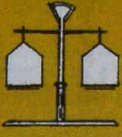


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## Who will you Relay for?

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# Best of luck, Jim!

### Local footy star's fight of a lifetime

By ROBERT WHITE

One of the biggest crowds ever to attend a home game of the Warrandyte Football Club left satisfied after the Bloods scored a win over Whitehorse Pioneers and secure their place in the Eastern Football League Third Division finals.

But it was more than the result of the game that brought the crowd to its feet on a bright, sunny winter Saturday last month.

Jim Logan, 31, was playing in the senior team. It was his first game for the season after being diagnosed with a brain tumour earlier this year.

In a fitting tribute to a young man who has devoted much of his life to the football club as secretary, and a player who went through the junior ranks, the Bloods selected Jim to play in what was a tribute match.

And Jim didn't let anyone down. He was overwhelmed by the response he received every time he ran on to the field but he wasn't going to treat the game any differently than the 200 senior games that he had played in his favourite No. 8 jumper. This was a football match and he intended to

be more than a bystander.

He ran from one end of the ground to the other as he chased a dogged opponent and he presented himself many times as the ball was brought into the forward line.

A fairytale ending was aborted when Jim snapped at goal in the dying minutes only to see his opponent get a hand on the ball and rush it through for a behind.

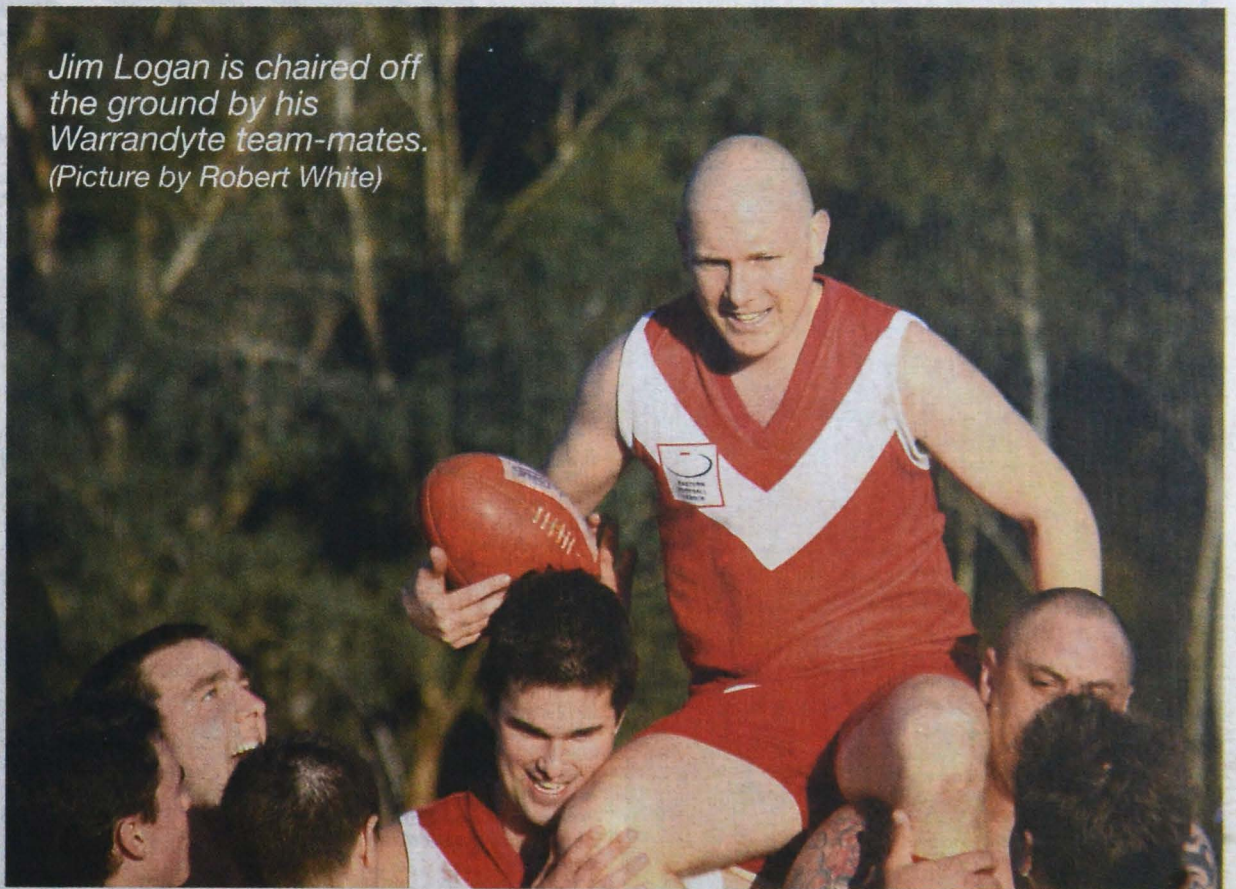
When the game ended, he was chaired off the ground by his team-mates and cheered by a supportive crowd that lined the players' race and filled the terraces, grandstand and the grassed embankment.

He stood in the middle of his team-mates in the club rooms as they loudly sang the Warrandyte theme song. The day was complete.

Jim didn't want his game to be treated as a "sob story". He just wanted to acknowledge the support he had received from those within the football club and the community in general in his fight against a sinister enemy.

The former Andersons Creek Primary and Warrandyte High School student now heads off to face the fight of his life. He goes with the understanding that he has a massive team of supporters behind him.

Jim Logan is chaired off the ground by his Warrandyte team-mates. (Picture by Robert White)



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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH

I'm glad his super's recovered enough for him to resume the supply of bird seed



## Nev's five minutes of fame

**A**n occasional glimpse at prominent Warrandyte personalities, this month featuring local environmentalist and Elvis impersonator, Neville Trott.

**So Neville, what is your first memory?**

That would probably be a near death experience I had when I was four.

**Tell us what happened.**

Auntie Beryl picked me up and buried my face between her breasts. It was like the Valley of Death in there. I disappeared up to my ears and couldn't breathe, till finally I gagged and emptied my lunch down her cleavage.

**How awful!**

It was 13 years before I could look at a woman's chest without smelling chilli-con-carne.

**When did you finally overcome this unfortunate association?**

1958. Carols by Candlelight. Carols down at Stiggants at Christmas time?

No, Carol Smith's down at Portsea on New Year's Eve. There was a power strike on and she was charging 10 bucks a look. I only had a fiver so I only saw one.

**Apart from Auntie Beryl's bosom, did you have a happy childhood?**

Definitely. I remember how the kids in our street would play hide and seek in the State Park for hours. I was so good nobody would ever find me. My sister once told me they ran off without even looking—that's how good I was!

**Any bad memories?**

Well there was a kid at Warrandyte Primary who used to



bully me a fair bit.

**How did you deal with that?**

I told Mum. She came down one recess and beat the crap out of her.

**Tell us about your first date with Narelle.**

Let's see. It was a Friday night, and I took her to the drive-in to see Rocky 4!

**I wouldn't have thought she'd be very impressed with that!**

She wasn't. I didn't have a car.

**But despite all that you still ended up getting married.**

We had to. She had a Cinnamon bun in the oven.

**Cinnamon is such an interesting name. What would you have called her if she'd been a boy?**

Basil.

**But despite the rocky start...**

Or Herb.

**...would you say it's been...**

Or possibly Dill.

**... a happy marriage?**

Very happy. Narelle is a wonderful wife and mother.

**What a nice thing to say. She'll be so pleased. What**

### living with The Trotts

**is it you like most about Narelle?**

Well I don't want to embarrass her, but the thing I love most about her is her dimple. Definitely her dimple.

**A dimple! Well I never! Whereabouts?**

I can't tell you that—it's on her bum!

**What other things are you passionate about Neville?**

Other things I'm passionate about are Elvis, home brewing and the environment. I passionately support Global Warming. Peter Garret says we're facing long-term drought and you only have to look at his face to see it's true.

**So are you involved in any local action groups? The Community Association? CAN?**

Well Narelle used to belong to the Wombat Weeders and the Toy Library, but what with the kids getting older, and her veins being what they are...

**So finally, and I really don't know why we ask this but for some reason we always do, can you tell us what would be your last meal?**

Um...that would be the Bubba's Capricciosa I had for lunch.

**No, I mean your final meal on Earth?**

Oh I see. Um...that would be a Bubba's Capricciosa.

**Neville Trott, thank you very much.**

You're welcome.

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# Warrandyte is a 'protected' town

By **TRISTAN MADDOCKS**

Warrandyte will be one of 52 high risk locations issued with a Township Protection Plan ahead of the coming bushfire season, but with the danger period just 50 days away, details of the new plan remain sketchy.

The United Firefighters Union (UFU) is pushing for the Warrandyte fire station to be staffed around the clock by professional firefighters, following a CFA and UFU Board of Reference recommendation in April.

CFA operations manager Jason Lawrence said the Township Protection Plan, which is intended to complement existing Municipal Fire Prevention Plans, would be finalised towards the end of October.

"We have got a process in place, but we are yet to get an exact final agreement on (the Township Protection Plan) and we are pretty much in the planning stages...at the moment," Mr Lawrence told the *Diary*.

According to an internal CFA document outlining township



Five degrees of separation: Yarra Glen after Black Saturday. (Picture by Kerry Cross)

protection plans, their purpose is to provide a planned response to bushfires within close proximity to townships and which have the potential to impact on local communities. "The plan will address the specific needs of the town's people, property, assets, environment and economy," the document said.

The Township Protection Plan will "provide pre-determined actions that will enable quick and informed decision making by both the community and emergency services".

Warrandyte Community Association president Dick Davies said greater commu-

nication with the local community should be of central importance in the new plan. "There's 8000 people in Warrandyte, and every one of those 8000 people needs to know what the plan is, well in advance," he said.

"It has to be a level of communication a bit better than sticking something on the fridge."

Mr Davies said the CFA document raised several questions about how the fire defence of Warrandyte and North Warrandyte would be coordinated.

"Is Nillumbik going to be fully integrated with Manningham? How does the Township

Protection Plan add another layer of detail or complexity to the Municipal Fire Protection Plans that are already in place? And how are these going to be communicated to everybody in the community in time for the fire season?"

Mr Lawrence said the process of creating the Township Protection Plan would include some level of dialogue with the community.

"There won't be wholesale public meetings; it's unlikely that that will be the case," he said. "But there will be consultation through council and through some of the key interest groups in the community."

On April 7, 2009, the CFA and UFU Board of Reference recommended the Warrandyte fire station be manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

UFU spokesperson Greg Pargeter said there was significant overlap between the fire stations recommended for upgrade and the 52 high risk locations identified by the state government.

"We've mapped these 25 fire stations that the Board of Reference says need staffing against the 52 hotspots, and something like two thirds of the hotspots are areas that would be serviced by these fire stations with profes-

sional firefighters," he said. "It is quite clear that these areas have a present, foreseeable risk and the government should be addressing these issues."

The Warrandyte fire station is currently manned by volunteers.

Mr Lawrence said the CFA was reviewing arrangements locally, looking at the possibility of operating an integrated fire station—to include professional and volunteer firefighters—in Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and Wonga Park.

Premier John Brumby recently announced the Victorian government would support all 51 recommendations in the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission interim report.

Many of the commission's recommendations are aimed at improving communication between emergency services and the public, with a common alerting protocol set to be introduced, greater funding for the Victorian Bushfire Information Line and more targeted use of the Standard Emergency Warning Signal.

## 'People need to know that lessons have been learned'

Local MP, RYAN SMITH (Liberal, Warrandyte) spoke in state parliament early last month on the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. This is an edited version of his speech.

**M**OST, if not all, of those who live in the Warrandyte area now know how close the bushfires of Black Saturday came to them. It would have only taken a small shift in wind direction for people in Warrandyte to have experienced the same level of tragedy that unfortunately many other townships experienced.

As a consequence of this knowledge, a number of town meetings have been held on fire prevention and home protection, and many hundreds of people have attended these meetings. It is clear that the threat of fire is on the minds of everyone who lives in Warrandyte, and people need to know that lessons have been learned and the government is doing everything in its power to mitigate the fire risk.

However, the government's minimalist approach to controlled burns and land management presents an immediate danger to the Warrandyte community, and this issue needs to be addressed as quickly as possible.

Warrandyte has been identified as one of Victoria's vulnerable communities, one of 52 so-called hotspots. With this in mind, it is concerning that there are still areas within the

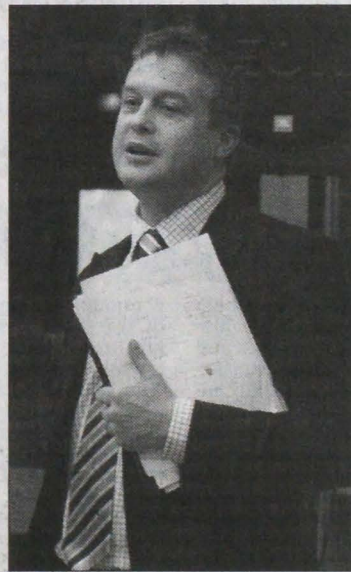
Warrandyte State Park where controlled burns have been scheduled for some time but have still not been attended to.

It is concerning that one of these areas, Black Flat, an area surrounded by residential houses at the end of Tills Drive, was scheduled for a controlled burn in spring of last year but it was not done until May of this year, exposing those surrounding homes to an increased level of fire risk during the horrific conditions of last summer.

It is concerning that just across the Yarra River in North Warrandyte a burn scheduled for last autumn in an area of the state park around Koornong Crescent has still not been done.

It is concerning that in an area of the State Park surrounding Fourth Hill that was scheduled for burning last autumn, and considered a priority for the district, has still not been done. This area backs on to Warrandyte Primary School and is less than half a kilometre from Andersons Creek Primary School.

Surely it is not acceptable, with these schools so close, that this burn has been delayed. Surely it is not acceptable, with these schools so close, for the government to not be



Ryan Smith

doing everything possible to reduce the fuel load in this area and lower the risk of an intense fire.

On the subject of Warrandyte Primary School, I want to briefly mention the issue of fire refuges. Warrandyte Primary School has an old school building in the middle of its grounds where in extreme circumstances children and teachers could perhaps take refuge.

There is some expectation in the community that other members of the community, perhaps mums and

dads of the children who go to that school, will be accommodated in the building in the event of a fire. The reality is that the building would be extremely cramped with students and teachers and that bringing others in would not be feasible. It highlights the need for fire refuges in communities such as mine, and I am glad that the royal commission has included this issue in its recommendations.

It is clear that in most cases the work required to locate and build these refuges will not be done prior to this fire season, but my community would certainly support the introduction of an appropriate refuge point as early as possible.

The government announced that township protection plans would be introduced in each of the communities that have been identified as being at risk. There is currently little detail behind this announcement, and I ask the government to urgently provide a briefing to this side of the house as to the details of how those plans will be finalised and implemented so we can keep our communities informed.

In relation to township protection plans, I point out that the Warrandyte Community Association has made a submission in relation to those plans, and I encourage the relevant authorities to consider those recommendations very carefully.

It is also worth mentioning that no township protection plan will guarantee an individual's protection, and we must ensure that communities

are not lulled into a false sense of security by the plans.

The final point I wish to mention relates to the emergency communication system.

A story in *The Age* last April highlighted that a number of towns were at risk of having no radio coverage between emergency service workers in the event of a bushfire. Warrandyte was mentioned as one of those towns.

The report showed that the government had been advised on several occasions that this communication system was at risk, but it still has not explained why it ignored that advice. The royal commission flagged the urgent need for the system to be upgraded, and I hope that the government acts quickly to rectify this.

The Warrandyte community will, as much as it can, take responsibility for its own protection during this coming bushfire season. It needs to be assured that the government is doing its bit to mitigate the risk. To do otherwise would be to ignore the lessons that should have been learnt.

● Gavin Jennings, minister for energy and resources, has replied to Mr Smith as follows: 1) Burn W33, Black Flat in Warrandyte, was completed on May 6 2009. 2) Planned burn W47, David Road, has now been site prepared and is a priority for the 2009 spring season. It is not possible to identify when this will take place, as it is dependent on many factors, including local weather conditions and other priorities.

