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— Dick Clark

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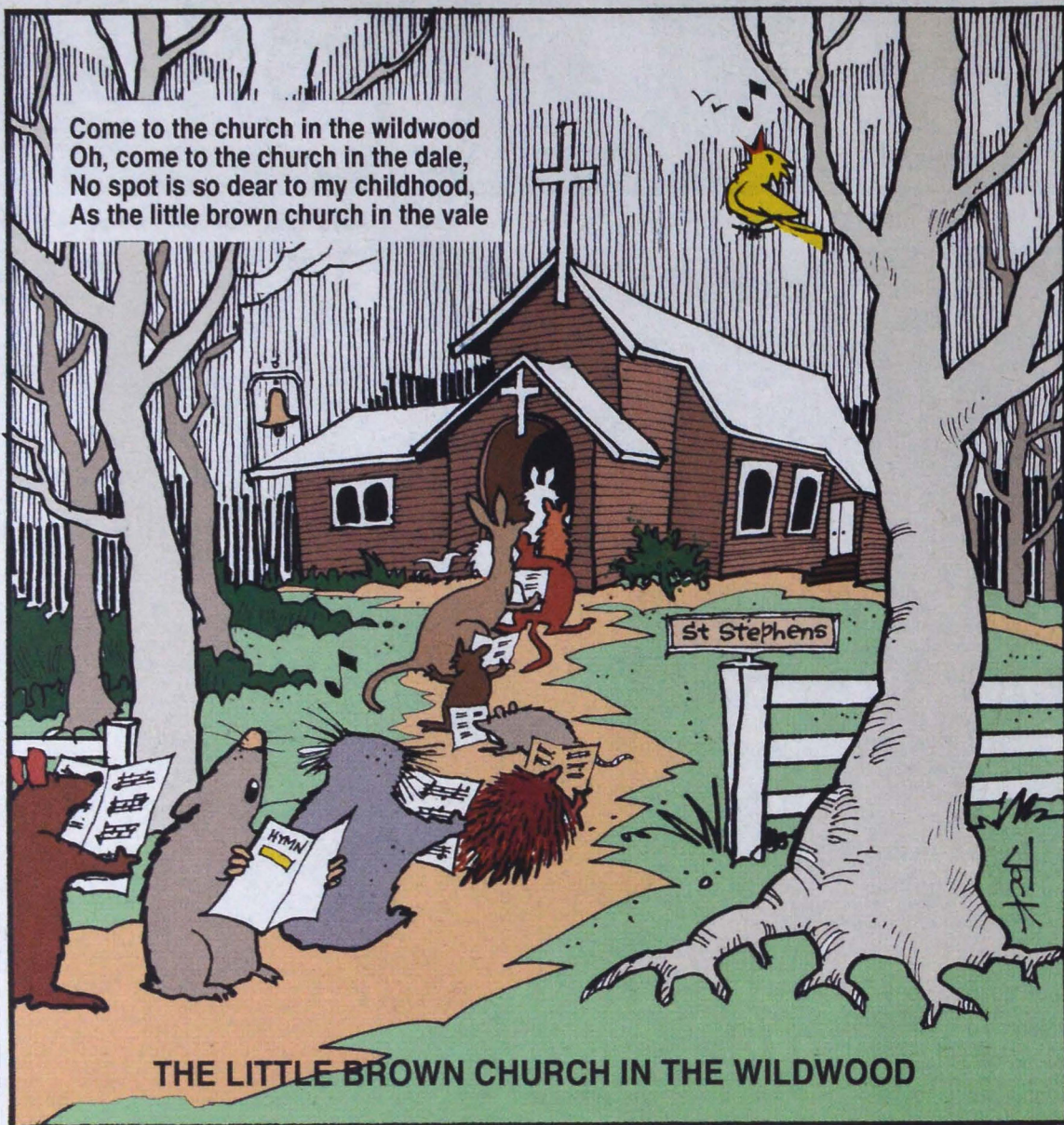
The Warrandyte Diary was established in 1970 as a small local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it has retained its strong community character, being produced by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community. Financed solely through advertising, it guards its not-for-profit, non-commercial status and its independent voice. The Diary carries a strong editorial bias towards the people, environment and character of the place it serves. Its monthly circulation is 4000 copies and it is available in Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park, Warranwood, North Ringwood, Kangaroo Ground and Research.

A SPECIAL PLACE

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

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Come to the church in the wildwood
 Oh, come to the church in the dale,
 No spot is so dear to my childhood,
 As the little brown church in the vale

THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

Gran shops locally, acts badly

COURSE you wouldn't be seen dead in here when they first built this place! What was this one again?"

"Chunky Basil," answered the sampling lady with all the patience of Job. The old lady had already tried every dip in the range several times over and demolished a whole packet of water biscuits in the process.

"In those days we got our groceries from Four Square, where Ginkgo's isn't anymore. Hellooo Kerrie!"

"Hello Gran!"

"The last thing Warrandyte wanted was a supermarket! People were ducking and weaving between the aisles like a politician on petrol prices. Mind if I have your stool? Nobody deserves my feet! Hellooo Libby!"

"Hello Gran!"

"Now of course it's more of a community centre than the community centre! Hellooo Ray! I SAID HELLOOO RAY! Deaf old bugger! COME AND TRY THE CHUNKY BASIL!"

"I'm afraid you've finished the Chunky Basil madam."

"SHE'S OUT OF CHUNKY BASIL RAY! GRAB SOME OF THAT OTHER BRAND OUT OF THE CABINET! DI, COME AND TRY SOME DIP! THAT'S NICE ISN'T IT RAY! BETTER THAN THIS WOMAN'S! Any more bickies dear?"

By the time Narelle appeared round the corner from dog food—the Trotts didn't have a dog but this trolley had a mind of its own—the sample lady was battling to feed the five thousand with five packets of crackers and the last two tubs of



salmon dip. Taking her mother-in-law firmly by the elbow, Narelle started towards cereals but ended up in fruit and veg. "These are soft!" complained Gran. "Well they are now," hissed Narelle, prising a throttled avocado from each fist. The All-Bran could wait till next time—she was a regular shopper anyway—and they joined the queue at 12 items or less. "I reckon Warrandyte Primary has a lot to answer for given the number of people who seem to have difficulty adding up to 12," observed Gran in the sort of voice Moses used to part the

Red Sea. "That's what happens when numeracy and literacy play second fiddle to playing the spoons!" "Look who's on checkout mother," chirped Narelle, giving her daughter one of those rapid little sideways waves. And the gaping mouth and pop eyes that traditionally go with it. Sure enough, there was Cinnamon, greeting each customer with a smile and a welcome, just the way they'd been drilled. "Hello how are you today Mrs Rumley!" "Can't complain," answered their neighbour squeezing her way to the register, polishing the

living with The Trotts

aisle on both sides. Skinny Milk, Bega Lite, low fat ice-cream, Diet Coke. Thank goodness she was careful what she ate.

"Hello how are you today Mrs Wardlaw!"

"Silly me! I've forgotten my green bags again! I'd go and get them except there's all these people waiting and the car's right round the other side of the car park!"

"Hello how are you today Mr Leery!"

"Very well thank you...Cinnamon!" said an apparently near-sighted customer lingering over her name tag.

"What's that old fart think he's staring at!" snarled Gran behind him.

"Jeez Gran you're embarrassing!" snapped Cinnamon as Narelle emptied her shopping onto the conveyor belt. "People can hear you all over the supermarket!"

"Nonsense!" snorted the old woman for whom umbrage was a way of life.

"Oh yeah? Then why's the boss on her way over here now?"

"Cinnamon!" started Sandra. "Will you tell your grandmother..." She finished the message in private, with a jerk of her thumb in the old woman's direction, and left the dismayed checkout chick to deliver the news.

"Well?" demanded Gran.

Cinnamon sighed.

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Church must choose

St Stephen's confronts amalgamation or closure

By KARLY HICKMAN

The congregation of St Stephen's Anglican Church in Warrandyte appears to be facing two unenviable choices, either of which could lead to the local Anglican community losing control of their parish.

After announcing last month that the parish has three months to increase its income and "bottoms on pews", Bishop Stephen Hale of the Melbourne eastern region has projected a three-part proposal that would, in effect, allow the Melbourne Diocese to close St Stephens.

"Four weeks into the granted three month reprieve, we had trebled both the number at congregations and offerings. But now our efforts seem redundant; almost as though we're lambs led to slaughter," church warden Irving Reid told the *Diary*.

The three-part interlocking proposal was presented to church wardens by Archdeacon Stephen May on behalf of Bishop Hale.

The first part states that it will be moved at the next meeting of Archbishop in Council that \$24,000 of parish debt will be written off. Next, the parish would take out a loan from the Melbourne Diocese of between \$12,000 and \$20,000 to cover cost of repairs to the vicarage.

Thirdly, St Stephen's vestry would immediately "cease representation of the parish", effectively handing over control to the Melbourne Diocese.

While the first two parts of the proposal sound promising to the congregation, the third would mean that no local church members would have any say in the running of the parish. "It is my view that if this proposal is voted into action, St Stephens will likely be closed," Mr Reid said.

However, church wardens also fear that if the vote goes against the proposal, the future for St Stephens is bleak, as it can then be claimed that the continuing Anglican ministry in Warrandyte is no longer viable and consequently the parish can be closed.

The proposal will now go to a vote of



St Stephen's, Warrandyte: Are the days of this little church numbered?

members of the St Stephens congregation who are on the parish roll. The vote will be conducted following the Sunday service on June 15.

Irving Reid first alerted the community to this situation in a letter to the *Diary*.

Last month a petition was forwarded to the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Very Reverend Philip Freier, requesting that the church remain open. In response, the archbishop said the matter was in Bishop Hale's hands.

Church wardens fear that small local churches like St Stephens may not

fit in with a trend developing in the Anglican Church in Australia towards larger churches.

A number of neighbouring churches have been closed or amalgamated in recent years.

St Timothy's in Bullen narrowly escaped closure, the Park Orchards parish was amalgamated with the Ringwood parish and St Faith's in Montmorency was amalgamated with St Margaret's in Eltham.

The Montmorency site of St Faith's was auctioned off in August last year, selling for \$1.65 million to a childcare

centre. Rev Libby Delbridge of St Margaret's confirmed that 30% of the sale went to the Melbourne Diocese, while the remaining 70% went towards the development of the Eltham site.

St Stephen's wardens fear that their church may fall victim to a shift away from smaller, village style parishes and towards larger, multiple congregation "super-churches".

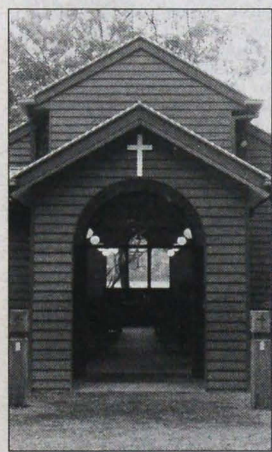
The supporters of this movement believe these super-churches are much more likely to reach significantly greater numbers of young people and young families at the larger community church

than at the "corner store" church.

Irving Reid acknowledged that this trend was one that does not fit the St Stephen's model of an older style, more conservative village parish: one that plays an important role in the Warrandyte community.

However, Mr Reid took some faith from the words of Bishop Hale some 14 years ago when he wrote: "We need to reverse our thinking. Real church is in local congregations."

"Let's hope!" said Mr Reid. Bishop Hale was unavailable for comment.



They go back to the gold rush

By CLIFF GREEN

Anglican worship began in Warrandyte in 1851, the same year gold was discovered here. Bishop Charles Perry, the first bishop appointed to the See of Melbourne, established the Missions to the Goldfields, ordaining two young men, Rev J.H. Gregory, who was sent to the Bendigo area, and Rev J. Cheyne, who went to Castlemaine. Gregory and Cheyne visited

the Andersons Creek goldfields on August 17, 1851 and conducted a church service in the tent of Messrs Michel and Haberlin, discoverers of the field.

In 1861, Bishop Perry sent Rev S.L. Chase to Anderson's Creek as missionary.

Early church services were held in the open when the weather was favourable.

A Church of England school was established in

1856 and in 1868 the government granted land in Stigant Street for a "site for (a) Church of England place of public worship and minister's dwelling".

The first church was named St Peter's. In 1906 a new church was built. This building, by then established as St Stephen's, was destroyed in the devastating bushfire that swept through Warrandyte on Black Friday, 1939. It was

replaced in the same year by a new church building.

A new church hall was opened in 1955. The 1939 church building was renovated and extended in recent years to a design by local architect Jock Macneish.

(Source: One Hundred Years and Ten by Jessie Shannon, a short history of St Stephen's, Warrandyte—published in 1979)

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"Let's pray that poor old St Stephen survives this ordeal, Ock!"



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Happy days in Warrandyte

I used to live in Warrandyte. I still consider it to be my home. I wish I was there now, sitting down by the river, feeding the ducks. Meeting people from far and wide at the Community Church, doing some pruning at Aumanns' orchard with Richard and crew, or meeting Cliff Green, a man I have only spoken to on the phone a couple of times but admire greatly and consider a mentor.

I wish I was picking up monthly editions of the *Warrandyte Diary*. Becoming inspired by people's stories of faith in what they believe, or drawing courage from their willingness to stand up against what they believe is wrong.

I hope I can return one day, write a few poems or stories for the *Diary*, make a home in the town. But for now I am on a different crusade. One I have lost faith in, but one that society holds me to until I finish the job. Who knows if I will ever go home.

But Warrandyte will always be there: too strong to be broken, too bold for the will of greed; too wise for the insanity of change for the sake of change: enlightenment without steady growth.

Wherever I am, I can always go home in my heart.

Paul Hartwood Cabarita

Goodbye, Gus

I am writing to express how extremely upset I am to find that Gus McLaren has left Warrandyte without his many friends and admirers having the opportunity to say farewell. The move occurred while his long-time partner Denise was overseas for three weeks, and I returned from a short break to hear the news from her.

Gus is a Warrandyte legend; among many other achievements he was a founding member of Potters Cottage, managed the restaurant there for a number of years and his works of art are featured in galleries all over Australia.

Going back many years, a lot of people will recall the wine-bottling events at Gus's home in Bradleys Lane that he organised to raise funds for the Labor Party.

Warrandyte will not be the same without him.

Beth Gallagher by email



Yarra River: the "defining resource" of our community. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Government 'stealing' our Yarra River water?

To most Warrandytians the Yarra is the defining resource of our community—but for how much longer?

With many others in the community, I attended the recent public meeting hosted by Ian Penrose of Yarra Riverkeepers. Professor Barry Hart addressed the projected effects of two major impacts on the river: climate change and an anticipated one million more people in Melbourne within the next two decades.

The first is a global phenomenon, but the second is Victorian government policy. If Melbourne's infrastructure (not only water but housing, energy and transport too) is overstretched now, imagine the effect of a 30% population increase in the next 20 years.

Why on earth? The present state govern-

ment has been very ready to abrogate planning controls from local councils but are apparently not prepared to act to keep Melbourne's population within sustainable limits. They have, in fact, shown an almost schizoid ability to "talk the talk" on planning and environment while doing something entirely different.

We were promised (on multiple occasions through the *Diary*) an additional 20,000 gigalitres to maintain environmental flow in the Yarra. Since the state election, that has now become a plan to take away 10,000 gigalitres every year from our already distressed river.

This sort of political bait-and-switch is not simply disingenuous—it is not even necessary, even allowing for the challenge of global warming. Melbourne currently uses around 500 gigalitres (500 billion litres) per year.

Stormwater runoff over the same area averages almost as much, and total rainfall over the same area is over 1,100 gigalitres.

Imagine what might be achieved with a concerted effort to harvest that resource. No need for \$3.2 billion desalination plant. No need for \$750 million pipeline taking water from the North-East and the Murray catchment to supply a swollen metropolis. No need to deplete the Yarra in pursuit of a misguided notion of growth.

