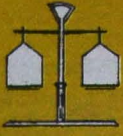


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The Warrandyte Diary was established in 1970 as a small local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it has retained its strong community character, being produced by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community. Financed solely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

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

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OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Whatever happened to the "Summer from Hell" that we were promised ?

Quiet weekend guaranteed

living with The Trots

THERE are three key requirements for a romantic weekend. A weekend, a conducive destination and a romantic partner.

Two out of three's not bad thought Narelle, as she piled her luggage at the front door. At least it was a break from the kids.

"We're only going for two nights," protested Neville, surveying the overnight bag, the wetpack, the medicine purse, the hanger bag with a choice of frocks, the green bag with shoes in it, the green bag with scarves and slickers in case the weather changed, enough in-car snacks to survive being trapped in a freak snowstorm for at least a week, and a pillow.

"I'm sure the hotel has pillows," ventured Neville.

"Therapeutically moulded visco-elastic pressure relief anti-allergy pillows?" said Narelle.

"Maybe not," conceded Neville, adding his own luggage to the pile in a genuine Nike sports bag he'd snapped up for \$35 at the cricket club's dutch auction. And seen at Savers the following week for \$6.99. He was pretty sure he'd remembered everything.

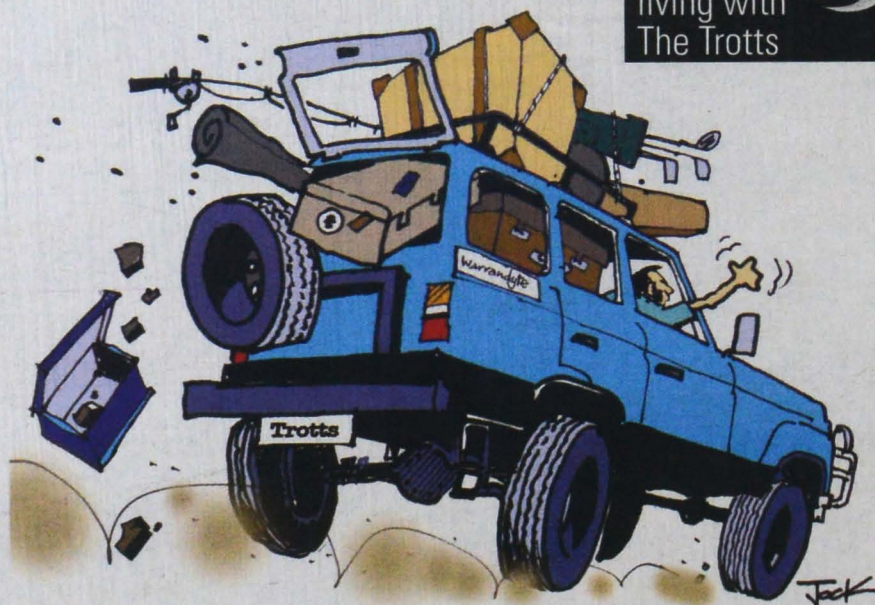
"Did you pack your shaver?"

"I thought I'd go natural for the weekend."

"I was hoping for candlelit dinners with Charles Aznavour, not camping out with the Bush Tucker Man! What about your toothbrush? Shoe polish? Tie? Sunscreen? Eczema cream? Floss?"

"I thought you'd pack all that?"

"You'd forget your head if it wasn't screwed on. Take this stuff out to the car while I finish your bag."



By the time he'd loaded everything else, Neville's effects had outgrown his sportsbag and now filled a shipping container on pullalong wheels, so that he had to unpack the car and start again, but soon they were both sitting up front in the Landcruiser doing the final checklist.

"iPod armband."

"Taiwanese army knife."

"Robert Ludlum."

"Bloods stubby holder."

"I just want to get a couple of drink bottles for the car trip," said Narelle.

And yet, as Neville headed along the Ring Road and onto the Western Highway, he still had a nagging feeling there was something he'd forgotten.

"A run like this really cleans out the cylinder plug valve

rings," said Neville neither expecting a response nor getting one.

Crowded House filled the car with cheerful harmonies. "Always take the weather, the weather with you!" wailed Neville, happy as Larry, whoever he was.

For 30 minutes they tried to get ahead of a Ford Territory in a passive aggressive drag race without ever exceeding the speed limit. And so the trip passed pleasantly enough as Neville kept a conversation going with his fellow road users—people going slower than him were dangerous idiots while those going faster were maniacs—and he soon forgot all about what he couldn't remember.

They took the Ballan-Dalesford exit just after Ravenhall

and 20 minutes later pulled up outside the majestic Bellinzona Retreat at Hepburn Springs.

With the melody of Into Temptation still echoing through his head, Neville bounced up to reception where a Lara Bingle lookalike had him suddenly looking forward to a nice refreshing shower.

"Do you have a reservation sir?" she beamed through bicycle tube lips.

"Sure do," responded Neville. "The name's Trott."

"Just yourself Mr. Trott?"

"No," answered Neville indicating back to the empty car outside. And that's when it struck him what he'd forgotten.

ALAN CORNELL

Nillumbik's plan for Wedge

The recent state government decision to abandon plans to extend suburban development beyond the urban growth boundaries is good news for our local Green Wedges. CLIFF GREEN tracks the story of the campaigns our communities waged to protect the integrity of these vital conservation zones.

Wedge politics

THIS battle began as far back as 1987 when the then Doncaster-Templestowe council, responding to real estate and landowner pressure, commissioned a "zoning study". This prompted celebrity weather forecaster and conservationist Rob Gell—then a resident of Warrandyte—to write in the *Diary*: "implicit in the commissioning of the zoning study is that the rezoning of Landscape Interest A and Residential D zones in Warrandyte and Park Orchards is inevitable".

Four council elections were fought on this issue in the Warrandyte Ward of Doncaster-Templestowe, and on each occasion the landowners' candidate was defeated by a candidate pledged to protect the Green Wedge. The issue went before a Liberal government-appointed panel in 1975. This panel concluded that the Warrandyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge played a very important role in the local and regional context. Under no circumstances would they support its abandonment.

But developer and landowner pressure for Green Wedge subdivision continued unabated, and in October 2002 an application for an extensive broad-acre subdivision in Park Orchards was brought before Manningham council. It was only defeated on the mayor's casting vote, this despite an independent survey commissioned by council recommending against any subdivision in the Green Wedge.

Manningham council elections in 2003 returned a pro-Green Wedge majority. The *Diary* stated that the Warran-

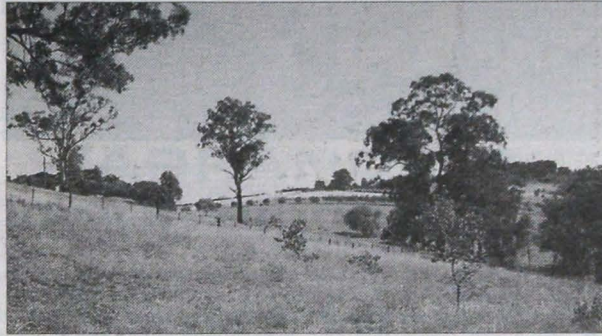
dyte-Park Orchards Green Wedge became the most secure in Melbourne.

Across the river in Nillumbik shire, the campaign took a somewhat different direction. Following a concerted campaign, the pro-Green Wedge council was defeated in Nillumbik in March, 2002. Council then began extensive lobbying to convince the state government that the urban growth boundaries, restricting development around the Green Wedge townships of Hurstbridge, St Andrews and Panton Hill, should be widened to allow further suburban development. The bipartisan passage of the government's 2003 Green Wedge legislation thwarted this move.

Community groups across the two municipalities battled for years to protect the Green Wedges. They included the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association, the Warrandyte Environment League, the Warrandyte Community Association, the Wonga Park Residents Association, the Nillumbik Green Wedge Protection Group, Friends of Nillumbik and the Wattle Glen Residents Association.

Among others in the forefront of these campaigns were Phil Honeywood, then Liberal MP for Warrandyte, and Robert Marshall, formerly Eltham shire councillor and Nillumbik mayor.

News that the urban growth boundaries are to remain to the north and west of Melbourne—and presumably here out east—is good news for our communities. But eternal vigilance will continue to remain the price of survival for Melbourne's "green lungs".



Breathing spaces: Nillumbik's green vistas.

Words and Pictures by SANDY BUGOYNE

Nillumbik council is a step closer to completing a Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP). It is intended that the GWMP will guide the sustainable management of the shire's Green Wedge. The final draft plan was released in December last year and public submissions closed at the beginning of this month. The final draft plan will be presented to council later this year.

When the state government introduced the planning framework, Melbourne 2030, eight years ago, it asked each of the city's 12 Green Wedge councils to produce a GWMP.

Nillumbik council developed the draft plan in four stages: research, development of a vision and guiding principles, options for the future and drafting the plan. Community input and feedback was sought throughout and the responses were used in developing the next stage.

"It is work in progress," Nillumbik mayor Ken King told the *Diary*.

"(The GWMP) is a guidance document for planners and for the community in general. So it is something that is going to be very important for Nillumbik. It then becomes an advocacy document to the state government if there are going to be any changes mooted from a planning point of view.

The Green Wedge management plan actually represents the will of the people at the end of the day," he said.

Melbourne 2030 describes the Green Wedge as "the open landscapes that were set aside, more than 30 years ago, to conserve rural activities and significant natural features and resources between the growth areas of metropolitan Melbourne as they spread out along major roads and rail links".

The Nillumbik Green Wedge covers more than 90 per cent of the shire. This is zoned rural land and 79 per cent of that is in private ownership. Almost one half is made up of rural residential and hobby farms; agricultural use and conservation account for 20 per cent each; vacant land and that used for recreation make up 6 per cent each.

In the draft plan the council states: "Looking after Nillumbik's unique environmental assets is vital. So too, is enhancing opportunity for economic activities suited to the Nillumbik Green Wedge to safeguard jobs and social wellbeing. People live and work in the Nillumbik Green Wedge and strong, safe and sustainable communities are essential to its future."

The council has divided the plan's objectives into four groups: environment; economy; people and communities; and governance. The following goals were identified.

Environmental:

- protect and enhance remnant vegetation
- protect and enhance sites of faunal and habitat significance
- protect and enhance catchments and manage water responsibly
- achieve sustainable land management
- conserve the landscapes of the green wedge for aesthetic, environmental and cultural values.

Economic:

- improve the economic viability of the Nillumbik Green Wedge and its townships and settlements: Hurstbridge, Panton Hill, St Andrews, Yarrambat, Arthurs Creek and Kangaroo Ground
- expand tourism opportunities compatible with the Green Wedge, in Green Wedge townships and in identified Green Wedge locations
- ensure that agriculture remains technically viable in the Green Wedge

People and communities:

- provide for residences and a population which meet the social and economic aims of the Green Wedge and its townships without unacceptably compromising environmental values.

- work towards creating socially sustainable communities
- promote improved access to the Green Wedge

Governance:

- implement the GWMP

● work collaboratively and transparently with community and stakeholders to find the best ways in which to deliver the GWMP

Nillumbik council has omitted North Warrandyte—along with Panton Hill, St Andrews and Hurstbridge—from the Green Wedge described in the draft plan. This is because these suburbs are within the Urban Growth Boundary. However, North Warrandyte's council-managed environmental reserves of Professors Hill and The Chase are mentioned as important conservation sites in the section on flora and fauna.

In its submission to council the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) supports Nillumbik's draft management plan and states its willingness to work collaboratively with council to ensure its delivery. However the organisation does suggest some changes.

"We support the inclusion of North Warrandyte in the plan," Dick Davies, WCA president told the *Diary*.

"In North Warrandyte, liaison will be required with many other authorities including Manningham council, Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water."

The WCA also noted in its submission that it is essential that subdivision be tightly monitored and controlled to retain the characteristics of Nillumbik's claim to being the "Green Wedge Shire".



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Cemetery trust concerns

Over the years, the *Diary* has been very supportive of the Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust in its endeavours to provide a valued facility for our community.

In the February issue you ran a story on the decision by the state government to establish two "super" cemetery trusts in Melbourne and in so doing, the volunteer trusts that oversee Anderson's Creek and neighbouring cemeteries such as Templestowe and Lilydale were disbanded.

Unfortunately in the caption that accompanied the photograph of the three trust members you stated: "Not trusted: sacked cemetery trustees".

This is not correct and gives the impression that the Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust was dismissed for reasons other than the government's stated plan.

The members of the Anderson's Creek Cemetery Trust, who have given in total more than 100 years of service, regrets that the government has taken the decision it has but the end of our service was for no other reason than a change of government policy in the operation of metropolitan cemeteries across Melbourne.

John Chapman
Chairman
Andersons Creek
Cemetery Trust



Doggie don't No. 1: Don't swim with ducks!

Do's, don'ts of doggie doos

Trish, in reply to your "Dear Linda" letter, February *Diary*.

What a shame you didn't ready Lindy's letter with more care. Lindy was actually being very informative and if you looked into this matter more thoroughly, you would learn that what she is saying, in fact, correct.

Common sense should tell you that the faeces and urine of native animals are completely different to that of dogs and cats. Would you eat what most people feed their pets? The preservative alone must have great impact.

Also, Lindy wasn't saying all the other issues along the river were of a lesser problem, she was simply informing us of this one. And it is not the dogs she was taking issue with, but their irresponsible owners, which in turn did not mean all of you.

I personally love dogs, but do not need to possess one to prove it. It was good to learn from you, however, what dogs do for humans.

I am not sure that humans respond in kind. Some humans try to tell me, that their doggies tell them, that they love going to the market. Rubbish! The owners love taking them. I actually think it is quite cruel. Their leads get caught around pushers, toddlers and hundreds of legs. When they come across their own species, they either bark their heads off in disbelief or try to protect their territory by engaging in a fight. Sadly, most dogs are the only dogs in the house. They are separated by their loving human owners from other members of their species.

Your closing statement, "Live and let live", was precisely the point Lindy was making. Perhaps you are spending too much time with your dogs!

Name and address supplied

● Correspondence on this issue is now closed.

10-30 rules

*My love, my bushland home,
Where seasons are real:
Winter cold, frosty morns;
Spring rain, native flowers;
Summers harsh, north wind;
Autumn clear, blue skies.
Then the fires came.
They seeded fear,
Communities divide,
Trees felled, bushland cleared.
It won't stop the fire
Should it choose to come.
I shed a tear for ignorance
That belittles my love.*

Rachel Smith
Warrandyte

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"Phone towers, Ock?
I vote we go back to the old bush telegraph!"

Phone tower bid shocks

I was shocked and disappointed to learn that Manningham City Council recently approved a new telephone tower for Warrandyte within a 500 metre radius of the Taroona Avenue kindergarten, Andersons Creek Primary School and several junior sporting clubs.

Current scientific data indicates that phone towers have adverse effects on everyone spending significant amounts of time within this geographic proximity, particularly children who are affected at a much higher rate than adults. Indeed, there is considerable

evidence to suggest that the full implications of long term exposure to such radiation levels are not known. As with many environmental issues, the scientific evidence is often a matter of debate. However, when the potential risks are so high, surely we should err on the side of public safety.

Council has indicated that the trade-off for residents is a new digital scoreboard for the cricket and football clubs. If in fact this is such a high priority, the Warrandyte community can and will fund-raise for such an item. Indeed, perhaps a more fit-

ting commensurate incentive for sponsorship would be a prominent billboard.

As residents for more than seven years, we have been, for the most part, happy with our mobile coverage and would much prefer the odd problem with reception to the far-reaching, insidious effects of radiation poisoning. This decision by council is clearly a commercial one and has not taken into account the health ramifications for Warrandyte citizens. It is time to speak up.

Michelle Pini
Lynette Avenue

By **PAUL WILLIAMS**

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IN December 1970 the first 2000 copies of the *Warrandyte Diary* slid off the press. At that time Australian troops, some of them conscripts, were fighting against the Viet Cong in Vietnam. The Royal Commission into the collapse of Melbourne's partially completed West Gate Bridge continued, and a new Austin X6 car cost \$A2598 including sales tax. According to the 1971 Commonwealth census Warrandyte's population was 2812, with another 1251 residents living across the river in North Warrandyte.

In May 1970 more than 70,000 people packed the streets of Melbourne in the Vietnam moratorium march — protesting at the involvement of Australian army personnel in that war. Fairfax's short-lived Melbourne afternoon newspaper *Newsday* ceased production after a run of only eight months. September had seen Collingwood yet again snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in the VFL Grand Final against Carlton, before more than 120,000 fans crammed into the MCG.

When that first issue of the *Diary* appeared it was for Cliff Green, the founder and first editor, the culmination of six months' work. (Yes, the same editor we have today, but many other people have served in the editorial chair over the years. More will be related about their contribution in future episodes of this history of the newspaper.)

Cliff Green, who had recently moved to Warrandyte with his young family, was elected vice-president of the local youth club at the beginning of 1970. The recently formed club was seeking members, both children and adult helpers, and wanted the community to know about it. Green was put in charge of publicising the club's activities. He started sending news and information about Warrandyte Community Youth Club to the weekly commercial local newspapers that included Warrandyte in their circulation. Cliff Green remembers of that time, "We couldn't get anything in."

Some stories about Warrandyte did occasionally appear in those weeklies that circulated here, but they tended to be exceptional subjects, such as a snake biting a child, or the threatened demolition of the Mechanics' Institute hall. Community notices, such as a meeting of the Bulleen youth club, activities of the North Balwyn Lions, or the anniversary of a Templestowe scout troop, were afforded a few lines and in many cases appeared to be fillers to complete a column.

Warrandyte was not the only community to decide it needed a better means of communication for residents. In the UK as well as Australia in the 1960s and 70s many local publications were started to give a voice to local communities. The Minority Press Group in their 1980 book, *Here is the other news: challenges to the local commercial press*, noted that where the



A NEWSPAPER JUST FOR WARRANDYTE

... part of its community

Only Two Fire Calls

Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade reports only two fire calls in the recent period. These were:
Cooking fat caught fire on a stove in a house in Pound Road on Friday, October 9th.
A call was received on the following day to a fire in the open in Tindalls Road. This was found to be someone burning off a window and the fire was permitted to continue burning. See fire precaution details on page 8.

