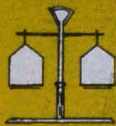


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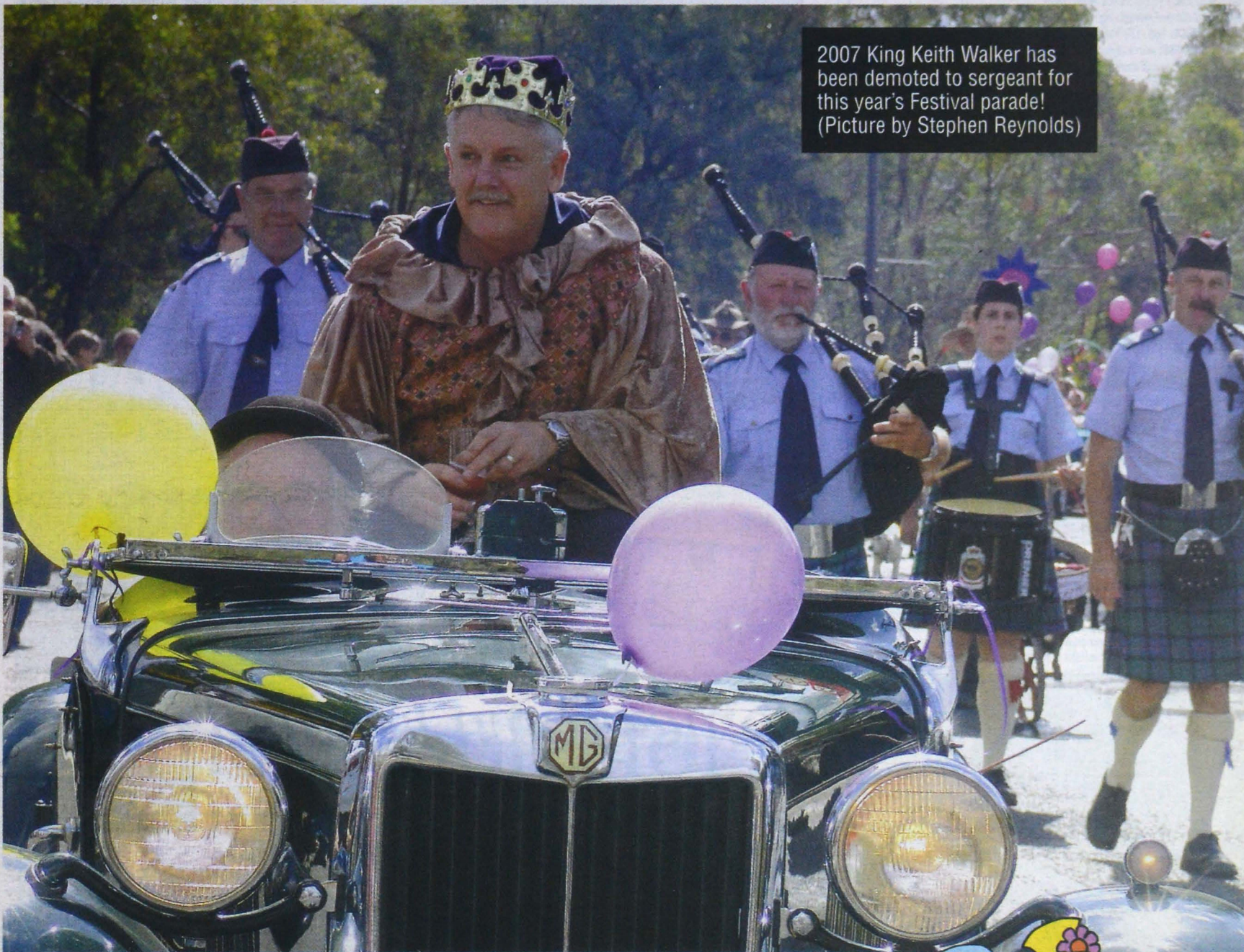
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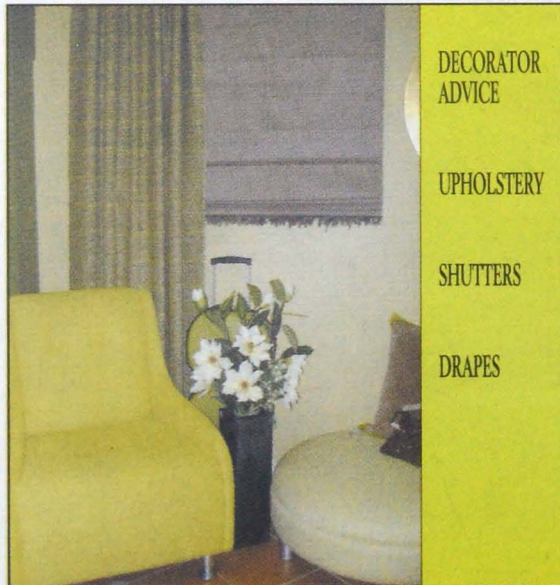
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Home-grown Festival frolics

DAD!" "Hmm?" answered Neville absently, filling his home-brew hydrometer with surgical precision. This was going to be his pilsener-de-resistance, maybe even better than the other categories already bottled up in the bar fridge. There was a time when Kevin O'Mara had a stranglehold on the Festival home-brewing contest, but no more. A new breed of brewers had lowered his colours last year and maybe this year was Neville's turn. He opened a Trot Bitter, just to make sure it was as good as he remembered.

"You said you were going to help me with my billy cart!" bleated Jasper. They'd drawn up the plans together but the project had been going downhill since then.

"And I will son, I will. Just as soon as I've tested my specific gravity. You make a start and I'll be along presently."

Sweet, thought Jasper. An open invitation to play with power tools.

"Dad!"

"Hmm?" answered Neville as Cinnamon now invaded his personal space—a small corner of the laundry devoted to hops instead of mops. Neville had been reviewing the range and frankly his confidence was getting brewer's droop. The stout was thin, the ale was ailing and the bitter was, well, bitter.

"Can you run me down to the Mechanics? I'm running late for rehearsals."

After her triumph in Billy! Cinnamon was ready for the big time. The Festival Follies! A chance to expand her artistic range. Show her vocal skills, her

comic timing, her cute bum to that hunky Rowan!

"Ask your mon Cinnamon—I mean mum Cinnamon."

Cinnamon found Narelle at her easel on the front deck, suitably smocked and bereted, camel-hair caressing canvas with a blush of pink, a bloom of rose and a slash of scarlet.

"Sorry, sweetheart! I'll lose the light!" *Sunset over State Park*, her brush with fame for the Rotary Art Show, was going down nicely on the canvas.

"You've left out the stack of rotten weatherboards in the

foreground!"

"Artistic licence dear. Walter Magilton says paint what you see, not what's actually there."

"Surely you don't expect me to walk all the way to the Hall from Dingley Dell?" "Whatever," replied Narelle. A big dob of white had just dropped off her brush onto a gum tree. Cockatoo, decided Narelle.

"Fine, I'll get Rowan to give me a lift home on his motorbike!" Cinnamon waited for the shriek, but Narelle still had her head in the clouds. Maybe a skerrick

living with The Trotts

of cerise.

Sweet, thought Cinnamon, and hurried down the driveway, passing their next-door neighbour's ute coming up. Barney yanked on the hand-brake and jumped out to drop the tailgate while Gran eased her creaking frame from the cab and slammed the door.

"Gran! We've been worrying about you!" called Narelle from the deck, suddenly realising she hadn't given a thought to her mother-in-law, or the dinner.

"Been flat out down at the Community Garden. Pumpkins don't grow on trees you know!"

"Oh dear, I hope you won't be too disappointed if you don't win at the Festival."

"Don't win? With all those animal steroids Derek Fairley slipped me? Have a look at this little corker!"

Barney was struggling up the steps with an Atlantic Giant pumpkin big enough for a fairy coach. Or the 304 to the City for that matter.

"Oh, and you've left out the FJ carcass!" added Gran, steering Barney inside to the kitchen table just as Neville emerged from the laundry-cum-brewery.

"Whash that Mother?" he asked, straining to bring the big orange blob into focus.

"That, son, is what's going to win the Festival's biggest pumpkin competition, you just mark my words!"

"Really?" said Neville. "Wish one?"

ALAN CORNELL

New start at centre

By FELICITY HEATH

The Warrandyte Community Centre has entered a new era and discussions are underway to begin a strategic planning process which will focus on a new look Community Centre which is more inclusive, vigorous and dynamic.

The strategic shift is the result of the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group (WCCSG) holding an extra-ordinary general meeting late last month which saw an influx of members and the election of a new management committee.

"The aim of the meeting," said chairman David Dyason, "was to regularise the organisation with respect to the department of consumer affairs and effect changes in membership protocol in order to reinvigorate the organisation. It also served to induct 75 new members of the Supporters Group."

"We need to ensure we have the representative body to maintain our tenancy for the future and send a solid message to Manningham council that we are willing, capable, and legally prepared to take responsibility," Mr Dyason said.

The Warrandyte Community Centre is managed and maintained by the WCCSG, and leased from Manningham council. The group is a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation which was formed seven years ago to ensure the centre operated in accordance with the needs of the Warrandyte community.

"Interest and energy has waned over this time," Mr Dyason said, "partially due to the reduced need for community involvement with the appointment of a professional manager. The extra-ordinary general meeting enabled us to consolidate our belief in the founding idea for the Community Centre."

By all accounts the meeting was a great success and dis-

played the evident interest and enthusiasm many residents have to reinvigorate the Community Centre; its infrastructure, the services it offers, and what it represents to the community.

Members at the meeting elected 11 passionate people to the WCCSG committee of management. They are: David Dyason, Peter Burns, Ross Henry, Felicity Heath, Dick Davies, Alexandra Dyason, Jane Annois, Jozica Kutin, Liz Prewett, Leisa Martin, and Karen Throssell.

"It's an exciting mix of people," Mr Dyason said. "We have been fortunate in attracting a diverse pool of talent to this committee. Their skills encompass architecture, community development, business development, marketing and communications, the arts, youth affairs, with good representation from the centre's tenants."

The WCCSG committee held their first official meeting earlier this month, at which office bearers were elected, namely: David Dyason (president), Dick Davies (public officer), Liz Prewett (vice president), Jozica Kutin (deputy vice president), Ross Henry (treasurer), and Peter Burns (secretary). The team will meet monthly.

First on the agenda for the new committee was an extensive tour of the Community Centre and its spaces inside and out. The centre presently has various rooms for hire and houses permanent tenants including the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, Occasional Childcare, the *Warrandyte Diary*, the Lions Opportunity Shop, Information Warrandyte, Bendigo Bank, and Manningham Community Health Services.

Early discussions indicate the committee is very interested in the big picture and has some innovative ideas. A particular priority will be establishing a com-



Warrandyte Community Centre: entering a new era. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

munity model of consultation with WCCSG members, present tenants, Manningham council, local community groups, leaders, and residents, to ensure adequate feedback is received. It is hoped a strategic plan for the centre will be in place within

12 to 18 months.

"It is an exciting period," Mr Dyason said. "The Warrandyte Community Centre represents the social, geographical, and cultural hub of Warrandyte. The building is an amazing asset which has become run

down and out-of-date, and isn't servicing the community in a modern context."

"The new committee, together with WCCSG members, and in consultation with the Warrandyte community, are now working hard to make it a sig-

nificant Community Centre for all residents to enjoy."

● To become a member of the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group visit the Warrandyte Community Centre website: www.wccinc.org.au/contact.htm.

By the people, for the people



September 2000

By CLIFF GREEN

The Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group was born out of a desperate struggle in 2000 and 2001 to keep the community centre in public hands.

The centre was opened in 1991, built by Doncaster and Templestowe council, with some input from the Shire of Eltham. It was run by a locally elected management committee.

The centre wasn't handed to Warrandyte without a struggle.

For decades the community had battled, first to save the land from private developers, then to guarantee the centre would not be compromised with a large commercial component and finally to ensure that it served the particular needs of this community and was designed to complement the existing streetscape.

Community management continued successfully for some 10 years.

Then council, now Manningham, bitten by the then prevalent "user-pays" bug, decided a substantial part of the building should be leased to commercial interests, especially those spaces on the Yarra Street frontage.

Thus a number of the community tenants—including the *Diary* and Information Warrandyte—faced eviction. Any remaining tenants would need to pay rent at commercial rates.

The community rallied, the *Diary* overflowed with protest letters and at a crowded and angry public meeting, the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group was born.

Council then called for tenders from "not-for-profit organisations to manage the Warrandyte Community Centre".

Arguing their case succinctly and persuasively, the Supporters Group won the tender and was awarded management of the centre.

With the approaching end of the

group's original lease agreement in July, 2007, council commissioned consultants to "review" the situation. Following extensive interviews and research, the consultants reported to council, highlighting "the importance of the centre being managed by the community".

They stated: "While alternative management models may be considered, there is unlikely to be a significantly better financial return and the political fallout from the community would be considerable."

Thus the Supporters Group's lease was renewed.

The recent election of a new, enlarged Supporters Group management committee guarantees continuity of community ownership, as well as the injection of exciting ideas and renewed vigour into the management of this most significant of Warrandyte's community facilities.



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If you would like to attend please call Claire Hodgson on 9433 3205.

For more information and to read the scenarios, please log on to www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au > click on News on the right hand side of the opening screen and go to Green Wedge Management Plan. If you are unable to attend the information session all material is on the website and we are accepting written submissions until **Monday 31 March 2008**. Please direct submissions to:

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Mangled beyond repair

Bike thieves and vandals at large

A big thumbs down to the person/s who stole our daughter's bike from our yard one night last month. On walking past the Skate Park a day or so following its disappearance, we noticed it dumped and on closer inspection, saw it was mangled beyond repair. The back wheel had come loose of the axle, the pedals were split, the brake bent, the seat torn and the frame dented. This incident confirms my thoughts about the Skate Park as a place of congregation for teenagers who are not interested in its use for skating but as a place to hang out and trash the surrounding area. I am

sure that most of the users of the park are not as disrespectful of the area as the person/s who stole our daughter's bike and left it there amongst the rubbish.

On this occasion we found broken glass, empty drink bottles and cans, cigarette packets, food wrappings and a used tampon. There were two bins placed on top of a car parked on the site. This sadly appears to be the norm. On a number of occasions we have taken down brooms and tidied the area, as have a number of our friends. It is a shame that some of the youth of our beautiful Warrandyte do not have the same

dear diary

Letters to the *Diary* on local topics are welcome. All letters—including emails—must include the writer's full name, address and phone number, even if not intended for publication.

respect for the environment as the majority.

This letter is not so much about the disappointment of losing the bike but about the lack of respect shown to our community. I would like to pose this question to other readers of the *Diary*. What can be done about it? How do we go about making change? I would like to see some action taken to tidy up the whole area, which incorporates the Skate Park, football car park, bus shelters and Goldfields Plaza.

Dee Dickson
Melbourne Hill Road

Pottery Expo a big success

A big thank you to the Warrandyte community for again supporting the Pottery Expo. This was the eighth expo and it is gaining wide popularity both locally and across Melbourne. The Indian potters drew large crowds, mesmerising onlookers with their skill and apparent ease with traditional stone wheels. The Warrandyte locals did not hesitate to join in the Bollywood dancing and kids could get their hands dirty making clay components of our clay sculpture.

