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Good fun while it lasts!
 These young girls were taking advantage of an ominously early November hot spell to take a dip in the Yarra at Normans Reserve. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Heat on hopefuls

Local candidates face climate change facts

By CLIFF GREEN

...of droughts and flooding rains...

Five candidates standing in the two Warrandyte federal electorates have stated their policies on global warming.

Their responses to a survey organised by Warrandyte CAN are published in this issue.

Global warming is a global issue. It is also a national issue and a local issue. Our dying gardens, our wilting bush, the

threat of diminished flows in our river all bear witness to this.

Early this year, a number of people who live in Osborne Road in Warrandyte came together at a dinner party. Present was Adrian Whitehead, a young scientist and conservationist who grew up in Warrandyte. Adrian convinced his fellow diners that the time to do something about global warming was right here and now.

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

In the true tradition of War-

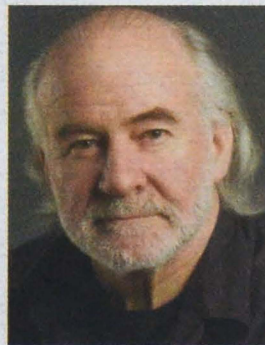
randyte they called a public meeting. Out of this forum Warrandyte CAN—Climate Action Now—was formed.

This newspaper has publicised and supported this non-party community group from its inception.

CAN gathered members and garnered local backing. A display was mounted at the Warrandyte Festival yielding more members and further support.

In the nine months since, CAN has organised three well-attended forums at which various experts, power companies and government authorities demonstrated viable sustainable energy alternatives and suggested ways ordinary households could combat global warming.

Last month, CAN staged a highly successful Sustainable Expo in Warrandyte. It is estimated that up to 1000 people—locals and visitors—attended this event.



Wayne Rankin: "Our long term goal is to make Warrandyte carbon neutral."

"The aims of our group are to communicate to our community the urgent need to take action on climate change and to create awareness and motivate people to act," CAN president Wayne

Rankin said at the group's inception.

"Our long term goal is to make Warrandyte carbon neutral."

The forthcoming federal election has focussed the attention of many Australians on the issue of global warming. The political parties have been vying to present policies they claim will address this urgent problem.

Warrandyte CAN decided to test these policies locally. They approached the Labor, Liberal and Greens candidates standing in electorates on each side of the river, requesting they answer a series of questions.

The *Diary* agreed to publish their replies.

In Menzies, Kevin Andrews (Liberal), Andrew Campbell (Labor) and David Ellis (Greens) responded. Over the river in Jagajaga, Lisa Hodgson (Greens) and Jenny Macklin (Labor) replied. Only Conrad D'Souza (Liberal, Jagajaga) failed to respond.

Kevin Andrews wrote: "The government's support for research, development and demonstration of new and emerging technologies will help not only to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, but also to become a global leader in key low emission technologies".

According to David Ellis, the Greens believe "we don't need a nuclear power plant anywhere in Australia, let alone 25 reactors on the eastern seaboard as proposed by the government's nuclear task force".

"Labor has committed to cutting Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent by 2050," Jenny Macklin said. "Labor will immediately ratify the Kyoto Protocol to help forge a global solution to climate change."

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Expo targets climate change

They poured into the Warrandyte Community Centre one Saturday last month, checking out everything from solar power to baby's nappies at the Sustainability Expo organised by Warrandyte CAN (Climate Action Now). STEPHEN REYNOLDS got the message and took these pictures.



History goes up in smoke

Police suspect arson

Words and pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

Warrandyte lost a piece of its heritage late last month when fire destroyed "Nilja" homestead in Alexander Road.

Householders across the river in North Warrandyte called the CFA around 1am when they saw an orange glow in the sky.

"The initial call came in as an undefined fire, so we didn't know what we were going to. We just assumed that it would be a car on fire down there, because over the years we've had a number down the end of Alexander Road," Warrandyte CFA captain Shane Murphy told the *Diary*.

"As we got further down there the glow increased and we realised that it was more than a car."

Three fire units attended from Warrandyte brigade, plus trucks from South Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, Research, Eltham and the MFB.

"The house was a reasonable way off the road, so water supply was with a water relay. We had one appliance up the front from Warrandyte actually fighting the fire and the other appliances were just going backwards and forwards supplying water to us to fight the fire," Captain Murphy said.

"Nilja" homestead was well alight when firefighters arrived and it took about 45 minutes to control the fire.

"(The house) is totally destroyed, so it will be a demolition job. There is nothing there to restore," Shane Murphy said.

Fortunately winds were light that night and the fire did not spread to surrounding bushland or adjoining properties.

The house, formerly the home of Sir George and Lady Reid, was under the management of Parks Victoria. The building has been unoccupied for some time and the electrical power supply had been disconnected.

Doncaster police are investigating the cause of the fire.

"It is definitely being treated

as suspicious," Senior Detective Paul Leighton of Doncaster CIB said. "We had forensic teams out there both from the Victoria Police Forensic Centre and the CFA investigation team. Detectives from our office were out there (the day of the fire) doing ground searches. We believe it was deliberately lit."

Police are appealing to anyone who saw anything suspicious near the property at the end of Alexander Road either late on the Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, October 23 and 24, to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Senior Detective Leighton suggested that Alexander Road residents and visitors should remain vigilant.

"It is important that if people see anything that they think is suspicious that they ring 000 at the time so that we can have a police unit respond and go out there and find out what is going on," he said.

Parks Victoria declined to comment on the "Nilja" fire as the "matter is under investigation". However, the *Diary* was promised a media statement in the future.



Above right: Nilja homestead (Photo courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society).

Nilja: home of noted couple

The "Nilja" property was originally part of "Longridge Farm" at the end of Alexander Road, but was sold to Dr and Mrs Booth in 1919 as a separate title. The name "Nilja" is believed to be derived from an Aboriginal word meaning "blue hills".

The Booth family arranged for a house, of weatherboard and corrugated iron construction, to be transported from Port Melbourne and installed on the Warrandyte site. "Nilja" was originally used as a holiday home. However, the Booths extended the house and eventually moved there permanently.

In 1948 Mr and Mrs Ruttledge bought the house and moved in with their daughters Olive and

Dorothy on Boxing Day. They had barely settled in when a neglected campfire ignited surrounding bush and threatened the house. The Ruttledges put the fire out with the help of their neighbour Albert Speers.

Eventually the property came into the sole ownership of Dorothy Ruttledge. In 1973 she married Sir George Reid and they lived at "Nilja". Sir George was MP for the state seat of Box Hill, which included Warrandyte, from 1955-73. He was a member of the Bolte cabinet from 1955 to 1972. As Attorney-General, he introduced legislation into parliament that led to the setting up of the Victorian Ombudsman's office.

Dorothy, now Lady Reid, continued her extensive involvement in community affairs. She was a lay reader at St Stephen's Anglican church, a member of the inter-church council and a supporter of the Brotherhood of St Laurence. Her other interests included the Warrandyte Arts Association and the Warrandyte Historical Society.

The Reids lived happily at "Nilja" until November 1988 when they moved to a smaller home in East Doncaster. Sir George died in 1993 and Lady Reid the following year.

"Nilja" passed to the ownership of the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works and later came under the administration

of Parks Victoria.

The homestead stood on a natural fire path, but amazingly survived the bushfires of 1939, 1949, 1965 and 1969. The 1965 fire burnt either side of the house, destroying outbuildings, but the house was left intact.

It is tragic that a house that had escaped so many bushfires over the decades appears to have fallen victim to a deliberately lit fire.

SANDY BURGOYNE

(This brief history draws on the research of the late Bruce Bence, including his monograph, Sir George and Lady Reid, Warrandyte Historical Society, 1989.)



WCA seeks bridge debate

By EMMA CLARK

The Warrandyte Community Association has expressed concern over the proposed footbridge project not being integrated into a broader transport plan.

The Warrandyte Lions Club investigated the possibility of constructing a bridge spanning the river from the car park near Everard Drive, at the end of Taroon Avenue, to the vicinity of Normans Reserve at the end of Bradley's Lane.

The footbridge would make the Warrandyte township more accessible to residents of North Warrandyte.

Dick Davies, vice-president

of the Warrandyte Community Association, told the *Diary* that WCA believes that any new bridges in North Warrandyte need to be part of a larger network of suitable paths and cycle tracks.

"Anything that is a one-off might not work. For example, to ride to Bradley's Lane along Research Road is dangerous as there are no proper paths."

"The project needs to be considered as part of a broader transport plan for the area, in order to be safe and effective," said Mr Davies.

Mr Davies told the *Diary* that the proposed bridge project is an "exciting suggestion, but

it may not be the most appropriate."

"All the options need to be considered."

"We would like to see it as part of an overall plan which incorporates pedestrian and bike paths."

"If there was a safe network of paths connected to the bridge, then it would alleviate traffic problems throughout Warrandyte at peak hour, particularly on Research and Kangaroo Ground roads."

An integrated foot and bike transport plan would have to be implemented by a combination of authorities, including both Manningham and Nillumbik councils. The plan would also involve Parks Victoria, Vic Roads and Bicycle Victoria.

The WCA believes that the project could have involved more consultation with residents. "Some people saw that the project had already gone a long way, with federal backing, without any consultation with the residents," said Mr Davies.

"There is some concern about parking down Bradleys Lane, particularly when the State Park is closed."

"Hopefully the project will be discussed further and has not been dismissed as a result of recent publicity," said Mr Davies.

Op shop break-in

By EMMA CLARK

The Warrandyte Lions Op Shop was burgled earlier this month in a worrying act of vandalism.

The perpetrators tore the main safe off the wall in the storeroom and opened another smaller safe.

The main safe contained takings from the long weekend.

The vandals attempted to steal the cash register, but were unable to remove it.

Items and boxes were pulled off shelves in the storeroom and from behind the cash register.

It is unclear how many people were involved in the break-in.

Senior Constable Ewert from the Warrandyte Police told the *Diary* that there were a number of other burglaries in the area on the same night.

"A house in Yarra Street and a café near the bridge were also burgled," he said. There was no video footage of the incidents.


● If anyone has any information or locates a discarded safe, please contact Warrandyte police on 9844 3231.



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Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 24km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. It soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.

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OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH

MAINTAINING BALANCE



Neville's out of the water closet

"...our party's comprehensive and fully-costed policy is based on a consultative appraisal of identified cross-sectional interests of relevant stakeholders ensuring optimal outcomes consistent with logistical imperatives..."

NEVILLE!" hissed Narelle, jabbing an elbow into her husband's sagging form.

As well-intentioned as he was, Neville found "meet the candidates" forums like this one at the shire community centre about as stimulating as Amanda Vanstone in a mini-skirt.

"I think I need to stretch my legs," said Neville, who was one of those tall, angular types who often has to stoop to hold a conversation. In fact most people spoke at a different level to Neville Trott, one way or the other. He squeezed his way to the end of the row and headed for the exit in a hunched, loping action, bobbing his head as he went. It is a well-known fact that people can't see you as long as you keep your head down.

The party apparatchiks looked up hopefully as Neville entered the foyer, pamphlets and platitudes at the ready. With a quick smile

living with The Trotts

and an unnecessary gesture he ducked into the Gents and slipped gratefully into an empty cubicle. Naturally the lock was broken, but the enterprising caretaker had screwed another in place 20 centimetres higher up, now also broken, and a third, 20 centimetres above that. The man was rapidly running out of door.

Neville lowered the lid, sat on it and rested his forehead against the door. A yawn rose from somewhere in the vicinity of his pancreas, like a golf ball exploding from the rough—though it occurred to Neville that a yawn must in fact be bigger than a golf ball, given how wide you have to stretch your mouth to let it out.

Then his mobile rang. Now Neville was facing a conundrum, as well as an anatomically instructive door. Was it polite to converse on a mobile phone from his current location? Or should you take a message in-lieu? William Tell's ringtone overtures would not be denied.

"Hello?"
 "Is that you Neville?" No one knew her son's voice



better than Gran, but you can never be too careful, and for some reason he seemed to be whispering. "I think I've got a bit of a problem."
 "Is it urgent?" hissed Neville furtively, and the footsteps that had just entered the washroom came to a sudden halt.

"Sort of," answered Gran and a strange voice in unison. "I was filling the bath," Nev's mum continued, "and now the tap won't turn off and if I can't stop it the water's going to overflow!"
 "Well if you've got a plumbing problem there's not much I can do about it now,

is there?"
 "Well no," answered both voices. "But shouldn't I turn off the mains or something?" persisted Gran.

"Are you dressed or undressed?"
 "Dressed!" they replied.
 "Go outside, next to the meter."

Gran gave an affirming grunt and the restroom feet shuffled restlessly.

"I suppose I'll have to get Mr Drippy out to have a look," sighed Neville, flipping the phone shut and reaching up to slide back the latch.

The Greens candidate decided that no flush was even better than half-flush and left rapidly in the direction of the garden.

Neville stepped out into the now empty convenience. A large sign beside the basin suggested he wash his hands to combat the spread of germs, clearly demonstrating the technique in both text and illustration. It was a skill Neville had already mastered and soon enough he was back sitting beside his wife.

"Did I miss anything?"
 "I think they're all offering the same thing!" whispered Narelle.

"Me too!" said Neville. Exactly.

ALAN CORNELL

Climate change = wildfire

By JEFF ADAIR

THE evidence is compelling and compounding. Climate change is real and happening.

The past 11 years have been among the hottest 12 years in Victoria since 1850, according to Kevin Hennessy of CSIRO's climate impacts and risk group, with 2005 being Australia's warmest year on record.

Evidence also indicates the present levels of CO₂ are unprecedented in at least the past 420,000 years and expected to rise significantly by 2100. Temperatures are projected to rise by between 1.1 and 6.4 degrees by 2100.

CSIRO has suggested the following changes in climate are possible by 2030:

- 5 to 30 per cent reduction in annual run-off in 29 Victorian catchments by 2030
- 10 to 80 per cent fewer frost days and 10 to 50 per cent more days over 35 degrees
- By 2020, 10 to 40 per cent more extreme fire danger days
- Increased intensity of daily rainfall and floods
- More sunshine
- Lower humidity
- More evaporation
- Sea level rise of 3 to 17cm and ocean acidification.

These projections spell drought. Drought spells dry forests, less water and the likelihood of fire. Less water to nurture and nourish our gardens, less water to feed the bread baskets of our communities, less water for key infrastructure and sporting grounds and less water to fight fires. All these elements contribute to the draining of the existing water reserves upon which we depend; reserves that are already suffering under the effects of climate change.

Drought can be grouped into four distinct types:

- Meteorological drought resulting in low rainfall
- Agricultural drought caused by changes in seasonal temperatures and/or rainfall that constrain agricultural production
- Hydrological drought associated with prolonged surface or sub-surface moisture, reduction in stream flows, groundwater and lake levels, and
- Socio-economic drought—the effects of drought on the productivity and profitability of businesses.

Considerable argument could be mounted that we are in the midst of all four types of drought.

What does this mean? How will we be affected, how vulnerable are we? The level of resilience we demonstrate in the face of extreme weather events is still a matter of significant research and public debate. It is also a matter of time.

Simply defined, vulnerability means the potential for loss; resilience is the measure of how quickly we recover from an event. All Warrandyte is vulnerable to climate change. Most of Warrandyte is vulnerable to bushfire.

The degree of vulnerability or potential for loss in Warrandyte will be determined by how well-informed and prepared we are. This will then determine how well we manage, defend ourselves and recover.

When we look at our drying gardens and wait patiently for the heavens to replenish the parched soils, we know



A Warrandyte CFA crew turns out for a DSE fuel reduction burn on Fourth Hill in Webb Street earlier this month.

Warrandyte is vulnerable. We cannot eliminate the effects of prolonged drought, nor can we eliminate its continuing threat, but we can take active measures to reduce our vulnerability, whilst at the same time increasing our resilience.

As a local resident, I am quietly confident that the next time Warrandyte responds to the impact of fire, flood or any other emergency event it will cope well. Its strong social infrastructure is underpinned by shared community values, aspirations and goals. These should serve us well, although the event will not be without pain.

Increases in Victoria's average temperature, predicted to be up to five degrees in the next 65 years, will mean more severe summers, longer droughts and less rainfall. Fire will be knocking at our doorstep, waiting for the right conditions to come in.

This year appears to be right on track, with fire authorities earnestly preparing for what promises to be another summer with warmer and drier conditions. Extreme fire danger days will be more frequent and the threat of fire will be very real.

Fire authorities and land managers have for many years urged residents in fire-prone bushlands to take active measures to prepare for the event of

bushfire. Each year they contribute significant resources in assisting people to reduce their vulnerability to the impact of fire. On the whole this has worked well, although it has taken many years of dedication and commitment to reap the benefits.

Entering our eleventh consecutive year of below average rainfall, this summer's threat will be no different. Again, the message will be repeated: "Be prepared, have a fire plan and make an early decision." These messages have served communities like Warrandyte well. They have certainly assisted those communities affected by the 2003/2004 Alpine fires and the 2006/2007 Gippsland fires.

It is unquestionable that the impacts of climate change and prolonged drought are having a major impact on fire management planning. Operational and tactical plans will be determined by the conditions at hand, fire intensity and available water. However, the overall message will be consistent and will be repeated. Be prepared; be safe.

When the risk is not fully understood, people tend to take inadequate measures to minimise that risk. Many people will only act once the situation has reached crisis point and they are directly affected. But the

solutions are not that difficult, they are often inexpensive, but they will make a significant difference in reducing vulnerability.

Learning about the risks, the hazards and the range of treatments is critical. Knowing what services are available and where to find them is equally important. Expertise is readily available to guide us, providing knowledge of energy efficient appliances, how to prepare a fire plan, ways to reduce fire fuels and methods of capturing rainfall for an independent water supply, among others.

Many in this community have taken note of this message and acted. They are informed, prepared and work together with neighbours to minimise their risk. Sadly, however, many still do not plan for, or prepare for fire. The same can be said for communities planning and preparing for climate change. The sooner we accept the fact that climate change is here, and that fire will return, the easier it will be for us to adapt, respond and recover from it.

As summer approaches you can almost sense the growing anxiety and concern caused by the threat of fire. The same can be said for Warrandyte and its thirst for information on climate change.

For those who have experienced previous summers, the camaraderie, vigilance and heightened awareness contributes to making Warrandyte such a delightful place in which to live. These will be the same attributes that will aid Warrandytians in meeting the challenges associated with climate change.

However, the stark reality is that when the impacts of climate change bite hard, and fire returns to Warrandyte, many residents will be unprepared.

Many residents will fail to recognise the potential threat. Many think that it won't affect them, or that it cannot or will not happen here.

Unfortunately, many people fail to recognise the early signs and leave planning and preparation to the last minute. They believe there will be enough time "later". The same holds true for climate change and its impacts.

Jeff Adair was Warrandyte's first CFA community support facilitator and helped establish many of the Fireguard groups in the area. He was appointed Yarra Area Manager of Community Safety and is currently working for the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority.

