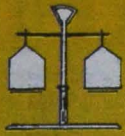


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Winter in Warrandyte:
Can spring be far behind?

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New library move

'Real books in a real library'

By CLIFF GREEN

A proper library—containing a comprehensive book stock as well as computers—may become a reality for Warrandyte.

Manningham council is investigating ways to incorporate a library into the Warrandyte Community Centre in Yarra Street.

According to Dick Davies, presi-

dent of the Warrandyte Community Association, "the concept of relocating the book library and accompanying services to the Community Centre is under review, although no decisions have been made on what may go where."

Mr Davies welcomed the development, saying that community groups he had been in contact with were impressed with the council officers' approach and the personal involvement and leadership of the chief executive officer, Lydia Wilson.

"If a book library can be accommodated it could solve problems faced by both the Warrandyte Community

Centre and Manningham council," Mr Davies told the *Diary*.

"Local councillor Ken McKenzie first proposed a library on the site in 1988. Twenty-two years seems long enough to consider the issue," Mr Davies said.

Hopes for a library in Warrandyte were originally dashed when a public library was included at The Pines shopping centre in East Doncaster. The old Doncaster-Templestowe council considered this was too close to Warrandyte to justify another library.

"Shopfront libraries" were the fashion at the time and ultimately

Warrandyte was allocated a facility in a shop, containing few books, but a number of computer terminals linked to the regional library's index. Books could be ordered online and arrived in a day or two. Browsing was not possible. It was called an "e-library", or more commonly, a "virtual library".

"A virtual library is a library you have when you haven't got a library," the *Diary* quipped at the time.

Residents are welcoming this exciting plan, although some are asking how a properly equipped and stocked public library can be accommodated in the present com-

munity centre, where all spaces are currently occupied. Council say they are considering "a number of options". Building an annexe or a separate building on the site may be the only ultimate answer.

Lydia Wilson assured the *Diary* that any facility provided would be "a real library, with real books".

● This issue, with many others, will be discussed at a WCA public meeting to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Thursday, July 22 at 7.30pm. A senior council officer will answer questions. (See Page 3.)

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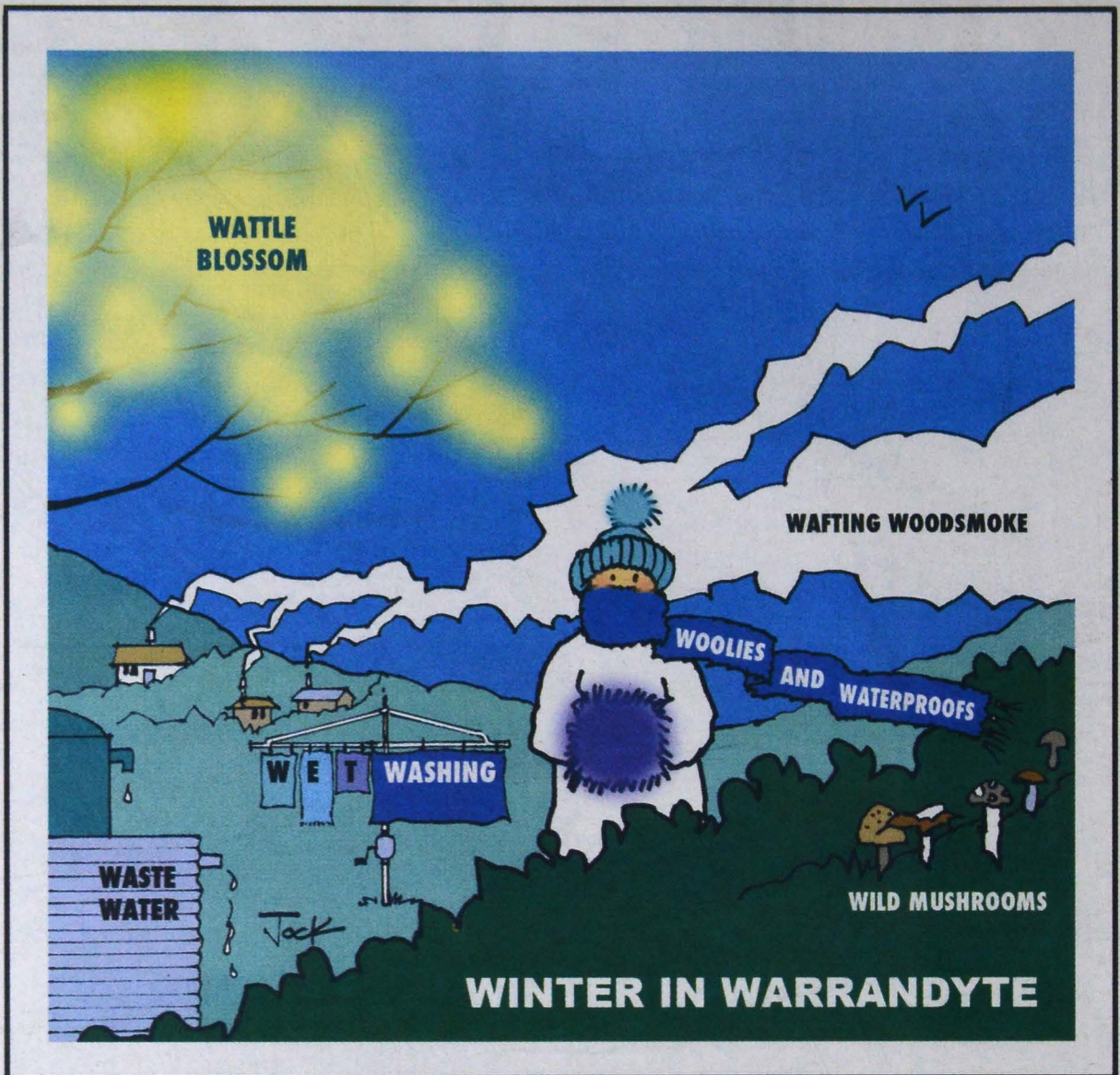
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OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Welcome to the mysterious disappearing village...

"TROT Towers!" said Narelle picking up the phone. "Same old Narelle," came Beryl's voice. "Nothing's changed in Warrandyte, eh?" "I wouldn't be so sure about that!" said Narelle. Their next-door neighbours, Beryl and Barney, had been doing the retiree's lap of honour around Australia, and were glad to be home among the familiar faces and places in their precious village. "Let's catch up for a coffee at Zolotto's!" said Beryl. "Can't," said Narelle. "Why not?" said Beryl. "It's gone!" "No Zolotto's?" "No Zolotto's." "No flowery young men?" "No flowery young men." "No Rolls Royce?" "No Rolls Royce." "Well I never!" It was shocking news, and Beryl needed a moment or two to take it all in. "Well, I suppose there were bound to be some changes. How about a nice frittata at the River View Deli?" "Can't," said Narelle.



"Why not?" said Beryl. "It's gone!" "No River View Deli?" "No River View Deli. It's all nachos and Mexican tacoways now." "Heavens to Betsy!" This was worse than she thought. "Is Lobosco's open during the day, or just at night?" tried Beryl. "Neither," said Narelle. "No Lobosco's?" "No Lobosco's!" "Oh my giddy aunt!" Even over the phone Narelle could tell Beryl was having a hot flush. "Well what about that one down near the bus bays?" ventured Beryl. "Gigetto's was it?" "Retreat!" said Narelle. "And it isn't near the bus bays any more!" "Why not?" "They're gone!" "How can the bus bays be gone?" squealed Beryl. "They put a bus stop in, they take a bus stop out, they put a bus stop in and

living with The Trotts

then change it all about." "You do mean the bus bays opposite John's Motors?" "I mean the bus bays opposite the car wash!" "Shit a brick!" cried Beryl. "We leave town for five minutes and the whole world gets turned upside down. By the time we get back even the big bloke running the whole shebang has gone!" "Oh," said Narelle. "So you heard that John Boyle's not running the Festival anymore." "And what's in that empty hole that used to be Ginkgo's?" "An empty hole. Some things never change!" "We'll just have to go down to the pub," said Beryl. "The pub's still there isn't it?" "Oh yes. The pub's still there!" "And afterwards we can play the Pokies!" "Right!" said Narelle. "Now about the Pokies..."

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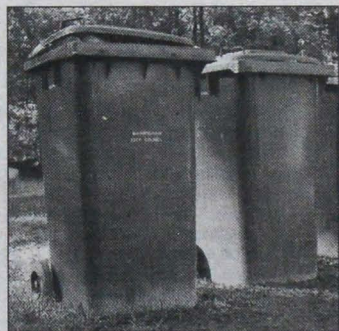
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Climate change 'angels' bearing cash

Manningham's bin there, done that!



Manningham council is enclosing the old sulo bins (inset) along the river in these smart new containers (above). They'll still overflow during the monthly market, but hey, they look great! (Pictures by Sandy Burgoyne)

Two climate change community facilitators have been appointed for Warrandyte and surrounding areas.

The state government has appointed eight facilitators across the state to "deliver the \$10million Climate Communities program," Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, told the *Diary*. The local facilitators are Ellen Mitchell and Kate Greer.

"I know that residents in Warrandyte are passionate about our environment and understand that climate change is something that we need to work together to take action on," Ms Green said.

"The environmental needs in Warrandyte differ from those in other communities and the government recognises this, which is why each region has a community facilitator who will understand the unique set

of circumstances in their regions.

"Ms Mitchell and Ms Greer will aim to help to slow the effects of climate change that are particular to the local government areas of Manningham and Nillumbik," Ms Green said.

Facilitators will be able to provide local communities with expert advice, research and information and will assist with education and support programs.

"It's important that our communities utilise our facilitators to harness their ideas for the projects they have in mind, and I'm sure that both Ms Mitchell and Ms Greer will be able to help the community groups in Warrandyte, through their expertise and skills, to develop programs and assist with accessing government grants."

Opportunities for project funding could include retrofitting community halls to reduce energy use, establishing a shared transport system—such as car pooling—or introducing an energy cooperative to trial new clean technology.

The Climate Communities Grants program will consider new projects with funding up to \$50,000 that meet one or more of these key objectives: reduce emission, build community resilience by adaptation to climate change; and trial and/or promote new processes or technologies to help tackle climate change.

"They provide an opportunity for all levels of community to get involved and to have their efforts in improving, maintaining and sustaining local environments recognised," Ms Green said.



Bound for Warrandyte: Climate change facilitator Kate Greer (left), MP Danielle Green and environment minister Gavin Jennings with the hybrid car that will bring good news to local communities.

Local focus on renewable energy plans

Climate change is back on the front pages once more as the prime minister considers how the federal government will deal with this vital issue.

Warrandyte will be one of the first communities to hear details of Melbourne climate group Beyond Zero Emissions' new proposals demonstrating how renewable energy sources

can rapidly lead Australia towards a zero emissions future.

The proposal is being launched at Melbourne University on July 14 and Warrandyte will receive a public presentation one week later—on July 21.

WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) is sponsoring the presentation. Titled "Zero Carbon Australia Sta-

tionary Action Plan", it has been developed by Beyond Zero Emissions and other key groups in the renewable energy debate.

The Warrandyte seminar will argue that it is technically possible for Australia to reach 100 per cent renewable energy within 10 years and that the technology to achieve this is already commercially available.

The plan claims that our base load energy needs can be supplied at an investment equivalent to the cost of one cup of coffee per Australian per day.

"This is a rare chance to access absolute up-to-the-minute knowledge and thinking on how our country can manage the climate crisis," WarrandyteCAN president, Wayne Rankin,

told the *Diary*.

"All are welcome. Entry is free, but donations will be gratefully received to help fund climate change information events in Warrandyte."

● The Beyond Zero Emissions seminar will be held at the Mechanics Institute Hall, Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Wednesday, July 21 commencing at 8pm.



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On the buses: Councillor supports a different route

By DAVID ELLIS

THEY seemed to spring up overnight. Like mushrooms. Or toadstools. Not everyone in Warrandyte considers them palatable.

The shift from indented bus bays to in-lane stops (buses stopping in the carriageway) has been generally criticised for its potential to slow car traffic and increase congestion. As a designated arterial road, Yarra Street is not in the control of council. All the same I think council and the people of Warrandyte will find a lot to like in the changes.

The re-formed bus stops are an essential part of the \$360 million SmartBus rollout by VicRoads and the Department of Transport (DoT). As outlined elsewhere, Manningham will get four DART rapid-transit routes running radially into the city (including the 304 on Yarra Street) and three orbital SmartBus services running approximately north and south.

This is more than a routine upgrade. It reflects a major re-evaluation of the purpose of our road network, a calculated shift away from private car usage in favour of road-based public transport. Cars will continue to be a major part of Melbourne's transport system, but now with the need to prepare for diminishing oil supplies and legislated carbon price impacts, public investment in the road network can no longer be seen as being primarily at the service of private cars. To their credit, VicRoads and the DoT have seen this future and are acting accordingly.

You make omelettes, you break eggs. There is no doubt that the changes will mean some impediment to individualised transport, including a small delay at in-lane

comment

bus stops while passengers get on and off. On the other hand buses will benefit by not being held up in exiting bus bays. Timetable compliance and safety will also be improved. All SmartBus stops will be DDA (disability) compliant and many (four in Yarra Street) will have real-time displays showing next bus arrival. As another change, at several intersections, drivers will also have the option of dynamic signalling (that is, the ability to control signalling on their approach to traffic lights—another example of prioritising the needs of public transport.)

Still, one size does not have to fit all. Some bus bays will be retained—for example at the traffic light intersection near Taroona Avenue where an in-lane stop would be a major disruption. Bays are also needed wherever large numbers of passengers need time to get on and off, such as at Warrandyte High School where extended bus bays are being installed.

Congestion is more than an inconvenience. When I first heard of the in-lane stops I was concerned at the likely effect on emergency vehicle access and bushfire evacuation. This, though, is not a matter that can be resolved by the way we configure bus stops. Even a cursory inspection of Yarra Street will show the roundabouts, car parking, traffic lights and other "pinch points" which will impede traffic in an emergency. In a bushfire situation, orderly and planned traffic control will be the essential element. I would also like to see footpaths, bike paths and (yes) in-lane bus stops designed so that

these can be opened when needed for emergency access.

The planned in-lane stop immediately outside the Community Centre needs further work and I am pleased to note that our council engineers are liaising with VicRoads on how this might be done better. I also have doubts about the 304 service terminating at the bridge rather than going through to (at least) Jumping Creek Road. That is a matter worth following up, not a reason to condemn the changes.

Congestion in Yarra Street is acute. It will not be solved by resisting a forward-looking initiative that is ultimately designed to reduce the number of cars. The reality is that this 19th century road is being asked to do too much: serving local needs, substantial tourist visitation and the demands of the Vic Roads arterial network. My own vision for Yarra Street is to reduce traffic burden by removing its arterial status. This could be achieved by reviving the long-shelved plan for an upgraded Reynolds Road to serve as an arterial link to Croydon, Chirnside Park and Lilydale, substantially reducing the pressure on Warrandyte's historic main street.

Meanwhile we can afford to look positively at the present public transport makeover. It is at least a step away from calls from the benighted RACV to have this special street widened to take yet more car traffic. I see it as an important step into a sustainable future. I also see it as a strategic defence in what Val Polley (*Diary*, June) has called "The Battle for Yarra Street".

(Manningham councillor David Ellis has spent the past year as representative on seven eastern suburban councils on the VicRoads based Public Transport Advisory Board.)



Lee Tindale, as seen by Jock Macneish

Fond memories of Lee Tindale

I read "Back from the Brink" (*Diary* June) with great interest. Lee Tindale did indeed give Judy Macdonald and I great advice and we had many fun times researching, writing and putting the paper "to bed" at the Tindale home, sometimes after delicate negotiations with their pet goat—who hated women—on the way to the door!

It is fitting for Lee to be remembered and thanked for preserving and developing the *Diary* but I also have a personal debt of gratitude to him. The opportunity he gave me, as a newcomer to the town, allowed me to meet a variety of interesting and wonderful people and learn a great deal about community life and connections. It was an experience that helped me secure several subsequent paid jobs.

Volunteering on the *Diary* and the confidence I gained as a result, also enabled me to write a number of special needs children's books and study a Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing. Since then I have had feature articles published in major newspapers and a job in local government as a media officer. Now I'm a freelance writer.

I tell you these things to encour-

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age others to volunteer in the community as Lee, Judy and I did. The experience, knowledge and friendships that result can have fantastic, life-long and most rewarding consequences. In giving we also received.

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Centre's future to feature at WCA annual meeting

A public meeting following the annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Association, to be held later this month, will consider—among other issues—the future of the Warrandyte Community Centre.

"It is nine years since the Warrandyte community revolted against arbitrary moves by the then Manningham council to privatise part—if not all—of the centre," WCA president Dick Davies told the *Diary*.

That led to the formation of the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group and its offshoot, the Warrandyte Community Association.

"*Diary* editor Cliff Green observed at the time that the community 'had gone to sleep'," Mr Davies said. "He was quite right and it must not happen again."

"The community, through the Warrandyte Environment League, led by activists Jan McDonald and Rosie Tovey in the 1970s and early 1980s, fought hard to purchase the old Getson garage site."

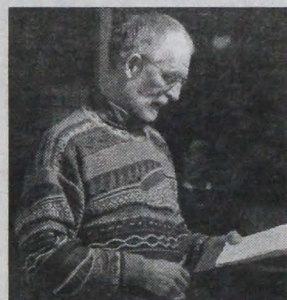
It took 10 long years, but this eventually became the Community Centre as we know it, home to the *Diary*, Lions Op Shop, Information Warrandyte, Neighbourhood House and many other local community groups.

Mr Davies said: "Manningham council officers, under the inspiring leadership of chief executive Lydia Wilson, are reviewing all community services in Warrandyte and the Community Centre is central to their thinking—as it should be."

"However, whilst they have had in-depth discussions with tenants and regular users of the centre, it is essential to engage everyone else."

An important aspect of these discussions is the possibility of the establishment of a proper public library in Warrandyte. (See report Page 1.)

The WCA will canvass other opinions at its annual general meeting. The AGM will be followed by a public meeting, enabling the wider community to discuss and comment



Dick Davies



Vox populi: The community will have their say at the WCA public forum. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

on these and other issues. A senior council officer will be present to update the meeting and answer questions.

A number of other issues to be discussed include bushfire preparedness, Vodafone tower, VicRoads bus stop works (see report this page),

traffic management and other matters of concern.

Mr Davies said that he expected a speaker from the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission to come to Warrandyte later in the year, "maybe one of the commissioners, to discuss their find-

ings, due to be handed down at the end of July".

With regard to the proposed Vodafone tower at the Recreation Reserve, Mr Davies said that "whilst WCA has not taken a position on this, we have provided a forum for comment on our website and

at the Festival, and it may be raised at the meeting."

● The WCA annual general meeting—followed by a public meeting—will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Thursday, July 22 at 7.30pm.

Bus bay debate will go public

Work on removing four bus bays along Yarra Street is proceeding, despite community concern.

The work—for updated details see panel this page—is being undertaken by private contractors under the supervision of VicRoads and at the request of the Department of Transport.

