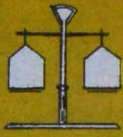


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# Bus bays will go

## Yarra Street gridlock

By TRISTAN MADDOCKS

Traffic congestion on Warrandyte's busy main street could lead to increased gridlock when bus bay indentations are removed from four bus stops as part of the expansion of the SmartBus network.

The changes will see buses remain in the traffic stream when they collect and drop off passengers on Yarra Street, forcing cars to queue behind them on the two-lane street.

The *Diary* understands that the bus stops outside the Warrandyte Com-

munity Centre and directly across the road on the river side will be paved over in coming weeks.

As we go to press, works are underway at the bus stops at the traffic lights between Goldfields Plaza and the skatepark, suggesting these could be the sites of the remaining two bay removals.

However, the bus stops in front of the public toilets and adjacent to Whipstick Gully may be candidates for bay removals.

While the Department of Transport said the changes would help relieve traffic congestion, community spokesmen believe it will have the opposite effect.

"The only stops in Warrandyte that are having the indents removed are the four stops in Yarra Street," a Department of Transport spokeswoman said.

"These are within the shopping precinct and the area is a low speed environment. Indented bus bays are removed to allow buses to stop and leave without having to merge with traffic. This means buses are not delayed when trying to merge into traffic. As a bus can carry more than 50 people, it helps relieve congestion on the roads."

But Manningham councillor David Ellis said the changes "could make things very hard for Yarra Street" and would be of particular concern during peak hours.

"I am told that the time delay in getting passengers on or off the bus is approximately equivalent to the delay caused by a bus exiting an indented bus bay," he said.

"That may be so, but it would not seem to make adequate provision for a situation where large numbers of

passengers, for example school students, are boarding or alighting."

He said he would like to see the "no indent" system trialled at one bus stop before major changes are brought to Yarra Street.

"If we are seriously trying to encourage people to take up public transport, and in Warrandyte that means buses, bus patronage—and therefore delays—will only increase (under the new system). The problem with Yarra Street is it's a narrow 19th century road expected to serve for tourists and as a throughway... this could make it very, very congested."

Warrandyte Community Association president Dick Davies agreed that the new system would add to congestion.

"Our position is that we are working to reduce gridlock in Warrandyte,

not increase it," he said.

"I can't see the rationale for the change; it's going to cause more congestion. The whole thing is a nonsense."

In the meantime, the opposite process is taking place on Warrandyte Road at Warrandyte High School. Work is progressing on off-road bus stops, designed to completely remove stationary school buses from the traffic stream, allowing students to board and alight in safety.

All bus stops in Warrandyte are being updated to meet the SmartBus standard. Improvements will include a 10-metre "hardstand" area, access paths, tactile pavers, improved passenger information and line marking.

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On stream: Is this the beginning of the new "public transport-friendly" bus stops at the West End? Meanwhile (inset) work on an offroad bus stop proceeds apace at Warrandyte High School.

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— Anon

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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



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# 'Loo lockout causes chaos

**W**HEN Gran can't get to the toilet, you know there's a problem.

"It's this bloody arthritis! These round knobs are just too hard to turn!"

"I'll get Character Building to come round and change it over to one of those lever ones," said Narelle.

"A simple job like that? Just leave it to me," said Neville. "I'll soon fix the old knob!"

"Watch it!" said Gran. But by the time his mum came to breakfast next morning, Neville was back from Bunnings with a bright and shiny "Princess" leverset complete with privacy latch and was already removing the old one.

"How long's this going to take?" called Gran as Neville arranged handles, strikers, spindles, rosettes covers and an Arnott's Assortment of screws, grub screws and allen keys in small piles around the toilet floor. "I don't want to upset my routine! Don't mess with the urge!"

"No worries," said Neville. "It'll be good as ninepence in two shakes of a lamb's... Oh!"

Neville gathered up all the bits and headed back to the car with a parting explanation. "The flange is too small for the old hole."

"Watch it," said Gran. But as long as you keep the receipt, you can always change things at Bunnings. That's why most of their stock is swathed in sticky tape and missing bits.

"Anyway, after another dash through door furniture, Neville returned with a brassy "Duchess" model



with 63mm rosettes and was soon re-seated on the toilet floor.

"The prune juices are flowing," warned Gran.

"Mmmmm," said Neville. "I should have measured that backset thingy before."

One more trip to Eltham and a slightly shop-soiled "Fergie" finally did the trick. Sure the larger striker plate required a bit of extra work but he could go back to Bunnings later for some wood

filler to cover the hole where the chisel slipped. The latch slipped over sweetly, the O ring slipped over the spindle, the handles screwed snugly together and the flanges clicked into place, eventually.

"Why doesn't it shut properly?" Neville muttered to himself.

"You've got the tongue facing the wrong way," mumbled Jasper stepping over the tools.

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"You're messing with the urge!" said Gran.

Eventually Neville got the flanges off again, making a mental note to get a bigger tube of wood filler to deal with the gouges where the screwdriver had slipped, undid everything and reassembled it all with the tongue facing in the right direction. "Shouldn't the handles turn down instead of up?" yawned Cinnamon, emerging from her room like the Wreck of the Hesperus.

"How can I get the job done with all you lot around?" complained Neville.

"Exactly," fidgeted Gran. "I'm going next door!"

"For pity's sake will you all go," begged Neville as a spring disappeared where he'd just put the hammer through the floor.

And so, in this new found peace, Neville painstakingly recommenced threading the spindle, jamming the latch, emptying the barrel, screwing the levers and grubbing the O rings till it all fitted into place with hardly any bits left over.

"Perfect. Works like a charm," said Neville, watching the door swing neatly shut.

He turned the handle to open it again. Nothing happened. Nothing at all. And no amount of pushing, pulling or jiggling made any difference.

"Hello?" said Neville. "Anybody out there? Hellooo?"

ALAN CORNELL

# Claim: Tower site 'significant'

By KARLY HICKMAN

The proposed Vodaphone mobile phone tower at Warrandyte Reserve has come under further scrutiny as the objectors' group claims the site may be of indigenous cultural significance.

In a statement released to the *Diary*, the group stated that "the area where the current football oval is now situated was used by the Wurundjeri tribe, before European habitation, for the purposes of playing "marn grook" (an indigenous form of football) as well as for corroborees".

News of the site's possible indigenous significance raises questions around whether adequate consideration was given to the Aboriginal Heritage Act of 2006 when Manningham councillors voted to approve the tower proposal.

"We believe that council has not fully considered many implications of this installation," Warrandyte Resident Action Group member Michelle Pini told the *Diary*.

The Aboriginal Heritage Act of 2006 provides for the protection and management of Victoria's Aboriginal heritage with streamlined processes linked to the Victorian planning system.

Cultural heritage management plans are mandatory for councils to undertake for all high-impact activities

proposed for areas of cultural heritage sensitivity.

While Warrandyte Reserve could be deemed to be a cultural heritage site pursuant to this legislation, Manningham council did not consider a cultural heritage management plan was warranted, given the nature of the permit under application.

"It seems Manningham council has taken the view that they don't have to conduct a cultural heritage management plan because the area has already been developed," Darren Griffin, cultural heritage manager for the Wurundjeri Tribal Land Council said.

"Cultural heritage management plans tend to be for new development; while the phone tower could be considered high impact and in a sensitive area, the ground has been previously disturbed by prior development," Mr Griffin said.

"The issue will be taken to the Wurundjeri Tribal Land Council for discussion. They may decide to pass it on to (the state government's) Aboriginal Affairs," Mr Griffin said.

Wurundjeri spokesman Murrundindi has written to Lydia Wilson, CEO of Manningham council, and Richard Wynne, Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal Affairs informing them of the situation.

# Tower danger to helicopters

The possibility of a serious aircraft accident over Warrandyte oval has given new focus to objections raised against the controversial mobile phone tower planned for the site.

An assessment by an official of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority has stated that the tower could "present a significant threat to landing helicopters".

The tower was approved by Manningham council in April. It is understood that community objectors are planning an appeal to VCAT.

The Warrandyte oval is designated as a marshalling place for emergency services and a helicopter landing site. During a major fire-response exercise in November last year, up to four helicopters used the site for takeoff and landing.

The matter was brought to the attention of CASA by Mr Alf Adins of Drysdale Road, Warrandyte. Mr Adins, an experienced pilot, said that helicopters typically take off at an angle so that, especially in situations of smoke haze, the tower could be a risk.

The assessment from Mr Chris Jameson of CASA states:

"This oval is routinely used by police and ambulance helicopters. A night approach...is hazardous, in that it requires visual descent below the surrounding terrain. The erection of a 34-metre tower in the circling area could present a significant hazard to landing helicopters.

"The terrain in Warrandyte dictates that there are few suitable landing areas apart



Helicopters frequently use Warrandyte oval for landing and takeoff during fire exercises, accidents and medical emergencies. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

from the two main ovals. A compromise of this landing area could require that ambulance patients be road transported, rather than flown to hospital."

Mr Adins also pointed out that bare branches and narrow structures can be very difficult to detect when seen from above. At an overall

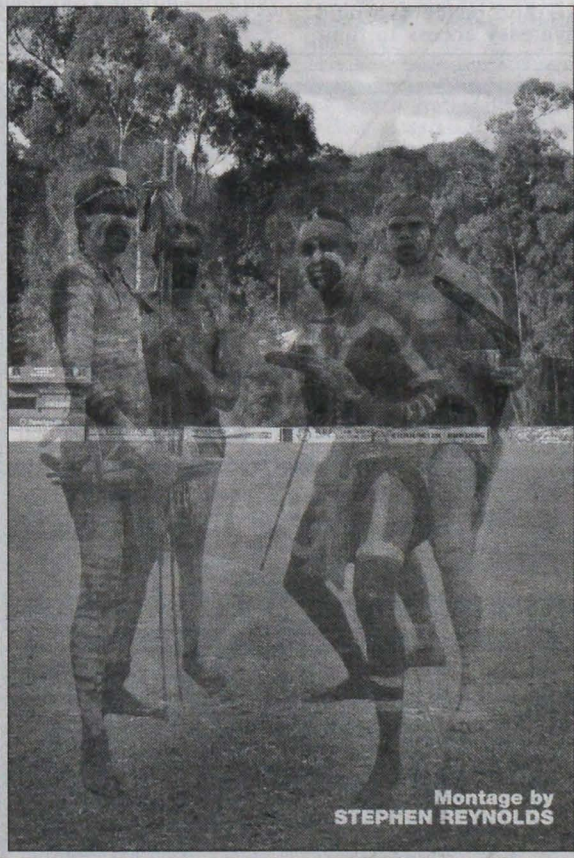
height of 34 metres, the proposed tower would rise well above the present tree canopy and existing light tower.

Warrandyte resident Manningham councillor, David Ellis, who voted against the permit for the tower, has told the *Diary* that he is bringing CASA's advice to the notice of his fellow councillors and

council officers.

"It is essential that council take account of this new information," he said.

"I expect too that local residents will want to make it part of their appeal to VCAT. Not only is the site a designated bushfire marshalling place, but both our Places of Last Resort are at this site."



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## THE STORY SO FAR...

The *Diary* first flagged the possibility of a Vodaphone mobile phone tower, incorporating an electronic scoreboard, in August 2009 when we reported on the release of the Warrandyte Reserve management plan.

The local community seemed not to realise this was happening until February 2010 when Cr David Ellis drew attention to the proposal. Local resident Maedy Colenso took up cudgels, raising concerns about possible radiofrequency emissions.

A number of locals joined her as letters protesting against the tower appeared in issues of the *Diary* across the following months.

In March, Manningham council called a "public information meeting"—outside Warrandyte, at council HQ in Doncaster. Our reporter went along, describing the meet-

ing as "heated". Vodaphone put their case, saying they were "finding the best available option, taking into account the technical requirements of the area". The scoreboard proposal was described as a "dangling carrot, buying community support".

The tower proposal, which generated 228 objections and more than 1200 protest signatures, went to Manningham council for planning permission in late April. Cr David Ellis described the overall response from the Warrandyte community as "overwhelmingly opposed to the tower. Any elected representative has to take that sort of community expression very seriously." But the tower was approved.

Disgruntled community members have not given up. The two latest developments are reported on this page.

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# Site work begins at North fire station

Reports and pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

North Warrandyte brigade's new fire station passed an important milestone at a ceremony on the site last month.

Danielle Green, state MP for Yan Yean, turned the first sod, or in local terminology the first rock, with help from Nillumbik mayor Ken King and North's captain, Rohan Thornton.

This new fire station, which is on Research-Warrandyte Road beside the North Warrandyte community centre and Yarra Warra pre-school, has taken a long time from first concept to digging the foundations.

"In 2003 it was Nillumbik council that actually came to see me with the idea," Danielle Green told the assembled CFA and municipal officials, brigade volunteers, Yarra Warra committee members and local residents.

"I think it has been well known for a long time that the existing station is in the wrong place and...it is well past its use-by date.

"This new fire station will leave the brigade better placed than ever to prepare for and respond to emergencies," she said.

Danielle Green is parliamentary secretary for police and emergency services in the state government.

North brigade's new \$693,000 home will include a modern operations area with a workshop, turnout area and room for the brigade's two tankers and lighting unit.

Rohan Thornton, North brigade's captain, told the audience that the idea for a co-location started in 2002

when the brigade turned-out to fight the arson-laid fire that destroyed the old community centre.

"We were there putting out the fire at the original community centre and Mick Keating wandered up to Bob Stubblings, who was a councillor at the time representing this area, and he said I reckon this would be the place to put the fire station...The project's been through some ups and downs since then.

"We are very excited now that here it is finally happening," he said.

