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Housing windfall



Autumn arrives at Warrandyte kinder.
(Picture by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)

\$1.3m funds local project

By KARLY HICKMAN

Seven new social housing dwellings are to be built in Warrandyte.

Local Labor MP Brian Tee announced the \$1.3 million grant as part of the federal government's national building and economic stimulus plan.

It is anticipated that the houses will be completed by July next year.

"This investment is about supporting local workers with jobs and local families—struggling to make ends meet—with homes," Mr Tee said. "This is nation building from the ground up—brick by brick, community by community."

Sites are yet to be chosen for the houses. "All options are being explored. Expect an announcement soon," Mr Tee told the *Diary*.

He was unable to say whether private or public land would be used.

Warrandyte Housing and Support Services' Marjory Lapworth said she was interested to know where they are going to find land in Warrandyte, "and if they do how they are going to afford to build seven dwellings as well?"

"Also, will these units or dual occupancy housing be allowed in Warrandyte?" Ms Lapworth said.

A Manningham council spokesperson said that building regulations are dependent on the location and title of the land.

Ms Lapworth has been assured by Mr Tee that she will be consulted throughout the process of finding a site (or sites) for the housing.

State Liberal MP for Warrandyte, Ryan Smith, said he "welcomes public housing in my electorate" but was concerned that finding a site could take time. "We have already been looking for retirement housing sites in Warrandyte for a while.

"The contention of the stimulus package is for projects to be on the ground very quickly so as money is being spent. I would like to know what the costs are and where the site will be," Mr Smith said.

"This \$6.4 billion package meets a number of needs. It will bring growth and reform to social housing and it will also help keep our economy strong by boosting building and construction," federal minister for housing, Tanya Plibersek, said.

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— Anonymous

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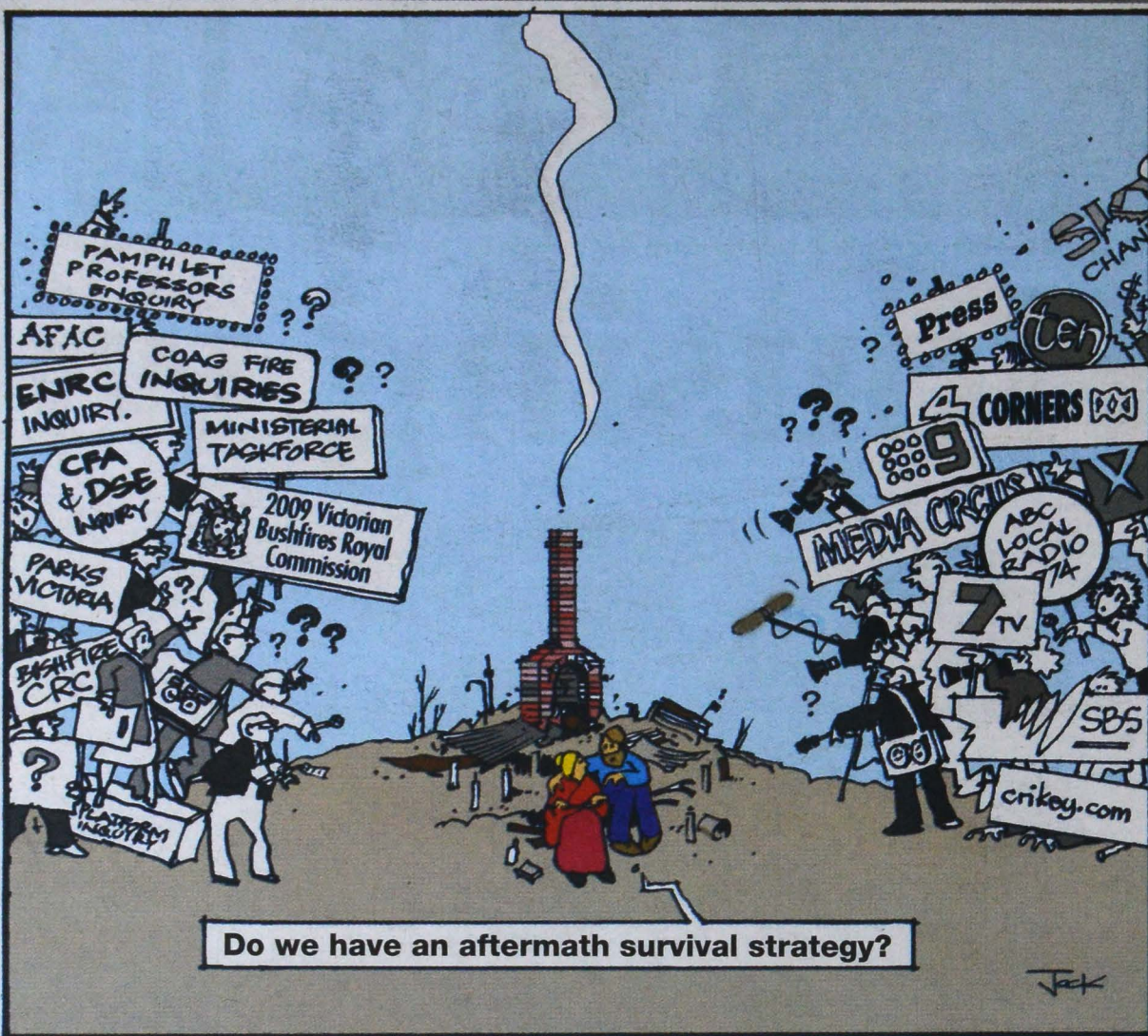
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A SPECIAL PLACE

Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 27km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. It soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Do we have an aftermath survival strategy?

A garage sale bounces back

WARRANDYTE —justly celebrated for its inflammatory landscape, oddball artists and garage sales.

Where the highlight of the weekend is scavenging through other people's crap, as advertised on shop windows, telephone poles—and the prime position for North Warrandyte venues—the middle of the roundabout.

Advertisements were joined on this particular Sunday morning on a KG Road lamp-post by Jasper's impressive effort in 200 point Helvetica Bold, cunningly Sellotaped together over four pieces of A4 and mounted on a flattened Corona carton.

◀GARBAGE SALE 48 DINGLEY DELL, it read, which Jasper thought was funny though nobody else seemed to notice his whimsical spelling.

Fortunately, Neville had gone out early that morning, because it was largely his garage Narelle wanted to sell off. All that computer stuff, bikes and electrical equipment Neville clung to with the fanciful intention of fixing.

Certainly there was a selection of quality indoor items, like a low mileage treadmill, a box of vinyl records and a selection of presents she'd never liked or in some cases even opened. But Neville's garage was the El Dorado of detritus: microwaves, Totem Tennis, old golf buggies, VCRs and an assorted collection of bikes awaiting recycling. One

man's trash is another man's problem.

By 7am she'd spread out the treasure in front of the garage under the critical eye of half a dozen early arrivals who rifled through the booty and left.

By 8am she'd sold the Totem Tennis and an LP of Bobby McFerrin's Greatest Hits.

By 9am she'd still sold the Totem Tennis but the Bobby McFerrin LP had been returned with a demand for a refund.

By 10am she'd sold four Fowlers Vacola bottling jars,

a three-wheeled billy-cart and a rather surprising number of coffee mugs. And left Cinnamon in charge while she nipped down to the Op Shop to pick up a few more of them.

By 11am Cinnamon had sold the golf buggy by throwing in Neville's new Jack Newton clubs and bag.

By midday less than a quarter of the stuff had gone and Narelle was sick of the whole thing. Sick of rude remarks about her old wardrobe, sick of neighbours wandering by

living with The Trotts

just to snigger at their old stuff, sick of people picking through the two dollar pile and trying to beat her down on price, sick of people trekking inside to use the toilet, then coming out with the bathroom scales and asking if they were for sale.

"Jasper! Go and take down the sign. This Garage Sale is officially over!"

By 12.15 Narelle's junk was back in the spare room and Neville's junk was back in the garage. Except for the golf clubs. And the lawn mower and chainsaw Cinnamon had sold for five dollars each that also weren't actually for sale.

"Oh well," sighed Narelle as she made herself a coffee and searched for a mug to put it in. "At least there's a little less junk than we had before."

A cheery honk brought her out to the deck in time to see Neville pull up and jump out of the Land Cruiser.

"Look what I picked up at a garage sale down at Pound Bend Road!" he called, unloading a fresh collection of computer stuff, bikes and electrical equipment. "Just wait till I fix them up!"

"Jasper!" yelled Narelle. "Put the sign back up!"

"What do you mean?" wailed her husband.

"You can't fix them Neville," said Narelle. "Cinnamon sold all your tools!"

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Having their say: A small part of the crowd at the Bushfire Forum. (Pictures by Bruce Turner)



Reporting back: Group representatives make their points.

Fires: having our say

WCA forum probes local anxieties

By KARLY HICKMAN

An overflow gathering of locals pledged their commitment to ensuring Warrandyte is better prepared for future bushfire seasons.

More than 280 residents attended the WCA Bushfire Forum on May 5 where significant issues around bushfires were discussed. Results will be collated and submitted to the 2009 Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission.

"This is a forum for the people of Warrandyte to make their own feelings known," president Dick Davies said.

Key issues identified included community education, policy and land management, evacuation, bunkers, construction codes and assessment, access and egress to Warrandyte, fire fighting resource allocation, personal responsibility, early warning systems and community refuges.

Residents also raised issues concerning the interpretation of the fire index ratings, fuel reduction and clearing guidelines, what is defendable and what is not, where residents can go on total fire ban days, a recovery plan including coun-

selling and support, bushfire education in schools, insurance questions and providing new residents to Warrandyte with information about the dangers of living in the bush.

Bruce Turner facilitated the forum, aiming to debrief from the last fire season, generate recommendations to be submitted to the Royal Commission, and produce plans of what people can do on an individual level.

Mr Turner said he wanted to encourage "simple, honest human conversation, not finger pointing, mediation, negotiation or debate".

Warrandyte residents were fortunate enough to be provided with valuable insight by people from some of the fire-affected areas such as Marysville, St Andrews and Kinglake.

A Marysville man who lost his home in the Black Saturday fires suggested that surviving buildings should be thoroughly examined, and that building codes and bushfire assessments should include vegetation proximity to structures.

Long term suggestions to be included in the submission include rate rebates for those included in fireguard groups, specifications to be available for the construction of bunkers and a financial incentive to those who have bunkers constructed on their property.

Further, it is recommended

the commission consider education campaigns targeting fire index understanding, a centralised website that can provide real-time fire information for communities, proper assessment of fire risk to whole properties, a second river crossing or a third lane across the bridge and a feasibility study for wholesale community evacuation.

Dick Davies told the *Diary* that emergency service representatives present at the forum recognised a gap that exists between perception and reality. "Evacuation did not come up early in the conversation; what people think is a concern is perhaps different to reality."

Many people voiced their concerns that relatively few young people were at the forum. It was suggested that everyone in our community needs to be targeted to improve bushfire awareness and preparedness, using appropriate language and methods. "We need to find ways to capture younger people," Mr Davies said.

Mr Davies thanked the Warrandyte Community Church for the "magnificent premises" that were donated for use on the night.

WCA's submission to the Royal Commission will be prepared by Dick Davies—with wide community input thanks to the forum—and will be considered as part of the commission's interim report.

Beating out a new leaf



If I had a hammer: Danielle Green beats out a memorial leaf, supervised by one of the contributing blacksmiths.

Blacksmiths around the world are being called upon to help create a permanent memorial to those affected by the Black Saturday bushfires by making steel and copper leaves.

The leaves will then be used by Australian blacksmiths to create a steel gum tree to be erected at Strathewen.

Local MP Danielle Green attended the launch of the project in Kinglake last month.

"The leaf forging demonstration was a fantastic experience," she told the *Diary*. "I made my own leaf. It was very cathartic."

Blacksmiths are forging leaves at local festivals and markets so locals can see the leaves being created.

They will have a chance to sponsor a leaf: \$20 to sponsor a stainless steel leaf and \$40 for one in copper. The leaves will be stamped with names the sponsors choose.

"This tree will be a memorial to the people who lost their lives in the fires, it will honour the people who defended others and stand as a symbol of regeneration for the community," project co-ordinator Amanda Gibson said.


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Rangers on the firefront

by SANDY BURGOYNE

Rangers from Warrandyte State Park were an integral part of the response to the recent bushfire emergencies. No fires were reported within Warrandyte's park during summer, but Parks staff—as part of the DSE—contingent, were in the thick of fighting the fires that raged nearby.

"It was like a triangle for us: Yan Yean to Kinglake and St Andrews/Christmas Hills," David Van Boeckel, team leader of the fire and environment teams told the *Diary*.

Warrandyte depot forms a larger unit with several neighbouring parks.

"We (at Warrandyte), in terms of fire prevention and suppression, administer three other work centres in our Parks Victoria district. So there is Westerfolds Park, Yarra Bend Park and Plenty Gorge, so any firefighters that are trained and accredited in those work centres get deployed to fires through this work centre," Conrad Annal, Warrandyte's ranger-in-charge, said.

"We had staff here (of) five rangers and five seasonal project firefighters, so that is 10 staff from this office and there would be five firefighters from those other work centres making 15."

The Warrandyte depot has a range of firefighting equipment including: a tanker and three slip-on units, plus ancillary gear such as a portable collar tank and pump units and camp trailers to house firefighters away from home. This array is complemented by a range of firefighting equipment kept at other depots, including bulldozers.



A park ranger douses the flames.

These are stationed at strategic DSE sites around Victoria and can be called on in an emergency.

"When the fire was in the forest area adjacent to Buttermans Track you can't get to the fire because it is a kilometre into the bush. The tankers just can't get in there to put the fire out. Helicopters can bomb it, but you can never actually extinguish it with a helicopter. You can douse it but you can never actually put it out. So that's where the DSE's strength is. They can come in with the bulldozers and the slip-ons are small enough to follow the tracks that the bulldozers make. The bulldozer creates a dirt track ... beside the fire. This is when the fire has calmed

down and not running hard. Then the slip-on units start to extinguish the fire as it comes to that track," David Van Boeckel explained.

The DSE units, including Parks Victoria, along with other emergency services are deployed through an integrated emergency control centre.

"Like the CFA we have personnel who are on-ground firefighters, but also personnel who are in incident management, personnel who are in support. In firefighting people usually think of the red truck with the hose, but there is that whole network behind it," Mr Van Boeckel said.

He sees the CFA and DSE fire suppression effort as being complementary.

"DSE do public land fire management and CFA do private property fire management. Fires never stay in one area so we support each other. I think that most people have no idea of that," he said.

The DSE/Parks has on-going preparation for the next fire season.

"We have a three-year fire operations plan, which documents what we are planning to do for fire prevention. One of the main interest points for the community is the (cool) burning program.

"But it also documents tracks that we manage, track clearing, fire-break maintenance, slashing, brush cutting; all those things we do to prepare for fire," Mr Van Boeckel said.