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## 'Bye 'bye Basil

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We were told that goats will eat anything. He wouldn't. Blackberries? He'd eat the flowers and leaves but not the vines. He ate jacarandas we planted, eucalypts and acacias, but not burgan. Lucerne and spinach made him gag. Two generations of young people from IGA got to know him, supplying him with cartons of lettuce and cauliflower offcuts. He ate the cartons as well—no doubt in their honour—preferring the waxed ones.

Julian, son of Peter and Gabriel, passing on his way from school, would squat or lie down near him and they'd talk for hours. Julian might tickle him under the chin, stroke his beard or pull burrs from his beard. He loved the "railway children", as we called them and got into the *Diary* in an article written by Cath, our next door neighbour, on marauding dogs.

He twice head-butted me into the dam when I tried to help him and twice, when I gave him the kiss of life, he just about crippled me for saving him.

Read the full story of Basil and his colourful life, and the people he charmed, on [www.WarrandyteChat.com](http://www.WarrandyteChat.com).

Terry and Hilary Oakley  
Krusers Road

## They were there

dear diary

It is now six months since bushfires devastated parts of regional Victoria. The terrifying events of late January and early February will be remembered as one of the most tragic periods in Australia's peace-time history. The worst natural disaster in recent memory claimed lives and property on an unprecedented scale, and has left a scar not only on our landscape, but on our national psyche.

Six months on, communities continue the overwhelming task of rebuilding their lives. For many, the long journey back to normality—both physical and emotional—is only just beginning. There is still a long and difficult path ahead.

Reflecting back over the past six months, I think it's also important to recognise all that has been achieved since late January and to recognise the courage of the survivors and the resilience of local communities, as well as the hard work, collaboration and the incredible generosity we have witnessed in the wake of the fires.

As is so often seen in the face of immense challenge, the response from the wider community has been staggering. The power of humanity to unite people for a cause should never be underestimated.

Thousands of people from the many emergency services, government and support agencies have worked with local communities on initial relief and recovery activities. The Victorian bushfires saw the largest emergency response in the history of Australian Red Cross and I am both proud and humbled by

the hard work of all of our staff and the many volunteers and members who have dedicated their time to helping those affected.

The Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal has certainly been the biggest national appeal in which we have ever been involved. The generosity displayed by the public and businesses across the country and around the world has been inspiring, with an unprecedented \$379million raised through the appeal.

These funds are currently being distributed by the Department of Human Services under the oversight of an independent advisory panel chaired by Mr John Landy. I am honoured to serve on this panel and fulfil the wishes of the people who gave so generously.

By the end of July, the advisory panel had endorsed gifts worth \$266million. A further \$51million of gift types have been identified by the advisory panel, and it is currently working through the final details to administer and distribute these gifts.

Your readers can learn more about how the funds are being spent by accessing the most recent report published by the independent advisory panel—Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Six Month Progress Report. Released on Friday August 7, the report is now available on the Department of Human Services website at <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal/home>.

I am confident that the positive sentiment and impressive commitment we have witnessed will continue and that we will remain dedicated to supporting these communities well into the future.

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## One day on the firefront

I considered how I could help the bushfire-affected communities in a practical way and volunteered to perform assessments of the bushfire attack level for the rebuilding of homes in these communities. I volunteered for Strathewen and Marysville.

On August 4 (my birthday) I went to Strathewen to perform these assessments, meeting the landowners on site. I mention it was my birthday because of the amazing experience this day bestowed upon me, one that will stay in my memory for years to come. I had tried to prepare myself for hearing some stories of horror, courage and sheer luck, but I was not prepared for the humility of the people who had lost loved ones, homes and possessions.

Bushfire survivors were genuinely overcome by the generosity of the Australian

community in the aftermath of the fires. They showed gratitude to the volunteers trying to help them in any way possible, and shared with me harrowing stories of survival and death, yet they all spoke of a strengthened community spirit in an otherwise devastated community. One of many whose property I assessed and who had lost everything, moved deliberately around his once cottage garden and put together a posy of daffodils and offered them to me in gratitude for my help.

As if to punctuate the day, as I drove out of the rubble that had once been a haven in the hills (and it will be again) I viewed sunbeams breaking through the clouds, projecting rays of sunshine across the landscape.

Janine Nechwatal  
Warrandwood

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"There are things around here that get my goat, Ock!"

## Thanks for cancer help

To all at the Warrandyte Diary:

On behalf of the committee and the teams that have registered for our Relay for Life—a big thank you!

The amount of coverage that appeared for the Relay in the Warrandyte Diary is way beyond our expectations.

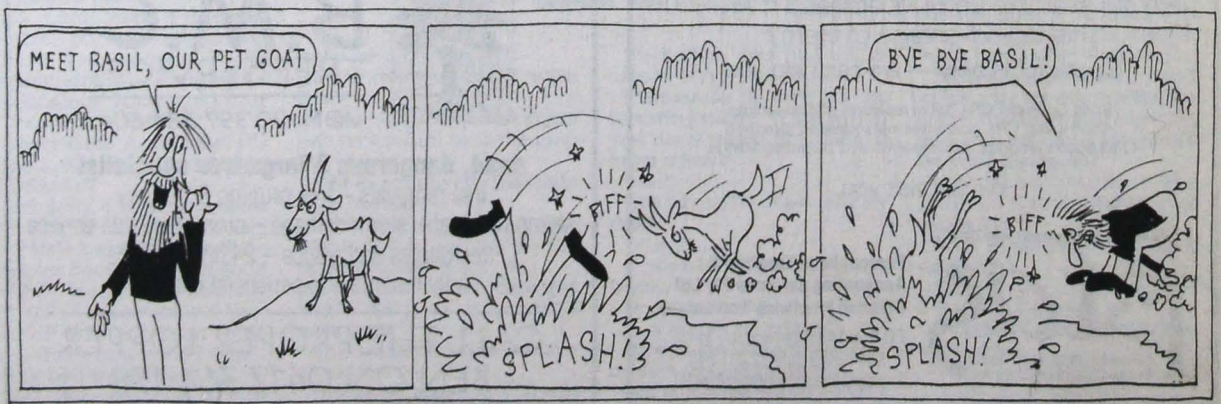
Your ongoing support has been a very significant contributor to the awareness and active participation of the community in the Warrandyte Relay for Life and to our efforts in raising awareness, support and research funds to continue the fight.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our gratitude in person.

Terry Pieper  
Warrandyte Relay for Life  
Committee

## CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



MEET BASIL, OUR PET GOAT

BIFF

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SPLASH!



# Fire: how it happens

By KARLY HICKMAN

Warrandyte residents turned out in droves to hear bushfire expert Dr Kevin Tolhurst discuss reducing the bushfire risk in semi-rural and bushland areas.

Organised by the Warrandyte Community Association, it is believed to be the largest public meeting yet held in Warrandyte, with more than 700 present.

"I am overwhelmed by Warrandyte's community interest in bushfire preparation, and wish it was the same across Victoria," Dr Tolhurst said.

Dr Tolhurst, of Melbourne University, was a recent expert witness at the Bushfire Royal Commission.

He said there is a need for increased information for all Victorians and a duty to empower the public. "Much of the information given is just words on a page. What is required is community response."

The key to reducing bushfire risk to people and property depends on how well the community responds to information supplied by state government, Parks Victoria, local government and the CFA. "What is needed is good information to act on, collected and disseminated in a way that can be understood."

Dr Tolhurst showed video footage from the St Andrews-Strathewen fire as it approached a property. He pointed out that flame height reached four to five times the tree height and that twisting smoke created a vortex that could have turned into a fire tornado. The hose on the owner's petrol-driven pump melted, yet he still defended his home using a bucket and water from his swimming pool.

An aerial video depicted how spot fires often join up and are sucked back into the main fire front by convection columns. Footage of experimental fires showed how the flames of spot fires are drawn back against the direction of the wind towards

the main fire.

He explained that in other parts of the world, spot fires are not much of a problem. "Any material can provide fuel, but cones or needles from pine trees are not as bad as bark from Eucalyptus trees." The Stringybark is most dangerous, as embers from its bark can travel up to 30km.

Due to a greater understanding of topography, geography and fire behaviour, a shift in thinking from just a "fire front" to a more general "fire area" needs to occur. "A major problem is that current regulations and building standards are based on a fire index of 100, not 170 like we had on Black Saturday."

Aerial photographs of Marysville showed trees that were still green beside burnt-out houses. "This indicated that there were more spot fires in Marysville, rather than one giant wall of fire," Dr Tolhurst said. Residents were reminded that the biggest threat to their home may well be their door mat, or the tree against the veranda.

Rather than a mass removal of vegetation from around their homes, residents need to be looking at the type of vegetation that surrounds them. "It is best to avoid shrubs that hold their dead leaves and trees with excessive bark—it's not the tree that's the problem, it's usually the bark type and amount."

Experiments showed that moving the garden by a metre away from a house and siting an orchard 5 to 30 metres from the house, fire risk can be greatly reduced. "We need to understand fuel—trees can help to reduce ember load."

Fuel is now assessed by hazard level rather than sheer volume. This includes surface, elevated and bark fuel. "If this is less than 4 tonnes per hectare, fire probably won't carry, but in the event of a huge fire, it will still burn across."

"Blanket clearing is not always the solution. It is often feasible to

modify vegetation and environment around a house without destroying the environment we live in."

Dr Tolhurst explained the limitations to blanket fuel reduction. "In the Warrandyte area, there is approximately 8 to 12 tonnes of surface fuel per hectare. If this was reduced to 5 tonnes it would only remain at that level for a year." He emphasised that this low level did not have to be consistent across the whole landscape, but should be strategically placed around roads and reserves to minimise risk of bushfire.

"We need to accept that fires will continue to be a part of our environment. But human life and property can be protected through good building planning and design."

Dr Tolhurst had spent the afternoon surveying a number of Warrandyte houses. He said that the level of risk varied for each house, based on topography.

"Some houses would be exposed on all sides, while others would only be exposed on one or two fronts. It is not always just the garden or style of house that determines risk."

He believes that the stay or go policy has been oversimplified and was not adequately supported, suggesting that individual houses need to be rated on their defensibility. At what point it was safe to stay and defend? The commonly used word "prepare" was a loaded term and everyone needed to have a number of options in the event of a bushfire. "We need good information at the time of the fire, accessible to those who need it."

There are lots of things you can do to reduce the chance of ember penetration, such as retrofitting shutters and screens.

"A server that provides predictions on fire paths is being implemented, but it won't be ready for the upcoming fire season." But a good scientific model is never as good as good information. We need to be



Dr Kevin Tolhurst addresses the overflow meeting. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

better at collecting and disseminating information. Information and intelligence go hand-in-hand: even scientific modelling needs reliable intelligence."

WCA vice-president Jonathan Upton asked, based on his modelling, where Dr Tolhurst thought a fire invading Warrandyte might come from. Dr Tolhurst explained that because a significant area due north of Warrandyte was burnt in the February fires, our risk of bushfire is lessened. "However, there are still underlying factors such as drought that make

the bushfire risk real.

"It is important people take responsibility. We have gun laws, but no laws against dangerous land that is threatening neighbouring properties," he said.

He observed that especially in Warrandyte, evacuation may not be feasible in the event of a fire. "There is a good argument for bunkers to be installed." However he stressed that ideally these would be multi-use facilities rather than a stand-alone bunkers. "If it is not put to use often it is likely to fall into disrepair."

## Reduction burns plan for State Park

By KARLY HICKMAN

The Department of Sustainability and Environment, together with Parks Victoria, held a town meeting at the Warrandyte Community Centre early last month.

The meeting covered fire management on public land such as in parks and forests, and presented the fire operations plan for the 2009 to 2011/12 period outlining planned burns around Warrandyte.

"Our job is to balance asset protection and ecological outcomes," DSE's Shane Vanderborn told the crowd.

The plan outlines four planned burns for public land around Warrandyte. The most comprehensive burn is for 2010 for the Fourth Hill precinct of the Warrandyte State Park at the end of David Road. "This is to provide a high level of strategic protection to human life; property

and adjoining highly valuable assets," the plan states.

It is hoped that three more planned burns will "provide an irregular mosaic of areas of fuel reduction which will complement work in adjacent fuel management zones." These burns are planned for Koornong Park in North Warrandyte in 2010, the Warrandyte State Park at the end of Russell Road in 2011 and Pound Bend in 2012.

The fire operations plan considers a number of variables before determining appropriate burns or slashing. "Cultural heritage values of the site, previous fire history, native title, biodiversity, fuel breaks and access are all factors that must be taken into account."

In 2008, the DSE conducted 89 ecological and fuel reduction burns in spring alone; double that of the previous year. Despite this, the 2008-

2009 bushfire season ended in June with 825 fires having burnt across Victoria, 27 per cent more than the last season.

Mr Vanderborn spoke of the difficulty of conducting planned burns that in many cases have to be cancelled due to unsuitable conditions.

The timing of planned burns is dependent on burn objectives, seasonal requirements, moisture content and weather conditions. "It is not just the weather on the day that is taken into account, weather three, four or five days out needs to be considered as well," Mr Vanderborn said.

"There is a narrow window of opportunity to conduct planned burns; 75 per cent of burns are conducted in autumn under the supervision of an incident management team.

"The success of burns is measured by assessing

how burn objectives were achieved and asset protection and ecological outcomes maintained.

"Australian flora and fauna has adapted and evolved to live with fire," Mr Vanderborn said. Forests have different types of predisposition to fire: fire sensitive, fire tolerant or fire dependent. The DSE needs to establish which type of vegetation exists in order to determine an appropriate bushfire management plan.

The DSE has adopted five fuel management zones that classify public land. Asset protection zones are where the overall fuel hazard is reduced to below a moderate level across 90 per cent of the area to protect property and lives.

"Strategic fuel-reduced corridors and broad strategic mosaic areas are where the overall fuel hazard is reduced to below high, across 80 per

cent of the area." Specific flora and fauna management plans are tailored to the area to minimise ecological damage.

Areas zoned as "exclusion of prescribed burning" have high potential for economic, ecological or cultural loss and therefore are exempt from planned burns.

The fire operations plan is a long-term plan that sets out strategies for fire prevention and preparedness. The community consultation period lasted for the month of August, involving town meetings, such as the one held in Warrandyte. During this time, public comment was invited before final changes are made to the plan in September.

"The fire operations plans set out protocols for fire break slashing, fire access road construction and maintenance work, and water access point maintenance.

"The DSE and Parks Victoria are working together to construct a network of fuel breaks to expand the protection of communities, forests and parks from bushfire," Mr Vanderborn said.

A fuel break network is being established and maintained on public land in the Otway Ranges and around Melbourne's water supply catchments.

With regard to the government's proposed township protection plans, Mr Vanderborn said the DSE looked forward to the introduction of an "integrated fire management program where we bring together a range of agencies and organisations to discuss and plan for fire protection in the community."

● The fire operations plan is available for viewing on the DSE website [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)

## Council fire preparations Seeking info on land clearing

Manningham council's fire preparation work is already underway, in close consultation with all the emergency services, including CFA, DSE and MFB.

The fire prevention program relating to council parks, reserves, road reserves and power lines includes:

- Maintenance of fire breaks, including grass slashing and maintaining accessibility in such areas at the 100 Acres at Park Orchards and along major roads;

- Pruning overhanging vegetation;
- Street tree maintenance;

- Clearing of vegetation around power lines in high risk areas in Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Donvale;

- Responding to resident requests for fire management in specific locations.

Council's health and local laws unit inspects fire risk areas across the municipality and serves notices to owners of private property where overgrown grass presents a fire risk.

- Information identifying potential fire hazards on private property can be reported by phoning 9840 9333.

Manningham council is seeking clarification from the state government of the new clearing exemptions.

Council has a number of concerns, such as where they will apply and how they will affect areas of heritage value, significant native vegetation, wildlife habitat and areas subject to erosion.

"One of the municipality's most valued features is the balance of city and country, with a unique interface of urban areas surrounded by large rural properties and vast natural areas,"

a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Unless an exemption applies, areas with significant environmental or landscape values are subject to planning scheme controls relating to the removal of vegetation, particularly native vegetation.

