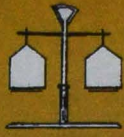


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Future of reserve



Future Bloods: Marcus Green breaks away from the pack at a recent Auskick training session at Warrandyte Reserve. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Council flags sports precinct development

By CLIFF GREEN

A draft plan by Manningham council for the future of Warrandyte Reserve proposes a number of potential improvements and changes.

Council embarked on this plan following a submission from the Warrandyte Netball Club for better facilities for their players, long dubbed "the orphans of Warrandyte".

According to Warrandyte resident councillor David Ellis, "changes foreshadowed by the council at the reserve include resurfacing the netball courts and refurbishment of a room at the Senior Citizens Centre for shared use by Warrandyte's netballers."

A detailed report on the draft plan undertaken for the *Diary* by local planner Val Polley (see Page 5) suggests that the netball club may be somewhat disappointed by the draft plan.

"The netball club had requested a third court and also put forward a proposal to extend the senior citizens' building to encompass clubrooms and an indoor half-court," Ms Polley states.

"However the plan considers that recent court work and proposed floodlighting will bring Warrandyte netball facilities into line with other netball clubs in Manningham."

Also likely to cause debate in the community is a separate proposal from Vodafone for a mobile phone tower which would incorporate attached floodlighting and an electronic scoreboard.

Cr Ellis states that the draft plan foreshadows "lighting for car parks, floodlighting upgrades to netball courts and the main oval, redevelopment of the main sports pavilion and improvements to the spectator terrace".

The plan proposes that facilities for netballers would be included in a redeveloped

HAVE YOUR SAY ON RESERVE'S FUTURE

The Warrandyte Reserve draft plan is available for public inspection during business hours at council offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, at Information Warrandyte, Warrandyte Community Centre, cnr Yarra and Webb streets, and in the foyer at the centre. Plan and feedback forms also available on www.manningham.vic.gov.au.

The deadline for submissions on the draft plan is 5pm, Friday, August 28. Comments can be made via email to eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au, or posted to Ms Teresa Dominik, Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, Doncaster 3108.

main pavilion.

"Also in the plan is the creation of a shared bike/pedestrian path along Tarroona Avenue linking the Yarra Trail," Cr Ellis said.

"Car parking areas are to be extended and linked between the main oval and the lower oval. This car park link will require the demolition of a toilet block adjacent to the lower oval, which council officers say is only used infrequently."

Moving endorsement of the plan at a recent council meeting, Cr Ellis said: "Warrandyte Reserve is a defining part of Warrandyte. It is our principal location for outdoor sports and also an important part of our open space provision, being adjacent to Andersons Creek and the River Reserve."

Manningham council is "seeking feedback on the plan's recommendations for the future use, development and management of the reserve".

See full report on Page 5.

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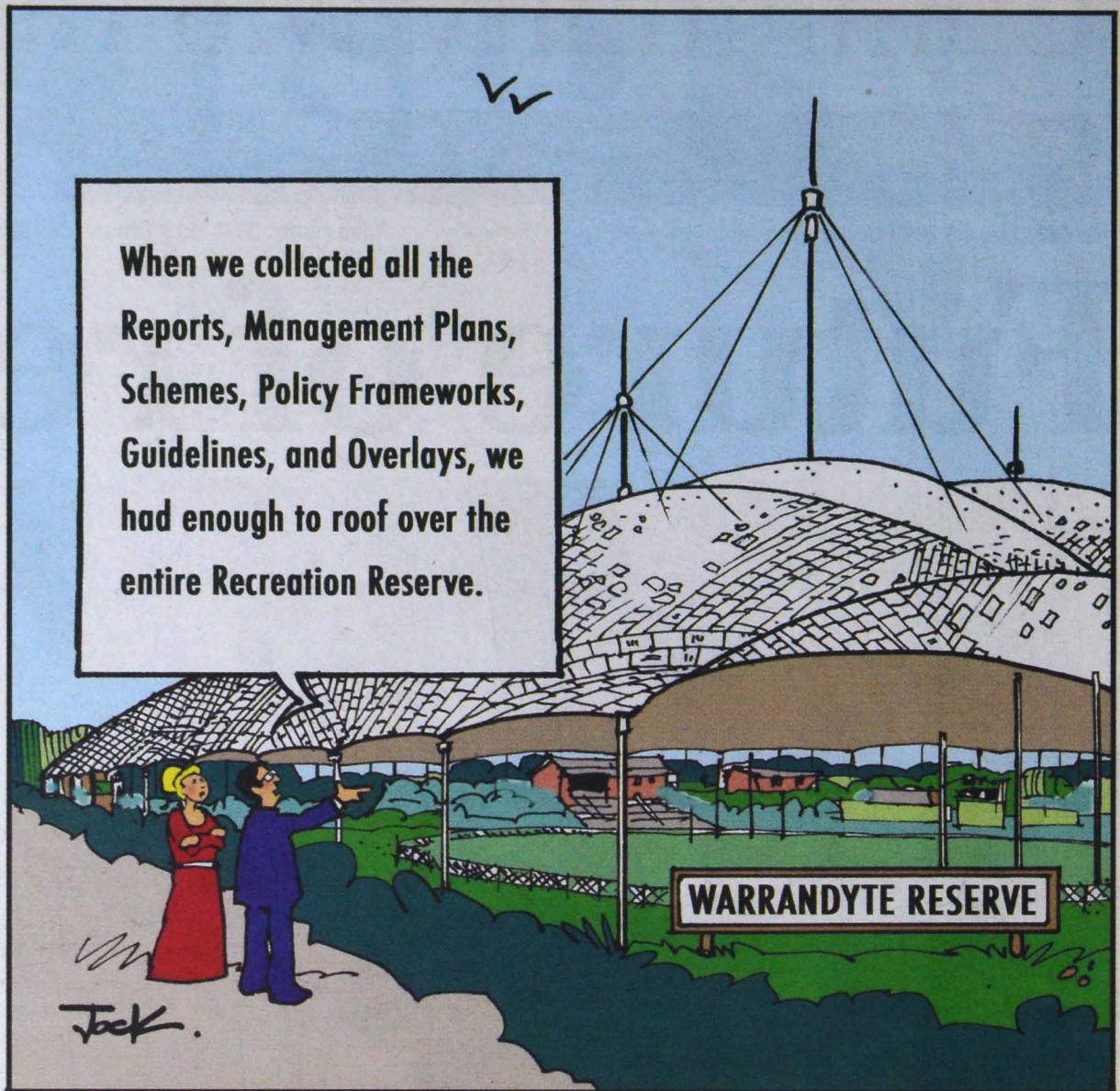
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A SPECIAL PLACE

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



When we collected all the Reports, Management Plans, Schemes, Policy Frameworks, Guidelines, and Overlays, we had enough to roof over the entire Recreation Reserve.

Catastrophe at the market

THE sun shone. The river burred. The eucalyptus mingled with the scent of emu, goanna and other native fauna who give their oil to make us clean and alluring. And beneath their pop-up portable shelters, the stall holders at the Warrandyte Market plied their wares—OzTrail was annexing Stiggants Reserve.

The people had come in their droves, some even from Warrandyte. Mums and dads jostled between the stalls, wide-eyed children failed to watch where they were going, dogs tangled their retractable leashes, buskers sang for their sausages in bread. And through this cornucopia of sights, smells and sounds wandered Neville, Narelle and Jasper without a care in the world.

Neville was keeping a tight rein on Charles who was getting to know a Cocker Spaniel Poodle cross in a back to front sort of way. "He's an arse man," quipped Neville, who was similarly inclined, apart from the sniffing.

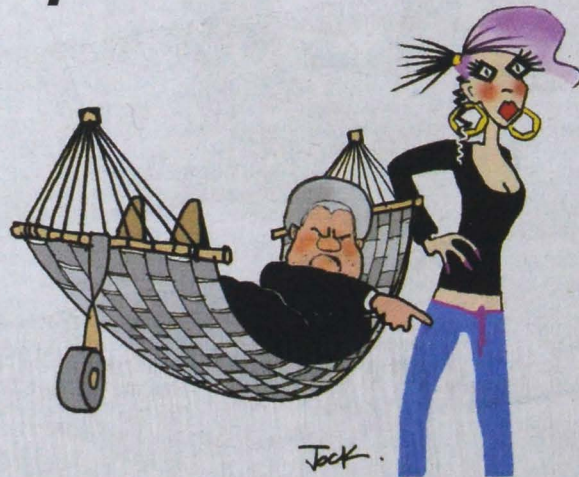
Narelle was chatting to an old schoolfriend realising once again the major disadvantage of being a woman—when you don't remember someone's name you can't just call them "mate".

And Jasper was listening to a seven year-old violinist execute a Chopin Nocturne that should never have seen the light of day.

"Do you have a request?" chirped the little lad when he'd finished.

"Yes," answered Jasper. "Stop playing!"

But what they'd really come to see was Cinnamon's stall of



Harry Pottery. Six weeks ago Cinnamon had set to work with a Hogwarts theme: Coffee Muggles, Cups and Sorcerers and Goblets of Fire; Dumbledorknobs, Ron and Hermione Salt and Pepper shakers and a quizzical piece of garden statuary of Harry playing Quidditch. As Narelle mused at the time, where on Earth did she get her creativity?

"From me of course!" answered Gran. "I used to be the pride of the WAA Craft Group. Till I knitted 12 rows of Rosemary Climas's hair into a knee rug." And had announced there and then she would share Cinnamon's stall with her very own speciality: things made out of duct tape!

And sure enough, the busiest stall at the market was the Trotorium of ceramic wizardry and duct feats. People were oohing and aahing at duct wallets, duct recycle bags, duct book covers, duct shoe laces, duct aprons, duct thongs, duct things of every colour and construction.

But the thing that really got them in was the sight of the old duct herself, suspended behind the trestle table in her piece of resistance: Warrandyte's first hammock made entirely from 23 rolls of plaited duct tape, slung via hooks and U-bolts between the bullbar on the Landcruiser at one end and a seriously sagging wattle at the other. Michael Jackson's autopsy couldn't have attracted more attention. And from this silver throne, she ordered Cinnamon about like Queen Muck herself.

"The lady wants a pink mobile phone case! Get more photo frames out of the box!" Cinnamon was run off her feet, her magic pottery as good as invisible.

"How's it all going dear?" asked Narelle as the rest of the family joined the throng.

"Don't stand around yacking," snapped Gran from her perch. "Get in here and help!"

At which point Narelle and Jasper developed a sudden

living with The Trots

craving for lentil burgers and Neville was left holding the Weimaraner. But not for long. Suddenly the Cocker Spaniel. Poodle whatever raced through the middle of the stall yapping its head off at some unseen prey. In a flash Charles was under the trestle table and after it, jerking Neville off his feet and sending the trestle and its contents flying in all directions.

A moment later Gran went the same way, as Charles and his cross friend, in an unfortunate case of barking up the wrong tree, launched themselves at a possum tail dangling from the lower branches of the wattle. The U-bolts surrendered their grip, slandering Gran onto the pointy end of Harry's hat.

"Oh my God!" squealed Cinnamon. "Everything's ruined! And is that my Quidditch statue you're lying on?"

"It wasn't my fault," said her prostrate grandmother. "He committed Harry Kari!"

"Don't start!" snapped Cinnamon. "You've been carrying on like there's a broomstick up your backside all day!"

"Is that what it is?" said Gran fumbling down the back of her skirt.

They tried to put the stall back together. Neville righted the trestle table, Narelle gathered up the stock and Gran repaired the broken pottery as best she could with duct tape, but it wasn't the same. The only one with a smile on his face was Charles. And the Cockerpoodle too.

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Community will rally for life



We all turned out for last year's relay. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

The call is out for teams, supporters and volunteers to join in the 2009 Warrandyte Relay for Life, celebrating and remembering the community's fight back against cancer.

The relay will again be held at the Warrandyte Reserve. Commencing at 4pm on Saturday, September 12 it will reach its triumphant conclusion the following morning, Sunday, September 13 at 12noon.

"Relay for Life is a major event and an opportunity to share time with cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and support families, friends and carers in the fight against cancer," Terry Pieper, organiser of the Warrandyte event told the *Diary*.

It is also an opportunity to raise funds for cancer research, education and support programs.

Relay for Life involves teams taking turns in relay-style "walking, running, skipping, dancing, strolling or wheeling around the track, passing on a baton as they continue throughout the night, accompanied by a fantastic program

featuring local entertainers.

"Many teams will join in the spirit of the event, dressing in a variety of costumes and embracing an array of themes. Diverse and elaborate baton designs will be a feature.

"We all seem to know someone who has experienced cancer," Mr Pieper said. "Relay for Life is an opportunity to celebrate with people in the community who have beaten cancer, support those still fighting and remember those we have lost."

The event will once more feature an emotional candlelit ceremony, with personal messages of love and support for those fighting, and in memory of those gone, lighting the track as teams walk on through the night.

"Relay for Life is open to everyone in the community, all ages and fitness levels," Mr Pieper said. "Register your team now, join a team or volunteer to support us."

● Registration and further information from www.relayforlife.org.au or call 1300 65 65 85.

Fiery future?

Government signals new fire measures

Measures to help protect Warrandyte State Park from future bushfires include four prescribed burns during the coming year, with three burns scheduled for this spring.

Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean and parliamentary secretary for emergency services welcomed these provisions when commenting on the state government's recently released program for bushfire safety.

This program includes development of township protection plans in consultation with communities in some high-risk locations, and identification of appropriate sites as neighbourhood "safer places and educating the community about the appropriate use of these places".

Ms Green said she was personally concerned about the drive by some in the community for widespread use of bunkers.

"Bunkers may well offer some people a false sense of security and may mean that they do not then take the opportunity to leave early," Ms Green told the *Diary*. "The reality is that some people who

perished on Black Saturday in fact lost their lives in bunkers due to the duration and intensity of that fire."

Warrandyte State Park will receive fire protection works over the next four years thanks to an additional \$21 million from the state government to help safeguard communities and assets on Melbourne's outer urban fringe.

"Nine prescribed burns have been conducted in the Warrandyte State Park and surrounds over the past three years and existing planning has identified a further four areas for burning in the next year, with three of these scheduled for this coming spring," Ms Green said.

The \$21 million will be used to employ more fire management staff—including firefighters, communications officers and planners—to conduct additional planned burning as well as fire management planning and community engagement.

"It is great that the additional funding will be used to support these burns and ensure the local community is well informed and has opportunities to provide input and local knowledge into the operation of the burns," Ms Green said.

"Our goal is to reduce the fire risk across the state where it is most needed, not to simply tally up a number of (planned burn) hectares," she said.

"Planned burns that assist with protection of life, property and critical community assets must be carefully and strategically placed to influence the run of a bushfire and often these burns are small, complex and very difficult to conduct."

Ms Green said the funding will be used to purchase more firefighting equipment and to help the ongoing community education and engagement programs that assist authorities monitor the way fires are fought.

The initiative will support existing programs provided by the CFA in supplying information to households. This will ensure that the management of the fire risk is shared between public land managers and the broader community.

Ms Green said further key changes to improve summer bushfire safety were announced by the Premier. The "prepare, stay and defend or leave early" policy will be revised as follows:

- Much more emphasis will be placed on the protection of life by leaving early.

- Key messages will be changed to highlight that the protection of life is paramount and the safest policy is for residents to leave early so they are not in an area during a bushfire.