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Copper Kim leaves the force

By SANDY BURGOYNE

After 17 years as a Senior Constable at Warrandyte Kim Dixon has left not only the local station, but the police force. She was pensioned off at the end of last month.

Kim suffered a serious injury to her left elbow during the G20 demonstrations in Melbourne in November 2006. She returned to restricted duties soon after, but her injury was not healing and she was put on sick leave in 2008.

"Lifting is out, as is driving a manual vehicle," she told the *Diary*.

"I am right-handed, which is good, but you don't realise how much you use the other (hand).

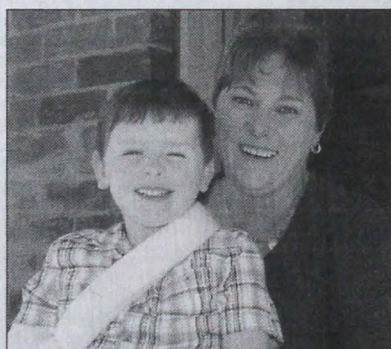
"I got notified in about February this year that there was no job and that I was going to be dismissed on March 31. It was all done by letter, no one came and spoke to me," she said.

Kim Dixon has many notable memories from her 17 years service at Warrandyte.

"The community has got to be number one. The community support that we as police members had, you couldn't ask for anything more," she told the *Diary*.

She and her colleagues were called out to many incidents.

"It was from one end of the spectrum to the other, with no really big in-between.



Kim Dixon and son Ben. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

"We'd get a call to go down to Harris Gully roundabout to stop traffic because there is a koala crossing the road. Another time we had to get an echidna off the road. That just wouldn't happen anywhere else," Ms Dixon remembered.

Before joining the police Ms Dixon had worked as a riding instructor, so she was always selected to collect stray horses.

"All the guys I worked with were terrified of horses. They'd stay in the car," she said.

As in any police work she and her colleagues also had to deal with the un-

pleasant call-outs—several drownings, a murder, serious domestics and terrible car crashes.

However, the team's camaraderie saw them through.

"It was a great unit. You were always around for each other whether you were on or off duty," Ms Dixon said.

Some events did not end with writing-up and filing the incident report.

"It was never final...because a lot of times family knew that they could come and see us or they just wanted that extra bit of time, time and effort (from us)."

"That was my ultimate job—being in the police force and I loved being out on the street. I loved doing exactly that and being with people. So I was doing what I wanted to do."

Working at Warrandyte constituted the majority of Kim Dixon's career as a police officer, but what of the future?

"It is unknown. Because of the damage to my arm and the lack of use to my elbow and the pain there is not much job-wise that I can look forward to at the moment. The only good thing as an outcome is that I am now a full-time mum and can spend more time with my two children," she said. Ben is six-and-a-half; his brother Thomas is three-and-a-half.

Ms Dixon and her family will continue to live in the district.

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



CAN expo sustains interest

By **TRISTAN MADDOCKS**

Locals were urged to "change or be changed" at the Warrandyte Sustainability Expo last month, where environmental experts, innovative companies and other exhibitors pushed the sustainability message.

Advice on improving the energy efficiency of your home, installing water tanks and making the switch to solar power was readily available at busy stalls and at well-attended information sessions.

The Warrandyte community showed strong support for the expo, which had a lively feel and sprawled through both levels of the Community Centre.

Irish musician Mick McHugh led the day's entertainment as couples and families ambled about, enjoying sausages in bread.

Michael Tempany of NECO, an environmental superstore in Blackburn, spoke about the small changes that can collectively lead to big household energy savings.

"It's amazing how much (energy) your appliances will use," he said. "Your fridge will use up to one kilowatt per day, which is quite a lot. Appliances on standby also use a lot of energy."

Mr Tempany said up to 35 per cent of heat loss and gain occurs through the ceiling. "Insulation is probably the single biggest thing you can do to reduce your household energy costs and reduce your carbon emissions."

Bernard Desormeaux of air2energy spoke on the topic of sustainable building and indoor air quality and said serious energy savings and

health benefits could be gained through efficient house design.

"You can reduce your energy costs dramatically if you work on an energy efficient design," he said. "You won't need cooling if you build your house very well."

Mr Desormeaux said insulation was a relatively easy area of houses to address.

The event was organised by Warrandyte Climate Action Now (CAN), a group that regularly hosts seminars on the topic of climate change and how people can live sustainably.

CAN spokesman Wayne Rankin said he had received very good feedback about the expo from locals and exhibitors.

"The very gratifying thing is when people come up and say 'this is fantastic, well done', because a lot of the local people get a lot out of it and that's why we want to do it," he said. "It's about educating the community about how they can go about coming to grips with some of the things with regard to climate change."

He said some people had come quite a distance to attend the expo and that the message of CAN was getting out.

"We are getting people not just from Warrandyte. The lady who won the (promotional) water tank lives in Park Orchards and we have had people from the Dandenongs come down."

Mr Rankin said there were elements of sustainable living—such as double-glazing windows—that were not covered in the expo but which would hopefully be covered in the next one.



Pictures by **STEPHEN REYNOLDS**



Free light globes and shower heads

A project that enables residents to replace their energy inefficient light globes and water wasting shower heads—free of charge—has been introduced by Manningham council. The scheme involves residents calling Low Energy Supplies and Services (LESS) on 1300 855 362 and arranging for a serviceman to call and replace globes and shower heads with energy efficient light bulbs and low flow shower heads.

"This is a great offer that council is excited to support," Manningham mayor Cr Charles Pick told the *Diary*. "It will help the environment, and at the same time, help residents save money on power and water bills—and best of all, it's completely free!"

Cr Pick said the target is to get 6000 Manningham households involved, with each household potentially saving \$120 a year, on average, in energy bills.

The project operates under the Victorian government's Energy Saver Incentive Scheme which aims to reduce greenhouse emissions.

To take up the offer, residents are required to sign a form assigning the right to create carbon credits to LESS in exchange for free products and service. This allows LESS to cover costs and provide this service to other households. Certain conditions apply.

As an alternative to calling LESS on 1300 855 362, residents can register online at www.livegreen.com.au

Federal funds for sporting projects

Wonga Park and Park Orchards have benefited from federal funding totalling \$420,000 for local sporting infrastructure in Manningham.

The BMX track at Park Orchards will be upgraded in a \$65,000 project that is designed to improve rider safety. The start hill at the track will be upgraded, including reshaping and improvements to the sides of the hill, an improved concrete overlay will be constructed, the start gate will be replaced and safety railing will be installed.

A shade area for spectators at the Park Orchards sporting oval will cost \$10,000.

The federal grant allows \$38,000 for the construction of a walking track at the Wonga Park Reserve. This will include a crushed rock pedestrian circuit around the reserve, distance markers, steps and upgraded seating.

Announcing the infrastructure grants, federal minister Albert Albanese, said, "Manningham council will receive this funding from the \$800m community infrastructure program—the largest one-off investment in local infrastructure in Australia's history."

"More than 3600 projects have been submitted under the first round of the community infrastructure program and the Rudd government is getting on with the job of rolling out projects in local communities across the nation."

Warrandyte is receiving \$1.3m from federal funds to provide seven new social housing dwellings in the area. (See page 1.)

Local sculptor's career honoured

Internationally noted sculptor and long-time Warrandyte resident Inge King has received the 2009 Visual Arts Emeritus Award from the Australia Council for the Arts.

This high honour, carrying \$40,000 in prize money, was awarded "for her highly acclaimed works and pivotal role in raising the profile of modern sculpture in this country".

"Mrs King has been at the forefront of developing non-figurative sculpture in Australia," a statement from the Australia Council says.

Many of her large-scale works are found in public plazas, including *Forward Surge* at the Victorian Arts Centre in St Kilda Road. Her work has been exhibited in London, New York, Australia and New Zealand.



Inge King

She is best known in Warrandyte for her piece *Boulder* in the garden at the Community Centre and for her large sculpture *Sentinel*, overlooking the junction of Doncaster Road and the Eastern Freeway.

A number of intrepid Warrandyte cyclists took part in the Great WA Bike Ride. MARILYN MOORE did the distance and lived to report it for the *Diary*.

Olds pedal out west

Dawn on Day 7 of Bicycle Victoria's Great WA Bike Ride, and the early morning air was crisp in the shadows. We set off with tingling fingers and cold noses, but quickly warmed as the hills got bigger and the sun rose steadily higher.

Our route that day, a hilly 90 kilometres from Pemberton to Nannup, lay along scenic back roads that wound through towering karris and idyllic pastures. In short, it was another perfect day on our glorious 600-km tour.

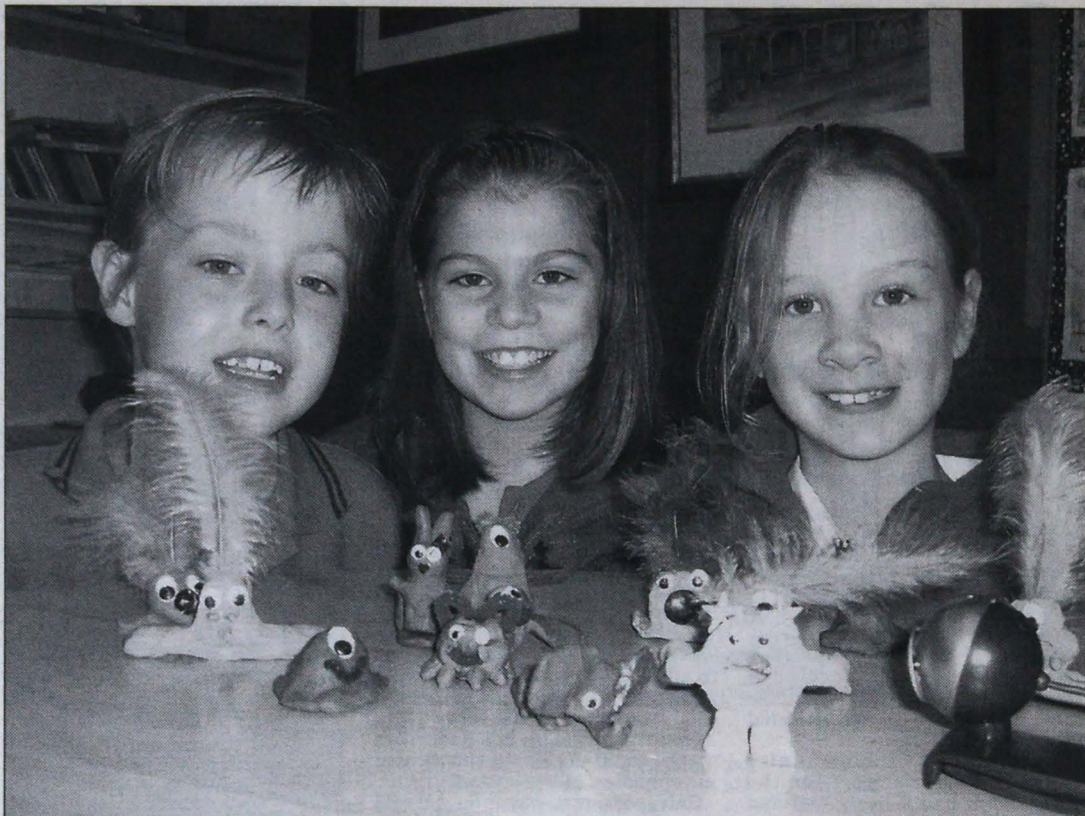
Margaret River, Busselton, Bridgetown, Manjimup and Augusta: we had the opportunity to sample everything from the underwater observatory at the end of the southern hemisphere's longest pier to the heart-stopping climb up some of the country's tallest forest giants. Many on-road friendships were cemented during frequent food and wine stops:

1800 cyclists were only too happy to avail themselves of the many opportunities to purchase fresh produce and gourmet goodies at food stalls along the way.

The ride supported not only its nominated charity, MS Australia, but also many local schools and their individual fundraising efforts as well as CFAs, CWAs, church groups, Lions and sporting clubs and, of course, local businesses.

A challenge? This was simply nine days of cycling and foodie heaven! Despite the vigorous exercise and non-stop hills, I doubt whether too many kilograms were shed; we are, however, considerably fitter.

And yes folks, in case you are wondering, North Warrandyte CFA's jam donuts are still the best in the country. But only just. Nannup CFA's cinnamon specials are giving them a solid run for their money.



These Year 3 Warrandyte Primary School kids—Kye, Cassie and Bonnie—sculpted these clay creatures. But it didn't stop there. They then used them to create a "claymation" short film. The students wrote a script and animated the creatures using a special program on iMac computers.

● Clay animation and other activities will be on display at the school's open day on Wednesday, May 20. Call 9844 3537 for more information.



Saddle sore: Members of the Warrandyte Wednesday cycling group who survived the Great WA Bike Ride. From left: Carl Dillon, Barry Hastie, Austin Polley and Tom Fisher (Picture by Marilyn Moore)

These kids were made for walkin'

The health and social value of walking will be promoted during the annual Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, May 15.

Manningham council is joining with the Pedestrian Council of Victoria to encourage primary school students, their parents and carers to walk and commute safely to school.

"Walking to school is fun, relatively easy exercise and a positive way

to teach young people about road safety rules while spending time together before or after school," Manningham mayor, Cr Charles Pick said.

"Even it isn't possible to walk the whole way, perhaps you can combine walking with public transport or park your car a good distance from the school gates and walk the rest of the way."

● Information: www.walk.com.au



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River of no return?

By TRISTAN MADDOCKS

The Yarra River will continue to languish at less than 12 per cent of its natural flow level because the state government has extended a suspension of scheduled environmental flows.

In 2006 the government committed to maintaining a minimum environmental flow of 17 billion litres per year, but this target has been bypassed in an attempt to boost Melbourne's drinking water supply.

The decision to take water from the Yarra, when combined with the persistent effects of drought, has reduced the river's capacity to flush out toxins, rendered it susceptible to algal blooms and threatened its plant and animal life.

About 10 billion litres of water were withheld from the Yarra in 2008 but as much as 25 billion litres will have been diverted by the time the suspension comes under review in mid-2010.

Local resident and Yarra Riverkeeper Ian Penrose said the river system was under enormous pressure and fish populations and semi-aquatic plants were at great risk. "The river is unquestionably, according to all authorities, under stress," he said.

"And you are just extending the stress (by prolonging the suspension of flows). We refer to it as like a never-ending summer, (because) the river would naturally go down to these levels in summer but then bounce back to huge flows because of rain in winter."

Mr Penrose said the decision



With the flow: Is a "never-ending summer" the fate of our river?

to look for quick solutions to Melbourne's water problem had taken the emphasis away from better options for building a sustainable water supply, such as recycling and harvesting stormwater.

"We've treated water too cheaply. When you are not paying full cost that leads to overuse. At the moment when we buy water, we only pay for the cost of the equipment—the pipes and the pumps—and we are not paying the cost of the loss to the river."

