



# Labor pledge on Wedge

## 'No changes' say Libs

By CLIFF GREEN

The state government has promised to maintain the integrity of the Warrandyte Green Wedge on both sides of the river.

"The government has no intention of retreating from its commitment to preserve the green wedges of Melbourne," Brian Tee, Labor MP for the Eastern Metropolitan Region told the *Diary*.

Liberal MP for Warrandyte, Mr Ryan Smith, stated that protection of the green wedges is Opposition policy.

"I understand the importance of the Green Wedge and I see it as my role to agitate in the interests of my community," he told the *Diary*.

Renewed interest in this issue follows a report in a local weekly. Headed "Grab for green wedge", the report cites Warrandyte Greens activist and former election candidate, David Ellis, urging Manningham residents to keep up the fight to protect the Green Wedge.

He is quoted as saying that Manningham's Green Wedge is safe for the moment, but that the state government was "willing to push and fiddle with the urban growth boundaries".

Mr Ellis's concern was triggered by "the state government's decision to re-zone farmland in Melbourne's outskirts to create 90,000 new housing blocks".

This report has caused some anxiety among local residents who have fought across many years against the spectre of our Green Wedge being subdivided and developed with the resultant loss of bushland and open country.

However, Mr Tee has assured residents that the government's "Melbourne 2030 plan for sustainable and liveable development in Melbourne provides protection for 12 green wedges across the city.

"As a local Labor MP, I am passionate about protecting the green wedges. They are the 'lungs' of Melbourne, help-

ing to purify the air and cool the city. "I see them as vital to the health of Warrandyte's local environment and local community."

This assurance builds upon a statement in the *Diary* last month by Yan Yean Labor MP Danielle Green that the Nillumbik Green Wedge would be protected.

"The (urban development rezoning) continues protection for our much-loved green wedges, which include farming land, parks, nature reserves and open space," Ms Green said.

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

"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."

Liberal MP for Warrandyte, Ryan Smith, told the *Diary*, "As your local member it is my job to protect the Green Wedge. The leader of the Liberal Party, Ted Baillieu, has previously pledged his support for the Green Wedge in this newspaper."

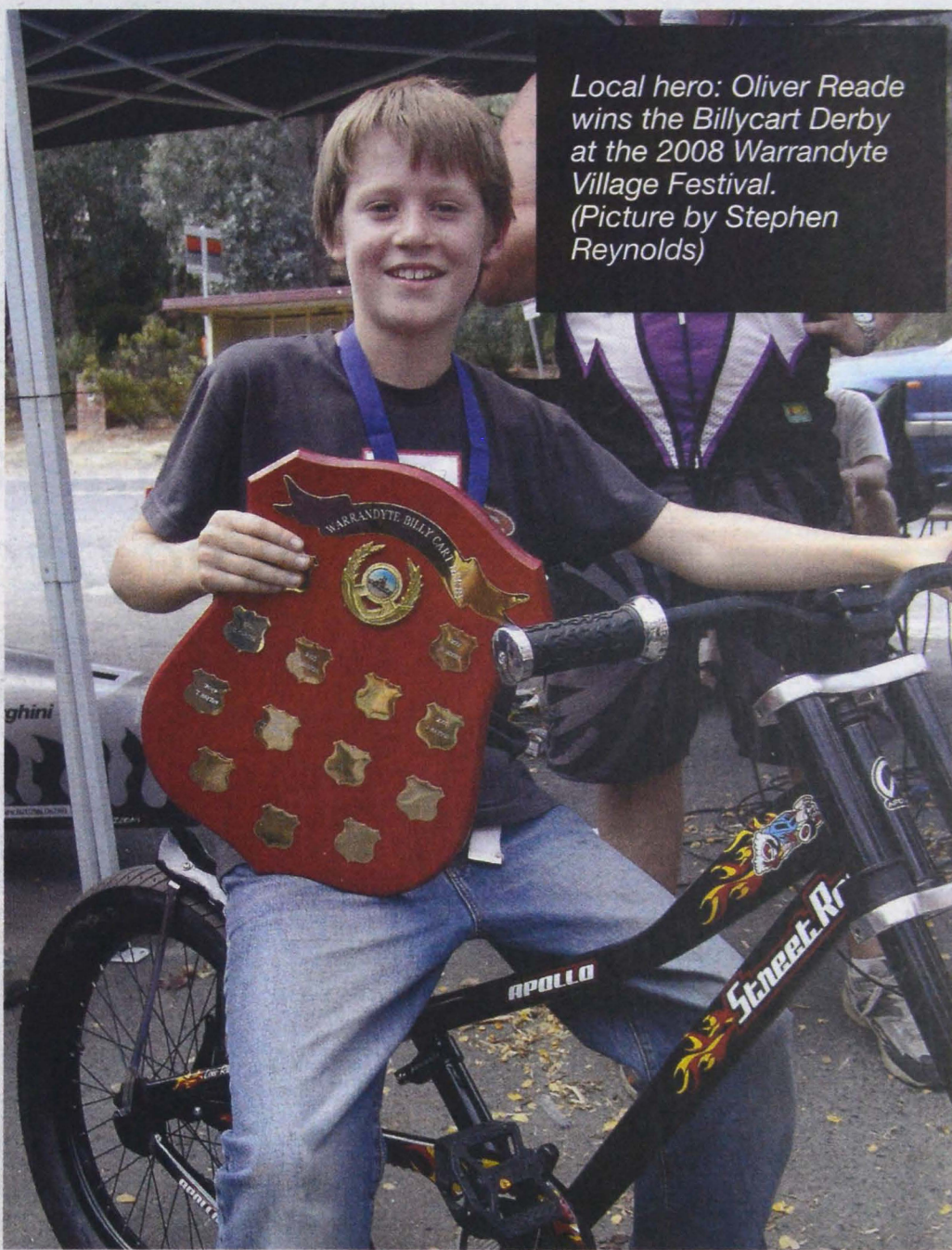
In October, 2006, in election campaign mode, Mr Baillieu told the *Diary*: "There will be no changes to the Green Wedge."

He went on to say: "We will identify all Green Wedge land deemed to have conservation or public interest value and develop a network of public land and high conservation green belts in Green Wedge land for public use and protection."

"This would not affect Warrandyte, but instead would have more impact in the south-east and Western regions."



Brian Tee



Local hero: Oliver Reade wins the Billycart Derby at the 2008 Warrandyte Village Festival. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

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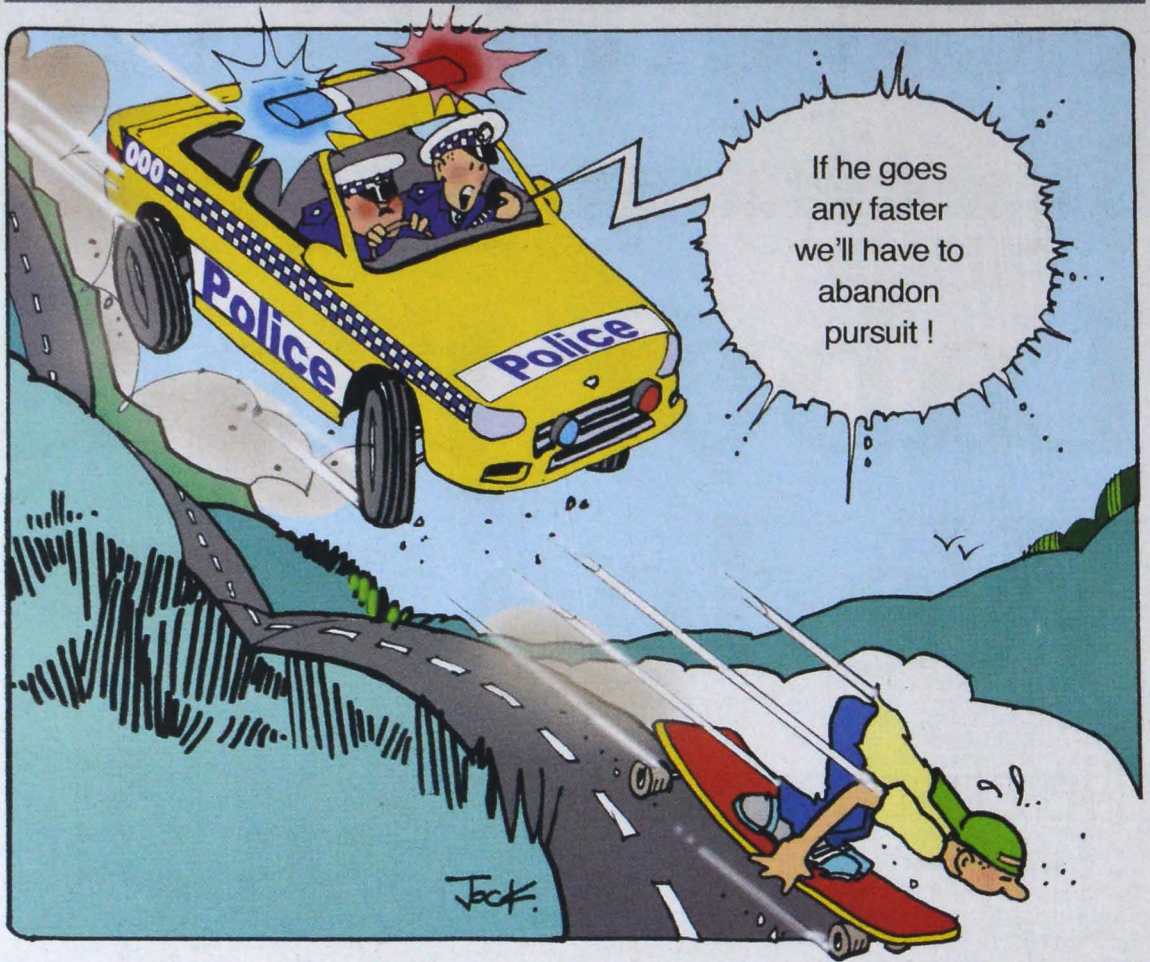
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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



# The camera never lies... Just the photographer

living with The Trotts

**“YOU’LL never guess who I’ve just been speaking to!”** said Neville,

hanging up the phone with a smirk. Nobody tried.

“Cliff Green from the *Diary*!” Somehow the family managed to hide their excitement but Neville continued undeterred.

“Apparently they’ve had a letter asking for a family portrait of us.”

“Love a duck!” sighed Gran. “Some people need to get a life!”

So it was that some days later the family crammed into the kitchen in their Sunday best. All except Cinnamon. “You can’t be in a family portrait looking like that!” protested a horrified Narelle as her 17-year old emerged in a skimpy boob tube with enough eye makeup to be masccary.

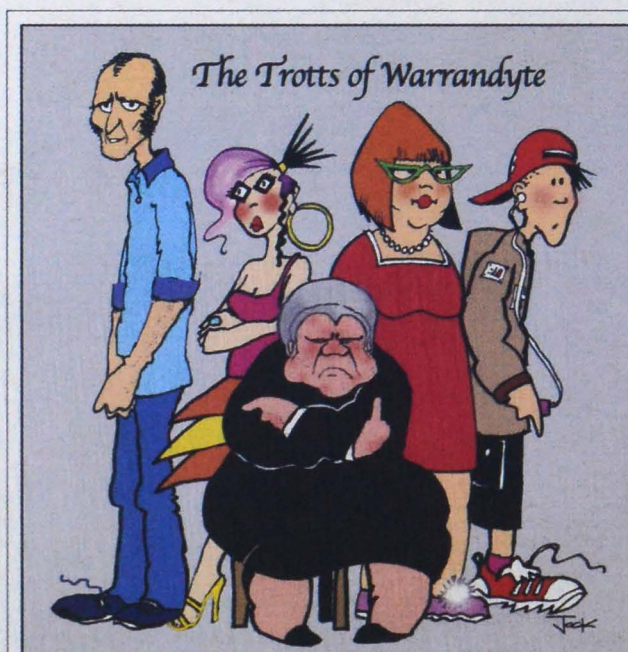
Forty minutes and three wardrobe changes later, the Landcruiser pulled into Tunstall Square and parked outside Fantasy Photographics—Weddings and Family Portraits a Specialty.

“Ooh what a handsome family!” cooed Fabian the photographer, arranging the Trotts in front of the ubiquitous mottled grey background. It was a bit like trying to make a floral arrangement out of rhubarb but the man was an artist. He was from the Blow Up school of photography, all gorgeous darling and leather pants. “Don’t turn your back son,” said Gran as Fabian reached for the Vaseline jar.

“All right people, let’s have the men on the outside, the two sisters in the middle and Mother on the stool in front.”

“Oh no, Narelle and Cinnamon aren’t sis...” started Neville before a sharp elbow ended his protestations. As if, thought Fabian smugly.

With some effort, Neville and Jasper hoisted Gran onto the stool, which she straddled like a



rodeo rider waiting for the gate to open as Fabian did a final fiddle with lights and gels.

“Cool camera!” said Cinnamon.

“Hasselhoff!” said Jasper knowingly. He’d recently developed an interest in photography magazines at Warrandyte Newsagency after one of his mates had shown him the issue with the French prime minister’s new wife in it.

“Everybody ready? Thinking happy thoughts? If we could just lose the squint in the front there.”

“What else am I supposed to do with a plurry lighthouse in my face,” said Gran. “It’s like the Gestapo in here!”

“I’ll just spill some light,” said Fabian tilting an umbrella. “It is

a teensy bit harsh and you have such a characterful face.” More furrows than a potato patch, he thought to himself. Another little job for Photoshop.

“OK then? Happy thoughts! Just a minute! Where’s missy got to?”

“Just putting on some lip gloss,” came a voice from the bowels of the beauty case. Fabian held his light meter to Gran’s face one more time as Cinnamon resumed her position.

“Is that a real Rolex or have you just been to Phuket?” asked Gran.

“Look at me everybody. That doesn’t look like a very happy thought young man.”

“Cinnamon’s standing on a phone book!”

“And you’ve got sticky tape on

your hair.” “It keeps my sideboards flat!”

“You haven’t got sideboards, they’re hand-downs!”

“Can we just get on with it,” said Gran. “This is not exactly a Jason Lazyboy I’m perched on here. And shouldn’t you have a cloth over your head?” One of us should, thought Fabian.

“Alright everybody. Happy thoughts. That’s gorgeous. Let’s have a cheeky grin at the front there. Lovely. Hold it!”

Suddenly there was a loud pop and everything went blindingly white.

“Schweppes!” cried Gran toppling backwards to the floor. “I’ve been shot!”

“Oh my God! Are you all right darls?” gasped Fabian rushing over flapping his hands wildly. “It was just the flash going off!”

“Get him away from me,” shrieked Gran and uttered the two words that every self-employed businessman dreads most. “I’ll sue!”

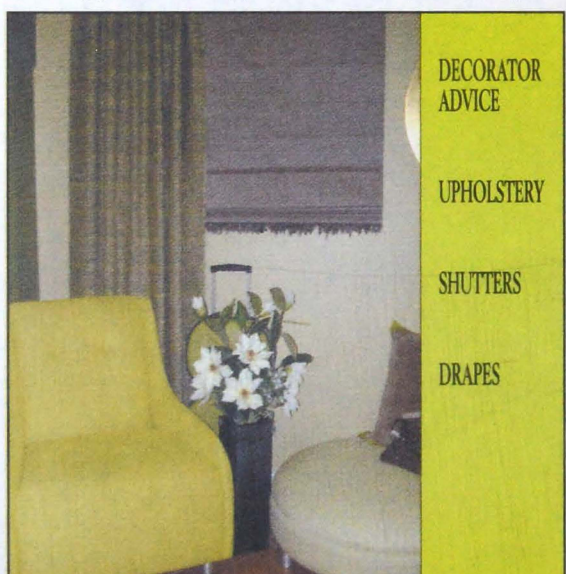
Three days later, the Trotts were gathered round the kitchen table amidst a plethora of prints, blow-ups, loose-leaf albums and complimentary frames from Fantasy Photographics.

“And all free!” noted Neville. “That’s a nice gesture.”

“Nice my arse,” said Gran. “At least I can chuck away these crutches now. What on earth are we going to do with that many prints anyway?”