- Victoria's fire services will support residents in their decision-making by clarifying

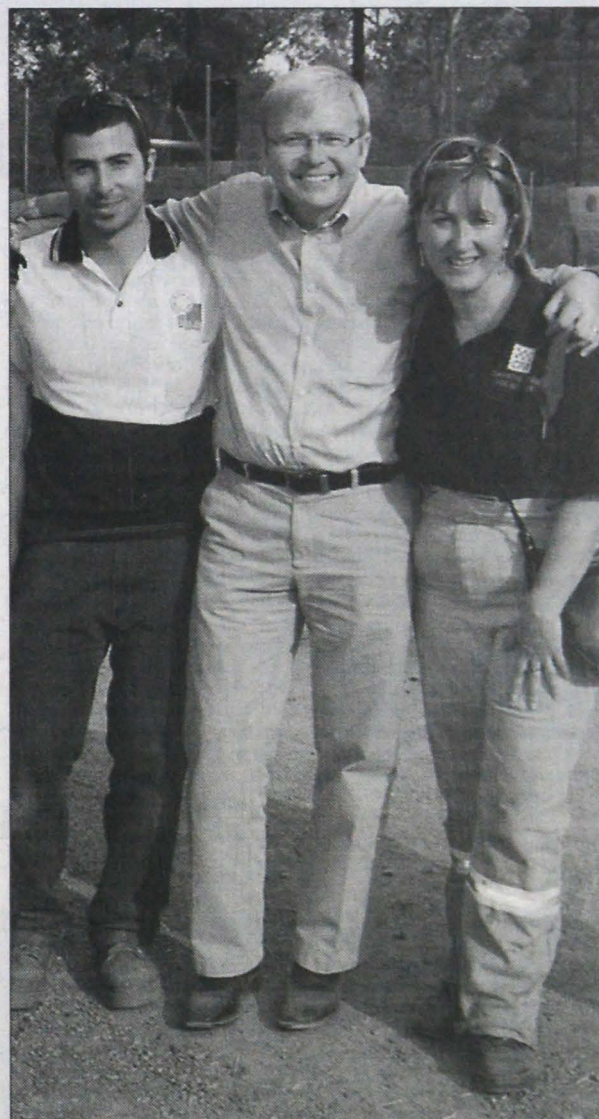
what "leave early" means and providing guidance—including an online risk assessment tool—to help people better assess the defendability of their home and the risks they face.

- An intensive education and awareness campaign will commence in the lead-up to the coming fire season to communicate the changed messages. To improve the quality and timeliness of bushfire warnings, the government will establish a single "behind the scenes" website with same-time uploads to the CFA and DSE websites.

A further wide-ranging series of communication improvements are foreshadowed, including—at last—a national emergency warning system to deliver warnings to all phones—fixed and mobile; examine the use of Facebook and Twitter as warning tools; review the way ABC radio issues warnings and possibly extend this service to commercial stations.

"The government stands ready to make further announcements in response to the Royal Commission findings and ahead of the next bushfire season," Danielle Green said.

- The WCA bushfire prediction meeting was underway as the *Diary* went into production. A full report will appear in our next issue.



Danielle Green (right) and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd with a volunteer at Kinglake West following Black Saturday.

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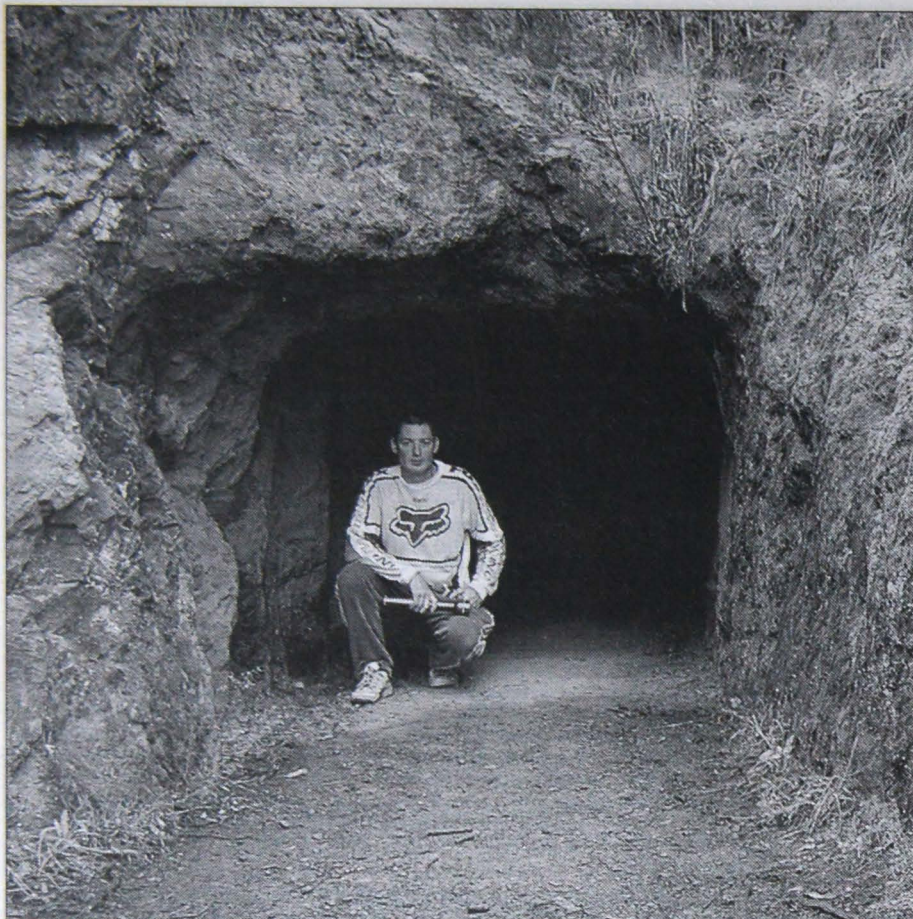
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Peter Hanson at the entrance to a mine tunnel on Fourth Hill.

Tunnels no refuge

I am writing in response to your request for feedback on the question of using local mines as fire refuges.

Using the State Park tunnels as fire refuges sounds obvious but it is not a practical option. I have spoken to many locals who experienced the 1939 fires and those who chose to stay and defend their properties chose the Yarra as their preferred option.

On extreme fire days it is highly undesirable to enter bushland areas during fire threat, especially if there are fires in the area already. There is limited car parking

approaching the mines and this could result in road access being compromised for fire-fighting vehicles.

Breathable air levels in the local mines may not be as big an issue as has been suggested. The volume of air in the mines is very large, and so long as there are fewer people over less time, the effect of oxygen displacement (diffusion) and oxygen being depleted through breathing, would result in enough oxygen without adverse effects. I visited numerous mines in the greater Warrandyte area with a gas detector and there were

no gas issues.

When the fire front has passed, State Park tracks would pose numerous hazards, such as speeding fire trucks and falling trees.

I believe fire safety should come down to an individual property level. Therefore providing private underground fire refuges is a far more realistic option. Underground fire refuges gained popularity following Ash Wednesday, but interest seems to have waned over time.

Peter Hanson
Webb Street

Broken globes are health hazards

Why are we encouraged to purchase those new energy efficient light globes? I have yet to find them lasting longer than the "old-fashioned" light globe. The glass is very thin and we are not supposed to deposit them, after use, in the rubbish bin.

Are the benefits worth it? Apparently they reduce air and water pollution, but they also contain traces of mercury.

Recently one such globe in our room exploded. Did you know that you are supposed to leave the room for 15 minutes, after having opened a window? You have to clean up the remnants with a wet rag and ring your local recycling depot to ask if they will accept

dear diary

both the rag and the glass remnants.

Burnt out globes can be dropped off at some Ikea stores or again at your local recycling depot. Otherwise you have to hang onto them until there is a household hazardous waste collection. Wouldn't an ordinary globe be better?

For further information see www.eartheasy.com/live-energy.

Agnes Stuyfbergen
Bradleys Lane

A bridge so near

With another bushfire season fast approaching, I appeal to those North Warrandyte residents to reconsider their objections to the possibility of a footbridge at the end of Bradleys Lane, connecting near Taroon Avenue.

The fires at nearby Strathewen and St Andrews could well have impacted on North Warrandyte—if a northerly had been blowing—with disastrous results.

Imagine the scenario with our only river crossing. At least with a second crossing, our congestion problem would have been greatly relieved, possibly saving lives. This is serious food for thought.

Denis Robertshaw
North Warrandyte

Pets' poop pollutes oval

Aaah! The joy of community service, the positive environmental impact of putting your hand in a plastic bag and picking up the warm pile that your beloved pooch has left! It's well worth praise for those who use the river path.

But shame on those who feel comfortable leaving piles of dog faeces on the small oval.

The positive attitude demonstrated along the river disappears once dog owners are out of sight.

Our Auskick coaches and the younger members of the community have to pick up, wipe from hands, clothes, footballs and footy boots the poop of your dogs.

Warrandyte unite and remind all dog owners of their responsibility to their pets, the environment and the community.

Geof Gray
Blooms Road

No deposits on discarded cans

I write to congratulate Colleen Hartland, MLC of the Greens in her attempt to tackle the issue of the disposal of unwanted drink containers by introducing deposit container legislation.

The Environment Protection Amendment Bill would have gone a long way in tackling this important issue. It was surprising that the Brumby Labor government dismissed the legislation due to a technicality and as a result, the bill was unable to be debated. I was proud that the Liberal Party were strong supporters of this bill, which sought to mirror similar laws in South Australia.

Apart from making environmental sense, community groups such as the Scouts and Guides, could have used this initiative to raise some much needed funds for their organisations. It is disappointing that this popular proposal is now a long way from being a reality.

Ryan Smith
MP for Warrandyte

CLYDE & OCKER

"I was going to write a letter about public apathy, Ock. But I couldn't be bothered!"

Finding bushfire shelter in our environment

I am very interested in the mines question being revisited. I have already emailed Parks Victoria and received very much the same response as your team. I would support O² and CO² studies.

But we mustn't forget the use of a mine (as a fire refuge) would be as a Plan B or Plan C option, not to be encouraged as an evacuation point.

Sheltering in the Victory mine would seem a sensible thing to do if caught short in Whipstick Gully.

Thank you for raising this subject. I feel we need to look around our local environment and find safer options to take refuge in the event of needing them in a hurry.

Sue Reni
by email



World heritage for Wedge?

While I believe the state government is serious about wanting to protect the Green Wedges of Melbourne, I fear at the end of the day, keeping one's party in power becomes the greater consideration, and both major parties are alike in this regard.

An area in Tuscany in Italy has been world heritage listed because it has been popular among artists and filmmakers. I do not believe this area is more beautiful than certain parts

of Nillumbik.

I suggest that a caveat may be put upon land over a certain size by government to protect it. Being ignorant of such things, I feel an environmental law firm may be worth consulting.

After all, what is the alternative, except to see, with time, everything disappear?

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CYRIL By PAUL WILLIAMS

Reserve judgement

Manningham council has just released a draft management plan, setting out the proposed future of the Warrandyte Reserve. Local planner VAL POLLEY examines the plan and its likely ramifications.

IT soon becomes apparent on reading the draft management plan for the Warrandyte Reserve, just how important this 6.1ha area is for the Warrandyte community. From newborn babies and their mothers via teenagers and sportspeople to senior citizens, the reserve provides venues and resources that enhance the daily lives of local residents. It is a well-used and very popular area both for formal sports activities and a number of informal, environmental and casual uses.

Manningham council reviewed the reserve's management plan following a submission from the Warrandyte Netball Club regarding its inadequate training facilities. The club requested council fund the development of a feasibility study for clubrooms at the Warrandyte Reserve.

The resulting plan has been released for community comment. It is long, complex and contains a number of far-reaching proposals. Extensive consultation has taken place. The major themes identified were:

- improving the accommodation for netball, cricket, senior and junior football clubs (to be achieved through a redevelopment of the sports pavilion);

- allowing for greater participation in formal sport and access to the reserve (through the installation of floodlighting and increasing the size of the smaller oval, support for the Main Yarra Trail development and improved traffic management);

- improving community safety (through upgrading the lighting in the main car park, round the skate park and by increasing the number of times the area near the skate park is cleaned and broken glass removed);

- managing the natural environment to ensure the reserve retains its picturesque landscape (through bushland management, including prevention of car parking near the creek and under gums).

The existing infrastructure and the organisations that use it are:

- **Skate Park:** built in 2001 comprises concrete ramps and half

pipes; 325sqm in size; located in the south west corner of the reserve. Well used, no formal groups. Inappropriate behaviour being dealt with.

- **Warrandyte Netball Club:** over 200 members; two outdoor practice courts recently resurfaced and goal posts replaced; new agreement with Senior Citizens Club for storage, change and toilet facilities.

The groups that use the ovals and sports pavilion:

- **Warrandyte Cricket Club:** first recorded game 1855; over 70 junior and 90 senior players.

- **Warrandyte Senior Football Club:** formed 1906; membership of over 200.

- **Warrandyte Junior Football Club:** started 1954; over 219 members.

These clubs all use the sports club pavilion to which the clubs made a considerable monetary contribution in 1986, a concrete spectator terrace; the main floodlit oval and non-lit smaller oval together with the associated car parking.

- **Tennis Club:** formed in 1907; fifth largest club in Victoria; over 450 members. Has six en tout cas courts at the reserve (and additional courts at Colman Park in South Warrandyte).

- **Senior Citizen Centre:** built in 1975 now somewhat outdated; declining use by older residents; senior citizens use centre four days a week and other groups also hire the space; associated car parking.

- **Warrandyte District Pre-School and Maternal and Child Health Centre:** rebuilt in 1994; the kinder has 50 x 4yo and 46 x 3yo and two staff and a volunteer committee of management; associated car parking.

- **Public toilets:** one built 1997 located near skatepark and one, age unknown, near smaller oval.

Many recommendations have emerged as a result of the review. The main ones can be broadly grouped as follows:

Buildings and facilities

- Upgrade the current sports pavilion and expand the facility to accommodate the football and cricket clubs and include the

netball club. The first stage to fulfil this major upgrade will be a concept plan. This should identify how to update/demolish and redevelop the building and terrace area to current day standards and make it safe, accessible and welcoming.

- Upgrade floodlighting to main oval. Currently the lighting is deemed inadequate; however the cost of new lighting is significant. Discussions are underway with Vodafone who wish to place a telecommunications tower at the reserve. Negotiations have included the provision of a new scoreboard (the current one requires replacing) and one floodlighting pole. This will reduce the overall cost to the clubs and council.

- Install floodlighting at the netball courts. The netball club had requested a third court and also put forward a proposal to extend the senior citizens building to encompass clubrooms and an indoor half-court. However the plan considers that recent court work and proposed floodlighting will bring the Warrandyte Netball Club facilities into line with other netball clubs in Manningham. It states there is not room to build a third court.

- Refurbish the Senior Citizens Centre to encourage greater community use, improve access and address issues of risk. The 2011/12 council budget has \$150,000 budgeted for this refurbishment.

- Replace and move goal posts on the small oval by two metres to gain some further area. This small extension and new lighting will be done in conjunction with the pumping station proposal by Yarra Valley Water.

Skate Park

- Extend safety railing. A future extension to the park may be possible by demolishing the toilet block when new facilities become available in a redeveloped clubhouse facility.

Access issues

- Install lighting in the car park next to the skate park.

- Improve traffic management and car parks to increase safety and maximise parking spaces.

- Construct a road between Seniors Citizen Centre car park and the tennis car park. This requires the demolition of the old toilet block.

- Construct a path around creek side of the main oval, between tennis courts and creek to small oval.

- Provide for future extension of the Main Yarra Trail along Taroona Avenue. This will involve widening the existing path to 2.5 metres

and building up the banks near the small oval. Consultation is taking place with Parks Victoria and feasibility studies and concept plans will be required.

Environmental values

- Any development or building refurbishment works at Warrandyte Reserve will incorporate ecologically sustainable design principles;

- Protect the eucalypts at the south-east corner (main oval, near score board) and north-west (near entry to car park of small oval) by preventing parking access;

- Weed control and vegetation management in Andersons Creek environs.

However there is no current allocation for any of the recommended works (apart from the refurbishment of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre which is currently allocated \$150,000.00 in the asset management strategy 2010/11). The above recommendations are only listed as priority stages in the draft plan and not as financial years.

Priority one recommendations require \$215,500; priority two \$212,500 (including the senior citizens upgrade) and priority three \$1,576,500. These will be subject to availability of funds in council's budget and a capital works business case will be required for each recommendation.

However the plan lists some recommendations as higher priority; these are: lighting the car park; extending the small oval; demolishing the old toilet block; commencing detailed design for the sports pavilion redevelopment; installing car parking barriers and increasing the frequency for skate park cleaning.

The redevelopment of the sports pavilion and the installation of new floodlighting and scoreboard have the potential for the greatest visual impact on the reserve. Details such as size, height, colour and sustainable features will no doubt be addressed at the concept plan stage with further community consultation. Given the events of Black Saturday should this stage also address community safety and bushfire refuge issues as well as water harvesting and solar energy?

There may be some disquiet within the community over the role of Vodafone and the implications of any future increased involvement. The plan is silent on whether the clubs will benefit from rental payments for the telecommunications pole and building.