Today marks the publication of the first issue of Warrandyte's first newspaper.

(At least we believe it to be the first. So far we have not discovered traces of a predecessor!)

Warrandyte *Diary* will be published monthly as a combined community service and fund-raising venture by the General Committee of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club.

All work on the paper is being undertaken on a voluntary basis; all profits from the project will be used to assist the operation of our long-needed Youth Club.

Village Calendar

Turn to inside pages for further details of these coming events.

DECEMBER

- 2nd—Youth Club General Committee.
- 3rd—Elderly Citizens' General Meeting; Potters Cottage Xmas Show preview.
- 8th—Warrandyte Fire Brigade Meeting.
- 9th—St. John's Ladies' Guild Break-up Party.
- 10th—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 11th—Youth Club Senior Break-up Night.
- 12th—R.S.L. Dinner
- 13th—Youth Club Jundance.
- 16th—Elderly Citizens' Christmas Luncheon.
- 19th—W.A.A. Children's Creative Dance & Music Recitals & Exhibition by Junior Painting Classes.
- 20th—Children's Recital & Exhibition continues.
- 24th—Christmas Eve Church Services.
- 25th—Christmas Day Services.

JANUARY

- 12th—Warrandyte Fire Brigade Meeting.
- 18th—Summer Potters School commences.
- 21st—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 22nd—Youth Club activities resume.
- 26th—Youth Club Holiday Play Group commences.
- 28th—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 29th—Youth Club Holiday Play Group concludes.

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available commercial local papers ignored a community need this provided fertile ground for an alternative newspaper. A group of USA academics (Friend, et al. in *Contemporary Editing*) observed that people "care passionately about local news", also that in spite of today's ready availability of news from radio, television and news-related web sites, "it can be easier to find out what is going on at the United Nations than at city hall".

Closer to home the following Victorian community publications started at much the same time as the *Diary*: the *Churchill News* (now *Churchill and District News*) founded 1966, the *Mallacoota Mouth* in 1976 and the *North Melbourne News* (now *North and West Melbourne News*) in 1978 — all continue today. Doubtless many other local newsletters/newspapers were started but ran out of steam and ceased publication.

When the Warrandyte youth club committee determined to start its own newsletter to inform the community about the club's activities Cliff Green was put in sole charge of the project. He had an appropriate technical background for this,

because he had completed an apprenticeship as a compositor. (In the days of letterpress printing the compositor assembled the lines of type ready to be put in the printing machine.) Although not a journalist he also had substantial writing experience. While working as a primary school teacher in the late 1950s he had contributed a regular column to *The Journal of the Victorian Teachers' Union* then under the editorship of Stephen Murray-Smith. At the time of starting the *Diary* he was a staff scriptwriter with Crawford Productions working on Australian television programs, such as "Homicide" and "Matlock Police".

During the planning stage the committee decided that the newsletter would be about the whole community. Their reasoning being that a general publication was likely to have a higher readership than one solely about the youth club. The committee also hoped that once established the newsletter would generate a small surplus to subsidise the club's funds.

The new publication would be named the *Warrandyte Diary* — "Warrandyte" to show attachment

to a place and "Diary" to express the intention to inform residents of community events. It would be printed monthly except for January and would be financed through advertising. The newsletter would circulate in what the club considered to be the local community and not stop at the river — North Warrandyte would be included.

From the beginning Green wanted the newsletter to be a serious publication, commercially typeset and printed on quality paper, not a couple of duplicated or photocopied pages stapled together. He did a dummy of the publication and asked a former colleague at Willprint, a commercial printery in West Brunswick, to quote on the print job. The youth club committee had decided that the newsletter would carry advertising to fund the cost of production and Cliff Green next applied himself to this task.

"I started to tread the streets around Warrandyte looking for advertising," he remembers. "The first advertiser I signed up was Peter McDougall. I walked into his office and he took a nice big ad. I walked out of his office and Ron Day was sitting in his truck and I

put it on Ron Day and he signed up. I think Tom Kerkhof came along and Ron Day said, 'here, you'd better be in this too'. So within a matter of half an hour I had this run of advertisers."

The businessmen he had signed up in that short time were: Warrandyte's sole real estate agent, a carter/contractor, and a television set repairer. Green recalled that only one of the business people he approached that day did not take advertising space in the new local newsletter. This walk around the village with his dummy of the proposed *Warrandyte Diary* had procured the promise of enough money to pay the printing and typesetting bill for the first issue. Cliff Green believed it was essential to be able to pay for these on receipt of the print run.

In all, 28 Warrandyte businesses placed orders for display advertisements of varying sizes in the newsletter for which they had viewed only a dummy. Webb's licensed grocer (a now vacant shop next to Riveresque) took the whole of the back page. Some of the advertisers showed a sense of humour including Temple Taxis "for heavenly service" and Bill Tinn Cupboards. At that time the *Diary* did not carry mini-ads (classifieds). The advertisers must have been pleased with the result as the next issue in February 1971 also had a full booking of advertising space.

The first issue size was a little smaller than an A4 sheet, had 12 pages with red spot colour on front and back covers and reported on: the Elderly Citizens club, Arts Association, fire brigades, church news, schools, RSL, the tennis and cricket clubs and, of course, the youth club. The centre pages had a full spread cartoon by Jock Macneish, plus a local photographer's shot of Yarra Street. An instalment of "The Warrandyte Story" by local artist and amateur historian Harry Hudson was also featured. In a column on page two the editor mused on the improved colour of bath water since the village had been connected to a reticulated supply instead of using water pumped from the river. The front page carried a "Village Calendar" of events for the next two months.

At this stage the *Diary* did not have an office where contributors could leave their copy so the editor gave the community a convenient alternative. He fitted a yellow letterbox to a large Monterey cypress tree in the main street. This was announced on page 10: "POST IT IN THE TREE! You can post your Warrandyte Diary news items and advertisements in the old tree in Yarra Street, opposite McDonald's Newsagency."

This method of receiving contributions was so successful that it continued for 20 years until the *Diary* moved to an office in the recently built community centre in 1991. The tree was jokingly referred to as "our branch office". Manningham council now considers that cypress tree to be part of Warrandyte's history and has placed it on the local heritage register as the "Diary tree". The nearby car park on the north side of the road is appropriately named the "Diary tree car park".

So at the end of many months planning the *Diary* made its appearance, but the most important part of the exercise in local communication still had to be undertaken — that of getting it to the residents of Warrandyte and district. And that is where we will pick up our story next month.

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"They will come to your home, weed your garden, help identify your existing native flora and plant indigenous Warrandyte plants grown in our own

nursery." Second prize is six bottles of locally produced Ridgeback Wine and third prize is a handmade basket filled with local plants.

"Last year's winners, from North Warrandyte, were very happy with what we achieved in their garden. It was a very social affair, culminating in a barbecue and an opportunity to admire our handiwork."

Tickets will be available at the festival for \$2 each or three for \$5.

● Friends of North Warrandyte can be contacted through <http://www.FONW.org.au>.



They're recycling gear at the Festival Follies!

By TRISTAN MADDOCKS

Ever been surprised by what you have discovered at the back of your wardrobe? That hairy old baby-poo-coloured Harris Tweed sports jacket, or that long lost fake fur overcoat with giant shoulder pads?

The folk at Warrandyte Theatre Company have been driven to ransacking their wardrobe department this year in an effort to come up with a fresh idea for the 2010 Festival Follies. And it's worked!

Directors Alan Cornell and David Tynan have steered clear of a distinct theme

and have instead plundered the costume department for inspiration.

The production, aptly named *Whatever's in the Wardrobe*, will see 16 actors frantically changing costumes and roles in a hectic medley of songs and sketches.

Mr Cornell said while the crew had started out with the idea of using whatever was sitting in the wardrobe, an excited bout of scriptwriting meant many costumes still had to be made.

"Basically we got so excited and ran off and started writing, so much so that we forgot to check what we actually had

in the wardrobe," he said.

Though the 2010 cast is not as big as in some previous years, Mr Cornell said it would include a good mixture of old and new faces.

"It's a great team. We started rehearsing in the first week of February. We open on Thursday, March 18—immediately prior to Festival weekend—and then have two weeks of performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, before a week off for Easter, and then back again for one more week."

He said the crew was excited about what they would bring to the stage.

"I think the material is really good. All the songs and sketches are good fun. We set out to make it the best follies ever, which we always do, and right now we are feeling pretty confident."

Alan Cornell said guests would enjoy the recently renovated foyer and toilets at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall. He encouraged people to book early to avoid disappointment, as the later performances are often booked out.

● Bookings for *Whatever's in the Wardrobe* can be made on 0488 333 575.



Eager to transform your garden: the team from FONW.

Life Relay Gift festival feature

By STEPHANIE CRAWFORD

A new event at this year's festival—the Warrandyte Relay for Life Gift—will launch the campaign towards the successful staging, later in the year, of the local Relay for Life event, now in its third year.

The inaugural gift—run as a "waiters' race"—will take place on Sunday, March 21 between 12.30 and 2.30pm on a 50m track on the grassed area between Stiggants Reserve car park and the wooden footbridge.

"Local groups are set to run the course with the added challenge of carrying trays loaded with drinks," an organiser told the *Diary*. "The program will include a series of skilled and fast-paced races and such novelty events as obstacle, egg-and-spoon and potato sack races." Participants of all ages—teams, individuals and families—are all invited to take part. Prizes will be awarded.

The Undie 500, a classic festival event in which scant-

ily clad runners chase their partners, will be revived. The program will culminate in the Warrandyte Relay for Life Gift.

Organisers Geoff Taylor and Terry Pieper will be working with hospitality students and teachers from the Lilydale campus of Swinburne TAFE.

The program will mark the official launch of the Cancer Council's 2010 Warrandyte Relay for Life, which last year raised in excess of \$53,000 towards cancer research.

"Relay for Life is a unique community event where team members work together to keep their baton moving continuously for 24 hours, celebrating cancer survivors and carers and honouring the memory of loved ones lost to cancer," the organiser said. "We hope the Warrandyte Relay for Life Gift will prove a fitting launch for this event, planned for September this year."

● Relay for Life Gift enquiries: terry_pieper@bigpond.com



Watch how they run at the Undie 500.



Warrandyte's 2009 Relay for Life: This year's event will be launched at the Warrandyte Festival. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)



Pumpkin patch

Fancy your hand at the old country fair contest of guessing the weight of the pumpkin?

Gardeners at the Warrandyte Community Garden, situated beside the police station, have been nurturing one solitary giant pumpkin, the sole survivor of a whole optimistic patch of oversize vegetables.

They are hoping it grows to its characteristic monstrous size and survives the drought until festival weekend. For then it will go on display at the Community Garden's stall on Stiggants Riverbank, and a lucky punter will estimate its weight and win a handsome prize.

The gardeners are also offering a whole range of homemade jams, marmalades and jellies, chutneys and sauces for sale—many of them made from produce from the Community Garden.

● Call Judy Green on 9844 2096 for further information.

They are leading their school



A select group of senior Warrandyte Primary School students (pictured) were recently honoured when local MP Ryan Smith presented them with their leadership certificates at school assembly.
"Throughout the year, these young leaders will act as

role models for younger students, support the school values, organise special events, act as hosts for visiting people and assist in sporting activities," principal Gill Binger told the Diary. Ryan Smith urged the young leaders to uphold the school values of respect and integrity.

Detailed guide to our river

By SANDY BURGOYNE

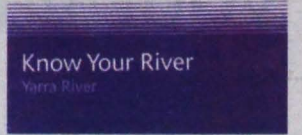
Melbourne Water has released a delightful booklet about the Yarra River that residents and visitors alike will find useful. The best news is that it is free!

Know your river: Yarra River is packed with information on the 242-kilometre Yarra from the headwaters to Port Phillip Bay.

The early part of the booklet discusses the Yarra's history, flood management and hints on reducing stormwater pollution. Two detailed maps show locations of historic buildings, Aboriginal cultural features, Landcare and Friends groups and the distribution of wildlife along the river's length.

The 70 pages on wildlife and plants of the Yarra Valley will probably be the most popular. For each species there is a photo, common and scientific name plus a short description. It contains: 14 fish species; 26 birds; six frogs; 14 mammals; 10 reptiles; eight insects and 20 plants.

The material about each species is informative and easy to read. For instance we are told that the antechinus may be less than 10cm long but "if a mouse was left in a cage overnight with one of these ferocious little marsupials, probably all that would



remain in the morning would be a fat and content antechinus".

Local Riverkeeper, Ian Penrose, supports Melbourne Water's release of this booklet.

"The Yarra River is suffering from the impacts of a big city in a number of ways and the community is part of the solution, so gathering knowledge about the river through books like this ... is playing a role in protecting it," he told the *Diary*.

"It is the main source of our fresh water, the centrepiece of many of the city's cultural events and recreational pursuits, and home to beautiful indigenous plants, mammals, birds and fish," he said.

"The more we can be associated with (the Yarra) the better, particularly for people in Warrandyte. It goes right through the middle of our town where it is a major focus of our environment."

● To order a free copy of *Know Your River: Yarra River* call Melbourne Water on 131 722 or email inquiry@melbournewater.com.au.

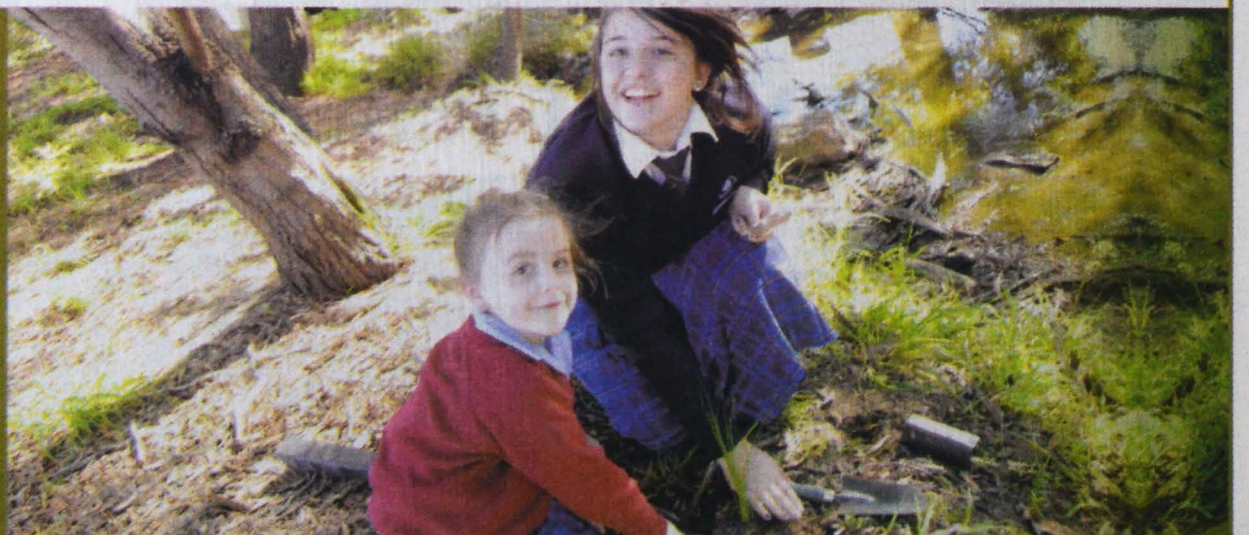
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Council calls public meeting on tower

By CLIFF GREEN

Anticipating a large roll-up of concerned locals, Manningham council has chosen the council offices in Doncaster Road, as the venue for a public information meeting to discuss the erection of the proposed mobile phone tower at Warrandyte Reserve.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, commencing at 7pm.

"It was the view of council officers that a large meeting area was needed, given the level of community interest in the tower application," local ward councillor David Ellis said.

Several hundred locals have signed a petition protesting against the erection of the tower, citing concerns

about radiofrequency radiation that would be emitted.

Resident Maedy Colenso, who initiated the campaign against the tower, told the *Diary*: "Until we know more about the true effects of this type of radiation it seems logical to lean on the side of caution."

The companies promoting the tower—Vodafone and Optus—claim that the tower would "substantially improve mobile network depth of coverage in this part of Warrandyte—an area that has been deficient in coverage for some time".

The concrete tower would be 30m tall with a 4.15m head-frame.

Some residents are concerned that the tower would be close to sporting clubs, a

kindergarten and the elderly citizens centre.

The issue is further complicated because Vodafone and Optus have promised to build a digital scoreboard to serve cricket and football matches as part of the tower deal.

An online statement from the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency states: "The weight of national and international scientific opinion is that there is no substantial evidence that exposure to low level RF EME causes adverse health effects."

"A number of community representatives are expected to take the opportunity to put their views to the public forum," Cr Ellis said. A Vodafone representative will speak and will answer

questions.

Council has extended the usual two weeks period—during which objections can be lodged—to four weeks, "although objections can also be made any time up until council formally considers the matter, which at the earliest is expected to be late April."

"This clearly has the potential to be a contentious issue," Cr Ellis said. "It is altogether appropriate that council has allowed for extensive community consultation."

"If people in Warrandyte have a view on the phone tower, or if they just want to be better informed, they should attend the meeting. They can also contact their councillors individually."

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Applicants are invited to apply for funds through Round 4 of the 2009/10 Community Development Minor Grant Program. The Minor Grants Program funds applications up to \$2,000 and offers four submission deadlines throughout the year.

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

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

Applications close at 5.00pm Wednesday 31st March, 2010.

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

Local teacher crosses borders to share skills



Jenny Osler and her Cambodian teacher friends.

Local resident Jenny Osler has recently returned from Cambodia where, with former resident Annette Haworth and two fellow volunteers from USA, she travelled to the provincial city of Battambang, some 250km north-west of Phnom Penh.

There they presented 13 workshops over eight days to almost 300 teachers. Workshops covered a broad range of topics and subjects, including maths, literacy, English as a second language, science, the humanities, leadership and a program for kindergarten teachers.

"Teachers in Cambodia face challenges that Australian

teachers cannot imagine," Jenny told the *Diary*. "Classes of 60-70 students, a blackboard, few other resources apart from a textbook that few students may be able to afford."