Late last month, the state government announced temporary exemptions, which will apply in Manningham, to assist landowners reduce fuel loads around homes before the 2009/10 bushfire season.

"Fire prevention is a priority and council is remaining vigilant to ensure the municipality is prepared, and we welcome responsible state government initiatives in fire prevention," the spokesperson said.

"However, Manningham council, alongside other councils across the state, is seeking further clarification of these new clearing exemptions."

● For further information contact Manningham council on 9840 9328.





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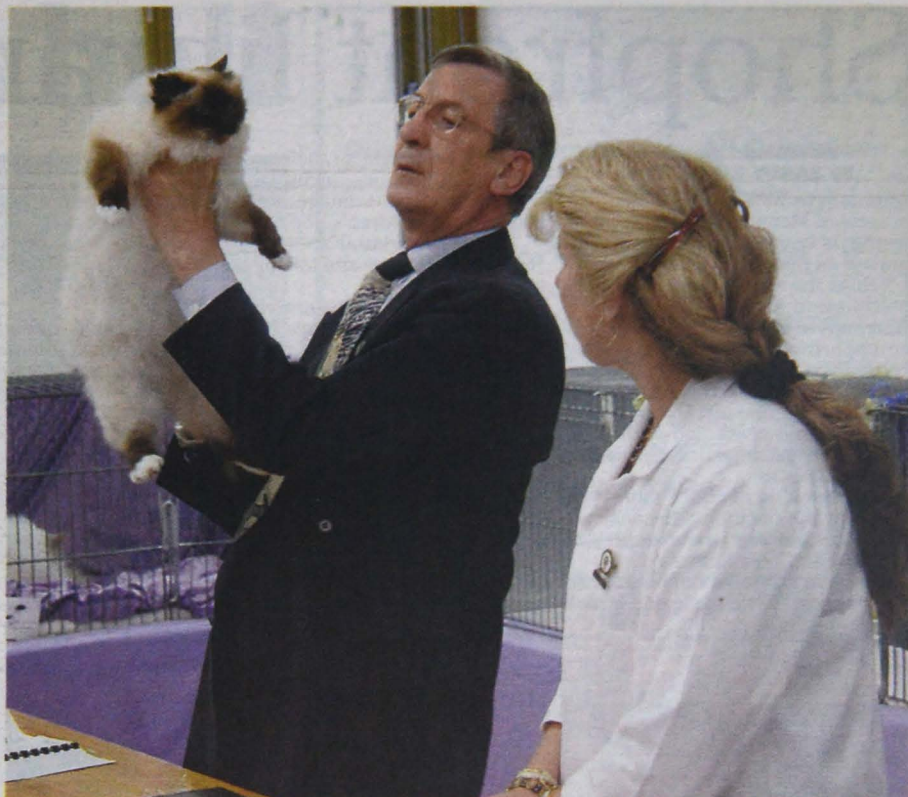
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## Fur balls galore

By **TRISTAN MADDOCKS**

The Warrandyte Community Centre was filled with furry felines of all shapes and sizes when the Birman Society held its speciality longhaired cat show last month.

Cat lovers from across Melbourne—and some from afar as Mildura—turned up to see 71 outstanding animals on display, competing for the title, Supreme Exhibit in Show.

There was plenty of variety with Birmans, Ragdolls, Maine Coons, Persians, Exotics, Siberians and Norwegian Forest Cats all gracing the judging tables.

Four judges—one each from Victoria, South Australia, New Zealand and the USA—independently marked each cat out of 100, drawing on a standard of how each breed should present.

"Each breed has got a pedigree, which (refers to) the head shape, eye shape, eye colour, ear set, muzzle, body length, leg length, tail length, coat colour, coat pattern and texture," local judge Nick Tricarico told the *Diary*.

With so many variables, there was no guarantee that judges would arrive at the same score for every cat to cross the judging table. "It depends how (each judge) interprets the standard," Mr Tricarico said.

Many cats competing were clearly used to the comforts afforded by a dotting owner, and cozily awaited judgement in cloth-lined show enclosures.

"There is a lot of attention with grooming," Mr Tricarico said. "Particularly with the Persians. They get bathed, owners use degreaser because the coat is supposed to be fine and silky, they get put under a hairdryer and their nails have got to be clipped."

Coonhaven Maine Coons breeder Vicki Tuick said the cat community was full of friendly people and that cat shows were very much social events. "It's a social outing for us, but it also promotes the different breeds to the public," she said. "The public can come along and talk to us, and after judging they can actually have a pat and a hold of the cat."

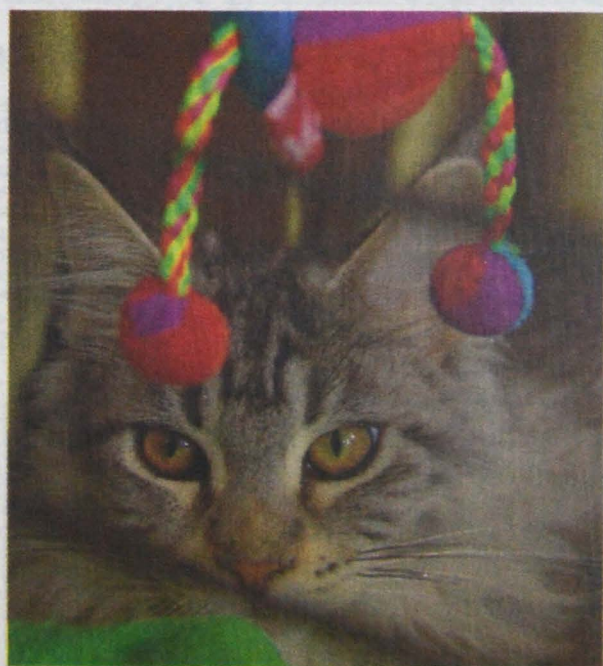
Ms Tuick said Maine Coons were very friendly cats that seek attention and want to be part of the family.

"They are a gentle cat—we know them as the gentle giants of the cat world," she said. "And they just have a wonderful disposition. They love water—they will jump in the bath if you have one running or are quite happy to paddle in the kitchen sink."

Birman Society president Lesley Freemann said cat shows were about encouraging greater breed quality and bringing cat lovers together.

"The idea of (judging cats) is to try to promote excellence in the breeds so that breeders are breeding a standardised animal—healthy, happy, sociable, just a joy to own and handle," she said.

"And that's what we are all about."





# Shopfront library is there for all

Words and pictures by SANDY BURGEOYNE

Warrandyte had a long wait for a branch of Manningham library, but residents have enthusiastically embraced its many services.

"I think the local people have been pretty good about supporting the Warrandyte branch. I think that it is an important thing for them. They certainly would not give it up," librarian Sissel Kelly told the *Diary*.

The branch opened at its current location four years ago with little experience of what locals wanted from a library.

"We tried kind of coffee table type books at the beginning because we thought we'd see what people are interested in," Ms Kelly said.

"We have put in lots of new shelving in the last little while and I think we all look at improving it. (We) try to give (the patrons) what they do want."

The Warrandyte branch now has its own collections, including a reference section, teenage and adult fiction and children's books.

The audio visual section — of DVDs, video tapes and talking books — is popular.

"With the DVD collection whatever gets returned here stays until the next person borrows it ... You actually get a better collection of DVDs in some ways because there aren't the numbers coming in to borrow, so when you come in you have that collection to look at.

"Since the video shop closed down we probably get more people coming for that too," Ms Kelly said.

Librarians have noted a change in patronage over the years.

"In the beginning it was just one person coming in to check out the internet, because I guess that was still relatively new. We didn't have a collection of books at all. So it has

kind of evolved over that period.

"We get a lot of families now. We didn't in the beginning. We get the after school (patrons), not a rush like it is at The Pines library but you get the mothers with their kids to borrow books," Ms Kelly told the *Diary*.

"This is one of our Manningham branches, because we cover Whitehorse and Manningham and we have big collections in each branch you can reserve and we will bring them over. We also have all the different events that are happening at the branches as well, so you can book into those. There is always something going on."

Wednesday afternoon is popular with preschoolers when Laura McKenzie, youth services librarian with the Doncaster library, visits to present story time. The session includes interactive books, songs, puppets and crafts as well as the

telling of stories.

"The kids really enjoy the action type songs. They are really into it so it is more than just stories and the craft is also very popular," Ms McKenzie told the *Diary*.

The Warrandyte branch presents an extended selection of activities for children and teenagers during school holidays.

The library has five computers with internet connection. These are usually available for public use without advance booking. The librarians are always there to help.

"If there is something that they want they can come in and ask and we'll see what we can do to organise things for them, or show them how to do things," librarian Sissel Kelly said.

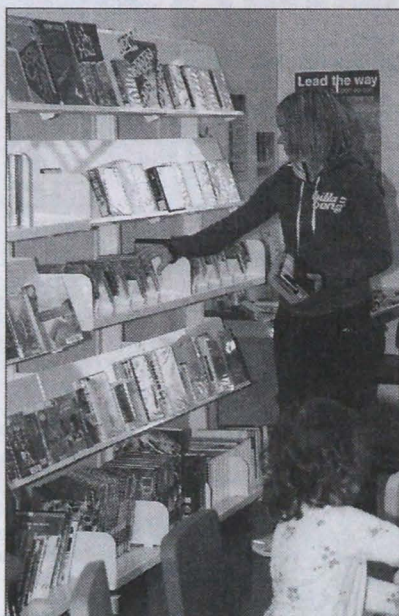
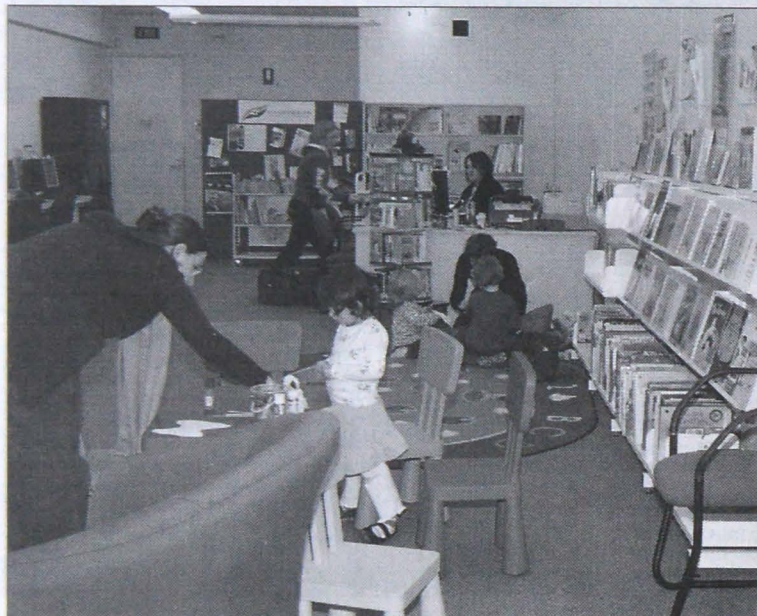
The Manningham library offers a range of online services and references that can be used via the library computers or from a home internet

connection. These include encyclopaedias, dictionaries, magazines, genealogy resources and full text articles on many subjects.

The Warrandyte branch started 10 years ago as an "e-library" at the Community Centre. Books could be ordered online, picked up or dropped off, but the branch did not have a collection for borrowing. Later the library relocated to larger premises in the Goldfields Plaza before moving to the present address about four years ago. Patronage continues to increase.

Warrandyte's library is at shop 2, 100 Melbourne Hill Road (near the Goldfields Plaza) and is open Monday to Friday 2 to 5.30pm, Saturday 9am to 12 noon. Contact phone/fax: 9844 0241, website: www.wev.vic.gov.au

Preschooler story time is Wednesday at 2pm and lasts about half an hour.



## Official: we are not Water Wallies

The average Warrandyte household is using 52 litres of water less per day than this time last year.

Local MP Brian Tee congratulated the Warrandyte community on achieving this impressive reduction.

New figures show that Warrandyte households have reduced their consumption by 7 per cent over the last 12 months.

"That's nearly 20,000 litres a year," Mr Tee said. "This is a fantastic effort, one of which every Warrandyte resident should be proud."

Warrandyte families have reduced their water usage by more than the average Melbourne household, which is using 5.6 per cent less than it was last year.

These figures show that Warrandyte households are going above and beyond to meet the target that encourages every Melbourne water user to use no more than 155 litres of water per person per day.

"Melbourne has met this target each week for the previous 15 weeks, helping to save nearly 10 billions litres," Mr Tee told the *Diary*.

## Our town's oral history on file

Volunteers from Heritage Victoria have completed indexing the Warrandyte History Society's oral history collection.

"This project has been important for the society as its oral history collection can now be more readily accessed by the society and the community," a Heritage Victoria spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"The oral history interviews date back 35 years and recount everyday tales of life in Warrandyte, as well touching on such specific events as the compelling stories of the 1939 bushfires."

By having these interviews indexed, the contents will be available through the local library system. "The general public can search the collection for information on events, dates and even names," the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, local volunteer archivists, drawn from the society's membership, continue the mammoth task of scanning and indexing the society's photographic and documents collections.

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# Bank supports hall

Facilities at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall are to be upgraded, thanks to a special \$50,000 grant from the Warrandyte Community Bank.

The money will be used to renovate the foyer and toilets, provide disabled facilities and install water tanks.

"The existing toilet facilities are very old and there is no disabled toilet," bank chairman Sarah Wrigley told the *Diary*.

"Major water use at the hall is in the toilets, hence rain-water collection will benefit the environment and reduce costs."

The foyer "has seen better days" and will be renovated as part of the project.

"It's a great thing Bendigo Bank is doing for our community," Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association president Ken Virtue said. The WMI&AA owns and operates the hall on behalf of the community.

"This project is simply out of the scope of the normal day-to-day repairs and maintenance of the building that we manage through our normal activities. It will prove of substantial benefit to the whole Warrandyte community," Mr Virtue said.

The association has as its mission the promotion of all forms of art in Warrandyte



Members of the WAA have cared for the Mechanics Institute Hall for many years.

and to maintain the historic Mechanics Institute Hall for the benefit of the local community.

"The hall provides facilities for so many groups in Warrandyte," Ms Wrigley said.

"It's an iconic building, and such events as the Festival Follies are part of what makes the Warrandyte community so unique. We are proud to be supporting the WMI&AA to this extent."

The association will be seeking additional funding from Manningham council and other sources, as part of the bank's policy of encouraging leverage of the funding they provide.



Steve Posselt is greeted on arrival by river at Warrandyte by Ian Penrose, Cr David Ellis and other locals.

## Water campaigner goes with the flow

Locals turned out in force to greet campaigning kayaker Steve Posselt last month when he arrived in Warrandyte on his way down the Yarra River from the Murray.

Mr Posselt, author of the book *Cry Me A River*, was on a 14-day odyssey to draw attention to the north-south pipeline, which he says will further deplete a river system already in crisis. His journey has taken him up the Goulburn, then overland, towing his kayak to Yarra Glen, and on downriver to Melbourne.

The riverside reception, organised by Manningham councillor Davis Ellis and the Warrandyte Greens, was attended by more than 40 local residents.

Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith was also present, along with shadow environment minister

David Davis.

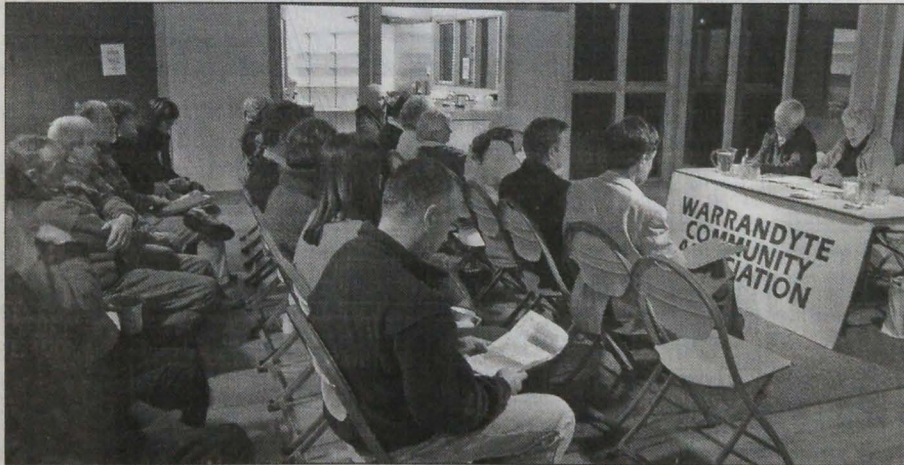
Yarra Riverkeeper Ian Penrose addressed the crowd, pointed out that Warrandyte's river, even while it appeared to be in good health, is down to 10 per cent of its natural flow.

