'm proud to have played a small part in creating that. I doubt any new team has performed to this

level first up, but now the pressure is on to go one step further and make the grand final. That sort of pressure is good for us and will only help us moving forward."

Nelson found plenty of positives from the Warrnambool loss, particularly the form of point guard Kate Cohen.

"Kate is in great touch, she really is leading from the front and producing her best form of the season. The younger players in the squad look up to her and that's great for our program.

"I was also impressed with Liz Benbow's performance. She works hard and will always fight for the win, as do all the girls. It's a positive attribute that every player in the club should adopt."

Cohen finished the game with 20 points and five assists, while Liz Benbow added 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

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

## Eagles soar on major victory

By SONIA RAPPELL

Warrandyte Netball Club's Under 17/1 Eagles defeated arch rivals DYC Lions to win the Doncaster and District Netball Association's Winter Season 2007 premierships.

After having lost the first semi-final to DYC, Warrandyte Eagles fought courageously to win the Grand Final by the narrowest of margins, with the final score being 30-29. Throughout the winter season, Warrandyte Eagles and DYC each won one of the two games at which the rivals met. DYC had finished above Warrandyte on the ladder on percentage only. It was not until the Grand Final that Warrandyte secured the hard-fought supremacy over the competition.

The Eagles team comprises Brittany Duncan, Jess Lindner, Georgia Nichol, Jenny Parkes, Simone Reid, Emma Rhode, Emma Stanley, Amy Taip, Georgia Walker and Cass Wilson.

Excited and proud coach Peta Walker said: "They did so well, so well! Every player was 100% committed, every one gave everything they had to the game. We played on a very talented opposition, but we played as a team and not individuals and won the game. I could not have asked any more of any of them."

In other Grand Final matches, played at Templestowe Leisure Centre on Saturday 11 August 2007:

Warrandyte Open A Falcons went down 32-41. Led by Tania Puglia, players are Rachel Crawley, Amie and Nat Disting, Ellie and Stephanie Fremantle, Bonnie Jones, Julia Knott, Tania Puglia and Kate Sundberg.

Warrandyte Open C Hawks were defeated 24-27 in a close game. Coached by Lyn Dyason, the team is Cherise Angelotti-Casey, Erika Dyason, Amelia Fraser-McKelvie, Jacinta Kemm, Alice Saunders, Kristie Turner, Jennifer Barrett, and Carly Sayer.

The Summer DDNA Netball Season commences Saturday 25 August. Enquiries may be directed to Peta Walker on 9844 4898.

## Cricketers wanted

If you're interested in being involved in cricket this summer Warrandyte cricket club could be the place for you.

Last year Warrandyte Cricket club fielded 10 sides in the Ringwood and District Cricket Association cricket competitions (under 12s to veterans). In addition it also ran a Milo programme and non-competitive cricket for about a 60 under 12s.

If your family has any under 16 players (boys and girls welcome) or if you're a parent with children already involved and who can give time to a coaching or team management role, contact the junior co-ordinator Dave Ellis on 0419 514962

Or if you're a Dad/older brother who feels it's time to dust off the whites again for one more season contact Daniel Wellesley on 0416085717

Playing cricket at Warrandyte Cricket Club is a great way to spend the summer, and the club has an active social membership.

Further information can be found at [www.warrandytecc.com](http://www.warrandytecc.com)



A lineup of the team before the Warrnambool game (L to R): Kelly Pollard, Mandy Gammilonghi, Nicole Dadswell, Jo Metcalfe (capt), Lauren Sabidussi, Kate Cohen, Liz Benbow, Michelle Ackland, Chelsea Ranson.

## Venom teams in the finals hunt

By DAMIAN ARSENIS

With the Victorian Junior Basketball League regular season winding down, the on court action is just heating up! Warrandyte Venom continued their charge towards the finals with some mixed success in Round 16.

Nicole Howard's under 16 Metro 3 girls led the way by recording a devastating 23-point win against Diamond Valley 3 to guarantee their place in the finals in the process. With a good run home over the next two weeks, the girls can also seal a double chance by finishing in the top three, should they maintain their good form in the last two rounds.

Also sealing a finals berth were the under 16 Metro 1 girls of Justin Nelson. They shored up fourth spot with a convincing win over Bulleen 2 at home. Win their last two games and they could even steal third place and the double chance from Sunbury should the Jets falter in a tricky run home of their own. In a similar situation are the under 14 Metro 4 boys of Aaron Murphy. After a tough run of games against top opposition, they secured a place in the top five with a 53-34 demolition of

Bulleen 2. In fourth place, if Murphy's team can win their last two games and results go their way, they too can steal third place and a double chance in the finals.

After an indifferent start to the season, Bruce Davis has his under 16 East 2 girls playing inspired basketball at the right time of the season. Following a great four-point win over Sherbrooke 2 last Friday, it lifted the Venom's record over the past five games to four wins, and also guaranteed them a finals place. In a log-jam at the top of the ladder, the Venom play two finals aspirants in the last two rounds and will seal a top three place if they win at least one of these games. Their outstanding recent form is a good sign of more things to come from this talented up and coming group of girls.

Playing at home for the first time in six rounds, Damian Arsenis' under 12 Metro 1 boys booted sixth-ranked Wallan out of the finals equation and in the process ensured they will end the season in first place after recording a 37-30 victory. The Venom's only two losses of the season coming at the hands of

third placed Keilor. The season ending game against second ranked Dandenong 2 could provide a valuable insight into whether this team can translate their regular season form into finals success.

Also guaranteed to play finals are the under 18 Metro 1 girls of David Reinecke who maintained their perfect season record with a tough 39-33 home win against Frankston 2. They will finish in top spot and are dubbed clear title favourites. And despite a 23-37 loss against ladder leader Knox, the under 20 Metro 1 girls of Jodi Kennedy are assured of second place.