As previously reported, buses will be required to stop in the traffic stream at these busy locations, forcing other traffic to bank up behind.

The Department of Transport believes the changes will help relieve traffic congestion. "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 into traffic. A bus can carry more than 50 people, it helps relieve congestion on the roads," a spokeswoman told the *Diary*.

"The whole thing is a nonsense," WCA president Dick Davies said.

Ryan Smith, Liberal MP for Warrandyte, raised the matter in parliament last month.

"While the Department of Transport believes this will ease congestion, just about every other person

you speak to, who actually lives in Warrandyte, believes it will increase congestion on the township's main road," he said.

"How can a bus stopping in front of a line of traffic while passengers get on and off, pay for their fares and have their tickets checked, actually help with the flow of traffic?"

"How can stopping traffic that was previously moving help traffic congestion?"

Mr Smith pointed out that the changes are being made without any consultation "with the residents of Warrandyte, the traders or the peak

community body, the Warrandyte Community Association.

"Warrandyte residents have worked hard in the past to preserve the character and ambience of Yarra Street in the face of increased population and more recently amidst concerns about the capacity of the local road network to cope with an evacuation during a bushfire disaster.

"There are many projects in Warrandyte that could have had money spent on them instead of wasting money on work that the community did not ask for and which will likely not achieve the intended results," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith has asked the transport minister to "release to the community the study or review that led to these works being done".

Dick Davies believes removal of the bus bays will be a hot topic at the public meeting to follow the WCA annual general meeting later this month.

"The extraordinary decision by VicRoads to fill in the bus bays and make buses stop in the single lane of traffic has been taken arbitrarily without consultation with the community, schools, council or anybody else it appears," he said.

"However, opinion is a bit divided on this as the resulting congestion may increase pressure to advance the North Eastern Arterial Route (extension of Reynolds Road towards Crofton) which is being considered as a bypass to reduced congestion in Warrandyte.

"As this would first require a study to determine how much congestion in Warrandyte is presently caused by through traffic from Reynolds Road, it is interesting that VicRoads is adding to, rather than relieving the congestion," Mr Davies said.

The WCA public meeting and AGM will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Thursday, July 22, commencing at 7.30pm.

● See Cr David Ellis's comment, Page 4

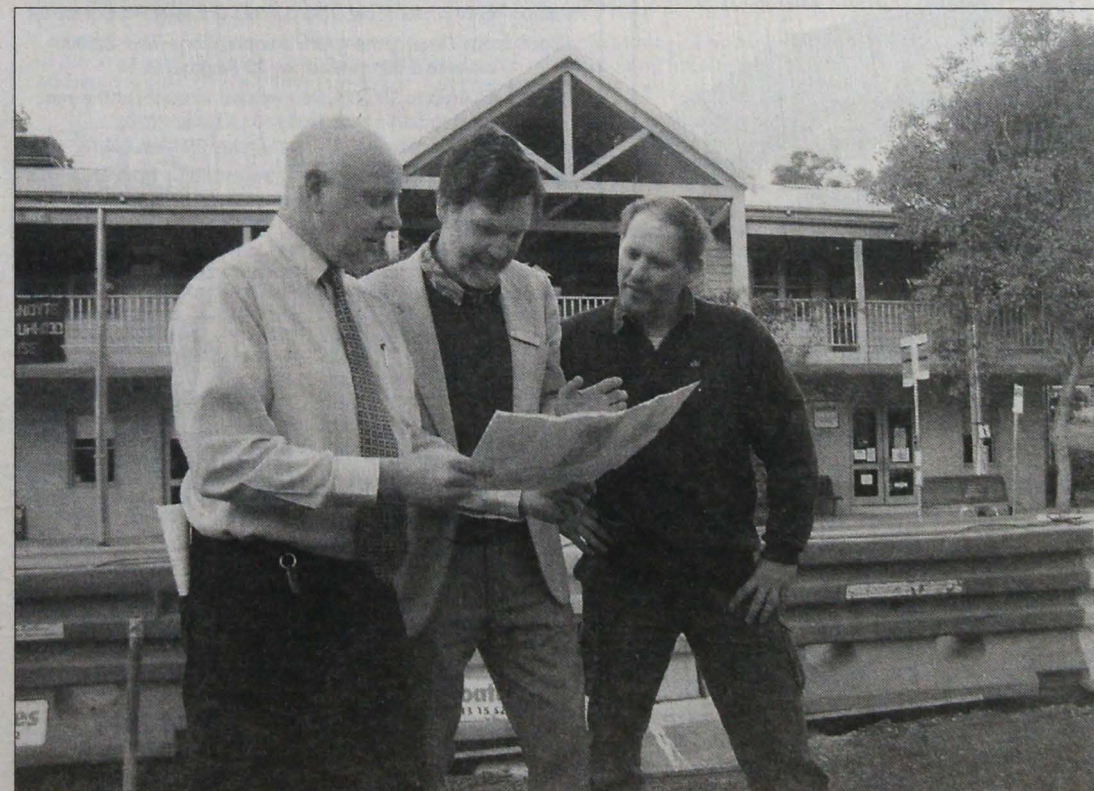
The bus stops here

Latest on the Yarra Street bus stop saga.

- 15 bus stops in Yarra Street to be reduced to 13.
- Deletion of unformed bus stops either side of the road adjacent to Anderson Street.
- Four stops to have indented bus bays: one stop adjacent to sports oval/Taroona Avenue; two stops adjacent to Blair Street; current stop at RSL/bridge.
- Nine stops to be retained as or converted to in-lane stops, including both sides of the road outside Community Centre and adjacent to Whipstick Gully Road.
- Plans to convert bus bay immediately outside Community Centre are currently subject of discussion and modifications recommended to VicRoads by council engineers.
- Four stops in Yarra Street to be "powered" locations with real-time electronic displays advising bus availability and timetable.
- All stops to be upgraded and DDA (disability) compliant with hard-pad access and bus doorways meeting or ramped to kerb level.

Changes are part of major revision to prepare for enhanced SmartBus upgrade to 380 bus stops throughout eastern suburbs, approximately 80 per cent in Manningham. 160 of these (including Yarra Street upgrades) are for DART rapid transit to city. The remainder are for the north-south "orbital" bus routes.

(Information supplied by the Department of Transport and Cr David Ellis.)



Cr David Ellis discusses the bus stop plans with council and VicRoads engineers.

Local Lions usher in new leadership

Outgoing Warrandyte Lions president Pete Moloney reported on a most successful 2009-2010 year at the club's annual changeover dinner last month.

He noted that the club had distributed more than \$44,000, "mostly in our local areas".

"Warrandyte Lions, and in particular Helen and Ron Cuthbert, in conjunction with Eildon Lions and the Eildon Boat Club, ran a water sports weekend for young cancer sufferers—members of Canteen—and raised \$59,000," Mr Moloney said.

Warrandyte combined with Vermont Lions to run a golf day in support of the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre. This raised \$20,000.

"We contributed \$5000 to Gary Alsop, a quadriplegic former Warrandyte footballer," Mr Moloney said. "He needed a special wheelchair-accessible vehicle to enable him to continue his work talking to schools

and community groups about coping with spinal injuries.

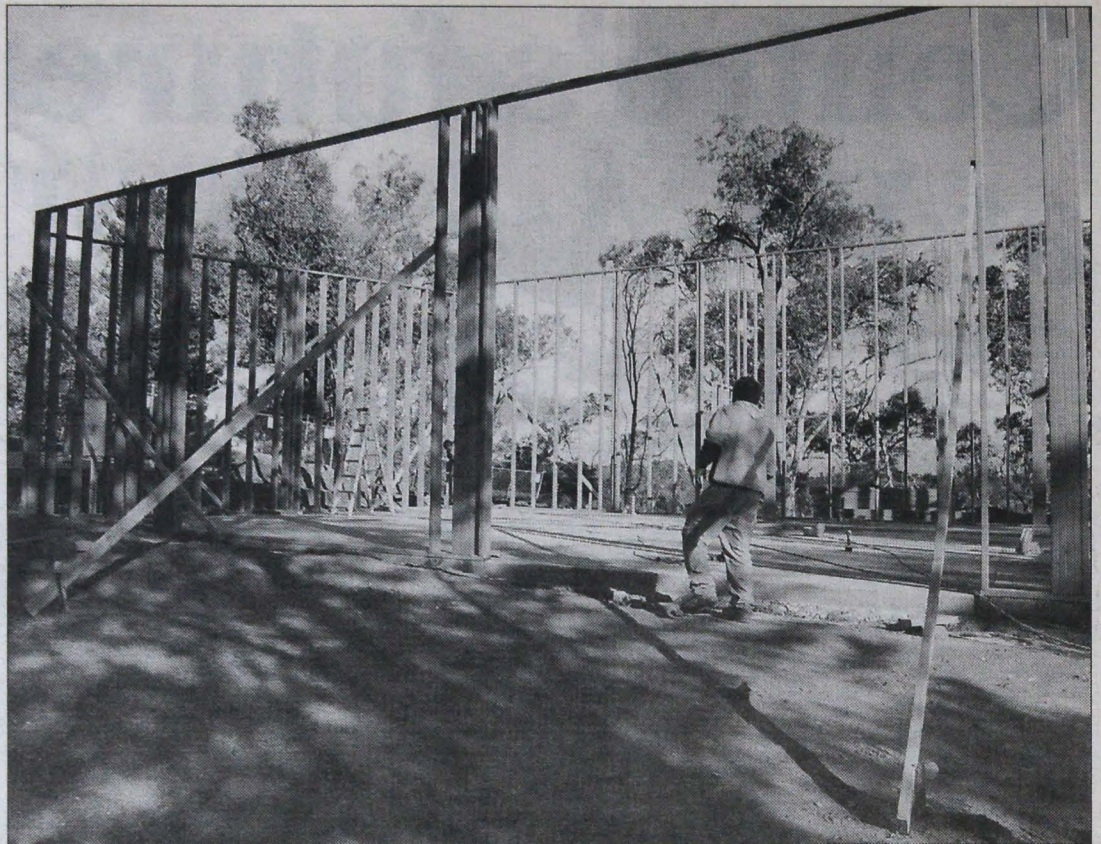
"Last year Lions International contributed to our bushfire reconstruction efforts. They are still funding a series of tool libraries in fire-affected areas. Our club manages the Strathewen site. This year we were able to help Lions International with a donation of \$5000 to the Haiti Appeal."

The club's successful driving for the blind program—known as "In the Driver's Seat"—is now in its 15th year. Started by Peter and Catherine Watts, this year the program gave 138 visually impaired people the experience of driving a car, supervised by 25 qualified driving instructors.

Mr Moloney acknowledged the work of the Op Shop volunteers, the club board members and its hard-working membership. He welcomed incoming president Bill Gerritsen and this year's office-bearers.



Outgoing Lions president Pete Moloney (left) congratulates Bill Gerritsen on his election as president for the coming year.



Up she goes!

Construction of the new North Warrandyte CFA fire station in Research Road is underway at last. Diary photographer Sandy Burgoyne captured this framing moment earlier this month.

New light on fluoro tubes

Local residents can leave their fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for recycling through a new Manningham council initiative.

Tubes and lamps can be left in bins in the entrance foyer of the council's depot on the corner of Blackburn and Warrandyte roads, Doncaster East.

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technology involves both the separation of different materials and the recovery of mercury.

"The mercury from one fluorescent tube can pollute 30,000 litres of water beyond a safe level for drinking," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*. "Aluminium, glass, mercury and phosphor powder are the main marketable by-products retained from the recycling process."

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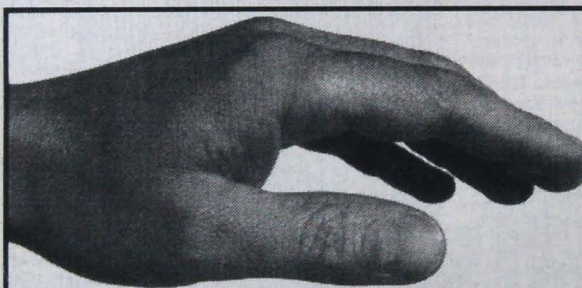


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Community Grants Information Session

Tuesday 20 July 2010, 6.30pm-8.00pm
Function Room 3, Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster

Community Development Grant applications (over \$2,000) close at **5.00pm Monday 23 August, 2010**

Minor Grants (up to \$2,000) are available throughout the year, closing 5.00pm on Friday 8 October 2010, Friday 25 February 2011 and Friday 20 May 2011.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website www.manningham.vic.gov.au or by contacting the Arts & Cultural Programs Unit, on phone 9840 9305, or at the information session.

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Embryo rangers learn bushcraft

Words and pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

Warrandyte Community Centre has long been the venue for community run classes and short courses, but for the remainder of this year it will also be an extension of Holmesglen TAFE.

Around 20 young people, called Caitlin's Park Rangers, will be learning the theory subjects for Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management in the centre's Evelyn Room. The course runs for six months and gives the students a grounding in a range of useful skills.

"It is pretty broad, because Certificate II is a "taster", so it ... gives them an idea of what conservation and land management is about," Chris Blackshaw, Holmesglen course trainer told the *Diary*.

"(The course presents) underpinning knowledge ... things like collecting and classifying plants, conservation and land management strategies, environmental issues, all those sorts of things."

Attainment of Certificate II will open up a choice of further study to the students.

"We would certainly love it if they went on to grander qualifications, whether it be Certificate III, or an apprenticeship, or an actual diploma," Mr Blackshaw said.

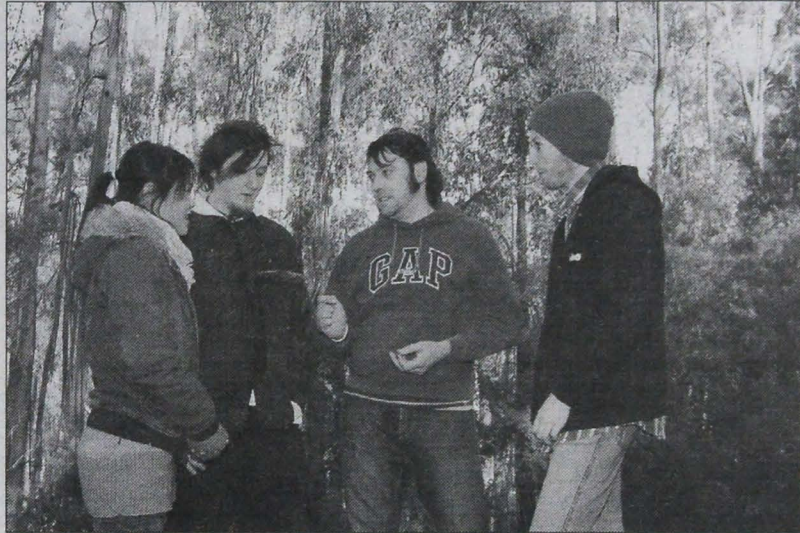
The name for the group of students came about because it operates out of Caitlin's Retreat, a property in South Eltham. The retreat is conveniently adjacent to the section of Warrandyte State Park where the students do their practical work.

Warrandyte Community Centre was selected as the place to hold the theory subjects as it has a suitable teaching space and is a short mini-bus ride away from Caitlin's Retreat, unlike the TAFE college which is situated in Glen Waverley.

"The Warrandyte Community Centre has been very good to us," Chris Blackshaw said. "It is a system that seems to be working well."

Several different organisations have worked together to make the course available to this group of young people. The federal government's National Green Jobs Corps (NGJC) provides funding for this and other projects in conservation, protection and rejuvenation of the local environment and cultural heritage. Participation in NGJC is open to selected income support recipients aged 17-24 years, plus 17-20 year-olds who are employed for less than 15 hours per week.

Employment agency MaxEmployment of Box Hill is a co-ordinator of NGJC projects and nominated candidates for inclusion in Caitlin's Park Rangers. A not-for-profit charitable organisation, People and Parks Foundation, which runs Caitlin's Retreat, is hosting this NGJC project. The retreat is a place where families of special needs children can stay for a few days and enjoy



Planting knowledge: Instructor Chris Blackshaw shows TAFE students how to identify a fern frond. Right: Theory is an important part of the course.

the peaceful bush setting.

Parks Victoria is assisting with training Caitlin's Park Rangers. The students will work on a revegetation project in Warrandyte State Park with the aim of supporting and building up the koala population. During their training the students will also assist with wildlife counts and surveys.

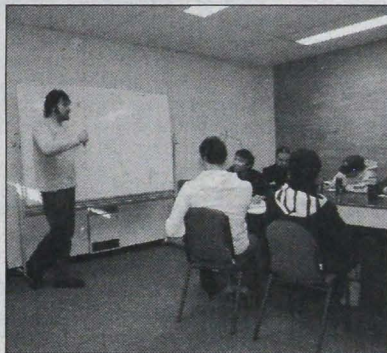
"We might be able to trap some antechinus ... It is just to see the numbers that are in the area. More importantly the young people get to experience what actually goes into monitoring an animal such as that, because they are quite an elusive creature," Mim Grundy, a youth worker with the People and Parks Foundation, told the *Diary*.

"We will be doing some bird survey work as well.

"We are also going to have ... people from Parks Victoria who work in the area specialising in flora and fauna to come out, hopefully once a week. Obviously it depends on their availability, but we will be working closely with them as much as we can so that the students can gain knowledge and information from people in the industry, as well as people who have had that much experience in the area.

"It is a community-based program and it is a win-win situation for both the young people and the community in respect of what they are going to be doing," Ms Grundy added.

The course appeals to young men and women who are looking for employment in the open air and away from an office



or shop environment.

"I've always had an interest in the outdoors and being with nature. This course kind of just fell in my lap. I was talking with MaxEmployment and the lady that was describing the course to me was very passionate about it and it appealed to me," student Aaron Preller of Doncaster said.

"I am hoping that as I go through the course I'll find out more job opportunities and find out more career paths that I could go down. I am definitely planning on staying in this industry for at least 15 years."

The course is competency based with a 50/50 mix of theory and hands-on practical activities.

"It is flexible delivery ... they are of the younger generation and they have different learning styles so it's very internet based — research is done using internet search engines," teacher Chris Blackshaw said.

The course will run until mid-December.

'Rats' remember Warrandyte kids

Respect and admiration shown by students for an iconic group of Australian World War 2 veterans has resulted in Warrandyte Primary School being awarded a scholarship fund valued at \$30,000.

Year 6 students at the school have once again marked the school's connection with the Rats of Tobruk.

More than 20 years ago, a history topic in Year 6 led to a visit to the school by a grandfather of one of the students who was involved in the Siege of Tobruk. He spoke about the young Australian soldiers, who despite being under constant attack by German and Italian forces, would not give up.

Each year since, WPS students have made a pilgrimage to Tobruk House, meeting the ageing diggers, getting to know the Rats (so-called by the enemy who failed to flush

them from their holes and dugouts) and learning about life during that time—the hardships, the sorrow and the

futility of war.