"They do this for \$US40 a month, \$US75 if you are principal of a school with up to 4000 students. You may only be paid erratically if you teach in a remote area." Teachers may have only reached Year 9 at secondary school and have had limited teacher training.

The group travelled under the auspices of Teachers Across Borders (Australia).

"Since its inception in 2006, Teachers Across Borders has

quietly set about fulfilling its goal of providing high quality professional development for teachers in Cambodia," Ms Osler said. "TAB is a not-for-profit group, with no affiliation with any other group and is accredited with AusAID."

"All presenters are volunteers who meet their own travel and accommodation costs."

After years of war and the reign of the Khmer Rouge, the education system of Cambodia was non-existent, with most schools destroyed and the majority of teachers killed.

"The Cambodian teachers are enthusiastic and commit-

ted to improving their own skills and the outcomes for their students," Ms Osler said. "The majority of sessions are run with the support of translators and teaching materials are translated into Khmer."

"The experience is challenging, tiring but extremely rewarding; so rewarding that some volunteers are planning to go for a fifth time."

Further information from www.teachersacrossborders.org and go to About Us. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Teachers Across Borders, PO Box 123, Warrandyte 3113. Enquiries about volunteering can be emailed to t.a.b@gmail.com.au.

Getting rabbits on the run

Due to favourable weather conditions, rabbits are breeding like—well, rabbits—right across the district.

Nillumbik council is holding a rabbit control information session on Saturday, March 13 to help residents undertake rabbit control on their properties.

"Rabbits are one of the most destructive and problematic pest animals in the area," a council spokesman told the *Diary*. "They cause damage by destroying vegetation, competing with stock and native animals for food and habitat. They cause erosion, soil loss and creek and river bank destabilisation."

They damage a range of properties, regardless of size. Nillumbik's community rabbit control program provides a cost-effective means for neighbours to use a licensed pest control officer to undertake rabbit control works on their land.



Council offers a subsidy of up to one-third of the cost to landowners who undertake control measures as part of a rabbit action group.

The information session will be held at Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Mel21A1) on Saturday, March 13 commencing at 10am.

Author's book could save a lot of anguish

Local author Lou Harvey-Zahra is convinced that "creative discipline" can be a most useful tool when dealing with bad behaviour—such as tantrums—among young children.

So convinced that she has written a book, *Turning Tears Into Laughter—creative discipline for the toddler to preschool years*.

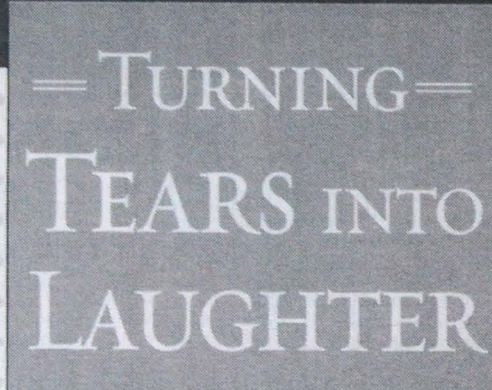
Ms Harvey-Zahra is a primary and special needs teacher who lives in Warrandyte with her husband, two children "and an array of furry friends".

For the past 10 years she has been leading playgroups and facilitating parenting classes, supporting families with preschool-aged children.

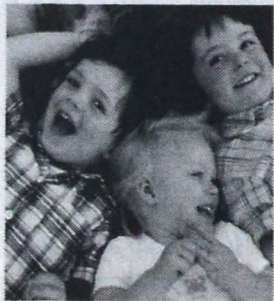
"Young children have not yet developed strong social, reasoning and communication skills," Ms Harvey-Zahra explains. "Is their behaviour explorative behaviour, not misbehaviour? Merely punishing a toddler who hasn't yet learned these things will not go to the root of the behaviour or teach new skills for life."

"Using creative discipline to teach children appropriate behaviours can actually mean that no restrictive (harsher) methods are required."

What is "creative discipline" and how does it work? You'll have to buy Lou's book to find out. It's published by The Five Mile Press, recommended price \$12.95. Go to www.fivemile.com.au.



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LOU HARVEY-ZAHRA

Turn your home into a haven for cats

Can you find room in your heart and your home to adopt an "unowned" cat?

Manningham council is joining the state government and animal welfare groups in supporting the "Who's for Cats?" campaign, designed to help reduce the large number of "unowned" cats in our community by adopting stray cats or delivering them to pounds and shelter for rehousing.

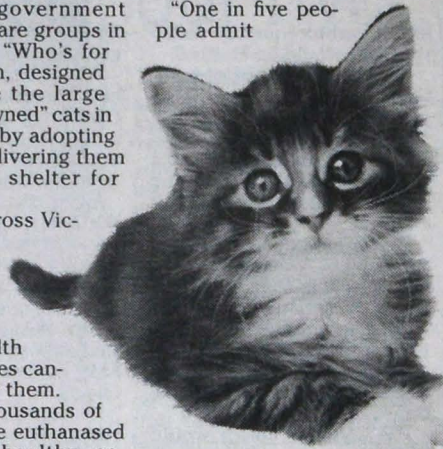
Every year across Victoria, 50,000 cats are impounded and 35,000 of these are euthanased due to poor health or because homes cannot be found for them.

"Tragically, thousands of the cats that are euthanased each year are healthy, sociable kittens. Yet there are simply not enough people to adopt them," a council spokesman said.

Research has found that a contributing factor to this

problem is people feeding unowned cats, but not taking full ownership or responsibility for them.

"One in five people admit



to feeding stray or feral cats because they genuinely care about them," the spokesperson said. "Feeding unowned cats helps them to

survive and continue breeding, bringing more kittens into a life of disease and neglect and contributing to the overpopulation problem.

"In the 'Who's for Cats?' campaign, we're calling for people who are feeding an unowned cat to act humanely by contacting council to seek advice on either taking ownership of the cat—registering, microchipping and desexing it—or by bringing the cat into the council pound or a local shelter," the spokesperson said.

"It is important that if a female cat is lactating, it should not be removed from the street as it may have dependent kittens, which will die from starvation without their mother. Follow the cat back to her nest to locate the kittens and then remove them as a family group."

● For more information call 9840 9333 or 136 186, or visit www.whosforcats.com.au.

Pets must be microchipped

Residents may not be aware that all dogs and cats living in Nillumbik must be microchipped.

"In line with legislation introduced in 2007, animal registration with council is a legal requirement, and pets cannot be registered unless they are microchipped, mayor, Cr Ken King, told the *Diary*. "This includes pets previously registered with another council that are being registered in Nillumbik for the

first time."

Pet owners can have their pets microchipped for just \$25 at the Civic Centre in Greensborough on Sunday May 2, Sunday September 5 and Sunday November 7. Bookings can be made through the Lost Dogs Home on 1300 734 738.

● Further information from 9433 3231 or www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or www.pets.info.vic.gov.au.

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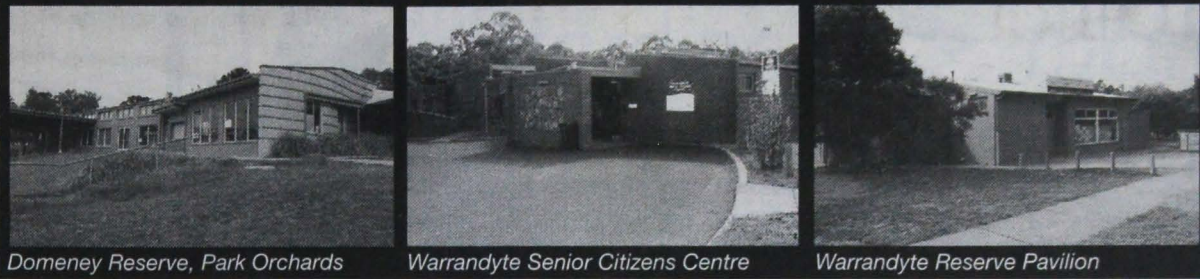
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Safer places named

Words and pictures by SANDY BUGOYNE

Manningham council announced three Neighbourhood Safer Places: Places of Last Resort (NSPs) in the district last month. They are:

- Warrandyte Reserve Pavilion building in Taroona Avenue
- Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre, Taroona Avenue
- Dorney Reserve Pavilion, Knees Road, Park Orchards.

As reported in the February issue of the *Diary* these three sites were on a list of eight that had cleared CFA inspection as places of last resort during a bushfire and were awaiting final approval from council.

Manningham mayor Cr Charles Pick said it was great to have the co-operation of the community in providing these facilities as part of the Warrandyte/North Warrandyte Township Protection Plan.

"We now have three buildings designated as Places of

Last resort. I must continue to stress that these Places of Last Resort should only be used when all other bushfire plans fail and residents find themselves trapped in Warrandyte by an approaching fire," he told the *Diary*.



Residents are reminded that while NSPs may provide some protection from the effects of radiant heat during a bushfire, there is no guarantee of safety or survival.

"Places of Last Resort do not cater for special needs, do

not provide support services such as food, drink or material aid and there is no provision for pets," Cr Pick said.

"Manningham council still supports the message from the CFA, that on Code Red days, when fire risk is at its most extreme, the best personal bushfire plan should be to leave and leave early. You shouldn't plan to defend your property."

Local Manningham councillor David Ellis said that Mullum Mullum ward councillors with council officers worked hard in negotiating the complex process of risk assessment, liability and insurance, statutory approvals and consultation with emergency services before the NSPs received final approval.

"It's one thing for the state government to put out a call for Places of Last Resort but it has been up to the local council to put in place the many measures to make it happen," he told the *Diary*.

On the other side of the Yarra, North Warrandyte still

does not have an approved Neighbourhood Safer Place: Place of Last Resort. The NSPs approved on the south side of the river are substantial public buildings beside extensive grassed reserves — a feature that North Warrandyte, with its hills and gullies, lacks.

In the past many residents have looked to the North Warrandyte community centre on Research-Warrandyte Road as a likely refuge in the event of a bushfire. However, as the *Diary* reported last month the CFA assessed the site but declared it was not compliant with NSP guidelines. As this is the sole public building in North Warrandyte, apart from the small local fire station, it appears unlikely that any site there could qualify as a NSP.

● Further bushfire information is available on the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) and from the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667. ABC radio 774 will carry news and warnings during a bushfire emergency.

Firefighters from afar

Words and picture by SANDY BURGEOYNE

Two bushfire specialists from the USA visited Warrandyte CFA early this month. Rich Schwab is National Burned Area Emergency response co-ordinator for the National Parks Service and Miriam Morrell is Wildland-Urban Interface co-ordinator with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

The CFA arranged the visit for an informal meeting with local firefighters and representatives from community organisations.

"We brought our US visitors to Warrandyte because it is one of our 52 high risk townships," Kathy Overton, CFA community development co-ordinator told the *Diary*.

"We also wanted to highlight our Fireguard program in the context of this high risk area".

The visitors agreed. "We thought that it was a very good example of a wildland/urban interface in Melbourne and that it was a very good example to look at and meet your CFA group out here," Miriam Morrell told the *Diary*.

This visit is part of an exchange program between fire specialists from the USA, Canada and Australia that started 10 years ago.

"We are approaching it a little bit differently on this assignment — we are actually here ahead of the fires and pre-positioning ourselves throughout the state. In the past it's been to supplement your forces like last year. You needed help so we came in," Rich Schwab told the *Diary*.

"This time it's at a more senior level of management specialists that could provide technical assistance and facilitate this exchange of

information between the three countries. We are finding there are a lot of similarities as far as the issues that you face. It's just nice to see how someone else is approaching it. We are also finding out that our approaches are very similar too," he said.

Mr Schwab was in Victoria after the Black Saturday fires last year with an interagency BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) team that served in the aftermath of the Kilmore East/Murrindindi complex north fire.

However, Mr Schwab pointed out one big difference he and his colleague have noted on this visit.

"You have a tremendously higher rate of volunteerism in Australia than we have. We've lost that. In the eastern United States we still have a lot of volunteer fire departments, but in the western states there is more reliance on the federal government to provide that firefighting capability," he said.

Miriam Morrell has been working with community engagement specialists from the DSE, Parks Victoria and the CFA.

"We have been holding discussions and meetings about their protection plans, fuel reduction and all the different activities they are doing together," she said.

Ms Morrell is also interested in the workings of community groups such as Fireguard.

"We do have a program kind of like your Fireguard. We have Firewise... that operates locally out of a community. In California where I work actively we have Fire Safe councils. They do very similar sorts of activities. They do have protection plans called community wildfire protection

plans. We work with federal agencies, state agencies and all the partners in that environment. We come together to work on this plan.

"It's nice to get a fresh perspective. Maybe we've been going about it in one direction and it's very similar. It's a nice evaluation to see how they've done it... but maybe just a little different and how would that work in our environment. It offers us a very fresh perspective on how to do things. So I can take that back (to the USA) and work with my partners and say 'this is how they've approached this activity and this partner-

ship and how would this work for us!'"

Rich Schwab looks to a future of close co-operation between the USA, Canada and Australia in preparation for fire seasons.

"We are also looking at some long-term matrixes as far as measuring our success so that we can further this along to build the program. Our partners that we are working with here in the state of Victoria feel that this is just a stepping stone, because we would like to take it national and have partnerships built across your entire country," he told the *Diary*.



Colleagues: Warrandyte CFA captain Shane Murphy, CFA Fireguard co-ordinator Helen Wositzky and Miriam Morrell and Rich Murphy from the US.


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MANNINGHAM GREEN WEDGE STRATEGY 2004 REVIEW

The Manningham Green Wedge Strategy 2004 is currently under review, with a new Manningham Green Wedge Action Plan to be produced by 2011. As part of the review process, a Manningham Green Wedge Issues Paper has been prepared and is available on the Manningham website for comment until April 30th 2010. If you would like to receive a copy of the Issues Paper or attend a workshop in April, please call Kelly Trainor on 9840 4405 or email eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au.

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN ASSESSMENT PLANNING APPLICATION TRAINING

Manningham Council is committed to ensuring sustainable development outside Doncaster Hill and will be trialling a new Sustainable Design Assessment as part of the planning permit process from July 2010 using "Sustainable Tools for Environmental Performance Strategy" (STEPS) assessment tool found at www.morelandsteps.com.au and the Sustainable Design Scorecard (SDS) assessment tool found at www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/sds.

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Lee recalls a full century of happy adventures

By VAL POLLEY

LEE SOUTER, who celebrated her 100th birthday on January 1 this year, attributes her longevity to good genes and living in Warrandyte. Lee can recall a country childhood in rural New South Wales with her family and mounted policeman father.

She particularly remembers Dorrigo, a very wet area but with beautiful rainforest. She spoke of the family's beautiful red cedar table made out of one solid piece of wood and capable of sitting 20 people. Like other children Lee rode her pony to school, the children didn't have bicycles because the roads were too bad. As her family moved around Lee attended several schools before going to teacher training college in Sydney.

Coming to Warrandyte was quite by chance. She and husband Bruce, who had just come out of the army, were in Melbourne where another couple who were house hunting asked if Bruce could drive them to Warrandyte to look at a land subdivision being advertised.

So on a very wet day they all drove out to Warrandyte to view the subdivision of the old Koorngong school site. The school had been

closed and subdivided into about 12 blocks of various sizes. The trip was very challenging because even Kangaroo Ground Road was unmade at that time. Lee and Bruce bought the only block in the subdivision without any buildings on it and proceeded to plan and then build the lovely house that Lee still lives in.

Lee says she has loved every minute of living in Warrandyte. She tells stories of the times when Charlie and John Moore ran the grocery store and Les Gilholme the milk bar.

It used to take about an hour-and-a-half to drive into Melbourne where she worked for many years with the Wool Board.

She knew everyone who occupied the properties at Koorngong, a little community within a community and is a fund of information about the Koorngong school and the histories of the various buildings, some of which are incorporated into current houses.

Lee spoke highly of the Neilds who ran the school, saying they were both serious educators and had very good ideas on imparting knowledge to children in a different way. She knew artist Danila Vassilieff, describing him as a dramatic

man. He took stone and trees from their land as building materials for his nearby house "Stonygrad" and she and Bruce stayed there on a couple of occasions when Danila was away on holidays and while their house was being built.

In those days phone calls had to go through the local telephone exchange and the girl there was most surprised when Lee made a call from Danila's house.

Lee and Bruce's house, and even their shack with its sump-oiled, maltoid roof, escaped the 1962 fires even though much of Koorngong was burnt out and neighbours lost their homes. With its interesting boomerang shape, floor to ceiling windows, timber ceilings and stone walls, the house presents as an outstanding example of 1950s design.

Lee continues to live in her house within the Koorngong community. She speaks highly of the support she receives and her reputation is evidenced by the range of congratulatory cards arranged on the piano and the congratulatory messages received on her birthday from the Queen, the Governor General and the Prime Minister. Lee is testament to a life well lived in a place worth living in.



Century not out: Lee Souter, at home in Koorngong



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warrandyte north (sms: REN673)
more than \$730k

Substantial brick residence situated on approx 1.8 acres. Spacious formal living areas, 4 huge bedrooms, double garage, expansive rear entertaining deck and inground pool. Uninterrupted views to the east with room to move.

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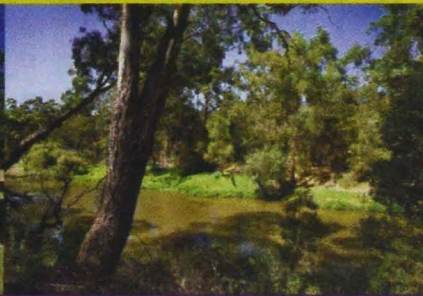
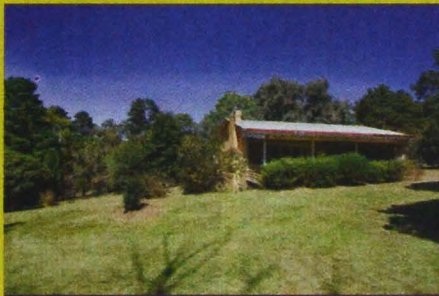


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more than \$375k

Perfect for the creative DIY buyer, this original much loved property offers an opportunity to transform to its former glory. An easy stroll to the Yarra River, Goldfields Plaza, Andersons Creek Primary and transport, the home offers 3 bedrooms plus study, fireside lounge, updated kitchen, casual meals area and family room. Features high ceilings, decorative cornices, air conditioning, ensuite, timber floors, full-length covered entertaining deck and a separate bungalow.

