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Winter interlude: Young buskers at Warrandyte Community Market. (Picture by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)

# WCA lives on—?

The future of the Warrandyte Community Association, one of the town's key organisations, appears to be assured.

The annual general meeting of WCA was in progress—quite literally—as this issue of the *Diary* was rolling off the press, and with the threatened resignation of three members of the committee, it was feared the association might be in jeopardy.

However, according to president Val Polley, "there has been an encouraging surge of support for the association in recent days following the distribution of its current newsletter which raised the spectre of possibly winding up the organisation".

The newsletter was distributed a couple of weeks ago and results so far have been gratifying, with promises of support and new enrolments.

"It is very pleasing to receive such encouragement, as this was seen as a crucial time for the association," Ms Polley said.

"Three committee members indicated they were not standing for re-election and it was felt that unless other members volunteered to serve on the committee the future of the organisation could be in doubt.

"The current committee was keen to discover if members felt there was still a future for an organisation such as this which keeps a watching brief over the wide range of matters that affect the township," Ms Polley said.

Founding president and long-standing committee member Dick Davies agreed. "Without new members to fill the gaps it would be difficult to continue. It is also very important

that the committee is revitalised by new members bringing new skills and ideas," he said.

WCA was formed at a crowded public meeting over eight years ago—at a time of various matters of urgent concern to residents—with a brief to tackle issues affecting the township.

During those years it has addressed a wide variety of matters concerning the township and has enjoyed strong community support and a slowly growing membership.

"WCA has participated in such projects as heritage guidelines, it has set up communication with councils and governments, it has watched over planning issues affecting the town from Green Wedge, Melbourne 2030 and the recent bus review, to individual planning proposals affecting specific

buildings," Ms Polley said.

WCA has provided support to residents on matters of concern. Its committee developed a model of setting up specialised sub-groups that have been responsible for such new initiatives as the retirement housing project, bus survey and youth issues resulting in the netball clubrooms proposal.

"All these have emerged from initial work carried out by the association and members of the current committee feel it would be disastrous to lose this experience," Ms Polley said.

"You can plot the work of WCA by looking back over past *Diary* editions," committee member David Dyason said. "We have been very proactive and there is a need for continuation."

Dick Davies believes WCA "could perhaps be seen as a victim of its own

success as it aims to head off issues before disaster strikes, consequently avoiding crisis headlines".

"While such groups as CAN and the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters' Group have been very strong in recent times, dealing with specific areas of great concern to many residents, the current committee feels that there is still a future for an organisation such as WCA with its broad brief on matters affecting the whole town," Ms Polley said.

The current committee is hopeful that a well-attended public meeting on July 8 will have demonstrated strong support for the organisation.

"We are hoping to produce a positive outcome for future operations of WCA, and to be able to report this in the next edition of the *Diary*."

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— Paul Newman

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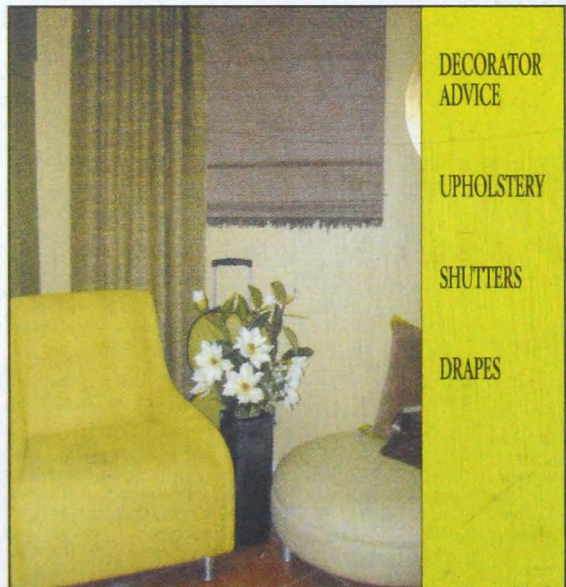
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By JOCK MACNEISH

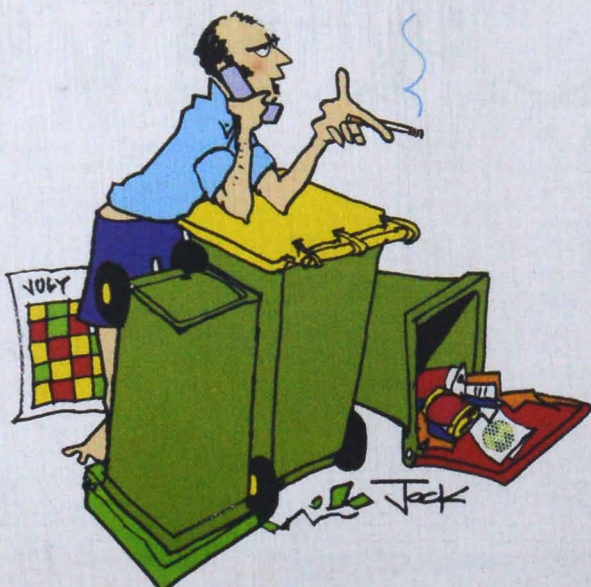


"At least we saved Warrandyte's streetscape"

# Neville talks a load of rubbish

**H**ELLO? Warrandyte Community Association?... Hello Dick, Neville Trott from Dingley Dell. We met at the WCA tent at the Festival...

That's right, the one who suggested painting the fire engines green...And tripped over the guy rope, yes, sorry about that...Pulled down the whole thing, I remember...Dick I read your circular about the potential demise of WCA if people don't stand for the committee at the next AGM...I agree! It is a real worry! So I've decided to stand...Hello Dick?...Dick?... Sorry, thought I'd lost you for a minute there...What do I stand for? I stand for Warrandyte Dick! God's own suburb and the Warrandyte way of life—whipper-snappers, four-wheel drives and pottery classes...Of course I care about the environment—I'm green as a lime spider Dick. Got the tank, canvas bags, those funny-looking light globes, all that sort of thing. I want our kids to grow up in an environment like I did Dick. Even if they don't. You have kids Dick?...Drive you mad don't they?...Don't they?... Of course I do, nobody loves my kids more than me Dick, except possibly the orthodontist and the entire cosmetics industry, it's just they're so apathetic sometimes I can't be bothered with them!...Well lots of things worry me Dick. Global warming. Bus timetables. Non-indigenous ducks...The new car wash at West End? We don't want clean cars in Warrandyte Dick. Or traffic signs that flash at you like a digital clock after a power failure every time you come down the



Research Road hill. Why can't they leave things alone? Why do they have to change things all the time? Like bin nights...Bin nights Dick!...Well it's an issue for me Dick. It's taken me a long time to work out that whole traffic lights system...I know it sounds simple Dick but we all make mistakes! It's hard enough wheeling an empty bin a hundred metres up a driveway as steep as ours, but carting up a fully loaded recycle bin you've mistakenly put out on the wrong night is like scaling the North Face dragging a sledful of Sherpas. And after we'd been away to Lorne for a couple of weeks

in January, I got confused. First I took out the red bin instead of the yellow bin—or it might have been the yellow bin instead of the red bin—then the next week I wasn't sure which mistake I'd made the week before and took out the yellow bin instead of the red bin—or possibly the red instead of the yellow—and the third week I was so rattled I took out the yellow bin and the red bin and left the green bin behind...I have tried going down first to see what the neighbours are putting out Dick, but it turns out they've been so confused by what I'm putting out the whole street's in a muddle and

### living with The Trots

they're trying to start a Dingley Dell Bin Tree. I got so anxious I had to seek professional help. After six sessions of cognitive behaviour therapy I'd marked up the entire calendar for the rest of the year with a comprehensive code of red biro and green biro and black biro...well the yellow biro proved illegible so black is the new yellow and I got it Dick! It was all okay! My anxiety settled to a point where I could cut back the tablets and go back to work and what does Nillumbik go and do? THEY CHANGED THE ORDER DICK! Told us we were out of step with the rest of Nillumbik! How come the rest of Nillumbik wasn't out of step with us? Now yellow night is red night and red night is yellow night or is it the other way around and my calendar is a gridlock of double-headed arrows and crossouts in every colour of the rainbow and have you and your WANcers said one thing about it Dick? NOTHING! DEAFENING SILENCE!...Sorry Dick, you're right, I got a bit hysterical there. It's about this point my therapist usually slaps me. You people do a wonderful job, I mean that Dick, I really do and I want to help. So do you think there'll be enough candidates to require a vote?...Well I hope so too Dick. The more people who put their hand up the better. But otherwise I'm a real chance, right?"

ALAN CORNELL

# Church still in limbo

## Amalgamation may be St Stephen's only future hope

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The congregation of St Stephen's Anglican church in Warrandyte is still in limbo as it awaits the decision of the Archbishop in Council to decide its fate.

As previously reported, the congregation was last month presented with two unenviable choices: either reject an offer by the diocese to wipe off part of the parish's debt—in excess of \$40,000—or accept the offer and agree to the local church community effectively relinquishing control.

"The parish has voted on the proposals suggested by the bishop (Bishop Stephen Hale of the Melbourne eastern region), now we sit and wait for the Archbishop in Council meeting in August to decide our future," church warden Irving Reid told the *Diary*.

It was agreed at the June 15 meeting of the congregation that the interlocking, three-part proposal as outlined last month would now be considered as three separate proposals. Only church members on the parish roll were eligible to vote on these proposals.

Church members expressed their support for the first proposal, whereby it would be moved at the next meeting of Archbishop in Council that \$24,000 of the parish's debt be written off.

The second proposal, whereby the parish would take out a loan from the Melbourne Diocese of approximately \$12,000 to \$20,000 to cover costs of repairs to the vicarage, "ensued much debate amongst church members," Mr Reid said.

While it was agreed that the vicarage was in a state of disrepair, many church members were upset with the current situation whereby the vicarage is being let to a private

individual "at a massively subsidised rate".

"In effect we are losing around \$8000 worth of rent," Mr Irving said.

The third proposal was that St Stephen's vestry immediately cease representation of the parish, and that administration be handed over to Archdeacon Stephen May and two representatives from the parish.

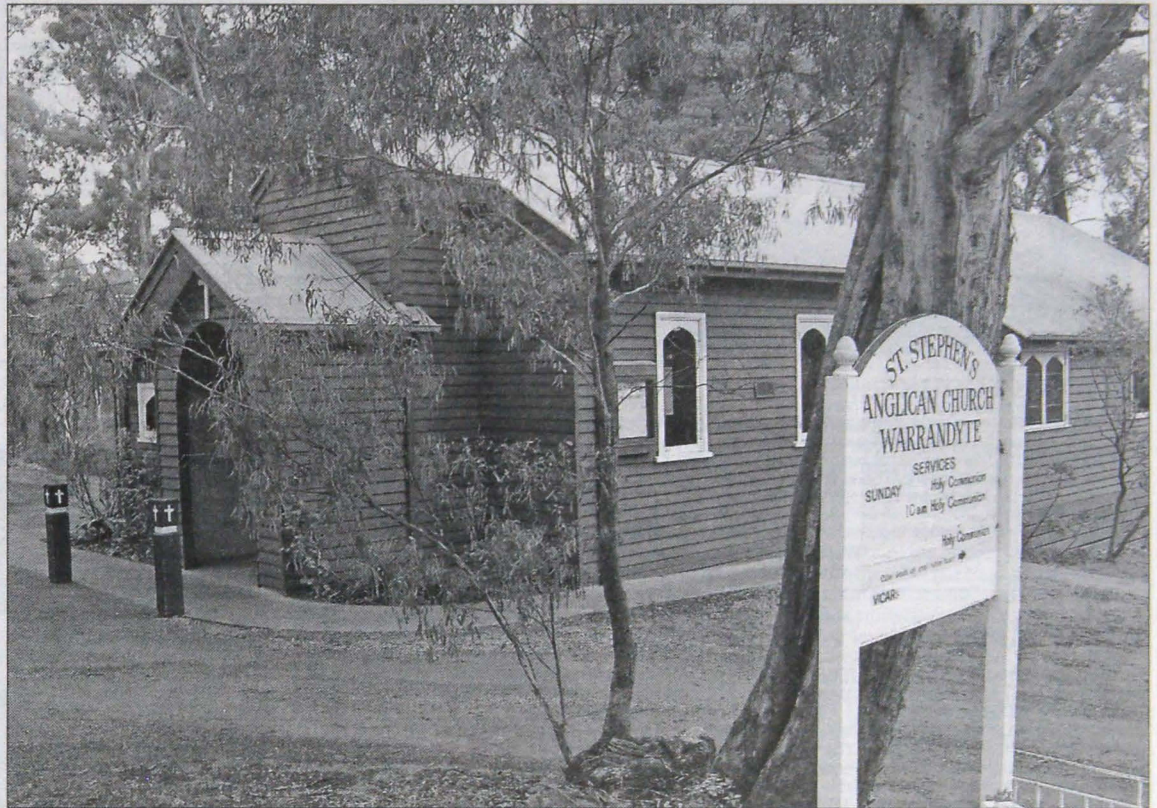
"Many felt this is inappropriate as the vestry has been doing its job," Mr Irving said. "However it is indicated that by default we have already gone into administration as vestry members have gone overseas, leaving only myself and Bill Valentine."

Mr Reid contacted lawyer Tony Caillard, an accredited business law specialist to help the parish with its cause. "Mr Caillard has come forward with a number of plans for growth for St Stephens, something we hope the bishop will be moved by," Mr Reid said. These plans were tabled at the vestry meeting in the last week of June. "We are very fortunate to have Mr Caillard on board."

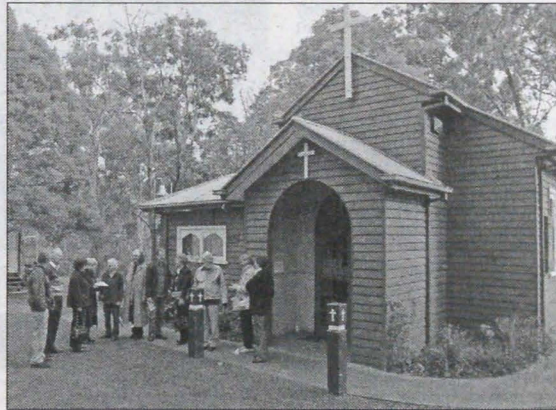
When asked what he saw as the future for St Stephens, Mr Reid remained optimistic, explaining it is likely that St Stephens will be taken under the umbrella of a neighbouring church.

"Services would continue at St Stephen's once a week but they would be run by a priest from a neighbouring parish, and similarly the parish would be under the governance of that parish's vestry."

For now, visiting priest Rev Neville Mellor will continue Sunday morning services at St Stephen's as the parish and the community nervously await the Archbishop in Council meeting in August.



St Stephens: "The little brown church in the wildwood..." (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)



## David Ellis' council bid

Warrandyte resident David Ellis has declared himself a candidate for the Manningham council elections, due towards the end of the year. Mr Ellis, well-known in the area as a community activist and a leading member of the Manningham Greens, stood as a Greens candidate in both the last State and Federal elections.

"I have once more received endorsement from the Greens, but I have chosen not to run as an official candidate

for the party," Mr Ellis told the *Diary*. "I will instead be financing my own campaign."

"I will be drawing on the support of many people who have no specific party allegiance but who have a very strong commitment to Warrandyte."

"Voters have a right to know that I support Green principles, but I am also looking at what will work best in our local council. The emphasis has to be on finding consensus on the best outcomes for the community, not division along party lines," Mr Ellis

said. "As I see it, my job will be to do what is best for Warrandyte—and the best way to do that is to listen to the people of Warrandyte."

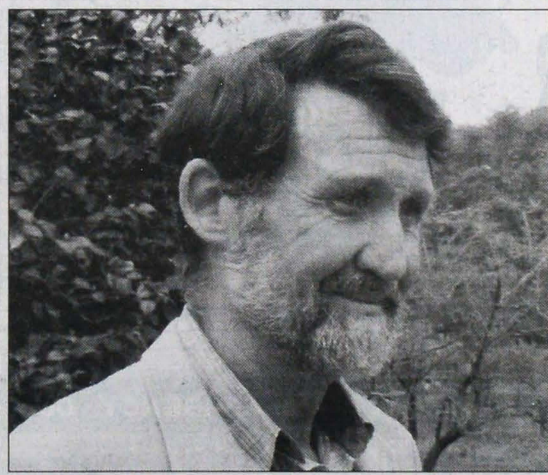
Mr Ellis has begun door-knocking in the Mullum Mullum Ward. "Major issues I have identified to date including halting Melbourne's urban sprawl, better transport options for Warrandyte and preparing for local effects of oil shortage and climate change."

Mr Ellis sees the continuing protection of the Green

Wedge as a major role for Manningham council, especially in the Mullum Mullum Ward. "We are on the front line of the battle for the Green Wedge," he said.

Mr Ellis operates a boarding kennels in Warrandyte. He lives in Tills Drive.

Council elections, due in November, will be the first since the reallocation of Manningham ward boundaries earlier this year. Warrandyte and adjacent areas south of the river will comprise the major part of the expanded ward of Mullum Mullum.



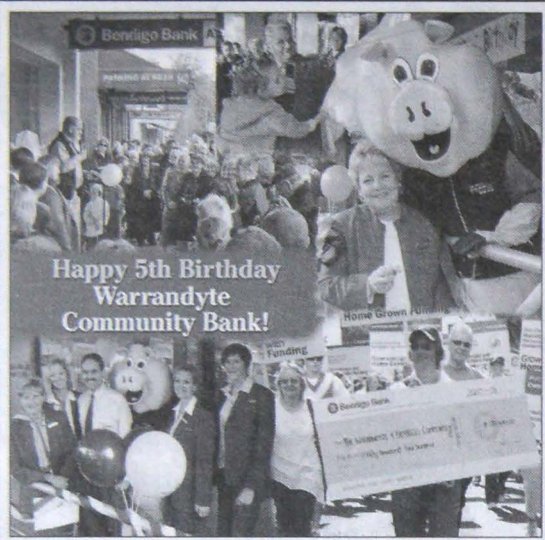
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Sarah Wrigley, director Warrandyte Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank

### Umbrellas

In response to Marilyn Moore's witty article "I just want to remain dry" (Diary, June), I must report that *umbrellaea compactioses* is ganging up on me too! (especially *umb comp maronne-brown*).

