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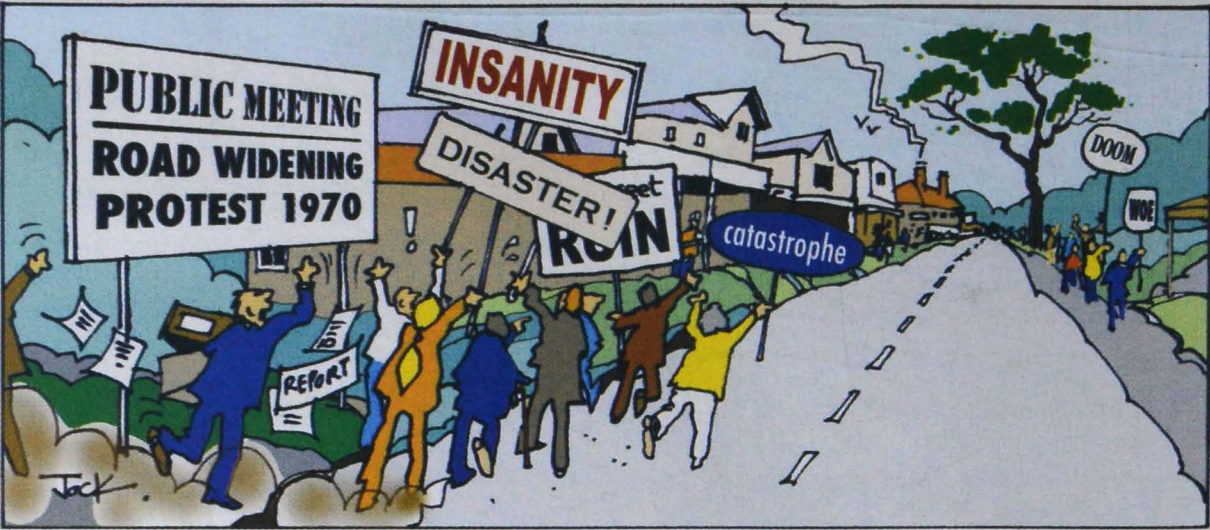
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WARRANDYTE - SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Political animal Neville stands, sits down again

IT was Friday night, and everyone in Warrandyte worth their salt had come to the Community Centre to meet the candidates. Sadly, not a lot of people measure their worth in salt these days, and the silent majority was mostly at home watching Two And A Half Men.

But Narelle and Granny Trott were there, trying to get a good view of their would-be representatives.

"Move up will ya! Why do you people always have to leave an empty seat beside you?" said Gran, plopping herself down and coughing vigorously before expectorating into a large hankie and jamming it back up her sleeve. That's why, thought the unfortunate soul beside her.

With the crowd settled, the chairman dinged his glass and introduced the candidates one by one. First up was the Labor candidate who talked about parental leave, ignoring climate change and discouraging immigrants except for people from Wales. Followed by the Liberal candidate who talked about parental leave, ignoring climate change and discouraging immigrants except for people from England. And the Greens candidate who talked about climate change, climate change and ignoring people from England and Wales.

Which left plenty of room for independent thinkers.

Like the man from the Sex Party who couldn't get his mind out of his budgie-smugglers.

The man from the Loony Party who wanted more mobile phone towers and fewer bus bays.

And the woman who came along for the Twenty-First Birthday Party before realising it was being held at the Mechanics Hall next door.

Then the last independent candidate rose nervously to wild applause, if only from Narelle and Gran.

"My name is Neville...gulp...Trott. I live at 48 Dingley Dell and I wouldn't know a gerrymander from a cream sponge."

Neville fumbled a glass of water towards his mouth, missed, and carried on regardless.

"But I don't want to move forwards without knowing where we're going. And I don't want to move backwards if that just leads to places like Nauru."

"And if we have to move forward can we please do it before 2013?"

"Because there are things I want now that are more important than bribes for babies, school uniforms and new cars."

"I want to be one of the 150



people who tells the government to stop talking and get on with climate action.

"I want refugee policy that's about refugees instead of boats, about processing them quickly and compassionately so by the time we decide they're not mad, dangerous lunatics we haven't turned them into mad, dangerous lunatics."

"I want to know why five per cent unemployment is good, and so do five per cent of the population."

"I want to know what comes

living with The Trotts

after sorry.

"I want politicians who work together in our interests instead of undermining each other in their own."

"And I want the country to be led by a person, not a lifestyle choice. Or a Red Faces judge."

It wasn't Martin Luther King. It wasn't even Bernard King. But the crowd was hushed, hanging on every word, or at least leaning in their direction. You just had the feeling that here was a moment that could crystallise an electorate. That this man could carry the crowd. With a whistle and a dog, he could coax the leader into the pen and the rest of the mob would follow like sheep.

"Mr Trott," came a voice from the back. "Tell us about your preferences." Somehow everyone knew this was the moment of truth.

"What my boy does in bed is none of your beeswax," boomed Gran. "But just so's you know he sticks to the yippee bog!"

"You know dear," said Neville as he and Narelle cuddled down at the end of the day. "I know standing in this election came as a bit of a surprise, but I had to get it out of my system, and after tonight I think I have. What would you say if I pulled out of the campaign?"

Narelle smiled.

"Yippee!"

ALAN CORNELL



Picture by Kerry Cross

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES ROYAL COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

Warrandyte looks for answers in findings

The long-awaited Bushfires Royal Commission final report echoed many of the concerns expressed in Warrandyte at overflow CFA fire emergency meetings, letters to this newspaper, and especially issues raised at the Warrandyte Community Association's public forum, called in May 2009 to allow the community to inform WCA's submission to the commission.

Warrandyte survived Black Saturday by a few fateful minutes. The fire spotter who manned the Kangaroo Ground tower told the *Diary* the fire that originated in Kilmore was 10 minutes from North Warrandyte when the wind changed, driving the holocaust to destroy Kinglake and many of its people. We were only 6kms, in a direct line, from disaster.

We survived that day, but what of next time? Residents are searching the commission's recommendations, hoping for answers.

"While the residents' concerns were understandably local, many of the 12 major issues raised in our forum included statewide concerns and the Royal Commission has done a good job articulating them," WCA president Dick Davies told the *Diary*.

"Key issues identified in Warrandyte are covered in the commission recommendations. These include early warning systems, community education, land management policy, evacuation, community and personal bunkers, building codes and insurance.

"Some issues are more specific to Warrandyte and North Warrandyte, like access and egress and potential gridlock on the roads."

Mr Davies said he was particularly pleased that the commission emphasised the

safety of vulnerable people: children, the elderly and the disabled.

"WCA has lobbied Manningham council to assist in compiling a register of people who may need assistance in an emergency." This could be through the "Know Your Neighbour" program, or perhaps through the issuing of rates notices. A register could be developed with Nillumbik council and neighbours and existing community networks could help when needed.

A shortfall in the final report is a lack of emphasis on contacting and informing younger people. "It was noticeable that

at the three public meeting WCA held following the fires, younger people were very much underrepresented," Mr Davies said. "We need to better understand the potential of social media like Twitter to get the message across.

"Land management and fuel reduction were the most controversial issues in the Warrandyte forum, but the commission has handled these sensitively. However, these decisions should be science-based, not knee-jerk, media-driven responses.

"WCA welcomes the call for permanent funding of the Bushfire Co-operative

Research Centre to allow first-rate scientists like Dr Kevin Tolhurst to get on with the job," Mr Davies said. Dr Tolhurst addressed a packed WCA meeting of 700 residents in Warrandyte last year about bushfire concerns and was very well received.

Many in Warrandyte fear that in the event of fire they will be trapped and unable to leave. Some residents have built personal bunkers. However the commission has stopped short of recommending developing building standards for personal bunkers.

Mr Davies said, "people are euphemistically calling them

'wine cellars' or 'offices'. Guidance on building standards is required." He said that the response from the state government so far was not encouraging.

WCA welcomes the recommendations on underground power lines and anti-arsonist police activity. "As an anti-arsonist model we have suggested that the South Australian 'Operation Nomad' scheme, in which police visit suspected or known arsonists on days of high fire danger and use automated number plate recognition to alert them when suspects are in a fire danger area.

"Community Fireguard groups and township protection plans were not prominent in the report. Half the residents of North Warrandyte are involved in Fireguard groups, but more needs to be done by the CFA in conjunction with the local community to get more people involved. For local residents, the township protection plan produced so far is little more than a page out of Melways."

Mr Davies said he was concerned that the state government might handball many of the recommendations over to local government without adequate funding. "Many, at both state and local government level, appear to be more afraid of the threat of litigation than preparing for another disaster."

Several of the issues addressed in the recommendations first appeared in the Stretton report on the 1939 fires. "Seventy years is long enough for community consideration of these recommendations," Mr Davies said.

● WCA was negotiating for a government spokesperson to address a public meeting in Warrandyte. See next column.

Sudden decision on bushfire meeting

Having learned, earlier this month, that no spokesperson for the Bushfires Royal Commission would be coming to Warrandyte to address local residents, the Warrandyte Community Association began lobbying local MPs

As the *Diary* was going to press, we learned that Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, had arranged a public meeting for Monday, August 9 at 6.30pm at the Warrandyte Community Church.

WCA welcomed this move, despite it being, "at very short notice".

President Dick Davies told the *Diary*, "WCA approached the Royal Commission some time ago to provide a speaker for the community, but were told this was not possible.

"Warrandyte and North Warrandyte narrowly avoided being in the path of the Black Saturday fires and have ongoing concerns that need to be adequately addressed."

Production constraints prevented the *Diary* reporting the August 9 meeting in this issue, however we hope to publish a full report next issue.



SOS: Warrandyte North's tanker stranded at Kinglake on Black Saturday. The crew was rescued by a truck from Wonga Park. (Picture by Chris Spring)

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Centre focus of WCA forum

By KARLY HICKMAN

A future vision for the Warrandyte Community Centre was high on the agenda at the Warrandyte Community Association's annual general meeting and public forum last month.

The centre has come a long way since the site, that once housed a garage, petrol station and derelict shops, was bought by Doncaster and Templestowe council in 1978.

"After using the old buildings to hold community meetings, Warrandyte finally got its own purpose-built Community Centre in 1991," WCA president Dick Davies said.

Our Community Centre has served our community well over the past 19 years, however, "during the past year, discussions with Manningham council have taken place on how best to move forward with the centre," Mr Davies said.

Celia Haddock, director of community services at Manningham council explained that council understands that the centre is an iconic building to Warrandyte and a valuable community asset.

Ms Haddock explained that under Manningham council's plan, a review of the Warrandyte Community Centre's current business and management model took place, together with the development of a strategic plan for the future.

The Warrandyte Community Centre Support Group (WCCSG) was established to manage the centre and encourage active involvement by and with community members, community groups and private hirers.

In May, the arrangement between the WCCSG and Manningham council began moving towards a model where council adopted a management role and WCCSG commenced their function as an advisory board to assist in the development of strategic direction.

WCCSG president, David Dyason reassured the floor that this tran-

sition was not as a result of the WCCSG being too tired to run the centre, but rather "the WCCSG is limited in what we can do with the building and only council has the funding to improve the facilities for the future".

Ms Haddock said that Manningham council can draw on a pool of resources that are used across a number of council-managed community facilities in the municipality. She advised that this leaves the WCCSG with the capacity to focus entirely on the strategic direction of the centre.

Council also recommended a review of library facilities in the area, with consideration given to possible sites in the Mullum Mullum Ward for a library and community hub. The Warrandyte Community Centre has been identified as an option to house such a facility. "People want a place with not only books, but activity," Ms Haddock said.

The idea of a community hub is a place where people can access a range of resources and activities, with opportunities for all members of the community. David Dyason explained that while the Community Centre is already a community hub, it is limited in scope by what the building can offer.

Ms Haddock said that Manningham council has met with key stakeholders, tenant groups and regular users to gain feedback on the current needs and future use of the facility.

A leased community facilities pricing policy has been recommended, with not-for-profit community organisations paying just \$200 rent each year.

Manningham council will collate all feedback from their research and present to Warrandyte Community Centre key stakeholders in late August, before taking their recommendations before council in September.

There was some concern among

regular users who run small businesses out of the centre, like dance and martial arts classes. While the proposed fee structure for not-for-profit organisations has been determined, the fee structure for small businesses that use the centre won't be decided until September.

Manningham councillor David Ellis assured the public meeting that council does not have a hidden agenda, but realises that Warrandyte's Community Centre needs some changes to better cater for the community's needs.

Laurie Hilakari, representing Warrandyte Lions, told the meeting that he was happy with the discussions taking place and confident with the direction Manningham council is taking with the centre.

Fears of welcoming commercial enterprises, such as McDonalds, as a result of council's management of the facility were quickly dismissed by community members, confident in the consultation process between council and the community.

Mr Dyason explained that three years ago, WCCSG commenced a process of strategic planning to "get a clear picture of what the community wanted from the building". He said he has "full faith in what will happen with the Community Centre. Our role is to push along and make things happen and achieve an optimal outcome for the community," he said.

It is expected that the process to rejuvenate the Community Centre will take three to five years, including consultation, funding, strategic planning and any construction involved.

To contact the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group email warrandytecommunity@bigpond.com or call 9844 4502



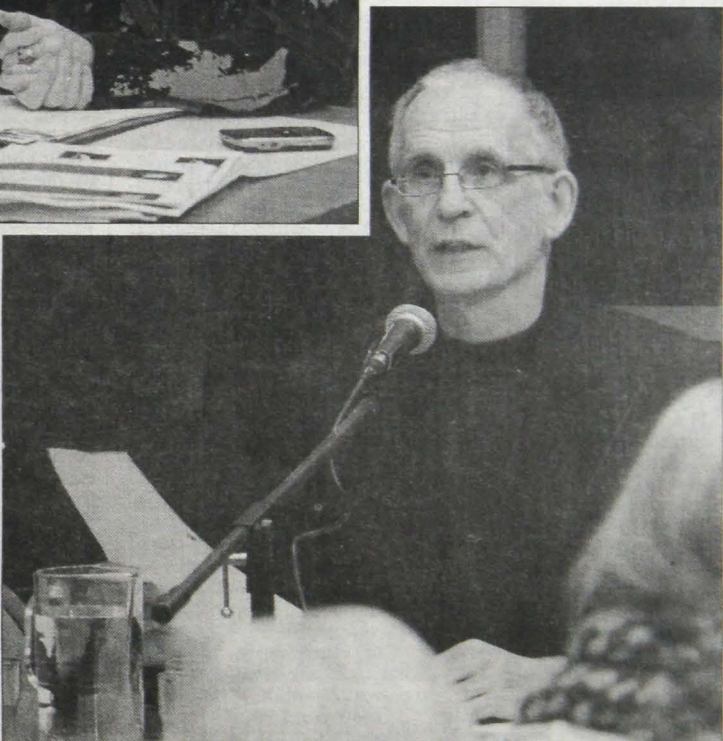
Top: Council's Celia Haddock described the centre as a valuable community asset.



Left: Danielle Green MP explained the government's Smart Bus strategy.

Below: WCA's Dick Davies outlined the association's activities throughout 2009-2010.

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



WCA tackled fires, transport, threats to Wedge

Over the past year, the Warrandyte Community Association has continued to promote bushfire awareness and lobby state and local government on issues that affect this community, including planning concerns and environmental issues.

"WCA organised probably the largest indoor meeting in Warrandyte's history when (bushfire expert) Kevin Tolhurst spoke to about 700 residents on his findings and observations about Black Saturday," president Dick Davies

told the WCA annual general meeting last month.

"We have continued to work with the CFA and local councils in developing a township protection plan for Warrandyte and North Warrandyte. We lobbied for the removal of dangerously overhanging trees on roadside verges in North Warrandyte," Mr Davies said.

Following widespread community consultation, WCA forwarded a detailed submission to the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

"We are negotiating with them for a speaker to attend a public meeting in Warrandyte to explain their recommendations and address our concerns."