Warrandyte people have a right to hear from their political representatives on the issue of Melbourne's population, especially from those who have silently endorsed the push for unsustainable growth.

David Ellis Tills Drive

'Solution' disappoints

I found the April *Diary* article "Police seek consultation on skate park" to be a great read, well done Joanne! To see how the authorities were approaching this notorious and ongoing issue was very insightful and enlightening.

I must admit, though, I was a little disappointed by their reaction. At best, the focus group is an empty, see-through and tragically passive attempt at curing a sour affliction on the otherwise immaculate society that is Warrandyte.

Overlooking the reality of the situation, that the police have the information and understanding to salvage the good name of the park without our contradicting opinions, it seems they are ignoring their basic re-

sponsibility to the community. To reiterate, it is an unavoidable truth that something has to be done, but seeking to punish the odd offender on a random patrol is far from the answer. Whimsical vengeance and the over-application of the law is good illustration of how functional rules can cause the most serious iniquity.

The problem that confronts us exists in every society, so instead of trying to change people and the community as we know it, as we have seen with the throwing of the book at 16 year-olds, we should be changing the environment, displaying the pro-activity and foresight that has brought us to where we are now.

Andy Mellscent Pick'n'pan Way

Home for hens

Sadly, Stuart and Sav will be moving from "Lowestoft"—37 Osborne Road—in a couple of weeks. They are looking for homes for their 10 Eiser Brown hens and two roosters.

These hens have been used to living in the lap of luxury—the caravan next to the Landcare nursery is their home—but I'm sure they will adapt to a more conventional henhouse without any problems.

If you can assist them by taking some or all of the hens and roosters, please phone Sav on 0419 366 844.

We will all be most disappointed to see Stuart, Sav and the hens depart.

Ruth Rankin Osborne Avenue

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Getting home again: through floods, fires and traffic jams

By VAL POLLEY

WAY back in October 1856, Warrandyte's first public transport connection began when Alfred Ford announced that a four-horse coach would leave Melbourne for Warrandyte on Sunday morning at nine o'clock and return the same day at three o'clock. The fare was twelve shillings and sixpence each way; a considerable sum in those days.

As it happened the first coach became bogged crossing Deep Creek—flooded due to heavy rain the day before—and so passengers had to walk the rest of the way. The Deep Creek crossing caused many difficulties until a suitable bridge was erected.

It certainly wasn't easy trying to reach the township in those early days, due to bad roads and dubious river and creek crossings. In 1865 it was reported that for Warrandyte, 18 miles east of Melbourne, "the communication is to Heidelberg via Templestowe by saddle-horse or dray, and thence by coach", which even these days sounds like a tortuous and difficult route. But gradually the infrastructure and services improved. By 1889 there were even two mail deliveries a day and it was possible to go to the city and return the same day, a much-appreciated improvement.

One of the major difficulties in settling for improved coach and mail services was deciding on the best route. An 1886 newspaper report commented that Templestowe people wanted a coach to run from Heidelberg through Templestowe to Andersons Creek whereas the locals thought a daily coach from Ringwood would be the more convenient, especially if it connected with the train service. The final route decided on at the time is not known.

This debate on the best route also bedeviled the push to get a railway line to Warrandyte. Early residents strove long and hard to get government to consider a railway connection for the town. When the route for the Lilydale line was being considered it was hoped to get a line to Warrandyte. But the prospect was doomed to disappointment when in 1882 a direct route was chosen well away from the Warrandyte township.

The continuing push for a railway was based on the community's desire

to emulate the progress they saw occurring in the places that had railway connections. There was real concern amongst the locals that their resident miners, businesses and orchardists were being disadvantaged by not being able to get their goods to city or international markets quickly and so receive optimum prices. They had a vision for development with more residential land becoming available and an opening up of the area to business, visitors, tourists and new landowners wishing to live and work in a place of natural beauty and healthy lifestyle.

It was not just a fight for the Warrandyte community. "The people of Doncaster are plaguing the life out of me to get a survey of the proposed line from Canterbury to Doncaster," local MP John Keys wrote to Victorian premier Duncan Gillies in 1888. When a survey was carried out, this time for a line to Doncaster with a branch line to Warrandyte, land speculation around possible routes reached a peak.

In June 1888 "Our Own Correspondent" wrote in *The Evelyn Observer*: "Railway is the magic word at present. That we shall get it is almost a certainty. Mr H. Stiggants, Jun., who has had the frontage to the Yarra opposite R.M. Serjeant's, has refused \$10 per acre for his block. In all this speculation there is one thing to congratulate ourselves on (at all events in our district), the men who are selling their land at what is considered a great price are men who have been steady, honest, industrious men, and settled on it for many years, in many cases have brought up their families in very mediocre circumstances, and are now reaping the reward of their industry."

Alas, for all those hardworking men it was not the certainty the correspondent expected. Once again Warrandyte was overlooked in the lists of new lines to be built. After all the hard work and effort the decision was a great disappointment to locals who were quite despondent at the result and repeatedly tried to get to get a line extension approved.

But they didn't give up easily and once again, in 1905, banded together with Doncaster residents pressing for the railway to run from Warrandyte to Melbourne. An exact route was left to the authorities to avoid any disputes and there was talk of a light tram or rail. By 1912 there was a proposal for an electric railway at Warrandyte with the

possibility of generating electricity on the Yarra at Horseshoe Bend. Some of this power was proposed for an electric railway for Warrandyte and the balance for lighting the greater part of Melbourne. In the event it was not to be, the then minister did not consider the line would pay. Its initial estimated cost was £171,000, but owing to the heavy cost of construction, that had risen to \$210,000. The proposition was rejected citing insufficient population.

Despite all these setbacks the residents still continued to battle on with meetings and deputations. There was a proposal for a line from Heidelberg and yet another to East Doncaster but all to no avail. Time after time a negative decision was made. It was all too difficult, too expensive and there was too little return.

The closest to fruition a proposed railway for the area has ever come was in the early 1970s when work actually commenced (after lots of debate, objections and enquiries) on an eastern line. The route as announced in 1974 was proposed to start at Victoria Park station, tunnel under parts of Doncaster and eventually culminate at the corner of Blackburn Road and King Street. Although it was started with a cutting at the Victoria Park end, as with all the proposals that had gone before, it was never completed. Doubts were raised on the viability of the project, the costs had risen steeply and the final blow came when the government of the day sold off land reserved for the railway line.

It is interesting to speculate what Warrandyte would be like had a railway come to, or close to, the township. It is doubtful the area would have remained the relatively unspoilt, green bushland riverside retreat that exists today. "Our Correspondent" wrote in the *Evelyn Observer* in 1888 that "I want to see the Pound Bend covered with factories (which will be the case when the Railway is completed) with its hives of workmen, with all the attendant advantages to them of a healthy locality, cheap living, &c."

It can be seen that a railway connection has been a recurrent theme of public transport advocates and hopeful local communities over decades. Yet despite considerable pressure from community campaigns such as "pt4me", and others, the results of the latest government enquiry, the Eddington Report, has once again refused to

consider a railway to the Doncaster area on grounds of cost and viability. It states a preference for improved bus services to cover the lower density development of the area.

Of course coaches and buses continued to service the Warrandyte township and its residents over the decades of pressure for a railway. In 1913 Withers and Sons started a regular charabanc motor service which ran between the city and Warrandyte. In the 1920s Pioneer bus services were operating and Parlor cars were added to the service in the 1930s, running three times a day and twice on Sundays for four shillings return. During the 1920s local identity William (Bill) Hussey ran a service, firstly with horse drawn carriages and later buses ferrying passengers between Ringwood Station and Warrandyte.

Over the years coaches and buses brought in tourists as Melbourne residents came to visit the picturesque township by the river with its gold mining sites, its guesthouses and artists' studios. Indeed calls were made to manage the increased amount of traffic in the main street near the bridge on Sundays and holidays to avoid congestion and ensure safety of pedestrians.

During the last few decades as Melbourne has expanded and the Warrandyte township has grown, local residents have chosen to rely more and more heavily on private vehicles for their transport needs. Meanwhile their public transport requirements have continued to be serviced, for better or worse, by buses of all colours, shapes and sizes. Who now remembers the articulated Green Arrows of the 1980s which shortened the usual bus journey by a considerable margin?

Currently it is the turn of the National Bus Company to ferry locals to the city or Doncaster Shoppingtown or Ringwood Station. It is their current timetables and service that was the subject of a recent review.

Once again local residents have made a bid for improved services. The Warrandyte Community Association undertook a survey, the results of which have been included in a submission to the review. The results showed residents wanted more frequent buses and more destinations. They want express bus services and more direct routes to shorten journey times and a park and ride to facilitate catching buses. They want better school and off-peak

services and improved information and ticketing services. A trial of express services has been suggested to see if local residents would, in fact, leave their cars at home and take to bus travel in larger numbers. With the price of petrol currently rising (and rising) and the emphasis on reducing individual carbon footprints many locals are seeking other transport options.

The Eddington Report on improving east-west transport connections across Melbourne has also called for improved bus services (Doncaster Area Rapid Transit) to Doncaster though it is not entirely clear how this relates to the surrounding area. There are many arguments being put against increased bus use as opposed to a railway line. Will the buses ease the congestion on the freeway? Where will they travel and will there be a travel time and comfort advantage over car travel? It is argued a rail line to Doncaster would be more far-sighted by taking travellers off the road system, reducing travel times, and could have the effect of reducing freeway traffic.

The opposing view argues a rail line would just duplicate the current freeway network and is not located close to key points such as Shoppingtown. They say buses are much more flexible and can be deployed with a lower capital investment than a rail service. In addition, environmentally friendly buses could provide an environmental advantage over private car use. Melbourne could learn from many "green" bus solutions that exist elsewhere in the world.

The Eddington Report is a major transport review, open to public submissions until mid-July. As yet another process in this long, long line of processes to meet the transport needs of residents, local residents should ensure they follow in the footsteps of those early pioneers and make their wishes known, loudly and forcefully. Otherwise like those before us we may find ourselves bewailing the lack of good public transport for decades to come.

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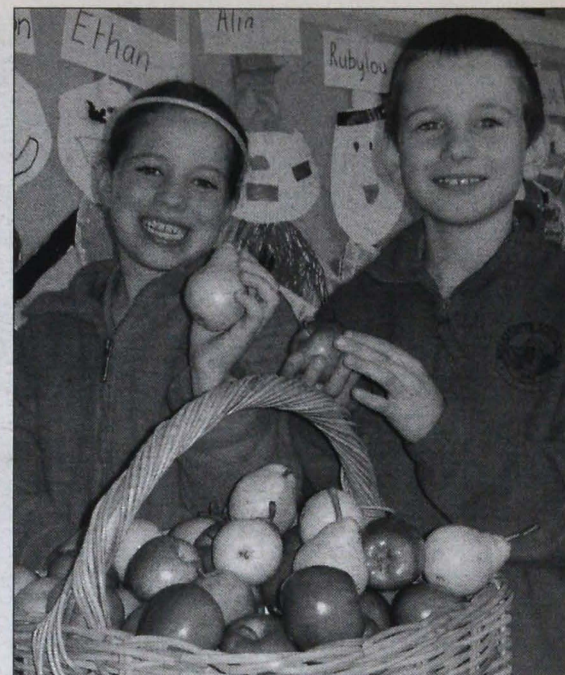
● Written submissions on the Eddington report should be sent to: East-West transport options review Department of Transport GPO Box 2797 Melbourne VIC 3000 by July 15. Website: www.transport.vic.gov.au



Yarra Warra kinder kids walked the talk

The kids at Yarra Warra Pre-School—and some parent helpers—recently went on their annual walking excursion of Warrandyte. They visited both local primary schools, the police station and walked along the river. They bought stuff at the supermarket so they could make "honey joys".

The excursion was part of the four-year-olds "Who we are and the community we live in", program and incorporated discussion of familiar landmarks, recognition of signs, traffic awareness and safety (pictured) and healthy bodies. Further learning activities followed in kinder to support and reinforce these issues when out and about in the community.



Every good kid deserves fruit

Warrandyte Primary School is part of a state government program encouraging healthy eating amongst children. The kids enjoy free fruit delivered every week. The Go For Your Life monitors collect the many different varieties of fruit and encourage their classmates to join them. Pictured: Alex (right) loves apples and Renata is a pear and banana freak.

Budget continues Council's commitment to the environment



Nillumbik Shire Council's recent efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve water are continued in the 2008-2009 Budget which was recently released for community comment.

Mayor, Cr Warwick Leeson, said the Council has given a high priority to climate change and water issues since it was elected in November 2004.

"Council's commitment to addressing climate change is paying off for our environment and our community", Cr Leeson said.

"We are on target to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by December 2008 and 70 per cent by the end of 2009. We have also reduced our water consumption by 35% with a target of 45% by 2011."

Programs and projects which support environmental sustainability in the Budget include:

- 100% green power for Council buildings for a full year
- Finalisation and start of implementation on the Green Wedge Management Plan
- \$180,000 to drought-proof tennis courts
- Implementation of the Sustainable Water Management Plan (\$100,000)
- Water tanks for fire fighting (\$50,000)
- Street tree planting (\$44,000)
- Additional \$35,000 towards tree maintenance
- Implementation of the Greenhouse Action Plan
- Implementation of the Weed Action Plan
- Mapping of biodiversity resources throughout Nillumbik (\$25,000)
- Additional funding for Friends Groups for environmental projects (\$6000)

"Council, in partnership with the community, has been at the forefront in tackling climate change and drought at a local level and these major initiatives are now starting to pay off for our environment," Cr Leeson said.

Among the Council's major environmental initiatives is a first for Victoria - a sustainable street lighting project which recently received a major boost with the announcement of more than \$500,000 in Victorian Government funding.

This ground-breaking project along with the purchase of 100% green power for all Council buildings and the GRO waste collection system cements Nillumbik's reputation as an innovative Council.

"We are leading the sector in environmental sustainability best practice," said Cr Leeson.

The Budget proposes a total increase in rates and charges of 6%.

The Budget also includes spending on:

- roads renewal (\$992,000)
- sports grounds and pavilions upgrades (\$480,000)
- expansion of recreation trails (\$455,000)
- \$389,000 for new footpaths
- bridges (\$350,000)
- Council buildings (\$350,000)
- \$200,000 to maintain existing footpaths
- \$200,000 to improve community halls and leisure centres
- \$180,000 to drought-proof tennis courts
- playgrounds (\$145,000)
- drainage upgrades (\$110,000)
- refurbish children's centres (\$100,000)
- improvements to public toilets (\$100,000)
- improve public open space (\$70,000)
- township signage (\$40,000)

Of particular interest to North Warrandyte and Kangaroo Ground are:

- extra funds for the Warrandyte Festival
- footpath extensions in Research-Warrandyte Road
- \$75,000 towards the Kangaroo Ground-Panton Hill trail
- \$45,000 for stairs at Kangaroo Ground Memorial Tower
- \$32,000 improvements at Kangaroo Ground Hall
- Kangaroo Ground Community Centre carpark (\$30,000)

Further information about the 2008-2009 Budget is available on Council's website www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au

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Council has prepared a draft Management Plan for the Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park (MMCLP) Stage 3, which extends 2.5 kilometres along the Mullum Mullum Creek from Park Road to Huggins Reserve, Donvale.

The Plan outlines recommendations for the future use, development and management. It contains recommendations for capital works, including the construction of the shared path with bridges and boardwalks, fencing, weed control, revegetation, seating, dog controls, park access points, waterway and on-going management. The Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park Stage 3 Management Plan is currently on exhibition.