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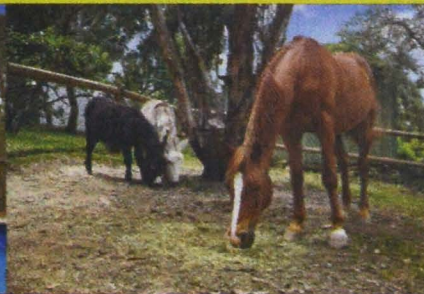


warrandyte (sms: REN675)
more than \$580k

Magnificent 1 acre+ property with 2 bedroom cottage and gently undulating land offering loads of potential with the possibility to extend or re-develop (STCA). Fully fenced with direct river access.

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warrandyte (sms: REN666)
more than \$750k

Set on 3 acres (approx) within close proximity to local shopping, easy freeway access to the City and St Annes and Warrandyte Primary, this impressive property is serviced by 6 bedrooms, a fireside lounge, stunning kitchen with casual meals area, a fabulous dining room and a separate games room. Complemented by polished floors, delightful garden windows, an entertainer's deck, solar heated pool and 3 fully fenced paddocks.

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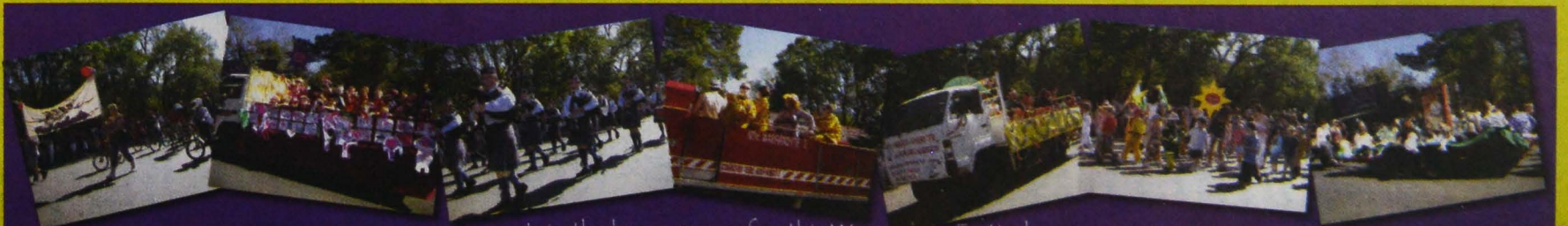


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more than \$910k

Set on 5 acres (approx) with valley views, this lifestyle alternative is drenched in natural light and complemented by timber lined ceilings, atrium style water feature and full length windows. It includes 4 bedrooms, timber kitchen, casual meals and lounge room (coonara). Features inground pool, 4-car garage, ducted heating, polished floors, corner spa and garden water tanks.

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First Aid: Available from the St John Ambulance in the West Riverbank area

Festival Feasting: Food to suit every taste available all weekend (including Saturday and Sunday evenings). Wine tastings from local wineries

Radio Eastern FM 98.1: Be constantly up to date with Festival happenings as Radio Eastern broadcast live from the Stiggants Riverbank

Festival Art Works: Enjoy art works throughout the reserve created by local arty-farty artists

Stiggants Riverbank (lower area)

Discover a range of opportunities available through local groups and service providers. Displays include:

- Aboriginal Art exhibition
- Animals on the Move (small charge applies)
- Blacksmith display
- East Doncaster Chiropractic Centre
- Eltham Steam and Stationary Engine Preservation Society
- Manningham Council
- Neighbourhood House
- Parks Victoria and Friends of Warrandyte State Park
- Pony Rides run by the Village School (small charge applies)
- Prospectors and Miners gold display
- Rock-climbing Wall run by Relay For Life Warrandyte (small charge applies)
- Salty the Blacksmith
- Snake Handler
- State Emergency Services
- Tennis Serving Competition run by Warrandyte Tennis Club
- Warrandyte Climate Action Now (CAN)
- Warrandyte Community Association
- Warrandyte Community Bank (Bendigo Bank)
- Warrandyte Community Garden
- Warrandyte Toy Library
- Woodcraft Manningham
- Wyena Horse and Pony Club

Neighbourhood House: Meet staff and volunteers, discuss courses and support groups and find out about this fabulous local resource. Activities include:

- Busy Needles Craft Group (all weekend)
- Mosaics (Saturday 12.00pm - 2.00pm)
- Children's drawing (Saturday 2.00pm - 4.00pm)
- Wu Tao dance exercise (Sunday 11.00am - 12.00pm)
- Gentle exercise for older adults (Sunday 12.00pm - 12.30pm)

Stiggants Reserve (on the hill)

Art and Craft Market: Purchase home-grown and hand-made products including craft, produce, plants, clothes, jewellery and other goodies

Free children's art and craft activities: Run by the Warrandyte Uniting Church from 12.00pm - 3.45pm. Near top entrance to the Reserve on Stiggants Street

Scouts' Waterslide: Giant slide for all kids. 12.00pm - 5.00pm Saturday and 12.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday. Change tent available. BYO bathers and towel. \$1 per ride or \$5 for all-day pass. Run by Warrandyte/Park Orchards Scout Group. Lower hill adjacent to Stiggants Street. Enquiries Andrew 9844 2433

Festival Weekend

Rotary Art Show: 9.00am - 6.00pm Saturday and 11.00am - 4.00pm Sunday. Featuring local and interstate artists. \$2. Warrandyte Community Church, Yarra Street

Warrandyte Historical Society Museum: 10.00am - 4.00pm Saturday and 1.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday. Featuring displays on Warrandyte's aboriginal, gold mining, artists and general social history. Free. 111 Yarra Street

Warrandyte Community Church - Leisure on the Lawn: Enjoy activities for all ages. Festival Service Sunday 10.00am with special guest Bill Vassilou, Chaplain of Hawthorn Football Club. Music by local band, Best Before. Behind Church, adjacent to Riverbank Reserve

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Friday 19 March

Battle of the Bands: From 6.00pm at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Free admission. Soft drinks available for purchase. This is a drug and alcohol free event.

The battle is on again this year with six local bands and a soloist battling it out to win the top prize - a recording session.

- 6.30pm The Moon Runners
- 7.00pm Shutter Stop
- 7.40pm Welcome Wednesday
- 8.20pm The After Editions
- 9.00pm Triact
- 9.40pm Bradley Andrew
- 10.20pm Quint
- 11.00pm Winner revealed and Judges comments

Annual Rotary Art Show - Official Opening and Cocktail Party: Warrandyte Community Church, Yarra Street, 7.30pm, \$15. Contact Margory on 9844 4495 for tickets and Art Show entry forms.

Associated Activities

Open Garden Scheme: 13 and 14 March 10.00am - 4.30pm. John and Pat Anderson, with the support of the Bradleys Lane Community Fire Guard Group, will once again open their garden for the ABC Open Garden Scheme. Raising funds for the North Warrandyte CFA. Plants on sale. Live music by well known locals Barry McKimm, Jack Stringer and friends. Refreshments available and assistance with parking. \$6. Enquiries Pat 9844 3442. At 98 Bradleys Lane, Warrandyte

The Pastel Palette: Nine enthusiastic artists showing a collection of paintings. Commencing 17 March 2010. Open daily 9.00am to 5.00pm. Free admission, all welcome. Aumann Family Orchard Fruit Specialty Shop, 150 Harris Gully Rd

2010 Follies present Whatever's in the Wardrobe: Don't miss this year's hit of the season! Join the talented characters of Warrandyte for a tongue in cheek look at life. March 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and April 8, 9, 10. BYO food and drinks. \$20 adults, \$17 concession. Tickets 0488 333 575. Mechanics Institute Hall, Yarra St

The Very Grand Read: 23 March 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. It's on again and in its 12th year! Local writers read from their work. From award winning poets like Jordie Albiston and John Jenkins to students from the Neighbourhood house's writing and poetry classes, the quality of the writing is fantastic! Refreshments provided (drinks at bar prices). \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance. Tickets 9844 1839. Grand Hotel, 110 Yarra Street



Saturday 20 March

10.15am Parade marshalling: At the bridge tennis courts (pedestrians and passengers) and Tills Drive (vehicles and horses)

10.30am Judging of floats: Perpetual trophy for Best Parade Entry plus Most Colourful, Most Imaginative, Best Costumes/Make-up and Most Warrandyte-ish

11.00am Official start of Parade at the Community Centre: Cutting of ribbon by local councillors, Town Crier Ian Craig, Festival Monarch Joan Rogers, bands, floats, vintage cars and more. Commentaries at Community Centre, Grand Hotel and Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries Jill 9844 0180 or 0417 057 655

12.00pm Official festival opening by the Monarch of the Warrandyte Festival, Joan Rogers and local Councillors, followed by entertainment provided by local schools, dance groups and musicians. Main stage

2.45pm African Drumming Workshop with Wassawumba: All are invited to try their hand at some rhythmic mayhem and magic - let's make some big sounds together. Between Stiggants Reserve car park and foot bridge

3.30pm Sing for fun: All welcome, no experience necessary. A warm up followed by a few songs to get you in the Festival swing. Between Stiggants Reserve car park and foot bridge. Contact River of Song 0409 946 994

4.00pm Car rescue: Police, CFA, Ambulance and SES simulation of a rescue from a crashed and burning vehicle in a combined training exercise. Riverbank near Stiggants Street carpark

4.30pm Home Brewing Competition: Registration from 4.30pm and judging from 5.00pm. Warrandyte is full of home brewing enthusiasts and this is your chance to pit your skills against each other! Beer categories include stout, lager, bitter, ale, pilsner, draught light/others and peoples choice. \$2.50 per category. Please provide at least two bottles per category. Sponsored by The Grand Hotel and Buckleys Beer. Near top entrance to the Reserve on Stiggants Street

Roving entertainment: No Bull! - Genetically modified Cows with attitude will be on the Mooove. Jack Robson and Kate Jenkin will also keep you entertained

On Stage

Riverbank Stage

MCs for the day - Jack Robson and Kate Jenkin

- 12.00pm Double Trouble
- 12.15pm The Great Gizmo
- 1.00pm Jugularity
- 1.45pm Double Trouble
- 2.00pm Wassawumba
- 2.30pm Jugularity
- 3.20pm Him, Hymn or Billy?

This is a no-smoking area.

Main Stage

- 12.15pm Warrandyte Primary School and Bush Band
- 1.00pm Andersons Creek Primary School
- 1.30pm Park Orchards Primary School
- 2.00pm Warrandyte High School Symphonic Band
- 2.30pm Warrandyte Fifty-Five Plus Variety Group
- 3.00pm Bollywood Taal (Rhythm). Enquiries 0400 595 959
- 3.30pm Dance Plus Dancers. Enquiries 9431 1933
- 4.00pm David Shepherd Tai Chi School. Enquiries 0438 452 744
- 4.30pm Luther College Strings
- 5.00pm Luther College Stage Band

Saturday Soul @ Stiggants

- 5.45pm The Thod
- 6.45pm Teskey Brothers
- 8.00pm Spectrum
- 9.15pm - finish The Boogaloos

This is a no-smoking area.



Sunday 21 March

8.30am Billy Cart Derby: Registration 8.30am - 9.15am. Ages 8 - 15, plus a race for the parents. Lots of great prizes and trophies. \$7 registration. Sponsored by Apollo Cycles, Warrandyte RSL and Warrandyte Welding. Billycarts must meet set safety criteria. Police Street, outside Police Station. Enquiries Neil 0418 357 282

9.00am Fifth Annual Warrandyte Festival Family Bike Ride: Meet at Netball Courts, Tarroona Ave Warrandyte. Melway Reference 35 C1. All riders must register through the YMCA prior to the ride. Further information, requirements, registration forms and detailed route maps available at warrandytefestival.org

9.30am Dog Show and Pet Parade: Various categories including cats, rabbits, mice, goldfish, birds etc. All animals welcome if under owner's control. Run by Warrandyte High School. Stiggants Riverbank. Enquiries Sue 9844 2749 or 9870 8720ah

10.30am - 12.30pm Kids' Market: Enjoy home-made and home-grown goodies created by local kids. (Stall applications available from local schools or warrandytefestival.org). There will be certificates awarded in three categories: Most Colourful, Most Creative and The Green Prize for the most environmentally aware. Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries Emma Rose 0407 173 619

12.30pm Warrandyte Relay For Life Gift: A series of fast paced and skilled races for teams, individuals and families including the Uncle 500 and Rickshaw Run, culminating in the 'Warrandyte Relay For Life Gift'. Supporting Cancer Council Victoria's Relay For Life. Between Stiggants Reserve car park and foot bridge. Enquiries terry_pleper@bigpond.com

1.00pm Snakehandler Snake Show: Check out Pythons, Tiger and Red Belly Black Snakes in the pit! Stiggants Riverbank near the gazebo

2.00pm Gold Mine Tour: Join John Hanson for a leisurely walk and visit an 1850's gold mine (90 minute duration). Wear flat shoes. Run by Uniting Church. Donation to Walk Against Want appreciated. Meet at 104 Webb Street. Enquiries 9844 3906

2.30pm Duck Race: See over 1000 plastic ducks launched into the Yarra and battling for glory! Ducks are sold at local schools beforehand and during the weekend at the Information Caravan. Launched at Forbes Street and finishing at Stiggant Street. \$2 entry. Trophies awarded. Enquiries Anne 9844 5141

Roving entertainment: Includes The Cake Appreciation Society

On stage

Riverbank Stage

MCs for the day - Cake Appreciation Society

- 11.00am Snakehandler Reptile Show
- 11.45am Miserable Little Bastards
- 1.15pm Vulgargrad
- 2.45pm Snakehandler Reptile Show
- 3.15pm 2-Shot
- 3.45pm Dellrium Trigger

This is a no-smoking area.

Main Stage

- 11.15am Eltham Concert Band
 - 12.30pm Chocolate Lillies
 - 1.30pm Overnite Express
 - 2.30pm Orangotango
 - 3.35pm Jesse Mitchell
 - 4.30pm Magical Mystery Band
 - 5.35pm Mother
 - 6.40pm The Beez
 - 7.55pm Grand Finale Nude Funk Orchestra
- From dusk, 'Humania and the Man in the Moon' (Hugh McSpedden and Richard Oremek) will present real-time interactive special effects and Festival Imagery past and present, courtesy of Steve Reynolds' photos and Jeremy Loftus-Hills' video footage. Weather permitting.

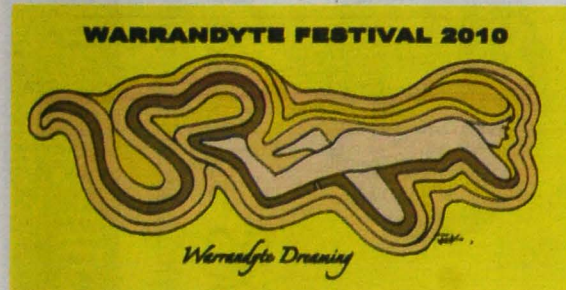
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Warrandyte Festival

19-21 March 2010

2010 Festival Theme



This year's theme is 'Warrandyte Dreaming'. Entrants in the Warrandyte Festival Parade are encouraged to celebrate the theme by decorating floats, using props and wearing costumes.

We thank Jock Macneish for creating our themed logos.

Warrandyte Dreaming

Festival Images



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2010 Festival Highlights



- » Battle of the Bands, 6.00pm Friday
- » Festival Parade, 11.00am Saturday
- » Billy Cart Derby, 8.30am Sunday
- » Family Bike Ride, 9.00am Sunday
- » Duck Race, 2.30pm Sunday
- » Scout's Waterslide, from noon Saturday and Sunday

2010 Festival map



1. Main Stage
2. Riverbank Stage
3. Children's Activities
4. Bike Ride Start
5. Duck Race (s-start, f-finish)
6. Billy Cart Race
7. Community Church & Art Show
8. Leisure on the Lawn
9. Playground
10. Waterslide
11. Police Station

General Information

Warrandyte Festival online at www.warrandytefestival.org.au

This Festival is run by the Warrandyte Festival Committee Inc. and sponsored by Manningham City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council. The Festival Committee welcomes new members. Talk to a committee member in the Information Caravan during the Festival or visit our website.

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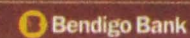
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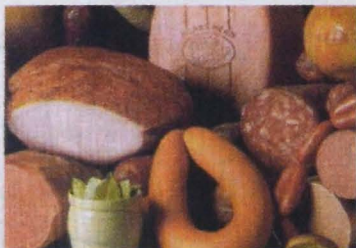
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Garden

A very special garden in North Warrandyte will be open to the public on the weekend of March 13 and 14 with funds going to North Warrandyte CFA. The Anderson garden, at 98 Bradleys Lane, claims to have one of the largest perennial salvia collections in Victoria. It will be open between 10am and 4.30pm on both days. Live music will be played and refreshments and parking will be available. Admission is \$6, with persons under 18 free.

Expo

The annual Warrandyte Sustainability Expo is on again this year, showcasing a wide range of sustainable living products and services. A special feature is a competition to win a fully installed, organic soil-filled steel veggie bed—ready to plant. As always, the Sustainability Expo will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Saturday, April 17 between 10am and 4.30pm. Call Wayne Rankin on 9844 4438 for further information.

Bellbirds

Looking to loosen those vocal cords? The belle birds would like some beau birds to come along and boost their male numbers. This is a good fun choir that practises on Mon-

Nursery sells to the public



The Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery is open for plant sales every Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm and also on the first Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm. The nursery is situated at the Warrandyte State Park depot in Pound Bend Road, Warrandyte. Volunteers work at the nursery every Thursday propagating a wide variety of indigenous plants. Some 60,000 plants were produced in 2009 with many being replanted in the Park or sold for other areas. ● The nursery is closed on all Melbourne Total Fire Ban days.

out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

day nights between 8 and 10pm at the Uniting Church in Warrandyte. All are welcome, of course. Call Lise, Bellbird Singers, on 9844 2553 or 0403 310 857.