A number of "ad hoc proposals on transport options ... driven partly by concerns over emergency evacuation and partly by gridlock at peak hours," have emerged. These range from widening the bridge, building a ford or a footbridge, to creating more foot and cycle paths and improving access for disabled

people. However, "we are now focusing our attention on the revival of the proposed 'Northern Arterial Link Road' connecting Reynolds Road to Ringwood to ease the pressure from through traffic," Mr Davies said.

"VicRoads' decision to eliminate bus bays, taken apparently without consultation, has left us bewildered. However, the increased congestion may raise the pressure to implement the Northern Arterial Link.

"WCA's mandate is to protect the Green Wedge. We vigorously supported Cr David Ellis in protesting the lack of transparency and public accountability surrounding the planning minister's ad hoc approval of the proposal to triple the size of the On Luck Nursing Home, situated in the Green Wedge.

"While we were very pleased with the improved bus services we successfully lobbied for in North Warrandyte, we were disappointed by the recommendations in the Man-

ningham bus review. Whilst there are improvements in some services, other routes are truncated, reducing service levels.

"Most disappointing of all is that the bus review has not recommended any express services from Warrandyte to the city.

"We also provided a forum for residents who have concerns about the proposed Vodaphone tower at the sports oval, which is currently being appealed to VCAT," Mr Davies said.

CFA needs your support

Our North Warrandyte CFA is in need of support, and I hope residents of North Warrandyte will read this letter and give consideration to the issues raised.

I recently attended an evening meeting at the fire station in Glynn's Road. I had been contacted by email about a month earlier by the president of the brigade asking if I would be interested in attending. How did he get my address you might ask? Well, at an earlier meeting convened soon after the fires of February 2009 I, along with about 20 other residents, had expressed an interest in becoming involved in the local CFA in a non-active manner, and given the brigade my contact details.

I believe that meeting was a critical one, given the timing and the fact that it could so easily have been Warrandyte residents devastated by fires.

I was a little surprised that only about 60 residents attended that meeting and I think at the time we were told by the brigade captain that approximately 1500 people live on this north side of the river?

At that point in time the brigade's priority was to find new operational members, and as a result of that meeting

they have gathered a number of new recruits who are now performing a valuable and active role as part of our fire fighting community.

So here we are as a community, looking at the latter half of 2010 and our local CFA is ready to tackle two new projects. Firstly, the shift into the new fire station currently being built near the North Warrandyte Pre-School, which should happen within a couple of months. Secondly, it's now time to call on those of us who expressed the desire to support, in a non-active way, the wonderful service provided by this dedicated band of volunteer residents.

These are the people we will call on to come quickly in the event of a domestic crisis. They are our neighbours who will do all they can to assist us in the event of future bushfires.

Imagine my disappointment and surprise to find myself the sole member of the first meeting called by the North Warrandyte CFA to discuss setting up an auxiliary! Perhaps the timing was unfortunate, because it coincided with the general meeting called by the Warrandyte Community Association following their AGM. This was a meeting I would have really liked to attend, but we can't

dear diary

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be everywhere, can we?

Jeff Hobbs, our CFA president, will be calling a second meeting, probably later in August, and I urge all North Warrandyte residents to give serious consideration to our brigade's needs. My understanding is that this new group will focus on fund-raising and support of operational functions. If you would like more information please contact the CFA and come along to the next meeting.

Kerry Bradford
The Boulevard

Local seeks help on poverty program

I am participating in a new awareness and fundraising campaign designed to help Australians understand the challenges faced by those currently living in extreme poverty.

Internationally, the extreme poverty line is defined as US\$1.25 a day—the equivalent of \$2 in Australia. 1.4 billion people in our world currently live below this line—lacking the basic choices and opportunities that most Australians take for granted.

This August, the Global Poverty Project and the Oaktree Foundation are inviting Australians to feed themselves with just \$2 a day—to better understand the obstacles inherent in extreme poverty—and to raise money for life-changing education programs.

The Global Poverty Project is fundraising for a Poverty Education Program in Australian schools—to educate students about extreme poverty and give them the knowledge and resources they need to become leaders in the movement to end extreme poverty. Funds raised will be used to train additional presenters and reach an additional 50,000 Australian students in the next 12 months!

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I chose to take on this challenge after participating in the make poverty road-trip in July where I learnt a lot about the issues of extreme poverty. The road-trip sparked my passion for human rights and helping people less fortunate than myself. I am working to bring the "Live Below the Line" campaign to my school community by encouraging students to participate, speaking at assembly and running fundraisers. The Live Below the Line challenge will put me and all the other participants in the shoes of those living in extreme poverty and help us to empathise with the difficult lives of people living in developing nations.

You can sponsor me here http://www.everydayhero.com.au/ivanhoe_girls.

Thank you so much for your support.

Josephine McLaren
By email

No bike lanes in works

I am concerned that the changes to Yarra Street as a result of the bus stop reconstructions do not include a bike lane on the road. This project will create another hazard for cyclists in Yarra Street.

In a recent letter to Bicycle Victoria, signed off by the secretary of the Department of Transport, Jim Betts, and the CEO of VicRoads, Gary Liddle, they told the organisation that there was a clear commitment to the needs of cyclists and that, "For those developing projects across the portfolio, this direction means taking the time to ask, early in the scoping of a project, whether bicycle facilities need to be included as part of the project. If they are needed, then how should they be designed?"

There is no evidence that "taking time to ask" happened in this case. The project should be stopped and completed only after consultation with the community, which includes cyclists, who use the street in increasing numbers.

Alex McCallum
Yarra River Court



Precious natural asset: Warrandyte's Green Wedge. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Suburban sprawl threatens Wedge

comment

By DAVID ELLIS

On July 29, Victorian parliament approved plans to delete 43,600 hectares of Green Wedge land and open space around Melbourne. This should ring alarm bells for those in Warrandyte who thought the government's planning commitments actually mean something.

Most concerning is that this change was supported equally by both Liberal and Labor—total unanimity with no dissenting voices. Only the Greens stood in opposition to the government's move to throw away previous commitments for controlled planning and to add to Melbourne's seemingly endless sprawl.

More than a broken promise, the move continues a sustained retreat. The government's *Melbourne 2030* strategy, released with media fanfare in 2002, was intended, as the planning minister at the time said, "to curb urban sprawl and ensure that important places like the Green Wedges get the protection they deserve".

Faint hope. The "protection" was ensured by a designated Urban Growth Boundary, but this is a boundary made of paper and falls at the stroke of a pen, first with incremental

changes in 2005 and 2006 and now with wholesale rezoning to west, north, north-west and south-east.

How can this be justified? Apologists will talk of the need to ease pressure on housing supply and affordability. This is hardly credible, with an estimated 70,000 blocks currently "landbanked" by developers in the interests of delayed release and (understandably) maximum returns. There is also ample opportunity for "infill" development in urban areas already well provided with services and infrastructure.

But it should be obvious from problems in current infrastructure—public transport, the road network, schools, hospitals, water and energy supply—that capacity is barely adequate for current numbers, let alone for the additional million-plus increase the government is aiming for. It is ironic that as the necessary question of sustainable population is, for the first time, emerging on the national agenda, both the Brumby government and the opposition are united in a vision of growth for growth's sake.

Why? Well, the Australian Electoral Commission's donations register shows that over the decade to 2009, the Labor Party in Victoria received \$2.66 million from developers and the Liberal Party almost as much (\$2.46 million) a show of even-handedness—some corporate

donors give equally to both sides. In reality, as the recent parliamentary vote demonstrates, in planning essentials they are virtually the same side.

The potential for large donations to distort and influence planning policy decisions by both government and opposition should be cause for real concern. The recent unanimity between Liberal and Labor on the Urban Growth Boundary does not instil confidence that those pressures are being resisted, even minimally.

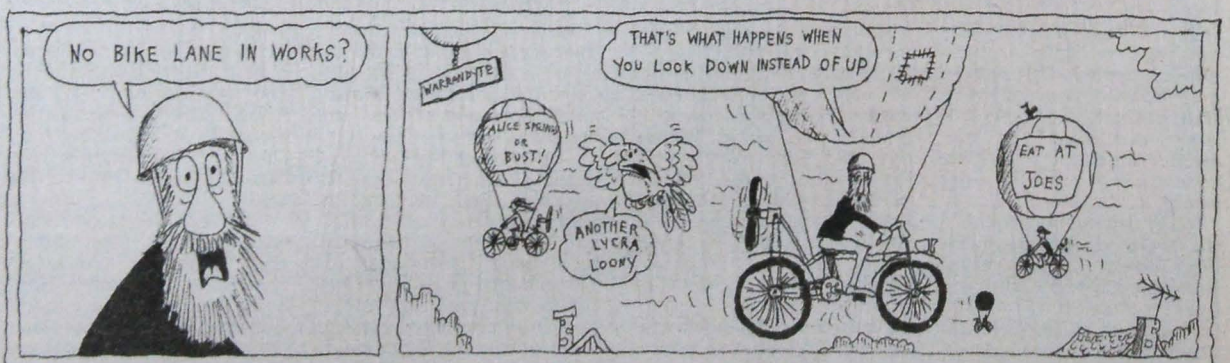
The recent changes target the municipalities of Hume, Wyndham, Casey, Melton and Whittlesea; pretty much every point of the compass around Melbourne except our own. There is no assurance that this exception will long continue.

There is never a shortage of state and federal politicians (councillors too) prepared to proclaim their commitment to the Green Wedge in Warrandyte. Yet none of our local state politicians have spoken against these latest excisions of Green Wedge land. Neither is it tenable for their parties to claim to have one set of planning principles for Melbourne's fringe generally and another just for Warrandyte and district. The warning signs for our own region are unmistakable.

(David Ellis is a Manningham councillor.)

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Total renewable energy in a decade?

Hopeful message at local meeting

A gathering of concerned Warrandyte residents was told last month that if Australia has the willpower, it could achieve 100 per cent renewable energy in 10 years.

The meeting, called by Warrandyte CAN (Climate Action Now) heard this good news from representatives of Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE), a group associated with the Melbourne Energy Institute.

Reporting on the meeting, WarrandyteCAN spokesperson Jill Dixon told the *Diary*: "It's not news to say that the climate community is experiencing enormous frustration in achieving action towards establishing a clean energy future.

"BZE has decided to tackle the debate by demonstrating to governments and the

public how it is possible to change to renewable energy on a very short timeframe."

Last month they brought their message to Warrandyte.

BZE's communications manager Matthew Wright and engineer Patrick Hearps explained that the coal, oil and gas industries are financially able to lobby government in a way that scientists and community groups are not.

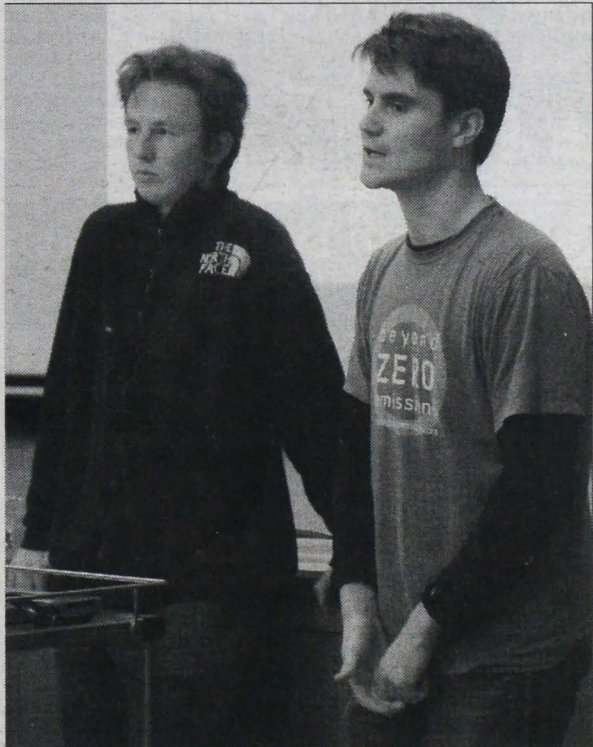
They explained how the "Can't Do" campaign, waged by the coal lobby, has been very successful in perpetuating the fallacy that renewable energy can't supply the base load power needed, and it is too expensive to move away from the status quo anyway.

"In response, BZE has brought together what they



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

They gathered to hear Beyond Zero Emission's good news.



Matthew Wright and Patrick Hearps delivered the message.

unofficially call the 'Can Do' campaign to show what's possible," Ms Dixon said.

Coordinated by BZE and the Climate Emergency Network with partner Melbourne Energy Institute—which comprises a large number of concerned scientists, engineers and economists—they have modelled the needs and capabilities of renewable energy with amazing results.

"They've proven that it's actually possible to achieve the complete switch to renewable energy in just a decade—Australia-wide," Ms Dixon said.

"The model is based on using the naturally occurring sources of solar and wind energy, because they're already fully costed, proven and operating in many countries. They chose not to include other renewable energy yet—such as geo thermal—until they're fully proven as viable and cost-competitive."

A powerful case was made demonstrating how in a decade 100 per cent renewable energy can be achieved with existing resources and at a manageable cost.

"The study explores every aspect of the electricity power generation industry to show how it could be transformed nationally," Ms Dixon said. Specific reports on the transportation and building industries are due to follow from next year.

Determining our ideal emissions reduction target timeframe is based on an internationally accepted approach called the "global budget per capita".

It projects the rate of emissions needed by each nation to hold global warming by 2050 to below two degrees above pre-industrial temperatures.

"Realistically, it means high-emitting nations like Australia must achieve zero emissions in 10 years," Ms Dixon said. "This view is reinforced by the message coming from Al Gore's study, which called for USA to achieve 100 per cent clean electricity and independence from foreign oil within 10 years.

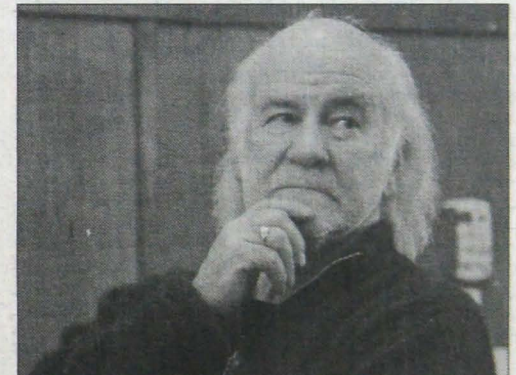
"Some of the most exciting examples of the implementation of renewable energy

are the new-generation solar towers being used to successfully power Spain's electricity industry. A major change in the technology of the 1990s made this possible with the introduction of salt tanks to store power for 24 hours' use."

Patrick Hearps confirmed that the role of residential and commercial solar panels remains important in reducing the demand of the electricity grid during sunny periods.

"We are in no doubt that Australia is lagging behind the rest of the world," Ms Dixon said. "The knowledge and practical experience, available around the globe, goes begging here in Australia, despite our abundance of sunshine and space and our relatively low population."

BZE's Matthew Wright told the gathering: "We know now that we have the technology, the resources—all we need is the willpower".



CAN's Wayne Rankin considered the future.

Manningham's new zones imminent

By VAL POLLEY

Warrandyte residents in the City of Manningham recently received information from council alerting them to proposed changes to the local planning scheme that may affect their properties.

It has to be said that many have been confused by the amount and complexity of the information sent and about the amendment itself. It is being asked what is it for and, much more importantly, how does it affect Warrandyte and individual residents.

Manningham council is revising vegetation controls across the city after comprehensive studies which have taken years to complete. As a result of these studies sites of environmental and biological significance were identified.

Currently, many properties are affected by multiple and overlapping environmental and landscape overlays and the intention of the

amendment is to rationalise these and remove errors and overlaps. It does not change the underlying zoning controls.

Its aims are: less "red-tape"; to be simpler and clearer; to provide for a greater number of exemptions. The proposed planning controls are intended to provide greater certainty and result in more consistent decision-making.

The proposed amendment applies to all land in the municipality with identified environmental and landscape values and affects about 25 per cent of properties.