Give fire trucks access: CFA

By SANDY BURGONNE

With summer approaching now is the time to prepare your house and land for the fire danger period. Warrandyte CFA brigade captain, Shane Murphy, asks that you include maintenance of your driveway in those preparations.

"You can come home at night and drive the family car in and there is plenty of room, but consider whether a fire appliance could actually get down there. We need lots of space to be able to get the truck in and be able to work from the truck," he told the *Diary*.

The problems for the firefighters include a narrow track, a rutted or rough surface, overhanging branches and tight curves. The navigability of the driveway is crucial in allowing

brigade trucks access to either building or bush fires and at a recent fire in the district poor driveway access hampered firefighter efforts.

"We managed to fight the fire with one fire appliance, but where the truck was parked we had very little room. ... We wouldn't have been able to get a large truck down there even if we had wanted to," Warrandyte's CFA captain told the *Diary*.

The CFA has a booklet available, entitled Building in a Wildlife Management Overlay, which includes recommended driveway dimensions. It is downloadable from the CFA web site at: http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/documents/wmo_applicants_kit.pdf. Driveway information is on page 11 of the booklet.

Further bushfire information will be available at a series of community information sessions to be held during the coming months.

● Tuesday, November 27 at 7.30pm at the Warrandyte Fire Station (Melway 35 C2).

● Sunday, December 2 at 2pm at the North Warrandyte Community Centre (Melway 23 D9).

● Wednesday, January 9 at 7.30pm at the North Warrandyte Fire Station (Melway 23 B7).

The sessions will include protecting your family during a bushfire; how a bushfire could spread in your area; how you can help your home survive a bushfire; hints on developing a practical bushfire plan; and traffic management issues in the event of a fire.

CLYDE & OCKER

"What fire precautions are you taking, Ock?"
"I smoke in the bath!"

Roadblocks legal

Of special interest to local residents will be the coroner's finding at an inquest into the tragic deaths of a father and son killed in a wildfire at Pomonal in January 2006.

CFA chief executive officer Neil Bibby said the inquest "highlighted that there was some confusion about people's right to be let past a traffic management point to return to their property".

According to the CFA, the coroner clarified that if residents are away from their homes during a bushfire, they can be legally prevented from returning by police or emergency services.

"That power has not changed," Mr Bibby said. He urged residents to make their decision early whether to stay and actively defend their properties or leave the area before fire threatens.

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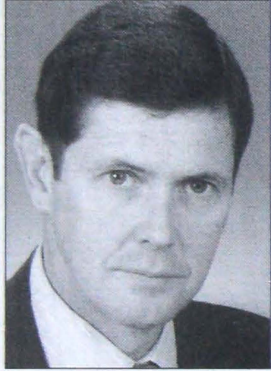
Global warming:

Last month, Warrandyte CAN (Climate Action Now) contacted each of the major party candidates standing in the Menzies and Jagajaga federal electorates, inviting them to complete a questionnaire on climate change issues. Their responses are below...

(These responses reflect party policies as at late October. Some have been abridged for space reasons.)

1 What are your targets for reducing greenhouse gases by 2020 and 2050, and are they binding?

2 Do you support the Kyoto Protocol as a process for creating international cooperation on reducing greenhouse gas emissions?



Kevin Andrews

Liberal
Menzies

The Government is on track to meet the target of 108% of 1990s emission levels over the period 2008-2012. Actions taken by the Australian governments, industry and the community, along with reductions in land clearing, mean that Australia is projected to save 876 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emission by 2010. The Government will introduce a domestic emissions trading system as the primary mechanism for achieving long-term emissions reductions, commencing no later than 2012 and our goal, which will be environmentally and economically robust, will be set in 2008. The Coalition supports setting targets, but we believe this must be done carefully and cautiously and with an understanding of the consequences for the economy.

The Kyoto Protocol does not provide a comprehensive or environmentally effective long-term response to climate change, particularly because it does not provide a clear pathway for action by developing countries, some of which have much higher levels of greenhouse gas emissions than developed countries such as Australia. An agreement that includes countries responsible for only 1/3 of the world's emissions and excludes the world's largest emitters will not be effective. At best Kyoto will slow growth in global emissions by 1%.



Andrew Campbell

Labor
Menzies

The Rudd Labor Government will commit to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions of 60% on 2000 levels by 2050. For interim targets, including for 2020, we will be guided by the outcome of the Garnaut Climate Change Review which will inform us on a range of issues.

A Rudd Labor Government would immediately ratify the Kyoto Protocol so that we could establish a cap and emissions trading scheme. We plan to establish an emissions trading scheme by 2010 to put a price on carbon to cut emissions.



David Ellis

Greens
Menzies

Non-binding targets are pretty much worthless. The Greens will move in Parliament for mandatory targets of at least: 15% of all energy from renewable sources by 2012; 25% renewable by 2020; 30% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020; 80% reduction by 2050. Greens will also move for annual audits to ensure these targets are met.

Climate change demands a global response. If Australia is to have any influence in framing the discussion we should, even at this late stage, join the rest of the world in endorsing the Kyoto Protocol.



Lisa Hodgson

Greens
Jagajaga

The Greens' CO₂ emission reduction targets are 30% by 2020 and 80% by 2050. These minimum targets are binding but may be exceeded. These targets will be supported by a detailed strategy to reduce emissions from the energy, transport, industry, waste and land management sectors.

Yes. The Greens will ratify the Kyoto Protocol, not just to support and participate in the international cooperation on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but also to enable participation in the existing EU carbon trading scheme. Greens would also work towards taking a leading role in negotiating a "post-Kyoto" multilateral emission abatement treaty. This would include binding emissions targets for all countries beyond 2012 based on the specific circumstances as per the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.



Jenny Macklin

Labor
Jagajaga

Labor has committed to cutting Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2050. Should we win government we will have access to information which would inform our decision on an earlier target, based on the report we have commissioned from Professor Ross Garnaut.

Labor will immediately ratify the Kyoto Protocol to help forge a global solution to climate change.

WHERE THEY STAND

3 How do you propose to increase production and use of renewable energy?

Over \$1 billion of the Government's climate change funding of around \$3.5 billion has been allocated to support renewable energy. The Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) launched in 1997 by the Coalition, is a major greenhouse gas abatement initiative which will continue to play a significant role in supporting the renewable energy sector through to 2020. Through emissions trading the market will help Australia develop the most cost-effective technologies for cutting greenhouse emissions. A well-designed scheme will pull forward investment in the development and deployment of renewable energy technology, including solar, wind and geothermal. The Government's support for research, development and demonstration of new and emerging technologies will help not only to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, but also to become a global leader in key low emissions technologies.

Labor believes that we must show new leadership on the future of renewable energy for Australia. The capacity exists to meet an economically responsible target of 20% renewable energy by 2020, creating a new, vibrant clean, green energy industry in Australia generating new jobs. Further, Labor commits to: • Introducing practical measures to improve household energy efficiency including generous rebates for solar power systems and solar hot water and low interest loans for Australian families to undertake practical water and energy efficiency measures in their homes; • \$500m to the development of clean coal and low emission technologies through the National Clean Coal Initiative; • Encouraging the development of a strong vibrant Australian clean energy industry with \$15m Clean Energy Export Strategy and a \$20m Clean Energy Innovation Centre; • Establish a \$50m Australian Solar Institute and a \$50m geothermal initiative.

Just 4000 3MW wind turbines could supply all of Victoria's essential electricity needs. Best practice would include a spread of options: wind; solar power, tidal power and (potentially) geothermal. There is no magic in how we do this; what is needed is the political will to do it.

Renewable energy and energy efficient technologies are proven and ready for immediate implementation. The renewable energy sector is a jobs rich, high growth sector that employs 4-6 times as many people per energy unit as fossil fuel energy. The Greens will set Mandatory Renewable Energy Targets of 15% by 2012 and 25% by 2020. These targets will be supplemented with feed-in tariffs to guarantee access to the energy market for the long term. Greens will also transfer government subsidies from fossil fuel industries to the renewable energy sector and develop a plan within three years to assist the transition from coal to clean renewable energy. We will also work towards helping developing countries in our region to clean growth and development by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy. A price on carbon will help fast track increases in renewable energy technologies through a carbon emissions trading scheme.

Labor will substantially increase the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target. Specific initiatives will include a \$15m Clean Energy Export Strategy and a \$20m Clean Energy Enterprise Connect Centre. Labor will harness clean energy research so that Australia can build a low carbon economy and export climate change solutions to the world. Labor will establish the Australian Solar Institute, with \$50m funding. We will also be setting up a national emissions trading scheme, the \$500m National Clean Coal Fund, funding the \$50m Solar Home Power Plan, allowing about 12,000 households to go solar. Labor believes geothermal energy is abundant. Geothermal drilling will comprise a \$50m investment, plus individual companies can access up to \$10m through the scheme as long as they match the funds. Labor will make our 10,000 schools solar. We will support the use of ethanol, LPG, CNG and the new clean gas and coal fuel technologies.

4 What are your key policies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector?

The Coalition Government is supporting work in the Environment Protection and Heritage Council and the Australian Transport Council to examine opportunities to increase the uptake of more fuel efficient passenger and freight vehicles in Australia through the reform of regulations and new incentives and programs. Information will be provided to assist consumer choice in selecting lower emission vehicles and to inform consumers about environmental impacts of motor vehicles, eg fuel consumption labelling has been required since 2004 on all new cars, 4-wheel drives and light commercial vehicles.

Labor will develop a national standard for carbon offsets. We congratulate the new offset program to reduce carbon emissions launched recently by Qantas/Jetstar and a similar move already made by Virgin Blue. Federal Labor's national standard will: • Include minimum standards for offsets to make sure they are reducing emissions; • provide national consistency to avoid duplication and unnecessary red tape; • Require all products on the market to be accredited; and • Include standard carbon neutral calculations. Technology advances are progressively improving the fuel efficiency of the transport industry and reducing greenhouse emissions at the same. Labor's \$500,000 million Green Car Challenge and the intent to 'green' government car fleets as a model to the industry will go a long way to help. By introducing an easy to understand and nationally recognised standard, a Rudd Government will help to build confidence in these schemes.

An immediate solution: substantial increases in public transport rail and light-rail infrastructure in all major cities—and electrified heavy rail freight—using renewable resources. As an immediate and interim measure, Australia's resources of natural gas could also be diverted to electricity generation. Natural gas produces less than half the CO₂ emissions of coal-fired power.

Effective public transport infrastructure is essential to our environmental, social and economic well-being. Australia deserves a safe, efficient and reliable public transport system, including road, rail, air and sea. Non-road freight infrastructure and conversion to renewable energy sources are urgent priorities. Common sense tax changes, such as the redirection of works on principles of ecological sustainability, equity of access and public ownership. Climate change, the decline in cheap oil supplies and decades of neglect mean a major upgrade in public transport, is an urgent priority. The redirection of \$1 billion+ per year company car tax concessions that encourage unnecessary car use, and the removal of GST from public transport fares will make a major difference to reduce vehicle traffic. So too will redirection of the Federal Government's annual \$8 billion roads funding towards public transport.

Our public transport policy is pending release. Labor will create a \$500m Green Car Innovation Fund designed to generate \$2 billion in investment to secure jobs in the automotive industry and tackle climate change by manufacturing low emission vehicles in Australia.

5 Do you support the use of nuclear power in Australia and would you oppose the building of a power plant in your electorate?

There are no plans to develop nuclear power stations in Australia. The Government will not be establishing nuclear power plants and does not expect to see proposals for private nuclear power stations for 10 to 15 years. The Coalition believes that all energy technology options, including nuclear power, should be considered as part of a sensible and practical response to climate change. While the establishment of nuclear power stations is many years away, the Coalition Government has decided there will be binding local plebiscites conducted in communities where power stations are proposed to be built and this would follow extensive community consultation. I do not believe a nuclear power station would be appropriate in Menzies.

I want to make sure that Menzies remains nuclear-free. Labor is opposed to nuclear reactors, enrichment and waste dumps anywhere in Australia.

This issue is bigger than our small backyard. We don't need a nuclear power plant anywhere in Australia, let alone 25 reactors on the eastern seaboard as proposed by the government's nuclear task force. Equally, we cannot risk Labor's hypocritical plan to sell nuclear material into an increasingly dangerous world.

I do not support the use of nuclear power in Australia. I will vehemently oppose the building of a nuclear power plant in this electorate with all the strength and determination that I can muster! There are plenty of good, common sense reasons for this. For example, the strong link between uranium mining, export of nuclear power and weapons proliferation and the unacceptably high risks, not just for us, but for future generations. Our children and grandchildren must not be burdened with risks associated with high-level radioactive waste. Finally, nuclear power is not a safe, clean, timely, economic or practical solution to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions.

The Labor Party view is that Australia does not need nuclear power. Labor does not believe that Australia can afford to risk the massive economic and other uncertainties of nuclear power in planning our energy future. A Rudd Labor Government would pursue a sustainable mix of renewable energy, clean coal and gas-fired power to address our climate change problems.

6 Do you support the cessation of logging in old-growth forests?

The Coalition Government supports the conservation safeguards within the Regional Forests Agreement and the CAR system jointly developed by the States and Territories governments. The CAR system relates to Comprehensiveness (diversity of species), Adequacy (size of area) and Representativeness (range of diversity).

Labor's policy for protecting our most precious forests is built on the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA) framework. The 10 RFAs in place across Australia ensure the ongoing protection of high value, old growth forests through the establishment and maintenance of a comprehensive, adequate and representative reserve system. Labor's commitment to the RFA framework provides for the ongoing protection of high conservation value forests.

The building industry and the timber industry have already realised the advantages of plantation timber in terms of product quality, accessibility and continuity of supply. Our old-growth forests are more than woodchips-in-waiting, they are our most valuable natural carbon sinks, effectively absorbing atmospheric carbon. Any party that supports their destruction in whole or in part (that's Liberal and Labor) is simply not serious about climate change.

Yes, absolutely! Australia should adopt a national approach to protection and restoration of our natural environment, its rivers, wild lands and marine ecosystems, including the protection of old-growth and high conservation value forests as vital wildlife habitat and water and carbon storages. We would also prohibit the use of native forests for electricity generation.

Labor's policy for protecting our most precious forests and sustainable management of our forest industry is built on the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) framework. Labor has also announced a \$20 million package of measures designed to protect forests and support value-adding for our timber industry.

Residents affected by bridge idea Forum plan MP's opinions

In her letter to the *Diary* (October), Jenny Clark gives us a list of familiar "catch phrases"; a common enough strategy that echoes the current constant barrage of shallow election statements.

Jenny Clark mutters about "the furor over the recent footbridge plans". How can this be? There has been neither proposal nor discussion as far as residents go.

"Only people who do not support the project have spoken up." This is not true. Some residents who have concerns are asking questions and requesting some form of public discussion before the plan is pushed through. So far there has been no discussion apart from the *Diary* publications.

"NIMBY syndrome"; there is

nothing wrong with this. Jenny Clark can have it if she wants it. She can have uranium and toxic waste dumps too. I wonder how her neighbours would feel about it?

"Motivation to get people outside and walking." Who does she mean? The young, the old, the fat? To walk where? Could it be to the schools, the retirement village, the gym?

Jenny Clark applauds the Lions, who shamelessly and righteously engage the support of both councils, the state and federal Liberal members, and any bigwig they can influence before uttering a word to any residents.

As matters stand there has been a profound silence from those who privately dreamed up this idea. Could this mean that

the matter is so far advanced they do not have to worry about it any more? Or does it mean that they are embarrassed and have gone quiet on the matter?

It is the residents who will be directly affected by the proposed diversion, of what is essentially school traffic, along Bradleys Lane. The proposal that a footbridge will be good for walkers, bike riders, tourists, community and so on, is in reality a smoke-screen for the plan to divert traffic away from the bridge and down Bradleys Lane.

What next? One can only guess, but you can bet on it, it won't be good.

Who does Kevin Andrews think he is when he tells the general community through an

election mail-out: "I will continue to fight locally to... ensure a new Warrandyte Yarra River footbridge is built." They always want to fight, don't they? Rather than discuss the matter.

The general community couldn't care less about this. Most would probably think it is a good idea, so long as the traffic isn't down their street. We have here another typical divisive policy that dumps on the vulnerable. For whose benefit? That's another thing to worry about.

Cyril got it right. Problem solved. Another bridge for Warburton.

Barry McKimm
Bradleys Lane

It is something of an electoral tradition in Warrandyte: "meet-the-candidates" forums to allow voters to assess the people and parties vying for their votes.

This sort of direct, unmediated access, increasingly rare in Australian politics, is worth preserving and is especially important given the serious issues involved in the coming federal election.

In the absence of any other alternative, I have conferred with other candidates and called a public meeting for Friday, November 16 at 6.30pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Those candidates I have spoken to, right across the spectrum, have been uniformly receptive. Several have already committed to come.

It is important that such a meeting be impartially chaired and not favour any candidate in either its conduct or promotion. I make the point clearly that the meeting should be seen as supported equally by all those who choose to attend and make themselves available to the people of Warrandyte.

All candidates have been invited. With the constraints of a very short lead-time it may not be possible to accommodate the schedules of all of them, but the effort has been genuinely made. I trust that on Friday, November 16, Warrandyte people of whatever political opinion will show by their attendance that they value our local tradition of open and accessible democracy.

David Ellis
Greens candidate
for Menzies

Could people who always vote Liberal, or those considering it, take a little time to think of Kevin Andrews as the Member of Menzies in federal parliament—there to represent all of us.

His views are from a different era. His attitudes to abortion, euthanasia and homosexuality reflect his own personal religious views and not the policies on which his government was elected. As a true representative of all voters in Menzies he should allow people to choose their own personal beliefs.

When following government policy on the War on Terror, he has pursued Dr Haneef with a religious fervour that embarrasses and humiliates all Australians.

How can he claim to represent the electorate and not just himself?

Judith Pleasance
Houghton Road

Swept away

Building bridges; bridging the gap; bridging finance; a bridge too far. How often the word bridge is used metaphorically to denote a connection, a joining or sometimes separation. And so it is with the debate on a possible footbridge for Warrandyte. Some see it as a joining while others want to maintain separation. Perhaps before we burn our bridges it would be great to have further community debate on the issue. The last footbridge in Warrandyte was swept away by the floods of 1934; let's hope the idea of a new footbridge is not swept away by some in the community until the concept has been fully explored.

Val Polley
Hutchinson Avenue

Bradleys Lane must remain a lane

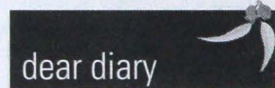
We think it is about time we looked at the proposal for a suspension bridge over the Yarra at the end of Bradleys Lane with a view to bringing some reality to the proposal.

Bradleys Lane is exactly that—a lane—it does not have kerbing, but deep culverts, and is not as wide as a standard suburban street.