The last one disappeared into a box somewhere in the Melbourne Theatre Company, the second and third just disappeared. But the fourth—the cheapest and lightest possible, travelled through Tuscany and England for eight weeks recently—and indeed home again—attracting new and interesting versions from Italian shops as it went.

Fear of *umb comp* loss has gripped this house. Last week, again on the way to the MTC, the husband decided to park miles away, and since it was raining I reached under my car seat for the cringing, cowering old *umb comp* that lives there.

It was nowhere to be found. But the next day—after we'd dried off—it could be seen poking its cheeky old end from the floor at the back of my seat. It seemed to be laughing! Commiserations.

Robyn Bonthorne Everard Drive

### Thanks again

This is a thank you from a traveller...

I have returned from England now, so no longer need to have the *Diary* via the internet. It was a great pleasure to pick up the latest copy from the IGA. Thanks for keeping me in touch while I was so far away. Should I leave home again I will again use the electronic version of the *Diary*.

Again thanks.

Gaynor Bishop by email

### More thanks from toy library

I would like to extend a very late thank you to the *Warrandyte Diary* for publishing a paragraph in the "Out of the Box" section to promote the Warrandyte Toy Library several editions ago. It was very generous of you to devote so much space to us.

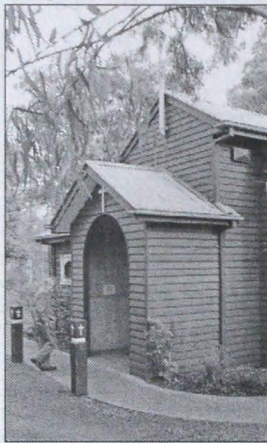
We are slowly recruiting new members and hope to stay operational.

Thank you again.

Amy Marsden by email

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### Memories of St Stephen's

How sad I was to read about the demise of my old church. The church where I attended Sunday School, had our engagement party and was married. St Stephens is a part of Warrandyte, please lobby for its retention.

The key is to get the younger generation more involved. Our parish has monthly "Live at Five" evening services, geared specifically for children and teenagers, with a live band and light tea served afterwards. It has been a fantastic success.

Gwen Grosvenor Exeter, Tas.

# A strong community will insulate against the future

I have just received notice of the coming annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Association, scheduled for July 8.

The accompanying letter could hardly be more plain: the committee, having guided the organisation through several achievements in recent years, is looking for new people to step into the role—and unless this happens there is a possibility that the organisation will be wound up.

Warrandyte has many active groups pursuing specific interests—environmental, social, educational, sporting and recreational among them. None of these alone can fulfil the function of the WCA in representing Warrandyte as a whole—or in being (ideally, as I see it) an

umbrella organisation for all the diverse initiatives of the Warrandyte community.

If the WCA has been useful in the past, it will be even more so in the future. Climate change and rising fuel costs are already affecting patterns of urban settlement, movement and population. The trends of recent decades—homogenised dormitory suburbs, huge retail complexes premised on car transport, prevailing modes of employment and travel—are beginning to shift. More and more we can expect to be working, pursuing our recreations, shopping, learning and producing more much closer to home—relying less on cars, more on having facilities accessible by other means: walking, bicycle and local public transport.

In this context, "local community" will be more than a feel-good catchphrase, it will be a reality that affects every aspect of our daily lives.

Having declared myself a candidate for Manningham council, I hold a definite view that the WCA needs to keep going—and growing. Manningham is a functioning municipality but it is also, in essence, an arbitrary subdivision of suburban Melbourne. Our real and most immediate community is Warrandyte. To look out for the needs of that community into the future we will need a representative body like the Warrandyte Community Association.

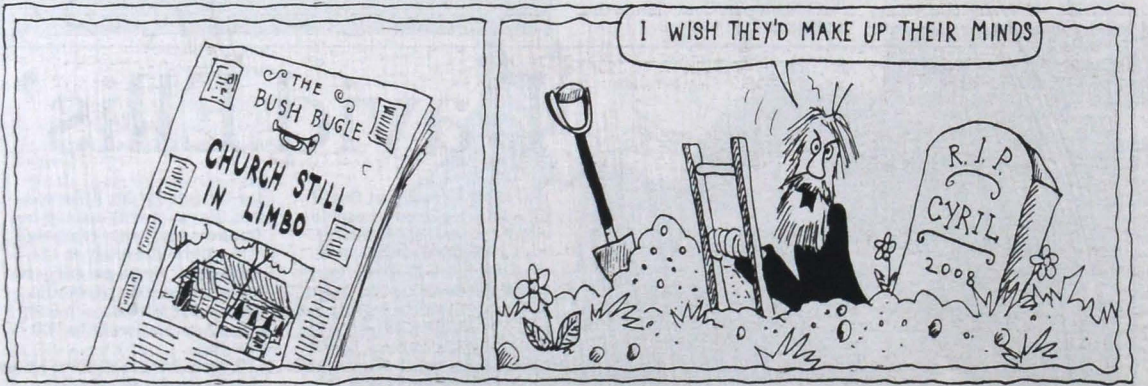
David Ellis Tills Drive



The Warrandyte Village Festival symbolises the community spirit of this place. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

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# Future proofing for Warrandyte?

In this challenging and thoughtful report, VAL POLLEY revisits the past to help us prepare for an uncertain future.

**F**UTURE proofing. It's a phrase that's being heard more and more these days. But what exactly is future proofing?

It appears to mean somewhat different things to different people, depending on where they're coming from. Mostly it's used with the introduction of new technologies. I recently heard it when discussing the introduction of solar heating, there was talk of "future proofing" a new house against a time when electricity prices will have doubled or trebled and ensuring a higher degree of self sufficiency and reducing the carbon footprint.

I like the definition that appears on the Wikipedia website: "The phrase future proofing describes the elusive process of trying to anticipate future developments, so

we live to provide the majority of our needs.

Currently the media is full of doom and gloom. But there many who feel they've been there before. In the late 1960s-early 1970s a number of coincidental events occurred and environmental issues began to make headline news. Books appeared such as *The Population Bomb* by American environmentalist Dr Paul Erlich and *Limits to Growth* published by the Club of Rome. These warned of the consequences of a rapidly growing world population and its effect on finite resource supplies. However these warnings were debunked by world leaders, politicians, other experts and the media. But then came the first oil shock in 1974 when the price passed \$10 a barrel and governments began to take environ-

undergoing change at a far greater rate than ever before and the pace of change and introduction of technology is increasing exponentially. What can be done? While we as individuals often feel isolated and confused, working together within the community can be positive and reinforcing.

So what to do about future proofing? What makes a successful community that is self reliant and able to support itself? I suggest it's one that draws on the resources of the whole community and builds on the strengths of local individuals, associations and institutions. It needs to be open to change and alternative thinking and find a sustainable balance. There needs to be local ownership and investment but most of all a passion and a "can do" approach to its future.

Warrandyte has always been perceived as a self contained and self-reliant community. The formation of the community bank and the current projects to provide retire-

world wide web and the internet have for ever changed the way the way younger people interact. Facebook and You Tube and the mobile phone have revolutionised the way many people obtain their information. I suggest future proofing our social structures must not only support the myriad organisations that currently make up our social capital but also find ways to incorporate the new communications to ensure everyone in the community is involved. It is vital they are involved; it is their future after all.

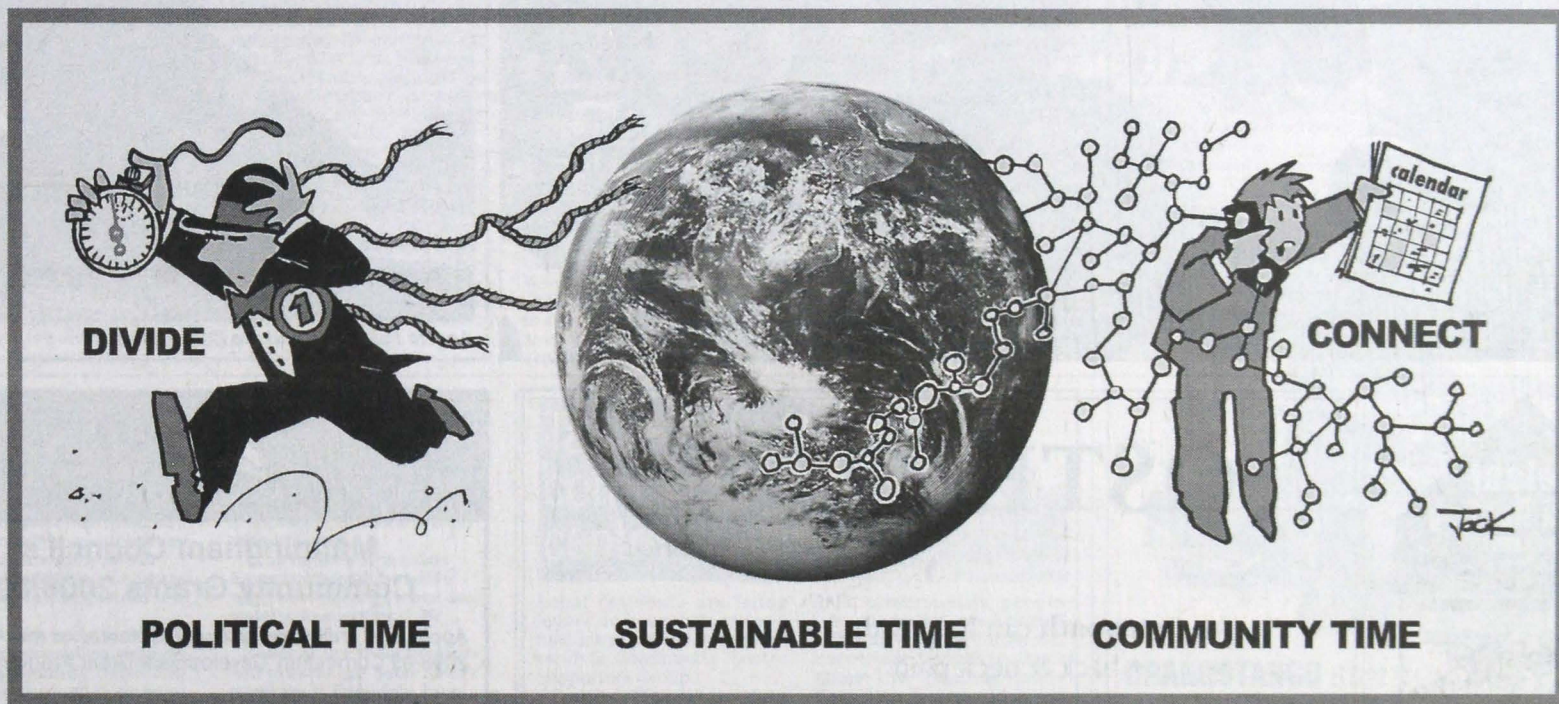
Warrandyte could also learn something from its past. It is still possible to see the structure of the township services that once provided for the needs of the community, even though the original use of many of the buildings has changed.

There is the old bakery and the old dairy, the old post office, the Mechanics Institute Hall, the police station and the old fire station. The school still has its old build-

remain the only form of public transport.

If there is a shift away from urban design based on individual car transport to a more decentralised model then Warrandyte could find itself relatively well placed, but only if we all continue to support those businesses that contribute to the day-to-day requirements of local households. If every shop that falls vacant leads to yet another restaurant or café we will eventually find ourselves without the ability to obtain our goods and services locally. If we fail to support and maintain the community groups that underpin so many of our activities then they will disappear too. Governments, as we all know, work on very short time frames, three and four years. Future proofing involves a longer time frame and it's one that we need to take responsibility for.

A good basis for a future proofed Warrandyte perhaps already exists, given our current infrastructure



that action can be taken to minimise possible negative consequences, and to seize opportunities."

This definition invites us to look ahead and take steps to mitigate any adverse outcomes. The precautionary principle did much the same a decade ago, encouraging steps to be taken to prevent future possible environmental degradation even when the science was incomplete. What a shame it was ignored by so many politicians. Our rivers, for example, would have been in better shape today had the principle been applied.

Is it time for Warrandyte to have a community debate about future proofing? Climate change, drought, water scarcity and high fuel costs are changing the way our cities are built and function. We need to discuss ways to strengthen our local community so that should the time arrive when resources become so scarce and/or expensive we all have to rely on the area in which

mental issues more seriously.

Warrandyte residents as ever rose to the challenge. The Warrandyte Environment League was formed in 1972 and immediately set about raising awareness of environmental issues and working towards practical environmental solutions. These ranged from everyday problems of rubbish dumping and destruction of native vegetation to investigating problems of liquid and solid waste disposal and recycling. But then the price of oil eased; the doom and gloom abated and the lessons and warnings were either lost or ignored. We are now experiencing the consequences of ignoring the predictions and taking no action.

Now it is the issues of climate change, global warming, the rising cost of fuel, globalisation, the USA sub prime mortgage crisis and the parlous state of the world's financial markets that are once again fueling a deep concern. The world is

ment housing and netball sporting accommodation provide recent evidence of a willingness to fill the gaps left by governments and current public policy. Warrandyte has a proud history over many decades of community participation too, with numerous and varied community groups from Rotary, Lions and the Arts Association to Climate Action Now and Warrandyte Community Association. Its cricket, tennis and football clubs have celebrated their centenaries and along with other sporting groups continue strongly providing opportunities to residents.

Future proofing means maintaining strong community support groups across the widest possible spectrum. It is often said that the younger members of our community have so many demands on their time now that they cannot contribute to the community as perhaps their parents did. In addition, other means of communication, the

ings and some of the churches and Gospel Chapel still exist physically if not spiritually. What was the original chemist's shop is now a real estate business, the butcher's premises now contains soft furnishings but the bank still operates out of the old bank building and the Grand Hotel still dominates the streetscape.

There are more surgeries today to take care of our general and dental health and firms for building and law and lots of smaller businesses. Some shops like milk bars have vanished from the town but the supermarket is now bigger and better than before.

Once Warrandyte had its own water supply and its electricity came from Doncaster, now these are the responsibility of corporations. There is no longer a taxi service or a butcher's shop, we can no longer buy petrol and for anything other than basic hardware needs we have to travel further afield and buses

and services. But improvements can be made. One suggestion, how about an effective bike and walking path network connecting housing areas to the necessary places, schools and shops to obviate the need for short car trips? Another would be improved public transport to connect us to other places? Strong local government representation is essential to ensure our individuality is acknowledged and we are not just some small outpost of Manningham. Support for the old and young in the community is another area where improvements can be made. No doubt everyone would have their own ideas to contribute.

Two things are obvious. One, we cannot rely on others to solve all the problems; we are all in this together and need to take individual responsibility. Two, the time is now. We cannot afford to ignore the lessons of history or the current warnings. Bring on the debate.

# Concert raises \$10,000 for Burma cyclone victims

Warrandyte rallied to raise funds for victims of the disastrous Burma cyclone last month.

A concert in the Mechanics Institute Hall raised \$10,000, much more than the organisers expected.

Performers at the concert included Burmese harpists and singers Chit Lu Moses—who lost family in the cyclone—and Ehley, Aria award winner Kavisha Mazzella, accompanied by Irini Vela and internationally acclaimed local musician Mathew Arnold.

Concert organiser Jill Jameson told the *Diary*, "Chit Lu touched everyone's hearts so profoundly, both with his story of great family loss in the cyclone Nargis, and by his beautiful smile".

The concert, organised through the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, follows earlier fundraising events for Burma in Warrandyte.

Warrandyte resident Jill Jameson visited Burma last December as a member of an

International Buddhist Peace Fellowship delegation.

Warrandyte Primary School art teacher Angela Pulbrooke has inspired 250 children from the school to compile a Book of Hope. This will be taken to schools in Burma, along with funds raised for some of the children orphaned by the cyclone.

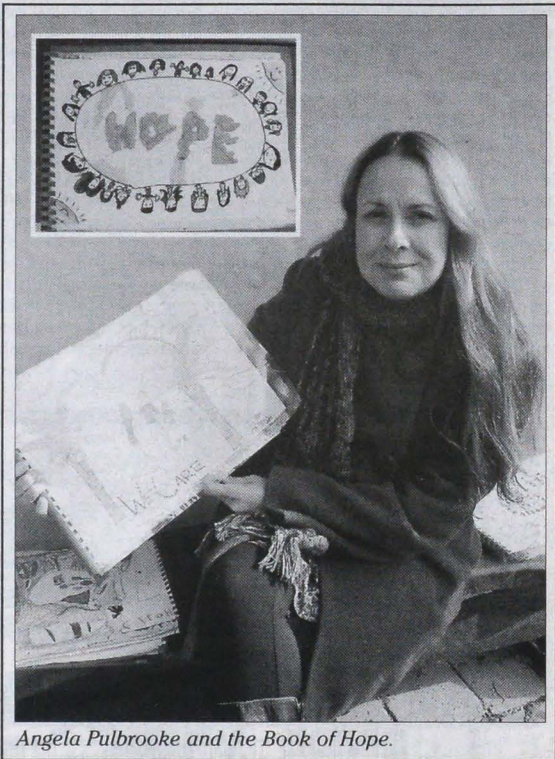
"The concert and other actions are also helping grieving people from Burma, living here in Melbourne, knowing people care," Ms Jameson said.

Proceeds from the concert have been sent to the Australia Burma Community Development Network, who will provide immediate medical aid, food and drinking water and trauma counselling, and the Asia Peace and Education Foundation which supports 4,500 children orphaned by the cyclone.

Concert organisers expressed thanks to the Warrandyte community—and to their friends and family—for their support.



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Applicants are invited to apply for funds for the 2008/09 Community Development Grant Program.

The grant program supports non-profit community organisations in Manningham to develop projects, programs and events, which benefit and meet the needs of the community.

Before you apply for a grant you need to obtain a copy of the funding guidelines and application form, and discuss your project with Council staff.

An interpreter can be arranged to assist community organisations with understanding the grant program guidelines on request.

**Information Session**  
Thursday 17 July, 2008, 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
Function Room 2, Municipal Offices,  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

It is recommended that all applicants attend the information session.

Applications close at 5.00pm Monday 11 August, 2008.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website [www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au), or by contacting Anna Ottobre, Arts & Cultural Programs Unit, on 9840 9238 or at the information session.