"It is a great new facility for the volunteers and members of the brigade.

"But more importantly it is in a better location so that we can get the trucks out of the door a lot faster and do basically what we need to do and that's (to) serve the community."

The CFA finances a new fire station to a basic functionality and the brigade needs to fund changes above and beyond this base.

For instance, the standard design has roller doors, but the North station will have folding glass/steel doors, so that passers-by can see the trucks parked inside.

North brigade has been working hard to raise money for fit-out of the new building.

"To assist us in our fund-raising over a couple of years we've had an Open Garden, which has raised over \$26,000 towards this project, so I would like to thank John Anderson and Pat...and the people in Bradleys Lane who helped in raising that money," Rohan Thornton told the



They fit! North Warrandyte CFA trucks test new fire station site.



Rock turning: Ken King, Danielle Green and Rohan Thornton strike the first obstacle.



Friends and neighbours: Danielle Green with North Warrandyte brigade families.

audience.

"We all had some obvious concerns about the viability of fire trucks and children on the one site and we've worked through the issues and I think we've come up with a bit of a benchmark process of safety and co-existing on the site," he added.

Nillumbik mayor, Ken King, said that the co-location of the fire station with other facilities is part of council's planning for community safety.

"In talking about community safety I think we are all aware that this is one of the really difficult areas when it comes to looking for Neigh-

bourhood Safer Places. There is no Neighbourhood Safer Place and it is unlikely there is going to be (one) in North Warrandyte.

"So we have just got to stress to everybody in the whole district that if it looks like we are going to have one of those catastrophic events,

get out, have a plan and get out early because there is no Neighbourhood Safer Place," he said.

North Warrandyte brigade expects to move to its new premises in September this year, giving time to settle in before the start of the fire season.



On the job: North CFA trucks left sod-turning ceremony to attend this freak accident.

## Rollover: CFA trucks turnout for accident

North Warrandyte's new fire station beside the community centre had its first turnout before building has even started.

Two North crews had backed their trucks into the levelled site to, as one witty driver remarked, "see if the trucks would fit". They had barely lined up the vehicles ready for the arrival of local MP Danielle Green, when a call came through that assistance was needed at a car crash. The tanker crew donned their protective clothing, climbed into the truck and quietly turned into Research-Warrandyte Road. Many of those assembled for the official ceremony didn't realise the truck was going out on an emergency call.

The crew needed to travel only 100 metres to where a car had left the road, rolled and was now resting

in a garden. The car had crossed Research-Warrandyte Road without colliding with another vehicle, crashed through a driveway gate, missed a large rock and ended on its side beside a tree. Amazingly no-one was injured.

Police were also called to the crash and North's crew settled into their normal routine of readiness to extinguish any outbreak of fire, ensuring safety on the site and assisting with traffic management.

Meanwhile the sod-turning ceremony continued at the site of the new building. At its conclusion the officials and visitors were invited to the current fire station in Glyns Road for afternoon tea. Unfortunately, the truck crew were still engaged at the crash site and missed out on the tea and cakes.

# New head at the Creek

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

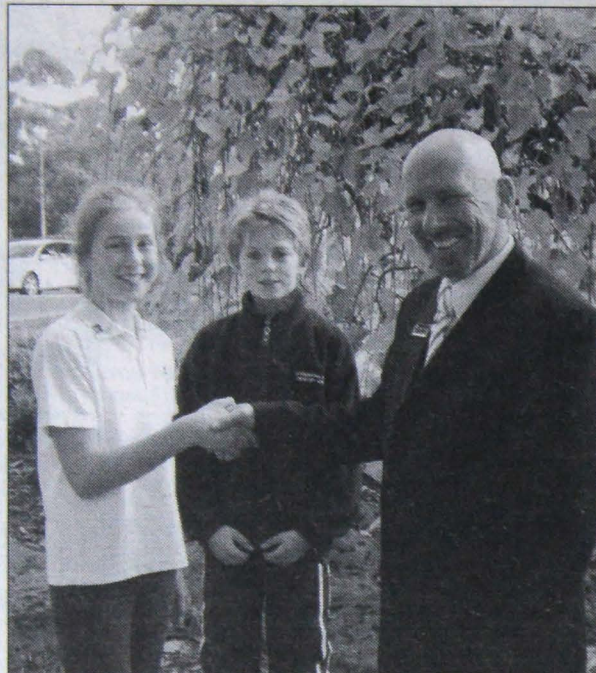
Andersons Creek Primary School have appointed a new principal who is well versed in current education objectives and keen to work with the Andersons Creek community.

Trevor Gibbs was attracted to the position by the unique nature of the Warrandyte community and Andersons Creek's excellent reputation for high literacy and numeracy standards.

"To me the single most important factor to drive future school improvements is to develop quality relationships between students, teachers and parents", Mr Gibbs told the *Diary*.

Trevor Gibbs has a strong background in music and the performing arts and has previously taught at all grade levels. For the last five years, Mr Gibbs has been the assistant principal at Birmingham Primary School in Lilydale.

He is keen to use the soon to be constructed performing arts centre at Andersons Creek hoping to



Brand new principal, Trevor Gibb, is welcomed to Andersons Creek Primary School by school captains, Megan Humphries and Sam Cooke.

develop new opportunities for students in the areas of visual and performing arts.

Mr Gibbs acknowledges the work done by students, staff and parents prior to his appointment. "Anderson's Creek has a strong focus on curriculum, especially in the areas of numeracy, literacy and science. I hope to improve these standards to an even higher level."

"I am keen to present new ideas, challenge students and staff to look for new ways to learn, all in the name of improving student learning outcomes and providing different pathways for learning" Mr Gibbs

said.

He told the *Diary* that he appreciates that teachers at Anderson's Creek Primary really know and understand the children in their classes. "Anderson's Creek has really good buildings and grounds but most of all I am really proud of what goes on in the classroom.

"My motto is 'every child, every day'. I am prepared to listen and work with students, teachers and parents to ensure Andersons Creek Primary is a 'lighthouse' school where others will aspire to be".

Mr Gibbs begins his tenure at Andersons Creek in Term 3 on Monday, July 12.

# Choir kids hit top note



Come sing with us! These young choristers love singing in the Junior Choir (grades 1 and 2) at Warrandyte Primary School. Music teacher Merle Hammond formed the choir this year and they've already enjoyed performing for parents and relatives at the school's open day.

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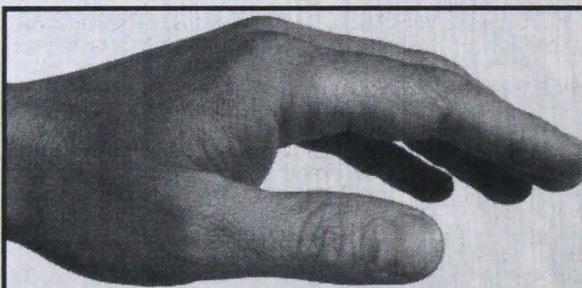
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Jan Bangay, a former playgroup leader at the Warrandyte Community Church, has won a merit award from Playgroup Victoria.

She was a playgroup leader at the church for 16 years and has been coordinator of the five operating playgroups for seven years.

"Jan has developed playgroup programs and has willingly led groups in the absence of the appointed leader," Playgroup Victoria executive officer, Kaye Plowman, told the *Diary*.

She welcomed the opportunity at a special evening to thank Jan with a merit award for her efforts in reflecting the spirit of partnership that exists between Playgroup Victoria and playgroups in the community.

Ms Plowman said: "We highly value and celebrate the contributions of our award recipients. Playgroups across Victoria are run by dedicated volunteers who freely give their time and expertise."

"The awards are a chance to thank some of our long-serving members from our playgroup community for their ongoing commitment."

The playgroup at Warrandyte Community Church welcomes your enquiries and you may contact Narelle Winter on 9722 0805 or Karen Renfrey on 9844 4524.

● To start or join a playgroup please contact Playgroup Victoria on 1800 171 882 or visit [www.playgroup.org.au](http://www.playgroup.org.au).



Jan Bangay shows off her award.

# Minding your own business

Warrandyte Community Bank Branch chairperson, Sarah Wrigley has welcomed the news that 91.4 per cent of the bank's business customers are satisfied with the bank's service, more than any other bank.

"The bank's community branches played a significant role in achieving such high customer satisfaction results," Ms Wrigley told the *Diary*.

Small and medium business customers were surveyed by *Business Review Weekly*, seeking to discover how satisfied these enterprises were with their financial institution's performance.

"In towns and suburbs across Australia, Bendigo Bank has community branches, which are owned and operated by local people," Ms Wrigley said. "In the past decades these branches have returned more than \$39 million, assisting local community groups, helping them to build infrastructure where they live."



Cash to splash: Sarah Wrigley with the big cheque.

## Walking for life



Keep the cash coming: Participants in the 2009 Relay for Life walked on through the night. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Warrandyte's third Relay for Life has been scheduled for the weekend of September 11 and 12.

Run by a local committee for the Cancer Council, Relay for Life raises money for the fight against cancer.

"Each dollar raised at Relay for Life helps towards the Cancer Council's research, education and support programs," an organiser told the *Diary*. "Every cent you raise will make a difference."

"Whatever your fundraising efforts, remember to tell your supporters that their contribution is making a real impact on the Cancer Council's work."

The organiser stressed that Relay for Life is not a "pledge-style" event, as participants do not seek promises of money for each lap

completed. Because of this, most fundraising activities will occur well before the actual relay event.

The relay will be officially launched at a function—featuring dinner and entertainment—on Friday, July 16.

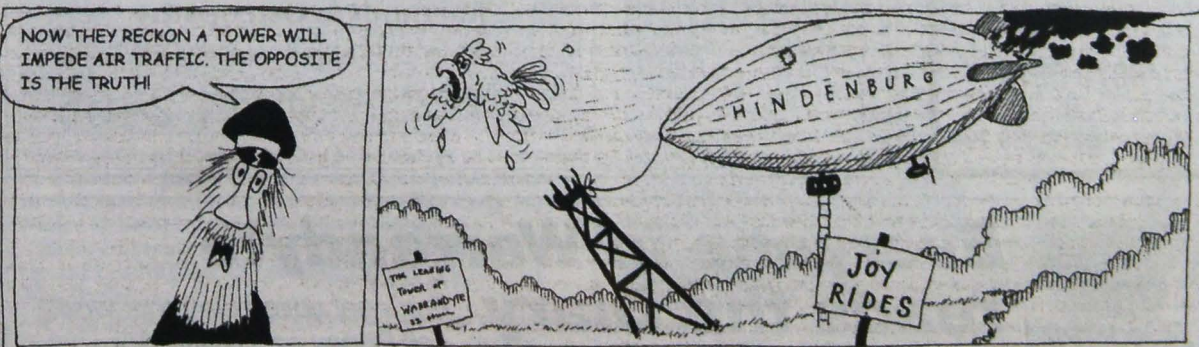
This is the third Warrandyte Relay for Life. The first raised \$11,700 and last year the result topped \$53,000.

"With this year's event looking bigger and better we would hope to exceed this number," the organiser said.

● For further information on how to register your team or join a team, or for details of the launch night, call Fiona Joy on 0402 427 207 or visit: [fiona.joy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:fiona.joy@optusnet.com.au).

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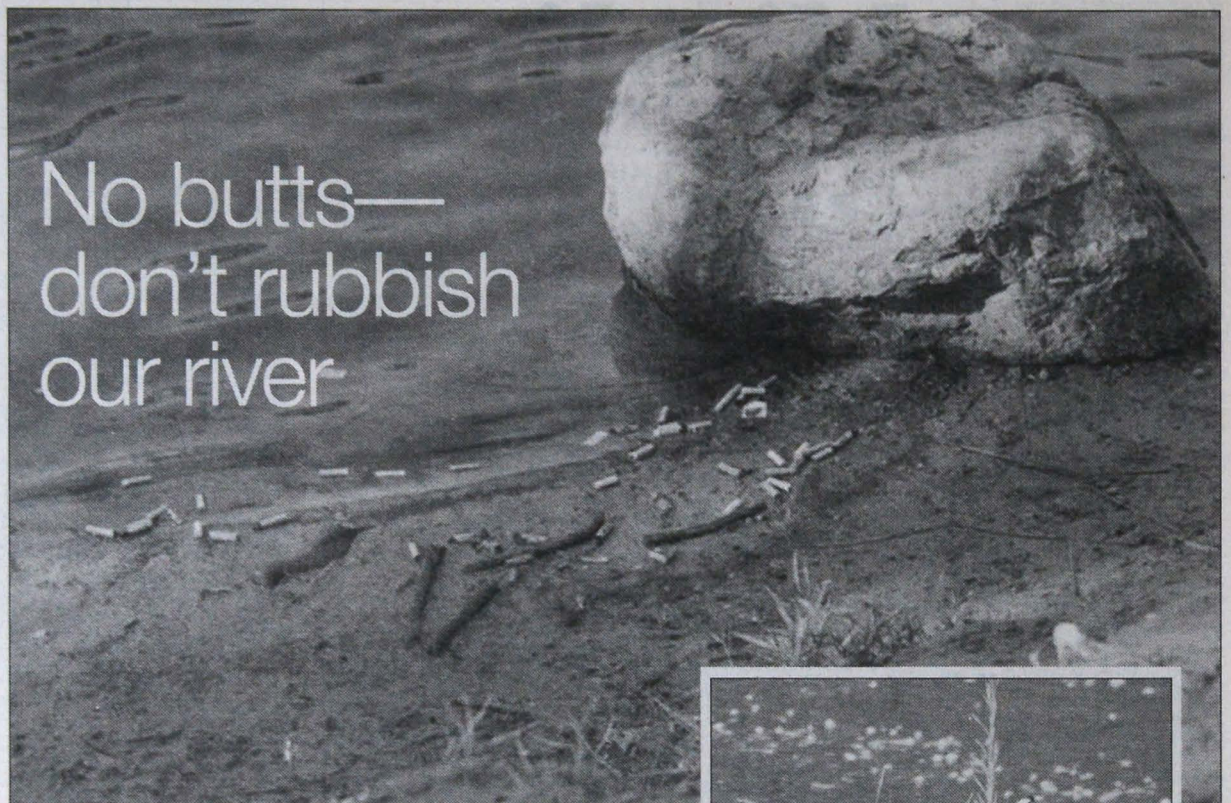
# Remembering Stewart Joy

The late Stewart Joy, well-known former Warrandyte resident and world-renowned transport economist, is remembered in an annual RMIT University award for the most outstanding first year student in the Bachelor of Business (logistics and supply chain management).