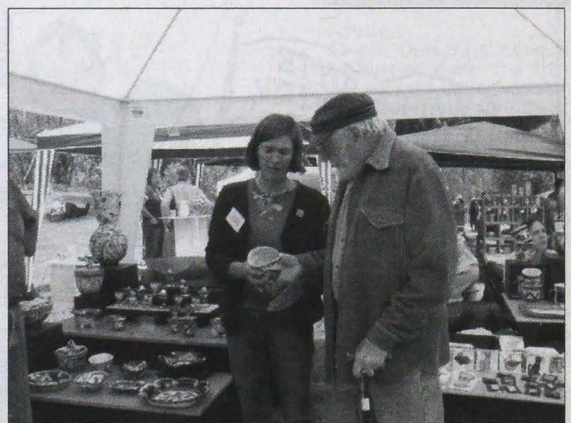
It could not have happened if you had not helped. I am grateful to Gardiner McInnes for their large board near the entrance to Warrandyte, promoting the event; to Carter Real Estate for the generous use of their electricity; the Lions Club for their contribution to the music; Geoff Taylor for his tireless behind-the-scenes efforts with helping to organise the Indian food and equipment; to The Bakery for

providing muffins to the potters on their early start in the drizzle on Saturday; Graham Mercer for his work on the website; Nillumbik council for their contribution to bringing the Indian potters to Warrandyte; and to all of our visitors for buying pots from the 35 potters presenting their work over the weekend, and to Hughie for holding off the rain.

Many potters came from long distances: Lakes Entrance, Beechworth, NSW, Barwon Heads and further. They keep coming back because they enjoy the atmosphere, the setting by the river, getting together with other potters, the visitors and it has to be viable. I am looking forward to another

wonderful Pottery Expo next year on the last weekend in February. I hope you will all be there again. Thanks.

Jane Annois
by email



Admired by an expert: veteran potter Gus McLaren at the Pottery Expo. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Old-timer harks back

Thank you for your *Warrandyte Diary*. I am a Warrandyte-ite from the mid-1930s to 1950! Yes, well and truly from the good old days!

I hate to tell you but the population/traffic lights/degradation of the river, etc, etc, fills me with sadness. I am so lucky to have known Warrandyte when I did (a lot during WW2, Dad was in the RAAF) and when I see what has happened there has happened all over Australia.

I am on the last edit of a biog of my brother and me called "Endangered Species: Artist".

Warrandyte had a huge influence on us becoming painters. Our grandfather George Upward had the most wonderful weekend with 17 acres where now the North Warrandyte Community Centre stands on the Research Road, up around the bend from Sloans Hill. Where the car park is now was a horse paddock where I jumped my pony over home made hurdles.

Yes, we went to the Warrandyte State School (primary only). I remember the day Peace in the Pacific was declared and we were allowed to all go home. We walked to school through frosty mornings, noonday sun and rain. No kids were driven to school! Most people didn't have cars. So much better.

Our old home—two-storey—I know is still standing. Like me! I'm always keen to hear news of the river's health. It brought us so much joy—and saved our lives.

Penelope Upward
by email

Georgi on a trip

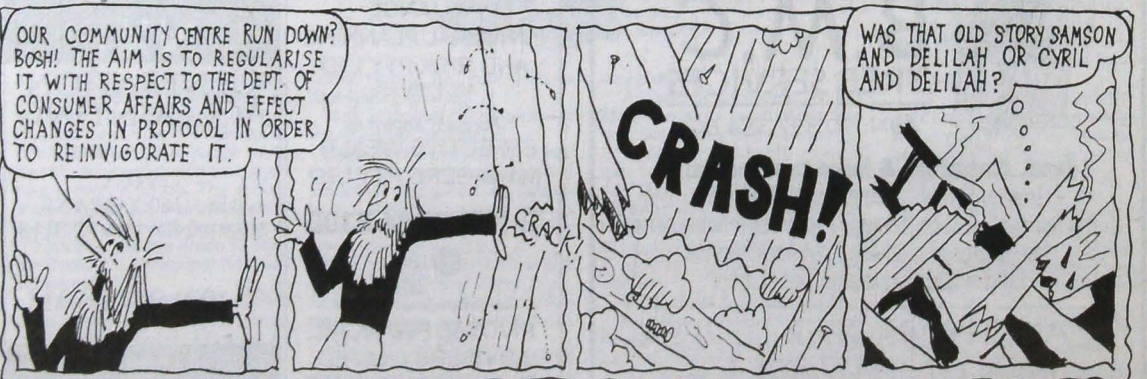
Thank you so much for sending through a copy of the latest *Diary*, which arrived today. What a trip down memory lane. Your tributes to Clinton came together beautifully. I'm so pleased that his family felt able to share a few words as well.

I hope all at home are holding up okay.

Georgi Stickels
Oxford, UK

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



Food: how fresh, how far?

We should grow locally, but not shop globally

By JOANNE GREEN

WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now), the local group concerned with lowering greenhouse emissions, has embraced the campaign to reduce the distance food has to travel between production and consumption.

They are urging residents to grow their own fruit and vegetables, to buy locally grown produce and to note the distance any product has had to travel to reach the supermarket shelf.

At a forum organised by WarrandyteCAN last month, Sophie Gaballa from the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Studies (CERES), spoke about a report she co-authored for CERES on food miles in Australia.

The report took the 29 most commonly purchased items travelled, from grower to manufacturer, then to Melbourne. The items included white bread, flour, rice, various fruits and vegetables, beef and chicken. These foods travelled a total of 21,073km, and it is predicted by CERES that 16,989 tonnes of carbon dioxide were emitted, "the equivalent of 4,247 cars driving for a year".

The report showed that the fruit and vegetables that make it into our supermarket travel on average 873km by road. Lettuce, which is grown in Cranbourne, Mornington and Werribee, travels about 54km to the supermarkets, the shortest distance of the food basket items researched.

Bananas travel the furthest to Melbourne, being transported from North Queensland and Coffs Harbour—an average distance of 2,746 km. The total greenhouse gas emissions caused by fruit and vegetable transportation is the equivalent

of 1769 cars driving for a year. Meat and dairy products are transported the furthest to reach our tables, travelling a total of 26,726 km.

Pork for sausages is imported to Australia from Denmark because Australia's pork industry is too small to meet the demand. The sausages are manufactured in Brisbane and by the time they reach Melbourne, they have travelled an average distance of 25,165km.

Beef and chicken are transported an average of 194km to Melbourne. The nearest source of beef is Whittlesea, which is 35.5km from Warrandyte. The nearest source for chicken is the Mornington Peninsula, travelling to Somerville or Thomastown for processing. The average distance travelled by chicken products is 93.2km.

Milk also makes a long journey to Melbourne tables. The dairy cows are milked in Central Victoria or Southern New South Wales and the milk is processed in Rowville or Bendigo. The average distance travelled to Melbourne is 347.78km. Considering only road transport, CERES has estimated that more than 1000 tonnes of carbon dioxide is released in a year, transporting meat and dairy products.

Although it is difficult to limit the distance—or food miles—most food has to travel, local residents can reduce the distance some food—especially fruit and vegetables—is transported.

Buying Australian food in preference to imported can also help. For example, domestically grown rice accumulates an average 381km to Melbourne from Deniliquin or Leeton in New South Wales. Imported rice sourced from Pakistan, Thailand or Italy travels an average 13,621km to reach Melbourne.

Buying locally grown food reduces food miles even further.

WarrandyteCAN president Wayne Rankin suggests that, "buying produce grown in the local area can bring food miles way down. There are quite a few places where you can buy local produce around Warrandyte. Aumann's and Petty's orchards and the Strawberry Farm, for example, grow and sell fruit locally, and good local produce can always be bought at the Warrandyte Community Market."

He also recommends establishing a vegetable garden and growing your own. "There is nothing fresher than produce grown in your own backyard, and the result is zero food miles."

"Warrandyte's soil and climate is good for growing such vegetables as tomatoes and squash, because they develop deep roots, which allow the plant to draw moisture from the soil. Beans can also be successfully grown, as well as other vegetables," Mr Rankin said.



Josephine Oremek and Jan Tindale check the progress of the giant pumpkin at the Community Garden. (Pictures by Judy Green)

CLYDE & OCKER

"Don't eat that, Ock!
You don't know where it's been!"

Community growers set a good example

The shortest "food miles" (the distance food travels from source to table) is undoubtedly the produce—fruit, vegetables, eggs—you grow in your own backyard: from garden to kitchen.

Next best is locally grown; from the orchard shop, for example.

But your backyard may not be suitable for vegetables due to poor soil, too many trees, not enough space.

A group of local people solved this problem some years ago with the establishment of the Warrandyte Community Garden.

Once upon a time Warrandyte was served by mounted police. They kept their troop horses in a paddock situated between the police station and the river in what was then Forbes Street.

The mounted police have long gone and for decades the "police paddock" lay unused, growing only weeds.

Then Sergeant Keith Walker, officer-in-charge at Warrandyte, had an idea. Community gar-

dens, where local people could grow vegetables and other produce were catching on around Melbourne suburbs.

Keith was president of the local Police and Citizens Consultative Committee. He put the idea to them, permission was obtained from the Justice Department and in April 1999 the Warrandyte Community Garden was officially opened by local MP Phil Honeywood and police commander Trevor Thompson.

Money for set-up costs came from a number of sources, including a \$10,000 grant from the state government, substantial support from Manningham council and lots of donations of money, materials and time from a wide range of local businesses, residents, service clubs and others.

The Justice Department's "Start" program for young offenders played a valuable role in providing labour. Jeff Adair, then CFA community facilitator, made a major contribution to the garden's early develop-

ment. The garden was designed by local garden designer Bev Hanson.

The area contains 24 plots and is securely fenced. Improvements over the years include a toolshed, a glasshouse and gazebo, and a cubbyhouse and sandpit for kids.

Plots are available to community members on payment of a modest joining fee and a small annual payment to help with ongoing costs.

Drought and restricted watering problems, which were seriously affecting the operation of the garden, were relieved with the installation of a 10,000 litre tank last year, again with the assistance of council and local plumbers and suppliers. This tank is fed from the roof of the new police station next door.

● It is anticipated there may be some plots available in time for the winter growing season. If you are interested in putting your name on the list—and helping reduce your "food miles"—you can ring Julie Cottier on 9873 3969.



Karen Throssell: off to Gallipoli. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

Karen will remember a grandfather's sacrifice

Karen Throssell, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House manager and *Diary* writer, has been invited to visit Turkey by the wife of the prime minister of that country, Mrs Emine Erdogan.

Along with three other women, all descendants of Australian Gallipoli veterans, Karen will take part in a short commemorative and cultural visit to Turkey. They will be accompanied by women from Britain, New Zealand, Canada, France and India.

The main event will be the commemoration of Martyrs' Day, the Turkish equivalent

of Anzac Day, marking their naval victory in the Dardanelles on March 18, 1915. Karen has been informed that "the theme of the visit is peace and international understanding".

It is believed the international party will meet with Turkish women who are descendants of Gallipoli veterans and will visit the Gallipoli area.

Karen's grandfather, Lieutenant (later Captain) Hugo Throssell, was awarded the Victoria Cross for outstanding bravery during fighting on Hill 60, Gallipoli, in 1915.

Nillumbik confirms its pledge

The Aboriginal flag was raised outside the Nillumbik Civic Centre on Wednesday, February 13, the same day the Prime Minister apologised to the stolen generations on behalf of the Australian parliament.

Led by shire mayor, Cr Warwick Leeson, the ceremony was attended by councillors and council officers, members of Nillumbik reconciliation group, elders and other members of the local indigenous community and local school children.

"There is no doubt that February 13, 2008 rates as one of those great days for mankind," Cr Leeson said. "Just two weeks ago this council unanimously adopted the Nillumbik reconciliation charter as our definitive contribution towards true reconciliation."



Anne Gedye pulls weeds at a Community Garden work bee.

What the hell do we do now?



Getting the weight off the wheels: we believe this Britz campervan had travelled all over Australia until it attempted to negotiate a culvert at the entrance to Blacks Flat Reserve in Tills Drive. The driver escaped by climbing out through the upper bunk window. No one was hurt. (Pictures by Ted Rotherham)



These volunteers are among the team from the Friends of North Warrandyte who are raffling their services as landscape gardeners at the Warrandyte Festival.

They're land-caring north of the river

A recently established friends group in North Warrandyte has evolved a novel method of raising funds.

In conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival, the Friends of North Warrandyte are "raffling" the weeding and planting services of their members to the lucky winner.

Leon Grinzpan, group president, told the *Diary*: "Weeding and planting is what we do, so we have decided to combine these as part of our fund-raising efforts. For only \$2 it's really great value. Who wouldn't want their garden weeded by someone else?"

The Friends of North Warrandyte started about two years ago "to deal with years of neglected weeds in Stony Creek," Mr Grinzpan said.

The group now has over 60 mem-

bers, a plant nursery, a trailer and a tool library "and a very strong social network".

"We meet every two weeks and we enjoy getting our hands dirty, nearly as much as we enjoy the company and social activities of the group. Last year we grew more than 6000 plants, with half planted along the creek and the rest given to our members.

"All seeds for these plants were collected from the Stony Creek catchment or within the local area," Mr Grinzpan said.

● Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Friends stall at the Festival, as well as a variety of Warrandyte plants. Further information from <http://www.FONW.org.au> or by phoning 9844 5995.



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A home among the gum trees

Plans for the building of retirement cottages on land in Harris Gully Road are progressing apace.

The Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Co-operative, which purchased the site last August, has appointed local resident Adie Courtney as architect for the project.

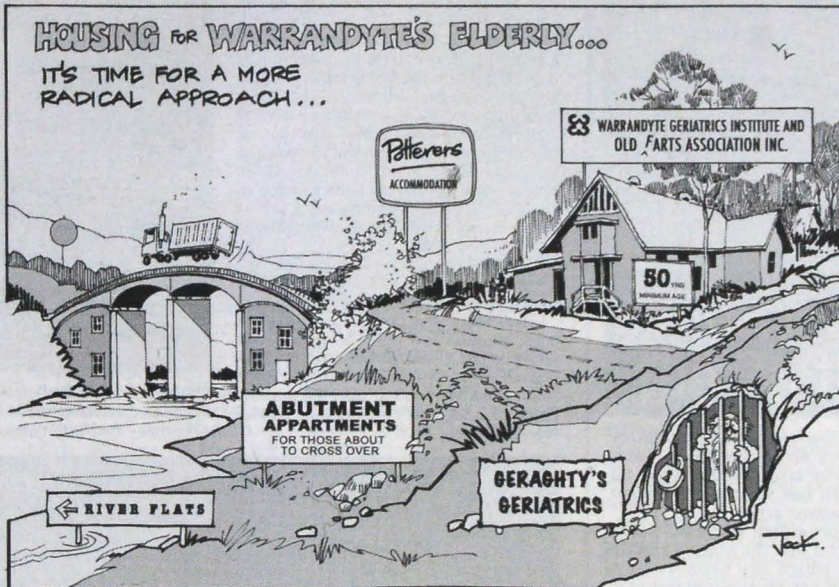
Ms Courtney has been chosen, "because of her understanding of the design brief and her strongly demonstrated understanding of a Warrandyte vernacular style, combined with her empathy with local community effort and her experience in working in the area," co-op board member Val Polley told the *Diary*.