Security

Neighbourhood Watch will be supplying number plate security screws at the coming Warrandyte Festival. Number plates are fixed with hard-to-remove screws. The screws, which only turn one way, are easy to fit but hard to remove without special tools. Don't finish up a screw loose—foil those thieves!

Films

A festival of local and international children's short films, animations and documentaries will be coming to Doncaster Playhouse on Tuesday, April 6 as part of Little Big Shots, Australia's major travelling annual children's film festival. Films will be suitable for children from five to 12 years. Screening times are

Tuesday, April 6 from 1.30pm to 2.30pm for kids aged five to eight, and 3pm to 4pm for the eight to 12 year-olds. The Playhouse is at 679 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Call 9840 9381 for bookings. Adults are free and must accompany children.

Seminar

Manningham City Council Environment seminars are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Currawong Bush Park in Reynolds Road. (Mel 34 H6) At the next seminar on Wednesday, April 7, Phillip Ingamells will talk on Climate Change and Victoria's Natural Areas. Starting time is 7.30pm. Seminars are free and no bookings are required.

Music

Internationally renowned musician, Wang Zheng Ting will join the Australian Chinese Music Ensemble for a performance of traditional and contemporary Chinese music at the Doncaster Playhouse on Friday, March 19. The Playhouse is at 679 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. The concert will commence at 8pm. Phone 9840 9381 for full bookings details.

Tell us

The Diary is your newspaper and we're always ready to publish details of your forthcoming events. Give us all the facts and simply drop it through the door in the Diary office, post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113, fax it to 9844 4168, or email warrandytediary@aapt.net.au.

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Stonehouse

The beauty of wood is exposed in many forms at the Stonehouse Gallery's exhibition this month. Articles on display include finely turned works, tableware, toys and boxes by a number of different artists. The exhibition, entitled "Across the Grain", will run from March 2 to March 31 at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Steiner

The Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School at 213 Wonga Road, Warranwood will be holding its annual art exhibition on Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14 from 10am to 4pm each day. Opening night will be Friday, March 12 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Connections

The latest exhibition at Manningham Gallery—Drawing on Nature—features the talent of young Australian-Chinese artists from the New Star Art School. The exhibition opens on Wednesday, March 17 and draws on the work of more than 130 students who are exploring their East-West connections. The show continues until April 10. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Arts

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French conversations in a moving vehicle

I'VE just come back from visiting the doctor. I have a bad case of irregular vowels!

For years I thought that I had a reasonably good ear for discerning the differences between sounds. I can sing in key and hold a tune and it doesn't take me long to work out whether someone comes from America or Scotland. I do have some difficulties with some call centre calls and have been known to hang up after the third or fourth abortive effort to understand what I have to do or why I would be a fool not to swap telcos. In general, however, I have prided myself on being aurally unchallenged, that is, of course, until I started my "Learn French the Easy Way" course of CDs.



"I have prided myself on being aurally unchallenged, that is until I started my Learn French the Easy Way course of CDs..."

I studied French up to Year 12, so I'm not a complete beginner. Admittedly, I attempted my Year 12, when, to enter university to study Arts, you needed either Maths or a language in your final year. As I am Maths challenged, there was no alternative. It appears that the same applied to many others in my year because the class was full of unwilling conscripts, taught by a timid, frazzled first-year-out young lady who was under the misapprehension that our interests were with things Gallic. As most of her time was spent either in tears or in an abortive attempt to divert our attention away from weekend social discussions to the joys of the irregular verb or a fail-safe way to remember which

verbs were conjugated with "avoir" or "être", we didn't devote much time to practising our conversational French.

The natural consequence of this was that when it came time to sit down at Melbourne University for my final French oral exam with a Gauloise-smoking academic from the French department, it came as a bit of a surprise that he expected me to be able to say more than, "Je m'appelle Roger Kibell et j'habite à 102 Smith Rue, Bentleigh." Evidently, he was expecting an exposition on the significance of the existentialists or at least a witty exchange

about the latest French movie nymphettes.

But not to be daunted, for the next few decades I plugged on. I found that on our travels overseas I was able to make myself almost understood and I could read enough to get by. The problem arose when I decided, in more recent times, to take matters more seriously and to try to become fluent. My first step to becoming a French speaking sophisticate was with a French conversation class with the University of the Third Age.

USA classes are very democratic and can be great fun. I don't know about other places but where I went, the classes are conducted by volunteers so the structure of the course is determined by the interests and expertise of the vol running the course. Now, it doesn't take a Rhodes Scholar to work out that this scenario can be exciting or fraught, depending on one's expectations and level of tolerance. I discovered that I was about half way in the knowledge stakes. The problem was, that being a very polite but widely-varied-level-of-competence group, launching straight into day-to-day French conversation was about as relaxed and productive as my Year 12 French oral with Monsieur Gauloise.

It was at this point that I decided to try the CD approach. What could be easier? Hop in my vehicle, bung on the CD, work through the vocab in the privacy of my own car until such time that

I was fluent and then, Voila! I would metamorphose from an inarticulate caterpillar into an exotic, French speaking papillon. That, at any rate, was the theory.

My first thought was that I had a faulty set of CDs because the voice repeating the words seemed to have a speech impediment. The English man indicated the word to be translated in sober, easily understood English and then a woman offered her French version of the word. I vaguely remember my Year 9 French teacher explaining that English speakers are very lazy and fail to use their mouth muscles whereas the French can't understand each other unless they embark on Olympic standard, labial calisthenics.

By the end of the first CD, I was gutted. It appears that not only do I pronounce my vowels incorrectly but I also have trouble identifying when they should be vocalised at the end of words and when they should be garrotted or nasally ingested. Added to my uncertainty about my turgid vowels, is my reticence about singing my sentences. From the CD, it seems that I should be using at least three octaves when greeting or farewelling a shopkeeper. And as if this isn't bad enough, I daren't mention my historic inability to cope with the French subjunctive!

So, my doctor's diagnosis? He insisted I learn, "Parlez vous Anglais?"

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Bird master of camouflage

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By LINDA ROGAN

A SUDDEN rasping hiss escaped from a livid yellow throat and gaping beak. It made me jump as I entered the Tawny Frogmouth enclosure. This was some years ago, when keen to learn about local wildlife, I toured Serendip, the Parks Victoria wildlife sanctuary at Lara. It was my first introduction to the Tawny Frogmouth. This defensive behaviour occurs when these birds are startled. More commonly frogmouths depend on their ability to freeze, blending into untidy gum trees nearly perfectly.

The mottled nature of Frogmouth grey brown feathers is essential to its camouflage. In the young chick the feathers hide its shape and even its beak is scarcely visible. When its eyes are closed, it is impossible to see where they are. Adults have distinctive tufts and bristles between their beaks and eyes. These certainly help to hide the shape of the beak and break up their outline for camouflage. Some people think that these feathers may also help protect the birds' skin and eyes from stings when they feed on venomous insects and centipedes. The feathers also provide the bird with excellent insulation from heat and cold, excellent water proofing and to some extent protection from parasites such as ticks.

I have had many less startling encounters with this cryptic bird over the years. Once, during the hottest part of the summer two panting frogmouths sat in the Mela-



Tawny Frogmouth panting on a hot summer's day. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

leuca trees near our birdbath, immobile and panting for the entire day. Only when the cooler evening air arrived, did they depart. The accompanying photo was taken on this occasion. Their wide opened eyes certainly gave them an owl-like appearance, but they are not owls at all.

Tawny Frogmouths are more closely related to nightjars than to owls. Both owls and frogmouths have fringed first primary wing feathers that allow for silent (to human ears) flight. However frogmouths don't have strong talons like owls and catch their food with their beaks. As a rule they sit still, wait for their food to come close, and then pounce from above while owls actively hunt food on the wing. They feed at night and prey includes small animals such as mice, insects, worms, slugs and snails.

This summer has been a bit kinder to humans and nature, and I have had the pleasure of observing a family of three in nearby Browns Reserve. Although the prime reason for my visit is to search for native bees and to monitor some of the butterfly colonies, I always pause to scan the gum trees. Most times I can spot one or more of the family; sometimes the fluffed-up chick sits near the trunk. Nearly always I find one or both of the adults nearby but it takes careful searching as they are skilled at imitating a broken branch.

In Browns Reserve, as is usual for frogmouths, the nest was just an untidy pile of sticks in the fork of a gumtree. It hardly seemed enough to contain the egg and developing youngster. Frogmouths usually have two eggs, but both young may not survive. Much of Warrandyte pro-

vides excellent habitat for frogmouths, although many people may be unaware of their presence.

What they require is the preservation of mature Eucalyptus trees that provide nesting sites 5 to 15 metres above the ground and roosting sites; the presence of sufficient numbers of small insects, slugs and snails and the absence of dogs and cats that would disturb their ability to feed on the ground. It is also necessary to avoid poisons such as snail bait that could end up in their diet. If you are able to provide these simple requirements, you are likely to be able to enjoy the "oom, oom, oom" of the frogmouths call, drumming through the night air. And if you are lucky you may see them swooping down from tree limbs and controlling your garden pests.

A catastrophe hits the home folk

IT'S mostly pretty quiet around here these days. Only two of us at home, so not much in the way of daily dramas. The postie, the garbo, the cook, the laundry slave and the shopping lady are all on light duties. It's rather remarkable, really. You wouldn't think such a little change in personnel would make such a big difference.

I nearly jump out of my skin when the phone rings. Even the SMS's don't come pouring in the way they used to. I'm going to have to find some other type of exercise to keep the arthritis in my thumbs at bay.

So the other day, when an SMS arrived unexpectedly right on dinner time, it was a bit puzzling. What sort of person texts you on a Saturday night?

My beloved extracted himself from the comfy chair and checked it out. It was from my brother. Strange. He's overseas.

"Hi Ma, it's 0430 here. We are out on the street after an earthquake. We're OK but

need info. Chaotic!"

It's not every day you get an SMS like that.

What to do? First things first. Text my brother back to see what the connection's like. Better still to phone, maybe. I tried, but there was no chance of getting through, the lines were thoroughly jammed. We stuck to texting.

I don't know about you, but I use the Internet a fair bit, usually to find out stuff. Like the time of the next 579 bus to Eltham, or the common name for *Gunnopsis kochii*, or which airline's going to be the best to get me to wherever ... I'm not really up with all this YouTube breaking news stuff and uploading whatsits off mobile phones. But we needed to start somewhere.

I decided to keep it simple, and see where it got me. I googled "Chile earthquake 27 February 2010"—the amount of news immediately available was astonishing. The Wikipedia webpage was especially useful, with links to Reuters, the United States Geological Survey, detailed tsunami modelling and warnings, a page

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

devoted to the registration of after-shocks, moderately up-to-date assessments of the earthquake strength and its damage (and likely damage) and links to on-the-spot videos. And most of it was in English, fortunately.

I had to do some quick sums. I haven't been to South America, so had no idea how far Santiago was inland from the coast, how high above sea level, how close to the Andes. Which warnings were going to be the most applicable? In the end the aftershocks were likely to cause the biggest problem. I think by lunchtime the next day there'd been 86 that were stronger than 5.5 on the Richter scale, some up to 6.9. That was equivalent to a pretty decent earthquake about every 20 minutes for the next couple of days. No wonder the streets were awash with masonry and broken glass, even when the buildings

were still standing.

And no wonder people couldn't sleep. I reckon you'd need to take it in turns, and I think that's what my brother and his wife pretty much did in the end. Hard being stuck outdoors in pitch darkness in a strange city where you don't speak the language, don't know your way around, people are running around like headless chooks and bits of buildings are raining down all around you.

The Internet is amazing when you think about it. I knew when the supermarkets over there were running out of water before the locals did. And today I can tell you it's fresh meat and vegetables they've sold out of, along with staples like cheese and biscuits. At least the power and water are back on now in many districts, so that's something.

The airport looks like a war zone. Ruptured fuel lines, the terminal lying in a heap on the ground, computers dead. I reckon our travellers will be fairly glad to see Tullamarine, whenever that may be.

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Remembering a taste of the past

By VAL POLLEY

A RECIPE can deliver a wonderful slice of history—and not just food history but social history as well. It can be safely assumed that in the past the majority of recipes were handed down through generations; from grandmothers and mothers to daughters and granddaughters. But when collected together they can reveal a great deal about the life and times of the contributors.

The Weekly Times newspaper was amazed when it launched a Pioneer Recipe competition in 1972. Housewives sent in thousands of recipes. Most were for meat dishes, puddings and cakes, with fish recipes and desserts few and far between. Some entries reminisced about cooking “in the old days” when houses still had colonial or camp ovens with iron saucepans and oval boilers. The recipes are mainly homely good-tasting dishes showing nothing was wasted. The soup section, for example, includes long forgotten delights such as Lamb’s Head Broth, and Kangaroo Tail Soup; Bushranger’s Trout and Hash Magandy were there. Mutton and the humble rabbit feature in many meat meals, and interestingly, stuffed goanna.

So our early cooks were certainly exploratory—using whatever was available as well as cooking the dishes well known to them. The recipes presume simplicity of ingredients and method with a level of knowledge. For example temperature is often only denoted as “slow” or “quick”.

The late 1970s saw several Warrandyte organisations producing recipe books. The Warrandyte Arts Association’s cook book titled *The Wheys of Warrandyte* provides a marvellous time capsule as its recipes are all credited to the specific contributor. Its pages are liberally illustrated with Ted Domeyer photographs, charming line drawings by Walter and Alison Magilton, Geoff Coles and Eira Dodd, with cartoons by Jock. Cliff Green wrote the introduction:

“...Actually some of the most perfect pavlovas I have ever known have come from Warrandyte. And the most marvellous mousses, courageous curries, sterling stews and fabulous flans. You see Warrandyte folk seem to cook almost as well as they pot, paint, dance, drink, act,

argue, sculpt, skite, weave, write, right wrongs, mix mud, fight fires, grow gardens, play cricket and patronise public meetings...”

All of which summed up the Warrandyte of that time rather neatly. There is a range of bread recipes. It seemed everyone made their own bread—without the benefit of an electric making machine. Tastes had certainly become more eclectic too with Greek Lemon Soup, Spanakopita, Tabbouleh, French Provincial Burgundy Beef, Ragout au Gratin and Szededin Goulash listed among more familiar dishes.

However desserts and baking were certainly not forgotten. These were the days of the Brandy Alexander Pie, Jamaican Baked Bananas, Swedish Torte or Austrian Hazelnut Cake. Not to mention a whole section on chutneys, jams and jellies. A hangover cure is included in a miscellany section; no doubt to help anyone overindulging in Branded Cumquats, Cherry-plum Wine or Home Brew.

Again recipes assume a level of cooking know-how and are in pounds and ounces and fahrenheit temperatures. This book speaks of more leisurely times when the self sufficiency movement was in full swing following the oil shock of the early 1970s. It was so successful that a second edition was published a few years later called *Other Wheys of Warrandyte* which followed the same interesting format.

A small handmade, stapled Health and Herb Booklet was produced by Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools, which, despite its somewhat rustic appearance, promoted health foods and healthy eating. No meat dishes though, this one was for vegetarians and highlights using wholemeal flours, raw sugars, nuts, fruits and vegetables and herbs.

In 1985 the Warrandyte High School produced a *Herbs and Spices* cookbook when fundraising to equip new buildings. Again it was a combined effort; the recipes drawn from school parents, compiled and tested by Fran Batrouney (teacher) and Barb Wickes (Parents’ Association). Graphics students provided illustrations and Melinda Whitechurch the cover design. Herbs star in every recipe ranging from meat dishes such as Fillet Farche a la Cardinal to vegetarians like Hunza Pie and Lasagne al Pesto.

This book also illustrates the individualism of its creators as scattered throughout the pages are whimsical little sayings, poems, or proverbs such as:

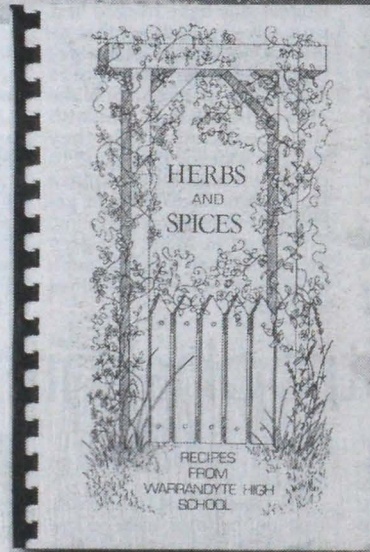
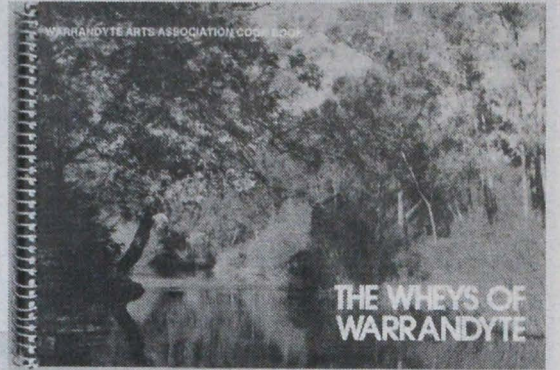
“When a friend stops by,
All troubles fly.”

Created in pre-computer times, all these books reflect the commitment and passion of the groups and individuals who created them. They are light years away from the plethora of high gloss, food stylist styled, colour illustrated recipe books that adorn the bookshop shelves today. If we are what we eat, (to borrow a phrase from the 1940s still around today), then what will future generations surmise when they browse the current collection of cook books.

If the recipe books described above provide evidence of their era then the early pioneer days were tough with available food sources limited. As ingredients became more accessible a wider variety of foods were eaten and gradually cooking methods became easier with the advent of widespread electricity supply for example. The 1970s and 80s saw a growing interest in food, cooking, arts and craft and moves into metric weight and centigrade scale. These local recipe books reflect the use of a wide range of foods and ingredients and emphasise healthy foods, home cooking and herbs as well as illustrating other community skills.