There will be a significant reduction in the number of properties with current overlay controls. While individual property owners will need to check to see how their properties are affected the following summarises the major changes concerning Warrandyte:

- Some changes are proposed for Schedule 1 to the Environmental

Significance Overlay (ESO1) Yarra Valley Environs—including a list of some 32 plant species to be exempted from permit requirements.

- Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO2)—Yarra Valley Backdrop—currently applies across a significant proportion of the township. This current SLO is no longer seen as relevant and will be deleted.

- Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO3)—Environmental Residential Significant Urban Areas—this currently applies to all land zoned Residential 1 within the Warrandyte Township. This SLO will be deleted. Some buildings and works controls have been translated across to the DDO3.

- Introduction of a new Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO5) Environmental Significant Urban Areas. This will be applied to land zoned Residential R1 within the township itself. This overlay seeks to manage environmental values

and allow for developments compatible with this. A permit will only be required for works under certain conditions. Vegetation controls stay much the same with some new exemptions including any trees within two metres of an existing building.

- The existing Design and Development Overlay (DDO3) is amended to include some buildings and works controls from SLO3, with virtually no change except the earthwork controls have been tightened slightly. The existing requirements of one dwelling per lot and minimum subdivision area have not changed.

- Green Wedge zones ESO2 and 3 currently require a permit for almost everything. Controls will be relaxed by a range of new exemptions, such as for new water tanks, rabbit control and exotic vegetation removal.

There is a clear definition for native vegetation, which in this amendment means "plants that occur naturally in Victoria, including trees,

shrubs, herbs and grasses".

There is also an identified wide range of weed species to be exempted. (Questions have been asked about the 10/30 vegetation clearance rules allowed since the bushfires of Black Saturday in 2009. An announcement on the original expiration date of August 31, 2010 is expected shortly).

The consultation process has seen a mail-out to all affected property owners/occupiers, advertising in local press, community information sessions and a six week consultation period before submissions close on September 3, 2010. It may take time for residents to absorb and familiarise themselves with proposed changes proposed under Amendment C54. The maps (all 85 of them!) and documents are available on the Manningham City Council website and hard copies can be accessed at the council offices and local libraries.

Secret sect(LAN) in Warrandyte!

Who said nothing happens in Warrandyte after midnight?

On a recent Saturday night, acting on a leak (we cannot reveal which kitchen cabinet it came from) our intrepid reporter discovered an organisation called SECTLAN operating from a secret underground bunker below the Warrandyte Community Centre.

With dozens of high-powered computers networked together, and over 30 skilled operators, the SECTLAN members were aiming for nothing less than world domination.

On and on through the small hours of the morning the group members fought fierce battles using only their computers as weapons. The atmosphere was tense, as armies were annihilated, monsters from space were destroyed; the group even split into warring teams and fought each other.

Battle progress was monitored on giant display screens on the wall, and copious quantities of pizza and cola were consumed as the participants struggled against the threat of mental exhaustion.

What was going on? Was this a new space control centre set up by NASA, or ASIO trying to regain control

of our government from the Russian Mafia?

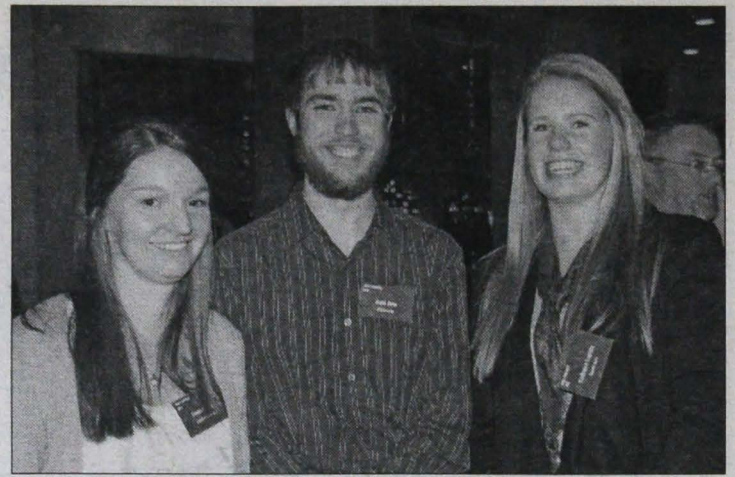
Further clandestine investigation uncovered the existence of an event called a LAN Party, being held in the Community Centre by a group of computer gaming enthusiasts. SECTLAN stands for the South Eastern Cyber Tournament LAN group, and is the local branch of a nation-wide cyber gaming organisation.

After they had squeezed the last drop of fun from the party, the whole setup was pulled down and by Sunday afternoon it looked very much like the Warrandyte Jiu-Jitsu clubroom again.

SECTLAN expects their members will be sufficiently recovered by the next LAN Party, planned for the week-end of September 18 and 19, in the same venue. If you fancy yourself as a computer gamer why not check out their website at www.cybergamer.com.au. They might even let you into their next one.

Centre manager Brian Prewett told the *Diary*: "LAN Parties are a great way for young people, and also even for the SS (senior citizens), to get together and enjoy a shared interest. We hope to see them grow and continue at the community centre into the foreseeable future."

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High scorers: Emma Bence, Keith Offer and Kathleen Kopietz.

WHS kids are top of their subjects

Three Warrandyte High School students have been successful in the Premier's VCE Awards for 2010. They are Emma Bence, Kathleen Kopietz and Keith Offer.

Award nominations are based on the students' VCE results for the previous year. They represent the best students—usually the top five in the State—in each VCE subject for the year.

"The Premier's VCE Awards not only acknowledge the outstanding results of individual students but also pay tribute to teachers and parents who play an invaluable role in supporting and encouraging students during their VCE studies," school principal Glennis Pitches told the *Diary*.

The awards were presented at a special ceremony at the Palladium, Crown Casino last month.

Keith Offer, a school captain, received his award for Multimedia,

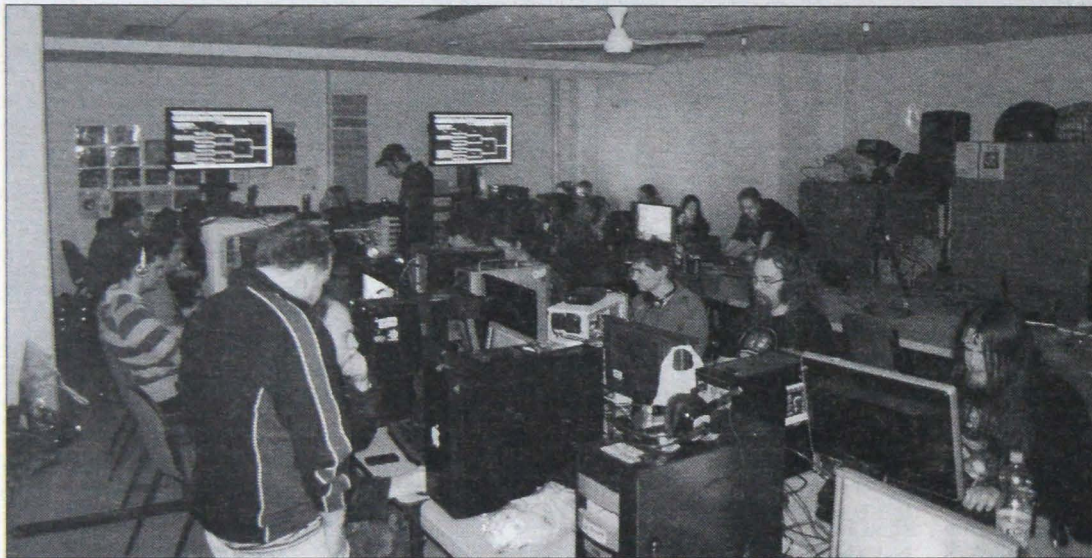
which he undertook as an acceleration subject in Years 10 and 11.

Kathleen Kopietz finished her Year 12 last year and received a perfect study score for Studio Arts. Her work was selected for Top Arts, an exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria and her wire sculpture was placed third in the People's Choice Awards.

Emma Bence completed Equine Studies as an acceleration subject in Years 10 and 11. She was able to undertake this highly specialised subject as Warrandyte High School has collaborative links with a cluster of schools.

This cluster aims to allow students to remain at their base school whilst giving them access to a broad range of expert studies.

"Congratulations to these students, their teachers and parents on this absolutely fantastic achievement," Ms Pitches said.



SECTLAN members keyboard their path to world domination, underground at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

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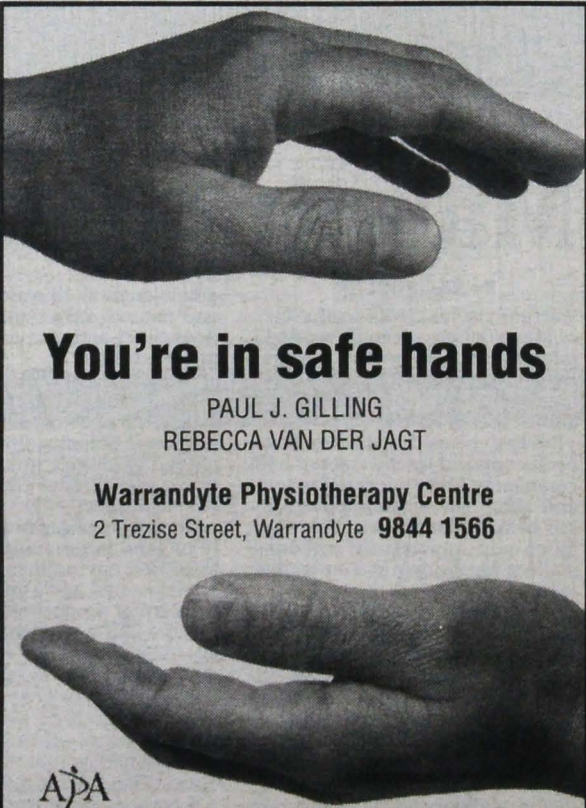
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
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Highballers desperate for more courts

Warrandyte basketballers need more courts to cope with the growing number of participants.

This is the view of Warrandyte Basketball Association president Justin Nelson who said that in the past five years, the local club had increased to be one of the top 12 associations in Victoria.

He said there were 70 other associations in the State but Warrandyte was in the top 12 both in numbers and results across a range of junior and senior competitions.

"However, when it comes to facilities we would be lucky to rank inside the top 50 basketball associations in Victoria," Justin said.

"The sheer fact that we cater for more than 550 players and 80 teams on two single-court stadiums at Warrandyte High School and Anderson Creek Prima-

ry School is beyond belief.

"There are some associations out there complaining that a four-court stadium is too small for them.

"At Warrandyte it would be 550 Christmas presents at once if those with the ability to assist the community would provide funding for a second court to be added to either of our current stadiums."

Justin said Warrandyte Basketball was the largest sporting club in the region, yet was well behind when it came to facilities.

"I can't comment on how much other sports clubs pay to use community facilities, both indoor and outdoor, but I can guarantee it will shock people to learn that we pay more than \$80,000 each year to hire the courts we use.

"We have fantastic relationships with both schools and we do an amazing job to fit everything in on two single courts, but the community needs more and hopefully that is being recognised by those who can assist," Justin said.

Warrandyte basketballers are seeking more playing space. (Picture by Gavin Andrew)

Yarra River: politicians with good and not-so-good news

Minister for Water Tim Holding visited Pound Bend in Warrandyte last month, bringing some good news for the Yarra River.

He announced that an additional 10 billion litres of water would be returned to the Yarra and 12 billion litres to the Thomson River, "earlier than planned".

"As a result of our unprecedented investment in water projects, we are pulling Melbourne and regional Victorians away from severe water restrictions and more water can be returned to our rivers," Mr Holding told the *Diary*.

"While the overall condition of the Yarra is good, increased flows will further enhance the river's health after long years of drought.

"As Melbourne's most important natural feature, we need to ensure that the Yarra can continue to be used by locals and tourists alike," Mr Holding said.

Local Labor MPs Brian Tee and Danielle Green, along with Minister Holding, released six Macquarie Perch into the river at Warrandyte, helping a breeding program to boost stocks of the endangered native species.

Ms Green said: "Research by Melbourne Water suggests that in late 2009, higher flows in the Yarra led to spawning of Macquarie Perch, the first evidence of young Australian grayling in seven years, as well as strengthening the platypus population."

"The endangered species will benefit from the increased water flows," Mr Tee said. "We know how important the river is to families in Warrandyte. It is the heart of our community and a major tourist attraction, driving jobs and business in our area."

Warrandyte resident Ian Penrose, spokesman for the Yarra Riverkeeper Association, believes this increased flow is long overdue.

He told the *Diary*: "the government is honouring part of its promise, made over four years ago, to provide the Yarra with much-needed environmental flows."

"A government-sponsored study in 2005 found that the health of the Yarra and the plants and animals it supports were suffering from poor river flows as a consequence of Melbourne sourcing most of its water supply from the Yarra catchment.

"To tackle the unhealthy flow pattern, the study recommended a certain base flow in summer, a higher base flow in winter, and that 17 billion litres per year—about two per cent of the average runoff—be set aside for release in order to restore a semi-natural pattern of flows.

"The scientists stated that these were the minimum environmental flows for a healthy river," Mr Penrose said.

"Prior to the 2006 state election the government announced, with much fanfare, that the Yarra would get these

environmental flows."

However, a year later these flows were deferred, and then the base flows were reduced by another 10 billion litres per year, resulting in a loss of 27 billion litres per year.

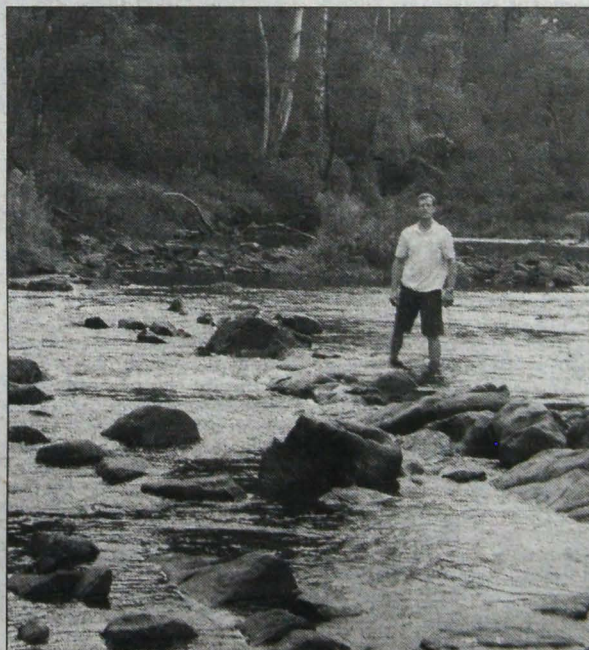
Seven billion litres were promised in April this year, and a further 10 billion litres last month.

"But they still fall far short, by 10 billion litres, of the minimum environmental flow

recommended by scientists and agreed by government," Mr Penrose said.

"The Yarra River has been on life-support for way too long, so we welcome the announcement that some of the promised environmental flows are about to be delivered, even if four years late," he said.

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Cry for a river: Ian Penrose surveys Yarra's low summer level.

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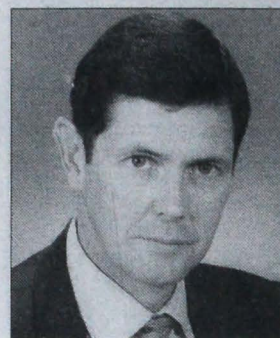
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Federal Elections and we're split both ways

With the rest of Australia, Warrandyte goes to the polls on Saturday, August 21. As always, we're split down the middle by a river: the seat of Menzies on the Warrandyte side, with North Warrandyte included in Jaga Jaga. And as usual, we've got front-bench MPs on both sides, and as usual we've got a Liberal MP in Menzies and Labor in Jaga Jaga. *Diary* reporter TRISTAN MADDOCKS has searched the internet and here presents a rundown on the candidates...



Kevin Andrews: Veteran in Menzies.



Jenny Macklin: Held Jaga Jaga since 1996.