The award was won this year by Terry Manoleras, who achieved three high distinctions and three distinctions.

Stewart Joy left school at 15, achieved a certificate at Melbourne Tech (now RMIT) in the 1950s and went on to become chief economist of the British Railways. He was instrumental in RMIT becoming a major provider of transport and logistics education.

Pictured is Terry Manoleras receiving the Dr Stewart Cameron Joy Award from Stewart's widow, well-known former local, Louise Joy.



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Denise Illing of Oakland Drive sent us this pictorial evidence of cigarette butts—and other litter—befouling our beautiful Yarra River.

Manningham council has identified Yarra Street in Warrandyte as one of 14 hot spots for cigarette butt litter. "Cigarette litter has been identified as a major issue in Manningham," a council spokesperson said.

To combat the growing problem of cigarette butt litter in shopping strips, council has launched a "No Ifs, No Butts" campaign. It is estimated that 78 per cent of cigarette litter is finding its way into stormwater drains and then into local creeks

and the Yarra River. "Research shows that many smokers don't consider dropping a cigarette butt as littering," the spokesperson said. "We want to change that perception and ensure people understand the impact of their littering and where their butt goes after they drop it."

The other cigarette butt littering hot spots are Templestowe Village, Devon Plaza, Macedon Square, Tunstall Square and Jackson Court.



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# Film highlights Burma's plight

A film that lifts the lid on human rights abuse in Burma is being presented by the Warrandyte Burma Support Group at St Stephens Anglican Church, Warrandyte, later this month.

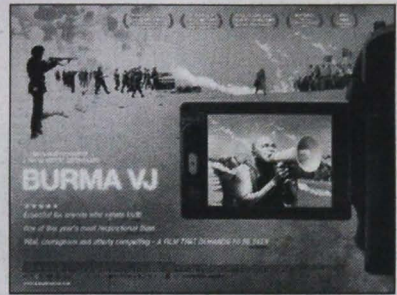
Entitled Burma VJ and filmed entirely on hand-held cameras, and with a riveting narrative, this courageous film has won 33 awards, including a 2010 Academy Award nomination, best international documentary at the Sundance Film Festival and New York Times "pick".

"It is a 'must see' for anyone interested in human rights, non-violent activism and underground journalism," a spokesperson for the group told the *Diary*.

In 2007, after decades of self-imposed silence, Burma became headline news across the globe when peaceful Buddhist monks led a massive rebellion. Foreign news crews were banned, the Internet was shut down and Burma was closed to the world. Enter the Demo-

cratic Voice of Burma—aka the Burma VJ: shaky, hand-held footage, shot on the streets, part of the action.

Burma VJ will be introduced by pre-



senters of peace-building workshops in Burma—Jill Jameson of Warrandyte and Myint Myint San from Burma. Both presenters will be available for audience

discussion following the screening of the film.

Myint Myint San is a human rights activist who took part in the 1988 student uprising against the military regime in Burma. She is a recognised leader in the democracy movement in Burma and currently lives in Melbourne.

Local activist against abuse in Burma and human rights campaigner Jill Jameson has won a UN award for her peace-building and gender development projects in Thailand. She has lectured on community development and social policy at Deakin and Swinburne Universities.

Burma VJ will be screened at St Stephens Anglican Church in Stiggant Street, Warrandyte on Friday, June 18, commencing at 7.30pm. Entry \$25, concession \$20 (includes wine and cheese).

● Bookings: phone Jill Jameson on 9844 2289.

# They scaled the heights

A trio of energetic local women—Anne Marie Reid, Catherine Macdonald and Jane Kilkenny (pictured)—recently returned from conquering the North Face 100 Endurance Marathon.

Taking place each year in the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, the course includes steep stairway descents, bush tracks, creek crossings, vertical ladders up cliff faces, giant rock "steps" and numerous hill climbs.

The 100km run must be completed in 24 hours following a 7am start.

"The girls had trained for five months, through as many hills as they could find in and around Warrandyte," Anne Marie's mother Barbara told the *Diary*. This included regular "runs up and down the Thousand Steps at Upper Ferntree Gully".

They hoped to complete the course in less than 20 hours and thus secure coveted Bronze Buckles. "They did one better," Barbara Reid said, "they all completed the course in under 20 hours".



# Is this your trike? Hopeful owners please queue up



Warrandyte police are seeking the owner of this rather unusual vehicle. The trike was found abandoned, in damaged condition, in Pound Road in early May. Police believe it may have been stolen.

Pictured inspecting the damage are Sgt Keith Walker and Leading Snr Const Ross Timms. (Picture by Jan Tindale.)

● Any prospective takers should ring Warrandyte police on 9844 3231.

# Honour for Eric

Well-known, long time Warrandyte resident Eric Houghton received a National Thanksgiving Day Award late in May.

The day was created by the Governor General in 2003 to celebrate the work of volunteers and mentors who have provided long-term contributions to improving the lives of others in the community.

Eric was nominated for his award by easternOutsource in recognition of his 12 years of tireless willingness to share his skills at the organisation.

"Eric's mentoring style has created a trusting and happy relationship with the supported workers at easternOutsource, resulting in many lasting friendships," a spokes-

person told the *Diary*.

"Eric and Marian Houghton have become family to the organisation, and are always included in major events."

They became associated with easternOutsource more than 20 years ago, when their daughter Milissa came to work in supported employment, working for eight years until her death.

As part of his way of coping with this event, Eric volunteered to become a general handyman at the organisation, attending every Wednesday for 12 years. Marian baked a cake for Eric to take with him each week. She also assisted at easternOutsource as an educator and seamstress.



Pictured are Eric and Marian Houghton with Robynne and Carol, managers from easternOutsource.



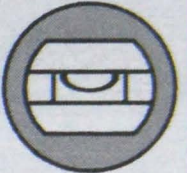
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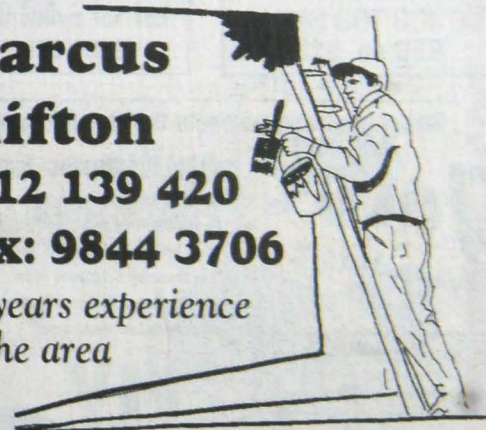
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## out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

Free workshops on self-esteem and self-awareness are to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre commencing at 10am on Monday, June 21. They will be conducted by local counsellor, Zena McMahon. If you want to learn about low self-esteem and how to prevent it controlling your life you can book by calling 9844 2385 or 0488 008647. Workshops will commence at 10am and require a commitment of an hour a week for the eight weeks.

## Ukulele

A.J. Leonard's Tropical Lounge Ukulele will be playing their music for the 21st century at the Warrandyte RSL club-rooms in Brackenbury Street (just up from Mitchell Avenue), on Sunday, June 20 from 4pm. All your favourites from the 1920s and 30s, and Hawaiian styling of contemporary gems. An RSL favourite, not to be missed. Free entry, but donations appreciated. Drinks at bar prices and snacks available. All welcome.

## Aware

Prostate cancer is now the most common cancer in men. In excess of 18,000 men in Australia will be diagnosed this year. The Warrandyte Lions Club is holding a prostate awareness evening in the atrium at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, June 23 at 7.30pm. This informal evening could save your life or the life of a loved one. Further information from Liz Prewett on 9844 5031 or 9844 4392.

## Environment

The next Manningham Council Environment Seminar will be held at Currawong Bush Park (Mel 34:H6) on Wednesday, July 7 commencing at 7.30pm. The topic discussed will be the genetics of kangaroos and their relatives. These seminars are free. Supper is provided and no bookings are required.

## Security

Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch provided over 100 vehicle number plate security screw kits during the last Warrandyte Festival. If you missed the opportunity, more kits are available. Call 0409 577



## Help make beautiful music

Local choir, the Bellbird Singers (pictured), is looking for members. As well as a willingness to have fun, they share in creating lovely harmonies. Songs vary from heartfelt classics to well-known contemporaries. Their main "gigs" for the year are the Warrandyte Carols

and Anzac Day. They are especially seeking more male voices and good strong sopranos. They meet on Mondays, between 8 and 10pm in the Warrandyte Uniting Church.

● Call 9844 2553 or 0403 310 857 for more information.

174 and leave your name and phone number.

## Plays

The Warrandyte Theatre Company is staging its season of three one-act plays on the evenings of June 25 and 26 and July 3 and 4 at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue. The three plays are "Red Hot in Amsterdam" by Patricia Robertson, "The Shock of Recognition" by Robert Anderson and "Mental" by Jo Brand and Helen Griffin. They range from French farce to serious drama and intrigue. Each play is 20 to 30 minutes long. Bookings can be made by calling 0488 333 575.

## Burma

The Warrandyte Burma Support Group invites you to a screening of the award-winning documentary, "Burma VJ—reporting from a closed country". This documentary was a 2010 Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary Feature. It will be screened at St Stephen's Anglican Church in Stiggants Street, Warrandyte on Friday, June 18 commencing at 7.30pm. Entry is \$25 (concession \$20) and includes wine and cheese.

Money raised will be sent to support education at Phaung Daw Oo Monastery. This is the group's fourth event in support of education in Burma. To book ring Jill Jameson on 9844 2289. Payment is cash only on the night.

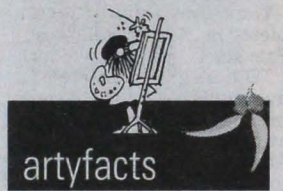
## Iolanthe

The Diamond Valley Singers and the Eltham Community Orchestra are presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" at the Warrandyte High School in early July. Evening shows will be at 8pm on Friday, July 2, Saturday, July 3, Wednesday, July 7, Friday, July 9 and Saturday, July 10. Matinees will be presented at 2pm on Saturday, July 3, Sunday, July 4 and Saturday, July 10. Booking can be made on www.trybooking.com/DRY, or by phoning 9439 7843.

## Family

Entries are now open in the annual Kmart Art of Giving competition where students from across Victoria could win their primary school up to \$15,000 cash. Students are invited to draw, paint a picture or make a collage that represents what family means to them. Entries close on September 13. To register, submit

entries, or look at winning artwork from 2009, go to www.kmart.com.au/artofgiving.



## Stonehouse

The "Italian Flavour", the exhibition running through June at the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is being interpreted by three special potters, Cathy Oddie, Mary-Lou Pittard and Sue Laird. These potters have been influenced by the colour and decorative style of the Italian majolica ceramics, showcasing an ancient technique being used on contemporary ceramics. The gallery, in Yarra Street, is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

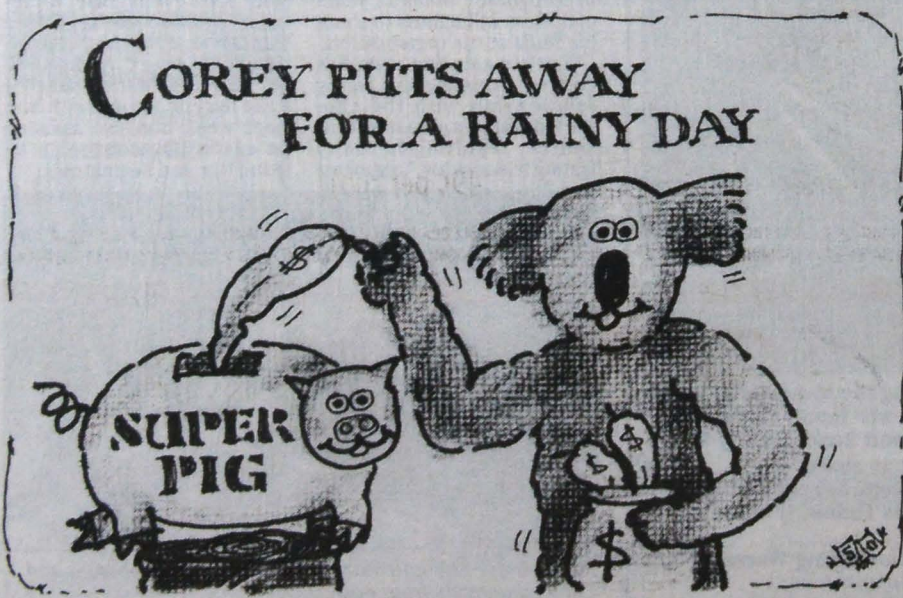
## Manningham

The current exhibition, "The Mirage of Reality" at the Manningham Gallery combines the work of two artists, Ali Momeni and Joan Meltzer, celebrating the unique personal reflections of their life journeys from different cultures, Iranian and European. It will run from Wednesday, June 16 to Saturday, July 3 at the gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Opening hours are Tuesday to Friday, 11am to 5pm and Saturday 2pm to 5pm.