Double chances in the finals race are also assured for Jim Kafkalakis' under 12 Metro 1 girls and the under 12 East Central girls of Emma Collins. On the back of a now five-game winning streak, Steve Killey's under 14 East 3 boys are also assured of finals action, but can finish as high as 1st with two wins, or a top three place with just the one. The under 12 East 1 boys are assured of fourth place despite a 10-point loss to ladder leader Melbourne 2 on Friday and are playing great team basketball at the moment.

However with so many Venom teams now assured of playing in finals, there are still many fighting to make the cut with just two rounds to go. Whilst looking assured of finals action two weeks ago, Greg Pearson's under 12 Metro have now lost two in a row to be on the brink of missing the finals altogether. They must win one of their last two games to make sure they get there, however they play first-placed Eltham 2 this week, following by fourth-ranked Craigieburn in what is a difficult journey to navigate.

After an amazing six-game mid-season winning streak, the under 16 East 1 boys of Stephen Murphy have now lost three of their last five to be on the edge of finals action in a jam with five other teams. Two wins from the last two games should be enough to ensure a place in the post-season. Lose just one game, and they will have to rely on the results of others to get over the line. After enjoying a place in the top five all season, the under 14 Metro 1 girls coached by Julie Davis now find themselves in seventh place and with plenty of work to do to get themselves

back up to speed. Two wins from the last two games is a must to ensure finals action, and it will not be easy, and the parents should be prepared for another close game, with a draw, a one-point win and two two-point losses experienced over their last 4 games.

The season is on the line in the next two weeks for Ian Wood's under 18 Metro 3 boys. Tied in fifth place with Sunbury and an even head-to-head record but with a lower overall percentage, two wins from the last two games are crucial to their finals aspirations. Both teams have similar runs home and this could go either way.

The under 14 East 1 girls of Penny Kafkalakis kept their finals hopes alive with another heart-stopping one-point win over fifth-placed Camberwell 2, making it six wins in a row! Whilst they should account for Warrandyte 3 this week and extend their streak to seven, they play first-placed Collingwood in the last round in a game that will determine whether they play finals or not. Nothing is beyond this team and if they believe in themselves, they can make the final cut.

# Redbacks hopes unfazed by loss

With only two rounds to go things are hotting up for the Saturday Junior Basketball competition.

Warrandyte Redback A boys, coached by Ryan Holloway, came up against the top Eltham side. The Redback boys never recovered from a slow first half to go down by 46-14 at the final whistle.

"The second half was much improved, and we held the Eltham side for most of the half, until an injury (cork) to Jack Power" said Ryan after the game. "We are expecting to be contesting the AR final series and would expect to give a good account."

Liam Roodhouse and Tim Apostolides led the scoring for Warrandyte four points each.

Warrandyte were guaranteed of a result in the Under 11 A grade when the two top Redback sides met.

The rivalry was friendly but the game was played at a high

pace as both sides went in with gusto.

Showing that the selectors got it right at the start of the season, Ian Wood's boys defeated the seconds coached by Greg Pearson by 34-12.

Nathan DeLacy and Chris Bolland were the leading scorers with 10 for the winners, while Oscar Pearson contributed four for the seconds.

Going on form, Warrandyte remain favourites for the A grade flag while the seconds look like they will give the AR flag a real shake.

The under 15 boys look like they may have missed their opportunity of finals this season with a close loss to fourth-placed Eltham, going down by 29-25. The Redbacks opened brightly scoring the opening points. Eltham steadied to take a two-point lead into the break.

Eltham came out the more determined in the second half

to establish a winning lead. The Redbacks surged in the last two minutes, but the gap was too great.

Leif Cope did well in the centre, scoring eight with good support from Sam Allardice and Luke Spinoza with six each.

The 17A girls, ladder leaders, had the easiest of wins when their opponents conceded a walk-over.

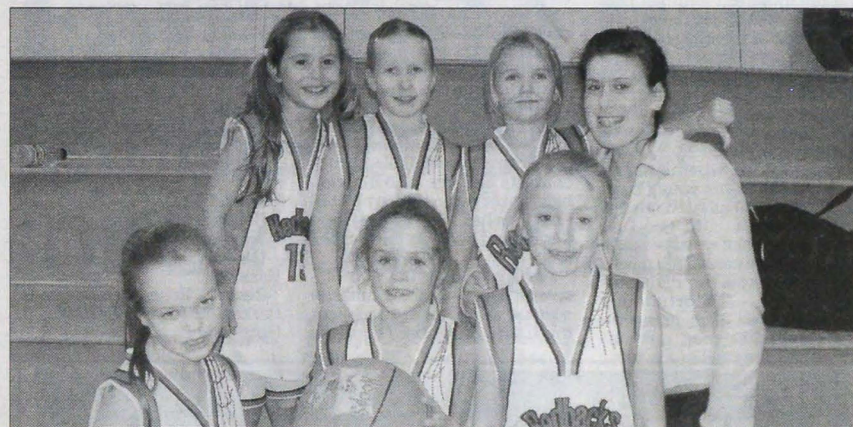
The 11A girls were well-beaten by second placed Doncats, by 44-20 but expect to hold onto fourth place.

Meg Keppel with 12 was dominant for Warrandyte with good support from Olivia Yammouni with five and Simone Caruana with two.

Registrations for the Summer season will be held this weekend, August 18 at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre. Contact one of the registrars Roy Lane on 9844 1859 (boys) and Anne Cousens on 9844 2328 (girls).