The recommendations may dis-

appoint the netball club who initiated the review. It appears they will continue to utilise the Senior Citizens Centre for storage and toilet facilities until such time as the sports pavilion is upgraded. However the main recommendation is to install floodlighting to bring the current two courts into line with facilities elsewhere in Manningham. This was not the club's preferred option which was to have a third court which appears precluded by topography and land ownership.

However there is a current arrangement where the existing netball courts are used for overflow football parking. Perhaps some consideration could be given to reworking the football car parking area so a third court could be marked up for practice sessions when the area is not required for parking?

It is encouraging to see the creek-side environment being protected. It is noted that only a small portion of land on the eastern side of the creek is included in the reserve and therefore within this plan. There is also a broad band of land zoned R1Z that falls between the creek and the rear boundaries of Keen Avenue lots and there is no indication in this plan as to who manages this land with its important streamside vegetation.

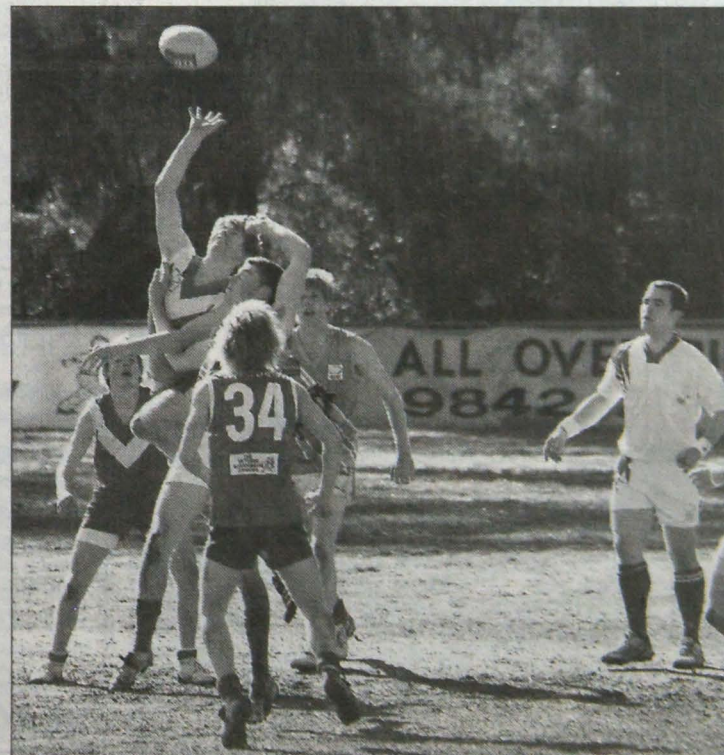
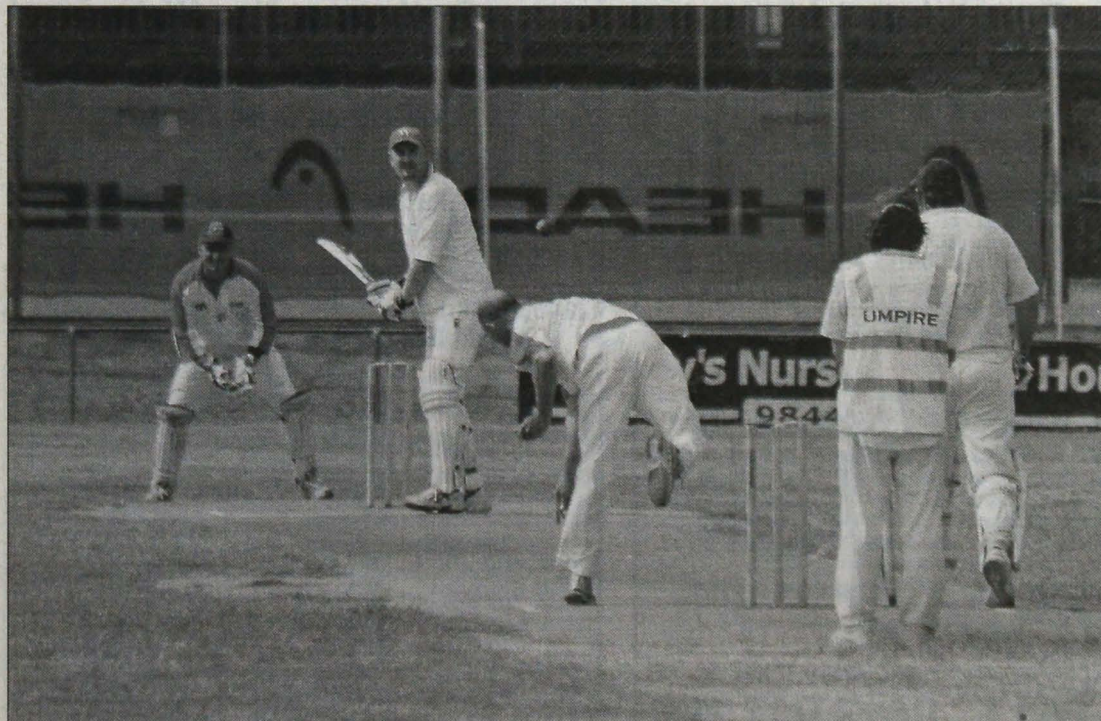
It is pleasing to see informal uses such as walking and dog walking supported. However while the plan recommends that the play space be expanded to offer more play variety and include some community art and informal seating areas, this does not appear to be included in the recommendations. The text also dismissed the possibility of a gas barbecues due to no appropriate site being identified.

Warrandyte is remote from many facilities provided elsewhere in Manningham so it is extremely important that individuals and groups who use the reserve review the plan to assess the impact of any proposed changes from their perspective.

This is a comprehensive review but many of the recommendations will take several years to come to fruition, depending on the level of further assessment and planning and availability of funds.

Warrandyte has a proud sporting and community history and this reserve is fundamental to that and the plan deserves careful consideration.

● **The Diary invites readers' letters on this issue.**



Summer and winter—our reserve is a busy place. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

Caring for joeys

Words and pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

Last month the *Diary* printed a letter, with the photo of a dead kangaroo and her joey, lamenting the high road toll of native animals. This month we speak to Linda of the Warrandyte Wildlife Shelter, who rears joeys recovered from their road-killed mothers.

Linda told the *Diary* that the joey pictured beside the road could have been reared if it had been moved to a shelter soon after its mother was killed, but it was obviously discovered too late.

"It was a viable joey. It probably weighed about a kilo and was what we call a 'velvet', so it had the fur coming through.

"They are not that easy to raise, but it had that potential because it was furred and it was possibly thermo-regulating. We'd be able to pop it in a heating pouch and it was probably requiring only five feeds a day," she said.

Linda has succeeded in rearing far smaller joeys.

"I specialise in doing very tiny, what we call 'pinkies'. So they actually look like little embryos. They are just pink, their eyes are closed and ears often fused to the back of their heads.

"I rear Eastern Greys from about 200 grams (the weight of a large tomato)—that is about three months of night feeds to get them up to up to about six months when they are velvet (furred).

"We have to keep them on artificial heat because they can't thermo-regulate, which is maintaining their body temperature. We usually lubricate their skin to keep it moist and it is quite an involved and very long process. Let's just say a little pinkie comes in. That little animal will be in care about two, two and a half years before it's released," she said.

Linda's shelter is now caring for four rescued joeys: an eastern grey kangaroo, a swamp wallaby and two wombats.

Many motorists who are unfortunate enough to collide with native wildlife don't know what to do next. If the animal is injured or a dead mother has pouch young, local help is a phone call away through one of the wildlife networks (see below for details.) These phones are manned 24 hours a day, but are often busy.

"I know it can be frustrating at times for members of the public that do ring the phone numbers but they get a lot of phone calls every day," Linda said.

"But for you to persevere on the phone is really worth that wait for the joey."

Care of the injured or orphaned animal can start at the roadside. Linda suggests motorists keep a pair of disposable gloves and a pillow case in the glove box for such an emergency. Care needs to be taken removing a joey from the teat in the dead mother's pouch.

"(They) mustn't pull (the joey) off because they can damage the soft palate in the top of its mouth," Linda said.

Place the animal in the pillow case and keep it warm, dark and quiet. It is important to not give it anything to eat or drink.

"All our macropods—wallabies and kangaroos—our koalas, our wombats, the sugar gliders, all our possum family are lactose intolerant. So if somebody goes and gives them cow's milk we've got a big problem ahead of us."

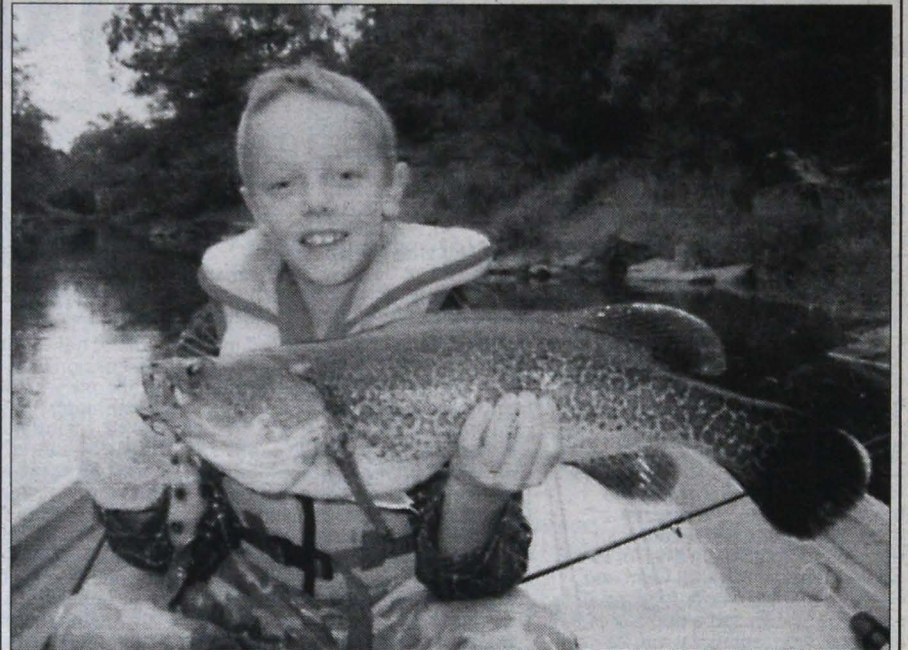
Once rescued the wildlife network will arrange for a nearby carer to take over management of the orphan.

Local wildlife carers say that Jumping Creek Road is a native animal blood-bath some weekends. Perhaps we should consider how to reduce the damage we do to our wildlife on the road.

Linda suggests we follow the advice of the TAC road safety campaign and reduce our speed by 5km/h, particularly at dusk. That is when our native wildlife is on the move and looking for food. The grazing animals are attracted to the side of the road because the grass there is watered by runoff from the road surface.

• The Warrandyte Wildlife Shelter can be contacted at: womie@bigpond.net.au; 24 hour Victoria-wide assistance: *Help for Wildlife*: 0417 380 687; *Wildlife Victoria*: 1300 094 535.

There's still life in our river



Hooked: This 57cm Murray Cod was hauled from the Yarra River at Warrandyte by young Cameron Wendt. He caught it on a lure, then returned it to the river.

Wanted: volunteers for platypus watch

Warrandyte folk are being asked to help track platypus numbers in the Yarra and local creeks. The Australian Platypus Conservancy is seeking to gain an accurate picture of how the animals are coping with current environmental conditions.

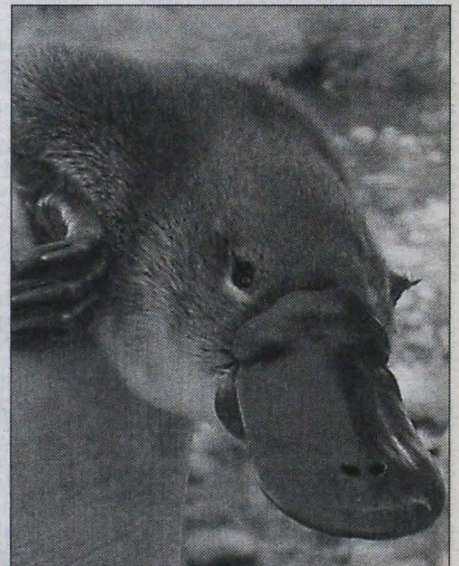
"The platypus is often thought of as a shy and mysterious animal," conservancy spokesman Geoff Williams told the *Diary*.

"However, over the past year, volunteer observers have spotted platypus on literally hundreds of occasions in the Yarra River between Lower Templestowe and Warrandyte."

Dr Melody Serena, biologist with the conservancy, said she hoped the community would get more involved and join the group of enthusiastic volunteers who already watch for platypus in the course of their daily activities.

"Many people walk, jog or cycle along the banks of the river on a fairly frequent basis," she said. "We are hoping some of them will be prepared to stop at one or more spots to scan for platypus."

• An information session about the Yarra platypus count will be held in the Evelyn Room at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Saturday, August 15, at 2.30pm. Further information at platypus.apc@westnet.com.au or call 5157 5568.



Looking good: How many platypus live in Warrandyte?



Care and concern: Linda and her orphaned wombat joey.

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Dual occupancy back?

Zoning threat to township

By VAL POLLEY

Warrandyte's cherished ban on dual occupancy may be under threat.

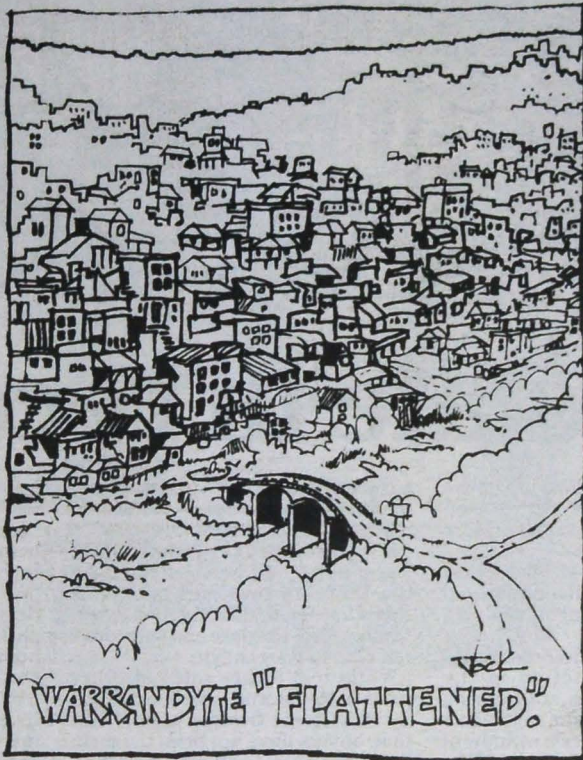
News that the state government has proposed major changes to residential zonings which, if not amended, have the potential to have a major effect on Warrandyte.

The Warrandyte Community Association became concerned when it emerged that should the new residential zones be implemented as drafted, then two dwellings could be allowable on all "reasonably sized" lots in Warrandyte (in the residential area in Manningham, south of the river). Notification of an application to subdivide would not be required and should council approve the application to subdivide there would be no appeal rights to VCAT.

WCA took its concerns to an advisory committee that has been hearing council and community submissions.

"The association put forward a strong submission," vice president Jonathan Upson told the *Diary*. "If these proposed zones are confirmed without change, then the Warrandyte R1Z zone in Manningham could result in dual dwellings on any lot with 'enough' space; no notification to neighbours of impending subdivisions; no appeal rights to VCAT and a weakening of planning scheme overlays which protect visual amenity and flora and fauna."

Originally introduced as part of a state government push for "closer density"



Remember: Warrandyte Diary, February 1987.

housing, residents strongly resisted the introduction of dual occupancy in the late 1980s. They argued that it was inappropriate for the area given the physical constraints, environmental concerns and bushfire threat. Due to strong community action, an overlay was placed over the township residential zone restricting development to one dwelling per lot; an outcome that has served the township well over the last few decades.

Now the government is proposing three new residential zones, which, it says, will

provide greater flexibility to councils. Critics argue they will push development, aid developers and increase inappropriate urban density while removing appeal rights.

WCA's submission was primarily concerned with the proposed limited change zone and its schedule as this is likely to apply to Warrandyte.

This specifies that the maximum number of dwellings must not be less than two dwellings. WCA argued that allowing two (or more) dwellings could not be seen as "limited change" in Warrandyte and would result in an undesirable impact. Any increase in density would have a significant negative impact on Warrandyte's character and environmental values.