# Seeking refuge on a busy road

## Parents petition council

By **TRISTAN MADDOCKS**

North Warrandyte residents are campaigning for a pedestrian refuge to be built on a dangerous stretch of Research-Warrandyte Road in front of the Yarra Warra Preschool.

Nillumbik Shire Council mayor Warwick Leeson told the *Diary* he supported a reduced speed limit at the site. However, VicRoads said it had no plans to alter the speed limit at this location.

Yarra Warra parent Michelle Parker submitted a petition bearing more than 100 signatures to Nillumbik council seeking a "pedestrian refuge or similar safety improvement" at the site.

"It's on a hill, it's a blind corner, and everyone speeds down that hill," Ms Parker said.

"A lot of people need to cross that road, but there is nothing to help in any way."

Ms Parker said there is a great walking track opposite Yarra Warra, but not on the preschool side; consequently, people had to cross the road directly in front of the preschool.

"It is common sense (to install a pedestrian refuge). We would rather put something there now, rather than waiting for someone to be injured."

Ms Parker said a pedestrian refuge would be a good addition to the road because it would be wide enough to allow for prams.

"You are going to have prams, because it is a childcare centre. So the refuge would be a great



Against the traffic: they dice with death on Research Road. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

spot to pause." The parents want a refuge in the centre of the road where pedestrians can wait in safety.

Cr Leeson said he supported installing a pedestrian refuge at the site, but responsibility for maintaining Research-Warrandyte Road lay with VicRoads.

"We certainly support improvement on the road, but we don't have the funding to do non-council roads," he said. Cr Leeson told the *Diary* he supported introducing a reduced speed limit on Research-Warrandyte Road in the vicinity of the preschool.

In Victoria, 40km/h speed zones are currently employed on some roads adjacent to primary and secondary schools, but not on roads adjacent to preschools.

"We absolutely support

VicRoads looking at speed limits with a view to reducing them," Cr Leeson said. "We are constantly at VicRoads about speed limits. I can't count the number of representations I have made to them about speed limits," he said.

"This is about safety, this is about (saving) lives."

However, VicRoads said it was not planning to introduce a reduced speed limit on the stretch of road in front of Yarra Warra.

"The school speed zone program reduces speed limits on roads that have access to primary and secondary schools," VicRoads spokesperson Nial Finegan said.

"There are currently no plans to introduce these speed limits at kindergartens and childcare centres, as children entering

and leaving these locations are under constant adult supervision."

Mr Finegan said VicRoads had not yet received a submission from the Nillumbik Shire Council in relation to the proposed pedestrian refuge.

Yarra Warra Preschool teacher Connie Solty said she supported the installation of a pedestrian refuge in front of the preschool.

"It is a busy road, we would like people to be able to cross over," she said.

Ms Solty said some parents had complained that there was no crossing, and that the issue had come up last year and the year before.

"It's a shame, because we have these lovely places to walk. It's a bit silly that you have to walk up further to cross the road."

## Solar power offers

Warrandyte Climate Action Now (CAN) has been investigating opportunities available for solar power installation.

"Warrandyte residents can install a 1kw solar power system for \$2000," CAN president Wayne Rankin told the *Diary*.

"Ecosmart, an independent company providing residential sustainability consulting services, through their Solar Smart package, can offer residents a package deal."

According to Mr Rankin, this deal involves Ecosmart preparing and submitting all the necessary paperwork for the \$8000 federal gov-

ernment rebate, as well as conducting a home energy and water audit prior to the installation of a 1kw system with inverter.

"The audit will provide households with possible ways of reducing power and water consumption," Mr Rankin said.

Rebecca Lee from Ecosmart will present the Solar Smart program at Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham on Wednesday, July 30 at 7pm.

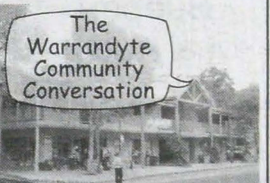
To be eligible for the program and to receive a government rebate, your taxable income for the year must be less than \$100,000 and you must own and reside permanently in the house where the solar system will be installed.

"Residents interested in this offer should come to the information session, with your recent power bill, rates notice, driver's licence and a photo of your roof," Wayne Rankin said. "Some Warrandyte residents attended Ecosmart's presentation last month and several have signed up already."

For further information visit the website at [www.ecosmart.net.au](http://www.ecosmart.net.au).

● Manningham council has organised a similar deal, thanks to a bulk purchasing program facilitated by council. This project is limited to 200 households. Call 9840 9129 or email [ecpadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecpadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au) for information.

## Talkfest at community centre



Local residents are being invited to have their say at a function organised by the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group.

Entitled "The Warrandyte Community Conversation" the event will be held at the community centre on Friday, July 25, running from 7pm "until late".

"Early in the evening, participants will be encouraged to describe how they see the centre running at its optimum," Supporters Group secretary, Peter Burns, told the *Diary*. This discussion will be facilitated by Bruce Turner.

The group has already conducted research with local community leaders and organisations "in order to present feedback at the beginning of the meeting."

"The Supporters Group runs the community centre on behalf of us all. Our role is to interpret the community's expectations; to build the centre's reputation as a welcoming place; to offer diverse services and programs and to maximise use of the facility in the interests of the people of Warrandyte."

"We need to know what people want: mums and dads,

kids, professionals, people who need help—everybody."

Facilitator Bruce Turner will encourage people to think about the "positive qualities of the centre, and assist capturing the spirit of the Warrandyte community."

"The *Diary* is a rich record of our wonderful township and the challenges we face in keeping our 'spirit of place'," Mr Burns said.

"Our community centre is also special—it's our place! More than 18,600 people live within 10 minutes of the centre. We want to ensure the centre is used and valued by people who live in and around our township."

Following the discussion program, the organisers will be inviting participants to relax and "see the community centre at its best". Local entertainment and food and wine will be on offer.

Participants are encouraged to register prior to the evening and will receive a report summarising community feedback ahead of the meeting. Warrandyte individuals and organisations who would like to contribute to the research prior to the event can ring David Dyason on 0418 322 548.

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# Clowning around



The younger kids had a great time when Coralie the Clown came to story time at Warrandyte Primary School and read stories to the pre-school children. Coralie is also after-school care coordinator at Warrandyte Primary. She delighted all the young children with her stories, music and drama.

"Story time is held each term at Warrandyte Primary and is open to all pre-school children," principal Gill Binger told the *Diary*. "It allows the children to become familiar with the school environment as well as meeting other young children from the area."

● The next story time will be held on Friday, August 1 at 2.15pm. Call 9844 3537 for more information.

# Outstanding service to the community

**By JOANNE GREEN**  
Webb Street resident Alan Alder has retired as unit controller of the Doncaster State Emergency Service after 24 years of sterling service. However, despite retiring from his role as controller, Alan intends to stay involved with the SES, maintaining the links he's helped establish over 42 years.

Alan recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He has resided in Warrandyte for 51 years. "It's been a most satisfying period," he told the *Diary*. Actively involved in the community beyond SES, he joined the Warrandyte Historical Society when it was formed in 1975, taking on the thankless task of treasurer in 1976. He has managed the society's accounts ever since. He is also a leading member of the local Police and Citizens Consultative Committee.

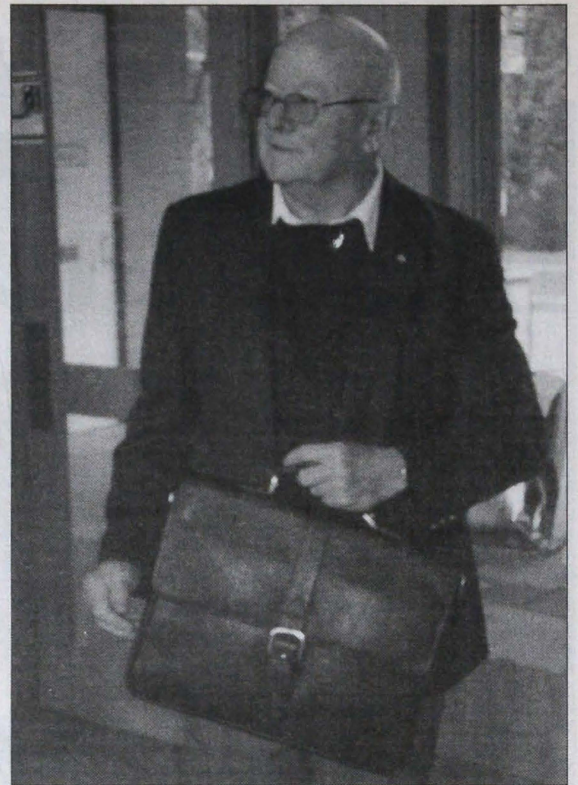
Alan saw volunteering for the SES as a good way of giving back to the community of Warrandyte. "It's the reason I joined," he said. "This township of Warrandyte has been kind. I wanted to give something back."

During his time with the SES Alan has had many memorable experiences and been in some sticky and dangerous situations. He remembers the Ash Wednesday fires of 1983 most vividly.

"I spent five days in the small town of Cockatoo," he said. "What impressed me most was the lack of selfishness of the residents. They didn't want a great deal of attention. They were more concerned about their neighbours."

Alan joined the Doncaster unit of the SES in 1966, four years after it was founded. The SES was initially called the Victorian Civil Defence organisation. The Cold War had been running for almost 20 years, and the main priority of the group was to train wardens to measure radiation in the event of a nuclear attack.

"It was oriented against atomic warfare well into the 1970s," Alan said. "It moved slowly towards responding to community emergencies, such as fire, storm and flood." Changing its name in 1975, the SES became the



Still volunteering: Alan Alder received a leather attaché case at his 80th birthday party recently.

leading authority dealing with storm and flood emergencies and has developed a much higher profile in more recent years.

Alan Alder's voluntary career with the SES has not only been a long and busy

one, it has also been highly distinguished. He has been awarded a number of commendations over the years and in 1996 he received an Order of Australia Medal and was named Manningham citizen of the year in 2002.

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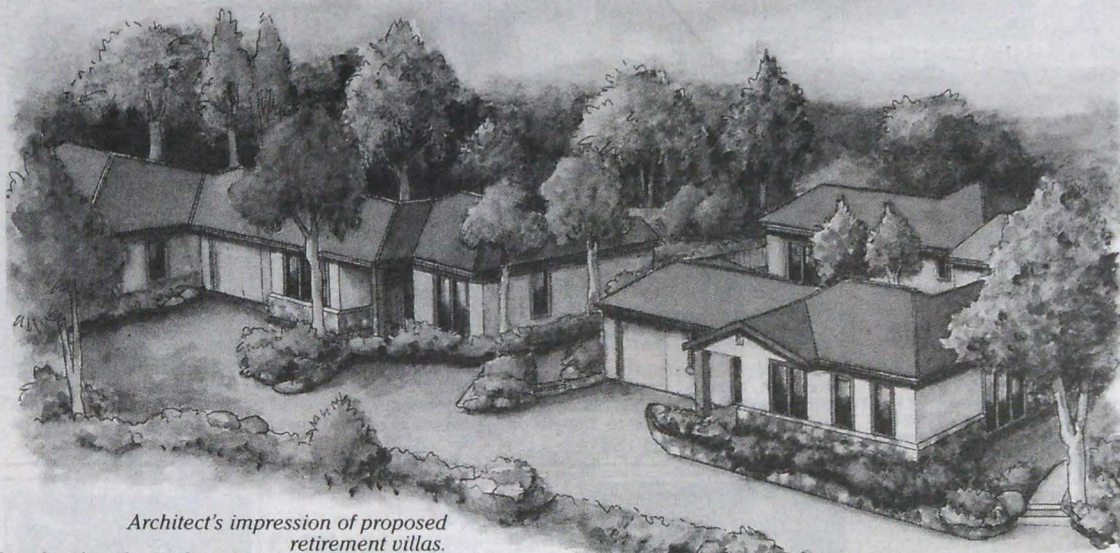
**An invitation to all Warrandyte residents to have their say about the future of our community centre**  
**WHEN:** 7pm Friday, 25 July **WHERE:** Warrandyte Community Centre  
**WHO:** Warrandyte residents, groups and organisations  
**WHAT:** A community conversation about how we see the Warrandyte Community Centre running at its optimum **FACILITATOR:** Bruce Turner  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** After 9pm, relax a little and see the centre at its best. Wind down at the end of the week and enjoy some local music, food and wine.  
**REGISTRATION:** To register contact David Dyason (ddyason@ozemail.com.au) or 0418 322 548) with your name and address. Participants who register receive a report summarising community feedback. The report will inform our discussion.

**The Warrandyte Community Conversation**  
The Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group looks after the Warrandyte Community Centre. Our role is to interpret the community's expectations of the centre; build the centre's reputation as a welcoming place; offer diverse services and programs, and maximise use of the facility in the interests of the people of Warrandyte. As part of this responsibility, the Warrandyte Community Centre committee of management is developing a strategic plan for the facility. Community research and the Community Conversation event will help inform and shape this plan that will benefit us all. Warrandyte is a special place and so is our community centre. Come and help us create its future!

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# Housing project progresses apace



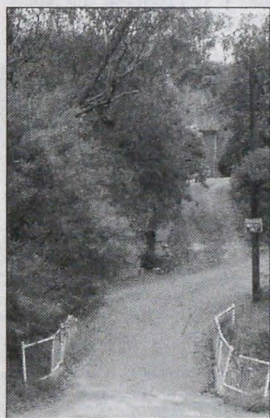
Architect's impression of proposed retirement villas.

Now the plans for its five villa retirement cluster project in Harris Gully Road have been lodged with Manningham council, Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Cooperative board members are turning their attention to other planning details.

"Council planners requested a number of minor amendments to the original plans lodged and the final revisions were completed late in June and revised documents delivered to council," a co-op spokesperson told the *Diary*. The board is now awaiting advice on the next stage, which it anticipates will be advertising the project and inviting public comment.

Meanwhile, the directors are seeking advice, holding discussions and collecting information on a wide range of options. "Heating alternatives, solar initiatives, water harvesting and storage are amongst the many options currently being looked at," the spokesperson said.

"The board is anxious to en-



Site of the retirement cluster in Harris Gully Road.

sure the villas are both as comfortable and sustainable as possible. We have been addressed by consultants and practitio-

ners and some members have attended trade fairs in order to familiarise themselves with all the alternatives."

Social housing does not form part of this particular project as there are only five villas, "but the board has kept the matter in its brief and under discussion. It is hopeful there may be opportunities to progress social housing for Warrandyte retirees within the affordable housing project that is an exciting new partnership between Manningham council and the state government, established to progress affordable housing opportunities within the city."

The co-op is looking forward to following this matter up with the appropriate officer once appointed.

"The board is looking forward to progressing to the next stage very shortly and is hopeful of a favourable community and

council response to the plans," the spokesperson said.

The desperate need for retirement housing in Warrandyte is evident from the number of expressions of interest in the Harris Gully Road project the co-op has received.

"More than 60 people have written to us, asking to be kept in touch," the spokesperson said. "The board has been making it clear that the units will be available to those who either are or have been established residents of Warrandyte, so this level of interest at the planning stage is very encouraging."

"Some of the enquiries are from outside Warrandyte. From people who want to come back."

Hopefully, the Harris Gully Road cluster will be the first of a number to be dotted around the township; the need is clearly there.



Plants galore: Sam Eadie (left) and Shelagh Morton are ready for the big National Tree Day plant-up!

Road at 10am sharp and you will be directed to the site. Please wear sturdy footwear. Tools will be provided," Ms Rankin said.

This planting is funded by a federal grant from Envirofund.

Enquiries regarding this event should be directed to Ann Penrose on 9844 0934.

● Nillumbik council is marking National Tree Day by planting more than 1000 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses at the Research Park, just off Main Road, Research, on Sunday, July 27, meeting at 12noon. Volunteer planters welcome. Enquiries to Tim Krasevac, 9433 3715.

## Council checks cheap housing

Manningham council is investigating the possibility of sponsoring the building of affordable housing on three sites in the municipality.

Manningham is one of six councils across Melbourne to receive \$50,000 each in state government funding to further investigate affordable housing initiatives.

Mayor Cr Geoff Gough said housing affordability is an issue of significant community concern and the project provides council with the opportunity to participate in a partnership across all levels of the government and the private and community housing sectors.

Three sites have been identified as part of the project, with "yield" studies being undertaken on each site.

The sites are adjacent to the Manningham Centre on Manningham Road, Doncaster, at the Bulleen Senior Citizens Centre in Manningham Road, Templestowe and at the Doncaster Senior Citizens in Doncaster Road, Doncaster East.

## Greening the bush on special tree day

National Tree Day will be celebrated across Australia later this month, and the Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group in North Warrandyte is marking the event with a special tree-planting day on Sunday, July 27, between 10am and 12noon.

The group's nursery in Osborne Road is brimming with indigenous plants and they are looking to the wider community to assist with a mammoth planting in the Warrandyte State Park, at the rear of 37 Osborne Road.

"The planting site is highly visible from Jumping Creek Reserve on the north side of the river," spokesperson Ruth Rankin told the *Diary*.

"This site forms an important link in the habitat corridor along the Yarra River on the Osborne Peninsula and the revegetation works will help to support wildlife in this area, both as habitat and as a food source in years to come."

"All residents are welcome to attend. We are meeting at the nursery hothouse between numbers 37 and 39 Osborne

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# Wisdom of Auntie Dot

### out of the box

By **JUDY GREEN**

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Warrandyte Historical Society is holding its next annual general meeting on Sunday, July 20 at 2pm at their museum in Yarra Street. Guest speaker will be Dorothy Peters ("Auntie Dot"). Dot teaches the art of basket coiling in the traditional way, as taught to her by her mother and grandmother. Dot's commissioned works have been acquired by Museum Victoria, the Koorie Heritage Trust and by private collectors. She is the recipient of a number of awards including the Elder of the Year (1999), Community Persons (2001) and Australia Council Red Ochre award in 2002. Afternoon tea will be served.