For a large part of the lane there are no footpaths, causing people to walk along the roadway—a great way for kids to go to school!

The width at the end of the lane (close to Normans Reserve) is too narrow to permit a dividing line! When two vehicles are passing in opposite directions, one vehicle has to pull off the bitumen!

Noting that Normans Reserve is closed on days of Total Fire



Ban, what chaos would be created with vehicles trying to turn around on such a narrow stretch of road?

The right-hand turn from Research Road into Bradleys Lane is very dangerous and accidents frequently occur. The street sign pole is regularly flattened because of the tightness of the turn.

Only two years ago the residents of the bottom two-thirds of the lane paid significant money to have what is termed a private road sealed—in the process enhancing access for everyone who uses the reserve.

We applaud the great work

the Lions Club does for the community. However, it appears that this idea was a bit of a rush of blood to the head, more enthusiastic than considered, and without consultation with local residents or knowledgeable others.

We will certainly lodge a protest, and fight with great energy, should planning approval be sought from Nillumbik shire.

Ian & Jan Biram
Bradleys Lane

Do we know?

Jenny Clark states: "Surely any benefits from the footbridge outweigh negatives". How do you know? How can anyone know? It hasn't been discussed!

Jill McKimm
Bradleys Lane

A bridge to bring us together

A footbridge is a wonderful ideal. As a young mum I would love to be able to walk across the river into Warrandyte. Most days we have to drive to the shops and it would be such a nourishing experience for my little son to walk there through the beautiful natural surroundings that drew us to Warrandyte in the first place.

After reading so much about

the problems of traffic build-up over the past few years, surely any move to reduce congestion and climate-choking emissions should be enthusiastically embraced!

My vote would be to put the footbridge at the end of The Boulevard to allow access across the river to those numerous residents of North Warrandyte who can't walk there over the existing bridge.

Kirsten Mallyon
North Warrandyte

Problems in bridge proposal

Here are some concerns that need addressing regarding the footbridge proposal. When and where is consultation to occur, particularly with residents? How about traffic calming and management in Bradleys Lane and in particular entry and exit into Research at peak and school times, and safe foot and bike path construction along Bradleys Lane? This is not safe at present.

There would need to be parking extensions in Normans Reserve for drop off and pick up (remember Normans Reserve is closed on total fire ban days) and a traffic-safe island in Yarra Street, appropriately sited to cater for school foot traffic. What is the suitability of the streets in North Warrandyte for safe walking and cycling?

A bridge does not get children out of cars and off the streets. Perhaps what we need is a school bus and all children travelling on the school bus, which would do just that.

E. & N. Hutchings
Bradley Lane

MP 'minister for mistakes'?

While it's good to see Andrew Campbell's ad in the October *Diary*, I think it is wrong to classify Kevin Andrews as the "Minister for Mistakes".

In my view he would be better classified as the "Minister for Cold and Calculating Acts", given the way he has treated the aged, workers and African refugees.

The sooner he goes the better off Australia will be. Nauru awaits you, Minister!

Alex McCallum
Yarra River Court

Congratulations to debating team

Congratulations to the East Doncaster Secondary College C Grade (Year 10 and under) debating team for their outstanding achievement in winning the grand final of the Debating Association of Victoria's annual competition.

Local students Constantine Mimigiannis, Jeremiah Leong (both Year 10) and Christian Slattery (Year 9) progressed through four regional finals and ultimately the grand final, defeating all other schools, government and private. This is a great achievement for these students who are a credit to their families and their local school community.

Two of the four regional "Swannie" awards also went to East Doncaster students, Jeremiah Leong and Ellie Avis. Congratulations also to the supporting teachers Julie Hartney, Sophie Clarke and Jenny Hoegh. This is a fantastic example of excellence in public schooling despite inadequate pay and conditions for teachers and education funding well below the OECD average. Well done to all involved!

Lisa Hodgson
Greens candidate for Jagajaga

Expo was tops

Learning how to reduce our ecological footprint is essential for a sustainable future. I was therefore delighted to attend the Sustainability Expo organised by the Warrandyte CAN group on October 27.

On show were many practical ways to reduce electricity usage at home. I learned much from talking with the exhibitors and seeing their products demonstrated, particularly the new ways to use solar energy and the many energy-efficient lights now available.

Congratulations to Warrandyte CAN. You have provided a valuable service to the people of Warrandyte as we strive to live in balance with the natural environment.

Ian Penrose
Osborne Road

Congratulations on Expo

Residents of Warrandyte can be proud of the work that is being done by so many in our community who truly care about the quality and future of our environment.

The recent Sustainability Expo mounted by Warrandyte CAN (Climate Action Now) displayed an amazingly wide range of practical ideas and innovative products we can use to reduce our contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.

From displays demonstrating ways to reduce our energy consumption using new techniques for double glazing windows, to heat exchange units for heating water, I was amazed at the ingenuity of products currently

available. If each household in Warrandyte adopted just a few of the strategies on display we would collectively demonstrate that acting locally really can make a difference to the environment.

The organisers of the recent Warrandyte CAN Sustainability Expo are to be congratulated for organising such a wonderful display of innovative ideas and resources to help us make a difference to our environment. Let's hope the Warrandyte CAN Sustainability Expo becomes a regular event in our community.

Rob Berry
Hamilton Road

Carbon neutral in a day

For a small financial outlay, a household can become carbon neutral in a day. All that is required is to:

- sign up to a 100 per cent wind power plan from your electricity provider to avoid creating greenhouse gas emissions, and

- offset emissions from gas appliances, vehicles, air travel and so on by donating to an organisation such as Greenfleet. (Greenfleet plants native trees on your behalf to soak up your carbon emissions.)

The forest created also provides a range of other environmental benefits such as habitat for wildlife and

improved soil and water quality.

It costs our two-person, all-electric household just \$340 per annum to be carbon neutral while we continue to implement a range of measures to reduce our carbon emissions. For example, we have installed solar hot water.

While it may not be possible to become a zero emissions household in the short term, or even in the long term, it costs little to become carbon neutral in a day.

Ruth Bence
Hawkes Road

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"Did you go to the global warming expo, Ock?"
"No, it was too hot!"

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Lights at the end of a long campaign

By SANDY BURGOPYNE

Warrandyte's newest road safety measure—pedestrian-operated traffic lights on Yarra Street—should be in action some time this month. The installation has proceeded in fits and starts since late September alongside the existing zebra crossing, which has continued to function.

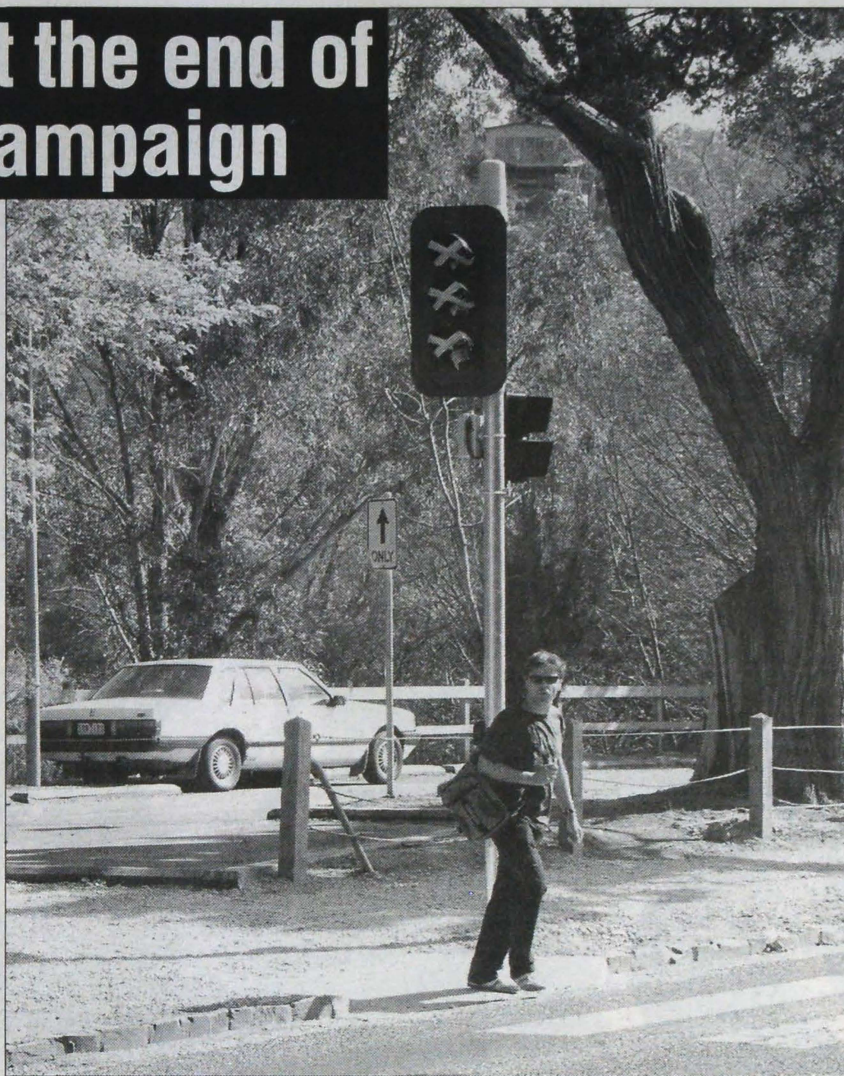
"The lights are being installed after concerns were raised by council and traders about the safety of the existing zebra crossing. It is expected that these pedestrian lights will improve safety for pedestrians and vehicles," VicRoads regional director, Steve Brown, told the *Diary*.

The local Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC) has long been campaigning for the installation of pedestrian-operated traffic signals in this part of the shopping strip.

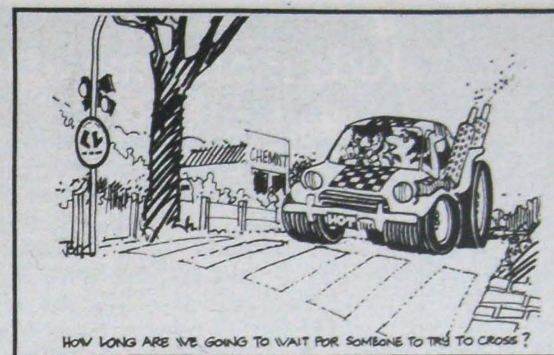
"As of November 5, it is five years to the day that the 366-signature petition favouring the installation of lights at the pedestrian crossing was mailed to the then minister for transport, the Hon Peter Batchelor," PCCC chairman Alan Alder told the *Diary*.

"Everyone you talk to in Warrandyte has got a crossing story. It's amazing. They have always got an anecdote about a near miss.

"(The PCCC is) extremely satisfied that the installation of pedestrian-operated lights has come to fruition after what we consider to be quite an extended period," Mr Alder said.



Traffic lights at the Yarra Street pedestrian crossing are on the way! (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)



February 1984

The *Diary* has followed the quest for better pedestrian crossing facilities in the village over the years.

1977: Local GP, Dr Rob Allen identified Yarra Street as a "health hazard".

1978: A visiting mobility expert warned that Yarra Street was one of the most dangerous stretches of road that she had evaluated. Ms Branson was particularly concerned for the safety of blind and partially sighted people.

1979: Pedestrian-operated signals were installed at West End.

1979: A pedestrian dies after being hit by a car outside the Mechanics' Institute.

1982: Lou Hill, then MP for Warrandyte, noted that "according to police reports, Yarra Street is one of the most dangerous roads in Melbourne".

Early 1983: The current zebra crossing was installed on Yarra Street after many representations to the state government and the CRB (then responsible for the state's roads).

September 1984: a *Diary* editorial urges improvement in traffic arrangements and pedestrian

safety. October 2002: Another call from Manningham council for replacement of the zebra crossing.

November 2002: The local Police Community Consultative Committee wrote to the state minister for transport detailing community concerns for pedestrian safety when using the zebra crossing.

July 2003: The PCCC received a letter from VicRoads saying that it was working with Manningham council to prepare a submission to upgrade the existing zebra crossing to pedestrian-operated signals.

August 2003: The *Diary* ran a photo essay on pedestrians risking traffic to cross Yarra Street near the East End shops.

October 2006: Lidia Argon-dizzo announced funding that included the installation of traffic lights on Yarra Street.

March 2007: Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith called on the state government to "deliver on its promise to the people of Warrandyte" to replace the zebra crossing with traffic lights.

August 2007: Manningham council announced the allocation of \$287,000 to install pedestrian operated lights to replace the old zebra crossing.



By KARLY HICKMAN

With Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, preparations for the Warrandyte Festival are in full swing.

Next year's festival will be held on Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16. As always, the principal venue will be Stiggants Reserve, on the corner of Yarra and Stiggant streets.

Festival committee secretary, Mary Ann Gibson, revealed to the *Diary* that the theme for next year's festival is "Home-grown Fun".

Planning is well underway, with the committee continuing a local focus, following the success of last year's "River

Grow your own fun at the 2008 festival

"Magic" theme, Ms Gibson said "There will be renewed focus on home-grown and homemade, especially in market stall goods."

The well established children's market on the Sunday will go ahead, and festival planners hope this year's theme will help inspire lots of creative ideas, with a "particular emphasis on having fun".

Next year's festival will feature the usual diverse range of entertainment, market stalls and activities. The Scout's waterslide and the Sunday night fireworks display are planned to go ahead, but will be confirmed closer to the date, with water and fire restrictions pending. As always, the Saturday morning parade will allow local school kids to showcase their creative abilities and community spirit.

The Festival Bike Ride will be spon-

sored by YMCA for the third year. Organiser and festival committee member, Stewart Lewis, said the bike rides for the 2008 festival have been changed from the 2007 format.

There will be a family morning tea ride that covers approximately 10kms from the Taroona Avenue netball courts, through the festival ground, finishing at Black Flat. State Park ranger Justin Welander will accompany riders and provide information along the way. He will also present a brief talk about the Black Flat area's historical significance and future challenges. Organisers suggest this ride will not be suitable for children under the age of 10, and all children are required to be accompanied by an adult.

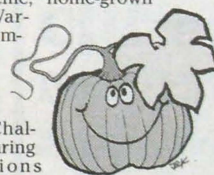
Another bike event, the Mountain Bike Challenge, is an off-road ride of approximately 15kms, suited to riders

with good-off road skills and a well maintained mountain bike. "Next year's course will offer more off-road riding, with less of the course on made roads," said Mr Lewis.

All riding within the State Park will be on fire tracks and there will be a number of challenging climbs through very rough terrain. Entry forms will be available on the soon-to-be-updated festival website.

● In line with the 2008 Warrandyte Festival theme, "home-grown fun" the Warrandyte Community Garden is organising a Festival Pumpkin Challenge, featuring competitions

for the largest pumpkin, the best decorated pumpkin and a pumpkin weight-guessing contest during festival weekend. "Giant pumpkins do need lots of water," a garden spokeswoman told the *Diary*. "But take up the challenge and just see how big you can grow one using recycled water as much as possible." Pumpkins can be home or school grown and will be judged at the festival. Giant pumpkin seeds can be purchased from Atlantic Seeds, 9786 0337. The winners of the competition for the best decorated pumpkins will also be judged at the festival. Age groups include Grade 3 and under, Grades 4 to 6 and an open section. "Decorated pumpkins can be from any source—home-grown or shop bought," the spokesperson said. A small charge will apply to the pumpkin weight-guessing contest at the festival.



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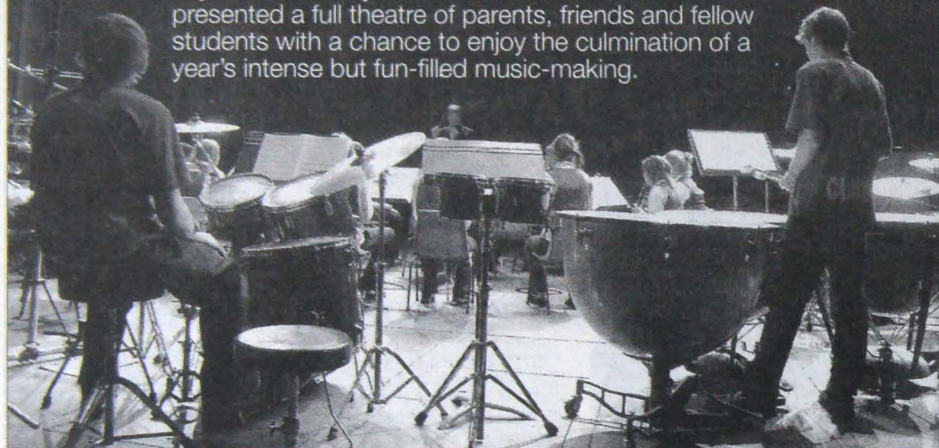
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Walk locally act globally

Hundreds of kids from Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools walked to school late last month in celebration of Walktober. Warrandyte school stated that 63 per cent of their children walked to school on October 24. Andersons Creek reported that more than 220 of their students, staff and parents, did likewise, as part of VicHealth's Walktober walk-to-school initiative.

"With perfect weather conditions, students and parents met staff under the Warrandyte Bridge at 8am," Andersons Creek teacher Andrea Leeder told the *Diary*. "Together as a group we walked along the Yarra River path and through the town to school."

The Warrandyte kids met at the Bakery and IGA and "many children came along sporting a pink ribbon to show they were part of the event," teacher Gaby Chitiz said. "It was lovely to see our whole staff involved in many different ways, as well as many parents."

"The aim of the day was to encourage walking to school to help get the children physically



Kids from Andersons Creek (above) and Warrandyte Primary schools step out on last month's walkathon.

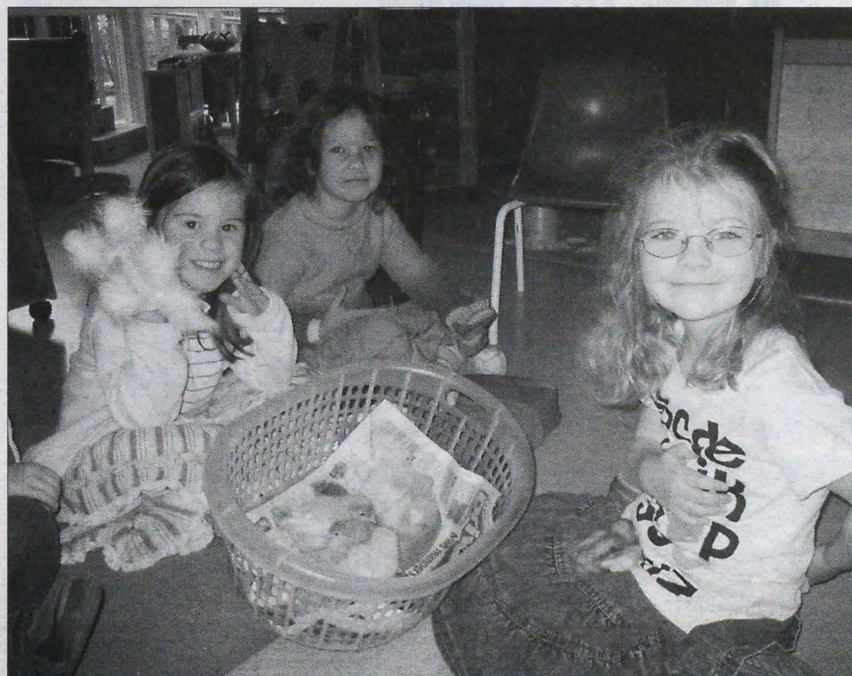
active." Warrandyte Primary School's effort will help them in their quest to become "an award school in the 'Kids—Go For Your Life' program".