It is also known that Warrandyte is a high bushfire risk area, a risk recently reinforced by the terrible events of Black Saturday.

WCA argued it is common sense that such an area should not undergo rapid increases in housing density that would be the result of allowing no less than two dwellings per block.

WCA also raised a number of other issues and continued to emphasise that unique provisions are required to provide protection for a unique locality like Warrandyte.

"The submission was well received with committee members even stopping to take notes at one point, as WCA made an argument they had not considered before," Mr Upson said. "The ill-advised consequence of these rules—'shoehorning' more houses into a very high bushfire risk area also seemed to gain some traction with the committee."

Committee members also confirmed that, at present, the new residential zones would not have any impact on North Warrandyte (which currently has different zoning); however, this could potentially change.

Committee members advised that their deliberations would take a number of weeks with a report going to government at its conclusion. It was not clear to WCA whether this would be made public at that point. The association is awaiting further advice on the progress of the consultation process.

Centre group seeks input

The group responsible for the running of the Warrandyte Community Centre is looking for community input in its efforts to ensure the centre continues to serve the entire community.

"We are questioning whether the operating model, or the current building layout—both devised in the 1980s—will appropriately serve the Warrandyte Community into the second decade of the new millennium," Leisa Martin, spokesperson for the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group told the *Diary*.

"We are aware of the special relationship that the WCC has with the Warrandyte commu-

nity and the struggle against 'commercialisation' of the centre in 2000.

"We also recognise our relationship with the Manningham council, who are legal owners of the building and who are answerable to the broader community."

The group reports considerable progress over the past year, including the provision of two "board room-standard" meeting rooms, courtesy of the Warrandyte Community Bank.

Also "cleaning standards have been improved and you will find all facilities in good order, thanks to Brian our manager and our new



Warrandyte Community Centre

cleaner," Ms Martin said.

"A great range of classes provided by the Neighbourhood House, as well as modern dance classes, a saltza dance club, jujitsu and self defence classes, yoga and motherhood support groups" are all prospering.

"The committee has been closely monitoring the financial situation as it becomes apparent that viability under the current model, during the

current climate, is becoming more difficult to maintain," Ms Martin said.

"Since the Community Conversation in 2008, we have been developing proposals so the centre will survive and flourish through the next decade."

● You can have your say at the annual general meeting of the group, to be held on Monday, September 28 at 7pm in the atrium at the centre.

climate change

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Warrandyte Climate Action Now

Top author to speak

Leading author and advocate for climate change action, David Spratt, is coming to Warrandyte.

Mr Spratt, co-author of *Climate Code Red*, will be speaking at the Warrandyte Community Church in Yarra Street on Thursday, September 3 at a gathering sponsored by WarrandyteCAN—Climate Action Now.

His book, subtitled *The Case for Emergency Action*, proposes a crash program to rapidly decarbonise the economy.

"Simple price and market mechanism alone cannot drive a sufficiently deep-seated, effective and quick social mobilisation," he writes.

"Carbon rationing and personal car-

bon allowances are a fair and effective tool for driving the decarbonisation of our economy."

"David's message is especially important at present," CAN president Wayne Rankin told the *Diary*. "Our federal government is pressing for legislation that sets in place Australia's too moderate response to be taken to international climate talks in Copenhagen in December."

"David Spratt provides the other view—a dire warning about adopting such a meagre response."

The gathering will commence at 7.30pm.

● Further information from Wayne Rankin on 9844 4438.

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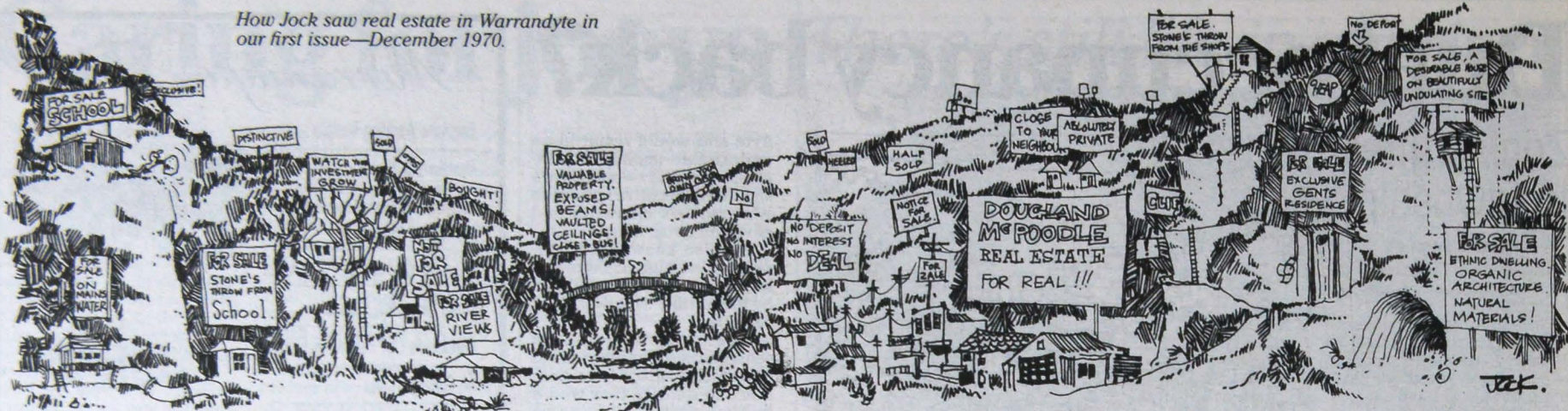
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Warrandyte real estate in recovery

By TRISTAN MADDOCKS

Demand for property in Warrandyte remains strong despite the gloomy economy and Black Saturday bushfires, according to local estate agents.

But too few potential sellers have put their homes on the market during winter months, putting upward pressure on prices.

"There certainly aren't as many houses on the market as there normally is at this time of the year," said Carter Real Estate's Glenn Martin.

"They're late. Normally (the selling season) starts about the end of June and doesn't wait until July, but it looks like they're going to

come later—towards spring. A lot of people here sell in spring because the wattles are out, it looks nice, with lovely sunny days and they think it gets you more money. But it doesn't necessarily."

Landfield Real Estate's Dominic Cruz said winter was a great time to sell because of reduced competition, but agreed that most sellers wait for spring to show off their homes.

"At the moment what we are struggling with is we don't have enough homes for sale," he said. "And demand is a lot greater than supply and that's lifting prices up a little."

"People usually wait for the spring

period. But if I was selling my house I would put it on now, rather than wait for spring when you have more competition."

Director of Gardiner McInnes, Vicki Gardiner, said the statistics showed a drop in the number of houses sold in the past year.

"Figures from the Victorian Titles Office show a reduction in the number of properties sold during the past 12 months," she said. "This limited supply provides a window of opportunity for vendors to achieve excellent prices."

Mr Cruz said although demand for Warrandyte real estate dropped off in the immediate aftermath of the Black

Saturday bushfires—particularly in North Warrandyte—sales had recovered in recent months.

Ms Gardiner said the whole community had been affected by the February bushfires and since then her agency had helped many families from Kinglake and surrounds relocate to Warrandyte.

While real estate sales in other parts of Melbourne have been driven by First Home Owners grants, first time buyers have not been the main demographic looking to buy in Warrandyte.

Mr Cruz said there were not many Warrandyte properties within the First Home Owners Grant range, with

few local properties entering the market at less than \$400,000.

Ms Gardiner believes demand was being driven by people looking to buy for the second or third time. "We find there is consistently strong demand for homes in Warrandyte, particularly from second and third home buyers and overseas buyers," she said.

When a low-priced opportunity to enter the Warrandyte housing market becomes available, interest generally soars. Mr Martin said a recent "entry level" priced cottage in Mitchell Avenue that sold for about \$390,000 attracted about 25 couples in a single weekend.

Bus shelter coming

Manningham council is to build a new bus shelter in Yarra Street, opposite the Community Centre.

The shelter will be an open, curved top design, "sufficient to provide shelter for school and other bus users, yet having minimal visual impact on the streetscape and adjacent vegetation," Cr David Ellis said.

"Council officers are now doing the necessary work on planning and construction. I'd certainly expect to see

the job done before the end of winter, which is when it is most needed."

Cr Ellis acknowledged Rae Danks of the *Diary* office for bringing the matter to his attention.

"Rae was concerned that school students were left waiting there on cold and wet days without shelter nearby. I share her concern."

He also acknowledged the role of local MP Ryan Smith who lobbied council on the need for a shelter.

Gig gear for hire

Local young musicians can hire state-of-the-art sound and music equipment from Manningham council thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Office of Youth as part of the Victoria Rocks initiative.

The music equipment grant was secured last October and council has purchased sound and music equipment to enable young people to produce community-based entertainment programs.

The new equipment includes powered RCF speakers (with

stands and speaker bags), microphones, a direct injection box, microphone stands, a drum kit, a mixing board, leads and lights and road cases and bags for all microphones, stands and cables.

Equipment hire is being managed by the FreeZA committee. There are no hiring fees, but a refundable bond is payable.

For bookings and further information go to www.myspace.com/gogearup or call FreeZA on 9840 9411.

Recycle that phone

Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith has established a mobile phone recycling depot at his office at 44 New Street, Ringwood. Residents are being urged to clean out their drawers of old and unwanted mobile phones and hand them in. "This is a great initiative and by being involved we hope to boost recycling levels," he said.

MobileMuster is a free service, funded by manufacturers and mobile networks. "Mobile phones, batteries,

chargers and accessories are not biodegradable and should not be thrown in the rubbish as they could harm our environment if they finish up in landfill," Mr Smith said.

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It was party day for the preps at Warrandyte Primary School as they celebrated their first 100 days at school. Francis, Sophia and Katie collected 100 things each. Katie collected 100 jelly beans. The preps had over 100 treats to choose from on their special day. When asked how many days they think they will need to spend at school before they have finished learning, the answers ranged from "millions of days" to "a very long time".

A growing career

By MELINDA HOSSACK

Most 19-year olds are still deciding what they want to do in life. Not Matthew Ryan.

The St Andrews teenager, employed at Beasley's Nursery, has been named Best Retail Nursery Apprentice for 2008.

"I was pretty surprised because I wasn't expecting it," Matthew said. "It was a great honour to receive such an award, which not only reflects on myself, but the nursery as well."

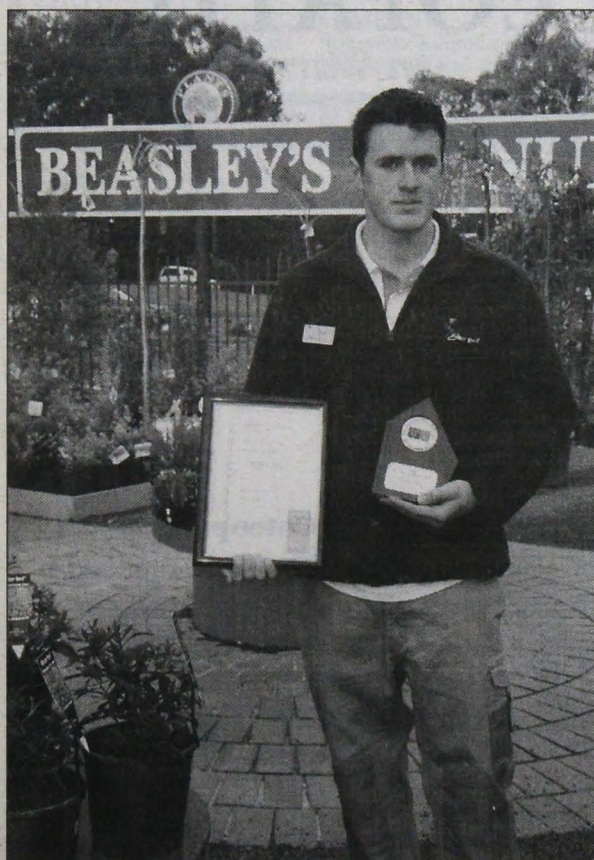
Matthew will complete his apprenticeship in May next year, when he will be a fully qualified horticulturist.

Nursery manager Richard Fairweather said Matthew is a conscientious and hard-work-

ing employee. "It is a pleasure to have Matthew as part of the team, due to his caring nature and ability to work with others," he said.

Matthew's passion for plants began at an early age. "I enjoyed gardening with my Nan when I was younger. I wanted to be a fireman, but I did work experience here at Beasley's and things went from there."

His ambition to become a fireman has also been realised. He has been involved with the CFA since 2001 and is currently 3rd Lieutenant with his local brigade. He experienced many difficult situations and saw many heart-breaking scenes during the devastating bushfires earlier this year.



Matthew Ryan



Ryan Holloway

High school student wins Olympic award

Warrandyte High School student Ryan Holloway is representing Australia at the International Youth Forum to be held at the Ancient Olympia in Greece in September.

The forum brings together students from around the world to discuss issues concerning the Olympics and the Olympic movement.

Ryan, a winner of the 2009 Pierre de Coubertin

award, has been an integral part of many sporting teams including athletics, swimming, football, basketball, volleyball and cricket.

The selection committee could not separate Ryan and another candidate and both will be going to Greece next month. Following the forum, Ryan and other delegates will travel to England, visiting a host school.

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Caring for kids

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The Warrandyte Childcare and Preschool Centre will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this month with a sausage sizzle birthday party.

The centre, situated on the site of the old Warrandyte bus depot, still offers quality childcare to around 70 local families.

"We are a unique centre that has managed to keep a homely feel", director Jenny Lynch told the *Diary*.

The centre was started by the Warrandyte Workshop Cooperative to provide childcare and employment for the local community.

Ms Lynch has worked at the centre for just over 24 years, having arrived eight months after it opened. "I have such fond memories from the start. When I arrived there were two old miner's cottages that were like two family homes."

While the centre has retained its family feel and close ties with the community, Ms Lynch explains that much has changed behind the scenes in the running of the facility. "While we have always been regulated, changes to accreditation have meant an increase in paperwork, but we have always striven really hard to provide quality care."

Ms Lynch recounts the changes to play at the centre. "The kids used to ride bikes down a windy path in the garden, up a ramp and fly through the air. You can't do that these days!"

The centre has seen numerous long-time staff members, and is now beginning to have second-generation children coming through its doors.

She says she has always appreciated the sense of community within the centre and around Warrandyte.



Wash-up time: kids enjoy the local childcare centre. (Picture by Jan Tindale)

"It has always been apparent how close-knit this community is. I see it everywhere, from shopping at IGA to participating annually in the parade at the Warrandyte Festival."

The Warrandyte Childcare and Preschool Centre is known in the industry for its professionalism and innovativeness. It was one of the first childcare centres to introduce a preschool program for 4 year-olds, 25 years ago. "We have built a good reputation with educational institutions and are used as an example of a quality childcare centre to visiting young childhood education students," Ms Lynch said.

The centre prides itself on promoting environmental sustainability, its toys consisting mainly of those made from natural materials. It even boasts its own veggie garden and worm farm. "The children can go outside

and feel the dirt and sand and rocks and trees, something that doesn't happen in a lot of childcare centres today," Ms Lynch said.

Over the years, the Warrandyte Childcare and Preschool Centre has made an enormous contribution to the community and the wellbeing of hundreds of Warrandyte families.

"I see the centre as an extension of family life. If parents feel comfortable about dropping their children off in the morning, they are going to experience a far more productive working day and a happy home life", Ms Lynch said.

● The Warrandyte Childcare and Preschool Centre will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Saturday, August 15 between 12noon and 2pm with a sausage sizzle and party food, all welcome. Inquiries can be directed to the centre on 9844 1205.

Local Lions mend fences

Warrandyte Lions have been out building fences for farmers affected by the disastrous Black Saturday bushfires.

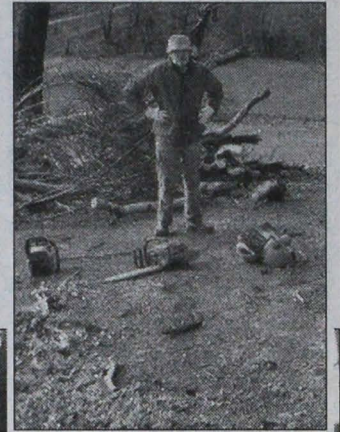
This followed a call by the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) for manpower to help rebuild boundary fences at Strathewen, an area hit by the fires.