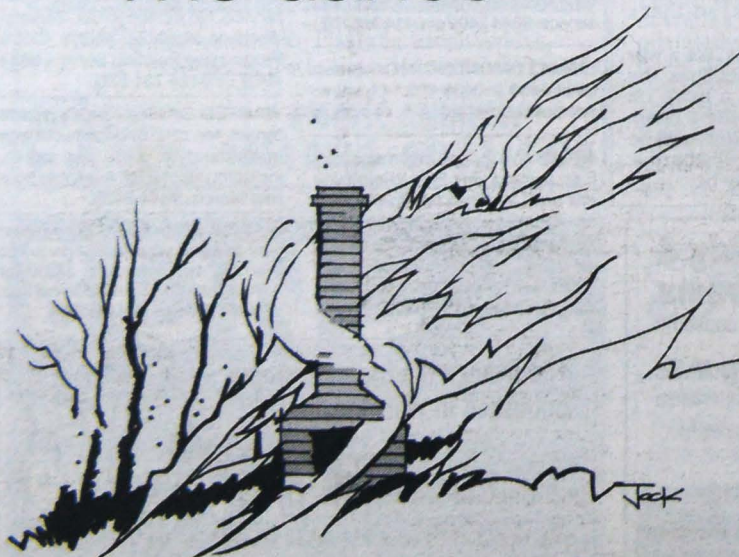
Warrandyte cooks were adventurous and certainly not afraid to experiment or use new and unfamiliar ingredients. However compared to the modern crop of celebrity chefs with their moves to white coat, laboratory type preparation techniques and use of ever more exotic and unusual ingredients, the differences are stark. But perhaps the ultimate irony is despite all the current magnificent cookbooks, celebrity chefs and TV cooking shows, growth in fast food consumption and processed food production continues apace and as a nation we may actually be cooking less and eating less healthily. And it is doubtful any current cookery book will reveal that to future generations.

● Some Warrandyte Arts Association recipe books are still available for \$8 a copy. Phone Marjorie Beecham on 9844 3206



Warrandyte recipe books from past eras.

The dance



She danced.
Twirling and spinning in indestructible beauty
Wild, unstoppable, she reached her arms into
the night
Lighting the darkness
She danced.

She continued whirling through the dry land
The thirsty earth waiting for her embrace
Though no one watched her show
She danced.

She was beautiful, singing as she went
A song that brought tears to people’s eyes
Echoing into the night
She danced.

Leaping, prancing, she danced with the trees
Then leaving them for the next, to stand alone
Empty, deserted, hollow
She danced.

Reaching for the windows, the doors, grasping
at the cracks
She broke in, bursting into the room to perform
Bringing the light
She danced.

She sung to them, she danced for them, though
they were afraid
Afraid of her wild beauty
They did not want to see her
Though she was incomplete
She danced.

Grabbing at the chairs, the table, the sofa
She entwined them in her dance, reaching out
Her breath creeping into the corners
She danced.

Breaking, singing, roaring, she took all
But she was greedy and wanted more
She needed more
She danced.

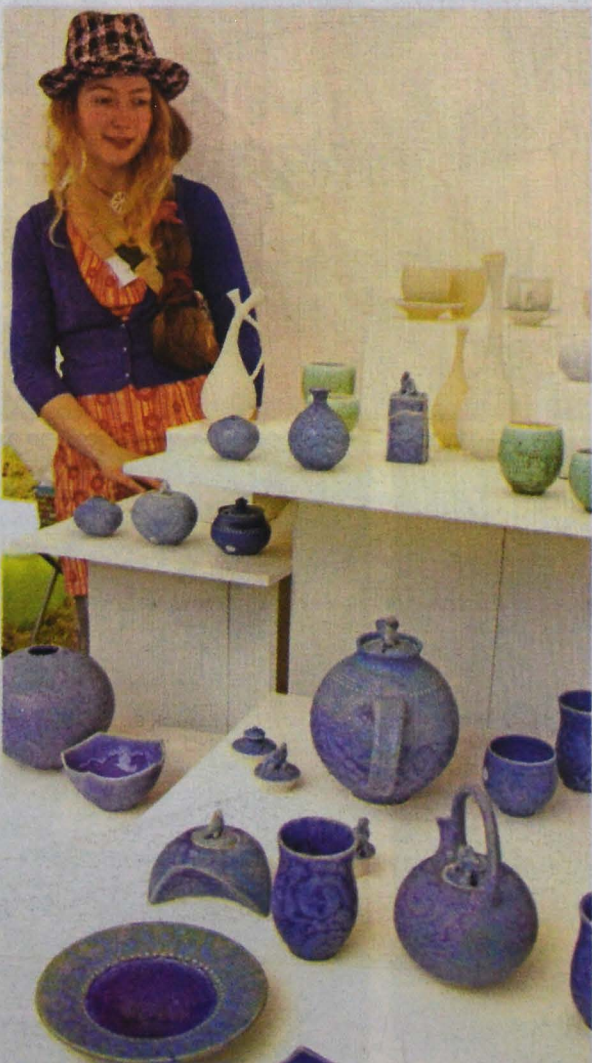
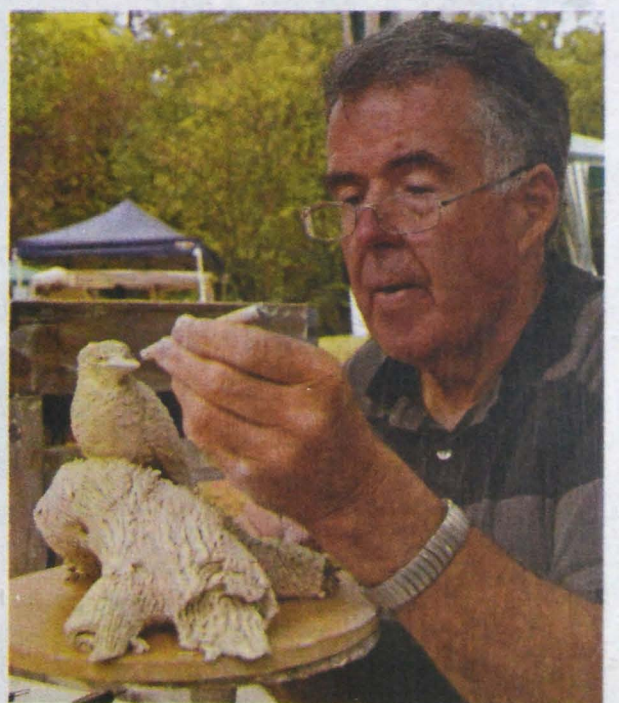
She left the house barren, deserted, there was
nothing left.
Destruction lay behind her, fear lay before her,
she was greedy and took all
The dance must go on
The fire destroyed.

PHILIPPA ARNOLD
(age 16)



Potters' craft on show at expo

The 10th Annual Warrandyte Pottery Expo decorated and enlivened the riverbank at the bottom of Webb Street one weekend last month. Echoing back to the first event, the expo featured the work of a number of visiting French potters. Misty rain fell on the Saturday, but the enthusiasm of potters and pot fanciers was not dampened. STEPHEN REYNOLDS turned up and took these pictures.

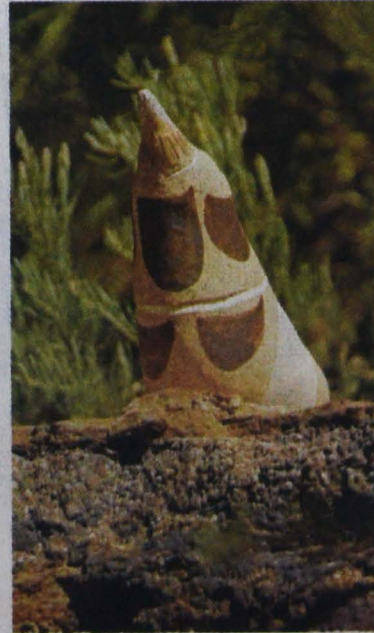
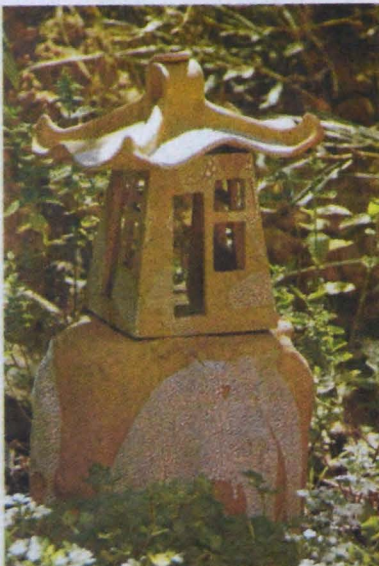
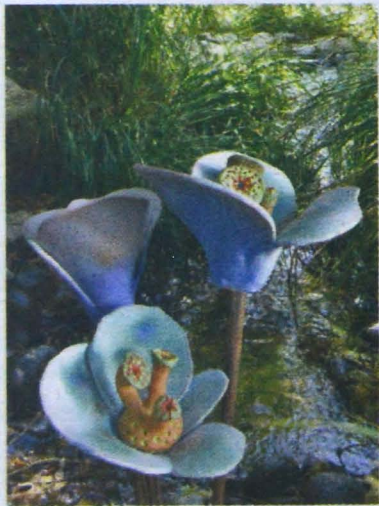




Garden ceramics are her specialty

Robyn Carter is a local artist who worked as a graphic designer in Australia and UK before becoming a potter 10 years ago. "I concentrate on handbuilt sculptural work for the garden and contribute to themed exhibitions at the Stonehouse Gallery, where I am a member of the collective. My current focus is producing tableware for an April exhibition." Robyn's other work is in textiles. She makes felted, wearable art using wool, silk and kimono fabrics.

This is the seventh in an occasional series on local artists by photographer STEPHEN REYNOLDS.



Busy start to little athletics

By ED MUNKS

February was the start of an active month for Warrandyte's young athletes who competed at a number of events.

Local athletes compete at the Doncaster Little Athletics centre.

In the Doncaster Multi Event, which is the little athletics version of the Pentathlon with athletes scoring points in each event.

The points are accumulated to decide the winner for each age group for both boys and girls and Shaely Pynt was a silver medal winner in the under 13 girls event.

The following week saw the State Multi Event being held in hot conditions in Bendigo.

Ben Munks finished outside the top 20 in the competitive boys Under 9's event.

At the Eastern Metropolitan Regional championships, a qualifying event to compete at the state championships, local athletes achieved the following results:

Under 11: Nicole Reynolds - silver in 60m hurdles, 4th in 80m hurdles, 11th in triple Jump.

Under 9: Ben Munks - 17th in 400m, 17th in 800m, 22nd in 100m, 28th in 200m.

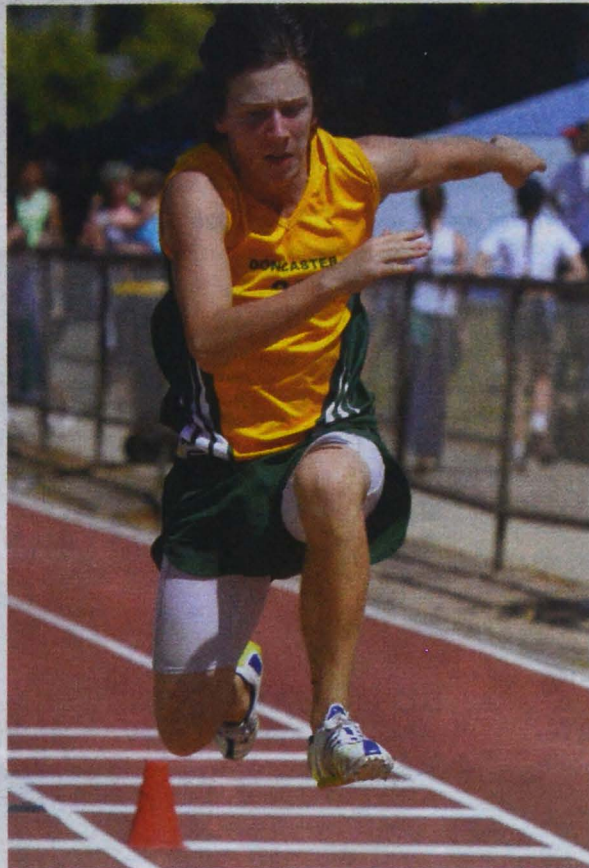
Under 14: Drew Corke - 4th in shot put, 7th in discus, 11th in 1500m; Tom Phillips - silver in 1500m, 9th in 800m.

Under 15: Blair Corke - 6th in triple Jump, 9th in 100m.

Nicole and Tom both qualified through to the state championships at Olympic Park this month.

The last Monday in February saw the running of the annual Doncaster Dash held in conjunction with the Landy Cup.

The Dash is an age-graded handicap run over 100 metres. Local Under 15 ath-



Blair Corke shows his skills in the Under 15 triple jump.

lete Blair Corke competed and running as a back marker finished full of dash to nearly run down the field to finish 8th in a time of 13.26 seconds.

Last Saturday was the first weekend of the Doncaster Centre Championships where more than 600 athletes compete and Warrandyte athletes won a number of medals in the Championships:

Under 9: Adam Bardrick - silver in triple Jump, 200m and 400m

Under 11: Nicole Reynolds -

gold 80m hurdles, silver long jump.

Under 10: Callum Pynt - bronze triple jump, bronze 80m hurdles.

Under 13: Shaely Pynt - bronze high jump, silver 200m.

Under 14: Sean Bowers - bronze high Jump.

Nicholas Ward in the Under 10's competing in the slower heats and racing the clock all day, thus not actually racing the athletes that he needed to beat, still managed to get four fourths and a fifth placing.

For more information on Little Athletics please contact Andrew Pynt on 0410 478 333 or Liz Phillips on 0416 187 140.

• Photos courtesy of Jacqui Ward and Jenny Watson.



Nicole Reynolds shows the form that helped her set a new record in the 80 metres hurdles at the Doncaster Little Athletics centre.

Record run by Nicole

Nicole Reynolds set a Doncaster Little Athletics Centre record at the Open Day in the Under 11 Girls 80m hurdles.

The previous record was 14.48 seconds

which Nicole smashed to set a new mark of 14.32 seconds.

The old record at Doncaster had stood for five years.



Willem Bouw (Under 8), left, and Patrick Ward (Under 6) show the style of champions of the future.



Tennis club's busy competition roster

Warrandyte Tennis Club has a number of competitions open to juniors and adults of all standards coming up in the next month.

The club championships will be held on Saturday March 28 and Sunday March 29 and this year the Junior and Senior events will be played on the same days.

The atmosphere will be similar to a country tournament with plenty of tennis scheduled and a social night on the Saturday night. We welcome members of all ages and standards to enter these events.

The Junior Round Robin Series tournaments will again be held in the school holidays. These are stand alone events with one scheduled on Tuesday April 6 and the other on Thursday April 8.

You do not need to be a member of the club to participate and they are open to juniors of all standards.

The emphasis of these

events is fun and participation with modified serving for the beginner sections. Lunch is supplied and there are prizes for all.

Season 2 of the Friday night junior competition starts on Friday April 16. You do not need to be a member of the club to participate and it is open to juniors of all standards with modified serving for the beginner sections. It is a fun social evening for players and spectators alike.

Warrandyte Tennis Club will also be fielding a Senior Section 1 Pennant team this season. Senior Pennant is a doubles only format and often attracts former professional players due to its relaxed atmosphere. Warrandyte will also have the club's elite juniors competing in grade 9. The pennant teams will play each Saturday afternoon starting April 17.

For more information contact Craig Haslam on 9844 4625.

Double chance keeps Hawks alive

By FRANS BROUWER

Rain has thwarted South Warrandyte Hawks in their RDCA Chandler Shield second semi final match against Mooroolbark.

But by finishing second on the ladder, the Hawks get another chance against Templeton this weekend in the preliminary final.

The Hawks sneaked into the top four in the final round of the year with a win and a string of other favourable results.

On Saturday, the Hawks reached 2/58 before storms set in, and then declared at 6/163 (David Cutler 41 and Josh Barrett 40) on the second day. Mooroolbark collapsed to 6/43 and struggled to 6/76 before heavy rain saved them. Ben Neagle finished with three wickets.

The seconds underwent a revival after Christmas, winning four out of five games

to finish fifth on seven wins.

The Thirds won their last three games to finish in a three-way tie for fifth, and narrowly avoided relegation on points.

The Fourth XI faced Wonga Park at Lilydale Heights in the second semi final, and had captured five wickets before the storm. The next day, Wonga was dismissed for 132 (Paul Garrett 4/51 off 26 overs, Simon Adams 4/35, Matt Sharrock 2/39).

In reply, the ninth wicket fell at 124 before Scott Adams (54 not out) and Tom Hall guided them home and into the Grand Final, most likely at Colman Park.

A win by just two runs put the Fifth XI into second spot and a final against Eastfield.

Seeking to break a run of losses to Eastfield stretching over two seasons, the top order reached 1/86 off

31 overs (Barry Williams 27, Luke Brouwer 34) before the storm hit. The next day, the run chase netted 145 runs off 31 overs (Morgan Williams 78 no, Lachlan McMahon 34) for a total of 5/231.

It took outstanding catches from Jackson Cleary and Morgan Williams to dismiss both Eastfield openers at 64.

At 5/108, a stubborn partnership of 41 in 15 overs was ended by Jahn Holewa diving forward to take another good catch. The runs dried up, but rain drops fell. The bowlers persisted in fading light until the last wicket fell at 6:10pm (Sam Cleary 2/35, Barry Williams 3/30, Sam Williams 2/29, John Cleary 3/10). The heavy rain started just minutes later.

Captain John Cleary was delighted that every player

had contributed to the win in some way, with batsmen scoring valuable runs, wickets shared around, and excellent catches and ground fielding.