### Information

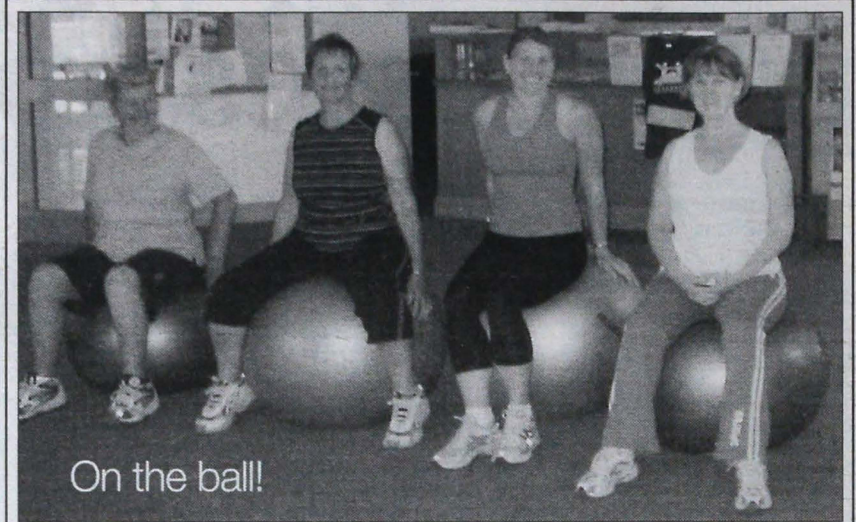
The 21st annual general meeting of Information Warrandyte will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 8pm in their office at the Warrandyte Community Centre, cnr Yarra and Webb streets. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All welcome.

### Trees

National Tree Day for 2008 falls on Sunday, July 27. Planet Ark and Nillumbik council are calling schools, community groups and individuals in Nillumbik to assist in a planting day at Research Park, Research. The aim is to plant 1000 indigenous trees, grasses and shrubs in the area. Planting will take place from 10am to 12noon. For further information call Tim Krasevac on 9433 3715.

### Seniors

The Warrandyte Senior Citizens annual general meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7 at the Senior Citizens clubrooms in Tarooona Avenue. Nominations for office bearers are now open and must be in by 12noon on Thursday, July 17. Nomination forms are available from the foyer of the clubrooms. All nominees must be nominated by two financial members of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club. The club wishes to congratulate Mr John Bennetts on his achievement, becoming world champion triathlete at 71 years of age.



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Margret Roadknight

### Concert

Margret Roadknight will be performing at the Earth Harmony Centre, 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Friday, July 18 at 8pm. Margret is an impressive blues, folk and jazz singer, social commentator and comedian. Her singing is sometimes accompanied by her guitar, African thumb drum, kazoo or percussion. Tickets are \$20 (concession \$15) and can be collected in advance or paid for at the door. Phone 9844 5155.

### Screening

There will be a screening of the film "The Thin Green Line" at Edendale Farm Community Environment Centre on Thursday, July 31 from 6.45pm to 9pm. The film demonstrates the sometimes life-threatening challenges facing park rangers around the world. A local ranger from Warrandyte State Park will speak about experiences in the field. The centre is in Gastons Road, Eltham.

### Seminar

The Next Manningham City Council Environment seminar will be on Wednesday, August 6 at 7.30pm at the South Warrandyte Hall in Hall Road, South Warrandyte. Pat and Mike Coupar will talk about gorillas in the east of Africa.

### Alzheimers

Local resident Kerry Alexander has been instrumental in organising a fundraising night for Alzheimer's Australia. "Show Compassion: Living with Dementia" will take place at Manchester Lane, cnr Flinders Lane and Manchester Lane, Melbourne on July 29 at 7.30pm. Featured artist, singer/songwriter Jay P will perform a song, "Goodbye", that he wrote after his father was diagnosed with the disease. Kerry's son Nathan has produced a video clip promoting this song, daughter Anthea has designed the tickets and youngest daughter Tegan has initiated a gold coin collection at her school, St Annes. Enquiries to Kerry on 9844 3025.

### Do Care

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### artyfacts

#### Watercolours

Watercolours by Warrandyte artist AJ (Tony) Northover are currently on display at the Lakeside Café, 293 Marroondah Highway, Ringwood (opposite Ringwood Lake). The exhibition closes on Saturday, July 12.

#### Stonehouse

The July exhibition at Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte features a variety of works. Lydia Uhl, Pam Towle, Beatrix Mol and Elly Pleasance are presenting a selection of whimsical creatures in clay, fabulous jewellery and art creations. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

#### Pigment

An exhibition entitled "Pigment of the Imagination" is currently showing at the Eltham Library Community Gallery, Panther Place, Eltham. It features work by Wendy Gedge, Ian Gedge, Rin Gallagher, Brenda Smith, Ann Boucher and Jean Hendy and continues until Tuesday, July 29. The gallery is open Tuesday to Thursday, 10am-8.30pm; Friday and Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday, 1-5pm.

#### Manningham

Manningham Gallery's exhibition "Extreme Speed" continues until Saturday, July 26. This exhibition, developed by Melbourne artist Robyn Cerretti, aims to engage the viewer, particularly young adults, on the issue of road trauma, and more broadly, time and mortality. It is a unique exhibition involving a variety of components.

#### Exhibition

New works by artist Judy Racz are on show at the Evelyn County Estate, 55 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground until Sunday, July 27. Open hours are Monday to Wednesday, 9am to 6pm and Thursday to Sunday, 9am till late.

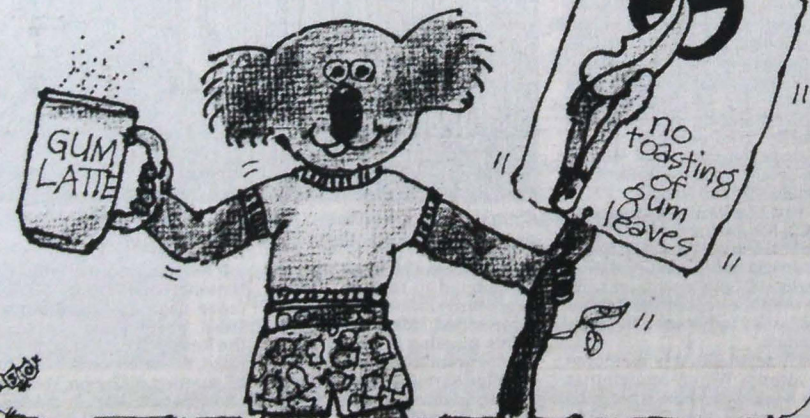
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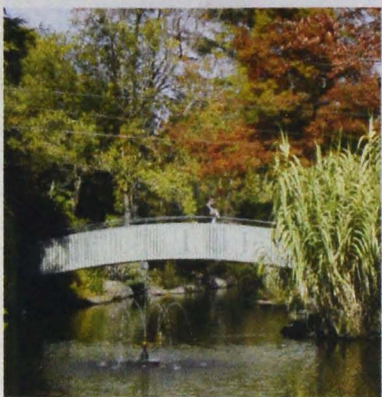
The Artyfacts column is designed to carry news of exhibitions and other arts events happening in Warrandyte and surrounding areas. Send all your details—free of charge—to Judy Green; email: [warrandytediary@aapt.net.au](mailto:warrandytediary@aapt.net.au)

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# Winter market by the river

By JOANNE GREEN

The mist that still clung to the treetops, the sharp morning air and the slick black mud underfoot did not keep the crowds from venturing to Stiggants Reserve early last month for the first of this year's winter Warrandyte community markets.

Held on the first Saturday of every month (except January), the market boasts an array of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, handmade furniture and native plants.

The stallholders began setting up at 6am and the market ran until 1pm. Between these hours, the music of young buskers with acoustic guitars playing old Leonard Cohen songs and the continual noise of friends and neighbours chatting cheerfully hung over this lovely stretch of river valley.

The aisles between the rows of market tents and stalls were clogged with Warrandyte residents and visitors of all ages. Almost everyone seemed to have a dog on a leash; what they made of the delicious smells of sausages and hamburgers frying is anybody's guess. Their people could not have missed the aromas of homemade soap and freshly-cut apples.

Children were patiently waiting to spend their pocket money at the ever-popular lolly stall. Winter accessories proved a popular choice, with brightly coloured scarves and beanies being put to good use as soon as they were bought.

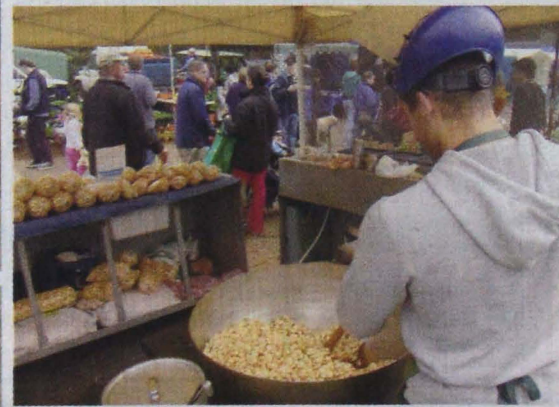
There was an obvious community feel as many residents used the market to catch up with friends, sometimes over Devonshire tea, often standing in groups in the middle of pathways; no one seemed to mind wending their way through and around them.

This strength of this community was noticed by some stallholders, including the owner of Kingston Berries from Eltham: "It gets very busy. It's a friendly market, with lots of regular customers." Many stallholders are either Warrandyte residents or live in surrounding suburbs. They are as loyal as their customers. Some have been attending the Warrandyte market for a decade or more.

Younger families might extend a visit to the Warrandyte market into a day out, walking along the quieter river paths, perhaps combining a picnic or fish and chips with a chance to feed the ducks.

But most people are content to see the market as a special shopping opportunity. From handcrafted jewelry to homemade cakes, there is something for everyone. None leave empty-handed. Loaded with bulging, non-disposable shopping bags, attempting to hang onto still eager dogs, and with the fronds of taller plants waving above, they head back to their chaotically parked cars.

See you next month.



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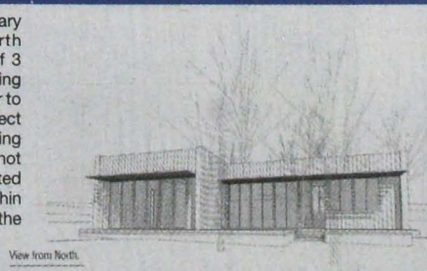


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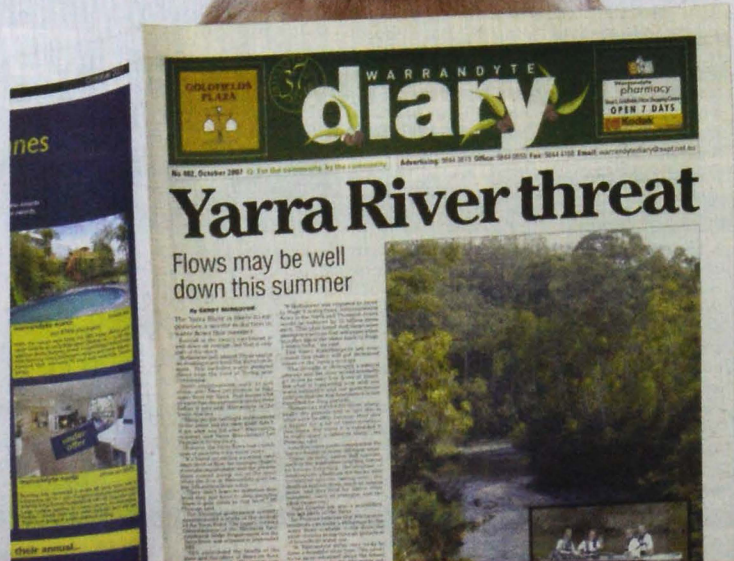
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# Taking a hard road to a happy holiday haven

By RICHARD MORTON

FROM the very early days of European settlement, Warrandyte has been a magnet for tourists. As early as 1856, Melbourne newspapers were promoting the small township of Anderson's Creek as the ideal destination for a nice day out. In its issue of September 15 of that year the *Argus* told its readers that "a great number of Melbourne people have lately visited us, and have been delighted with (the) beauty of the scenery, and the novelty of the diggings". The proximity of the town to the metropolis, then as now, added to its attractiveness. "It is only a drive of four hours," the report continued, "and well repays the visitor for his troubles".

One suspects that the blithe statement of "only a drive of four hours" played down the rigours of the journey; travel to Warrandyte was to involve some difficulty and discomfort for many years. By the late 19th century, however, the extension of the suburban rail network made the first part of the journey at least rather more convenient.

Train services to Ringwood commenced in 1882 and to Heidelberg in 1890. But from either of these stations it was still quite a hike to Warrandyte—sometimes literally! When members of the Field Naturalists' Club visited Warrandyte in November 1893 they were met at Ringwood station by their host, the celebrated photographer and natu-

ral scientist Charles Walter, who had walked from his Warrandyte home to greet them. The group then walked back the six miles to the township, collecting botanical and entomological specimens on the way. No doubt the field naturalists preferred to travel this way, as they were also able to admire "pretty views" of the river and to observe the interesting novelty of gold-miners at work. But it is not surprising that after their exertions the afternoon "was spent in a somewhat lazy manner". Less energetic visitors were by then able to avail themselves of more-or-less regular coach services connecting Warrandyte to the railway at Ringwood. Even the field naturalists were happy to use this arrangement when they "left by early coach on Monday morning highly delighted with their trip: after two nights in Warrandyte and a further day botanising at Pound Bend".

Charles Walter was a great promoter of the charms of Warrandyte. Through his contacts in Melbourne's German community he had arranged a visit of the Liedertafel (choir or music society) to the township in 1888 and of the Turnverein (gymnastics club), of which he was honorary treasurer, in 1889. Where the field naturalists or the German associations stayed is not recorded. No doubt they were able to find accommodation in one of the hotels or in one of several guesthouses that had by then been established to cater for tourists. Walter himself was able to offer convivial refreshment, as was

his neighbour and compatriot the local wine saloon proprietor Heinrich Kruse.

But for most, a visit to Warrandyte was a day-trip. By the early 1900s, travel time by a combination of rail and coach, either via Ringwood or Heidelberg, had been reduced to a little over two hours. But when the Field Naturalists' Club again visited Warrandyte in 1909 and 1911 they were able to use a new innovation—the motor coach. On August 12, 1911, 42 members and friends of the club filled two large motor coaches for the drive to Warrandyte to see the silver wattles in flower. But the advent of motor transport did not remove all potential dangers, as the *Victorian Naturalist* noted in its report of the excursion:

Owing to the threatening state of the weather it was decided to go via Heidelberg and Templestowe instead of Box Hill and Ringwood, as had been intended. Wattle time and showery time are often concurrent, and this year was no exception. Rain had fallen in the morning, and again during the drive, consequently the roads were slippery, and the drivers had to proceed somewhat slowly, and exercise considerable care to prevent the vehicles skidding.

By the mid-1920s the private motorcar would begin to provide a convenient means of travel for the more well-to-do to make a day-trip to Warrandyte. A 1925 advertisement appearing in the *Argus*, one of a series inserted by the British Imperial Oil Co Ltd to promote motor travel, recommended a delightful

excursion to picturesque Warrandyte ("Fill up with Shell before you go—its powerful response on winding hills gives motoring an added pleasure"). Like early aviators, who used railway maps as an aid to navigation, motorists were recommended to follow the tramlines for the early part of the journey. This took them along Flinders Street and Wellington Parade through Richmond and across the river to Hawthorn. Here they were to follow the tram route up High Street to Kew Junction and along Cotham Road to the Balwyn terminus. The itinerary then followed the modern Whitehorse Road/Maroondah Highway to Box Hill and Blackburn "over give-and-take country". "There is then a gradual rise to Mitcham, on a low ridge, and a fall away to Ringwood."

Opposite Ringwood railway station drivers were told to take the road to the left and up "a stiff rise". "After a few miles of hilly going, the road descends generally on fair grades into the picturesque valley of the Yarra, in which is located Warrandyte." The itinerary made no recommendation for a stop to savour the charms of the township; enjoyment of the journey apparently lay in the challenge of motoring. The motor tourists were advised to press on over the bridge crossing the Yarra and up a road "which rises steadily, with a roughish surface, from the valley" presenting "numerous fine outlooks as it winds around the spurs, and eventually strikes the main road at right angles at Kangaroo Ground". The

route then lay to the left through Research to Eltham and then back to Melbourne through Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Alphington and Clifton Hill.

By modern standards it was an unremarkable journey, one that could be accomplished today in less than two hours on sealed roads. But in 1925 it still presented some difficulties for the motorist. Drivers were warned of a bad corner at the bottom of a "steep pinch" shortly after leaving Kangaroo Ground (Weller's Corner) and another on Bell's Hill "should be carefully taken". Drivers were advised that roads were "generally fair, a little rough; best in fine weather" indicating that the problems encountered on slippery unsealed surfaces by the Field Naturalists during their 1911 motor coach excursion had not yet been overcome.

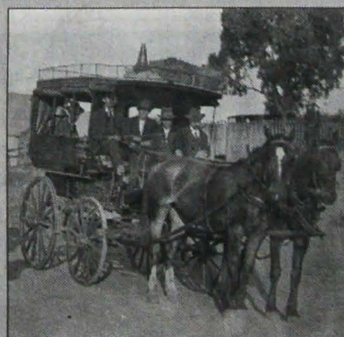
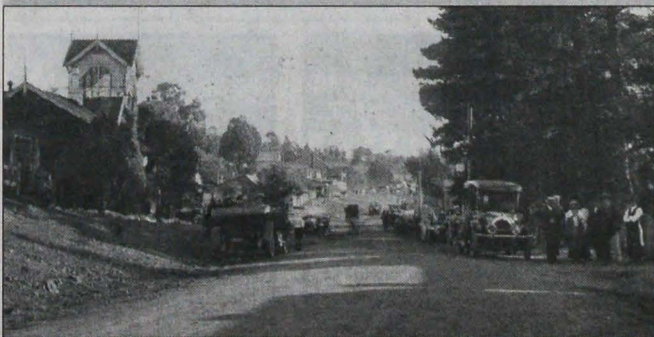
Private motorcars were still a rarity in the years between the wars; most visitors were obliged to rely on public transport, the railway (usually to Ringwood) and then the horse and later regular motor bus services to Warrandyte.

Furniture vans converted to carry passengers at weekends by the installation of temporary wooden benches brought picnic groups to the recreation ground and the riverbank in the village in the 1940s and 50s.