Submissions

The Plan is available for public inspection during business hours at Manningham City Council offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster and at all Manningham libraries. Written or electronic submissions must be lodged by no later than Wednesday 16 July 2008 and addressed to:

Ms Teresa Dominik
 Manager, Economic and Environmental Planning,
 PO Box 1, Doncaster, Vic. 3108
 or email: eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au

For more information about the plan contact Nancy Stokes on 9840 9138 (Monday or Wednesday) or email nancy.stokes@manningham.vic.gov.au.

Please RSVP for the Community Meeting to Kay Toussaint on 9840 9348.

Creating a bank that belongs to this community

By CLIFF GREEN

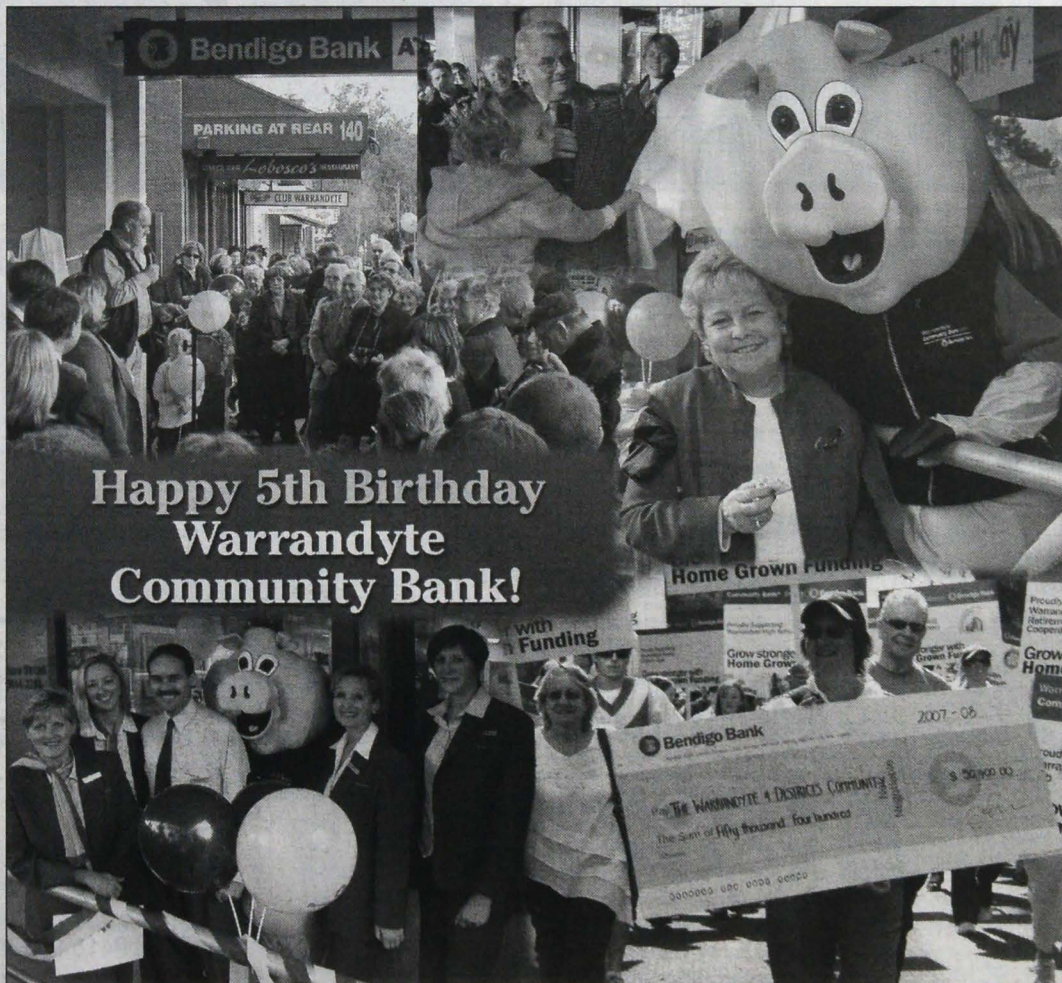
WHEN the Commonwealth Bank announced, late in 2001, that it was closing the doors of its Warrandyte branch, the local business association seized the opportunity. They called an exploratory public meeting and proposed that Warrandyte should begin working towards the establishment of a community bank. The 60 people who attended that meeting embraced the project and the association arranged for the Hurstbridge community branch of the Bendigo Bank to open an agency at Riveresque in Yarra Street. "That's just a stop gap," John Provan, president of the Warrandyte Business Association (WBA) told the *Diary*. "A fill in, until we get our own branch, which could be six months away." Service at the local Commonwealth Bank branch, which had been operating in Warrandyte for more than 30 years, had been deteriorating. The branch manager had been withdrawn some time before, the bank had been closing branches across the country and WBA felt sure that the Warrandyte branch would go the same way. "The Commonwealth Bank is closing, not necessarily because it may be unprofitable," Mr Provan said. "It's a large bank with large overheads. Commu-

nity banks run on much lower overheads." He explained that the community bank would pay a franchise fee to the Bendigo Bank, operating as a small business with a voluntary board of directors running the bank on behalf of 300 to 600 shareholders, most of whom would be from the immediate area. Mr Provan said the initial target was to raise \$650,000 from 400 to 500 people. He pointed out that many benefits could flow back to the community once the branch went into profit. "Long term I'd like to see a retirement home, elderly care facility or a new kindergarten or whatever may be required. Initially it may be smaller amounts which go to various community groups." The people of Warrandyte responded with their banking business and their money. In its first week of operation, 50 people opened accounts at the Bendigo Bank agency. The initial prediction of a delay of six months before the community bank was open was a little optimistic, although an overwhelming response to a feasibility study indicated Warrandyte was ready to embrace the concept. When the Commonwealth Bank premises were sold at auction in late 2002, the new owner indicated the fledgling community bank would be given

first refusal. She generously agreed to leave the building vacant until the new bank was established. By October 2002, the local community had pledged the \$650,000 seed money needed to launch the bank. It now required the steering committee to submit a detailed business plan "to the Bendigo Bank for their approval of our own Bendigo Community Bank franchise," Mr Provan said. A prospectus was issued early in 2003, calling in the pledges and canvassing community shareholding in the new bank. Minimum shareholding was 500 shares at \$1, with a maximum of 10,000 shares. However each shareholder is entitled to only one vote, no matter how many shares they hold. A note of urgency entered the campaign in March 2003, when it was announced that the shareholding target had to be reached by April 1 or the bank could miss out on securing the purpose-built bank building in Yarra Street. "We have reached the \$400,000 mark, board member Andrew Wilson said. "We need \$600,000. If we don't meet our target it won't be happening. The Bendigo Bank won't grant our franchise." The community rallied and the bank reached its target by "April Fools Day" 2003. Tenders were out for fitting-out the Yarra Street premises for "our very

own community bank", prospective managers were being interviewed and John Provan predicted the bank would be open for business in late May or early June. He kept his promise. The bank was officially opened with a gala party in Yarra Street on Thursday, June 5. Manager Mark Challen and his staff were already in position and the whole town celebrated the return of full banking services to Warrandyte. John Provan predicted that the bank would be in profit in 18 months to two years, "then we can look forward to distributing money back into the community". This month marks the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Warrandyte Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank. "Banking business at the branch has quietly clocked over the \$90 million mark," current chairman Sarah Wrigley told the *Diary*. The bank is now paying a modest dividend to shareholders, but most importantly, they are "supporting local clubs and organisations to the tune of over \$100,000," with \$60,000 pledged for disbursement during the coming financial year. Truly, a great community effort.

Cliff Green owns shares in the Warrandyte Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank.



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No dogs allowed!

By JOANNE GREEN

There were no cat fights, no catty conversations and very little caterwauling when the Birman Society came to Warrandyte to stage their 15th annual show one Sunday last month.

For five hours the community centre was abuzz with soft chatter, contented purrs and the occasional agitated meow. There was barely walking space in the foyer and the upstairs hall. They were brimming with 94 cats in cages and stalls of colourful cat accessories lined the walls.

The car park was full to overflowing as cat lovers arrived from far and near, intent on picking their favourite feline. Many were children. Some came to convince their parents a pet cat was just what the family needed, others just to adore the fluffy kittens that cavorted in their cages.

This is the second time the society has held their show here. The first was in 1993. "The first show in Warrandyte was very successful," society president Lesley Freeman told the *Diary*.

Each cat in the show was assessed by five international standard judges from Victoria, South Australia, Austria and the United States. Finally they conferred and the Supreme Exhibit in Show was chosen. This year it was Shenji Zachary, a seal point Birman male, bred by Carole Doyle.

On the ground floor of the centre were the Birman and Persian kittens. A pair of blue or amber eyes peered from each cage as the kittens played or waited patiently to be taken out and expertly examined.

Upstairs, adult Rag Dolls lounged on satin pillows next to Norwegian Forest Cats, Exotics, adult Birmans and Persians and long slender Maine Coons. Judges deliberated over ear tufts and muscle tone.

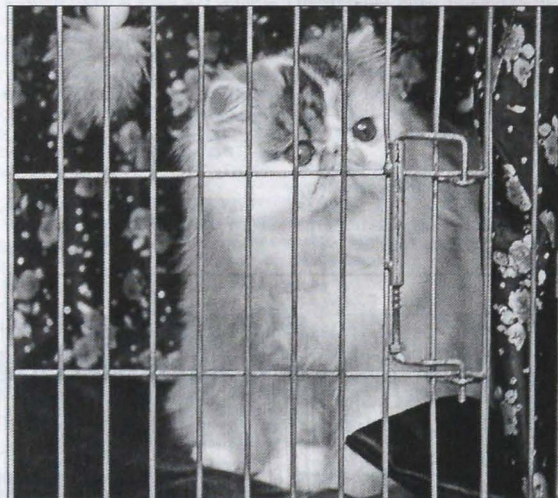
"She's going well," owner Carmel said as she groomed her Persian kitten Bella. "The cats are judged on coat presentation, body type and eye colour."

Each breed of cat is assessed on an individual standard of 100 points. "For example, a Birman receives 20 points for white feet," Lesley Freeman said. "In other breeds that isn't as important."

The Birman Society is keen to promote cats as family pets. "They don't bite like dogs and they're not high maintenance," Ms Freeman said.



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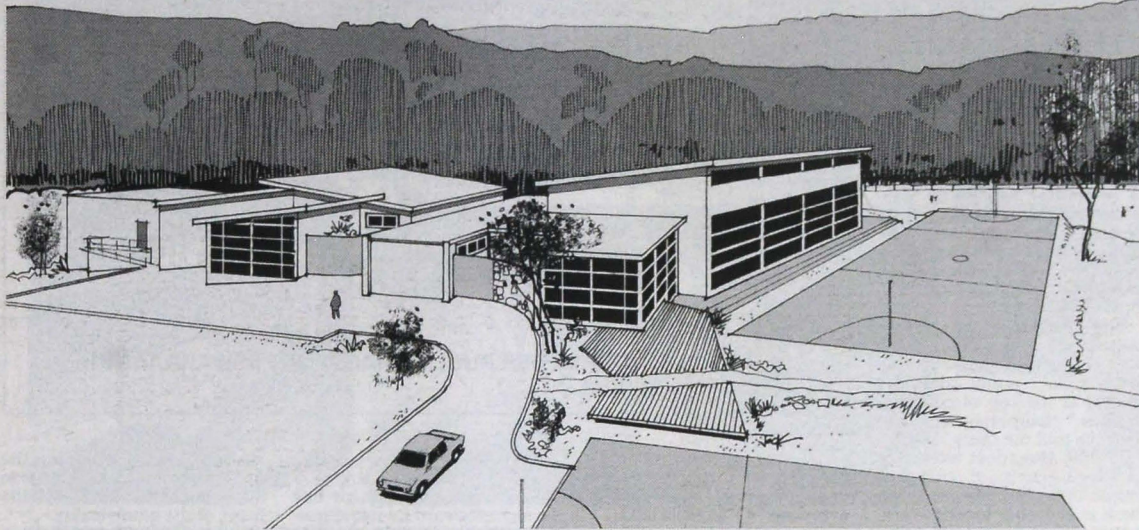
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Netball project moving



Our artist's impression of the proposed new netball/seniors' facilities.

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The campaign towards the building of urgently needed new netball facilities in Warrandyte is proceeding apace.

Last month, Warrandyte Netball Club president Sarah Wrigley met with representatives of Manningham council. At this meeting council acknowledged changes need to be made to address the needs of netball players in Warrandyte.

On May 27, Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith tabled a petition in state parliament with almost 1300 signatures supporting the proposal.

He urged the minister for sport, recreation and youth to consult the Warrandyte Netball Club to assess the need for adequate netball training facilities in the area.

"Manningham council were

incredibly supportive of the committee's plans and in principle have agreed that the project will be a fantastic addition to this area," Mr Smith told parliament.

Warrandyte Netball Club, the last "homeless" sporting organisation in the town, announced last December that it was planning to build an exciting new complex at the Recreation Reserve.

To reduce the amount of land needed for the complex it has been proposed to "attach" it to the existing senior citizen's club.

The building would include a netball clubhouse, a half-size indoor practice court and enhanced facilities for the senior citizens. The existing outdoor netball courts would be refurbished and another would be

built.

While the design has been altered slightly from the artist's impression published in the *Diary's* December edition (pictured), most changes have been internal. The proposed building will still "seamlessly incorporate the current seniors' building," while remaining in keeping with the sporting precinct surrounds.

The netball club acknowledges the senior citizens' concern that building work could disrupt their activities and hope to minimise this impact. "It is important that we help them grow," Ms Wrigley said.

The project, estimated to cost between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million, will rely on council and government funding, as well as local fundraising. The netball club's fundraising committee has

already raised money to pay for surveying and architectural fees, as well as collecting the 1300 signatures presented to parliament.

"The club's committee has been very active to make sure all the relevant stakeholders have been kept up to speed with the project," Mr Smith told parliament.

He is hopeful that the minister will "commit to the project as one that is vital to the netball club and identify it as an enhancement to local community facilities".

Government funding will go some way towards the commencement of this project. While budget approval is still "in the works", the netball club remains positive.

"Everyone's making the right noises," Ms Wrigley said.

Nillumbik plays musical bins with waste collections

Nillumbik council has made changes to its three-bin waste collection system so that all households across the shire put out the same coloured bins each week.

There will be a shire-wide collection of green and yellow bins one week, and green and red bins the alternate week. The green bin continues to be collected every week. Collection days for residents have not been

changed. "All residents have been sent a new waste collection calendar and a letter outlining the change to their service," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

● For all enquiries about the new waste management system, Nillumbik residents can contact the council on 9433 3111 or visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

MP Ryan Smith pleads for kids out in all weathers

Warrandyte state MP Ryan Smith is campaigning to have a bus shelter erected on the north side of Yarra Street, opposite the Warrandyte Community Centre.



Ryan Smith

Speaking in state parliament,

he said: "A number of local residents use this stop, as it is in the heart of Warrandyte opposite the local community hall, the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House and the offices of the community newspaper, the *Warrandyte Diary*."

"With several school children among the number of those using the stop, I would ask the minister to urgently consider the installation of a shelter at this location."

Mick scales new heights



Mick Parker on Gasherbrum 1.

Warrandyte mountaineer Mick Parker reached the top of 8,200 metre Manaslu in Nepal last month.

He performed this feat climbing solo and without oxygen, reaching the summit on May 15.

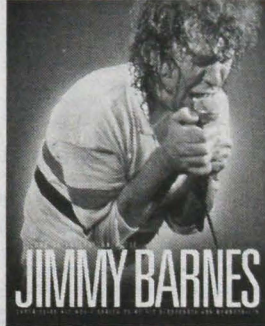
Last issue, the *Diary* recounted Mick's extraordinary ascent, in July, 2007 of Gasherbrum 1, 8068 metres high. He achieved this feat after his climbing team from the Australian Army Alpine Association abandoned the attempt due to bad weather.