"Early on a recent Sunday morning, our volunteer 10 man crew began work on our section, digging post holes for new steel corner posts, hammering in new star pickets and straining wire," Lions president Pete Moloney told the *Diary*.

"Chainsaws cut up fallen trees, making firewood available

for the remaining residents of Strathewen."

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Producing laughs at Karralyka

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.

Park Players Theatre Company will present Mel Brooks' hilarious musical *The Producers* at the Karralyka Theatre, Mines Road, Ringwood at 8pm on Friday, August 21, Saturday 22, Thursday 27, Saturday 29 and at 2pm on Sunday, August 23. Ticket prices are \$33 for adults and seniors, \$29 for concession and children 14 and under \$26. Tickets are available by phoning Dawn on 9879 0886. This performance is directed by Tony Bird and choreographed by Abbey-Jane Jones. Established in 1997, the Park Players is a community musical theatre group based in Park Orchards. With a philosophy of promoting community involvement in musical theatre and supporting local talent, Park Players awards annual scholarships to local schools and dance groups. Over the years some \$18,000 has been donated back to the community.

Live

Warrandyte RSL is presenting a program of live music on Friday, August 14, 7pm onwards. The blues and roots band Catfish Pie is headlining with local Jo Pearson. No entry fee, non-members welcome, drinks at bar prices, barbecue food—nothing over \$5—between 7 and 9pm. More information from 9844 3567.

Festival

The Warrandyte Festival annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1 at 8pm in the Evelyn Room of the Warrandyte Community Centre. For further information call Mary Ann Gibson on 0400 984 433.

Centre

The Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group annual general meeting will be



Two Warrandytians are starring in *The Producers*, Park Players' latest musical presentation. They are Lise Moran (back row right) and Diana Lawrie (front row left).

held in the centre's atrium on Monday, September 28 at 7pm. If you are not a paid up member for this year, your attendance and support is still very welcome.

Awards

Diary poet, Corinne King's book "The Dog on the Tuckerbox" was recently shortlisted in the Australian Book of the Year for younger children. It has also been shortlisted in the Australian Publishers Association awards and was named a Notable Book in both the Picture Book and Information Book sections.

Seminar

Manningham council's Environment Seminar for September will be conducted by Tim Curmi, vice president of Native Fish Australia (Vic). He will be discussing the saving of the Macquarie Perch. The seminar will be held at the South Warrandyte Hall, 66-68 Hall Road, South Warrandyte on Wednesday, September 2, commencing at 7.30pm.

Garden

Nilumbik council will present "Designing and maintaining

a native garden" at Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, August 29. Bookings to Georgia Ramsey, environment and strategic planning, on 9433 3210.

Landcare

Groups of the Middle Yarra Landcare Network will be active over three weekends in August. The plantings will enhance biodiversity and will help to build important wildlife corridors. For further details contact Artur Muchow on 9844 2551. These plantings are supported by Melbourne Water, Manningham City Council and the Port Philip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority.

Seniors

Members of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club are advised that the annual general meeting will take place at the centre at 12noon on Thursday, August 20. The club is seeking members who wish to nominate for committee. Nomination forms are at the sign-on desk at the clubrooms in Taroona Avenue. For further information call Col Bentley on 9844 2437.

Drinks

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is embarking on a campaign to introduce themselves to the community with a series of "Drinks on the Verandah" evenings. They will be held on the Community Centre verandah just outside their clubrooms. The first group to be invited is the Warrandyte Lions, followed by Friends of Warrandyte State Park. There will be outdoor heating if necessary, and plenty of drinks and nibbles. Any community groups interested please contact the House on 9844 1839.

Dance

A Warrandyte Community Centre Bush Dance will be held on Saturday, October 10 starting at 7.30pm at the centre, 168-178 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Cost is \$30 or \$20 for Community Centre Supporters Group members. This should be a great family event with dancing and drinks and cake for sale. For information ring 9844 1839.

Relay

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House have entered a team in the Warrandyte Relay for

Life fundraising for cancer event on the weekend of September 12 and 13. This is a non-sleeper team and they are looking for a few night owls to keep the baton going overnight as well as the easier times. If you would like to be involved please call 9844 1839.

Information

Information Warrandyte will hold their annual general meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 8pm in their office in the Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Wattle

The Hurstbridge Wattle Festival is on Saturday, August 30, 10am to pm. Featuring steam rides, vintage cars and steam engines, roving performers, local bands, market stalls—plus lots of fun for the whole family. Go to www.wattlefestival.org.au for the complete program or phone 1300 660 072

Singing

Earth Harmony Centre is presenting a singing workshop with Akasa on Saturday, August 29 from 2pm to 4.30pm. At 8pm on that day you can hear Akasa in concert with special guest percussionist Mark Grunden. Akasa perform a capella with a predominantly original repertoire. Bookings are essential for both the concert and workshop. Call 9844 5155. Cost is \$30 workshop prepay, or \$45 for concert and workshop prepay. Earth Harmony is at 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Watch

Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

Volunteers

Do Care is seeking volunteers to help with visiting older or disabled people in the community. They are looking for people who can spend a few hours each week bringing companionship and support to people living in the local community. Please call 9762 5211 if you can help.

artyfacts

Local artist, Walter Magilton, will be showing his work at "The Rhythms of Life" exhibition at the Australian Guild of Realist Artists Galleries in Camberwell from Wednesday, August 19 to Sunday, August 30. This is a joint exhibition with Barbara McManus. The theme covers some of the rhythms of life experienced every day: sunrise to sunset, high and low tide, the moon, rain, drought, flood and fire, the seasonal changes and the fruits and flowers that accompany them. The gallery is at 1 Inglesby Road, Camberwell. It is open 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Friday and 1pm to 4.30pm Saturday and Sunday.

Creativity

Stonehouse Gallery's exhibition for August is entitled "Black and White", giving artists a limited but dramatic palette for creativity. There will be textiles, pottery, sumi-e painting, jewellery and black and white drawings. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Ceramics

During September, Manningham Gallery will host a commemorative national award and exhibition to celebrate Ceramic Victoria's 40th year of service to the ceramic community. It will run from Wednesday, September 9 to Saturday, September 26. The theme is "celebrating the past, showcasing current work and projecting the future in ceramics."

Video

Manningham Gallery will showcase the video work of Melbourne artist, Eugenia Lim, in an exhibition entitled "Territorial" from Wednesday August 12 to Saturday, August 29. It incorporates new and recent videos that investigate ideas of territory, place, role play and how they interrelate with surroundings, landscapes and identities. The gallery, at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster is open Tuesday to Friday 11am to 5pm and Saturday 2pm to 5pm.

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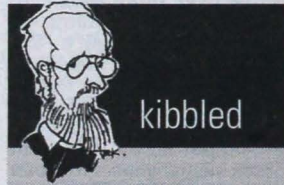
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Ironing out problems with the daily news

O H for a man who "does"!
I was watching one of those 1940s British films set in a country mansion. As befits such a setting and lifestyle, there is always "our man" who hovers in the background, ever attentive to the wishes of any of the obviously paralysed and brain deficient family members who pay his way.



"One can only imagine what the household would be like if Jeeves and his other below-stairs minions were not there to run these people's lives..."

It seems that no one but Jeeves is capable of performing the easiest of domestic tasks. Clothes have to be laid out, water turned on at basins, doors opened and even sheets turned down of an evening. One can only imagine what the household would be like if Jeeves and his other below-stairs minions were not there to run these people's lives.

Just imagine the chaos that would ensue were the shutters not opened by a maid, the car door not opened by a chauffeur and the garden not tended by an unintelligible Yorkshireman.

I had a glimpse into this disastrous possibility when reading a biography of the whole Rothschild's family. It was wartime and a few of the luxuries had to be forsaken for form's sake. On one particular family estate the gardeners had been redeployed on more pressing business. It was autumn and usually all the leaves were raked up and disposed of as soon as they dropped. On this particular

occasion, however, this did not happen so the paths were littered with red and orange leaves, waiting the time when the gardeners could sweep them up. That autumn day, Mme R was out walking the estate and as Jeeves had obviously failed to inform her ladyship about what happens to deciduous tree leaves in autumn, saw the leaves on the paths and was so delighted, she sent a message commending the head gardener on his novel means of decorating the paths for her.

Now, apart from a very thin plot line and some terrible over-acting, much of what I saw in the film was high octane fuel for a proletarian

uprising. There was, however, one aspect of that lifestyle I want.

Each morning Jeeves would iron The Times and have it waiting for his "master" beside his knife on the baronial breakfast table. His Lordship would sit down, pick up the paper and gracefully turn the pages whilst regularly tut-tutting about the appalling behaviour of the lower orders; a scene of grace and order. Cut now to Roger's breakfast and his dealings with The Age.

There was a period when we didn't have The Age home delivered so it must have been during that time that The Age financed CAE courses in how to open a plastic wrapped newspaper. Either that or very early in the transfer to the Fort Knox version of the rag, there was a weekend giveaway of a plastic wrap disintegrator or a discreet little acrylic and stainless steel cutting implement, both of which we obviously missed and even more desperately need.

Each morning, as I wander out in my pyjamas and scramble under the back wheels of the car searching for the condom wrapped, missive of misery, I think of Jeeves and the flat, ironed, easily turned morning paper.

Once you have the paper inside, then begins the morning's Mensa puzzle. Can I locate the end of the wrap so I can smugly unpeel it from the newspaper or will I have to resort to the buttered bread

knife to cut a ragged breach down the ridge formed along page bottoms? The third option is the norm; a frustrated attempt to find the end of the wrap followed by a string of expletives followed by an equally exasperated attempt to rip the plastic from the paper. And there's the rub. Plastic film is used because it doesn't rip; it sort of opens a bit but always in the wrong direction!

And of course, the real bumbiter is that on Sunday the problem is doubled! The very day that you want a leisurely sleep-in, breakfast in bed and a relaxing read of the paper, there are two mountains to climb, two barricades to breach, two more steps towards Bedlam.

But it's not just the newspaper and I'm only mentioning the rest of this because my plastic wrapper support group all say that it's therapeutic to get it off your chest so here goes. I also hate my bleach bottle, the tubs of tomato paste and children's drink boxes!

You might ask what's so difficult about "press down then turn" but it never works and I end up sawing off the neck and cap with a serrated bread knife! Tomato paste? Try tomato cement. The only way to open the tub is with a pair of pliers and the kids' drink box is designed to spurt as soon as the straw is inserted.

Phew! That feels better.

ROGER KIBELL

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On a West End walkabout

nature

By JOAN BROADBERRY

I WAS about to post a letter in the Warrandyte shopping centre when I happened to look down at the ground. A tiny bundle of sticks was propelling itself forward in a jerky fashion. I smiled to myself as I realised it was a Saunders Casemoth, one of my favourite creatures. By a stroke of luck I had my camera in the car so I lay down on the tan-bark and photographed it. A bit odd, but no-one seemed to mind.

As I photographed, I could see the head and three pairs of legs of a handsome black and orange caterpillar. The rest of the body was hidden inside a fawn-coloured, stick shelter about 12 centimetres long. I picked it up, and the little animal hastily withdrew into its case. However, when I replaced it on the ground, the head and body segments soon popped out, and it recommenced crawling.

Casemoths are the caterpillar stage of a native moth. For protection and camouflage they build a portable shelter made of silk interlaced with twigs. Their life history is intriguing and difficult to observe as the caterpillar spends its whole life in secret, inside its case, eating, growing and eventually turning into an adult moth.

In a garden or the bush, Casemoth caterpillars feed on many native and introduced shrubs, although each individual animal has only one preferred food plant. Twice I have found colonies containing hundreds of individuals. The remnants of one such aggregation can still be viewed high on the power poles at the south-east corner of busy Thompsons Road and Foote Street in Templestowe. In mid-2008 this contained an amazing collection of healthy Casemoths, feeding and reproducing on the Golden Guinea flower growing on the traffic islands. Unfortunately VicRoads replanted the area



Out and about: a Saunders Casemoth. (Picture by Joan Broadberry)

grow with the animal. The opening at the bottom is for droppings.

Casemoths clamber easily around their food plant, towing their shelters behind them. The manner by which they climb smooth, vertical surfaces, such as fences, is truly fascinating. They construct a silken ladder. The caterpillar builds each step by moving its head from side to side and laying down many strands of silk secreted from its mouth parts. These become rungs and, repeated many times, a ladder. I once tracked a Casemoth to the eaves of my house by following its ladder.

After passing through a number of growth cycles the Casemoth attaches itself firmly to a twig or post and, after some time, pupates into an adult. This is the stage when Casemoths are most often noticed, as they seem to favour man-made structures, for example, walls. They appear to be dead, but need to be left alone. Eventually a beautiful male moth, with gauzy wings like a dragonfly, and a bold orange and black striped body, may emerge from the bottom opening. If the moth is a female it will never leave the shelter. Females pupate into a mustard-coloured, cylindrical, ugly, wingless grub. However, she is irresistible to the male, who uses his elongated abdomen to mate with her through the lower opening of the case. Her eggs hatch within the case and the minute babies parachute away on silken threads. If they land on a suitable food plant, they begin constructing tiny shelters, firstly with bits of leaves and later with twigs.

It is unusual to see a Casemoth moving along the ground. They are normally seen motionless, hanging vertically on a shrub or building. The one I photographed by the Warrandyte Post Office was probably looking for a suitable place to attach itself before pupating. On the day I saw it, I wished it luck; it would face many dangers from feet, cars and hungry birds.

Linda Rogan is travelling north. Joan Broadberry is our stand-by naturalist.

and the colony is no more.

The Saunders Casemoth case has two openings. The top opening is for feeding and moving and is also used when new sticks have to be added, as the case must

The real game is in the Outer

I'VE never been much of a footy fan. Standing about in the cold watching a bunch of blokes scrabble about in the mud for a piece of stuffed leather seems relatively inexplicable to me. But after a couple of trips to the legendary G, I must admit the game does have its attractions.

Country folk first refined the art of spectating. Parking the car with its nose to the boundary fence lets you give the horn a hearty blast when your team scores. In between toots you catch up on local news, keep an eye on the kids and enjoy a magnificent spread of hot scones, sandwiches and teacakes. Free advice for players and umpires flows from the rugged-up dads and under-dressed youngsters lining the boundary. At the breaks these diehards rush onto the ground for a ritual kick of the footy. Indoors, blokes too advanced in years (or girth) to withstand the excitement of the game keep the bar warm and give added backbone to the Hot Scone Appreciation Society. Nobody would miss Saturdays for quids.

AFL is a far cry from grass-

roots footy. It's more like theatre. You buy a rather expensive ticket then squish into minimal seating space; any form of escape involves clambering over knees, bags, coats, umbrellas and hot coffees and is very likely to cause annoyance. One tends not to bother till half-time.

Not unexpectedly, it's vastly better to watch the game live than on telly. You can fully appreciate the non-stop behind-the-scenes action, where players dash to position themselves advantageously, or failing that, give their opponent a few good shoves. Better players, trying to escape unwanted interference, cover an amazing amount of ground over the duration of the match. One can only marvel at their fitness.

I'm gradually getting the hang of the rules. When the players want a ball-up, they go into the sort of scrum we used to call "stacks-on-the-mill". When they want the other team to get the footy, they handpass like madmen instead of kicking down the ground. When they want the crowd to go wild, they mark a speccy or kick an impos-

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

sible goal. When they want a crowd to groan, they kick into a goalpost.

Interchange tactics seem to constantly puzzle commentators. I don't know why, it's quite simple. Every time a player does anything significant, a man in white trots over and gives him a drink. The busiest players must be constantly busting for the loo. Tactics? I don't think so.

Armies of back-up teams appear during the breaks; that's to be expected, but I was surprised at the number of teams on the ground during the match. Apart from the home-and-away teams, the chaps in yellow are clearly friends with the umpire. They sprint in formation, bringing the ball for him to bounce, and include balletic knees-ups and about-turns in their precision routines. Nobody applauds them; I don't know why, they've clearly been practising heaps.

Kamikaze message-bearers wearing fluoro costumes are completely outnumbered as there's only about six or eight in their team compared to 18 in the others. Yet they sprint repeatedly into the thick of the action, quickly ducking out again like kids playing under a sprinkler, looking back over their shoulders to assess the impact of their sorties. This activity flows around the main game in a sort of intriguing counterpoint that also includes the drinksmen.