"Climate change is putting our rivers under stress," Cr Ellis said. "More rain falls on Melbourne every year than our total annual usage. We could capture this water to give Melbourne real water security without starving our rivers."

"The pipeline will be a very costly white elephant if the water is not there to fill it."

● Sustainable Water Solutions is the subject of a Greens community forum to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, September 30 at 7.30pm.

## Town democracy at work: WCA to meet



It's on again! A chance to quiz our elected representatives at an open forum, held as part of the Warrandyte Community Association's annual general meeting early next month.

"State MPs, covering both the Warrandyte and North Warrandyte area, will address issues of concern and answer questions from the floor," WCA president

Dick Davies told the *Diary*.

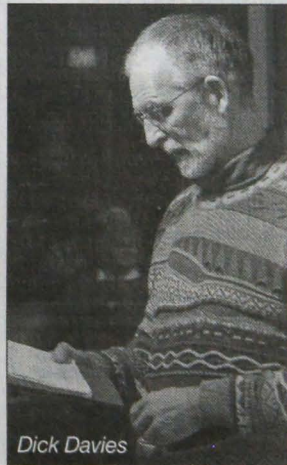
Covering the political spectrum, they will include Greg Barber, Greens MLC for Northern Metropolitan Region, Danielle Green, Labor MLA for Yan Yean and Ryan Smith, Liberal MLA for Warrandyte.

"Issues currently of concern to Warrandyte residents include bushfire preparedness strategies and new residential zon-

ings posing potential threats to our dual occupancy ban and the Green Wedge," Mr Davies said.

"However, WCA members and other residents will have ample opportunity to raise other issues from the floor."

● The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. Phone Dick Davies on 9844 4686.



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Before you apply for a grant you need to obtain a copy of the funding guidelines and the appropriate application form.

Applications close at **5.00pm Friday 30th October 2009**.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website [www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au); by request from [grants@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@manningham.vic.gov.au), or by contacting the Arts & Cultural Programs Unit on Phone 9840 4441.



## Monotreme moment...



**Water borne:** Denise Illing of Oakland Drive caught this glimpse of a platypus as she walked beside the Yarra at Warrandyte one morning late last month. Denise is a volunteer for the Yarra Platypus Count, a community-based program to monitor platypus numbers at Warrandyte and other places along the river. The program is run by the Australian Platypus Conservancy. Anyone interested in becoming involved can call 03 5157 5568 or email [platypus.apc@westnet.com.au](mailto:platypus.apc@westnet.com.au).

## A welcome back at St Stephens

St Stephens Anglican Church, Warrandyte, is taking part in the nationwide Back To Church Sunday on September 13.

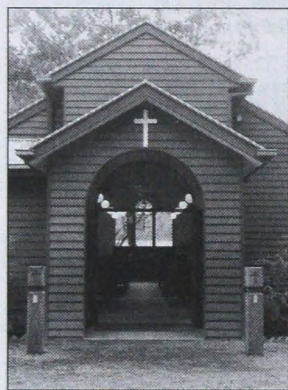
"This is an invitation to all people who may once have been part of the congregation but have drifted away," church warden Irving Reid told the *Diary*.

The Back To Church idea sprung from one diocese in the UK in 2005 and has since spread across the world. In 2008, 3000 UK churches participated in welcoming back 37,000 parishioners.

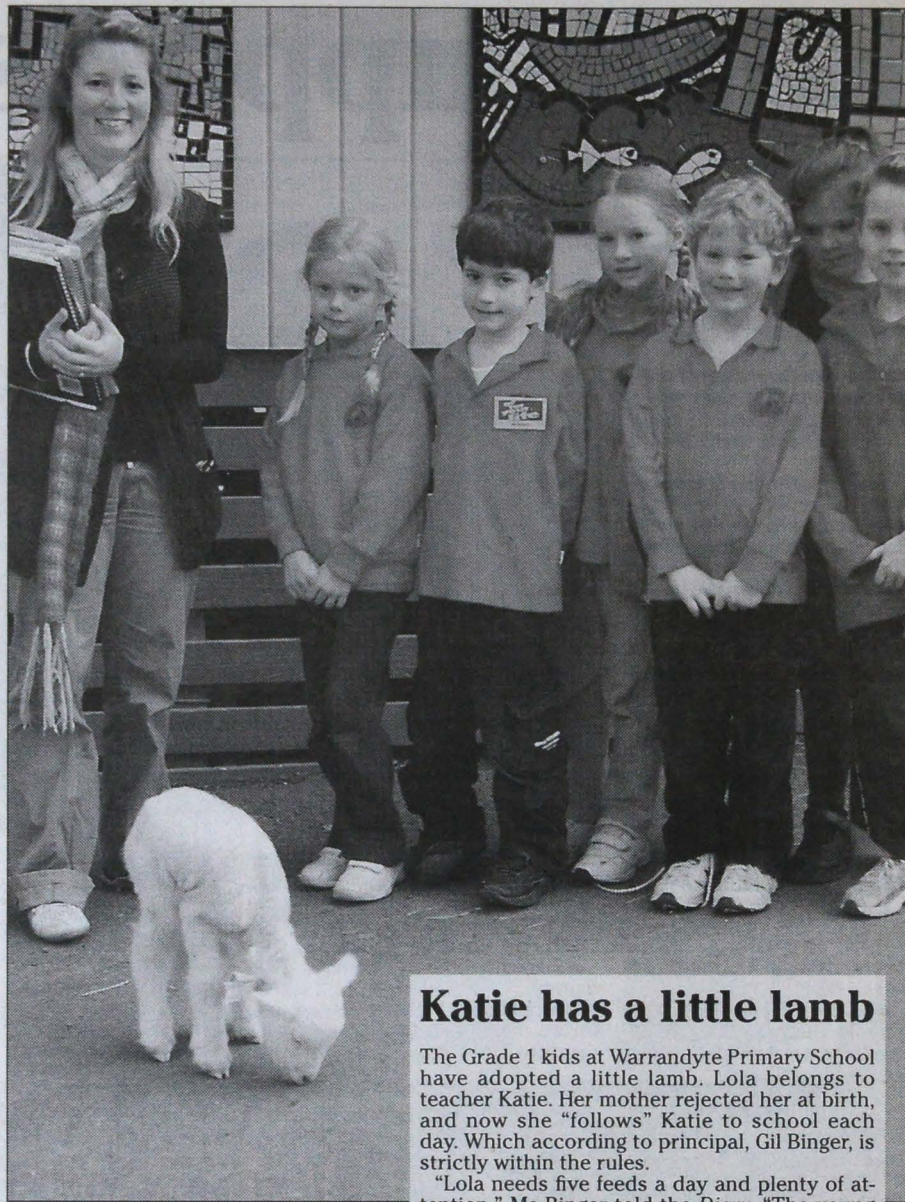
Mr Reid hopes to welcome back people who have had ties with St Stephens over the years, be it through weddings, baptisms or Sunday School.

The special service will commence at 10am and will be conducted by Bishop George Hearn and Rev Doug Dickenson, who together have replaced Rev Neville Mellor, who has retired.

KARLY HICKMAN



St Stephens: the little brown church in the wildwood.



## Katie has a little lamb

The Grade 1 kids at Warrandyte Primary School have adopted a little lamb. Lola belongs to teacher Katie. Her mother rejected her at birth, and now she "follows" Katie to school each day. Which according to principal, Gil Binger, is strictly within the rules.

"Lola needs five feeds a day and plenty of attention," Ms Binger told the *Diary*. "The young students take turns at feeding and walking Lola. She is very demanding. Her bleats can be heard throughout the school's corridors when it is feed time."

Posing for this picture with Lola the lamb is Katie the teacher, plus (from left) Ella, Luke, Mollyrose, Callum, Claire and Joel.

## Love is in the air!

Love Song—an appropriate title for a springtime production—is being presented by the Warrandyte Theatre Company at the end of this month and into October.

Beane is an exile from life—an oddball. His well-meaning sister Joan and brother-in-law Harry try to make time for him in their busy lives, but no one can get through.

Following a burglary in his apartment, Joan is baffled to find her brother blissfully

happy and tries to unravel the story behind Beane's mysterious new love Molly.

Love Song, written by John Kolvenbach and directed by Helen Ellis, will be playing at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on September 24, 25 and 26 and October 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10, commencing at 8pm. \$20 admission, \$15 concession.

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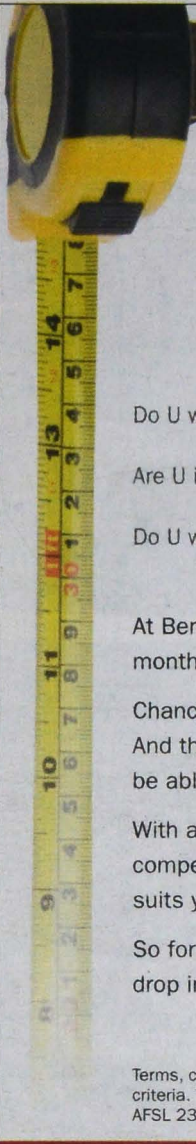
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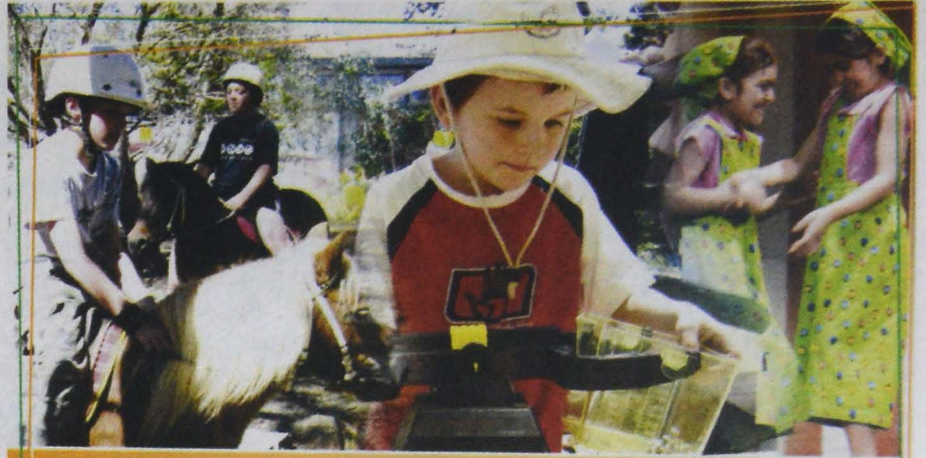
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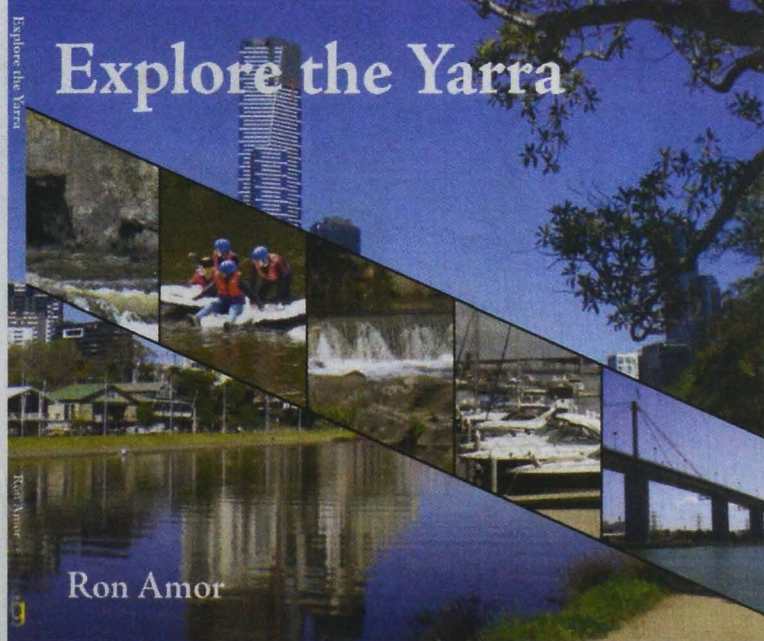
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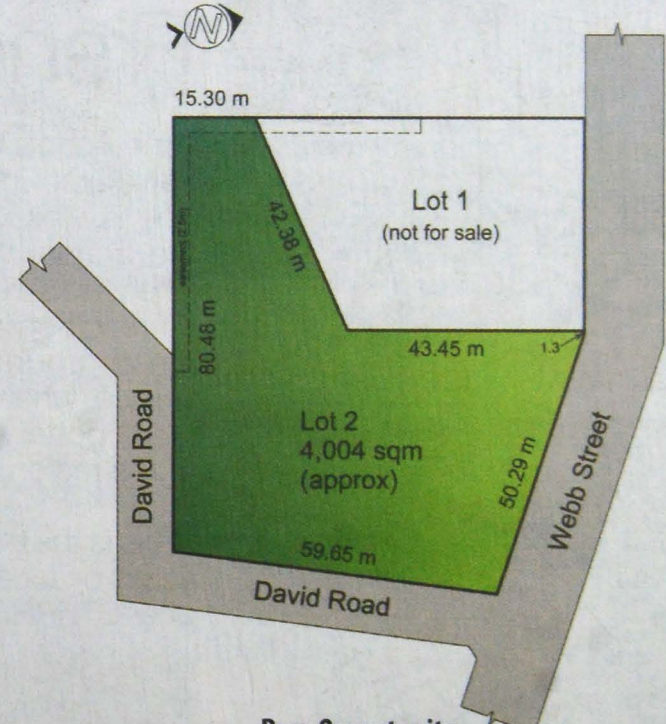
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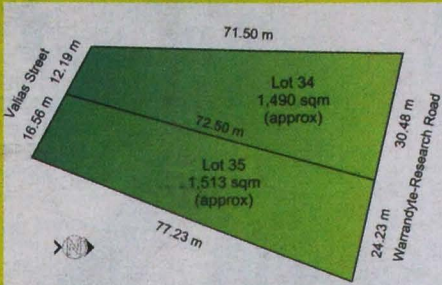
This is the third in an occasional picture series on local artists by *Diary* photographer STEPHEN REYNOLDS.





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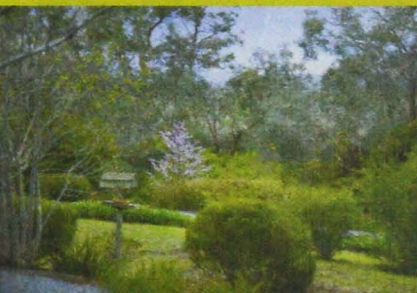
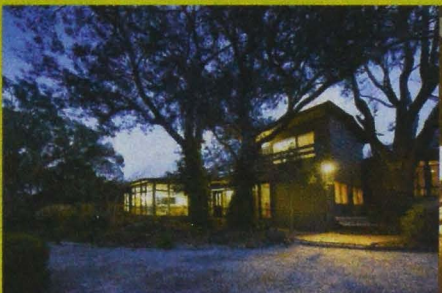
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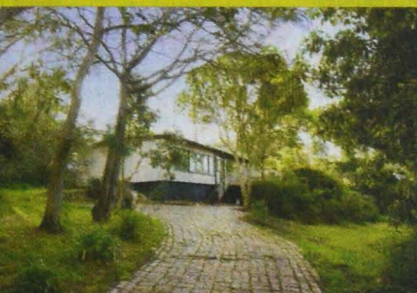
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# You quiz the pollies

## out of the box

By JUDY GREEN

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The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Association will be held in the Warrandyte Community Centre on Thursday, October 8 commencing at 7.30pm. This will be followed at 8pm by a "Meet the Pollies" public forum, open to all. State MPs covering the Warrandyte and North Warrandyte areas will address issues of concern and answer questions from the floor. Greg Barber MLC for Northern Metropolitan Region (Australian Greens), Danielle Green MLA for Yan Yean (ALP) and Ryan Smith MLA for Warrandyte (Liberal) will attend. Issues will include bushfire preparedness strategies, residential zoning changes that may affect dual occupancy and the Green Wedge and other issues as they arise from the floor.