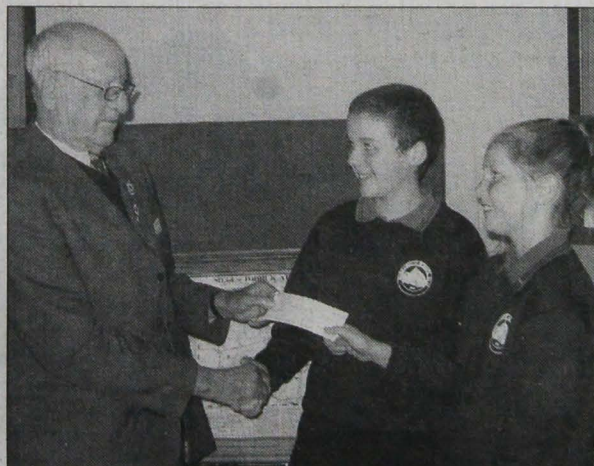
Apart from the lessons learned during these visits, the school was surprised and

delighted when they discovered that the Rats had not forgotten Warrandyte Primary School and planned to mark their special relationship with an annual scholarship.

A businessman, Bill Gibbons, learning that the Rats could not afford to maintain their headquarters, bought their meeting hall, securing it for the surviving Rats of Tobruk for as long as they need it.

Most of the money from this generous sale was donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.

However, \$30,000 has been awarded to WPS to establish a trust fund. Proceeds from this fund will enable the school to annually choose a student who "by reason of scholastic ability, promise and financial circumstances, in the opinion of the trustees" ... to be the recipient of a ... "\$1000 scholarship for the following school year".



One of the "Rats" presents Warrandyte Primary School captains with their scholarship cheque.

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Warrandyte's history is in good hands

Words and picture by
MICHELLE PINI

A post office built in the 1800s is a fitting home for a society intent on bringing history into our daily lives.

Warrandyte's historic old post office in Yarra Street was saved from demolition after fire destroyed much of the building in 1982. Local residents formed a group to preserve and restore the building, ensuring the survival of one of Victoria's earliest post offices and now accommodating the Warrandyte Historical Society.

Established in 1976, the society encapsulates the essence of community life in Warrandyte; a town that has maintained a village identity from a rich, gold-mining past.

The heritage-listed building now houses a collection of artefacts, photographs and historical data relating to the town's past. Collating, cataloguing and archiving historical records are time-consuming, ongoing tasks that are lovingly maintained by a small, dedicated band of volunteers, including Val Polley.

"You are correct if you say that Warrandyte is the first recorded goldfield in Victoria," Val said. "Whilst gold was first discovered in the Pyrenees, it is Warrandyte that lays claim to the first goldfield on record."

Val is well-informed and passionate about Warrandyte, a prerequisite for all volunteers at the society.

Collections continue to expand and include items on gold, art, indigenous life and social aspects of Warrandyte's ongoing history. These have been meticulously archived and preserved making it a rich and diverse collection for future generations.

"Everything on display is authentic," Alan Alder said as he indicated a refurbished original gas street light. "This lantern was still in use in 1935 as can be seen in the accompanying photograph of the bridge."

Alan, a Warrandyte resident for 53 years is also treasurer of the society.

Information gathered showcases political, cultural, legal and economic events, providing a historical snapshot of daily life in Warrandyte across 150 years. According to Val Polley, a volunteer archivist, additional items are always sought by the society to keep the collection fresh. Some historical periods such as between 1950 and the late 1970s, are not as well documented.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when Warrandyte was a popular destination for artists of the Heidelberg School, several prominent painters, including Clara Southern, Penleigh Boyd and Jo Sweatman



Touch the past: Andersons Creek Primary School kids explore the grounds of the old post office museum.

took up residence in Warrandyte and works by these and other artists can be enjoyed at the museum.

In addition to the comprehensive post office museum, Warrandyte Historical Society operates tours around the town, focusing on its goldmining past. Regular groups have been visiting the society since its inception 34 years ago and are conducted by knowledgeable and enthusiastic residents like Peter Hanson, who has explored and mapped many of Warrandyte's mines.

Peter grew up in Warrandyte and, like his father John, is both a member of the historical society and a tour

guide. According to Peter, "most people, children in particular, love to see hands-on, living history".

The historical trails are a fascinating journey through the Warrandyte of old. They usually start at the old post office museum and focus on the town's goldmining past.

Recently, a group from Andersons Creek Primary School were fascinated to see the replica poppet head at Whipstick Gully, which is depicted on their school shirts. Along the trail they saw a koala as well as someone panning for gold, an activity which is still possible in Warrandyte.

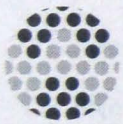
The Warrandyte Historical Society

is funded by membership fees, donations and occasional grants. Membership includes quarterly newsletters and invitations to monthly meetings as well as discounts and free entry to other Victorian museums.

The post office museum is situated at 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte and is open on weekends and public holidays from 1pm to 4pm (excluding days of total fire ban) or by appointment.

● Tours operate by appointment only. Contact (03) 9844 4176 or visit the website for further information: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~whsoc/>

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Retirement villas closer to reality

The long-awaited retirement housing complex in Harris Gully Road is moving closer to the commencement of building work.

"It's an exciting time for 'CreekSide in Warrandyte', a spokesperson for the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Cooperative told the *Diary*.

"The board has now received bids and deposits for four of the five villas and is finalising finance arrangements. Only Villa 2 is still available.

"The board would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in occupying this last remaining villa and who has so far missed this

wonderful opportunity to secure an attractive residence in the heart of the township.

"This is a delightful villa with garden and courtyard, that also abuts the communal garden area," the spokesperson said. "If interested, do not delay."

To obtain the information package about the villa and the project, or to ask any questions, please phone Val on 9844 3086 or Andrew on 0403 924 899.

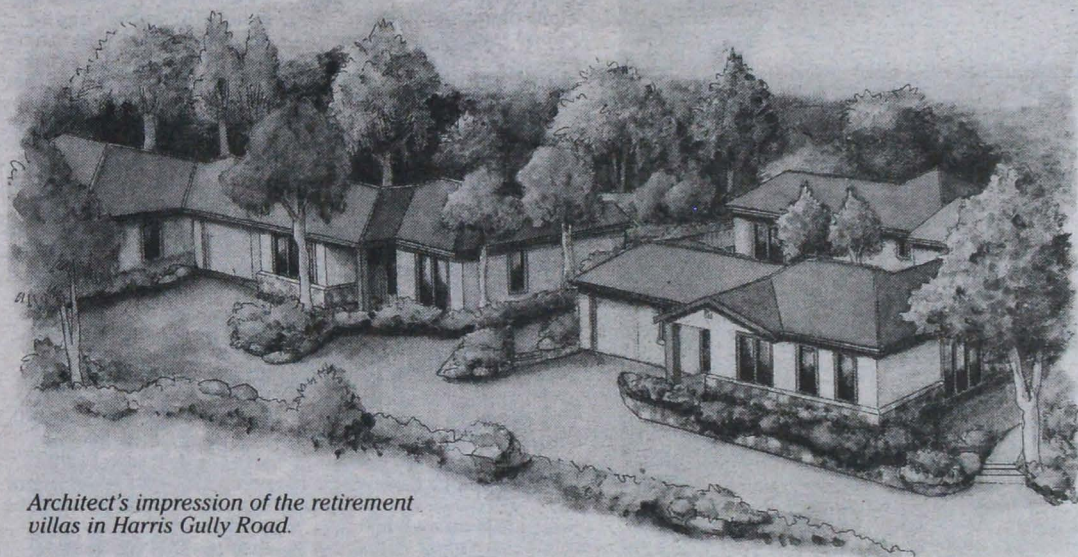
"We anticipate building commencing in October, with completion expected before Easter 2011," board chairman Dick Davies said. "We have colour schemes for the villas and will

be inviting prospective residents to view these and nominate preferences.

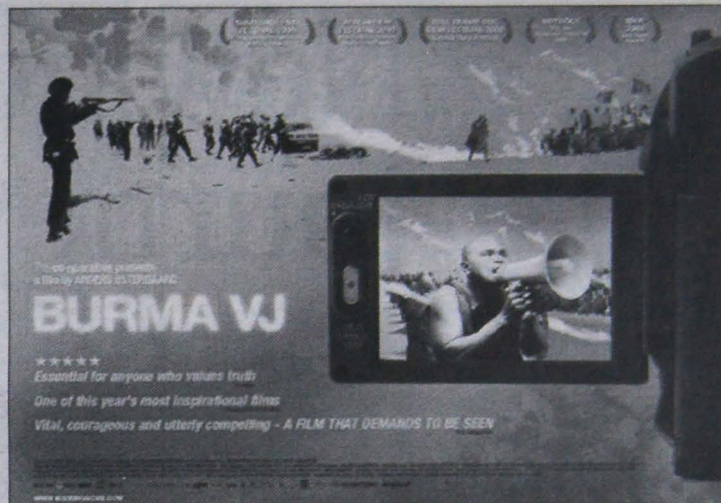
"In addition, demolition of the existing house will commence in a week or so which is a very pleasing prospect as it signals the next, very positive phase."

The board is finalising all outstanding details quickly so the next stage can commence without delay.

"While bureaucratic red tape has created many holdups and difficulties, especially for a board comprising all local volunteers, the goal of community retirement housing has never been closer," the spokesperson said.



Architect's impression of the retirement villas in Harris Gully Road.



Abuses in Burma brought into view

Locals gained a new appreciation of human rights abuses facing the population of Burma at a screening last month of the remarkable film, *Burma VJ*.

This award-winning film, made by courageous undercover video journalists, documents the peaceful 2007 uprising of Buddhist monks in Burma.

"The monks were drawing attention to the rapidly increasing poverty faced by most people," Jill Jameson, organiser of the evening told the *Diary*. "The footage smuggled out of Burma thus gave a voice to the voiceless."

The film, presented by the Warrandyte Burma Support Group, was screened at St Stephens Anglican Church in Warrandyte.

"The film provoked a lively question-and-answer session after the screening, and discussion has continued in our wider Warrandyte community," Ms Jameson said.

Burmese activist Myint Myint San, now based in Melbourne, introduced

the film, having been herself involved in the student uprising in Burma in 1988, where 3000 students were killed.

The evening raised more than \$1000 for the Phaung Daw Oo monastic educational schools in Burma.

"These schools are modern and free," Ms Jameson said. "All of the funds will be given to the founders of the Australian Peace and Education Foundation which has provided direct support for Phaung Daw Oo during the past 15 years."

"The founders, Sue and Karl Dornig will be returning to Australia from Burma for several weeks and the Warrandyte Burma Support Group is planning to hold an informal gathering so people in Warrandyte can hear more about the project," Ms Jameson said.

The DVD of *Burma VJ* is available for loan to anyone wishing to hold a fund-raising and awareness event in the community.

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New novel reveals girl's journey to womanhood

More than 60 people attended the Christmas Hills launch of Mick Woiwod's book, *The Christmas Hills Story: Once around the Sugarloaf II*, held at the local CFA station.

A feature of the book is the discovery by the author of the grave of David Christmas, after whom the district has been named.

David Christmas was a shepherd employed in 1842 by the local squatter, Joseph Stevenson, to mind his sheep. Whilst making his way out from Melbourne to the station, David became hopelessly lost. Days later, in a collapsed state, he heard what he believed were church bells. Crawling towards the sound, he discovered them to be bells hanging around the squatter's bullocks.

David's rescue resulted in Stevenson naming his station Christmas Hills, the name by which the district has since been known.

In writing *The Christmas Hills Story* the author has been able to establish that this almost mythical shepherd was an ex-convict from Wales, sentenced to transportation to Tasmania from which he eventually escaped to Victoria.

Further research has seen the author discover the exact location of David's wayside grave and arrange to have it marked by a two tonne rock memorial, complete with a bronze plaque.

The publication of the book was funded by the Andrew Ross Museum, in Kangaroo Ground, and other speakers at the launch included the museum's chairman, Warwick Leeson, and local writer and poet, John Jenkins.

● Copies of the book can be bought by contacting Carol on 9712 0801.



Local author Debi Slinger

THE first novel by Warrandyte resident Debi Slinger, *Poppy Pretzel's Passage into Puberty*, provides an honest introduction to puberty for the young reader.

What is great about this young fiction book is it takes a real-life look at a girl's passage into womanhood, making no assumptions or generalisations.

This is unlike many books on the topic that present information in a sterile, scientific manner, risking making the whole process more daunting. Rather, *Poppy Pretzel's Passage into Puberty* takes an honest and refreshing look at the physical, social and emotional elements of this somewhat difficult time for girls.

The story is set in a familiar community setting, where the lead character Poppy goes to school, catches the bus home, plays netball and dreads the annual school swim carnival.

Throughout the novel, Poppy is guided by her ever supportive mum, Pip, who seems to epitomise the archetypal Warrandyte mum. Pip seems to know the right things to do and say at all times, like using the simple task of drying the dishes to get Poppy's troubled friend to open up about her fears.

Poppy is also supported by her friends, the self-named "Mermaid Girls". While Poppy is initially frightened to tell her friends what is happening to her body, as soon as she does so, their interest and support normalises her ex-

review

By KARLY HICKMAN

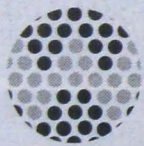
perience.

A sense of community is prominent throughout the novel, with Poppy seeking confidantes in Missy from Moonbeam Creations—the strangely familiar local "hippy shop". So too is the importance of family, as Poppy grapples with how to tell her family the changes she is experiencing.

Particularly outstanding is how the author has so accurately captured the nature of relationships, particularly between a mother and daughter. When Poppy comes striding home from school feeling strong and empowered about the changes she is experiencing, the sight of her mum releases a tight ball of emotions, with Poppy bursting into a cry, "my life has changed forever and I'm a bit scared".

Not only is this novel highly recommended for 9-12 year olds, its entertaining, heart warming qualities make it an excellent read for women of all ages. It is also highly recommended for mothers to remind them of what it was like when they went through this challenging time and to assist them in anticipating questions and queries from their daughters.

● *Poppy Pretzel's Passage into Puberty* is published by New Holland Publishers and is available online at www.poppypretzel.com.au or can be ordered through any bookstore.



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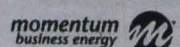
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Dedicated family brings hope to Kenya chaos



By DAMIAN ARSENIS

MAKING the decision to work and live in another country is one thing, but to do so by giving up a comfortable lifestyle to volunteer on a purely charitable basis is another. But that is just what a local young family has done to aid young children in need on the other side of the world.

Dee and Daniel Rutherford along with their one-year-old daughter Marley felt a strong calling to help 40 children who were in desperate need of care following the sudden closure of a school in Kenya. These children were predominantly affected by the AIDS virus, and were either orphaned or had a single parent who was unable or unwilling to provide for them.

"We visited Kenya in 2007 and spent three weeks volunteering at a private boarding school there," Dee said.

"Unfortunately this school closed at the end of the school year in 2009 and out of the 350 children who attended the school, approximately 40 of them had nowhere else to go."

Despite all their attempts to find a safe haven for these children from their home in Australia, the Rutherford family could not locate a suitable shelter for them. The only option left was to start up a children's shelter themselves.

After a frantic month of planning, packing and winding up their lives here in Australia, the Kivuli Project Inc. was born.

"We booked our flights and flew to Kenya in early February. Our goal was and still is to care for and nurture these children and ensure they have the opportunities that other children in stable households have. Thankfully our family and friends have been really supportive of what we are doing," Dee said.

"We were also very fortunate that a few staff members from the closed school in Kenya were willing to assist us in finding suitable accommodation and relocating the children to their new rented home. When we arrived in late February, all the children were already there and attending the local government primary school in the town of Ndaragwa.

"Apart from the change in lifestyle, we are facing a number of major challenges. Communicating with people outside the Kivuli Project has been extremely trying. There are large cultural differences on both sides, and our skin colour often elicits expectations that are more than unreasonable. Having to regularly disappoint people by saying 'no' to requests has been the most difficult single aspect that we continue to experience.

"We also face similar challenges with the Kivuli Project children; but we are making significant progress. We are working hard to teach the children to be responsible for their possessions and those that they borrow from others. We initially expected that the children would treasure possessions that were provided, however we found that they treated them with disrespect, and when they were lost or destroyed, they expected replacements," Dee said.

Another challenge faced by the Kivuli Project is the government education system and its lack of accountability. Daniel explained that it was not uncommon for teachers to fail to turn up, despite school commencing at 7am and running through to 4.30pm.

"The children often come home from school having undertaken a combined two hours of classes. To help overcome this huge disadvantage, Dee and I provide the children with tutoring most nights after dinner, resulting in a very long day for everyone.

"The Kivuli Project's goal is to become self sustaining within the next seven to 10 years, and we know we have our work cut out to achieve this. We are blessed to have all the children sponsored, but we still require sponsorship for our staff. That costs just \$40 a month. We also need funding to purchase land,

construct accommodation, purchase livestock and cover our daily living expenses. Once the initial costs have been covered, the project will generate its own income from the sale of produce and animal products," Daniel said.

Apart from already securing child sponsorship, support continues to grow within the local community through the donation of money, goods and services. This includes the recent generous donation of secondhand clothing from the Warrandyte Basketball Association, an organisation with which Dee's family has had a long association.

"The children come from very poor backgrounds and lack changes of clothes. In fact, most of them wear their school uniforms all week, even to bed. The clothing donated by the Warrandyte basketball community will be greatly appreciated by the children. Many of the kids have never had play clothes, let alone new clothes, so this will be so exciting for them to receive something new."

● For details on how you can support the Kivuli Project, including avenues for donating online and information about visiting and volunteering your time at the Kivuli Project in Kenya, you can visit the website at www.kivuliproject.org or contact Dee via email at dee@kivuliproject.org.