Having been to two AFL matches this year, I'm now getting on top of crowd demographics too. Who says snobbery is dead? Well-dressed Hawks supporters in the Members area definitely look down their long noses at lowly Cats scarf-wearers like me, but you should see the Collingwood crowd! It's like the cast of Underbelly. I thought those tough-looking, bleached-blond women existed only on the TV news, outside the magistrate's court, but there's whole tribes of them out there.

Strewth. Maybe I should check out the Bloods. I might blend into the crowd better at home.

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Audrey was a Warrandyte bush girl

AUDREY POLLARD, who spent many happy years in Warrandyte, has died. Born in 1928, Audrey Jean Bowden came to live in Warrandyte in 1937.

Her weekends were spent with her special friend Margaret Mahoney, roaming the bush, yabbing in Andersons Creek and bike riding all around the district.

She had several life-threatening diseases, but recovered, marrying Lester Pollard in 1954. This marked the beginning of a long and happy partnership.

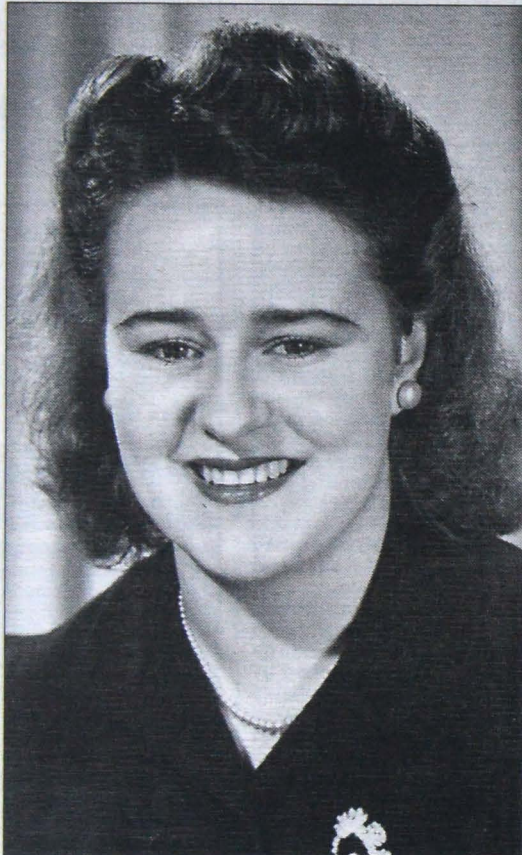
In 1984 she was diagnosed with Acoustic Neuroma. She joined the ANAA Support Group, later becoming secretary.

She dealt with sufferers of the disease from all over Australia. Her workload grew, but she was ably assisted by her loving and supportive husband Lester.

She recently had to put aside her massive workload and once more take on personal adversity. She died on July 1, 2009.

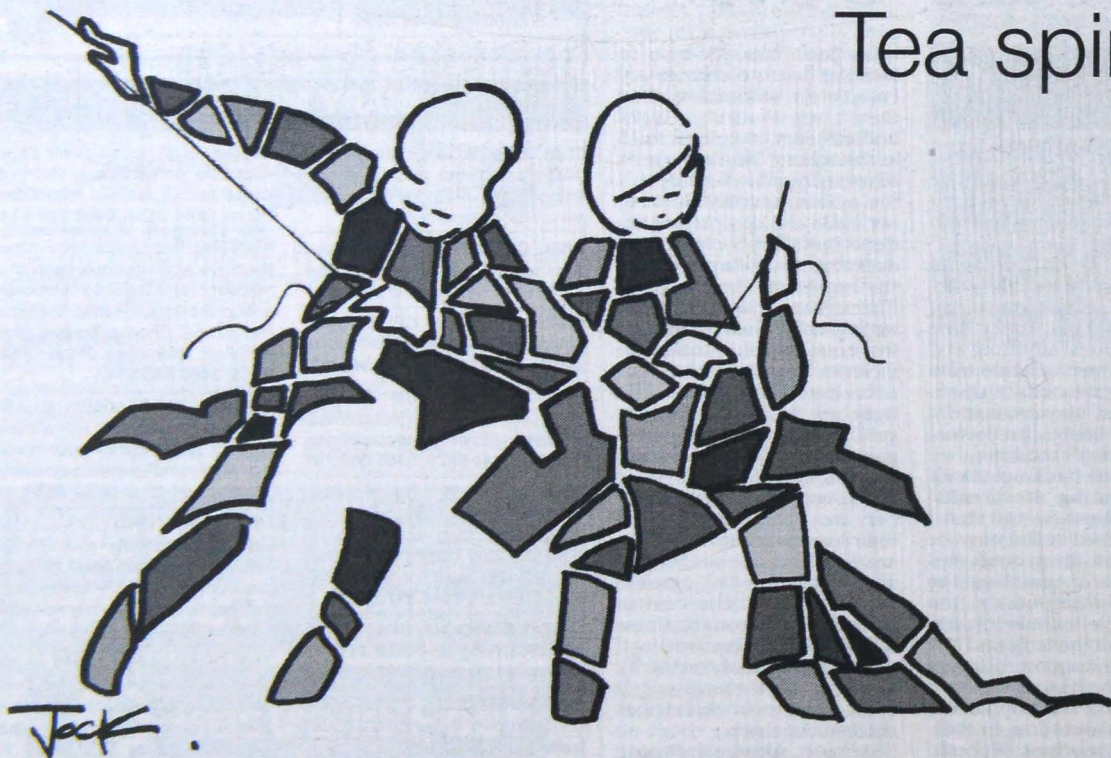
People who loved and cared for her, from all works of life, will remember this day as the day we lost Audrey Pollard to cancer.

MARGARET McCANN



Molly found our community in later life

“MOLLY” MOORE, well known behind the counter at the Warrandyte Lions Opp Shop, died on Tuesday, July 7. She was 82. Lola Caroline (Sue) Moore was born in Tatura on April 25, 1927, where she lived for most of her life. When her husband Sydney died some six years ago, she moved to Warrandyte to live with her daughter Chris and son-in-law Geoff Taylor. Molly was a woman of few words, but was very proud. She left school at 13. She worked as a barmaid at the “middle” hotel during the days of 6 o’clock swill, when pub staff had to pull beers fast and efficiently. She was also a seasonal worker at the fruit cannery in Ardmona. She married Sydney, who was a butcher. When he retired from the butcher’s shop they ventured into “Trash and Treasure”, doing the Shepparton Market on Sundays. They travelled to many garage sales to re-stock for their next venture. They enjoyed these times together, doing things they both loved and helping to support themselves in retirement. Show Molly a poker machine or lead her to a bingo hall and she was set. She usually won the meat tray at any RSL club she visited. Molly enjoyed the years she spent in Warrandyte at the end of her life, endearing herself to many locals and becoming well known as one of the town’s true characters. Her funeral was held in Tatura on July 15.



Tea spiral dreaming

Tea spiral dreaming—
old stories,
pieces of lives.

Small quilts for newborns,
hopes and dreams poured into
each tiny piece.

He inspired the next one—
brought home a panel
full of colours and creatures.

Around it we made a border,
and like our lives—
he did the maths, I did the colour.

When he died, I made a
temporary quilt—
deep mournful reds, with yellows
for all those golden times.

It took five years to finish,
then peaceful green sneaked in,
and I was mended.

Now I sew with my sister,
collecting colour, sorting, placing
Peace in the piecing.

When our children grow up
we find them again—
playsuits, party frocks

fairy dresses, formals;
the twirly skirt she rejected—
too old for ‘home-made’.
Then the ‘Chemo quilt’,
distraction as pain relief, sister as
healer
stitching me together again.

Children’s ‘Goodbye quilts’
for strange new bedrooms.
One, a piece of home in a student
cell—
a bed, a desk (and a quilt).

The other, sewn with grief and joy
for the one far away,
(quilt filled with sun, space
and the smell of gum leaves).

We’re still here, my sister and I
still sewing, old stories
pieces of lives
tea spiral dreaming.

KAREN THROSSELL

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Auskick round-up with Edward Munks



Auskick champs back in action

Warrandyte's Auskickers were back in action in the half time interval of a recent senior Warrandyte Football Club match.

The day also saw the Ladies' Day function being held to make it a festive occasion for mums and grandmums

Two games were played in ideal conditions and Christopher Risby led the charge teaming well with his attacking handball skills to regular speedsters Daniel and Nicholas Scala.

Ben Dickson showed his improved skills with booming left foot kicks from the centre into the full forward line where Darcy Poole took some fine marks.

Nathan Stewart ran hard and along with the speedy newcomer Aaron van Fort gathered many kicks.

Marco Hernandez and was able to use his clever handball to fellow rover Luca Hernandez. Samuel and Ben Munks were competitive against each other gaining many effective possessions without transgressing the rules.

Harper Oehlmann played a great game as mother Sarah Jane and grandmother Anne Drew watched misty eyed from the pavilion at the ladies' function. Anne also won the tanning prize in the raffle.

In the second big game of

the day Archer Rostron was in the thick of the action gaining many kicks but shared the ball well to goal sneak Spencer Hamilton who kicked a great on-the-run goal.

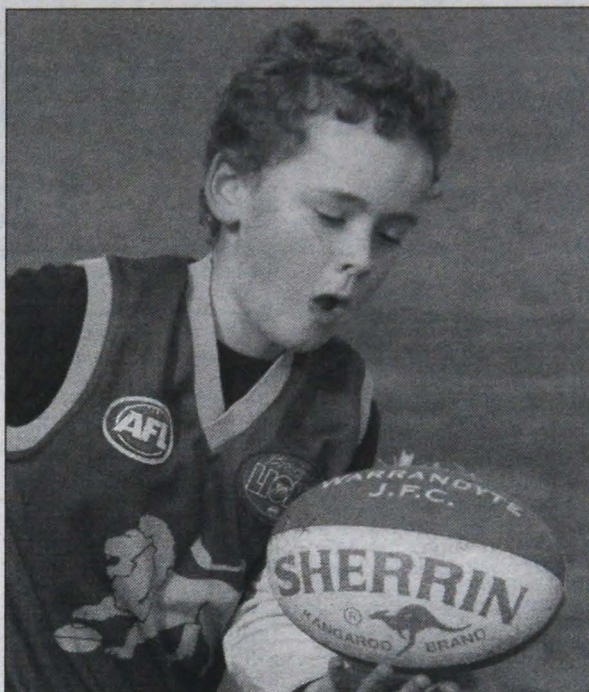
Austin Humphris had a great battle with Josh Luttick, with honours about even as both got many kicks into their forward lines where elusive rover Billy Podmore was able to swoop on the loose ball and fire out quick handballs to the dashing Marcus Green (grandson of the famous Cliff).

Brady Poole took a number of fine marks and brought younger players such as Archer Rostron and Ethan Ward into the game with unselfish team play.

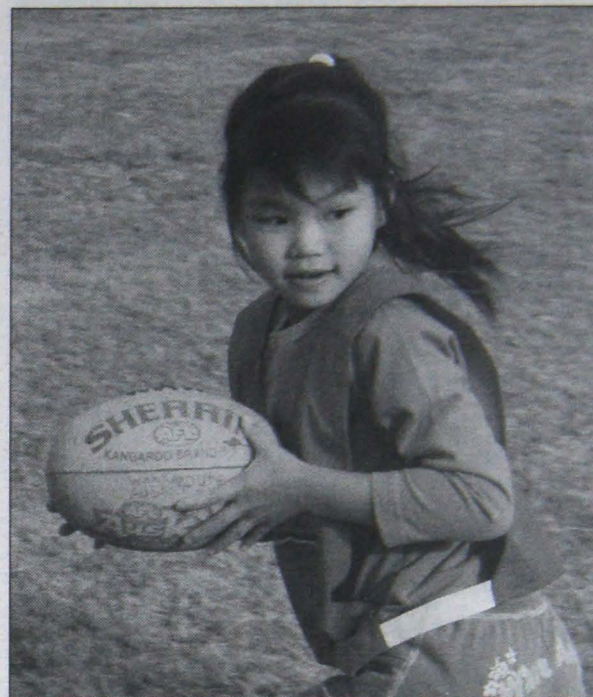
Hayden Taylor also continued to impress with his continuous skill development under pressure in game situations.

After the game the boys tucked into their barbecue and drinks with a few sneaking into the ladies' function and liberating a few cakes.

Thanks to James Logan, Phil Treaby and their team from the senior club for providing support to our Warrandyte champs as well as Auskick coaches Marty Rostron and Owen Humphris and the numerous parent helpers, including Kim, Adrian, Peter, Bob, Kerry, Sam, Mary, Grant,



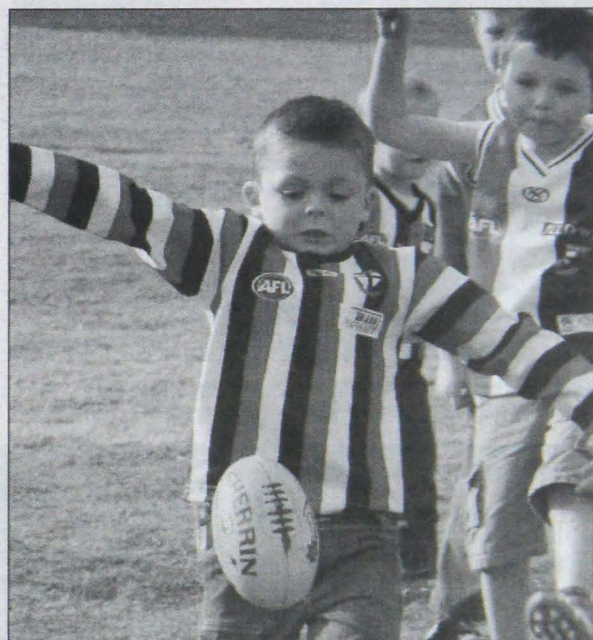
Ben Jackson shows off his handballing skills.



Shea Wischusen-Gibbons looks to handpass.



Ben Munks displays an expansive kicking style during an Auskick session.



Kyle McGowans is all concentration. Pictures courtesy Scott Pdmore.

Peter, Elke, Karin and all the other parents.

August will see renowned former gymnast Kylie Frowd come down to teach the Auskickers some rolling and

riding bump techniques that will be important in their future footballing careers.

Also our best wishes go to one of our coaches Chris

Jackson and his family on the sudden illness of his dad. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The year end trophy day and barbecue will be held

on Saturday 29 August.

For information on joining Warrandyte Auskick please contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191 or emunks@gmail.com

Sport shorts ...



Warrandyte's Khalia Flett in action for Victoria.

Khalia stars in interstate basketball

Local Warrandyte Venom player, Khalia Flett, was a key member of the victorious Victorian State Under 16 girls side in the National Basketball Championships.

The Victorian girls defeated SA Country 61-55 in the final played at Ulverstone, Tasmania in July.

State Coach Ben Cukier praised Khalia's efforts.

"She did a fantastic job, making the most of every opportunity."

The Victoria team was under pressure with the loss of a key centre before the tournament, throwing the spotlight on Khalia as the only genuine tall player.

This was a role she filled admirably, providing strength and height as a pivotal part of the team's

structure.

It has been an amazing journey for Khalia, progressing from the second Venom side last year, to the Venom Under 16 Victorian Champion team this year.

"It was a massive achievement for her" said Cukier, "

'Dytes training under way

Warrandyte cricketers are well into their pre-season training with indoor net sessions now well under way.

With the new Ringwood District Cricket Association season only eight weeks away, Warrandyte players are keen to make an early start to ensure they are ready for the first ball.

"We won two premier-ships with our Second and Fifth XIs last season and we are looking to build on that," said club president, Matthew Chapman.

"Our First XI only narrow-

ly escaped relegation last season and the senior players are determined to atone.

"We have lost a couple of senior players but we are talking to some experienced cricketers who have shown an interest in joining Warrandyte.

"There are also a number of junior players coming through the ranks who are certain to put their hands up for senior selection."

Hawks on fitness program

South Warrandyte Hawks cricketers are preparing for their attack on the RDCA Chandler Shield.

Players have been undergoing fitness sessions at Colman Reserve and indoor practice started at Saxon Sports Indoor Centre on August 9.

Outdoor training will start at Colman Reserve on

September 9.

The club has also appointed Ryan Hill as its new assistant coach.

Junior Registration Night will be held Friday 21 August from 6:30 to 7:30pm at Colman Park.