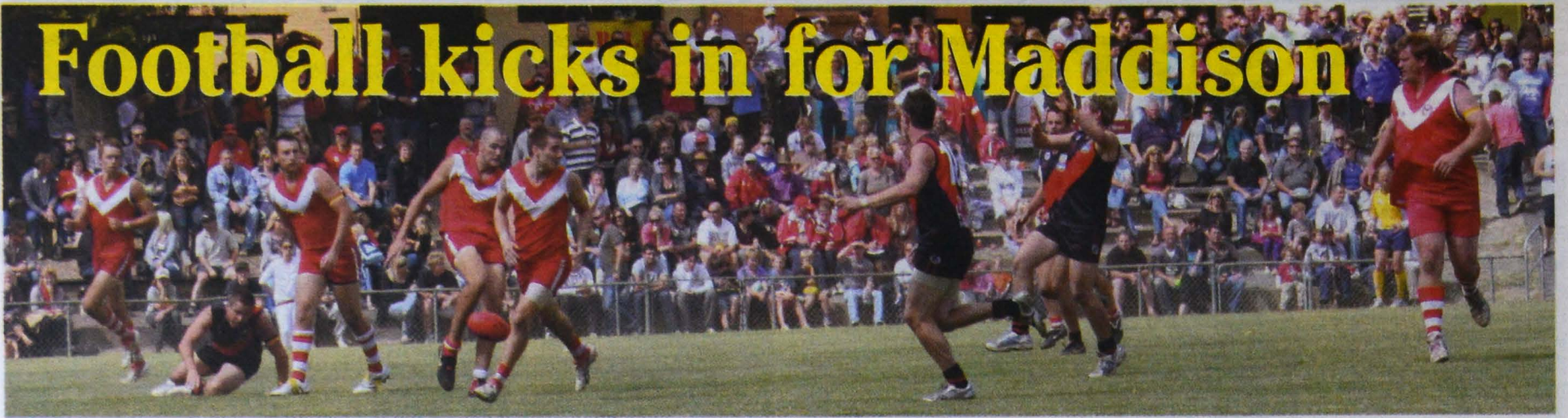
The Sixth XI received a forfeit in the last round, but fell agonisingly short of the finals - by 0.70 point in a three-way tie for third.

Two of the six Hawks' junior teams made the finals. At least 30 juniors have played seniors this season, a few forcing their way up to the Seconds.

The Under 14-4s entered the last round needing a win to ensure finals. They achieved this, and a bonus of squeezing into second spot by 0.03 per cent to set up a double chance against South Croydon.

The Under 16-2s are unbeaten and play Wonga Park at Colman Park this weekend.

Football kicks in for Maddison



It's all action in front of a massive crowd as Warrandyte and Eltham meet in a charity practice match at the Eltham Oval.



Steve Christopher prepares to handball to a team mate.

A century and then it's time for a kick

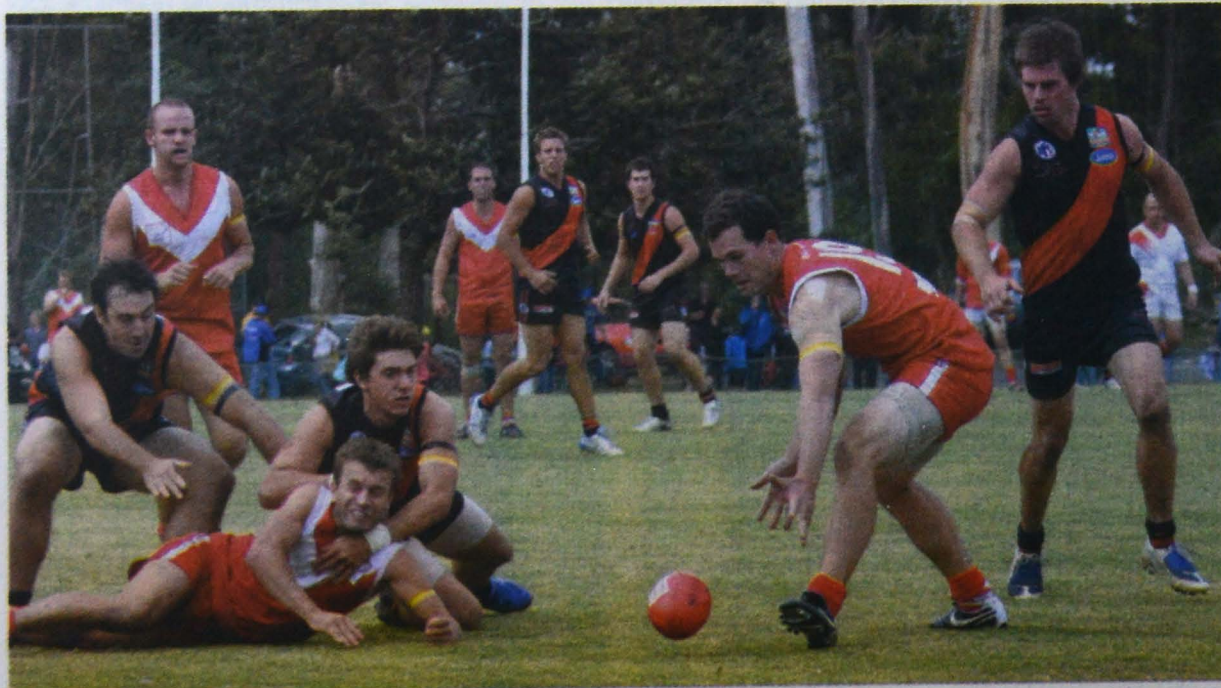
Warrandyte defender, Ben Taylor, right, recently showcased his all round sporting skills.

Firstly he scored an unbeaten 101 for Warrandyte's Second XI and then fronted up the next day to be one of Warrandyte's best in its charity practice match against Eltham.

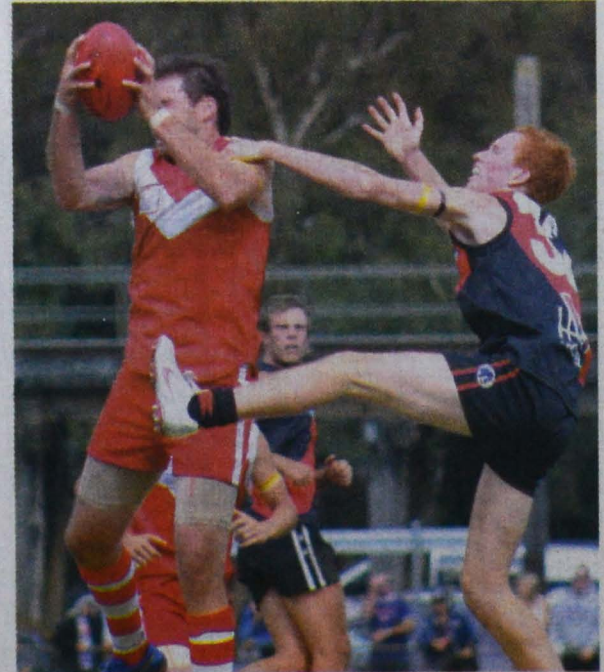
● Pictures by ROBERT WHITE



Damian Monkhorst uses his considerable bulk to win the ruck contest against Eltham.



Warrandyte's Cam Van Florenstein has his eye on the ball while team mate, Matt Wood appears to be strangled by his Eltham opponent.



Warrandyte's Clint Wheatley takes a strong mark in front of his Eltham opponent.

Stars come out to play to help Maddison

A little over a year has passed since the devastation of the Black Saturday bushfires, and on the last Sunday of another long hot Melbourne summer, the communities of Eltham and Warrandyte rallied in support of a young girl whose life was forever changed on February 7 2009.

Thirteen-year-old Maddison Bartlett tragically lost her mum Jacinta, dad Garry and younger sister Erin at St Andrews on Black Saturday, and she suffered severe burns, spending five weeks on life support and then 16 weeks in the burns unit at the Royal Children's Hospital.

She is still enduring the painful process of skin grafts, rehabilitation and physiotherapy which will continue for many years to come.

Last Sunday the Eltham and Warrandyte Football Clubs met at Panther Park in Eltham in a pre-season hit-out with the aim of supporting the Maddison Bartlett Foundation and to raise

much needed funds to assist with ongoing hospital costs and the enormous challenges that Maddison faces in the future.

The Foundation has been driven by the Hurstbridge police who rescued Maddison from the fire.

Several AFL players pulled on Eltham and Warrandyte jumpers in support of the cause, with Damian Monkhorst, Nathan Thompson joining Glenn Archer in Bloods colours for the day, with North Melbourne rivals Shannon Grant and Adam Simpson representing Eltham.

With support from local police, Lions Clubs, Eltham Cricket Club, Nillumbik council, local businesses, musicians, countless volunteers and an estimated 3000 members of the public who attended the match, the event raised more than \$120,000 in cash, goods and services to assist Maddison in coming years.

Warrandyte coach Michael Tout was thrilled with the generosity of the

local community.

"Everybody pitched in and did their part and hopefully we were able to make a real difference for Maddison" said Tout.

"Warrandyte secretary and life member, Jimmy Logan and Warrandyte president, Phil Treeby really got behind the day.

"To top it all off, Glenn (Archer) was able to get a few of his mates down to play which really turned it into a big event.

"The support has been incredible."

Logan agreed, saying: "It was fantastic to see the community pull together and support such a worthy event.

"Maddison's story clearly touched so many.

"The generosity of businesses and those who attended was overwhelming.

"To know that we have made a positive impact on Maddy's future is rewarding and those involved can be very proud."

- CHRIS CHAPMAN



Former AFL stars, from left, Nathan Thompson, Damian Monkhorst and Glenn Archer in Warrandyte colours. They agreed to play in the practice charity match against Eltham to raise funds for the Maddison Bartlett Foundation.

Bloods showcase 2010 potential

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

With an estimated crowd of around 3000, a line-up for the Australian national anthem, and the match ball delivered by the police air wing helicopter, the atmosphere at Warrandyte's match against Eltham Panthers resembled a September Grand Final rather than a February practice match.

Add to this the presence of former AFL stars, television crews from commercial networks and live radio coverage on Plenty Valley FM, and you just couldn't help but be caught up in the air of excitement.

Warrandyte went into the match quietly confident of matching it with their Northern Football League Division One opponents.

The Bloods head into the 2010 season buoyed by the inclusion of several new key players, and building on the success of 2009 which culminated in a Division Three preliminary final appearance for the first time since 2003.

The match at Eltham was the first opportunity to see some of these new Bloods in action.

In a fast, free flowing, and highly entertaining contest, Warrandyte began the match with five time leading goalkicker Mick Morello joined in the forward line by Nathan Thompson and Glenn Archer, with the gigantic Damian Monkhorst in custom made size 56 shorts lining up in the ruck against a noticeably nervous Eltham ruckman.

An impressive early goal to 2009 Under 18 best and fairest winner, Jacob Buhagiar was perhaps a sign of things to come for the young Blood in his first run with the senior side.

With Archer presenting strongly across half forward and the Bloods' midfielders holding their own against a



Warrandyte captain, Tom Naughtin, will again be a key player in Warrandyte's premiership plans this season.

powerful Eltham onball brigade, there was less than a kick in it at quarter time.

With coach Michael Tout busily re-arranging mag-

nets, North Melbourne legend Mick Martyn took over the quarter time address.

"Thommo, all you care about these days is your media career! You're supposed to be a footballer son, act like one!" said Mick.

"Can't understand a word you're saying Mick!" replied Thompson.

Turning to face Archer: "Glenn, you're famous for your first, second and third efforts. You've been alright in the first quarter mate, but all we're seeing is first and second efforts - we need some third efforts from here on in mate!"

"Who's playing on Simmo (former North Melbourne captain)?" asked Mick, as Warrandyte midfielder Ben Reid put up his hand. "According to the stats, he's had six or seven touches in that first quarter. That's not good enough! We want him to have 12 or 13 touches a quarter. Have you seen the way he kicks? Helicopters, straight up in the air!" said Mick to the amusement of the Warrandyte huddle.

The second quarter saw more entertaining football, with first year Blood, Clint Kennedy dominating in the air across half back and brothers Cam and Brad Van Florestein also getting plenty of the ball.

At half time Archer saw the trainers to have a cut above the eye attended to after a clash of heads, while Damian Monkhorst ducked behind the change rooms for a quick smoke.

Early in the third quarter, Monkhorst and Buhagiar combined at a boundary throw in deep in the forward pocket to release Warrandyte young gun Ross Ansaldo, who snapped a crowd pleasing goal from deep in the pocket.

Ansaldo will this year look to build on some impressive senior performances in 2009 and establish himself as a

regular senior player.

Warrandyte supporters were also pleased to see 2003 Best and Fairest winner and 2006 premiership player Todd Holman back in red and white after a couple of years on the sidelines with recurring leg problems.

If he can stay fit, Holman will make a big difference to the Warrandyte midfield in 2010.

The final siren saw Eltham run out victors by two goals, an honourable loss for Warrandyte against an experienced Division One side.

Warrandyte Captain Tom Naughtin said: "As well as being a great event it was a fantastic hit out against some quality opposition. Our young guys will really benefit from experiencing the pace that the game is played at higher levels of local football."

Naughtin also spoke of the excitement of lining up alongside former AFL greats.

"It was a dream come true to play with and against the AFL guys.

"That's a story I'll have pleasure of telling the grandkids about one day!"

Warrandyte players will have many more opportunities to play alongside at least one football great, with Shinboner of the Century and Warrandyte local Glenn Archer committed to the Bloods for 2010.

Archer has been a regular at pre-season training sessions and will run out as a Blood against Whitehorse Pioneers in Round One of the EFL season at Warrandyte Reserve on April 10.

In the meantime, Warrandyte will play practice matches against Tarwin Lower and Glenn Waverley Hawks in the lead up to what promises to be a big year.

Umpiring lessons for junior players

The Warrandyte Junior Football Club will be conducting a program for our older players (Under 14- Colts) so that they can gain a better understanding of the role of the umpire and a chance to learn the skills involved in umpiring.

The program will be held on 7 April from 9am - 3.30pm at the Warrandyte football clubrooms

Former VFL umpire Neville Nash will run the course. As well as giving you a better understanding of the role of the umpire, at the end of the course it is hoped participants will be proficient enough in the skills of umpiring to control some junior games.

Warrandyte JFC requires umpires for Tackers and the YJFL requires umpires for Under 10.

Payment for Tackers is \$25 per game and Under 10 is \$38 per game.

If you are interested contact Michael Vogler on 0439 296 067.

The club has also announced the coaching appointments for 2010.

- Under 9 - Stewart Martin, Chris Jackson
- Under 10 - Carlos Castagna
- Under 11 - David Caruthers
- Under 12 - John Bumpstead
- Under 13 - James Yoffa
- Under 14 - Shane Newman
- Under 15 - Clem Misfud
- Colts 2 - Steve Blakey
- Colts 1 - Josh Blakey

If you are still interested in playing but missed registration day please contact your coach. Contact details are on the website www.warrandytejfc.org.

The club has recently announced Steve Ballard as its president for 2010.

Steve has been a stalwart at the club for many years coaching and assisting in administrative roles.

Auskick set to start

Registration day for Auskick 2010 is set for Sunday 17 April between 9.30 - 10.30 am at the Warrandyte football clubrooms.

Both boys and girls are encouraged to be involved. In a new development the AFL have initiated an online registration and payment procedure and if completed before 31 March the AFL will send two free adult and two free children's tickets to a game involving the club you support.

To complete the registration please go to: www.reg.sportingpulse.com/auskick_live/auskick_rego.cgi

The Auskick season goes for about 16 weeks on Saturday mornings and the sessions are generally between 9 - 10:15 am.

There are also regular half time games for the Auskickers at the home games of the Warrandyte senior club.

Warrandyte Auskickers have enjoyed playing regularly in recent years at the half time of the AFL games. The last game played by Warrandyte was at the 2009 semi final between St Kilda and Collingwood where 24 aspiring footballers played before the big crowd at the MCG.

For information on joining Warrandyte Auskick please contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191.

Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver



Time-out for the Under 14 girls who played a 20-20 draw against Doncats.

Redbacks have eyes on the finals

The final home and away games of Saturday basketball have been completed and Redbacks' teams have their eyes on the finals.

In the final round, Matt Lane's Under 16 boys took on an under strength Eltham side and recorded an easy 74-27 win.

Both sides played to the crowd with a good exhibition of attacking basketball and excellent outside shooting.

Jarrod Buzzini top scored with 18 points, mostly from inside the key, with good help from Jake Martin (15) and Michael Delacy (14).

The boys are probably playing in too low a grade and have gone through undefeated. The premiership is theirs for the taking so long as they concentrate when it matters.

The Under 20 girls, coached by Jenni O'Brien, had a comfortable 59-19 win over Marcellin. Philippa Birch with 18 points and Alice Williamson with 12 points were the main scorers.

"We will be in the finals" said Jenni. "The teams to beat are the traditional ones, Eltham and Bulleen".

However Warrandyte have the talent and experience to go all the way.

Earlier in the day, the Under 14 girls recorded a 20 all draw against Doncats. Warrandyte led for most of the game but needed to come back from behind to snatch the draw with Rachael Watson scoring from a well executed lay up.

Doncats had the chance of the win with two attempts from the free throw line but

both missed and with a rebound to Rachael Watson and a long ball over to a fast running guard, Warrandyte had the final chance but the shot from half way was wide.

For the Redbacks, Rachael Watson top scored with eight points, with Maddison Taylor with five points.

The Under 10 BA boys, coached by Ryan Holloway had a strong win over Bulleen by 54-15.

Doug Hilton's Under 14 A/AR boys started well against Nunawading with Chris Bolands scoring from the free throw line for the first points.

The Redbacks led 10-7 at the break, but with only six players, Nunawading had the legs in the second half to record a 23-14 win.

Big V set for new season

Warrandyte Venom Big V teams have just completed the pre-season set of games as they prepare for the upcoming season.

The Division 1 womens side with some new players are settling down well, with good practice game wins over Darebin, Mornington, Melton and Keilor.

Chelsea Gulls however proved harder as they defeated the Venom by 61-54.

"It was a low percentage game everywhere - nothing was dropping," said coach Justin Nelson.

"It was good to see Janelle Lucas back on the court," said Nelson.

The men's side, under the leadership of Kelvin Bowers started out well with a good win against Darebin but lost to Mornington and Chelsea.

"This was another good opportunity for the players to get to know each other in a match situation" said Kelvin after the Chelsea game.

"Some things are going well and just need better execution. There are things that we need to work on ... free throws for example.

"However, you cannot fault their endeavour and



Amber Saunders and Casey Taylor. Casey top scored for the Venom with 11 points in their 61-54 loss to the Chelsea Gulls in a practice game.

never-quit approach".

The Chelsea game was a 103-86 loss and the Venom ended up with only three players on court with the remainder fouled out of the game.

The view from the referees after the game is that they have been clearly instructed to be harder on

calling fouls to protect not only the shooters but also the ball carriers.