JAGA JAGA

Safe Labor seat (9% margin)

Jenny Macklin (ALP, incumbent)

The 56-year-old veteran has held this seat since 1996. Now the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, she was the first woman to hold a leadership position in either of Australia's major parties when she was Labor's deputy leader from 2001 to 2006. Macklin picked up an extra 4.6 per cent of the two-candidate preferred vote in Labor's strong 2007 election win.

Joh Bauch (Liberal Party)

The *Diary* could uncover little about Bauch, who worked in corporate administration for Crown Melbourne Limited, owner of Crown Casino, after completing a Bachelor of Business. In 2008 he started a marketing and advertising business.

Chris Kearney (Australian Greens)

Kearney has lived in Macleod for 32 years. He is an analyst in the telecommunications industry but has previously

worked in education, transport planning, funds management and banking. In addition to campaigning on climate change, Kearney has raised concerns about compulsory income management laws, which parliament expanded beyond Northern Territory Indigenous communities in June.

Joe Sgarlata (Family First)

Couldn't find any info.

Peter Harris (Secular Party of Australia)

Couldn't find any info.

MENZIES

Safe Liberal seat (6% margin)

Kevin Andrews (Liberal, incumbent)

Andrews has held Menzies since 1991 and has held senior positions in government, including the Employment and Workplace relations portfolio and a stretch as Minister for Immigration. When Tony Abbott took the Liberal leadership late last year, Andrews rejoined the shadow ministry after spending time on the backbench

following the 2007 election loss. The 54 year-old is promising "real action" on water conservation and helping families meet school costs.

Joy Banerji (ALP)

Banerji has twice been mayor of the City of Monash (2004, 2006) after first being elected to the council in 2003. The Burwood resident was born in New Delhi and came to Australia with her family in 1972. She has previously worked in the banking industry and has a degree in community development.

Chris Padgham (Australian Greens)

The lifelong Warrandyte resident enters his first election after a long IT career. One of his major concerns is public transport; a feasibility study into a rail-link along the Eastern Freeway corridor is on his agenda. A keen bushwalker, the 54 year-old decided to run in Menzies after becoming dismayed at the major parties' approach to climate change.

Ken Smithies (Family First)

Couldn't find any info.

Look how their garden grows

By MICHELLE PINI

Close to the centre of town and concealed from the main road by the new police station, is one of Warrandyte's best kept secrets. The Warrandyte Community Garden not only provides fresh local produce, it offers an alternative to official sanctioning for young law offenders.

The garden is the brainchild of Warrandyte police sergeant Keith Walker, who decided to establish a community service alternative to official police sanctioning for juveniles. Sergeant Walker explained: "We wanted to provide a way for kids who had put a foot or two wrong, to avoid detention and offer something back to the community at the same time."

Housed in the once disused horse paddock behind the police station, the Warrandyte Community Garden is now a successful, productive garden. In 1994, the overgrown area was cleared of blackberries and bracken, official details (such as soil tests and permissions from government bodies) were organised and a supportive Warrandyte community, together with funding from local and state governments, made the idea a reality.

Within a few years, the concept grew along with the garden until 25 plots were established and leased to interested members of the community. Today, there are not as many misbehaving juveniles to be found in the garden, largely due to the fact that it is well maintained by



Jan O'Neill tends her garden plot. (Picture by Michelle Pini)

the community gardeners.

"Every now and then if a juvenile misbehaves and the victim, offender and parents are all agreeable, an official caution is still avoided in this way," Sergeant Walker said. The unofficial program has seen about 40 young offenders avoid official charges by directing their energy and enthusiasm (under the supervision of Sergeant Walker) to pulling weeds and experiencing the encouraging effect of community service. He believes it has a positive impact on both the young offenders and the greater community.

Designed by local garden designer Bev Hanson and developed by horticulturalist David Watson, the once-neglected area is now filled with edible and aromatic produce,

grown with minimal chemical interference. It also includes a toolshed, composting bins, a glasshouse, gazebo, kid's cubbyhouse and sandpit and a 10,000 litre rainwater tank, fed from the roof of the police station. The securely fenced garden even has raised garden beds for those with back problems and a communal gardening plot where all participants can enjoy the fruits of their collective labour.

Occasional fund-raising exercises such as an annual stand at the Warrandyte Festival have provided some well-appreciated extras such as garden benches and a message blackboard. An informative, seasonal newsletter edited by member Judy Green, keeps participants up-to-date with gardening tips, adjustments

to procedures and even gives recipes and information on herb uses.

Gardener and coordinator of the community garden, Jan O'Neill said: "The garden operates as a democracy with multiple aims including the obvious one of growing vegies for the community, as well as healthy outdoor activity, social contact and the added community benefit of showing that it is possible to grow fresh food locally and sustainably." Like Keith Walker, Jan is also reluctant to take credit for her contribution to the garden but along with assistant coordinator Judy Green, is responsible for emailing news to participants, allocating tasks, coordinating deliveries and the overall maintenance of the community garden.

Apart from supplying plot-holders and their families with fresh food grown locally and environmentally, the concept also offers access to satisfying labour, neighbourhood improvement, social interaction, a sense of community and connection to the environment. Officially opened as a community garden in 1999, the beautiful, serene space has been used over the years for functions and wedding photos.

● The Warrandyte Community Garden is located in Police Street, Warrandyte. Plots are available to community members upon payment of a modest joining fee and small annual contribution. There is currently a waiting list. Contact Julie Waters for more information on 9873 3969.

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We'll see you at the 2010 Warrandyte Relay for Life!

The Warrandyte Relay for Life is on again. It will be staged at the Warrandyte Reserve across the weekend of September 11 and 12.

Volunteer team captains are being asked by the Cancer Council to rally a group of friends and family to participate in the overnight event.

Sarah O'Donnell, chairperson of the Warrandyte volunteer committee, said that the relay empowers every local resident to fight back against cancer.

"Warrandyte Relay for Life is suitable for everyone, and is an opportunity for us to band together and celebrate with cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against cancer," she said.

Last year, the Warrandyte event attracted 525 registered participants and raised \$53,000.

Relay for Life will see teams of locals taking turns to walk or run through the night to raise funds. Money raised will fund life-saving research, prevention programs to help people reduce their cancer risk, and

provide support services for people facing cancer.

"As well as being an opportunity to spend time with the people you most care about, Relay for Life gives us all the chance to make a tangible difference to the people we know who are facing cancer," Ms O'Donnell said.

"When you know someone facing cancer, it can be difficult to know how to help. Relay for Life is a simple way that everyone can provide real support."

Forming a team for Warrandyte Relay for Life is easy. Just register at www.relayforlife.org.au, then use the simple online resources to start fundraising.

Warrandyte Relay for Life will be held at Warrandyte Reserve, and will commence with a Survivors and Carers Walk at 4pm on Saturday, September 11. The event, which features special ceremonies, entertainment, and festivities, will continue through the night until 12noon on Sunday, September 12.

● For more information visit relayforlife.org.au or call 1300 65 65 85.



Highlights from the 2009 Warrandyte Relay for Life (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

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Happy birthday, Menyara!

Monkey business at WHS

To celebrate the launch of Melbourne Zoo's primate behaviour research project, Warrandyte High School's Year 11 multimedia students joined in a "virtual birthday party" for youngest orangutan, Menyara.

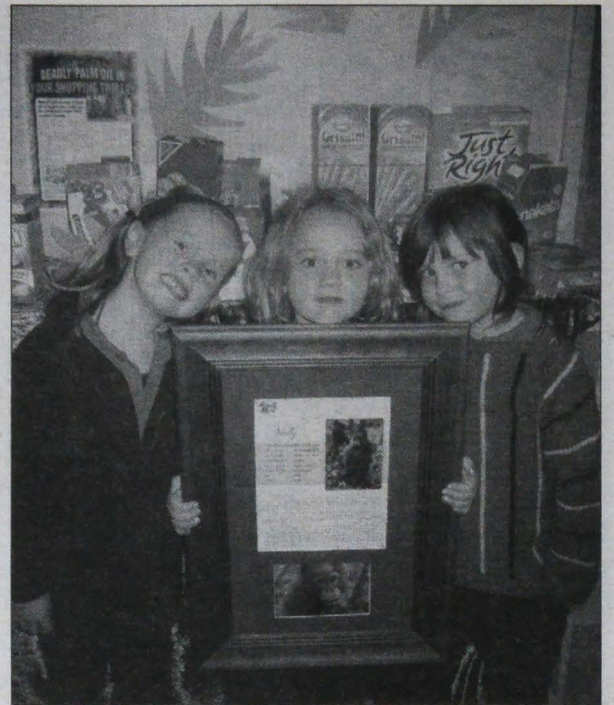
As part of this unique research program, web-cams were fitted throughout the zoo's orangutan enclosure. They allow students in classrooms throughout Victoria to observe what the orangutans are doing via the internet.

The students can control the cameras—tilting, panning and zooming in—so they can see and study the orangutans' behaviour.

Despite a few hitches, the students were able to watch Menyara open his present—a bouncy ball and half a watermelon. They then watched the minister for education officially launch the project at the zoo.

Minister Pike chatted with the participants and answered questions from many of the 70 students, who were online from all over Victoria.

The Warrandyte students then enjoyed the decorated cake, made by hospitality student Courtney Bagics. Multimedia teacher Claire Bloom provided rainforest-inspired food to round off the celebration.



Meet Nody the WPS-sponsored orangutan, displayed (from left) by India (who had the muffin stall), Kayla (who wrote to an MP) and Ada (who researched McDonalds)

More monkey stuff at primary school

The Prep kids at Warrandyte Primary school are getting all lathered up over palm oil. They found out that orangutans—an endangered species—are being threatened by the clearing of jungle and the planting of palm oil trees.

So they collected evidence, like posters and stuff off the internet, wrote down the facts and staged an expo for

parents and visitors. "We raised money from a free dress day and a muffin stall and wrote to a member of parliament," teacher Gaby Chitiz said. One child discovered that McDonalds no longer use palm oil in their cooking.

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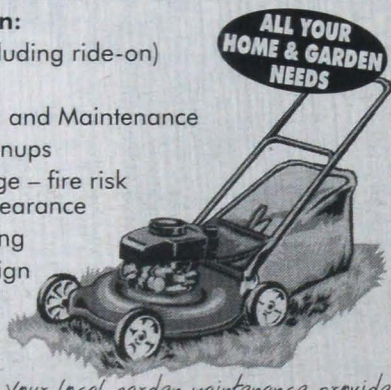
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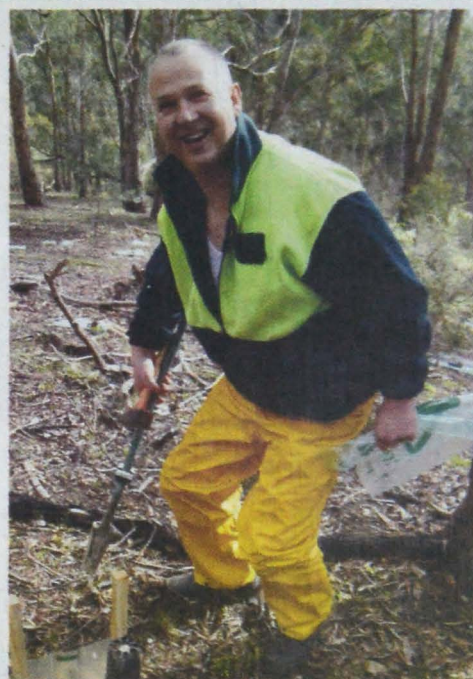
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They came out for National Tree Day

Tree planters from the Friends of Warrandyte State Park were out on the job, planting hundreds of trees in the Boys Road area of Warrandyte State Park to commemorate National Tree Day last month. "National Tree Day is Australia's largest community planting event, and attracts more than 300,000 people to participate in plantings like this across Australia in a campaign to plant more than a million native trees and shrubs nation-wide," FOWSP member Kelly Wooster told the *Diary*.

STEPHEN REYNOLDS went along and took these pictures.





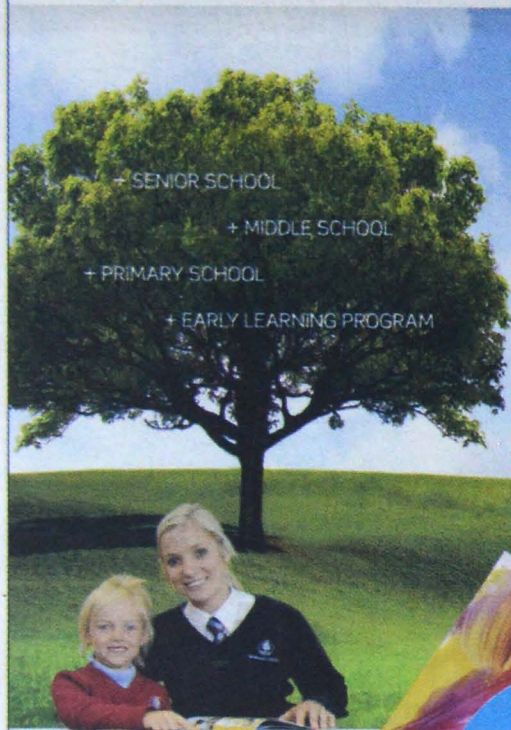
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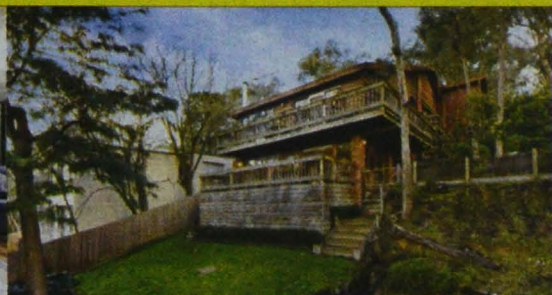
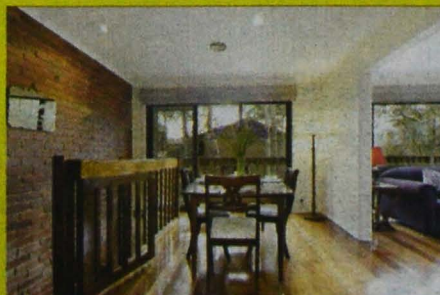


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Bands by the bridge

out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

Local band Catfish Pie will be playing at the Warrandyte RSL, 113 Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte (enter from Mitchell Avenue) on Sunday, August 22 from 5pm to 8pm. JoJo Pearson will feature, with "bluesy roots 'n' grooves". There will be a sausage sizzle with drinks at bar prices. Entry is \$5 at the door and children are free. Everyone is welcome.

Dinner

The four local churches are having a combined dinner at the Retreat Restaurant, 104-106 Melbourne Hill Road, Warrandyte, on Friday, August 20. Contact Bill Valentine on 9844 2193 if you are interested.

Garden

The Hanson garden at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte will be open as part of the Australian Open Garden Scheme from 10am to 4.30pm on the weekend of September 11 and 12.

Seniors

The Warrandyte Senior Citizens annual general meeting will be held at their clubrooms in Tarroona Avenue on Thursday, August 12 commencing at 12 noon.

Reunion

Dromana Primary School is holding a reunion on Labour Day weekend in 2011. If anyone has past connections with this school please call the school on 5987 2367.

Security

Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch volunteers will be fitting number plate security screws at the Warrandyte Police Station on Saturday, August 28 between 10am and 2pm. These one-way security screws cannot be quickly removed by thieves.

Environment

The next Manningham City Council Environment Seminar will be held at Currawong Bush Park on Wednesday, September 1. The subject will be Mosses and Liverworts with Aaron Floyed. These seminars are free with no booking required.



Tootle along to the Wattle Festival!

Vintage steam train rides will be a feature of Hurstbridge's Wattle Festival on Sunday, August 29. Described as a "joyous celebration of our heritage, environment and community", the festival will feature kids' activities, music and roving entertainment, animal nursery, live stage with youth bands, a Tongan feast, an Indigenous food garden and lots more. Full program on www.wattlefestival.org.au or phone 1300 660 072.