## Arts

This column is designed to carry news of exhibitions and other arts events. Send details—free of charge—to Judy Green: warrandytediary@aapt.net.au.

## COREY'S COMMUNITY By SYD & ONA



**WRONG!**

Last issue we stated that Manningham council had allocated "\$310,000 million" to works in Wonga Park. This should have read "\$310,000". The error was made during sub-editing. Sorry, Wonga Park, but you're not getting gold-plated landscaping and furniture and gold-paved footpaths.

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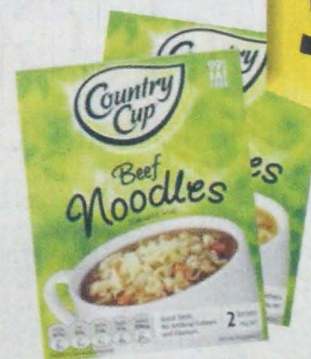
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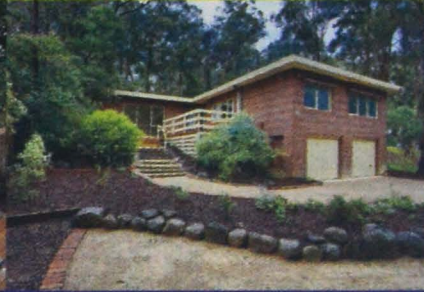


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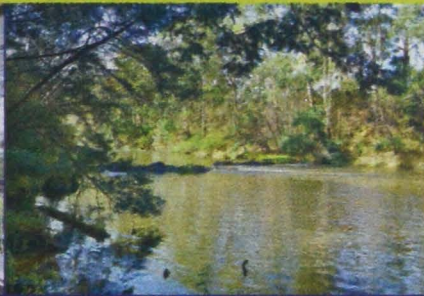


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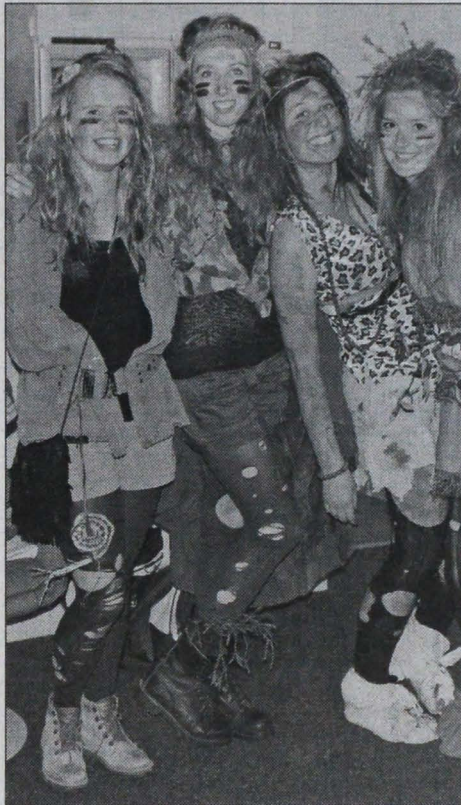
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# Trivialities score cash at school

**W**HAT a night! Thanks to an amazing crew of dedicated helpers the Warrandyte High School Trivia Night held on Saturday, May 23 was a great success raising in excess of \$4000 for the school with the final figure still to be confirmed.

"It was enjoyed by all and lived up to its reputation as a great Warrandyte night out with old and new friends," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*.

The night featured a traditional Maori welcoming Haka by teacher

Dave Kahukiwas. "W" was the theme, embraced by players dressed as Where's Wally, Wild Things, Witches, Warriors and Wiggles—to name a few.

"The event, which was organised by a Year 8 parents' team led by Deb Silva is to be congratulated on putting together a great night with special thanks going to all the generous families and businesses from Warrandyte and nearby localities who supported the night."

**Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS**



# Timeless political satire



*With one for him, and one for he,  
And one for you, and one for ye,*

*And one for thou, and one for thee,  
But never, oh, never a one for me!*

**T**HE Diamond Valley Singers and the Eltham Community Orchestra are coming to Warrandyte early next month, combining in a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe".

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Eight performances of "Iolanthe" will be presented at the Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Road, Warrandyte (Mel 34:H2). Evening shows will be at 8pm on Friday, July 2, Saturday 3, Wednesday 7, Friday 9 and Saturday 10. Matinees will commence at 2pm on Saturday, July 3, Sunday 4 and Saturday 10. Tickets cost \$30 for adults, \$25 concession, \$23 for groups (10 plus), \$15 for children. All proceeds will go to charity.

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# Wonderful trio of winter winners

**E**ACH year, as the days draw in and the nights grow colder, the Warrandyte Theatre Company warms up the local scene with its season of one-act plays. Always a blend of drama and comedy, these short plays often go on to win awards at theatre festivals around Victoria.

This program of wonderful winter entertainment is on again.

"Red Hot in Amsterdam", a comedy by Patricia Robertson, directed by Phyl Swindley, is a cheeky, laugh-out-loud farce set in Amsterdam, where two crazy burglars stash the diamonds in a vase in a brothel, only to have the loot discovered by the working girls and their madam, leading to all sorts of fun.

It features Lisa Upson, Lea Stringer, Simone Kiefer, Bill Connolly, David Howell and Darren Bowers.

"The Other Woman" by David Ives, directed by Keryn Woods, is a suspenseful drama about the secrets and lies of marriage and the mystery and fragility of the mind.

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Characters in this two-hander are played by Meredith Norton and Graham Dodsworth.

"Mental" by Jo Brand and Helen Griffiths is directed by Adrian Rice. It poses the question: is our nurse tired of life and sick of her job or is she savvy and compassionate? Has she seen it all before and stopped caring, or is she demonstrating a skill borne of years of experience that at first we don't get? Set in a psychiatric ward on night shift, the play takes a wry look at the relationship between patient and nurse.

Another two-hander, Janis Nance and Raine Dinale play nurse and patient respectively.

The plays will be presented at the Mechanics Institute Hall, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue, Warrandyte on the Friday and Saturday evenings of June 25 and 26 and July 2 and 3.

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# Travelling with a body full of belligerent bugs

**E**IGHT weeks! I had just dragged myself to our local GP.

"I got it the day we left and despite one course of antibiotics, I'm no better."

Now we all know that antibiotics are useless against viruses but I've had lots of time to get to know my body and from past experience it seems that a bacterial infection inevitably follows any virus I get. As a result, over the years, I have found it to be prudent for me to begin a precautionary course of antibiotics to cut off any lurking bacteria "at the pass".

After the obligatory blood pressure taking, listening to my chest through the stethoscope and a few desultory questions about my general state of health, it was decided that I was not in imminent risk of death and that, indeed, "the bug is certainly hanging on".

Now it didn't need a visit to the doctor at the cost of the national debt of Greece for this staggering revelation. I was feeling wretched and all I wanted was an authoritative analysis of the complaint followed by a reassurance that he knew just the way to fix it. The bug must have been listening because the doc's throw-away line about the bug's resilience was reinforced as I erupted in yet another bout of coughing.

The cough took me back to the beginning of the illness. I had felt less than 100 per cent fit the week before we left for overseas but I dismissed the



**"Now it didn't need a visit to the doctor at the cost of the national debt of Greece for this staggering revelation..."**

possibility of illness, instead arguing to myself that I was just tired and would get over it with a good sleep on the way. Sleep? On a plane? In cattle class? I must have been hallucinating!

The stop over in KL didn't help matters. After an exhausting flight, the one hour drive from the airport to the city was the nail in the coffin. Apart from the constant hawking of the driver, the other passenger, apart from Herself, was an English woman who sniffled and sneezed her way through a box of tissues from

the airport to the reception desk. By the time we arrived in our room, I was less than sure that a good night's sleep was all I would need.

I think the term is "a vibrant nightlife", however, at 4am when the thrash rock group playing at the outside restaurant below our window hadn't stopped, I decided that vibrancy was not what I needed.

I don't think I was the first guest to make the complaint because my request to be moved instantly to the other side of the hotel was met with practised goodwill.

"I'm afraid the view will not be as pleasant, sir," he apologised.

"I don't care! All I want is some sleep."

"Of course, sir. I'll have your luggage shifted immediately."

"No view" was somewhat of an understatement. The room overlooked a very ugly light well. To solve the aesthetic problem, the window had been painted with blackout paint so the only ray of light came through a 10 cent coin-sized space that some other equally curious traveller had scratched. By 5am, Herself and I were dozing restlessly on an iron hard bed. The thrash band could just be heard below the rattling of the air conditioner.

After two weeks in London, my infection was no better. Perhaps, I hoped, the Parisian air might do the trick. We have stayed in the Paris apartment before so it came as a bit of a surprise that what hadn't

bothered me before, now began to rankle.

The room overlooks a trendy Marais street; bustling, lively and unbothered by the clock. In the past, the gay bar, just up the road, provided us with opportunities to improve our French comprehension, especially early in the morning when arguments and conversations at full volume drifted into our sleeping hours. This time, however, because of my illness, all this was less interesting and without the benefit of a reception desk attendant, all I could do was close the double glazed window, blocking out the noise but at the same time making it necessary to put on the central fan to move whatever foetid air we had in the room.

Watching TV was no distraction, either. The crunch came when I tried to make sense of an Australian film, dubbed in German with French subtitles. Trying to translate back to Oz was just too much, so I started the antibiotics. Four weeks later, back home, I was at the doctor's, no better and being told the bleeding obvious.

Another two weeks have passed and I am feeling a little better. I heard on the radio that a super bug has been identified. Evidently it is virulent and hard to shake off. No doubt there was a medical conference held somewhere warm, at which the medics all examined the evidence and agreed that this year's bug was a little bugger.

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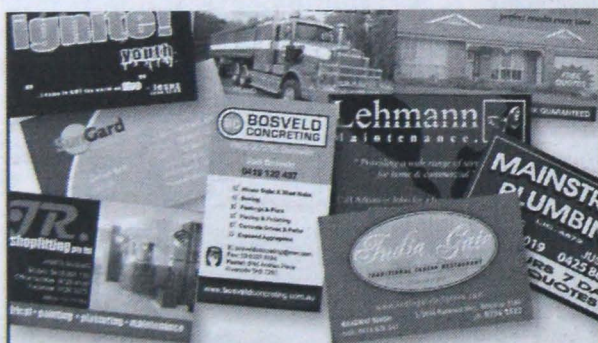
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# Thar be dragons in Yarra!

nature

By LINDA ROGAN

Pointy spines stud their necks and cheeks, their flat circular ears are nearly black. Their limbs are powerful with claws for climbing and, like crocodiles, their tails are flattened for swimming. These reptiles would be fearsome indeed, if they were the size of crocs. In Victoria they grow to 25cm long although males in some areas can reach nearly a metre long. They are more to be marvelled at than feared.

Two species of water dragon exist in the world. One, the Green or Chinese Water Dragon, occurs throughout South-east Asia: eastern Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia and southern parts of China. I've just returned from Guangxi province in southern China. I didn't spot any, but I was in their habitat.

The other species is the Australian Water Dragon. A subspecies, the Gippsland Water Dragon has been reported basking in the sunshine along the banks of the Yarra near Warrandyte on a summer's day. In fact, Fritz Uhl and other ACCA members sighted a water dragon along Anderson Creek on a Wednesday weeding session in March 2010. The Discovery Centre at Museum Victoria reported "Examination of the image provided (by Fritz) appears to reflect this in it being the subspecies *Physignathus lesueurii howittii*" or the Gippsland Water Dragon (the only type that occurs naturally in Victoria). Warren Murphy, ranger, Parks Victoria Warrandyte will be entering this sighting into the Parks Victoria database and Victorian Wildlife Atlas. The recorded range of



A Gippsland Water Dragon, photographed at Genoa Falls, East Gippsland by Linda Rogan

The Gippsland Water Dragon reaches just south of Walhalla on the Thomson River.

The other subspecies is the Eastern Water Dragon. Its range stops about Kangaroo Valley in NSW. Populations of both the Eastern and Gippsland subspecies have been introduced to the Melbourne area, probably by careless reptile keepers. Our friend, naturalist Pat Coupar

also saw them, last year in North Warrandyte opposite Jumping Creek Reserve.

As the Eastern and Gippsland subspecies interbreed in captivity, it is likely they will do so in the Yarra. "The Eco", the newsletter for Friends of the Port Phillip EcoCentre in June 2007 issue reported they may already have done so in the area of Dights Falls.

This would indicate that the

Water Dragons are breeding and nesting in the Yarra area. The nest, a burrow about 10-15cm deep is usually in sandy or soft soil, where it can be warmed by sunshine. The female lays six to 18 eggs then backfills the burrow with soil and scatters debris over it making it hard to see. As with crocodiles, the sex of the hatchlings will be determined by the temperature in the nest.

Critters of Calamvale website states that upon hatching the young stay near the entrance of their burrow for some time, finally leaving but continuing to hang around together—but separate from the adults—a little like our teenagers.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens website reports that in cold weather, the water dragons tend to sleep in the water where it is warmer than on land. In winter when it is consistently cold, they "will enter established burrows or scrape their own between boulders and logs in or near riverbanks and pack dirt into the opening to seal themselves off. Once entombed they will slow their metabolism and enter a state of brumation (a state of dormancy in reptiles) until spring arrives."