"To complement Adie's building design, well-known local garden designer Bev Hanson is preparing a locally responsive landscape design for the site."

"It's very exciting," Ms Polley said. "Adie's feel for a Warrandyte style, together with Bev's uniquely local garden design is a winning combination."

Together with board members, Ms Courtney has been working on the plans and has held meetings and discussions on process and design issues with Manningham council officers, relevant authorities and neighbours.

"Some changes have already been made to meet their concerns," Ms Polley said. "Adie and the board are finalising designs and plans in order to lodge a formal planning application



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within the next few weeks. This will give all those interested the opportunity to view all the plans and participate in the planning process."

In addition, the board is working to produce the best ongoing management model for its retirement village, while retaining the land in one lot and in community ownership.

"We are taking advice from industry leaders and have had many discussions with relevant authorities," Ms Polley said. "It now appears that a loan/lease agreement—one of the most popular methods for entering retirement villages currently available—will provide the most likely method and the board is putting together its plan for future management."

An additional benefit of the loan/lease arrangement is that a permit-to-build can be sought without the need to subdivide, which means not putting pressure on the special planning provisions, put in place to protect Warrandyte's character.

In recent weeks, many residents have noticed the sign calling for expressions of interest for the old Edwards builder's yard site at 1-5 Yarra Street, near the roundabout. This land was thoroughly investigated as a possible site for retirement cottages.

"However, it was not deemed viable because the land is subject to an inundation overlay, access problems and high land value," Ms Polley said. "These

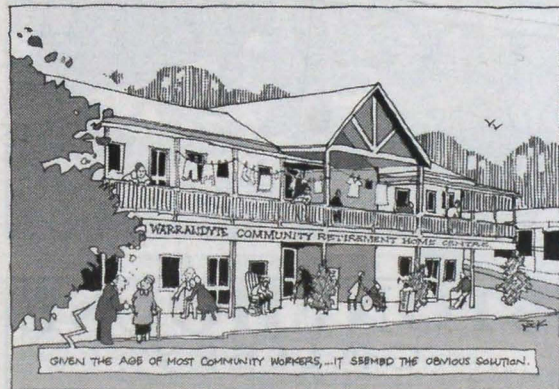
constraints, together with Vic-Roads' refusal to give up all or part of the adjacent triangle of land led the board to abandon its interest in this site."

Co-op board member David Ellis has no doubts about the strength of the Harris Gully Road site.

"The board feels extremely fortunate to have been able to secure this site for the community. Being flat and close to all facilities and transport and large enough for retirement housing, it really is an ideal way to allow at least some of Warrandyte's older citizens to remain here," he said.

Doug Seymour, another board member, put it bluntly: "This is Warrandyte's best chance in a long time to realise the vision of local retirement units. If it cannot be achieved on this site, with all the skills, research and effort brought to the task, it is hard to see it ever being achieved."

"The board is optimistic the process will continue and that further community support for the project will be forthcoming," Ms Polley said.



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Retirement housing's never-ending story

1978 Plans to build a retirement village to accommodate 800 residents on the corner of Alexander and Warrandyte Roads are scrapped, as a proposed freeway will run through the middle of the property.

1979 The housing plans for Alexander Road are dusted off when the freeway idea is dumped. A month later the plans are back on the shelf, as a major new thoroughfare is announced for the site—this time an arterial road instead of a freeway.

1983 The building of 16 home units on the corner of Stiggant and Yarra Streets is approved.

1984 Council grants a permit for the Stiggant Street site, but for 10 units. The then Doncaster and Templestowe council also approves guidelines to determine the eligibility of intending residents.

1986 Louise Joy and Jean Chapman draw attention to the plight of local elderly people who are forced to leave the district to find a small housing unit when they sell their Warrandyte home.

1987 The 10 units, administered

by the Ministry of Housing, open on Stiggant Street. Council notes that these units have an "indefinite" waiting list. The local inter-church council sets up a committee to study Warrandyte's retirement housing needs—suggesting that 30 single storey units are needed.

1992 A *Diary* editorial muses on why the latest plan for a retirement village in Warrandyte appeared to have faded away. It also ponders the irony that by joining the community in resisting dual occupancy development local senior citizens may have no choice but to move out of Warrandyte in later life.

1993 Local organisations continue to look for suitable land for housing for the elderly. The Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project committee launches a survey of seniors' housing needs.

1994 Results from the survey find 15 Warrandyte people prepared to buy and occupy local retirement housing immediately. Searching continues for appropriate sites for both unit and hostel accommodation. Hopes increase when the then Doncaster and Templestowe

council offers \$350,000 towards purchase of appropriate land.

1995 In councils across the state, government appointed commissioners replace elected councillors. Manningham's commissioners spend more than \$20,000 on a management consultant's report into retirement housing for the entire local government district. The *Diary* runs a feature "Give me a home among the gumtrees" in which local seniors state their desire to stay in Warrandyte. Cartoon character Clyde tells Ocker that he will be "retiring six foot under before they get this show underway".

1996 Council commissioners make the original offer of \$350,000 conditional—that the funds "are not put at risk" and that the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Project committee "provides an acceptable proposition". The commissioners approve the building of a hostel for the elderly on Manningham Road.

1998 The council's offer of \$350,000 is withdrawn. Six units, intended for retired person oc-

cupancy, are built on the corner of Everard Drive and Yarra Street. Clyde observed to Ocker that, "Old Warrandytians never die, they simply move away!"

2003 Cr Patricia Young notes that, "Manningham has quite a number of retirement villages, hostels and nursing homes now—in Donvale, Templestowe and Bulleen—but due to the unavailability of land it has not been possible to find a suitable location (in Warrandyte)."

2004 September: Former councillor Louise Joy raises the possibility of retirement housing on land near St Gerard's Catholic Church. This land was ultimately approved for use as an extension to the Andersons Creek cemetery.

2006 Responding to the wishes of a public forum, the Warrandyte Community Association embraced retirement housing as a major issue. Since then, the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Co-operative has been formed and has purchased a site for a cluster of cottages in Harris Gully Road.

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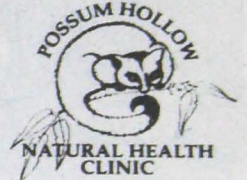
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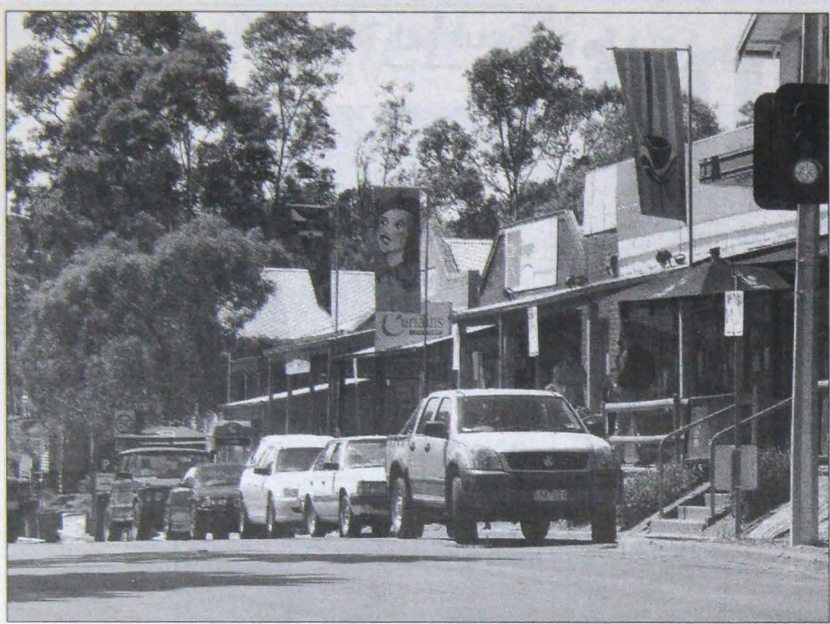
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Banners back – half of 'em

As reported in the last issue of the *Diary*, Festival banners are flying along Yarra Street and nearby streets once more, following their ban last year by SP Ausnet, owners of the power poles.

The ban was prompted when the power company decreed that the poles—and the brackets from which the banners were suspended—did not meet engineering or safety standards.

John Boyle, Festival committee president, and local MP Ryan Smith, lobbied the company and this year their initial decision was reversed. Sort of.

“SP Ausnet have been very sympathetic and co-operative,” Mr Boyle told the *Diary*. “And although some of the brackets have been replaced, a number are still unacceptable and some poles are considered unsafe for the operators to access. About half the banners have been hung.”

In 2006, approximately 60 banners were hung. This year 20 are hanging from poles and 10 from buildings, notably the Grand Hotel and the Warrandyte Community Centre.

“SP Ausnet have donated \$1000 to Festival funds, for which we are very grateful,” Mr Boyle said.

It is not known if more banners will be hung next year.

Survivors: Some Festival banners are back on Warrandyte streets. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

Critters for Festival fun

Remember the beautiful Asian-style flags that decorated the Festival site at Stiggants Reserve last year?

Festival committee member Mal Parsons said the project was as successful socially as it was artistically.

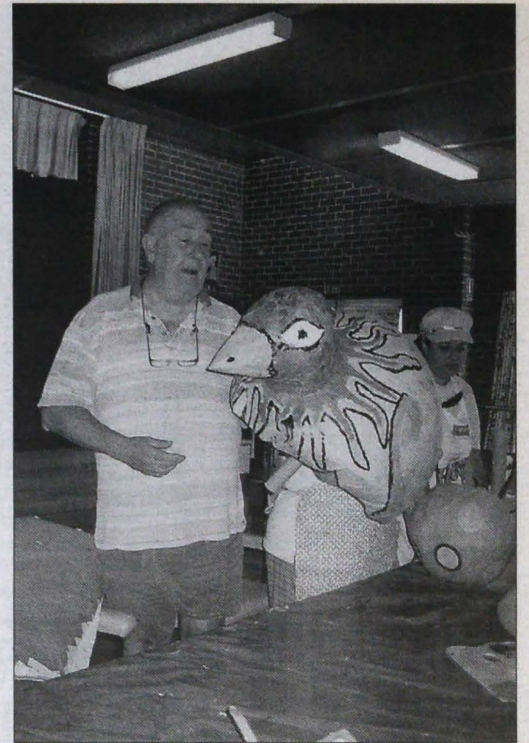
“They came along to chat and sew and cut bamboo. We enjoyed the craft so much that post-festival we continued to meet regularly for a day of fun activity.”

“Earlier this year I was contacted by Emma Stuart, the Artlinks coordinator with Manningham Community Health Service, suggesting we might try a group project for this year’s Festival.”

Each Wednesday, the combined group from the Warrandyte Senior Cits and Mal’s artistic friends have met at the Senior Citizens Centre in Tarroona Avenue, working on a series of “constructions” that feature garden pretties and pests.

“The theme ‘Home Grown Fun’ instantly brought to mind the bugs that pester my veggie-growing efforts.”

Giant bugs and flowers encouraged wild imagination and the group has enjoyed the construction and decoration of these colourful critters. “Let’s hope they don’t burst into life and escape from Stiggants during the Festival weekend,” Mal said.



Warrandyte Elderly Citizens are busy creating creepy, crawly critters to decorate Stiggants Reserve. (Pictures by Judy Green)



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Did you smell smoke one day late last month? No, the town wasn't on fire. It was just the department of sustainability and environment carrying out a planned burn in the Warrandyte area.

The burn was ignited at the Warrandyte State Park entrance at the end of Tunnel Street and it progressed down Fourth Hill towards Geraghty's Mine.

"It was a good burn," a spokesperson told the *Diary*. "The weather was perfect and it burnt a good strip down through a normally dangerous, fire-prone area."

This was one of 53 autumn burns planned for areas on Melbourne's fringes.

DSE Port Phillip fire manager Bernard Barbetti said weather conditions in some areas appeared to be suitable, and autumn burning was starting earlier than usual.

"Suitability for burning is determined by localised fuel and weather conditions and must be balanced against the potential fire risk to nearby communities," Mr Barbetti told the *Diary*.

"While this summer has been mild in terms of bushfires, with planned burning we need to be thinking of many summers to come."

He said DSE and Parks Victoria fire management officers planned burns months and sometimes years in advance, but the final decision to ignite a burn could only be made a few hours before.

"We give people as much



On guard: DSE firefighters control a planned burn.

warning as we can. This includes doorknocking adjoining properties, letterbox drops, electronic and static road signs, alerting local media and providing updates on the DSE website."

Mr Barbetti said completion of DSE's statewide 2007-08 program of 130,000 hectares would be dependent on favourable conditions in late March and early April, when about 80% of DSE's burns are conducted.

"Planned burning doesn't prevent fires, but it greatly increases the chance of con-

taining a fire in its early stages," Mr Barbetti said. "This offers protection for communities, water catchments, timber reserves, the environment and heritage assets."

He said the DSE would take all opportunities to burn this season, in close consultation with local communities, the weather bureau and the CFA.

"Planned burns are not without risk. However, the risk of burning is far outweighed by the increased risk of bushfire if burning is not done." "However the public need to

be aware that CFA fire restrictions are still in force, and we will still have days of high fire danger throughout the autumn burns season."

According to DSE's schedule, a further burn is listed for Warrandyte, in the Gold Memorial area.

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Have your say on local bus services

Warrandyte residents are being urged to contribute to a review of bus services in the area.

Meanwhile, a local MP has responded to a survey into Warrandyte bus services conducted by the Warrandyte Community Association.

The survey set out to find out what local people thought of current bus services within and around Warrandyte.

Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, has called on public transport minister Lynne Kosky to deliver improved bus services to Warrandyte, North Warrandyte and Research.

Results of the WCA survey showed that bus usage in Warrandyte is generally quite low. Almost half of North Warrandyte respondents and 25% of those from Warrandyte stated they never used buses.

A majority of those surveyed were generally satisfied with the frequency of service during peak hours, but were critical of the time it took to reach their destination.

The provision of bus services outside peak times and at night was considered sub-standard in North Warrandyte and



Danielle Green

only average in Warrandyte.

Ms Green targeted the lack of Sunday services, most especially north of the river, stating that the lack of Sunday services was a problem for teenagers and families in North Warrandyte, and said that action was needed.

Speaking in parliament, she said, "I welcome the government's reinstatement of Saturday and evening services on this route, but it is now time to do more for public transport in the area."

She commended the minister for giving the community the opportunity to have a say about how bus services should be delivered through the Banyule-Nillumbik bus review, which has now concluded.

"Warrandyte residents can now contribute their ideas about how existing routes can be improved through the Manningham-Monash-Whitehorse bus review which is

currently underway," Ms Green said.

"This review is part of the government's transport blueprint, 'Meeting our transport challenges', in which \$650 million was committed to improving local bus services."

Ms Green urged Warrandyte residents to participate in the review to ensure "we get our fair share of the \$650 million on offer and to share their ideas about better connections to trains and other bus routes".

Bus routes to be covered by the Manningham review, of special interest to Warrandyte residents, include:

- 201—City-Shoppingtown-Warrandyte
- 304—City-Warrandyte/Ringwood via The Pines
- 319—City-The Pines
- 578—Eltham-Warrandyte
- 579—Warrandyte-Eltham via Research-Warrandyte Road.