Clay

Eltham potter, Linda De Toma will be showcasing the work of her talented students at Stonehouse Gallery from August 3 to 29. The exhibition will include abstract and functional forms in a variety of clays and firings. Linda will also have her own porcelain works on display. The gallery, at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is open daily.

Ceramics

The Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art awards aim to support and encourage the local ceramic industry. Artists in Manningham and across Victoria are invited to enter the 2011 awards. Entry can be made online at www.manningham.vic.gov.

Design

The next Nillumbik Shire Council environment event will be Indigenous Garden Design at Edendale Farm on Sunday, August 29. For bookings call 9433 3210.



au/gallery. The council has offered \$9000 in prizes with the Victorian first prize acquisitive award being \$5000. Applications close on Wednesday, December 1.

Students

Nillumbik council is hosting a one-day residency for tertiary art students on Friday, August 13 at Laughing Waters in Eltham. The day will be spent with Laughing Waters artist-in-residence, Erin Tappe. Participation is free but RSVP is essential on 9433 3359.

Need to know

This page is provided to publicise community events. Ensure you tell us: what it is; when it is; where it is; is there a cost? Include a phone number for enquiries.

Colours

Manningham Gallery will be exhibiting works by Wing Lau from August 11 to 28. Entitled "Relaunching Colours from Tasmania and Victoria", it combines contemporary techniques with skills developed as a child in Malaysia. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Traffic

Manningham City Council and Urban Smart Projects are launching "Traffic Art" in the City of Manningham. This is a pilot initiative that provides local people with the chance to paint a traffic signal box with original art work. To be eligible you must live in Manningham and have your design approved by Urban Smart Projects. For more information call 1300 872 022 or email info@urbansmartprojects.com.



Therapy

Local artist Meindert Withoff has been short-listed as a finalist in an annual exhibition called Connected10, sponsored by the State Trustees. Meindert, 46, was a successful design engineer before suffering a severe stroke in 2008, which left him partially blind and paralysed on his left side. He turned to art therapy and his work (pictured above) is being exhibited at Melbourne Central between August 13 and 26, alongside more than 200 pieces.

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Planning and Environment Act 1987 MANNINGHAM PLANNING SCHEME Notice of Preparation of Amendment Amendment C54

Authorisation A0737

The Manningham City Council has prepared Amendment C54 to the Manningham Planning Scheme.

In accordance with section 8A(3) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the Minister for Planning authorised the Manningham City Council as planning authority to prepare the amendment.

The amendment applies to all land in the municipality with identified environmental and landscape values.

The key changes proposed as part of Amendment C54 are to:

- Make changes to Clause 21 Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) of the Manningham Planning Scheme to give effect to the findings and recommendations of the *Manningham Biosites: Sites of (Biological) Significance and the Manningham Monterey Pine and Cypress Tree Assessment*;
- Replace Clause 22.02 with a new Local Planning Policy to provide guidance on the removal of native vegetation and implementation of net gain at a local level;
- Amend Schedule 1 to the Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO1) to introduce a list of species exempt from permit requirements to ensure consistency with the new suite of overlay controls;
- Introduce a new suite of Environmental Significance Overlays (ESOs) to implement the findings of the *Manningham Biosites: Sites of (Biological) Significance Review (2004)*;
- Delete several Vegetation Protection Overlays (VPOs) which will be replaced with alternative overlay controls;
- Review and update the existing suite of Significant Landscape Overlays (SLOs) and delete one existing SLO (SLO2 - Yarra Valley Backdrop) and introduce two new SLOs to give effect to the findings of the *Manningham Monterey Pine and Cypress Tree Assessment (2003)*;
- Review and update the existing suite of Design and Development Overlays (DDOs) and introduce a new DDO to the Hillcrest area, Donvale;
- Make changes to the Planning Scheme Maps to reflect the changes proposed in this amendment; and
- Introduce a user-friendly *Development Guide for Areas of Environmental and Landscape Significance (2010)* as a reference document.

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at the following locations:

- at the office of the planning authority, Manningham City Council, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.
- Doncaster / The Pines / Bulleen / Warrandyte branch libraries, and the Box Hill Branch Library.
- at the Manningham City Council website www.manningham.vic.gov.au.
- at the Department of Planning and Community Development website www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority. Any submission you wish to make about this amendment should be in writing and must be sent to:

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By JOAN BROADBERRY

A CHILLY mist still clings to the river when I arrive at Pound Bend in Warrandyte. Despite the cold and the early hour, there are many cars parked in the picnic ground. People stand about in little groups chatting. They are distinguished by one thing: all carry a pair of binoculars. It is a gathering of the Melbourne branch of Bird Observation and Conservation Australia*.

Our leader begins with a challenge. There is a Koala close by: can we find it? It takes a long time to spot the grey ball sleeping high in a clump of leaves in a tall manna gum. A Koala is a rare sight at Pound Bend these days. My mind drifts back years, to when my neighbour and I twice counted 13 Koalas in the area.

We move off, but almost immediately stop for a time-honoured bird-watching ritual. Someone spots a bird. He/she attempts to point it out to the others. An imaginary clock-face is often used as a reference point. "Look along the largest, right-hand horizontal branch of the burnt tree, at about two o'clock." Every birdwatcher knows the rush of pleasure when a bird comes into focus in their binoculars. Next comes the identification. Thornbill? Yes; brown or striated? Honeyeater. Which one? White-naped or Yellow-faced?

Along the path we halt many times, even backtracking for a group of three inscrutable Tawny Frogmouths. As always, I am in awe of the power of the group; its many pairs of eyes and ears pick



Anything for a laugh: Bushranging Kookaburra targets birds at Pound Bend. (Picture by Joan Broadberry)

up every movement, shape and sound. Some birds are easy to see. Yellow Robins and Grey Shrike-thrushes often fly towards an observer. Water-birds perch or swim in the open. Others are much more difficult. A Goshawk sits motionless high in the foliage, only its silhouette giving it away.

It is still early, always the best time to birdwatch. Bird calls fill the forest. Dominating are the screech of the Rainbow Lorikeet and the rattle of the Red Wattle-bird. Sound is as important as sight to birdwatchers. We hear a mournful trill ahead. A Fan-tailed Cuckoo; but where? Luck is with us and someone sees it. This group caters for beginners, so field guides come out of backpacks to reinforce the identification with an illustration.

As President Obama re-

minds us, one of the great driving forces of mankind is hope. Most birdwatchers long to find new or unusual species. I sense excitement and hurry on. Directions are being given and I finally succeed in focusing my binoculars on a tiny, fawn-coloured bird with a long, curved beak and a red rump. It is a young Scarlet Honeyeater. We are elated as this is probably a species new to Pound Bend.

A bird walk is one of the few things in the hectic super-highway of modern life which remains deliciously slow. There is time to renew old friendships and forge new ones. Time to stoop down and admire a wildflower or colourful fungi. Moving slowly and quietly, birdwatchers often chance upon wildlife. We look across the Yarra and notice a wombat sunning itself outside its burrow, and later a

mob of kangaroos at rest. The magic of binoculars allows these animals to be observed unobtrusively, without disturbance. It takes us over two hours to stroll upstream along the river and back by the ridge track. A jogger might do it in 20 minutes.

The end of the walk is marked by another bird-watching ritual, known as "birdcall". The leader ticks a list of species seen, to which all the group contributes. The morning's total is 42 species. Food, hot drinks and chairs are brought out. Within a few seconds a family of seven Kookaburras arrives. Despite us being aware of their smash-and-grab tactics, a cheeky Kookaburra successfully steals a sandwich. The culprit is so brazen it eats it on the ground a metre from the owner and then poses for photographs!

*www.boca.org.au

Abroad in Corfu: precariously

As the sun dips towards the western horizon, the unfamiliar landscape settles into a sea of golden light. A long rocky spine, like the back of a stegosaurus, rises up out of the sea haze and gives shelter to a band of patchwork fields curved around a long, long coastline. Ahead, alarmingly large mountains crowd the northern end of the island. The little Airbus 320-200 threads a course around breathtaking massifs, veers lopsidedly past a forest of watching hotel balconies, then lands with a firm bump, bang in the middle of the lagoon. Welcome to Corfu!

Legendary Corfu: Kerkyra to the locals, jewel of the Byzantine empire for over 800 years, olive grove to the Venetians for another 400, quaint resort to the British since the early 1800s, infused with the glory of ancient Greece, the old gods, the language of Homer, Shakespeare and the Durrells.

According to author Mary Stewart, if it wasn't Prospero's enchanted isle, then it certainly ought to have been. I

can only agree. The astonishing sapphire blue of the Ionian Sea, glassy-calm, is broken only by white foam spuming from the bow of a wooden sailing ship, and literature's lovely names ripple past with a lone dolphin gambolling in its wake: "... darling of the Aegean, the lad who lives before the wind, Apollo's beloved, desire of the sea ..."

I can barely recall a time when I didn't dream of going there.

Disappointment, however, suffuses the journey from the airport to the Old Town. The backblocks are flat, not exactly industrial but crowded with dishevelled workshops and garages. The road, narrow and rough, dodges untidily around apartments with peeling paint, overflowing rubbish bins and a groundcover of weeds, cats and haphazardly parked motorbikes.

Just as we begin to wonder where on earth the taxi driver is taking us, we come to a fine esplanade and, suddenly, the spectacle of the Old Harbour: a well-used coastline sheltering dozens of small boats, fragrant gardens dripping with assorted trees in full bloom, and the picture-post-

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

card beauty of the famed Venetian streetscape. The town, ringed by impressively wooded mountains, nestles into the bay between the ruins of two once-mighty fortresses, imposing on their towers of rock. Further north, the giant Pantokrator keeps watch, dominating the skyline; its forbidding bulk reflects the bleak wall of rock that looms on the other side of the narrow strait separating Corfu from Albania.

We immediately fall under its spell.

Why else would things that seem unnecessarily hazardous at home seem strangely logical in Corfu? Walking down the street, for example, requires a level of skill not generally practised at home. Uneven marble pavements, highly polished through centuries of continuous use and upon which even the sturdiest footwear can find no traction, carry a never-ending stream of motorbikes, dogs, prams, donkeys and kids on bicycles

in the narrow laneways of the pedestrian precinct. The Greeks are very proud of their "unspoiled beauty", and traditional footpaths are obviously a living part of that.

As are the narrow roads that traverse the mountains around Corfu Town—roads with steep hairpin ascents; roads certainly not designed to carry normal-sized buses, which nonetheless regularly use them. Guard rails, of course, would only get in the way. The wheel-base of a bus can negotiate tight hairpins without falling over the edge if the driver inches around v-e-r-y slowly. The driver knows this. Corfiote passengers know this. But for those of us inexperienced at feeling our way around cliff edges, having the entire front end of the bus hang over the void as the wheels double back is the sort of experience that seems to demand urgent and profane entreaty to all Pantokrator's gods at once.

It doesn't take nearly as long to get used to leaping from the deck of a schooner into the deep blue sea for a refreshing swim. And isn't travel all about taking the plunge?



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Watching winter woes through a glass darkly

I DON'T understand why our windows get dirty in winter. As I look up from the keyboard, the panes are covered in spots of what I can only assume must be dirt but how can that happen when they appear to get washed regularly with rain? In summer, when the ground dries and the wind blows, it is fair enough that the windows get dusty and need a wash but I am bristling at the prospect of doing what the rain should do naturally.



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Perhaps it's that there is more pollution in the sky during the winter months and the deposits on the windows are not dirt but some dangerous toxins that can only be cleansed by a solid downpour of rain. Perhaps it's that the clouds have travelled from the inland and have collected dust particles from the arid interior. Whatever the cause, the results are there and will probably stay there until spring, although I don't know why that should be any better. A hangover from the English notion of spring cleaning, I suppose.

In an English climate, winter is a time for hibernation. Everything gets placed on hold whilst the rain, sleet and snow have their way with the country. As a result, everyone hunkers down and it's just

too unpleasant and counter-productive to try to get things clean and fresh.

With the onset of spring, however, the sap begins to rise and with the first promising rays of sunshine, the soul stirs and thoughts and bodies start to venture outside. No longer inward looking, it is important that the windows are clean, making the outside approachable and enticing. It's not so clear and definite in Oz.

We do have seasons, but the transitions are more gradual and tend to sneak up on you. One minute you're having barbecues and swatting at flies then, before you know it, the heater needs to be turned on every now and then. Suddenly, it's on some days and then all day and all night until someone asks, "Do we really need the heater on?" and you realise that it's becoming quite mild and you're screaming towards Christmas and the place needs a good clean.

I just looked up again and through the dirt spots I no-

ticed the sky. It is an unrelieved, watery grey; the kind of grey that saps the spirit. Not the dull gunmetal grey that promises thunder, lightning and squalls but the "Oh, I don't know, I just can't be bothered," sort of grey. A grey stillness that reminds you of how much you miss your vitamin D shots and how pasty you look.

The one advantage, however, of an Oz winter, nowadays anyway, is that it is not too harsh on plants. For ages the argument raged about when was the appropriate time to prune roses. The cry often went up that it shouldn't be until the end of July as the worst of the frosts had gone and therefore, the new buds would not be destroyed. We don't seem to have frosts any more and the roses have taken things into their own hands and have decided that there will be no frosts and have started shooting by the end of June, indicating in a laconically vegetative sort of way that they don't really mind if they are pruned earlier than they're used to.

On the downside, however, I've found that I'm tending to sleep in. As it doesn't get light until Red Symons has annoyingly repeated his morning's theme for at least the third or fourth time, it appears that

my body clock has flattening batteries and needs a good dose of solar energy before I feel able to face the shortened day.

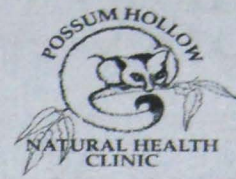
The joy of the shower is offset by the dash back to the bedroom to get dressed. By the end of breakfast, spirits and body have warmed to blood temperature; enough to get you out of the house.

And just when you think you can almost make it through these winter's days, they have a rush of blood in Canberra, get bored with playing in the mud and declare an election in Lilliput and so, as well as cold, miserable weather, we have to try to avoid puddles of mediocre posturing, drizzles of self-congratulation and hurricanes of snivelling political correctness. The thought of any number of weeks of this renders the body sub-Antarctic.

I've just noticed a smudge of blue at the top right corner of the window. As I look, it gets bigger and bigger until it's almost promising. Surely not! That can't be a ray of sunshine! All it needs is a trill of a bird and it will be spring.

Nup! It's clouded over again. All that little burst of sunshine did was highlight more of the window that needs cleaning.

ROGER KIBELL



Dianne has recently joined the team at the Possum Hollow Natural Health Clinic in Warrandyte in a counselling role. She joins a team of well-regarded Naturopaths and other Health Professionals led by Maedy Colenso.

Her aim is to help people identify new and effective ways to approach a range of issues such as anxiety, depression, stress, communication or relationship problems. Her studies have included strategies to address the development of bullying and encouragement of prosocial behaviours in children. She has presented her work on bullying and behaviour at international conferences.

Having a better understanding of and knowing how to tackle issues such as these can have a very positive impact on the lives of adults and children.

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Jacky was a Warrandyte icon



By VAL POLLEY

ON a cold wintry afternoon at the Warrandyte Community Centre, family and friends joined together to remember Jacky Law and celebrate her life. Jacky lost a long battle with cancer on June 8, 2010.

In typical Jacky fashion she had willed her body to medical science and decreed there would be no funeral. But with so many Warrandyte friends wanting an opportunity to mark Jacky's life and pay tribute to her involvement in the community, her family and friends, headed by Marjory Lapworth, hosted a gathering in Warrandyte. Many past residents travelled considerable distances to attend and husband Simon, sons Jason and Toby and daughter Emma, together with their families were there together with her mother Maisie and brother Tony and his wife Emily.

There was laughter during the afternoon when many stories and anecdotes about Jacky were exchanged. Louise Joy spoke of Jacky's life growing up in a difficult post-war Britain known through her fund of stories

about the war and the trials and tribulations faced by her mother Maisie. Tom Bone spoke of the Temple family's arrival in Warrandyte and their involvement with the Senior Citizens and of his great affection for Jacky and her family.