Andersons Creek principal, Des McKenzie, walked with the kids. He said he was extremely proud of the number who turned out.

"More than a third of our students came along, from Preps to Grade 6. The kids behaved perfectly and a great time was had by all."



Chickens come to Warrandyte Child Care



Which came first? Spring means chickens, and the kids at the Warrandyte Child Care and Pre-school in Ringwood Road welcomed these little balls of fluffy fun last month. (Picture by Judy Green)

School takes green gong

Warrandyte Primary School received an award last month, "recognising the school community's extraordinary efforts in implementing environmental and recycling initiatives".

The award, certifying the school as a silver level Waste Wise school, was presented by Manningham mayor Cr Ron Kitchingman. It recognises the work undertaken by teachers and students to reduce waste and meet targets.

Each classroom uses recycled boxes for paper waste and students write on scrap paper. Food scraps from lunch are collected and placed in either a compost bin or the worm farm

and toilets are flushed using tank water.

Teachers donate their newspapers to the RSPCA and shredded paper is distributed to local pet shops where it can be reused for the comfort of young animals.

To contain litter, the school has designated certain parts of the playground as eating areas and monitors audit rubbish, resulting in a continual decline of waste going to landfill.

"While the school has worked hard to improve its environmental footprint, the involvement of children also sends an important message, which I'm sure they will carry throughout their lives," Cr Kitchingman said.

Arts teacher gets overseas gig

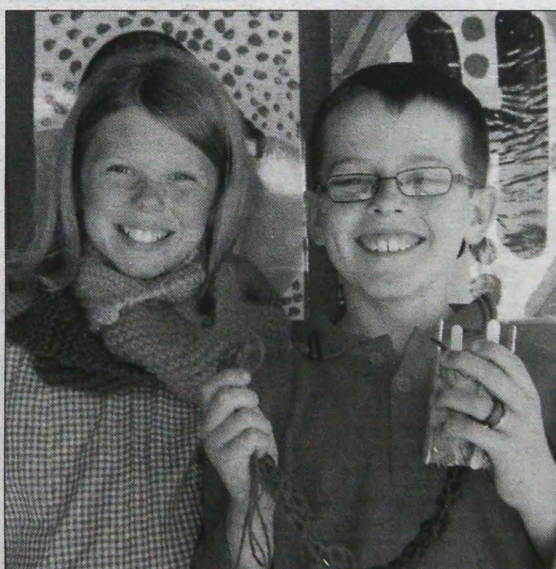
Jeanette Jennings, the designer and coordinator of the ceramic path at the Federation Playspace in Warrandyte was invited to present a session about community art at the International Schools Conference in Spain earlier this month.

The footpath through the playground was crafted by art students at Carey Grammar in Donvale, with assistance from Warrandyte Historical Society and children at Andersons Creek Primary School.

"In 2003, council gave a community grant to Jeanette so that students could develop the mosaic tiled path which told the history of Warrandyte during the Gold Rush," Manningham mayor Cr Ron Kitchingman said.

"Jeanette has provided a platform for hundreds of children to contribute towards art in their local community."

Textile arts at primary school



Knits and knots: Tully and Yasmin (pictured) showcased their skillful and creative knitting at a recent art show at Warrandyte Primary School. Other work with textiles included landscapes, mosaics, portraits, clay sculptures, 3D name plates and seascapes.

Lions' youth winner

Warrandyte High School student Anastasia Plischka has been named Warrandyte Lions' 2007 Youth of the Year.

Runners-up were Madelaine Prior, James Sewell and Elmar Van Zyl.

"All contestants had outstanding academic, cultural and/or sporting records and their four presentations demonstrated a wide range of interests," a Lions Club spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Anastasia spoke to the Lions of her involvement in youth development programs, at which she had represented her school. She said, "Such programs hold a very influential role for young people. The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow."

Anne Lynch, the quest's senior judge, remarked upon the high quality of the competitors.

Anastasia will represent Warrandyte Lions in the zone final, hopefully progressing to district, national, "and who knows, maybe international finals," the spokesperson said.

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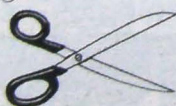
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● ELECTION NEWS

Greens pin top hopes on Senate

By EMMA CLARK

Richard Di Natale, lead Senate candidate for the Greens, visited Warrandyte earlier this month in support of Greens candidates David Ellis and Lisa Hodgson ahead of federal elections later this month.

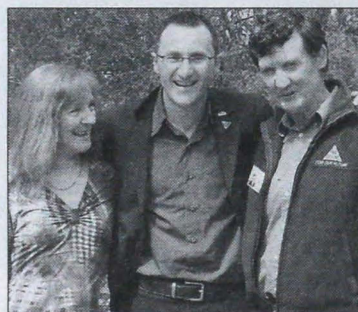
Dr Di Natale spoke to the *Diary* about climate change, tax cuts and the perception of the Greens party.

The election campaign is in full swing, with Kevin Rudd's Labor party and John Howard's Liberal-National coalition striving to gain public sentiment on hot topics including public health, climate change and the water crisis.

Dr Di Natale told the *Diary* that money used in the federal government's announced \$34 billion tax cuts could improve the public health system, the education system and make significant changes to the environment, with money still left over.

"\$34 billion is an extraordinary amount. Most people are moving away from viewing tax cuts as the answer, and would prefer better health and education systems," he said.

"For example, Australia has the worst dental health in all of the developed nations. The federal government abolished the commonwealth dental health scheme in 1996, and the state dental system is un-



Lisa Hodgson, Richard Di Natale and David Ellis

der funded. Again, the \$34 billion could go towards improving basic health rights."

Dr Di Natale spoke about the importance of setting firm targets to lower greenhouse emissions to combat global warming.

"Neither of the major parties have committed to firm and binding long and short term targets," he said. Dr Di Natale outlined three key elements necessary for reducing emissions: "The first is energy efficiency. It is cheap, quick and the easiest way to lower emissions". Dr Di Natale cited small changes

such as using energy efficient showerheads and water tanks as having a big impact on reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

"The next step is infrastructure change. Whilst it is important to make new houses green, we also need to make sure that older and already established houses are energy efficient. Low income earners and pensioners are going to be the hardest hit by this, as becoming sustainable does cost money. The Greens will ensure that everyone has the ability to lower their environmental impact."

The Greens would subsidise sustainable technologies such as shower heads and solar panels. "These smaller systems do not look as good for politicians as big projects such as desalination plants, but they do make a big difference. It is about giving back to the community."

The third aspect of environmental sustainability Dr Di Natale outlined was sustainable power generation. He was sceptical of the ALP's recently announced \$500 million package to the coal industry to develop clean coal technology. "This is not the answer," he said. "The sustainability of clean coal is not proven, and it won't work in a lot of places. Solar and wind power is clean and sustainable, and the sustainable energy industry would create hundreds of new jobs."

Labor promises big education boost



Andrew Campbell

According to Andrew Campbell, Labor candidate for Menzies, families with school age children in Warrandyte could be thousands of dollars better off under Kevin Rudd than under John Howard.

"Parents of primary and high school children in Warrandyte can expect to pay \$58 to \$129 on primary school books and \$148 to \$619 for high school books a year," Mr Campbell said. They will pay "\$1300 to \$1600 for

computer and internet costs on average.

"The fact is that one in seven households with children under 15 does not have a computer. Federal Labor's plan will help bridge this digital divide. Things are so tough with cost of living pressures that every little will help."

"Kevin Rudd's 50 per cent education tax refund will give families a refund on eligible education expenses, such as

laptops, home computers, school text books, printers, home internet connection and education software."

According to Mr Campbell, treasurer Peter Costello commented that "in my experience kids generally don't use laptops."

"The only sensible thing for Mr Howard and Mr Costello to do now is to match federal Labor's 50 per cent education tax refund," Mr Campbell said.

Liberal cites local record

Kevin Andrews, local federal MP and minister for immigration, believes that, "in every sense, Australia is at the crossroads when it goes to the polls on November 24".

"Each voter has to make a choice between an experienced Liberal team with a record of achievements, or a Labor alternative that is lacking in experience and is tied to a union movement that no longer represents the hopes and aspirations of a majority of Australians," Mr Andrews told the *Diary*.

"Throughout my time representing people living in Menzies, I have worked for a better deal for families, local communities and support for businesses to grow and provide more local jobs.

"My pledge is to continue with initiatives that provide a positive environment

for local families to grow strong; for our youth to have the opportunity to equip themselves with vital skills and to reduce cultural conflict within the community," Mr Andrews said.

"There is still more to be done and I am committed to representing the interests and needs of our local community.

"I will continue to make sure we benefit from a strong economy by working hard to ensure more aged care services, continuing upgrades to dangerous roads and support community and environmental initiatives like rebates for solar power and community water grants."

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- ✔ Supporting the Warrandyte RSL to gain funding to refurbish the surrounds of the War Memorial
- ✔ Helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and electricity bills by continuing to invest in initiatives like rebates for solar panel installations in homes, schools and community buildings

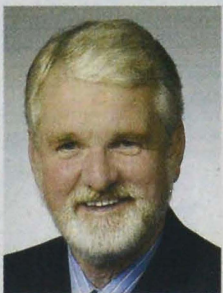
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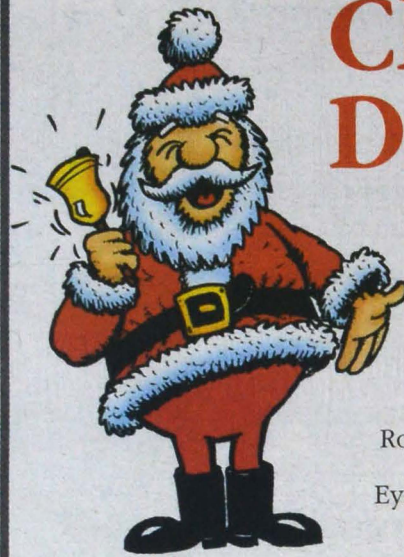
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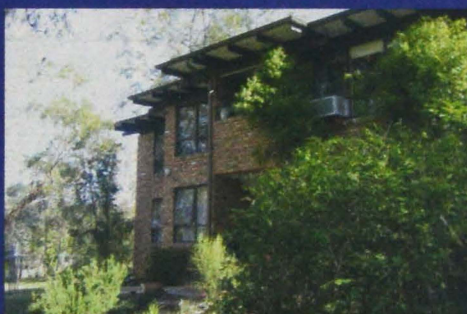
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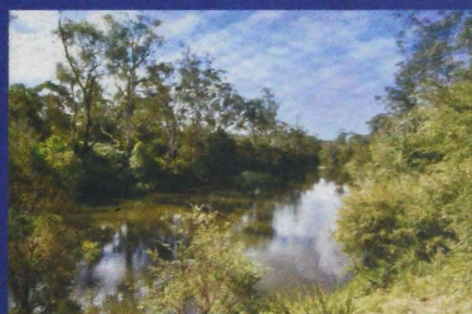
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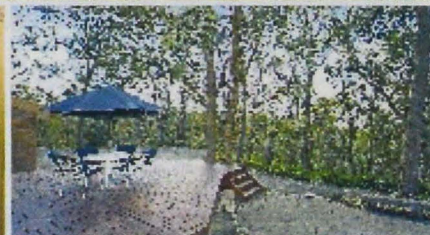
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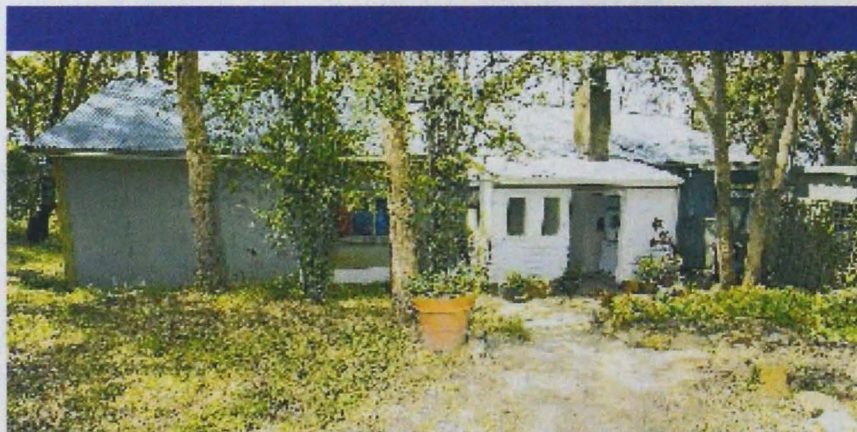
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We journey up a threatened river

Last month, *Diary* writer JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS accompanied a group of 50 people upriver by luxury coach on a "Yarra Yabber" tour, hoping to learn more about our beautiful river.

YABBER is an Australian verb meaning "to talk a lot, or even to say something so rapidly that it is incomprehensible", so I was relieved to hear lucid tones over the PA as the coach pulled out of the car park. "People look after things they love," said tour leader Ian Penrose. "Today I hope we'll learn to love the Yarra a little bit more."

First stop was Yering Gorge. Here Melbourne Water's Steve Ennore controls flows into the Yarra from the Maroondah Reservoir, and out of the Yarra—via four mammoth pumps—into the Sugarloaf Dam. "Melbourne Water is securing the state's water future by investing in large scale desalination plants," said Steve. "The Yarra will eventually be part of a state-wide water distribution system."

Steve's choice—to divert Yarra water into storage, or allow it to flow naturally to the sea—is determined by government policy. (Last month the government cut the Yarra's 20 gegalitre environmental flow by half.)

Our bus then travels the dry and dusty tracks north of the Bend of Isles, descending onto the lush flood plains below Mt Lofty. In place of the virgin river flats and billabongs of 10 years ago, the \$80 million Heritage Resort spreads before us. The Kennett government effectively privatised the management of this section of the Yarra when in 1995 it re-zoned 350 hectares for commercial use.

Melbourne Water and the Yarra Valley Golf Limited (YVGL) now share responsibility for this stretch of the Yarra—its streams, man-made lakes, residual billabongs and floodplain. Given that the resort features a 102 room hotel, 120 private dwellings and 36 fairways and greens, their challenge is a significant test of the role of private capital in maintaining river health. Some believe that the survival of the endangered Australian Grayling, which breeds nearby, now depends upon the benevolence of Yarra Valley Golf.

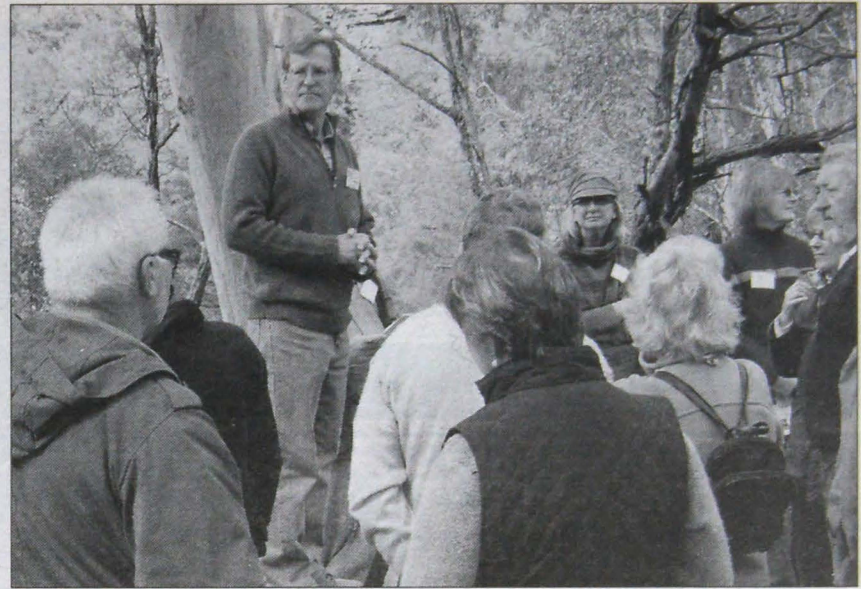
After lunch Dr Chris Walsh introduced us to the Yarra's streams beside Brushy Creek. "This stream shows the first serious impact of urban effluent on the health of the Yarra," he said. A wiggly line near the creek's mouth graphically illustrated his point. Upstream of the line the water looked green and putrid. Downstream the water was the familiar river brown.

"This is just the first of many urban insults," said Chris. "Stormwater from non-porous environments, in this case as far away as Mooroolbark, washes nutrients and pollut-

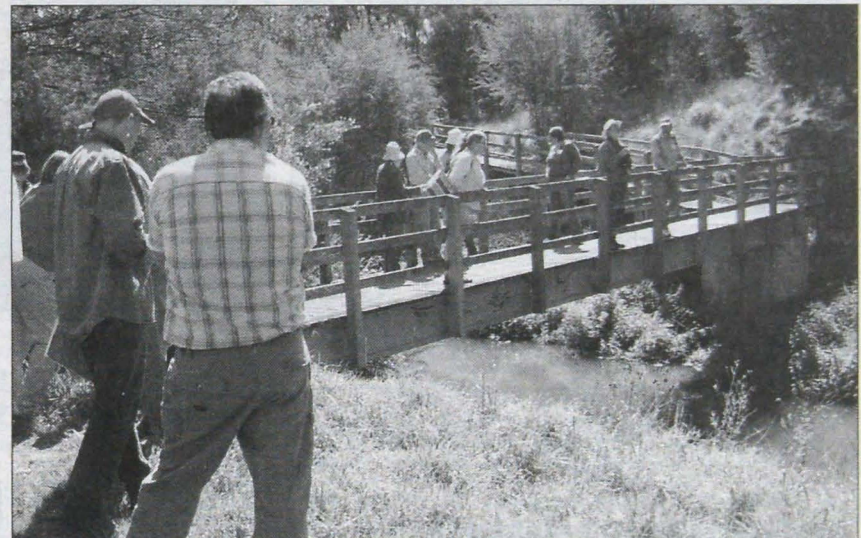
ants into the streams. This presents problems for them (then the Yarra) and an opportunity to us. If we harvest the stormwater from our roofs, before it is contaminated, we do the streams a favour. We reduce the frequency of floods and the inflow of pollutants. And we're saving water by reducing demand on our reservoirs." Was he arguing against Melbourne Water's investment strategy? "I would say fairly strongly that we should harvest stormwater as a first priority and then use desalination, if necessary, as a backup," said Chris.