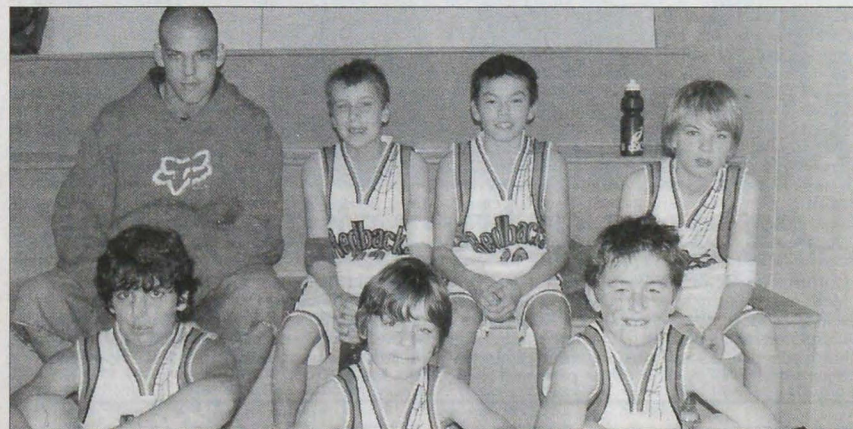
Under 11 A grade boys with coaches Ian Wood and Greg Pearson.



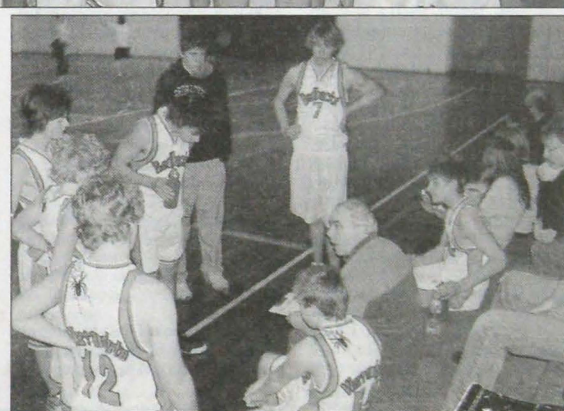
An Under 9 girls side having fun. Most are in their first or second season, and expend a lot of energy at training and in the game. Pictured (Back Row L to R): Annie Pearson, Chloe Goring, Brooke Mulder and (Front Row L to R): Lauren Eadie, Ellie Caruana, Phoebe Joy. Absent: Olivia Holston. Coach: Kirsten Palensky.



(Above) Under 15 Boys - close losers to Eltham. (L to R): Tom Appleby, Sam Allardice, Toby Versteegan, Luke Spinoza, Zac Brodrick, Leif Cope, Dylan Thomson.

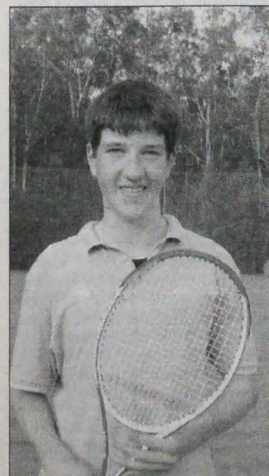


(Left) Under 13 boys with coach Matt Peters. (Back Row L to R): Luke Warren, Justin Smith, Thomas Dubbie. (Front Row L to R): Brayen Mifsud, Ben McMellan, Glyn Telford.



(Right) Malcolm Anderson, and the Under 15 boys at a time out. Eltham held on to win over the fast-finishing Warrandyte by 29 to 25.

# Elise dominates junior tennis club titles



Boys champion, Daniel Buckley

Warrandyte Tennis Club's Junior Club Championships for 2007 have been dominated by 14-year old Elise Northover.

Elise took home five winner's trophies and one runner-up after the finals played at the club last month.

Playing well above her age group, she won the 18 & under championship title convincingly defeating Amie Brockwell in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0.

She followed up to win the girls doubles (with Parris Webb) and the mixed doubles where she teamed with the new boys champion Daniel Buckley. Elise also took out the 15 & under singles and girls doubles and was runner-up in the mixed section.

Daniel Buckley, 16, won the boys championship, also in a convincing manner, defeating Adam Waugh 6-1, 6-2.

He won the mixed doubles with Elise and was runner up in

the boys doubles. Twelve-year-old Jade Valentino starred in the younger age groups.

She won the 12 & under singles and doubles and was runner up in the mixed. She also competed in the 15 & under age group where she teamed up with the new girls champion, Elise Northover to win the girls doubles and was victorious in the mixed doubles.

She was runner-up to Elise in the singles event.

Ryan Tester scooped the pool in the boys 15 & under group winning singles, doubles and mixed doubles as well as the 12 & under mixed.

Daniel Ford-Learner won the 12 & under boys singles.

Detailed results follow:  
**18 & under: Boys singles**—Daniel Buckley d Adam Waugh 6-1, 6-2. **Girls singles**—Elise Northover d Amie Brockwell 6-2, 6-0. **Boys doubles**—Adam Waugh/

Mat Cook d Daniel Buckley/Rory Ashton 7-5, 6-1. **Girls doubles**—Elise Northover/Parris Webb d Amie and Erica Brockwell 6-1, 6-3. **Mixed doubles**—Daniel Buckley/Elise Northover d Adam Waugh/Tessa Cudmore 8-3.

**15 & under: Boys singles**—Ryan Tester d Adrian Mifsud 8-5. **Girls singles**—Elise Northover d Jade Valentino 8-3. **Boys doubles**—Ryan Tester/Brayden Mifsud d Michael Ashfield/Adrian Mifsud 8-4. **Girls doubles**—Elise Northover/Jade Valentino d Parris Webb/Gabby Mitchell 8-0. **Mixed doubles**—Ryan Tester/Jade Valentino d Stuart Langridge/Elise Northover 8-4.