"The first step is that the government honours its commitment to provide those flows that it promised, that it knows are needed for river health. And it presses forward with much more aggressive action on recycling schemes and stormwater harvesting, so we can supply our water from those and therefore have

less demand upon the river."

Shadow minister for environment and climate change, David Davis, said the government had mismanaged water policy and the only long-term solutions for the river were lifting stormwater capture and recycling rates.

"This is the bitter harvest that is being reaped because of the government's failure to manage water policy over the last 10 years," he said.

"The drought is more of a reason why the government should have pushed hard with these alternative solutions, which would have meant that there were much greater options available to protect the river flows."

"The government has done virtually nothing on stormwater capture over its 10 years in (office), and it could have harvested a massive amount of water that simply runs off.

That water should have been used for displacing potable water and strengthening the water supply."

State government spokesperson Luke Enright confirmed the Yarra would not get a reprieve any time soon.

"During times of drought everyone needs to get by with less water—households, industry and our rivers," he said.

"The qualification of environmental flows from the Yarra River will continue as a drought contingency until Melbourne's water storages recover."

Mr Penrose said the Yarra—and its associated plant and animal life—could recover from its current predicament if given the opportunity. "I think nature has a wonderful ability to bounce back, given time. But at the moment it's being given no chance."

Talking about the animals

Dogs and cats living in Manningham have an organisation dedicated to their welfare. It's called (obviously) the Friends of Manningham Dogs and Cats Inc (FOMDAC).

"FOMDAC provide a voice for Manningham dog and cat owners as well as an educational resource for the whole community," spokesperson Doreen Burge told the *Diary*. "The organisation adheres to the twin principles of equity and balance in all decisions: equity of access to community resources, and balance between the interest of pet owners and non-owners."

Following recent incorporation, FOMDAC is aiming



Woof woof: pets have a voice in our local area.

to build its membership of dog and cat owners. "A large membership will ensure pet

owners' voices are heard and acted upon by council," Ms Burge said.

Membership of FOMDAC is open to everyone who walks their dog in Manningham, even if they are residents of other municipalities.

Until their next annual general meeting in November, FOMDAC is offering free membership. Please see the website www.fomdac.org.au for an online membership form and for other interesting information.

"FOMDAC recently met with a representative of Manningham's waste management department and an officer from local laws to discuss the issue

of disposal of dog faeces.

"As many Warrandyte residents will be aware, there is only one specific 'dog poo bin' along the Yarra River walk. However FOMDAC has been advised that, contrary to some opinions, dog poo can be disposed of in the normal street litter bins, provided it is bagged and tied adequately," Ms Burge said.

Dog owners were praised by council officers for the responsibility the vast majority are showing in collecting and disposing of dog faeces in public places.

● For further information call Doreen Burge on 9844 2512 or 0402 831 045.

New bishop may ease church fears

By KARLY HICKMAN

St Stephen's Anglican Church in Warrandyte is still welcoming worshippers each Sunday, despite the continuing threat of closure or amalgamation.

Bishop Stephen Hale, who previously had responsibility for St Stephens, along with the rest of Melbourne Eastern Region of the church, has been replaced by Bishop Barbara Darling, the first woman in Victoria and only the second in Australia to become a bishop.

Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Philip Freier, describes Bishop Darling as having "deep faith, as well as outstanding pastoral, teaching and organisational ability."

Under Bishop Hale, Warrandyte's St Stephen's parish has been anxiously awaiting their

fate for over a year, with fear of closure or amalgamation.

Local church officials believe this leadership shake-up has meant yet another reprieve for St Stephens. The church has been given a schedule of rotating ministers up until December.

The Right Reverend Herne and Reverend Dickerson will alternate at St Stephen's, conducting Sunday services in six week alternating periods.

This follows the retirement of visiting priest, Neville Mellor.

"It was sad to have to say goodbye to Neville Mellor as he was very committed to the survival of the parish and did a lot of encouraging and gave a lot of thought to his services," church warden Irving Reid told the *Diary*.

They'll tell a story and paint a picture

Artists and writers are combining their talents in an exhibition entitled "Let me paint you a story", being held in the Eltham Library Community Gallery to celebrate Library Week 2009.

The works on display are the result of a collaboration between artists from the Nell Street Painters from Greensborough and the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Writers Group.

The inspiration for the exhibition required the artists to creatively respond to a selected book by producing a piece of art in their chosen medium—oil, pastel or watercolour—to a specific size. The Writers Group was then invited to respond to the artwork in 100 words in prose,

poetry or text. "This circular, thought-provoking journey from text to image and then back to text has provided both groups with stimulation and inspiration and resulted in some remarkable outcomes," a Writers Group spokesperson told the *Diary*.

The exhibition shows the artist's work displayed alongside the writer's text. The artwork (all pieces are priced under \$200) is available for purchase with the poems or prose pieces included as a bonus.

A full-colour book of the artwork and texts has been produced, costing \$20.

The exhibition will run from Thursday, May 14 to Sunday, June 7 at the gallery, Panther Place, Eltham.

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Lucky night for club

Casino Royale, a Warrandyte Netball Club major fundraising event, will be held on Saturday, May 23 at the Warrandyte Tennis Club in Tarroona Avenue, Warrandyte. Commencing time is 7.15 sharp. Tickets for \$50 include a glass of bubbles on arrival and start-up "funny" money. There will be professional croupiers, finger food and drinks at the bar. To book, email warrandytenc@yahoo.com.au or call 0410 399 037. All proceeds go to the proposed clubhouse for the netball club.



The Warrandyte Community Garden in Police Street celebrated the 10th anniversary of its founding earlier this month. Alison Thom and Judy Green planted an olive tree to mark the occasion. (Picture by Jan O'Neill)

Screening

WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) is screening the film, *Who Killed the Electric Car?* at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue on Friday, June 5, commencing at 7.30pm. This brilliant exposé takes the lid off a sinister plot against the environment and reveals how a brilliant invention was scandalously killed. Admission free.

Landcare

Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landscape Group is holding a planting day on Saturday, May 30 at 1pm. Around 2000 native grasses will be planted along Andersons Creek. You are invited to come along and help with the task. Meet at Gold Memorial car park (Melway 35 D3), work for two hours then have afternoon tea and perhaps a walk to the gold mines. The group is eager to welcome new members. Anyone interested can call the secretary, Sue Turner, on 9876 2896.

Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Watch meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Centre in Tarroona Avenue to identify preventable criminal activities and safety concerns in our area. The aim of Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch is to provide families with information on keeping our area safe and secure from anti-social and criminal activities. For further information call Ian Logan on 9844 3062.

Planting

Osborne Road Landcare Group is conducting a planting morning on Sunday, June 14. Some extra hands are needed to help plant 700 plants in the Warrandyte State Park. This will complete

out of the box

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

projects financed by the Envirofund grant the group has been working on during the past year. If you are can help, meet at the Osborne Road Nursery at 10am. More information from Sam (712 0785) or Shelagh (9844 3610).

Unity

Warrandyte churches are combining for a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It will be held at the Warrandyte Uniting Church in Tarroona Avenue on Sunday, June 14 at 7.30pm.

Seminar

The next Manningham City Council Environment Seminar will be held at the South Warrandyte Hall, 66-68 Hall Road, South Warrandyte on Wednesday, June 3 at 7.30pm. The topic will be "Invasive Ants" with Kirsti Abbott from Monash University. Seminars are free with supper provided. No bookings are required.

Fund-raiser

North Warrandyte Wildlife Shelter is holding a fund-raising stall at the Camberwell

Market on Sunday, May 17. Donations of homewares, designer clothing and collectables are welcome. Please phone Maxine on 9844 3971 if you have any donations to offer.

Gardening

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is offering a course to assist you do your bit to help save the planet and save money by growing wonderful food. The course will cover the following topics: making compost, creating healthy soil, worm farms, vegie gardens, growing fruit trees, raising chooks and seed saving. Course includes classroom teaching and on-site visits. Tutors will be supplied by the Northern Ranges Permaculture Group. Starting mid-May, the course costs \$90 for six sessions. It will be held on Thursday evenings. Enquiries to 9844 1839.

Concert

Warrandyte Earth Harmony Shop and Well-being Centre are presenting Valanga and Andrea Khoza in concert on Saturday, May 23 at 8pm. Cost is \$20 pre-pay or \$25 on the night. Valanga is originally from the Limpopo province of South Africa and Andrea is a local girl and founding member of the acappella group AKASA. The performance at the centre, 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, includes vocal harmonies, rhythmic guitar, traditional stick drums and trombone.

Reconciliation

Manningham council will be holding a special events pro-

gram to honour Australian Indigenous culture and heritage during National Reconciliation Week from Wednesday, May 27 to Wednesday, June 3. The week will begin with a welcome ceremony from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. The ceremony, led by senior Wurundjeri Elder, Doreen Garvey-Wandin will feature a performance by "One Fire" aboriginal dance troupe and a traditional smoking ceremony. Please phone 9840 9367 to register your attendance.

Workshop

A drumming and singing workshop by Valanga and Andrea Khoza will be held at the Earth Harmony Centre, 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Saturday, May 23 from 2pm to 4.30pm. Drum hire is \$5 with the workshop pre-pay \$30 or \$45. This will cover both the workshop and evening concert. Bookings on 9844 5155.

Culture

A comprehensive Aboriginal cultural tour featuring a bush walk to local scar trees, boomerang throwing, didgeridoo playing and other demonstrations will take place at the Mia Mia Gallery in Westerfields Park, Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe on Saturday, May 30 from 10.30am to 12noon. Bookings are not required.

Environment

As part of Reconciliation Week, you are invited to help regenerate the riverbank at Warrandyte with native trees while participating in cultural activities facilitated by Aboriginal educators Dion Bender and Kim Wandin. You will have a chance to explore Aboriginal culture, learn about boomerang throwing, storytelling and the significance of the land and river in Wurundjeri life. Please phone 9840 9246 if you wish to attend.

Volunteers

If you wish to become a volunteer with Do Care, assisting older or disabled people, please call 9762 5211.

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Textiles

Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is presenting a Festival of Textiles during May. They are showing a kaleidoscope of colour with fabrics and textiles used to create wearable art and decorative features. There will be wraps, scarves, hats, bags, jewellery and wall art.

Indigenous

Manningham Gallery will feature an exhibition of works by four young Aboriginal contemporary artists from Wednesday, May 20 to Saturday, June 6. Entitled "Rap-prochement", the exhibition incorporates mixed media, installations and photography exploring the artists' Indigenous heritage and their ideas and visions for the future. The exhibition will be open from 11am to 5pm Tuesdays to Fridays and 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays. Admission is free.

Bushfire victims: the animals suffered too

The Italians in the caravan

By SANDY BURGOYNE

FIRE conditions were so extreme, particularly on Black Saturday, that many animals perished in the flames. For those that survived the fire-front a network of dedicated people was on hand to help them.

The *Diary* spoke to four locals who are doing their best to care for those casualties.

The horses

Andy Lynch is a veterinary surgeon with the Yarrambat Veterinary Hospital. His practice treated more than 60 horses mainly from St Andrews, Strathewen, Kinglake and the Steels Creek/Dixons Creek area, in the aftermath of the fire.

"We had four full-time vets and one part-time vet. After the fires we were working ... probably 12 to 16 hour days every day for about three or four weeks," he told the *Diary*.

Vets from across the state volunteered their help and drug companies supplied materials and drugs free of charge.

"Overwhelmingly we were surprised on the whole with how the horses had managed in the fires," Andy Lynch said. "But I think a few horses were unfortunately lost where stables had gone up."

Horses that had been freed from their paddocks as the fire approached escaped with comparatively mild injuries.

"A lot of them were observed to run straight at the fire and jump over the small grass flames to get to the burnt territory on the other side to relative safety. But obviously the burnt ground is still incredibly hot and so we saw a lot of burnt hooves and burnt lower limbs. A lot of horses' tails must have caught fire and sustained burns up ... towards their backside. A few manes had obviously ... sizzled and burnt up around the head and neck area," he said.

Most of the horses he and his colleagues treated were managed as out-patients with the owners carrying on treatment at the vets' direction. In turn many of these animals have fully recovered. A small number needed more intensive care and only two or three horses were euthanased.

"Puzzles", a three-year-old horse from Strathewen is a survivor. He is still being treated at the veterinary hospital for his extensive, serious injuries.

"He sustained burns to about 60 per cent of his body and upon advice from The Alfred burns unit we learned they were full thickness, full skin burns. We sent them photographs of the lesions and they gave us advice on where to go and how to treat them," Andy Lynch said.

"Puzzles" is healing, but he still has a long way to go.

The wildlife

Undoubtedly many native animals and birds perished in the flames



Maxine Rosewall tends orphan "Dixon". (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

of the fast-moving wildfires. One estimate based on two dead animals per hectare suggests a million may have been incinerated in the Victorian fires.

"Any animals in the actual heat of the fire are dead. It's those on the outsides that are suffering. They get the radiant heat burns—the singe burns and they are the ones that start to appear two to four days later and they are the ones that were being picked up," Keri Fairley from Warrandyte Veterinary Clinic said.

She had cared for a kangaroo joey that was found after the Kinglake fire.

"Its head and its ears were singed. It was probably sticking its head out of mum's pouch."

"She is doing well now, but is still very timid," Ms Fairley said.

Julie Pryor, who runs Koala Watch, looked after four casualties from the fires.

"One was from Whittlesea that had a burnt face and three from ... the Kilmore (wildlife) shelter," she said.

One of these was badly burnt and had inhaled heat down into its lungs. Apart from being physically injured the koalas were clearly traumatised.

"I felt so sorry for them because for a week, or maybe two weeks, the whole valley was full of smoke. I thought these guys have just been through a major fire and they can't run away from it because they were contained in a cage. They didn't know the fires weren't here. They could smell the smoke and were trying to get away from the fire," Ms Pryor said.

Local vet Derek Fairley helped with the care of the koalas.

"He was here three times a day in the first week...and he's collected all the gum (leaves) for these koalas. He's just been flat out with this lot," Ms Pryor said.

The devastation to the forests meant the surviving wildlife had little

water and no food. They started to move from their familiar territories in search of sustenance, leading to many road deaths of native animals.

Two weeks after Black Saturday a female kangaroo died on the side of the road in Kangaroo Ground. Her joey was rescued and moved to the care of Maxine Rosewall at the North Warrandyte wildlife shelter. The tiny male joey needed intensive care in a pouch substitute with regular feeds.

"He did not have any fur, his eyes had not yet opened and his ears looked like they were stuck to his head," Ms Rosewall said.

"Dixon", named for where Ms Rosewall had been helping with foodstuff deliveries for wildlife that day, is now thriving and is at the age where he would pop his head out of his mother's pouch to nibble the grass. Later he will be moved to a shelter where adolescent kangaroos live together, before he is returned to the bush.