Manningham bus review community workshops will be held on Thursday, April 17 in Doncaster and East Doncaster. For further information phone 9221 1952. Submissions can be posted to PO Box 2797, Melbourne 3001.

Forum on public transport

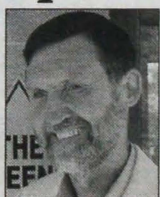
The crisis in local public transport was a key issue at a public meeting called by Warrandyte Greens earlier this month.

The meeting was called to raise community awareness of transport issues in the lead-up to community consultations currently planned by the state government. About 50 people attended.

David Ellis of Warrandyte Greens spoke of the need to think beyond individual and local perspectives on the issue.

"People who don't currently use buses or trains often assume public transport issues don't apply to them," he said. "The fact is that with growing impacts of global warming and steeply rising petrol prices it is a matter that involves us all."

"Getting major improvements



David Ellis

global carbon emissions and prepare for a future when, quite simply, oil prices will put the conventional private car out of the reach of most people."

Mr Ellis urged Warrandyte residents to send in submissions as called for by the department of infrastructure and to participate in the planned community workshops.

He emphasised the need for

major systemic change linking trains and buses:

"Not just tinkering with minor changes to timetabling and destinations," he said.

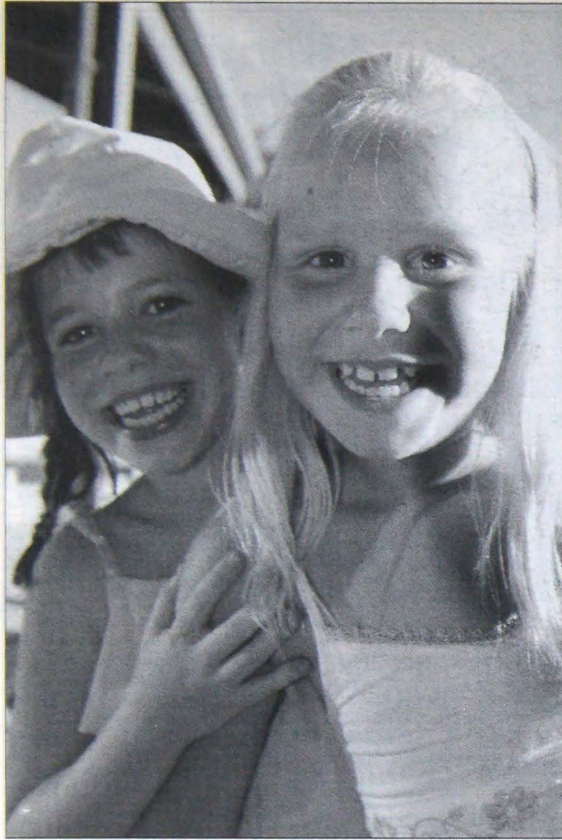
Val Polley, of the Warrandyte Community Association, referred to the submission WCA made regarding bus services north of the river, which she hopes will result in significant improvements. She also spoke about the recent survey conducted by WCA of Warrandyte's residents' need for, and attitudes to, public transport services.

Other speakers at the seminar included Dr John Stone of Melbourne University's centre for governance and management of urban transport, and Phil Hart of the association for the study of peak oil.

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"Remember the time Smokey Joe had to tell the bus driver how to get to Warrandyte, Ock?"



These kids couldn't stop laughing!

It was all smiles at the Warrandyte Primary School family fun night held last month.

The kids performed their stuff and danced with their mums and dads and were entertained by the local band DDT (shake well before taking) made up of school parents and friends.

Apart from "shaking their tail feathers", the kids and the olds "rocked around the clock" and "twisted the night away". The

atmosphere was electric as they played a heap of air guitar and jived to the cool music.

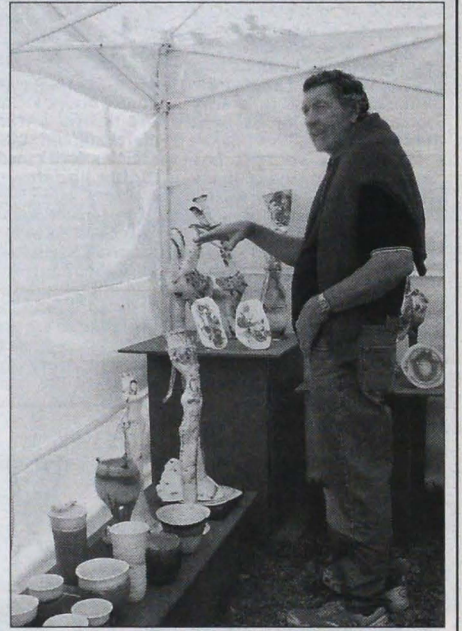
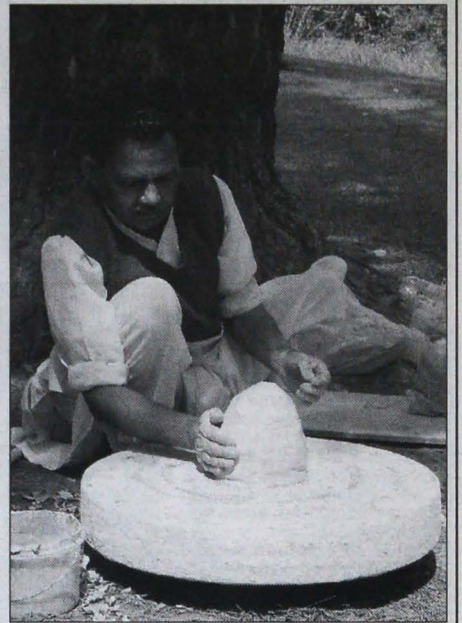
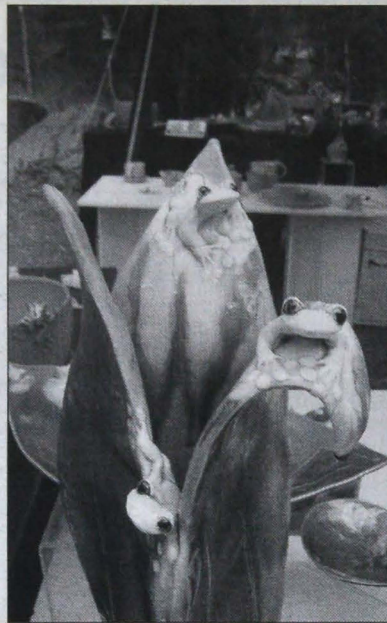
According to a school snout, "Everyone enjoyed the warm night, eating and dancing and getting together to welcome in the new school year."

Jessica and Renata (pictured) couldn't stop laughing as they practised their dance moves. Their favourite dances? "The nutbush and the twist."

Great pots by the river

Warrandyte's annual Pottery Expo brought art fanciers from near and far last month.

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Top marks for rubbish

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They place Nillumbik on top of the list with a garbage and recycling kerbside collection ranked by diversion rate. Greater Geelong follows with 57% with Maroondah on 54%. The state average is 40%.

Nillumbik mayor, Cr Warwick Leeson, said this is fantastic news and Nillumbik residents should be justifiably proud.

"This is a testament to our three-bin system," Cr Leeson said. "Residents have embraced this system since it was introduced in 2003. It shows our residents are committed to reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and that we are leading best practice in recycling around the state."

The figures show Nillumbik households each generate only 240kg of garbage each year, about half the state average of 490kg. Only Surf Coast residents generate less garbage at 159kg per year. "However many holiday houses in that shire are vacant for much of the year," a council spokesperson said.

Green Wedge still safe

A local MP has assured residents that the state government's announcement that it would create a new urban development zone will not shift the existing urban growth boundaries in Nillumbik.

Danielle Green, member for Yan Yean, said: "The initiative continues protection for our much-loved Green Wedges, which include farming land, parks, nature reserves and open space in the municipalities of Nillumbik and Whittlesea."

The government has pledged to release land for housing by creating new zones within the urban growth boundary.

"The new urban growth zone is not just about building more house lots, it's about creating suburban communities where people want to live and be served by good infrastructure, quality services and—importantly—public open space," Ms Green said.

"Importantly this does not shift the urban growth boundaries, it just creates a new zone within the boundaries."

The *Diary* assumes the same level of protection will continue to apply in the Manningham Green Wedge, south of the river. We await further information.

Local schools pick up cash in funding splurge



Thank you, Mr Tee: Brian Tee announces the good news at Park Orchards Primary School.

Local schools are to receive extra funding as part of a state-wide boost to maintenance budgets.

Eighteen schools across the Manningham area will share more than \$420,000 in additional funding.

Park Orchards Primary School is near the top of the list with a grant of \$130,000.

The additional money was announced earlier this month

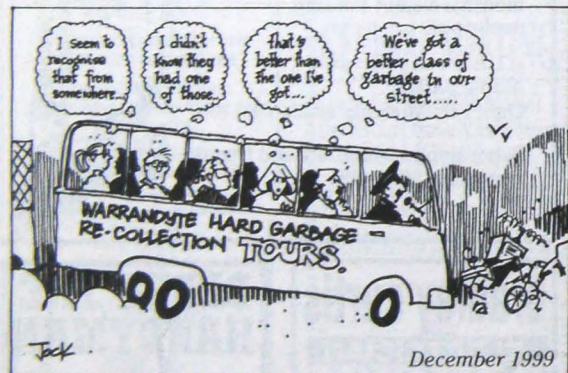
by Brian Tee, Labor MP for Eastern Metropolitan Region. It will allow schools to quickly carry out important repairs and upgrade work, including improvements to toilet blocks, roofing and electrical and heating systems.

"As a parent of two children, I know first-hand that creating a safe and comfortable environment is half the

battle in improving school performances," Mr Tee said.

This funding is in addition to the \$41million allocated state-wide for maintenance this year.

As a result of this announcement, Warrandyte High School will receive \$7059, Andersons Creek Primary School \$3153 and Warrandyte Primary School will score \$2973.



Council directory targets groups

Manningham's online community directory has been recently updated, and residents are invited to check out the wide range of community activities available in the municipality.

The directory, at www.manningham.vic.gov.au, provides a large and thorough list of community-based organisations. Mayor, Cr Geoff Gough, said the community directory is a terrific resource for anyone interested in joining a local group.

"The directory is very handy because it pro-

vides a one-stop shop for community organisations, ranging from aged services and the arts, to sports and recreation. The site is comprehensive and presents detailed information on each club or organisation, including venues, contact details and related websites," Cr Gough said.

"It also links the user to a road map so residents can easily find clubrooms and meeting places. It is especially useful for people who have recently moved into the area."



Warrandyte Village Festival

Our Festival on this weekend

The biggest and brightest event in Warrandyte's calendar—the Village Festival—is on again this weekend, through Friday, March 14, Saturday, March 15 to Sunday, March 16.

■ The fun kicks off with a preview night of the Warrandyte Theatre Company's revue, "An Inconvenient Follies" on Thursday, March 13 at 7.30pm, continuing through March 14, 15, 27, 28, 29 and April 3, 4 and 5. Bookings on 9844 1744.

■ The Rotary Art Show opens with a cocktail party at 7.30pm on the Friday evening, and continues through the weekend. Venue is the Community Church in Yarra Street.

■ Everyone will be out to witness/and or join in the Grand Parade, setting off at 11am on Saturday morning from the front of the Community Centre in Yarra Street. Prizes for best floats and contingents.

■ The weekend continues

on and around Stiggants Reserve on Saturday and Sunday. Events include a tennis serving competition, a giant pumpkin challenge, kids' waterslide, pony rides, market stalls, a home brewing competition and continuous entertainment on the Main Stage and the Riverbank Stage.

■ Youth events feature "Groove on Saturday" at the Stiggant Street car park near the footbridge, and "Moove on Sunday", a skateboard competition at the Skate Park at the corner of Yarra Street and Taroona Avenue.

■ A number of events away from Stiggants include a family bike ride, a billycart derby, a tour of local goldmines and a display at the Warrandyte Historical Society's museum in Yarra Street.

■ The Festival concludes with the Very Grand Read at the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, March 18 at 7.30pm, where professional and hopeful writers will read their stuff.



"PLEASE come to the Inconvenient Follies—if it's not too inconvenient!" (Talent: Leanne Stringer and Naomi Oosling. Picture: David Tynan)

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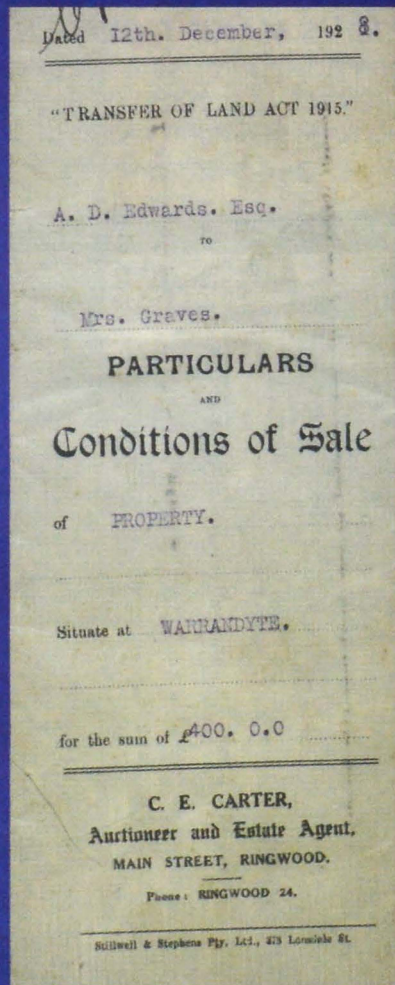
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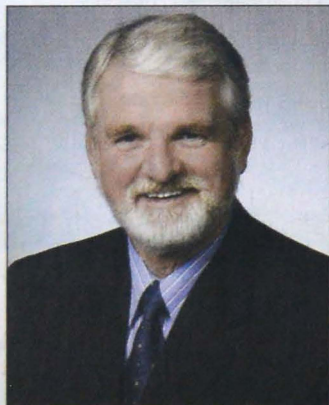
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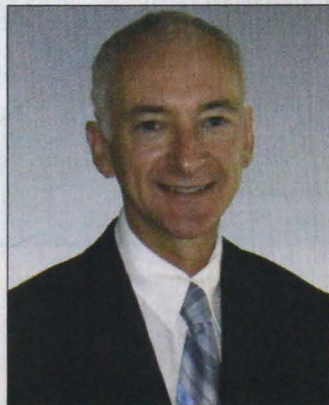
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out of the box

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.

Youth

Local churches provide a number of activities for young people in the area. The Uniting Church (9844 2406) has Sunday school at 10.15am and those in years 5 to 10 meet monthly. The Community Church (9844 4148) has Glo youth for those in years 5 to 9 on Fridays at 7.30pm. "Church at 7" is a youth service held at 7pm weekly. The Catholic Church (9876 1509) has Children's Liturgy on Sundays at 10.30am at Park Orchards.

Tuesday, March 4 between 1pm and 3pm. It is being held at Unit1/1020 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East and is expected to run four to six weeks. For further information call Pam Quinton-Randall on 8841 3012.

Interchurch

The combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards are holding three events in 2008. Stations of the Cross will be held at Stiggants Reserve on Good Friday at 10.30am. The Week of Prayer service will be on Wednesday, May 7 at 7.30pm at the Community Church and the annual carols will be at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday, December 13 at 8pm. Interchurch office bearers this year are David Ackland—president, Peter Keep—vice president, John Hanson—secretary and Heather Ingram—treasurer.