The Hawks hope to have at least one team in each of the Under 10 (non-competitive Friday night), Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 age groups. The club is looking to appoint junior coaches and team managers. For further information,

Junior pre-season practice sessions starting at 10am at Colman Park are scheduled for Under 16 and Under 18 players on Saturdays from 29 August and for Under 12 and Under 14 players on Sundays from 6 September.

For further details contact Justin Hansen 0414 473 611 or junioradmin@swcc.com.au

Junior footballers set sights on finals



Tyson Sproule-Carroll takes a strong mark for Warrandyte's Under 11 team against St Mary's.

Warrandyte Junior Football Club will have a number of teams featuring in this season's finals.

The Under 15s secured their place with a goal in the last 90 seconds of the game against then fourth placed Glen Iris.

A superb fighting last quarter against the breeze enabled the boys to hold on to a three point margin. The game was sprinkled with individual brilliance and team discipline and now a first semi final against Kew Rovers awaits a determined Bloods outfit.

In the last clash with Kew Rovers, Warrandyte lost by only a goal and go into the finals in form and with growing self belief.

Best wishes go to Billy Lavery who broke his arm in the second last game. He has been a great asset to the team all season and will play his 100th game in early 2010.

The Under 13s are certain finalists and look set to take on Glen Iris in both the last round and the first semi final.

The team recently celebrated the 100th game of Zac Ballard. He has played with Warrandyte Junior Football club since Under 9s and is a positive influence within the Under 13 group.

Ballard was chosen to represent the YJFL in the combined Under 13 team

earlier this year.

With one round to play the Under 12s sit on top of the ladder one game clear.

Josh Beasley has been dangerous up forward and against fellow finalist Glen Iris bagged five important goals.

The young Bloods have led the competition all year and go into the second semi final full of running.

The coaching team led by James Yoffa have been impressed with the boy's willingness to learn and their desire to compete in each game.

With the double chance secured, the boys have a good opportunity to play in a Grand Final.

The Colts 2 team have swept all before them in Division 4 in 2009.

With only one loss for the season and a percentage of more than 200, the Colts 2 side have a strong chance to bring home the flag.

Coach Josh Blakey has been impressed with the mental attitude of the team and all players have been making a contribution to the team effort to ensure the winning run is maintained.

Sam Tansley has been in good form and had a great game in his 100th appearance for the Bloods.

The Under 10s have performed admirably in the latter half of the season and in consecutive weeks the boys had two thrilling one point victories.

The win over third placed

St Mary's showed what can be achieved despite your position on the ladder.

Coach Dick Baker was very proud of how the team fought out the two games.

The Under 11s continue their promising development and have posted some good results recently.

In the home game against fifth placed Heidelberg the boy's played good team football to narrowly go down.

Josh Kleeborg was effective up forward and was well supported by the hard running Brodie Powell and Josh Costin.

The Under 14s are working hard in the highest division and are striving to meet weekly game targets. The midfield group have worked tirelessly all year and coach Peter Stafford is proud of their commitment.

The Colts 1 team had a great victory in their Round 13 clash against Doncaster Heights which gave the team back to back wins for the second time.

Pat Heffernan and Tsakterlis are playing terrific football and their attack on the ball is inspiring the team.

Coach Shane Newman commended the boys on their attitude throughout the season and believes many of the players have 'grown' as individuals.

"If the WJFC can play a small role in the development of its players or at least, offer them an environ-

ment where they can enjoy each other's company, that's a good outcome for everyone," said Newman.

Warrandyte Junior Football Club held a 'Call to Arms' day on 26 July to help raise \$5000 for the Cancer Council and Leukaemia Foundation. All players wore yellow arm bands on the day to symbolise the "call to arms".

The club decided to donate the Sunday's canteen profits to the Cancer Council.

There was also a collection tin in the canteen where anybody willing to donate any loose change for the cause could do so.

This initiative, in conjunction with the senior football club, was very successful and all teams supported this worthy cause.



Under 11s medal-winner, Kiama Harris-Allan.



It's all action during Warrandyte's recent Under 11 game against St Mary's.



Zac Ballard runs through a line of team mates as he celebrates his 100th game with Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

Tennis club names its new executive

Neil Sproat was elected as the new president of the Warrandyte Tennis Club at the recent annual general meeting.

He takes over the role from Mark Bence who has held the position for 10 of the past 12 years.

Neil, who has been a member of the club for many years, has been serving as treasurer since 2004.

The new treasurer elected in his place is Sue Everon. Wendy Synnot remains as secretary.

Long time junior convenor, Michelle Gilling who had recently handed over the reins to Tina Mifsud received a vote of thanks from the meeting.

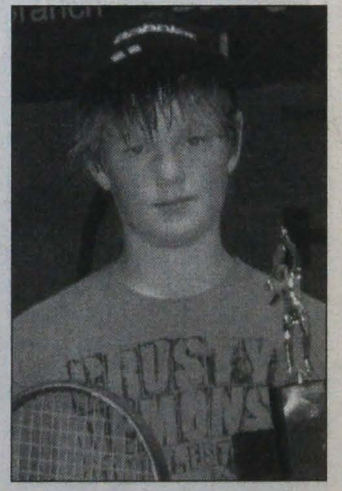
Warrandyte Tennis Club's top juniors competed in the club's annual masters competition held recently.

This was an invitational event where the top eight boys and eight girls set out to beat each other.

The winners for 2009 were Adrian Mifsud and Elise Northover. An Under 13 boys masters was also held resulting in a win for Jack Eadie.



Warrandyte Tennis Club's newly elected executive. From left, president, Neil Sproat, secretary, Wendy Synnot and treasurer, Sue Everon.



Under 13 masters champion, Jack Eadie.

Big V Venom miss grand final chance



Big V Venom captain, Jaz Borella scored 10 points in the second semi final match. Picture: Gavin Andrew.

Warrandyte's Big V Venom women's team has bowed out of the finals with a two games to nil loss to top placed Werribee in the semi final series.

While the Venom had challenged Werribee at various stages during the season, Warrandyte had never really threatened the run-away leaders of the competition.

After losing the first of three semi finals at home, the Venom needed to win the second match at Werribee on Saturday if they were to progress to their third consecutive grand final appearance.

The second game was played on Werribee home court, and the local side started strongly to open up a six point lead at the quarter time break. The Venom girls, playing for their season, came back strongly to take the lead and the game was even at the long interval.

The critical third quarter was the Venom's downfall with Werribee coming out strongly and dominating to take a 14 point lead going into the final quarter.

The Venom tried but were never able to bridge the gap with the final score line to Werribee of 77 - 55.

For the Venom, Janelle Lucas continued her excellent on court performance with a game high of 22 points plus 10 rebounds well supported by captain Jaz Borella (nine points, five rebounds) and Sharlene Dalsanto (seven points and 11 rebounds).

As expected this was a very physical game and a number of the Venom's younger players stood out, including Ash Brobbel, Meg Dargan and Mollie Burke.

In the first of the semi final games, which coincid-

ed with coach Justin Nelson's 100th game in charge, the Venom relied on youth and speed and in the opening minutes there was the hint of an upset when the Venom opened a 6-2 lead.

Neither side settled particularly well in these tense minutes, but slowly the strength and power of Werribee started to pay dividends.

The visitors were able to take a 19-10 lead with the final goals in the quarter.

The second quarter was the game breaker with the Venom unable to make any inroads at all.

Warrandyte's game tactics changed as they tried to break up the Werribee defence with three point shots but only one went in from six attempts.

The score at the long break was 40-18 to Werribee.

Warrandyte continued to attack and with three from five outside shots being successful, slightly shaded Werribee in the third quarter.

The streak did not continue with Werribee closing out the game with a final score line of 74-49.

As expected the game was quite physical with the referees called upon to make a number of difficult calls.

Janelle Lucas top scored for the Venom with 12 points, while both Meg Dargan and Jazmine Borella added 10 points of their own.

The Venom will now look forward to 2010 with confidence with a strong coherent playing group.

They are expected to be joined in the Big V next season with a Venom men's side, under senior coach Kelvin Bowers.

Friday night finals loom

The finals are rapidly approaching for the representative Friday night basketball competition.

The Under 18 boys had made a strong statement about finals contention with a winning streak of four games but faced top placed Coburg at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre as they looked at five in a row.

The first half seesawed with the Venom taking a one point lead at the long break.

Warrandyte did slightly the better in the second half, maintaining a lead but never able to break away.

The game was physical with a number of calls being disputed. Coburg closed the gap to tie it up at 38-all with the critical final three minutes on the clock.

The lead for the Venom was restored with a basket off a rebound to Taylor Hayton. Both sides attacked with no success but as the final minute ticked over, a three point shot to Coburg was successful and the lead changed hands.

Venom were desperate to get possession but Coburg were able to convert at the free throw line to take the game 43-40.

Centre Taylor Hayton top scored for the Venom with 11 points with excellent support from Jason McCadden and Peter Cormick with six points each.

In an earlier game, Damian Arsenis's Under 12 boys knocked off fourth placed Diamond Valley 37-29.

The Venom led 18-11 at the break and came away with the points after honours were split in the second half.

Contributions to the win were shared with Kieran Urquhart top scoring with 15 points and Campbell Graham eight points.

Coach Damian Arsenis has developed something of a reputation for winning the Under 12 Metro 1 flag in recent years but this year the Warrandyte side will not be contesting the finals.

Arsenis is understood to be stepping away from coaching next year, ending a very long association between the Arsenis family and the Warrandyte basketball club. Hopefully this is just a temporary break.

An engrossing game was played at the Warrandyte High School when Bec Daniel's Under 14 girls came up against Frankston.

The Warrandyte side were also making a run for the finals and maintained a comfortable 10 point lead for much of the game.

Frankston did have one final surge and were able to put a number of scores on the board putting pressure on the Venom.

Some breathing space was afforded to the Venom with late goals to Paige Biondo and Sara Deacon but these were answered by Frankston.

It all came down to the final seconds with Frankston, one point behind, and two shots from the free throw line. The first missed but the second was successful, resulting in a 33-all draw.

Again, this will put a dint in Warrandyte's finals aspirations but there are enough games to just scrape in if the results go their way.

Paige Biondo top scored with 10 points, with support from Jessica Hunter and Courtney Howes with six points each.

Jill England's Under 14 Regional boys recorded their first win of the season, upsetting second placed Western Port by 28-27. Matt Cole was dominant for the Venom with 14 points.

Gavin Eddy's Under 14 Metro boys recorded a strong 40-22 win over Eltham. Nick Cookes was the dominant scorer with 18 points.

Mini basketballers show their skills

Both of Warrandyte's basketball "littlies" were playing at home on the weekend in the domestic Saturday competition.

Scott Martini is coaching the Under 9 boys, who played an Eltham side.

Both sides showed good skills for ones so young.

Eltham looked good in the first half but some good outside shots had the Redback boys 8-7 up at the break.

The second half was similar and Warrandyte came away with the points 18-13. Warrandyte are undefeated so far this season.

Demi Joy is coaching the Under 9 girls who came up against a determined Bulleen side and went down 12-4.

Later in the day Warrandyte's undefeated Under 17 A grade girls came up against Bulleen.

The teams had never met and the match was a likely grand final preview.

Bulleen started out well with a strong lead but the Redback team started to get back into the game and pressure and a run of goals in the second half saw the Redbacks in control at 19-16 mid way through the half.

Defence was tight on both sides, with low shooting percentage a feature.

Nicolette Prior extended the lead to five points with a hook shot under the basket and Warrandyte were looking good.

Bulleen upped the pressure and slowly narrowed the gap. One point separated the sides and a critical turn over against Warrandyte gave Bulleen the lead on the lay-up with 80 seconds to go.

An opportunity in the final seconds when a Redback player was loose in the key was unsuccessful and Bulleen held on for a 22-21 win.

"First loss of the season, but the girls were giving 100 per cent for the full game," said coach Jennet Ure after the game.

Coaching positions are allocated

Warrandyte Basketball has announced that all Venom coaching positions for season 2009/2010 have been filled, eight weeks out from the start of tryouts on September 20.

The coaching depth has increased again, with new faces including senior coaching directors Kelvin Bowers and Jason Weidemann, along with senior women's players Janelle Lucas and Mollie Booth.

Given the task of assembling the coaching staff for season 2009/10 before he hands the reigns over to Weidemann (women's director) and Bowers (men's director), Warrandyte Basketball's Justin Nelson is delighted with the coaching line-up, highlighting the increased experience across all levels.

"Since the end of 2005 the rep-ball (Venom) program at Warrandyte has grown nearly five-fold, and with that comes the huge task of finding experienced coaches, as well as developing future coaches.

"It's a tough job," said Nelson.

"Unfortunately many people think coaches grow on trees but they don't. Coaching at rep-ball level is a hard gig. The expectations of parents and players is high and it takes time to build coaching stocks.

"I'm really happy to again have plenty of experience with people like Gerry Pearce, Ian Wood, Emma Collins, Darren Evans, Shawn Sumner and Nicole Howard with us again, plus the list goes on with others who have really cemented themselves as quality coaches in recent years," said Nelson.

"It's great to have senior women's players Janelle Lucas and Mollie Booth coaching teams, while other new coaches include George Demos and experienced duo Paul Brazier and David Crook.

"On the flipside, the club extends a big thanks to Damian Arsenis, David Reinecke, Jo Richardson, Mandy Ratcliffe and Jill

England, all of whom have retired after providing wonderful service to the club."

Nelson said that as some of the coaches had children in the program it had not been finalised who would be coaching which team.

"We always place the selection of players at tryouts as the priority, so in some instances the final coaching placements may not be known until the end of tryouts," he said.

"However, in some age groups where parents aren't coaching we have made some decisions around coaching and these will be released as we enter tryouts and in our forthcoming on-court structure document for 2010 and beyond."

Nelson said the coaching staff had not yet met to discuss selection of teams.

"That's what tryouts are for," he said.

Anyone interested in being an assistant coach in 2009/2010, please speak with either Justin, Jason or Kelvin.

The coaches listed below are not listed in team order. Final coaching placements are yet to be finalised.

VENOM COACHING STAFF BOYS

U12: Andrew Robertson, Peter Unwin, Peter Anderson.

U14: Gerry Pearce, George Demos, David Daniel, Danny Black.

U16: Kelvin Bowers, Ian Wood, Gavin Eddy.

U18: Darren Evans, Shawn Sumner, Scott Rimes.

U20: Peter Demos.

Assistants confirmed at this stage include Rebecca Daniel (U14), Gary Sullivan (U14), Doug Hilton (U16).

GIRLS

U12: Emma Collins, Greg Pearson, Mollie Booth.

U14: Jason Weidemann, Janelle Lucas (pictured).

U16: Paul Brazier, Michael Flynn, David Crook.

U18: Nicole Howard, Justin Nelson, Brendan Ricci.

Assistants confirmed at this stage include Jenni O'Brien (U18), Josh Collins (U12), Kellie Taylor (U14), Andrea Peters (U14).

Reserves in new territory

Warrandyte Reserves find themselves in unfamiliar territory this week, going into the final round of the home and away season with their finals position guaranteed.

In what has been a remarkable form reversal, the Reserves lost the first six games of the season before winning 10 of the next 11 to find themselves in fourth place with one match to play.

It will be the first time the Reserves side has featured in a finals series since 2003 and the first experience of finals for all but a handful of Warrandyte players.

Round 17 saw Bloods coach Adam Hinds take a leaf out of St Kilda coach Ross Lyon's book and rest several key players for the away trip to Coldstream.

Veterans Glen Carle and Stewart Rough were among six regular reserves players keen to take the opportunity for a week off, while it also gave Hinds a chance to test other players in different positions in what was effectively a dead rubber.

The Bloods started with six quick goals before Coldstream had registered a major. Warrandyte's midfielders consistently won the centre bounce clearances with Cal Haskings, Paul Bellofiore and Jake Bentley dominating.

Haskings kicked two first quarter goals with some hard running forward, with a third attempt grazing the post.

A late goal to Coldstream saw the Bloods take a five goal advantage into the quarter time huddle.

The second quarter saw more of the same, with the Bloods running hard and creating numerous opportunities for forwards Adam Gamble and Campbell Holland, who is currently leading the Division Three Reserves goalkicking ladder.