Therein lies another problem—many of these shelters, which were on large properties, were burnt out. "Ruby Tuesday" a young female kangaroo whose photo appeared in the *Diary* in February last year perished in the Black Saturday fire at such a shelter.

The effort to care for injured wildlife continues.

Julie Pryor of Koala Watch is helping with a novel project to supply pouches for the care of orphaned marsupials.

"We have got ladies sewing (pouches) in Coldstream. They are up to 7500 bags for kangaroos and possums and they are still going. We are storing them and we are getting them out to the shelters," she said.

Anyone who can help with sewing pouches or making possum boxes can contact Julie Pryor on 9722 1117.

A clear baritone rings through the bush surprising the bellbirds even cockatoos.

It is Rigoletto via the Naples docks *La donna mobile Qual piuma al vento...* as exotic as a nightingale in this land of curse and axe.

It was a very WASP sort of town a miners' town—big beards and moleskins. Flour and water covered in charcoal

washed down with a mug of black tea—their idea of a feed. Hunk of lamb if you could get it (mutton more likely) and boiled to buggery.

They weren't here for aesthetics they were after gold and it was cheap to live maybe a cursory nod to the mist on the river—that's all.

The guardian gums white streaks in the moonlight shedding their skins in delicate loops were just in the way.

But they did come in useful for lining mine shafts firing pumps and by jove they burned.

While up in the bush Guillermo tends his babies mother's milk from the river below via an IXL jam tin.

His papa said "you sing to them and they grow" zucchini, tomato, oregano *La donna mobile, qual piuma al vento.*

Like a secret garden it's hiding up there still the ruins of their caravan reminders of peacock flash

amongst the sparrows. Not welcomed by the town's uptight upright beer and corned beef blokes.

Very suspicious of wogs 'n dagos who would come in for supplies garlic and olives, wine even reckon they made the stuff

when they couldn't buy it. Guillermo from Naples' black-heart cut-throat lanes transplanted to the quivering bush.

Not in search of gold for once not even "a new life". Just space, light and *liberta*

and more than that he loved the clean glint of morning light on shivering leaves the river's misty murmur below.

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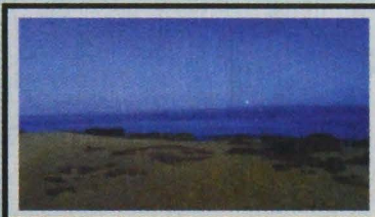
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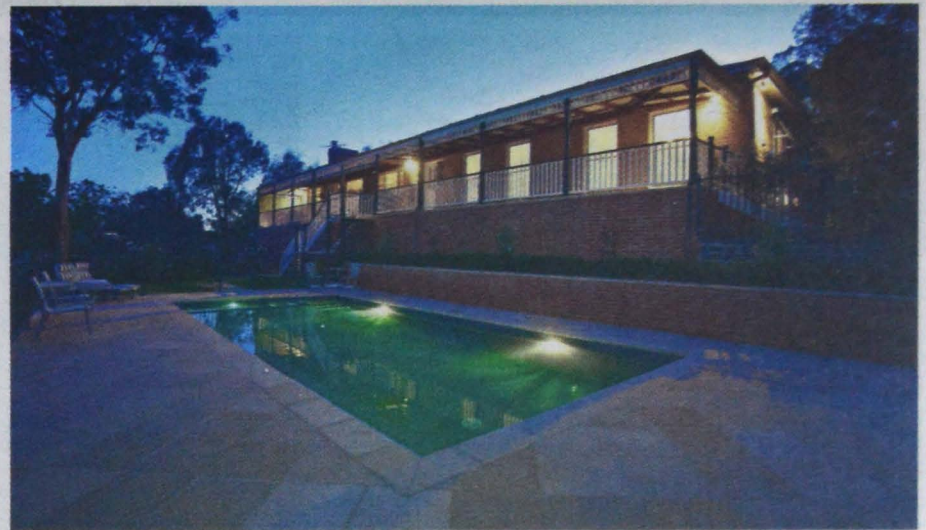


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...and the band played Waltzing Matilda...

By JOANNE GREEN

NO one asked, "What are they marching for?" as the old diggers, their family, friends and well-wishers gathered at the car park in Yarra Street, ready to march in memory of those who had fallen, those who had served, and those now serving.

The first thrilling note of the bagpipes broke through the greetings and memories at 10.30am and the parade moved off: veterans leading the way, their medals clinking beside their hearts. Proud relatives walked on the footpath alongside, taking photos, bearing sprigs of rosemary in their lapels.

Hundreds lined the street past the shops, honouring those who marched. A crowd followed the marchers: family and friends, Scouts and Guides, even the Warrandyte Football Club.

"It was lovely to see the footy club there in their uniforms," RSL secretary Robin Batty told the *Diary*.

The rallying call of the pipes ushered the marchers up the stone steps at the War Memorial; older veterans needing the assistance of comrades.

They lined up along a wall covered in rosemary as 400 people gathered either side of the monument. The Bellbird Singers opened the service with a hymn and silence descended.

Celebrant John Byrne conducted the ceremony, reading a poem written by a

Year 7 student. It asked, "Do we remember the Anzacs?" The gathered crowd testified that indeed we do. Veteran Tom Bone recited a Banjo Paterson poem from the Boer War.

Vocalist John Carrozi, who has performed at the ceremony for the last four years, sang "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda," with a new verse he composed especially for the occasion, acknowledging the passing of the last Anzacs.

"I had known for some time that the last of the 1914-1918 group had died," he said. "I thought it was timely to add a verse that expressed the thought that although they had gone, they are still part of our lives."

He sang, "Fighting and dying for a century now, seems like the war's never-ending".

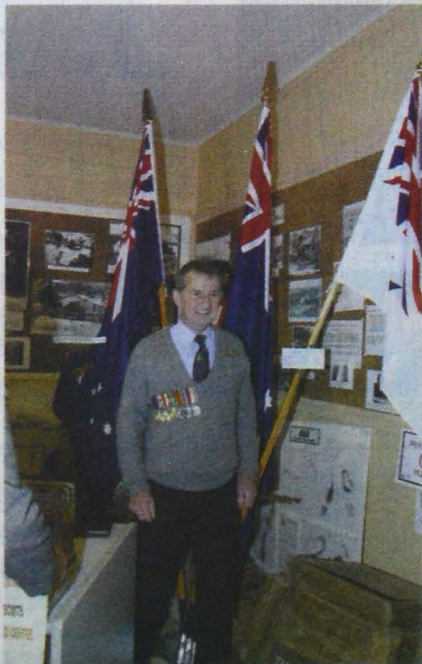
Everyone joined John Byrne in prayer. Then, to the stirring skirl of the bagpipes, wreaths were laid at the base of the memorial. Family members kissed sprigs of rosemary before placing them on the stone ledge.

The Last Post carried across Warrandyte on a light breeze, signalling a moment of silence and reflection. The Bellbird Singers closed the ceremony with a bracket of Australian songs—from Dorothea Mackellar to Peter Allen.

Many joined RSL members for a beer and a chat in the clubrooms. A sense of family and mateship defined the spirit of the day.



Museum honoured their memory

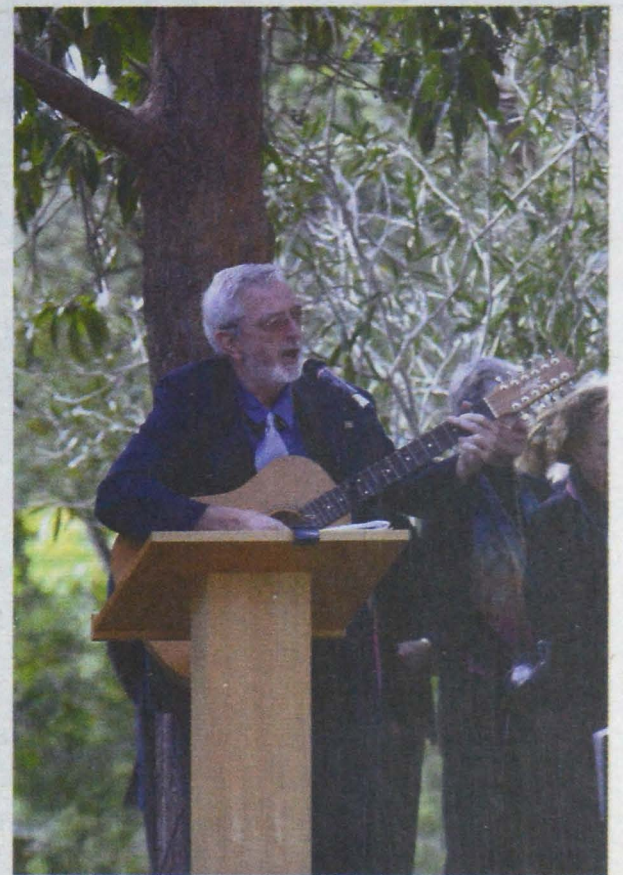


Warrandyte Historical Society Museum is hosting a special exhibition of war memorabilia in honour of Anzac Day, curated by Ken Cook (pictured right).

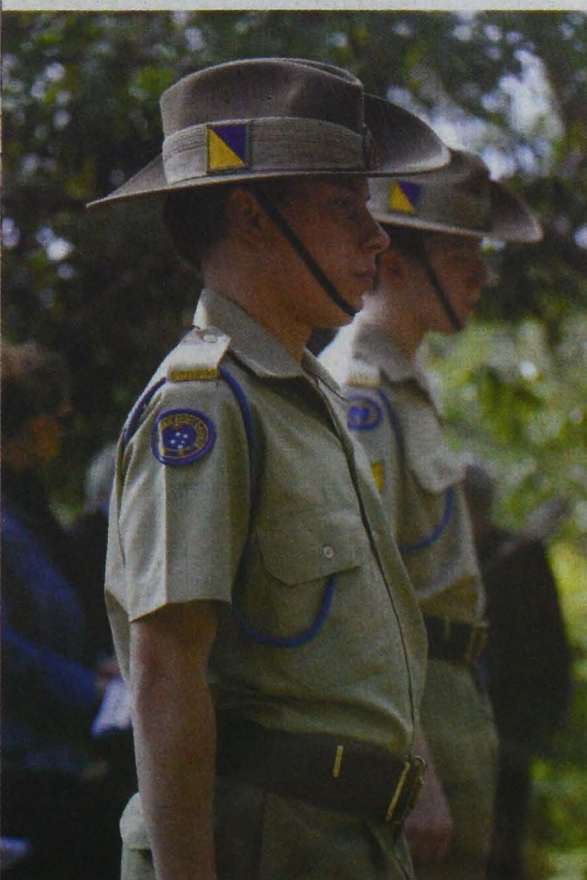
The exhibition, featuring local war heroes, is open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons between 1 and 4 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.



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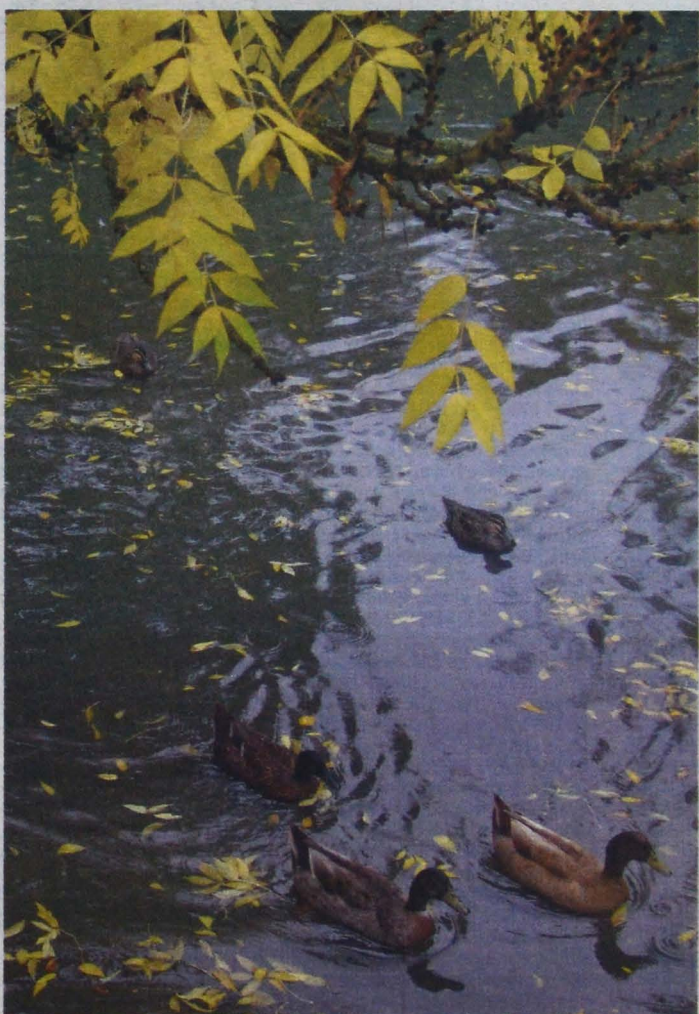
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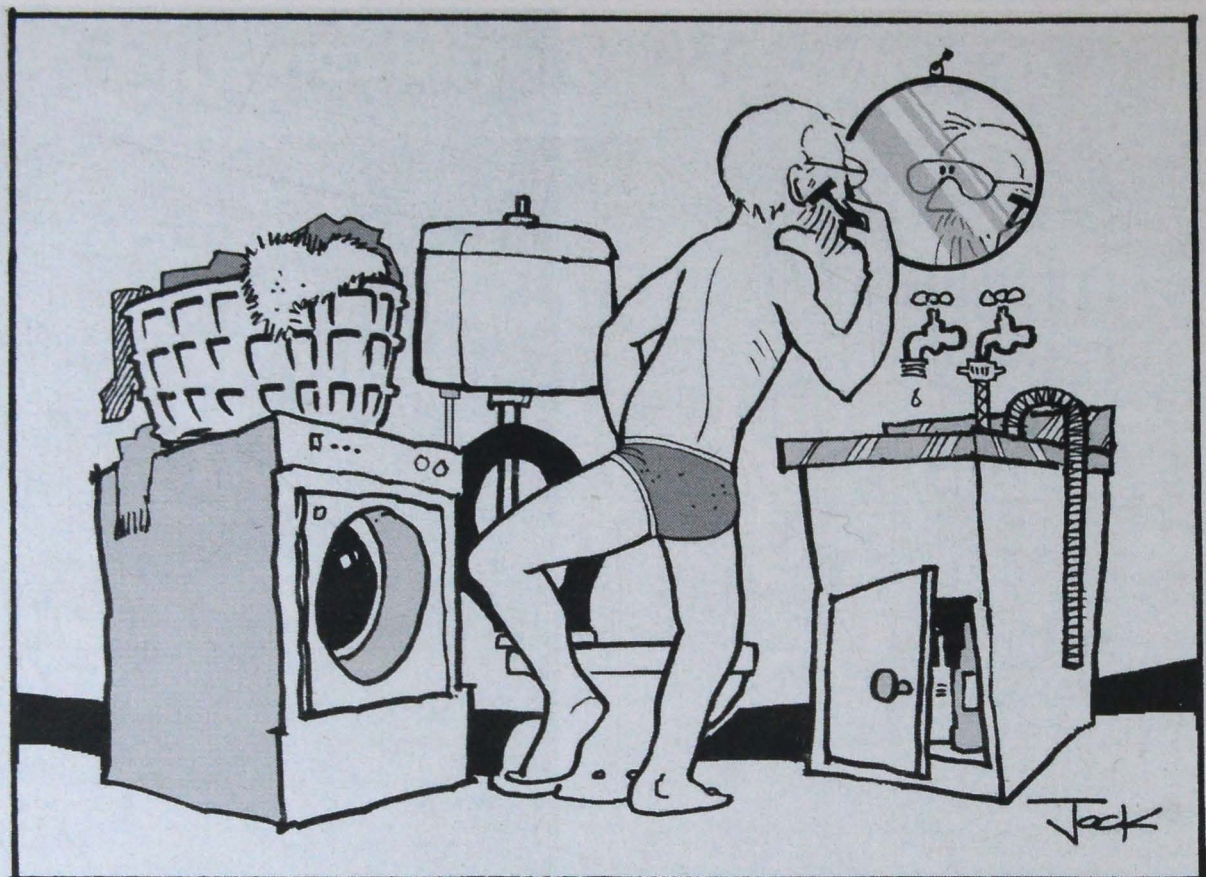
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Perhaps if we just build a good old wash-house?