Correction

The *Diary* apologises for an incorrect email address in the last issue. Contact address for the patchwork and quilting classes conducted by Ronnie Travassaros should have read ronnet@connexus.net.au

Sale

The final garage sale held by the Warrandyte Anglican Church will be held in their grounds following the Festival parade. The Diamond Valley Brass Band will be performing.

Women

The Manningham Community Health Service is conducting a program for women over 60 years of age. The aim of the group is to provide a safe place for these women to explore their life, family relationships, opportunities, health, recreation and support needs. Cost is \$4 per day. Starting date was



The Peace Wall at Warrandyte Uniting Church. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Easter church services

Easter will be commemorated in Warrandyte and Park Orchards churches as follows: Stations of the Cross at Stiggants Reserve at 10.30am on Good Friday, Catholic Church (9876 1509)—Good Friday, 3pm at Warrandyte; Easter Saturday, 8pm at Park Orchards; Easter Sunday, 10.30am at Park Orchards. Anglican Church (9844 3473)—Good Friday, 2pm; Easter Sunday, 8am and 10am. Community Church (9844 4148)—Good Friday, 9am; Easter Sunday, 9am and 11am. Uniting (9844 3476)—Thursday, March 20, 7.30pm; Good Friday, 9am; Easter Sunday, 10.15am.

Photography

Two informative talks are planned to help residents refine their camera techniques in preparation for the inaugural Manningham Photography Competition. Renowned photographer Julie Bowyer of *Melbourne Weekly Eastern* will provide advice on Wednesday, March 19 and Wednesday, May 14 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Entry in the competition is open until Friday, July 4. You may enter up to three photos. There will be a special exhibition of

selected entries in September. One lucky entrant will receive the mayor's award of \$1000. There will also be a people's choice award.

Harmony

Men who aspire to sing can now attend a series of workshops in East Doncaster provided by the Melbournaires Harmony Chorus. They will run for six weeks, commencing Monday, April 7. The workshops are being funded by a grant from Manningham council. Men who are interested in the workshops can obtain an enrolment form from Peter on 9815 0961 or by email: melbournaires@optusnet.com.au

Highland

The annual Ringwood Highland Games will take place on Sunday, March 30 at Jubilee Park, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood. There will be a variety of events including pipe band presentations and highland dancing competitions. The program will include a world reunion of the Matheson/Mathieson clan. New for 2008 is the Bonnie Bairns competition for babes and children dressed in Scottish attire. A shuttle bus will run from the Ringwood clock-tower from 10am to 5pm. For further information call Sue Macleod on 9876 4140.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed by Do Care. If you can spare a couple of hours each week to visit an older or disabled person in the community, call 9762 5211.

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Wonders

"The Warrandyte Wonders" is the title of a group exhibition by local painter Walter Magilton and 10 of his past and present students who have studied at his Stony Creek Studio in Albert Road. The show will open on Wednesday, April 2 at 7pm at the Australian Guild of Realist Artists Gallery, corner of Camberwell and Inglesby roads, Camberwell. Open times are Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm and Saturdays and Sundays, 1pm to 4.30pm. The exhibition closes on Sunday, April 13.

Stonehouse

Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is currently presenting—for the first time—the work of teachers and students from the Claydreamers Studio in Eltham. Linda De Toma and her team hold classes for students of all levels. Claydreaming will show works from both experienced and beginner artists—and those in between. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Guitar

Sebastian Jorgensen, acclaimed classical guitarist, will be performing at the Earth Harmony Centre, 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Friday, March 14 at 8pm. He will draw on the music of Europe, the Americas, Asia and indigenous Australia. He

is recognised for his work in adapting the music of remote central Australian aboriginal communities. The centre is also presenting didgeridoo maker and player, Bruce Rogers in concert, on Friday, April 18 at 8pm. Tickets (for both performances)—pay at door or collect in advance—are \$20 with concession \$15. For more information call 9844 5155.

Video

Nathan Alexander, 19 year-old Warrandyte local and ex-Warrandyte High School student, has just completed his first video clip for singer/songwriter Jay P. Nathan has been studying multi media at RMIT. The animated video can be seen on www.myspace.com/jaypofficial.

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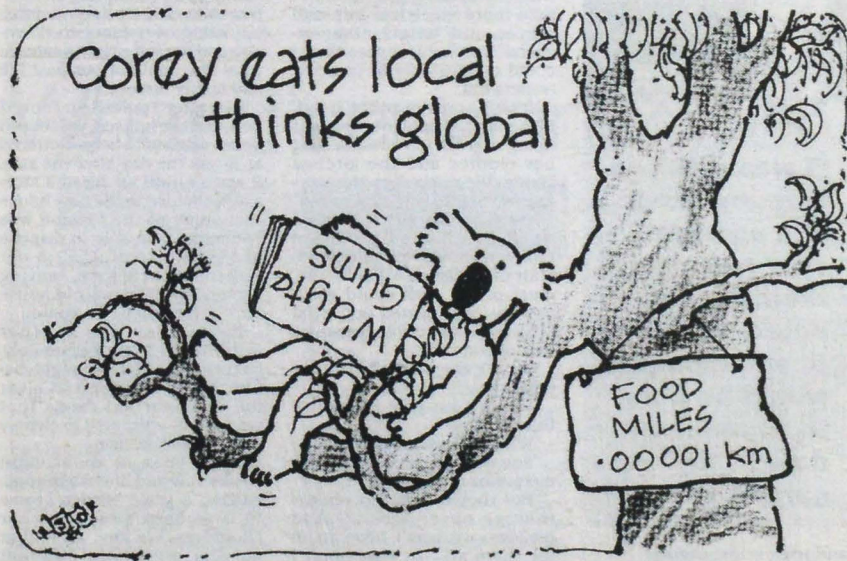
Photographers Mitra Malekzadeh and Kristin Diemer share a love of the rich and ancient culture of Iran—one through birth and the other through marriage. Manningham Gallery is hosting their new photographic exhibition, "Gateways to the Soul" from March 5 to March 29. The gallery is located at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

VCE

The Eltham Library Community Gallery is currently showing art from last year's VCE classes from a number of Nillumbik schools. The works employ a variety of media, including a custom-made, limited production guitar. The exhibition closes on March 18.

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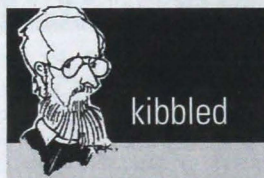
A moving story: one man's junk is another...

WELL the shift is over and the dust has almost settled but neither Herself nor I realised how stressful the whole process could be.

We sold our house and were moving into another that was unoccupied. We had set the settlement time for 90 days to give us time to drip-feed our goods to the new address. This, we thought, was smart as we would be saved the angst of panic packing and unpacking. We would take all the smaller stuff that I could transport on the trailer or in the car, leaving only the larger pieces for the removalist. The 90 days would also allow me time to repaint without the hassle of moving furniture.

This was a good idea in many ways. It was successful in that I was able to redecorate more easily and I was able to do it in a time-frame more suitable for a man of a certain age. However, what was less successful was that we had too much time to agonise over what was to go, what was to be sold and what was to "go out".

It may be that men are from Mars and women are from Venus, but in our case it was more like Herself is from the planet of "Everything is PRECIOUS and must be kept", and I am from the planet "We have too much RUBBISH and it should be heaved". Now, I know this seems hard to believe but it seems that men and women have different views about what is essential



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"I was ruthless with my sheds and agonised over reducing their undisputed treasure to an amount I would be able to accommodate in my new garden shed..."

and what is disposable. I was ruthless with my sheds and agonised over reducing their undisputed treasure to an amount I would be able to accommodate in my new garden shed. I selected the best ephemera and organised the collected prizes into "must", "could" and "can't" go categories. As the new place had a very small lawn, I had already agreed with Herself that I was prepared to sacrifice the ride-on mower, get rid of one of the other two hand motor mowers and part

with the fishing dinghy. There was no disputing that I couldn't take more electrical bits and pieces and "might-come-in-useful" mechanical gear than I could comfortably fit in a few trailers-full.

Herself, on the other hand, had a very simple job. She was doing a great job rationalising her clothes and the kitchen goods. We worked on the storage cupboards and "negotiated" about the worth of several items. There was one area of concern, however: under the stairs. As far as I could see, most of the stuff could go to the tip. As it turned out, what I thought was simple became a vale of tears.

"What's the matter? Why are you crying?"

"Doesn't our past mean anything to you?"

"What do you mean?"

"You want to throw out all the memories of our past?"

"But they're just old photos that we never look at. And besides, we won't have room for them all." At this point I needed a "rewind" and "delete" button.

"That's just typical! You have room for all your rubbish in the shed but important things like memories and relationships can be dumped in the tip!"

"That's not what I mean..." It sounded a bit pathetic, even to me. Fortunately I was saved the embarrassment of any more weak explanations by another flood of tears.

"Why don't we just throw everything out? You'd be happy

then." And so the seething discontent simmered for three months, me being over-eager to downsize and Herself eager to salvage what she could of our past life and family history.

Trip after trailer trip moved between the houses, yet the old house seemed to be as cluttered as it was the day after the sale. It wasn't until we hired a storage unit close to the new house that some of the tension was released. I was able to dispose of boxes of "nostalgia" in our rented time-capsule, leaving enough space in our old house for our tension to dissipate.

Moving day was another angst-fest in itself. Fortunately, Herself had fled the night before, taking the dog and a car full of important items that couldn't be entrusted to clumsy and insensitive men.

We've been in about eight weeks now and life has become calmer. A great burden seems to have been lifted from our shoulders. We look around at familiar objects in different places and feel assured that life hasn't been too fractured by the move. That is, until we think about the storage unit full of boxes and furniture and that the Building Permit has just gone through and that we'll start living through building additions in a matter of days.

"The demolition team moves in soon."

"Perfect job for men!" Herself muttered.

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Choosing plants for a garden –remembering the big dry

ARE you one of those people who are sad to have lost plants in their garden? The dry conditions we are experiencing are causing plants to die and leaving gaps that will need to be filled when the time is right.

I have lost many plants also, but the best time to plant is coming—that is, as soon as we have some good autumn rain and the weather cools down.

When these changes occur, plants are able to establish their root system in the ground before the next spring/summer period and that affords them a much better chance of survival.

I lost a large banksia which initially I felt upset about. Now I look on this loss as an opportunity to plant some other interesting plants in the empty space.

As far as preparation for planting goes, very little is needed if plants indigenous to Warrandyte are chosen. In this beautiful bush environment where we live, the continuity of landscape is achieved with the indigenous trees, shrubs and small plants throughout. It makes sense to plant these back. Warrandyte's indigenous plants are adapted to thrive in our inhospitable soil (or lack of it) and survive drought conditions once they are established.

These plant species are now readily available at the Warrandyte State Park Nursery in Pound Road, Warrandyte, next to the Park Rangers' offices. Volunteers grow them from seed collected locally.

However, if you are like me and want to grow other native plants and some exotics as well as the indigenous flora, then more preparation is required.

After removing dead and tired-looking plants in a garden situa-



Gaps in your garden, caused by victims of the drought, can be replanted in autumn as the weather cools.

tion, it is preferable to dig some organic material such as well-matured compost into the soil to at least a spade depth. If you have clay soil, adding some gypsum and digging it through will help. Animal manures are fine for exotics but not for native plants, nor any fertiliser with a high phosphorus content.

Once preparation of the areas for replanting is completed, choice of plants should be well researched. We are all now having to address the need to economise on our use of water, so plants that survive dry conditions become more desirable.

Don't make the mistake of fronting up to the nursery with no idea of what you are going to buy. One is then often influ-

enced, usually by those plants that have a flower on them at the time. Before you go, work out the height, spread and sunshade requirements that must be taken into consideration for the space you are planting. A plant that grows naturally in the deep sand belt of Western Australia, with excellent drainage, will not last long in our clay soils. Most Australian plants require good drainage, so mounding of garden beds is good practice.

With choice of plants, it is up to you to do your homework. There are plenty of fantastic books to research before you purchase. Also visit gardens that are always open to the public—and many plants are named

garden life

By BEV HANSON

there, so take your pen and paper! Some such gardens include Maranoa Gardens in Balwyn, Kawarra Native Garden in Kalorama and the Botanic Gardens in Melbourne and Cranbourne (the Australian garden).

When choosing exotic plants, generally those which come from countries with a similar climate to ours, such as the Mediterranean areas or South Africa, are hardy and don't require excess water. However do be careful not to plant those that can take off and become weeds, whether they are exotic or native. It is the responsibility of all to care for our environment.

What d'y'er want? Service?

IRARELY go down to Eastland these days—it takes way too long to get in and out of the place, for a start—but the other day I'd called in to go the bank (which of course had relocated itself off the planet somewhere) and Medicare and to collect a few other necessities.

What with one thing and another it had been a long morning, and a whiff of hot food made me realise that I hadn't had breakfast, much less lunch. My stomach was crying out for food.

The café I was dashing past at the time used to be one of my favourites, specialising in real food, such as hot porridge with banana and honey, or home-made soup. Today there seemed to be a range of tasty-looking focaccias. For old times' sake, and to appease the gnawing rumbles of my innards, I decided to pop in. If I was going to be this late for work, I might as well do it in style.

The decision turned out to be a lamentable one from the point of view of sustenance, but perfect for script-writing fodder. It must have been shop service

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

like this that inspired writers for Monty Python and Little Britain.

For a long time there was no service at all. This was rather puzzling as there were three girls behind the counter, variously fiddling about and chatting aimlessly. Maybe it was too late for lunch, though I wouldn't have thought 1.40pm was particularly late. Eventually the untidiest of the girls ventured towards the counter, running a plastic-gloved hand through straggling hair.

"You right?"
It was a bright sunny day, far too nice to be grumpy, so I firmly discarded half-a-dozen obvious rejoinders to this.

"Could I please have a tandoori chicken focaccia and a long black coffee?"

The girl unerringly reached for the most miserable-looking specimen in the glass cabinet. It came from an unlabelled section

that looked like a reject pile. I thought I'd better intervene.

"Are you sure that's tandoori? The tandoori focaccias are over there."

"This one's tandoori." It was a possibility, I suppose. She carelessly thrust the thing into a toaster. Twenty minutes later, long after I'd sculled a cup of lukewarm coffee, I heard one of the other girls call out.

"Who's this other focaccia for? It's been here for ages."

"I dunno," answered my frumpy friend.

"Well, who ordered it?"
"I said I dunno. Just call it out."

"What is it?"
"Tandoori."
"No it's not."
"Yes it is."

"This is not a tandoori focaccia," She pulled the top off and had a good poke around amongst the meagre contents, holding up something squishy and pink in one gloved hand. "See?"

"It is tandoori." No amount of Mediterranean vegetables were going to persuade my girl otherwise.

"Look!" The second girl held

out the dissected specimen right under my girl's nose. "Do you call that tandoori?"

My girl picked over the contents once more. "See? Chicken! It's tandoori."

The second girl shrugged and gave up. By this time I was waiting hopefully by the counter. It didn't look anything like tandoori to me, the main ingredient seemingly being mushroom.

The subtleties of composition were clearly wasted on my girl. "It's tandoori. You want it or not?"

I couldn't wait another half hour. "Okay, I guess I'll take it." I could just about have eaten the plate, even without the focaccia on it.