“Well this one goes to the *Diary*,” said Neville, not even noticing Gran’s finger.

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# Sewerage: we need to go with the flow

The provision of sewerage to the whole of the Warrandyte community has been a vexed and urgent problem for many years. SANDY BURGOYNE plunges into an in-depth investigation and discovers some hope for the future.

The health of our river is important to us all, but the Yarra is often criticised for being a risky place to swim from Warrandyte to its flow through the CBD. This is because of periodic high counts of *e coli* in various stretches of the river. This organism, while not normally dangerous to human health, is an indicator of faecal contamination.

Faulty septic tanks have long been recognised as a large contributor to this problem. In recognition of this John Thwaites, then minister for water, announced in January 2006 that the state government would spend \$250 million over the next 20 years to accelerate the replacement of septic tanks in the Yarra catchment.

A reticulated sewer system was made available to Warrandyte village around 1986, but outlying and large properties were not included in the scheme. Across the Yarra North Warrandyte remains unsewered.

Two years on from the government announcement little activity is apparent.

"On 18 September last year I submitted a question on notice asking the minister when residents in my elector-

ate could expect to be connected to the sewerage system. I further asked how many residents would be connected over the next few years," Ryan Smith, the member for Warrandyte told the *Diary*.

"Six months on I still have yet to receive a reply from the minister, leaving me and my community to conclude that he either does not know or does not care."

However, something appears to be happening behind the scenes.

"Manningham and Nillumbik (councils) have completed the first step which is to develop a domestic waste water management plan and what that does is to identify all the properties that require reticulated sewerage," Brian Tee, member for Eastern Metropolitan Region in the upper house, told the *Diary*.

"Yarra Valley Water then have taken that information and developed a plan that they have referred to the Essential Services Commission and that's where it's up to now. The Essential Services commissioner now has to sign it all off," he said.

Yarra Valley Water (YVW) is working



We must stop septic tank seepage polluting our beautiful river. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

closely with both local councils. "Manningham has had a number of priority areas identified that will be seweraged over the next five years ... Priority areas have also been identified in Warrandyte North and sewerage is currently planned to take place within five years," Sam Austin, YVW general manager sustainable development told the *Diary*.

North Warrandyte has around 1000 septic tank systems in use and those on small blocks will need to be replaced with a system that doesn't pollute waterways. The north side of the Yarra, with its steep and rocky terrain, has long been recognised as a difficult (and

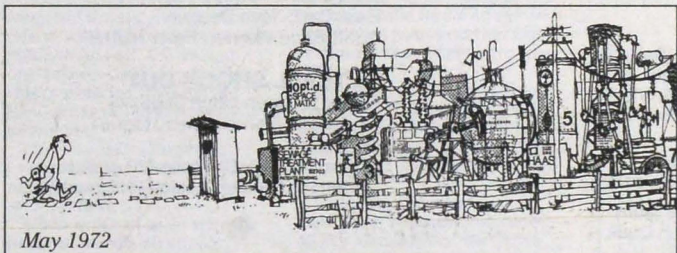
probably expensive) place to install a conventional reticulated sewer system. In 1977 North Riding councillor Frank Maas told the *Diary*, "council believes that package plants are the only solution to the sewage and sullage problem—at least in the short term. Certainly they would do a lot towards reducing pollution of the Yarra."

This type of plant has several houses connected to it, the number is dependent on the terrain, and processes waste to a standard suitable for release. This obviates the need to bring a sewer truck pipe to individual properties.

"Yarra Valley Water is investigating a number of traditional and alternative

sewerage options for these communities. The least cost and most sustainable solution will be selected based on the unique site specific conditions and constraints. Large properties which can contain their septic tank effluent on their own site will not be connected to the reticulated sewerage system," Mr Austin of Yarra Valley Water said.

The indication is that householders will need to employ a plumber to disconnect and decommission their septic tank and connect to the sewerage system that YVW makes available under this replacement scheme. This is expected to be the only cost to property owners.



May 1972

## Police seek consultation on skate park



Skate park should be a place of daredevil fun. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

By JOANNE GREEN

Concerned at recent events at the Warrandyte Skate Park, police have joined with Manningham council and the YMCA in a focus group to try and determine ways of preventing antisocial and criminal behaviour at the park.

"Whilst strategies such as additional security cameras and lighting are being considered, the best course of action would be to have the whole community involved, working together to protect this community-owned resource," Sgt Scott Poynder of Warrandyte police told the *Diary*.

The focus group had its first meeting late last month. The group plans to invite local

sporting groups, schools, and Warrandyte residents to put forward their ideas at future meetings.

It is also hoped that young people who use the skate park will be included in this process.

"We want ideas on how to make the skate park a safe local resource for everyone," Sgt Poynder said.

A number of concerns have recently been raised to the police about people who are not using the park properly. Incidents of alcohol consumption, criminal damage and offensive behaviour have all been witnessed.

An incident early last month, when two police officers were allegedly assaulted, triggered

the need for the focus group.

"Although the injuries weren't serious, the incident itself was," Sgt Poynder said. "They were taking on the people who were there to protect them."

However, Sgt Poynder believes that crime and inappropriate behaviour around the skate park has increased only slightly in recent times.

"It has become more noticeable because of increased patrolling," he said. He emphasised the skate park is receiving extra attention and anti-social behaviour is being detected early.

Doncaster CIU is investigating the alleged assaults. Several arrests have been made.

Doncaster CIU has also

searched several Warrandyte residences and computers, cameras and mobile phones were seized. This equipment provided evidence of careless driving, criminal damage and theft. Warrandyte police have charged five local youths, aged between 16 and 21.

"Also, four defect notices have been issued on cars linked to the recorded crimes," Sgt Poynder said. "This prohibits the vehicles being driven on public roads." Further interviews are expected.

● Warrandyte police are urging residents to report any illegal activity at the skate park to the police, or to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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**2008 FESTIVAL RESULTS**

**GRAND PARADE**

- Best Overall Entry: Andersons Creek PS
- Best Costume/Makeup: Warrandyte PS
- Most Warrandytish: Warrandyte Child Care
- Most Imaginative: Warranwood drama group
- Most Colourful: Glo Youth Group

**DUCK RACE**

- 1 Renata Levin Buckland, Warrandyte PS
- 2 Emily Paxton, Warrandyte Child Care
- 3 Denni Egan
- 4 N. Sholakis, Andersons Creek PS
- 5 Jaedon Williams, Taroona Pre-school



**SKATE COMPETITION**

- 12 & Under:**
  - 1 Matty D'Ambrosio, Chelsea
  - 2 Adam Harahop, Donvale
  - 3 Cameron Stavley, Eltham
- 16 & Under:**
  - 1 Tay Ashby, Hurstbridge
  - 2 Jimmy Quilty, Kilsyth
  - 3 Jack Fullard, Heathmont
- Open:**
  - 1 Ricky Glaser, Rosanna
  - 2 Teddy Lack, Yarra Junction
  - 3 Mitch Rouse, Eltham

**PUMPKIN CHALLENGE**

- Best Decorated Pumpkin
- Open:**
  - 1 Fiona Coull
  - 2 Jan O'Neill
- Grades 4-6 (Family):**
  - 1 Megan Ramcharan
  - 2 Lockier & Jackson Duran
- Grades 4-6:**
  - 1 Brita Kalejs
  - 2 Lily Jones & Eliza Phillips
- Grades 3 & Under (Family):**
  - 1 Jarrah & Jayden Clark
  - 2 Amy Ricardson
- Grades 3 & Under:**
  - 1 Chelsea Humpreys and Austin
  - 2 Jasper Robinson
- Grand Champion:**  
Fiona Coull
- Largest Pumpkin:**
  - 1 Daniel & Jack Mow
  - 2 McHugh Family
- Guessing the Weight of the Pumpkin:**  
Emrah Schmez (22.3kgm)

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- Open Mens: Joel Greve (202km/h)
- Open Womens: Annette Hughes (107km/h)
- Vet Mens: Neil Dusting (144km/h)
- Vet Womens: Val Lynch (94 km/h)
- U/18 Boys: Tristan Valentino (185km/h)
- U/18 Girls: Elise Northover (137km/h)
- U/15 Boys: Michael Ashfield (172 km/h)
- U/15 Girls: Claudia Bowers (91km/h)
- U/13 Boys: Sean Bowers (134km/h)
- U/13 Girls: Stephanie Shaw (113km/h)
- U/10 Boys: Jake Brimmer (107km/h)
- U/10 Girls: Zoe Stafford (59km/h)

**HOMEBREWING CONTEST**

- Best Bitter: Neil Dusting
- Best Light/Others/Cider: Michael Stanzel
- Best Lager: Kevin O'Mara
- Best Pilsner: Michael Stanzel
- Best Draught: Kevin O'Mara
- Best Ale: Joshua Smith
- Best Stout: C.A. Turner
- Public Choice: C.A. Turner
- Overall Champion: C.A. Turner

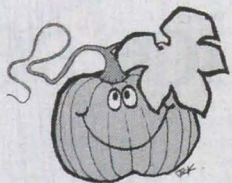


**BILLYCART DERBY**

- 1 Oliver Reade
- 2 Lauchie Frowd
- 3 Ben Robson
- Best Effort: Robson Family
- Best Cart: Josh Deague
- Adult Race Winner: Peter Murrell

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# Warrandyte Village Festival



## Festival rolls along

By **CLIFF GREEN and KARLY HICKMAN**

**A**NOTHER Warrandyte Village Festival has come and gone. Although the stifling heat may have reduced the crowds somewhat, it certainly didn't lessen the sheer joy of participating in the myriad of events on offer. And it didn't interfere with that special festival feature: meeting old friends and making new ones.

The usual favourites were all there: the billycart derby, the pet show, the Scouts' wonderful waterslide, the grand parade—bigger and better than ever—the Rotary art show, the home-brewing competition, the old blokes with their stationary engines, the emergency services demonstrating their courage and efficiency with the car rescue; and of course, the inevitable duck race.

But as always, the festival was a mixture of the old and the new.

Brand-new events included the pumpkin challenge—with schools, kinders and local professional artists showing their talent. And then there was the family bike ride. We've had one before, but this year the riders were led through historic areas of old Warrandyte goldfields.

The wonderful bug-eyed creatures concocted by Warrandyte's senior citizens were another first.

When quizzed as to why the program seems so similar, year by year, festival committee president John Boyle replied: "Predominantly due to its continuing success. Compared to other festivals, our program offers an incredibly diverse range of events. It is amazing that it's run entirely by volunteers."

The stage programs covered the full gamut, from the kids' Groove on Saturday, through the wide variety of events on the riverbank stage—including a snake man, bands and comedians—to the main stage, presenting first-class entertainment day and night.

Saturday Night Swing on the main stage was something of an experiment, with a program devised by young people for the younger audience.

"It was a real pleasure to see young Ben Dennis take on so much responsibility and deliver such an extraordinary

program," John Boyle said. Due to fire restrictions, the fireworks finale was cancelled this year. However, according to John Boyle, "there was still a great crowd at Stiggants Reserve on the Sunday night".

Apart from the suffocating heat, the only real disappointment this year was the poor showing of street banners.

"The Manningham CEO was disappointed that only half the usual number of banners were displayed this year," Mr Boyle said. "She emphasised the importance of not being too reliant on energy companies like SP Ausnet."

"Therefore, we are looking for suggestions on how we can make a new set-up that does not require a cherry-picker to install the brackets and banners."

"We are open to suggestions from the community regarding this," Mr Boyle said.

As always the Warrandyte Village Festival is dependent on a wide range of people to make it happen; all volunteers.

"So much work goes on behind the scenes to make the festival what it has been for the past 30 years," committee member Julie Roy told the *Diary*. "Work starts on the 2009 festival immediately after the 2008 event."

"We have a few committee vacancies this year," she said. "Or you might even have a wonderful idea for that new event you have always wanted to run!"

"As always, we welcome new ideas and new volunteers to our committee," Mr Boyle said.

● Call John Boyle on 9844 3120 (ah) or 9874 2266 (w) for further information.



### Festival ideas

The *Diary* has picked up the following suggestions around the traps.

- There should be a special event each year. Ideas should be canvassed from local groups as early as possible.
- There should be more active events, with greater community participation.
- Better use should be made of the river. How about a regatta?



Andersons Creek Primary School took top honours in the Grand Parade. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

## In search of a story...

By **GILCHRIST CLENDINNEN**

**F**OR as long as I can remember I have heard people talk in awe of the wild scenes of drunken debauchery on Saturday night at the Warrandyte Festival after the last band has packed up and gone home.

As I was meant to be writing about an aspect of the festival that interested me, I thought I would mingle with the teenage horde that gathers every year at the Skate Park and watch as the night gradually got out of hand.

The first clue that things might be different this year came when I dragged a mate down at around 2pm to check out the daytime action. To my dismay, the Youth Stage, one of the teenage "eventz" had been moved from the Skate Park to the Stiggants car park.

Where would I find my drunken troublemakers? Would they get drunk at the stage? Or would they walk

back to the Skate Park before they started breaking things and vomiting in the bushes?

I was further disheartened when I saw that the teenage numbers had suffered following relocation of the stage. Usually the young horde begins gathering from about 1pm, but there were more proud mothers watching the bands than potential troublemakers. However, as I really didn't feel like writing an article about a cake stall, I decided to come back that night to see if any trouble was brewing.

I had been hearing rumours that the police were planning a crackdown on underage drinking at the festival. So when I found the Skate Park deserted I assumed the cops were in the area. Walking back to Stiggants, my suspicions were confirmed when we passed two policemen walking towards the Skate Park—perhaps for the tenth time.

However, it became obvious that although the police

had stopped people drinking at the Skate Park, there was still the odd drunken teenager around. I noticed some kids sitting on the play equipment by the Main Stage furtively sipping alcohol from six-packs concealed at their feet. Later I met two 16 year-old girls who had come to Warrandyte from Eltham, and were trying to find alcohol so they could get drunk by the river. I took one of their phone numbers and she promised to call me if she saw anything interesting.

At the IGA car park, a few teenagers had begun congregating around 10pm. They didn't seem to have any alcohol and looked a little disappointed as they milled around, talking about some guy who was apparently so drunk he couldn't get up a flight of stairs.

"This is f\*\*\*ing boring," I overheard a guy with gelled hair and pink t-shirt say. I was inclined to agree with him, but then, what did he expect?

Later that night I called the

two girls to see how they had enjoyed their night. Slightly drunk, they explained that they were walking back to a friend's house to stay the night. They seemed to have enjoyed themselves. They had some story about hiding from a police car. The fact that they had not broken any windows or joined in a riot did not faze them.

Saturday night at the festival was totally tame. What was I going to write about? Then, in hindsight, I realised something I should have known earlier. The stories I had heard about previous Saturday nights at the festival were wildly exaggerated, as were the stories told in surrounding schools on Monday following the Festival. Teenagers create their own legends and it's usually their own rumours that give them bad reputations.

There will probably always be some underage drinking on Saturday night at the Warrandyte Festival, but is it really much to get worked up about?

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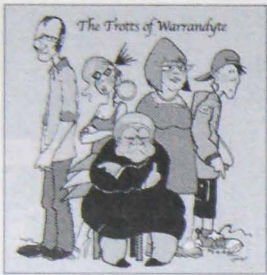
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## Trots fun registers

I am writing to say how much I love "The Trots", especially Grandma.

We are going to South Australia at the end of the month in our caravan and I wonder if Grandma would like to come? Maybe it would be too much after her trip to Lorne!

Keep up the great work.

Suzann Knott  
Wonga Park

PS: Could Jock do a family portrait of them, do you think?

## Market: too much muck

I think the Warrandyte market is wonderful, however when I jog through the riverside reserve on the Monday morning following, I see the amount of litter far exceeds the wheelie bins provided, causing "spillover". Additionally, I hear all the litter from the river reserve goes to landfill, there is no recycling available. Can council management do something? The festival has recycling facilities for litter.

Charles Afton  
By email

## dear diary

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

## Festival thanks

The Warrandyte Festival was, once again, a huge success.

Despite the heat the Festival was well attended by crowds of people, who were clearly enjoying all that was on offer.