WHEN it comes to real estate porn, the *Diary* is really tame. Whilst our back page is like a picture of a Victorian lady displaying a finely turned ankle below her woollen neck-to-knee bathers, other weekly mags prefer the full, Brazilian waxed, gynaecologically detailed, full frontal shots. The *Diary's* ads are printed on newsprint and the images are good but are still a few megapixels short of the international spy satellite camera.

On the other hand, I was browsing through a local weekly mag and couldn't help but feel that the real estate section should have come in an opaque sealed section. For a start, the pages are ultra glossy like the pouting lips of a model. The camera angles are deliberately suggestive. The house smoulders but we, the readers, are made to feel that there's no one between the ravishing beauty and us. Next door neighbours' frumpy gardens, transmission depots and the four metre high freeway sound walls are cunningly kept out of shot. To help make us pick up the phone and call Angela, Samantha or even Con, the houses, driveways and decks shimmer provocatively under a thin film of lubricating oil. This, added to the fact that every light in and outside the house is turned on is all designed, hopefully, to produce



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a "turn on". Unlike the *Diary*, these real estate porn sections manipulate their market. They know people's weaknesses so they include articles that pander to our basest desires. They batter you with page after page of so many "you are really losing it and you'd better get a triple mortgage and sharpen up your act" articles that you put down the section, panting and feeling excitedly guilty about the prospect of mixing it with the big boys. You will buy those latest products and in your heart of hearts you know that your life will regain its purpose once your house has an underground cinema complex and a mirror-lined room devoted to botoxing. It was particularly relevant

that I did browse because that issue of the mag was devoted to bathrooms. But before I tell you about what you should have for a bathroom, let me explain why the topic of bathrooms came up at all. We have two toilets and one is feminist. No matter how much I defer to it, treat it as my superior and promise never to call it "girl" or "the wife", it resolutely refuses to allow the toilet seat to remain upright. This means that for a man to use it, contortions of an unpleasant kind have to take place. For a start, it is necessary to approach her from the side, no mean feat given the width of our toilet cubicle. Then, the seat has to be kept upright using one knee. The next problem is one of accuracy. That knee's proximity to the centre of action makes it perilously close to becoming a post-toilet, splattered embarrassment. As a result, I was driven to use the other toilet, situated in the laundry. There is a shower in there as well and soon this became my ablutions block. However, cleaning teeth and shaving over the trough began to pall. So, as it is with us, after 12 or so years, we got around to deciding that we should turn the laundry into a bathroom. The problem is, not one article in the magazine suggested that what we wanted to do is acceptable. Evidently, we are supposed to want our bathroom to look like one in an international hotel. All

walls and floor should be swathed in high gloss marble and we should have decided whether the room was to "satisfy our emotional response to water". Was it to be a "barrier free" room with a focus on music, media or fitness? No longer could we contemplate a rectangular room with the amenities lined up around the walls. What we need are zones; hygiene, styling and regeneration. Faced with conflicting expectations, that is, should we have a trophy bathroom, sorry, "self-indulgence space, designed with our intimate needs in mind", or should we just get rid of the trough, bung in a basin and drape the washing machine in some tie-dyed fabric? Having toured every kitchen and bathroom centre in the Southern Hemisphere, we discovered that you can't get an attractive ceramic basin that looks like a basin but is deep enough to act as a mini trough. Eventually we came up with an heretical decision. The existing trough will be recycled out onto the back verandah and we'll bung a "normal" basin in the "it's just for me" space. Decision made! One concern though. I saw Herself and the saleslady chatting and laughing in my direction. My unease intensified when I noticed the toilet suite we had just purchased was called Charmaine. Greer?

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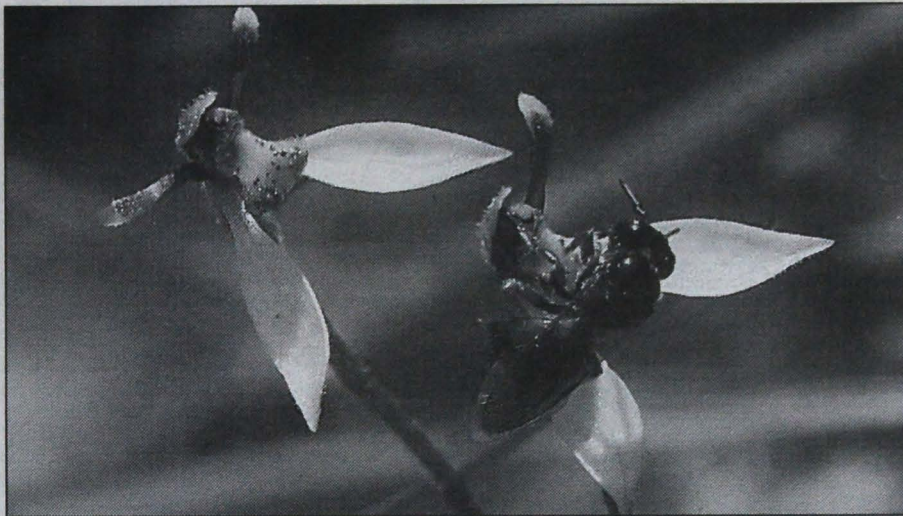
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In search of autumn life

nature
By LINDA ROGAN



Sharp Midge-orchid with orange and black beetle.

IT'S autumn. Nights are getting colder and longer, days shorter, and so all of life should be settling down for a long winter sleep. Well that would have been the case in Oregon where I grew up.

Here in the Warrandyte area, plant life begins to stir after rains of autumn. I wondered, "Has the rain that fell in March and April been enough to stir signs of life in our drought-parched hills and some of the nearby areas affected by bushfire?" My husband and I made several forays in April to see what we could find. I was hopeful, seeing the halo of fresh fronds on the tree fern outside my kitchen window.

Early in the month we took one of our favourite drives, over the Black Spur. We went with our hearts in our throats knowing something of the pain and devastation that occurred in Narbethong and Marysville and too many other places. We knew that nearly all of the Mountain Ash along this road had been planted or regenerated since the 1939 fires. We feared this area may have been reduced to ashes again.

With this in mind, we were pleasantly surprised by the trees still standing and in stages of recovery. There were new fronds on tree ferns in areas where they were burnt, plus many damp gullies where the ferns had entirely escaped the fire. The picnic areas

at Fernshaw and Dom Dom Saddle were mostly spared as well. Fernshaw was alive with many birds, including tiny Scrub-wrens and Thornbills, brilliant Crimson Rosellas and larger King Parrots and pompous Grey Currawongs. We drove as far as Buxton with heavy hearts; thinking of those who are living and grieving in the burnt country.

In early April we were treated to the sight of a patch of over 100 Autumn Greenhoods crowded together and in full bloom in a favourite reserve. Strangely none were showing in other known locations I checked out at that time. Only a little extra shade provided by a Golden Wattle seemed to favour this spot. It was mid-month before we were excited by our first sight (for the season) of Parsons Bands and Sharp Midge-orchids.

My husband was first to spot a tiny brush of flowers on a fine grass-like scape or stem. It could have been a feather boa for a bull-ant. A very close look revealed a stem of nodding orchids with pointy petals in shades of purple, red and green. This is the Sharp Midge-orchid. Called midge because the size is reminiscent of the tiny insect that gets into your hair, eyes and nose when it swarms near streams and lakes. Now, we had "our eye in" and we began to see many more orchids scattered beside the path. I love seeing the tiny as well as the big in nature. I noticed something orange and black moving on the minute orchids. Lying on my stomach, I watched (and photographed) a red and black beetle methodically poking its head into each flower and gradually working

its way up the stem, seeking nectar or pollen.

Nearby a pair of white sepals caught my eye. I immediately recognized the Parson's Bands orchid. These were also scattered across the hillside, but larger and much easier to see than Midge-orchids. Last year I was lucky enough to photograph one attended by a small native bee that may be its pollinator.

At month's end, moss-beds in orchid habitats are moist and plump. These moss-beds are critical to the survival of many types of orchids. By now, it is clear that many orchids are well on their way. Small greenhood rosettes and buds are popping up everywhere. I'm searching for warm socks and a woolly jumper, but I'm left with a sense of new life bursting forth, more consistent, to me, with spring.

Of cards that say too much

SMILE is a bubble that bursts," claims the caption on the card in my hand, and the photo shows a couple of rosy-cheeked Balinese kiddies duly bursting with merriment. Cute, but not particularly birthdayish.

I pick up another, on which a neatly ironed retiree proudly displays an enormously gleaming fish. "Good things come to those who bait." Liar—nobody so well-groomed reeled in that monster—and in any case, my friend is neither retired nor a fisherman.

The next card looks more promising. It's an actual birthday card, and there's not a single evilly grinning sausage dog in sight. Instead, the card features a charming cobbled laneway somewhere in centuries-old Europe; strung across the stonewalled chasm is a clothesline adorned with several pairs of voluminous pink bloomers. The caption, astonishingly rude, is a variation on the theme of "At your age, dear, you should be spreading your blimmin' wings, not your waistline." I couldn't give that, even to my dearest friend!

Girth is a touchy subject at our age.

Another card has a glamorous B&W photo straight out of an old movie: a Hollywood starlet sits at her dressing table, preparing to apply the latest beauty product to an exquisitely groomed face. "There's a marvellous new cream that gets rid of wrinkles immediately..." Naturally, you smear it over the mirror. Haha! A good card for someone with whom you traditionally trade birthday insults, maybe, but not this particular friend.

Birthdays for the over-50s are rather an ambiguous experience, don't you think? Buying cards is fraught with traps for the unwary; there is such a fine line between facetiousness, humour and offence. Comic depictions of decrepit pensioners don't always cut it for those sliding the slippery slope towards Senior status.

Our wrinkles and circumferences are daily gaining ground, but many of us are firmly in denial. We ski and play tennis and hockey with continuing gusto, pretending that our knees, hips, hands, ankles and backs don't hurt;

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

we are whippersnappers again as we dive for volleys and strive for goals. It must look pretty funny.

A while ago I went to the Australian Masters hockey to watch a friend compete. His wife and another friend were in stitches.

"Look at the old darlings! They don't know they can't run."

They were right. Two teams of bandy old coots staggered around the ground, dodgy knees stiffly straining at the leash. What kept each player going was clearly the belief that he was a cut above the rest—and he wasn't going to be beaten by a pack of old fogies! Never was there a more fiercely contested match, and players from both teams collapsed on the field, beaten and spent, at the end of it.

As one of my own recently received birthday cards says, "It's not your age that's shocking, it's what you get up to at your age!"

But what of my intellectual friend? There must be a suitable card somewhere in this damn newsagency. Ah! At last, something upbeat—kids flying down an enormously steep slippery dip, bathed in brilliant swathes of colour.

"Don't put off till tomorrow the fun you can have today."

Amen to that. It's good advice for everybody. Just look at the Cuban jazz greats of Buena Vista Social Club fame: the 91 year-old lead singer, powerfully voiced, had the Melbourne crowd on its feet, wild for more. The band's pianist and bass guitarist, both in their 80s, shone with spectacularly dexterous proficiency.

Such examples of ageing "disgracefully" crop up regularly. John Faine, on radio 774, recently interviewed several older women, who, despite lives full of sadness and hardship, are only too ready to have a laugh. Even the oldest, at 103, has the infectious giggle of a young girl. Such resilient people manage to extract the very last drop of enjoyment from their lives.

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Weaving worlds in words and pictures

CLIFF'S family were \$10 migrants from England who came to Australia in the midst of the Great Strike. A design draftsman in electrical engineering, his father had worked on designs in England for the Yallourn generator and later at the Maribyrnong munitions factory while his mother was an unqualified dental nurse.

Born in 1934 at the tail end of Depression, Cliff lived in Sunshine until he was nine. "It was a real company town—everything was done by the whistle of H V McKay's agricultural machinery factory," he said. "My first memory is of quite young men sitting on our back verandah where my mother would give them a sandwich, a pair of clean socks and a bowl of water to wash their feet. It was a railway junction town—trains would go out to Adelaide, Sydney, the western district, northern Victoria and beyond. There was no work. My father worked three days a week—the factory was closed but the development kept going.

"My mother had a very strong sense of social justice which I'm sure grew out of the Depression experience. My father sang in the Congregational church choir—for the music, not the religion. My mother was a born atheist so I had both sides and I learned what was right and wrong in a social sense."

The family left Sunshine when Cliff was nine. "My father had a nervous breakdown, which I thought was my fault. I was fairly confused. I was the last child of the family—the others were 21, 16 and 13 when I was born. When he became sick I went to live with my married sister. It was a strange situation—my sisters could have been my aunts and my parents could have been my grandparents. My mother was 47 when I was born. She thought she had indigestion."

Cliff's father had inherited quite well from England, which kept the family going, and eventually they were reunited and moved to Upwey. "I remember it was heavily

behind the byline

forested, there was a lovely creek at the bottom of the valley. They bought a little cottage and my father extended it to a big home-stand with verandahs. That was his therapy and he went back to continue a successful career in his field," he said.

After missing a lot of school with asthma, Cliff went to work in a city office, running messages and living with his sister. He loved all the laneways but he thought he was there for life. "When I was 16 I told my sister and parents that I hated the job and I became apprenticed as a compositor in the printing trade. It suited my sense of design. For two years I had all the shit jobs. But my boss hated office work—layout and proofreading—so I did all that, which was wonderful experience.