Mick pushed on alone and was approaching the summit when he dropped his axe ice. He retreated back down the mountain, secured another axe, and set out once more, spending a night at each of the three base camps, finally scaling the summit.

Mick's success on reaching the summit of Manaslu, in the Nepalese Himalayas—solo and without oxygen—has been hailed as an extraordinary feat of mountaineering.

Mick was followed to the top of Manaslu, one hour later, by two Germans and a Sherpa from a German climbing team.

It is believed Mick will attempt to climb Dhaulagiri, 8167 metres, before returning to Warrandyte in November.



Local writer Scott Podmore has just completed a book, *Icons of Australian Music: Jimmy Barnes*, recently launched in Sydney.

Drawn mainly from Barnes' scrapbooks and memorabilia, it chronicles his controversial music career.

"Jimmy Barnes' life is one of extremes, overflowing with stories of the extraordinary, both good and bad," Scott Podmore told the *Diary*.

"Australian rock music never encountered a frontman quite like Barnes. And it probably never will again."

The book is in hard covers, priced at \$79.95.

Scott is a journalist on the Sunday Herald Sun and lives in Warrandyte with wife Kerry and their two children, William and Eloise.

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Council tackles transport issues

A committee formed by Manningham council to help improve transport infrastructure and services in the area has just released a performance report on its first 12 months of operation.

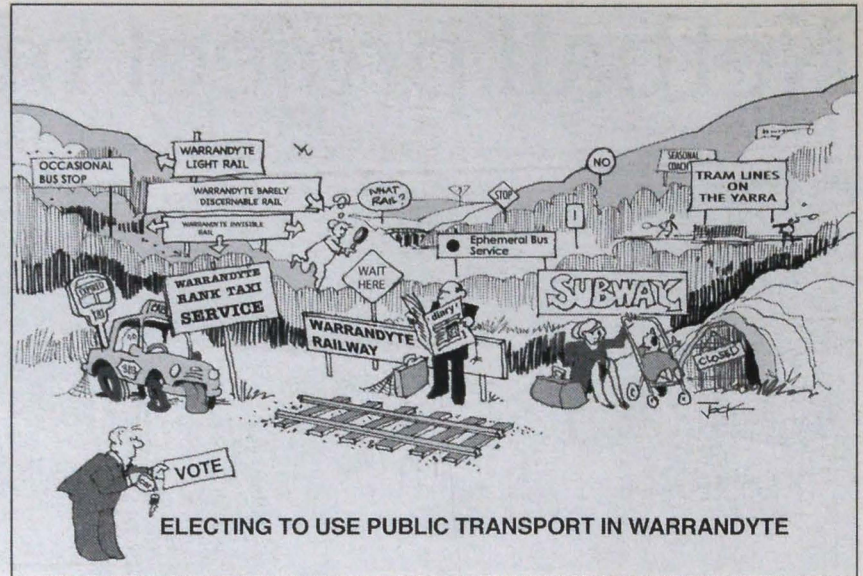
The committee was established in February, 2007.

"This advisory group has helped place public transport issues at the top of council's agenda," chairperson Cr Grace La Vella told the *Diary*.

"Public transport advocacy is a high priority of council. It needs to be because Manningham is the only local government area in Melbourne without any train or tram services whatsoever.

"This committee has worked hard to convince state and federal governments of the need for more frequent and better serviced public transport.

"If Manningham council can help improve publish transport options, we will witness less



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congestion on our roads, a decrease in polluting greenhouse gases and faster travel times for everyone," Cr La Vella said.

"Residents are supportive of our ongoing campaigns for increased transport service. Their contributions to council's submission to the Eddington study and the community surveys undertaken at the Park and Ride bear witness to this."

Cr La Vella said that while the hard work of the past 12 months would continue, council had

already received some pleasing results from its advocacy.

"The state government has brought forward its implementation of their local bus reviews from 2009 to February this year and delivered eight new buses to Ventura so that they can retire a number of older buses, but more are needed," Cr La Vella said.

"During the coming 12 months, council's strategic transport advisory committee will oversee the bus improvement programs

and a study to determine the feasibility of a tram extension along Doncaster Road, into the heart of the municipality.

"The committee will also gauge the views of young residents through a youth transport forum in secondary schools."

• Residents can download a copy of Manningham council's strategic transport advisory committee's performance report from www.manningham.vic.gov.au.

Orchard history Green Nillumbik leads the way



Our cherry plum trees are a legacy from the orcharding days.

The history of orcharding in the district has been captured in an illustrated brochure, recently published by Manningham council.

It features a large, fold-out map detailing where previous orchards and cool stores were and locates fruit trees that are still alive today.

"Orchardists planted the first fruit trees on prime land in the 1860s," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"By the 1920s there were 15,000 acres of orchards." The area proved very versatile, growing apples, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, cherries, lo-

quats, quinces and lemons.

The brochure explains how local orchardists helped to pioneer Australia's fruit growing industry with clever innovations. These included ingenious irrigation techniques, so trees could be watered during summer.

"In 1932, Herb and Frank Petty developed the Petty plough, allowing orchardists to plough very close to the butts of fruit trees," the spokesperson said.

• Copies of the brochure are available during business hours at the Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, or by phoning 9840 9333.

Nillumbik is leading Victorian councils in their campaigns to reduce carbon emissions.

"Council's commitment to addressing climate change is paying off for our environment and our community," mayor Cr Warwick Leeson told the *Diary*. "We are on target to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by December 2008 and 70% by the end of 2009."

Every street light globe in the shire is being replaced by a more energy efficient fluorescent lamp, resulting in greenhouse gas savings of 1900 tonnes year, or 19% of council's emissions.

The purchase of 100% green power for all municipal buildings will reduce the council's total greenhouse gas emissions by about half.

The best recyclers in Victoria, Nillumbik residents are diverting 62% of their garbage and recycling away from landfill, according to figures released by Sustainability Victoria.

Other environmental initiatives being undertaken include an ongoing program of retrofitting all council buildings for water and energy efficiency and tree planting programs that act as carbon sinks.

"We are leading the sector in environmental sustainability and best practice," Cr Leeson said.

Council a go-go!

Manningham council has embraced a concept called GOGO—Green Office, Green Organisation, in an effort to monitor and enhance its sustainability performance.

"GOGO is a regular meeting of representatives from each service unit within council to develop ideas that help it become more environmentally sustainable," mayor Cr Geoff Gough told the *Diary*.

"Its core aim is to help implement changes that assist the entire organisation to save energy, reduce water use, minimise greenhouse gas emissions, de-

crease waste and save paper."

Staff members, through the GOGO meetings, have introduced a number of sustainable measures, including highly visible signs at every workstation and light switch, reminding workers to turn off screens and lights when not needed, introduce double-sided printing in almost all circumstances and use central recycling bins rather than personal bins under desks, to help limit the amount of waste going to landfill.

New grass to beat drought

Stintons Road Reserve in Park Orchards is to receive a state government grant towards the cost of converting the playing surface to a warm season grass species, thus helping to protect it against the effects of drought.

This measure was announced late last month by local upper house MP, Brian Tee.

The species, Santa Ana Couch, will allow sports to be on the ground year-round.

"Local sports grounds, like Stintons Road Reserve, are vital to the social fabric, strength and wellbeing of any community.

By improving the quality of these facilities we are encouraging greater participation for all Victorians," Mr Tee said.

Cash for health

Two local primary schools are to receive \$6000 each to help finance their "Go For Life" healthy start programs.

Warrandyte primary and Park Orchards primary schools will receive the grants for a range of projects, including bike sheds, upgrading canteen facilities and play surface resurfacing.

Local upper house MP Brian Tee announced the grants earlier this month.



Brian Tee

"It's great to see that these schools are committed to encouraging their students to adopt healthy eating habits and exercise regularly," Mr Tee said.

He said the program aims to promote healthy eating and physical activity which in turn will help individual students develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle.



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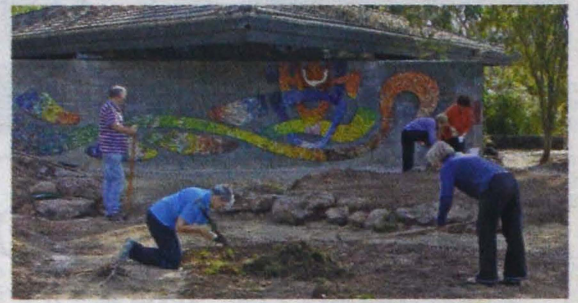
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Peace work in progress

They're planting a garden at the Peace Wall at the Uniting Church in Taroon Avenue. Local artists Walter Magilton and Denise Keele Bedford designed a wall that mirrors the Yarra River flowing through Warrandyte. A number of community groups, schools, preschools, churches and Wurundjeri people, instructed by ceramic artist MaryLou Pittard, created the tiles for the wall and its surrounds. Local landscape designer Bev Hanson designed the garden and is supervising its construction.

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



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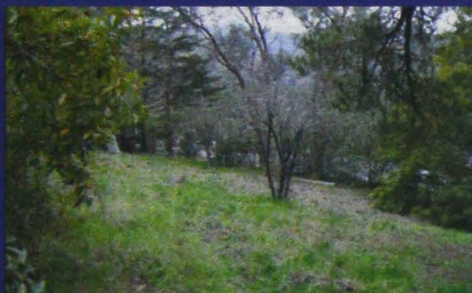
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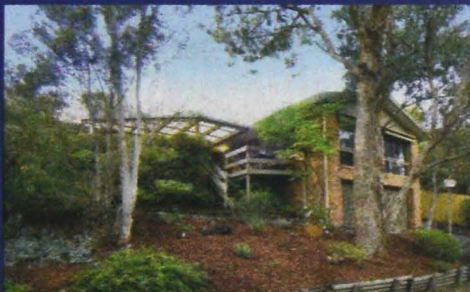
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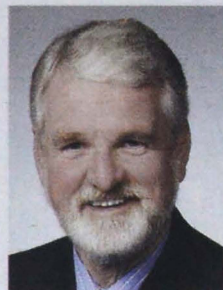
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WCA annual public meeting

The Warrandyte Community Association is holding its annual general meeting on Tuesday, July 8 at 7.30pm in the North Warrandyte Community Centre in Research Road. The WCA, formed at a public meeting over eight years ago, has been instrumental in many projects such as heritage guidelines, retirement housing, transport and youth issues. It has also watched over planning and developments affecting the town. Past and present members and all other interested residents are urged to come along and help set the future agenda and have their concerns heard.

out of the box

By JUDY GREEN

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

2. Bill Pemberton will discuss carbon rationing action groups. The seminar is free with supper provided. It will commence at 7.30pm at the South Warrandyte Hall, 66-68 Hall Road, South Warrandyte.

Support

Manningham Community Health Service conducts a support group for women with anxiety and depression problems. Meetings alternate between The Pines (coffee and chat) or at the Community Health Service, 1/1020 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Sessions at the Doncaster centre run from 10am to 12noon with various activities including meditation, information, discussions and craft activities. Meetings at the Pines run from 10.30am to 12noon. For further details call Pam Quinton-Randall on 8841 3000 or email pam.quinton-randall@mnnchs.org.au.

Music

Music Together at the Warrandyte Uniting Church is a music therapy program for parents, care-givers and their pre-school age children. Vacancies exist in the 10.45am session



A group of local residents have linked together to raise funds for survivors of the recent Burma cyclone. A concert will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 7.30pm at the Mechanics Institute hall, Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Aria award singer/songwriter Kavisha Mazzella will be accompanied by Irini Vela (HaBbibis) on guitar mandolin and bazouki and Peter Vadiveloo (Jugularity) on percussion. Also performing will be Karen (Burmese) harpist, singer Chit Lu and local musician Matthew Arnold. Admission is \$35, a light supper will be provided. All proceeds will go through the Australian Burmese Community Development Network direct to community groups operating inside Burma. Bookings are essential and can be made by ringing Karen on 9844 4221. For options for donation call Jill on 9844 2289.

on Wednesdays with therapist Janeen McKenzie. If interested call Margie on 9844 3222

Concert

The Earth Harmony Centre will present a performance by master percussionist King Marong and classically trained Bec Mathews on Friday, June 20 at 8pm. King and Bec have developed an extensive repertoire of traditional and contemporary

pieces from the Mandinka culture of West Africa. Special guest will be Lamine Sonko, born in Senegal, who will add the dance, drum and song of his culture to the night.

Driving

As part of its Extreme Speed exhibition, a "Fit to Drive" program designed for young L-plate holders and their parents will run for about an hour on Saturday, July 19 commencing at 2.30pm

at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. A further program, entitled "Motorvate", will be conducted on Saturday, July 26 also at 2.30pm. Contact Maria Nakopulo on 9846 0535 to reserve a place.

Volunteer

Do Care are seeking volunteers able to spend a couple of hours a week visiting older or disabled people in the community. If you can help call 9762 5211.

Kismet

The Diamond Valley Singers are presenting the exotic musical Kismet at the Warrandyte High School Theatre in Alexander Road at 8pm on July 4, 9, 11 and 12 and at 2pm on July 5, 6, and 12. Bookings can be made by calling Callum on 9444 0537 or by email on dvsbooking@hotmail.com. Tickets cost \$25 each, concessions \$20, children \$10, family \$60.

Festival

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Festival Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at the Warrandyte Community Centre, cnr Yarra and Webb streets. Inquiries to Mary Ann Gibson on 9844 4431. Anyone interested in helping to plan the 2009 Warrandyte Festival is invited to attend.

Seminar

The next Manningham City Council Environment Seminar will be held on Wednesday, July

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Exhibition

Eltham College and the Masterworks Committee are presenting a solo exhibition of works by Faye Alexander Jenkins at Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant, 25 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground, running until Friday, June 27. Faye Alexander Jenkins is an Eltham artist who won the Bendigo Bank people's choice award at the 2007 Masterworks exhibition. Much of Faye's work involves the exploration of rocks and geological formations.

Inspirational

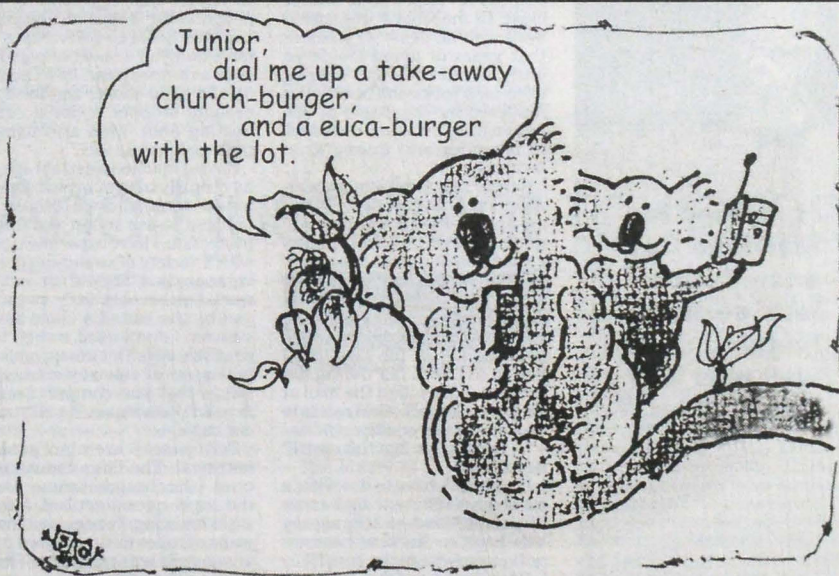
Stonehouse Gallery is presenting an inspirational interpretation of Australian flora, fauna and landscape in clay, textiles and wood. The Stonehouse members and invited artists are showcasing the diversity of our wonderful country in an exhibition running until Monday, June 30. The gallery is situated in the old gospel chapel at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, phone 9844 3629.