The theme of "Home Grown Fun" was embraced, particularly by the students and children of the local schools and pre-schools who participated in the parade and the Kids' Market.

My son's favourite event was the billycart races on Sunday and I applaud the commentators of this event, who kept the spectators entertained with their light-hearted banter.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the organisation of this year's Warrandyte Festival—a job exceedingly well done!



Ryan Smith  
MP for Warrandyte



St Stephen's Anglican Church, Warrandyte

## Calling all friends of St Stephen's!

We wish to advise all present and past parishioners of St Stephen's Church, Warrandyte, of a community general meeting to be held at the church at 7.30pm on Monday, April 14.

We are also inviting all members of the wider community of the Warrandyte area who over the years have had anything to do with the church.

This would naturally include everyone who has been involved in a baptism, wedding or funeral in the church as well as those people who may have been in the Sunday School, CEBS or youth groups or even indirectly through any loose affiliation such as the Friends of St Stephen's.

St Stephen's is at the crossroads and our future as a parish

partly hangs on what recommendations and petitions may come out of this meeting.

So, if you have had anything to do with the church or if, as a member of this community, you can feel a sense of impending loss that will change the background tone of our town forever, I urge you to come along to this meeting and hear proposals or put forward your own.

This is one of those crucial times in the history of a community when it is imperative to have your say. I urge you to come along.

Irving Reid  
Banning Road

## Walk those barking dogs Fond memories of Jean

I love the whole tree-change feel of Warrandyte, however frustrated barking by bored neighbourhood dogs often disturbs the bush peacefulness, daytime and night.

I can only assume people think that because the blocks here are large, dogs do not need to be exercised off the house block. Well they do. Even those homes that have the "companion"

second dog only results in two dogs barking in frustration. It happens at all hours of the day and night.

Be kind to your pet dog(s), take them out. It's healthy for you owners too, and you will all enjoy the walk around your wonderful Warrandyte neighbourhood.

Charles Afton  
By email

This email was received on our website following the publishing of Jean Jones' obituary in our last issue.

I have had a busy few years in Adelaide and now I am back at Sale. I haven't forgotten about all of you and, indeed, look forward to a good read (hard copy) when I visit mum in Croydon.

I was in Warrandyte in early February for the funeral of

Jean Jones, having been a close friend of the family for many years. I will be returning on Anzac Day in my full ceremonial uniform (Air Force) to march with Ben. It may be one of the few marches he has left in him. It is the least I can do for a returned digger. Hope to catch up then.

Russell Thomas  
By email



Despina and John Tsiotinas: gone but not forgotten.

## Garage loss mourned

I was sad to see the Warrandyte garage closed. I wish John and his wife well for the future.

We have to go to Research or South Warrandyte for petrol, which is inconvenient, especially for me as I'm 86 this year and only drive locally.

It would be very welcome if someone else maintained the garage.

I like the *Warrandyte Diary* and congratulate the staff for their informative news.

B. Macainsh  
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By PAUL WILLIAMS



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# Lions Club fundraising roars on



Warrandyte Lions gave these cancer kids a great weekend.

The Lions Club of Warrandyte participated in the raising of \$65,000 for good causes last month.

Warrandyte Lions combined with Vermont Lions to present the Laurie McInaney Memorial Golf Day. More than 160 golfers took part and the event was strongly supported by local sponsors. A cheque for \$15,000 was presented to the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre.

The following weekend saw the Warrandyte club participating in the annual Canteen water sports event, when some 50 teenagers with cancer enjoyed the hospitality of the Eildon Boat Club and Eildon Lions. The Warrandyte club began this event some 14 years ago.

An auction on the Friday night raised \$50,000 for Canteen.

"Canteen gets no support from government and is totally reliant on funds raised from the public," Warrandyte chairman Ron Cuthbert said.

The event concluded with a display by the RAAF Roulettes.

Warrandyte Lions are calling for nominations for their annual Youth of the Year Award.

"This prestigious award is made to a Year 11 or 12 student who attends a local school and resides within the locality," convenor John Papas told the *Diary*. "The award recognises community minded youth within the Warrandyte community."

Nominations may be made by any school or community organisation. Second and third prizes are being offered.

"The basis of the award is achievement within one or more areas of personal endeavour, including leadership, community service and academic, sporting or artistic achievement," Mr Papas said.

The successful young person will receive \$600, with second and third prizes of \$400 and \$200. Nominating organisations will receive the same amounts.

Nominations can be forwarded to PO Box 18, Warrandyte 3113 by Friday, August 1.

Lions are hard at work refurbishing the tennis courts at the bridge. They have installed new outdoor furniture in the barbecue area.

This year marks the centenary of the courts.

With the help of Manningham council, indigenous landscaping has been undertaken and a new stainless top and hotplates have been added to the free electric barbecue.

The tennis court surface has been renewed, new nets and lines installed, the children's play area has been remodelled and the clubroom given a facelift. Working with potter Jane Annois, Warrandyte High School students are creating a mosaic to decorate the walls of the clubroom.

Bookings for use of the courts can be made through Landfield Real Estate (Monday to Saturday), at the Lions Op Shop (Sunday) or online at lions.tennis.courts@hotmail.com

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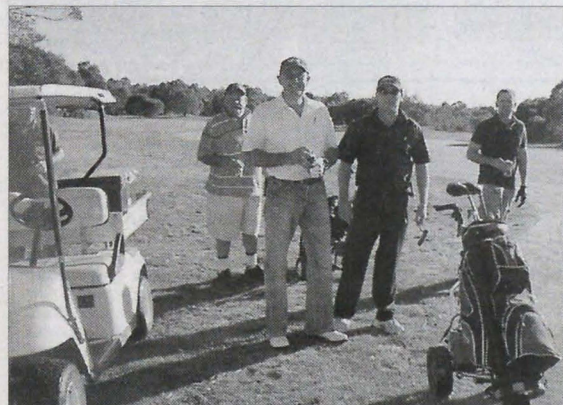
Is your home secure? Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch is holding a home security presentation night on Tuesday, May 13 at 7.30pm, at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre in Taroona Avenue.

"Many Warrandyte families are absent from their home during weekdays and holiday periods, leaving them vulnerable to opportunistic burglars," Neighbourhood Watch spokesman Phil Clark told the *Diary*.

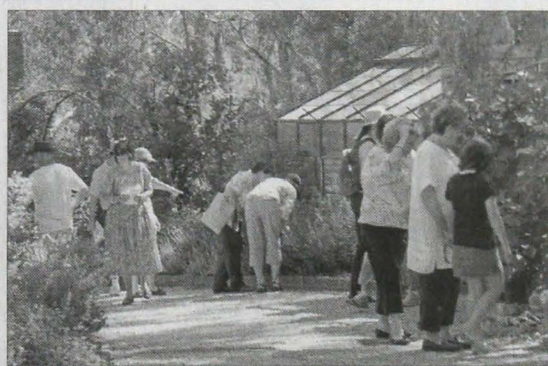
"While most local residents believe we live in a safe and secure area, residents in other outlying suburbs have had their 'safe and secure' belief shattered when burglars raided every second home while householders were absent."

Speakers at the community meeting will include Sen Const Robyn Murphy, Sgt Pete Henry, Amanda Dumitriu, of Assab Abloy Lockwood, dealing with such security issues as windows and doors, and an expert on electronic security—home alarm systems.

• Further information from Phil Clark: 9844 3091.



These golfers helped raise \$15,000.



Opening their wonderful garden in Bradleys Lane on the weekend before the festival, John and Pat Anderson raised approximately \$9,600 for the North Warrandyte CFA Brigade. STEPHEN REYNOLDS went along and took these pictures. Another of Warrandyte's special gardens—the Hansons' in Webb Street—will be open to the public on the weekend of April 26 and 27.

## Open garden pulls in the money



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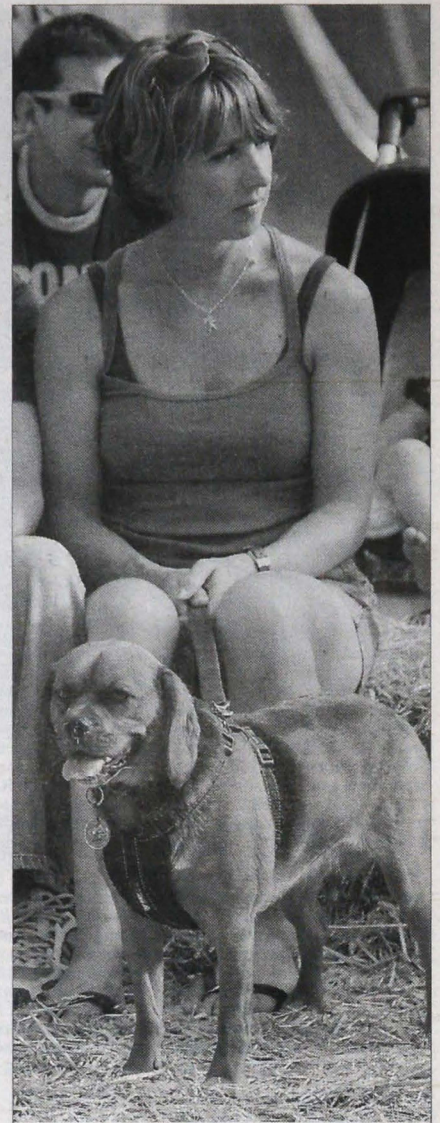
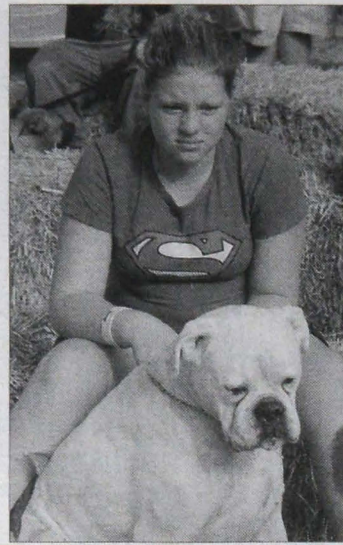
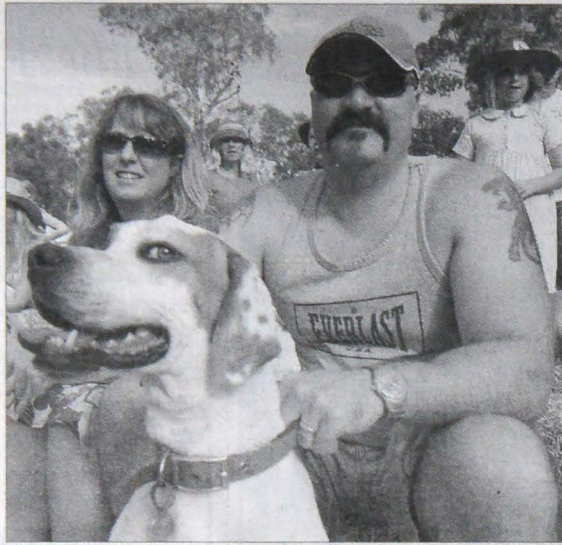
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# Jess takes top award

By JOANNE GREEN

Warrandyte resident Jess Henderson, 24, completed her degree in textile design on a high note last year, winning an award for excellence in constructed textiles. The award, sponsored by Australian Wool Innovation, required Jess to create, across a year, a promotional package using 100% Australian Merino fabrics, showcasing Australian wool to the European market.

Jess's package was a series of knitted women's accessories that included jewellery. Her work took out the award for the best yarn promotional package for constructed textiles against 35 of her fellow final year RMIT students.

The promotional packages, also part of Jess's university assessment, had to emphasise innovation and creativity. They involved creating 15 to 20 fabric swatches, a resource book, concept book and PowerPoint presentation displaying illustrations and technical information on the pieces.

As the award was celebrating 200 years of Australian Merino wool, Jess had to develop a promotional board, giving a visual history of Australia's wool.

"I was happy and excited," Jess told the *Diary* after winning the \$2500 award. This award "sets you up with jobs and opportunities for work experience," she said.

Jess had only recently come out of hospital after suffering a chest condition that caused her to cease working with textiles until she was well.

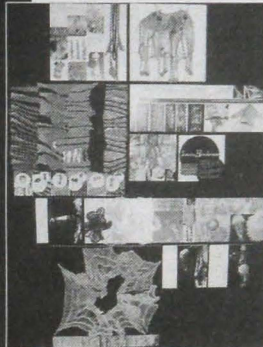


# WHS kids' words win

A group of Warrandyte High School VCE students have won a major writing award for the second year in a row.

Year 12 students for 2007—Brooke Allison, Veronica Bence, Jess Bradbury, Kirstin Griese, Samantha Kodila, Elyce Lambrou, Kara Rozitis, Teri Sibson, Marelly Wirz, Georgia Vague and Laura Wynne developed a short story anthology entitled *Silence of the Heart*, entered it in the Fellowship of Australian Writers National Literary Awards—and it won!

They received their award at a presentation at Malvern Town Hall late last month. Last year the school won the prestigious Mavis Thorpe Clark Award.



Jess Henderson (left) and (inset) her wool promotion display.

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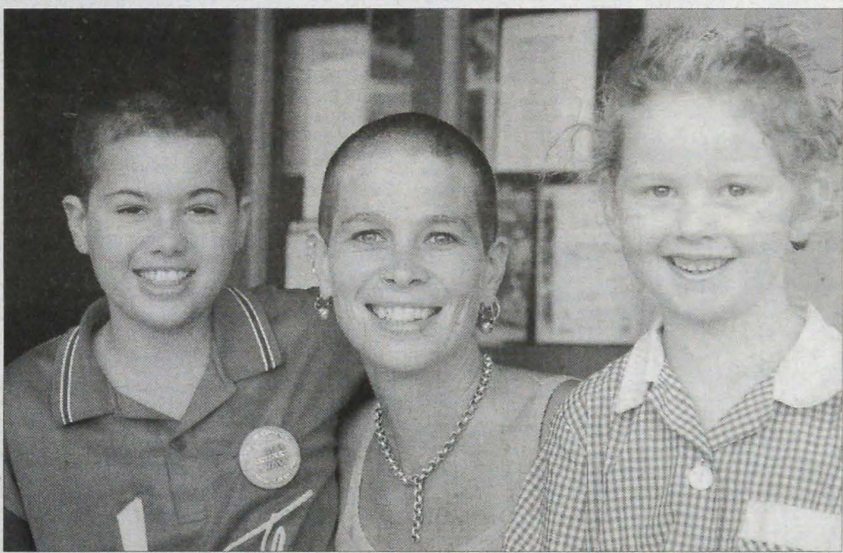
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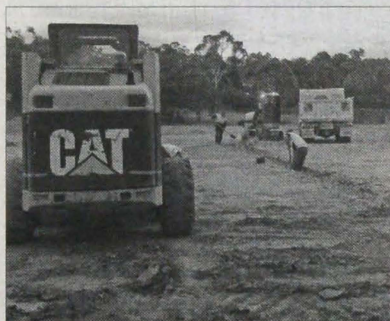
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# High school oval gets makeover



The oval at Warrandyte High School is undergoing a \$250,000 transformation as contractors undertake major redevelopment works that will deliver a much-improved sporting arena for the school's students.

"This important work has been partly funded by \$150,000 from the federal government's 'investing in our schools' program," a spokesperson told the *Diary*.

The school will be looking to raise funds locally for such work as fencing, replacing the cricket pitch and goal posts and installing shade sails.

"This will be the school's major fundraising focus for 2008," the spokesperson said.

The redeveloped oval will be named in honour of esteemed maths and science teacher, Rob Graham, who tragically died following a bike accident in 2007. Mr Graham played a major role in promoting sport at the school.

The new oval will benefit from a \$50,000 community water grant which will fund an upgrade of the school's water treatment plant to treat and re-distribute waste water.

"The school is also undertaking the huge task of re-roofing the main buildings, thanks to a \$500,000 state government grant. This work is due for completion in October this year," the spokesperson said.



# Possible futures for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

There is more than one way to achieve the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge.

Drawing on views expressed during consultation, we have developed a number of possible futures, or scenarios, and invite you to let us know what you like, or don't like, about them.