The Yarra Yabber tour ended, six hours after it began, in the Pound Bend Reserve. Here Ranger David Von Bockel explained how, with his colleagues and community groups, he is working to protect and re-establish the natural systems along the river banks. Mindful that we had travelled through six jurisdictions that day, and that the Warrandyte State Park now ends where the Heritage Resort begins, our discussions moved from environmental protection to civic action. What had begun as mild curiosity was now, for some, a heightening concern for the Yarra.

The kookaburras laughed long and hard as we finished the tour's fruit and drink packs and set off home. Kookaburras sure know how to yabber. In my mind their laughter merged with the tour's opening sentiment—where there is love there is hope—establishing Yarra Yabbering as a worthy past-time and a source of support for a river that faces an increasingly stressful future.



Chief Yabberer Ian Penrose addresses the crowd near Yering pumps.



The Yabberers at Brushy Creek bridge. (Pictures by Jeremy Loftus-Hill)

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- Council's website: www.manningham.vic.gov.au

Applications for funding close on **Wednesday 7 December 2007**.



A cultural perambulation and a perceptive program

IT was a situation of life imitating art imitating life.

Our theatre-going is predominantly south of the river and as neither of us works or has any reason to visit the city very often, it was a bit exciting for us to go to the Comedy Theatre to see Allan Bennett's Talking Heads.

We have been long time fans of Mr Bennett, not just because of his Beyond the Fringe connection but more particularly for his monologues about his early life and more recently, his monologues for women. It is ironic that the very thing that TV producers hate, just a talking head on the screen without colour and movement, is the very ingredient that makes his monologues successful. He needs no more than just one woman on the stage, talking about her life and in the process displaying not just her own personality but human nature in all its varied forms. Indeed, his art is in presenting our lives in the guise of another's. But to get to the performance we had to brave the more northerly reaches of City Central.

We always get to things early, "just in case". In this case we had a good run to the city and, therefore, I thought, had time to find a free parking space. It appears I was not the only driver with that intention, so after cruising the theatre district for what felt to be an eternity, I dropped off Herself at the the-



kibbled

"I noticed that the Comedy Theatre is like an ageing actress, superficially attractive but when you look closely..."

atre and set off to the Eastern suburbs where I had spied some vacant parking spots.

My walk back to the theatre had me pass some truly beautiful sections of Melbourne. Like a boy from the bush, I saw the city with new eyes, like you do when visiting a city overseas. St Pat's Cathedral is a wonderful example of Gothic architecture and the wrought iron fence around Parliament Gardens is spectacular. By the time the "chalkie" in me had confirmed the difference between "wrought" and "cast" iron, I had arrived at the theatre to find Herself ready to call out the Missing Persons

task force.

With fresh eyes I also noticed that the Comedy Theatre is like an ageing actress, superficially attractive but when you look closely you can see all too easily the nips and tucks and in particular the gaffer tape used liberally to patch the fraying edges of worn carpet. I also noticed that on the night we attended the performance, the balcony wasn't used and the last four rows of the stalls were empty, which might go to show that either the TV producers are right or that more people need to hear about Allan Bennett.

Both monologues were about deceptively simple women who recounted their life experiences with all the honesty that only apparent naivety can provide. One was a somewhat self-deceiving walk-on actress who found tried to find "professional honesty", in her role in an Eastern European porn film. Her constant attempts to justify the motivations of her character for whipping off her gear and engaging in intimate relationships was a wry reminder to the audience about our own self deceptions.

The second monologue also explored the notion of consenting gullibility. Miss Fozzard's trips to her chiropodist were more than just an exploration of her rough skin and her *tinea pedis*. In the course of her discourse we find out that there was more to her life than soft furnishings. Suffice it to

say that both her brother and she learn, as does our aspiring "real" actress that it is very easy to become a sexual accomplice. As an audience, we laugh at the characters' naivety, superior in our belief that we would not have been so easily fooled had we been in their shoes, especially Miss Fozzard's.

On our trip back to the car, I took Herself the scenic route. We were amazed by the transformation of Little Bourke Street and thought ourselves very cosmopolitan as we drank coffee and peppermint tea in "The European" opposite Parliament House. I deliberately walked Herself through the gardens to show her the railings and was a little peeved when she was not bowled over by my excitement. I was also less than impressed when she raised her eyes heavenwards when I spoke lyrically about the differences between Gothic and Romanesque architecture as we trudged past St Pat's.

Comedy is very serious. Sometimes it is used to allow us to deal with taboo subjects in a non-threatening way. In others it exaggerates our foibles to encourage us to readjust our excesses. At the end of her monologue, Miss Fozzard realises what she has been doing and can put a name to it. Self-deception is comfortable. It often takes art to imitate life to make us see ourselves more clearly.

ROGER KIBELL

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The riddle of a mysterious lily growing in our valleys

FOR a long time it was thought that only one species of *Bulbine* Lily—*Bulbine bulbosa*—grew in Warrandyte. Then, in the 1990s while ranger David Van Bockel and I were working on a survey of the complete flora of Warrandyte State Park, we found a colony of the rare *Bulbine semibarbata* more commonly known as Leek Lily.

While there had been an old record of this species for the State Park from an amateur naturalist, it had been considered unlikely by botanists, who thought it was probably a misidentification of the much more common *Bulbine bulbosa*. So our find, on a cliff escarpment of the Jumping Creek, was particularly important and exciting.

Luckily, as the plants were growing on a steep rockface, rabbits were not a threat. Weeds, however, were—especially blackberry and some tenacious introduced grasses like Sweet Vernal and Panic Veldt. Another major competitor for the meagre pockets of soil on the escarpment, was one of the troublesome "difficult-to-eradicate" oxalis species that was growing amongst the lilies.

Having discovered this new species in the State Park, it was essential to preserve and expand the population. Seed was collected and it germinated readily. So propagation was no problem. In fact over the following year or two, so many plants were grown at the park nursery by the Friends group that the lilies were actually given away and most members now have this exclusive species growing in their gardens—myself included.

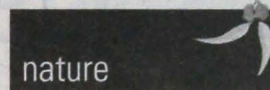
It is worth pointing out here that *Bulbine bulbosa* and *Bulbine semibarbata* are similar in shape and form—both have hollow, bright green fleshy leaves that



grow from the base of the plant, not unlike those of an onion. Also both produce a spike of 10 or more star-shaped, buttercup-yellow flowers with the typical lily structure of three petals and three sepals and six stamens—a subtle difference, though, is that in *bulbosa* all of the stamens possess hairy tufts, while in *semibarbata* only the three inner stamens are bearded. There are

a number of other distinct differences between the two—their lifespan for a start. *Bulbosa* is a perennial that like many other lilies and all terrestrial orchids dies back above ground in late summer and autumn—surviving as a bulb-like tuber beneath the earth.

These plump round corms were once roasted and eaten by indigenous people. In con-



nature

By PAT COUPAR

trast, *semibarbata* is an annual, its roots are fibrous and after flowering and setting seed the plant dies completely.

It had been at least two years since I had visited the *semibarbata* population so I thought it was time to check again, especially considering the exceptionally dry years in the interim. Actually there are three separate populations of the lily, all along the creek in Jumping Creek Reserve—we had located two more after the original discovery.

Much to my relief, at all three sites I found lilies alive and in varying degrees of health. The drought had certainly taken its toll on those plants growing on the rockface itself, most were struggling and may die this year without flowering or setting seed. However, those that had found a sheltered niche amongst moss and native grass at the base of the escarpment were flourishing and beginning to flower. Weeds, though, were still threatening to overwhelm some of the plants at two of the sites.

It is ironic that this lily, once so rare in Warrandyte, is taking over the gardens of those who have planted it. So successful is it at self-seeding, that it pops up everywhere. I have found it growing on the bare earth of my paths and in my herb garden. Being an annual, it seems to have adapted to the drought by simply going through its life cycle a little faster than usual. Which begs the question, why is *Bulbine semibarbata* so uncommon in the natural environment when it grows like a weed in the home garden?

When in Rome, don't drive!

OH Marling, Marling," cried my Roman friend Aldo. (He has never quite nailed the pronunciation of my name, but my Italian's laughable so I can't complain.) "Where are you taking that poor 'usband? 'E probably wants an 'oliday, not a nerve-shattering hexperience on Italian roads!"

This man, a retired academic, has never even learnt to drive. Apparently Italian roads are simply too frightening, and he's not the only person with that opinion.

"Whatever you do, don't drive in Italy," a surprising number of people advised. "Surprising" as in absolutely everybody we know who'd been there. But why not? Italian people seem to get around all right. The home of Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, Lamborghini and Maserati can't be all bad. Besides, we've driven in Europe before without mishap. The wrong side of the road isn't too bad once you get used to it—as long as you have a good map!

I randomly surveyed a few



our place

By MARILYN MOORE

more Italian friends. "I've never driven in Italy," one said. "Why would you need to?"

True. People generally buy a Eurail pass, or do a walking tour, or both. The only friends to have hired a car there returned it to Milan after half an hour, in tears, swearing that nothing would get them onto Italian roads again.

"I lived with my aunty in Sicily," explained Enza, another friend, "and they've never owned a car. It's too dangerous."

"My grandparents only have a tractor," added yet another. "They catch a bus in their village if they need to go anywhere."

This wasn't looking promising. Without a car, how would we get to all those out-of-the-way Umbrian villages and Etruscan museums that we planned to visit? How would we get to the mountain village where we'd booked a room for a week? The

beaten track is not our usual thing.

A ray of hope appeared in the form of a book from the RACV: "Best drives in Italy". It was pleasing to note that at least one non-Italian had survived the experience. I flicked through the maps and illustrations. It was all wonderful—ancient abbeys, verdant hills, quiet cafes, serious mountains and quaint stone-walled villages untainted by busloads of tourists.

I revisited some of the guide books we'd accumulated, in case I'd overrated their discouraging tone. But no. "What looks like a short trip on the map will take much longer than you expect." "There is almost nowhere to park. If your car is towed away, phone the Polizia Municipale." "Most petrol stations do not accept credit cards. Many are closed all afternoon, all day Sunday and the whole of August." "All roads might lead to Rome, but you don't want to drive once you get there." "Don't even try to drive in Rome." "Do not drive anywhere near Rome, Period." Another book devoted a whole paragraph to strategies

for pedestrians to use when attempting to cross a road at a crossing with a green signal.

"Blimmin' heck! Driving wasn't meant to be an issue. Our real focus was a cycling trip exploring the beautifully rugged Dalmatian islands. We decided to ignore the advice, book a hire car for Umbria and get on with it.

I can now reveal that we are safely home, unscathed and somewhat fitter, after a fabulous holiday. So much history! So much excellent food! At one end of the trip, the boat/bike expedition was sensational; at the other, our little Fiat Bravo went pretty much anywhere (except Rome). We had minimal trouble parking, buying petrol, paying tolls or negotiating steep turns in mountain villages. It's certainly true that nobody seems to bother much with road rules, and it definitely takes forever to get from one place to another via the scenic route; however, nobody seemed to care, least of all us. As a bonus, the confusion generated by Italian signage is an entertainment in itself. Can't wait to do it again!

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Warrandyte goes lipstick dreaming



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LIPSTICK DREAMS is a two-act play written in 1990, set in a small NSW country town. It is about the manager of a hair salon and her staff as they overcome adversity to perform as a Motown style quartet in a local talent quest. Winning the contest might save the failing Blue Heaven salon. In the end the outcome hardly matters as it is the characters, not the well-worn plot, that energises this play.

Jo (Jan Nance) is the distracted, disappointed, try-hard salon manager. Jan slips into this mothering role as easily as her assistant Jesse (Michelle Mitchell) slides on her dye-proof gloves. She portrays a subtle balance of conviction and doubt, decisiveness and hesitancy. Passionate and ambitious, Jo feels let down by the people around her and her small town environment.

In contrast Jesse is a loud, domineering young woman who appears independent. The second act reveals that underneath her exterior she is more intimidated by her environment than the others. Nevertheless she is a colourful character with plenty of 'tude. She inhabits a world of extremes—the mocking, brash friend; the self absorbed impulsive employee; the dutiful, almost rebellious daughter; the furious slighted girlfriend and the petrified stage frightened performer. Michelle energises all these aspects of Jesse with a vibrancy that motivates the performers and engages the audience from her first line to her closing song.

On the other hand Jenny (Becca Posterino) starts out as a subjugated hatchling. With the help of Jo and Jesse she evolves from a nervous, contrite apprentice into an assertive young woman within the space of 12 hours.

theatre
By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

Despite the implausibility of the plot, Becca is as convincing when she portrays Jenny's elusive virgin-like quality in the first act as she is in the second when she knocks down her intimidating boyfriend with a karate chop (off stage). Credit to Bill Connolly who as a male director evoked these elusive uniquely female characteristics, and to Becca who brought them to life with a skilful mix of vocal tone and body language.

At the start of Act 1 Scene 2, with everything seeming lost, enter Jan (Lisa Upson) to the rescue. The intimate theatre amplifies a change in chemistry as this libertine in a victim's skin opens new plot directions. Amongst other things, Jan represents the glum prospect of middle-age in rural Australia.

Act I established four vital, well-defined characters in a clichéd plot, as a promising situation comedy. In Act II writers Helen O'Connor and Simon Hopkinson break the mould and change genre to cabaret. This was a strength—providing a rousing anthemic climax—and a weakness—denying a dramatic resolution to the plot lines established in the first act.

Act II included a hilariously choreographed dance featuring Brett (Ian Craig) and Barry (David Tynan), as gay city slickers, Blue Heaven's successful competition. The strongest male presence was a stand-up comedian (in the talent quest) played by Domineca del Rosa. While he did his best with the material, his was an anomalous role. It broadened the satiric content by

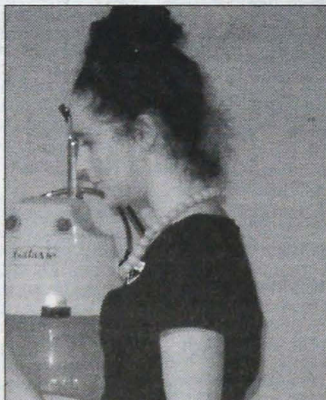
targeting wider aspects of the small town, "gave a bloke a go", but fell flat as a comic routine.

In the closing scene the four girls belt out a number each, and provide a satirically choreographed girlie "shoop-shoop" backing to renditions of affirmative, feminist songs such as "I Am Woman". The ending is a qualified success, being emotionally satisfying, with songs matching each woman's character. However the plotlines developed in Act I are not otherwise resolved.

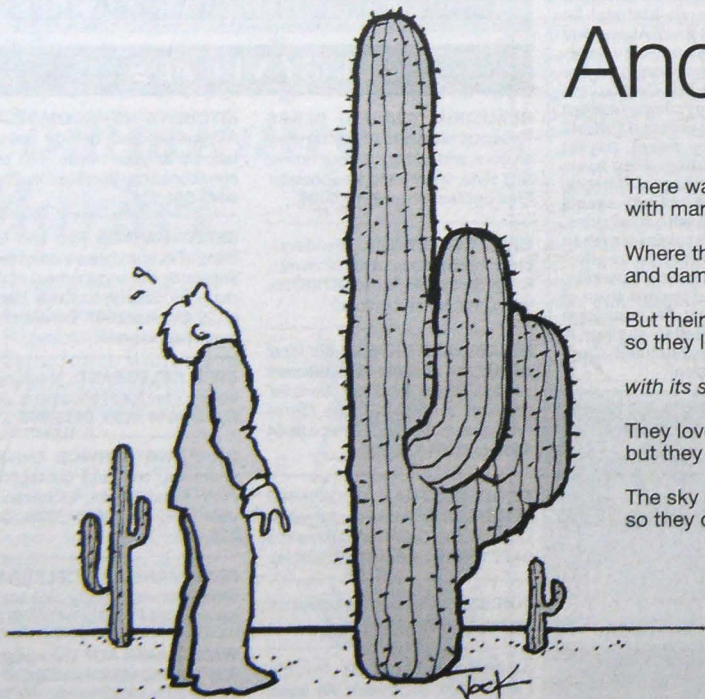
The salon is a full set, lit by white light front-of-house, creating an impression of high contrast relationships—a simple environment in a two dimensional world. While reinforcing the surface layer of the play, a more nuanced lighting design would have helped communicate its deeper levels. These included the complex inner life of the main characters, the enduring mateship of "the girls", the challenging circumstances that circumscribe them.

Sound cues were few but well executed, and the backing to the closing songs was punchy and clear. The sets were realistic and solid. Choreography was professional and made good use of the talents of the cast. Costumes reflected the changing moods and genres, and helped with the transition to cabaret.

Lipstick Dreams ends the 2008 Warrandyte Theatre Company's season on a high note with audiences building to full house on the sixth night. It was Bill Connolly's first as director. He generated a high energy dynamic on stage, milked the characters and comedy as much as possible, and played the Ming Wah proprietor/MC with aplomb. We look forward to next year's Inconvenient Follies, and a fresh selection of plays.



And the dry



There was a pink-cheeked tribe from a moist green isle with marshes, crocuses, Spring.

Where the rain fell forever in the shiny and grey and dampness seeped into all things.

But their land got too crowded, He lowered the sky, so they looked to the south to a desert land

with its space and its light—and the dry.

They loved the huge space and the luminous light but they pined for the moist and the green.

The sky poured down on their sun-shy skin so they dammed up the river and streams.

To water the crocus in the hope of Spring, thumbing their noses at the crackling dry,

and the water flowed—despite the clear sky.

And it flowed and it flowed from sprinklers and showers

down footpaths and gutters down drains to the sea.

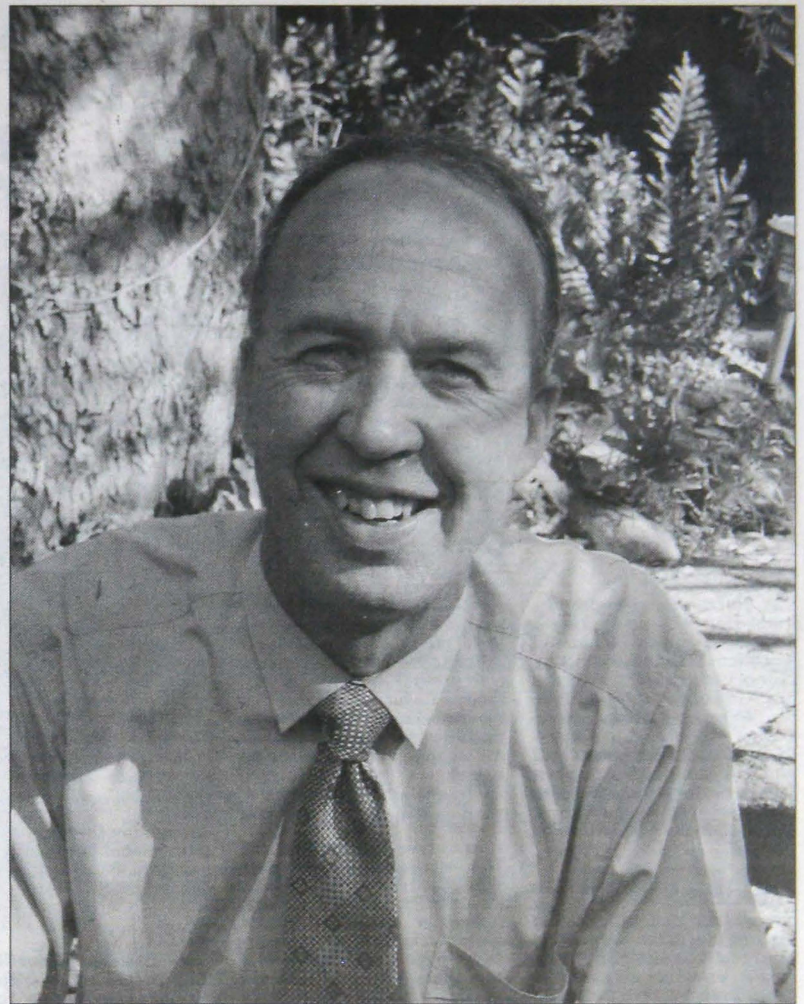
So for a while, the crocuses grew. They had turned the red earth green.