"The head of printing school said 'forget printing, you'd be a good primary teacher.' So I trained—I had met Judy—and we were married and moved to a little bush school in the Mallee, out of Rainbow. It was frontier stuff, right on the edge, marginal wheat country with the desert just beyond. Then I transferred to Torrumbarry on the Murray. The school went from 14 to 40 pupils, just two teachers, and we were seven years there," he said.

"When I was 10 or 12 I had decided I was going to be a writer. I didn't know when or how. The Age published a Junior page every week and I was paid one guinea about once a month for my stories, probably with a little moral in there somewhere. A mate delivered papers, out in all weathers, and I thought writing made better money.

"I started to write at Wheatlands, an essay each month on a city boy in the Mallee. I wrote for the Victorian Teachers' Journal where I learned so much from Stephen



Cliff Green

Murray-Smith, the editor. He said 'read carefully any changes that have been made and work out why'.

"Then I started to write for ABC TV children's and schools programs. One of the ABC producers took a job at Crawford Productions and he rang me one day and told me Crawfords were desperate for scriptwriters and I was offered six weeks' trial.

"I spent three years as a Crawfords staff writer. Homicide, and Matlock Police. I wrote 17 or 18 episodes, an enormous learning experience."

Then he went freelance, a big step with no weekly wage.

"I wrote Marion, an almost autobiographical mini-series on teaching in the bush, for the ABC's Drama One unit. It had a good critical reception and I spent the next 20 years doing mainly ABC work.

"Going to the bush, especially as a teacher, gave me an appreciation of the importance, value and satisfaction of community. As a teacher you were secretary of the fire brigade and the hall committee. I realised how smart and resilient country people are; the kids too.

"We chose to live in Warrandyte as it was the closest to the country we could get in Melbourne. I became vice president of the new community youth club and I tried to get publicity from the local paper but they didn't want to know. And so the *Warrandyte Diary* was started." For the past 38 years Cliff has had various roles as editor, news editor, feature writer. But he's never worked professionally as a journalist.

"I love newspapers. Newspapers are very collaborative—like TV. Stephen Murray-Smith said a good publication reflects the character of its editor."

Cliff wrote the scripts for several movies, including Picnic at Hanging Rock. "It was the first movie for most of us—director, producer and writer. We had no anticipation it would become a classic Australian movie. I was paid the basic fee, no percentage, but I've had a percent-

age on every project since!

Cliff went on to work on Rush, Power Without Glory, I Can Jump Puddles and lastly Janus, Phoenix and Mercury, "very realistic dramas about the police, law and newspapers." Also a number of episodes of Flying Doctors.

He has won eight Awgies, a number of AFI and television society awards and his film Boy Soldiers was runner-up in an International Emmies. He was part of the Australian Writers Guild's negotiating team setting writers' fees.

"I always felt I would write films one day. I wrote three movies that were produced—one in 10 gets up and of those, one in 10 succeeds. Gallipoli was offered but I was working on something else and turned it down—worse luck!

"I think I broke new ground, capturing an idiom and style and creating characters that were not big American heroes and I received some negative criticism for that. I always had a strong sense of being Australian, being different. Picnic was set in the bush, a foreign environment, the horror of the Australian bush at midday."

He said he always enjoyed the collaborative process or he'd be sitting writing poetry. "In films there's the director, the producer, the script editors, the actors and the cameramen who capture the images, the editor who shapes it and the sound people who record the voices."

Cliff has also written 13 books, including a novel, short stories and a garden book. He greatly admires Don Charlwood's work, adapting All the Green Year for TV, and David Martin was an enormous influence.

"As a teacher I wrote as a hobby but as a professional writer suddenly I didn't have a hobby. My life revolves around being a writer; there's great fulfilment in writing. I don't miss the pressure of deadlines. The *Diary* deadline is not so difficult—but hitting the target all the time and working to an international standard brought great pressure.

The *Diary* keeps the brain working, subediting and rewriting material, and I write the front page fairly often. It's a great team and I think the young journalists that we nurture and bring on are something special. It never ceases to amaze me how loyal and enthusiastic our readers are—the papers just walk out of the shops."

Cliff is very much an environmentalist and conservationist. "Warrandyte is not what it used to be but it's pretty close and it wouldn't be if the community wasn't vigilant and noisy. There are experts on almost everything in Warrandyte and they're probably the best in the country. People from all levels of society are attracted into this melting pot.

"My pet group is CAN—Climate Action Now—where Wayne Rankin's role and skill is supported by the paper. For me, it's the most important work being done in the town."

"The countryside inspires me, travelling through the desert or mountains. I've been inspired by the courage and humanity seen in the bushfires. The community rallied for the stricken areas and there was a feeling of neighbourliness. It was an extraordinary exercise bringing together the fire stories and the effects will stay with this state for a long time."

"The death of my parents when I was still fairly young was hard and I still wish they were here to talk through things. At this end of life it's a bonus when you reach a certain point," he said. "I do one thing one day, nothing the next and I'll keep on doing that. Isn't that good enough? I've had three or four careers, they've all developed well, and I've got four children and 11 grandchildren. I love watching the grandchildren growing up."

"I take pride in my role as an artist. It's classless, above politics. The court jester is always a battler, in a study, theatre or studio—or even a newspaper office. The court jester is never trusted by the powers-that-be, but he always prevails."



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The day a fatal fire ravaged Warrandyte

January 1962 saw devastating bushfires sweep across Victoria. Warrandyte was engulfed in one of the worst fires in its history. More than 110 houses were destroyed and two men died.

By BRUCE BENICE

On the morning of Sunday, January 14, 1962, five fires broke out within an hour and 33 minutes. At 10.30 a fire started in The Basin, followed by two in Christmas Hills north of Yarra Glen. A house fire at Chum Creek spread into dense bush and raced towards Healesville. Chum Creek brigade lost their fire unit whilst fighting this fire. Another fire started at Badgers Creek that same morning.

The extremely dry conditions and the number of serious fires going at the same time split the resources available and made a successful attack almost impossible. The Woori Yallock fire unit was burnt in the fire that raged throughout Monday and Tuesday.

Crews from the Warrandyte brigade fought these fires at St Andrews and the Dandenong Ranges throughout Sunday night, all day Monday and Tuesday morning.

The Warrandyte fire unit, a Land Rover and a three-ton truck with a water tank, left the area on Sunday evening and operated throughout the night, arriving home at 6.45am Monday morning. They left again for the Dandenongs at 5pm on Monday evening, returning to Warrandyte at 5am. After a short rest they prepared to meet the fires burning north and east of Warrandyte.

South Warrandyte brigade's equipment consisted of a few knapsacks and beaters, while North Warrandyte had a Furphy tank and pump mounted on George Stringer's truck. The wooden tower on which the North Warrandyte fire bell was mounted burned down when the fire crossed John and Margaret Gilbert's property.

Their house survived due to some men who dumped water from an elevated tank onto a corner of the house, which had just started to burn. The fire bell was salvaged and was later donated to St Stephen's Church of England, Warrandyte.

On Monday night the Warrandyte unit was on a narrow track below the TV towers on top of Mt Dandenong, fighting a fire burning up the hill towards them, when a Salvation Army crew pulled in behind with cups of tea and scones—in keeping with their tradition of helping where it was needed most.

The fire roared into Warrandyte. Seen from Yarra Street, opposite the island, it filled the horizon as it surged forward with a terrifying, high-pitched roar, throwing a shower of sparks ahead. The bush was well alight by the time the main front hit.

Jack Cahill, Warrandyte brigade captain, an experienced bushman who had been fighting fires all his life, led the brigades, locals and volunteers in the fight to save the

town. Using the river as a barrier, men were stationed along the south bank to put out spot fires started by the shower of sparks that was blowing ahead of the main fire.

Where the men held their positions they were able to stop spot fires spreading, except up towards the island, where they reckoned they were going well, until one of them looked around. The bush behind was a raging inferno, the fire racing through scrub south of the main road. The fire then raced up the gully, alongside Masonic Avenue, across Webb Street and over Fourth Hill. It finally crossed Maroondah Highway near the western corner of Deep Creek Road.

Opposite the Caledonian mine site, a Land Rover driven by Bob Trezise and equipped with a pump and a Furphy tank, was returning from attempting to stop fires in Tills Drive when it hit another car coming through the smoke. The pump coupling was smashed and crew member Peter Gray was thrown to the road, breaking his leg; Geoff Day was jammed by his leg between the two bumper bars. The rest of the crew removed Peter from the roadway to the side of the road, then set about freeing Geoff.

By now, flames were roaring over the top of them and the roadside grass was burning all around Peter. A council truck separated the two vehicles and took Peter to be treated, leaving his silhouette in unburnt grass where he had been lying.

At South Warrandyte, Colman's dam was once again a refuge for people, as it had on that fateful day in January 1939.

Typical of the many successful fights waged that afternoon was the one fought by Tony and Peter Evans, helped by their friend Bruce Chivers from Templestowe. As the fire reached the ridge above Research Road, burning embers showered the home of Mrs Evans at 240 Research Road, starting spot fires around the property. These were dealt with using an electric pump from the river.

The main fire surged down the ridge, engulfed Hipwell's house in moments, then split, one front burning towards Hobday's house and the other crossing Research Road, destroying the Main's and Preston's houses. When the power failed and the pump stopped, the fight to save the Evans and McPherson homes and Jo Sweatman's historic cottage was continued with buckets of water from a fish pond.

Just when things looked to be easing, the fire that had been burning along the river bank turned and swept back up the hill. Once again it was held in a photo finish, especially for the fish, as by now the pond was almost empty.

The orchardists with their spray



A man died in this house in Blooms Road in January 1962.

units were invaluable that day. One arrived just as the fire reached Yarra Street, opposite Anderson Street, creating a sheet of flame all along the road to the dairy. The orchardist drove along the fire's full length, extinguishing it as he went.

At the same time, 75 year-old Bill Hussey, a foundation member of the Warrandyte brigade, was successfully putting out the fire that was burning across 75, 77 and 79 Yarra Street. He was the only person home at the time. At one point he turned the hose on himself in order to survive.

One local arrived home through the chaos, very relieved to see his house still standing, though somewhat scorched. Going inside he found two grimy strangers in the kitchen drinking his beer. They were apologetic, but after a warm fight to save the house, they were so dry they did not think the owner would really mind if they helped themselves to a drink. The owner certainly did not mind, and told them they could have all his beer, and the fridge too, if they wanted it.

Not all attempts to save properties were successful. In some instances the fight was lost. In two cases, neighbours living in Blooms Road, North Warrandyte, died. Leonard Brown apparently took shelter in a concrete tank beneath his house and perished there. Harold Betton had earlier seen to the safe evacuation of his wife and family, then returned to save his home. He was attempting to spray

his house from inside an elevated water tank when the tank stand collapsed.

The fight went on throughout the area, although night brought some relief. The bush was so dry the fires restarted almost as soon as they were extinguished. Weary firefighters felt unbelievable relief when the first drops of rain began falling just after 1am on Wednesday morning.

Rain arrived just in time for one group that had been fighting—with hand tools—an especially stubborn fire in the Mining Reserve on Fourth Hill since 5pm the previous evening. Returning later in the morning to check the area they found exposed a mineshaft, previously unknown and hidden in scrub through which they had been battling fire the previous night.

While the main fire had been controlled, smouldering fires continued to break out for days afterwards, and the brigades were kept busy dealing with them.

People take an extraordinary array of things with them when they realise they have to leave their homes in a hurry. One woman took a canteloupe and a handful of cutlery, another her Mixmaster. One Warrandyte woman obviously had her priorities right; she took a bottle of gin and a tray of ice cubes from the fridge.

One local man was caught out in the open and began to run from the fire. Unfortunately the way was uphill and he was badly out of

condition. By the time he had run completely out of puff, it really did not matter; before he realised it, the fire had already burnt under him and was leading him by about 100 metres.

During the three days that the fires burned, repeated warnings of the danger of wearing nylon clothing were broadcast over the radio. One story that circulated on the grapevine at the time concerned a woman from one of the welfare groups working in the fire area. She heard the warning and suddenly realised she has wearing nylon "unmentionables".

To avoid the possibility of a painful experience, she took them off and handed them to a Warrandyte brigade officer, who put them in his pocket and promptly forgot them—until his wife found them doing the washing!

In a scene straight from "The Man From Snowy River", Wally Riddle of South Warrandyte, who owned a riding school at the time, his son Geoff, Bob Trezise and Gus Bischoff rounded up straying stock and drove them through the main street of Warrandyte to a temporary paddock on Alan Croxford's property, until their owners could collect them.

This account is an edited extract from Bruce Benice's book Fire: the story of a community's fight against fire, with additional research material from Jean Chapman. Picture courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society.

Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

Flett named in state team

Kahlia Flett has been selected in the Victorian Under 16 girls' team for the national championships in Tasmania in July.

In only her second season at Warrandyte, Flett's selection is an amazing performance.

After joining the Under 14.2 team last season, which was her very first at rep-ball level, Flett has advanced quickly and is only one of two bottom-age players to make the State team this year.

Currently a member of the Under 16.1 Venom VC team, Flett is the first ever Warrandyte player to make a State team which is a fantastic achievement for a player who really only has taken the game up in the past 18 months.

Coached by Nicole Howard, Flett's improvement also led to her to a senior debut for the Venom Big V team at the recent Big V pre-season tournament.

Mid-week status retained

Warrandyte has retained its position in the last grading game of the MMBL (Wednesday) basketball season.

Warrandyte defeated the next placed Craigieburn by 40-26.

In a game dominated by defence, Warrandyte started out slightly the better but a Craigieburn three pointer just before quarter time kept the scores close.

Warrandyte were unsettled in the third quarter but still did enough to take the points leading by eight points into the final term.

The Venom were able to control the play and to take the win.

Leading scorers for Warrandyte were Jake Ratcliffe with 14 points and Josh Collins with 10 points.

The Venom will stay in Division 1 and start the regular season as Doncaster, the only team ahead of them have been promoted to the Premier grade.

Warrandyte defeated Doncaster the previous week and another good season in Division 1 should enhance Warrandyte's chances of making the Premier Division next year.

Whistlers are back on court

The start of the Saturday basketball season has brought out a number of people eager to take up the whistle.

Starting off are Rachael Watson and Karen Buckley while Di Trenfield returns to the black and white after time off with injury.

Traralgon win follows extra time loss to Craigieburn

Big V Venom back on track

Warrandyte Venom's Big V season is back on track with a strong 64-56 away win over Latrobe City at Traralgon.

Warrandyte had to recover from an unexpected overtime loss to Craigieburn the week before and were in danger of losing touch in the race for a finals position.

Latrobe City, in their second season in Division 1, had performed well and were early ladder leaders winning four of their first five games.