For more information, and to read the scenarios, please visit [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au) > News > click on Green Wedge Management Plan.

If you would like to receive a copy by post please call Claire Hodgson (03) 9433 3205.

We are accepting written submissions until Monday 14 April 2008. Please write or email:

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# Back to St Stephen's Church

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# Relay for life for Warrandyte

The world's largest fundraising event is coming to Warrandyte. A public meeting will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Tuesday, April 15 at 7.30pm to form an organising committee for this year's Warrandyte Relay for Life. The relay is an overnight event that runs for 18 hours and will raise funds for the Cancer Council Victoria. Teams of 10 or more will take turns to keep a baton moving around the track. The Warrandyte relay will be held in late September. Further information from 1300 65 65 85 or visit [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au).

## out of the box

By JUDY GREEN

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

## Footwear

The Phantoms basketball team is holding a Laura Benini designer shoes fundraiser to help send their team to the 2008 Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast. The event will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 2pm at the Warrandyte RSL in Brackenbury Street. Support a local team and buy yourself some fantastic Australian-made, high quality shoes. Further information from Laura Phelan, 9844 0220.

## Lost

The festival committee is holding a number of lost articles from the festival weekend. If you have lost items of footwear, backpacks or forgotten to pick up goods from stallholders, please contact Janet George on 9844 2695 and they may be able to help you reunite with your belongings.

## Volunteers

Information Warrandyte are seeking new volunteers to join them in this community service. If you are interested or would like further information



The Hanson garden at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte will be open to the public on the weekend of April 26 and 27 as part of the Australian Open Garden Scheme. Part of the entry will go towards the Warrandyte Uniting Church peace garden.

about what is involved call 9844 3082.

## Probus

The Warrandyte and Park Orchards Probus Club welcomes people over the age of 55 who are retired or semi-retired. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 10am at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens rooms

in Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte to hear interesting speakers and enjoy great fellowship. This April a group from the club is heading off on a 19-day tour of New Zealand. Inquiries to Ray Spargo on 9844 3345.

## Environment

Upcoming Nillumbik council environmental events include "Managing for wildfire on a bush block" at the Christmas Hills South Fire Station on Sunday, April 20 from 10am to 2pm and a Diamond Creek Waterwatch bike ride on Sunday, April 27 from 10am to 1pm. Call Megan Frye for further information on 9433 3210 for both events.

## Seminar

Manningham council's next environment seminar, to be held at the South Warrandyte hall in Hall Road on Wednesday May 7, will be addressed by Trish Grant, talking about our local water bugs and the role they play in stream ecology. The seminars are free and commence at 7.30pm.

## Employers

If you have employees or are about to engage any, the Employer Essentials seminar to be held by Manningham council may be of help to you. It will be held on Thursday, May 1 at the Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster from 9am to 1pm. Call 9840 9333 for further information and bookings.

## Healers

Esoteric Healers Australia is holding an introductory workshop on Sunday, April 13 at the Eltham Library complex, Panther Place, Eltham from 8.45am to 1pm. Cost is \$60. Call Denise on 0408 852 784 for further information about the workshop or the group's monthly community nights.

## Harmony

The Earth Harmony Centre, at 246 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, is presenting didgeridoo virtuoso Brace Rogers on Friday, April 18 commencing at 8pm. On Saturday, April 19 the centre is hosting a drumming workshop, commencing at 12noon. Across the following five Saturdays, also commencing at 12noon, a follow-up drumming course will be held. Bookings and further details from 9844 5155.

## Tell us

The *Diary* is your newspaper and we're always ready to publish details of your forthcoming events. Give us all the facts and simply drop it through the door in the *Diary* office, post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113, fax it to 9844 4168, or email [warrandytediary@aapt.net.au](mailto:warrandytediary@aapt.net.au).

## Need to know

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

## artyfacts

### Open

*Diary* cartoonists Ona Henderson and Syd Tunn will be opening their studio to the public on May 3, 4, 10 and 11 from 12 noon to 5pm. The studio is located at the corner of Henley and Oxley Roads, Bend of Islands.

### Potters

Ceramic artists in Manningham and beyond are invited to apply for the inaugural 2009 Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art Award. The major prize, the Victorian first prize acquisitive award is \$5000 with the Manningham Valley of the Arts Merit award(s) up to \$4000. The Manningham Valley award is available solely to people who live in Manningham, Maroondah, Nillumbik and Banyule. The selections will be made by a panel of judges in March next year. Entry forms are available at [www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au). Applications close on December 1 with a handling fee of \$30 for each piece.

### Dinner

"Dinner in the Garden" is the title of Stonehouse Gallery's April exhibition. Featuring two Stonehouse regulars—Jan O'Neill (organic sculptured urns, bird baths and rock pots) and Barbara Ratcliffe (tableware), the exhibition runs until April 30. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, in the old Gospel Chapel. Phone 9844 3629.

### Wonders

The Warrandyte Wonders exhibition showing works by local artist Walter Magilton and 10 of his students will be open at the AGRA Gallery until Sunday, April 13. The gallery is at the corner of Camberwell and Inglesby Roads, Camberwell.

## COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA



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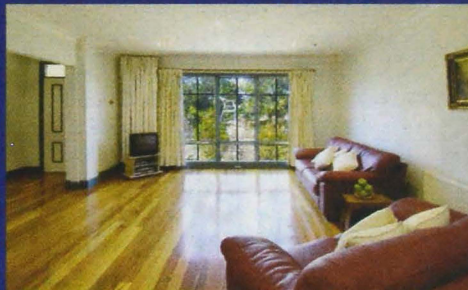


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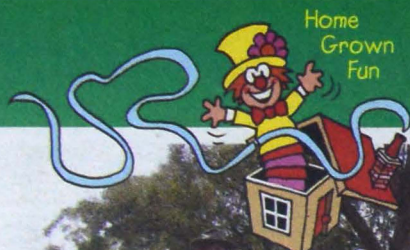
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# Warrandyte's Golden Age

By RICHARD MORTON

**A**LTHOUGH Warrandyte celebrates its claim as the location of the first gold discovery in Victoria, it never became a major gold field. The news of the first discovery on Anderson's Creek brought an initial rush to what were then called the Victoria Diggings in the winter of 1851, but most diggers soon deserted the field on news of richer finds in Central Victoria. In an article published in the *Victorian Historical Journal* in 2001, local historian Murray Houghton gives the fluctuating population figures quoted in contemporary reports. Towards the end of August 1851 there were about 200 men on the field; by the end of October there were only 17 actively working and by mid-December the area was almost deserted. This became the pattern for much of the 19th century.

Warrandyte became a sort of transit camp for disappointed diggers waiting for the next promising find or, because of its proximity to Melbourne, a refuge where the urban unemployed could attempt to scratch a living in times of economic recession. Over time some of these transients settled down to a modest living in agriculture, fruit growing or timber cutting, or in providing services to travellers and visitors; tourism was a limited but surprisingly early contributor to the district's economy. But it was not until the end of the century—and particularly into the first decade of the 20th—that a stable township population began to develop.

It was in this period of nation-wide business failure, unemployment, depression and drought that the gold-mining industry gained a new impetus in Warrandyte. Stimulus came from advances in mining technology, financial incentives from the Victorian government and the availability of a large labour force. Well-funded enterprises were able to sink shafts into the line of reef and the diorite dykes that intersected close to the village and to bring the gold-bearing ore to the surface for processing.

This began Warrandyte's first but brief Golden Age.

The peak of this mini-boom came in 1906. The daily papers in the middle of that year were able to report the progress of many new and resurrected mines particularly on the Caledonia line-of-reef. On May 3, 1906 *The Age* told its readers:

The picturesque looking old worldish hamlet of Warrandyte has been lately subjected to quite an upheaval of the earth in a literal sense, for "headings" are daily cropping up in all directions, and the sound of the stampers is rousing the echoes among the hills, where formerly the most noticeable sounds were the lowing of stock and the curling of the River Yarra as it bends its sinuous and uneven way.

The *Argus* followed with an even more picturesque account:

The coach descends from hills covered with trees into the valley of Warrandyte, where the search for gold is proving a stronger fascination than the production of apples. Beside the old township, along the Yarra bank, little tents show through the timber in the daytime, and at night bright fires mark the camping-places of newly-arrived miners. These camps are significant of the times. Four months ago Warrandyte was a commonplace township; today it is a busy mining centre. Upwards of 250 miners now find employment in the mines of the vicinity, and more mines are about to be started. (May 3, 1906)

A week later the *Sydney Bulletin* picked up the story and added further colour to it under the headline "THAT PRETTIEST OF MELBOURNE HOLIDAY RESORTS, WARRANDYTE OR ANDERSON'S CREEK":

That prettiest of Melbourne holiday resorts, Warrandyte or Anderson's Creek, is still in the throes of its gold-boom. Since the Caledonia struck gold, two months back these pubs have been floated: Caledonia North, Caledonia South, Caledonia Extended, Caledonia Blocks, Caledonia Fifth Hill, Caledonia Central, Caledonia Great Southern, Caledonia and Devonshire, not to mention the Victory paps, Victory North and New Victory. There is pegging pretty well all the way to Queenstown...

Meanwhile between 200 and 300 men are employed sinking, board is unobtainable in the township, and tents pervade the scrub and the Yarra bank. Motors, bikes and other conveyances transpire hourly, while the water-driven 10-head battery on the Yarra (none of the mines

have got their own going yet) belts steadily away from Sunday midnight to Saturday. Also two pubs are crushing beer for rich yields. (May 10, 1906)

The references to Warrandyte as a "picturesque looking old worldish hamlet" and the "prettiest of Melbourne holiday resorts" is an indication that the township was already well known to the wider public. Since the 1850s the novelty of a working goldfield so close to the metropolis, combined with its picturesque rural charms, had been a magnet for tourists. In its issue of September 15, 1856 the *Argus* told its readers that "a great number of Melbourne people have lately visited us, and have been delighted with [the] beauty of the scenery, and the novelty of the diggings". The proximity of the town to the metropolis, then as now, added to its attractiveness. "It is only a drive of four hours," the report continued, "and well repays the visitor for his troubles". By the early 1900s the extension of the suburban railway network had made access to the township even easier and quicker, although a connecting coach journey from Ringwood or Heidelberg railway stations was still necessary.

But it was not only casual visitors who were attracted to the district. A number of Melbourne businessmen, professionals and academics sought to establish weekenders or holiday homes in the "pretty holiday resort". Although land had been settled at Kangaroo Ground as early as 1842, it was not until the land boom of the 1880s that much of the land in the Parish of Nillumbik north of the river was taken up.

Warrandyte residents bought many of these blocks as small farms or as speculative holdings. Many came on the market again when boom times returned in the early 1900s and were eagerly sought by this new class of holiday visitor. One such was Professor William Adolphus Laver, one of the founders of the Conservatorium of Music at the University of Melbourne, and a member of a prodigiously talented family. One of his six brothers was a famous test

cricketer, another a medical practitioner and mining entrepreneur; he lent his name to the gold-mining town of Laverton in Western Australia. Early in the century, Laver bought a holiday property in what is now Osborne Road. It is probably through Laver's influence and friendship that the new professor of physiology and biochemistry at the University, William Alexander Osborne, was introduced to Warrandyte soon after his arrival from London early in 1904. Osborne took a holiday property as a neighbour of Laver's and eventually acquired all the land originally taken up by the Lowe family in Osborne Road, Warrandyte North. Over the next 40 years, the Osborne family was to have a profound impact on the cultural life of Warrandyte.

The growth in population following the new gold rush also stimulated demand for residential property. Provision had been made for the possible extension of the township of Warrandyte both south of the river and to the north in the County of Nillumbik by setting aside Crown reserves; it now seemed appropriate that some of this land should be offered for sale. Twenty half-acre lots facing the river in Warrandyte North rising in a line from the bridge to the top of Sloan's Hill went to auction on November 26, 1906 at upset prices ranging from £7. Lot 57, at the bottom of the hill and close to the bridge, was bought by Mrs Flinn for £18, well above the upset price.

Mrs Flinn was the wife of second-generation Warrandyte miner, John Arthur Flinn. The couple had married 12 months earlier, the bride being the former Clara Southern, a well-known Melbourne painter.

Clara Southern (1861-1940), "a tall, lithe beauty with reddish fair hair... nicknamed 'Panther,'" had studied at the National Gallery School, Melbourne, from 1883 to 1887 under Frederick McCubbin and was a contemporary of the group of Melbourne impressionist artists known as the Heidelberg School. The Yarra Valley was well known to this group of painters and their acolytes and it is prob-

able that Southern was a frequent visitor to Warrandyte at the turn of the century and, through these visits, had met Flinn. Their marriage represented a symbolic wedding of two of the strands in the increasingly complex culture of the Warrandyte community. At first glance these strands appeared incompatible, but this is to underestimate the vitality and dynamism of the community and the ways in which the environment brought them together. Warrandyte's comparative isolation meant that the community was drawn in upon itself and had to make its own society and entertainment.

Sport played a role in this; the cricket club has a long history and the football club was founded at the peak of the mining boom in 1906. But local newspapers of the 1880s and 90s are studded with reports of more social activities: balls, concerts, musical and theatrical performances. Intellectual life was not neglected: Flinn became one of the major protagonists for the establishment of a mechanics institute and one of the trustees when the first institute was built.

In the decade before the First World War, those elements were brought together to form the basis of the community that we can still recognise today. Clara Southern was highly regarded as an artist and popular both locally and in the wider community. She brought together a community of painters, many of whom settled on adjacent blocks north of the river. They included Harold Herbert, Jo Sweatman, Louis McCubbin, Frank Crozier, Charles Wheeler and, in 1914, Penleigh Boyd. Southern established a firm friendship with Boyd's wife and with the wife of Professor Osborne. These three ladies, Mrs Flinn, Mrs Penleigh Boyd and Mrs (later Dr) Ethel Osborne, formed a formidable trio and played leading roles in the social and cultural life of the community before the Second World War.

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# Roger strikes an online blow for customer rights

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That was until the phone rang. The woman at the head of the queue had part-ordered her meal when the shop's phone rang. Instantly, the assistant stopped listening to her live customer, picked up the phone and cursorily asked her shop customer whether she could be excused for a moment. There was no possibility for the customer to give her assent or not as the assistant wandered off, phone glued to her ear as she tried to make sense of what was obviously a garbled order.

Eventually the order was taken and she moved back to continue taking the "live" customer's order but not before placing the phone order on the list of jobs to be cooked. The annoying thing was that the phone order gained priority over the orders of customers lined up in the shop.

My anticipated wait of 15 to 20 minutes had now been extended because of a faulty phone order practice. The more I thought about it, the angrier I became until I hit upon a solution. If you can't beat them, join them.

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**"The annoying thing was that the phone order gained priority over the orders of customers lined up in the shop..."**

I looked at the Take-Away menu and dialled.

"Hello, I'd like to place an order for two grilled flathead, four potato cakes and the minimum chips." I was looking straight into the eyes of the shop assistant who looked at me and then my mobile and then talked to me through the handset.

"But you're in the shop. I've got these other people to serve ahead of you."

"That's easily solved," I said

as I walked out of the shop, my mobile still in my hand.

"Now, how long will that be?" I asked as if the problem had been resolved.

"But you're just outside the shop. You still have to wait until I serve these other people."

"But you just took a phone order a minute ago. What's the difference? I'm ringing you to place an order and I want it in line behind the last phone order."

By this time the other customers were getting a bit bolshie and had started to hassle the assistant.

"Come on! We've been waiting here for ages and we are here and ready for you to take our order."

I poked my head in the doorway. "I'm sorry but she's taking my phone order at the moment. You'll just have to wait."

"But you're here. And anyway, we're ahead of you in the queue."

"Not if I'm a phone order," I offered.

By this stage, things were getting a bit heated and not just in the vicinity of the boiling oil.

Other customers in the shop started to become involved. There was one camp that argued that I had no rights at all as I was in clear breach of the etiquette for personalised ordering. Another sector took up my cause and agreed that if I were outside the shop, officially I wasn't in the on-site line. A small splinter group, who had

just taken possession of their order and therefore could afford to be radical, tossed in a grenade, arguing that not only should my order be accepted but that it should go to the head of the queue if for no other reason than it was an inspired piece of anarchy.