### Dance

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

### Water

"Sustainable Water Solutions" will be the subject of a Green's Community Forum at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, September 30 at 8pm. The night will feature documentary footage by Jeremy Loftus-Hills and speakers Ian Penrose, Chris Heislens, environmental campaigner Lawrie Levy and Tim Curmi of Native Fish Australia.

### Kinder

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte and District Pre-school will be held at the kinder at 10 Taroona Avenue at 7.30pm on Monday, October 19. All pre-school parents welcome. Further information from Jacqui Ward on 9844 4143 or 0412 300 758.

### Run

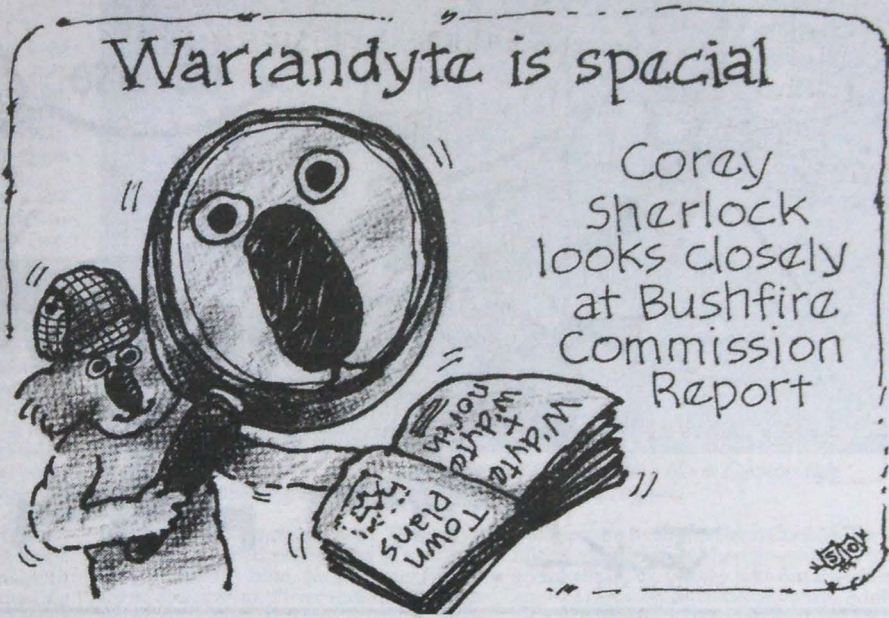
"Run for the Furies" is a fun run to be held on Sunday, September 13 commencing at 8am in aid of the Research and Kangaroo Ground fire brigades. Starting and finishing at Research Park, Main Road, Research it will include a 10km loop for serious runners/walkers or a 4km course for the social walker. Families are welcome. Visit [www.runforthefuries.com](http://www.runforthefuries.com) for more information and entry forms or you can enter on the day. Research Market will be operating from 9am to 2pm on this day.

### Concert

A program featuring Ella Thompson and The Teskey Brothers in concert is coming to the Earth Harmony Centre, 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Saturday, September 26 at 8pm. Cost is \$20 prepaid or \$25 paid at the

## COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA



door. Bookings essential. Call 9844 5155.

### CAN

The annual general meeting of WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Monday, September 21 at 7.30pm. A "brainstorming session" after the meeting, helped along by wine and cheese, will consider future strategies.

### Plants

The Australian Plants Society is a not-for-profit organisation aiming to promote the cultivation and conservation of Australian plants. The Yarra Yarra group of the society is holding an expo at Templestowe College, Cypress Avenue, Templestowe on Saturday, October 10 from 9am to 5pm and Sunday, October 11 from 9am to 4pm. Cost is \$4 for adults, children free. A huge display of Australian flowers will be on show, with presentations including landscaping, sustainable water use and propagation demonstrations. There will be plants for sale and a display of botanical art and book sales. It will be officially opened at 11am on the Saturday by John Patrick of Gardening Australia. Participating groups include the Friends of Warrandyte State Park.

### Wellbeing

Manningham council is funding a program, Health and Wellbeing in Current Economic Times—enhancement of financial, dietary and fitness management skills. It is a one-year project and all activities will be at the function room of The Pines Learning and Activity Centre. The first of three financial management workshops will be held on Friday, October 16, and the first of six wellbeing sessions on Friday, October 2. Information from 9898 1965. All sessions free.

### Donation

Warrandyte and District Pre-school have recently donated \$1000 to the Marysville Kindergarten to assist in re-establishing a kindergarten in that area. The money was raised at their stall at the last Warrandyte Festival.

### Neighbours

The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is holding its

annual general meeting on Wednesday, October 21 at 7.30pm, upstairs in the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. All welcome, supper provided. If you are unable to attend but would like to support the Neighbourhood House by becoming a member, drop in at the office or post your details and \$10 membership fee to the above address.

### Preschool

Yarra Valley Pre-school at 34 Hakea Street Templestowe is holding a celebration of its 35th birthday on Sunday, November 29 from 11am to 3pm. They would like to hear from anyone who has been associated with the pre-school over this time. Call 9846 1836 or email: [happy35th@yarravalleypreschool.org](mailto:happy35th@yarravalleypreschool.org) for more details.

### Launch

A book written and illustrated by Ron Amor, tracing the history and stories about the Yarra River from the source to the sea will be launched on Sunday, October 4 at the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte at 3pm. An exhibition of Ron's paintings will be on show at the gallery from October 1 to 14.

### Spring

Spring Outdoors is a regional program of environmental events organised by Banyule, Manningham and Nillumbik councils. A wide variety of events will be taking place including "Birds along the River and Ridge" presented by Parks Victoria at Pound Bend Reserve in Warrandyte on Sunday, October 4 from 8am to 10.30am and a composting and worm farming seminar at the Manningham Council Depot on Thursday, October 8 from 7pm to 8.30pm. On Sunday, October 31 from 2pm to 4pm there will be a wildflower walk and talk with Graeme Lorimer at the 100 Acres, Knees Road, Park Orchards. Most events are free but bookings are essential. Call 9840 9173 or email [nigel.philpot@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:nigel.philpot@manningham.vic.gov.au).

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### artyfacts

### Stonehouse

Works by well-known sculptors Maria Coyle, Helen Clancy and Meredith Plain will be on show at the Stonehouse Gallery during September. Also on display will be pottery birdbaths, water feature paintings by Jill Bygot and photographs. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte and is open daily.

### Tour

As part of the Spring Outdoors program, a Manningham artists' studios tour will take place on Saturday, November 7 from 11am to 4pm. This will be a guided tour by bus visiting some of Manningham's resident artists at work. Cost \$15. The tour will depart from Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Bookings are essential on 9840 9367.

### Exhibition

Acclaimed Broome artist Denise Walker, who now resides and paints in Warrandyte, will be showing her work at the Collingwood Gallery, 292 Smith Street, Collingwood from Friday, September 18 through to Thursday, October 1. The gallery is open daily from 10am. This exhibition includes a range of works depicting the Kimberley landscape—infused with light, colour and texture. If you wish to attend the opening please email [info@denisewalkerart.com](mailto:info@denisewalkerart.com).

### Arts

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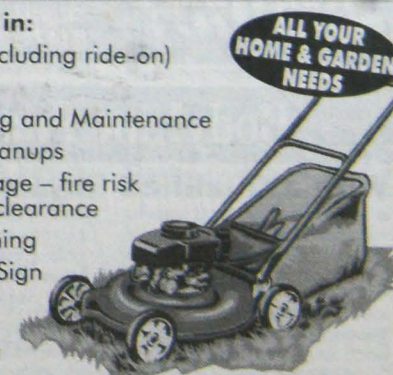
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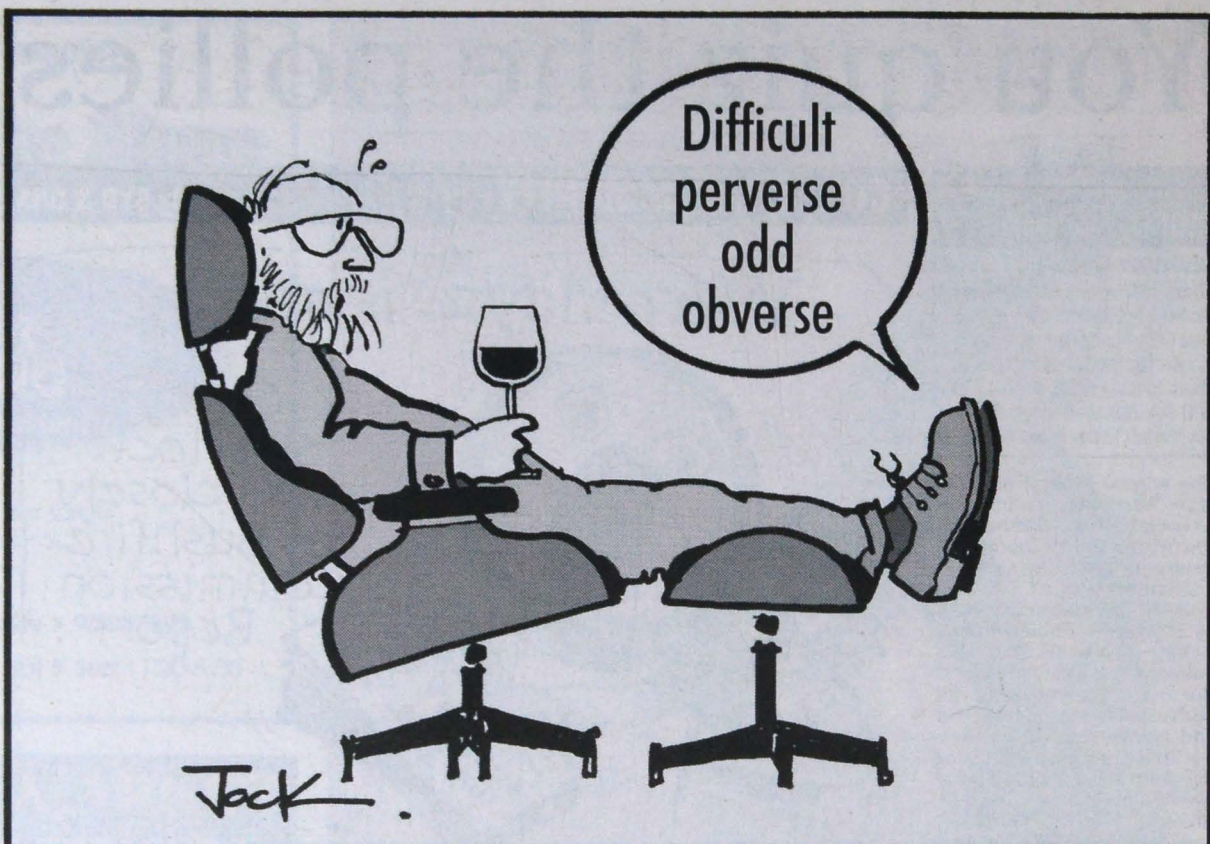
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# Them shoes were made for in-depth analysis

**I**T was a pleasant Sunday and we had been eating, drinking and conversing about all the inconsequential aspects of life that usually accompany a Sunday brunch. The atmosphere was relaxed as most of us had known one another for years. There were, however, a few newcomers to the gathering.

I refilled my wine glass and had begun an animated conversation with the host about the insanity of the fluctuating weekly petrol prices when I became aware of a very different conversation between the hostess and one of the "new" women.

"You can always judge a man by the shoes he wears!"

"Really?"

"Oh yes. It's an absolute giveaway. No point even commencing a conversation. There's many a man I've given the flick to because of his appalling shoes."

"Good heavens! I didn't know it was so easy. Do you mean to tell me that you can assess a man's potential as a partner just by looking at his shoes?"

"Of course! I chose my first two ex-husbands because they knew what to wear on their feet."

My host had just finished what must have been a penetrating analysis of the oil industry's modus operandi and had asked whether I agreed, because when my focus rose from my feet to his eyes, I was met by raised eyebrows suggesting that I was required to provide a considered evaluation of his hypothesis. I



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mumbled something about how difficult it is to assess things given the vagaries of international trade but I don't think he was really convinced. Nor was I, really, because I was still psychologically paralysed by the conversation about shoes.

What was it she said? "If he isn't savvy enough to understand 'shoes' then you can rest assured that he won't understand the complexities of relationships. Shoes are the foundation of a man's persona and if he hasn't a classy foundation then you can rest assured that the rest of him will be similarly shabby."

I looked down at my comfortable but hardly top-of-the-fashion-stakes shoes. I had chosen them not as an indica-

tion of my mating possibilities but because I have "difficult" feet and there are only a few brands that cater for oddities like mine. In most respects I have perfectly normal feet. Apart from the left foot being one half size smaller than the other, they are basically the right length for someone my height. The problem is in their width.

"You have what's called an 'obverse bunion'." Or I think that's what the doctor called it when I showed him my tootsies. "Most bunions are on the big toe side but yours is on the other side on that wide bit just up from your little toe."

I hadn't really needed him to explain the bleeding obvious but I was a little relieved to know that it was a legitimate foot problem. Not that it made getting shoes easier but it is always strangely reassuring to have a name to apply to a problem.

So with my "obverse" or as I prefer to call it, my "perverse" bunion, it is always a juggling act when I buy shoes. Do I get the right length and go through agonies "wearing them in", aka stretching the right shoe to fit my bunion during which time I have to hobble, or do I buy a size larger to accommodate my bunion but run the risk of sloppy heel rub and slipping soles?

Fortunately, I have discovered that there are a few manufacturers of shoes who cater for the wider fitting. Most of the superior brands, in my limited experience however, cater for what can only

be called "greyhound feet". These are obviously the feet of anorexic male models with long slender feet, feet that have never worn a thong or broadened over barefooted summers. Theirs are feet shod only for fitting beneath exclusive dinner tables or for being elegantly crossed on sofas. But whatever else, these are not shoes designed for the peasant with an obverse bunion.

So, there I was, at a Sunday brunch with my inadequacies as a potential partner on display. I took the opportunity to look around at my competition.

To the left there were some brand name trainers lurking beneath blue denim jeans. Not really worth starting up a conversation! To their left were some slightly scuffed brown slip-ons; decidedly suspect! Then came some pretentious brogues; obviously trying to punch well above their weight. Next were assorted leafy eastern suburb brand loafers, desperately crying out for connubial attention. Then there was me in my pedestrian but comfortable walking shoes.

I turned to the shoe fetishist and noticed the man on her arm was wearing black patent leather slip-ons. She had her feet cramped into fake leopard skin stilettos. It didn't take me long to thank heaven for my obverse bunion. At least it kept me and my feet well grounded!

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# Exploring our river

review

By IAN PENROSE

**N**EED to seek out that special or secluded spot to sit and refresh your soul? Then read Ron Amor's latest book, *Explore the Yarra*, which tells us about the many secret and beautiful sites along the Yarra River, across the passage of time and through the stories of past colourful characters.

This delightful and informative book, illustrated by the author, acknowledges that the Yarra is one of Melbourne's natural gems. Its story starts more than 100 million years ago, covers a long period of care and respect by indigenous people, and continues as a fascinating history since European settlement.