But it cannot continue, the desert sighed pointing to the future and tearless sky,

and the dry
and the dry
and the dry.

KAREN THROSSELL

Jeff is an adventurer with a purpose



Jeff Adair (Picture by Judy Green)

FROM playing truant at a top Melbourne school to leading east African safaris and completing his MBA in his 40s while working fulltime as a CFA manager, it's a whitewater ride for Warrandyte's Jeff Adair.

Jeff, 51, said he wasn't academically interested at school and he had no clear direction. "I didn't do my homework and didn't turn up for class and my secondary school teachers said you can't do this, you won't go anywhere. It was all negativity, not applying myself and not believing in myself. My future was always a quandary for me.

"I had to slay a pair of monkeys on my shoulder who said I couldn't do it but I showed myself my secondary teachers' comments weren't true, getting my MBA at 44. It was the hardest thing I ever did. My daughter Georgina was two and I was working fulltime for the CFA." Jeff said he needed the discipline of studying six days a week, often very late at night and he and his wife Helena had their second daughter, Nicola, half way through the degree. But it was most satisfying in the end, an enjoyable process. "Learning is for life, it occurs at every opportunity and you grab it and run with it and apply it. I appreciated what a great school Carey was later in life."

Jeff now heads a new emergency marker program for Triple Zero (000), putting signage in public open spaces by which people can identify and verify their location. The signs have three letters and three numbers which equal the GPS coordinates, giving emergency services a directional system for call-outs. "The first question that's asked at Triple Zero is what is your emergency and where are you? It takes a considerable time to work it out when there is no close intersection or unique identifier. This new program is all about sys-



tems and putting processes in place, in a park or on a river trail so emergency services get there faster."

Jeff spent three years in community liaison with the Warrandyte CFA then a year in Dandenong as acting manager for community safety and six years in Lilydale as manager of community safety and acting area manager. But he felt it was time for a change. "The CFA is such a strong organisation but I was burnt out," he said.

He had grown up in Lilydale, very rural at the time, commuting to school in the city. "My father and his partner owned Adair Brothers in Camberwell Junction, which was an institution for haberdashery, bits and bobs and patterns," Jeff said. "We hung out at the shop after school and did work experience there. It was in the family for over 100 years. Then my father's partner's son started the Adair franchise and sold off the company." Adair is an Irish-Scots name. "It's no connection to Red—I thought I might have a rich uncle. My own father spoke of his father as a tyrant—very hard-nosed and business oriented."

Jeff was initially a wool classer and buyer. "But work experience and the dogs rounding me up at home meant I never wanted to see sheep or shearers again. Then I was seed harvesting and in the wine industry at Mt Mary and this opened my eyes to the love of the outdoors. I was also a team facilitator for a women's shoe manufacturer. It was the worst decision—shop floor process work, the company didn't respect its employees and their diversity.

I ended up getting the sack, which was the best thing."

His career has included running outdoor education for secondary schools, general groups and alcohol and drug offenders' programs; education counselling and youth programs for the Uniting Church, and as an adventure tour guide through southeast Australia, including white water rafting, cross-country skiing, riding and bushwalking. He has also led safaris in Kenya and Tanzania. Jeff believes in outdoor experiential education as a means of therapy.

"We'd take lots of 10 single sex youngsters from youth training and drug and alcohol centres up and over the Bogong High Plains. It's not a jolly; it's about teamwork, leadership, cooperation and using their initiative in difficult situations and what it means in terms of their own lives and issues. It was extremely rewarding work, very demanding, 24/7 with troubled kids.

"Once we took a group of young blokes from Dandenong and Doveton with an equal number of Victorian police from the same area down the Snowy River for seven days. It was a bit of a challenge—I wasn't sure who would survive—would the kids beat the coppers or would the coppers beat the kids? It was fantastic but not without its dramas. The kids weren't talking, challenging for the strongest. One kid had the heart of a lion and the speed of a leopard and he had a wrestling match with a policeman on a sand flat. He tackled him and put the policeman on his back quick as a flash.

"We had ground rules from that point on and it turned out a highly successful trip. Once the aggression was out it was very satisfying.

"Another time we were crosscountry skiing on Bogong High Plains. It was evening, the cloud was coming down.

There was a particularly difficult fellow who'd been charged with a particularly nasty offence, manslaughter, and he wouldn't help, he was 'out of here'. At five or six pm he left, walking down the valley where he could have been lost forever. I skied behind him—he's abusing me vocally—and I let him get ahead then I rugby tackled him. He was as angry as 10 men. That night I removed all the heavy implements in the hut I was so edgy, but nothing happened. These troubled kids would refuse to do anything.

"The 64 million dollar question is whether these programs have long lasting effects. There's a significant change in some kids—it made a big difference in that period and you saw change, interaction and cooperation."

Jeff said his two daughters and Helena are the centre of his life. "I was married at 38, a slow starter but a strong finisher—I was never in one spot long enough to attract and hold on to a good woman.

"Getting married, it makes me consider other people first. Like my mother, Marion, she's had a fairly rough trot over the last number of years but she has a perspective that's very admirable, she's an inspiration, she considers others before herself."

He's lived in Warrandyte for 14 years, always attracted to open spaces and living in the bush. "Warrandyte seemed the natural conclusion—open space, green and natural, relatively close to the city. It's very unique in its values and sense of community and looking after others—values much in line with mine," he said.

Jeff adores fishing. "Fishing, fishing, fishing. I'm a very frustrated fly fisherman. Out on the river or lake or sand flats; I generally release them. It's very soothing—it connects with my whole rafting and whitewater background.

The lack of rain is an impediment, and a young family too." His favourite book is *Thick Face, Black Heart*, based on an ancient eastern philosophy. "It's a perspective on life to help balance ongoing pressures, based on the very old book *The Art of War*. I also enjoy Wilbur Smith novels as they evoke the senses and sounds and smells of the wild open savannahs. He transports me back to Africa."

Jeff always looks forward. "You can't do anything about the past, only the future. I always choose to see the positives in people, I have no other choice."

"But I get angry with people not keeping their word, not being true to themselves and their values. I find it hard to go to bed early and meeting the ongoing and demanding pressure of raising a young family, being a reasonable parent and providing for the future without getting too serious about it all. I'd like to take my girls overseas and open their eyes to the big wide world. We can do it in Australia but I'd like to cross international boundaries as well.

"Achieving MBA was huge on an intellectual level. It's easy to say, but surviving is an accomplishment. Experiencing such diversity in my job, recreation and sporting achievements—I've had wonderful experiences across all those fields, such richness and diversity.

"I'm passionate about making a contribution to family, friends and business. I live and breathe new places, spaces and people and adventures. I'm young at heart. We're only here once and you're dead for a long time. I get satisfaction from knowing that I can make a difference to peoples' lives by being safer and more prepared and giving them information so they can make more informed decisions. This was at the heart of my work for the CFA."



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Park Friends 'toast' 25 years

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are celebrating a quarter of a century of caring for Warrandyte's wonderful State Park with a lunch-time function at "The Folly", WSP Rangers Depot, Pound Road, Warrandyte on Sunday, November 25 at 12.30pm. BYO drinks. Please RSVP as soon as possible by post to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113 or by email to friendsowfsp@gmail.com. Sorry, but as numbers are limited, members and past members only, please. FOWSP's annual general meeting will be held at "The Folly" at 6pm on Tuesday, December 11. Barbecue—BYO food and drink.

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, fax it to 9844 4168, or post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113 by the last Friday in the month.

The garden is situated below the police station in Police Street. Call Julie on 9873 3969.

Bank

Warrandyte Community Financial Services, franchisees for the Warrandyte Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank, are holding their annual general meeting on Wednesday, November 21 at 7pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre. The bank's second dividend in as many years will be announced. All shareholders are urged to attend.

RSL

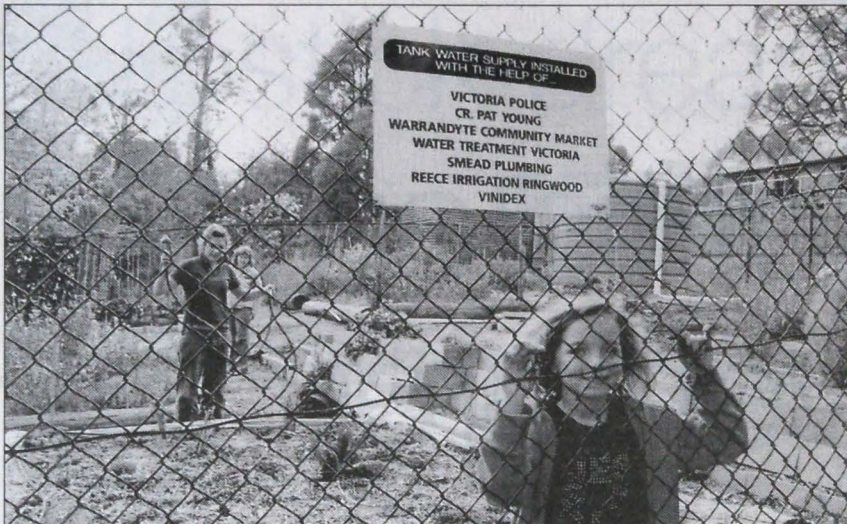
Warrandyte RSL has engaged The Orangotangos, featuring swing music from the world, for a performance on Sunday, November 25 at 4pm at their clubrooms in Brackenbury Street. Free admission, affordable drinks. The local RSL is also holding their Christmas party

Wonderful

The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is presenting a fundraiser entitled "Wonderful Women of Warrandyte" in support of cancer research, on Friday, November 16 at 7pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Cost is \$10, bring a plate and drinks to share. Wear something pink in honour of Pink Ribbon Day—prize for best outfit—proceeds go to Maroondah Breast-screen. Enquiries 9844 1839 or 9722 2935.

Garden

Interested in joining the waiting list for a plot in the Warrandyte Community Garden? They now have a rainwater tank and plots could soon become available.



Come into the garden... Shelby (pictured) invites everyone to come into the "refurbished" Community Garden—complete with its new rainwater tank—when they visit the new Warrandyte Police Station for Open Day—Saturday, November 17, between 10am and 2pm. In Police Street, of course! Motorists will be able to have their number plates secured with one-way screws—a police initiative with Neighbourhood Watch. Morning tea will be served at the garden and the Lions are providing a free barbecue. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

on Saturday, December 15. Cost \$30, "full-on" finger food and a live band. Bookings are essential. Call 0408 508 563.

Variety

The Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club is celebrating their 45th birthday with "Variety Follies",

presented by the club's "55 Plus" Variety Group on Friday, November 16 commencing 1.30am at their clubrooms in Tarooma Avenue (\$12 admission). The group is also presenting a cabaret of the program on Friday, November 30 at 7.30pm (\$8, BYO everything) also at their clubrooms. Concert tick-

ets and enquiries: 9738 2216; Cabaret: 9877 1077.

Story

Warrandyte Library Centre runs a pre-school story time for kids aged 3 to 5 years, every Wednesday from 2 to 2.45pm at the centre at 100 Melbourne Hill

Road, Warrandyte. The program includes stories, rhymes, songs and craft activities.

Steiner

The Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School in Warranwood is holding a fair and school open day on Saturday, November 17, between 10am and 4pm. The day will feature open classrooms, teacher talks, music, arts and crafts, circus skills workshop and market and food stalls. The school is at 213 Wonga Road, Warranwood. Phone 9876 2633 for more information.

Salsa

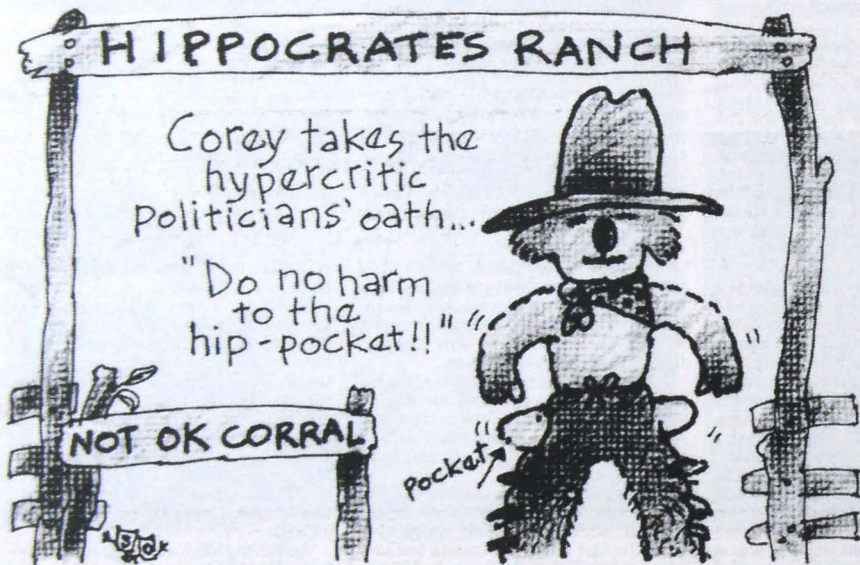
Manningham council has announced that San Lazaro, a "latin funk" band will be performing at the inaugural Manningham Spring Festival to be held at Ruffey Park Lake on Sunday, November 18 commencing at 12noon. Also featured will be Warrandyte's own celebrated songstress, Ella Thompson.

Ambulance

St John Ambulance is appealing for new volunteer members across the state. They report that "many divisions could do with at least 20 or 30 new members". Volunteers receive comprehensive first aid training and have the opportunity to undertake personal development training in a number of areas. Call Paul Tempany on 0421 095 964 for further information.

COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA



Artlinks

The Artlinks group of artists has been working away at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens clubrooms in Tarooma Avenue for much of the year and now have enough completed work to present an end-of-year exhibition. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available and work will be on sale. The exhibition will be held at the Seniors' clubrooms on Friday, November 23 at 7.30pm. For further information call Emma Stuart on 0402 245 929.

Last

ArtStreams gallery is presenting "The Last Picture Show", a pre-Christmas art sale, opening Sunday, November 25 at the gallery on the corner of Yarra and Police streets. All works will be sold for \$300 or less. The show will culminate with a gala party on Sunday, December 16. Further information: Call Peter 9844 0248 or email peterd@connexus.net.au.

Open

Diary artists Ona Henderson and Syd Tunn are holding open weekends on November 17, 18, 24 and 25 and December 1 and 2. The studio, at the corner of Oxley and Henley roads, Bend of Islands, will be open from 12noon to 5pm on these days. Studio visits can also be arranged by calling 9712 0393.

Preview

The Stonehouse Gallery is currently presenting a "Christmas Preview", featuring Christmas decorations, pottery, textiles, jewellery, woodwork and art, made largely by members of their collective. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, phone 9844 3629. They are happy to gift wrap.

Zebra

The West African group, Zebra Crossing, is presenting a concert at the Earth Harmony

artyfacts

Shop and Well-being Centre, 246-250 Yarra Street (top car park, behind shops near the bridge) on Friday, November 30 at 8pm. The performance will feature percussion, jazz, sax, flute, guitar and vocals. Admission \$20. Bookings are essential: 9844 5155.

Moods

Local artist Cherry Manders is exhibiting at Domaine Chandon, "Green Point", Maroondah Highway, Coldstream (Melway 276 D7). The exhibition is entitled "Moods of the Valley" and also includes work by Margaret Houston, Margaret McLoughlin, Noel Nicolson and Sharon Rodwell. It continues until Sunday, December 2. Further information from 9738 9200.

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Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

Venom numbers continue to grow

Warrandyte Venom basketball is going from strength to strength and will this season field 26 teams, a growth rate of almost 40 per cent.

With a huge increase in player and team numbers, the on-court action heats up this week with teams hitting the court in the Spring Phase.

Girl's head coach, David Reinecke, said the association was aiming to have the top two sides in each age group in the higher metro grades.

"The tryouts clearly demonstrated the depth in the club with a number of difficult team selections.

"The development pathways, from domestic to representative and onto Big V are more clearly in place and give all players a pathway to achieve their potential".

David coached one of Warrandyte's Under 14 girls side to a 34-28 win over Ringwood at a recent game at Park Orchards.

With only six players, there was plenty of court time for the girls to impress, with Rachel Watson leading the scoring with 14 points supported by Ebony Harris with eight points.

The coaching position for this side is still being finalised with the likelihood of a highly experienced player and coach being named soon.

At Warrandyte Sports Complex, Molly Booth was guiding the Under 12 girls who lost against Whittlesea 56-7. The Warrandyte girls showed a lot of talent but lacked the height against their northern opponents.

Having a good hit out in an early game was Warrandyte's Under 18 girls, defeating Darebin by 47 to 32 in



One of Warrandyte Venom's Under 18 sides after a good 47-32 win over Darebin. Back from left: Jessey Telford, Tayla Flynn, Teigan Winzar. Front: Parris Webb, Casey Doyle, Carly Bensch, Lisa Rennie

an Eastern grading game.

This team is essentially the Under 16 Eastern premiers and again demonstrated high skills in a fast game under their new coach Michael Flynn. The team will be strengthened

by the return of Myka Johnston and Teigan Winzar (from injury)

Leading scorers were Jessey Telford with 27 points, supported by Casey Doyle with eight points and Parris Webb with six points.



New Warrandyte Basketball Association president, Doug Hilton, and vice president, Lisa Saunders.

Basketball club names new leader

Warrandyte Basketball Association has a new president following last month's annual meeting.

After five years at the helm, Stephen Bendle handed over the leadership role to Doug Hilton.

The committee will have a good balance of new and experienced administrators with new members Mark Collins, Bruce DeLacy, Michael Flynn and Steve Killey.

In his final report, Bendle reflected on the great success of the association in recent years, from the introduction of the Oz Ball programme to the great success of the inaugural foray into Big V Basketball.