Extreme

Extreme Speed is an exhibition aimed at improving the safety of young people on the road. It has been developed by Melbourne-based artist Robyn Cerretti. This unique exhibition includes video projections, floor sculptures, reflective panels with audio recordings and so on. It will be open until Saturday, July 26 at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA



The Warrandyte Theatre Company is presenting a season of one-act plays at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on Friday, June 20, Saturday 21, Friday 27 and Saturday 28. The plays are: The Lesson by Eugene Ionesco, and Words, Words, Words and Universal Language, both by David Ives. Tickets cost \$18 (\$15 concession) and bookings can be made at the Old Bakery Cottage Bookshop, 9844 1744. Pictured: Rehearsing one of WTC's one-act plays.

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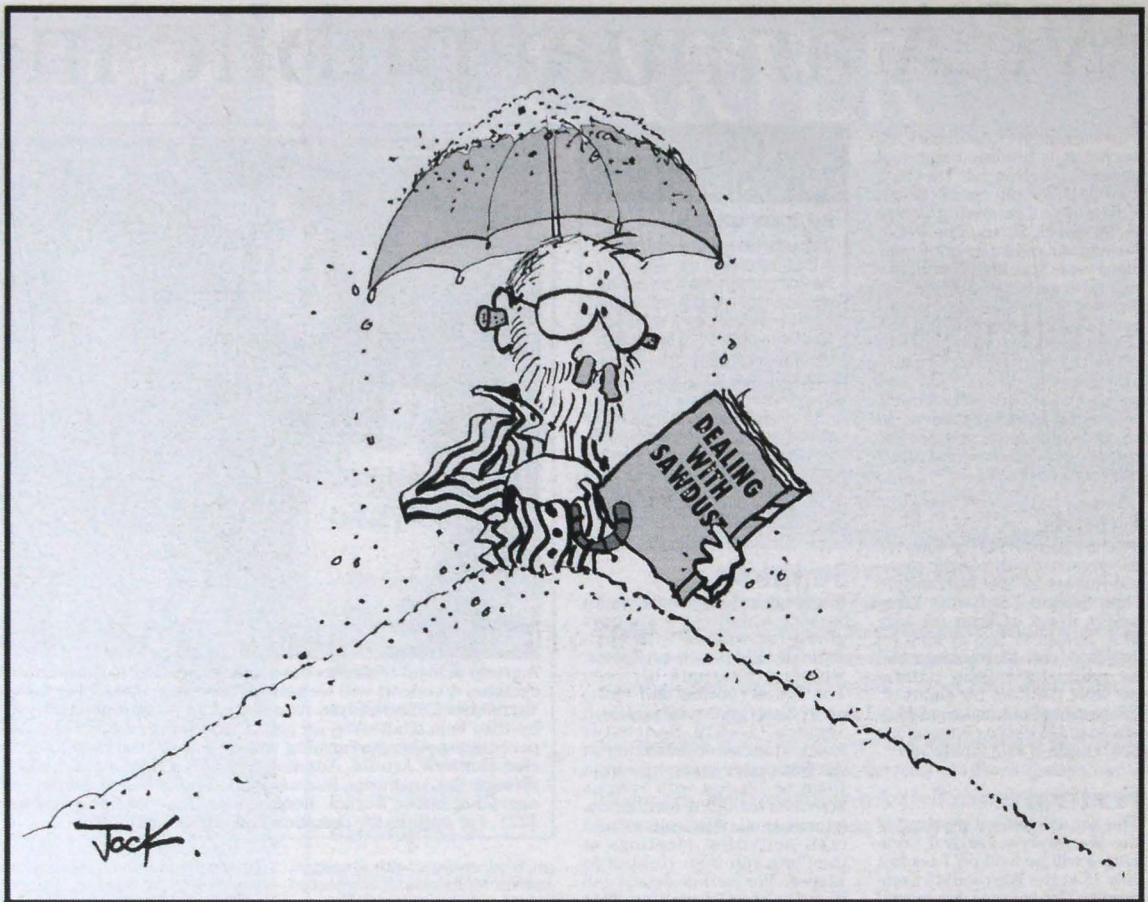


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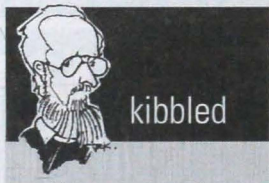
How to survive a series of domestic dust storms

MILLIE the Wonder Dog is shivering and has retreated, yet again, under our bed pillow whilst I am sitting in front of my lap top worrying that the dust might start seeping through crevices I have failed to block. Today is the last time we should need tradesmen for our house extension and it's the turn of the floor sanders.

I'm apprehensive about what we'll be left with as the last experience we had with floor sanding was when we had our cork floor sanded and resurfaced. On that occasion I thought I had the situation under control. I had been warned that cork sanding was "dusty" and that it would be wise to "do a bit of covering up". This I dutifully did.

On that occasion, everything was covered in plastic, including floor-to-ceiling plastic curtains, designed to protect the interiors of kitchen cupboards. That was a waste of time as instead of being a little dusty, the aftermath was like the dust storm scene in "Lawrence of Arabia". This time the flooring is recycled hardwood, not cork, and I had no illusions. At the moment, the guys are half way through the job and as yet I have not had to evacuate the house, which is always a consideration with an extension.

One of the biggest hassles with adding on to an existing house is that whatever happens in the extension invariably affects the rest of your living



"I noticed his Marriage Guidance Counsellor's certificate hanging on the wall was way out of date..."

space. Take for example, painting. In a new house, the work is done and the house is left whilst the paint dries and the smell goes away. This is not so with an extension.

Being a man, it goes without saying that my sensitivities and senses are inadequate and this, it appears, is blindingly obvious when it comes to the effect of paint smells. I have been

told, by an impeccable source close to me, that I was either born with no sense of smell or that years of living inside an unshowered body and wearing used man jocks and socks, has rendered me incapable of discriminating between the smell of lavender and a long drop lavatory.

Acrylic paints are almost bearable and both the drying time and smell dissipation time are quite short. Oil based paints are a different matter altogether. Herself is sensitive to chemicals and is adversely affected by oil paint fumes. As a caring husband, conscious of my wife's feelings and of the fact that I had to live with her during the process, I consulted the man at the paint shop. His first reaction was one of incredulity.

"A lot of guys like the smell!" he offered.

"But I don't have to live with 'a lot of guys'. I have to find a way of painting and of keeping my wife healthy. So, what have we got to tone down the smell?"

"Well we've got this stuff but I've never used it. I suppose you could try that or you could farm your wife out while you do the painting."

I noticed his Marriage Guidance Counsellor's certificate hanging on the wall was way out of date, so I paid for the little bottle of "Pong Off" and headed for home. I am pleased to report that, to me, the paint became totally odour free and to Herself, it was almost tolerable.

At this stage, I'm pleased

to report that the sanding is progressing well and my precautions seem to be working. I have hung up a sheet of plastic over a doorway and have hung up some old sheets and used a draught stopper under a connecting door. I am also using personal protection.

Having reached a certain age, I have finally bought myself some power tools and with these I do need to use sound and dust protection. I have experimented with a variety of sound-deadening apparatus. The old ear muffs work but become very sweaty and by the end of a chain saw session, I don't need a shell to hear the sea. The compromise is the set of squashy rubbery things that you compress and then let them expand to fill your ear canal.

Dust masks are also problematical. The large industrial ones I find cumbersome and the paper ones don't last. After experimenting, I've decided that wads of toilet tissue shoved up my nostrils work the best. This does tend to terrify my young grand-daughter but she's learning about her unusual Pa.

The signs are good. A sandman has just passed me. He is carrying a large bag of sawdust. Looking around, the room is clean and there is just the slightest haze of sawdust in the air. I suppose I can take out the squashy things, close down my lap top and take out the wads of soggy toilet tissue.

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Children can be encouraged to enjoy your garden too



garden life
By BEV HANSON

An interesting bushy environment can be a children's adventure playground.

Children enjoy climbing, playing with sand, water and mud, playing "make believe" and being creative with all kinds of odd things.

Keep this in mind when planning a garden.

Try to make the immediate outdoors interesting enough to compete with television—and so that their friends across the road or next door will want to visit them.

When landscaping your garden, plan a section for the children. Some place where

they can climb (safely), hide, create their fantasy worlds and be generally happy.

My experience is that children love a garden with meandering pathways to explore and leafy hidden nooks to play in, a garden with a sense of mystery that can't be seen all at once.

Sandpits are easily constructed. Natural log surrounds for these are relatively easy to come by in the Warrandyte area (perhaps from a tree that has had to be removed to build your home).

Shallow pools are good too, if children are old enough. These can be made from concrete or plastic.

Summer shade can be provided by a deciduous tree on the northern aspect of the play area. This will allow winter sun to penetrate.

Think about tree houses or log huts containing old furniture, old clothing and other odds and ends. They can be a never-ending source of "make-believe" for children.

The area can be screened off with shrubs or tea-tree fences to allow children to "create" freely, and to eliminate what adults may see as an environmental eyesore.

Fixed equipment that has proved popular includes stepping logs, log fences, climbing

ropes and frames, swings and slides. These can be purchased progressively or made from fairly inexpensive materials.

Flat, compacted areas are preferable for riding bikes, trikes and scooters. Mounds or slopes can provide inspiration for all sorts of games.

Personal interest and respect for the garden can be fostered among your children by allowing them to help you plant out shrubs and trees. It may be a nuisance at the time, but a small child who has planted a shrub or tree is more likely to keep his or her friends away from it.

"That's the tree I planted," will be the proud cry.

And I just want to remain dry!

HERE'S a creature that's been abundant on our planet for over a century, but you won't find it described in any zoology textbook. I'm referring, of course, to the genus *Umbrellaea*, of which there are many species, including the common forms *regulensis*, *compactiosis* and the much-admired *golffensis*.

Each of these species has well-recognised characteristic structures. These structures are unusual in that they are of a type more commonly associated with mechanical devices rather than with creatures capable of leading lives of their own: namely, a central shaft, spokes, handle and waterproof fabric, along with a mechanism for opening and closing the webbed shelter. (Very nifty, if I may say so.)

Subspecies such as *pokyspokii* and *wontopenus* are also well known, although the proportion of these that are genetically derived, as opposed to a

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

significant incidence of random mutations, is a statistic yet to be resolved.

The ability of all *Umbrellaea* species to relocate themselves from their appointed dwelling-places to a refuge of their own choosing is a fact widely recognised but not yet understood by scientists. It's not understood by anybody at all, as far as I can tell.

The species *compactiosis* is demonstrably the worst culprit. Large-scale formal studies have yet to be carried out, but a random sample of anecdotal evidence from just one household does indeed seem to confirm the existence of the so-called wandering trait. Whether the motivation for this behaviour is an innate instinct for hibernation, or whether

it merely reflects a perverse desire to confound the human spirit, remains a moot point. Whatever the cause, the impact is significant, as demonstrated by data collected over a recent four-week period.

To wit: An *Umbrellaea compactiosis* var. *bustediensis* migrated from Ms R's keeping, so she appropriated a dodgy Brunswick Black model from her late grandmother's possessions. That too disappeared almost immediately. Meanwhile, Ms R's dad left a soggy black *compactiosis* at a Neutral Bay deli. Or café. Or coffee shop. Lost property baskets in Sydney are fairly crammed with black *compactiosis*; we checked, but none of them was his. A few days later, the "lost" black *compactiosis* materialised by our front door in Warrandyte. Had the Brunswick Black, perhaps, migrated to Sydney by mistake? Undoubtedly. No wonder it wasn't recognised in the lost property baskets! The soggy suspect was duly retrieved; unfortunately it

wasn't Ms R's. It wasn't even one of the models we'd passed over the previous week. Hopefully it's now back in its rightful basket. Meanwhile, the *compactiosis* var. *leopardensis* that I'd used in Sydney that week, and clearly recall packing, wasn't in my bag when I got home. Nor did it reappear in Sydney. Then, somewhat surprisingly, it was discovered snoozing behind a bookcase in Warrandyte. I fished it out and put it firmly back where it belonged. Yet it had disappeared again only days later, and I had to leave for Brisbane without it. Predictably, southeast Queensland was awash with double its average June rainfall that particular weekend.

Now I'm back in soggy Sydney, where Ms R's Dad stated not two hours ago that he'd leave me "this" umbrella (pointing) as he left for the office. I swear I haven't moved from this laptop, and yet that blimmin' thing has already vanished from the face of the earth. Aaarrggghhh! I give up.

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A distinguished Warrandytian



By PAULINE CROSS

AUDREY CAHN, one of Warrandyte's most respected and well-loved residents, died on April 1, 2008. She was 102.

Audrey was the daughter of Professor William and Dr Ethel Osborne, for whom Osborne Road is named. She was born on the campus of the University of Melbourne on October 17, 1905. With her siblings, Yrsa, Charis and Gerard, she spent her childhood living on campus.

In the early 1900s, Professor Osborne bought a property on the river in North Warrandyte as a holiday retreat. The family had a profound impact on the cultural and social life of Warrandyte.

Audrey attended Merton Hall, Melbourne Girls' Grammar and Melbourne University, graduating with a degree in agricultural science in 1928, taking her on to a position as a microbiologist and food analyst with Kraft.

She married architect Leslie Cahn in 1928 and they had two daughters, Judith and Jill. But this marriage did not last as their vocations took them in different directions.

During World War 2, in 1941, she joined the Australian Army Medical Corps with the rank of major, becoming chief dietician at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. In 1947 she was appointed a junior lecturer and rose to senior lecturer in nutrition and applied dietetics at Melbourne University, where she remained until her retirement in 1968.

Around 1947, Audrey came to live at "White Cottage", originally the gate-

keeper's residence on her family's property in Osborne Road. She entered fully into the town's social and artistic life.

Audrey painted and sculpted from her early years. She was one of the founders of the original Potters' Cottage, a community of potters in Warrandyte. Audrey was a founding member of the Warrandyte Arts Association, formed in 1955, and remained an active and committed participant right through into her 90s. The association bestowed life membership on her in 1995.

Upon her retirement, she designed and built a beach house on the Great Ocean Road at Wye River, where she spent a lot of time painting, sculpting and writing. She also had a cottage at Green Gully, out of Castlemaine. Members of the WAA Painting Group remember wonderful times on safari with Audrey at her cottages.

Due to failing health in her late 90s, Audrey was forced to relinquish her art and her Warrandyte residence. She spent the last few years with her daughter Judith and her husband at Murrumbateman in New South Wales.

Audrey is remembered for her enthusiasm about life and its issues, especially for such causes as women's rights. Many in Warrandyte treasure her little clay animal figures—ponies with their big, awkward hooves, gambolling goats, regal setters—and her whimsical paintings.

Audrey was an inspiration to all who knew her. Our thoughts are with her family.

Acknowledgements: Leanne Tilley and the Merton Hall Foundation.



Creators and destroyers

They'd been again last night.
It was kicked and smashed and spread.

Lovingly placed stones strewn
as if there'd been a small

landslide from the slope above.
Not a sign of our creation

but for the tossed branch
that had been its masthead.

I had watched it grow
on my morning path

stones stacked one by one
shaped adjusted to fit

the emerging pyramid.
Starting small, other walkers
would add

carefully placing each
stone adjusting edges

to improve aesthetics
always leaving room

for others to add
their own touch.

I would add mine
bending and carefully placing

removing, thinking
there—just right,

and on my way
with a smile.

But always the destroyers come
sometimes letting it get quite high

with its triumphant masthead
before they smashed it down.

Maybe they felt the same delight
as we did at its making.

But we've not been deterred.
Always rebuilding

after each night
of destruction.

Maybe the same people
adding again to the pile

maybe different ones
each time.

There were times
I didn't add to it—

drove to work
or home sick.

But still it grew,
making me smile as I passed—

the community of creators
growing ever wider.

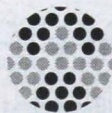
But I hope it was
the same destroyers each
time—only one or two.