**12 & under: Boys singles**—Daniel Ford-Learner d Nick Ford-Learner 6-0. **Girls singles**—Jade Valentino d Gabby Mitchell 6-1. **Boys doubles**—Daniel Ford-Learner/Daniel Mifsud d Mark Ford-Learner/Nick Ford-Learner 7-5. **Girls doubles**—Jade Valentino/Gabby Mitchell d Ellie

Beltramin/Keeley Green 6-0. **Mixed doubles**—Ryan Tester/Elie Beltramin d Jade Valentino/Daniel-Ford Learner 6-4.

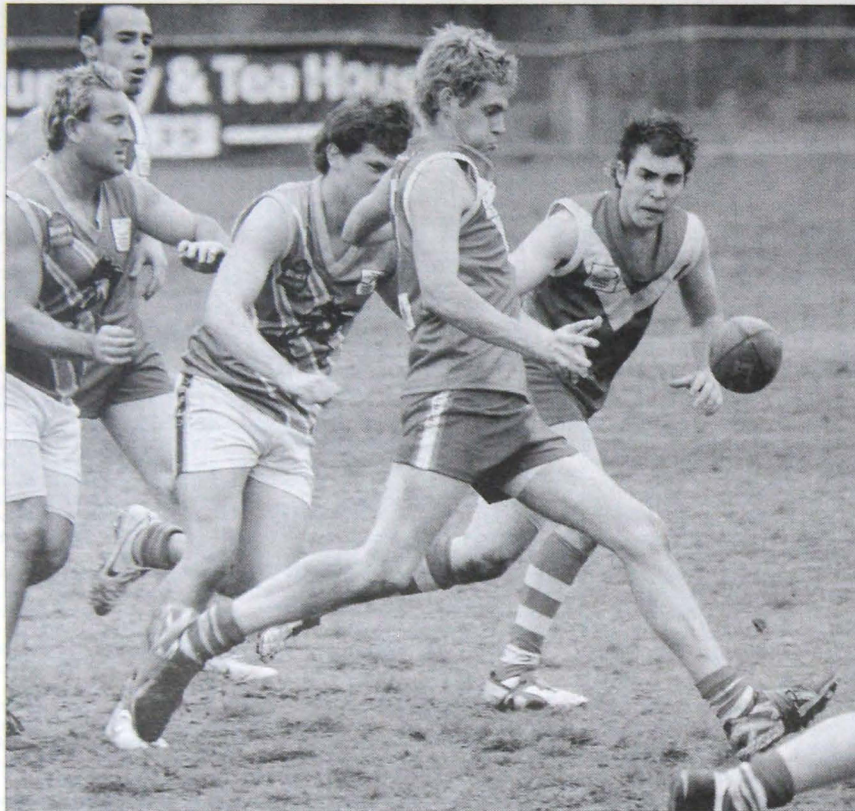
Dates for the 2007 Super-mashers at Warrandyte Tennis Club have been revised.

The event will now run every Sunday from October 28 to December 2 at the club's Tarroona Avenue courts. This program is for beginners, aged 5 to 12. Participants will receive a "smashpack" with a number of giveaways including a tennis racquet, t-shirt, hat and other goodies.

Entry forms are available from the club's outside junior noticeboard, junior convenor, Michelle Gilling (9844 2025), coach, Aaron Nolan (0408 273 588), Warrandyte Consulting Rooms (physiotherapy window), Goldfields Plaza Medical Centre (reception), Corner Café, 166 Yarra Street or from [www.warrandytetennis.org.au](http://www.warrandytetennis.org.au).



Girls champion, Elise Northover



James Bowen leads the pack on the field.

# Colts easy win keeps finals hopes going

By DALE VITIRITTI

The U18's have played good, competitive football throughout the year and have developed well as a team. Currently fifth on the ladder, with a little bit of luck they still might play in the finals. From a coach's perspective, the most pleasing aspect of the season has been watching the continuous development of the players.

Two players, Jason Khouri and Brendan Coutat, playing their first season of football, are great examples. Jason, with a soccer background, has managed to hold down both full forward and ruck during the season and played really well in his first game in the reserves.

Brendan, with a golfing background, is an exceptional athlete who is developing into an exciting footballer and hopefully will continue to the seniors next year.

One of our best team performances of the year came in our game against Upper Ferntree Gully. Tyson Fitzgerald showed his class throughout to finish with four goals, while Evan Jones continually won the hard ball and provided run through

the midfield.

**Warrandyte 15.6-96**  
**Upper Gully 11.8-74**

**Goals:** T. Fitzgerald 4, M. Dunn 3, J. Khouri 2, B. Goutet 2, E. Jones, B. Everard, T. Maddocks, R. Brown  
**Best:** T. Fitzgerald, D. Large, L. Brewis, B. Goutet, B. Pettigrove, M. Craig

A good, disciplined team performance resulted in a comfortable win against our local rivals at Templestowe. Matt Craig continued his good form providing lots of drive from the wing and Matt Dunn appreciated the move to the forward line with three goals.

**Warrandyte 8.12-60**  
**Templestowe 2.5-17**

**Goals:** M. Dunn 3, J. Khouri 2, T. Beasley, J. Johnson, R. Brown  
**Best:** M. Craig, E. Jones, M. Dunn, J. Bentley, T. Beasley

A really good team effort against the Waverley Blues to push the second team despite

the side struggling for numbers on the day. Pat Nichol worked tirelessly to be our best, while Ross Brown played his best game for the year at centre half forward.