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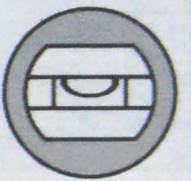
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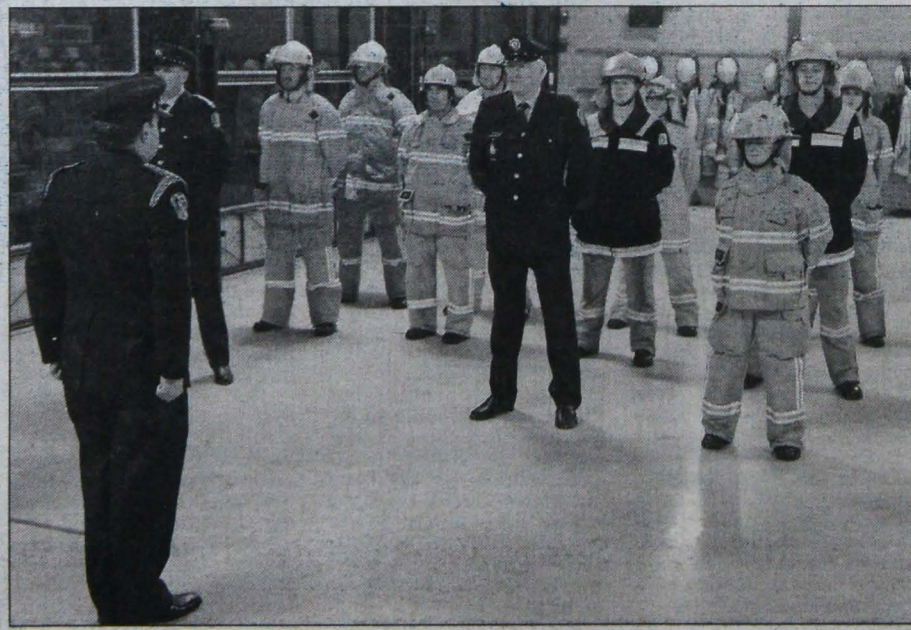
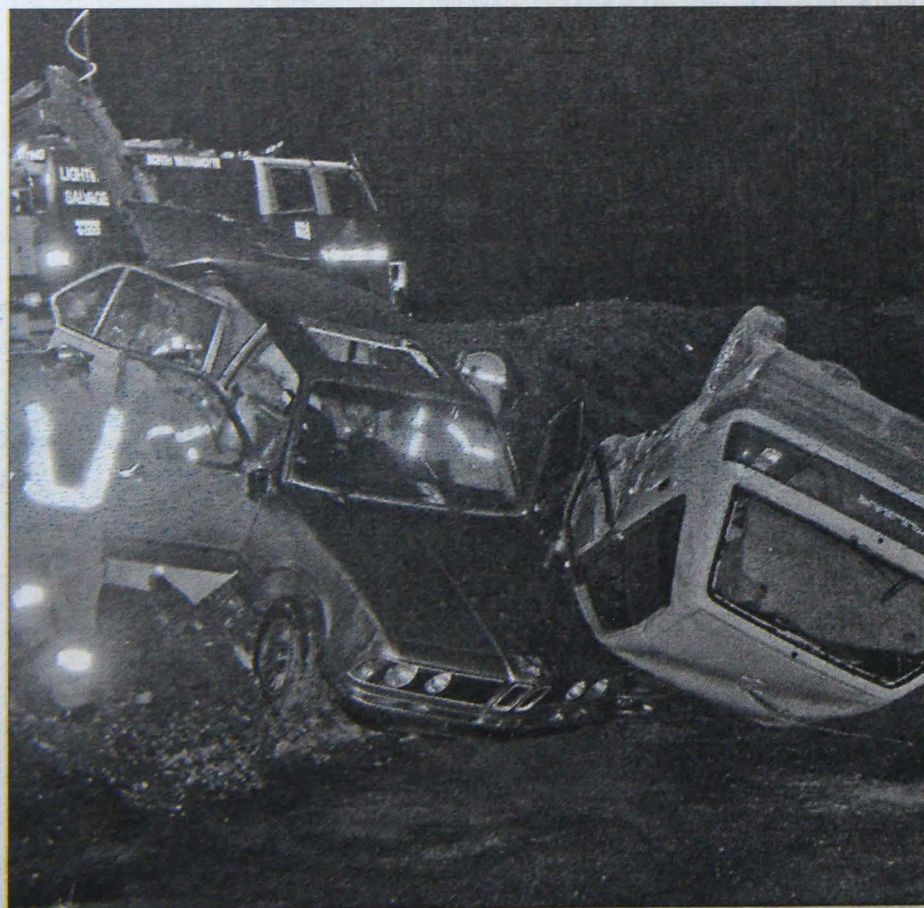
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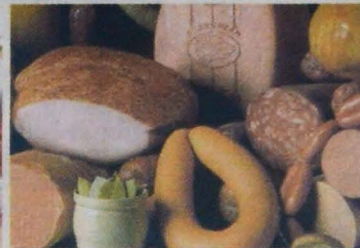




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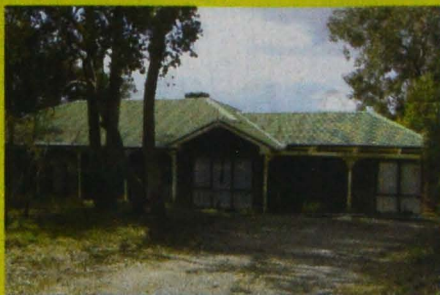
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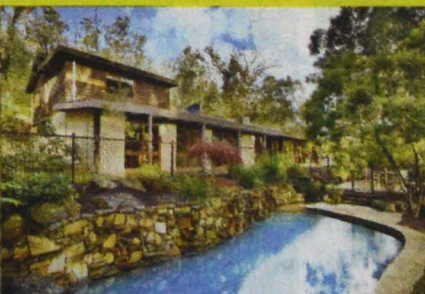


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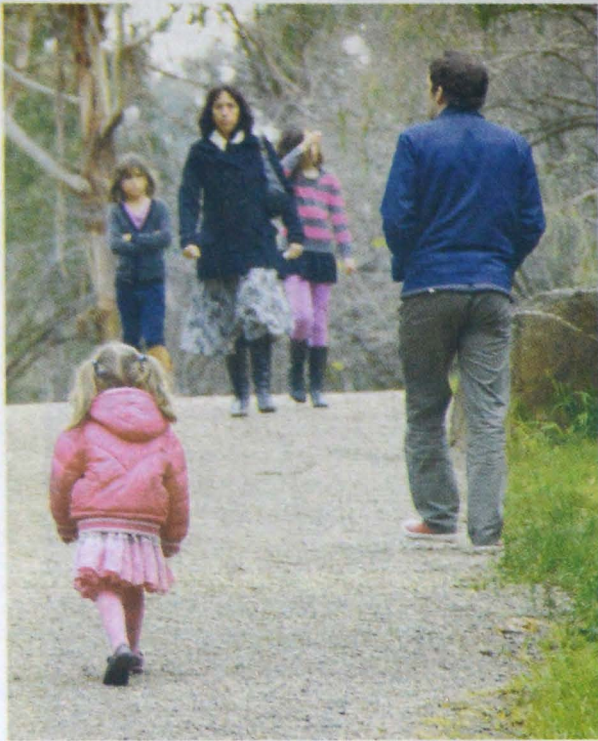
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History group meets

out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society will be held at the society's museum in the old post office, Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Sunday, July 18 commencing at 2pm. The unveiling of a statuette in memory of founding member and past president Ted Rotherham will take place. Guest speaker will be local resident and Yarra Riverkeeper Ian Penrose presenting "What's Happening to the Yarra River".

AGM

Information Warrandyte Inc will be holding its 23rd annual general meeting on Tuesday, August 3 at 8pm. Venue is their office at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Trees

As part of National Tree Day the Osborne Road Landcare group will be holding a tree planting on Sunday, August 1 from 10am to 12 noon. Meet near the Windmill Bridge at the end of Koornong Crescent. For further information call Shelagh on 9844 3610.

Seminar

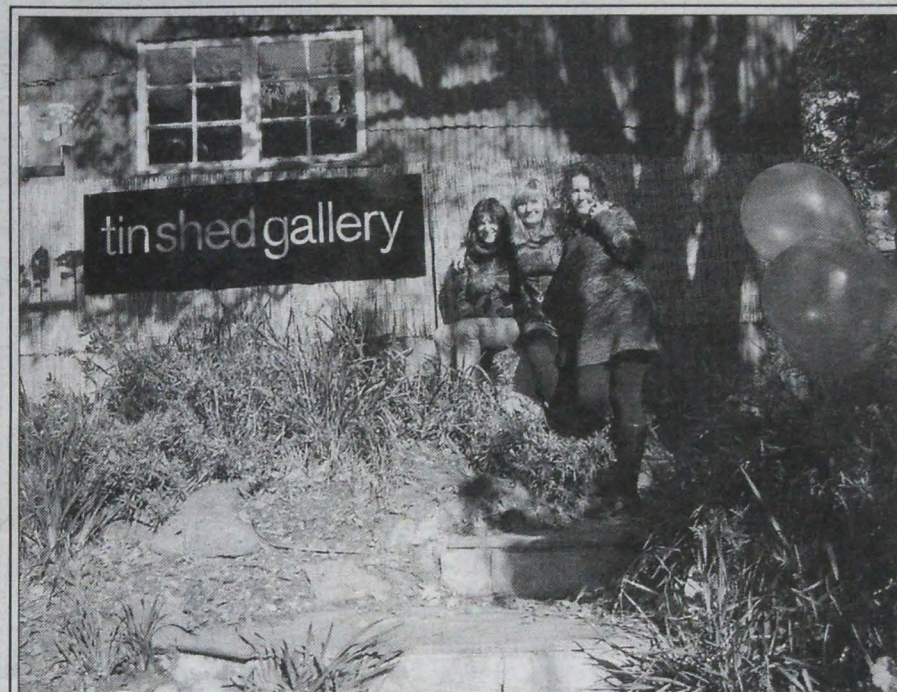
The next Manningham City Council environment seminar will be held at Currawong Bush Park (Mel 34H6) on Wednesday, August 4. It will be conducted by Graeme Hamilton from Birds Australia. These seminars are free and commence at 7.30pm. Supper is provided.

Nursery

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery in Pound Bend Road, Warrandyte is now opening on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm. It will remain open every Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm and on the first Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm.

Glee

The Warrandyte Glee Club meets every Thursday between 7.30 and 8.30pm at the Earth Harmony Shop, 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. (Top car park, above shops near bridge.) A singalong with a difference, you simply rock



Art in a tin shed

Three former Warrandyte High School students, Jo Kline (Clarke), Georgie Clark (Varellas) and Fiona Fisher (Green) who first studied art under Chris White at school have come together to show their works at a new gallery in Warrandyte. The Tin Shed Gallery, pictured above and adjacent to the bridge roundabout, will be officially opened by Chris White on Saturday, July 24 at 2pm. Gallery winter hours are Friday to Sunday 11am to 3pm or by appointment on 0468 544 654.

Stonehouse

"Bowled and Beautiful" is the title of Stonehouse Gallery's exhibition in July. It explores the colours, textures and shapes of contemporary bowls by local potters and invited guests. The gallery opens daily from 10am to 5pm at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Seniors

The Manningham Gallery is seeking expressions of interest from seniors in the city to become involved in an exhibition called "Memoirs in a Box" scheduled for April-May next year. The project begins with the simple form of a box that will be the framework for the artwork which can be in a variety of mediums. Expressions of interest need to be in by August 2.

up whenever you feel like giving your voice an outing. \$12 admission. Call 9844 5155 for more information.

Mass

The Parish of St Annes and St Gerards of Park Orchards and Warrandyte will be holding an Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sunday, July 18 at 10.30am at St Anne's Church, 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards. On Saturday, July 24 an anniversary dinner will be held at 7pm at Alfred's Homestead, 420 Warrandyte-Ringwood, Warrandyte South. Cost is \$60 per head. RSVP to parish secretary Jill on 9876 1509 or email powparish1@netspace.net.au.



Expressions of interest need to be in by August 2.

Nillumbik

Nillumbik Shire Council is inviting local artists to apply to exhibit their works in the Eltham Library Community Gallery during 2011. Artists, artist groups and curators who live, work or study in Nillumbik, or those who can demonstrate strong, ongoing links to the shire may apply. For information call 9433 3359 or via artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

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Exhibition

ARTiculate is an exhibition where each piece of artwork has an accompanying piece of text written in response to it. Each piece of text is also a piece of saleable art. Denise Dix, a long time member of Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Creative Writing Group and Fee Sievers, who has collaborated with them on a number of occasions, have combined with local artists Sue Bayre, Brett Ditchfield, Kylie Sirett and Margaret Summerton. The exhibition will be held at the Victorian Artists Society, 430 Albert Street, East Melbourne from July 12 to 25. Hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday and Sunday 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Watch

The area meetings of Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch are held on the second Tuesday of each month, the next one on September 14. Contact Phil Clark on 9844 3091 for further information.

Performance

Warrandyte RSL have secured "Aroha" for a July performance at their clubrooms in Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte. It will be on Sunday, July 18 from 4pm to 7.30pm. Aroha includes guitars, vocals and harmonica. Entry is free but donations to the band will be gratefully appreciated. Drinks at bar prices and snacks available. All welcome.

Library

The Eltham Library closed its doors on June 7 to allow a \$1.25 million upgrade to take place. It is expected to re-open in early September.

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Warrandyte Neighbourhood House

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| Strong Women Stay Young 9.15am-10.15am
Pilates 9.30am-10.30am, 10.30am-11.30am
Walking Group 9.15am-11am
Wire Sculpture 9.30am-11.30am
Drawing for Young People 4pm-5.30pm
Yoga (Hatha) 7pm-8pm
Community Singing Group 7.45pm-9.45pm | Digital Photography 10am-12noon
Latin-mix Aerobics 10.30-11.30am
Gentle Exercise for Older Adults Wed 11.15am-12noon
Art at the Mosaic House 1pm-3pm
French Club 2.30pm-3.30pm
Poetry 4pm-6pm
Pilates - Beginners 7pm-8pm
Pilates - Ongoing 8pm-9pm |
| TUESDAY: | THURSDAY: |
| Busy Needles Craft Group 10.30am-12noon
Strong Women Stay Young 10.30am-11.30am
Rock 'n' Roll Aerobics 11.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday Lunch (monthly) 12.30pm-2.30pm
Drawing for Young People 4pm-5.30pm
Mediterranean Cooking 7pm-9pm
Tai Chi 7.30pm-9pm
Creative Writing 7.30-9.30pm | Computers for Card Holders 10am-12noon
Discover the Regions of France 6pm-7.30pm
Recycled Jumpers Quilt 7pm-9pm |
| | FRIDAY: |
| | Strong Women Stay Young 8am-9am
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| | Feng Shui Workshop 29th August
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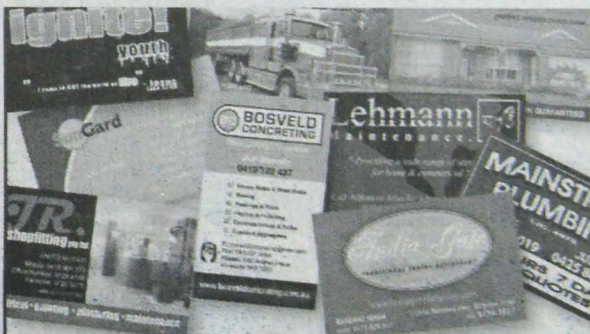
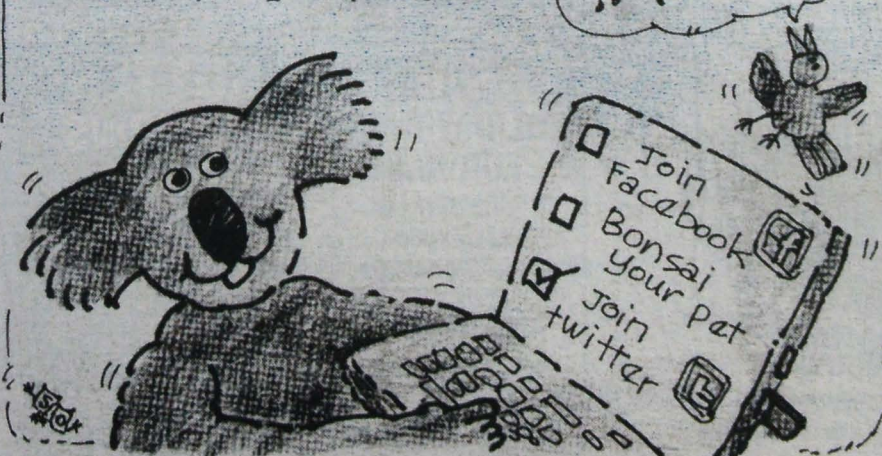
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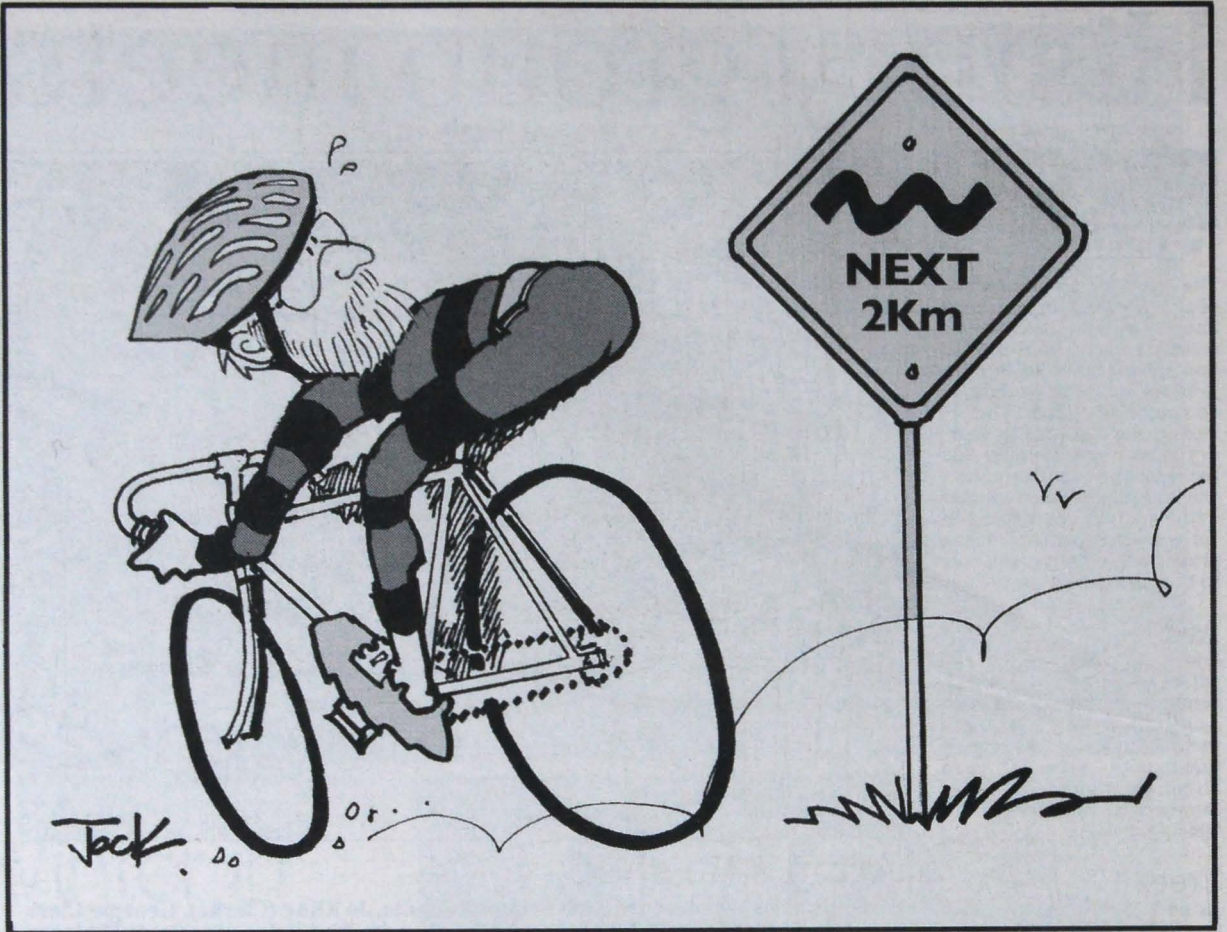
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Great Ocean Squiggle easy as falling off a bike

THE sign had a squiggly line and then beneath it read, "For the next 14 kms".



This might have been helpful had it been at the bottom of a mountain ascent or at the entrance of an unusually congested urban development, but we were already more than an hour's driving along the Great Ocean Road.