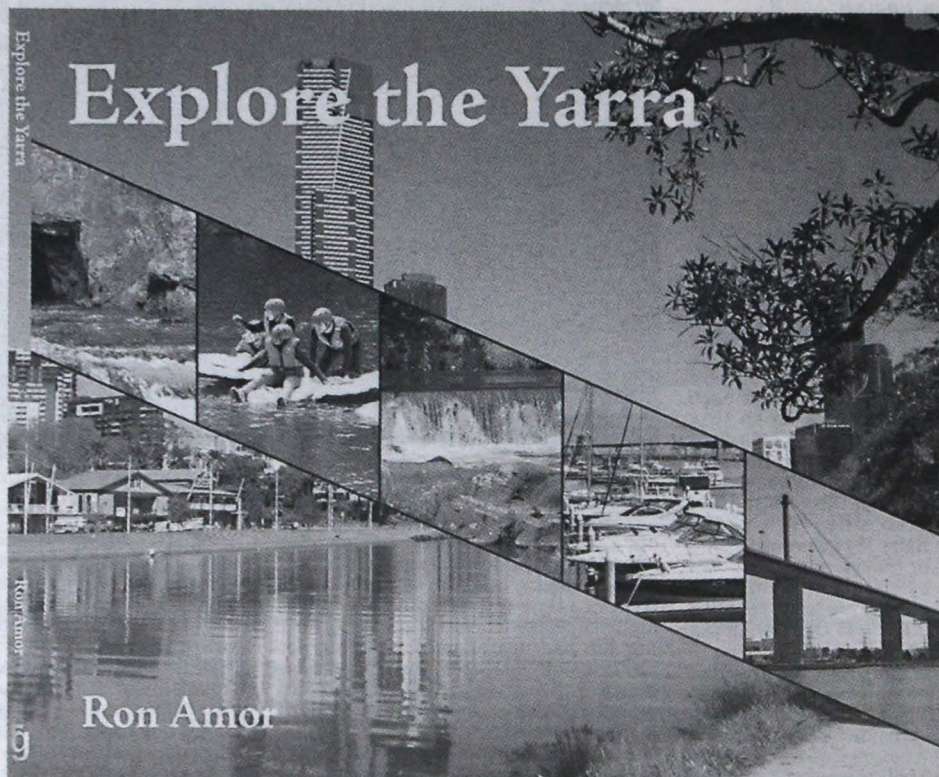
We learn about the river as our main source of water, fishing from its banks, its dramatic floods, its many bridges and the port area near the river mouth. We

also learn of the challenges now facing the Yarra from low rainfall, high levels of water extraction, pollution and urban encroachment.

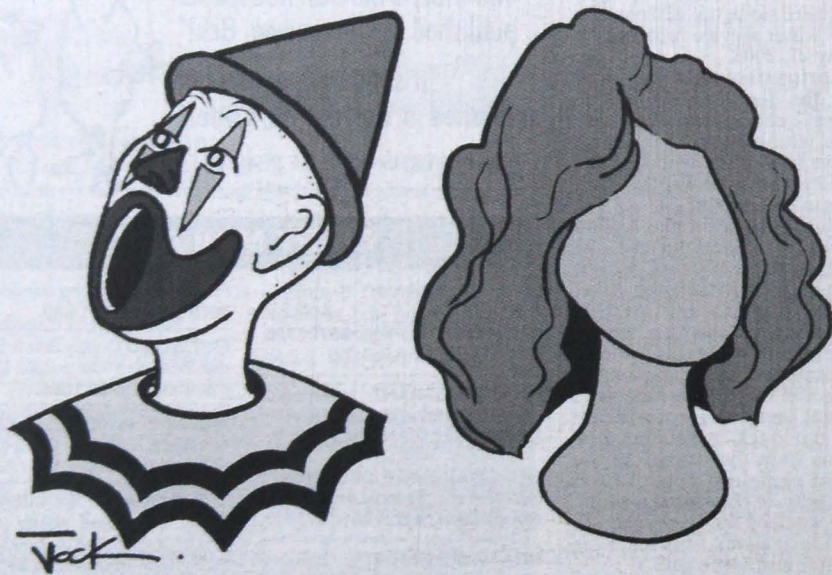
Dr Amor was a highly credentialed agricultural scientist, but his talents have broadened to embrace the arts. *Explore the Yarra* is his fourth book.

The people of Warrandyte and others who share the author's obvious love of the Yarra will welcome this addition to their book shelves. To obtain a copy, contact the publisher, Tomorrow Graphics on 9852 3445 or [info@tomorrowgraphics.com.au](mailto:info@tomorrowgraphics.com.au)

● *Explore the Yarra* will be launched at the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte at 3pm on Sunday October 4. Ron's sketches and oil paintings will be on display at the gallery from Friday, October 2 to Wednesday, October 14.



## Take nothing for granted



Soft slow motion swish  
shining with stolen lights;  
fat bouncy curls that fit little fingers;  
floppy fringes framing eyes.  
From mornings' tangle  
(so attractive they make a spray—  
"The Slept In" look)  
to evenings' sculpted crown—

Take nothing for granted

But you do.  
You pour it full of chemicals:  
(laurel sulphate, hydrolysed collagen,  
tocopheryl acetate  
methyl-chloro-iso-tiazolin-one!)  
Stretch it in hot clamps (to straighten).  
Blast it with hotter air (to curl).  
Lacquered, dyed, gelled,  
moussed, teased and sprayed.

Utterly for granted

You couldn't conceive of losing it  
until at advanced old age  
when you've no teeth or ears either—  
Or except perhaps if you're a man,  
baldness is a small trade-off  
for menstruation and menopause.  
And for men they say it's sexy...

Take nothing

So what when it goes...  
in single hairs from brows and legs  
then handfuls from hapless heads—  
huge scary handfuls,  
then suddenly no longer there?  
Now this sinister egg-head  
screams your sickness to the world.

In other times it signalled—witch  
traitor, collaborator,  
Belsen, Buddha.

They say when the Big One hovers  
who cares about hair?  
But you do  
care about losing part of yourself—  
your persona.  
You are someone with long hair—that's  
you.  
Now without brows or lashes either  
what are you, if not a fairground clown?

Someone put a ball in my mouth  
and I will turn my head o, o, o.

And you do hate  
this Martian in the mirror  
and the world of scarves, beanies  
and itchy wigs.  
Mine even had a name.  
(See a new personal!)  
She was called "Pamela",  
long and luxuriant  
synthetic with cerise fringe  
and people said:

"Your hair looks great  
don't you love it?"  
and you nod and say  
"Yes." (and think—"better than a  
fairground clown")

Someone put a ball in my mouth  
and I will turn my head o, o, o.

Take nothing for granted.

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# It was a honking good show!

**T**RANSFORMATION and prejudice are themes that have recurred in literature across cultures and throughout the ages. Teenagers are particularly responsive to them, as the transition to adulthood inevitably brings many challenges and revelations that, when dramatised, can prove cathartic. Therefore when Warrandyte High School alumni Shane Pritchard and Kate Burns chose *Honk!* for this year's annual musical production, there was little doubt that it would appeal across the generations. Upon scrutiny of the performance and its development it appears that *Honk!*'s themes are important both to its libretto and the lives of those touched by the magic of the school's 26 year tradition of musical productions.

*Honk!* is an adaptation of the Ugly Duckling, originally written by the Danish story teller Hans Christian Anderson. It is a faithful rendition of character and plot except for the expanded role of the cat. A momentary menace in Anderson's "English backwater", the cat in *Honk!* is a villain in the cartoon tradition, continually unsettling the Ugly

## theatre

By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

Duckling as he sojourns through animosity and indifference.

The lead role (Ugly) was played by Glen Adams. Glen excelled as Billy Fisher in 2007, and here portrays a credible and engaging signet, ostracised by his community, transformed by circumstance and magnificent as the graceful swan and princely groom.

Sarah Lewis played the role of mother duck Ida. Her portrait was uncanny, transcending her tender years to cast light on the many facets of motherhood. Her body language, vocal range and attention to detail steadied early-show nerves and from her opening song *The Joy of Motherhood* gave the cast confidence and direction. Her ability to arouse an emotional response from an audience was confirmed with her touching treatment of *Every Tear a Mother Cries* a few scenes later.

The limelight had only just settled on Ida and her hatchlings

when it was stolen avariciously by Callan Hales as the cat. His rendition of *You Can Play with Your Food*, halfway through the first act, made the menace frightening. It also showed, momentarily, how important the physical imitation of the animals is to a show like this. While the choreography captured the essence of the cat's movements, there was room to improve the dance of some other animals.

James Taylor gave a somewhat wooden but in the end likeable rendition of Ugly's father Greylag. There was a palpable chemistry between the four lead players, and they were well supported by a depth of talent including Kara Leenaerts, who played three roles with clarity of voice and empathetic style. Ryan Holloway, the laid back, self assured bullfrog, showed how much fun life can be when you love the skin you're in. A dozen other characters were played with panache by students from across year levels, revealing the depth of ability bubbling away in our riverside township.

Kate and Shane again prove a formidable partnership, tapping into the student talent pool and

inspiring other ex-students to get involved. For example they invited Damien Maclean to come back and design the lighting, and Ashlee Hughes to design and build the colourful set. Both Ashlee and Damien are current students at the Victorian College of the Arts. All up, more than half a dozen young men and women who had fallen in love with theatre during their time at the high school came back to help produce *Honk!* this year.

The costumes were designed by the school's drama teacher Niki Pidd. Her efforts not only gave the show its colour and style, but also inspired a team of sewers and fitters to produce a wardrobe of world-class costumes. They played an important part in the dramatisation of the tale, allowing the audience to differentiate, and engage with, the various poultry and lake creatures from the moment they entered the stage.

Whether it was the many chorus numbers or solo and duets front-of-stage, the lighting, sound and sets combined to provide an authentic experience of this allegorical world. Two follow spots, a coloured wash and cyclorama com-

plemented the meticulously crafted and painted farmyard/lakeside set. Two scene changes added variety and were well executed.

One of the show's special treasures was the vibrant music behind the fledgling voices as they delivered the show's 23 songs. A key advantage in buying the rights to a mainstream musical is that it comes as a package complete with musical score. But the orchestrations need to be adapted to suit the talents and resources of the school's music department, and thanks to Kate Burns' musical directorship, the result was vibrant and dynamic.

Overall this show harked back to the very best of the Warrandyte High School productions. It is commendable in forging a virtual circle, recalling those who have been inspired in the past, to inspire others in their turn. In more ways than one *Honk!* celebrated transformation and individual expression. These themes lie close to the heart of so many who have established and helped grow the Warrandyte community. Long may the children sing their virtues, and grow to guide their peers along the way.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS





## Hawks are set for new season

The Ringwood District Cricket season starts on 3 October, and South Warrandyte Hawks expect to register six senior and six junior teams.

Seniors have been practising indoors on Sundays, improving their fitness at Colman Park on Wednesdays and are about to start outdoor training on Thursdays.

Meanwhile, the juniors have started outdoor training, subject to weather and ground conditions.

Senior coaches Steve Garrett, Ryan Hill and Bob Neagle are disappointed with attendances so far but this has been partly due to some excellent results in junior football delaying the return of players.

More than a dozen of last season's juniors played in YJFL and EFL grand finals during the off-season.

Their parents who play or coach cricket are also investing their time in these football teams, none more so than Barry Williams and Tony Biggs who coached Warrandyte Under 18s to the EFL Division 3 grand final.

Interviews are under way for junior coaches and senior captains, who will be announced very soon.

A new scoreboard should be ready for the start of the season with the old scoreboard to be installed at Mooroolbark Heights Secondary College for use by the school and by our junior and senior teams fixtured there.

The Junior Season Launch will be held on Friday 18 September from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Colman Park while a wine, cheese and chocolate night will be held on Saturday 3 October.

## CRICKET 2009-10

# 'Dytes hope new match format will boost hopes

Warrandyte heads into the new Ringwood District Cricket season with a determination to atone for a poor 2008-09.

The senior team will have much the same make up as last season but club president, Matthew Chapman, believes the new format in the Wilkins Cup (Second Division) will benefit the 'Dytes'.

Under the new format, instigated by Warrandyte, the top three Premier grades in the RDCA will now be made up of 12 teams and will play nine two day games and two one-day games.

In the past the competition was made up of eight teams with six two-day games and eight one-day games. This will remain the case in lower grades.

"We're very pleased that other RDCA clubs strongly supported our stand as we believe the top grades should provide the best players with the best chance to show off their skills," Chapman said.

"We believe the new system will be good for our players who have shown in recent years that they play the longer form of the game far better than the slather and whack of one day cricket."

Warrandyte's Second XI will also be part of the new format after

winning the A Grade premiership last season. They will play in Newey Plate (Third Division).

"Winning the premiership was a great result for captain Cam Day and his team but now they have to take the big step up to a stronger competition and we are confident we have the young talent available to take on that challenge," Chapman said.

Warrandyte has spoken to a number of possible talented new players and are hopeful of adding them to an ever deepening list of potential First XI players.

Only one regular senior player from last season will be unavailable with fast-medium bowler, Clint Thomas moving to the country.

"We had a number of nagging injuries to key players last season but we are confident all that is behind them now and we will have a full list of senior players available for Round 1," Chapman said.

Off spinning allrounder, Matt Sazenis will again play a key role in Warrandyte's success this season and will certainly benefit from the change in playing format.

Widely regarded as the best slow bowler in the competition, he won Warrandyte's Club Champion

Award last season, and he will now be able to spend more time at the crease, rather than being restricted to eight overs in the previous predominantly one-day competition.

Cam Skermer, a dashing left hand batsman recruited to Warrandyte last season, is back again after winning the club's competition batting averages last season.

The club will also be looking to experienced campaigners in Adam White, Campbell Holland, Gerald Walshe, Dave Mooney and Brad Valentine to lead the way this season while further improvement is expected from Ben Taylor, Lee Evans and Justin Cleaves.

The form of Daniel Barry, a young off spinner who performed creditably in the Second XI last season, and won Player of the Match in the Grand Final, will also come under serious consideration as a support bowler to Sazenis.

Training is now being held at the Warrandyte Reserve on Tuesday and Thursday nights after a series of indoor sessions during August.

Warrandyte is expected to field five senior teams again this season with the Fifth XI being promoted after last season's stirring premiership win.



Veteran Brad Valentine will be a key player again for Warrandyte.



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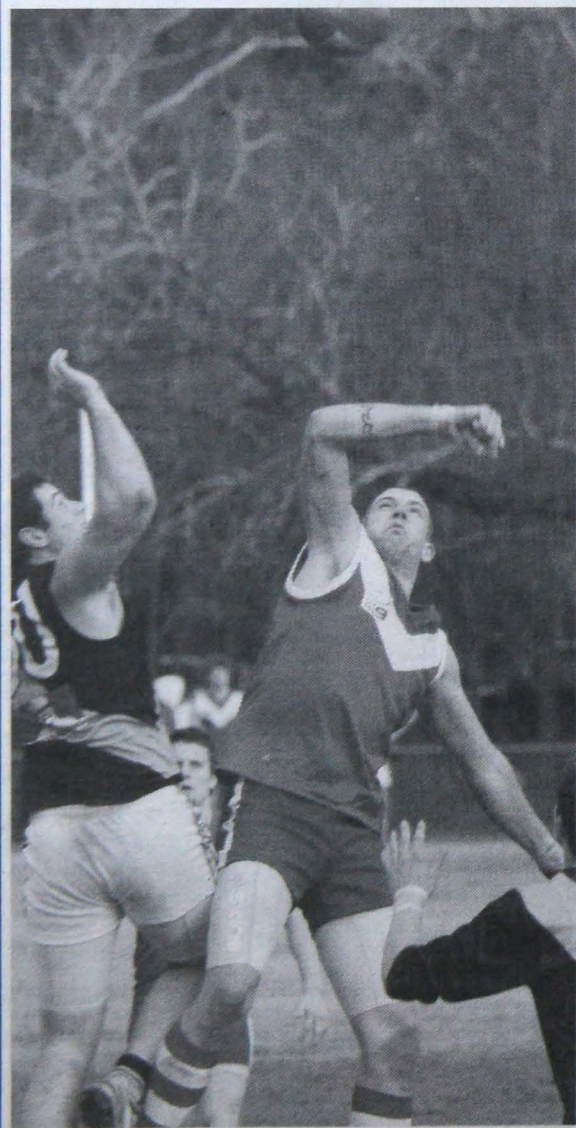
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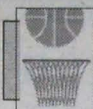
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## Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

# Basketball executive elected

President of the Warrandyte Basketball Association for the past two years, Doug Hilton stepped down and handed over to Justin Nelson at last month's annual meeting.

Doug in his report reflected on the amazing growth and development of the club, and commented on the future growth, including the expected Senior Mens BigV Team. The club has recruited an outstanding Head of the Men's program, Kelvin Bowers and exciting times lie ahead.