**Waverley Blues 8.12-60**  
**Warrandyte 5.14-44**

**Goals:** R. Brown 2, P. Nichol, J. Johnson, M. Craig  
**Best:** P. Nichol, R. Brown, D. Large, B. Pettigrove, L. Brewis, T. Maddocks

Warrandyte played well for the first three quarters before a disappointing final term allowed Boronia to take control of the game. Brayden Pettigrove was excellent with his attack on the ball and Tom Maddocks did well with three goals on his return from injury.

**Boronia 8.12 - 60**  
**Warrandyte 7.3 - 45**

**Goals:** T. Maddocks 3, T. Fitzgerald 2, M. Craig, B. Pettigrove  
**Best:** T. Fitzgerald, B. Pettigrove, M. Dunn, J. Khouri, D. Large, M. Craig

# Reserves have plenty of promise

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

Despite sitting ninth on the EFL ladder, with just three wins to date, the young Warrandyte reserves side has shown steady improvement in recent weeks and continues to develop its core of young players.

July's highlight came in Round 14 with a resounding victory playing away against arch enemy Templestowe, coming from seven points behind at half time to record a morale-boosting 43-point victory. Up-and-coming full forward James Bowen kicked five goals in that match in his best game for the club so far, with 300-game veteran Dale Vitiritti chipping in with three goals and 19-year-old midfielder Brendan Zach also starring.

Other recent matches have seen the Bloods show plenty of spirit against more experienced teams, despite losing key players as they are promoted to the undermanned senior side, and full-forward Campbell Holland has missed the last three matches after breaking his hand against Nunawading.

Onballers Brian Elliott and Cal Haskings have gained valuable experience playing in the senior side, along with regular reserves performer Brendan Zach.

While pleased with the endeavour shown by his young side, coach Ash Grybas rued missed opportunities. "In the last month of football we have really shown that we can match it with the top sides in the division," said Grybas. "Unfortunately once or twice each game we have tended to drop right off

and allow teams to really get a run on against us, which has ended up costing us games."

The Bloods have also been wasteful in front of goal since losing spearhead Holland, kicking 5.12 and 4.10 in their two previous contests.

However, signs are overwhelmingly positive for the future of this developing side, with the youth policy of the club beginning to show dividends.

In Warrandyte's last match, against Coldstream, talented Under 18s Jason "Ox" Khouri and Evan Jones were given a taste of senior football. Both Khouri and Jones impressed Warrandyte supporters, Khouri kicking two goals from full forward and Jones embarrassing a much older opponent from half back. Both will be players to keep an eye on in years to come.

Second-year players such as Paul Burgoyne and Jimmy Bowen also continue to improve.

Co-captains Jarrod Boyce and Nick Drake have been solid performers in recent weeks, as have dynamic wingman Bernie Opteynde and the ever-reliable Craig Lincoln.

"Big men Flynn Jarvis and the elusive Dillon Hudson-Norris have proved invaluable in ruck contests and Warrandyte Football Club's own resident DJ Cal Haskings has been a consistent performer, both on and off the field.

Despite nearing the end of a season which has unfortunately seen far more losses than wins, the future looks bright for the

Bloods.

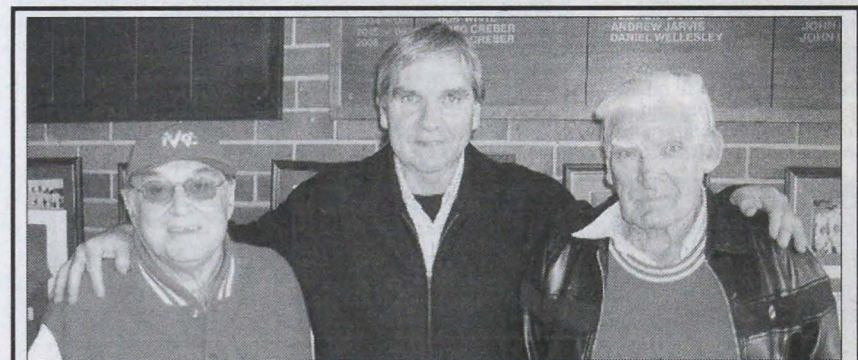
**Round 16**  
**Coldstream 12.6-78**  
**Warrandyte 5.12-42**  
**Goals:** J. Khouri 2, A. De Sarro, J. Boyce, C. Lincoln  
**Best:** J. Boyce, B. Opteynde, B. Counsel, J. Khouri, N. Jones

**Round 15**  
**Upper Gully 10.8-68**  
**Warrandyte 4.10-34**  
**Goals:** C. Chapman, J. Logan, T. Ryan, P. Hernandez  
**Best:** J. Boyce, F. Jarvis, C. Haskings, B. Opteynde

**Round 14**  
**Warrandyte 13.9-87**  
**Templestowe 6.8-44**  
**Goals:** J. Bowen 5, D. Vitiritti 3, B. Zach 2, P. Hernandez 2  
**Best:** J. Bowen, B. Zach, S. Donovan, F. Jarvis, N. Drake, D. Vitiritti

**Round 13**  
**Nunawading 12.15-87**  
**Warrandyte 10.4-64**  
**Goals:** J. Boyce 2, B. Elliott, C. Holland, C. Lincoln, C. Chapman, J. Logan, S. Lockie, P. Burgoyne  
**Best:** C. Haskings, C. Lincoln, C. Chapman, R. Parker, S. Lockie, J. Boyce

**Round 12**  
**Boronia 9.5 - 59**  
**Warrandyte 3.6 - 24**  
**Goals:** C. Holland, J. Logan, C. Haskings  
**Best:** N. Rose, S. Donovan, R. Parker, J. Bowen, N. Drake, B. Opteynde



## Legends gather at luncheon

Collingwood champion full forward Peter McKenna was the special guest and after dinner speaker at the Warrandyte Past Players' Luncheon held last month. The huge gathering enjoyed a magnificent meal together, reminiscing about the glory days of the past, and then

McKenna shared some of the special moments in his stellar career. He stayed on for the after match drinks, and is pictured here with two of the Blood's legends, past club and league president Laurie Sloan, and oldest living player, Ben Jones.