To say that the sign was stating the bleeding obvious is an understatement. We had been snaking our way around left and right turns and had been negotiating hairpin bends well before we came across the sign so what was it suggesting that we didn't already know or anticipate? Was it in case we had been driving for the last hour with our eyes closed or, failing that, maybe it was a reminder that for the next 14 kms it was a bad idea to test the new car's supposed capacity to get from nought to 100kph in less than 10 seconds.

I'm sure that none of the above was the motivation for the sign to be where it is but I'm still confused about why it was there at all. Surely signs are where they are to apprise us of dangerous situations. As far as I'm aware, it is not rocket science to work out that

twisting and turning along a narrow road that is clinging to a precipitous cliff face is dangerous driving needful of concentration and practised driving skills. To have a sign reminding us of this fact is hardly necessary.

I can see the logic of the signs found immediately after scenic stop points that remind foreign drivers that in Australia we drive on the left-hand side of the road. The GOR is a "must see" for many overseas tourists and it is easy to forget the left/right business in the excitement of the time, but do you as easily forget to turn the wheel when a bend appears?

If the road sign had any use it would be as a note of hope, reassuring us that at the end of the next 14kms, we could expect the road to straighten and we would be able to flatten the accelerator and speed on to Warrnambool unimpeded, save for a gentle two or three degree turn in the road every now and then.

Surprisingly, this didn't happen, so we were both disappointed to find that at the end of the 14kms, all we got was more of the same. The upside was that, unencumbered by the warning to expect a squiggly road, we could now concentrate on the scenery, hoping that this new squiggly bit wasn't nearly as squiggly as the last squiggly 14kms.

Before Cliff, our Editor, gets inundated with letters from outraged road crews or by the PR person for The Department of Signs and Unintelligible Intersection Directions (fond hope—Ed) I would like it noted that I appreciate that signs are there "for our own good". I realise that "Mind your head, low clearance" and "Beware! Slippery when wet", are there for our assistance and not just to head off at the pass any potential lawsuit. Notices on new appliances have also saved me, on several occasions, from taking the hair dryer into the shower and from not allowing the grandchildren to use the orbital saw as a toy.

But every now and again, it is prudent to stop and think about what we are doing, even if there isn't a large neon sign to remind us. Habit or practice can be both effective in allowing us to perform future actions without too

much thought, but assuming that learnt skill will last indefinitely without refreshers or relearning can also cause problems. Take bike riding, for instance.

Like all kids my age, I learned to ride a two-wheeler. Having frugal parents, they bought me an adult's bike when I was barely able to sit on the seat and have my feet reach the pedals. Eventually I mastered the brute, but I can say categorically, that I wasn't a safe rider for the first three or so years, until I grew to fit the bike. But life was different then and the lawyers less litigious.

Recently, after many decades of non use, I began riding again. This time the bike was the correct size, I wore sensible pants and for the first time in my cycling life, I wore a helmet. I set off and after wrestling with the 15 gears I manoeuvred a few local streets until I came to a recently dug section of the road. The wheel hit the gravel, skidded and the handlebars and frame acted independently of my wishes and skill level.

As I lay, undignified in a heap of gravel, I wondered why there wasn't a sign printed on the handlebars stating "Know your limitations".

ROGER KIBELL

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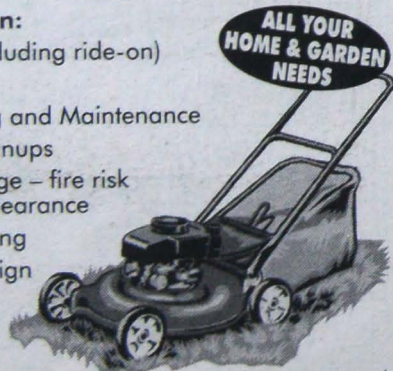
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Platypus population mystery

nature

By LINDA ROGAN

SOMETIMES I complain of the damp cold in Yarra Valley winters, but in truth this cooler time of year offers many delights. "The winter months are prime for spotting platypus in the Yarra River," said Geoff Williams, from the Australian Platypus Conservancy (APC) when he spoke to a group of FOWSPians and other groups in the Warrandyte area in June.

His message was threefold: 1. Informing all about this complex and wonderful creature in our waterways; 2. Explaining that our actions can either threaten or assist the platypus population; 3. Encouraging people to join the two-year-old platypus count program.

APC website states: "According to Aboriginal legend, the first platypus were born after a young female duck mated with a lonely and persuasive water-rat. The duck's offspring had their mother's bill and webbed feet and their father's four legs and handsome brown fur."

Recent research is helping us to understand this amazing creature.

The platypus is a "living fossil" with the earliest recorded remains of the modern platypus dated around 100,000 years ago. While it is a true mammal, feeding its young with milk that oozes from patches on the mother's



Patrick the taxidermied platypus, who met a sad end, caught in a yabby trap.

belly, like the echidna, it lays and hatches eggs, and is thus a monotreme. These eggs have a thin, leathery shell, more like a reptile's than a bird's egg.

The mother retains the eggs within her body for 28 days before laying and incubating them for another 10 to 11 days between her curled up tail and warm belly. Compare this to a chicken egg, spending one day within the hen and 21 days incubating in the nest. For the first five weeks after hatching, the young platypus is vulnerable and the mother leaves the burrow only for very short times. The young emerge from the nest at about four months.

Incubating eggs and warm-

ing young is only one use for the versatile platypus tail. We felt the bristly hairs on the tail of Patrick the taxidermied platypus and compared them to the soft body fur. This tail is a handy broom to sweep out diggings from the burrow. A female platypus also uses her tail to gather leaves for the breeding chamber.

Both sexes use their tails as a rudder for swimming but the main biological function is storing fat, sometimes as much as 50 per cent of the total body fat. Thus it acts as an energy reserve if food is scarce. Researchers can quickly check an animal's physical condition by a tail "squeeze test".

The story of the death of

Patrick Platypus reminds us that human population has been the greatest threat to the platypus. Patrick died as a result of being caught in an opera house style yabby trap (these are illegal in, or next to, public water in all of Victoria). Many also die as a result of tangling in litter, especially fishing line or plastic rings. The greatest threat posed is widespread destruction of suitable habitat.

We can also be a positive force for the platypus. Individuals can avoid littering and polluting waterways and remove litter left by others. Many friends and landcare groups have ongoing programs to improve streamside habitat by weed removal and restoring indigenous vegetation. It is believed this has improved the survival of platypus in these areas. However, little is recorded about platypus numbers in eastern Australia's catchment areas. We need this information in order to judge our success or failure in protecting the platypus.

This is where the platypus count program comes into play. Visual monitoring has been found to be a useful adjunct to actually trapping animals, a costly and delicate procedure. Geoff suggests that anyone who regularly walks, jogs or cycles along the Yarra River should consider joining the APC/Melbourne Water platypus count.

For more information or to take part in the platypus count see the website www.platypus.asn.au or contact Australian Platypus Conservancy, phone (03) 5157 5568.

One cold and frosty morning...

CUTTING fingernails when you're feeling frazzled is a really bad idea," I commented to nobody in particular, "especially using a dodgy pair of nail scissors left-handed".

I don't know why I felt frazzled. Maybe it was because I was quaking with cold. After being baked to a crisp in Greece's recent heatwave, the frizzing weather at home has been a severe shock. Maybe there's a bit of residual jetlag after the long flight home, too—I just couldn't wake up this morning. A few extra minutes under the doona stretched into half an hour, and before I knew it, I'd missed my morning lift into Eltham.

"Doesn't matter," I mumbled sleepily, rolling over and pulling the pillows over my head. "I'll catch the bus."

Four hours later, when I next woke up, I was so late for work it was hardly worth going. Then I spied our daughter's old car sitting idle in the carport. Just the thing!

I downed half a mug of cold tea (after spilling the other half), tossed a mouldy orange into the compost bucket, gnawed my way through a thick crust of fruit bread then grabbed a nice crunchy apple to eat on the way. The first time I dropped the apple there wasn't much damage done, but the second time it caught the cupboard door handle, leaving a thick wet gash across its polished skin, before landing hard on the quarry tiles. Splat! At least it was a juicy one.

I quickly wiped up the mess then began a fruitless search for various items of clothing, like my coat, which I swear I'd put down somewhere not 10 minutes ago, and my shoes, which I eventually discovered already on my feet. A quick check of the contents of my wallet confirmed a vague suspicion—not a sausage. Damn! Oh well, at least I had a train ticket. My coat turned up, innocently resting on a log outside. The car keys were deep in one of its pockets. I was away. Finally!

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

But the car had other ideas. The starter didn't chug even once. Dead as a dodo. No doubt it needed a new battery, not surprising in an old car that hasn't had much use lately.

I phoned the RACV, gave the car a bit of a scrub to remove the past month's deposit of dust, leaves and possum droppings, then settled down in the relative warmth indoors to read a few emails while I waited. Wringing wet, I realised, too. That last bucket of water I'd doused the car with must've somehow sloshed backwards and caught my midriff full on.

I needed a good laugh, and thankfully the email provided it.

"... Upon our return to the hotel," wrote our little traveller from somewhere in out-back Bolivia, "Ishani discovered to her dismay that where

she had hung up her wet jeans and jacket to dry was an empty coat hanger with a ransom note attached: *To the owner of las ropas. No permiso hang aqui. If you want your clothes back, leave \$50 in envelope no later than 1900.*

"The uproar! The manager was contacted, voices raised and tempers lost ... Fairly sure it was a joke, I sat in amusement and watched the drama unfold. Sure enough, the culprits owned up and Ish got her clothes back. We are now trying to come up with a revenge prank for our Kiwi travel buddy ..."

Hehehe. The RACV towtruck driver made an unbelievably good job of reversing up our drive—most people struggle to drive up forwards—and the ailing car has now been towed to the garage, where it will undergo major surgery tomorrow. Looks like somebody might score a new alternator for her birthday, as well as a new battery.

Tomorrow I shall have to find a way to get out of bed on time!

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On the streets where we live

By VAL POLLEY

WHAT'S in a name? Quite a lot it would seem when the name refers to the winding ways of old Warrandyte.

Browsing a map can be fascinating, offering much more than directions or locations and giving invaluable clues to the history of an area. A map's names can reveal evidence of people, places, ownership and past uses, all long disappeared. Examine any Warrandyte map and the original street layout can still be seen and aspects of its past history explored through place and street names.

The first European name to make it onto a Warrandyte map was probably that of James Anderson who, in 1839 settled his cattle run on land close to the creek that now bears his name. When the district was first surveyed by Assistant Crown Surveyor C.H. Nutt in 1841, Anderson was shown as having 390 acres, yet he was gone from the district by 1843 having sold out to his neighbour Major Newman. He bequeathed his name to the creek, early township and today a street and a school.

The discovery of gold in 1851 shaped the township and its inhabitants over the latter part of the 19th century and many of those involved in the industry as well as early settlers are commemorated in the names of the streets in the heart of the township.

Brackenbury Street is named after Walter Charles Brackenbury appointed as Assistant Commissioner of Crown lands and Warden of the Caledonian Goldfields in 1858. The Stiggants family were long-term landowners and orchardists, active in many of the gold mining ventures that were taking place. Both Henry Stiggants Senior and Henry Stiggants Junior were miners and mine owners with Henry Junior first being elected to Bulleen council and later serving as president in 1888.

David Mitchell was a builder, contractor and businessman from Lilydale. Father of Dame Nellie Melba, he had an involvement in many mining ventures in Warrandyte. Other streets—Keen, Russell, Blair, Hogan, Webb, Betton and Forbes—are all named after early families who settled in the area and participated in the many community activities.

Tills Drive was named after John Till, mine manager for the Caledonia Mine, one of the more successful mines in the early part of the 20th century, while the Tresize family (after whom another street is named) built their Grand Hotel in 1908.

In addition to the streets named after various prominent citizens in the early days of the township, there are the streets that reflect its gold history. Some followed the gullies. For example, Beauty Gully Road, Whipstick Gully and Harris Gully roads. Pigtail Road is the last remaining vestige of the Pigtail Quartz Mining Company and reef. Tunnel Street led to Geraghty's mine.

Gold Memorial Road passes the cairn erected in 1935 to commemorate the finding of gold by Louis Michel and his party in 1851,

resulting in the first officially declared goldfield in the new colony of Victoria. While the Victoria Field was never a very rich one, nevertheless for close to 60 years, gold provided the economic base for the area and was significant in shaping the township and its future.

Some names reflect place: Yarra Street, West End Road, Research and Kangaroo Ground Roads; others style: Winding Way, The Boulevard and Dingley Dell. Then there are the roads that commemorate the infrastructure of the early township, Pound Road for example. This is one of the oldest roads in the township. Pounds were very important in the early days of the colony when land tenure was confused, fencing scarce and livestock straying common. Warrandyte's pound was established in June 1854 and its story is intertwined with that of the Hutchinson family who came from Antrim, Ireland and settled on land at Pound Bend.

Pound keepers lived close to the pound as it was no easy task as

they had to be on hand to water and feed stock. The Hutchinson family provided every pound keeper for a century, (including Alice Hutchinson, the first woman pound keeper appointed to such a position) and gave their name to Hutchinson Avenue.

However the widespread bushfires of 1962 razed the pound's fences and it was never re-established in Warrandyte. The last remaining trace of pound land is located between Pound Road and Everard Drive, the latter road built in the Depression years in the 1930s as part of a scheme for boosting local employment and named for the local state parliamentarian William H. Everard.

Another important road is Cemetery Road, leading to the Anderson Creek Cemetery. The first recorded burial was in 1867 and until recently it was managed by a board comprising local residents.

There was a belief the land was gold-bearing, leading to a good attendance at early funerals. Many of

the township's most notable residents have served on the Cemetery Trust Board over the decades, the first being John Hutchinson, James McCutchen and John Blair Elms in 1866.

On the northern side of the river, road names follow a similar pattern. There were those named for prominent local residents: Boyd Street, Blooms, Glynn's and Kruses roads. The Kruse family name reappears constantly throughout the history of the town. They built and ran the Wine Bar (now Folkart) and participated in community affairs. Osborne Road was named for Professor Osborne and family who spent their holidays at Lowestoft, an idyllic riverside retreat. Dr Ethel Osborne was a great community worker, particularly on the Warrandyte Women's Auxiliary Association.

The name of Koornong Crescent provides a tangible reminder of Koornong School, a progressive education facility run in the 1940s by Clive and Janet Neild. Castle

Road led to a house that was built by Walter Russell in 1912 using early lath technology. Three stories high with a beautiful garden it was known locally as The Castle.

Surprisingly perhaps there are few Aboriginal names on the map of the town apart from that of Warrandyte itself. The name was once thought to mean "warren" to throw and "dyte" the target aimed at. However more recent interpretations draw from the Wurundjeri dreamtime story of Bunjil the eagle who hurls down a star to punish his people for wrongdoing which then created a gorge. Bunjil's people remembered the spot, and referred to it as *Warrandyte*, speculated to mean "that which is thrown".

Andersons Creek and Warrandyte were the two names used to identify the area and were often used interchangeably. However in 1908 the town became known officially as Warrandyte to avoid confusion. Jumping Creek is also designated Narr-meian Creek on the Broad-bent map from the mid-1900s and while Taroona may be an aboriginal word, its local meaning is not known (in Tasmania it means shellfish). Apart from these there are few other pre-European references to be found on local maps.

There are some later additions to the road network that have some historical connections. Naughton Avenue was named after Merv and Lois Naughton who bought a parcel of land from the Hutchinson family and built their house and gun-making factory. Merv became famous for his Fieldman Rifles produced in Warrandyte, popular in Australia and exported to America and elsewhere overseas.

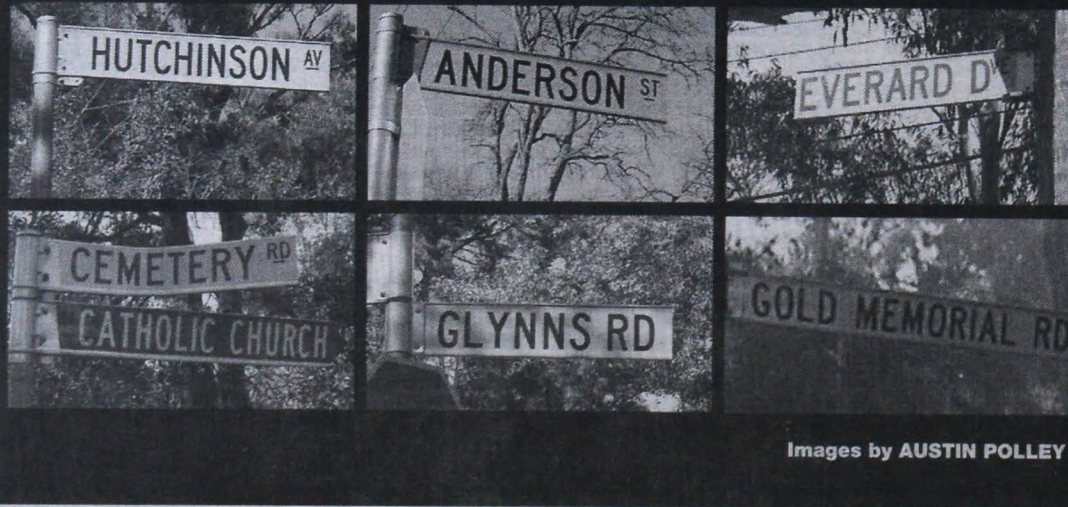
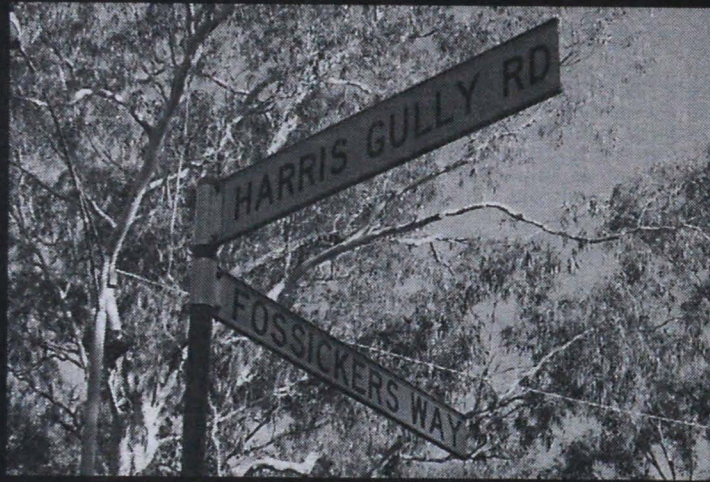
In the late 1960s, Alan Croxford (chairman of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works) owned a farming property bounded by the main road, Pound Road and West End Road which he wanted to subdivide.

This proposal aroused great local opposition; saw the formation of the Warrandyte Environment League and the introduction of new improved septic systems before being allowed to proceed. The subdivision's road names reflect Mr Croxford's and his five daughters' given names.

A second subdivision off Harris Gully Road rejected personal names for its road network instead choosing others on more local themes such as Pick'n'Pan Way, Fossickers Way and Mopoke Hill Road.