The adult diet of water dragons includes various fruits and flowers as well as insects and other invertebrates. Juveniles are mainly insectivorous and have been observed to "jump in the air" to catch mosquitoes according to the Australian Museum. This broad based diet probably helps to account for the fact these water dragons thrive in Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane.

Some will question whether the presence of water dragons in the Yarra is a problem. I will be keeping a look-out for them, especially for signs of nesting or gatherings of young dragons.

## Backpack and bumbag adventures

"HOLA chicos and chicas!" writes a certain young lady from darkest Peru. It's always reassuring to hear from one's offspring as they seek adventure far from the comforts of home. Warrandyte would seem very far away and long ago if you were sloshing through the soaring jungles of the western Amazon basin. Only a fly on the wall would know what they'd decided to leave out of their joint emails home.

"Tell them about the stray dogs we picked up in Valparaiso!"

"Yeah, and how that bus driver wouldn't take notes, so we had to scrounge off the other passengers. They didn't teach us that in Spanish class!"

"Better not mention the Pisco night."

"Too late."

"Oh, no! You've told my Mum about that man who tried to kiss me in the supermarket! She's gonna freak!"

"Yeah, well, not as bad as my Mum when I lost my debit card as soon as we got here."

True. A new card did turn up, two weeks later, but there's a

PIN somewhere out there in the ether apparently in a permanent state of "forward". This saga has involved every conceivable banking and telecommunications difficulty and kept at least five already-busy people pre-occupied for days.

Wasn't life much simpler before the days of SMS and emails? When we adventured off overseas, we dutifully wrote home at least every second week, and guarded our meagre supply of travellers cheques with our lives.

Part of the reason we got such a free run back in the 1970s was because our own parents had not travelled widely, or at least, if they had, they'd probably never led the relative security of western Europe. Our kids are lumbered with Parents Who Know Too Much, and we drive them nuts.

"Have you got the reverse charges number to ring for problems with international roaming on your phone? What about the bank helpline? The tourist police? Local emergency numbers? Have you written down the contact details of the Australian Consulate? There ought to be at

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

least a High Commission in La Paz..."

"Mum!"  
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"Mum!"

"Now keep your money in at least two separate places. Have you thought about how you might do that? And where are you going to keep your passport and your debit card? What about managing your banking? You mustn't use public computer terminals to do that."

"MUM!!!"

"Listen, when Danny was over there earlier in the year, she kept most of her money stuffed into her bra, but I don't think that should be Plan A. What if I get some hidden zip pockets sewn into a couple of pairs of your long pants?"

"AAAaarrggghhh!!! MUM, why can't you just be interested in where we're going and how much we're going to ENJOY ourselves?"

Well, sadly there wasn't much time. The few days spent at home before she left disappeared very quickly indeed, with little opportunity to really talk. It seemed sensible to focus on basic procedural issues. One takes the enjoyment element for granted.

And of course the things that go wrong are usually unexpected. The girls' biggest heart-stopper so far happened at 2am when the local interstate bus they were travelling on left a deserted outpost. Our daughter suddenly realised her friend had disappeared. Frantically, in halting Spanish, she alerted the driver. Toilet block and bus alike were ransacked, but no friend was to be found. General panic prevailed as the bus was gutted from front to back. How could they lose a passenger, even such a small one as Ish?

Finally they found her, curled up under some coats on the back seat and completely covered by the reclining seat in front, sleeping soundly and oblivious to the drama.

Hopefully they will be able to laugh about all their holiday dramas as much as they did at that one!

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# Back from the brink

It is April 1976 and the *Warrandyte Diary* has not appeared this year. Peter Lovett, the previous editor, resigned at the end of last year and the newspaper is without an editor.

The committee of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club, the official owner of the *Diary*, was pleased with the paper's performance. They were loath to lose this successful communication channel with the community and organised a public meeting to find a way to continue the publication.

Lee Tindale recalled in a 2002 interview with this author that the meeting dragged on with nothing useful being decided until Tony Cooks, who had recently moved to the district, offered to handle the paper's advertising. Cooks then appealed to the audience for someone to come forward to take over the editorial side and Tindale put his hand up. Former cadet reporter Georgi Stickels in a 1993 student project quoted him as saying, "I had no intention of stepping in but no-one else would, or did, so I came home with a new baby to do by myself."

Tindale related why he stepped in to save the newspaper, "I think the youth club were on the way out then anyway. I didn't know that at the time. But it was a fundraiser for them and it became a personal little thing as well I suppose. I took a pride in it and I didn't want to see it die." With this change of editor, production of the *Diary* moved to the Tindale's living room in North Warrandyte. Lee Tindale launched forth as a one-man editorial operation in producing the *Diary*. He believed he could do this, as his job as Melbourne representative for the Western Australian *Daily News* left him with free time. His wife Jan did much of the organisational work. However, after a little over two years of this double life he found himself unable to cope with the necessary work to produce the *Diary*. He advertised in the paper many times for editorial help, but without success. Tindale became frustrated with the lack of support and at the end of 1978 gave his resignation to the youth club committee.

Judy Macdonald and Jan Vagg coincidentally applied for the editorship at the same time in early 1979. The two women, who had not previously met, were invited to a meeting at the Tindale's house. Cliff Green was once again associated with the *Warrandyte Diary*, but this time as a contributor and trustee. He and Lee Tindale interviewed the two applicants and at the end of the meeting Macdonald and Vagg were endorsed as co-editors of the *Diary*. Although enthusiastic about their new unpaid jobs neither of the co-editors had any experience in editing or production of a newspaper. However, Judy Macdonald had attended a journalism summer school with Patrick Tennyson a few years before.

The existence of two co-editors did not appreciably lessen the workload for Tindale or his wife Jan. However, he was generous in sharing his knowledge of newspaper craft with the tyro co-editors. He taught them the fundamentals of journalism, such as typing one paragraph per sheet of copy paper, how to do the layout and correcting galley proofs. (This was in the days of "hot metal" printing, when the production trail from manual typewriter to printed newspaper was long and arduous. A future episode of this history will chart the *Diary's* journey from Linotype and letterpress to computer-operated

## a town and its newspaper

The *Diary* celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Each month through 2010, SANDY BURGOYNE is relating the history of this unique community newspaper.

offset printing.) Although Tindale was heard to grumble that it would have been easier to do the editorial work himself the arrangement did work and he and his wife Jan continued to produce the *Diary* alongside the new editors. Judy Macdonald considers that Tindale was a skilful editor of their contributions and allowed their individual writing styles to shine through. The co-editors would turn up at the Tindale house on most nights as the monthly deadline drew close. The sessions frequently lasted until midnight and flagons of red and white wine helped the editorial and production processes along.

From her first reading of the *Warrandyte Diary*, long before becoming co-editor, Judy Macdonald believed the paper was lacking in humour. She posted an unsolicited article in the "Diary tree" box in 1971 lampooning the terminology that real estate agents used in describing properties and this was printed. Over the next two years other features and a poem followed. As co-editor she expected that she would build on this success and write about the humorous side of living in Warrandyte. However, she soon found out that the reality was different. The leads that Lee Tindale and Cliff Green gave to the co-editors were hard news and required a research-based investigative style of reporting.

Back then council and business information was not readily available to the public as the internet was still a curiosity — a limited network between universities. Macdonald set up her own routines and methods to gather information. For instance, each month she would telephone the mayor of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and the president of the Shire of



Our branch office: The old cypress in Yarra Street, now officially titled "The Diary Tree", once bore the yellow mail box that was the newspaper's main link with its community. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

tree" on Yarra Street. The quality and quantity of those supplied varied greatly and some of the material that arrived was clearly not intended for the *Diary*, such as the request to deliver two bottles of

reflected in the distribution of by-lines. Jan Vagg's name appears only on "A raspberry for the ring road", summing up the latest chapter in the village's resistance to being part of a freeway. Whereas Judy Macdonald wrote more features and her name is acknowledged accordingly. Many of the topics reported on in those days are still with us, such as the ring road, preservation of remnant bushland, the festival and Warrandyte heritage. During this time Lee Tindale made sure that local sports were reported on the back pages. This included news on the Warrandyte golf club that briefly flourished on Alexander Road.

In her first months as co-editor Macdonald found a solution to a gap in the *Diary's* staffing arrangements. In its early days the newspaper had an arrangement where the Warrandyte Arts Association would supply a photograph of an upcoming production for the front page, but that had run out some years earlier. Local professional and amateur photographers had contributed images to the *Diary* on an ad hoc basis during the intervening period. These proved variable in quality, reliability and subject matter. Soon after taking over as co-editor Judy Macdonald asked a local photographer to contribute a photo for the front page each month in return for a small advertisement. The photographer, who had lived in North Warrandyte

for several years and had recently set up as a freelance photographer, agreed to the arrangement. Each month Macdonald would ring and give her the subject for the next issue's front page. The photographer also supplied extra pictures to fill in for a lack of copy. This arrangement continued for four years until the photographer started to work full-time with a magazine.

Vagg and Macdonald brought a light-hearted touch to the appearance of the paper. Over the years the *Warrandyte Diary* had displayed various costs on the front page although it had always been distributed free. The first issue bore the price of four cents; five cents appeared twice in 1974, but most of the time the masthead stated it was "Free". The co-editors inserted "Priceless" on the front page of the August 1979 issue and the paper has continued to display the same pricing since.

The co-editorship of Judy Macdonald and Jan Vagg was a success. They first met on the evening they were interviewed for the job and the many late nights working together on the newspaper melded them into an effective team. However, by 1981 they could no longer juggle the work load of sourcing and writing stories, the many late nights on production tasks, plus running their private lives and both resigned. Fortunately at that time a new resident was expressing interest in joining the *Diary*.

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Eltham (the pre-amalgamation municipalities either side of the Yarra) for news from the two councils. She also became tenacious at digging for hard-to-find information on controversial subjects, such as the possibility of a ring road through Warrandyte, or converting Andersons Creek to a barrel drain.

Although Cliff Green and Lee Tindale regularly gave leads for hard news stories to the co-editors, generating enough content for each issue was still a problem. Some months even the notice of a lamington drive was leapt upon with gratitude. Most of the community news came through contributions placed in the box on the "Diary

milk a day from next Monday. Obviously the respondent believed the name on the box was misspelt and it should be Warrandyte Dairy. In a 1990 article Judy Macdonald referred to "Yellow Box Disease", "the symptoms of which were not being able to drive or walk past the old cypress tree without stopping and peering hopefully through the slot of the yellow 'Diary box'. Usually it was empty, except for something with eight legs which was peering back".

Back then reporters were rarely given by-lines for news articles, but they were common for features. The co-editors shared the news writing tasks. However, that is not

# The Battle for Yarra Street

With the news that bus bays are being removed along Yarra Street, old-time residents are remembering the campaign that was waged almost 30 years ago to retain the "country town" character of the street. VAL POLLEY recalls those days and the battle fought to preserve the township's village ambience.

**Y**ARRA STREET—an historic road that still traces an alignment set in the past. Often constrained by its position between steep slopes and Yarra River, it has provided access to, and through, the township's centre over many decades. As befits a road with such an important role it has faced many challenges over the years.

Remarkably thus far it has managed to survive relatively intact so that today its origins are still apparent. However this is no accident of fate, rather it is the result of some hard fought confrontations.

In 1981 battle lines were clearly drawn over the future of Yarra Street. On one side stood the Doncaster-Templestowe council and their consultant planners Loder and Bayley supported by the Country Roads Board. Opposing them were determined Warrandyte residents. In the centre was the Loder and Bayley plan recommending sweeping changes to the shape of Yarra Street.

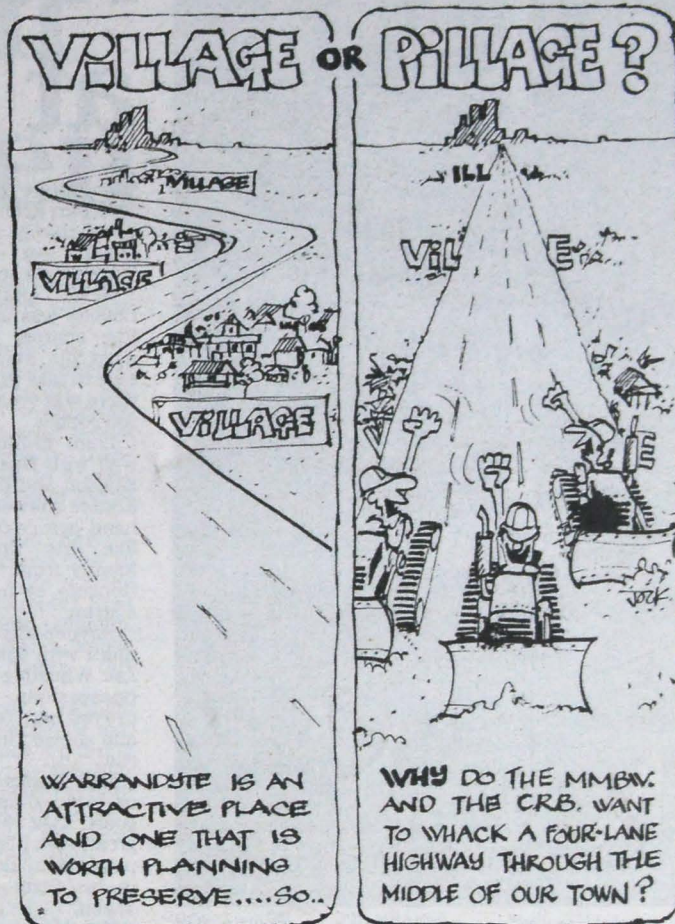
The 1981 plan evolved from a previous TRACT study that had explored the role of Yarra Street as a traffic artery plus car parking requirements and streetscape improvements. The contentious new plan specifically arose from an origin and destination traffic survey that considered the future role of the road, its environmental character and detailed street environment. It recommended a realignment of the roadway towards the river bank; removal of the Old Post Office; creation of a parking mall in front of the existing shops; a roundabout at the Yarra Street Bridge plus landscaping for the parking areas and along Yarra Street.