Stadium space remains one of the critical aspects the new committee will need to address.

At a recent meeting with Victorian Sports Minister, James Merlino, the case was made that the growth of the club across all areas has put significant short/medium term pressure on the physical facilities.

The Minister agreed to facilitate a meeting with representatives of all relevant stakeholders on the issue.

Grading games for Redbacks

Action in Saturday basketball has started with the initial grading games under way in the EDJBA.

Teams are largely finalised and it is now a matter of getting the grading right so all players can have an enjoyable season.

In an entertaining game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre, Frank Gatti's Under 10 D Grade boys came from behind to snatch a 12-all draw against Koonung.

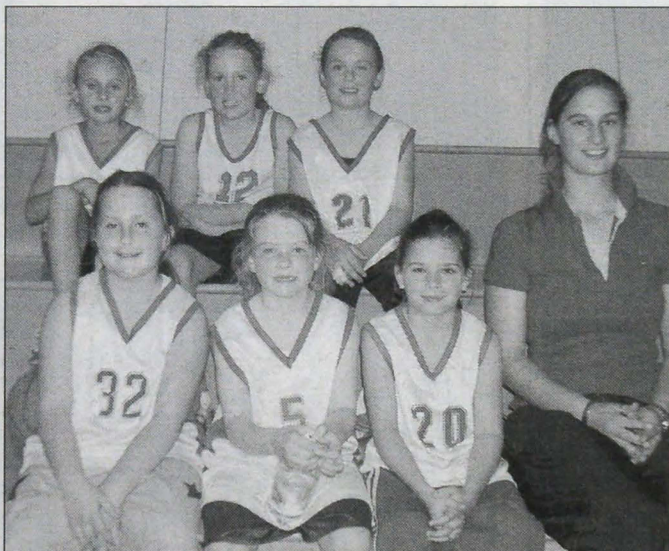
Both sides scored early and a high scoring game was expected. However, the defences of both sides tightened up and a number of shots bounced off the ring.

Warrandyte came with a late charge to snatch the draw in the final seconds which was a fitting result. Kiama Harris-Allan was the Redback's top scorer with six points.

Earlier, Anne Cousin's Under 10 B Grad girls had a good 23-21 win over Balwyn.

Warrandyte opened like a whirlwind with the first four goals but once the game settled down, the gap between the two sides narrowed.

Taylor Padfield led the scoring for the Redbacks with nine points supported with eight points from Hayley McIntyre.



Redbacks' second Under 12 side. Back from left: Claudia Kuen, Cassidy O'Donnell, Sarah Davis. Front: Madi Rowarth, Emma James, Natalie McDonald. Coach Molly Booth.



After a combined time of 12 years on the committee retiring vice president Nick Peters, left, and retiring president Stephen Bendle will be in advisory capacities for the new committee.

Kangaroo champion hops into greyhound support

Recently retired Kangaroo AFL champion Glenn Archer is enjoying the extra time he now has to spend with his wife Lisa and their four children.

"It's great to be able to spend some quality time with the family without having to think too much about football", said Archer who lives in Warrandyte.

Archer did some promotional work for greyhound racing's National Championships in August, which led to him and his family meeting with a

couple of retired canine athletes last weekend.

Similar to greyhounds, Archer is tenacious on the field but kind and placid off it, as evidenced by his decision to donate the money Greyhound Racing Victoria paid for his services to World Vision Australia.

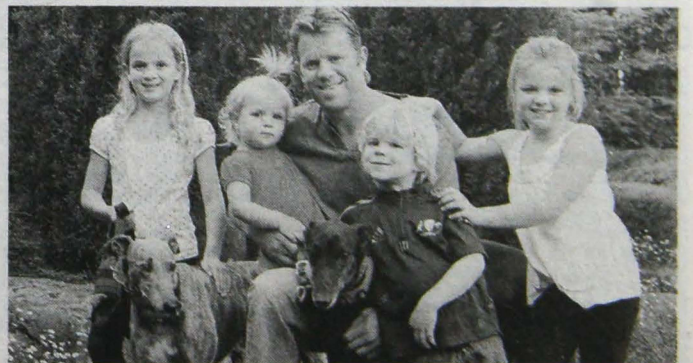
Named the 'Shinboner of the Century', the 311-game Kangaroos champion was a dual premiership player (1996 and 1999) and won the 1996 Norm Smith medal for his Best

on Ground performance in that year's Grand Final.

The greyhounds in the picture opposite are retired ex-racers who are part of the Greyhound Adoption Program, which adopts out 350 greyhounds to Victorian families each year.

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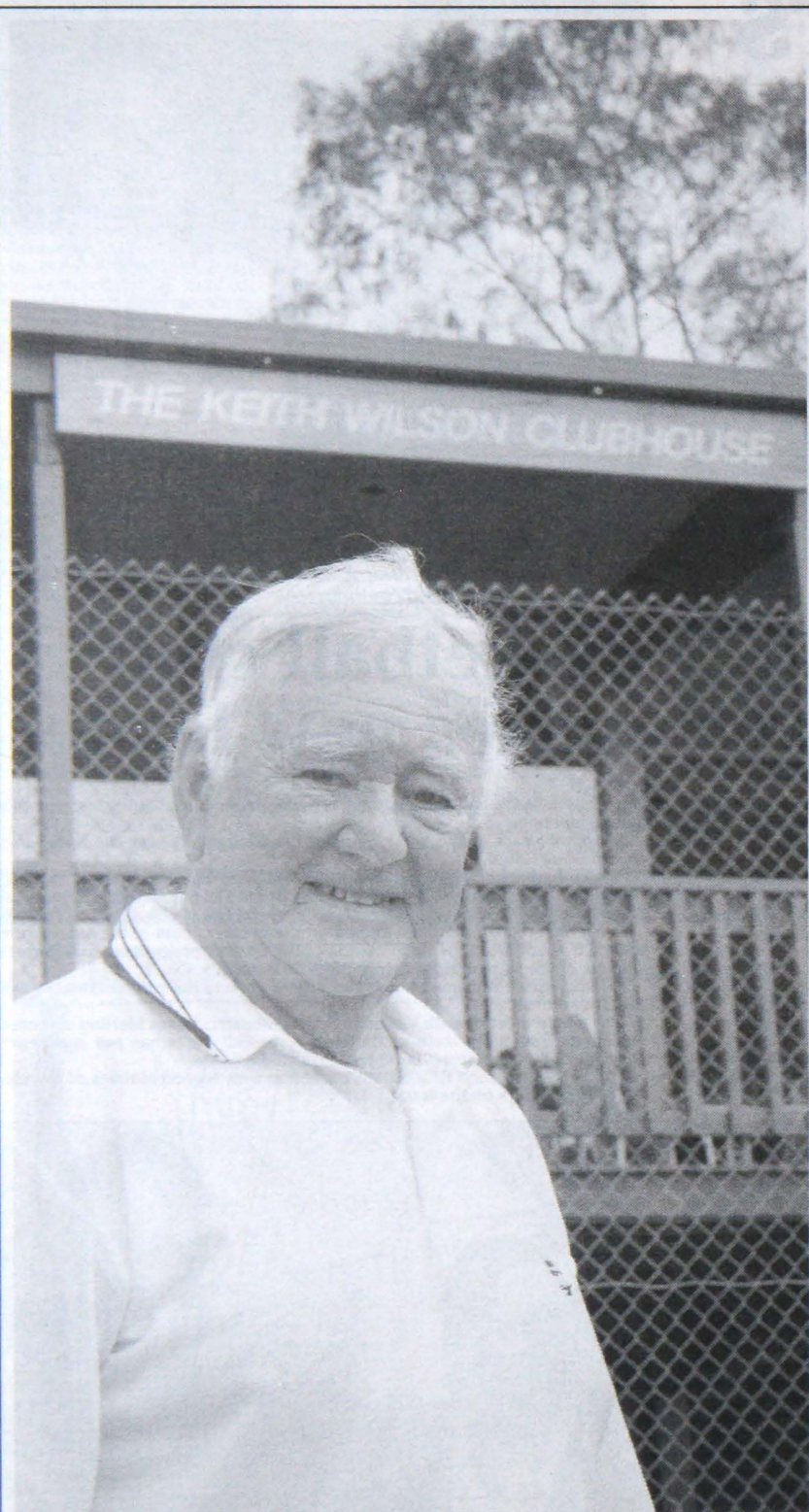


Glenn Archer with children Madison, 10 years, Remy, 21 months, Jackson, 4, and Abby, 7, with retired greyhounds Mary-Beth and Bill.



100 YEARS OF TENNIS

WARRANDYTE TENNIS CLUB 1907 - 2007



Former Warrandyte Tennis Club president, Keith Wilson, stands proudly in front of the clubhouse which has been named in his honour.

Club recognises a loyal leader

Long serving Warrandyte Tennis Club president, Keith Wilson was recognised last month when the clubhouse was named in his honour.

Keith was president of the club during some of its toughest times in the 1970s as it fought to move from its original location near the Yarra River bridge to its current headquarters at the recreation reserve.

Once established, Keith then set about leading his committee to have a club house built despite problems with government authorities over the siting.

Before the club house was completed, morning and afternoon teas for competition matches were served at the Uniting Church in Taroona Ave.

The club house has been extended since it was first built.

Current club president, Mark Bence, said that naming the club house after Keith

Wilson was a recognition of the time and work he had put into the club.

He said the tennis club owed Keith a debt of gratitude for the work he had done over the years.

An emotional Keith Wilson, who was unaware the announcement would be made, said it was a great honour and thanked the committee and club members for recognising him in such a way.

Keith is a former Doncaster and Templestowe Shire councillor (now known as the City of Manningham) and served two terms as president of the tennis club for a total of 19 years.

He also served terms as vice president and treasurer.

He was also a regular competition and social player and still enjoys a game at Mt Martha where he and his wife, Bobbie, now live.



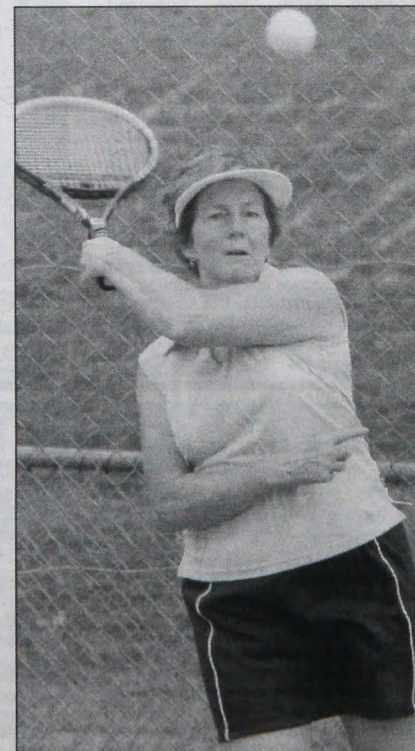
The Lynch family, from left, Catherine, Paul and Val, were among the players and guests at Warrandyte Tennis Club's Centenary celebrations.



Among the current and former members to attend the final Centenary celebrations events were from left, Kevin Fiddes, Terry Booth, Jim Yarwood, Neil Dusting and Kevin Close.



Former Club Champion, Ian Worland, made a welcome return to the Warrandyte Tennis Club.



Eye on the ball as Jeanette Cleaves swings through a forehand during her mixed doubles match.



100 YEARS OF TENNIS

Mixed doubles completes a Centenary year

Warrandyte Tennis Club completed its Centenary Celebrations last month with a mixed doubles tournament.

The day attracted current players along with former members who took part in two competitions which included an open event and an event for adults and children.

The day was organised to commemorate the fact that a

mixed doubles competition was held to celebrate the opening of the club on the original courts adjacent to the Yarra River bridge.

Warrandyte is one of the oldest tennis clubs in Victoria and during the past year has held a number of functions including the highlight which was the Centenary Dinner.

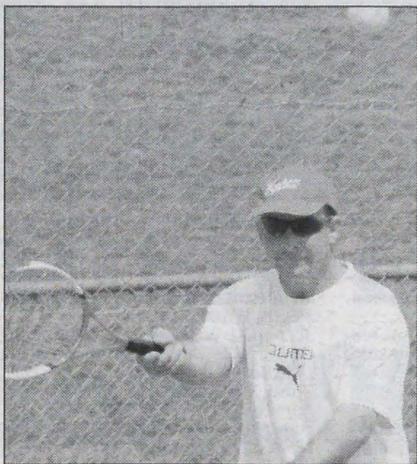
A special commemorative tree has also been planted

and a time capsule has been placed in the club rooms.

During last month's event, a special exhibition game was organised which brought together five club presidents, Keith Wilson, Terry Booth, Greg Lawrence, Neil Dusting and Mark Bence, who dressed in long white trousers and white shirts to give the "Presidents' Set" a touch of nostalgia.



Runner-up in the open mixed doubles, Brian Cleaves and Helen Worland, left, with winners, Carmen and Mark Hill.



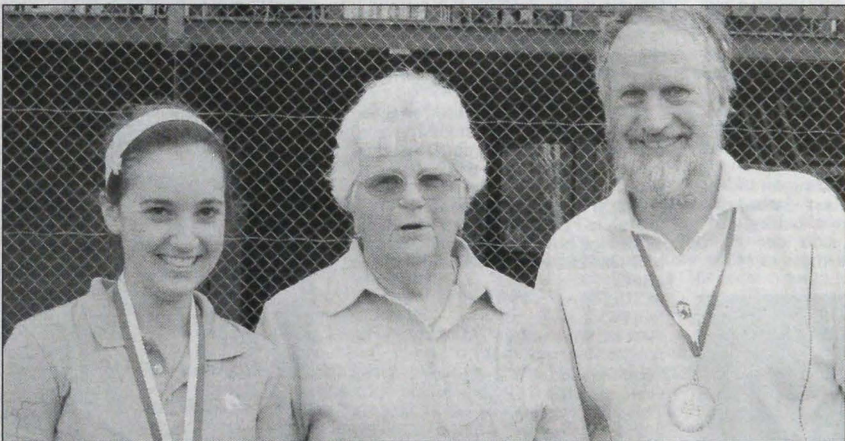
Warrandyte Cricket Club president, Greg Creber, was a guest at the mixed doubles event.



Wendy Synnot prepares to return serve during her mixed doubles match.



Time to cut the 100th anniversary celebrations cake and the honour went to Ariel Patterson and Matthew Gilling. Picture by Stephen Reynolds.



Winners of the adult and child section of the mixed doubles event, Ariel Paterson and her father, Lincoln, were presented with their medallions by former member, Joan Stone.



All the presidents' men ... from left Keith Wilson, Neil Dusting, Greg Lawrence, Terry Booth and Mark Bence, played a nostalgic set.



Emma Bence returns serve during the mixed doubles tournament.

Under 16s score first win

Warrandyte's Under 16 juniors scored their first win of the season in Round 3, defeating Heathmont Baptists.

On a wet morning Warrandyte won the toss and elected to bat and an opening partnership of 50 by Ellis and Schneider followed by a second wicket partnership of 30 between Ellis Jones formed a good foundation for the innings.

The middle order failed to capitalise on the good start, however Warrandyte managed to finish on a creditable 167 all out.

At the start for Heathmont's innings Warrandyte's opening bowlers toiled without reward on a warm morning.

However the change bowlers, Lane and Dad took wickets to leave Heathmont 4-50 at tea.

Gaffney broke the partnership with a sharp spell of bowling and Lane and Van-der-Zant polished up the tail with the help of some great catching in the field.

Round 2:
Warrandyte 78 lost to North Ringwood 3-251

Round 3:
Warrandyte 167 (J. Ellis 40, D. Jones 34) d Heathmont Baptists 10/106 (J. Lane 3-24)

UNDER 14
Some confusion over ground allocation lead to Warrandyte's Under 14s touring the eastern suburbs for a ground to play on.

One was allocated only after the first day had to be abandoned and both teams turned out to play a limited 30 over game on day two.

Warrandyte won the toss and elected to set the pace by batting first. A fine opening partnership by the Nilsson boys got the 14s off to a good start.

Some lusty swings by Oremek moved the total on but wickets fell to some undisciplined running between wickets.

A smart, short partnership between Baker and Warren got Warrandyte on to a total of 105.

Consensus was that this total would take some defending and Warrandyte would have to bowl out Bayswater Park to win.

An opening fine spell by Baker and McKenzie saw the end of the first wicket pair however the second pair were more resilient and as confidence grew the ball started to hit the boundary a little too often for comfort.

However this partnership was finally broken by a fine catch in the outfield by Buzzini. This proved also to break the will of the Bayswater batsmen and they finally capitulated to a total of 69, with Luke Warren ending with figures of 3-24

Round 2:
Warrandyte 6-110 lost to Croydon 3-182

Round 3:
Warrandyte 7-105 (T Nilsson 36 n.o.) d Bayswater Park 69 (L. Warren 3-24)

UNDER 12
Norwood's batsmen made Warrandyte pay for sloppy bowling and fielding reaching 7/209 after 45 overs with McMellan 2-13 and Murray 2-13 being the pick of the bowlers.

Norwood then bowled tightly and Warrandyte were all out for 119. A highlight was debut player Sidney Phillip-Owen retiring on 31. Warrandyte performed much better in Norwood's second innings having them 5-29 after 12 overs with Kyle Koetsveld taking 2-3.

In the Round 3 game, Warrandyte won the toss and elected to bat on a rain affected ground. Unfortunately only three players reached double figures allowing Warrandyte to crawl to 9-117 at the close of play.

Trent Arnold batted through to score 25 not out. Warrandyte were confident going out to field thinking the runs on the board should be enough.

Again poor bowling and fielding took pressure off Wantirna South's batsmen. However, after the break Warrandyte rallied to have Wantirna South 9-141 at the close of play. Unfortunately 49 extras cost Warrandyte any chance of victory.

Round 2:
Warrandyte 119 (S Phillip-Owen 31 n.o.) lost to Norwood 7-209

Round 3:
Warrandyte 9-117 (Arnold 25 n.o.) lost to Wantirna South 9-141

Momentum swings in favour of Dytes

Four successive wins has put Warrandyte on course for this season Ringwood District Cricket Association finals.

After a disappointing first round loss to Bayswater Park, Warrandyte has strung together four wins, the most recent over early premierships favourite, East Ringwood.

The wins have been the result of an outstanding start to the season by captain, Adam White who has scored more than 280 runs including a masterly 135 against North Ringwood and the emergence of young players such as Justin Cleaves and Jake Sherriff.

The return to the side of veteran off spin bowler, Robert White, has given the attack a better balance and he has teamed with fellow spinner, Matthew Sazenis to dry-up runs in the crucial middle overs of the past two one day games.

The win over East Ringwood was critical as it has firmly established Warrandyte in the top four and has given notice that they are capable of toppling the better teams of the competition.

Batting first, East Ringwood began quickly and looked set for a big score until Gerald Walshe snared two quick wickets and Cleaves dismissed the East Ringwood danger man just before the drinks break.