There are a number of changes on the committee with some long term outstanding contributors stepping down, including Mandy Ratcliffe, Craig Trenfield, Michael Flynn and Karen Buckley.

Incoming president, Justin Nelson said the issue of physical facilities to handle the growth remained a major issue for the incoming committee team.



Key members of the executive, Allen Bolland (secretary), Justin Nelson (president), Lisa Saunders (vice president) and Mark Padfield (treasurer).

# Venom teams head to finals

Warrandyte Venom teams had another successful season and seven teams have made it through to the finals.

In their best season yet, six teams finished ranked inside the top 30 state wide in their division, while the Under 16.1 girls finished ranked number 10, marking the best ever performance by a Venom team.

In the qualifying semi final played at Dandenong, the Venom's Under 18 VLBL1 girls came up against Kilsyth.

The Venom had surged into second place with a string of six wins but were under pressure with only six players on court.

The Venom put in a mini break just on half time to take a five point lead into the break.

With 10 minutes to go on the clock the lead to the Venom remained five points after Amber Saunders scored from the base line.

Venom stepped up the pressure in the final minutes to record an impressive 51-35 win. Rapid substitutions kept the Venom as fresh as could be.

Top scorers were Ash Brobbel with 17 points, Amber Saunders (14) and Meg Dargan (12).

Despite the impressive win, the Venom will need to lift as they take on Frankston in the major semi final. Frankston have been the

## Damian takes a break

"It's about time I got my Friday nights back", said Damian Arsenis after his last coaching game for Warrandyte Basketball Association.

Damian has been a long time servant of the basketball club, starting as a player in the Under 8s and at age 9, he was playing Friday night basketball.

In the following 24 years, Damian has played, coached (Level 2), refereed (Level 2), been on the committee, served two years as President, won both Daryl Valentine Award (twice) and Tom Hay Memorial Award and guided the first ever Warrandyte boys team into Victorian championships in 2008.

"I still have the enthusiasm" he said. "I am sure to be back at some stage".

form team of the competition, and inflicted the Venom's last defeat.

Earlier in the night, Warrandyte's VJBL3 Under 18 girls side could not get enough shots into the basket crashing out by 36-22 to Hawthorn after the scores were locked at 17-all at the break.

The final score did not reflect the closeness of the contest with Hawthorn running away with the game in the final few minutes.

Caitlin Hallet top scored for the Venom with seven points with four points to Ellen Ceh and to Brianna Ricci.

Also at the same venue, Warrandyte's Under 20 boys came up short against neighbouring Doncaster by 40-21. The Venom

were never in the hunt and could not put any pressure on Doncaster.

Scoring was shared around for Warrandyte, with George Demos the best with nine points.

Other winners from the first round of the semis were Michael Flynn's Under 16 girls, going straight into the grand final with a tight 34-31 win over Doncaster.

The 14.1 girls went down to Melbourne by 29-24 and play Broadmeadows in the preliminary final.

The Under 14 regional boys defeated Frankston 32 to 29 in overtime and have the week off going straight into the Grand Final.

# Redbacks home in double overtime

Warrandyte Redbacks opened the first weekend of finals with the Under 15 A3 girls recording an eight point win over Marcellin in double overtime.

Warrandyte opened well but the visitors come back strongly. A lovely reverse hook shot from Warrandyte Jasmine Haikel tied the score up at 10 all mid way through the first half.

Little separated the teams through most of the second half with first one side and then the other taking the lead. A successful free throw to Rachael Watson and some impressive defence from Jasmine Haikel tied the scores and the game went into overtime.

This period of overtime ended with Marcellin scoring a free throw to force a second overtime period.

Siobhán Bubner opened the scoring for the Redbacks from a base line drive but Marcellin dragged one back from the free throw line.

The game finally clicked for Warrandyte with a successful goal to Demi Joy and two free throws from Sarah Boras.

The Redbacks won the game with 43-35 score line.

Rachael Watson top scored with 14 points but all girls made significant contributions to the outcome.

Warrandyte's Under 19 girls confirmed their form with a solid 33-15 win over Collingwood. Philippa Birch with 12 points and Bonnie

Jones with 10 points were Warrandyte's main contributors.

The Under 17 girls were overrun in the second half by Bulleen going down 47-30 after holding a three point lead at half time. These two teams played out a close home and away game with Warrandyte taking the points against a depleted Bulleen side.

Earlier in the day, Dale Leeson's Under 11 girls had a good win over Nunawading by 32-20.

Warrandyte were able to control the game to build on a strong opening lead and were able to handle a late challenge by the visitors.

Natalie MacDonald top scored with 10 points with support from Tegan Leeson (8) and Lucie Royal (7).

Another thrilling game was played out in the Under 15 A grade boys' semi final with Warrandyte just shading Eltham by 30-29.

Warrandyte were nicely in control with a score line at 17-9 at the break but Eltham came back strongly in the second half, especially through the efforts of Andrew Wright, with 15 points.

The Redbacks did enough to claim the points with Liam Roodhouse top scoring with 16 points.

Gerry Pearce's Under 13 AR boys had an easy win over Nunawading by 52-24. Chris Bolands led the scoring with 14 points with Nathan Delacy with 11.



# Auskickers put skills on show

Warrandyte's Auskick season ended with the annual Parents versus The Little Champs games.

Three games were played with close results. The parents were able to match it with the youngsters and win two of the three games.

A barbeque and presentations were held after the games.

In a brief review of the season Auskick coaches Chris Jackson and Brad McAndrew both said it was good to watch the skill development of the players evolve during the year.

These included Oliver Bell who in the weekly games loved to be involved and had good kicking skills under pressure.

Oliver Casamento showed he was great set shot for goal on the run while Ben Jackson again showed he was a strong mark and was equally proficient with his hands.

Tom Jackson jumped a group within Auskick but demonstrated that he was able to more than hold his own against the older boys. Oscar Lang a cheeky type of footballer near the goals got plenty of the ball in the games and Luke McAndrew was a good solid all rounder and team player.

Sam Munks who unfortunately broke his arm was dubbed "the ghost" for his non-appearance in the second half but shone with his ball gathering skills in the first part at the start of the season. Ben Munks had blinkers on around goal, but rarely missed an opportunity to slot one through.

Harper Oehlmann preparing himself for the coming Bloods Tackers season showed he loved the physical stuff and was now a reliable kick. Nathan Stewart's run and carry from back line was exceptional and Finn Swedosh was another competitive type who loved a set shot at goal.

Jasper Cleary when available was a good team man with effective rucking in the weekly games to the lively Jack Vanderree whose bumping and the "specky" were his favourites.

Coaching duo Marty Rostron and Owen Humphris and assistant coach Michael Wilson had the older middle aged players and noted that they had also seen the marked improvement in their players' skill level.

Harry Canty, back from his badly broken leg that curtailed his 2008 season battled hard each week with the fight of a Tiger in getting the loose ball. Jack Carson, a new comer to the program gradually improved his skills week by week.

Jack Casey demonstrated good long kicking to position, Max Coutts was like a little terrier under the packs, Khye Foster a tall strong player improved his kicking and developed his evasion skills and Max Goodall's overhead marks came on in leaps and bounds and were a feature of his game.

The dynamic Spencer Hamilton, a big kicking forward with better concentration in 2009, improved enormously over the season and the Richmond Tigers could certainly do with players of his type.

Marco Hernandez returning after a year out of the game was a great kick and very skillful. Oscar Hodgson was a ball magnet in the grid games and a great competitor while Austin Humphris was a dashing forward and ball winning player, with a raking long left foot kick. Harrison Nitschinsk a strong running player and a competitive mark showed the skill results that were being honed

during the week with younger brother Sebastian.

Hudson Rostron showed himself to be a strong player with good skills and Archer Rostron personally promoted himself to the group and in the grid games and a was steady improver.

Ethan McShanag's kicking was now becoming a feature of his game as was Jarrah Smith's marking which showed a big improvement during the year.

Coaches Michael Stark and Mark Papez and the Auskick program was lucky to secure Stuart Ball as their senior kicking coach for the year. Jordan Haas was another first year player who overcame initial nerves to emerge with good ball handling skills which encouraged his younger brother Corey to also try his luck with the big boys.

Taj and Eden Jorgensen were enthusiastic participants during the clinic sessions. Lauchlan King showed speed and evasion skills in the weekly grid games while Finn and Aodh McHugh often helped by Granddad Jim McHugh showed willingness to learn new skills.

Ben McShanang started to show his high marking was going to be a feature of his game and Jordan Morris returned after a lengthy absence with a broken arm. Connor Mulder was busy in the weekly games and Luke Papez was another enthusiastic participant.

Angus Ramsdale a quiet achiever teamed well in the games with young Noah Readaway and the elusive Mark Somerville.

Cousins Sebastian and Hayden Stark were first down each week and showed the benefits of having a coach in the family with improved skills.

Jake Stubbs a second year player improved his all round skills. Our youngest player, four-year-old Blake van Scoy was enthusiastic in the training and game sessions and we look forward to his return next year. Hugo Wright returned after a lengthy absence and quickly picked up the pace of the game. Conal Grey was also a big improver.

Leader coaches Paul dal Sasso and Michael Hodgson with assistant coaches Peter Sharp and Dean Aitken noted that the players really enjoyed their weekly footy workouts.

Jack Clifton and Adam Williamson overcame initial nerves to become prominent players and with three year Auskick veteran Ben dal Sasso showed that midweek practicing honed the skills quicker. Nicholas Sharp was an enthusiastic late starter however once involved he was in the thick of the action along side Jed Aitken.

Josh Luttick was a notable speedy player with much improved ground skills.

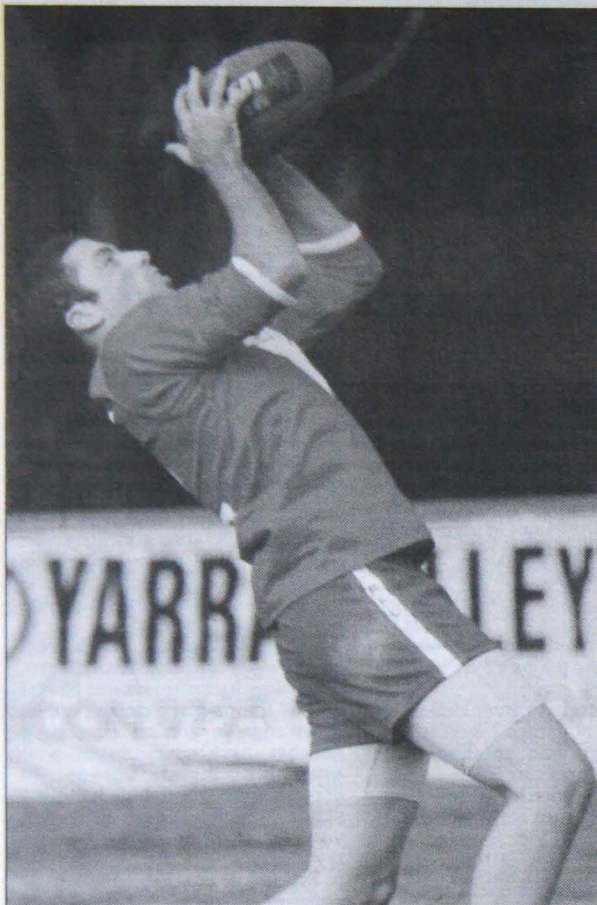
Billy Podmore is an emerging talent and Ethan Stark and Ethan Ward were other steadily improving players.

It was also good to see that the two girls in the group, Shea Wischusen-Gibbons and Penelope Burke, were able to mix it with the boys.

Brady Poole also showed the benefits of playing with older brothers and Callum Smith's marking improved and was in part due to kicking footballs on his roof and catching them when they rolled off.

Nicholas Smith's kicking and handball skills became more polished as the season progressed.





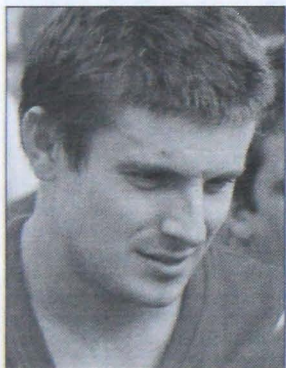
Warrandyte full forward, Michael Morello was named in the EFL Division 3 Team of the Year.

## Trio in EFL Team of Year

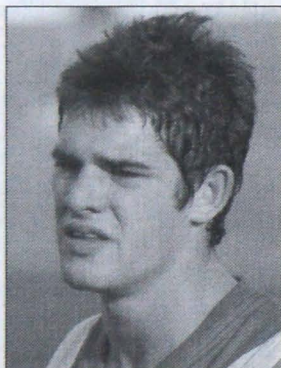
Three Warrandyte players have been selected in the EFL Division 3 Team of the Year.

They are Adam Tsapatsaris, Tom Naughtin and Mick Morello.

Tsapatsaris and Naughtin were named on the half back line and Morello was selected in a forward pocket.



Tom Naughtin



Adam Tsapatsaris

## Under 18s fall at grand final hurdle

Warrandyte Football Club's Under 18 fell at the last premiership hurdle when they lost the EFL grand final on Saturday. Unbeaten North Ringwood were deserved premiers, winning by 53 points.

The young Bloods had scored commanding wins in the first semi final and preliminary final and looked likely to upset their more fancied opponents when only eight points behind at half time in the premiership match.

Coaches Barry Williams and Tony Biggs addressed the team at the main break stressing that they were very much in the game and that the third quarter would be critical to the result.

Unfortunately less than one minute into the term the Bloods lost Nick Batsanis to serious injury after a late tackle. At the time he was easily the best on ground and his loss enabled the Saints to grab the momentum and kicked six answered goals.

The Bloods battled on bravely in last quarter but the Saints were too strong and took the flag with a 53 point win. **Warrandyte 3.10-28 lost to North Ringwood 12.9-81**

Goals: Pollard 2, N. Batsanis

**First Semi Final Warrandyte 13.20-98 d Mooroolbark 8.8-56**

Best: Atkinson, N. Batsanis, Holewa, Valentino, Beasley, Whitfield

Goals: N. Batsanis 3, Atkinson 3, Valentino 2, Biggs 2, Peter-Budge, Khouri, Pollard

**Preliminary Final**

**Warrandyte 15.12-102 d Upper Ferntree Gully 2.8-20**

Best: Pollard, Khouri, Biggs, N. Batsanis, Holewa, Bowen  
Goals: Pollard 7, Biggs 5, Valentino, Khouri, Atkinson

# Bloods' flag bid falls short

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

Warrandyte have fallen short in their bid for a 2009 Division Three Premiership, bowing out of the finals race to a dominant Upper Ferntree Gully side in the Preliminary Final.

On a cold, wet and windy day at Jubilee Park in Ringwood, the Bloods found themselves behind on the scoreboard at every break, eventually going down by 48 points.

Upper Gully looked dangerous right from the first bounce, with Petracca and Sherlock proving to be a handful across the half forward line as the Upper Gully midfielders continued to win first use of the ball.

Kicking with the aid of a strong blustery wind, Upper Gully made numerous entries into the forward 50 metre arc without fully capitalising on their opportunities.

Working into the wind, Warrandyte also proved wasteful in front of goals in the difficult conditions, finishing the quarter with one goal, three behinds to Upper Gully's four goals four behinds.

As the rain started to subside, Warrandyte coach Michael Tout addressed his players at the quarter time huddle, pointing out that a 17 point margin was not a bad result after kicking into the strong wind. He urged his players to make the most of the scoring end and finish the half in front on the scoreboard.

Unfortunately for the Bloods, the second quarter belonged to Upper Gully, with costly turnovers resulting in quick ball movement into the Upper Gully forward line.

If not for some wayward kicking by the Upper Gully forwards the game would have been over at half time - as it was they had 11 scoring shots to Warrandyte's solitary point for the quarter. The half time margin

was 48 points.

The second half was a much more even contest, with Warrandyte players starting to move the ball with more confidence.

Adam Tsapatsaris won a lot of possessions floating across half back, taking several strong contested marks, and Vinnie Jones started to have an impact at ground level. Three goals to each side in a tightly fought third quarter saw Warrandyte make no headway into the eight goal margin between the two sides.