In order to make the situation clearer, I suggested that I could go out of sight so I would then be no different from the previous caller. This was met with a lot of huffing and puffing but finally was declared offside because the call wasn't anonymous from the outset.

Number 78 was called and the last of the seated shop customers collected her food and left.

Defeated, I switched off my mobile and joined a guy who was had been sitting on one of the patio chairs just outside the shop. As I sat, he smiled and gave me the thumbs up. "You can see they haven't thought through how to deal with phone orders! It's the same in there every Friday: like something out of 'Fawlty Towers'."

I nodded and went inside. As I stood at the end of the now, much longer queue, I heard the scraping of aluminium chair legs and as the guy from outside passed me, he smiled and as he held aloft his Nokia mobile he gestured meaningfully at the seat under the outside umbrella.

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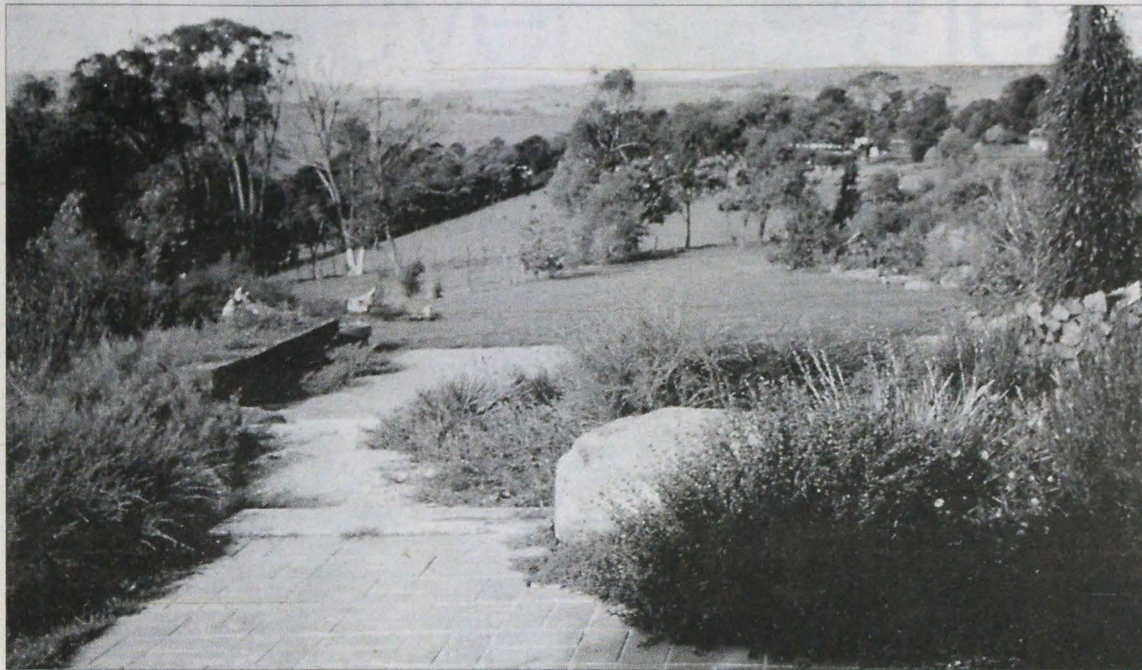
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I believe this is the wrong way to tackle landscaping.

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Much thought should be given to retaining the existing trees on the site. Parts of the land can be excavated; mounds can be formed.

The end result is landscaped house surrounds that look attractive almost from the first day.

This is why I strongly advise having an overall landscape plan at the house planning stage.

If you have a little talent in this direction then exploit it to the utmost. If not, get in an expert. Just as with your house, they can provide advice, or draw up a plan or plan and supervise the whole job.

It is very important, however, to view examples of the designer's work beforehand, for, as with house designers, individual ideas vary greatly, and you could finish up disappointed if you consult the wrong person.



By BEV HANSON

The landscapes I design are always in the natural style and I don't advertise so I presume any one who contacts me does so because of the garden style I design.

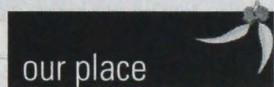
A much more harmonious, flowing landscape is achieved when owner/architect/builder/landscaper all work together at the planning stage before building construction begins.

# The land of the long wee slüp

ISN'T it amazing how every man and his dog can visit a place, and not one of them ever mentions the seriously notable things about it? They rave about the big things, the touristy stuff—adventure parks, ski fields, the size of the fish they (nearly) caught—but it's the things people take for granted that are defining. Fortunately there is an upside to this conspiracy of silence: latecomers like me are still in for a few surprises.

So if you haven't yet travelled east of the "ditch" then stop reading right now. A few truths about New Zealand's north island are about to be revealed. Unless, of course, you are a Murray Ball fan, in which case you are already in the picture except, perhaps, for the national obsession with lawn-mowing. A lot of people must have a lot of time on their hands.

The hills have to be seen to be believed. Crowded onto the landscape like tightly squashed egg cartons, they feature near-vertical gullies, irregular fence-lines clinging to precipitous ridges, and spectacular gorges. Getting from A to B is a serious



By MARILYN MOORE

business whichever way you go. Cattle cluster along narrow ridgelines, presumably so they won't fall over when they nod off. Sheep have turned contouring into an art form.

Superimposed onto this ruggedness are dramatic crater-infested volcanoes of every shape and size, along with forests of jagged pinnacles that are the cores of extinct eruption centres. There are even little glaciers. Wow!

Regular upheavals along the Alpine Fault combined with landclearing, high rainfall and steep topography have created a landscape pitted with "wee slüps", some of which plunge hundreds of metres into oblivion. Layer upon layer of river terraces and vast silted-up valleys and estuaries record a history of recent erosion on a scale rarely seen.

So when we were heading home one afternoon along a

narrow road that wound tightly over the shoulder of a large mountain, we were not too surprised to find that traffic had ground to a halt. A nice man in an orange vest strolled from car to car, reporting that there was indeed a "wee slüp". He predicted that we'd be moving within the half-hour as a road gang had been clearing up for several hours already. The queue of traffic must have stretched for a good couple of kilometres but there was no turning back, no other road, nothing else to do but get out for a stroll.

We were caught up with a few noisy car-loads of ladies returning from a golf tournament in Thames, along with various locals crossing the Coromandel on their way home from work. Thus, surrounded by spectacular rainforest and craggy peaks, something of an impromptu party broke out.


Over the chatter, a distant clanking of machinery intermittently floated up from somewhere far below.

We later discovered that road workers, aiming to build a passing lane for traffic crawling

up the mountain, had spent months trying to penetrate a particularly resistant band of rock. They chose this particular day to apply a good dose of remedial dynamite. At least nobody was under the hillside when it came down. "Wee slüp" indeed!

Another enjoyable man-made hazard was the random and eccentric plumbing. There's no rhyme or reason to any of it, and I can assure you that there's nothing to wake your brain like jumping into a shower that has no visible means of operation. We nicknamed my favourite kitchen tap the "Marty Feldman". It consisted of two lever-style faucets mounted on a rickety cross-bar. The hot one on the right turned clockwise, the cold on the left turned anticlockwise, but as one started at a point roughly 120 degrees to the other, adjusting the flow accurately required a certain virtuosity.

The most unexpectedly eccentric thing we found, however, was the mail service. That explains, folks, why your postcards will probably never arrive. A long story for another day!



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# Jock Macneish: all-round man

PRUDENCE TRUBY KING begins a new profile series tracking the stories of the people behind this newspaper.

**J**OCK MACNEISH is a name synonymous with Warrandyte—the community centre, the *Diary*, the theatre company, the bakery restoration and as an architect for private houses. But what does he actually do all day? And is Jock his real name?

"I had a work experience student with me and at the end he was exhausted," Jock recalled. "The student was asked 'what work does Jock do?' and he replied 'he doesn't work, he has fun.' What I do is draw clever pictures with purpose in mind.

"Lots of people can draw but I want to know who will see the picture, what will be different afterwards and how will my client know that the change has occurred? I see myself with a pencil and if I drew a picture of me it would be who I wanted to become. I'm a pussycat because I'm curious and driven by curiosity.

"At 13 I blew up a bottle full of gunpowder while I was holding it and I'm still digging up glass from my face and arms. I'd mixed the powder from nicking stuff from the school lab. I've had a few motorcycle racing spills and fallen out of the sky in my ultralight when the engine fell out. As a teenager I remember outrunning the London constabulary. I'm not a great fan of education but the lesson to be most learned from life is the one that teaches us the value of learning. My life, in a word, is fun and the only thing that stops me sleeping at night is not being able to get the last word of *The Age* cryptic crossword."

Jock's giving a paper on "why innovators are not nice people." "They say, Jock's an innovator—is he not nice? Because innovators have seven characteristics, five of which are deeply anti-social and one is that it takes place in a supportive environment. You have to be courageous, even foolhardy, and the others are quite unpleasant, intolerant. An innovator has to have a fortress mentality, without taking advice or assistance.

"I discovered a habit I didn't know I had—around the house I see something and think 'why did I do that?'" he said. "All the problems that town planners have are solutions to earlier problems. You have to be aware that all that you do that is successful is of limited duration of usefulness.

"Someone will say 'you need a permit'. I understand a permit is a piece of paper with stuff written on it. I already have many bits of paper with stuff written on them. I don't feel I need any more, although the person may feel that I need one. There was a sign in New York on a garbage truck: satisfaction guaranteed or twice your garbage back. Who stands to lose and gain from each transaction?"

"One way to get work is to do good work. It was hard driving my car when I had a back injury so I patented 'The Sling Thing' back support for people with back injuries. I enjoy and love it and that keeps me busy."

The Macneish family is from the Western Isles of Scotland, and one of Jock's forebears, Alan, was a ship's carpenter with Shackleton. The family is traced back to a shepherd in Yorkshire who moved to Scotland in 1785. Jock's mother was a teacher and his father an engineer and inventor. "He owned

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a number of patents but he gave away significant sums of money to hospitals in India and other third world charities. He designed a blowcase pump for oil wells for example which pumps and measures oil as it flows along pipes.

"I was born in 1943 so I'm 65. I lived all over—born in Trinidad where I lived until I was 12, but because the family moved about I had been to 11 different schools by the time I was 16. I thought everyone did that; it gave me a healthy disregard for authority. I had a dog, Patch, who I loved to bits and I'm ashamed to say I don't know what became of him.

"I had two younger brothers who I could beat up but an older sister so I have known pain. There's an artistic streak: my sister is an artist married to an artist, both her daughters are artists, one of my brothers is a sculptor and one a cartographer. I'm mostly happy with a pencil scribbling or with a paintbrush. They won't let me play Pictionary as I won't lose."

Jock's married to Diana, whom he met at Humphrey Lyttelton's jazz club in Oxford Street, London. "She was a nurse at St Thomas's and I offered to see her home on the bus. I made her pay her own threepence fare and I've never been allowed to forget it.

"Di was so smitten with me that she went to the US for a year. I followed her over and we returned to London and got married and immediately emigrated to Australia for a £10 adventure. The friend in London who sponsored us was from Melbourne—we came to Warrandyte in 1969 because it was cheap and because we couldn't find anywhere better to live.

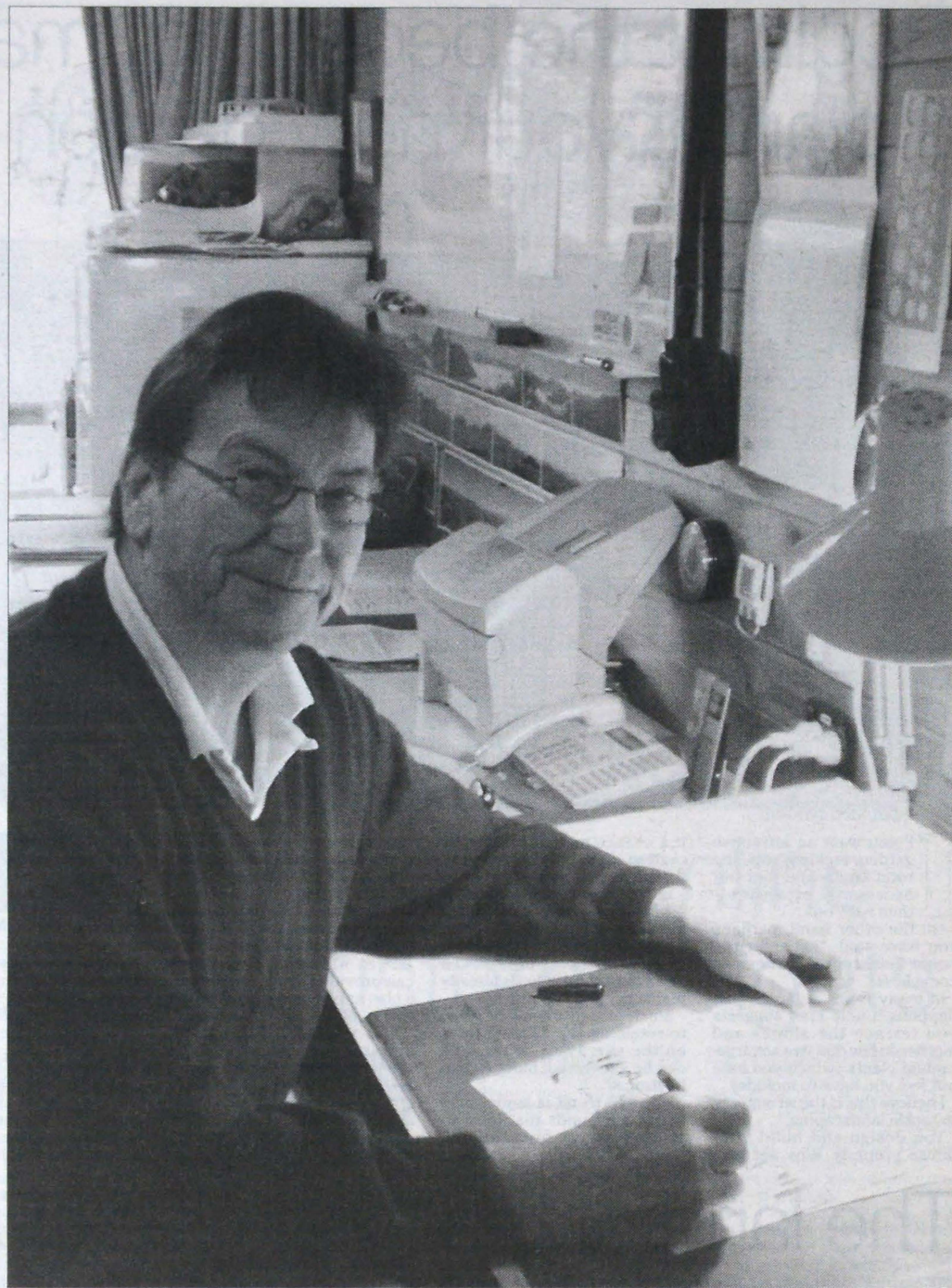
"A colleague claimed marriage is not a 'partnership' but a 'conflict.' If you keep it to a skirmish you will keep years of contentment. The trick is to keep it from warfare. Maintaining the skirmish is a lifetime achievement. I have not yet won a round, Di's just cleverer than I am. I love her laugh."

Jock said that an attractive component of Australian culture is gaining pleasure at other people's expense. "When a guy drives past in a big car they say 'good on you.' Australian culture is very supportive, pleasantly direct and nicely variable. Australia has lots of cultures, I like the mix."

The Macneishs have two sons "of whom I despaired of their choice in clothing, motor cars, music and life choices generally but they've done awfully well in who they married. I've a symbiotic relationship with my four grandchildren—my passion is for cleaning and being neat and tidy and they are the opposite: they wreck it and I clean it up. In another life I would be a cleaner. I'm an anti-collection junkie, a thrower-out of things but my proudest moment is playing hide and seek with my grandchildren.

"As a father of boys I cut my boys some slack. At my 50th I asked my sons to explain their part in the making of Jock and one said the thing he most appreciated was letting him be him."