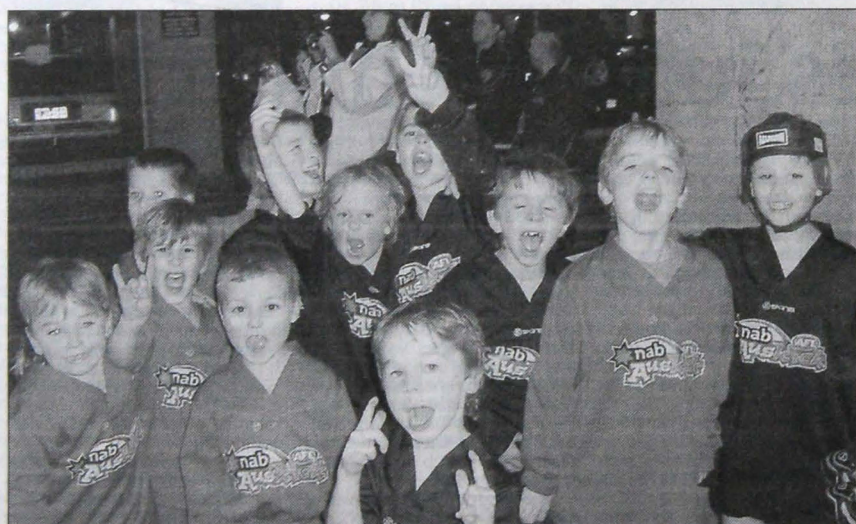
# Tackers take on Tigers at Telstra

Warrandyte Auskick secured another little league game at the half time of the recent St Kilda v Richmond match in front of over 40,000 rabid Saints and Tigers supporters.

The 20 young Warrandyte footballers made the long march to Telstra Dome to represent the mighty Saints in the little league, the boys were triumphant in winning four goals to nil in an exciting, fast-paced game.

First-half highlights included first year player Benny Frowd finally running out with older brother Lauchie to play a game, both boys enjoyed the experience and played well.

The team lead by Daniel Nil-



son and James Munks in the center and Reece McKenzie and Jayden Clay in defence, the Saints (aka Warrandyte) were able to get first use of the ball and were able to kick long into

the forward line where Dion Stroot and Luke Killey were able to move the footy deeper into the forward line.

Coach Edward Munks said after the game that "the boys

overall superior ball handling skills was one of the reasons that the team was able to capitalise on the amount of contested possession that was generated from the mid-

field". Younger team mates Daniel Abbott, Jake Stewart, Jake Tucker and Josh Kleeberg were not daunted by playing against bigger opponents and played up to the higher level, "the experience will only benefit their football development" commented coach Munks.

Dane Stewart and Brandon Stafford played good team footy and combined well with elusive Kyle Newman and the diminutive Luke Costin.

Michael and Nathan De Lacy were also in the thick of the action with both boys able to generate opportunities and linked well with Cameron Caffin to drive the ball long into the forward line.

Super sub Ryan Tester entered the fray at half time and played a superb game in the back half.

Meanwhile, another opportunity to play a grid game at Telstra Dome was presented to Warrandyte Auskick by the AFL at half time of the Richmond v St Kilda AFL game at Telstra Dome.

Showcasing their emerging talent, the 12 young players led by current Warrandyte Tackers

players Ben Sproat, Samuel Munks, Ryley Reardon, Steven Garrick and Joel Carruthers were able to bring their younger and less-experienced team mates into the action.

Dynamic brothers Kiama and Devin Harris-Allen teamed well together on many occasions, reminiscent of the Krakour brothers who played with the mighty Kangaroos side in the 1980's.

The Warrandyte Tackers coach is hopeful of recruiting them for 2008.

Youngsters Ben Munks, Blake Reardon and Leo Garrick were among the thick of the action from the opening bounce.

Roy Sisson and Dylan Caffin were also engrossed by the big game atmosphere at the Dome and had numerous possessions and used their skills that have been finely honed at Auskick training to their advantage.

Also thanks to Anthony Parkin at Eastern Ranges for all their assistance and help over the last couple of years for making these events possible.

Anyone wishing to join Auskick please contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191.

# All the footy news in brief...



## Warrandyte answers the call

Warrandyte Football Club thanks all of the wonderful people who donated to the Victorian Cancer Council through the Call to Arms campaign and Girls Charity Match last Saturday week.

The three teams donned the yellow arm bands in support of cancer awareness and donated money as part of the program devised by the Essendon Footy club and Adam Ramanaskus.

In excess of \$2000 was raised.

Thanks also go to Tom Naughtin and James Logan for all their hard work.

Any donations are appreciated and if you weren't able to support the boys and girls on the day, donations can still be made online via BSB: 063-166 Acc: 1014 0984.

## Not a wake to worry over

If anyone sees a stray coffin being ceremoniously carried by some players from the Grand Hotel to the bridge, don't check the death notices, it's just the traditional end of season wake on the Monday following the last game.

## Trivia night

The Bloods held a trivia night on August 11 at the clubrooms, with club captain Matt Wood as quiz master.

## Is that Straughny?

There was a special appearance by a person looking very much like Straughny, the nearly famous Collingwood footballer and media superstar at the WFC Ball last month.