Reaction from residents was swift. In September the *Diary* reported on the details of the plan in an article headed "Street

of change—Post Office in way of plan for new road". Local groups expressed dismay at the report's direction particularly the removal of the Post Office and road realignment. The Warrandyte Environment League (WEL) considered it only attempted to solve the conflict between traffic flow and pedestrian movement while the Warrandyte Advisory Committee (WAC) did not endorse it, disappointed it was an all-or-nothing approach that did nothing to decrease traffic speed. The Post Office Preservation Group (POPG) was aghast that the work in trying to save the Old Post Office could be for nothing.

Opposition proceeded to mount, letters were written, passion flowed and pressure applied; so when a public meeting was held in April 1982, the Mechanics Institute Hall was jammed with over 200 residents. The *Diary* reported on the meeting, which heard that Yarra Street was noisy and dangerous with Mr Loder speaking forcefully in support of his plan, citing the effects of too much through traffic and the need for changes. He thought very little traffic could be diverted away to the Reynolds Road northern route and that modifications to the existing road form were essential. The meeting was shown plans that enabled the Post Office to be retained. However, long-term resident Cliff Green gave an impassioned speech arguing how it would be easy to take a soft option rather than the harder one of working out how to divert traffic in order to save Warrandyte as a unique township. This resulted in those present unanimously voting council should adopt three principles as outlined in a joint letter from WAC, WEL and POPG. These stated modifications to the central township area should retain and enhance its semi-rural and informal village character; Yarra Street should not be a major through road and traffic speed should be significantly reduced.

A working party was formed to attempt to find solutions while retaining the essential character of Warrandyte. The common theme that emerged was that Yarra Street had a special quality that should be preserved; a conclusion confirmed by an "attitude survey" in September 1982 which found overall that while users were aware of traffic and parking problems, they feared change meant the atmosphere would be lost. They preferred to maintain things while such improvements as harmonious reorganisation, better parking and slowing of traffic were made.



December 1982

Some of the data presented continued to be strenuously questioned. The *Diary* continued to air the various viewpoints through a number of articles and letters. Then in November 1982 it published an article entitled "At the crossroads" in which it was reported the working party had recommended drastic changes to Yarra Street. If adopted this would have meant the first casualty would see the Old Post Office removed for a major road diversion and a "friction free", two-lane throughway in the centre of the town with a car parking mall in front of the shops. The *Diary* editorial was blunt and to the point:

"The people must have their say. We won't get a second chance. If Yarra Street is changed the character of our town will be gone forever. The Yarra Street working party has reached a decision which we believe runs contrary to the spirit and wishes of the public meeting that brought it into being.

But now it's time for the people of Warrandyte to make their views heard—loudly and clearly. The Loder and Bayley proposal has been rejected—several times already. Obviously we must do so again but this time we must ensure our wishes and heeded.

"We must not allow working parties or planning groups or whatever to subvert the will of the community. The *Diary* makes no apologies for its commitment to this issue...Yarra Street must stay intact. We can't afford to get this one wrong. Other solutions must be found. Surely the skills of town planners and civil engineers can be applied to finding a way of leaving us alone. That is all we ask."

The next public meeting on the issue in April 1983 concluded the proposed solutions for the roadway were inconsistent with the community's wishes to retain the existing streetscape and scale. It resolved to request a 12 month moratorium with no works being

undertaken apart from the bridge roundabout; a central pedestrian crossing; general maintenance and upgrading of facilities and car parks and the Old Post Office renovation. In addition it called for the establishment of an eight-member task force to save Yarra Street. By July 1983 the *Diary* was reporting on meetings being held between the task force, POPG and the state government to preserve Yarra Street because of its "special interest". The task force took photos, documents and newspaper articles to the meetings to illustrate the special nature of the town. It was reported back that the government ministers recognised that if a four-lane highway was put through the town it would destroy Warrandyte's river and bush environment.

The pressure continued. In November 1983 a petition was presented to parliament aimed at reducing the threat to the town's character. In December the task force pressured the transport minister for an extension to be made to the proposed Northern Route. Then gradually changes started to appear in the official responses to decisions about Yarra Street. In December 1984 the chairman of the Road Construction Authority signed his consent for the restoration of the Old Post Office that had been damaged in a mysterious fire in 1982. Alternative options for access to the eastern suburbs via an improved northern route and Eastern Freeway extension began to be canvassed. Council instigated new parking arrangements. By 1987 a council report on the Warrandyte shopping areas could report that the four works called for at the April 1983 meeting had been completed but the moratorium had blown out to 54 months.

Then in 1989 consultants Whitford and Peck were called on to prepare a Warrandyte townscape improvement report that was followed by the Warrandyte townscape report stage 2 in 1990. These were updated by Urban Initiatives into the Yarra Street urban framework in 2004. All of these later reports built their strategies and plans around the old alignment of Yarra Street. The people's voice had been heard—their opposition vindicated—the battle won.

Can things stay the same given the pressure that keeps building? The complaints about the traffic snarls at school times and rush hours, the doubts expressed about the capacity of the road network to cope with bushfire threats, the push by the RACV for road widening? Be prepared—there may yet be another battle for Yarra Street.

## The emancipation of the empty nest

No constant gaping beak.  
All this room to stretch my wings.

You know how many you're cooking for, and the chef is always thanked.  
Curries all week, with egg-plants and chilli.

No surprise heaters, irons, computers, glowing red all night.  
No surprise bills to match.

TV permanently on ABC and I turn up *The Messiah* as loud as I like.  
Relishing a bit of silence too.

All (bar one) of the towels in the cupboard and not wet on the floor.  
How could two people use 10 towels?

No early morning dashes to bus stop in pyjamas, or late night trips to the station—always missing out on the end of *Midsommer Murders*.

No lying awake at 2am—wondering whether you're slumped in an alley smashed on the road. (*You forgot to turn your phone on Mum.*)

Now I can wonder in the day-time too—  
I wish I'd never heard of Britt Laphorne.

I hear you arrived in a snowstorm, with the buses not running, your carefully planned route ruined.

Alone in the snow in your ridiculous coat, (*It's lined though Mum.*)  
I so wish you could ring and ask, *Can you pick me up at the bus stop?*

And I see you working out whether you can afford more coins in the heater:  
*Take this one, leave it on all night.*

As I try to remember how to cook for one  
I see you with your stale baguette

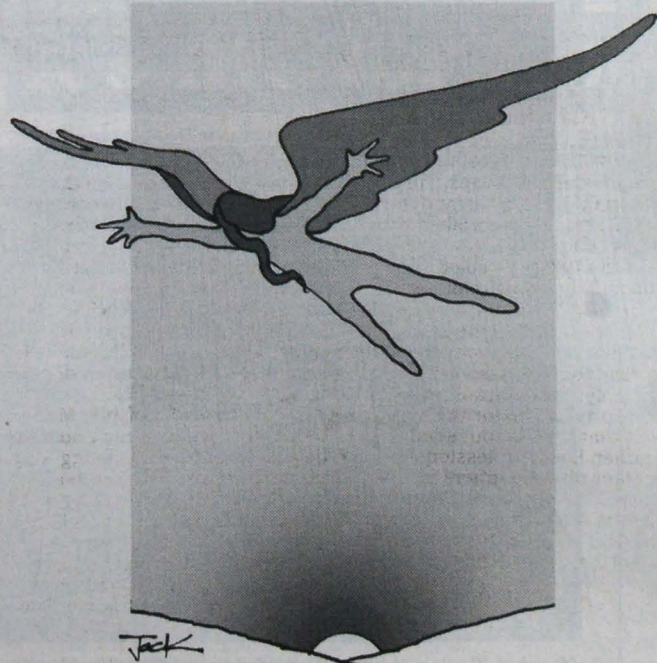
knowing you don't like cabbage much—  
How will you get your greens?

The silent house cries for the sound of *Pink* and I ache with missing my exploring girl.

I stretch my wings they touch the walls.

But I hope you soar.

**KAREN THROSSELL**





Auskick round-up with Ed Munks

# Auskick action at senior level



Jed Aitken is so keen on Auskick that he could almost eat a footy.

Warrandyte Auskickers, took part in an Auskick rules game during the half time break at a recent Warrandyte seniors match.

New player Kieran Phillips was unstoppable in the centre, Brady Poole used his height to advantage to take great marks and there was great kicking from Jed Aitken.

Liam Phillips combined well with Noah and Callum Lawson and dynamo Tynan Kontos showed he has great hand eye co-ordination and like his cousin, David Mundy from the Fremantle Dockers, he had the ball on a string.

Hayden Menzies was very quick with some silky skills, Zac Wheatley gained many possessions, Josh Luttick proved hard to match up on and showed he can kick and run.

Ben Munks was dynamic up forward and kicked four goals. Kyle McGowan was a great team player and hand-passed and kicked precisely to his team mate Hayden Taylor.

Big Michael Greenwood

constantly made good positions for marking.

In the normal Saturday Auskick sessions, the groups have nominated team names for themselves, including Team Bloods and the self styled A-Team. At the end of each Auskick session the players have a match between themselves.

The older A-Team boys held back their tackling and mixed in with the younger group perfectly. Full credit to the older boys for their restraint.

Dylan Smith was great in breaking through the packs, Michael Greenwood and Hudson Rostron scored a goal each and new player Russell Black used his speed to effect to gain many kicks.

It was also good to see Brady Poole, who is setting himself up for Tackers back in the Auskick fold. And special thanks to Owen Humphris with his goal umpiring who under pressure you came up with the goods.

Auskick also conducted a mini gym session during one of the Saturday sessions run by local mum and renowned former gym coach Narrelle Haas. She put the little champs through the paces on learning how to roll, ride bumps and land properly from high marking.

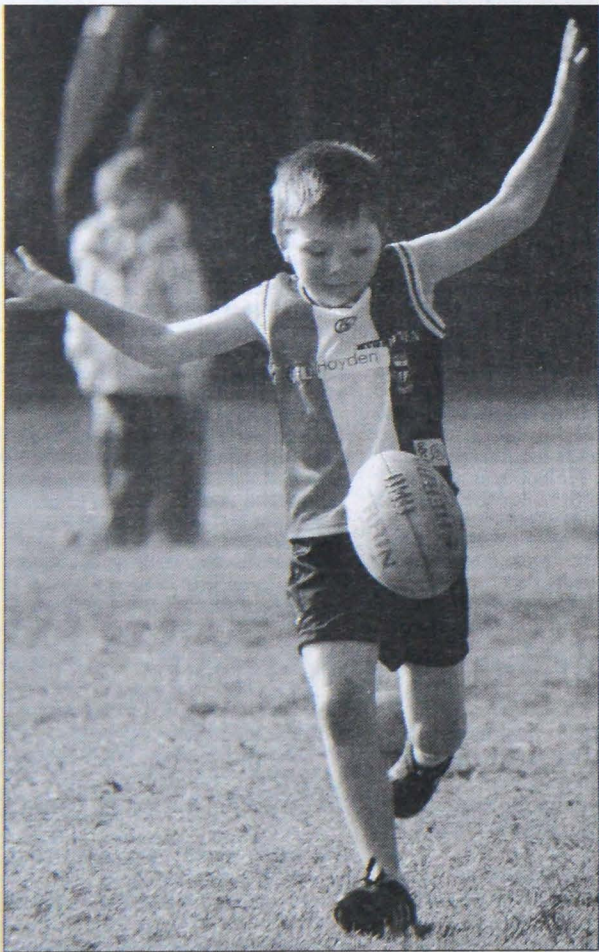


It's your mark and Oscar Bennett seems to be surprised at the outcome.

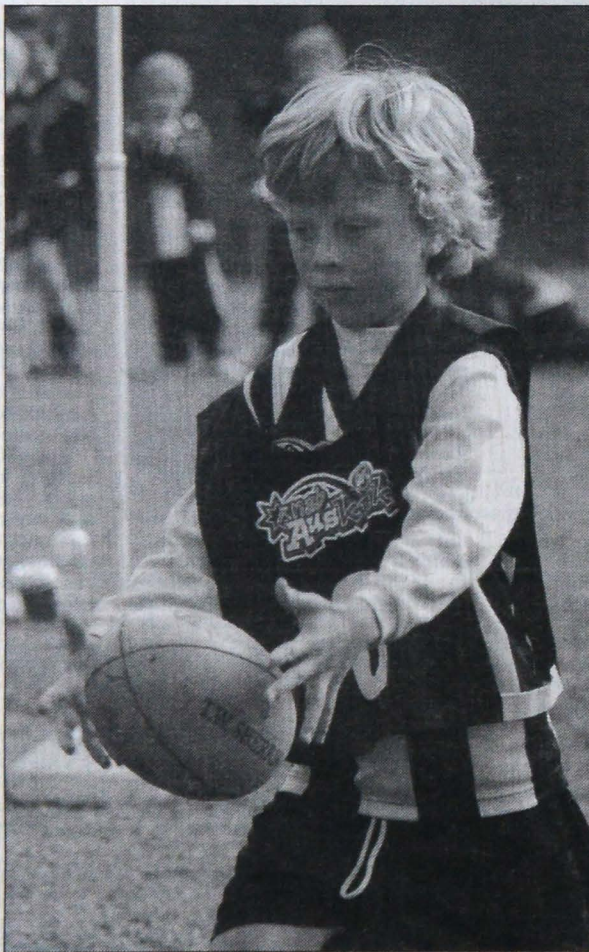
Regular session times are between 9-10.15am on Saturdays at the Warrandyte football clubrooms at Taroona Avenue. Both boys and girls are encouraged to come and participate.