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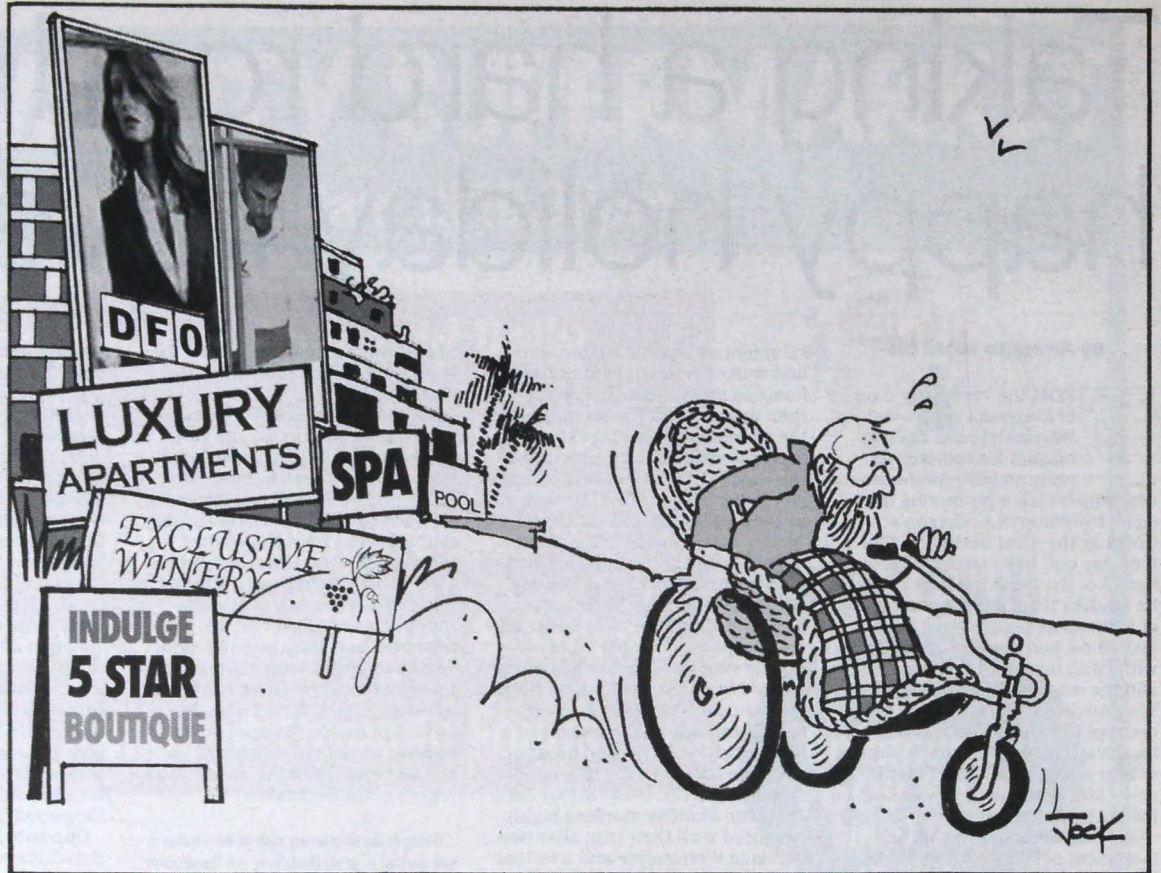
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## Hunting a happy holiday in a hucksters' hinterland

**R**ECENTLY, Herself and I decided to take a short holiday to revisit some of the sites we and a group of friends used to stay at over Easter, all those years ago. It was to be an odyssey to remind ourselves of what joy a holiday can provide

Back then, we were four young couples with young families. We had decided to go camping for the holiday break each Easter. We would pack, after work, on the Thursday evening, drive to the appointed camping site and set up for the few days. A few days later, we reversed the procedure. We took it in turns to decide on the location, the one condition being that we had to be able to have a campfire, with shower and plumbed toilet being nice but optional extras. After the first experimental camping holiday during which we were freezing and rained out, we made the decision that all of the future camping expeditions had to be within a two-hour journey and definitely north of the Great Divide.

Those Easter holidays spanned a decade and were wonderful; difficult, often uncomfortable, exhausting but still talked about positively by everyone who went on them. During those holidays, kids got sick, they fought, we adults disagreed about what to do and what to play but all problems dissolved around the campfire meal when friendships were reinforced. So I suppose it was those Easter holidays that were to blame for moulding our views about what



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**"Thankfully, as yet, it hadn't felt the need to erect a huge fibreglass anything on its outskirts..."**

a holiday could and should be; experiences outside the norm, a bit fringe, experiences that help personal development.

Herself and I drove off towards the north. Around mid-morning we decided to stop for morning tea at a little town we remembered from long ago. Thankfully, as yet, it hadn't felt the need to erect a huge fibreglass anything on its outskirts.

"Nice town," I suggested to the young girl serving us.

"It's a dump! Nothing here."

"But it's very attractive. Lovely little shops, great architecture and there's an obvious sense of

history here."

"Better if they pulled it down and put up a DFO. If you ask me!"

We left wondering what is the fate of small country towns if there was a common attitude.

As we climbed into our car, she called out to us.

"Hurry on to the next town. It's got some really good chain stores."

We decided to take the back roads to our first site as freeway driving has minimal appeal. Now I know we committed another modern holiday sin in not taking the fastest route, but both Herself and I happen to enjoy looking at countryside unadorned with advertising and traffic signs.

We arrived at a town closest to our site mid-afternoon and made our way to the Information Centre.

"I'm sorry but you've come at the wrong time. There's a business convention in town and all the proper accommodation is taken."

"Is there nothing at all?"

"Oh there are a few B&Bs left but you wouldn't want them. Neither has a luxury bathroom nor a spa. No, I'm wrong. One of them does have a spa bath but it's not very..."

"Water friendly?" I was about to add but instead asked, "Does either have a decent bed and its own shower?"

"Yes, but it doesn't have a five star restaurant or its own winery. And it's on a farm so you'll have to travel a few Ks out of town. It's certainly not near where it's all happening!"

And it was like that for much of the rest of the pilgrimage.

We arrived home confused. We had enjoyed the "unorthodox" sections of our time away. We did wonder, however, at what point in the last few years we had "lost the plot" about holidays.

That was until we turned on the television and chanced upon one of those lifestyle and travel shows. Evidently, our holiday was not a real holiday. What we should have done was "pamper ourselves". In future, we should fly to a resort to spend "personal time out" in a luxury unit in a multi-storey, luxury apartment block nestled next to a daily-groomed, sun-drenched expanse of beach fringed by kilometres of luxury boutiques and day-pass theme parks.

Unfortunately, none of our pilgrimage holiday accommodation passed muster. None was set in its own exclusive winery with luxury state-of-the-arts appliances, in-room facials or Mongolian massages with yaks' milk. They certainly lacked the jet boat ride on their own, man-made Grand Canyon.

"It seems we're the odd ones out. Time we were put down," I sighed.

Herself smiled wryly and suggested, "Only if it's done with a new, stainless steel European appliance in an exclusive luxury hideaway with its own, private, five-star executioner!"

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# Using natural materials: a 'natural' for your garden

**garden life**  
By BEV HANSON



Garden steps can be built of railway sleepers.

HERE'S been quite a revolution in garden materials over recent years—and a good thing too.

More people have realised the potential of many materials not previously considered for the garden and have broken away from the uninteresting monotony of a front lawn, concrete paths and plants and trees better suited to the northern hemisphere.

This has also made garden care less of a chore at weekends—an important consideration for active people who like using their increased leisure time for just that, rather than spending all their weekends in the garden.

Rocks are a popular garden material but should be carefully chosen and placed to look natural. They can add interest to a garden and used to create spaces for those beautiful smaller shrubs, tuft plants and ground cover.

When Edna Walling used rocks there were no bobcats or other machinery to do the heavy work. This would have limited the size of rocks chosen.

Railway sleepers have become extremely popular also. When supported by large rocks or uprights, sleepers can make very attractive retaining walls.

Sleepers can also be used for paving flat areas (when the sleepers are in good condition) and cut in half, can even make an interesting path. Garden tables can be made from sleepers.

Attractive paths can also be Lilydale toppings, probably the cheapest material to use on this side of Melbourne. After the toppings are laid and levelled they should be "watered in" so that the fine particles bind together, leaving a gravel surface.

Bricks and bluestone pitchers can also make attractive drives and paved areas. They can be bedded into a mixture of sand and cement, which can also be used as grouting in the joints.

It is important, before attempting to lay pitchers, to ensure that the filling underneath is properly consolidated. If this is not done, low patches that hold water could form after a while. Pitchers can also be used for retaining walls and barbecues.

Slate is a good material for interesting paved areas, while concrete stepping stones of irregular shape can be made in a mould.

Pebbles, if used with taste and discretion, can add greatly to the appearance of gardens. They also have the advantage of being low maintenance. But be careful with white pebbles. They can be stark and glaring, whereas brown pebbles have a softer reflection that blends in better with their surroundings.

Mulch can be especially good in a garden of native trees and shrubs. It keeps weeding to a minimum.

# Post in land of long white cloud

LIFE is forever full of unexplained mysteries. I wonder, for example, how the number of active road repair crews can fluctuate so dramatically. Do they hibernate? Once there were none; now they are everywhere.

Getting in and out of our street is entirely subject to the whim of the "stop" sign operator and the unpredictable antics of a slow-moving roadside digger. One day it took me 35 minutes to drive from one side of Warrandyte to the other; I was bailed up by three successive battalions of roadworkers and their machinery.

It's not just happening locally, either—there's an unprecedented plague right across Melbourne. Gutters, resurfacing, pothole repairs, road widening, re-alignment, addition of a new lane on the freeway—anybody would think a state election was imminent. Where have all these hardworking people suddenly sprung from? (Dare I suggest Eastlink?)

Another recent conundrum concerns the New Zealand postal service. However did the once-glorious standards

**our place**  
By MARILYN MOORE

of the British Empire come to fall so low? Even postal staff are nonplussed by the present system, in which there are two types of post box—"slow" and "fast" (sometimes labelled "par avion")—and two types of stamp: "domestic" and "international". So where does one post "international" mail? In neither box, according to most locals. Some provide a cardboard carton expressly for the purpose. Most simply don't know where to post it. One thoughtful lady provided an envelope neatly pre-addressed to an Auckland PO box.

"Put all your overseas mail in here, dear," she advised. "It'll be quicker in the long run. If you post it in the 'par avion' box, the mailman just keeps bringing it back."

Why on earth would he do that?

"Oh, they just don't like it." Clearly this is true. Wherever you deposit international mail, it disappears into a deep

time-warp. Five weeks for an urgent letter from Wellington to Melbourne. Three weeks for an urgent courier delivery from Warrandyte via Auckland to Rarotonga (3-day delivery "guaranteed"). Five or six weeks for postcards from the Coromandel to various places throughout Victoria. A postcard sent to Rodalben in Germany still hasn't arrived, nearly four months later. One postmistress told us that 11 months wasn't out of the question. The slowest letter she's personally handled took two and a half years to reach South America. Queen Victoria must be turning in her grave.

Where do you reckon all this delayed mail goes? It couldn't possibly be sitting around in the Auckland mail exchange—mail sorters simply wouldn't be able to climb over the accumulated mountains of post bags. No, there must be some malfunction of the magnetic field surrounding the sorting machine. Sucked into a powerful time-warp, once-important mail temporarily loses contact with Planet Earth as it travels to one of the smaller Magellanic galaxies, a spirit world where human relevance quickly becomes shrouded in

the mists of time. Teams of tiny silvery automatons with names like § and ø click their antennae excitedly as they furiously decode Earthling scrawl in an endless search for Meaning and Truth. I wonder what they made of our carefully packaged stethoscope?

Meanwhile, back on Planet Earth, humans are busy explaining that they did indeed post those vital documents as requested, or they're reassuring Aunt Dily's that they did send her a postcard, really and truly. They can't think why it hasn't arrived. Aunt Dily's sniffs disbelievingly, and accuses them of putting the wrong stamp on, or forgetting to post it, or posting it in the wrong box. And in that latter conclusion, of course, she is entirely correct. In New Zealand, it seems, any box is the wrong box.

Evolution clearly does not always move onwards and upwards. Why would somebody devise such an inefficient system? For the same reason, I suppose, that somebody built Eastlink without a corresponding upgrade of the railway network—inexplicable, unless the aim was to clog up the system.

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# Three into one will go...

**T**HIS year Warrandyte's winter season of one-act plays was unified under one theme: "words". The words of the bully, used to harm and destroy others. Words as language with complex meaning, separating us from our instincts and intuition. And words as feeling, penetrating the hearts of another no matter the content or the grammar.

Nick Anning played the professor in Eugene Ionesco's *The Lesson*. The play was directed by Adrian Rice. The story opened as the professor's maid (Lisa Upson) welcomed a new pupil (Caroline O'Meara). There followed a short study of manners and the finer points of classical thought. During this time the professor was entirely deferential to his student, yet fired to anger when the maid delivered the first of several anxious warnings (in French). All may not be as it seems, yet the audience is lulled into a false sense of security as the maid exits, and the professor's rather tedious lesson proceeds.

As the arithmetical problems became more complex, the pupil faltered, and the professor's moods became more intense. Interestingly his pupil was able to solve the most complex mathematical

problem, but the professor degraded her nevertheless. As the play approached its mid-point, the maid became very agitated and the cause of her concern was about to be revealed to the audience. The professor's relationship with his pupil progressed through a series of psychotic episodes as he became cruel, vindictive, manipulative, violent, then ultimately stabbed her to death. She, we later learn, was his 40th victim.

The maid first berated the professor, then she rationalised what had happened. "I warned you," she said, "arithmetic leads to philology, and philology leads to crime." In quick succession she became the sympathetic mother soothing the cowering professor with a political motif. The motif is an armband, with the Nazi's eagle stamped upon it. She then became complicit in concealing the murder, and collaborative as she tidied the scene of the crime and welcomed the professor's next pupil.

We are accustomed to blaming the brute and grieving for the victim, but Ionesco's maid forces a further question, common after World War II (when this play was written) but rare these days. Are we active enough in responding to intimidation, manipulation and vio-

## theatre

By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

lence; are we morally obliged to do more to stamp it out?

There was plenty of stamping and chanting in the second one-act play, *Words, Words, Words*, written by contemporary US playwright David Ives. Directed by Caroline Shaw, the characters are three chimps: Swift (John Milburn-Clark) Kafka (Simone Kiefer) and Milton (Bill Connolly). Professor Rosenbaum had given each a typewriter to test an hypothesis: That three monkeys typing into infinity will sooner or later produce Hamlet.

What appeared to be a one-dimensional storyline proved far more diverse as Ives explored the relationship between man and his nearest animal relative. The play is postmodern insofar as the chimps reference their namesakes. Kafka takes an existentialist approach to the problem. What's a Kafka anyway? How are we supposed to write Hamlet when we don't even know what it is? Milton's prose is recognisable. Swift has a political bent, analysing the plight of the three in terms of the power rela-

tionships between the dominant and the subservient species.

John, Simone and Bill each performed gestures and sounds to match their characters and together created a tangible ape-like ambience. Perhaps most telling was their ability to empathise with apes, and Caroline's ability to communicate a great deal about their plight via a script that in other hands may have seemed trite.

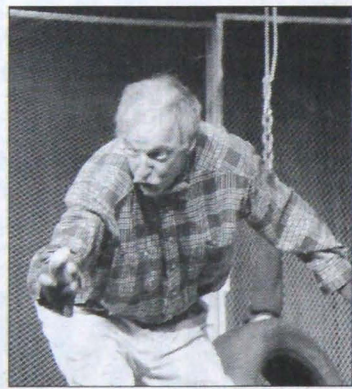
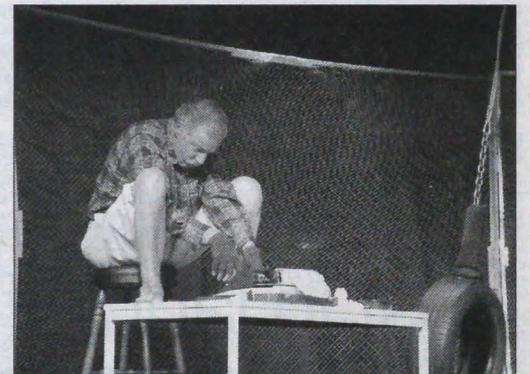
The message delivered in part by voiceover is dire. In 20 years the remaining five chimp sub-species (down from 14 a century ago) may be extinct. But as ever with Ives, the play is entertaining, the morals digestible and the situation comic, especially to anyone who has tried to "write Hamlet" themselves.

The written word dominated the introduction to the third play *The Universal Language*. It opened with stuttering pupil Dawn (Naomi Oosting) meeting deceptively charming language teacher Don (David Tynan). They exchanged greetings against a backdrop of strangely recognisable words that conveyed an oddly inspiring meaning: "Wen Yu Fre Fal Fynd Iff Heven Waitz". We soon learned that Don taught "Unamunda", a potentially universal language that could unite all mankind.

Directed by Ian Craig, this is another David Ives play of less than 20 minutes duration. It is challenging to stage because it is mostly delivered in Unamunda. In David Tynan's experienced hands the language becomes understandable, or at least understandable enough to allow the comedy and romance to flourish.

While the language delivered a miracle cure for Dawn's stutter, Don eventually admitted that Unamunda is a fraud. Now contrite and vulnerable, he exposed even more about this language of love as with Dawn, now a convert to the idealised sentiment of Unamundo, he welcomed (Welco) a second student to his class. As the lights go down, this charmed idyllic world seems destined to keep turning, with Dawn and Don newfound lovers.

In selection, direction and performance these three plays provided an excellent vehicle for the talents and enthusiasm of our local theatre company. Together the plays provoked a great deal of discussion amongst sizeable audiences, as they laughed about and pondered the use, abuse and limitations of the words we use to relate to others, to define and motivate ourselves, to rationalise our behaviour and to give meaning to our lives.



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# Creating a good image

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

**T**HE digital camera has changed photography for most people, with shots of family outings and travel being so easy and economical even for children. For *Warrandyte Diary* photographer Stephen Reynolds, who runs Photosynthesis, a graphic design studio in Blackburn, the change to digital has had a big impact.