The final quarter saw Upper Gully register a quick goal to dampen any hope of a miracle comeback for the Bloods.

Despite the daunting margin, Warrandyte players kept fighting to gain some respectability on the scoreboard.

Grant McAdam, coined "Mr Reliable" by coach Tout due to his consistent performances in the backline this year, did a good job keeping Sherlock quiet since his first quarter dominance, and the enigmatic Lee Evans continued to present a target up forward.

To their credit, the Bloods managed to outscore the Upper Gully opponents in the final quarter to keep the final margin at 48 points, the same as at half time.

Despite the obvious disappointment of the preliminary final loss, Warrandyte players left the field to loud applause from the sizeable Warrandyte crowd in attendance, pleased with the efforts of the Bloods against a more highly rated opponent.

For a side that this time last year was battling to avoid relegation, to finish third and one win away from a Grand Final was a fantastic achievement and sets the foundation for a strong 2010 campaign.

**Warrandyte 9.14-68 lost to Upper Ferntree Gully 16.21-117**

Goals: M. Morello 3, R.

Ansaldi 2, L. Evans, L. Naughtin, A. McIntosh  
Best: V. Jones, A. Tsapatsaris, G. McAdam, S. Christopher, L. Evans, R. Ansaldi

**FIRST SEMI FINAL:**

Warrandyte met Whitehorse Pioneers in the knockout semi final a week earlier at Jubilee Park.

After defeating Whitehorse the previous week in their Round 18 home and away clash at Warrandyte Reserve, the Bloods went into the match confident they could secure victory and progress into the second week of finals.

It was another cold and windy day at Ringwood, with goals difficult to score due to the tough conditions and Jubilee Park being one of the biggest grounds in the EFL.

It was Warrandyte's first finals appearance since the 2006 premiership and the first ever finals game for the majority of the side.

After a tight first quarter the Bloods held a narrow three point lead at quarter time after failing to make the most of the breeze in the first term.

The second quarter saw more of the same high pressure football, with neither side allowing their opponents time and space to keep control of the football.

In very difficult conditions the football was not pretty, with the ball spending a lot of time in dispute.

At half time the Bloods held the narrowest of leads in a low scoring affair, 2.5 to Whitehorse 2.4.

In the second half the game opened up as players started to take more risks. Tout asked his players to run and carry the ball in order to break through the lines, and Vinnie Jones and both Naughtin brothers took this on board.

The Bloods had most of the play in the third term but once again struggled to kick accurately in the swirling wind.

Three goals six behinds to Whitehorse's solitary behind gave the Bloods a handy 24 point lead at the final break, with the Pioneers coming home with the wind.

Three quick goals at the start of the final term gave Whitehorse hope as they reduced the margin to little more than one straight kick and it appeared as if the Bloods were going to be overrun.

The Bloods won the ball from the centre bounce and a centering kick from Ben Reid hit Lee Evans on the chest about 30 metres out from goal. Under enormous pressure Evans kicked his first for the day into a strong wind and the Bloods had some breathing space again.

Another goal to the Pioneers caused some concern before Evans again proved the hero for Warrandyte, calmly slotting a goal from deep within the pocket.

The final margin was nine points, with Ben Torney starring for the Bloods with three goals and a dominant ruck performance.

**Warrandyte 7.13-55 d Whitehorse Pioneers 6.10-46**

Goals: B. Torney 3, L. Evans 2, R. Ansaldi, M. Morello  
Best: V. Jones, T. Naughtin, A. Tsapatsaris, M. Feben, M. Wood, L. Evans

**ROUND 18: Warrandyte 14.16-100 d Whitehorse Pioneers 12.11-83**

Goals: M. Morello 6, B. Torney 3, M. Wood, L. Evans, R. Ansaldi, L. Naughtin, A. McIntosh  
Best: M. Morello, S. Christopher, G. McAdam, V. Jones, B. Torney, L. Naughtin

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## Preliminary loss ends dream run

The Warrandyte Reserves finished a remarkable season on Saturday with a preliminary final loss to Boronia at Jubilee Park.

In an astonishing turnaround, the Bloods won 11 of their last 12 home and away matches after losing the first six games of the season and sitting last on the EFL ladder with a percentage below 50.

Finishing the year in fourth spot, the Bloods defeated Mitcham in the first semi final before bowing out to a more determined Boronia side.

In blustery conditions, Bloods captain Grant Godwin lost the toss and was made to kick into a strong wind in the first quarter. Unfortunately, Warrandyte were caught napping at the first bounce and a rampaging Boronia side had kicked three quick goals before the Bloods had progressed past the half forward line.

When Warrandyte were able to move the ball up the

ground into the stiff wind, Boronia had plenty of time to fill the space in front of big full forward Campbell Holland, the leading goal-kicker in the division for 2009.

Boronia on the other hand seemed to have all the answers up forward with quick delivery from their on-balls making it difficult for the Warrandyte backline. A late goal to Jarrod Boyce kept the Bloods in touch, but it was a 27 point quarter time margin with Boronia seemingly in control of the match.

The Bloods struggled to make the most of the strong wind in the second term and failed to make any impact on the scoreboard while Boronia worked hard the other way and managed two goals against the wind.

At half time it was a daunting 36 point margin with a shellshocked Warrandyte side wondering what had hit them.

The Bloods were simply outclassed in the third term

against a more physical and more experienced opposition. Too many times Warrandyte players were second in for the ball, as Boronia players shrugged tackles and broke through packs with relative ease.

The third quarter saw the Bloods again beaten in most positions, managing to register just a solitary behind for the quarter while Boronia kicked four more goals with the wind.

With a 68 point three quarter time margin and the game out of reach, the final term was just about regaining some respect for the young Warrandyte side.

**Warrandyte 4.3-27 lost to Boronia 13.13-91**

Goals: J. Boyce, R. Brown, D. Bryant, R. Cullen  
Best: G. Carle, C. Haskings, J. Boyce, J. Bentley, F. Jarvis, C. Watson

**FIRST SEMI FINAL**

After accounting for Mitcham twice in the home and away season, the Bloods were reasonably confident going into their

semi-final encounter.

It was the first finals appearance for a Warrandyte reserves side since a wet and muddy day in 2003, also at Jubilee Park, and the first finals match for the majority of the young Warrandyte side.

Despite some pre-game nerves, the Bloods scored a narrow yet emphatic 11 point win.

**Warrandyte 9.6-60 d Mitcham 7.7-49**

Goals: J. Bowen 2, R. Cullen 2, B. Zach, D. Bryant, T. Konrad, C. Holland, C. Chapman

Best: R. Cullen, C. Chapman, G. Carle, B. Opteynde, S. Rough, T. Konrad

**ROUND 18: Warrandyte 22.14-146 d Whitehorse Pioneers 8.10-58**

Goals: C. Holland 8, A. Gamble 6, J. Eyre, B. Zach, J. Bowen, S. Rough, R. Brown, J. O'Mara, D. Bryant, G. Godwin  
Best: C. Holland, A. Gamble, D. Bryant, C. Chapman, C. Haskings, G. Carle



# One flag and a one point Grand Final loss Juniors finish on high note

By LANCE NILSSON

A successful season for the Warrandyte Junior Football Club was highlighted with four teams making the finals, culminating in two epic Grand Finals.

The Under 13s and 15s both bowed out in the first semi final and the Under 12s, who were dominant all season, played out a thriller at Macleod to go down by an agonising point.

But it was the Colts (2) side that brought home the premiership with a 25 point win over Ashburton.

The game was fierce as both sides attacked the ball with real intensity. Sam Tansley was an early casualty after a heavy tackle, however, his mates rallied and made sure Sam would eventually receive his premiership medal.

James Kalinchev led from the front and was a deserved winner of the best on ground medal.

Mitchell Gaffney continually moved the ball forward and was supported by Adrian Misfud who created space and marked key balls.

Sam Beasley combined tough defence with dashing clearing runs and James Morton won numerous contested balls in defence and was able to thwart many Ashburton attacks.

Darcy Jones and Mat Colborne-Veel broke the lines using their pace and were valuable contributors.

Taylor Hayton fought valiantly in the ruck and gave his on-baller's first use of the ball.

It was the consummate team performance where every player made his mark when it was their turn to go.

The coaching staff and parents were thrilled with the team-first mentality exhibited all day and the boys reaped the rewards of all their hard work through-

out the year.

The final score of 7.8.50 to 3.7.25 was a reflection of the dominance the Bloods held for the day.

To keep a Colts side to only three goals underlies a steely resolve.

The team was marshalled by Josh Blakey, a 19-year-old first year coach who guided the team superbly throughout the season and showed his composure and maturity under fire on Grand Final day.

The Under 12s played Fitzroy (2) and all season they have been evenly matched.

The young Bloods took on every challenge with dominant ruck displays by Max Stephenson and Joshua Rowarth.

The mid-field gave great drive all day and constantly pumped the ball upfield to an enthusiastic and determined forward line.

Jules Jones, Dylan Clifton, Nick Parker, Ben Richardson, Jake Stewart, Jack Poole and Nicholas Anderson were constant threats all day.

The backline led by Josiah Bektash and David Han held the opposition to only three goals for the game. Highlights included many dashing runs from defence setting up Warrandyte attacks.

Coach James Yoffa was pleased with the endeavour on the day and despite the narrow loss believes the boys have grown in stature and self belief.

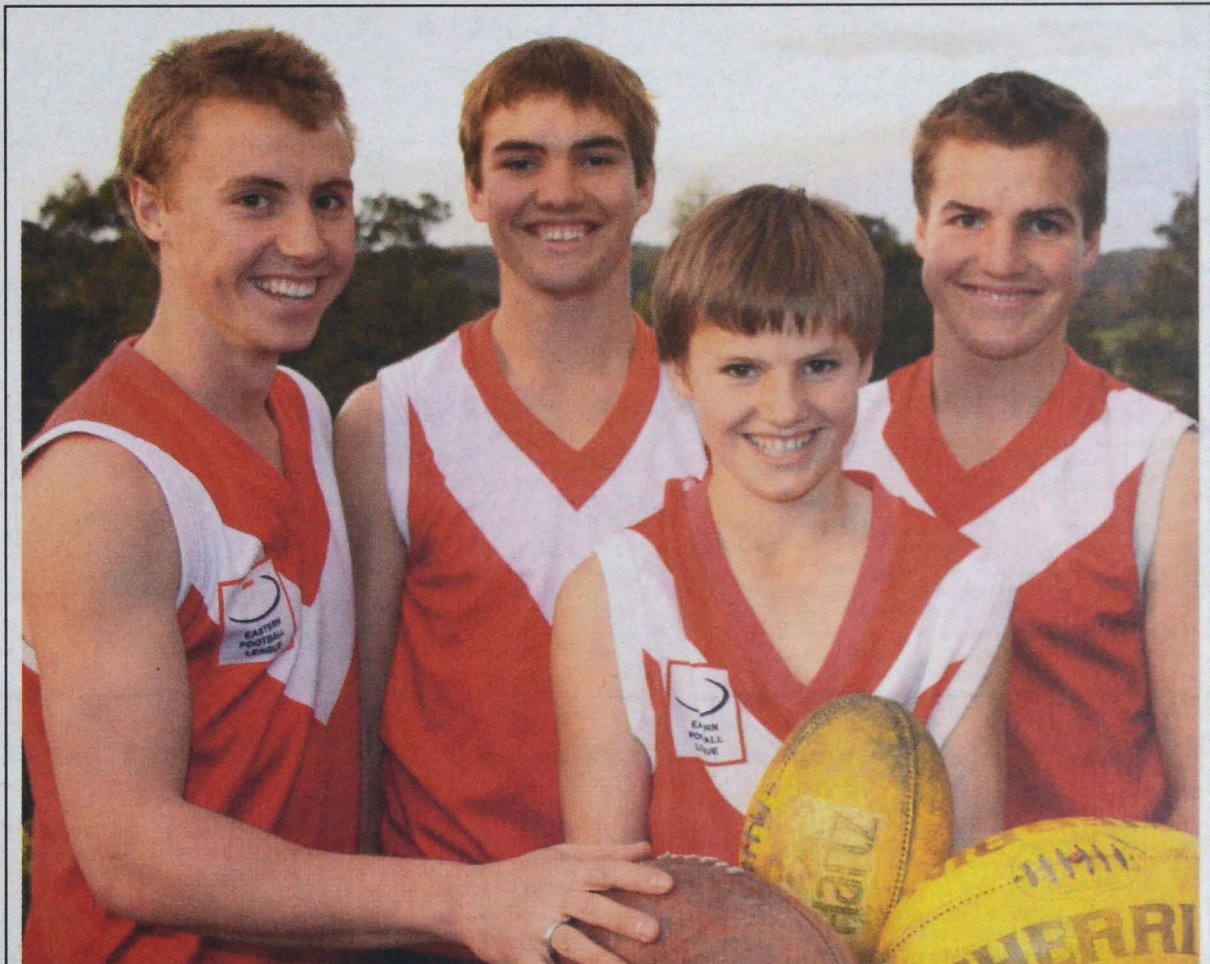
The level of sportsmanship displayed was outstanding and reflected the club motto of 'It's all about the kids'.

Joshua Beasley who was awarded best on ground by the field umpire. Josh was unstoppable on the day.

The final score was Fitzroy 3.3.21 defeated Warrandyte 2.8.20



Warrandyte Junior Football Club's premierships Colts (2) team after their win over Ashburton.



The Beasley boys ... from left, Tim, David, Josh and Sam.

## The Bloods brothers

It was a busy weekend for parents, Neil and Trudy Beasley as they ferried their four sons to four separate under age and senior finals.

Eldest son, Tim, played in Warrandyte Football Club's senior preliminary final against Upper Ferntree Gully which the Bloods lost.

Second son, David, played in the Warrandyte Under 18 Colts winning preliminary final.

Third son, Sam, was a member of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club's Colts (2) side that won the Yarra Valley

Junior Football League's grand final. And youngest son, Josh, was a member of the junior football club's Under 12 side that lost the grand final by one point.

Josh was awarded the Player of the Match in the grand final.

All four boys have played with Warrandyte from the youngest junior level and Tim played his debut season with the seniors his year.

"It was a very busy time," said Trudy. "Neil and I did our best to ensure at least one of us was at each final."

## Top league awards for young Bloods

Warrandyte Junior Football Club had an outstanding representation at the YJFL Best and Fairest awards.

To cap off a great night Reece McKenzie (Under 13 Gold) and Sam Tansley (Colts Division 4) won the award for their age groups.

The following players all finished in the top 10 in their respective divisions:

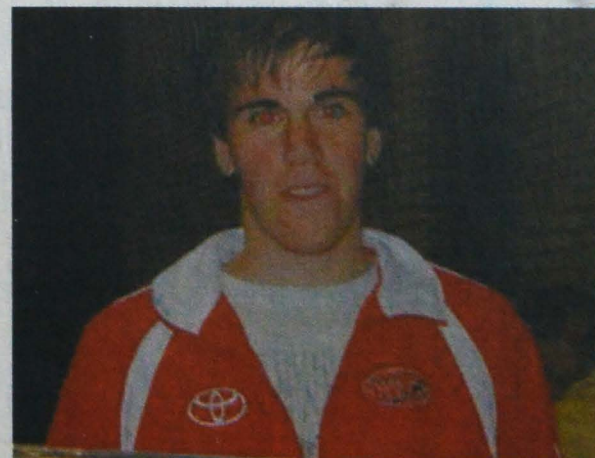
Under 10 Blue- McKenzie Smead and Hayden Lennon (runner up). Under 12 Blue- Josh Beasley (runner up).

Under 13 Gold- James Appleby. Under 14 Gold- Daniel Misfud. Under 15 Division 1- Zac Galbally and Ryan Exon. Colts Division 4- Mat Colborne- Veel, James Kalinchev (3rd) and Adrian Misfud. Colts Division 2- Josh Harris.

Sam Tansley was also selected as first ruck in the league's Colts Team of the Year, which is a massive achievement for a bottom age Colt playing in Division 4.



Successful Colts (2) coach, Josh Blakey with player of the match, James Kalinchev.



Sam Tansley ... YJFL best and fairest winner and member of Colts Team of the Year.



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