In the early 1970s Jacky worked on the landmark Australian Family Survey, conducted in Melbourne by the Australian National University. Jacky was a star interviewer. Her warmth and ability to connect with people enabled her to obtain interviews when all others had failed.

Craig Milburn, who had travelled down from Coffs Harbour to attend, also touched on this warmth and ability when talking about the time he worked with Jacky. This was when the Getson's site (now the Warrandyte Community Centre) had been purchased by council and a youth drop-in centre was proposed for the old buildings.

Jacky and Leigh Podporin ran the weekend coffee shop and Craig reflected that there could be between one and two hundred young people who attended sometime over the weekend. He raised

laughter when he recalled Jacky as a woman of strong opinions she was not afraid to air and who took no nonsense from anyone. He also raised nods of agreement when he talked of the yin and yang of her relationship with Simon, his calm, quiet strength balancing her exuberant outgoingness. He also spoke of her open house which always welcomed visitors and where everyone was made to feel welcome. Amongst all their other interests at that time Jacky and Simon also sponsored young, overseas Chinese students, smoothing their way in a very unfamiliar world.

The many pre-, and post-election parties, the legendary dim sims in the high school canteen which Jacky ran so ably for so many years, the amazing Chinese meals she prepared for friends and many a fund raising effort, the time she organised a stretch limo and "royal" welcome for her parents 50th wedding anniversary, the many times she organised support for someone in need, were all fondly remembered amongst those present.

There was general agreement that Jacky would have

loved the gathering – with her brother Tony expressing his amazement that she knew so many people and daughter Emma, on behalf of the family, thanking all who came. But everyone there knew that her family was Jacky's main love. She was so very proud of her three children, thrilled when they found life partners and over the moon when the grandchildren arrived. That afternoon, while those same grandchildren played among the rocks in the garden, watched by great-grandmother Maisie aged 90, it was easy to see that Jacky's legacy lives on through her family.

Louise summed up the mood of everyone there when she saluted Jacky for bringing colour and energy to the Warrandyte community. Jacky's warm exuberance will long be remembered by all her friends and sadly missed.

Jacky is survived by husband Simon, sons Jason and Toby, daughter Emma, son-in-law Joram, daughters-in-law Susie and Andrea, grandchildren Tyler, Alana, Kane and Danielle, mother Maisie and brothers Tony and David.

Mary was the heart of Bradley's Lane

By KALYANI LAWRY

IT is now wintertime. Mary Browne's house in Bradley's Lane has recently been sold and the new owners are beginning to make changes to the property. It is only now that it feels as if Mary has really gone.

(Isobel) Mary Brown was 100 years old when she passed away that summer—on February 12, 2009. Bradley's Lane said good bye to a special friend, neighbour and one of Warrandyte's hidden treasures. Over the years, in several conversations with her about her life, I took notes as she recollected past times in Warrandyte and spoke about her life.

Mary said that she and her husband Gordon had moved to Warrandyte in the late 1950s to the acre block next door to Gordon's brother Frank. The two men had grown up in Warrandyte and Gordon was keen to move back to the area after retiring from the police force. As an incentive to get Mary to move back to "the bush," Gordon agreed to put in a very large hot water service for her. Mary and Gordon would set up camp by the river in Norman's Reserve on weekends and built their home over a period of time. Mary recalled campfire cooking in an old kerosene tin and the beauty of watching the birds and animals.

The brothers' maternal grandfather Bradley had been a publican in England and sometime after arriving in Australia in the mid 1850s he purchased land in North

Warrandyte. Bradley's Lane was a track running along the ridge from Research Road down to what is now Norman's Reserve and took its name from him. The Bradley family built their house on Research Road across the road from Sloane's cottage, on what was known as Harkin's land.

Bradley had three children, one of whom was Alice who later married Bill Browne. Alice and Bill had three children, Frank, Gordon and a daughter Alice, born on February 8, 1909. It was Gordon whom Mary would eventually marry.

Mary had grown up in the country and her father had worked as a labourer and dairy farm supervisor in Violet Town and then in Gippsland. She was one of 13 children and a descendant of Officer Wells, one of the arresting officers who captured Ned Kelly. Mary said that although opinion is often sharply divided, her grandfather had always maintained that Ned was not a bad man and that it was circumstance that drove him to a tragic end.

With her sharp eye for detail, Mary always seemed to know what was going on in the neighbourhood. Being naturally observant, she knew a lot about birds and animals. We often had conversations about the birds that visited our respective properties and it was amusing to find the different pet names we'd each given the same bird. Within the first couple of months of us moving here, I discovered that our Father Magpie was



indeed her Old Bill.

Mary was always very stylish, independently minded and liked things to be done properly. Impeccably dressed, right down to hat and gloves, she could often be seen walking up Bradley's Lane to the bus stop. Even in recent years, when Mary took a stroll around her property picking up fallen branches, she looked good. By contrast, we would be dressed in our dusty gardening clothes as we chatted with her over the fence.

There was always a welcoming "cuppa" promptly served in nice china when neighbours dropped in. Relatives and friends would sometimes visit her and Mary was particularly close to her sister Bertha, who was a couple of years older.

Mary was able to care for herself until she was 97, but then required more help. As she had never had

children and most of her contemporaries had died, it was her friend and neighbour Lorraine Gangell who cared for Mary on a daily basis, ensuring that she fulfilled Mary's wish to stay in her home for as long as possible.

Growing quite frail, Mary eventually had to move to a home in Templestowe. It was there that she celebrated her 100th birthday on the Sunday following Black Saturday and received many cards, good wishes and congratulations from family and friends. She was very pleased to be congratulated by the Queen, the Governor General and the Prime Minister and her photo and an article appeared in the local newspaper.

Mary was a wonderful character and neighbour and is survived by her sister Ethel and her nieces and nephews.

Rain....



JK

Too much rain

Dark gleam shining leaves cleansing rain—now puffs of mist sun hisses on road.

Wild welcome rain hurls itself waiting for applause. Too much for my tank.

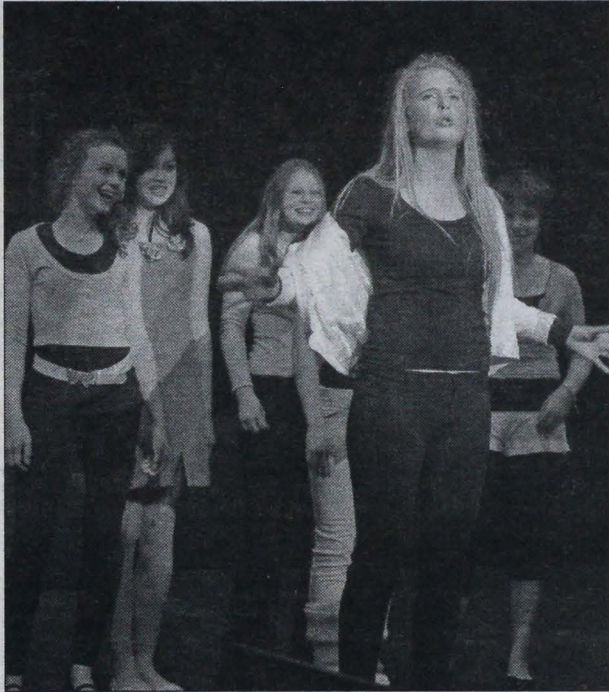
Soggy washing droops the boggy drive churned with mud.

No-one dare complain!

KAREN THROSSELL



Memories: Highlights from previous Warrandyte High School musical productions. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)



Please play 'em again, kids!

WARRANDYTE High School is famous for its musical productions. This year will be no exception if the rehearsals for their new presentation—a concert performance of favourites from previous productions—are any indication.

Entitled *Life is a Musical*, the show is being directed by former student Chris Hughes.

Chris's passion for musical theatre developed while he

was a student at Warrandyte High School and he performed in three school shows. During the past 13 years, he has made his mark on the theatre community as an actor, singer and dancer, appearing in more than 25 large-scale productions, including lead roles in *Anything Goes*, *Sweet Charity*, *Oklahoma*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Wiz*, *Chess*, *Hot Mikado*, *Grease*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and most recently as Johnny O'Keefe in CLOC's *Shout!*

As the musical director, Julia Buchanan brings expertise and enthusiasm, having been involved in more than 30 stage productions.

Recent credits include *Aida*, *Footloose*, *Shout! The Legend of the Wild One*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and a critically acclaimed season of *Zann*.

"Together with the student cast of *Life is a Musical*, Chris and Julia are creating a wonderful journey through some sensational songs from musicals, including: *Chicago*,

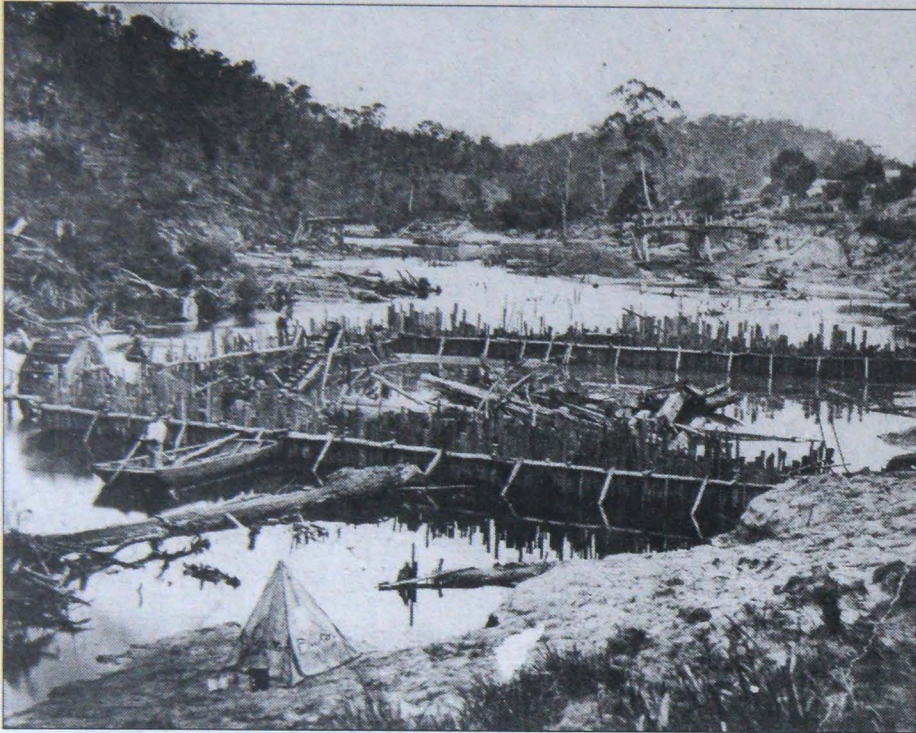
Little Shop of Horrors, *Wicked* and *Mamma Mia*," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*.

● *Life is a Musical* will be presented on Friday, September 3, Saturday 4, Sunday 5, Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Saturday, September 11.

All evening performances will begin at 8pm and the Sunday matinee performance commences at 2pm.

All tickets are \$15 and are available online at www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au.

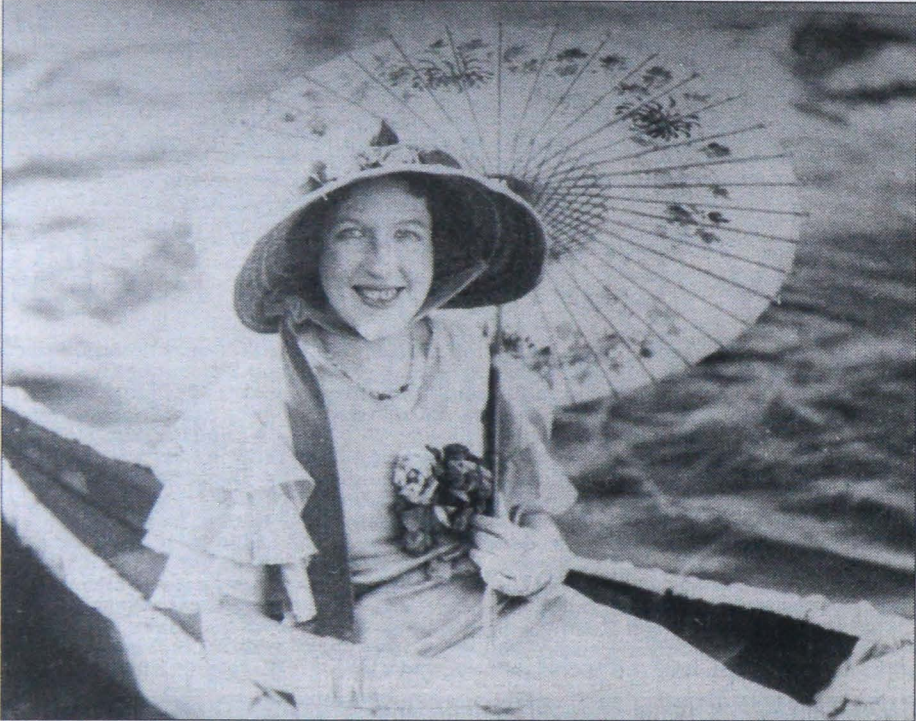




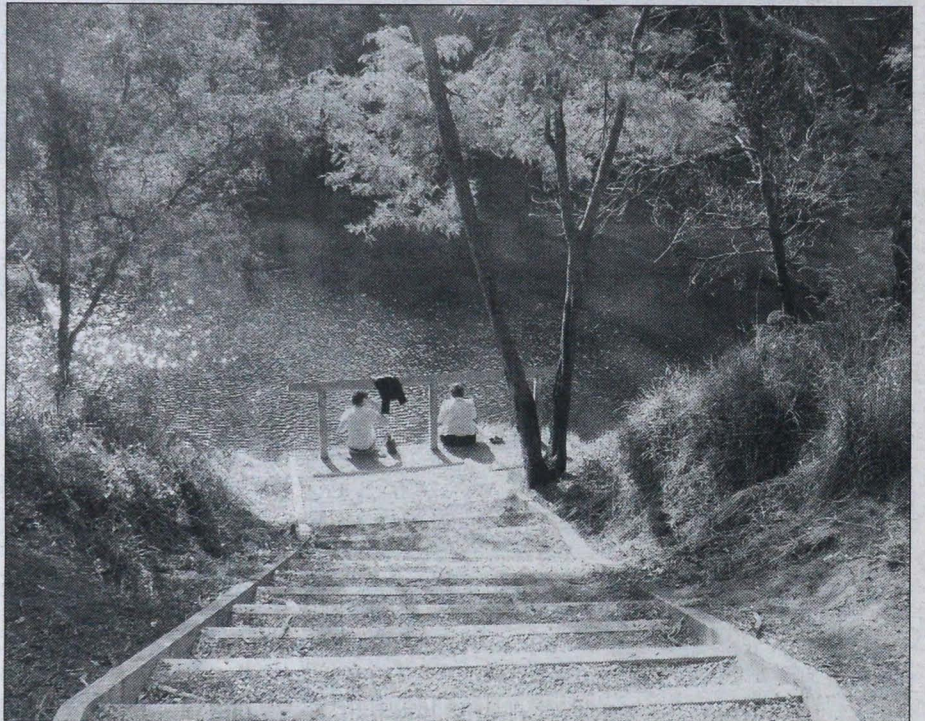
This coffer dam, built in the 1860s, enabled the mining of the riverbed.



The 1934 flood forced locals into boats and canoes.



A New Year's carnival during the 1930s brought an afternoon of glamour to the river.



The Yarra today, running through our lives like a silvery thread.

Yarra River through the years

By VAL POLLEY

THE Yarra River forms a backdrop to living in Warrandyte. It is an ever present reality to life in the township. While some residents see the river every day from their windows or their gardens, others view it as they pass through the town, take the dog for a walk or enjoy a coffee at the cafes. It seems everyone has their favourite place along the river and everyone their favourite story about it.

So it was very gratifying to receive the recent news from the state government that the Yarra River is to receive another increase in environmental flows to improve the health of the river and reinstate its more historic water levels.