And that's probably what I should have done. The bread was stale and tough and the chook was crook. Completely inedible. Just the thing to follow a cold cup of coffee and an argument.

Next time I'll know better and take the trouble to detour via Warrandyte to grab myself a decent feed on the way to work. I've yet to score a dud meal at any of our cafés. Now isn't that a wonderful thing?

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Celebrating a brave and loving life

WARRANDYTE lost one of its most endearing personalities with the death on January 30, 2008 of Jean Jones, aged 72.

She was born Jean Chapman on September 21, 1935, in a shack in Harding Road. The fifth child of Ellen and Arthur Chapman, she was their first girl. Her brothers were Alan, Arthur, Adrian (Bizz) and Colin. Two more boys followed, Donald (Dook) and Douglas (Doug).

Jean lived all her life in Warrandyte. She attended Warrandyte Primary School between 1941 and 1949. Reaching Grade 8 at Warrandyte, she went to Stott's Business College, travelling by bus to Melbourne. Each pay day she brought home a bottle of Pimm's for her mother.

One evening when returning on the bus, she complained to a girlfriend that she couldn't go to the dance as she had no one to take her. A young man travelling on the same bus overheard her and offered to take her to the dance. This young man was Benjamin Jones.

Jean Chapman and Ben Jones were married at St Pauls Anglican Church in Ringwood on August 20, 1955.

Jean and Ben lived at *Linga Longa* on Pigtail Hill in Warrandyte. It was to this home that they brought their seven children: Judith, Karen, Helen, Kevin, Brenda, Gary and Sandra. Their house was never quiet. The backyard was often

full of neighbouring children: the Mopperts, Hogs, Hansens, Burkes, Worlds, Burdens and O'Briens.

Jean would sit at the back door with a smoke in her mouth, watching these comings and goings and laughing as they played cricket, swam in the little pool beneath the plum tree and enjoyed numerous other summer games and antics.

Jean was never one to fuss about getting her children to places. She would pile them on the bus to wherever they needed to go. The whole family would travel to Melbourne to see a movie during the school holidays. They went shopping in Ringwood. The children would argue over who got the "streamer"—in those days bus tickets were printed out on a roll, and eight tickets always led to a good laugh! Each year Jean would take a couple of the children to the Royal Show, and return laden with show bags for everyone.

Jean was a busy mum, making school lunches, doing canteen duty at both the school and the Warrandyte Football Club, attending school concerts and sporting events. She helped each year at the school swimming sports. She kept house, cooked, shopped, and each Sunday dressed them in their best for Sunday School at the Warrandyte Gospel Chapel.

She attended Gary's graduation from the Police Academy, Helen's nursing graduation, the weddings of her children—Judy, Karen, Helen and Gary.

She visited the grandchildren and great-grandchildren when they were born; baby-sat them, read to them, taught them to swim and loved and nurtured them.

She travelled interstate to visit Judy and her family in Western Australia and Gary and his family in South Australia.

Jean taught all her children to swim in the Yarra River. On summer days she could be seen with them all in tow—a real Pied Piper. She sat on the bank watching them, making sure they didn't return to the water too early after eating. On one occasion she had to rescue her youngest son when he got into difficulty.

Jean returned to the workforce after Ben was involved in a serious car accident in August 1970, working for many years at Potters Restaurant. Here she made many lifelong friends, as well as helping out with the family budget. She always managed to give her children treats in their lunches, like Weston Wagon Wheels.

Jean and Ben increased their extended family to include 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was known affectionately as Nana. Family celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, Christmas and Easter were wonderful occasions—and there was always plenty of people!

In 2005, Jean and Ben celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a wonderful party, attended by many family and friends and which left her family with a host of fond



Jean and Ben Jones celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2005.

memories.

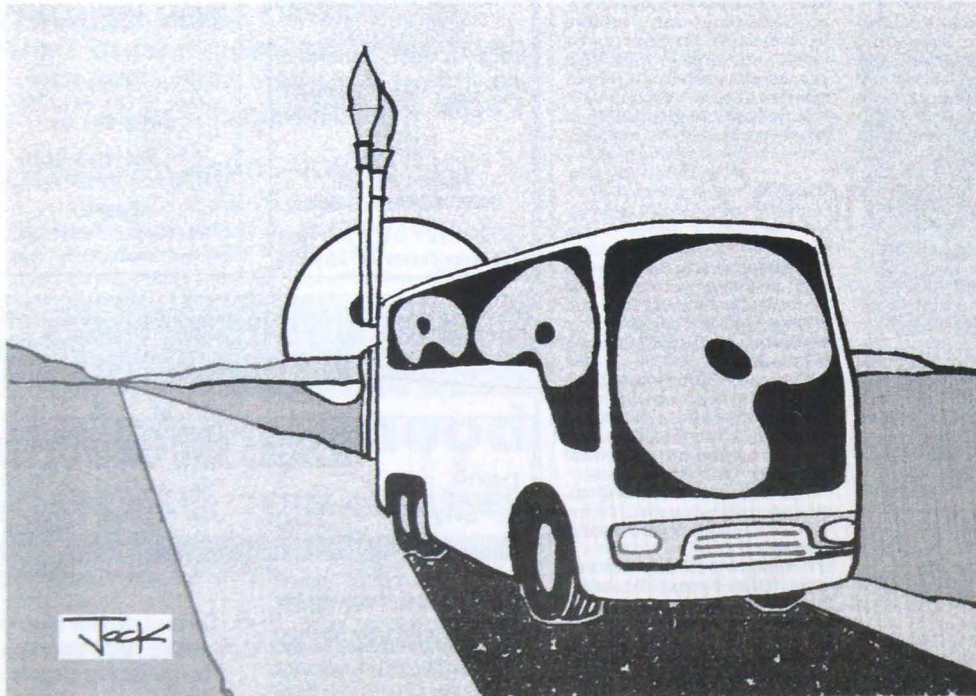
Unfortunately, Jean suffered a stroke in December 2000, resulting in a hospital stay in Ringwood. Some of her spark left her then, but her beautiful blue eyes still smiled. She suffered further strokes, each one taking its toll. In late 2007 she was diagnosed with renal failure, which saw her hospi-

talised many times, some for long periods. Jean fought hard, strongly maintaining her love for her family. It was a difficult decision for her—but a brave one—and in late January she knew the time was right.

Jean Jones passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at the Austin Hospital, the same hospital that had nursed

Ben through his injuries and where daughter Helen had done her nursing training.

It was the celebration of this brave and loving life that brought together so many friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues—people her life had touched—at the Warrandyte Community Church on February 4.



Sisters

Lying awake at 4am
feeling that thread between us.
She cramped, sandpaper eyed
in her Pioneer coach
hurtling through the grey dawn.

Orbost perhaps,
(where they 'doze greenies.)
But she's safe on the bus
as the relieved sun's long fingers
sensuously unfurl,
sadly stroking
plundered forests.

She's coming.
She's coming
like a flash of colour
on a grey page.

When she leaves
the world is silenced,
the colour bleeds away
leaving nothing
but the ordered grey.

KAREN THROSSELL

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How Warrandyte scored a high school

Warrandyte High School is celebrating its 30th anniversary next month. Secondary education wasn't handed to this community on a plate. CLIFF GREEN remembers those long, hard years of campaigning for a secondary school in the area.

ONCE there was only one school in Warrandyte—Warrandyte Primary—on its present site at the top of the Forbes Street hill. Children reaching the end of Grade 6 travelled by bus to Norwood High School in North Ringwood. The Warrandyte Primary School committee took up the battle in June 1972. Disturbed by overcrowding at Norwood, designed to accommodate 600 students and now overcrowded with more than 900, they approached local state MP Mr J.W. Manson, who agreed to "take up this important matter" with education minister Lindsay Thompson.

By February 1973, parents were also concerned at overcrowding at the primary school. They believed more portable classrooms were not the answer. "Playground space is already severely over-taxed," a committee spokesperson said. "The difficult terrain gives the staff enough problems, without any more (portable) classrooms being built to further restrict playing areas."

Local parents were deeply concerned that month when Warrandyte children were refused admission to Norwood, due to overcrowding. Maroondah High School in West Croydon reluctantly agreed to rescue the Warrandyte "refugees", accommodating them—temporarily—in a tent! A new high school had been announced for Doncaster East and it was stated that Warrandyte children would be able to attend that school. However many parents believed that "the only final solution will be the building of a state secondary school in Warrandyte".

It was also hoped that overcrowding at the primary school would be addressed with the "strong possibility that a second primary school would be built at the west end of the town". The local education crisis was on the front page of the *Diary* the following month. Warrandyte children were being taught in a tent at Maroondah High School and the education minister had responded negatively to a request for a secondary school in Warrandyte. "The Ringwood district has had par-

ticular attention in recent months," his reply stated, "but it is considered that an additional secondary school is not yet required in that district." Also, accommodation at the primary school was approaching crisis point. "The only final answer is the provision of a second primary school, either in North Warrandyte or somewhere to the west of the existing school," a committee spokesperson said. A readers' letter in the same issue of the *Diary* suggested that a community technical school, specialising in teaching arts and crafts, would be ideal for Warrandyte.

that there would be a lack of student identification and parent involvement. The idea of a community technical school was being seriously investigated. About 80 Warrandyte parents met with Mr W. Bradshaw, principal of Diamond Creek Technical School, to discuss the establishment of an annexe of that school in Warrandyte. It was believed such an annexe could be up and running by February 1974. By November 1973 the area had a new state member. Mr Norman Lacy, MP for Ringwood, pledged strong support for the establishment of a secondary school annexe in Warrandyte. Mr Lacy was to play a key role in the provision of a secondary school. He said he noticed there was considerable fragmentation of the local school population at secondary level. The Warrandyte School project steering committee was formed and Mr Lacy pledged his support. But by March 1974 the proposal for a secondary annexe had been

school is overwhelming, and we will continue to fight for it. Meanwhile, the case for a second primary school in Warrandyte was proceeding apace. The education department had purchased a site for a school in Harris Gully Road. Mr Lacy wrote to the education minister seeking a specific date by which the new school could be operating. Still the issue of a local secondary school was far from resolved. Doncaster and Templestowe council entered the fray. Warrandyte Ward councillor Robert White said at a public meeting: "It appears that the education department is of the belief that children living in Warrandyte and Park Orchards will either never reach secondary school age, or when they do, it will be extra hard for them to receive secondary schooling. Such a situation is to me as astounding as it is ludicrous." That same month a proposal for an inter-denominational secondary school was being formulated by representatives of the Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches in Warrandyte and Park Orchards. The first real victory in this long-running campaign was achieved in July 1975 when the government included a new school in Harris Gully Road on the building program for the next financial year. The school was promised for the first term in 1977. It was still being called "West Warrandyte".

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Marking the completion of the buildings, "designed by a team of top educational architects".

This new approach to secondary education was picked up in the June 1973 issue. "We have a good thing going here in Warrandyte," the spokesperson said. "Our community spirit is something of which we are all very proud. A new concept in secondary schooling, designed to cater for our particular needs, could help us to retain it." By August 1973, the new high school at Doncaster East was about to commence building. But local parents were far from pleased. They believed the proposed new school was too far away. They pointed out

officially rejected, this despite a petition with more than 1000 signatures, several public meetings and strong support from local MPs. By this time more than 250 children were travelling out of Warrandyte each day to state secondary schools. Many were leaving home as early as 7.30am and not returning until 5.30pm. Richard Morton, president of the Warrandyte Primary School Committee, stated, "Surely the education department can't fob us off any longer. The evidence in support of our case for the establishment of a secondary

school was being formulated by representatives of the Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches in Warrandyte and Park Orchards. The first real victory in this long-running campaign was achieved in July 1975 when the government included a new school in Harris Gully Road on the building program for the next financial year. The school was promised for the first term in 1977. It was still being called "West Warrandyte". Meanwhile, the campaign for a secondary school for Warrandyte and Park Orchards continued. Then, in September 1976, the good news finally arrived. A new secondary school was to be built in Warrandyte and was expected to take its first students at the beginning of 1978. Believed to serve Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park, it was anticipated that the school would be built in South Warrandyte, possibly on land at Five Ways, near where the Shell service station now stands. Steering committee president, John Curry, told the *Diary* it would be very much a "school for the community". By December 1976 the "West Warrandyte" primary school was proceeding "on schedule". However, the local community had one more problem. The new secondary school was not designated for a site in South Warrandyte, but was to be built in West Warrandyte, "between Pound Road and Andersons Creek Road". Thus the concept of one school for Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park—communities sharing common aspirations—had been jettisoned. The local committee believed "the education department

was clearly giving priority to relieving pressure on the East Doncaster High School". But all was not quite as it seemed. Local MP Norman Lacy was now assistant minister for education and one morning we awoke to find we were not getting one high school, but two! Plans were announced that a high school would be built on Tortice Drive, North Ringwood, within easy reach of Park Orchards, Wonga Park and South Warrandyte. Meanwhile, the new primary school in Harris Gully Road was up and running in its unique octagonal buildings specially designed for newly fashionable "team teaching". The community applauded its name: "Andersons Creek Primary School", evocative of the original government school in the area. Warrandyte High School opened in February 1978 in a new, improved version of the old "portables", known as "relocatables". But the school's troubles were far from over. "Not so much a school as a shambles", the *Diary* headlined. The buildings and grounds were not ready. Principal Murdoch Neilson told the *Diary* the school was simply not fit to be opened. "Warrandyte people have had a very bad deal with schools," he said. "And this is a classic example of how not to start one." Fearful for the safety of students, Mr Neilson gave parents the option of taking their children home or leaving them at school. Two-thirds decided to take their children home. Beginning at the beginning, the school's initial enrolment was 43 Form 1 students. They were temporarily accommodated at Warrandyte Primary School, starting the following Monday. Ultimately the new school was underway on its own site. Plans for permanent buildings progressed slowly, but on April 11, 1987, the new buildings were officially opened by education minister Ian Cathie. The school, with a low key and approachable style of teaching and a strong sense of democratic principles, was already establishing a wide reputation for excellence, especially in the fields of graphic and performance arts. Set in gardens created by parents under the guidance of local garden designer Bev Hanson, the beautiful new school, designed by a team of top educational architects, reflected many of the principles of community education first formulated by those Warrandyte parents who had decided to take on "the powers that be" 15 years earlier.



A working bee of parents making the garden at the temporary "relocatables" in 1978.



The beautiful new buildings, opened in 1987, sat in a desert.

Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver



Warrandyte Big V development squad. Back row from left: Brittany McGinley, Mel Zuccolo, Caitlin Hallett, Alysha Buzzini, Nicolette Prior. Centre row: Nicole Dadswell, Lauren Sabidussi, Courtney Petalas, Ashlee Brobbel. Front: Rebecca Heddles, Mollie Burke, Carla Sabidussi.

Big V Venom names players of the future

While most of the attention rightly is falling on Warrandyte Venom's Division 1 Big V women's side and their quest for this year's championship, the Venom has also implemented a dedicated Big V junior squad of 18 players.

Some of the squad will play regularly at senior level this season, including 2007 senior debutants Nicole Dadswell, Lauren Sabidussi, Carla Sabidussi, Mel Zuccolo, Philippa Birch and Nicolette Prior.

Venom coach Justin Nelson believes the program will assist with preparing the club's junior players for senior basketball and has indicated that the club wants to do the same for boys in the coming years.