He has no idea how people know him in Warrandyte, although he said



a combination of skill and a willingness to volunteer do get you pursued by community groups. "I spend about two thirds of my time being commercial and one third community-based. I love doing that stuff, it keeps me connected. I'm nervous when I put Jock Macneish into Google, I don't think that I wish to be that well known. I'm astounded when people yell my name." His name is actually Raibeart Wallace Macneish but he was nicknamed Jock as an early cartoonist.

"I enjoy walking and jogging plus I have an electric bicycle because I'm too old and broken to cycle up the hills of Warrandyte. I like exploration and experimentation and pursuing my curiosity. At the moment I'm looking at non-Newtonian liquids which are quite runny but when hit they go hard, a bit like me."

In his 20s Jock dreamed he could design, build and fly his own aeroplane and at about 40 he achieved it. "But pride is a short lived pleasure—if you haven't got the dream any more what do you do next? Be careful what you wish for. Dreams that sustain you once realised lose their attraction."

He admires Tesla because of his ability to think in a way so different from his contemporaries, combining original thinking with tremendous utility and producing the most fundamentally useful concepts of physics and electricity. "Murray is my hero because he was the person responsible for the Oxford English dictionary—a structuralist rather than an author. Roget, who invented the slide rule as well as the thesaurus, and Linnaeus, classifier of plants and animals—my three favourites, all organisers.

"And now at 65 I have discovered that people in Canberra are deeply interested in my bowels. They sent me a kit and curiosity got the better of me. I'm thankful for my health and robustness—I look at friends and colleagues whose journey seems to have more suffering and rejoice in my

robustness. What health I enjoy is absolutely built on the connection I have to other people. On holidays I send 120 postcards, I send 80 Christmas cards and get them back in return. I keep a network.

"I see joy in just about everything—the sheer pleasure of the fact of being alive, a house full of laughter, the world is a joyous place. Rousseau observed when he was told that life was very difficult that 'it was pretty good considering the alternative.' He believes anger is the result of not being able to think fast enough. "Anger comes to someone who's constrained or manipulated—it's not an issue of power but of intellectual resources not to be manipulated.

"We are not a deeply political family. My father's understanding of politics was theoretical and mine tends to be more practical but is still heavily based on theory. Politics and productivity don't mix. Ninety per cent of politics is activities designed for self protection—folk who are interested in self protection see themselves as uniquely vulnerable. Everybody's interested in some level of personal power. Personal power is ceded, therefore we ask them for power and they give it and we all get along. Some are not very good at this and those who are attracted to power of position tend, when they've achieved that, to hang on to it with tenacity. Politicians try to achieve power of position.

"The family accumulated wealth over time but they seemed to pass on the idea that collecting money was not a smart way to live. None of us is obscenely wealthy. Wealth is not a measure but the relationship between assets and aspirations." Jock gains pleasure from seeing people grow and learn and develop. "I'm finding it easier to live without other things as time goes on. The most wonderful gift I could receive would be a free consultation to have laser eye surgery to improve my insight."

Jock said he's very aware when he's done something he didn't think he could do, such as giving up smoking. "For 20 years I didn't think I could. Giving up is different from stopping, where there's no sense of loss. And understanding there were things I couldn't do, for example to solve the problem of stopping the leaves getting in the gutters. After six months I realised I wasn't smart enough. The lesson was: don't try to solve problems that are too hard—there's a much more productive way of spending time.

"The 12 ball problem, a mental puzzle that requires four pages of close reasoning to write out the solution, is the hardest thing I've ever done. I've known people who've missed their international flights because of the 12 ball problem."

He said he hasn't yet done a million things, wanting to explore parts of the world like Japan, Antarctica and ride a motorcycle with sidecar along the Silk Road through China and Mongolia. He and Di plan a month in Italy later this year, an exploratory trip.

"When I left school my parents enquired as to how I would support myself. I was interested in unexplained human responses and my greatest experience of this was in the world of music. I knew that in music you could influence people on the other side of the room despite language differences. I can play just about any instrument, although I'm only competent in piano, guitar and trumpet. I told my parents I would become a musician. They said that was not likely to happen, pointing out the difference between a musician and a superannuation policy was that the super policy would eventually mature and earn money.

"I work with organisations in a way very similar to the work I needed to do when I was 18. Find a language to describe something you're passionate about. So draw me a picture—don't listen to me, listen to my story."

# Being there: Anzac Day will never be the same

With the approach of Anzac Day, KAREN THROSSELL tells of her journey to Turkey last month at the invitation of the Turkish PM's wife, Mrs Emine Erdogan. She travelled with three other Australian women as "Peace Ambassadors". All their grandfathers were Gallipoli veterans.

**O**UR family never celebrated Anzac Day. Dad called it "war glorification" day, said that it was when "old soldiers" who hadn't really been there told stories of heroism and adventure at the pub. The ones who had really been there never wanted to remember it, let alone talk about it.

This included my grandfather who could have talked about acts of bravery and heroism (he won a Victoria Cross for outstanding bravery at Gallipoli) but when he returned from the front he said he had seen enough of the horrors of war—all he wanted to fight for was peace.

We were taught at school that the Anzac landing at Gallipoli was "the making of Australian nationhood" without any mention of the fact that we were invaders and that we were actually defeated. As my definition of nationhood involves some kind of national independence, and the Anzac landing surely epitomised doing the mindless bidding of another country—entering a war which had nothing to do with us, sending thousands of our finest young men to die needlessly on the wrong beach and not withdrawing when it was clearly suicidal to stay. No sign of independent nationhood there.

The Turks on the other hand, have got good reason to claim it as the making of their nationhood. And they do. We were invited there for Turkish Martyrs Day on March 18—the day of

their naval victory over the British and the French in the Canakkale straits. Here they celebrate the launching of the career of Mustapha Kemal, who was the military leader responsible for the Turkish victory at Gallipoli. He was later to be named Attaturk—father of Turkey—because he was instrumental in the establishment of the independent Republic of Turkey.

But of course there are other ways to define nationhood—the display of personal qualities that are seen (rightly or wrongly) as uniquely ours. Historian Les Carlyon described the Anzac qualities as "refusing to give up no matter how hopeless the cause, looking after your mates, keeping your sense of humour and improvising and making do..."

When I was reading through my grandfather Hugo's war diaries and the many articles about his military career in preparation for my trip, those qualities became much more than a stack of clichés. They were exactly the qualities that won him the VC—the fact that he refused to leave his men and the seemingly impossible task of holding a bit of trench at Hill 60, stayed there despite being wounded and returning twice after having the wounds dressed, cracking jokes and keeping their morale up...

In fact one of the many bonuses of this trip was to get to know the grandfather I never met—the man I'd only ever heard about through Dad's stories. I

think I would have really liked him, his humour, his humanity, the fact that he was a bit of a lair.

One of his—then Dad's sayings—was "Crack hardy—like a Light Horseman." Reading the diaries and seeing those battlefields, I finally got to understand what that meant.

After the ceremony, where we were given a handsome brass plaque by Mrs Erdogan to thank us for being "Missioners of Peace", we were taken on a private tour of war graves with the same guide who took Bob Hawke and later John Howard—Turkish war historian Mr Kenin Celak. Of the 22 war cemeteries that stud this tiny area, we concentrated on the ones that related to our particular families. And though I thought I needed no more encouragement to believe in the shocking waste and futility of war, I still found this experience profoundly moving.

Standing at Anzac Cove, looking up at that impossible escarpment, Mr Celak disputed the "wrong beach" theory that we had all learned at school. He pointed to Cape Helles to our right where the English landed. The officers wanted the Australians to land at Anzac Cove, he said, to draw the Turkish soldiers away from the English at Helles.

It made the term "cannon fodder" seem even more telling. Anger mixed with a terrible sadness at the sight of all those graves.

But worse was to come for me at Ari Burnu, the site where my grandfather, with the dismounted West Australian 10th Light Horse landed. Wandering through the graves with their neatly tended gardens (rosemary for remembrance and red tulips, the Turkish national flower) I came upon a whole row from the 10th Light Horse—boys of 19, 20, 23, who all died on the same day—August 7, 1915. They didn't even make it off the beach.

But even though the Turkish boys in the other cemeteries died defending their country from (our) invasion, there were many who were cannon fodder too. Mustapha Kemal, their commander, apparently urged his 57th Battalion "to fight and die" to give the reinforcements time to get there. And they did. Our little group laid a wreath where the entire Turkish 57th Battalion was wiped out.

And yet we, the descendants of soldiers who killed their soldiers were treated with incredible warmth and amazing hospitality. From the five star hotels and multiple gifts, to the customs official who found my plaque in my hand luggage (it set off the metal detector). When she read the inscription she said, "Australia, Australia—Gallipoli," and gave me a big hug! Never been hugged by a customs official before!

It made me wonder how it is that we have this unique bond with the Turkish people, whose country we invaded, in a way we don't have with the Germans or Japanese (who were doing the invading.)

Turkish academic, Professor Mete Tuncoku, describing the visit of the 54 Australian and New Zealand veterans on the 75th anniversary in 1990, said: "I was deeply touched when I observed the excitement and tearful eyes of those old soldiers landing in boats on the coast of Gallipoli before dawn, as it was 75 years ago. But this time they were greeted by their Turkish friends with gifts and flowers. You could have thought they were friends who had just met after a very long time."

Maybe the fact that we were both cannon fodder is one explanation. Australian boys being sent to kill Turkish boys because the British were fighting the Germans. Maybe they didn't really see each other as the enemy.

Maybe because it has been described

as the last "gentleman's war": no gas, no chemicals, no torture; ceasefires to collect the wounded, even infamously carrying each others' wounded back to their own trenches; even ceasefires so that water could be distributed to each side.

There are also the stories of cigarettes and chocolates being tossed from the Anzac trenches to the Turkish ones, who retaliated with figs and dates. One of the Turkish veteran's descendant said that her grandfather tasted his first chocolate, tossed to him in his trench by an Australian soldier.

Maybe it is easier to see the other side as people much like you, when you spend so much time only a few yards distance from them.

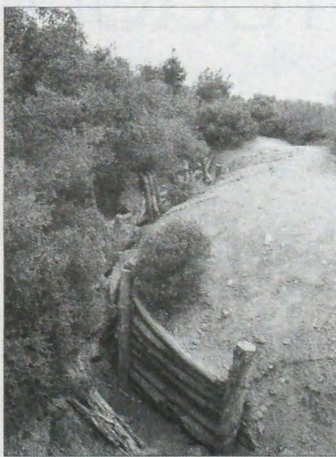
Mr Celak said people don't really want to hear history, they want legends. And the Turks have their own as much as we have our Anzac legends. But it seems that since that 75th anniversary, the legends are changing, and we are becoming part of each others. More and more Australians are going to Gallipoli for Anzac Day and the fact that they see the masses of Turkish graves and experience the warmth and friendship of the Turkish people must diminish the national chauvinism that used to mark our early celebrations. Surely they are now commemorating all soldiers who die needlessly in war.

My brief visit as a peace ambassador has left me feeling that I should break with our family tradition and acknowledge Anzac Day, acknowledge it as our Peace Day—a day to remember "what happened" not just to our own loved ones but to remind us it must never happen again.

● *Anzac Day will be commemorated in Warrandyte with a march, assembling at 10.30am at the pub car park, followed by a service at the monument (above the bridge) and refreshments at the RSL clubrooms in Brackenbury Street.*



Left: Cemetery at Anzac Cove. Above: Mrs Erdogan and the four Australian descendants.



Left: Old fortifications at The Nek. Above: Cemetery at Lone Pine. (Pictures by Karen Throssell)

## Canakkale

The benign sea sighs, bloodless now, it's just poppies around all those young boys' graves.

Crumbling white stone cottages. How many young sons have been ploughed into that soil?

Cigarettes and chocolates tossed instead of bombs. That is really the message.

**KAREN THROSSELL**

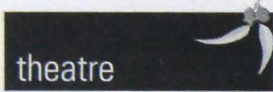
# An inconveniently funny Follies

**T**HE "Inconvenient Follies", staged by the Warrandyte Theatre Company, could have been self-indulgent and pedantic, but it never was. Act I illustrates why, with the first two sketches navigating the emotive terrain of global warming with cleverness, wit and aplomb.

The opening monologue, written by Jock Macneish and performed by Adrian Rice, parodies the certainties of the managerial world.

That's the world that helped create the Inconvenient Truth and now offers to rescue the planet with ruinous schemes of recycled waste and reductionist logic.

In the second sketch, "Inconvenient", two consumers, played by Naomi Oasting and Simone Keifer, discuss what is REALLY inconvenient. While the



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girls are beautiful, Alan Cornell's humour is dry, revealing that anything that comes between these narcissists and their comfort is highly inconvenient, even if it does warm the planet.

What follows is an hour of the best in revue comedy. Notable performances include Lynne Counsel in "Orange Bellied Parrots", Annette Eggum in "Sailor's Song", Nick Anning in "Rabbits", John Milburn-Clark's "Eurovision Poetry Comp", and Darren Bowers in "Greenie of the Lamp".

In Act I the directors found the perfect mix of song, dance, satire and craziness and blended it into a highly entertaining pack-

age. Its strength lies in direction, writing, editing, efficient scene changes and clever development of the theme.

The second act opened with a spoof of the Al Gore slide show, the one that gave rise to the film "The Inconvenient Truth". The Mechanics Hall now boasts its own video projector, and "Al Gorgeous" (Robert Black) christened it with funny photos and matching gags.

This relied for its effect on exact comic timing. It was one of the most challenging parts in the production, and it was good to see a fresh face in such a pivotal role. "Al Gorgeous" could have provided the basis for further exploration of the theme and related foibles in the second half, but Act II struggled to maintain the novelty and intent of Act I.

After the opening scene, Act II revisited the inconvenient

theme only occasionally, notably with Collette Pengeley's "Green Police", David Tynon's "Analysis" and Jock Macneish's "Footprint". Simone Keifer's "Customer Service" was a cleverly written satire of communications technology at the Inconvenient Bank, and Alan Cornell's songs were as vital and engaging as ever.

These sketches showed the potential of Act II, but it was too often lost to traditional gags and marginal material.

It was entertaining, especially for those new to the Follies, but failed to satisfy in the same way as Act I.

Engaging the modern audience for over two hours is a Herculean task, and we are most fortunate in having the tradition of the Follies enlivening our stage each year. In 2008 the audience response has been mostly positive. Many believe that it is

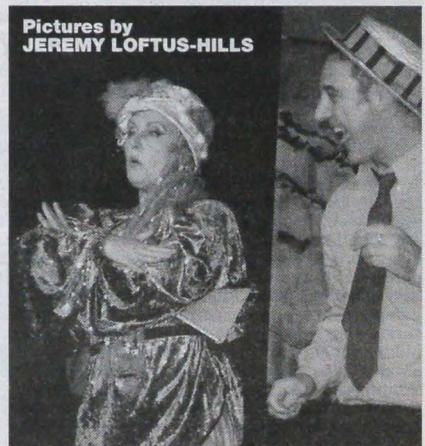
the best Follies in recent years. It is reassuring to see the core of the Warrandyte Theatre Company devoting so much time and energy to it. It is encouraging to see the best sketches written and performed so professionally. It is a joy to be entertained on local ground, by local people playing to their own community, and it is heartening to note the participation of about a dozen new performers.

It is also tempting to think of new ways to strengthen and resource this tradition into the future. Perhaps there could be more colour and depth to the scenery, more varied lighting effects, more instruments in the band, with computer-based theatre management systems driving the show. But then it might die, because the Follies, as its humour, depends on a quirky kind of duality.

The very limitations that con-

strain the production provide the energy that fuels its success. Although it presents a dynamic, topical expose of modern times, it employs a theatrical style that peaked in the pre-television age. While it jealously guards its culture, it needs constant renewal via new people with new values and perspectives. It constantly pursues the bold and the brassy, but tires sometimes and resorts to reworking old material.

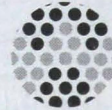
Most of all, and unambiguously, it is our Follies. It is an institution that adds enormously to our Festival season, gives meaning to many, and re-locates our focus from family to a community-wide parody. In 2008 it helped us realise what it means to live in the shadow of a pending environmental catastrophe, while dispensing the best medicine of all—the deep belly-laugh.