Impeccably dressed in his Black and White jumper and black jacket, he made a big entrance and was an immediate hit with the young girls who



clamoured for a photograph with the megastar. He also bears a striking resemblance

to one of the longest-serving players at the club, John 'Prangers' Prangley.

He is pictured here (above) with one of the organisers of the ball, Chris Chapman.

## MPs back shield

State Member for Warrandyte, Ryan Smith MP and State Member for Kilsyth, David Hodggett MP are promoting local football by sponsoring an MP shield.

The winner of the match between Warrandyte and Mooroolbark will win the shield and a cash donation for the club.

Mr Hodggett, a former Mooroolbark player, is a strong supporter of his local club. "This shield is a way of showing our support for our local footy teams," he said.

"I thought that my friendly professional rivalry with Ryan could be channelled into a local sporting event."

The match will be played on August 18 at Mooroolbark Heights Reserve, Mooroolbark. Kick-off is at 2pm.

# Fairytales turn to nightmare

## Injuries to blame for Bloods' pain

By RICKY BOURKE

Warrandyte's horror run with injuries continued throughout July. It has contributed to a six-game losing streak and left the team currently bottom of the ladder.

This week's game saw the Warrandyte faithful make the long and undesirable trip out to the aptly named Coldstream.

The feeling within the team before the game did not epitomise the level of focus and desire that has been shown in other more recent encounters. Noticing the flat pre-game mood, team leader Ben Reid attempted to lift the moral of the players by addressing the team and asking for a special effort. On the big ground, it was going to be so important that the Bloods win their share of clearances.

Unfortunately, Coldstream dominated the first quarter and Warrandyte appeared to be outclassed.

It was a lack of accountability in the midfield which allowed Coldstream's Doughty to take ball from the centre at full pace on four occasions. The deficit at quarter time was a massive seven goals.

The second term was much closer, but the boys still seemed to be unwilling to run hard when the ball was turned over.

After being crushed in the first half, Warrandyte discovered some run out of the backline, especially from Nathan Rose, Ben Taylor and Ricky Bourke, who linked through the middle field, especially Dion Mullett-Treloar.

The Bloods carried the ball and delivered to their forwards like Mick "Magic Hands" Morello, Luke Ebzery and the spritely Luke Dunn.

Although the game seemed out of reach at the final change, with Warrandyte down by eight goals, the boys still had plenty of run left in them.

This was teamed together with a level of endeavour and sheer desire to play for one another that was missing from the first quarter.

The second half certainly belonged to the Bloods, who outscored Coldstream seven goals to six.

Given the diminution of the playing group top-tier over the last month, the second half of

this match was an excellent indication of the talent coming through the side. Further, it showed what could be expected when some of the more experienced players return from their injuries and their travels.

**Coldstream 18.16-24**  
**Warrandyte 11.13-79**

**Goals:** M. Morello 4, M. Wood 2, L. Ebzery 2, C. Quinlan, M. Treeby, L. Dunn  
**Best:** R. Bourke, B. Reid, N. Rose, M. Morello, D. Mullett-Treloar, L. Dunn

**Round 15**  
**Upper Ferntree Gully**

The Bloods were in a winning position against second-top team Upper Ferntree Gully, but early in the game lost key mid-fielder and captain Tom Naughtin with a rolled ankle and star recruit Adam Tsapatsaris, an attacking half-forward, with a broken collarbone.

Upper Gully kicked the first five goals of the match. They obviously thought that they had the Bloods on toast and decided to undertake a more arrogant style of football. Suddenly there was a shift in the flow of play and Warrandyte kicked the next four goals of the term.

Warrandyte's movement of the ball improved dramatically as their confidence grew and the Bloods looked invincible. The momentum from the second half of the first quarter continued into the second. Warrandyte played dominating football, arguably some of their best for the year. The first five goals were Warrandyte's, meaning they had managed the last nine goals of the match. However, the momentum was set to shift again.

The Bloods had a shot at goal to go five goals up and increase their run of goals to 10; but the shot missed. Consequently, Upper Gully took the ball from the kick-in to the other end of the ground and kicked a goal, then the next one after a turnover in the Yarrasider's forward 50.

Both teams managed a goal before half time, where the margin was eight points in favour of Warrandyte. Third quarters have not been reason for the Bloods to boast

this year, only managing two goals in their last three third quarters. Warrandyte fought hard but just could not manage any score. Their eight point half time lead was turned into a 19-point deficit at the final change.

The Bloods continued to attack and find avenues to goal that did not seem open during the third quarter. It was only the last 5-10 minutes of the match that the margin was stretched to the 41 points; the final deficit.

Ben Taylor did a brilliant job on man-mountain Noonan for most of the day. Warrandyte fought well, but against the second-placed side and with two key players injured in the first quarter, it was always going to be a difficult proposition to take the game.

**Upper Ferntree Gully 19.12-126**  
**Warrandyte 13.7-85**

**Goals:** M. Morello 5, C. Quinlan 3, L. Ebzery 2, P. Bellofiore 2, M. Wood

**Best:** P. Bellofiore, D. Vitiritti, N. Rose, B. Elliott, C. Quinlan, A. Schafer

**Round 14**  
**Templestowe**

The first quarter was played with the intensity that the game deserved.

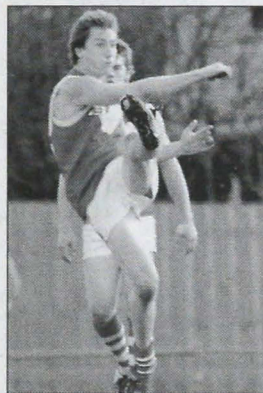
With the ball spending a lot of time around Templestowe's half-forward line, the back six of Warrandyte held strong under the pressure.

Adam Tsapatsaris was given the job on the dangerous ex-Warrandytian, Liam Riley, and beat him hands down.