I like to think
we outnumber them.

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Sandy charts life's changes

PRUDENCE TRUBY KING continues her profile series tracking the stories of the people behind this newspaper.

SANDY BURGOYNE happily admits to several life changing events in her life—going to university, buying a motorbike and taking up photography—all perhaps in defiance of her English midlands background.

"I'm a person who does things, I try to get things done," Sandy said. "An inventor of sorts, I discovered computers 30 years ago and I've not been the same since. I design databases—I love them. Even at home I am always making things easier. People are quite illogical with computers some of the time."

"A senior academic said recently that if you don't start working with computers before you were five then you were useless with them. People exasperate me who act old and don't start something new, particularly around computers. A computer is unbelievable technology and there's not a single right way of using it," she said. "I get angry with people who wring their hands and agonise about getting things done instead of getting it done. People living in the past who fret over things should let go and get on. I find it hard to move slowly. It's relaxing to get a computer or a software program to do something."

Sandy came to Warrandyte in 1972 with her first husband who was an artist wanting to live in the area with its arts connections. "I date myself from that time, when my husband left in 1976. I was working with dye stuff and textiles; knowing formulas and the molecular structure was fascinating."

"Then I ran a business. I realised it was not for my father or husband to tell me what to do and I lasted two years and said 'I want to be a photographer.' I knew a lot of chemistry—films and negatives absolutely fascinated me—and the interest in taking shots grew in me. I started in the art world then went onsite doing industrial and automotive work for publications like RACV Royal Auto and motorcycle magazines. I met some people who were right into motorcycles and I started writing then."

Sandy said her father was a "pretty imaginative", self-taught motor mechanic and lorry driver. "He invented a lot of utilitarian things. For example he inserted a solenoid into the jaw of a ventriloquist's dummy and using his throat mic was able to have an argument and walk away from the dummy while it would keep talking. Every time it picked up his voice it would open and close its jaw. It had a real 'wow' factor then, now it's all done digitally."

Although the family name came from Burgundy, the family was "old fashioned British stock, very private," who emigrated in 1952 when Sandy was nine. She was a sole child and "I didn't agree with the cold. When I got to Australia my health improved dramati-

behind the byline

ly. It may have been coincidental but I no longer got colds and tonsillitis". They didn't get an assisted passage, my parents paid their own way: My father said that in Australia you could do or be anything you wanted. We left a definite class system.

"My family came from Northamptonshire. My mother was a bookkeeper and my grandparents came from a coal mining family in Derbyshire. There was a shadowy character in the garden who had a green thumb, actually a green hand, who could grow plants out of season by warming the soil using heating pipes from the factory next door."

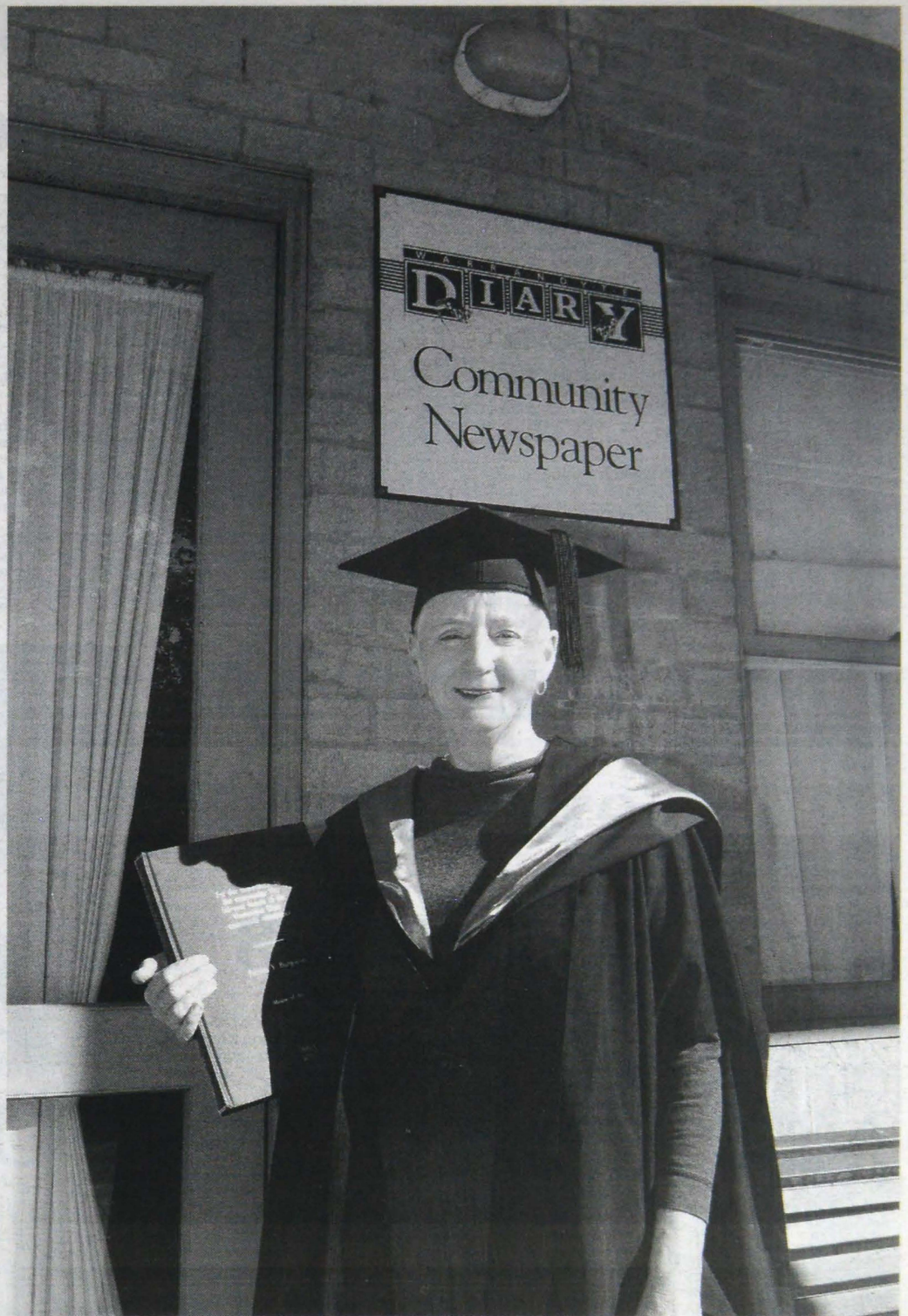
Her paternal grandfather had died of pneumonia before she was born, "but he was an ambidexter and thanks to him I was left handed and the name of my austere grandfather would be invoked. It was a very different age."

In 1992 Sandy married Ian and started university. "The year before I had done a writing and editing course at Tafe. It was awful. Ian, who has a B Com from Melbourne, said I should have gone to university. My parents were proudly working class and it was always the ethos of our class that you didn't go to university. Ian kept saying, "why not do something now?" So I went to an information night at Deakin and they were very friendly. They suggested I put in 500 words why I should be taken on as a student—and I got the place."

"I studied off campus and it was the most amazing experience. I majored in journalism and science and technology policy and then I did honours in journalism."

"Once I'd done that I was faced with buying plant for photography, investing in new digital cameras and gear and I wasn't prepared to do that. So I did a three-month job for a small research company designing websites for them and organising electronic discussion groups and publications. I could see websites had a tremendous future."

"Then an old friend rang and asked me to tutor in journalism for a PR course in writing strong media releases and this year I'm teaching media and magazine publishing at RMIT." She took her first photo for the *Diary* in 1979—it was Paraddiddle at the festival—and completed her MA degree in research writing a 35 year history of the *Diary*. Since then Sandy has indexed every article that's ever been in the *Diary*. "I've accomplished something by putting people in contact with the complete canon of the *Diary* history at the touch of a couple of keys. It took me a year to set up the *Diary* database and now it takes just



Sandy Burgoyne (Picture by Ian Wright)

half an hour a month to keep up to date with each issue. The historical society has a copy of the index. While helping me with my MA, I hope it's seen as a service I've given to society." She won an Australia Day community award for her work at the *Diary* but she doesn't think people would know her in Warrandyte. "I would love to do a PhD on voluntary-run community newspapers. There was no literature on them when I did my Masters. They say it's easier to find out what's going on in Afghanistan than at city hall. The *Diary* does an important job."

But Sandy always wanted to ride a motorcycle. "Motorcycles have transported my life. First my father, then my husband, said no. So after that I did. I got a book out of the library, got a single cylinder Honda 250 and rode up and down the drive for half a day and got my licence. I stayed in one piece for 11 months then met a group of professional instructors promoting a course for road riders. It showed me responsible motorcycling and it changed my life. It introduced me to cycle control and road craft. I did the courses then became an instructor at Vicroads, teaching beginners to skilled riders."

"It was an excellent scheme. I did this

for eight years and only stopped when Vicroads said it should be privatised. Then I taught road riders with a private organisation at Philip Island." She goes to the HART Honda school at Tullamarine to upgrade her own skills.

"I ride a Hornet 600 road bike—I don't want to feel like a troglodyte after 500kms from sitting in a racing position. It's good for carrying the shopping and it has a top fairing to create a slipstream to stop my head from being blown off. Motorcycles are fun around corners."

She was going to a motorcycle rally every week, "staying at camping grounds and partying all night. The camaraderie and friends, there's a real network and they're remarkable loyal people."

"Becoming involved with motorcycles and going to uni both opened up amazing slabs of life."

Sandy also enjoys orienteering. "I loathe running and you have to be pretty fit for orienteering. I love the thrill of turning the map over and finding the controls and knowing I have to be back in one hour and five minutes. I go out and get the biggest score I can. It's a cerebral exercise. I might go two or three times a week in summer."

"Otherwise I like power walking,

which is a good way to get around, and bird watching, which I've done since I was a child. I remember walking across a field with my grandfather telling me about jackdaws. They hung little things up, a bird with a larder. I was an observer for the second atlas for Birds Australia. Birds are a very important part of the environment and it makes me feel very humble if I see a bird I've not seen before."

"I'm very interested in the wellbeing of Australian wildlife and the importance of conservation of habitat. Even though we're only on a quarter acre I try and make it a harmonious place for birds. I observed birds for eight years in the garden and recorded 25 species that came and went and only four of them were exotic. The population of ring-tailed possums in my garden has plummeted dramatically since the powerful owls moved in."

"I'm an opportunist, I try to seize the moment, I get new ideas all the time. Laying down on a beach doesn't interest me—I'd have binoculars and be looking at the bird life. If there was a bushfire I wouldn't rescue my photo albums but I'd take my motorcycle. If the pollios knew what a mind altering substance a motorcycle was then they'd ban it today."



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Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

Big V Venom take on ladder leadership

It has been two tough weeks for the Warrandyte Venom Division 1 Women's basketball team playing two of the top four teams on the road.

But the Venom have come through unscathed and now head the ladder.

The Venom started with a strong controlled win over Diamond Valley by 57-52 to take the top of the ladder position from the Eagles. This was also the first time Warrandyte had defeated Diamond Valley in the Big V competition.

Coming off that win, the Venom took on Coburg at the Coburg stadium on Saturday night.

Coburg, down from the Premier Division, have had a slow start to the season but have shown strong recent form to be comfortably in the top four.

Centre Jo Metcalfe was still unavailable through injury but the Venom had the better of the first quarter going into the break with a 19-13 lead with a good shooting percentage of 40 per cent from the field.

Coburg upped the pressure in the second quarter but the Venom were able to re-establish their lead late in the quarter.

With seconds to go before the long break, the Venom were in control of the ball but the shot went off the ring. A quick rebound to Coburg enabled them to score on the buzzer to leave the margin at seven - effectively a four point turn around to the home side.

Pressure was applied in the third quarter but the points were squared between the sides. There was a mini scare

when Kate Cohen was forced to leave the court with an injury. She was able to return soon showing no ill effects, and continued her dominance at the top of the key.

The Venom have been able to demonstrate determination when it counts and needed every bit as Coburg cut the margin, and the Venom field shots failed to drop.

The margin was cut to one point with 45 seconds to go with the momentum with Coburg.

Sally Phillips provided some breathing space for the Venom from the free throw line but Coburg immediately replied. In the final desperate seconds, Sally Phillips was again successful from the free throw line to give the Venom a 52-49 win.

"It is always good to get the away win" said head coach

Justin Nelson after the game. "Fantastic defence with very good offence early."

"Coburg upped the pressure in the second half but we kept going for our shots, which did fall for us in the final quarter."

The result underlined the closeness of the season and although some are talking about the Venom being title favourites, there are no easy games.

Key contributors to the score board were again Kate Cohen (17 points, four rebounds), with Jessie Oram and Sally Phillips each contributing 11. Jessie picked up the MDP award for her all round performance.

Billie Addlem continues to prove her value with another gutsy performance, nine points and a staggering 18 rebounds.



It's tight at the top as Warrandyte's Big V Venom team takes a time out.



Kane Keppel was top scorer for the Redbacks.

Redbacks on top in defence

"Good defence won us that game" was coach Mandy Ratcliffe, after Warrandyte Redbacks' Under 13 BA boys defeated Ivanhoe team at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

This was one of the games on display in the domestic (Saturday) basketball season.

Warrandyte opened strongly with Michael Delacy strong under the basket. Nathan had eight points by the break when the Redbacks took an 18-7 lead.

The second half was similar with Matt Killey going on a scoring spree with 10 points, as the Redbacks ran out easy winners 40-17.

The Redbacks are a small team and are finding the going easier now they are in B Grade where they can make good use of their speed.

At Warrandyte High School, the things did not go the Redback's way when the boys went down 34-22 to Koonung.

"It was an outstanding game, a fantastic team effort. I was very happy with the boy's performance" said coach Gerard Stevenson after the game.

"The boys were playing a press for the game and continued to put pressure on their opponents. We will continue with the press and this will be good at the end of the season".

Kane Keppel with seven points and Nick Parker with six points were the top scorers for the Redbacks.

Venom has eyes on the finals

The Friday Night basketball is approaching the half way point of the season, with finals due at the end of third school term.

Both of the Venom Metro Under 18 girls sides are in tight battles for a finals place.

David Reinecke's Metro 2 girls had a strong 56-34 win over the visiting Mornington to maintain their fifth place in a tight race for the finals.

Warrandyte held a comfortable 29-10 lead over the visitors at the break but Mornington matched the Venom in the second half, despite only having six players.

Key scorer for the Venom was Simone Reid (19 points) who was using her height and shooting skills to good effect in the key. There were good contributions from all players including Courtney Petalas with nine points and Alicia Buzzini and Philippa Birch with eight points each.

In the earlier game at Park Orchards, Justin Nelson's Metro 4 girls had a 41-29 win over Geelong.

This was a game of two halves with the first half being goal for goal with a one point lead to the Venom at the break. The second half was all Venom who came out strongly and kept the points flowing in a game that was played with good attitude from both sides.

Courtney Anderson led the scoring with 17 points assisted by Alex Gammilonghi with 10 points.

The win meant that the Venom took Geelong's place in the five but the race for finals is very tight with half of the season to go.

In something of a twist, the road to and from Geelong was busy with Warrandyte playing Geelong in the Under 16 VC game at Geelong.

Despite the 58-41 score line to Geelong, this was a good game and worth the travel, according to one parent.

In earlier games, Mollie Booth's Under 12 regional girls recorded their third win of the season outclassing the

smaller Knox side by 45-11. "They are having a fun time with some wins and some losses" said Mollie after the game.

The girls are learning and developing each game. They are currently in fifth place in their tight pool.

Emma Collins's VC girls were right in the game against Sunbury but could not finish off, going down 37-28. Scoring was shared around for the Venom with Lauren Robertson with six points and Maddison Taylor with five points.

The girls are showing they are quite competitive with mid range VC sides and are developing and learning each game.