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Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

# Redbacks bring home eight flags

The summer season of the domestic Saturday basketball finished on a high note for Warrandyte Redbacks with eight premierships and six runners up flags.

All of this occurred on the Warrandyte Festival weekend where loyalties were divided between the various activities.

In successive games at Slater's Reserve basketball stadium, Warrandyte took out the Under 18 BA flag and the Under 20 B flags.

With a talented side, Gavin Whitmore's Under 18 boys were favourites against Ivanhoe in the Under 18 boys.

The temperature in the stadium was an issue with shortened games being played but the Redback boys were never seriously challenged winning 48-33.

Ivanhoe contested throughout the contest and were not disgraced.

Josh Blakey top scored for the Redbacks with 17 points while Ryan Holloway picked up the MDP award for an all round offensive and defen-

sive effort.

The Under 20 match was tighter than the result might have indicated with Warrandyte and Banksia contesting every possession.

Two successes from the free throw line to Luke Dimmock with five minutes to go put the game beyond dispute at 29-16.

The referees needed to keep tight control on the game right up to the final whistle.

Court captain Josh Collins top scored for Warrandyte with 12 points with centre Richard Domeyer giving good support with eight points.

Earlier in the day at the same court, Warrandyte's Under 12AR boys could not maintain the pressure losing to Eltham by 31-15.

The Redback boys came back strongly just before the half time break to trail by a single point.

It was Eltham in the second half who established the winning break. Despite a number of positional and structural changes the Redbacks could

not "click" with the ball seeming to go everywhere but in the basket.

Nathan Delacy with six points and Conor Gardiner with four points were Warrandyte's best on the scoreboard.

The results at the Park Orchards stadium were also mixed for the Redbacks.

Dale Leeson's Under 8 boys started the day with a heart breaking 6-5 loss against Eltham.

As is often the case in this age group, numerous shots were up from both sides and with just over two minutes to go Eltham hit the lead for the first time.

Both sides attacked the basket at either end of the court and if hitting the ring and rolling off could score a behind, then Warrandyte would have got there.

Angus McLennan with three points and Leo Garrick with two points were Warrandyte's point scorers. Leo also received the MDP award.

"A lovely group of kids to coach and they all played well," was Dale's comment after the game.

Disappointment for Warrandyte at the start of the day but in the final game at Park Orchards, Steve Thomson's Under 16 BA boys came home strongly to record a 39-27 win over Balwyn.

Balwyn seemed to do better in the first half with Warrandyte playing catch up basketball.

However the last 10 minutes of the game belonged to the Redbacks with Warrandyte establishing the lead and extending it consistently to record the win.

In an even scoring team, Taylor Hayton with 13 points, and Dylan Thomson and Leif Dahl-Cope with eight points each were the chief contributors.

Gerrard Stevenson's Under 12 boys went down to Collingwood by 22-19 (Jason Castadga MDP) but Cassie Wilson's Under U10 girls defeated Collingwood by 24-4.

This score did not reflect the tightness of the game for most of the match. Ella Zwartz and Samantha Wilson with eight points each were the top scorers.

Final results for the Redback boys were a premiership to Alex Reeve's Under 12 Das (32-20 over Collingwood) and a runners up flag to Daniel Saunders U12DD boys going down by 14-10 to Bulleen.

Premiership flags for the girls were taken by Jo Metcalfe's Under 8 Girls (Kelly Roodhouse MDP) defeating Bulleen by 15-10, Heather Caruana's Under 12D defeating Balwyn by 27-19 and Michael Flynn's Under 16Cs defeating Koonung 25-19 in an exciting game.

Runners up flags were won by Jacqui Howe's U12C girls going down to 16-15 to Eltham (Zoe MacDonald MDP) and Jim Kafkalakis's Under 18 girls losing 32-28 to Eltham, but with Simone Reid picking up the MDP award.

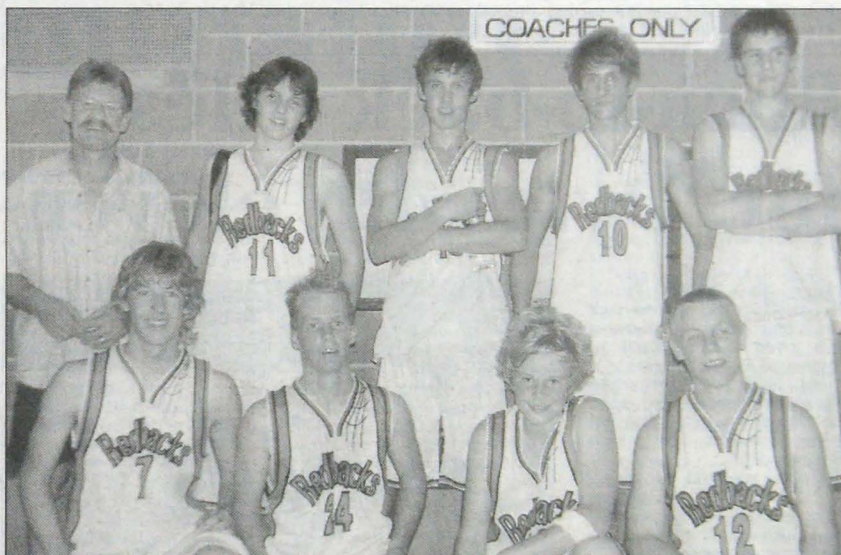
- Tony Oliver and Damian Arsenis



The Under 18 Boys premier team. Back row from left: Daniel Hughes, Zac Boyce, Josh Blakey, Ryan Holloway, Troy Ratcliffe, coach Gavin Whitmore. Front row: Sean Turner, Matt Lane, David Wood.



Under 10 Girls premiers. Back row from left: Ruby Annett, Samantha Wilson, coach Cassie Wilson, Alex Downie, Ella Zwartz. Front row: Jacinta Haikel, Sarah Thomas, Monique Moran, Chloe Gordon.



Under 16 boys premiers. Back row from left: coach Steve Thomson, Cameron Miller, Darcy Jones, Luke Spinoza, Taylor Hayton. Front row: Leif Dahl-Cope, Lachlan Chapman, Toby Versteegan, Dylan Thomson.

## Venom season gets under way

After a long and arduous two phases of grading, Warrandyte Venom's record 26 teams in the 2008 Victorian Junior Basketball League are now all finally into the swing of the season.

While the ground breaking four Venom teams that qualified for the Victorian Championships are already two rounds into their season, the remaining 22 Venom teams are all ready to start their 2008 campaigns.

The Under 12 girls, coached by Emma Collins started their campaign at the top level against perennial achievers Melbourne and Kilsyth.

While they have yet to record a victory, they are showing they will be no push overs in 2008. In the 49-21 loss against Kilsyth at Warrandyte Community Centre, Jessica Hunter top scored with seven points with good support from Tayla Padfield (5) and Olivia Yammouni (4).

That game was followed by Brian Rolfe's Under 20 girls, who matched it for three quarters before going down by 47-36 against Hawthorn.

A lapse in concentration in the third quarter was the difference but losing three players to fouls in the final quarter was always going to make the task difficult.

Mandy Gammilonghi top scored with 14 points with support from Bob Powell (6) but all players were on the score board.

Also facing stiff opposition in VC were the 12.1 boys of Damian Arsenis. A Round 1 home loss against cross-town rivals Eltham was a disap-

pointing start to the season in a game they could have won.

A second round encounter against a strong and well drilled Blackburn team when the Venom were not at full strength saw them record a big loss.

Nicole Howard's 16.1 girls in VC had a thrilling game against Frankston at home in Round 1. Despite the Venom's best efforts, the Blues managed to secure a nail-biting three point win.

Dandenong proved to be a much sterner test in Round 2. Venom were outgunned on the Ranger's home court, and the girls will now look to bounce back against Knox in Round 3.

A number of practice games enabled sides to develop combinations for the upcoming season.

Ian Wood's Under 20 boys had a game of high skill and low fouls against Camberwell in the Under 20 age group.

Warrandyte ran out winners by 51-37 in an exhibition of basketball as it can and should be played by experienced players.

David Wood with 13 points and Matt Spinoza with 11 points were the Venom's leading scorers.

Earlier, Justin Nelson took charge of the Under 18 girls playing nearby rival Ringwood.

This was another practice game and the Venom would be happy with the 36-28 win.

Scoring was shared by Illana Calgaro, Alex Gammilonghi and Courtney Anderson.

## Redbacks runners-up in Classic

Warrandyte Redbacks finished runners-up in their Under 18 section of The Great Southern Junior Domestic Club Classic held over the Labour Day weekend.

Warrandyte found themselves in A grade and the weekend was always going to be a challenge with a number of the regular players unavailable leaving at most six players for each game.

A hectic round of preliminary games, starting with an early Saturday morning game (and a 61-34 win against Mt Evelyn), saw the Redbacks win through to the grand final, again defeating Mt Evelyn in the semi final

but this time by only two points.

Playing against Merinda Park in the grand final, the Redbacks wanted revenge for their three point loss in the preliminaries.

With good inside work by Ryan Holloway and Zac Boyce the half time scores were 27 - 20 with Warrandyte having the job in front of them.

Coming out in the second half Matt Lane continued his good form outside as well as Zac Boyce contributing on the inside, grabbing rebounds and putting the ball in the hole.

Warrandyte had caught up for the scores to be 28 - 29.

Merinda Park pulled away again to have a seven point lead as Boyce was fouled off with 11 minutes remaining on the clock.

A time-out by Warrandyte saw them realise that three other players Ryan Holloway, Dan Hughes and Shaun Turner all had four fouls but they played hard till the end but the shots just didn't drop.

Final scores were 44 - 48 in favour of Merinda Park.

Top scorers being Zac Boyce with 13 points, Ryan Holloway (11) and Matt Lane (8), as well as great work from Daniel Hughes, Shaun Turner and Dave Wood.

- Ryan Holloway



Premiership winners from left, Daniel Ford-Lerner, Tristan Jackson, Michael Ashfield, Camilla Rogers and Gabby Mitchell.

## Juniors bring home tennis premiership

Warrandyte Tennis Club's mixed Section 6 team brought home a premiership pennant last month.

Warrandyte had two teams in the Eastern Region's junior grand finals.

Mixed singles/doubles Section 6 defeated Emerald to take out the pennant while the Warrandyte boys were runners-up to Canterbury in the boys Section 5 singles/doubles.

Warrandyte's mixed Section 6 team of Daniel Ford-Lerner, Tristan Jackson, Michael Ashfield, Camilla Rogers and Gabby Mitchell won five of the eight sets played.

Emerald, who had come in with momentum after convincingly defeating the top team the previous week, started with a flourish, winning both the boys and girls doubles matches. However in the following singles sets all four Warrandyte players turned the tables against their older and stronger opponents.

Michael Ashfield won 6-3 landing almost all his first serves; Camilla Rogers played an attacking set to win 6-1 with some great passing shots; Daniel Ford-Lerner followed up with a 6-3 win in a set which included many long rallies and Gabby Mitchell finished off winning 7-5, also with many long rallies.

Michael and Camilla then clinched the final with a win in the first mixed doubles, 6-3. This was a strong match with some great volleying at the net.

Daniel and Gaby went on to play the last set, but with the sting out of the game they lost 3-6.

In boys Section 5 the Warrandyte players put up a good performance but could not match the Canterbury boys and lost 5 sets to 3 sets.

This team consisted of Lachlan Buckley, Stuart Langridge, Mat Cook, Matt Versteegen, and James Taylor.

## Back-to-back titles for 'Dytes 4th eleven

Warrandyte Cricket Club's Fourth XI scored back-to-back premierships with a decisive win over Ainslie Park in Ringwood District cricket.

But the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve proved to be a hoodoo with the Third XI being beaten by East Ringwood.

On the previous two weekends, the First XI was beaten in both the Second Semi Final and the Preliminary Final on the same ground.

The performance of the Fourth XI under captain, Graham Rees was outstanding as they had been promoted at the start of the season after their premiership win in the previous season. They will again be promoted.

Batting first, Ainslie Park could not cope with the outstanding bowling of Nathan Croft, Ryan Pascoe and Mitch Gaffney and were dismissed for 115.

Croft was on target from the start and returned 4-7 in a match-winning effort.

He was named "Man of the Match."

The Zach brothers then ensured Warrandyte's success with Geoff scoring 42 and Brendan 33 before the game was called off with Warrandyte at 6-146.

The Third XI allowed their East Ringwood opponents to take charge with the bat after the tea break on the first day and they finished with an



Warrandyte's Fourth XI premiership team. Back row from left: Graham Rees (capt), Tom Standing, Chris Carver, Brendan Zach, Craig Lincoln, Peter Sharpe, Nathan Croft. Front row, Mitchell Gaffney, Vin Pettigrove, Ryan Pascoe, Luke Dougherty, Geoff Zach.

imposing 9-257 with Under 16 player, Jack Ellis being the best with the ball, taking 3-30.

Warrandyte started well in their runs chase with Greg Creber and Luke Revell putting on a 78 run partnership. But the batting collapsed from that point and Warrandyte were all out for 161.

Scores:  
Third XI: Warrandyte 161 (Creber 34, Revell 31, McKellar 29) lost to East Ringwood 9-257 (Ellis 3-30, Prangley 2-37).  
Fourth XI: Warrandyte 6-146 (G. Zach 42, B. Zach 33, Sharpe 24 n.o.) d Ainslie Park 115 (Croft 4-7, Pascoe 3-22, Gaffney 2-19).

# Vozzo named RDCA All Stars captain

South Warrandyte's Scott Vozzo completed an outstanding season by being named captain of the Ringwood District Cricket Association's All Star team.

Vozzo, who won South Warrandyte's bowling award and was named Club Champion, also won the RDCA All-Rounder award.

At the club's recent presentation night, Ed Garner and Steven Russell were awarded Life Memberships.

Both currently play in the club's veteran's teams and Steve bowled a mighty spell of 35 overs straight (taking 6/101) in the 5th XI's recent Semi-Final.

Senior awards:  
First XI: batting, Damien Vozzo (43.0); bowling, Scott Vozzo (16.4); captain's award, David Cutler; Club Champion and Scott Brasher Medallist, Scott Vozzo.

Second XI: batting, Dale Owen (36.3); bowling, Adrian Smith (20.9); captain's award, Dale Owen. Champion, Dale Owen and Bruce Templeton Medallist, Adrian Smith.

Third XI: batting, Shane Hansen (29.4); bowling, Simon Adams (13.0); captain's award, Jack Hall. Champion, Scott Adams.

Fourth XI: batting, Tony Biggs (30.6); bowling, Brett Fitzjohn (23.9); captain's award, Jason Bowen. Champion, Tony Biggs.

Fifth XI: batting, Lachlan McMahon (40.8); bowling, Lachlan McMahon (22.2); captain's award, Simeon Barut. Champion, Luke Brouwer.

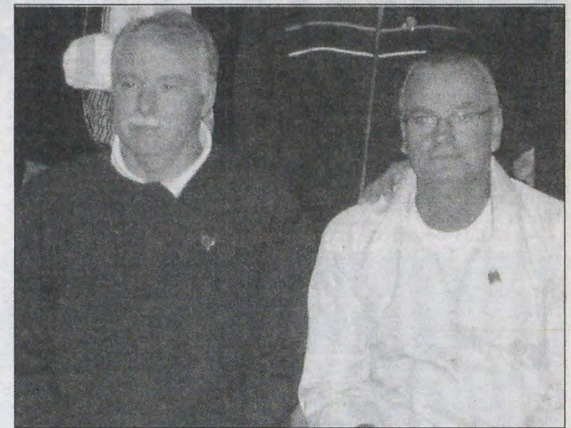
Sixth XI: batting, James Price (26.4); bowling, Nathan Willoughby (18.6); captain's award, Nathan Willoughby. Champion, Nathan Willoughby.

The club's Most Improved award went to Robbie Bowen and Best Clubman award to James Price.

The junior season ended with Presentation Day on March 16 when even the weather scored a century (39.1C, or 102 degrees on the old scale).