At quarter time the difference was only a goal and the Bloods were confident that there was a lot better football in them.

The second quarter saw Warrandyte get on top, kicking three goals to the Dockers one and still not playing their best football.

Tom Naughtin showed his illisiveness, frustrating the opposition who were unable to tackle him. Paul Bellofiore and Ben Reid were tough in and around the packs, helping move the ball forward. At half time, Warrandyte were leading, but coach Peter Green was furious at the way the ball was



Ben Reid clears the ball for Warrandyte. (Picture by Daniel Wellesley)

being delivered to the forwards. The second half was a disappointing performance. The Bloods might have won the first half, marginally, but Templestowe would take claim on the second half.

The players looked tired on the big ground, and missing key backline players Tom Roberts and Ben Taylor left few options. Despite the constant taunts from the hill, former Warrandyte favourite Liam Riley managed four goals and proved to be a key difference between the sides.

**Templestowe 11.11-77**  
**Warrandyte 6.8-44**

**Goals:** M. Wood 2, M. Morello 2, N. Rose, P. Bellofiore  
**Best:** P. Bellofiore, D. Mullett-Treloar, B. Reid, M. Morello, T. Naughtin, M. Wood

**Round 13**  
**Nunawading**

The first quarter was a close one, with Nunawading managing many forward entries, but failing to break Warrandyte's backline.

The Bloods' back half was stretched against a very tall Nunawading side. Andrew Brown moved into the backline for the match to cover one of the tall, dangerous forwards.

The stage was set in the first quarter for a tough battle and Nunawading knew that it was not going to be the unproblematic game they expected. Warrandyte kicked two goals in the first quarter, both due to Matt Wood's silky skills. The second quarter was much like the first. The main difference was that Warrandyte managed more high-quality running football, but without seeing

tangible results in the form of goals. This was frustrating to watch as the Bloods were again outscored by Nunawading by a goal. The margin at halftime was two goals. The Warrandyte rooms were quiet at halftime, as they were before the match, but this was no cause for worry. Tom Naughtin addressed the boys after the halftime break, saying that he could see they were focused and truly wanted to win. It has been a hallmark of recent Warrandyte sides to lose matches within critical, but short, periods of play. It was to be the Bloods' downfall again; a 10-minute patch of football where Nunawading managed five goals. This was despite Warrandyte's domination of play in the first half of the quarter. The deficit had blown out at three-quarter time to a difficult, though not impossible, six goals. The boys again dominated play in the final quarter after Nunawading snuck the first goal home, which was to be the only goal that they kicked for the final term.

The attack on the ball from the young Bloods typified the endeavour shown all day, resulting in a late surge of five goals. Given there were a few missed opportunities, the game could very easily have gone the other way.

**Nunawading 14.6-90**  
**Warrandyte 12.10-82**

**Goals:** M. Wood 5, A. Brown 2, T. Holman, T. Naughtin, M. Morello, L. Dunn, P. Bellofiore  
**Best:** M. Wood, T. Naughtin, D. Mullett-Treloar, A. Tsapatsaris, B. Reid, A. Schafer

**Round 12**  
**Boronia**

Warrandyte went into this first versus seventh match without centre half back Tom Roberts, one of the best for the Bloods throughout the year, but regained star recruit Luke Naughtin, returning after a successful warm-up last week in the twos.

Most importantly, it was Josh 'Killer' Eyre's last game in the red and white. There has been plenty of talk about wanting to play well for Josh and sending him off to the military academy with a win. 'Killer' has played for Warrandyte since the under 10s, missing only one season in that period, this being his fourth season of senior football.

Coach Peter Green just wanted a sustained attack on the ball from his players, expecting good results to follow. It was in the latter part of the

first quarter that the Bloods began to get on top of Boronia and they went into quarter time with their heads up, trailing 4.2 to 3.1. The second quarter was a hard-fought contest, with a large amount of the play occurring around the centre of the large ground.

It was Boronia that managed to move the ball forward with greater efficiency, managing three goals.

Warrandyte's midfielders, especially Wood, Holman and both Naughtins, were winning the ball at contests but the half-forward line proved a difficult barrier to pierce. This was due to the wet conditions making the ball slippery and heavy, rendering the Bloods' high-marking forwards much less effective than in recent weeks.

The half time score was Boronia 7.3 to Warrandyte 3.1. Scoring became more difficult in the second half with further rain and heavier legs.

Warrandyte kicked the first goal of the quarter, reducing the margin to three goals. However, they also kicked four points, which could have made the score line far closer at the final change.

Boronia's only goal of the quarter came opportunistically from a fumbled ball in the slippery quagmire that was the middle of the ground. The match was still within Warrandyte's grasp with one quarter to play, the score 8.3 to 4.5. There was plenty of ball movement in the final quarter, just limited scoring. Matt Wood put together one of the most prolific quarters imaginable, racking up at least 20 touches. He was well-supported by Todd Holman and Andrew Brown who also had a lot of football in the final term. Their high statistics were a direct result of an instruction from Peter Green for players to back themselves and trust their abilities.

The final deficit was three straight goals, after Todd Holman kicked the last goal of the match near full time. It was a day for midfielders, with plenty of stoppages. Accordingly, the best players were the ones who played in and around these stoppages: Todd Holman, Matt Wood, Tom Naughtin, Luke Naughtin and Private Josh Eyre.

**Boronia 8.6 - 54**  
**Warrandyte 5.6 - 36**

**Goals:** R. Pidgeon, L. Ebzery, T. Holman, T. Naughtin, L. Dunn  
**Best:** M. Wood, T. Holman, T. Naughtin, L. Naughtin, J. Eyre, A. Brown