The Venom were further weakened with the unavailability of captain, Sally Phillips, vice captain, Billie Addlem and centre Jess Oram but welcomed back Jaz Borella who took the court as captain.

At an average age of 18 years, this was the youngest side that coach Justin Nelson had ever coached in the Big V. And the younger players needed to perform which is exactly what they did.

After a tight opening quarter, the game was blown away by Warrandyte in the

U16 boys hold on in tight match

Friday night basketball is now well under way and at the Park Orchards Stadium and Shaun Sumner's Under 16 regional boys held on to win 28-24 in a tight game against Cranbourne.

The Venom were comfortably ahead at the break by 11 points but the visitors put the pressure on late in the game.

The Venom were able to withstand the pressure with some tight defence and Josh James was able to put the game beyond Cranbourne's reach with the final goal of the game.

Earlier in the night, the Under 14 Regional boys let one slip against Eltham going down 40-38.

Warrandyte were in control for most of the game but Eltham took the lead coming into the final minutes, and opened up a five point lead.

Late scores to Jed Dally and Ben Robson were not enough to get the Venom over the line.

The Under 14s have only a draw to their name so far but going on this performance, they will break through soon.

second quarter with a 21 point scoring performance (42 per cent success rate from the field) while holding the home team to eight points.

Latrobe City came back late in the final quarter with three successful three point attempts but the gap was never going to be bridged.

Janelle Lucas with 19 points and 10 rebounds was the Venom's leading contributor on the scoreboard, assisted by Sharlene Dalsanto with nine points and Chelsea Ransom and

Mollie Burke with seven points each.

The transformation of the Warrandyte side was evident with only two players remaining from the same game last year. The local talent continues to come through with 11 of the 12 girls having Redback or Venom experience.

The win puts the Venom just inside of the top four and they have a good chance to make the finals but will need to perform consistently over the full game in coming matches.



Fun and games in the warm up. An extra player appeared to be in the line up for a recent Under 18 game between Warrandyte and Dandenong.

"I just need to show my daughter how it was done" said Di Dargan, seen here with her daughter, Meg.

It must have worked as Warrandyte defeated Dandenong 35-29.

Redbacks are under way as grading matches set up season

After a delayed start for Anzac Day, Saturday basketball got under way with grading games to ensure that teams are in the correct grouping.

Warrandyte's Under 19 girls had an easy victory over Balwyn with a full time score of 48-11.

Kirra Solty top scored with contributions from across the team.

While a pleasing result, the run did not give coach Jenni O'Brien much indication of the strength of the competition this

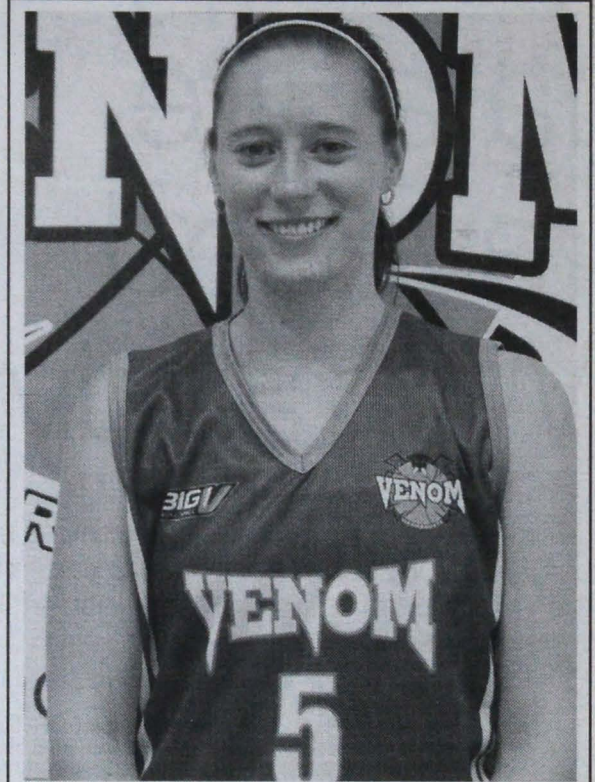
time around.

The Under 19 Boys, playing at Warrandyte High School, went down to Koonung in a tough match by 39-34.

The Redbacks started well jumping to a 10 point lead but were hampered with no reserves and ran out of puff in the final minutes.

Scorers were Ryan Holloway (11 points), Matthew Lane (8), David Holloway (6), Daniel Hughes (5) and Shaun Turner (4).

On a more positive note,



Venom's Chelsea Ransom has come up through Warrandyte's junior ranks.

Ransom first to 50 games

Warrandyte Venom took a significant step in the Big V competition when guard Chelsea Ransom became the club's first player to reach 50 games in Division 1.

Since entering the competition in 2007, the Venom have played in two successive grand final series and have won 37 of 54 games, a terrific achievement for a club that only had five junior representative teams on court in 2005.

Now, with the club boasting 25 junior representative teams, a successful senior women's program and a vision of entering a men's team into the Big V in 2010, local favourite Ransom has emerged as the club's first milestone player.

Having progressed through Warrandyte Redbacks as a junior, Ransom grabbed the opportunity to play in the Big V for her hometown and has never looked back, quickly becoming a valuable starter for the Venom.

Coach Justin Nelson said he often talked about Ransom to juniors at the club as an example of how hard work, a love for the game and a genuine passion for your club can lead to great things.

"I really admire Chelsea as a player, and more so as a local girl who has stepped up from day one and shown every junior at the club that the pathway to senior basketball is visible and achievable," said Nelson.

"But the best thing about Chelsea is she has achieved through hard work. She's not afraid to do the hard yards and will never complain when things don't go her way.

"These days some players expect things to be handed to them, but Chelsea is the direct opposite to that."

Nelson said Ransom was leading the way for the nine teenagers in Venom's squad this year.

"In many ways, at 23 years old, she is a real leader to the younger players and they show her great respect."

Unfortunately for Ransom, Warrandyte went down to the visiting Craigieburn 63-59 in an overtime game.

Warrandyte's Under 13 girls pulled out a win over Bulleen in the final minutes by 21-20.

The game had been close at the break but Bulleen pulled away to an 18-14 lead with just over two minutes to go.

The visitors were doing enough to look like they were safe.

However the Warrandyte girls lifted and locked the scores at 20-all with a field goal to Meg Keppel. Seconds later, Warrandyte's Emma George was fouled

and her point from the line gave the Redbacks the lead.

Bulleen had one last attempt and with expectations running high, their final shot deflected off the ring as the final siren sounded.

"Great defence" was the main point that coach Kelli Taylor wanted to make after the game.

Meg Keppel top scored with nine points, with six points from Simone Caruana in a strong team performance.



Auskick round-up with Edward Munks



Auskickers in Hawks' colours

Warrandyte's Auskickers started their season with a stirring win at a recent half time game played at the MCG.

Representing Hawthorn the young Warrandyte champs easily won the game against Port Power.

The composite team was led by Josh Boras who gathered many telling possessions playing in the centre of the ground. Ruckman Zac Stephenson was able to give Warrandyte first use of the ball to onballers Jarrod Castagna and Hayden Lennon.

Centre half forward Nic Parker and full forward Ryley Reardon had many

shots at goal.

Wingmen Ben Frowd and Samuel Munks played their typical in-and-under game brought the elusive forwards Dylan Caffin and youngster Liam Brown from Heatherdale into the game with their pin point drop punt passing.

When the Port Power team did get the ball into Warrandyte's back half, the older players of Max Stephenson and Josh Costin repeatedly repelled the ball forward again and were able to get it to their new team mates of half back Karl Papez and trio of first gamers Brodie Powell, Zane Kontos and Cam Caffin.



Warrandyte Auskickers get ready to represent Hawthorn at the MCG against Port Adelaide.

As the main Hawthorn players returned to the ground after their half time break through the obligatory line up in front of the players' race, young Dylan Caffin remarked that Buddy Franklin looked really huge when he and Jarrod

Roughhead jogged by them. The TV does distort the size perspective of these player.

Thanks to onground helpers Shanette, Mal, Dave and Carlos.

Budding footballers can still register for Auskick during the season. The cost for

the year is \$60 per child. Each child receives a backpack, football, pump, an AFL CD and a trophy at years end.

Warrandyte Auskick is in the Eastern Ranges TAC Cup region. For more details on a football pathway to the AFL

look at their website: easternranges.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 emunks@gmail.com

It's all footy action at the MCG

The younger Warrandyte Auskickers played two season opening games at the MCG at half time of the recent Hawthorn versus Port Adelaide game.

The two games played were distinct in that the older Auskickers of similar ages played in one game and a separate team of younger Auskickers pitted their skills against each other in their own game.

The older aged game saw a number of the footballers make their debut at the "G". Finn Swedosh led the charge gathering numerous kicks. The hard running duo of Oliver Bell and Nathan Stewart constantly moved the ball around and big man Ben Jackson utilised his long reach and accurate kicking and was able to direct the ball to experienced campaigners Blake Reardon and Ben Munks who kicked a great over the shoulder goal.

The lively "Team Red" made the game a very even contest. The fans at the ground were shown a fine display of kicking and marking skills from Oscar Hodgson and the livewire Luke McAndrew.

Oliver Casamento was able to use his speed honed at little athletics over the summer months to constantly break away from the packs and Jasper Cleary gathered a number of telling kicks to the hard running Jarrah Smith and the dynamic Jack Casey playing a superb rover's game.

In the younger aged game Luke Papez teamed well with the elusive Ethan Stark. Tom Jackson was a dominant ruckman and fed the ball well to Joshua Ball and Callum Smith with Luka Fernandez showing plenty of dash getting the ball forward.

Harry Canty having recovered from a broken leg showed more dash than his favourite Tigers team in getting the ball to team mates in Marcus Green and Ethan Ward who undaunted by the occasion gathered many kicks.



It's all action as the junior Warrandyte Auskickers show their skills during the half time break of the AFL match between Hawthorn and Port Adelaide at the MCG.

Tynan Kontos emulating his Fremantle Dockers cousin David Mundy played a superb running game linking the play with Jack Clifton and Marco Fernandez.

Thanks to the on-ground parent helpers whose continuing help makes these occasions a memorable experience for our children.

Budding footballers can still register for Auskick during the season, the cost for the year is \$60 per child. Each child receives a backpack, football, pump, an AFL CD and a trophy at year's end.

All parents and other people in Warrandyte wishing to be involved in coaching or assisting in other areas are more than welcome to participate with the program.



Warrandyte's junior Auskickers line up for a team photograph.

Reserves: Skill errors costly

Bloods turn hard work into winning formula

Season 2009 has seen some good patches of football played by the Reserves but this has unfortunately and frustratingly been punctuated by losses of concentration and skill errors made at crucial moments.

Warrandyte Reserves are yet to post a win but have shown the potential to more than match it with the competition as new players begin to gel together.

Despite niggling injuries to several key players including backline stalwarts Grant Godwin and Dean Heller and a horrific broken leg suffered by veteran Daniel Rowe, coach Adam Hinds has provided no excuses for his team's performance and training has seen the group work harder to attain their first result.

Some positive signs for the side have been the performances of younger players such as Jake Bentley and imposing forward Hamish Hosking.

Leaders amongst the group such as Cal Haskings, Glen Carle and Brendan Zach have also stood up for the side and in the process are putting their case forward for potential senior selection.

Round 5:
Warrandyte: 6.12-48
Heathmont: 11.10-76
Goals: Hinds 2, Holland 2, Carle, Hosking
Best: Carle, B. Zach, C. Haskings, Chapman, Ansaldo, Holland

Round 4:
Warrandyte: 4.1-25
Mooroolbark: 25.17-167
Goals: Brown 2, J. Bowen, Chapman
Best: Boyce, C. Haskings, McKellar, Chapman, B. Zach, Austen

Round 3:
Warrandyte: 4.13-37
North Ringwood: 12.10-82
Goals: Holland, Ansaldo, G. Zach, Bryant
Best: B. Zach, Bryant, Carle, Ansaldo, J. Bowen, Jarvis

Round 2:
Warrandyte: 11.10-76
Upper Gully: 15.5-95
Goals: Holland 3, Evans 3, Ansaldo, Rowe, Canham, Brewis, Bryant
Best: Goodwin, Heller, Jones, C. Haskings, Brewis, Evans

U18s show good form

The Under18s have proved to be a shining light on some darker days for the senior group.

The boys cruised to a 10 goal victory over Heathmont and pulled off a miraculous victory the week before to beat a strong Mooroolbark team by five points.

Since Phil Treeby and Brian Williams had the foresight and persistence to re-establish Under 18 football at Warrandyte several years ago, the club has understood the importance of a healthy Under 18s side, as well as the benefits that can come from fostering young talent.

Round 5:
Warrandyte: 14.10-94 d Heathmont: 4.7-31
Goals: Khouri 6, Falkingham 3, Holewa 2, Taylor, Buhagiar, Whitfield
Best: Whitfield, Khouri, Atkinson, Buhagiar, Falkingham

Round 4:
Warrandyte: 10.13-73 d Mooroolbark: 9.14-68
Goals: Motea 2, Moore 2, Brouwer 2, Buhagiar, Atkinson, Whitfield, Falkingham
Best: Bentley, Batsanis, Whitfield, Buhagiar, Brouwer, Atkinson

Round 3:
Warrandyte: 5.3-33 lost to North Ringwood: 21.17-143
Goals: Biggs 3, R. Bowen, Whitfield
Best: Biggs, Falkingham, Whitfield, Batsanis, Taylor, Buhagiar

Round 2:
Warrandyte: 11.4-70 lost to Upper Gully: 16.17-113
Goals: Biggs 7, Buhagiar, Whitfield, Valentino, Falkingham
Best: Biggs, Buhagiar, D. Beasley, Holewa, Brouwer, Falkingham

By BEN TAYLOR

There is a feeling of relief at the Warrandyte Football Club this week after a hard fought Round 5 game against Heathmont saw the Bloods bring home their second win for the year.

After narrow losses in winnable games against North Ringwood and Boronia in recent weeks, the encounter with Division Four 2008 premiers Heathmont provided the senior side with the chance to turn their hard work into a result, rather than just another good effort that fell just short of the mark.

Perched precariously at one win and three losses coming into the game, coach Michael Tout stressed to his young playing group the importance of the Heathmont clash.

"The game was really going to show us where we're at the moment, as well as what we're capable of. If we played the way we had all season, in particular with our pressure and our tackling, I was sure the boys could come home with the four points" Tout said.

This proved to be true with the Bloods' best football coming from forced Heathmont errors under sustained defensive pressure and attack on the ball.

Like Tout, players were also keenly aware of the importance of the Heathmont match.

A win for Warrandyte would see them in the middle of the pack in a tight competition, while a loss would see them languishing at the bottom couple of rungs of the Division Three EFL ladder. This pressure seemed to bring out the best in a team with a newfound belief about themselves.