Back pocket Dean Heller and on-baller Paul Bellofiore both left the field with injuries, while Ben Everard and Rick Curtis seized their opportunities with both hands, coming off the bench and having an immediate impact on the game.

The second half saw Coldstream play with renewed vigour and they were able to reduce the half time deficit to a seven goal three quarter time margin.

By this stage the Bloods had three players with niggling injuries icing up on the bench and they took no further part in the game as Hinds was unwilling to risk further damage so close to finals time.

In a lacklustre final term the Bloods finished with 17 players on the field while Coldstream finished with a handful of goals to reduce the final margin to an even four goals.

Warrandyte 14.7-91 d

Coldstream 10.7-67

Goals: Holland 5, Gamble 4, Haskings 2, Konrad 2, Brown Best: Holland, Konrad, Haskings, Bentley, Everard

ROUND 16:

Warrandyte 13.10-88 d Mitcham 7.8-50

Goals: C. Holland 5, S. Rough 2, P. Burgoyne 2, B. Zach, J. Bowen, J. O'Mara, R. Curtis

Best: C. Haskings, J. Bowen, D. Bryant, C. Holland, C. Chapman, R. Curtis

ROUND 15:

Warrandyte 16.11-107 d

Nunawading 9.5-59

Goals: C. Holland 3, D. Large 2, S. Rough 2, A. Gamble 2, B. Zach, G. Carle, J. O'Mara, T. Konrad, L. Brewis, B. Opteynde, C. Haskings Best: D. Large, J. Eyre, G. Godwin, A. Gamble, G. Carle

ROUND 14:

Warrandyte 15.17-107 d

Heathmont 4.7-31

Goals: E. Jones 2, R. Gordon 2, C. Holland 2, B. Zach, J. Bowen, L. Evans, D. Bryant, S. Lockie, R. Curtis, P. Burgoyne, C. Haskings Best: J. Bowen, C. Haskings, J. Eyre, T. Konrad, D. Bryant, P. Burgoyne

Bloods given a finals wake up call

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

Warrandyte go into the final home and away round of the 2009 season this Saturday only needing to avoid a disastrous defeat at the hands of Whitehorse Pioneers to ensure a top four finish and a tilt at the Eastern Football League Division 3 premiership.

The Bloods currently sit third on the EFL ladder on 40 points and a healthy percentage, with their Round 18 opponent Whitehorse in fourth position, also on 40 points.

The only team that can possibly enter the top four are Coldstream, the team Warrandyte lost to on Saturday.

But there is a substantial percentage difference between the two clubs and it is unlikely that Coldstream could make up the difference in their clash with Boronia.

The clash with Coldstream was a day Warrandyte will want to forget. The Bloods made the long trek to their opposition's home ground aware that their top four position was not yet secure and that a win over the Panthers would guarantee Warrandyte's first finals appearance since the 2006 Division Four grand final.

Wearing black arm bands as a mark of respect for the passing of WFC Life Member Alan Vitiritti, father of current assistant coach Dale Vitiritti, the Bloods looked to be switched on early. The reliable Grant McAdam had been assigned the difficult job of containing Coldstream star Leam Doughty and looked to be able to match the dangerous forward for pace and height.

Lee Evans, in just his third game back from a serious ankle injury, was also starting to come back into form, taking several strong contested marks across half forward and the Bloods went into quarter time with an eight point lead.

Coldstream came out firing in the second quarter and a shell-shocked Warrandyte team appeared slow to react.

The Bloods had no answers for the quick ball movement of their opponents, who were using the wide Coldstream wings to good effect and completely dominating the play.

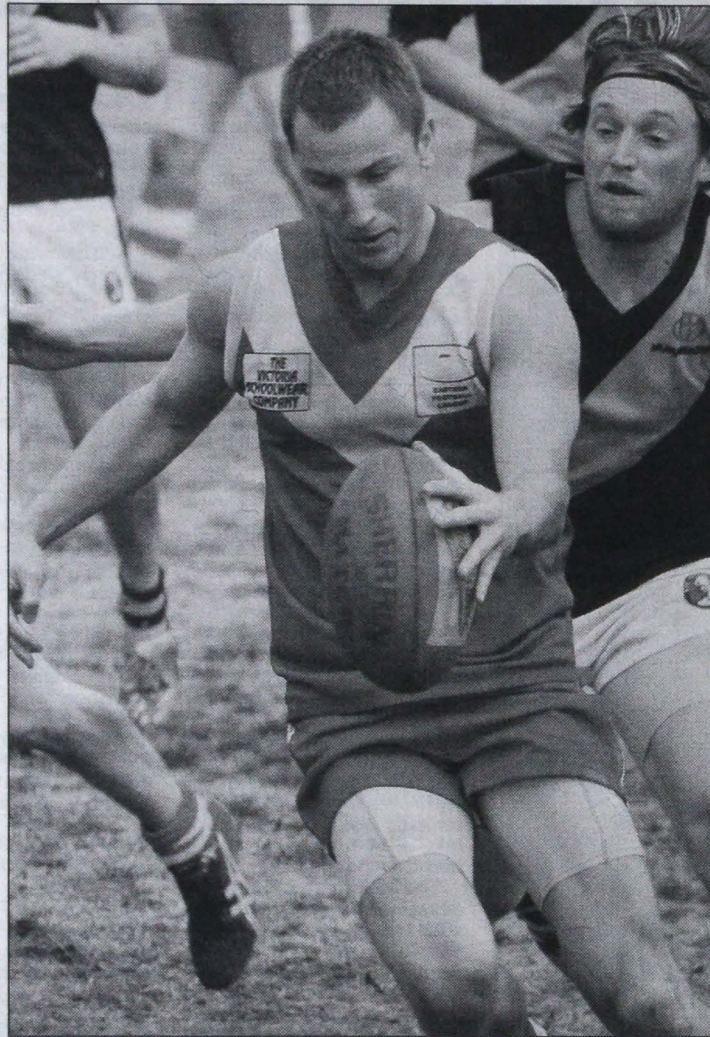
A flat footed Warrandyte could only manage one behind for the quarter, while the home side kicked five goals four behinds to take a 25 point lead into the half time break.

The third term was a more balanced affair, with the Bloods realising that the game was starting to slip out of reach.

Michael Morello presented well up forward and veteran Matt Wood slipped into attack to kick an important third quarter goal.

Unfortunately, despite numerous opportunities, wayward kicking meant that Warrandyte were unable to fully capitalise on their numerous entries into the forward 50 metres.

Two goals and six behinds for the quarter against Coldstream's three goals three behinds meant



Ben Reid gets his kick despite pressure from his Mitcham opponent at the Warrandyte Reserve.

that the margin was stretched to 28 points at the final break.

An early goal to Morello gave the Bloods some hope at the opening of the last quarter, however a quick answer from Doughty put paid to any real hope of a Warrandyte comeback.

While always a difficult away assignment, the Bloods would have been hoping for a win to cement their position in the top four.

Attention now turns to Round 18 opponent Whitehorse Pioneers, who may well be the Bloods' semi-final opponent at Jubilee Park just one week later.

Warrandyte 7.12-54 lost to

Coldstream 13.11-89

Goals: M. Morello 3, M. Wood 2, V. Jones, A. McIntosh Best: J. Boyce, A. Tsapatsaris, T. Beasley, D. Hand, M. Morello, B. Taylor

ROUND 16

The Bloods registered a clinical 78 point victory over Mitcham at Warrandyte Reserve.

In an impressive display up forward, Michael Morello kicked seven goals while Lee Evans chipped in with three from centre half forward to announce his

return to senior footy.

In a fiery encounter, the Bloods were never troubled after kicking away to a 27 point quarter time margin.

Despite a slow second quarter, Warrandyte kicked 10 goals to Mitcham's two in the second half to finish with 38 scoring shots to Mitcham's 10.

Concerned Warrandyte supporters looked on as Luke Dunn was helped from the ground just minutes before the final siren with what looked to be a serious shoulder injury and only time will tell whether Dunn will see any more action in 2009.

Adam Tsapatsaris was clearly best on ground for the Bloods, racking up plenty of possessions and taking several strong marks across half back despite some unnecessary physical attention from his Mitcham opponents.

Warrandyte 18.20-128 d

Mitcham 8.2-50

Goals: M. Morello 7, L. Evans 3, M. Wood 2, L. Dunn 2, S. Christopher 2, D. Hand, J. Eyre Best: A. Tsapatsaris, M. Morello, L. Naughtin, T. Naughtin, L. Evans, L. Dunn

ROUND 15

With Nunawading's season virtually over, the Bloods headed to the postage stamp that is Koonung Reserve as favourites for the first time in many years.

Early indications were that Warrandyte would have a big win and they stormed away to a 49 point lead at quarter time as solid defence held Nunawading goalless.

The school end seemed to be sheltered from the very evident wind blowing Nunawading's way in the second term.

Former Bloods Liam Riley and Andrew Brown, now at Nunawading, worked well together and when Riley took two good marks and converted truly some seeds of doubt were sown amongst the Warrandyte faithful.

Two late Warrandyte goals stretched the margin back out to 37 points however there was a big enough jolt for the Bloods to realise they were going to have to fight hard for the win.

The dangerous Sam McCallum, who had kicked 28 goals in the previous five weeks, was well held by Dion Mullet-Treloar and then Matt Feben kicked his first goal in football and every Warrandyte player ran to congratulate him - a positive sign of the team's strong bond.

Tom Naughtin continued his stellar season, however it was Nunawading's Joel Anderson who dominated the third quarter and was controlling proceedings through the middle of the ground.

Although the wind had dropped Warrandyte did not take advantage of the breeze and at three quarter time had been outscored nine goals to five since the first break.

An impassioned plea from coach Michael Tout at the last break reminded the players how important the game was and how there was so much to play for.

They responded quickly and the result was put beyond doubt.

Warrandyte 16.20-116 d

Nunawading 11.7-73

Goals: M. Morello 4, L. Evans 3, S. Christopher 3, R. Ansaldi 2, B. Reid, M. Wood, M. Feben, B. Taylor Best: D. Mullett Treloar, B. Reid, A. Tsapatsaris, M. Feben, L. Dunn, T. Naughtin

ROUND 14

Round 14 saw the Bloods lead from go to woe against an undermanned Heathmont side battling to avoid relegation to Division Four.

A resounding 84 point victory was the result, with Morello registering eight goals to move to third on the EFL goal kicking ladder. Ten other individual goalkickers contributed to a solid victory.

Warrandyte 23.14-152 d

Heathmont 10.8-68

Goals: M. Morello 8, J. Hill 2, B. Torney 2, R. Ansaldi 2, T. Naughtin 2, S. Christopher 2, M. Wood, L. Dunn, T. Beasley, A. McIntosh, A. Tsapatsaris Best: M. Morello, T. Naughtin, A. Tsapatsaris, B. Torney, V. Jones, L. Dunn

Under 18s fine tune their top four form

Warrandyte's Under 18 side continues to impress with a solid 98 point victory over the Coldstream Colts on Saturday.

The side has seen several key players return to Warrandyte after missing a number of games due to school football commitments, which has improved the calibre of the side noticeably.

Tristan Valentino has been in sensational form in front of goal, with nine goals and five goals in the two previous games leading up to Saturday's away victory.

The young Bloods will go into the final round against Whitehorse unable to finish lower than their current fourth position on the ladder and are likely to face Mooroolbark in the first semi-final the following weekend at Jubilee Park full of confidence.

ROUND 17

Warrandyte 22.8-140 d Coldstream 6.6-42

ROUND 16

Warrandyte 20.13-133 d Mitcham 9.5-59

Goals: Valentino 9, Whitfield 4, Khouri 3, Bowen,

Taylor, Brouwer, Jackson Best: Valentino, Atkinson, Ryan, Bowen, Khouri, Buhagair, Williams, Whitfield, Jackson

ROUND 15

Bye

ROUND 14

Warrandyte 16.14-110 d Heathmont 10.5-65

Goals: Valentino 5, Holewa 4, Jackson 2, Williams 2, Bentley, Brouwer, Whitfield Best: Atkinson, Williams, Valentino, Whitfield, Bentley, Holewa

Netballers snare three winter titles

By SONIA RAPPELL

Warrandyte Netball Club has won three premierships in the winter season of the Doncaster and District Netball Association.

The long sought after and highly valued premiership by the Warrandyte Open A Falcons is possibly the first by the club in the open age group for 10 years.

It was won by the barest of margins after the final siren.

Playing coach Nat Dusting's Falcons, including Brittany Duncan, Amie Dusting, Georgia Nichol, Emma Rhode, Emma Stanley, Cass Wilson, Georgia Walker and Amy Taip defeated the Donvale Divinez 33 to 32.

The exciting game was even throughout with scores level at half time. It was an important win, and for several of the team, an outstanding result following the first

season in the Open age group.

Another close and exciting game where the winner had to be from Warrandyte was the Under 15 Section 2 grand final.

Warrandyte Under 15/2 Galahs were victorious over Warrandyte Under 15/2 Rosellas 28-23. The Galahs had finished top of the ladder and the Rosellas finished third on the ladder before the finals and the result was a good outcome for both teams.

The Galahs, made up of Millie Cieslik, Tara Cromwell, Holly Jenkins, Katelyn Horton, Alana Mudford, Lauren Mueller, Cara Watson and Danielle Wright were coached by Aiden Wright.

Wearing the red bibs in the grand final to distinguish them from the blue-bibbed Galahs, the Rosellas were coached by Erika Dyason. The team included Rebekah Fall, Kirsty Gates, Kayla

Mansour, Rachael McKernan, Katrina Morris, Olivia Valbonesi, Caitlin Yule and Jasmine Woods.

The third premiership won by Warrandyte went to the Under 13 Section 3 Sunbirds.

Coached by Ally Drohan and Courtney Ratcliffe, the Sunbirds finished top of the ladder and won the final 20-14.

Sonya Febbo, club president said the team was down at half time by three but gave a mammoth third quarter effort to be up by three at the final change, winning by six.

She said the team had a slow start but the girls pulled together as a team to win against the Donvale Dolphinz.

The Sunbirds team was Sophie Bell, Micaela Bumpstead, Olivia Chan, Stephanie Duncan, Kelsey Horton, Eliza McIntyre, Elly Papastergiadis, Lara Petrou, Megan Pring and Sam Stockley.

The other Warrandyte team to reach the grand final was the Under 13 Section 1 Brumbies. Coached by Jenny Price and Sarah Wainwright, the Brumbies team was Maddy Edsell, Claire Garrick, Bridie Jones, Zoe Kleeberg, Corrin Mueller, Kennedy Price, Riley Price, Rebecca Sierak, Emma Sundberg and Josie Ward.

The Brumbies had finished second on the ladder to NYC and in the grand final went down to the top placed NYC Cubs 30-16.

Warrandyte Netball Club fielded 17 teams in the Doncaster and District Netball Association winter season with nine out of 13 eligible teams playing in finals.

In the spring season starting on 22 August, Warrandyte will field 19 teams. Enquiries to the secretary, 9844 4760.



Warrandyte's successful Under 15/2 Galahs who defeated Warrandyte Rosellas in the grand final.



Warrandyte Under 13/3 Sunbirds finished on top of the ladder and then took out the premiership.



Warrandyte's successful Open A Falcons premiership team.



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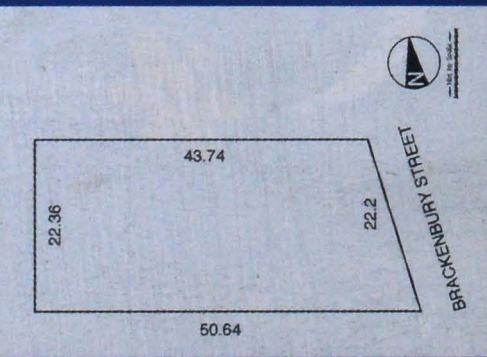
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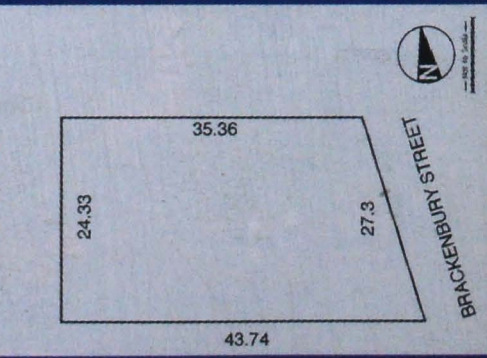
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