Despite the heat there was a strong attendance by parents, players, officials and friends who ensured the day was a success.

The club also operates Milo Have-a-Go, Friday night non-competitive cricket and seven competitive teams and all shared in the day.



Newly named Life Members of the South Warrandyte Cricket Club, Ed Garner, left, and Steve Russell.

Mark Campbell (Milo co-ordinator) and Matt Fasan (non-comp) said there had been great improvement in their squads over the past season and both are expecting big things over the next few years as they flow through the junior system and into seniors.

Prospective applicants are already queuing up to coach next season's U12 team(s) and it seems likely there will be at least as many junior teams next season.

A star this season was Jahn Holewa (U12/2), who picked up awards for batting and bowling averages and Team Champion.

His season included a 5/21 and 4/6, and scores of 41no, 34no, and 33.

Junior awards:  
U12/4: batting, Jake Sammartino (ave 22.13); bowling, Angus Campbell (ave 8.45); coach's award, Jake Sammartino, encouragement award, Jarrah Sorfanos. Team Champion, Joshua Exley.

U12/2: batting, Jahn Holewa (30.83); bowling, Jahn Holewa (7.11); coach's award, James King; encouragement award, Alexis Kyrkilis. Champion, Jahn Holewa.

U14/4: batting - Josh Bird (60.33), bowling - Morgan Williams (11.75), coach's award, Joshua Parish, encouragement award, Jimmy Watson. Champion, Morgan Williams.

U14/1: batting, Nathan Willoughby (37.50); bowling, Michael Sazenis (14.50).

coach's award, Alexander Cattanach; encouragement award, Luke Tucker. Champion, Nathan Willoughby.

U16/4: batting, Jackson Fasan (25.33), bowling, Zac Chadwick (11.82); coach's award, Sam Cleary, leadership award, Oliver Hansen. Champion, Zac Chadwick.

U16/2: batting, Luke Brouwer (33.00); bowling, Hayden Matthys (15.03); coach's award, Matthew Manuell, leadership award, Leon Holewa. Champion, Luke Brouwer.

U18: batting, Shane Biggs (35.2), bowling, Tom Hall (15.42), coach's award, Matt Haynes; leadership award, Robbie Bowen. Champion, Calab Atkinson.

Special Bowling: Jahn Holewa (5/21), Luke McDonald (3/11, including hat trick).

Special Batting: Morgan Williams (70no), Nathan Willoughby (60no, 57), Hayden Richards (69), Matt Manuell (63, 60no, 63), Luke Brouwer (67, 69), Leon Holewa (74no), Sean McMahon (51), Darcy Price (50), Shane Biggs (50, 58no), Matt Haynes (53), Chris Ryan (52no), Calab Atkinson (51).

A highlight was U14/1 junior Nathan Willoughby who took home three Sixth XI awards to add to his two junior trophies.

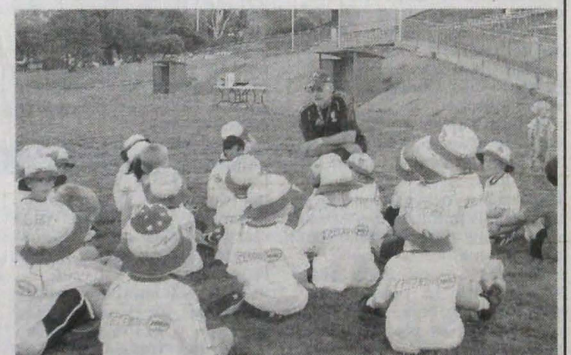
● South Warrandyte will hold its annual meeting on Sunday 20 April at the Clubrooms at 12 noon.

## Youngsters learn cricket skills

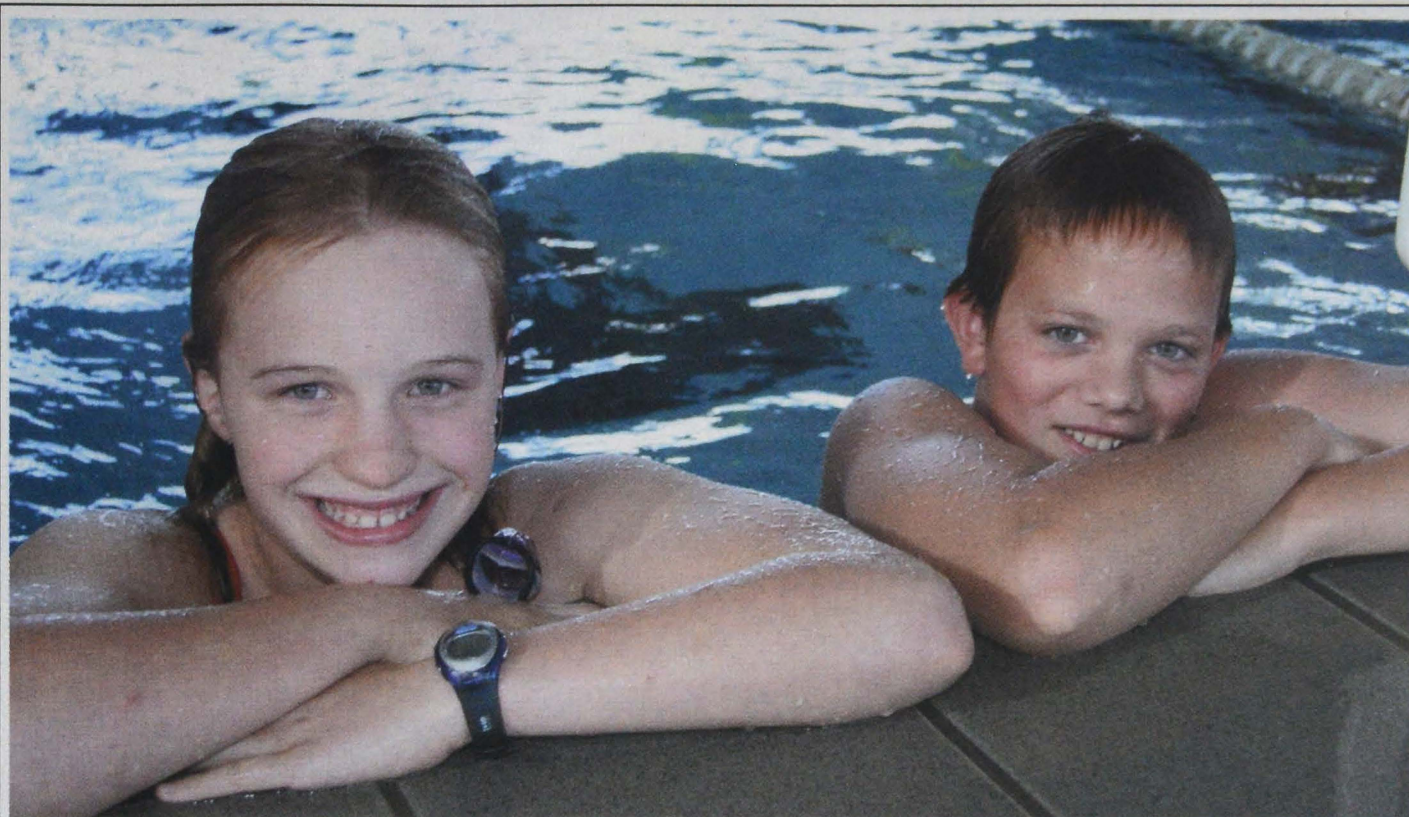
Every Friday evening during the past cricket season 40 small boys and girls have taken the opportunity to run off some energy and learn some basic cricket skills in the Milo Have-a-Go cricket program.

Parents and Warrandyte Cricket Club would like to thank Steve Pascoe, Ian Sharpe, Jack Ellis and Peter Sharpe for their help in making this program such an enjoyable part of the summer.

It's particularly worth mentioning that both Steve and Ian have had long distinguished cricket careers and still both umpire with the RDCA and play veterans cricket on Sundays.



Warrandyte's Milo Have-a-Go co-ordinator, Steve Pascoe with some of the participants in this season's program.



Isabella Plush and Joseph Arnaud during a training session at the Carey Grammar School pool at Bulleen.

## Young swimmers set sights on titles

As Australia's swim team gets set to head to Beijing for the Olympic Games, two young Warrandyte swimmers will have their sights set on State swimming titles later this month.

Joseph Arnaud will be competing in the 12 and Under boy's 50 metre butterfly and breastroke

while Isabella Plush will compete in the same events for girls.

Both swimmers live in North Warrandyte and Joseph attends Warrandyte Primary School while Isabella attends Eltham College.

Both train four days a week at the Carey

Grammar School pool at Bulleen.

Joseph and Isabella have won the right to compete in the State Championships after competing at school, zone and regional levels.

Both said they were excited at the prospect of reaching the State Championships.

# Former skipper back for Bloods' campaign

Warrandyte will go into Saturday's EFL Third Division Round 1 clash with Mitcham buoyed by the return of former club captain Matt Blagrove.

He returns to the Bloods like the prodigal son after three years playing with amateur side Eltham College.

Blagrove will further bolster a lineup that has been strengthened since last year with the return of 2006 premiership players Grant McAdam and Mick Stewart who return from overseas.

Warrandyte's list for 2008 has seen a transfusion of new blood, with 17 new arrivals set to don the red and white for the first time.

Senior coach Graeme Hocking is also in his first season at Warrandyte, along with assistant coach Leon Jones, whose son Vinnie also joins the club as a quick on-baller with sharp skills.

Development coach Brian Cartwright has added another dimension to training in a concerted effort to improve the decision making of players, and Antony Cheyne will add his expertise as an opposition analyst.

After a season coaching the Under 18s in 2007, club legend and three-time premiership player Dale Vitiritti takes the helm of the reserves side and is looking forward to the challenge of developing the young team.

Warrandyte players have been forced to train on the 'little ground' at Taroona Avenue, not having set foot on the main playing arena since August last year.

After another hot, dry sum-

### CHRIS CHAPMAN looks at Warrandyte's hopes for the 2008 season which opens this Saturday when the Bloods meet Mitcham.

mer, the sorry state of local football grounds saw the Warrandyte boys travel far and wide for the opportunity to play practice matches on grounds with reasonable grass coverage, first shaking off the summer cobwebs with a hit out against Longwarry FC before again making the long trip down the Princes Highway to take on the boys from Bunyip.

Both clubs participate in the Ellinbank Football League.

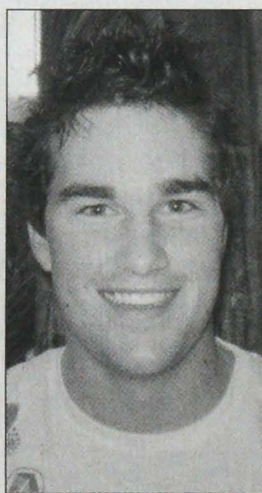
The final pre-season hitout came against EFL Division Four club Chirside Park on Saturday, the first competitive run for Blagrove and also new recruit Ben Torney, who arrives from amateur club Whitefriars to inject some much needed height into the Warrandyte lineup.

Other signings include key forward John Eldridge, who played last season at Seville, and athletic midfielder Adam Gamble, also from Whitefriars.

Darren Thorne will add a bit of grunt to the midfield and Adam Hinds will provide another option in what is developing as a very potent forward line.

Up and coming youngster Luke Dunn looks to have taken the next step as a senior footballer and has shown impressive pre-season form, along with gutsy midfielder Luke Naughtin, whose 2007 season was interrupted by a recurring hamstring injury.

Steve Garrett and Ben



New Warrandyte recruit, Ben Torney will boost the Bloods' big man strength this season.

Taylor, both in their second year at the club, also impressed in the warm-up matches.

Unfortunately the news in recent weeks wasn't all good, with stocky forward Campbell Holland sustaining a season-ending shoulder injury in the match against Bunyip. Holland will now assist with the running of the reserves side.

Hocking saw the practice

matches as an opportunity to learn about players strengths and weaknesses and as a chance to work on the structures required for success in Division Three.

"We don't read too much into the scoreboard results in practice matches," said Hocking after the game against Chirside Park.

"We need to see how different players react playing in positions they might not be used to playing in. Our players need to be adaptable, and we need the flexibility to be able to move players around the ground to get the structures right."

Round 1 looms as an important test for the Warrandyte side, with opponents Mitcham keen to turn around their recent form after not winning a game in Division Two last season.

Looking ahead, Hocking's goals for the new season are simple.

"Of course I would like to win more games than we lose," he said. "We will be aiming to develop our younger players into consistent senior footballers, be competitive week in week out and implement the strategies we need to become a strong club over the coming years. If we can do that, then the win/loss ratio will look after itself."

Warrandyte officially welcomed sponsors and supporters to the 2008 season with a sportsman's night

hosted by Warrandyte Cricket Club captain and Sport 927 presenter Adam White at the clubrooms on March 7.

Guest speakers Nathan Thompson, David Walls and David Schwarz kept a wide-eyed audience entertained with a variety of stories, not all related to on-field events.

The '2008 Season Guide' was also launched. It was the result of two months of research by tireless club committee member James Logan. The fruits of his efforts, a fantastic resource for local supporters, will be available for purchase at the club.

The success of any community club largely depends on the hard work of volunteers, and the football club is no exception.

If you would like to be a part of your local club, the committee would love to hear from you.

Visit the Bloods' website at [www.warrandytefc.com](http://www.warrandytefc.com) for more information, along with news, statistics and photos. Membership forms are also available.

The club also encourages all Warrandyte locals to get down to the ground this Saturday to support the club and hopefully see the Bloods open their account for 2008 against old foes Mitcham.

Off the field, upcoming events include Sponsor's and 150 Years of Football luncheon which will be held on May 10 during the Round 5 match against Templestowe, and the annual High School Disco Cocktail Party on April 19 at the clubrooms.

The \$30 entry includes cocktails and entertainment.

## FOOTY SHORTS

### Auskick ready to start

By ED MUNKS

With football in full swing, young Warrandyte Auskick players can't wait for their season to start on Saturday 12 April.

The Auskick sessions operate between 9am and 10.15am on Saturday mornings at Warrandyte football oval, Taroona Avenue.

Auskick is open for both boys and girls from about five years old and upwards. As part of joining the program the young footballers all receive AFL sponsored backpacks that include a foody, drink bottle and beanies.

Players can register at any time during the year by coming along on Saturday mornings, fill out the form and pay \$50. A number of barbecues are held after some of the sessions with the Mother's Day kicking contest for the mums being a major attraction.

A number of Auskick games are also planned to be played during the year at the half time break of the Warrandyte football club's senior games. In addition it is planned that a couple of current Richmond players will come down to Warrandyte to help in a skills session with the young footballers.

Contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191 or [edwardmunks@dodo.com.au](mailto:edwardmunks@dodo.com.au) for further details on this year's Auskick at Warrandyte, or alternatively look up the Eastern Ranges website for a calendar of Warrandyte Auskick's key 2008 information.

### Bowen to coach U18s

Jason Bowen has taken over as coach of the Warrandyte Under 18s.

Speaking after their practice match against Chirside Park on Saturday, 24-year-old Bowen outlined his goals for the season.

"Our aim is to play consistent football and really play together as a team. We have the talent to match it with the other clubs in this division, it is just a matter of bringing it all together when it's game time."

Proving that blood runs red and white in the Bowen family, Jason's brother James, who is likely to line up at centre-half forward in the reserves come Saturday's match against Mitcham, will coach the Warrandyte Under 17s a team that includes the youngest Bowen boy, Robbie.

### Bloods' opening matches

Upcoming matches for the Bloods:  
 Round 1 - April 12, Home vs Mitcham  
 Round 2 - April 19, Away vs Waverley Blues  
 Round 3 - April 26, Home vs Coldstream  
 Round 4 - May 3, Away vs Nunawading

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Created by sustainable design architect Ross Henry, this tri-level eco home on 1 acre lightens the carbon footprint with recycled 120-year old jarrah floors, double glazed windows, and north facing construction to take in the sun. Nearing completion, the work of art just needs the finishing touches to its 3 upstairs bedrooms with lofts, attic and downstairs cellar and hothouse. Walk into the breathtaking open plan living room, and you'll have all the inspiration you need to finish the job.

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