Rather than succumb to the pressure or accept a mediocre performance, the Bloods of season 2009 showed character and a desperation for both the ball and the eventual win. After a wasteful first quarter in front of goal, and facing a 15 point deficit at quarter time, Tout delivered an



Have you got it? I haven't got it. Where's the ball? Warrandyte and Upper Gully players seem at a loss as to the whereabouts of the ball in their recent EFL Division 3 clash.

angry address to his huddle of players.

This was clearly the wake up call that the young Bloods required as they came out in the second quarter with renewed focus and were able to turn the quarter time deficit into a six point half time lead.

Confidence in each other saw plenty of run from half back, with Adam Tsapatsaris and Luke Dunn repelling several Heathmont forward thrusts and gaining the upper hand across half back.

In his third game back from a serious ankle injury sustained over the summer months, Lee Evans presented well across the half forward line and provided a third tall marking option alongside Michael Morello and Ben Torney.

Unfortunately some wayward kicking kept Warrandyte from fully capitalising on their dominance of the second quarter, going into the half time break leading 5.10 to Heathmont's 5.4.

Heathmont were also hungry for a win on their home track and the third quarter played out as a tight tussle between two teams desperately wanting the four premiership points on offer.

First year player Alex McIntosh provided another marking option across half forward, while Ben Reid was at his tenacious best frustrating the Heathmont onballers with some tight checking and heavy tackles.

The third quarter was an arm wrestle of sorts, with neither side able to gain any ascendancy and the lead changed hands several times.

With the scores locked at 60 points apiece at three quarter time, Tout implored his players to dig deep and not accept anything apart from a win.

In what is perhaps a sign of newfound maturity, the young Warrandyte side showed that the new attitude and feeling around the club was not merely talk, slamming on three unanswered goals in the first 10 minutes of the quarter.

Veteran club legend Matt Wood stood up when it counted with several important last quarter possessions, including a crowd pleasing screamer on the grandstand wing, while nuggety onballer Vinnie Jones also proved cool under pressure, with several important clearances from the half back line.

A shell shocked Heathmont could only manage one final quarter goal in reply, and the Bloods eventually ran out 14 point winners.

In pleasing signs for the Bloods, experienced players such as captain Tom Naughtin and Ben Reid led by example in their efforts towards the ball, with their intensity rubbing off on young Bloods such as Tim Beasley who worked tirelessly all day.

Eighteen year old Alex McIntosh impressed coaches and supporters alike with a game worthy of much more experienced player while Dion Mullett-Treloar did well to limit Heathmont's Mick Aitken's impact on the match to a minimum.

Warrandyte's 2008 Best and Fairest winner Grant McAdam also saw a return to form after a slow start to the 2009 season.

With four points separating third and eighth on the EFL ladder, the Bloods now know what is needed in order to win more games this season and will be keen to replicate their efforts from Saturday in order to push for a finals berth in the coming months.

Warrandyte: 11.14-80
Heathmont: 10.6-66
Goals: Torney 3, Evans 2, Morello 2, Wood, Dunn, Gamble, T. Naughtin
Best: Tsapatsaris, Mullett-Treloar, McAdam, Christopher, McIntosh, Wood

● PREVIOUS ROUNDS
Round 2 produced a thrilling five point victory over the much fancied Upper Ferntree Gully side while Round 3 saw the inaccurate Bloods on the wrong side of a five point result against North Ringwood on a wild and windy Anzac Day.

Round 4 saw league leaders Mooroolbark visit Warrandyte Reserve and while the Bloods took the game up to Mooroolbark for the first half of the game they were overrun after half time after proving unable to sustain their intensity around the football under

intense pressure from a well drilled and talented Mooroolbark side.

Round 4:
Warrandyte: 8.8-56
Mooroolbark: 20.16-136
Goals: Morello 4, Torney 3, McIntosh
Best: Wood, T. Naughtin, L. Naughtin, Mullett-Treloar, Feben, McAdam

Round 3:
Warrandyte: 11.18-89
North Ringwood: 14.5-84
Goals: Torney 4, Morello 2, Christopher 2, Taylor, T. Naughtin, Gamble
Best: Torney, Dunn, Feben, Taylor, Reid, Tsapatsaris

Round 2:
Warrandyte: 18.7-115
Upper Gully: 16.14-110
Goals: Morello 6, McIntosh 3, Jones 2, Taylor 2, L. Naughtin, Wood, Torney, Gamble, Christopher
Best: Taylor, Jones, Hand, Dunn, Morello, Tsapatsaris, L. Naughtin



Luke Dunn, Luke Naughtin and Grant McAdam are in the action during this clash in the match against Upper Gully.

Bowers to head men's basketball

Kevin Bowers has been appointed Senior Men's Director of Warrandyte Basketball.

Bowers, who has significant experience coaching in the Big V (including 11 years at Sunbury), is currently the assistant senior coach at Sandringham SEABL and runs the Under 16 Sabres program.

The appointment will see Bowers join the club in September, just in time to assist with tryouts and get preparations in place for the 2009/2010 VJBL season and the 2010 Big V season.

Warrandyte will make an application for a Division 3 Mens team in the Big V for 2010.

Current senior director Justin Nelson said the appointment enhanced the entire program at the club and provided the boys' side of the program with a dedicated resource that would help lift the overall standard, both on and off the court.

"Kelvin is a class act, a real ball of energy and a person who genuinely loves the game and helping young players to aspire to higher levels," said Nelson.

Bowers said he was blessed to be given such an opportunity to start this new journey with the men's program at Warrandyte.

"Our success will be based on three letters that I hold close to

my heart ... ABC, Attitude, Belief and Commitment. If we strive to excel in these areas the wins will take care of themselves.

"I truly believe that the success of our program will come from our junior program. It is essential that you provide them with an environment where they are able to learn the fundamentals of basketball and also help them in becoming respected young men in the community.

"I personally will make myself available in this process as this is a huge part of my appointment. I look forward to becoming a recognised face in the community helping shape the image of the Venom

Men's Basketball family," Bowers said.

"I am excited about this challenge and I anticipate being a positive motivating force in Venom Basketball, that will see our program become the place where young kids will dream of wearing the Venom colours.

"I would like to say a big thank you to my long time friend Peter Unwin who give me a great endorsement that help me get the job.

"I also need to thank Doug Hilton, Ian Wood and Justin Nelson for having the belief and confidence that I can assist in the direction of the new journey."



Warrandyte's new Senior Men's Director of Basketball, Kevin Bowers.

Century up for junior footballer

By LANCE NILSSON

Triple best and fairest winner, Ryan Exon celebrated the opening of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club's season by reaching a century of games.

The Under 15's formed a guard of honour to celebrate the 100 game milestone.

Both the Under 14s and 15s have posted a win in the opening rounds in the top division of their respective age groups.

Coaches Peter Stafford (Under 14) and Steve Blakey (Under 15) say they have strong squads to work with.

The club is also pleased to have a large group of players trying out for the Yarra Junior Football League representative team.

They include: Under 14s, Daniel Misfud, Josh James, Harry Vogler, Matt Collins and Ryan Tester. Under 15s, Ryan Exon, Tim Nilsson, Jack Power, Zac Galbally and Jacob Ballard.

The Tackers have started their competitive football lives. Coach Carlos Castagna was proud of the way the boys showed plenty of character to claw their way back into the game against a bigger bodied Ivanhoe.

Castagna believes the signs are

very good for the season and Quinn Clark and Billy Smead were Lee Tindale Medal winners on the day.

The Under 10s have battled well against good opposition and coach Dick Baker is confident the boys will learn from each game and work on manning up and supporting teammates.

Tristan Calladine has been strong in defence and Hayden Lennon and Mark Baker have repelled many attacks. Samuel Munks has been fearless in his pursuit of the footy.

Paul Reardon the coach of the Under 11's invoked the Anzac spirit of helping your mates in the Round 2 clash against Canterbury. The boys responded wonderfully and played team football to record a comfortable win.

Jake Tucker and Joseph Livesey rucked tirelessly and Ryan Thornton was dangerous around goal.

The Under 12s have got off to a flyer winning the first two games. The boys were too good for St Mary's in Round 2 and were well served by Josh Beasley who was effective up forward.

Coach James Joffa thought it was a great all round team effort and was impressed by the pres-

sure applied by his boys all day.

The Under 13s played rivals Ivanhoe in a much anticipated Round 2 clash.

Coach Chris Appleby was thrilled with the dominance his boys displayed on the day as they posted a 23 point win against a traditional bogey side.

Sid Phillip-Owen played a fine captain's game and was well supported by the strong marking Reece McKenzie and the hard running pair of Zac Ballard and William Kerr.

Both Colts teams started the season with good wins and coach of Colts 1, Shane Newman has been impressed with the attack on the ball.

The Dave Clifton award in Round 2 went to Lyndon Mustafa for his inspirational approach to the contest.

Colts 2 coach Josh Blakey believes a great team effort got his boys home in a tight Round 2 encounter against Doncaster. The boys battled the elements and kicked away in the last five minutes.

The club will hold a function on June 20 at Anderson's Creek Primary School titled 'The Bloody Good Night Out'. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Dee gets an 'A' with Doncaster Dolphins

Warrandyte nurse Dee Sheffrin has capped off a great swim year by winning Doncaster Dolphins Masters "Best female swimmer award".

Sheffrin posted some outstanding results at the Perth 2008 Fina World Games, bringing home five top 10 medals in her age group.

This was followed up with some high energy performances to break four Victorian State records in her favourite 50m and 100m breaststroke and butterfly events.

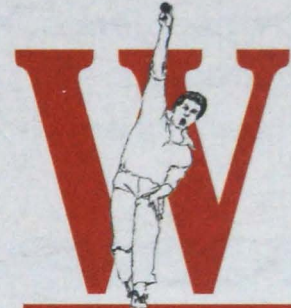
Four further Gold medals in the Australian Masters Games at Geelong were testimony to an outstanding year.

Sheffrin continued on her excellent form and showed versatility with strong placings in the popular ocean and bay open water swims.

More information about Doncaster Dolphins Masters Swimming Club can be obtained by visiting www.doncasterdolphins.com.au or contacting Alan Gibson on 0419 161 439



Dee Sheffrin with the medals she won at the recent Fina World Games.



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Warrandyte Cricket Club
JUNIOR/SENIOR
COACH 2009/10



Warrandyte Cricket Club seeks applications to fulfil the role of both Junior Coach and Senior Coach for season 2009/10.

Warrandyte is an historic yet progressive local club with a strong group of development players and a committee focussed on success.

On-field leadership roles also to be considered for suitable applicants. Attractive remuneration available.

Applications close May 30.

Contact club president,

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Enquiries and bookings telephone 9844 2041 or 9722 1369.



www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au

WARRANDYTE NORTH

Rustic Mudbrick

This rustic mudbrick home on approx 2 acres features the expansive use of timbers from Sydney's Darling Harbour waterfront, adding a bit of history and character to the charming qualities on offer. Featuring five bedrooms plus study/office, two living areas and serene bush outlooks. Enjoy the warmth and comfort of the designer styled open fireplace in the formal lounge whilst taking in the natural beauty that surrounds the home. All of this, just minutes from Warrandyte's central river position on Yarra Street.

PRICE: \$580k plus



Impressive on All Fronts

Offering 4 bedrooms plus study/office, master with extra large walk-in-robe, a well equipped kitchen and large meals area, this home also boasts 4 living areas that will not only appeal to those who value the luxury of space but also to those who enjoy the satisfaction of entertaining both indoors and outdoors on the large covered deck. You will have no problem accommodating as many things as you like with substantial storage space and a huge 4-car remote garage. All this set on approx 1/4 acre.

PRICE: \$670k plus



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Make the Tree Change to the River

Escape the noise, traffic and chaos of city life with this secluded river frontage retreat. A double brick split level home with 3 bedrooms + study/4th, formal lounge, rumpus room and bar, double carport, water tank, secure dog run and inground gas-heated pool on over 1/4 of an acre. A maple timber kitchen and meals area opens to a spectacular deck facing the river, where kids can kayak, swim and fish. Minutes from schools, shopping and restaurants.

PRICE: \$590k plus



WARRANDYTE SOUTH

Let Your Family Flourish

Superbly placed overlooking the Great Dividing Range, this unique architectural brick home is a 12-sided dodecagon, set on 2 acres to deliver the perfect family lifestyle. Enjoy fresh fruit from the orchard and wondrous wildlife including kangaroos, wedge-tailed eagles, water birds and tame kookaburras. Find your own space with 4 bedrooms, two living levels and a flourishing garden.

PRICE: \$820k plus



WARRANDYTE

Kick Back & Relax

A warm and inviting 5-bedroom home, set amid tranquil native gardens on a 785sqm (approx) property that borders acreage. Superb mountain views from a timber deck amid the trees, solid timber kitchen with Westinghouse appliances, formal lounge, meals area, open study, upstairs TV/sitting room and 3 bathrooms. Plus split/system unit, double tandem carport, underground storage/cellar with space for potential office or rumpus.

PRICE: \$450k plus

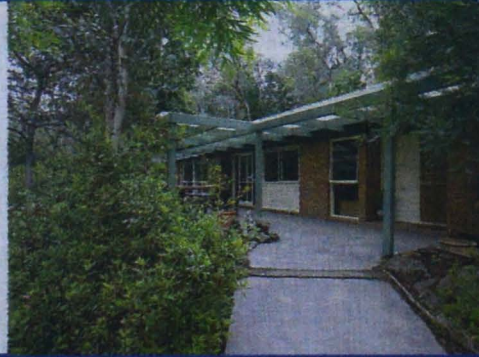


WARRANDYTE NORTH

The Long Weekend

Imagine a long weekend escape every day of your life from this family retreat on 1 & 3/4 acres. A front entertainment area overlooks native gardens and rolling lawns, with a big open kitchen to watch children roam safely. With four robed bedrooms (the master with a huge ensuite), a tiled family room and study nook, there's room enough to watch your children grow. Fully fenced with a separate animal paddock, double carport and 3 sheds in a tranquil corner of Warrandyte North.

PRICE: \$580k plus



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In the Heart of Warrandyte

A beautifully crafted architectural contemporary design, encompassing the excellent north orientation of the site. The interior of the kitchen flows directly through to the living area, allowing for informal project marries clean lines, emphasising the rich bush and yet not compromising on modern function or understated style. A unique pocket of architectural homes within Warrandyte situated within walking distance to the shops, public transport and local schools.

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WARRANDYTE SOUTH

The Sounds of Silence

Charlie Paterson has lived in this simple white weatherboard for 60 years, and loved every minute of it. A peaceful bush setting bordering Warrandyte State Park, with kangaroos on the lawn, a horse riding/wood heater, three sheds (two with BIR) and 84,000sqm of service the 1/4 acre property has a carport, 4 sheds, an enclosed rear verandah and a superb location, just minutes from Yarra Street shops and services.

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