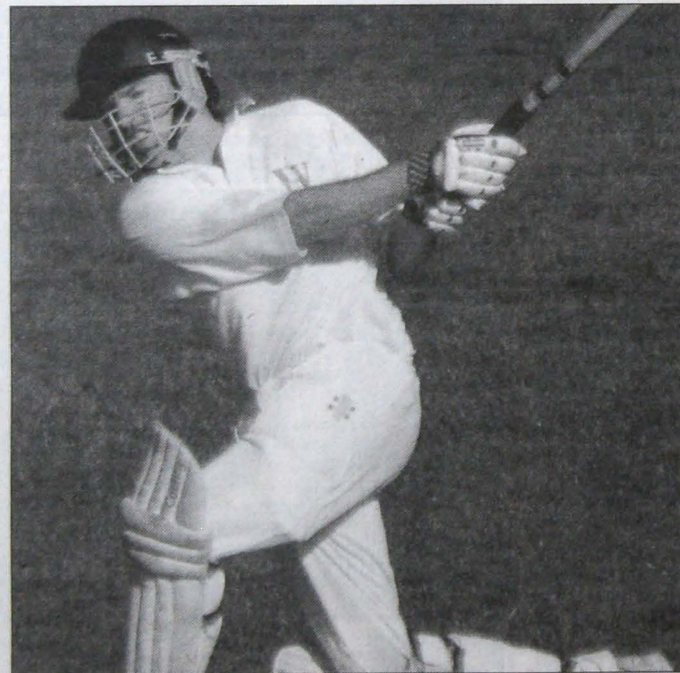
It was then White and Sazenis who put the breaks on the scoring and only some late big hitting by one of the East Ringwood tailenders enabled them to score 149.

Ben Taylor lost opening partner, Matthew Chapman, early but then added a handy 30 runs with Brad Valentine. But on Taylor's dismissal, Adam White came to the crease but with only 18 runs to his name he was also out. With Dave Mooney following a few balls later, Cleaves and Valentine set about resurrecting the innings.

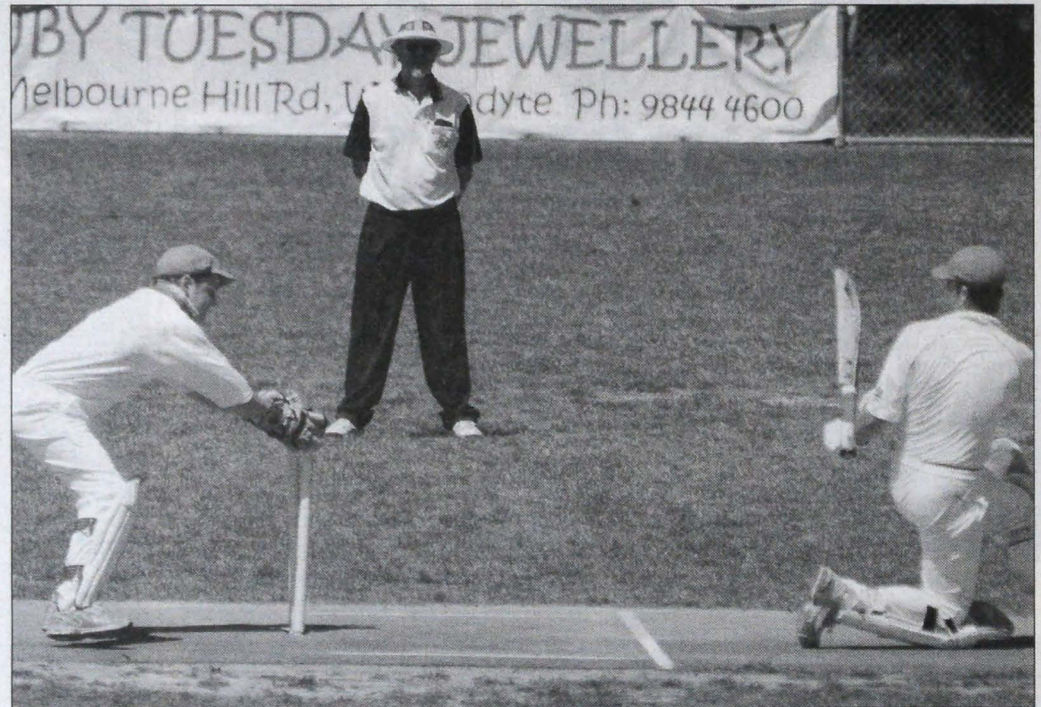
Valentine played a calm and responsible innings for his 46 but was dismissed with Warrandyte 15 runs short of its target. There were only six runs to score when Cleaves was caught but the lower order guided the team to a comfortable 20 run win.

In the previous match against St Andrews, Warrandyte's tight bowling restricted the opposition to a miserly 115. Robert White and Sazenis were again the key players taking 5-32 between them off their 16 overs.

Warrandyte started brightly in their runs chase with Adam White scoring 52 of the first 69 runs as wickets fell around him. But it was Mooney and then Sherriff who held the innings together for what was a



Brad Valentine hits out on his way to 46 against East Ringwood. Picture Daniel Wellesley.



That's out! Matthew Chapman has the bails off in a flash to stump his East Ringwood opponent.

runaway win.

In the match against North Ringwood, Daniel Wellesley (46 retired hurt) and Adam White put on a match-winning partnership as the 'Dytes chased a total of 186.

White was merciless on the North Ringwood attack scoring 136 including seven sixes.

Earlier Sazenis took 3-43 off a marathon 24 overs while Sherriff again showed his potential with a three wicket haul.

At Montrose in Round 2, Warrandyte dismissed the home side for 147 and were immediately in trouble at 6-63. But a series of valuable partnerships between Adam White and Chapman and then White and Sherriff reeled in the target for Warrandyte to get home by four runs.

The Second XI have shown remarkable form winning their first four games as a newly promoted team to A Grade.

Warrandyte were sitting on top of the ladder before last Saturday's round of games but a batting collapse that saw the side lose 10-36 after being 0-79 in its chase of 145.

Tyson Brent (45) and Steve Goddard (34) set the ground work for a win but the following batsmen could not complete the task.

Adam beardall returned to his best form with the leg spinner taking 4-27 while junior off spinner, Dan Barry, had an impressive debut in the Second XI taking two wickets.

The Third XI continues to disappoint. They have been in winning positions on a number of occasions but haven't been able to complete the job.

In Saturday's game Warrandyte was dismissed for only 100 with captain Brett Kline being left stranded on 28 not out.

The bowlers did their best to undo the poor efforts of the batsmen and forced St Andrews to struggle to 8-114.

The Fourth XI, promoted a grade after last season's premierships win, continue to surprise and this time scored a comfortable win over South Wantirna.

Tyson Rees was unbeaten on 72 while Vin Pettigrove scored a clinical 42. Junior bowler, Brett Gaffney with four wickets was the stand out of the attack.

RESULTS:

ROUND 2

First XI: Warrandyte 151 (A. White 68 n.o.) d Montrose 7-147.

Second XI: Warrandyte 6/168 (Valentine 85) d Lilydale 8-137

Third XI: Warrandyte 149 (Brent 48, Smead 36) lost to East Ringwood 156 (Lockie 3-24).

Fourth XI: Warrandyte 181 (Revell 50, Zach 34) d South Warrandyte 118 (D. Barry 3/25).

ROUND 3:

First XI: Warrandyte 5-280 (A. White 136, Wellesley 46 n.o., Cleaves 42 n.o.) d North Ringwood 186 (Sherriff 3-23, Sazenis 3-42)

Second XI: Warrandyte 207 (Centofanti 35, Morgan, 31, Beardall 31) d Chirside Park 199 (R. White 3-32) and 6-66.

Third XI: Warrandyte 9-250 (Holland 95, Revell 36) and 4-94 (Brent 42 n.o.) d Chirside Park 106 (Prangley 4-40)

Fourth XI: Warrandyte 3 dec 407 (Grieve 138, Zach 119, McKellar 52 n.o.) d Knox City 101 (R. Pascoe 3-15, Lincoln 3-35) and 108 (G. Rees 3-7)

ROUND 4:

First XI: Warrandyte 8-153 (A. White 52, Mooney 36) d St Andrews 116 (R. White 3-16)

Second XI: Warrandyte 6-208 (Centofanti 48, Holland 38) d South Wantirna 195 (Warr 3-35)

Third XI: Warrandyte 81 lost to Wonga Park 4-155 (D. Barry 2-12)

Fourth XI: Warrandyte 130 (Croft 37) lost to Wonga Park 4-134

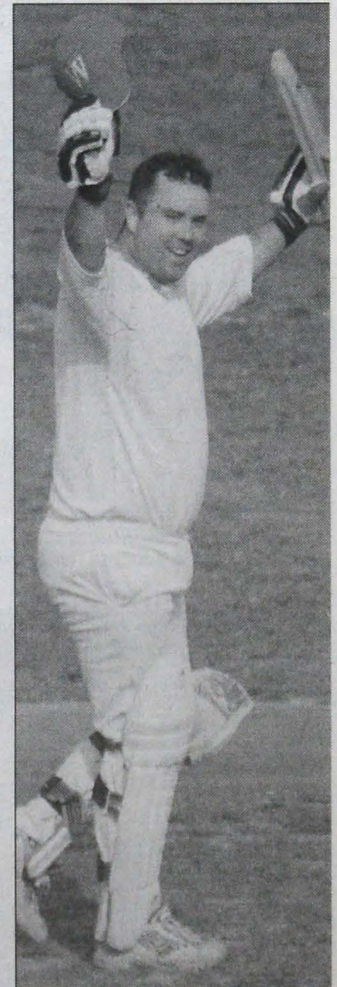
ROUND 5:

First XI: Warrandyte 8-169 (Valentine 46, Cleaves 41) d East Ringwood 9-149 (R. White 3-17).

Second XI: Warrandyte 115 (Brent 45, Goddard 34) lost to South Wantirna 145 (Beardall 4-27).

Third XI: Warrandyte 100 lost to St Andrews 8-114 (Hookey 3-17).

Fourth XI: Warrandyte 167 (T. Rees 72 n.o., Pettigrove 42) d South Wantirna 125 (Gaffney 4-27)



Warrandyte captain, Adam White, celebrates his century against North Ringwood. Picture: Daniel Wellesley.



Sophie climbs to the top

Warrandyte High School student, Sophie Bell, is on rocky ground ... and loving it.

Sophie, 13, is the new Oceania (Australia and New Zealand) Under 14 rock climbing champion.

The rock climbing championships were held in Sydney last month and Sophie took out a nail-biting super final, defeating two other girls from New South Wales and Tasmania.

Sophie has been climbing since she was four-years-old and has competed in many competitions in Australia and the UK, but this is the first national competition that she has won.

Later last month she went on to win the Victorian Bouldering Competition held in Melbourne.

Bouldering involves extremely difficult climbing within a few metres of the ground, without the use of ropes.

Sophie developed her interest in climbing through her father, Steve. He has been a keen climber for more than 30 years and is a winner of the Men's Over 45 Oceania Championship title to make a rare family feat.

Champion rock climber, Sophie Bell now has two titles to her credit.

Bloods name their coach for 2008

Warrandyte Football Club has appointed Graeme Hocking as senior coach for 2008.

In 2007 Hocking was a specialist coach with the Eastern Ranges in the elite Under 18 competition and the club believes he will be well suited to develop their young list.

In announcing the appointment, Warrandyte vice president James Logan said: "Graeme will bring professionalism, dedication, discipline and leadership to our playing group."

"He has vast football experience and his philosophies are similar to the fundamentals we have developed over recent years. We expect 'Hocko' to be well received by the players."

Brian Cartwright, also from the Ranges, will assist Hocking in a development role, along with Leon Jones. Both assistant coaches have been involved with the Warrandyte juniors in past years.

Anthony Cheyne will be assisting the coaching staff on game day analysing the opposition and advising on tactics.

Starting his playing career with Oakleigh Districts, Hocking was recruited to

South Melbourne where he played under coaches such as Norm Smith and Ian Thorogood. Hocking lists representing Victoria and a Federal League Best and Fairest as his personal career highlights.

Hocking's involvement with football from Auskick right through to VFL/AFL level has given him a well rounded experience as a coach.

His primary coaching role was as a colts coach for six seasons with East Ringwood and Mooroolbark and was twice selected to coach EFL Colts inter-league teams against the Diamond Valley Football League.

A Level 2 coach and a passion for football means Hocking has remained at the cutting edge of coaching.

His two sons both play at a high level. Evan has played at East Ringwood for the past five years, and Heath has been promoted to the senior list at Essendon and has shown promise as a prolific ball getter in the mid field.

"I am looking forward to developing the skills and game sense of the talented young players at Warrandyte," said Hocking.

"However, the team must come first as far as I am concerned, so we will be working on set plays and getting the players to the right part of the ground at the right time. We want to make the Warrandyte ground a graveyard for the opposition."

He is also keen to put in place coaching structures that will take the club forward in the years to come and give more responsibility to the players' leadership group.

The supporter base is also a target for growth and Hocking has thrown out a challenge to the local community.

"It's a great feeling when you come off the ground after giving your best and the crowd is clapping and cheering."

"We want to see a lot of people in red and white around the ground whenever we play."

Hocking has lost no time in working toward his goal of winning at least half the games for next season. Pre-season training has already started at 6pm on Mondays and Wednesdays until breaking for Christmas on December 17.



Ben Abels with his championship medal and yellow jersey after winning the Under 15 Victorian schoolboys road race.

Ben proves he is king of the road

A little over 12 months ago, cycling was just something Ben Abels did for amusement.

Like any other young lad, he enjoyed riding his mountain bike around the Warrandyte trails and back roads with his Dad, Michael and brother, Nick.

But the powerfully built 13-year-old has taken his cycling to a new dimension and he is now the Victorian Under 15 schoolboys road race champion.

He took out the title in Melbourne with a comfortable win in the 10km race in Melbourne last month.

His first attempt at racing came last year when he entered Eastern Zone school cycling competition and finished fourth in the Under 13 novice section.

But that result was achieved on a bike not suited to road racing and this year he took to the road with a new carbon fibre racing bike. He only had a few days to train on the bike before the race but it was enough for him to power away for a win.

More than 300 schools from all over Victoria were represented at the championships and 33 qualified for the Under 15 section.

Ben still qualifies for the Under 15 section next year but may set his sights a little higher as his ability has already been recognised by Cycling Victoria as part of their talent identification program.

Ben lives with his parents, Michael and Adriana and brother in Pound Rd and attends Carey Grammar School.

A talented swimmer who has competed at State level in school competition, Ben said that cycling was something he did for fun.

But he said he was now looking to join a club where he could learn to race properly and compete against other talented cyclists.

He'll still enjoy riding with his Dad and brother and perhaps he will wear the yellow jersey he was given as part of his title win.



New Warrandyte coach, Graeme Hocking, with senior players Todd Holman, left and Luke Naughtin.

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Congratulations to Anastasia Plischka, the winner of the Lions Warrandyte Youth of the Year Award for 2007. Anastasia was chosen at the presentation dinner after the finalists delivered a short speech on a subject of their choice. All finalists are students of the Warrandyte High School and were chosen by their peers and teachers because of their potential leadership prospects, their desire to help disadvantaged people and to improve the world as they see it. Anastasia now has the opportunity to move forward through further contests and, if successful, to ultimately participate in the Lions International Youth of the Year in 2008.



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As Unique as your Fingerprint

Inspired by the shape of the beehive honeycomb, this spectacular hexagonal home offers a one-of-a-kind retreat on the banks of the Yarra. Set amid 1.4 private acres, securely gated, with a blue-stone OFFP, 18th century church doors and windows, two BRs, sep. home office and family room with plans for a potential kitchen conversion. Stunning native garden, decked pool, garden shed, rainwater tank, woodhouse, and covered outdoor entertainment area.

Auction: 24th Nov at 2:30pm



Escape to the River

Leave the rat race behind and wake up to Yarra River frontage from this unique 4BR retreat. Walking distance to shops, schools, transport and Pound Bend reserve. This 2-storey wonderland inspires a joyous existence, with bright walls, BRs with dormer windows, and a lawn-free garden bursting with fruit trees and herbs. Central heating, ducted vacuum and 3500-litre rainwater tank. Add a caterer's kitchen for a boutique business, and you've got yourself an idyllic lifestyle.

Auction: 24th Nov at 12:30pm



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Designed to Impress

This brand new architect designed home within tranquil surrounds, is guaranteed to impress at all levels. Featuring: 4 bedrooms, open living area, kitchen with marble benchtop & s/s appliances, evap cooling, ducted heating, double garage with internal access. All this on a large allotment of approximately 1,300 sq m, don't miss out on this rare opportunity.

Auction: 24th Nov at 3:30pm



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Live the "Green" Dream

Created by sustainable design architect Ross Henry, this tri-level eco 4BR home lightens the carbon footprint with recycled 120-year old jarrah floors, double glazed windows, and north facing construction to take in the sun. Nearing completion, the work of art just needs the finishing touches to its 3 upstairs BRs with lofts, attic and downstairs cellar. Walk into the breathtaking open plan living room, and you'll have all the inspiration you need to finish the job.

Price: \$750,000 plus



The Good Life

The good life of today is about less stress, which is exactly what you'll enjoy on this 1-acre retreat. With its outdoor spa, airy living zones with French doors, and a lush clearing for camping adventures at home, this corner block is made for leisure. With four huge bedrooms, two living areas, plus a stunning designer bathroom with slumped glass, and a double shower. Room for boats, caravans and pets.

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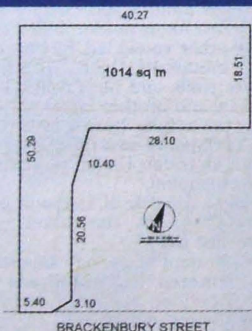
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Pure Imagination

With plans and permits in place for an impressive 3-bedroom + studio home with a spectacular front balcony, all that's left to bring to this 1/4 is your cheque book and your imagination. See beyond the crushed rock driveway to the bushland freedom this property could bring you and your family – just behind the charming Yarra St cafes, shops and the Yarra River.

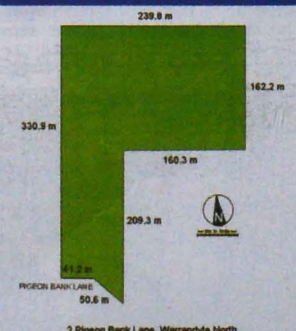
Price: \$280,000 plus



Land of Opportunity

Wander through this 13-acre site and you can see for yourself: hilltop views, flat useable land across the ridgeline at the top of the property & a long winding driveway. Amongst trees on the ridge, the vision for a dream home strengthens – in a place where you're untouched by noise and traffic. Just a few minutes' walk from the Yarra River's stunning Blue Tongue Bend, this is an amazing canvas for an astute buyer with a vision.

Price: \$650,000 plus



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