Justin Nelson was also coach of the Under 14 Metro 1 girls who easily defeated Broadmeadows 49-28 at the Park Orchards stadium.

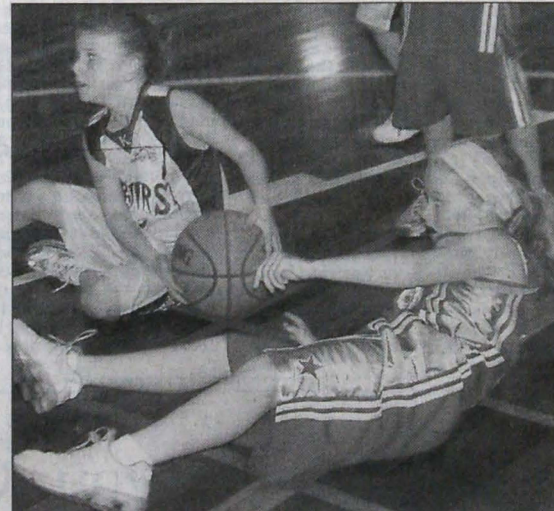
The side is working well together. In this game, Demi Joy led the scoring with 12 points with good support from Crystal Kaye and Madeline Hallet with eight points each.



Hands up who's got the ball? Action from the Under 12 regional girls match against Knox. Venon's Natalie MacDonald is over the ball while Emma James (31) offers support.



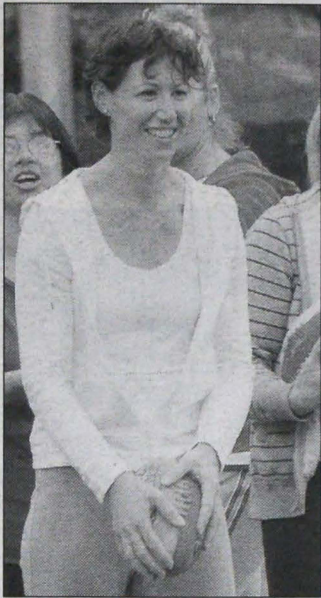
Time out in the Under 12 game with Natalie MacDonald explaining the situation.



Emma James battles for possession of the ball in the Under 12 game against Knox.



Auskick round-up with Edward Munks



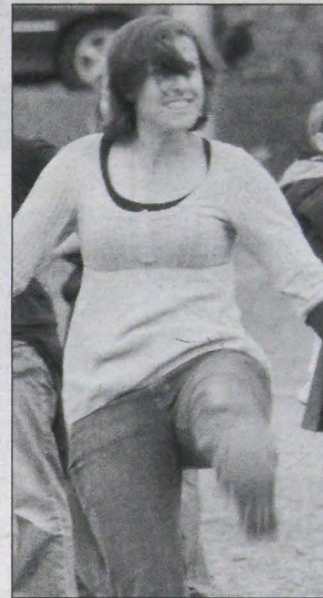
Wendy Snowball



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Mums take a punt and get kick out of football

On the weekend when the AFL celebrated 150 years off football Warrandyte Auskick held its annual Mother's Day kicking competition. With an assortment of mums, grandmothers, sisters and friends rolling up, a fiercely fought competition was eagerly anticipated by the milling throng of children and dads. Competition director and Auskick coach Marty Rostron opened the grand kicking competition with a quick demonstration of kicking for some of the hesitant mums.

Then with the mums kicking competition under way a number of interesting kicking styles not found in the coaching manual were observed and enjoyed by all. After an eventful competition with spectators occasionally ducking for cover, Wendy Snowball emerged victorious and took first prize with Elice Hodgson a close second. Last year's winner Birgitte Bowers chances of retaining her title disappeared with a sliced torpedo-like kick into the crowd of Auskickers lining the side of the oval.

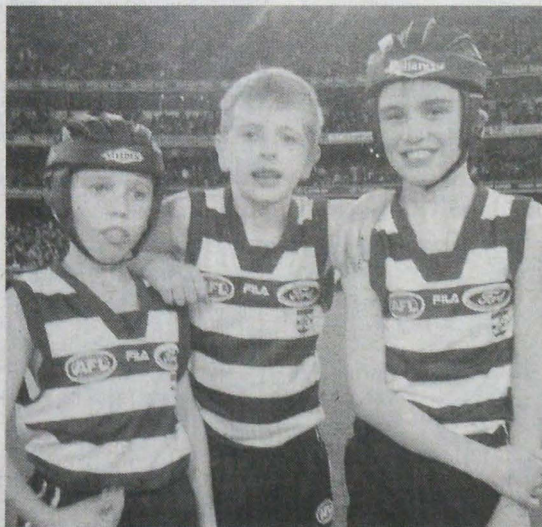
The groan of sons Callum and Shaun were obvious. The annual barbecue was then the main attraction, followed up by the 300 ice creams donated by local tennis and footy mum Sue Wiltshire. Later in the day the Auskick kids moved to the Warrandyte senior club game and with a show of local support lined up for the guard of honour for home team. At half time of the seniors league game, two Auskick games were held, a number of players including Hayden Menzies, Megan Wiltshire,

Ben and Tom Jackson, Harper and Oakey Oehlmann, Connor Martin, Harry and Ruby Canty, Nathan Stewart, Samuel and Ben Munks, Callum Bowers, Harrison and Sebastian Nitschinsk, Luke and Joel McAndrew, Callum and Ethan Padfield, Jarrah Smith and Billy Podmore were but a few of the local young players that participated in the games. Thanks go to Warrandyte Football Club president, Phil Treeby and the senior club for providing the opportunity to be involved in the day's fes-

ivities and also for providing the sausage sizzle and drinks for the grateful bunch of kids. There were also a number of Auskick parents who enjoyed the senior club's hospitality during and after the main game. The team photo day has also been postponed to the 21 June to accommodate the deferred visit by the Richmond players. Congratulations go to former Warrandyte Auskick player Jacob Ballard for making the YJFL Under 14C interleague side.

Auskickers show skills at the MCG

On a cold and dewy night at the MCG, Warrandyte and Heatherdale Auskick centres represented Geelong at the MCG in the half time little league game. The players were rewarded with a close win against the highly rated Collingwood team. The team was led onto the "G" by Heatherdale's Anthony Fanciullo and Warrandyte's diminutive Ryley Reardon followed by 18 highly excited young footballers. The Warrandyte/ Heatherdale team was small in stature but not in spirit and reminiscent of Geelong last year were able to use their running ability to continually move the ball rapidly forward. The team was ably led by ruckman Tim Willis who continually palmed the ball down to onballers Bill Gao, Braden Pynt and "the hyphen" Sydney Philip-Owen who were able to kick to a busy Josh Beasley and Shaun Gorrie at half forward. The Aaron Davey-like Liam Nicholls in the forward line was busy laying tackles and getting kicks to co-forwards Mark Baker, David Han and Shannon Reeves. In the play of the day Alexander Coutts tackled a Magpie player hard with the ball spilling to Ryley Reardon who knocked it on to a fast running Mackenzie Smead who kicked truly to half back with Darcy Lang taking a high contested mark. In defence Nicholas Anderson led the back line with great dash and his long



Warrandyte Auskickers, from left Samuel Munks, Connor Joy and Josh Costin celebrate their win over Collingwood at the MCG.

kicking to Darcy Lang, Tyson Sproule Carroll and Sam Munks was an inspiration to watch. Youngsters Connor Joy, Sam Munks and Josh Costin were able to come off the interchange bench at half time and provide good forward targets with Josh Costin roving the pack better than Gary Ablett, scoring the winning goal with seconds remaining in the match. After the game the boys sang the Bloods song with many decibels in the confines of the Geelong rooms. The AFL officials also congratulated the team on their exempla-

ry behaviour before, during and after the match. The boys were a credit to their parents, teammates and their communities. Warrandyte and Heatherdale Auskick were representing the Eastern Ranges region, for more details on a football pathway to the AFL please look at their website at eastern-ranges.aflvic.com.au or contact Anthony Parkin on 97249488. For information on joining Warrandyte Auskick please contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191 or edwardmunks@dodo.com.au.



Some of the Warrandyte Auskickers and their coaches after the action at the Warrandyte football ground.

All action as juniors tackle the big time

There were no butterflies in the stomach when Warrandyte Auskickers took to the main oval at half time in a recent senior match at the Warrandyte football ground. It was all action as the youngsters tackled, kicked and marked. They showed off their skills to the crowd that had turned out for the main game. And when the action was over, it was time for a barbecue sausage and an ice cream.



Emily Miller has her eyes on the ball as she is chased by from left, Tom Jackson, Sebastian Nitschinsk and Ruby Canty.

Cricket



Newly elected Warrandyte Cricket Club president, Matthew Chapman.

'Dytes name new president

Matthew Chapman is the new president of the Warrandyte Cricket Club.

He takes over from Greg Creber who held the position for the past three years.

Creber will remain on the club's committee along with Justin Cleaves, Josh McKellar, Brad Valentine, Ryan Hoiberg, Steve Goddard and Adam and Robert White.

Daniel Wellesley was re-elected secretary and John Chapman continues as treasurer.

David Ellis will continue as junior co-ordinator.

Chapman, 30, is following in a family tradition as his father, John, is a former club president.

Chapman said Warrandyte had developed a strong list of players with many coming through the club's junior ranks.

"We want to foster this development and encourage all players coming out of junior ranks to make themselves available for senior selection," he said.

"All but two of last year's senior team started their careers as juniors at Warrandyte and we are very proud of that."

Chapman said three senior teams played off in last season's finals with the Fourth XI winning the premiership.

"It was clearly a successful year on the field but each year is different and we need to bolster our playing strength if we are to remain a force in the Ringwood District Cricket Association," he said.

"Even though our First XI did not win the premiership last season after finishing the home and away season two games clear, we will be targeted by other clubs, so there will be additional pressure.

"We are keen to talk to a couple of leading players and hope to entice them to play at Warrandyte.

"We also want to hear from any other cricketer in the district, no matter what standard, to be involved in our club which has more than 150 years of tradition."

Debenham back to lead Hawks

Peter Debenham has been re-elected president of South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club.

Others elected to the club executive include vice president Barry Williams, secretary Chris Hartrup, assistant secretary Adrian Smith, treasurer Andrew Hall, social secretary Steve Garrett, junior co-ordinator Justin Hansen, veterans co-ordinator Allan Duffus, tribunal representative Ian Jones, and general committee Megan and James Price, Darren Johnson, Dale Owen, Paul Milne, Damien Vozzo, Chris Willman, Scott Brasher, and Vee and Sam Williams.

Sam Williams' cricketing career started in the 2000/01 season in Under 10 Friday night non-competitive cricket as a founding member of the club's current wave of junior expansion.

His election will ensure effective representation for the juniors, who comprise more than half the club's playing membership. He should inspire the many youngsters who started with him and continue to play cricket for Hawks junior and senior teams to similarly nominate for committee as their junior careers end.

President, Peter



South Warrandyte president, Peter Debenham.

Debenham outlined a number of improvements to facilities at the home ground.

He said Manningham Council re-seeded the ground in March with drought-tolerant grasses, sealed the entrance road and had just approved the installation of security shutters.

Other works in recent years have included expansion of the clubrooms and upgraded nets.

Treasurer Andrew Hall said the club was in a relatively strong financial position despite a number of unforeseen expenses.

Eleven juniors to represent league

Eleven players from Warrandyte Junior Football Club have been selected to represent the YJFL in interleague tournaments over the next two months.

The club nominates one player from each team in the 10 - 12 year age group based on commitment to training, attitude, skills and hard work.

The nominees for this year's spots in these teams are Josh Costin (Under 10), Josh Beasley (Under 11) and James Appleby (Under 12).

For the older boys, selection is undertaken by league officials who roam the grounds of the eastern regional suburbs looking at over 1000 players for possible contenders for a spot in one of the top Under 14 or 15 teams.

Selected boys then train together over 4 - 6 weeks before finding out whether they get a place in a top side.

This year the junior Bloods have a record eight boys selected for spots in the two Under 14 and Under 15 teams.

They are Jacob Ballard, Ryan Exon, Tim Nilsson, Zac Galbally and Jack Power (Under 14) and Sam Tansley, Taylor Hayton and Darcy Jones (Under 15).

The teams will play a round robin against three other interleague teams each with the winning teams playing off in two metropolitan grand finals in late June and early July.

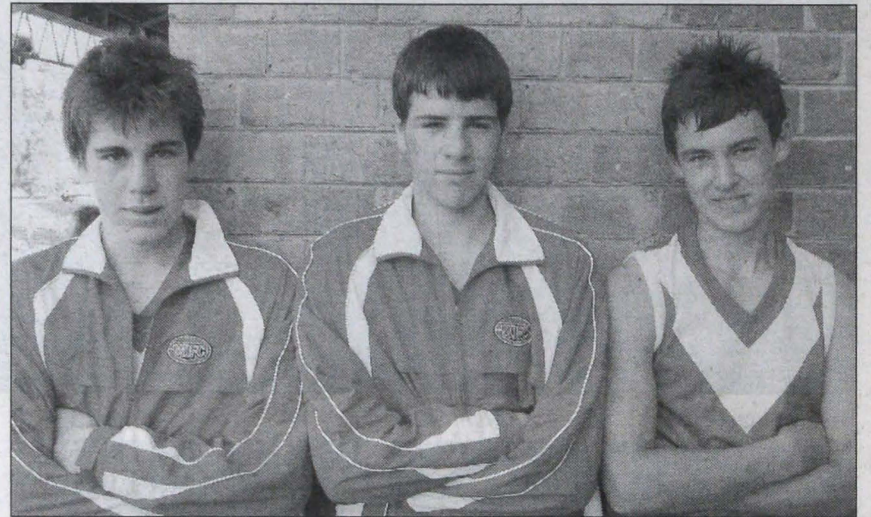
● Victorian State Schoolboy representation is on the line for three Warrandyte Junior Football Club players.

Reece McKenzie, Christian Petracca and Tom Phillips were part of a group of 50 schoolboy footballers involved in a two day camp over the Queen's Birthday.

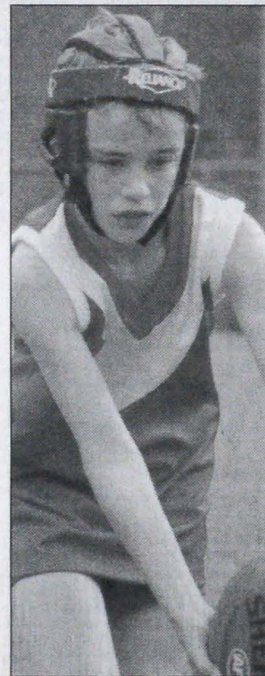
During the camp the boys undertook drills, games, fitness and agility tests.

The top 25 will form the Victorian State Schoolboy side to compete against the other states in Melbourne in July of this year.

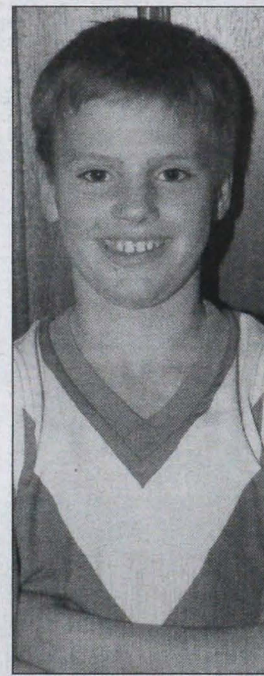
To get this far the boys have competed and successfully progressed through school, district, zone, regional, metropolitan and state-wide trials.