For information on joining Warrandyte Auskick contact Edward Munks on 0434 020 191 or emunks@gmail.com or Cait Ramsdale on 0408 740 850.

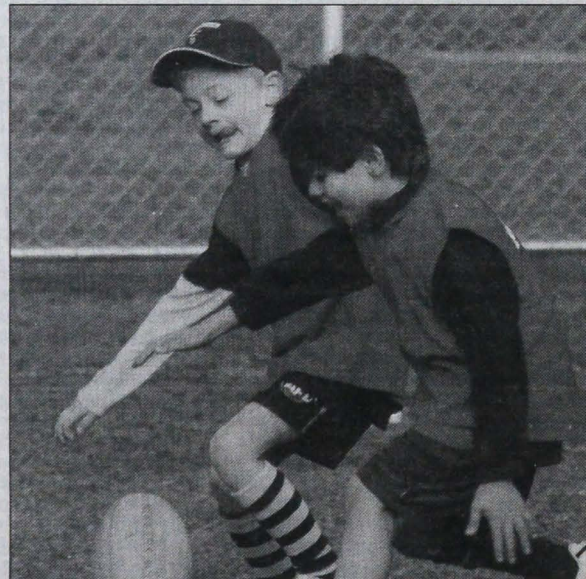
● Pictures by Alana Phillips.



Hayden Taylor puts everything into this kick during an Auskick session.



Hayden Menzies is all concentration as he prepares to kick the ball.



Andrew Ogden and Charlie Conti compete for possession of the ball.



Hayden Taylor, Angus Ramsdale and Charlie Conti during an Auskick match at Warrandyte.

## Little aths team finishes on top

A Warrandyte team representing Doncaster Little Athletics Centre, won the Under 11 gold medal at the recent Nunawading open day.

The team competed against 58 other athletes. The girls all race events as individuals and then their positions are aggregated to determine the team result.

The team comprised Emily Sharpe sixth in the individual, Charlotte Bassett first and Ally Rose Ogden third.

Other Warrandyte athletes competing during the season are Kimberley Gilling in the Under 7, Ruby Chapman in the Under 8s and Annie Pearson in the Under 11s

The Regional Eastern Metropolitan Regional (EMR) event will be held at Ruffey Lake Park on Sunday June 20 and will attract a large number of entrants from all over Melbourne.

The Eastern winter cross country season runs at various venues on Sunday mornings with distances varying from 500m for Under 6 athletes to 3000m for Under 13-16 age groups. The season culminates with the State Championships at Geelong racecourse on August 1.

For more information on Little Athletics contact Andrew Pynt on 0410 478 333.

Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

# Finals action for Big V men

Warrandyte Venom's senior men's team defeated Camberwell 67-60 in a high pressure contest.

It was the Venom's first win over a higher ranked team.

Warrandyte are now equal third on the ladder and looking good as they are three games clear of the next team.

Warrandyte won each quarter by the narrowest of margins to secure their place in the top four.

Chris Jones was outstanding with 16 points (nine rebounds) until fouled out mid way through the final quarter. Josh Collins continued to be a high scorer with 14 points but subsequently received a heavy knock.

Seth Howell also performed well and Jake Lugg managed a couple of vital steals late in the game,

## Women also have claims for title

going to the line to fortify the win.

● The Big V Women's side will regroup and rebuild their offense after suffering an eight point loss to visitors, Mildura.

Although disappointed, coach Justin Nelson praised the team's strengths.

"We are a great defensive outfit but the offensive just did not work," he said.

Midway through the second quarter, the Venom had

opened up a six point lead and things were going to plan.

The remainder of the game, however, saw Mildura in control of goals, free throws and rebounds. While Venom scored well in offensive rebounds, these did not convert to scoring shots and the final result was 48-56.

For the Venom, Chelsea Ransom top scored with 16 points (three from outside the arc) with support from Sharlene Dalsanto six points (13 rebounds) and Janelle Lucas six points (six rebounds).

This has been a rebuilding year for the Venom and the fact that they are firmly entrenched in the top four (now in third place) is both a credit to their determination and suggests the grand final is still within reach.



Coach Grant King talks to his Under 17 Redback charges during a time out.

# Redback run their opponents 'ragged'

Warrandyte Redbacks Under 17 A/AR boys had a solid win over Eltham by 37-22.

"I want to run them ragged in the second half", was coach Grant King's half time instruction to the Redbacks team.

The second half was certainly run at a fast pace, but Eltham managed to cut the Redbacks lead to six points before the home side ran away with the game in the final minutes.

Taylor Hayton top scored with 10 points (two from outside the three point line) followed by Jack Power and Jarrod Buzzini with seven each.

Bill Lavery made a welcome return after a serious football injury last August, managing a handy six points in his comeback game

● The Under 17 girls suffered a 33-23 loss to Nunawading.

The game was closer than the final score indicated

with Nunawading converting more opportunities to win the game.

Siobhan Bubner led the scoring with eight points, supported by Claire Lochhead with five.

● The Under 19 B grade girls had a strong opening half but were defeated by leading team, Balwyn losing by 37-15.

Nia Martin and Chelsea Witnish both played well and top scored with four points each.

## Basketball shorts

# Karl hits 41 points

A highlight of the Under 17 C Grade boys game between Banyule and Warrandyte was Karl Slaviero's game and personal high of 41 points.

With only a few minutes to go, Karl was seven points short of this exceptional record.

Helped by his Redbacks team mates, Karl contributed mightily to the 56-24 win, achieving an outstanding personal milestone.

Dandenong and MSAC over the June long weekend.

In its 34th year, the event is regarded as the premier club tournament in Australia, attracting teams from all over the country.

Acceptance into the Classic means that the Venom girls are rated in the top 16 teams in the country.

This is both an outstanding honour for the Venom team and a credit to the support and enthusiasm provided by the Warrandyte Club.

leaders, Waverley by 62-49.

Although leading in the first quarter by a tight margin, Waverley hit the front and led for the remainder of the game.

For the Venom, Josh Collins top-scored with 20 points, followed by Matt Clough with ten points and Jake Ratcliffe with eight points.

It is a tight contest in the league with five teams fighting for four places. Warrandyte are currently in fifth place on percentage.

### PREMIER TOURNAMENT FOR UNDER 18 VENOM

In a first for Warrandyte, the Under 18 Venom girls (rated seventh in Victoria) have been accepted into the McDonald's National Junior Classic, to be played at

### MORE SCORING TALENT REQUIRED FOR MMBL

Matt Clough needed scoring back-up in the first half of the MMBL (Wednesday night) game in which Venom were defeated by ladder

### EASY WIN FOR WOMEN

On the women's side, the Venom easily accounted for Cranbourne 47-25 to maintain their position in the final four.



Warrandyte Redbacks Under 19 team. Back row from left: Ellie Cousens, Jennie Annand, Emilee Hassall. Front: Claire Brown, Chelsea Witnish, Nia Martin, Lisa Rennie.

# Two point thriller to Venom

In a nail biting Friday night finale, Emma Hoehne gave Venom a vital two point lead from the free throw line resulting in an exciting win over Eltham for Warrandyte's Under 20 Girls.

The teams were evenly matched throughout the game with scores locked at 11 all at half time and continued to be excruciatingly close from there.

With Eltham ahead with 81 seconds to go

Natalie Gills scored to tie the game before the fortuitous foul against Courtney Anderson.

Coach Dennis Hoehne said of the tight 25-23 win: "It is good to win a close one. The girls are coming together well and the remainder of the season is looking good."

The Venom are just outside the finals group and with this stylish win look set to make the playoffs.

# It's life for Goddard

Steve Goddard is Warrandyte Cricket Club's newest Life Member.

The award was made at the club's annual meeting last month.

Goddard has played with the Warrandyte for more than 20 years and has become recognised for his work in unearthing the club's history and statistics.

He has been able to record all senior players since 1905, along with most of their match figures.

The club also re-elected Matthew Chapman as president. His father, John, will continue as treasurer while Justin Cleaves takes over as secretary.

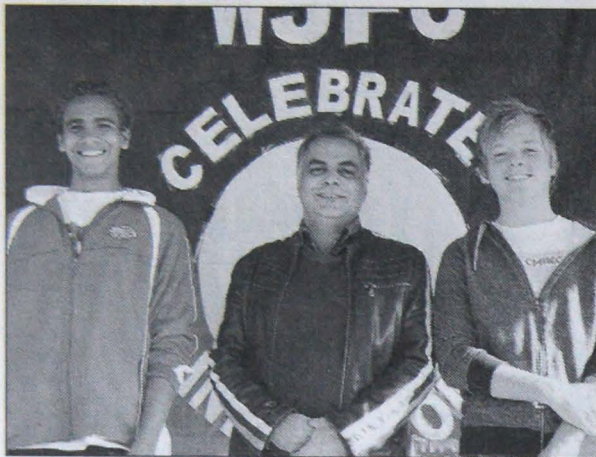
Matthew Chapman said the club was on a recruiting drive over the winter break and hoped to bring a number of new players to Warrandyte.

"We were runners-up in the RDCA Wilkins Shield competition last season and we would love to get one or two seasoned players whose experience could help us get over the line and win a premiership," he said.

"Our Third and Fourth XIs took out titles but we want the First XI to be a First Division team and the only way we can do that is win the Second Division premiership."



Steve Goddard acknowledges the crowd after scoring a century for Warrandyte's Second XI last season.



Jurra Dingo, Trevor Pearce and Toby Ward were part of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club's celebration of the role indigenous footballers.

## Club celebrates indigenous footy

May 27 marked the AFL Indigenous Round and Warrandyte Junior Football Club had a great crowd in the clubrooms to celebrate the enormous contribution that indigenous players have made to Australian Rules Football since the beginning of our unique code.

Local Aboriginal leader Trevor Pearce spoke about the huge strides that the AFL has made in promoting aboriginal players who now

make up over 10 per cent of the total player list.

He also talked about the importance of sport in building respect between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people and bringing people together through a shared interest and passion.

Jurra Dingo who plays in the Junior Colts spoke about his football career at Warrandyte and then captained the Bloods as they beat Preston Bullants later that afternoon.

## League selection and milestone games

A number of players from the Warrandyte Junior Football Club have been selected in representative teams.

They include: Jacob Ballard, Vic Metro Under 16, YJFL Under 15 Interleague; Daniel Misfud, YJFL Under 14; Jason Castagna, Zac Ballard and James Appleby, YJFL Under 12; Joel Bumpstead.

● Billy Lavery and Lauchlan Imeneo (Colts 2) recently played their 100th game for the club. Billy has returned from two serious shoulder injuries and is a much admired member of the team.

● A number of Under 15 boys have reached milestones: 100 games- Brandon Stafford, Brayden Misfud, Campbell Prior and Ryan Tester; 50 games- Riley Sproule-Carroll.

# Junior showdown as the Colts clash

Another chapter has been added in sporting rivalry showdowns with the recent clash between Warrandyte Colts 1 and Warrandyte Colts 2.

This unusual circumstance took place as the Colts 2 team (Under 16) was promoted from Division 3 and is now a direct rival of the Colts 1 (Under 17) team, who were premiers in their division in 2009.

There was a finals like atmosphere at Warrandyte Reserve as both teams ran onto the ground.

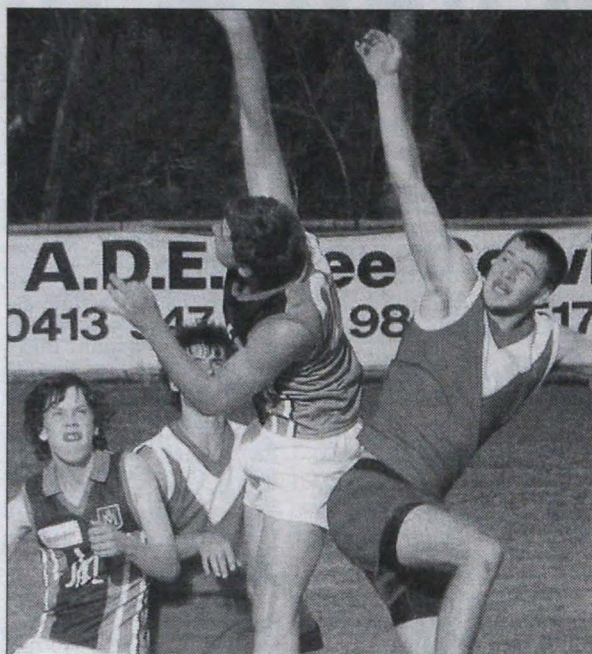
The Colts 2 team wore the YJFL strip and this caused initial confusion for players, coaches and spectators. An added feature was the relationship between the opposing coaches - father and son!

The game lived up to all expectations as both teams threw everything at the contest.

The Colts 1 hit the scoreboard early with strong bullocking work complemented by blinding breaks from clearances but the Young Bloods hit back with skilled ball use and the game was set up for a thrilling finish.

The final quarter was an epic. With only a goal in it at three quarter time, the Young Bloods kicked two early goals to gain a handy 15 point break. With only five minutes to go and seemingly with no hope, the Colts 1 attacked relentlessly to kick two superb goals.

In the dying seconds, the Young Bloods marked in the defensive goal square to thwart the last attack of the Colts 1. As the siren sounded, a scoreboard glitch had the Young Bloods seven points ahead. The actual



Hands up who wants the ball. Action from the Colts (1) versus Colts (2) match. From left, Daniel Nilsson, Mat Colborne-Veel, Hamish Bradbury and Taylor Hayton.

margin was only one point and set up a much anticipated clash later in the season.