"It's a great feeder program with Jo (Metcalf), Kate (Cohen) and Nicole Howard at the helm," said Justin Nelson.

"These juniors are learning from some highly respected basketball people. It's the perfect environment for them to progress in the coming years.

"Hopefully, as the club continues to grow, we will see a dedicated boys' program preparing our talented juniors for senior basketball as well."

The start of that development came quickly for the junior players with the Venom's senior coaching staff deciding to expose them to senior basketball during a hectic practice match schedule during February and March.

"We played our juniors in practice matches against division three teams Mornington, Melton and Darebin, plus we have a game against youth league team Bulleen and we also plan on giving them a good run at Frankston in the pre-season tournament," said Nelson.

"Our juniors need to compete against bigger bodies and by presenting them with an opportunity against division three teams, it has allowed us to start taking big steps forward."

Referees present awards

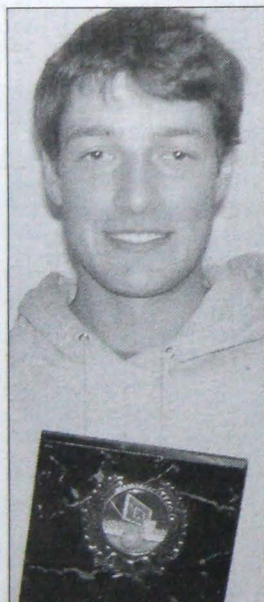
The Eltham-Warrandyte Referees AGM was held last month and the major Warrandyte referees' award went to Stephen Bendle.

Stephen gained his A grade qualification in 2007 and is performing well at the high level.

The Junior referees' award was presented to Bryce Patalas who continues to develop as a referee taking on more challenging games.

Overall the Referee of the Year Award was presented to Eltham referee, Damian Adams for the third year in a row.

Damian continues to receive recognition for his performances and officiated at his first WNBL game in 2007, the first of many.



Bryce Patalas ... top junior referee.

Redbacks set for Grand Final action

In a shortened season, a staggering Warrandyte Redback 32 teams took the court to fight for places in grand finals, comprising of 16 boys and girls team respectively.

Among the teams playing in finals action this week, Warrandyte has a number of teams in contention in the prestigious A grade divisions - the top level of competition in the EDJBA.

Unfortunately neither the Under 18 girls nor the Under 20 girls were able to win through to the grand finals.

The Under 18 girls opened well with Ashlee Collins opening the scoring for the Redbacks, who went on to hold a three point lead at the break.

Their opponents, Eltham, were more accurate under the basket in the second half coming away with a 28-22 win. Warrandyte tried hard in the final minutes closing to within two points following a Mel Zuccolo field goal. Eltham steadied when it mattered.

For the Redbacks, Melissa Zuccolo top scored with 11 points, with Ashlee Collins with five and Philippa Birch with four.

The Under 20 Girls, coached by Nick Peters seemed on their way for a win against Eltham until the dying seconds of the game.

The Redbacks were ahead 15-10 at the break and always seemed to be able to withstand any Eltham challenge.

Eltham got their noses in front for the first time as the time clicked over the three minute mark but Warrandyte's lead was restored with a three pointer to Janelle Lucas.

The game seesawed between both ends with no further addition to the score with the Redback defence holding out Eltham.

Against the run an outside shot from Eltham was successful with just over 30 seconds to go.

Warrandyte were unable to regain the advantage going down by 38-36.

Janelle Lucas top scored for the Redbacks with 10 points, and Andrea Peters and Kara Hibbert each contributing eight each.

The results did go Warrandyte's way in the corresponding games in the boys side. The Under 18 boys were successful over Bulleen by 44-24 in a highly entertaining and good spirited match.

The Redbacks were never seriously challenged leading 22-15 at the break.

All of the Redbacks con-



Coach Jenni O'Brien at a time out in the second half with the Under 18 girls.

tributed to the scoring with Ryan Holloway and Troy Ratcliffe leading with 10 points each.

The Under 20 boys recorded a 80-48 win over Banyule at Warrandyte High School.

Warrandyte maintained a hard fast running game, something which perhaps they had not exhibited before in a sustained fashion.

Playing coach Josh Collins scored 16 points with Mitchell Hawley with 12 and a personal best 11 points for Jason Turner.

Warrandyte look set for the premiers cup, as they and Banyule have been the strong teams during the season.

Also playing the Grand Final will be the Under 12 AR grade boys who defeated Eltham 44-20 after leading 20-5 at the break.

Coach Steve Killey was more than happy with his team after the game.

"A good all round game with the talls playing well and the guards excellent in defence".

Tim Apostolides was injured when these two teams last met and has a slight possibility of being available for the finals which will further strengthen the side.

Nathan DeLacy was the leading scorer with 19 points with centre Chris Bollands with nine having a strong game.

Warrandyte's Under 8 girls with coach Jo Metcalfe had a 18-16 win over Banyule in one of the most enjoyable games of the day.

The game was played in

Warrandyte's Under 12 girls could not get over Bulleen in a close and frustrating game at Templestowe.

Warrandyte could not get the ball into the ring enough times whereas it seemed the Bulleen girls were successful every time that their shots went up.

Rachael Watson with 10 points was the Redbacks top scorer in the 26-17 loss. Lauren Robertson, Madeleine Edsell and Simone Caruana with two points and Madison Beriman with one were the Redbacks other contributors.

Following on from the Under 12 girls was Warrandyte's Under 10 boys coached by Doug Hilton.

The Redbacks were right in the game at the break being just one point behind their Bulleen opponents.

In the second half, Bulleen were able to put the points on the boards to take the game 29-20.

Shane Newman's Under 14 boys, were runners up to the pace setters in this grade Banyule by 32-26.

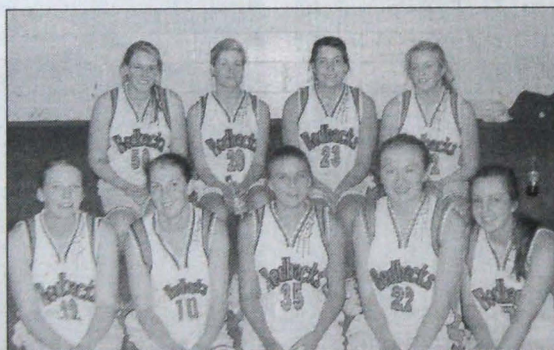
Warrandyte drew level with two minutes to go but could not hold out Banyule.

The Under 10C3 girls were runners up in a close game to Balwyn.

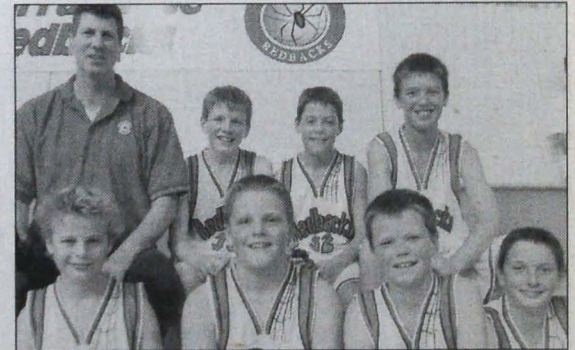
"A much better result than when we last played them" said coach Tayla Flynn. "They are a joy to coach and I reckon we all had fun" said assistant coach Jessey Telford.



Under 12 girls, back row from left: Olivia Yammouni, Simone Caruana, Rachael Watson, Lauren Robertson Front: Madison Beriman, Madison Taylor, Madeleine Edsell



Under 20 Girls, back row from left: Jess Soltz, Chelsea Crisp, Kara Hibbert, Lindel Thomas. Front: Jess Bensch, Janelle Lucas, Andrea Peters, Krystina Whitt and Alysa Simpson.



Under 12 boys, back row from left: Steve Killey, Matthew Killey, Zeph Hilton, Chris Bollands. Front: Zac Ratcliffe, Nathan DeLacy, Conor Gardiner, Zac Plischka.



**Warrandyte basketball round-up
with Tony Oliver**

More Venom teams join an elite group

Following the successful Victorian Championship qualification of Warrandyte's 12.1 boys and 20.1 girls in February, the 12.1 and 16.1 girls continued rewriting the club's history as they joined their Venom counterparts in the state's elite junior basketball competition.

In season 2008, Warrandyte will now field a club record four teams at the highest level of competition offered in Victoria.

Emma Collins was overjoyed by the efforts of her 12.1 girls in accounting for Hawthorn 2 by seven points (34-27).

It was just reward for this very talented group of girls and helped erase the disappointment following their close loss to Craigieburn in a previous game that would have seen them qualify for VC at the time.

Now that the girls have qualified for VC, they look forward to performing strongly throughout the season in the knowledge that they have already beaten a fair number of other teams they could expect to encounter.

They will certainly have a number of their more highly

fancied opposition looking over their shoulders.

Nicole Howard knew her 16.1 girls were good enough to play in VC, it was just that they had not yet won the games they needed to in order to qualify.

In what proved to be another tough game, the Venom came out on top of Altona to record a satisfying 11 point victory to secure the win and a deserving place in VC.

In fact this Warrandyte team has already defeated a number of widely favoured teams from larger Associations that have already qualified for VC this year.

Warrandyte nearly qualified a fifth team at the highest level, however Justin Nelson's 14.1 girls were not able to come away with the win against Diamond Valley 2 in their must-win crossover game.

Nelson was philosophical about the result, stating that while they had a chance at qualifying for VC, he felt that they would benefit more from spending a season in Victorian Junior League 1 (VJL1) as it would aid their development.

Further on-court success in

2008 is assured, with a number of Venom teams still in the running for positions in the four VJL divisions.

The 14.1 girls have already secured their place in VJL1 and Jess Oram's 14.2 girls are still in contention for VJL2 following their 39-24 win over Melton.

Mollie Booth's 12.2 girls will be playing in Eastern after going down to Diamond Valley by 28-21

The Under 18.1 girls coached by Dave Reinecke lost to Melton by 38-32, and they will be in VJL2.

Steve Killey's boys, with a number of key players out with injury went down in a close game by 38-35 against Ballarat and will be playing in VJL2 this year.

Ian Wood's Under 20 boys were locked at 58-all in the last seconds of their clash against Darebin.

Darebin put up the outside shot as the buzzer sounded for a score and a place in VJL2 leaving the Venom boys to the VJL3 competition.

● Presentation day for the 2007-2008 EDJBA Summer season will be held on Monday, 17 March 2008 at the Warrandyte Sports Complex starting at 6pm.

Trophies will be awarded to all grand finalists and participation awards will be presented to all Under 8 players.

A sausage sizzle will be on offer and there will be plenty of activities on hand including the Coaches versus Referees exhibition game.



Fun Run winners, back row from left: Michael Linden, Jed Haythorne, Jane Kilkeny (race director), John Bumpstead, Joel Bumpstead, Liam Cridland, Liam Dane, Matt Haythorne, Harrison Kerr. Front Row: Meg Pattison, Leah Annunziata, Natalie MacDonald, Sarah Boras, Courtney Weeks and Jo Baker.

It's a fair run that's just a bit of fun

A 2.5km Fun Run was one of the highlights of the annual St Anne's Primary School's Strawberry Fair last month.

The fair, which is an icon in the Warrandyte/Park Orchards community, has a range of quality of its stalls, from home made cookies and cakes to works of art, local musicians and of rides for the children.

The Fun Run included the principal, Michael Harris, students and parents from various schools in the district.

The winners for each age group were: Boys 8: Harrison Kerr, B9: Liam Cridland, B10: Matt Haythorne, B11: Liam Dame, B13: Jed Haythorne, Girls 8: Meg Pattison, G9: Natalie MacDonald, G10: Leah Annunziata, G11: Jo Baker, G12: Courtney Weeks, G13: Sarah Boras.

The first family team went to the Bumpsteads and the overall winner was Michael Linden.



An excited winner of the Girls' 9 section, Natalie McDonald.



Warrandyte Auskickers have eyes on the coach.

Auskick is back at Warrandyte

Warrandyte Auskick will hold its registration day on the 5 April between 10 and 11 am at Warrandyte football oval.

Auskick is open for both boys and girls from about 5-years-old and upwards.

The Auskick sessions will then start the following week between 9am -10.20 am each Saturday morning with accredited coaches.

Parents are also welcome to join in the sessions with their children.

The 2007 season saw the Auskickers participate at the half time of AFL games at Telstra Dome as well as a training run at the MCG before the final home and away game.

The children enjoyed the experience of a run and kick on the famous ground with even the St Kilda players coming out to watch and encourage them on.

Season 2008 also expects to be a good year with a visit from Richmond players to help in a skills session with the young footballers as well as a half time game at Telstra Dome.

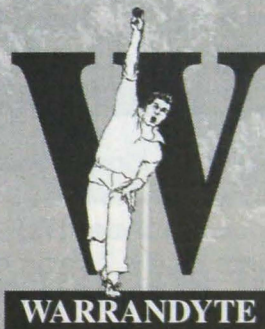
A Level 1 coaching course starts on 9 April between 6.30 - 9.30 pm at the Eastern Ranges Kilsyth reserve.

Parents can download a form from easternranges.afvic.com.au or contact Anthony Parkin on 9724 9488.

Please contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191 or edwardmunks@dodo.com.au for further details on this year's Auskick at Warrandyte.

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Hawks fall short of repeating Chandler title

Although unable to repeat last season's maiden Chandler Shield premiership success, South Warrandyte's First XI finished the 2007-08 season in fifth place.

The Second XI also finished fifth in what was an outstanding achievement.

The Sixths, consisting mostly of juniors and their fathers, replaced a team that pulled out after Round 2 and despite two washouts and two forfeits either side of Christmas, they performed admirably and won two out of the seven games.

Three teams reached the top four, but all went out in the first week of the finals.

E Grade 119 (Hansen 42, R. Bowen 16) lost to Wantirna South 128 (Richard Cutler 4/21, Atkinson 3/26).

J Grade 84 (Morton 25 n.o.) lost to Montrose 6/135 (Beagley 2/15, James Bowen 2/16).

L Grade 183 (Simeon Barut 40, Hjames Barut 32, Moore 22) lost to East Ringwood 190 (Russell 6/101, Lachlan McMahon 4/55, Simeon Barut.

In the Veterans competition, the Legends (Over 50) finished fifth with the Masters (Over 40) completing the season on top.

They defeated East Ringwood in the semi, but lost to Lilydale in the grand final.

South Warrandyte 9/150 (Campbell 32, Foley 26, Cutler 25) lost to Lilydale 7/154 (Cleary 2/12, Russell 2/23).

South Warrandyte also had a large number of juniors playing in those finals and while disappointed, have benefited from the experience, and will contribute strongly next year in both their junior and senior teams.

The Under 18s is a merger of South Warrandyte and South Croydon's, but narrowly missed a finals campaign.

The club's only remaining finalist is the U14-4 team under James Price.

The club had a successful year with two veterans teams, six senior teams and eight junior teams as well as a Milo program.

The Hawks also had two veterans in the RDCA representative team, two U21 representatives and members of the RDCA Under 16, 14 and 12 teams.

South Warrandyte will hold its Junior Presentation on Sunday 16 March from noon and the Senior Presentation will be staged on Saturday 29 March from 7pm.

Bloods kick off bold new season

By RICK GORDON

Warrandyte Football Club's season kicked off in style at the Season Launch last week.