The idea is to make the game more open and attractive, which will be a positive. The practice games at Warrandyte have been well attended and a season of high standard basketball is in store for the fans.

Venom completes hat-trick in championship teams

In another example of the growing basketball talent base in the region, three Warrandyte Venom teams have made the Victorian Championship level for season 2010, placing each of them inside Victoria's top 20 teams.

The 12.1 boys (coached by Andrew Robertson), 14.1 girls (coached by Jason

Weidemann) and 18.1 girls (coached by Justin Nelson) have made it through to VC.

In five short years the Venom program has grown to 22 teams and is now strongly represented across VC and Metro One, while the development and progression of Venom teams across other Metro divisions and Eastern Regional continues to improve greatly.

The Under 12 boys had a practice game against Knox at Warrandyte Sports Centre. It might have been a practice game but both sides were looking to establish ascendancy against their fellow VC competitor.

Knox went into the final quarter with a four point lead and held the same lead with just over two

minutes to go.

The Venom did the better in the critical seconds, with two field goals from Matthew George and a final one to take the lead from Liam Taylor for a 34-32 win.

"They beat us in the Eltham tournament" said coach Andrew Robertson. "Remember we will play them twice more in the home and away season, so let's aim to finish 3-1 at the end of the season".

Andrew concentrated on what worked well and where the team need to develop. The coach and players are looking forward to a good season with the immediate objective of winning more Under 12 VC games for Warrandyte than any previous Venom team.

Referee training

Basketball Victoria and the VBRA are offering the opportunity for mums to become accredited referees and become involved in the McDonalds Hoop Time Competition.

Basketball Victoria will be providing training and accreditation and ongoing support, so if you are available during school hours this could be for you!

If you are interested please visit www.hovertimebasketball.com.au or contact the Hoop Time Staff on (03) 9927 6666 for a registration form.

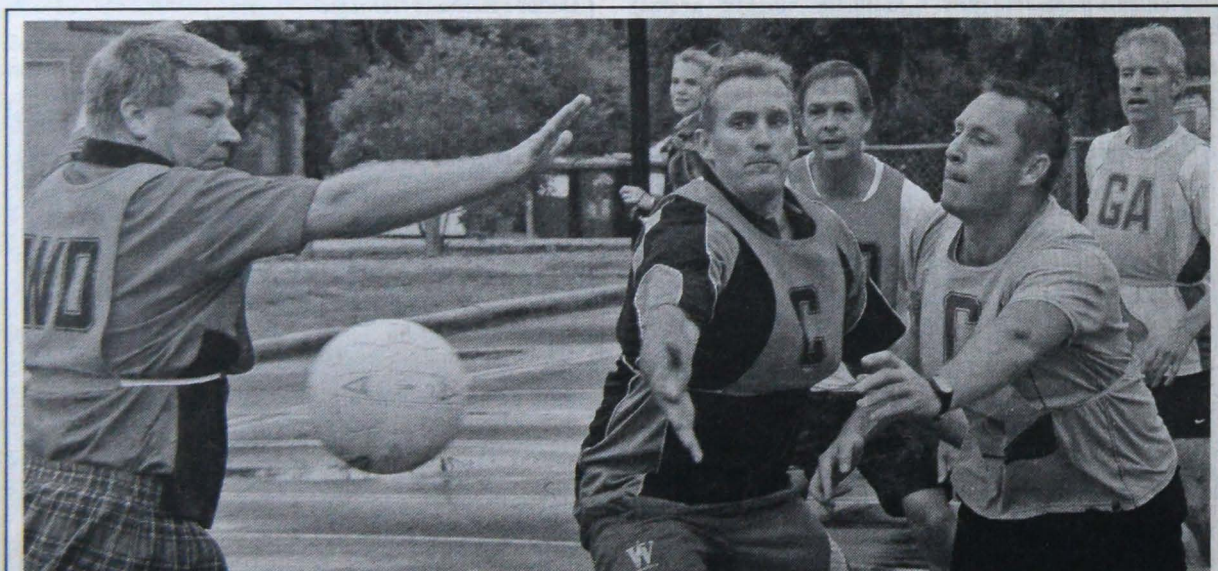
Redbacks Registration for the 2010 Winter Saturday Basketball season is still open. Contact Jason Weidemann on 0433 029 061

MMBL competition

In a high quality game, top of the ladder Doncaster defeated third placed Warrandyte by 52-48 in a recent MMBL mens game played at Doncaster.

Warrandyte will retain third place for the upcoming finals and are expecting to be more than competitive.

Warrandyte's women's team went down to Doncaster by 45 to 40. They are out of finals contention and will have the last game of the season off as they have a bye.



Action aplenty as the netball Dads take to the court at Open Day. Picture: STEPHEN REYNOLDS.

Fun Day as Dads show skills on netball court

Warrandyte Netball Club held a fun fair day late last month ... with a twist.

Three games, a grand final and there were a lot of netball Dads who were exhausted. But they did look beautiful in their Warrandyte netball skirts.

They ran around the courts in Warrandyte with a high

level of humour but were very competitive.

A few injuries were quickly fixed up and skirts reattached before the red team took the trophy.

Warrandyte MP and big netball fan Ryan Smith, played in all of the games and is now thinking of going professional!

- DINAH WARD

So near , yet so far from that elusive century



The look on the face of Matthew Sazenis says it all.

The talented Warrandyte all-rounder was only seven runs short of his maiden First XI century in the final home and away round at North Ringwood, when he was dismissed.

The pain of the disappointment is clear but his innings was a match-winner for the 'Dytes who were able to secure third position on the RDCA Second Division ladder.

Sazenis's innings was played in drizzly rain and in difficult light which made his effort even more special.

'Dytes reign in rain

By RYAN HOIBERG

Rain and bad light proved to be the saviours for Warrandyte in last weekend's knock semi final of the Ringwood District Cricket Association's Wilkins Cup competition.

The "Dytes collapsed to be 9-104 chasing Ainslie Park's 140 when the umpires offered the last two batsmen, Campbell Holland and Alex McIntosh the chance to leave the ground because of the poor light conditions.

They accepted and soon after rain fell, causing the umpires to abandon the game.

With Warrandyte finishing third on the ladder, they go through to the preliminary final against Lilydale this weekend.

Warrandyte captain Adam White put Ainslie Park in to bat with the threat of stormy weather on the first day and Ainslie Park were 5/104 when the players were first pulled from the ground when the rain hit. With Ainslie Park desperate to get back out onto the ground, the pitch was cleared and the umpires called players back.

Ainslie Park's determination to continue with play turned out to be foolish, with Campbell Holland terrorising the batsmen picking up two late wickets.

Alex McIntosh also produced a hostile performance and when Ainslie Park was finally dismissed for 140 on the second day, Holland's figures of 4/44 from 17 overs was a stand out effort.

With clouds looming Warrandyte either had to wait for the rain or chase down the total. A steady collapse of wickets, with only White scoring any runs (32) had Warrandyte praying for rain when they found themselves nine wickets down.

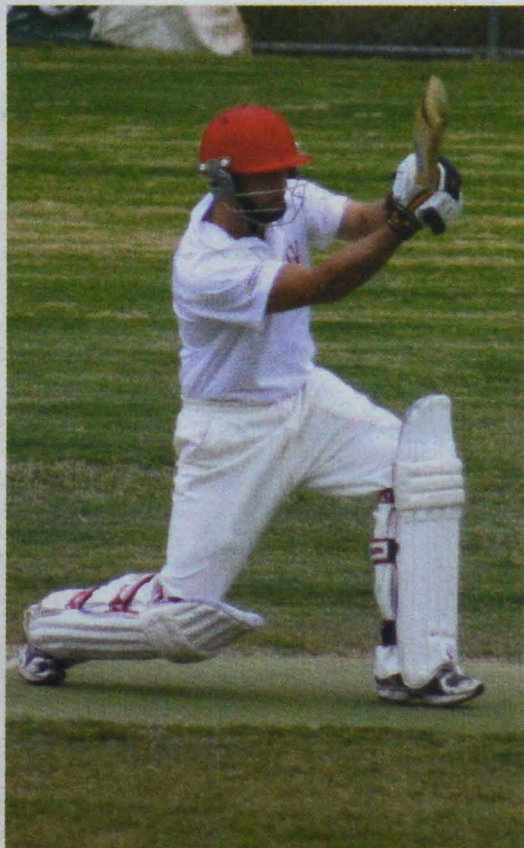
Holland proved his worth with the bat as well as the ball, facing 20 overs for only five when the umpires called a halt to the game. He was well supported by McIntosh in the last wicket stand.

All of Warrandyte's five teams finished in the finals with only the Fifth XI dropping out after the first week of finals.

Warrandyte's Second XI were grateful for their double chance after finishing second, as they collapsed in the face of the Olinda bowlers, with only Blake Morgan standing up with the bat.

The previous week Morgan fell agonizingly close to his century, but was outdone by Ben Taylor who scored a memorable unbeaten 101.

The Third XI charged into the Grand Final, knocking off the higher placed Montrose in an outstand-



Blake Morgan, left, and Steve Goddard are key players in Warrandyte Cricket Club's bid to win the RDCA Newey Shield (Third Division) this season.

ing game.

In one of the more amazing games of the year, Warrandyte were forced to bowl 89 overs on the last day, defending 233, with John Prangley claiming four wickets including the final one.

All the Third XI batsmen are in fine form highlighted by consistent performances by Daniel Barry, Brendan Zach and Cameron Day. Warrandyte's Fourth Eleven escaped with a win in their knock-out final against Montrose after posting only 103 to defend. Craig Lincoln's 5/27 was a man of the match performance for the team, grabbing victory by only 18 runs and booking their place in next weekend's preliminary final.

Warrandyte's Fifth XI suffered a defeat at the hands of South Croydon. In an uncharacteristic batting performance only 115 was set, and this proved to be not enough. Grant Hartman's 6/60 and his 50 in the second dig was not enough to save the team.

Warrandyte's First XI charge to the finals was made more difficult

by the fact that the top five teams were only separated by percentage going into the final round.

In the second last home and away round, Warrandyte were desperate for points, and faced the lowly Heathmont Baptists and sought a valuable outright victory.

Warrandyte bowled first and dismissed Heathmont for 125 runs. Warrandyte star bowler Matthew Sazenis bowled a third of the overs for only 45 runs and was rewarded with three wickets.

Young all rounder Jack Ellis grabbed his chance to bowl, finishing with 2/4 runs from his six overs.

Needing quick runs Warrandyte didn't start in the best fashion, losing Sazenis with only 11 runs on the board. Ellis and Adam White started collecting runs in a quick manner before Ellis was removed for 32 while White's 62 pushed Warrandyte passed the total, declaring the innings at 4/140.

Warrandyte ran through the opposition in their second innings, bowling them for a miserable 66.

Warrandyte had to bat again to get 52 runs, which they did with ease.

Warrandyte faced North Ringwood in the last round of the year, aware their finals hopes were on the line. Warrandyte bowled first and took constant wickets throughout the innings to ensure any attempts at big total were hampered.

North Ringwood finished all out for 200, Matthew Sazenis 3/35 and Lee Evans with 3/38 were the best of the bowlers.

Warrandyte needed to chase down this total to ensure a spot in the finals and Matthew Sazenis stood up when he was needed. A fine 93, in conjunction with Justin Cleaves' unbeaten 54 steered Warrandyte to safety, with the 'Dytes passing the total with four wickets to spare.

Scores

First Eleven:

Round 10 - Warrandyte 4/140 (White 62, Ellis 32) and 2/52 (Sazenis 23 not out) d. Heathmont Baptist 125 (Sazenis 3/45, Ellis 2/4) and 66 (White 2/1, Holland 2/7)

Round 11 - Warrandyte 7/221 (Sazenis 93, Cleaves 54 not out, White 41) d. North Ringwood 200 (Sazenis 3/35, Evans 3/38)

Elimination Final - Warrandyte 9/104 (White 32) drew with Ainslie Park 140 (Holland 4/44, McIntosh 2/16)

Second Eleven:

Round 10 - Warrandyte 198 (Haworth 48, Pascoe 38) lost to Eastfield 361 (Hookey 2/22, Beardall 2/61)

Round 11 - Warrandyte 3/252 (Taylor 101 not out, Morgan 95) d. Wantirna South 178 (Warr 3/37, Pascoe 2/250)

Qualifying Final - Warrandyte 110 (Morgan 46) lost to Olinda 157 (Beardall 4/33, Pascoe 2/24)

Third Eleven:

Round 13 - Warrandyte 299 (Day 78, Hoiberg 49, Zach 47) d. Waranwood 199 (Warren 3/41, Greve 2/20) and 7/50 (Mckellar 4/29, Prangley 3/20)

Round 14 - Warrandyte 3/156 (Day 64, Zach 56) d. East Ringwood 154 (Greve 3/17, Barry 2/26)

Qualifying Final - Warrandyte 9/233 (Barry 75, Day 56, Zach 51) d. Montrose 10/227 (Prangley 4/54, McKellar 2/24)

Fourth Eleven:

Round 13 - Warrandyte 163 (Bowen 27) lost to East Ringwood 9/200 (Rees 3/29, Lincoln 3/32)

Round 14 - Warrandyte 4/183 d. Knox City 179

Elimination Final - Warrandyte 103 (Kline 23) d. Montrose 85 (Lincoln 5/27, Rees 3/20)

Fifth Eleven:

Round 13 - Warrandyte 280 (Khattri 86, Hartman 54, Baker 53) d. Ainslie Park 118 (Dougherty 4/33, Warren 2/4) and 2/90 (Hartman 2/14)

Round 14 - Warrandyte - Bye
Elimination Final - Warrandyte 115 (Hartman 26) and 5/165 (Hartman 50, Large 34) lost to South Croydon 165 (Hartman 6-60) and 1/23 (Dougherty 1/11)

Like father, like son

Warrandyte Cricket Club has an honour board that lists all the players who have made a century on the Warrandyte ground.

One of those players is club Life Member, Geoff Taylor, who scored 101 not out when playing with the Second XI.

In the final home and away round of the year, his son, Ben played in Warrandyte's seconds and made an identical score of 101 not out.

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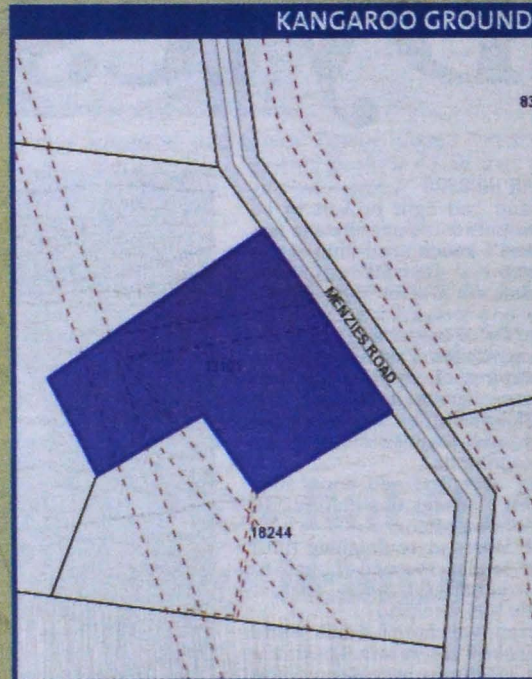
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For those seeking a desirable pocket of creek bushland in Warrandyte and the opportunity to be part of a lively and exclusive development in a vibrant community, look no further. This community owned project presents five brand new independent living villas for retirees aged over 65 years. The five villas available all feature two bedrooms and built in wardrobes, with master bedroom including ensuite, separate powder room, spacious family room, meals area and all kitchens are fully fitted and tiled with Caesar stone bench tops and European appliances. An option between single garage with direct entry or single carport with storage space is offered. Continuing outside you will find a quaint entertaining area under the porch and a low maintenance garden. The village is within walking distance to public transport, the recreation reserve and senior citizens club.



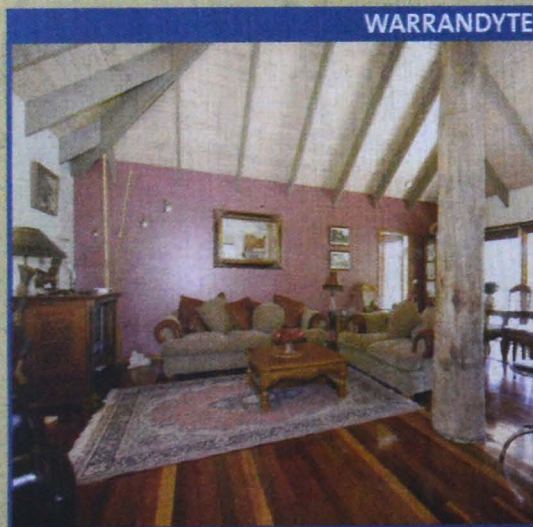
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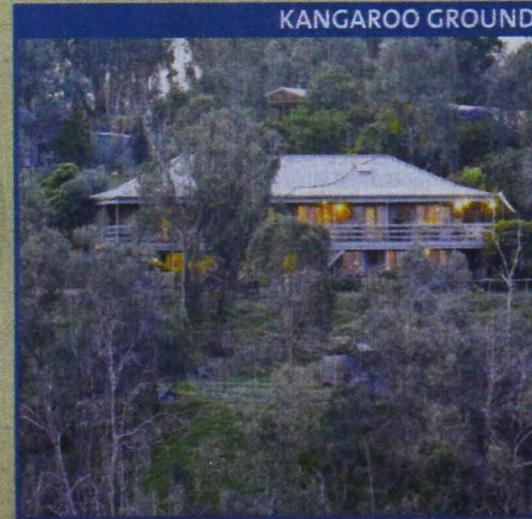
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Step inside this warm, romantic home and be amazed at the magical architectural design and fantastic location. Situated just a few minutes walk from the Warrandyte township, Yarra River and local primary school, this home is the perfect start for those seeking a piece of Warrandyte lifestyle. Features main bedroom with ensuite and walk-in robe, open plan living, three private outdoor living spaces and state of the art Swimgym exercise pool. Downstairs provides 2 BRs and main bathroom, laundry and spacious rumpus/living area. A low maintenance, eco-friendly home.



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