It is impossible to cover the history behind all of Warrandyte's streets and roads. Some origins are either not known or remain undiscovered at this point. But what is known is of interest and relevance even today, reflecting back to a rich and interesting past. Some of Warrandyte's street names arose from common usage; others commemorate people and still more identify places. All of which means the streets where we live form a significant part of the township's history, deserving of our appreciation.

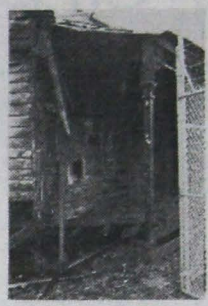
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THE *Diary's* next editor, Ken Virtue, was a newcomer to the district when he took on the responsibility for the paper's publication in July 1981. His employer had recently transferred him from Sydney and after several months of looking for a house in Melbourne's eastern suburbs he and his wife settled in Warrandyte.

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.

Ken Virtue remembers of that time: "It seems like that whole village thing became obvious pretty quickly ... I remember we read a couple of *Diaries* and thought it was a great thing having such a nice local newspaper ... so we thought that would be a good way to get to know people and the community. To be quite honest I really didn't realise what I was getting myself into. I had a very busy job and I travelled a lot and the ... week before the *Diary* came out was always a real panic."

Issues of the *Warrandyte Diary* from this period show the editors as Ken Virtue and Lee Scott-Virtue (his wife at that time). However, although her name appears jointly on four editorials and she contributed a few stories, she elected to take little part in the paper's production process.

Like many other staff members over the years the Virtues came to the *Diary* through personal and community networks. At that time they were associated with the Warrandyte Arts Association where they met Jock Macneish, who had been a cartoonist with the *Diary* from the first issue. Macneish introduced the Virtues to *Diary* founder Cliff Green and long-time reporter and former editor Lee Tindale, who invited them to take on the editorship.

Ken Virtue remembers, "I said I'd never been a newspaper editor before, but Lee said 'don't worry I'll help you'. It came down to me doing it with Lee Tindale's help, because he was still doing Smokey Joe (the gossip column entitled *In red and white*) and the sports pages and really he just needed some help with all the other sections."

In putting the newspaper together Ken Virtue would typically write the editorial, the front-page story and occasional feature articles. He also gave space to a new column in which a local veterinary surgeon wrote on

the whole show on the road was quite a juggling act".

By this time the *Diary* had recovered from the threatened closure of 1976 and had enough volunteers to keep it running. However, the same could not be said for the newspaper's owner — Warrandyte Community Youth Club. By contrast the youth club, established in late 1969, had always struggled to attract trained youth leaders, to find permanent premises and to grow. Its headquarters from late 1972, if such a grand term could be used, was the "White House" — a rundown, historic building that stood between the football clubrooms and the kindergarten on Taroona Avenue. A wattle and daub house was built on the site, a freehold in the midst of Crown Land, soon after the discovery of gold in Andersons Creek. Later residents demolished the original building and built a larger house and over the years adding a second storey, a ballroom/dance hall and a small shop and named the house "Talune" after a migrant ship. With the end of World War I the number of weekend visitors to Warrandyte increased greatly. The savvy owners of "Talune", then the Lowe family, realised money could be made by catering to their needs and set up tea rooms and a reception centre within the building. The Bensch family bought the premises in 1966 and renamed it "White House". The Doncaster and Templestowe council bought the property in mid 1972 for the use of the elderly citizens club and youth club.

In October of that year the youth club held its first dance in the old ballroom. Previous club dances had been held in the Mechanics' Institute hall. The youth club settled into sharing the White House on a roster with the elderly citizens club. Youth club activities of that time included callisthenics and judo classes.

Although the youth club now had a place to call home it still lacked adult volunteers to manage and run the club. *Diary* headlines tell the story — "Club seeks help" from May 1973 and in October 1974 "Leaders sought". The club stabilised somewhat and enjoyed several successful years, but soon the *Diary* was again trying to interest readers in becom-

pet care. It ran for only six issues from November 1981, but was a new direction for the *Diary*.

Cliff Green frequently suggested news items and introduced Virtue to local people who had interesting stories, such as Phil Irving the engineer who had designed the V-twin engine for the Vincent Black Shadow motorcycle. Green and Tindale honoured their initial offers of support and helped the new editor. In his interview Virtue said, "I've always been able to write quite well, but not like a newspaper person. So between Lee and Cliff I got a very fast education on how to do it like a professional."

Virtue concentrated on the editorial content of the newspaper and the layout. "I used to take stories up to Wally Cornhill (the printer) and then there'd be a series of meetings over that week of iterations where the type would get set and then the galley proofs would come back in big long sheets. So it was a question ... of editing stories and cutting and pasting and going back to (the printer) to try and get it all to fit in. It was quite an unusual process and I spent a lot of long nights at Jan and Lee Tindale's place."

At that time Ken and Lee were both active in the drama group of the Warrandyte Arts Association. He made an effort to increase coverage of the arts in the *Diary*. "I guess I took on that mantle to be helping to be the voice of ... the arts in the community, which I still think is an important thing," he says. As well as being editor Virtue frequently found himself soothing injured feelings. He remembers that "to try and keep

involved with club management. The September 1980 issue carried a personal plea from Cliff Green, the *Diary's* founder and a foundation member of the youth club committee, for parents to volunteer their services as leaders and helpers. The situation did not improve and Warrandyte Community Youth Club was formally wound up at the annual general meeting in March 1982.

The collapse of the youth club left the *Diary* in the strange position of outlasting the organisation that created it. Rumours abounded on what would happen to the newspaper: it had been offered for purchase to Wally Cornhill the printer; the Warrandyte Arts Association would take it over as their newsletter; a local commercial newspaper wanted to buy it. However, none of these were correct because at that final AGM the club's committee had stated how the *Diary* should continue.

Cliff Green says that the minutes of the youth club wind-up meeting in 1982 named himself, Ken McKenzie (the first president of the club) together with journalists Lee Tindale and Peter Lovett as trustees of the *Warrandyte Diary*. Green believes that the youth club's outgoing committee designated the four colleagues as trustees, "because we'd maintained that role as editors and major contributors without fear or favour". Production of the *Diary* continued while this turmoil was going on in the background, although after March 1982 its business identity lacked definition.

Ken Virtue continued as editor until May the following year then

resigned because his employer had again transferred him, this time to Western Australia. Fortunately two local journalists who worked with a daily newspaper were preparing to take on the mantle of joint editorship of the *Diary*.

What became of the "White House", the historic building that was the centre of the youth club's activities? Little or no maintenance had been carried out on the building for many years and it was quietly mouldering away. In 1984 a meeting between the White House committee of management and representatives from Doncaster and Templestowe council conceded that the building's "condition and state of repair is deplorable" and "it reflects no credit whatsoever on the Warrandyte community or ... council, and in fact detracts from the otherwise pleasing environment in which it stands". Perhaps because of its poor state the complex attracted few bookings. Some years later a comprehensive study of the premises found rotten stumps, barely functioning plumbing, a second storey that was dangerous and beyond repair, plus many other shortcomings. The estimated cost to make the "White House" again safe and inviting to community groups was huge. The Doncaster and Templestowe council was by then building the Warrandyte Community Centre on the corner of Yarra and Webb Streets and considered the money would be better spent on the new project. Early in 1991 the historic, but rickety "White House" was demolished. A children's playground now stands on the site it once occupied.

Anticipating summer



Tired of grey wet-blanket days, the sog, bog and bundle of it. Sick of stodge, stews, morning wrench from my warm cocoon. We're even allowing ourselves to whinge about rain (quietly to friends) adding, of course we need it

as we drape more wet washing round the room. So that first dozy day when there's the kiss of warm breeze and you realise you're padding about shoe-less a surge of joy—summer's coming!

To feel sun-sting on bare skin—long sleeves preferably wool. Watch the green-sprout of new life—can't water—need to keep the tank full. Lamb chops on the barbie, smoky juice running—horses screaming, gas bottles exploding. To drift in the hammock between two huge gums—trees like blowtorches tossed in the air.

The sudden slap of cold sea on hot skin—too hot to leave, must stay and defend. Laugh and leap into fizzing froth—stay and watch through melting windows. Escape the sweat and sticky heat—watch as the sun fries the flowers. Balmy nights of cricket song. Nights hot as days—days dark as nights.

Summer will never be the same.

KAREN THROSSELL

Humour, drama takes stage 3-in-1

THIS winter the Warrandyte Theatre Company's mix of one-act plays provided plenty of scope for local directors to interpret three international successes. The zany David Ives style that has been prominent in recent years was nowhere to be seen. Instead a farce and a satire dominated the night. Both are from the United Kingdom. Performances began with a study of nurse/patient relationships in a play called Mental.

Somewhere in the South of London there is yet another understaffed, overburdened mental health facility. There sits nurse Susan (Jan Nance), inviting us into her weary world where behaviour is predictable and people are disappointing. But there is only a moment to wallow with her before she sets to work assessing patient Susan (Raine Dinale). Patient Susan, it turns out, is not that different from nurse Susan. We learn a lot about each character, and their relationship as it evolves over weeks of drug therapy.

Two political activists (Helen Griffin and Jo Brand) wrote the play in the mid-90s. It is based on shared insights arising from their psychiatric nurse training. Their fresh and lively script confronts the director (Adrian Rice) with a subtle choice. He can play up the satire and call it a comedy, or emphasise the pathos and call it a tragedy. Adrian chose a middle path, one that focused primarily on character and let the laughs fall where they might. One sensed moments when the audience did not know whether to laugh or cry, and so remained silent yet engaged.

When it comes to questions of interpretation it was a lot easier for Phyl Swindley, director of the third play Red Hot in Amsterdam. This is simply a farce in the French style, complete with cliched dialogue, stereotypical characters and predict-

theatre
By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

able plot. It does not take long for the plot to be eclipsed by the Madame (Lisa Upson). From the affected French accent, to the detailed body language, Lisa is the entrepreneur, the erotic tease, the fixated nostalgic and the manipulating crone. Her portrait is a memorable one, played with fluidity and verve.

Lea Stringer (Corrine) and Simone Kiefer (Kora) play prostitutes who bicker incessantly as they compete for at least a share of the diamonds. This is a step up for Simone whose main roles to date, she says, have been played in animal costume. There are no holds barred between the "Dutch cow" and the "French bitch" in slapstick fight scenes. David Howell (Mickey) and Darren Bowers (Frank) play the two burglars who manage to outsmart everyone except Madame. They set the scene with gusto, and obviously enjoy playing this pair of cockney villains. Bill Connolly plays the Chief Inspector with an enigmatic mix of childish pragmatism and gentlemanly reserve.

Between the satire of Mental, and the farce of Red Hot in Amsterdam, lay David Ives' The Other Woman. The story centres on an incident between long married couple Thomas (Graham Dodsworth) and Emma (Meredith Norton). He is working late, she sleepwalks into his arms, and they make love on the floor as if to strangers. This is a powerful erotic event in his life, and stimulates his imagination. He pretends to Emma that nothing happened, while working up into the small hours, longing for another encounter. It is an unconscious event for her, bringing doubt, uncertainty and suspicion into her

marriage.

David Ives' plays, as we have come to know them in Warrandyte, are manic, topical and unambiguous. The Other Woman is uncharacteristic of his work. It is billed as a suspenseful drama, but for suspense to be effective someone or something we care about needs to be in jeopardy. The one substantial character in this play is the writer Thomas, and it is hard to invest much emotion in his rather dry persona. In comparison the character of Emma, his wife, is insubstantial. Making her first entrance in a white shroud, lit eerily in pale blue light, she might have been a ghost, a character in Thomas's novel, his muse, or his sleepwalking wife. It is difficult to fear for the fate of such an ill-defined character. The choice for director Keryn Wood is to emphasise the mystery or the suspense. Ultimately she delivered an unsatisfactory mix of the two, which failed to match the power of the opening and closing plays.

Jack Stringer produced the three plays and also designed the lighting for each. His attention to detail is, as ever, exemplary. Judith Pleasance's stage management appeared faultless. She was responsible for three sizeable set changes, multiple costume changes, sound and light cues and the placement of the all-important props. Costumes were a feature of Robinson's play and, thanks to Phyl Swindley and Helen Ellis they were colourful, even if, as in the case of the Viking Queen, a little over the top. Michelle Reeves and Noelene Cooper did a sterling job front of house and Gail Macrae and Blaine Oataway did not miss a beat in the bio box.

It was a night of varied entertainment. There was plenty of healthy fodder for the introspectives, some hilarity for the Follies faithful and some mystery to match the deep, dark, thankfully wet winter solstice in Warrandyte.



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Yoshitoro



Jesse Mitchell Band



The Thod

Rock bands bring their talent home

By TRISTAN MADDOCKS

WARRANDYTE music lovers will be given a rare treat when three up-and-coming indie rock bands take the stage at the Mechanics Institute on Saturday, August 7.

Yoshitoro, The Thod and the Jesse Mitchell Band are fast becoming staples of Melbourne's live music scene and have impressed crowds at many of the city's most popular venues.

Yoshitoro frontman Josh Mitchell, the band's lead singer and keyboard player, said the gig would be a great chance to hear great new music without travelling to the CBD.

"We all come from really different musical styles, which is really good," he said. "It's a really positive process when we are jamming."

The 28 year-old started Yoshitoro as a solo project but gradually expanded it into a six piece band.

As the band grew—it now has two guitars, bass guitar, drums, keyboard and a piano accordion—its sound shifted from an ambient starting point to something heavier.

"I started off Yoshitoro as a solo project but I decided I wanted to turn it into a band, and it is much more collaborative now. It's quite an odd mix of instruments for a rock band and that kind of drives where we are coming from. We try not to be too limited in what we play. If the accordion player comes in with a jaunty Irish jig, we don't want to say no to that."

One of Mitchell's brothers, Tom, is

the group's drummer, while another, Jesse, recently formed a band to play his original tunes.

"Jesse has been gigging for ages as a soloist, but he has just recently put together this new band."

The third band, The Thod, is a rollicking eight-piece that has wowed audiences at venues such as The Tote, Ding Dong Lounge and Cherry Bar and will soon release its second album.

The Thod's patent brand of bluesy, warbling rock is dotted with tambourine jangles, harmonica solos and plenty of on-stage banter.

Guitarist Al Matcott said the band was looking forward to the Warrandyte gig ahead of its album release.

"I've been going to the Mechanics Institute since I was like seven years old," he said.

"Three of the guys in the band grew up in Warrandyte and I've always wanted to play at the hall. I've always thought it would be a great stage to play on."

The band has been starved for chances to play locally since Eltham RSL closed in February. "It will be cool to play a local gig again."

The Warrandyte audience can expect to get a taste of the new album, which will carry the band's hallmark sound but with a few points of difference.

"It's similar to our last album but we are trying to work on band dynamics a bit more. There are a lot more acoustic tracks and a lot of different singers; so far we have recorded a song sung by every band member."

Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

Finals loom for Big V men, women

Warrandyte Big V Venom Men's team could not match a fast finishing Mildura who are premiership favourites in the division.

Warrandyte kept pace with Mildura for much of the game and with scores deadlocked heading into the last change, Mildura managed a back-court bomb on the buzzer to give the visitors a 61-58 lead.

A pulsating last quarter kept the crowd alive but while the Venom did everything to hang in, a trio of three-pointers sealed the game for Mildura winning 90-77.

Leading scorers for the Venom were Chris Jones with 18 points and Seth Howell with 17 points.

The Venom appear to have cemented fourth place on the ladder after disposing of close rivals, Pakenham last week and are now locked in a battle for third position with Camberwell.

● An inspiring defence against Whittlesea has brought the Venom Gardiner McInnes Women's team closer to the Big V finals this season.

In an exciting game, the Venom established an early

lead and withstood every challenge by the fourth-placed team to accomplish an impressive 14 point win.

"I'm really happy with the girls," said coach, Justin Nelson. "They worked so hard for today's win and followed the game plan perfectly."

Of the hard-earned 52-38 point win, Janelle Lucas top scored with 15 points, closely followed by Caroline Kulikowski with 13 points and nine each from Jaz Borella and Sharlene Dalsanto who added 12 rebounds to help the Venom dominate the challenge.



Redback Under 15A coach, Matt Lane, lays down the law to his players.

Girls win tournament with unbeaten record

Big win for Venom Under 16s

Warrandyte Venom's Under 16 regional girls were able to dispose of Craigieburn, winning 42-37, despite having only five available players.

Coach Michael Flynn said he was proud of the way the girls fought out the game, despite being undermanned.

In the final round before the holidays Warrandyte's Under 14 VC girls put up a strong showing against the third-placed Broadmeadows.

Warrandyte opened strongly in the first quarter and held a good 6-1 lead at the break.

Broadmeadows established control from the second quarter, dominating the game to win 34-23.

Coach Jason Weidemann told the team: "You can all hold your heads up high - a very good effort."

Madison Taylor top scored with nine points.

In the Under 20 Venom J11 girls match, Warrandyte battled against top side Camberwell but were beaten 41-15.

Alyshia Buzzini and Courtney Anderson were the Venom's top scorers with nine and seven points respectively.

In other games, coach Kelvin Bowers led the Under 16 East boys to a comfortable victory over Eltham, by 61-30.

The Under 14 Venom J11 boys, however, suffered defeat to top-four side, Whittlesea by 39-31 in a close struggle.

The Warrandyte Venom 16/17 Girls had a sensational weekend at the Spectres Queen's Birthday Weekend tournament.

Darian Brazier, Meg Crook, Meg Keppel, Maddie Hallet, Demi Joy, Rachael Watson, Emma George and Simone Caruana won all eight scheduled games and gained a well earned place in the Grand Final.

In the final game of the weekend on Monday, despite some very good outside shooting from Ringwood, the Venom maintained their focus winning the game 48 - 32.

● Warrandyte Venom has defied expectations by finishing eighth in the 16-team Under 18 National Junior Classic played at Dandenong over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Wins against Southern Tigers and Kilsyth propelled the Venom into the top half of the competition, an incredible achievement given their general height disadvantage.

The Venom are the first ever Warrandyte team to make the National Junior Classic.

Coach Justin Nelson described it as "a huge achievement" and said he was proud of the girls' achievements together with their "strong team dynamic" and commitment to the Warrandyte club.

● Warrandyte Basketball is this week celebrating the news that senior men's team coach, Kelvin Bowers, has won the D3M Coach of the Month Award for May.

Following on from Venom women's coach, Justin Nelson winning the award in April, Bowers was presented with his first COTM for the season after steering his team to the current five game winning streak.

Now sitting in third position, the Venom men's team are ready to push for finals

in the team's first Big V season.

● Warrandyte Big V players and supporters raised more than \$4000 at the club's first Big V Auction Night.

About 100 people enjoyed the evening at Action Indoor Sports in Ringwood, with items donated by the players fetching more than \$4000.

President Justin Nelson said that it may become an annual event.

● Warrandyte Basketball Club has secured the services of former NBL (Melbourne Tigers) player Gerard Leonard as their new Boys' Coaching Director.

A talented player and coach, Leonard is a leading player in the SEABL competition, where he currently plays for Nunawading.

With years of experience playing at SEABL level and a season at Warrandyte under her belt, Tiff Hodgson will take on the role of Girls' Coaching Director.