The event was hosted with distinction by Melbourne radio Sport92.7's Adam White and guests included AFL Hall of Famer Robert Walls, North Melbourne forward Nathan Thompson and Demon legend David Schwarz.

They held the large audience of players, sponsors and supporters spellbound as they shared their deep knowledge and love of the game, sprinkled with amusing and revealing anecdotes.

Thompson told how he just loved getting out on the ground and getting a kick and that there were too many meetings during the week for his liking.

He encouraged Warrandyte with the example of North Melbourne's improved performance last year over the previous poor season.

"North showed how quickly you can turn it around when we followed the Shinboner code based on the small things you do for the team - smother, tackles, putting your head over the ball.

"When at least 16 out of the 22 players achieved their goals for the game, we won. It's not just about the best players performing, everyone has a role to play," he said.

Walls encouraged the team to play attacking football to give the team some hope of improving on last year's poor record.

"If you haven't got hope, you've got nothing," he said. "When I took on Brisbane, they were the laughing stock, but we got rid of the players who lacked commitment to doing the team things, and 10 years later they won three premierships and became the best team I've ever seen."



Warrandyte coach, Graeme Hocking, right, welcomes guests David Schwarz, Nathan Thompson, Robert Walls and host Adam White, to the football club's season launch.

He challenged the Warrandyte club about their commitment.

"Commitment means giving 100 per cent no matter what, even when things are tough. Involvement means just giving 100 per cent when it suits. Are you committed or just involved?" he asked.

Schwarz spoke at length about his past gambling problems and how serious issues away from football can hurt the club.

"One bad egg can affect the whole group. The leadership group needs to be chosen carefully and use peer pressure to make it work.

"The best or the worst players can be the ones who have the most influence in the team and become the glue that holds the club together."

He confessed to being a poor influence at Melbourne, which caused a rift with coach Neale Daniher.

"I led a few astray with my habits, and so we didn't

achieve our full potential."

Warrandyte president Phil Treeby said: "It was great for the young players to hear these sound words of advice from people that they respect.

"We head into season 2008 full of anticipation and expectation, as some new talents have joined us and we have retained most of our players.

"I think we're seeing the start of something special, just like 2006."

The club also used the occasion to launch its 2008 Year Book, a glossy color magazine containing photos, extensive details of players and coaches, club awards, EFL Third Division grounds and fixtures for the season.

The 60 page guide was written and produced by club secretary James Logan, who also maintains the club website. Log on to www.warrandytefc.com for more information.

Practice matches commence this month, and like their AFL counterparts,

Warrandyte players will be well travelled before the start of the season, with matches being played at Longwarry on Sunday 16 March and Bunyip on Saturday 29 March, returning closer to home at Chirnside Park on Saturday 5 April.

The club is again running the Club 100, giving members entry in the draw to win \$1000 of goods and services from any Warrandyte Football Club sponsor after every second home game.

Also included in Club 100 membership is free entry to all home games, a 2008 stubby holder, Club Warrandyte discounts and a WFC sticker.

Football memberships are also available at \$50 (concession \$35, juniors \$25). Club supporters can purchase memberships or copies of the season guide from the clubrooms, by post at PO Box 150 Warrandyte, or by contacting James Logan on 0414 337 418.

Warrandyte Junior Football Club

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Comeback by junior cricketers

By DAVID ELLIS

At 5-36 you'd have thought all was lost. But having been in this position before Warrandyte's Under 14s managed to do it again in last weekend's thrilling preliminary final encounter with Templeton.

Warrandyte won the toss and elected to bat but the normally steady opening batsmen all fell cheaply.

However cometh the hour cometh the man and up stepped a group of boys who don't normally make big scores.

Tim Baker (29) and Alex Hubbert (28) both each reached their best score for the season. For Alex it was his best ever to put together a partnership of 55 which frustrated the Templeton side and moved the score onto 106 before Baker was out.

Again a flurry of wickets had parents and supporters with hearts in their mouths until another 40-run partnership between Toby Ward (14) and Kyle Robertson (11) brought the innings to a close for a total 141.

Everyone knew that 141 would take some defending and the figures showed that Templeton had boys capable of making runs.

The opening bowling spells

by Tim Baker and Tom Ellis were nervy but pressure told on Templeton early with a run out in the first over.

However the writing was on the wall for Templeton's best bat as firstly a viciously swinging ball by Ellis beat both batsman and keeper for byes. The next ball however beat the batsman again and took out middle and off stumps.

The first change of bowling offered Templeton no let up as both Rowan McKenzie (five overs 1/5) and Kyle Robertson (five overs 1/14) held the batsmen in a vice like grip to put further pressure on Templeton.

The bowling changed again, this time to spin and just before tea Luke Warren in partnership with keeper Dan Nilsson got a stumping leaving Templeton needing 80 off 28 overs but still with plenty of wickets in hand.

At three an over this looked achievable for Templeton particularly as they had their biggest hitter at the crease.

Warrandyte's slower bowlers Jayden Clay (10 overs 3/25) and Luke Warren (10 overs 2/26) both had long spells and managed to keep him off strike, however he showed his danger as Warren

was hit for a huge six into the grandstand to cap off an 11 run over.

However he finally fell to Clay in his 30s and the fight looked to go out of Templeton.

Further wickets by Clay brought to close a most thrilling encounter, to see Warrandyte play Wonga Park in the Grand Final next week.

Scores: Warrandyte 141 d Templeton 118 (Clay 3/25)

Results Round 9:

● The under 16s were defeated by top side Bayswater and the opportunity to extend the season was lost with the Warrandyte boys finishing fifth on the ladder.

Despite the problems of low numbers the boys had an enjoyable season and developed some good friendships with the boys from Croydon with whom they joined forces to field a team each week.

Scores: Warrandyte 130 lost to Bayswater Park 4/267 (M Gaffney 42).

● With the finals birth already assured the under 14s side took the opportunity to experiment with batting and bowling orders.

This led to an exciting game though perhaps for all the wrong reasons and

Heathmont were allowed to place a competitive score of 161 by some wayward bowling and sloppy fielding (extras high scoring at 53).

This was then compounded by a batting display that saw Warrandyte 6/23 very early into the game.

However a 100 plus partnership between Luke Warren (61 no) and Dan Nilsson brought Warrandyte back into the game and onto a win at 9/172 with Dan Nilsson eventually out for 37.

Warrandyte 9/172 (L. Warren 61no, D. Nilsson 37) d Heathmont Baptists 8/161

● The under 12s chance for finals had gone earlier in the season as the top four sides consolidated their finals places with Warrandyte finishing 6th.

This however had no reflection on the game with Bayswater Park as the boys had a comfortable win to complete their season. Warrandyte managed to hold Bayswater to 4/138 and then amassed a good total of 6/191 with retirements for Ben McMellan, Cam Creber and Sydney Phillip-Owen.

Scores: Warrandyte 6/191 (B. McMellan 34no, C. Creber 30no, S. Phillip-Owen 35no) d Bayswater Park 4/138

Warrandyte Cricket

Premiership dream lost Heartbreak for 'Dytes

Warrandyte's hopes for a premiership came crashing down on Sunday when they lost the Ringwood District Cricket Association Wilkins Cup preliminary final to Croydon Ranges.

The 'Dytes had beaten Ranges in their two matches this season but their batting, so strong all season, failed when the time counted.

Set a modest target of 202, the game was virtually over when four of Warrandyte's top five batsmen were out with the score having failed to reach 30.

But in the carnage, a young player with an outstanding future, showed a maturity beyond his 17 years. Jake Sherriff, playing in his debut First XI season, almost single-handedly played Warrandyte back into the game with a spirited 47.

Sherriff was awarded the Warrandyte Lions Club Rising Star award this season and

his performance in the preliminary final proved beyond doubt that he was the ideal choice.

Selected initially in the team for his fiery fast bowling, he has now developed into a fully-fledged all rounder and is a player on which a powerful side can be built in the future.

Warrandyte captain, Adam White, was shattered by the loss.

"We have come so far this season and to finish more than two games on top and then go out in straight sets, is a bitter pill to swallow," he said.

"We have performed so well all season but finals cricket is a different stage and we just didn't perform."

But White was quick to add that the season was not a lost cause.

"Sometimes the journey can be as important as the destination and I believe we

have now built up a strong base that will ensure we will be a power club for a long time," he said.

"Two seasons ago we won the last round to avoid relegation and last season we snuck into the top four in the final round. This year we were the best team for the home and away season but couldn't get the premiership job done.

"I know this has hurt the senior players and I expect it will be the driving force not to let it happen again next season."

Warrandyte went into the finals campaign with an expectation of premiership success but had their first jolt in the second semi final when they were beaten by bogey-team, Bayswater Park.

Winning the toss and batting first, Bayswater Park amassed 5-294 as Warrandyte's bowlers failed to pressure the batsmen with a consistent line and length.

Gerald Walshe was his usual miserly self in his opening spell and veteran off spinner, Robert White got the first breakthrough in a surprise role of opening the attack.

But once they were given a break, Bayswater Park's top batsmen exploded and they raced to tea at 3-135 and a massive score was in sight.

But Robert White was re-introduced into the attack and with fellow finger spinner, Matthew Sazenis in tandem, they reeled back the scoring rate to leave a target well in reach of Warrandyte's exposed batting ability.

Sazenis got the chase off to a sound start and Brad Valentine again stood up to the challenge and at tea Warrandyte were 2-89 and well in the game. But the quick loss of Valentine and Adam White after tea stunned the runs chase but the lower order stuck to the task with Matthew Chapman hitting a quickfire 31 before the overs ran out and Warrandyte finished 24 runs short.

But the performance with

the bat gave the 'Dytes confidence they had the ability to match Croydon Ranges and the brilliant Sazenis, opening the bowling with his left arm orthodox finger spin raced through the Ranges' top order, taking the first five wickets.

It was a brilliant spell by the young spinner who bowled 34 overs for only 73 runs in an outstanding display.

At tea Ranges were 6-102 but after first crashing to 9-163 under some heavy firepower from Campbell Holland the last two batsmen held the attack at bay for more than 20 overs while eking out a further 40 runs.

The target of 202 looked well within Warrandyte's grasp on a fast outfield but in the third over, Ranges' class opening bowler, Eamon Costello dismissed Ben Taylor and Saenis, Adam White and Dave Mooney fell in quick succession to the clever swing attack.

Brad Valentine and Justin Cleaves mounted a short rear-guard defence but when the consistent Valentine fell, all looked lost.

It was then that Sherriff joined Cleaves and the two young players bunkered down to get to tea at 5-89 and the game was evenly poised.

But a 50-50 decision against Cleaves followed by the brilliant run-out of Matt Chapman tipped the scales back to Ranges.

Campbell Holland began to hit out and with 34 to win he was brilliantly run-out from side on and the game was gone.

Scores:
First XI Second Semi Final:
Warrandyte 270 (Valentine 66, Sazenis 44, Chapman 31) lost to Bayswater Park 5-294 (R. White 2-53).

First XI Preliminary Final:
Warrandyte 168 (Sherriff 47, Holland 33, Cleaves 28, Valentine 25) lost to Croydon Ranges 202 (Sazenis 5-79, Holland 4-51)

Lower grades set sights on flags

Warrandyte Cricket Club's Third and Fourth XIs will fly the flag this weekend in RDCA grand finals.

The Third XI earned the right for a chance at the premiership when they had a seven run win over Warranwood in the Second Semi Final.

The team is peaking at the right time of the year with Tully Greve the outstanding player in the first final, scoring 89 as the 'Dytes chased down a big total.

Veterans Greg Creber and Brett Kline also contributed with the bat while Under 16 player, Jack Ellis, was outstanding with the ball, taking 5-47.

The Fourth XI is seeking back-to-back premierships under captain, Graham Rees.

The team won the premier-

ship last season and were promoted and have taken all before them, finishing clearly on top.

The form of young batsman, Ryan Pascoe, has been outstanding and he scored his second successive century in the Second Semi Final with an unbeaten 108.

The Fourth XI boasts a number of players who have scored centuries this season and go in to the match as favourites.

Third XI Second Semi Final:
Warrandyte 7-267 (Greve 89, Creber 42, Kline 36) d Warranwood 260 (Ellis 5-47, Kline 2-31, McKellar 2-52)
Fourth XI Second Semi Final:
Warrandyte 365 (Pascoe 108no, Pettigrove 90, Carver 53, Sharpe 43) d Ainslie Park 236 (Lincoln 3-42, T. Standing 3-46, Sharpe 2-15)



Warrandyte Lions Club president, Carl Sanders, left, with Rising Star, Jake Sherriff and Warrandyte Cricket Club Life Member, John Chapman.

Lions name Jake as a rising star

Young fast bowler, Jake Sherriff, has been awarded the Warrandyte Lions Club Allan Chapman Rising Star Award.

Lions club president, Carl Sanders presented Sherriff with a trophy and a \$300 sporting gear voucher last month.

Sherriff, 17, has been a regular member of the First XI this season and was a member of last season's Second XI premiership team.

He is the second recipient of the award. Last season's winner was Josh Eyre.

The award is named in honour of the late Allan Chapman, widely regarded as the best player to represent Warrandyte. His son, John, was on hand at the presentation.

A family affair

Warrandyte Cricket Club has long been regarded as a family club and this season has been no different with three members of the First XI being the sons of Life Members.

Wicketkeeper, Matthew Chapman, is following in his father, John's, footsteps as he was also a wicketkeeper. Matthew's late grandfather, Allan, is also a Life Member.

Opening batsman, Ben Taylor's father, Geoff, was an all-rounder with Warrandyte while current captain, Adam White, is giving his father, Robert, the orders in the senior team.

Captain of the Second XI, Cameron Day, is the son of former Life Member and former fast bowler, Geoff Day.



Gerald Walshe, left, and Robert White.

Milestones for club veterans

Two of Warrandyte's Cricket Club's veteran players achieved outstanding landmarks during the 2007-08 season.

According to available club records, opening bowler, Gerald Walshe took his 600th wicket for the club in the last round before the Christmas break while Robert White made his 6000th run for the club in the final home and away round of the season.

Walshe, 42, and White, 57, have been members of the club's senior team this season.

An opening bowler, Walshe started playing senior cricket with Warrandyte when he was 16 and has now played 298 games, including 274 in the First XI.

He is the leading club wicket taker with 607 wickets (578 with the First XI) and has also been a handy batsman, making 2839 runs (2339 First XI) with a highest score of 101 for the Second XI.

Walshe, who started with the juniors, has played all of his cricket at Warrandyte.

White played his first season in 1970-71 but has had a number of breaks from Warrandyte in that time, playing at higher levels.

He has now played 225 games (185 with the First XI) and made 6033 runs (5480 First XI) with 11 centuries and a highest score of 174. He is the leading First XI run scorer but is second to club legend, Steve Pascoe in the overall club runs record.

White has also taken 329 wickets (274 First XI). Both Walshe and White are former Club Champion winners.



Talented Warrandyte Fourth XI batsman, Ryan Pascoe, on his way to an unbeaten 108 in the Second Semi Final. Picture by Daniel Wellesley.

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Our friendly, family orientated club is welcoming new members for its 2008 season. Come where the focus is on fun! Look for us in this year's Warrandyte Festival Parade. For enquiries please phone Katrina 9899 7886.



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