While the Yarra River has traditionally provided about 70 per cent of Melbourne's drinking water, during the recent long period of drought local residents have watched with dismay as the levels have declined dramatically, not only during the hot summer months but also in the winter as more and more water has been harvested to meet the needs of the urban population.

Traditionally a winter rain event would see dramatic rises in levels, even minor flooding, with frothy and turbulent flows. This has been an increasingly rare sight over the last decade. As Warrandyte's most important natural feature, it is es-

sential to ensure that the Yarra flows be restored so it continues to be used and enjoyed by local residents, wildlife, visitors and tourists alike.

However the river has never lacked champions. In the latter part of the 20th century it was the Yarra Valley Conservation League with a committee comprised of members drawn from communities all along the river. Joy Walliker from Koornong Crescent was an active and important committee member for many years, protecting what she perceived as Warrandyte and Middle Yarra interests. The league worked hard to bring the issues affecting the river to the attention of politicians, the media and the people as the river did not enjoy the recognition it now has, particularly the lower reaches. Pollution issues along its length were of constant concern as was the siting of infrastructure, freeways, power lines and so forth.

However, over the decades and with the advent of Sir Rupert Hamer as premier, environmental issues began to be addressed and great improvements were made. With the formation of the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority with its own Act (1972) followed in the late 1980s by the Lower Yarra and Middle Yarra concept plans; there was a general consensus within the community that the hard work was done.

It was thought legislation and

planning would now protect the river and the valley forever. With public support dropping, the league came to the conclusion that its work was basically complete and disbanded.

But it was not to be, times change and legislation and attitudes change with it. Within a decade problems started to re-emerge for the river and its environs. The long drought has exacerbated problems with the removal of flows leaving the river with its health under increasing stress from overuse. Enter the Yarra Riverkeepers Association with local resident Ian Penrose at its head.

Today this community-based association is working to look after the long-term health of the river to ensure it and its tributaries remain healthy, ecologically sustainable and valued by the community for now and for future generations. The association has been a major voice supporting increased water allocation to the stressed river.

The Warrandyte part of the river has of course faced continual change over the decades. The discovery of gold led to many dramatic changes to the course of the river. The Tunnel at Pound Bend and The Island near Till's Drive are evidence of some of the works carried out at that time. The photo of the coffer dam in 1864 shows the river with very low flows yet the bridge in the background was washed away in the flood of

December 1863 (only small pieces remain on each bank) showing how quickly levels could change in the days before the upstream dams were built.

During the last great flood of 1934 the levels topped the old bridge and flooded the roadway near the old post office where locals took to canoes to cross the water. While this level of flooding seems unlikely to occur again given the number of water storages upstream, nevertheless there have been times, such as in 1971, when there has been localised flooding; when the lower walking paths go under water, the rock bars disappear and local residents and canoeists become very excited at the sight of turbulent white water.

For many years water for Warrandyte was drawn directly from the Yarra under the auspices of the Warrandyte Waterworks Trust, headed from 1961-66 by Alan Croxford, later chairman of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW). The water was always a peaty brown which varied in shade depending on the river flow. White washing (particularly cloth nappies) gradually took on a pale brownish tinge despite all efforts to combat it.

But having a local supply was found to have some advantages when Warrandyte was able to water gardens when the rest of Melbourne was under water restrictions. Eventually however, on

December 31, 1970 residents were pleased to swap the river water for that provided by the MMBW.

While the river supplies water for living, the environment and agriculture it has also provided much fun and entertainment whether through swimming carnivals, canoeing or just relaxing in the water on hot days. A New Year's Day carnival was held on the river behind the old post office during the 1930s. It included swimming and canoe races and locals and visitors, dressed in their finery, took to the water in boats. The Warrandyte Festival has followed on the old traditions and has held raft races and of course the famous duck race each year. People still sit by the river and watch the water go by, cool off, feed the ducks or go fishing.

It's not just about people and water though. So much more also depends on the river. Fauna, flora, vegetation and aquatic life all require a healthy river.

If the platypus and the Macquarie perch, not to mention myriad other species, are to survive in healthy populations, then the Yarra will continue to need its champions ensuring good flows are delivered at optimum times to maintain river health and satisfy all those who depend on it.

● Historic photos courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society. Phone 9844 4176 for information and membership details.

Our newspaper grows up

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.

IN June 1983 the *Diary* came back under the editorial control of Warrandyte journalists when Bob Millington and Mark Davis took over as co-editors. At that time both worked with the Melbourne daily *The Age*—Millington was deputy chief editor and Davis was a sub-editor. Millington remembers of that time, "Mark came along one day and said, 'Oh Cliff (Green) needs help with the *Diary*'. I can't remember whether he said he wants us to be editors, or whether we were going to be editors...probably the second." Millington, although he was familiar with the *Diary*, had not met Green up until that point.

The new co-editors split the *Diary*'s editorial tasks between them. Davis took on the news reporting with Millington responsible for the technical side—the subediting and layout. On taking control of the paper the co-editors set about making major changes. They realised that if the *Warrandyte Diary* was to improve and become a serious newspaper the printing had to be moved from hot metal to an offset process (colloquially called cold metal). Within three months they had brought about this change, and in the following month they gave the front page a new layout. The co-editors also intended to improve the *Diary*'s content. "We wanted to make it lively, to bring out the big stories that the community were talking about. To make sure we had plenty of people in it. People always want to read about people," Bob Millington says of that time. "We had a professional attitude towards laying out the paper. I always wanted it to look like a newspaper...A paper that's hard to read is not worth having."

Examples of bringing people's stories into the paper include a 1983 quarter page story, with pictures, on a couple who converted an old Warrandyte church into a house, and two Warrandyte families who bought a caravan park in Mildura and relocated there to manage it in 1987. The co-editors also included regular features on the district's history. From mid-1984 the *Diary* occasionally reprinted reports from 19th century issues of the *Evelyn Observer* newspaper, such as the item "Good time brings shilling fine". The *Diary*'s editors also ran stories on Warrandyte's past by Bruce Bence, an amateur historian and former CFA officer. Millington and Davis presided over the paper's change from an odd size to tabloid—a size that many daily papers favour, but is less common among community newspapers. (More on printing and format changes will be included in a later episode of this history.) In the latter part of 1985 Mark Davis had changed jobs—from being a sub-editor at *The Age* to being a reporter for the magazine *Business Review Weekly* (BRW). He and his wife were also busy raising

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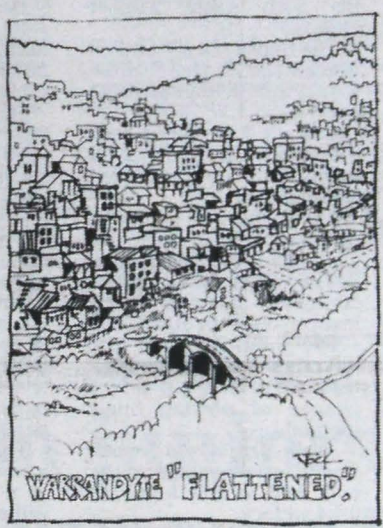
All right. Don't mind if I do. There's something different about the *Diary* this month. I can't quite put my finger on it. It's gone tabloid, old son.
The paper seems the same, and they haven't changed the type Jack's in, and so are the regular features. Has Maroch taken over? Or Holmes a Court? Or Bondie?
No, it's become a tabloid.
The ads seem to be the same. But more space around some of them. Pictures. Is it the pictures?
Cham of my childhood, I'll say it once more. The *Warrandyte Diary* has changed to tabloid. It has increased in size to what is a standard format for a lot of newspapers, to what the Diamond Valley Whatzit, the Doncaster Templeton Whatzits, the Melbourne Sun News Pictorial and the London Daily Mail.
You don't say.
I do so.
Why?
Order us two more and I'll explain.



The old size was what they call in the printing trade...you'll excuse my French...a bastard measure, neither one thing or the other. When they started off the *Diary* more than 12 years ago they adopted that odd size, somewhere between A4 and tabloid, for reasons which are hidden in the mists of time and have blown brain cells. The best guess is that the *Diary*'s first printer had paper stock of that size that he was willing to flog off cheaply.
I'm with you.
So these days the *Diary* has a different printer, and it causes all sorts of problems to trim paper to the *Diary* size. But every Johnny with an offset press can accommodate tabloid size. And remember, the *Diary* was launched between 12 and 18 pages every edition. This gives the editor the chance to settle on 12 pages most times.
And, finally, it's more economical to settle on a standard tabloid size.
Ah, but Money. It always comes down to money.
Up to a point, old mate. But look at it this way. You'll be getting about 25 per cent more newspaper for the same price. And how much were you paying for it before?
Well, nothing. It's sure up the top there, under the same 'treehouse'.
And so are you, Curly. It's your show.

Double trouble tipped for flats

By CLIFF GREEN
The character of Warrandyte township will change forever if Government and Council planning policies already proclaimed are pursued to their full extent.
Under rules allowing higher density housing, many residential blocks within the township area can be further subdivided, permitting two or more dwellings per block, subject to certain conditions.
Residents were alerted to the potential dangers of the new regulations when a sign appeared on a site at the corner of Yarra and Anderson Streets, formerly occupied by the late Miss Aggie Moore, advising of the new owner's intention to apply for a permit for dual occupancy of the site.
A number of locals and the Warrandyte Environmental League have lodged formal objections to the proposal with Doncaster and Templeton Council.
WELL is objecting on the grounds that the proposed development is too intensive and is out of keeping with the character of the area. They believe the proposed subdivision would cause a loss of amenity to nearby residents.
The most concrete however, WEL president Kevin Parker told the *Diary* is the precedent this sets for the future. If this permit is granted, it could result in an immediate domino effect of a rash of similar applications and an upsurge of interest in townships real estate, especially in the many other blocks in the township that the council has identified as suitable for dual occupancy.
Council should place a freeze on the residential C1 zoning area until the appropriateness of dual occupancy is resolved.
Cr Ken McKenzie has expressed similar concerns.
"I support the basic principle of dual occupancy, designed as it is to provide accommodation for people with special needs, and to allow better use of resources and facilities, but only in areas where closer density is appropriate."
The township of Warrandyte is not such an area. It is one of the most interesting and attractive precincts in the City of Doncaster and Templeton.



The township of Park Orinda has been exempted from closer density zoning. Residents are asking why dual occupancy and closer density regulations have been applied to Warrandyte in the first place, encouraging developers to consider the area ripe for closer subdivision and lifting expectations among locals who find themselves somewhat - or forced - to react.
Much of the City of Doncaster and Templeton has been recently subdivided into closer density zoning. The Warrandyte township area has been zoned Density Area 2, the least dense of all, with a maximum of one new house per 650 metres square. This allows for a dwelling on each site of between one-fifth and one-tenth of an acre.
However, few existing township blocks are this small. Some site quarter acre, many are a third to a half, a number are one acre or larger. All of these could be considered suitable for closer density development, subject to certain conditions.
Few would argue the same in granting a permit for a temporary granny flat on a large Warrandyte block. Under the existing rules, however, application can now be made - with some expectation of success - for a permit for up to five or six additional residences on a typical larger block.
Council may seek to control the situation by raising permits, but the possibility of applicants succeeding on appeal to a higher tribunal would appear to be strong.
However, the coming of sewerage, installed to enhance the environment, has made closer density possible. The need to contain sewage on residential blocks has proved to be in the past.
The dangers to our township are real and immediate. Urgent resident action is needed if they are to be averted.

Chapel buys squash centre

The Gospel Chapel has bought the Warrandyte Squash Centre and intends to hold its Sunday services there.
For the rest of the week the Yarra Street centre will revert to its original purpose: squash courts.
The chapel will remain as a place of worship, as David Dawson, one of the committee appointed to oversee the move, put it. There will be times when we will need to use the old hall.
For instance, I don't think we'd be looking at having road work materials or materials in the squash centre.
The *Diary* believes that various local groups would also object to the old hall being sold and then used for something other than religious meetings.
The chapel could buy the centre behind the squash centre but was not successful. The Gospel Chapel is a growing church, but maintenance of the present site were thought to be unfeasible. Buying land and getting up a new building were also unfeasible because of the cost.
Chapel members began to think about their future. The squash courts, and late last year successfully approached the management.
David Dawson says the squash centre was doubly attractive. The chapel could buy the centre without heavy cost to members, since the squash and gym business will help pay for the building.
A second point, says David Dawson, is that "Sunday and members of the Gospel Chapel would rather be where the people are, making friends and sharing and maybe helping those in need in our community."
Chapel leaders believe the centre can be run as a squash and gymnasium building for six days a week and then be turned into a meeting hall on the Sunday with little medical disruption.
But they also intend to introduce a wide variety of activities at the centre, including counselling.
A new manager, Rod Byford, who married a Warrandyte girl, Carole Johnson, began work at the centre on February 1.

Architect is named for slab hut

Work on the preservation and protection of the historic slab hut at Castle Road is expected to begin in the next few weeks.
The National Trust, which has classified the cottage and is now its legal owner, has informed the local community of management that an architect, Mr Jonathan Wray, has been appointed to design and supervise the project.

This month the *Diary* brings you once again its guide to what's on in the files of learning and leisure in the coming year. You'll find this comprehensive list in the coming pages.
The *Diary*'s solicitors, Messrs Sue, Grubbi and Russo, advise that this newspaper cannot be held responsible for any reader who takes up the latest card course and finds that Aussie Sheila has gone against the prophecy and failed to leave him/her in the Gold Coast properties.
That said, the *Diary* is indebted to Pat Anderson for a mighty job of compilation.

Branch rejects Ruxton

The Warrandyte sub branch of the Returned Services League has moved to distance itself from the recent comments of the RSL state secretary, Bruce Ruxton.
Early in January Mr Ruxton said that black South African athletes should be "breathelocked". He also described them as a "witchdoctor".
Mr Ruxton's remarks were quickly condemned by churchmen, politicians and the Victorian RSL, national chief Sir William Reynolds.

In a letter to the *Diary*, Lyn Mitchell, secretary of the Warrandyte RSL sub branch, writes: "We, as a sub branch, are not too happy with the recent comments of Mr Ruxton."
Mr Mitchell says that Ruxton's comments might obscure the charitable work that is at the core of the RSL philosophy.
"His letter contains 'We, the members and friends of the Warrandyte sub branch, would like to clearly state that the major purpose and central focus of our sub branch is to raise funds and give moral and physical assistance to those who have served and are still serving their country in the Australian Defence forces, and their families."
"The Victorian branch of the RSL has over the years built and now maintains hospitals, flats and units in 24 localities. It is the care of the many aged ex-service men and women and widows."
"We appreciate and thank the members of our whole community for their assistance given in the past and which, we trust, will continue in the future."