A current member and assistant coach of the Big V women's team, Tiff will continue her role with the seniors together with coaching the Under 18.1 girls.

The appointments are major coups for Warrandyte and can only enhance the club with their combined wealth of experience, dedication and passion for the game.



Tiff Hodgson

Cozens stars as the Redbacks take points

Warrandyte's Under 15 boys had a sound win in the last game of the Saturday competition defeating Nunawading by 42-26.

Coach Matt Lane was pleased, describing the boys' performance as "a good controlled game, especially in the second half."

Jack Cozens was dominant in offence leading the scoring with 19 points including a total of four three-pointers.

He was well supported by Michael Delacy who managed two from the paint.

Defence was the key aspect of the game in which Warrandyte Under 17 girls defeated visiting Bulleen by 22-10.

Redback Claire Lochhard was a key player in the match and she helped to set up the lead. The Redback defence was effective throughout the game, shutting down challenges from the opposition to achieve a good win.

"Best game of the season, with all contributing," said coach, Jen Annaud after the game.

Siobhan Bubner led the scoring for the Redbacks with 10 points with good support from Claire Lochhead. Warrandyte now sits just outside the top four but have a healthy percentage.

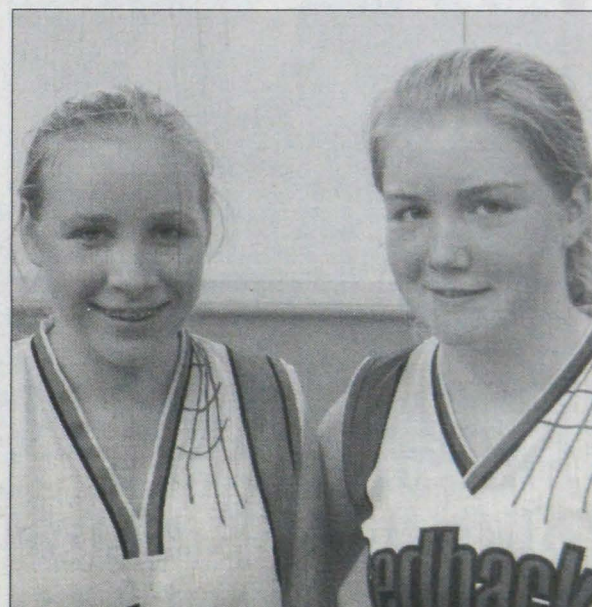
The Under 19 A Grade Girls' winning streak did not continue as an under strength side went down to Eltham by 54-30.

Courtney Petalas scored a classy opening basket on a steal, but the girls struggled against this top four side. The opportunity for a finals place, however, is still open with seven strong sides in the competition.

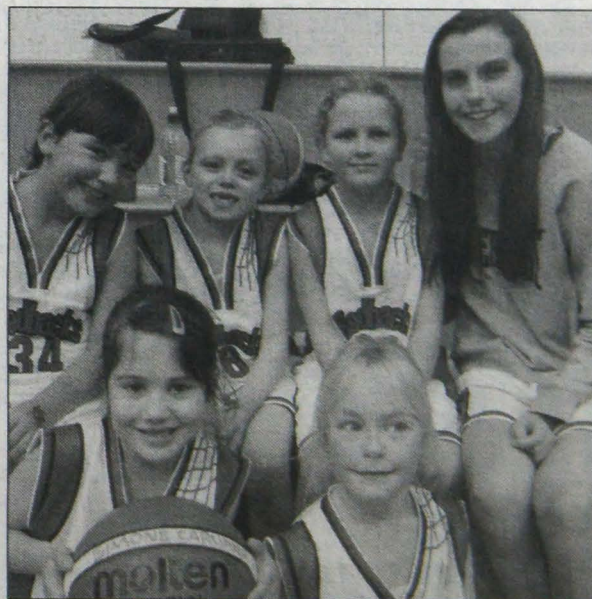
Courtney Petalas also top-scored with 17 points, supported by Ally Birch with nine and Sophie Richardson with seven points.

In an earlier game, the youngest, most enthusiastic Warrandyte team, the Under 9 girls went down to Bulleen 7-6.

"Great defence - they



Under 17 Redback players, Siobhan Bubner and Claire Lochhead.



Redback Under 9 team, from left, back row, Eleanor Bolland, Grace Lloyd, Kaitlynn Menzies, Simone Caruana (coach). Front, Maddison Trewella and Mia Robertson.

picked up their players well and are going very well," said coach, Simone Caruana after the game.

There's gold in the cross country mud



Kailynn Menzies gets sets for a return during last year's Supersmashers program at Warrandyte Tennis Club.

Smashing time ahead for juniors

Warrandyte Tennis Club is running its Supersmashers Program for the seventh year in a row.

The program is designed to introduce five to 12 year olds to the basic fundamentals of tennis and is an ideal way for children with little or no tennis experience to develop their skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Supersmashers runs on Sundays between July 25 and August 22 from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Cost is a \$85 per child and includes a tennis racquet, t-shirt, drink bottle, tennis bag and other give-aways. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

For further details contact Michelle Gilling on 9844 2025 or Craig Haslam on 9844 4625 or email: chaslam@thetenniscguru.com.au.



Ally Rose Ogden is all concentration at the Eastern Metropolitan regional cross country championships.



Annie Marsh-Pearson has had a successful cross country season.

Warrandyte cross country runners, Ally Rose Ogden and Emily Sharpe overcame appalling weather conditions to be part of a gold medal winning team in the recent Eastern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country finals.

The finals were held at Ruffey Park in Templestowe and despite a slippery course the Doncaster Under 11 girls won the team gold medal in a field of 36 runners.

The other girls in the team were Kerry Sharples who finished first and Charlotte Bassett who was third.

In the Under 7 girls' events the Doncaster team won the bronze medal. The team included Ashlyn Krakouer who along with team mate Kimberley Gilling also play for the Warrandyte netball team on a Saturday morning.

Another Warrandyte athlete, Ruby Chapman has also been active in some of local events finishing a creditable 13th in the Under 8 section at the Ringwood event.

Annie Marsh-Pearson in the Under 11 girls has also competed at a number of events and has finished ninth at Collingwood and eighth at the Box Hill Open day where she also won a bronze medal as part of the team along with Ally Rose Ogden, Emily Sharpe and Georgia Ryan.

Ashlyn Krakouer in the Under 7 team also won a teams bronze medal at the Box Hill Open day.

All set for schools' titles

In a separate cross country schools event, Warrandyte Primary School pupil, Emily Sharpe and Charlotte Bassett recently qualified for the Victorian cross country state championships after qualifying at the Zone championships at Bundoora Park.

Emily (Under 11) finished fourth and Charlotte (Under 12) second in their age groups which automatically qualified them for the state competition to be held later this month.

The girls are also team mates who compete for Doncaster LAC in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.



Ashlyn Krakouer on her way to a bronze medal in the Under 7 teams event at the Eastern Metropolitan cross country championships.



Emily Sharpe, left, and Charlotte Bassett won gold medals won in the Under 11 teams cross country teams event at the Eastern Metropolitan championships. Pictures: Peter Sharpe and Jenny Watson.



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Colts clash brings out the best in players

Warrandyte junior football teams are now vying for the finals after another enthralling clash between the two Colts sides.

The Colts 2 Young Bloods overcame the Colts 1 Old Bloods team to record a hard fought 15 point victory.

There were great contributors from both sides with Zac Galbally dominant in numerous positions and Daniel Nilsson marking strongly and kicking vital goals for the Colts 2.

For the Colts 1, Daniel Tester marked skilfully and James Kalinchev and Adrian Misfud picked up valuable possessions all afternoon.

The Colts 2 are now certain finalists whilst the Colts 1 are just one game out of the top four.

The Under 15s are well placed in second position after Round 11.

The boys seem set for finals action with a healthy percentage and five rounds remaining.

The Round 9 clash against Bundoora was tight up to three quarter time. A five goal to one final quarter highlighted by dominant ruck work from Jake Martin and Ryan Tester saw the Bloods 42 point victors.

Harry Vogler provided dash and kicked four goals. Brayden Misfud was creative on the wing, ably assisted by a hard running Rory Chipman.

A follow up win against St Damians in Round 10 has the boys primed for finals footy.

The Under 14s tasted victory in a great away win at Macleod. Despite having seven players unavailable, the remaining players showed great fortitude to carry the load and win by 17 points in difficult conditions.

Warrandyte opened up a 25 point lead at half time but, with only 17 players and no chance of rotations, it was a matter of whether the Bloods could hold on.

Macleod attacked relentlessly in the second half but Warrandyte's backline stood strong with Sheldon Schuyler, Astan Ure, Tim Willis and Josh Boras continually providing rebound and effective spoiling.

The last quarter saw Chris Bolland, Jason Castagna and Dean Neofitou constantly drive the ball forward and although Macleod managed to get within 10 points, Warrandyte held firm.

GRAND FINAL REPLAY

After a thrilling Under 12 Grand Final against Fitzroy in 2009, the replay match promised to be absorbing.

The clash did not disappoint, with the Bloods getting home by five points at the historic Brunswick Street oval.

Remarkably, the Bloods had 10 more scoring shots but won by only five points.

On a muddy Brunswick Street oval, both sides con-

tested the ball with vigour. Max Stevenson, Adam Bettiol, Josiah Bekdash and Jack Poole played as a team in the backline to restrict Fitzroy to only three scoring shots.

Isaac Boon and Ari World ran tirelessly to provide opportunities for the team.

Warrandyte 1.12-18 d Fitzroy 2.1-13

Goal kicking accuracy for the young Warrandyte team needs some work as the follow up win against Canterbury read Warrandyte 4.12-36 to Canterbury 3.2-20.

The Under 13s are just outside the four on percentage and are a real chance to compete in the finals in August.

CONVINCING WINS

The Under 12s finished off the month of June with two convincing wins. The game against Park Orchards was impressive with Josh Costin kicking a remarkable goal from the grandstand boundary.

Daniel Abbott was dominant in the ruck and Kiama Harris-Allan roved superbly. The margin of 55 points was indicative of the great team work on the day.

The following week on a rain-swept Ashburton oval Warrandyte kept the opposition to one point while kicking five goals themselves.

Luke Killey was outstanding at fullback and his huge bombs from the last line were a game highlight.

According to coach, John Bumpstead, the last three weeks have seen a much greater commitment to the task.

ON TARGET

The Under 11s were pitted against Doncaster in Round 9 and the teams shared an equal number of wins and an even battle was expected.

In muddy conditions and with both sides having six scoring shots, the more accurate Bloods achieved a thrilling five point win.

Callum Pynt used his speed to good effect and was supported by Karl Papez and Sam Munks who were in and under packs all day.

Mark Baker and Alex Royal played key roles in the third quarter enabling the Bloods to gain a winning break. Coach David Carruthers was pleased with his group of mudlarks and will not be disappointed to see a gluepot centre square in upcoming games.

Warrandyte 4.2-26 d Doncaster 3.3-21

FINALS IN SIGHT

The Under 10s are fourth on the ladder with five games remaining.

After a sizeable loss to second-placed Fitzroy, Warrandyte bounced back the following week to decisively account for third-

placed Whitehorse Colts.

Despite an earlier loss to ladder leaders, Hawthorn Citizens, Warrandyte put up a superb second half display prompting coach, Carlos Castagna to declare it the team's best half of football to date.

TACKERS SHOW THEIR SKILLS

The Tackers have been getting a real taste of winter football over the past month and were rewarded for their hard training and focus with a number of goals and clear dominance of the ball in their last outing.

Ben Jackson and Callum Bowers were instrumental in many centre clearances.

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION

Warrandyte players were prominent in the recent AFL Victoria Metropolitan Junior Championships.

Nick Parker was selected in the Under 13 competition, Zac Ballard, Jason Castagna and James Appleby in the Under 14s and Daniel Misfud in the Under 15s.

In the Under 14s James Appleby and Sid Phillip-Owen celebrated their 100th games for Warrandyte in Round 11.

Michael Bilos, Jason Castagna, Shaun Gorrie and Kieran Robertson will celebrate their 100th games over the next month and Daniel Misfud recently played his 100th game in the Under 15s.

Two players from Colts 1, Mat Colborne-Veel and Johnny Dobbie, have reached the rare achievement of playing 150 games with Warrandyte juniors.



Members of the Warrandyte Netball Club's Under 13 Sunbirds who had a big win over the Doncaster Kit Kats 16-8. From left, Katie Waugh, Sarah Lloyd, Georgina Adair, Shinead Martin, Maddie Cook, Grace Francey, Eliza McIntyre and Imogen Maillardet.

Football, netball clubs unite to raise funds

Warrandyte Netball and Junior Football Clubs have joined forces for the first time to boost their fundraising activities.

In what promises to be a lively evening, funds raised will aid the development of both clubs

The evening will include live music, finger food and a silent and open auction will also be held.

The function will be held on Saturday, 31 July at the Slovenian Club, Research, starting at 7.30pm.

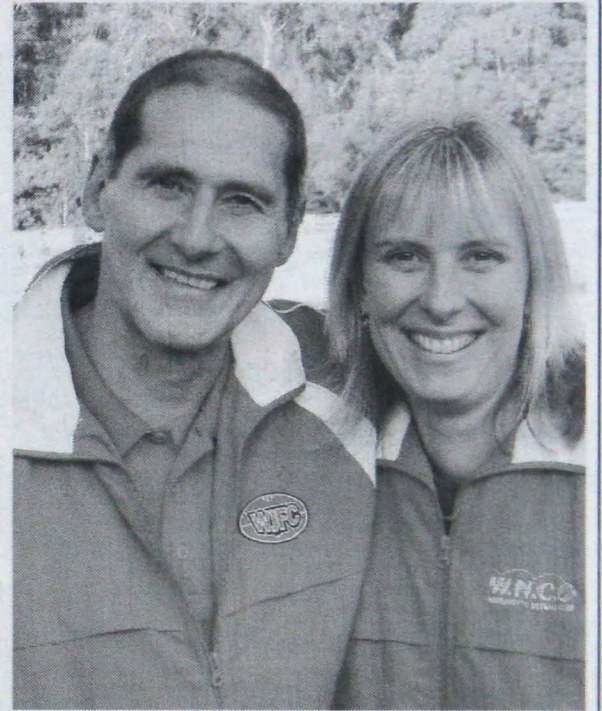
The cost is \$45 per head. Email dinahward3@yahoo.com for more information.

Warrandyte Netball Club is seeking new players for the spring season.

Teams play at the same time and venue each Saturday during the season starting at 9am for the Under 11s to mid afternoon for the senior teams.

Training is conducted at the Warrandyte Reserve during daylight hours.

Email Sue Rodwell at warrandytenetball@y7mail.com or visit www.warrandytenc.org.au for further information.



Coming together to raise funds for two clubs ... Warrandyte Junior Football Club president, Steve Ballard with his Warrandyte Netball Club counterpart, Sue Rodwell.

Veterans pad up in July

Warrandyte veteran cricketers can't get enough of their sport.

So much so that five club members took part in an Over 60s tournament played in Albury last month.

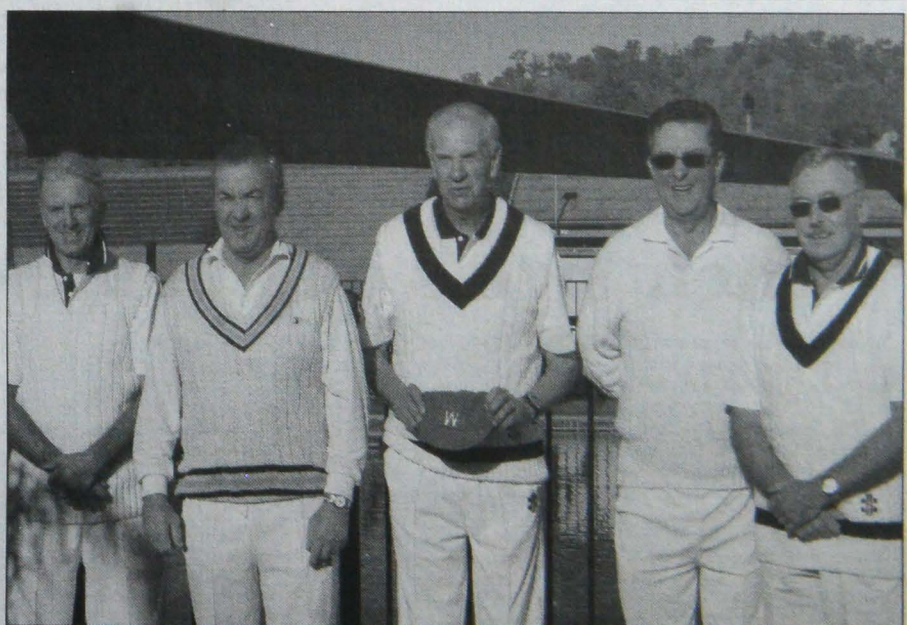
Three of the players, John Chapman, Steve Pascoe and Paul Robinson played for a combined Ringwood District/Whitehorse team while Barry Johnston and Warren Dummett represented the Victorian Over 60s Cricket Association.

Teams were drawn from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia and played four matches each.

Pascoe was one of the stars of the tournament, scoring 115 runs for only once out while wicketkeeper Chapman took more than 10 dismissals and made 40 runs in his two innings.

Robinson was also one of the leading wicket takers for the carnival.

Dummett kept wicket for the VOSCA while Johnston played a key role with the ball and helped his side to win the carnival.



Five members of Warrandyte's veterans cricket team took part in last month's Over 60s cricket carnival at Albury. From left, Paul Robinson, John Chapman, Barry Johnston, Warren Dummett and Steve Pascoe. The five players are all members of Warrandyte's Over 50s team.

Sport shorts

Auskickers build on their football skills

By ED MUNKS

Warrandyte's 2010 Auskick program is now at the half way mark and there has been outstanding improvement in the football skills of the Auskickers.

Connor Mulder who is a talented all round player has moved up a group to be with the older players and has taken his game to a new level.

Others that have impressed the coaches are Tyler Read with his improved kicking; Sebastian Stark after a nervous start has benefited from the coaches with improved all round skills; Fletcher Ball has been a strong and determined competitor and Jack Clifton has displayed his goal kicking ability in the weekly end-of-session games.

Noah Reddaway has developed both his handball and kicking skills, Josh Ball and Luke Papez have developed strong accurate drop punts and Nick Sharpe's high marking has been a feature as has the handballing of James Moissis.

Archer Rostron has developed good anticipation in reading the ball and Ben McShanag has shown the benefits of training with an older brother and is a great tackler.

Tamika Brownfield and Eden Jorgensen are two of the girls who participate and are not intimidated by the boys or the ball.

Harrison Gruber has been sensational and Lewis Hatch, one of the youngest participants, has also put his new found skills into action in the weekly games.

Auskick will hold a half time game on the 24 July at the Warrandyte v Mitcham game at Warrandyte oval.

All aspiring eligible AFL Auskick players of age are welcome to join in and then watch the seniors that includes ex AFL player Glenn Archer.

Congratulations to Jacob Ballard form the Warrandyte JFC colts 2 (Under 16s) team who has made the Under 16 Victorian Metro team in the national Under 16 competition.