"I can do a quick mock-up in situ and get the go-ahead for a job very quickly. It's all much more economical, faster and efficient," Stephen said. "With digital you don't have to take into account the cost of films and you can take the photographs and see them instantly and delete. I've taken hundreds of thousands of photographs since digital came in and over a thousand at the Warrandyte Festival each year—I'd be lucky to do 100 in the past."

"The photographic business has changed with the introduction of computers—artwork and paste-up are now done on the desk top and photograph processing and printing are a dying component which is now replaced by digital photography. Photosynthesis is a one-stop shop: the concept, design and photography and we co-ordinate the printing. We do the colour correction and retouching—in the past this was posted off to the laboratory. We do a lot for magazines and are just completing a coffee table book on leadlight windows," he said.

Stephen has half a dozen digital cameras for different applications such as architecture, fashion but mostly for products and landscapes—at the moment he's working on automotive catalogues and magazines. "I also enjoy photography for relaxation. When the family goes somewhere I jump out to look at the view and half-an-hour later they're still in the car while I do a photographic vista. They have suffered a bit and there are few photos with me in them."

Born in 1950, Stephen grew up largely in the Waverley area but the family spent a couple of years in Adelaide as his father was transferred with Atlantic Oil. "I was 12 when I got my first camera and I was always involved with

## behind the byline

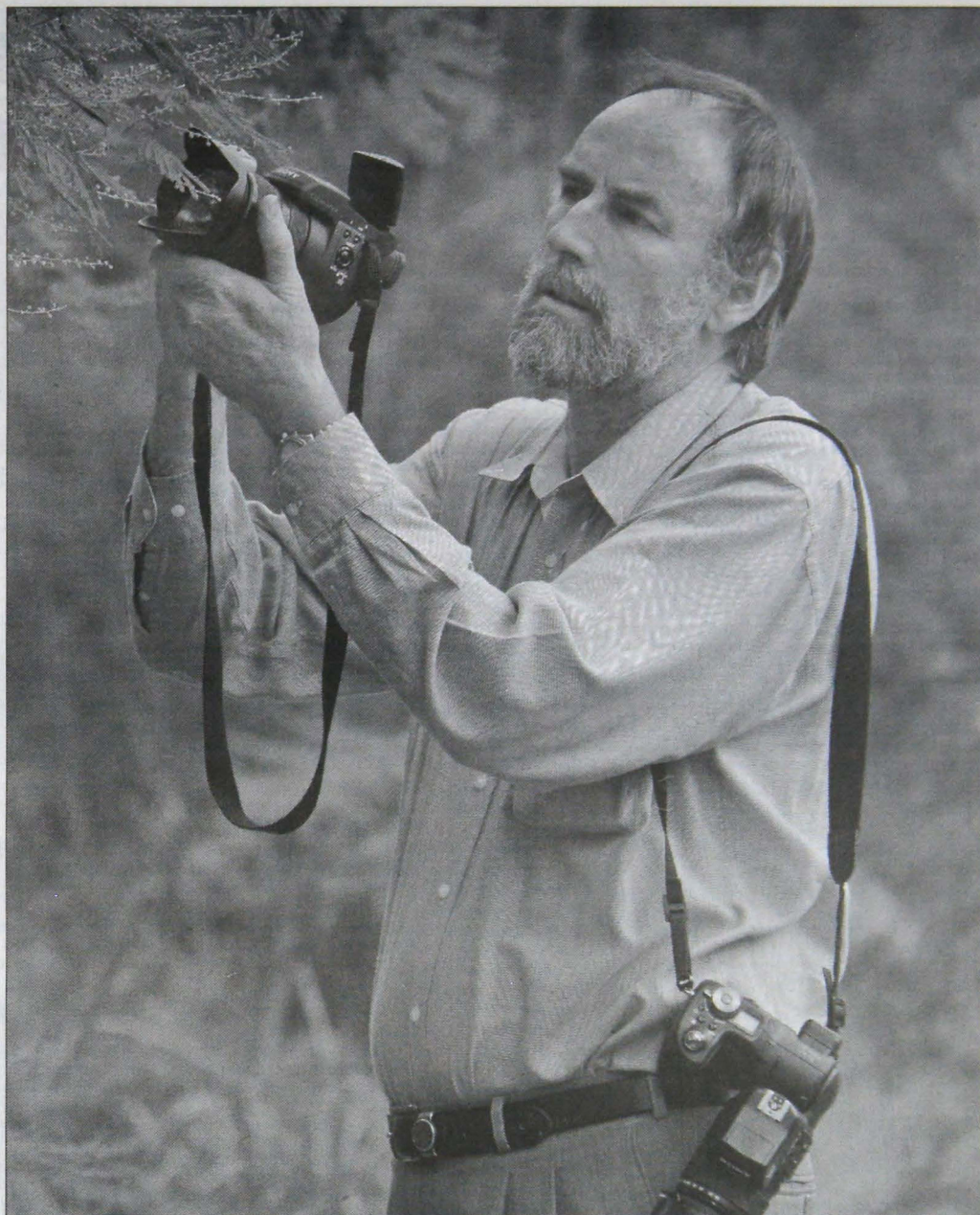
camera clubs, at high school and doing the school magazine," he said. He studied graphic design at Swinburne. "In those days they didn't want students to illustrate a shoe—they wanted ideas and content, with a strong emphasis on photography. I then started doing a bit of freelancing for newspapers so it was ongoing."

He has lived in Warrandyte for about 25 years. "I went to scout camps here and knew it well and loved the area. Half the house sales are Warrandyte people moving from one part to another."

His brother Mark is an ABC set-dresser who has worked on several productions with *Diary* editor Cliff Green over the past 25 years and his mother's brother Colin Barrie was a director of the Industrial Design Council and past dean of the RMIT art faculty.

Stephen's maternal grandfather Andrew Barrie was two when his family left Scotland in 1861 to join the Ballarat goldfields. Barrie was later apprenticed to a picture framing company, he became a photographer and bought a company in Melbourne which became renowned for its portraiture. He employed Tom Roberts who used to organise portrait sittings and paint backdrops. "My grandfather won multiple awards. He was a prolific vaudeville photographer, he was the Victorian vice-regal photographer and there are hundreds of thousands of postcards by him still available—collectors still buy them. His first wife died and he was remarried years later to a woman he used to photograph as a baby. My mother wasn't born until the 1920s so he had a long life. So there's definitely a creative gene there."

Stephen was a member of an American oceanic research society that went on an extended trip to South America in the 1970s. "Travelling with biologists and scientists I was able to go off the beaten track on the Galapagos Islands and Easter Island, into Peru, Bolivia and Chile. It was an amazing wildlife wonderland. From a photogra-



Stephen Reynolds

pher's perspective it was so different for anyone with an Anglo-Celtic background and I brought back the experience in photographs."

He has travelled extensively throughout Australia photographing for both commercial work and pleasure, covering many rock concerts and theatre. "In the 1970s I travelled to East Timor to meet two cameramen who had had trouble in Darwin getting their visas. While we were there Cyclone Tracy wrote off Darwin and their car. Shelley and I went to the Solomons on our honeymoon and to other places that were idyllic at one stage but are now trouble spots."

Apart from volunteering for the *Diary*, Stephen is very involved with committees. "I've worn at least four different hats at Warrandyte High School and even though my three kids are all post-secondary I still do the school magazine and publicity. One of the things that annoys me is that although Warrandyte people are very community minded, it's the same people doing all the work. People living half a kilometre out in their million dollar mansions are not

involved. The community group is not being replaced—scouts, church, netball—all sorts of groups."

Amongst the Reynolds' two or three thousand books are many by nature and landscape photographers that Stephen admires. Involved over the years with the Wilderness Society, the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Australian Film Institute, last summer he and Shelley toured for 7000km around West Australia looking at wildflowers. A bad hip restricts him from walking in the bush.

"My wife says I find it hard to relax. I work reasonably long hours and spend a lot more time on the computer now; my bugbear is emails. My workload on my family is a strain at times and I usually re-heat my dinner in the microwave. I'm not adept at filing—when Cliff asked me for a photograph of myself I had to ask a colleague to take a fresh one because I couldn't find one going back five or six years."

He said he had no major goals apart from developing a good business. "You are it, in the design

industry. I am the business. I work hard to satisfy the client. One day out of five I take photographs, the rest I'm art directing and dealing with clients. I've got no great desire to be wealthy but anyone who runs a business always worries about cash flow. All clients think their work has priority but I feel all things will eventually fall back into place. Apart from my family, my photography will be my memorial."

"On my way home, when I get to Harris Gully Road I really feel that I'm coming back to a place that has so much to offer. To have half an acre and so much bush with kangaroos and koalas only 30km from the city, Warrandyte is something to cherish," he said.

"On my wife's side the family is scattered so we visit them and from the kids' perspective the country life, riding tractors and motorbikes on the farm is something lots of others don't get. I reflect on the past and look ahead in terms of months rather than years. We won't be leaving Warrandyte and will spend our dying days here if we can. It's a major influence on us as a family."

## Things I have come to know



Witches are real,  
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Never have too many forks in the pot.

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Finding a home,  
A matter of faith,  
Can be a long trip and you might have to wait.

Bunjil above me,  
The Mindie below,  
I walk a hard line as I learn to go slow.

PAUL HARTWOOD

## Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

# Finals action certain for Big V Venom

Warrandyte Venom's 2008 Big V season will culminate in finals action, but at this stage it remains unclear how many home finals local fans will get to see.

The month of August looms as a potential four-week festival of finals for the team should they progress to the grand final. Venom coach Justin Nelson is hopeful his team will go one better than last season's runners-up performance.

"It's been a really tough season in many respects," said Nelson. "We've had the toughest draw of all teams and we've lost a couple of players along the way, but we're focused on peaking at the right end of the season and having a red-hot go at winning the title."

"We have strong leaders and have uncovered some emerging talent. The future is bright and more so than ever before we are confident Warrandyte can compete at this very

high level of basketball.

"I'm really happy with the progress and work ethic of Nicolette Prior, Meg Dargan, Ashlee Brobbel, Mollie Burke, Philippa Birch and Caitlin Hallett.

"They are all training hard and are the senior players of the future. It's really exciting to see them stepping up and craving the chance to listen and learn," Nelson said.

"We also recently completed a program with at least a dozen more emerging juniors training under the guidance of WNBL players Jo Metcalfe and Kate Cohen.

"That's the kind of tuition that really makes a lasting impact and we hope it leads to an increase in work ethic, intensity and commitment for those players.

"We strong some of our older players will retire at the end of this season and if I'm coaching next year I've already declared that we will be pro-

moting our youngsters. After two seasons, it's time for our kids to take the next step in 2009 and for the program to showcase this talent."

Part of the future plan is also likely to centre on a crop of exciting mid-20 year olds, all of whom are enjoying a productive 2008.

"The likes of Jazmine Borella, Chelsea Ransom, Billie Addlem and Jess Oram are our next group of leaders.

"They are all playing really well and I have no doubt they will lead the team going forward.

"I'm also hopeful Lauren and Carla Sabidussi will return to the seniors next year after completing their VCE studies. They also form a part of our future plans."

With home games against Coburg, Diamond Valley and Sunbury still to come towards the end of July, the Venom will enjoy time to fine-tune their plans for the finals.

The team currently sits second on the ladder with 12 wins from 15 games, more than enough to secure a finals berth with five home and away games remaining. Four of those games will be against other finals teams, Werribee, Coburg and Diamond Valley.

The start of the run in to the finals was the long road trip to Warrnambool to take on last year's premiers, the Mermaids.

For the first time at the Warrnambool stadium, the Venom came away with a win, 72-66.

In the first half both sides at various times established leads only to surrender the advantage. The Venom were hampered with an ankle injury to Jazmine Borella in the opening quarter and she took no further part in the game.

It was the third quarter where the Venom set up the win. Venom guard Sally Phillips started the ball rolling

with a three point play, but the Mermaids replied immediately. Neither side could establish anything like a lead until with four minutes to go, the Venom stopped the Mermaids attack, and three point specialist Jodi Kennedy lived up to her reputation with a successful outside shot. The Venom took an eight point lead into three quarter time break.

In the final stanza, the Venom were able to control the play to record the win.

Jodi Kennedy (17 points, including five three pointers) and Sally Phillips also with 17 were the main contributors on the score board with Addlem heading the rebounds with 13.

Coach Nelson's strategy of giving the younger players the opportunity was shown with Nicolette Prior putting in a solid 11 minute effort that produced five points and one rebound.

## Basketball shorts



Newly qualified referee, Caleb Broderick.

## Caleb earns his green shirt

Caleb Broderick has completed his first games as a fully qualified referee.

Caleb, probably one of the youngest referees to be fully qualified at Warrandyte, joins others including Demi Joy, Matt Lane, Amber Saunders and Jarrod Buzzini in the green shirt.

The green shirt does not mean that they are not fully qualified referees. This shirt is part of the National Coloured Shirt Program and is to make beginner/inexperienced officials easily recognisable to all players, coaches and spectators with the objective that people will identify these officials as learning and will be tolerant of mistakes.

## Basketballers set sights on new season

The half way point of the 2008 Friday night basketball season is barely past and already Warrandyte Venom are putting in plans for the 2008/09 season.

The association has shown amazing growth over recent years with 26 teams competing in the elite competition.

Tryouts for the teams will start on September 21, but two special sessions will be held before that for domestic players (who do not currently play Friday night).

This gives domestic players a chance to experience some of the drills and skills required to play in the Friday night competition before making a decision on whether or not to attend tryouts.

Players from all domestic clubs are welcome, particularly from the local region at Warrandyte Redbacks, Park Orchards Steelers and Maroondah Magic.

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# Breakthrough win for Venom U20s

After being close in recent weeks, the Venom's Under 20 girls recorded their first win of the season in the top Victorian Champion division, with a 50-38 win over Ringwood.

A strong second quarter by the Venom turned a four point deficit into a 27-23 lead at the break.

The Venom opened strongly in the third stanza and were able to keep the Ringwood Hawks at bay for the win.

"Ten out of t10 for effort" said coach Brian Rolfe after the game.

The last time they played, Ringwood won by 35 points. This was a totally different performance from Warrandyte with higher intensity.

"Everyone contributed and the defence was as good as it has been all year," said Rolfe.

Tanlia Higgs top scored with 16 points, followed by Lauren Sabidussi with 14 and sister Carla with 10.

Finals are probably out of the question for the Venom but this win will not be the last.

The following game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre should have been easy for the Venom's Under 18 Metro boys playing last placed Camberwell.

Warrandyte were weakened by the absence of a number of key players with Lachlan Morris coming in to support the team.

Warrandyte looked to be in

control at the half time break, leading 23-18.

They could not sustain the effort in the second half and with a high foul count, they were desperately trying to hold on.

Late in the game Camberwell edged in front and the Venom boys were unable to recover going down 42-35.

Matt Lane with 16 points and centre, Kieran Murphy were the main contributors on the scoreboard.

"A tough game and the boys did well with a weakened team" was coach Stephen Murphy's comment.

In a thriller at the high school, Warrandyte's Under 16 Eastern boys pulled out a

draw against Collingwood in the last seconds.

The Venom trailed by six points for most of the second half but came back strongly in the last three minutes.

Collingwood had a three point margin with 20 seconds to go as Chris Geeve was fouled as he went up for the goal.

The points counted and another point from the line tied the scores at 39 all.

Chris ended up with 13 points with nine from Centre Brandon Meize and seven from Ben Ryding.

Warrandyte retain fourth spot on the ladder and if they continue this form in the remaining rounds, they will be playing finals.

# Under 15 Redback girls head division ladder

The mid year school term break marks the half way point of the Saturday basketball season for the Warrandyte Redbacks.

Kelli Taylor's Under 15 A grade girls continue to perform well, defeating Balwyn 49-23 in an early game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

While all contributed, it was at one stage the Meg Dargan show, with a number of turn overs leading to baskets.

Meg finished with a game high 16 points closely followed by Amber Saunters with 14 and Rose Piazza with 10. The girls are sitting on top of the ladder in a very competitive and high standard competition.

At the other end of the basketball journey, Demi's Joy's Under 9 D grade girls had a 16-10 win over Nunawading Vikings.

Phoebe Joy and Amy Potter each scored six points with Jacinta Haikal and Ellie Caruana contributing two.

"The girls are having a fun time, and starting to work together as a team," said Demi after the game.

Later in the day, Demi changed roles from coach to a training referee. In a good day for her, referees' Advisor

Laurie Nelson passed her and she is now a fully qualified referee. Watch out for her in a green shirt next term.

The results were not as good for the Redbacks Under 11 A grade boys, who were easily outpointed by Bulleen by 50-25.

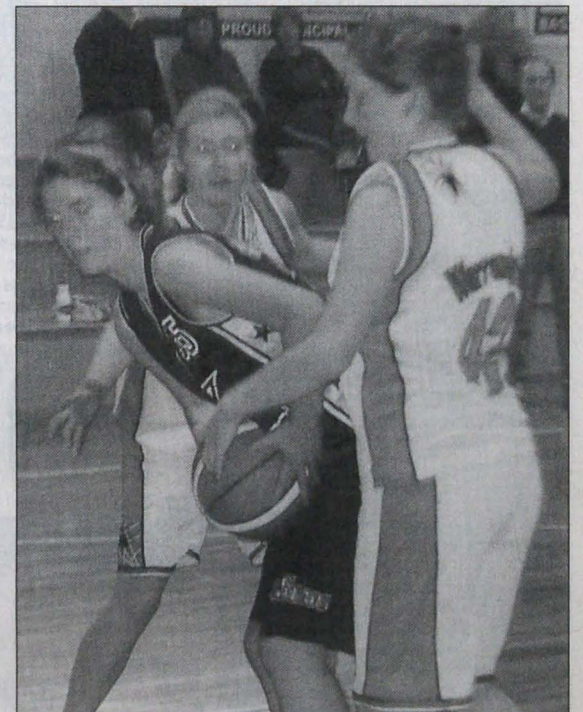
Bulleen seemed to be able to shoot the ball from anywhere on court, but the young Redback boys continued to try for the whole game even though they only had five players.

Kane Keppell top scored for the Redbacks with 11 points, with support from Darcy Trenfield (5), John Moloney and Joshua Gill (4 each), with the final score from Jules Jones.

Close but not close enough was the result from the Under 13 D grade game in the Warrandyte and Balwyn boys' game.