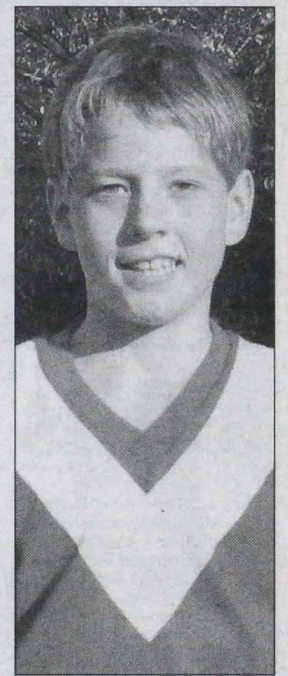
Under 15 interleague representatives from left, Sam Tansley, Talor Hayton and Darcy Jones.



Josh Costin



Josh Beasley



James Appleby



Reece McKenzie



Christian Petracca, left, and Tom Phillips.

Swimmers at World titles

Four Warrandyte residents were among a squad of 20 from the Doncaster Dolphins to recently compete in the FINA World Masters Swimming Championships.

They were Rod Clarke, Robyn Gillespie, Chris Killey and Dee Sheffrin.

Two of the squad, Dorothy Dickey and Frank Christian won gold medals, both in 800 metre races.

Dorothy's win was in the 75-59 years age bracket and Frank's win was in the 50-54 year bracket.

Dorothy also won the 100 and 200 metres freestyle events while Frank added the 3km Open to his gold medal list.

Squad members are coached by Frank Godden who has been recognised as the AUSSI Swim Coach of the Year.

Frank is the husband of Helen Godden who for many years was a staff member at Anderson's Creek Primary School.

Anyone for tennis?

Fancy a game of tennis on Monday nights? If you do, Warrandyte Tennis Club would love to hear from you.

The club is seeking players for their internal competition, played entirely at Warrandyte - no travelling involved. Tennis is played with ungraded mixed teams allowing a wide range

of standards can be accommodated.

If anyone is interested please ring Tony Northover on 9844 2077 or Helen Milner on 9844 3817.

Teams for the forthcoming season will be organised in late June ready to start after the July school holidays.

Rollercoaster Bloods seeking a transfusion

Tough year for Reserves

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

Warrandyte Football Club's 2008 rollercoaster ride continues with mixed results in the last three rounds and the Queen's Birthday break could not have come at a better time for a side that has lost their previous two matches by a combined total of 244 points.

Comprehensive losses to Boronia in Round 7 and Mooroolbark in Round 8 were preceded by a hard fought seven point victory over Upper Ferntree Gully in a valuable win away from home.

Despite the recent form slump, the Bloods are still in touch with the Division Three top four, sitting fifth on the ladder with four wins and four losses.

The mid-season break gives Graeme Hocking's charges an invaluable extra week to rest sore bodies and prepare for an important Round 9 clash with 2007 Division Four premiers Whitehorse Pioneers.

The last time the two teams met was in the 2006 Division Four Grand Final when the Bloods, then coached by Peter Green, took home the premiership cup.

Signs were good early for the Bloods in their Round 8 clash with Mooroolbark as Jack Eldridge, in his first season at Warrandyte after transferring from Seville, got his hands on the ball early and goaled twice in the space of five minutes before the Barkers could register their first goal.

Unfortunately that was as good as it got for the visiting side. Mooroolbark replied quickly with a goal of their own, then another, then another, and three more before quarter time to give them a 26 point lead at the first break.

The second quarter brought more misery for the Bloods with the Barkers piling on 10 goals four behinds to Warrandyte's three points.

Incredibly, it would take until the final quarter for the Bloods to register their third goal. Ninety minutes after their previous six pointer, wingman Adam Gamble swooping on a loose ball and kicking truly.

Fourth quarter goals to Mick Morello and first-gamer Rowan Mullet-Treloar put a minor degree of respectability into the scoreline, with 17-year-old Mullet-Treloar's game one of the rare highlights for the outclassed Warrandyte side.

Older brother Dion has been an important member of the senior side since early 2006. Young vice-captain Luke Dunn battled hard all day against much bigger opponents and earned the respect of his teammates in the form of the Round 8 players' award.

Hocking also recognised Dunn's efforts, nominating

him as clearly the best Warrandyte player on a day when winners were hard to find.

Warrandyte 5.8 - 38 Mooroolbark 30.21 - 201
Best: L. Dunn, D. Mullett Treloar, C. Haskings
Goals: J. Eldridge 2, A. Gamble, M. Morello, R. Mullett-Treloar
ROUND 7

Boronia went into round seven sitting in sixth place on the EFL Division Three ladder, one win behind the Bloods who were coming off three consecutive wins and occupying fourth spot.

In front of a healthy crowd at Warrandyte Reserve, the Bloods were keen to keep their momentum going and consolidate their place in the top four.

Unfortunately for Warrandyte supporters there was not a whole lot to cheer about. Despite a competitive start, it was one way traffic for the rest of the day with Boronia dominating in all areas of the ground, racking up 46 scoring shots to Warrandyte's 20.

It was only Boronia's inaccuracy in front of goal that saved the Bloods from a more embarrassing scoreline with the Hawks kicking more behinds than goals in each of the four quarters and finishing the day with 18 goals 28 behinds.

It was the Boronia midfielders who did most of the damage, not helped when Warrandyte suffered the loss of key on-baller Luke Naughtin early in the second term with a groin injury.

Warrandyte also went into the match without dominant young ruckman Ben Torney, who strained his wrist in the previous round, and club captain Tom Naughtin who has not played since sustaining a knee injury against Mitcham in Round 1.

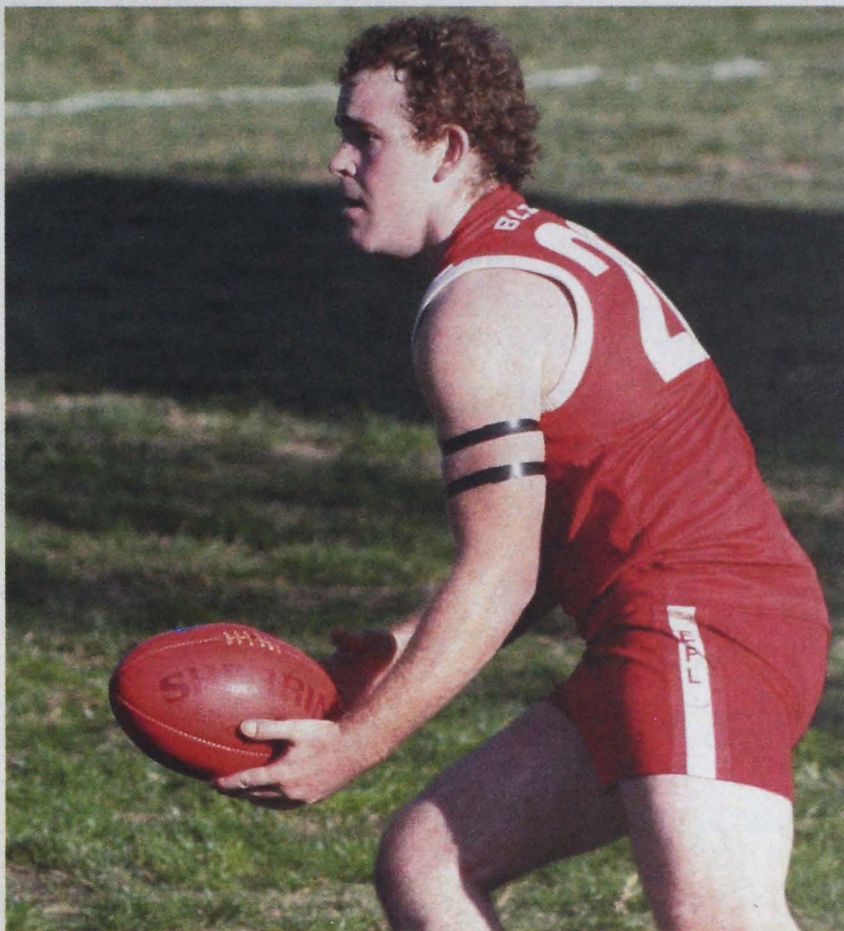
The emergence of Cal Haskings as an important midfielder in the senior lineup has gone some way to filling the hole left by Naughtin.

Haskings, a product of the junior football club and 2004 Under 18 best and fairest winner, has earned a regular senior spot and has brought some much needed physicality to the Bloods often under-sized midfield.

To their credit, the Bloods did fight it out to the end against a quality opposition and were able to take some solace in kicking four goals in the final term, eventually going down by 81 points.

Veteran midfielder Matt Wood was best on ground for the Bloods and Grant McAdam and Ash Grybas also among the better performers.

Warrandyte 7.13 - 55 Boronia 18.28 - 136
Best: M. Wood, G. McAdam, A. Grybas, L. Evans
Goals: R. Illingworth 2, J. Eldridge, V. Jones, M. Wood, M. Morello, T. Fitzgerald



Warrandyte midfielder Cal Haskings. A former Under 18 best and fairest winner, he is emerging as a key player for the Bloods this season

ROUND 6
You can just about guarantee that the two coldest days of the year will correspond with Warrandyte's away matches against Upper Ferntree Gully and Coldstream, and this year is so far proving no exception.

It was cold, it was wet and it was muddy, but the Bloods endured the tough conditions and were suitably rewarded with a rare Kings Park win.

Goals were difficult to come by as the ball became heavier and more slippery in the driving rain, but Warrandyte centre-half forward Lee Evans made it look easy, taking several strong overhead marks on his way to kicking four goals straight.

With his team trailing by eight points at half time in a low scoring affair, Warrandyte coach Graeme Hocking questioned the endeavour of his side and asked for a renewed effort after the break.

His players responded with a quarter of tough, hard football that at time resembled a game of rugby union, kicking three goals to Upper Gully's one to take a 10 point lead into the last quarter.

The final term saw Upper Gully enter their forward 50

several times without being able to convert a major, before finally slotting one through to keep them in touch.

The atmosphere around the ground was tense as the Bloods defended grimly, with Upper Gully peppering the goals, scoring several behinds and edging closer to the lead.

Finally with just two minutes remaining on the clock, Luke Naughtin snapped a clever goal from 25 metres out to give the Bloods an eight point margin and some breathing space.

Despite a final foray forward, Upper Gully were only able to kick a further behind and the Bloods ran out victors in a tough contest by seven points.

Lee Evans was the standout performer with four goals. Naughtin, Vinnie Jones and Rob Illingworth were also important for the Bloods.

Warrandyte 8.10 - 58 Upper Gully 6.15 - 51
Best: L. Evans, D. Mullett-Treloar, R. Illingworth, G. McAdam, L. Naughtin, V. Jones

Goals: L. Evans 4, V. Jones, L. Naughtin, B. Reid, M. Morello

UPCOMING GAMES
June 14 v Whitehorse Pioneers (H)
June 21 v Mitcham (A)
June 28 v Waverley Blues (H)
July 5 v Coldstream (A)

SOCIAL
About 120 Warrandyte players, wives, girlfriends and supporters enjoyed a fantastic night at the Manningham Function Centre on Saturday May 31 in celebrating the 54th Annual WFC Ball.

Reviving an old football club tradition, attendees voted to elect the "Belle of the Ball", an honour this year awarded to Amy Dusting.

Warrandyte locals are reminded that the Warrandyte Football Club is once again offering a Community Card that grants direct discounts, offers and benefits to many of Warrandyte's shops, restaurants and services, providing considerable savings.

Valid until June 2009, cards can be purchased for only \$20 from the club or alternatively complete the online order form. Visit www.warrandytefc.com for a full business listing and application form. New businesses are joining the program regularly.

After a dream start to the season, Dale Vitritti's reserves side has hit a speed-hump in their last two matches in the form of top two sides Mooroolbark and Boronia.

The Bloods were able to match it with the undefeated Mooroolbark side for three quarters, trailing by less than two goals late in the third, before being blown away in the final term and eventually going down by 72 points.

Jason Khouri was impressive in his first match back in the reserves after several senior games and big man Mick Stewart also showed good signs in his first run for 2008. Senior coach Graeme Hocking will have his fingers crossed that Stewart continues to regain some of his 2006 form following time away from the game last year.

Darren Thorne played his best game so far for his new club, and Paul Bellofiore also showed some good signs in his second game back from a debilitating groin injury.

Vitritti's concern is that the reserves side has been unable to string four good quarters together to date in season 2008, and for this reason has struggled against the other three top four sides.

Despite the two recent losses, the Bloods sit in fourth position on the EFL ladder with five wins and three losses, and will attempt to regain some of their early season form in next week's clash against Whitehorse Pioneers.

Warrandyte 4.4 - 28 Mooroolbark 15.10 - 100
Best: J. Khouri, D. Thorne, J. Logan, G. Godwin, P. Bellofiore, C. Watson
Goals: C. Holland, S. Lockie, J. Khouri, M. Cowen
ROUND 7

The Bloods started with a bang but finished with barely a whimper against Boronia in Round 7, managing to turn a one goal quarter time lead into a 23 point half time deficit and an eventual 59 point loss.

Jarrod Boyce was one of the better Bloods, pushing forward from the midfield to slot through three goals. Fellow vice-captain Brendan Zach also worked hard all day, and Daniel McIntyre showed some good signs in his second game for the club.

Grant Godwin was also impressive at full back, taking several strong marks at the last line of defence.

Warrandyte 8.11 - 59 Boronia 17.16 - 118
Best: B. Zach, G. Godwin, J. Boyce, C. Watson, J. Bowen, D. McIntyre
Goals: J. Boyce 3, B. Zach 2, J. Bowen, G. Carle, C. Watson
ROUND 6

The weather was miserable at Upper Gully but a day was a happy one for the reserves, who capped off a four game winning streak with a seven point victory.

Bernie Opteynde was best for the Bloods, accumulating possessions at will all around the ground, while Campbell Holland continued his good form in front of goal with three majors in wet and wild conditions.

In his first year at the club after last year coaching the reserves at Seville, Jarrod Loughman also starred, pouncing on a loose ball in the final term and goaling to seal the win for the Bloods.

Warrandyte 5.8 - 38 Upper Gully 4.7 - 31
Best: B. Opteynde, B. Zach, J. Loughman, D. Large, D. Rowe, J. Boyce
Goals: C. Holland 3, G. Carle, J. Loughman

Under 18's season stalls after a bright start

Jason Bowen's Under 18s have found May to be a tough month after a promising start to the season.

After eight rounds, the Division Three Under 18s ladder shows that four clubs have broken away from the pack, with Waverley in fourth spot, three games clear of Warrandyte in fifth.

The Baby Bloods recorded comprehensive victories against Coldstream and

Mitcham but have struggled in recent weeks against the stronger sides in the competition.

Despite things not going their way, Bowen has seen improvement from his young colts and points out that two of his players recently debuted in the senior side.

"Ross Brown and Rowan Mullett-Treloar have set the example for the other lads"

said Bowen. "We have put in a couple of disappointing performances but to their credit the boys are still plugging away."

"I am sure there will be further improvement from the boys in the second half of the season."

The colts have been ably led by co-captains Zac Boyce and Jake Bentley, who have both been consistently among the top performers

in the side. Ross Ansaldo and Jack Hall have also impressed.

ROUND 8
Warrandyte 2.7 - 19 Mooroolbark 19.12 - 126
Best: J. Kavanagh, G. Westgarth, A. Oxley, J. Wright, M. Dunn, T. Lavery
Goals: G. Westgarth, H. Corke
ROUND 7
Warrandyte 8.3 - 51 Boronia 14.15 - 99
Best: A. Oxley, J. Hale, J.

Kavanagh, R. Ansaldo, A. Venables

Goals: J. Hall, M. Dunn, R. Brown, M. Whittle, W. Austen, T. Lavery, G. Westgarth, C. Pearce

ROUND 6
Warrandyte 2.7 - 19 Upper Gully 8.6 - 54
Best: Z. Boyce, R. Mullett Treloar, K. Dimech, M. Whittle, R. Ansaldo, R. Brown
Goals: R. Mullett Treloar, N. Tobin

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