Jacob started his football career at Warrandyte Auskick in 2000.

Regular session times are between 9am and 10.15am on Saturdays at the Warrandyte football oval at Taroona Av.

Both boys and girls are encouraged to come and participate.

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



Jacob Ballard ... Victorian selection.

Jacob named in Victorian squad

Jacob Ballard will represent the Victorian Metropolitan Under 16s at the Australian championships to be held at Blacktown, NSW.

Ballard made the final squad of 25 players and will have the chance to showcase his skills against elite young players from around the country.

Basketball youth teams for all ages

Warrandyte Venom has announced the introduction of Youth Teams in 2011, providing a visible pathway into senior basketball for all Warrandyte players, past and present.

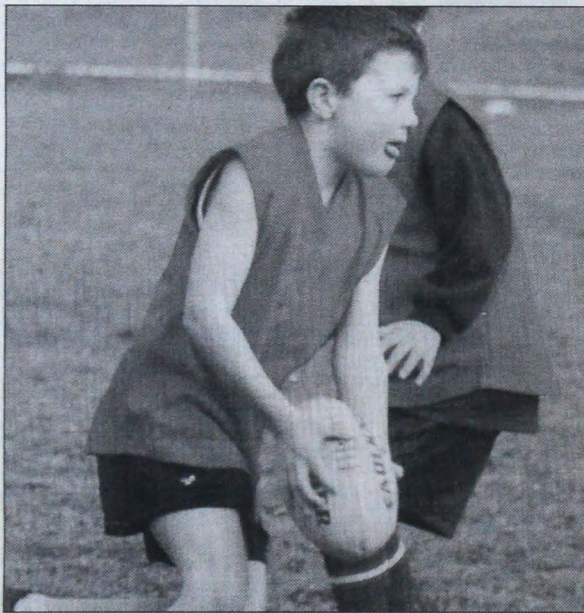
Tryouts and training for the very first Youth Teams will start in the third and fourth terms of the school year.

The initiative will offer a comprehensive range of exciting programs from Grade Prep through to senior levels.

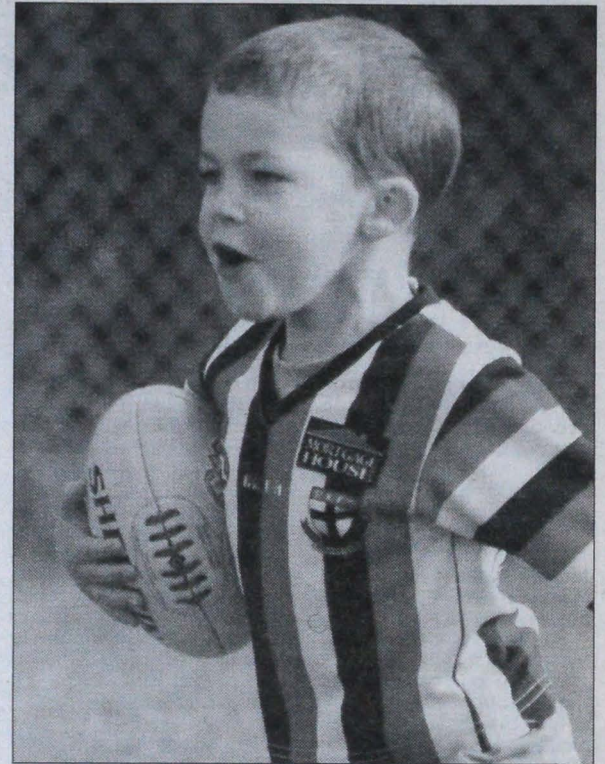
State recognition for basketballer

In what is believed to be a first for Warrandyte Basketball Association, Daniel Robertson has been selected in the State Under 14s side.

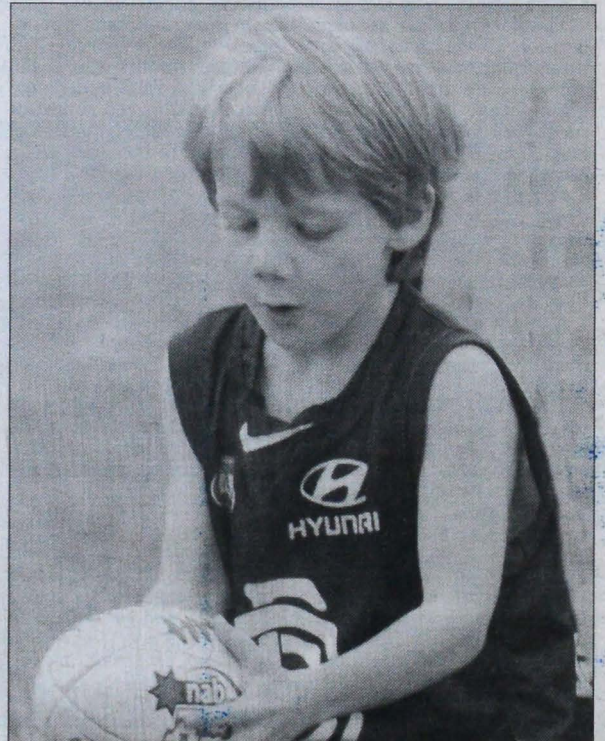
This is an impressive performance from Daniel and is a credit to his hard work and dedication to the sport.



Accurate kicking is all in the way you move your tongue ... Hayden Taylor at a recent Auskick session.



Kyle McGown has the ball and he's not going to give it up. Pictures: Alana Phillips.



Liam Phillips has eyes only for the ball as he lines up for goal.

Warrandyte Reserves now set their sights on double chance

Warrandyte Reserves have cemented their place in the top four with a comfortable win over Doncaster.

The win also maintains pressure on the top two sides as the Bloods press for the all-important double chance in the finals.

Warrandyte's coach, Ash Grybas was unimpressed with the first half of play from his team and pleaded with his players to attack the game more and look to carry the ball through a clogged centre corridor.

Reigning reserves best and fairest, Cal Haskings

proved to be the inspiration for his team as the Bloods kicked away in the final half to show the form they had produced earlier in the season.

Haskings was joined by Chris Watson in providing more run and aggression at the ball, setting an example the young Bloods could follow.

Saving their best football for the second half, Warrandyte followed an all too familiar pattern but once again came away with the points and now certainly have finals, and beyond, in

their sights.

Warrandyte 11.12-78 d Doncaster 8.3-51

Goals: L. Whitfield 3, D. Bryant 2, J. Logan, J. Bowen, G. Carle, T. Konrad, L. Naughtin, C. Haskings
Best: C. Watson, D. Bryant, C. Haskings, J. Bowen, L. Whitfield, L. Naughtin

Round 12: Warrandyte 4.0-24 lost to North Ringwood 4.15-39

Goals: D. Bryant, T. Konrad, J. Khouri, J. Buhagiar
Best: T. Konrad, C. Haskings, C. Watson, B. Tobin, J. Buhagiar, G. Carle

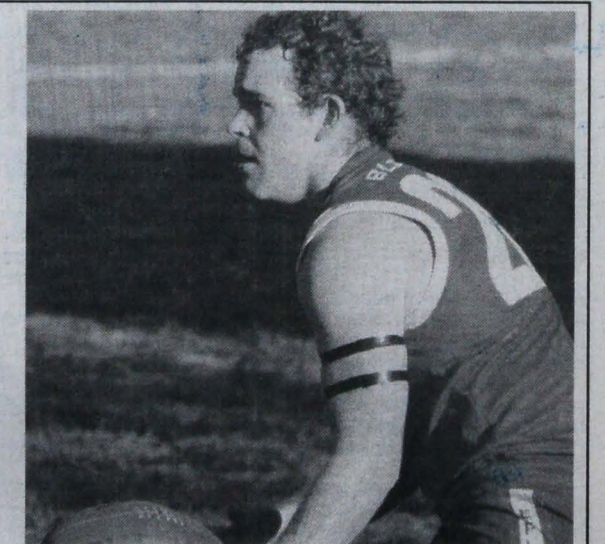
Round 11:

Warrandyte 6.9-45 d Chirnside Park 5.10-40

Goals: R. Ansaldi 2, D. Bryant, J. Bentley, J. Buhagiar, R. Mullett Treloar
Best: J. Bowen, C. Haskings, J. Buhagiar, B. Tobin, J. Bentley, G. Godwin

Round 10: Warrandyte 20.10-130 d Whitehorse Pioneers 3.8-26

Goals: G. Carle 5, C. Atkinson 3, S. Rough 2, J. Wright, F. Jarvis, L. Brewis, P. Burgoyne, C. Haskings, L. Whitfield, R. Mullett Treloar
Best: G. Carle, C. Atkinson, P. Burgoyne, J. Wright, J. Bentley, B. Tobin



Cal Haskings ... in top form for the Reserves.

Doncaster blown away Bloods come of age in finals quest

IT took 30 minutes of football on Saturday for Warrandyte to confirm that they will be a credible and dangerous Eastern Football League Division 3 finals contender for 2010.

Kicking against a gale force northerly wind in the opening term, the Bloods restricted Doncaster to only two goals in a brand of desperate, disciplined and mature football.

Although the Bloods scored only four points themselves, the manner in which they frustrated their highly regarded opposition with pressure and intensity set up the best win of the season.

The Bloods piled on seven goals with long, direct football when they had use of the wind in the second quarter and then kept Doncaster goales in the third term.

But it was the first quarter that did the damage.

Warrandyte now sit poised in third position on the ladder and are ready for an assault on the double chance which would give them a major impact on finals.

Saturday's win comes on the back of a successful two months that has seen the Bloods record five consecutive wins and only fall two goals short of ladder leaders North Ringwood.

The effort against Doncaster on Saturday was even more outstanding as

the Bloods were mercilessly thrashed by their near neighbours in Round 6.

After the first quarter, Warrandyte coach Michael Tout warned his players that the wind would not do all the work for them and stressed the need for direct football.

Warrandyte's second quarter saw the game free up through the middle of the ground and the Bloods went to half time leading by 23 points.

Tout was quick to remind his players that Doncaster were not a top four side because of luck and that the challenge would come.

Spurred on by former greats visiting the club on the annual past player's day, Warrandyte played another great quarter of football, winning stoppages and linking up well to produce a brand of attractive and hard football.

With a strong lead, the last quarter played out in a similar fashion, with Warrandyte playing unselfish football and they cruised home to a 63 point victory.

The Bloods were brilliantly served by onballer Ben Reid who was either at the bottom off packs and feeding the ball to team mates or breaking through the centre of the ground and opening up the forward line.

Michael Morello showed why he is the most dangerous full forward in the com-

petition with strong marking and accurate goal kicking in tricky conditions.

Shane Biggs continued to impress with three goals from half forward. The 18-year-old is in his debut season but shows the maturity of a veteran with his ability to find space and deliver the ball with accuracy on both sides of his body.

Warrandyte 16.15-111 d Doncaster 7.6-48

Goals: M. Morello 5, S. Biggs 3, B. Taylor 2, C. Wheatley 2, B. Reid, M. Feben, C. Kennedy, T. Naughtin
Best: B. Reid, M. Morello, C. Wheatley, D. Hand, C. Vanflorestein, D. Large

**Round 12
Warrandyte 7.10-52 lost to North Ringwood 10.5-65**

Goals: L. Dunn 2, B. Reid, M. Feben, M. Morello, C. Kennedy, C. Wheatley
Best: D. Mullett-Treloar, J. Boyce, Z. Bentley, T. Hookey, L. Dunn, M. Wood

**Round 11:
Warrandyte 10.18-78 d Chirnside Park 6.7-43**

Goals: C. Kennedy 4, M. Morello 2, S. Christopher 2, B. Taylor, C. Wheatley
Best: T. Naughtin, G. Archer, B. Taylor, C. Kennedy, T. Hookey, D. Mullett Treloar

**Round 10:
Warrandyte 11.18-84 d Whitehorse 12.7-79**

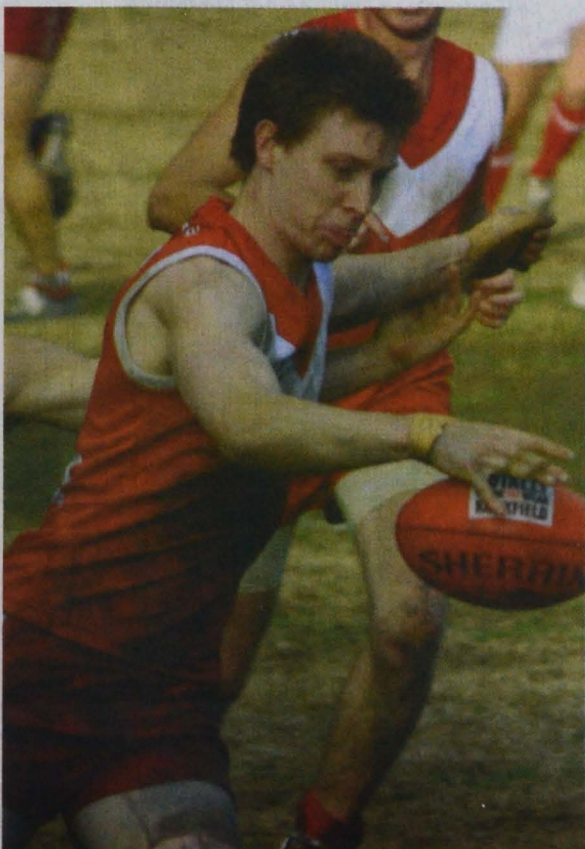
Goals: C. Wheatley 3, M. Morello 2, M. Wood, L. Dunn, H. Hosking, C. Kennedy, T. Beasley
Best: A. Tsapatsaris, S. Christopher, M. Wood



Warrandyte's key defender, Dion Mullet-Treloar, left, and Adam Tsapatsaris contest for the ball with a Chirnside Park opponent while Tim Beasley waits to collect the crumbs.



Warrandyte's Glenn Archer fights for possession of the ball with his Chirnside Park opponent while team mate Michael Morello waits for the outcome.



Tim Hookey clears the ball from Warrandyte's defence.



Warrandyte's Jarrod Boyce is under pressure from his Doncaster opponents during Saturday's clash at Warrandyte which the Bloods won by 63 points.

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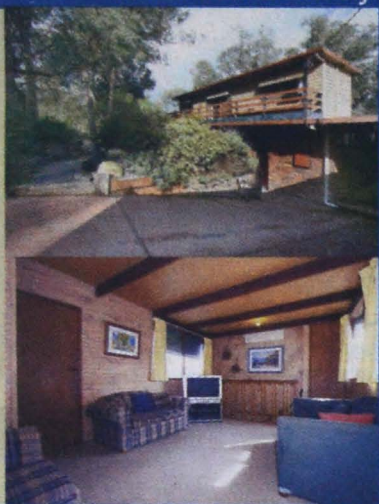
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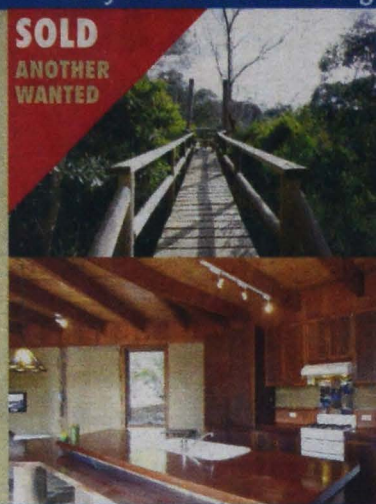
On a peaceful quarter of an acre, less than a two minute walk to the main street and with enough room for a growing family, this beautiful brick home encapsulates every essential aspect of a Warrandyte lifestyle. Featuring four spacious bedrooms with BIRs, extra fifth bedroom/studio/home office detached from the main house, kitchen and family meals with plenty of storage and the perfect space for a mini makeover, living/lounge area, including a wood fire and gas heater which keeps the cosy and inviting ambience alive. Upstairs the kids can feel independent in their own two bedroom retreat, allowing for relaxation, studying and more. The outside entertaining area is ideal during the warmer months, basking in the vast backyard and enjoying the company of family, pets and friends.



WARRANDYTE

Privacy in a bushland setting

Set on just under an acre of serene bushland, this warm and inviting 4 bedroom home combines everything that is desirable in Warrandyte. Walk through the spectacular main entry which leads into a split level formal lounge, complete with an open fire place and polished hardwood floor — perfect for keeping the chill off many cold winter nights. The secluded master bedroom offers a spacious built in robe and accompanying ensuite, striking a balance of slate, timber and led light. Be impressed by the easily accessible kitchen and accompanying meals/family area, providing a wealth of bench space and storage. In addition to your own private lookout which opens to views of native bushland, let your imagination flourish in the workshop space downstairs, offering great opportunities for a home office or a place for the boys to work on their toys.



KANGAROO GROUND

Where eagles dare

Lot 1 area: 6.073ha & 1.927ha (3BR house)
 Lot 2 area: 8ha (2 x 2 acre building envelopes)
 Lot 3 area: 13.4ha (2 acre building envelope)

Once you have absorbed the breathtaking 360 degree views of the fantastic hilltop, let your creative mind start to envisage the amazing home that could evolve on such a desirable piece of land. With a choice of three building envelopes on two separate titles, the possibilities are endless. The red mountain soil provides excellent growing conditions for a vineyard and other plantations, and at the bottom of the valley lies a dam area which can be easily modified. Lot 2 holds an already established hay shed which can be renovated to your needs or utilised as extra storage, subject to council approval.



WARRANDYTE

Scenic views from the treetops

Set at the end of a quiet street yet less than a 10 minute walk to the busy Warrandyte shops, this 3 bedroom home strikes the perfect balance of appreciating Mother Nature and enjoying convenience of location. Feast your eyes upon the enviable views of Warrandyte and Wonga Park from the front deck whilst entertaining friends and family, or relax on the back patio amongst a garden haven. Inside, the quaint kitchen offers a modest area for meals and continuing conversation through to the cosy family/lounge room with timber features. This home is a perfect start for a young family or a couple looking to escape the hustle and bustle of urban suburbia.

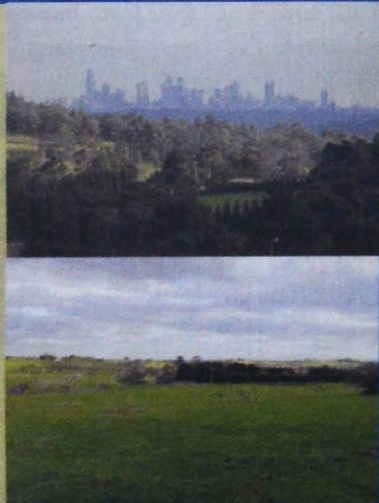


KANGAROO GROUND

The hills are alive

32.5 acres (approx)

Hear the land singing out for you to create your very own dream on this fantastic blank canvas... Take full advantage of the 360 degree views of Melbourne on an easily accessible and highly sought after piece of land. A perfect opportunity for horse lovers or those looking to spread their wings in the countryside, the location of this land is just one of its fabulous features. Situated within walking distance to Kangaroo Ground Primary, General Store, Tennis Club and Community Oval, the convenience is unbeatable! Once seen you will be truly convinced of the beauty that lies within this lush green pasture.



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