Balwyn held a comfortable lead at the break but the Redbacks lifted the tempo in the final minutes to bring the game to a two point margin. There was no fairytale result and the shots did not fall.

Ben Arnold and Jack Eadie each scored eight points and were well supported by Ben McMellan (3) and Ryan Chamberlain and Emerson Longfield (2).



Warrandyte's Lisa Rennie forces a jump ball in the Under 17 game against Collingwood.



Auskick round-up with Edward Munks



# Tiger tough for local Auskickers

Emerging through the mist on a cold and rainy June Saturday morning Richmond's up-and-coming ruckman/key forward, the 202 cm Dean Putt came down to help the youngsters at Warrandyte's Auskick session.

Dean was under instructions to put the Auskickers through their paces but in a role reversal they gave Dean a thorough Warrandyte Auskick workout.

Dean began with putting the Auskickers through the morning's program that included handballing and kicking skills sessions, the ever favourite tackling practice with the NAB tackleman and marking drills.

Dean then adjourned to what he thought was the safety and comfort of playing centre half forward in one of the grid games.

Led by Sebastian Nitschinsk, Matthew Mills, Ben McShanag, Ben Dal Sasso and Joshua Ball the kids chased, harried and tackled the big Richmond man with tremendous vigour.

This had the effect of other players running to get the loose ball with Austin Humphris, Luke Papez and Callum Smith gaining many kicks to the Collingwood crazy duo of Hayden and Kailynn Menzies and Mitchell Snowball.

Dean approached the day in the right spirit and was good fun. We wish him well with his Tigers AFL career.

With the season nearly half way through, the skills of the players has improved considerably.

Among the notable improvers are Matthew Higgins and Roy Sisson with their kicking, Megan Wiltshire and Finn McHugh with their marking, Tynan Kontos with handball, the determined Archer Rostron with his commitment to getting the ball in a game and Billy Podmore with his tackling.

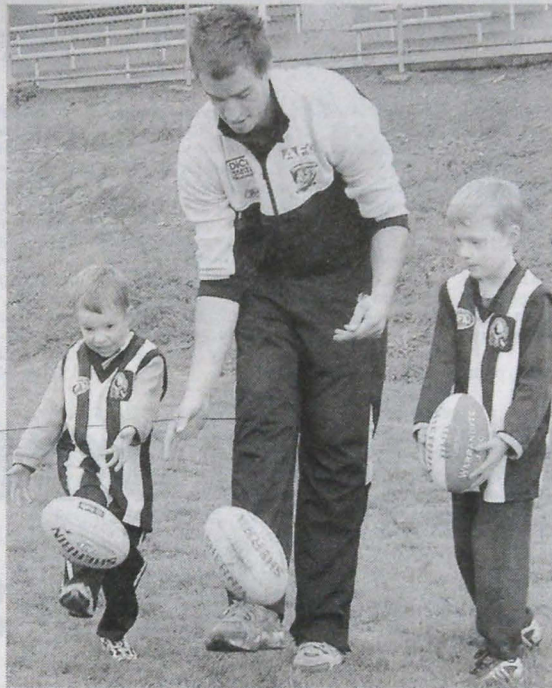
A barbecue will also be held at the Auskick session after the school holidays on July 12 and later that day an Auskick game will be held at the half time of the Warrandyte seniors game as part of their past players day function.

All young footballers are invited to participate and parents and relatives can also enjoy the hospitality of the football clubs facilities and watch the senior Bloods in their game.

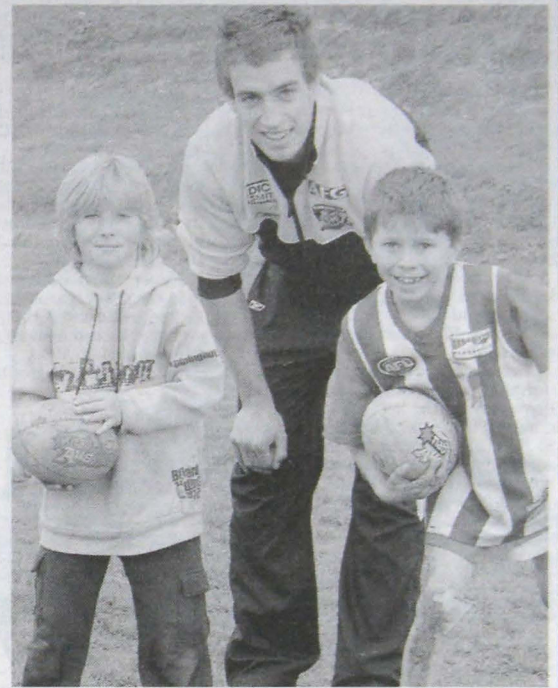
Congratulations to former Warrandyte Auskickers Reece McKenzie and Tim Nilsson for representing the strong YJFL inter-league teams for the Under 13 and Under 14 sides respectively.

The YJFL Under 14s won their grand final and emerged as the best team in their age group in Melbourne.

Reece has also made the 12-year-old Victorian school-boys team that will play their football carnival in Darwin later this month.



Thomas and Matthew Grayden learn some kicking skills from Richmond's Dean Putt.



Luan Phillip-Owen and Sam Munks with Richmond's Dean Putt.



Ben Munks with Richmond's Dean Putt.



Connor Martin stretches for a mark.



Callum Bowers holds on to a chest mark.

# Combined team wins for Eagles

Warrandyte and Park Orchards Auskick centres represented West Coast Eagles against Essendon in the half time little league match at the Telstra Dome last month.

It was also the first time that a Warrandyte side had a distinct height advantage over its opponents and combined with Park Orchards' superior leg speed, the combined team was able to post an easy four goals to nil victory over the Bombers.

Wide-eyed youngsters Karl Papez, Jordan Harris and second gamer Daniel Abbott were not overawed out on the centre of the ground and were busy running around seeking the ball in a fast paced game.

Kiama Harris-Allan had a great game at half forward and had the thrill of a life time in representing the team he supports.

Best player on the ground was stand-in ruckman Ben Arnold and while not the tallest player on the field he was not beaten in the ruck.

He gave first use of the ball to busy on-baller Jack Schroeder who accumulated many kicks, Tom Macrokanis who used his skills in bouncing and weaving down the middle of the ground, Matthew George and the ever reliable Lionel Hunt.

The backline was led superbly by the dashing Jackson Durran at centre half back who combined well with the Park Orchards trio of full back Joshua Choveaux, James Fason and Will Standish.

The defenders also showed plen-

ty of dash by repeatedly repelling the Essendon attacks and then chased and harassed their opponents all night to drive the ball further afield to the strong marking Jack Poole at centre half forward and the quick leading Rob McKenzie at full forward.

Small forwards Josh Powell and Jacob Price were kept busy with Jacob scoring a magnificent goal from the boundary line.

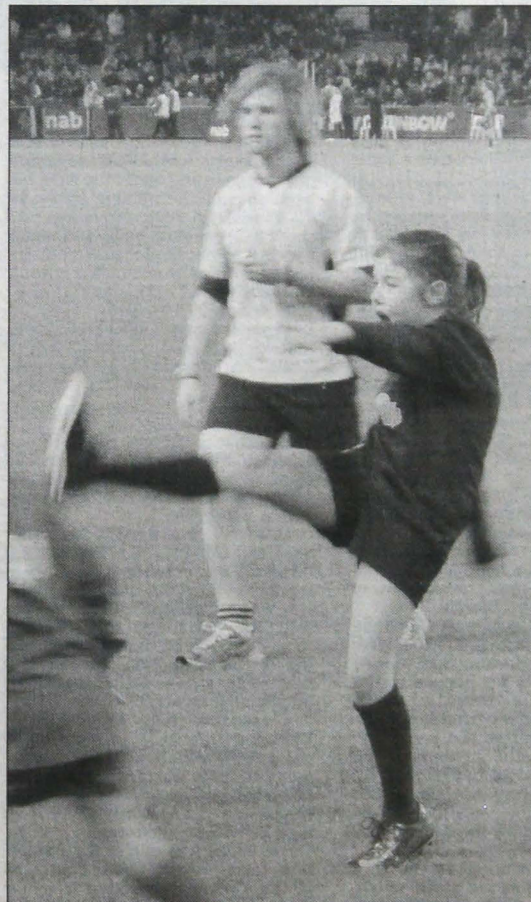
Sam Munks on a wing won the ball only twice but kicked truly both times to the elusive forward Ben Sproat who took two spectacular second half marks in the forward line.

Half time saw the backs become forwards and the forwards become backs and the four reserves were able to come onto the ground with Hewitt Murray making his presence immediately felt with his strong marking and long kicking in the forward line.

The match enabled Warrandyte Auskickers to mix and make new friends with the Park Orchards representatives.

Warrandyte and Park Orchards Auskicks were representing the Eastern Ranges region. For more details on a football pathway to the AFL check their website at eastern-ranges.aflvic.com.au or contact Anthony Parkin on 9724 9488.

For information on joining Warrandyte Auskick please contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191 or edwardmunks@dodo.com.au.



Chloe Stark in action during an Auskick grid game at Telstra Dome.

# Beating the grid lock at Docklands

While the older members of the Warrandyte Auskick were taking part in the little league game at half time between Essendon and West Coast, 12 younger footballers from Warrandyte Auskick descended on Telstra Dome in mid June to play a football grid game.

This Auskick grid game is now their new footballing highlight in their up-to-now brief football careers.

In a highly competitive game where scores are not supposed to be kept but the players know both side's scores down to the last point, all the players were able to participate in the footballing action.

None of the players were daunted by the occasion and played splendid team football showcasing their emerging skills to the large crowd in attendance.

There was long kicking from the big pair of Connor Martin and Ben Jackson, Chis Judd-like passing from Ben Munks and Harper Oehlmann, chest marking skills from Nathan Stewart and Chloe Stark that Jonathon Brown would be proud of, great Polly Farmer like handballing from Oscar Lang and Ethan McShanag, high marking that was reminiscent of Gary Ablett from Hudson Dostron and Luke McAndrew and James Bartell like ground skills from Oscar Hodgson and Jarrah Smith.

It is hoped that these fine young footballers could be forming the nucleus of the Warrandyte Bloods Tackers side in the next two years.

With 12 players to pick from 120 registered players it was difficult to select the lucky participants and it is hoped that Warrandyte will be luckier in securing additional games in the coming seasons to give all the children a chance to participate in these games.

Even though all the players involved were highly excitable at the game, their behaviour was excellent and were a credit to Warrandyte.

## Reserves have top four goal

Despite dropping two of their last four matches, the reserves have maintained their spot in the top four on the EFL ladder.

Recent losses have made it near impossible for the Bloods to climb higher up the ladder, with Boronia, Mooroolbark and Waverley all two games and substantial percentage above them.

After accounting for Coldstream by 50 points earlier in the season, many would have assumed the result in Round 12 would be a foregone conclusion.

This was a different side to the one that played in the earlier match however, with no less than 14 changes from the team that ran out in Round 3, injuries having taken a serious toll on the Warrandyte playing list in recent weeks.

The Bloods started well, kicking the first four goals of the match. Tim Beasley continued his golden form, dominating the centre clearances, and Campbell Holland got his hands on the ball early, slotting through two first quarter goals.

Unfortunately for the Bloods, the intensity shown early in the match disappeared at the quarter time huddle and Coldstream were allowed to kick five consecutive goals in the second quarter to bring them right back into the match and take a five point lead into half time.

From there it was an even tussle, with the two teams trading goal for goal. The match went down to the wire, the Bloods eventually going down by one straight kick and left ruing a missed opportunity.

**Warrandyte 13.5 - 83**

**Coldstream 14.5 - 89**

Best: T. Beasley, G. Carle, P. Burgoyne, L. Ebzery, C. Holland, J. Logan

Goals: C. Holland 5, T. Beasley 3, G. Carle 2, B. Zach, M. Cowen, M. Sazenis

### ROUND 11

In what is in danger of becoming a recurring bad habit for the reserves, Round 11 saw the Bloods turn a strong quarter time position into an embarrassing blowout against one of the top sides in the division.

Behind by just a point at quarter time, Warrandyte were held to just one goal for the next two quarters of footy, compared with Waverley's 10.

A disappointing fadeout saw the Bloods suffer their worst defeat in a long time, going down by 111 points.

In a remarkable solo display, burly full-forward Campbell Holland kicked all six of the Warrandyte goals, finishing with six goals two - the rest of the side managing just four behinds between them.

**Warrandyte 6.6 - 36**

**Waverley 23.15 - 153**

Best: D. Heller, J. Logan, C. Holland, G. Carle, B. Wilton, S. Lockie

Goals: C. Holland 6

### ROUND 10

Warrandyte were determined to make a statement against Mitcham in Round 10 after some had questioned the endeavour of the side in recent weeks.

Showing what can be achieved when all 22 players commit to doing their job for the team, the Bloods held Mitcham to just one goal for the first three quarters of football and led by 59 points at three quarter time and finally won by 80 points.

Matt Sazenis, a talented local cricketer, kicked two goals on debut for the Bloods. Rangy flanker Steve Garrett also kicked two in his return from a serious shoulder injury, and Campbell Holland kicked four, aided by some pinpoint delivery from a rejuvenated Warrandyte midfielder.

**Warrandyte 18.11 - 119**

**Mitcham 6.3 - 39**

Best: J. Logan, T. Beasley, A. Gamble, G. Carle, V. Jones, G. Godwin

Goals: C. Holland 4, G. Carle 2, S. Garrett 2, J. Logan 2, A. Gamble 2, M. Sazenis 2, J. Boyce, C. Watson, L. Ebzery, M. Cowen

### ROUND 9

After suffering a heavy defeat at the hands of Mooroolbark in Round 8, the Bloods easily accounted for Whitehorse Pioneers.

**Warrandyte 13.13 - 91**

**Whitehorse 7.7 - 49**

Best: E. Jones, C. Watson, C. Chapman, J. Logan, B. Zach, R. Illingworth

Goals: R. Illingworth 4, M. Cowen 2, G. Carle, D. Thorne, T. Naughtin, B. Zach, P. O'Mara, C. Watson, L. Ebzery

# Injury finally takes its toll on Grybas

Round 11 marked the end of an era at Warrandyte Football Club. After 210 EFL games Ash Grybas announced his retirement following the match against Waverley Blues.

Making his debut for the Bloods in 1991, Ash has controlled the backline with dominating spoils and commanding voice.

Ash was an integral part of the 1993 and 2006 Premiership sides and his exceptional performances during the 1990s were acknowledged when he was named in the 'Team of the Decade 1990 - 1999'.

Never short of a word, Ash still tells the story about the two goals he kicked in Round 3 this year and the eight he kicked against the Southern Cobras back in 1999.

Ash has battled with back pain

over the past two seasons and finally succumbed to injury.

### STRETCHING: THE TRUTH

Warrandyte skills coach Brian Cartright has organised a special presentation on sports preparation to be held at the club rooms on Tuesday July 22 at 8pm.

The evening will consist of a presentation on the best methods of preparing for, and recovering from, the rigours of sport.

The session will be presented by Dawson Kidgell, from the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, Deakin University.

Dawson will speak formally about a study he has recently completed on 'Effects Of Secondary Warm Up Following Stretching'.

All those who are interested in this area are invited to attend.

Bookings are not required, however please ensure you are there prior to 8pm.

### PREMIERSHIP REUNION

This Saturday July 12 will be a reflection on one of the clubs most significant seasons.

In 1958 Warrandyte defeated Bayswater in the second semi-final and again in the grand final to win the club's first premiership.

There are eight surviving members of the premiership side who will be the toast of the 50 Year Anniversary Luncheon at 12pm this Saturday preceding the Round 13 clash with Nunawading.

The \$30 entry includes a two

course lunch, beer and wine, as well as a special guest speaker. Book with Andrew Rodgers on 0411 519 671 or email warrandyte@eefl.org.au.

### MATCH TO BEAT CANCER

The annual WFC Ladies Charity Match will be held on Saturday July 26 at 7pm following the home game against Upper Gully.

This is a special event that raises funds for the Cancer Council of Victoria and last year the club raised more than \$2000.

There will be a short presentation at 8.30pm, and following that, all are invited to celebrate another successful fundraiser.

Girls and ladies who are interested in being involved, please contact Tom Naughtin on 0421 231 419.

# Young Bloods are key to club's future

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

Warrandyte has struggled to keep pace with the rest of the field in Eastern Football League Division Three in recent weeks, registering a sixth straight loss on Saturday at Coldstream.

In worrying signs for the Bloods, Saturday's loss was also the sixth time this season they have lost by a margin of 10 goals or more.

After a dream start to the season, (Warrandyte was placed fourth on the ladder after six rounds with four wins and two losses), the subsequent slide has seen the Bloods slump to eighth.

Warrandyte now sit above only Mitcham and the struggling Templestowe, who have just one win on the board and are looking squarely in the face of relegation.

Despite the heavy losses suffered in recent weeks, all is not doom and gloom, with the Bloods continuing in their ongoing policy of developing the youth of the club.

Young talent such as Jason Khouri and Tyson Fitzgerald are examples of players who have gained invaluable experience in the senior side in the first half of season 2008. In all, 17 players have made their senior debut for the Bloods this year.

The Bloods looked good in the opening minutes of their Round 12 match against Coldstream, with gun forward Mick Morello leading and marking strongly twice in the space of four minutes.

Unfortunately both shots for goal were sprayed wide and Coldstream were able to clear easily.

The first 10 minutes were an arm-wrestle, with both sides unable to get their first goal on the board. Coldstream eventually broke the deadlock with a goal to Dave Trueman, the first of his seven for the day.

While the Bloods were failing to capitalise on their opportunities, Coldstream were finding space in their forward line and receiving sharp delivery from their midfield.

The Bloods went into the first term break trailing by four goals and the second quarter was the Leam Doughty show as the Coldstream captain took the game by the scruff of the neck and demoralised his Warrandyte opponents.