Scores: Warrandyte (2) 9.9-63 defeated Warrandyte (1) 9.8-62.

● The Tackers had their annual round robin carnival at Bulleen and the day saw some outstanding individual performances as well as some inspiring team work.

Nick Alexander, Oliver Casamento and Nathan Stewart attacked the ball relentlessly.

Austin Humphris displayed flashes of brilliance and Oscar Hodgson slotted through

the only goal of the day.

● After a tough start to the season the Under 15s have worked hard to put themselves in finals contention after Round 8.

The big home win against Ashburton 12.16-66 to 2.7-19 was very encouraging. Coach Clem Misfud has been getting the team to work on 'running the lines' to generate fast flowing ball movement.

A follow up thrashing of St Damian's by 89 points sees the team well placed in fourth position.

● The Under 13s Mothers

Day clash saw the team pitted against Ashburton After running through Nick Anderson's 50th game banner, the boys displayed teamwork and support and all players followed team rules which enabled free flowing football.

Zac Stephenson was influential with four goals.

The team is currently fifth out of 12 and are a contender for finals football. Scores: Warrandyte 7.12-54 to Ashburton 1.3-9.

● The Under 10s had a fine home win against Kew Rovers in Round 8. The five goal victory was a result of constant pressure and good team work.

● The Under 11s had a thrilling four point win against St Mary's at home in Round 7. The boys fought hard all day and withstood a last minute charge from St Mary's.

● In a very competitive division of 12 teams, the Under 12s recorded an inspiring two point home victory against Kew.

Wins have been elusive since, however, the boys have been a chance in many games and are working extremely hard to post another win.

● The Under 14 team had a memorable early season victory against Ivanhoe.

Playing in the top division has been challenging and the boys have shown that they can be competitive against the best in their age group.

Two losses by less than 14 points show the potential of the team. Coach Shane Newman believes games against stronger opposition will have longer term benefits for his team.



Warrandyte 11 and under Gliders (3) player, Natalia Czarnecki (GS) shoots for goal during last Saturday's match. Her team lost 7-12.

## Netball girls join a select group

Warrandyte netballers Riley and Kennedy Price have been selected to represent the Doncaster and Districts Netball Association at tournaments throughout the metropolitan area in 2010.

Riley and Kennedy join a group of Warrandyte girls already selected for high level netball bringing the tally to an impressive 21 players.

New players and their families are always welcome at Warrandyte Netball Club which is an enthusiastic and supportive group. Games are played at the same time and at the same venue each Saturday during the season at the Doncaster and Districts Netball Courts in Templestowe.

For further information on Warrandyte Netball Club visit the website, [www.warrandytenc.org.au](http://www.warrandytenc.org.au)



All eyes on the ball during Warrandyte Possums 11 and under (2) match which Warrandyte won 19-6. Elise Mueller (C), Meaghan Lloyd (WA), Annalise Ball (GA) and Lucy Wheeler (GS).

# Bloods surge into finals contention

## Reserves hold top four spot

Warrandyte has reached the half way mark of the Eastern Football League Third Division season in fourth place and now have a springboard to finals action.

Three successive wins, the most recent over Boronia on Saturday, has given the Bloods a one game buffer and a handy percentage break over the fifth placed team.

With the Queen's Birthday break this weekend, the Bloods will be able to re-group for the run home as they attempt to go at least one better than last season's preliminary final loss.

Saturday's 10 goal win over Boronia in wet conditions sounded a warning bell to other teams that Warrandyte had the strength, talent and the will to be a premiership contender.

The Bloods have been blessed this season with the introduction of a number of new, young recruits.

Shane Biggs, an 18-year-old has been a revelation on both the wing and at half forward. Slightly built but with an intuitive football brain and classic skills on both sides of his body, he has given the Bloods a new avenue to goal.

Tim Hookey has also burst onto the senior scene and was clearly one of Warrandyte's best in heavy conditions on Saturday.

Veteran Matt Wood continues his good form and three goals on Saturday made him a dangerous forward and on-ball player.

Dion Mullett-Treloar is the real find for the Bloods at centre half back. A strong and reliable mark, he is blessed with pace and a penetrating kicking style.

The Bloods broke away from Boronia early in Saturday's game to have a handy five goal break at half time. Despite persistent rain and an ongoing inability to kick straight, Warrandyte broke the game open in the second half to record a 61 point win.

### Warrandyte 14.19-103 def Boronia 5.12-42

Goals: C. Wheatley 4, M. Wood 3, S. Biggs 2, M. Morello, L. Dunn, Z. Bentley, S. Christopher, G. Archer  
Best: D. Mullett-Treloar, T. Hookey, T. Beasley, T. Naughtin, C. Wheatley, S. Biggs

### ● ROUND 6

After two hard fought victories in the previous two weeks, the Bloods went to Shark Park confident that they could cause an upset against undefeated Doncaster.

Unfortunately confidence was not enough as Doncaster inflicted the Bloods' biggest loss so far.

Inaccuracy in front of goal again



Warrandyte full forward, Michael Morello, gets a handpass away despite pressure from his Kilsyth opponent. Picture: Robert White.

hurt Warrandyte early in the match, with six behinds registered before their first major.

At half time Doncaster led 11.7-73 to Warrandyte 3.7-25.

The second half was a more even affair, with the Bloods applying more pressure to their Doncaster opponents and delivery into the Warrandyte forward line improved.

Six goals apiece in the third term gave the Sharks a 50 point three quarter time lead.

In a lacklustre final term, with the game's result beyond doubt, the Sharks kicked four goals to Warrandyte's two to record a 63 point victory.

### Doncaster 21.14-140 def. Warrandyte 11.11-77

Goals: A. Gamble 4, R. Ansaldo 2, M. Morello 2, C. Wheatley 2, S. Biggs  
Best: A. Gamble, C. Wheatley, M. Morello, R. Ansaldo, S. Biggs

### ● ROUND 7

Warrandyte led from start to finish against Kilsyth, finishing with a six goal to two final quarter to record a 67 point victory.

For the first time in weeks the Bloods kicked more goals than points and in a pleasing return from injury Adam Tsapatsaris was

best on ground, while Al Wise and the young Caleb Atkinson were impressive on debut. There were six multiple goal kickers.

### Warrandyte 21.18-144 def. Kilsyth 12.5-77

Goals: M. Morello 4, M. Wood 3, C. Wheatley 3, S. Christopher 3, H. Hosking 2, A. Wise 2, S. Biggs, B. Taylor, A. Tsapatsaris, C. Atkinson  
Best: A. Tsapatsaris, M. Feben, H. Hosking, T. Beasley, C. Van Florestein, M. Wood

### ● ROUND 8

The seniors fronted up to Walker park for another 'must win' clash against Mitcham.

A win would see the bloods with an opportunity to be at the pointy end of the ladder come the Queens Birthday weekend; a loss meant slipping back into the host of teams vying for the third and fourth spots on the ladder.

Despite Mitcham posting the first major of the day the Bloods relentless pressure around the footy saw the balance eventually swing Warrandyte's way and thanks to some accurate finishing kicked away to an early lead.

The second term saw Warrandyte stamp their dominance on the match with an eight

goals to three quarter.

The backline continued to hold Mitcham's dangerous forwards and 2010 recruit Cameron Van Florenstein did a great job to curb Marcus Kenny who is leading the EFL Third Division goalkicker.

In previous weeks the third quarter had been the Bloods' achilles heel, preferring to switch off rather than put teams to the sword.

Coach Michael Tout used the half time break to drum the importance of putting together a four quarter effort and sending a message that the Bloods were serious contenders in season 2010.

From that point, Warrandyte held control. Luke Dunn showed glimpses of his best form in his return to the seniors from a long term shoulder injury and Zach Bentley made an impressive debut coming into the senior side from the Under 18s.

### Warrandyte 25.14 - 164 def. Mitcham 11.16 - 82

Goals: J. Logan 3, L. Dunn 2, D. Hand 2, D. Bryant 2, J. Buhagiar, G. Carle, C. Haskings, L. Brewis  
Best: G. Carle, R. Cullen, J. Buhagiar, P. Burgoyne, L. Brewis, D. Hand

more contested possessions.

Warrandyte re-grouped during a soul-searching half-time break and played with more confidence in the second half. Bentley continued to collect numerous possessions and was again Warrandyte's best mid-fielder. Other players to show impressive perseverance were Nick and Aaron Batsanis, Ellis, Reddie, Peter-Budge and McKee.

### Doncaster 18.9-117 def. Warrandyte 7.9-51

Goals: A. Batsanis, N. Batsanis, M. Chimenton, L. Jackson, A. Haikal, J. Ellis, K. Windhofer  
Best: N. Batsanis, A. Haikal, Z. Bentley, A. Batsanis, T. Peter-Budge, S. Cardamone

● The Under 18s returned to the top four when they accounted for an undermanned Kilsyth.

The Bloods started well with mid-fielders combining strongly to win centre clearances and give the forwards numerous opportunities.

The inclusion of Appleby to the centre bounce structure bolstered the on-ball department. McKee and Ellis were dominant tallies and Reddie followed instructions brilliantly, providing run and support from his wing. At quarter time, Warrandyte had already opened up a handy lead.

Early in the third quarter the Warrandyte were able to re-assert themselves over their opponents and didn't give Kilsyth another look-in.

### Warrandyte 16.15-111 def. Kilsyth/Montrose 3.1-19

Goals: A. Haikal 4, J. Rudolph 3, Z. Bentley 3, T. Peter-Budge 2, C. Kovarik, M. Chimenton, T. Appleby, J. Harris  
Best: Z. Bentley, A. Haikal, T. Appleby, R. Bowen, J. Ellis, A. Reddie

● The Under 18s recorded their fifth win for the season with a 41 point victory over Mitcham at

Walker Park.

It was Warrandyte who adjusted to the challenging slippery conditions first and managed to boot five majors to nil before half time in what was shaping as a low scoring affair.

Although Mitcham managed just two goals for the third quarter it could have been much worse for the Bloods and if it wasn't for some resolute defending from Jack Ellis and Sam Williams (returning from suspension) the game could have been much closer at three quarter time.

The Bloods put on a dominant final term to win by 43 points.

### Warrandyte 12.14-86 def. Mitcham 6.9-45

Goals: J. Ellis 4, N. Buruma 3, R. Bowen 2, A. Batsanis, A. Reddie, T. Denham  
Best: J. Ellis, J. Harris, J. Rudolph, A. Batsanis, T. Versteegen, S. Williams

Warrandyte Reserves have consolidated their place in the top four with a nail-biting two point win over Boronia.

The Bloods have now recorded seven wins at the half way mark and are two games and percentage ahead of fifth place.

The depth of the player pool has made a big difference this season along with the return of a number of senior players.

### Warrandyte 14.8-92 def Boronia 13.12-90

Goals: C. Kennedy 3, J. Khouri 2, C. Atkinson 2, J. Buhagiar, G. Carle, J. Boyce, C. Haskings, P. Burgoyne, R. Mullett-Treloar, D. Hand

Best: C. Kennedy, R. Mullett-Treloar, C. Atkinson, G. Godwin, J. O'Mara, P. Burgoyne

● The Reserves were slow out of the blocks against Doncaster and found themselves trailing at the quarter time and half time breaks.

With Doncaster maintaining a narrow lead early in the final term, it was persistent pressure from Warrandyte onballers coupled with superior fitness that enabled the Bloods to claw back the lead.

A one handed grab from Daniel Bryant and handball over the top to Jarrod Boyce in the goal square gave the Bloods an 11 point advantage before another mark and goal from Bryant sealed the win for Warrandyte.

Al Wise also showed some great signs in his first game for the Bloods after several years away from the game.

### Warrandyte 12.8-80 def. Doncaster 9.9-63

● In the Round 7 match against Kilsyth, the Reserves were never in doubt after a five goal to nil first quarter.

Despite letting the foot off the accelerator in the second term, the Bloods led by 29 points at half time before the game opened up in the second half allowing Warrandyte to power home to record a 66 point victory.

It was a day for the veterans contingent with over 30s Glen Carle and Ryan Cullen best afield for the Bloods.

### Warrandyte 13.13-91 def. Kilsyth 3.7-25

Goals: J. Logan 3, L. Dunn 2, D. Hand 2, D. Bryant 2, J. Buhagiar, G. Carle, C. Haskings, L. Brewis  
Best: G. Carle, R. Cullen, J. Buhagiar, P. Burgoyne, L. Brewis, D. Hand

● In a scrappy opening quarter Warrandyte dominated general play in the Reserves clash against Mitcham but failed to capitalise on their opportunities.

Showers began to fall in the second term which benefited a bigger bodied Mitcham side. At half time it was Mitcham leading by five points.

Warrandyte came out full of running in the second half and slammed on seven goals to put the game beyond doubt at three quarter time.

Warrandyte's small men were first to the ball and were rewarded for their efforts with some straight shooting up forward from Jimmy Logan and Clint Kennedy.

The last term continued in the same vein and saw Warrandyte record a 50 point win. Daniel Bryant continued his hot streak in front of goal by booting five majors.

Flynn Jarvis was awarded best afield honours for his outstanding ruck work and never say die attitude.

### Warrandyte 19.6-120 def. Mitcham 11.4-70

Goals: D. Bryant 5, J. Logan 3, C. Kennedy 3, G. Carle 3, F. Jarvis 2, J. Buhagiar, C. Haskings, B. Tobin  
Best: F. Jarvis, G. Carle, C. Kennedy, J. Logan, J. Buhagiar, B. Tobin

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