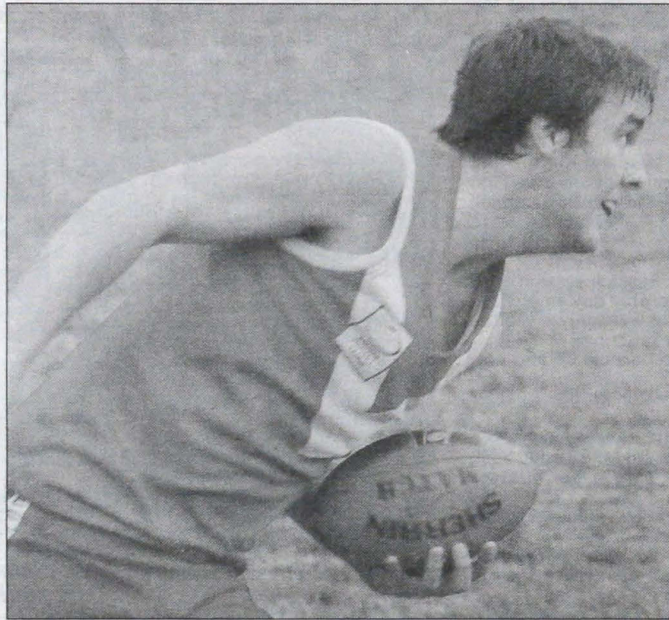
Doughty kicked three goals for the quarter and had a hand in three others as his team took the game away from the lacklustre Bloods.

Behind by 64 points at half time and with just one goal on the board, coach Graeme Hocking questioned the endeavour of his players in the rooms and implored them to regain some pride in their performance.

The third quarter did see some improvement in the intensity of the Warrandyte players, but once again opportunities were not converted into shots on goal and the Bloods were again soundly beaten on the scoreboard.

Doughty continued to have a major influence on the game, finishing with eight goals after dealing with four different Warrandyte opponents.

Morello kicked two goals from lim-



Ben Taylor has been a consistent contributor for the Bloods this season.

ited opportunities and Cal Haskings was clearly best on ground for the Bloods.

Haskings, in his first year of consistent senior football after a couple of seasons in and out of the side, has been one of the shining lights for Warrandyte in 2008, providing hard running from half back and much needed physical pressure with his fearless attack on the ball.

**Warrandyte 4.7 - 31**

**Coldstream 25.14 - 164**

Best: C. Haskings, L. Evans, V. Jones, B. Reid, B. Torney

Goals: M. Morello 2, L. Evans, R. Illingworth

### ROUND 11

Warrandyte went into their Round 11 clash with Waverley determined to make amends for the embarrassing result when the two teams met earlier in the year.

That day saw the Bloods suffer one of the biggest defeats in their history, going down by 174 points to a rampant Waverley side.

It was a matter of restoring some pride for Warrandyte this time and they were able to match it with the top of the table Blues for the first half, going into the main break down by just nine points.

A second half fadeout saw Waverley draw away to record a 59 point win, which although disappointing for a Warrandyte side that had a sniff of victory at half time, it was also a huge improvement from their previous encounter.

Lee Evans was one of the Bloods' best, taking several strong contested marks around the ground in something of a return: to form and bustling Ben Taylor was also impressive.

**Warrandyte 10.12 - 72**

**Waverley Blues 20.11 - 131**

Best: L. Evans, B. Taylor, B. Torney, M. Wood, C. Haskings, G. Godwin

Goals: M. Morello 3, M. Wood 2, B. Taylor 2, J. Eldridge, T. Naughtin, A. Gamble

### ROUND 10

After accounting for Mitcham by 50 points in Round 1, Warrandyte would have gone into their Round 10 clash confident of repeating the earlier result.

For those who played in the 2006 premiership it would also be their first time back playing at Walker Park since the Grand Final.

The first quarter saw the Bloods with the majority of the play, but skill errors and lack of accountability allowed Mitcham to work their way into the match.

Warrandyte turned a three point quarter time lead into a 10 point half time deficit and a Mitcham side that had only won one game in the first half of the season sensed that they had a real chance of causing an upset.

Mitcham simply wanted the ball more than their Warrandyte opponents and in the space of 10 minutes at the start of the third quarter, they had piled on four goals to nothing to draw out to a six goal lead.

With Luke Naughtin on the way to hospital with an abdominal injury and Ben Torney and Paul Bellofiore also struggling with injuries, it was all bad news for the Bloods and the more eager Mitcham side ran right over the top of them to record a morale boosting 78 point win.

Matt Wood and Grant McAdam tried hard for the Bloods on a day when red and white winners were few and far between.

**Warrandyte 6.6 - 36**

**Mitcham 21.14 - 114**

Best: M. Wood, G. McAdam, M. Morello, T. Naughtin, C. Haskings, E. Jones

Goals: B. Torney 2, M. Wood, P. Brown, M. Morello, D. Hand

### ROUND 9

The Round 9 encounter between Warrandyte and Whitehorse was the first time the two sides had met since Warrandyte defeated the Pioneers in the 2006 Grand Final.

With three late changes to the Warrandyte side and early injuries to captain Luke Dunn and young crumbing forward Tyson Fitzgerald the team was not as strong as hoped, although the Bloods showed promise early and took a slender lead into the half time break.

The Pioneers took the lead early in the third term, however, and once they got their noses in front they didn't look back.

Warrandyte coach Graeme Hocking blamed poor decision making and basic skill errors as the major contributing factor to a disappointing 35 point loss.

**Warrandyte 12.9 - 81**

**Whitehorse 17.14 - 116**

Best: L. Naughtin, G. McAdam, B. Taylor, C. Haskings, M. Wood, M. Morello

Goals: M. Morello 6, J. Eldridge 2, D. Rowe, A. Gamble, R. Mullett Treloar

## Finals almost out of reach for Colts

Mixed results for the Colts in the last month, with wins against Whitehorse and Mitcham followed by losses against Waverley and Coldstream.

Although technically not impossible, it will now be very difficult for the Bloods to claim a place in the final four. The Bloods sit in fifth spot, three wins and almost 100 percentage points behind fourth placed Boronia.

### ROUND 12

**Warrandyte 2.11 - 23**

**Coldstream 6.14 - 50**

Best: J. Bentley, J. Rigby, T. Lavery, K. Stoffels, J. Wright, G. Westgarth

Goals: K. Stoffels, T. Lavery

### ROUND 11

**Warrandyte 6.6 - 36**

**Waverley 9.13 - 67**

Best: M. Whittle, J. Hale, W. Ponsford, Z. Boyce, G. Westgarth, K. Stoffels

Goals: J. Hall 2, J. Rigby, K. Dimech, W. Ponsford, H. Corke

### ROUND 10

**Warrandyte 10.16 - 76**

**Mitcham 5.7 - 37**

### ROUND 9

**Warrandyte 13.10 - 88**

**Whitehorse 8.14 - 62**

Best: R. Ansaldo, A. Venables, M. Dunn, W. Ponsford, J. Rigby, K. Stoffels

Goals: R. Ansaldo 4, W. Ponsford 3, R. Brown 2, K. Stoffels, J. Bentley, G. Westgarth, D. Wood

# Warrandyte girls named for volleyball titles

Three Warrandyte girls have been selected to play in the National Volleyball Competition this year.

Stephanie Freemantle has been selected in the State Under 19 team and plays in Melbourne from the 7-11 July at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong.

She has also represented her State at Under 15 and Under 17 level.

Emily Waugh and Brigitte Freemantle have been selected to play in the VSSA State Under 16 volleyball team.

This national competition is scheduled to be held in Adelaide from August 23-29. Both girls have also represented their State in Under 15s.

All girls previously attended Warrandyte Primary School before moving to Yarra Valley Grammar for their secondary schooling.

They all started playing volleyball at Warrandyte primary and were able to take up the opportunities offered to them at Yarra Valley, being a very strong school in volleyball.

All girls also play in a State League volleyball competition on a Saturday afternoon. The girls were selected from a very large pool of competitors after a number of trials to comprise a team of 12.

Emily and Brigitte have also been selected in the National Youth Girl's Squad of the Australian Volleyball Federation, which is strongly affiliated with the Australian Institute of Sport.



Warrandyte's national volleyball representatives, from left Emily Waugh, Stephanie Freemantle and Brigitte Freemantle.

# New lease of life for Dolphin swimmers

Warrandyte's Chris Killey says that swimming has twice saved her life.

Chris is one of five local residents who are part of the Doncaster Dolphins Aussie Masters Swimming Club, based at the Doncaster Aquarena Centre.

The other members are Robin Gillespie, Rod Clarke, Dee Sheffrin and Alan Gibson.

The Dolphins club has proven to be a stepping stone for many members to take part in the Masters Games series.

Chris started swimming as a form of rehabilitation from surgery and during pregnancy.

"Being fit from swimming has saved my life on two occasions," she said.

"I never thought that I would compete as a swimmer and have been thrilled to have competed in 10 national events all over Australia and in the World Masters Games in New Zealand, Italy, Melbourne and Perth."

The Dolphins program provides the opportunity for members to compete in their age groups over a variety of distances and in all strokes.

Rod Clarke recently contested the Perth Masters Games, swimming in the 60-64 years age group. He swam in a variety of events including the 3km open water event in which he finished 25th.

Rod has also competed in a recent triathlon series and won his age group.



Warrandyte residents who are members of the Doncaster Dolphins Aussie Masters Swimming Club, from left Robin Gillespie, Rod Clarke, Chris Killey, Alan Gibson and Dee Sheffrin.

Dee represented her country in England in swimming as a child but then turned to athletics where she competed in marathons.

She came to Australia in her late 20s and although she continued with athletics, raising a family made it difficult for her to find time for training and she returned to swimming in the mid 1990s.

"I became interested in swimming again when the Masters series came to Melbourne in 1995. I entered and won medals and then I decided to join the Dolphins,"

she said.

Her best performance in the Masters was third place in the 100 metres breaststroke in the World Games in Melbourne in 2002.

Dee has since achieved a number of national records for her age group in the breaststroke and individual medley.

"But the highlight was the Fina World Masters Games in Perth earlier this year when I made the top 10 in all five events I entered," she said.

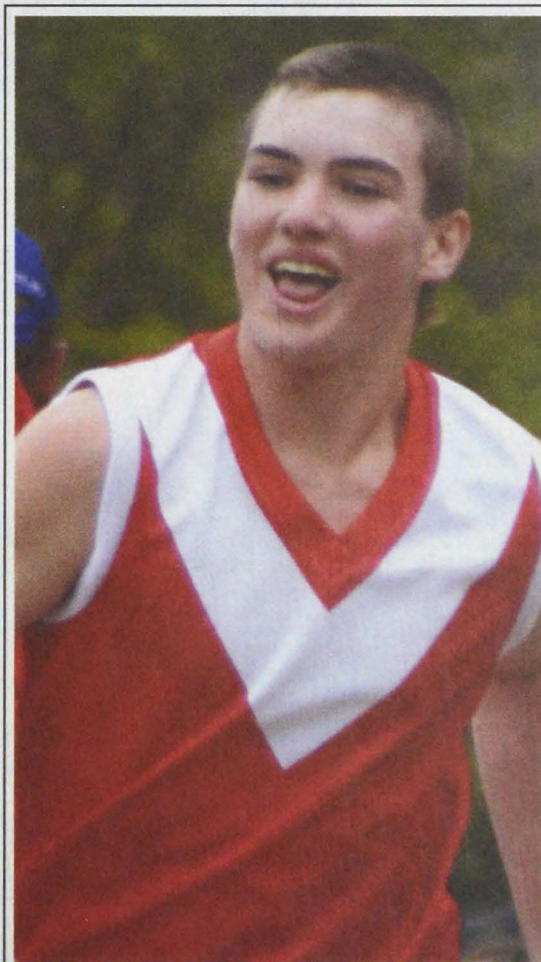
Alan was a middle distance international runner and

thought his competitive sporting days were over after a series of injuries caused by his grueling training regime.

But two years ago he joined the Dolphins and was inspired by the club's living legend, Dorothy Dickey who at 80 years of age won a gold medal for her age group at the Perth World Masters titles.

Robin is also a keen member of the Dolphins and looks after the popular aerobic program at the club.

If you are interested in joining the Dolphins call Alan Gibson on 0419 161 439.



David Beasley reached 100 games for Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

# Century up for David Beasley

Warrandyte Junior Football Club's vice captain, David Beasley, reached the milestone of 100 games late last month.

David is one of four brothers to play with Warrandyte. Eldest brother, Tim, now plays with the senior club while younger brothers Sam and Josh play in under-age teams.

David played a key role in the Colts 61 point win over Beverley Hills which has put the team in third place on the ladder.

The highlights of the game other than David's 100 game milestone were Tristan Valentino's domination in the ruck and Shane Biggs great haul of eight goals.

Round 10 saw the Colts play away at St Mary's and despite being at a disadvantage with only 18 players (with seven players away on the annual Warrandyte High Kakadu camp) and the opposition fielding a six man bench, the Bloods still managed a hard won two point victory in very muddy conditions.

# Supersmashers back at Warrandyte

Supersmashers will be on again at Warrandyte Tennis Club next month.

This program, now in its fifth year, will begin on August 17 and continue every Sunday morning until September 15 from 10.30am to 12noon.

It will conclude with a grand finale including a spit roast, fun activities for the children and trophies for all participants.

Supersmashers is geared towards 5-12-year-olds who would like to learn how to play tennis.

Children will be taught all the tennis strokes, related fitness tips as well as court etiquette.

Each participant will receive a 'smashpack' including such items as a tennis racket, T-shirt, cap and drink bottle. Numbers are limited and entry forms are now available from the tennis club, Warrandyte Consulting Rooms (physiotherapy window), Craig Haslam (9844 4625) or Michelle Gilling (98442025).

The program will be supervised by the club coach

and the cost is \$80.

The clubhouse at Warrandyte Tennis Club's South Warrandyte Annexe is undergoing a major overhaul.

When the Warrandyte and South Warrandyte Tennis Clubs amalgamated in 2005, Manningham City Council agreed to help with renovations and extensions to the building.

The original clubhouse was completed in 1975 with help of the then City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

It is now being fully renovated with a new kitchen and

new toilets including one suitable for the disabled. A reverse cycle air conditioner is being installed.

The work is being fully funded by Manningham City Council and is expected to be finished by mid-July.

President of Warrandyte Tennis Club, Mark Bence said: "This will provide another first-rate facility for members of the tennis club and the community at large"

The courts at South Warrandyte are available for hire. Enquiries to the secretary on 9844 1860.

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 Support your favourite Warrandyte businesses by voting online at  
[www.leaderawards.com.au](http://www.leaderawards.com.au) before Friday 11 July 2008.  
 You'll go into the draw to win a \$2,500 Flight Centre voucher!  
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**warrandyte** private sale  
 asking price \$350k  
 Rare opportunity to secure vacant land in Brackenbury Street! This north facing near 1/4 acre is just waiting for your dream home (stca). Walk to Yarra River, shops, cafes and transport.



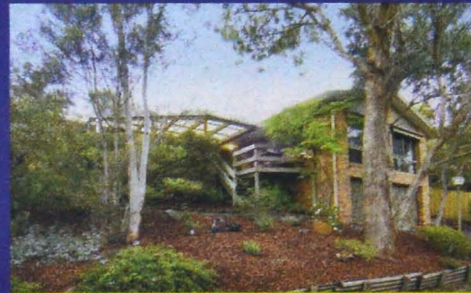
**warrandyte** private sale  
 asking price \$450k  
 Move in or rent it out – the work's all done! Renovated 3BR + study home on level 1/4 acre in fantastic central Warrandyte location! Formal lounge with ofp. Separate family living/meals. Double carport. Walk to Goldfields plaza, school, river and transport.



**warrandyte** auction  
 11am saturday 5 july, unless sold prior  
 estimated selling range \$520k-\$570k  
 4 BRs + study + studio! Situated on 1/4 acre in favourite Warrandyte family precinct. Renovated kitchen/meals. Adjacent formal lounge. Huge downstairs rumpus. Separate studio with external access. Dble garage. Walk to park, river, shops & transport.



**warrandyte** auction  
 2pm saturday 5 july, unless sold prior  
 estimated selling range \$550k-\$595k  
 The quintessential Warrandyte home, 4BR Merchant Builders residence on 1/3 acre with 4 living areas & stunning views. Formal lounge/dining. Kitchen/meals. Master suite with huge parents' retreat. Plus self-contained 1BR living zone with lounge & kitchenette. Double carport.



**warrandyte** private sale  
 estimated selling range \$590k-\$640k  
 The perfect family location! Spacious 4BR family home in favourite Warrandyte family precinct. Open plan kitchen/meals, huge adjacent family living room. Separate formal lounge with sfh. Deck plus elevated rear gardens & the convenience of bus stop at back garden gate!



**warrandyte** tender  
 closes 5pm 12 august, unless sold prior  
 estimated selling range \$570k-\$620k  
 Crowning 1/3 acre with stunning views of the Warrandyte hills, this 4BR plus study home includes formal lounge with ofp and cathedral ceiling. Open plan kitchen/meals/family. Master suite – suit conversion to 5th BR. Covered patio and terraced rear gardens. Double auto garage.

### warrandyte high school trivia night – celebrating 30 years!



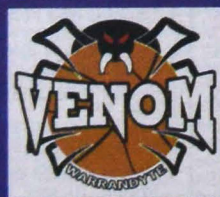
It's Disco Fever as Warrandyte High School celebrates 30 years!

What is the full name of KC of K.C. and the Sunshine Band? In which show did Dano book the bad guy? What was Mr Brady's occupation? What was 'Shirley' Strachan's real first name?

Break out the bell bottoms, buckle up the platform shoes and get ready to disco back to a time when the music was groovy and Charlie first assembled his crime fighting angels... Grab a table of eight or ten friends for Warrandyte High School's annual trivia night! To celebrate the school's 30th birthday this year's theme is the '1970s' – groovy baby!

- When:** Saturday 9 August 2008, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start
- Where:** Multipurpose Room at Anderson's Creek Primary School
- Entry:** \$20 per head includes all games and activities on the night (excluding silent auction/raffles). For tickets contact the school on 9844 2749.
- Prizes:** Lots of spot prizes including award for best dressed table

Answers: a) Harry Wayne Casey b) Hawaii Five-O c) An architect d) Graeme



Gardiner McInnes is Proud Principal Sponsor of the Warrandyte Basketball Association including Warrandyte's Big V Division 1 Women's team *Warrandyte Venom*.

See Warrandyte Venom in action at their last two home games before the finals.

1pm Sunday 20 July, playing Coburg  
 7.30pm Saturday 26 July, playing Sunbury

For more info visit [www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au](http://www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au)

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