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a family and building their house at that time. Millington says of this period, "Whereas at *The Age* he could sub there and then write stories for the *Diary*, in his new job he was writing stories for *BRW* and then having to write for the *Diary* as well. It got a bit too much. So I took it over fully and my wife Trish was the advertising manager." Bob Millington had taken on the role of news reporter, but was not alone in providing content for the *Diary*. Cliff Green was contributing news stories and features and Lee Tindale was preparing the sports section. The Smokey Joe gossip column "In red & white" was a popular feature of the *Diary* and Millington occasionally collaborated in writing this with Tindale, the column's creator.
Early in 1987 *The Age*, then under the editorship of Creighton Burns, underwent a redesign and change in production routines. Bob Millington, who was by then the daily's chief sub-editor, was involved in this process. He was

also changing the appearance of the *Diary*, but ran into a formatting difficulty on page one. The newspaper had a tradition that Peter McDougall, as the first advertiser to sign up with the *Diary*, would have his small real estate display advertisement run on the front page at bottom right—leaving Millington with a difficult space to fill across the remainder of the page. He solved it by inviting a local animator, Paul Williams, to provide a strip cartoon to take up the space. "Cyril" started in March 1987 and continues to entertain *Diary* readers today.
As Millington worked on *The Age* at night he was able to edit and produce the monthly *Diary* during the day as needed. Soon after becoming the sole editor of the *Warrandyte Diary* he embarked on a change of direction at *The Age* when he was invited to write the daily News Diary column on page two. "In 1987 I was offered the job of daily news diarist, which I did from 1987 until I left *The Age* in

'96," he says of that change. This daily News Diary column in *The Age* took a look behind mainstream news items and included pithy, sometimes ironic, comments on news oddities. Cliff Green says of that time, "So he then became the page two columnist (in *The Age*)... and he just didn't have any room left in his head for the *Diary*."
The *Warrandyte Diary* was coming out later and later each month. Millington told Green that he couldn't carry the whole newspaper and asked for a news editor to be appointed. They advertised in the *Diary* and David Wyman, an experienced journalist who lived in Warrandyte, responded. He did not want to be news editor, but offered to do the news reporting. Millington and Green gratefully accepted his offer. Wyman's first story, "Old girl can now aid town", appeared on the front page of the *Diary* in September 1987. He brought with him an impressive range of contacts, particularly

in government and bureaucratic circles. Rumour has it that his fax machine would whirr into action in the dead of night disclosing intriguing leads, facts and figures and hints on where to dig for information—all given anonymously. He was a persistent, fair and accurate reporter, with a clear and elegant writing style and he rapidly established himself as an important part of the *Diary* team. "He was always there for the tough stories, the story that has to be accurate, for the ones that might give us trouble," Cliff Green says of Wyman.
During Millington's editorship the *Diary* gave space to a variety of columnists. These included "Roots & Leaves" and "Nature", which discussed the local environment, flora and fauna. News on people and events continued, but the "The fifth column" replaced "About people" as the "people" column. Smokey Joe's "In red & white" column continued to report local gossip. The *Diary* also benefited from a suggestion that Judy Macdonald made when she was co-editor. She had encouraged Warrandyte local Roger Kibell to write humorous features, but he was not able to take up the offer under her editorship. However, he started to submit humorous commentaries on current affairs and trivia to Millington and the first Kibbled column appeared in September 1989 and it continues today.
By 1990 the *Diary* had solved its business entity problems and was now owned by the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust. The newspaper had an array of dedicated, reliable contributors who wrote news, columns and features, took photographs and drew cartoons. Staffing arrangements had been stabilised with the appointment of an accounts manager, a paid advertising manager and a chief of staff. The latter position was first designated "co-ordinator", but that terminology attracted some flak. "We called her co-ordinator," Cliff Green remembers, "but Bob (Millington) said 'co-ordinators run rape crisis centres, chiefs of staff run newspapers'". The position was renamed forthwith to chief of staff. Although Millington had the support of these and other volunteers, the demands of writing the daily column for *The Age* and editing the *Warrandyte Diary* was taking its toll. He remembers how this was affecting him, "I used to get awfully muddled at times as to what work I was doing—whether it was for (*The Age News*) *Diary* or the (*Warrandyte*) *Diary*. Whereas beforehand I had had a mix of writing for the *Diary* and subbing at *The Age* now I was writing for the *Diary* and writing for *The Age* (News) *Diary* and I think it got a bit too much for me." Millington was well aware of what was happening. "I was letting the deadlines slip. It was getting further and further into the month and that was not a good thing." In March 1990 he resigned as editor of the *Warrandyte Diary* and his wife Trish also resigned from her position as advertising manager.
(David Wyman died in 2007 after almost 20 years as senior *Diary* news reporter.)
● Next month we follow our newspaper into the 1990s with the advent of an editorial board and the appointment of the paper's first cadet reporters.

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Finals loom for junior footballers

Warrandyte Junior Football Club's Under 15 side has secured a double chance in the finals.

In Round 14 they played third placed Bundoora and a win sealed a top two spot and ended Bundoora's hopes of the double chance in the finals. The Bloods were clearly the superior team on the day and the 24 point win away from home has given the boys real confidence as the finals approach.

Coach Clem Misfud is pleased with the team-first approach of the boys and is convinced the strong work ethic of the team will be a key factor in the top of the ladder position they occupy.

Under 15 player Michael Holloway recently played his 100th game.

The Warrandyte Tackers have experienced old school winter football over the past three weeks and the journey out to Parkside on a ground bigger in dimensions than the MCG, proved to be a great learning experience.

The boys impressed with their attack on the ball and their ability to adapt to cyclonic conditions.

There were excellent displays of team work with Marcus Green and Thomas McKenzie setting the

example.

Spencer Hamilton is proving to be an effective full-back and is being supported by Finn Swedosh, Nathan Stewart and Max Coutts.

Coach Stewart Martin believes the team is developing and there will be a focus on sharing the ball in upcoming games.

The Under 10s have just missed out on a place for the finals following the Round 13 clash against fourth placed Bundoora.

The Bloods failed to hit the scoreboard, losing 5.4-34 to zero.

Round 14 saw a determined team effort that resulted in Banyule not scoring. The scoreline read 10.12-72 to zero. Agony and ecstasy in a fortnight!

Round 14 saw a determined Under 11 side record their fourth win of the year against the higher placed Balwyn side. The boys have been training impressively without wins but persevered and translated training form into match day victory.

Alex Royal celebrated his 50th game with a goal and Jake Willis and Joshua Newman continued their good form and with Mark Baker influential around the ball, the Bloods were always a chance to win.

The Under 12s had a

superb battle with finals bound Fitzroy in Round 14. A three goal loss showed that that boys can be competitive when playing as a team. This was on the back of a fighting nine point loss to second placed Macloed.

Kiama Harris-Allan played his 50th game against Fitzroy.

The Under 13s are fifth on percentage after three strong wins in Rounds 13, 14 and 15.

Captain Jack Poole celebrated his 50th game with a fine display against Bulleen Templestowe.

The eight goal win was built on the back of the five goal haul from Joshua Beasley. Jules Jones marked strongly to give the Bloods many avenues in attack.

The following week the boys kept Camberwell goalless to give them every chance of playing finals football.

Adam Bettiol and Joshua Huntly were dominant in the mid field in the 9.7.61 to 0.4.4 victory.

The boys must win their last game at home against top of the ladder Kew and hope fourth placed Balwyn lose or draw against second placed Ivanhoe.

After playing the majority of the season with less than 18 players in the top division, the Under 14s finally

fielded a full side against arch rivals Beverley Hills.

This game featured the 100th appearance of Shaun Gorrie in the red and white.

With Beverley Hills having six on the bench to zero for Warrandyte, last quarter heroics were required.

Despite fantastic teamwork and 100 per cent commitment the boys went down by nine points. Congratulations to Tim Willis for winning the Beverley Hills medal.

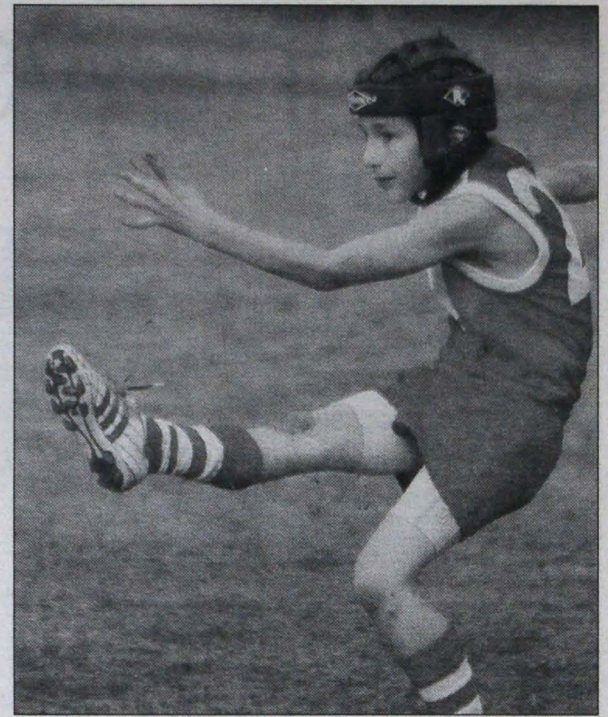
The Colts 2 side have secured their finals place and have shown in the past few weeks that they have the ammunition to go deep in the finals.

The Round 13 game against second placed Fitzroy was a thriller. Despite the driving rain both teams showed high levels of skill to post a combined 23 goals with only 10 behinds.

The resulting four point loss was not disheartening as it is possible the teams will meet again in a preliminary final, with a different result a strong possibility.

It was a classic team effort that was even more impressive given the boys played one short for the entire second half.

Jarrod Buzzini played his 150th game and his raking left foot out of defence has



Devin Harris-Allan lets fly in a recent Warrandyte Under 10 match.

saved many goals over the years.

Round 14 provided an even closer result against fourth placed Beverley Hills. In heavy conditions both sides showed enormous commitment to the ball.

With scores tied as the siren sounded, each side deserved to split the points. An almost certain first semi final awaits against Beverley Hills. With players returning, the Young Colts are confident of going at least one point better on August 15.

The Colts 1 have posted seven victories to Round 14. They sit six points out of the four and with a little luck in close finishes could be

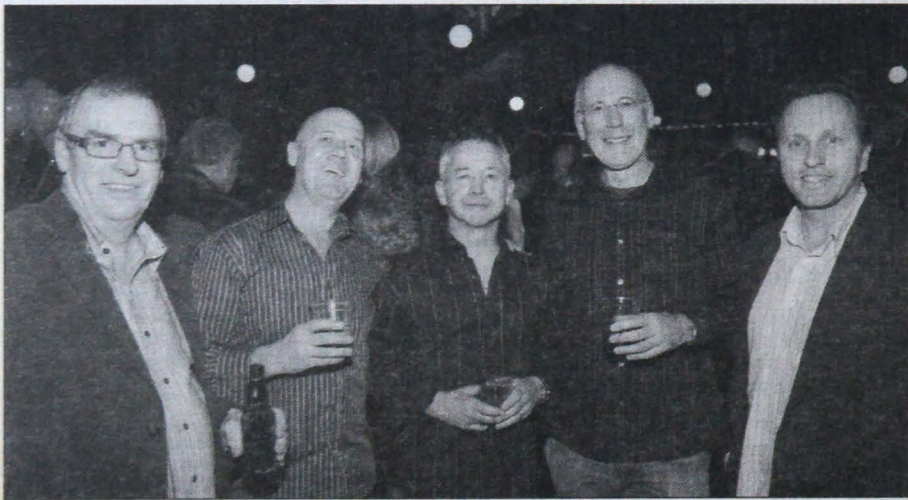
playing in a local derby semi final.

The recent victory against Doncaster Heights showed real grit in difficult conditions. After being behind at half time the "Old" Colts hunted in packs and ground their way to a deserved victory.

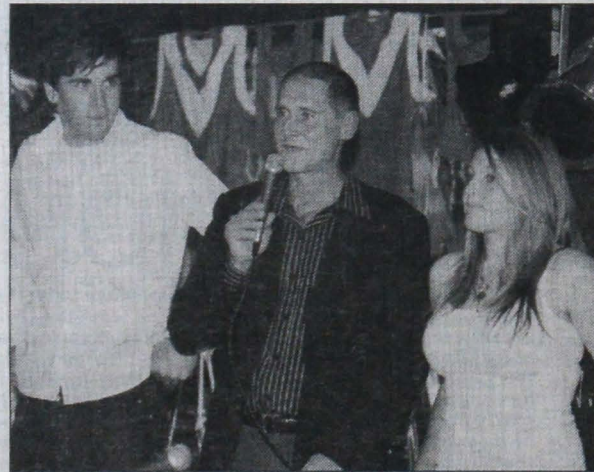
With the end of their junior careers in sight the boys were able to sing the club song one last time in their 40 point Round 15 win against Preston.

Daniel Tester and Sam Beasley have been magnificent in defence in recent weeks and Mitchell Gaffney has been impressive up forward.

Big night out for netball, football clubs



Enjoying the netball-football night are from left, Barry Dennis, Steve Phelan, Mike Colborne-Veel, Mark Tansley and Bruno Ivincic.



Sam Tansley (football captain), Steve Ballard (WJFC President) and Josie Ward (netball representative) welcome guests to the big night.

It was smiles all round as Warrandyte Netball and Junior Football clubs came together last month in a joint fund raising effort.

Ticket sales, promotion and co-ordination of auction items were all organised by the parents of children participating in the two sports.

Generous amounts of goods/services were donated for the big auction and more than \$17,000 was raised.

This will be used to assist in the much needed redevelopment of the sporting facilities at Taroon Ave.

The event was held at the Slovenian Club in Research and was the first time the two sporting clubs have come together for such a fund raising event.



Peta Walker and Lyn Dyason welcomed guests to the fund raising night.



Some of the girls who assisted in waitressing and presentation of auction items, from left Michaela Bumpstead, Eliza McIntyre, Josie Ward, Lizzie Ellis, Corrin Mueller and Rebecca Sierak.

Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver



Josh Collins scores in a recent match against Camberwell. He scored 16 points in the semi final against Mildura.

Youth Teams project set to go

Warrandyte Venom will take its next step into providing a complete and visible pathway for players with the formation of Youth Teams for men and women.

The men's Youth Team will be coached by Jason Weidemann and assistant coach Peter Demos, while the women's team will be coached by Nicole Howard.

Nicole is well known to the Warrandyte Basketball community having successfully coached a number of junior teams in previous years, along with working as an assistant coach in our Big V women's program.

"I'm absolutely rapt to have Nicole back with us after a year off and can con-

firm that she was top of our list when looking for a coach to lead our young squad," said club president Justin Nelson.

There will be a selection policy put in place for all members to read, but it's important to stress from the outset that our Youth Teams will be only open to current or former Warrandyte Basketball players (Redbacks and/or Venom), which could include new players joining the Venom junior program as well.

The men's Youth Team tryouts will start on Thursday August 12 at Warrandyte Sports Complex from 5.30pm, while the women's tryouts will start

in October.

"It's an exciting time for sure," said president Justin Nelson.

"We are rapt to be at the stage where the club can put together competitive Youth Teams, and I think it speaks volumes for the direction and growth of the club that these teams will be 100 per cent home grown."

While no official announcement has been made, Nelson indicated the women would play in the Big V Youth League in 2011, while the men would be entered into a senior summer competition with a view to joining the Big V in 2012 or 2013.

Redbacks head to finals

Warrandyte Redback's strong showing in the Under 15A grade boys was on display when the first and second teams met at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre.

Pride was on the line here and Matt Lane's boys took the honours by 43-28. Jake Martin scored eight points with seven points coming from Matt Killey, Mason Webb and Michael Delacy.

The losing team was well served by Conor Gardiner (nine points) and Nathan Delacy with six points.

In the Under 19 girls, Warrandyte also have two sides but it looks like this will not be their year.

The WR1 side came up against Eltham and although competitive could not sustain the momentum going down 33-30.

A chance of a draw was missed with a Bonnie Jones' three point shot rebounded off the ring with 20 seconds to go. This leaves them eighth in A grade.

The second Redback side then took to the court and were competitive in the first half against Bulleen. The game however belonged to Bulleen's guard, Ebony Spencer, who hit two three point shots before half time to destroy any hope for the Redbacks.

She continued her efforts in the second half, finishing the game with five from beyond the circle as Bulleen ran away with the game 69-31. Jessey Telford tried hard all day for the Redbacks, finishing with 15 points.

The Under 15 Redback girls restored some honour to Warrandyte, easily defeating Nunawading by 60-17 in a one sided game. A total of 22 points to centre Demi Joy and 12 points to Simone Caruana were the top scorers in a game where all contributed.

The Under 17 boys may just miss out on a finals place but had the satisfaction of a 72-41 win over Eltham. Jarrod Buzzini and Taylor Hayton each scored 22 points, with 12 points coming from Sean Cubit.

Venom juniors have their eyes on titles

The finals are rapidly approaching and a number of Venom sides are well placed.

The opening game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre saw David Daniel's Under 14 East boys defeat third placed Camberwell.

The Venom held a comfortable nine point lead in the final minutes. The visitors however came back strongly but Warrandyte had enough to get the points. This maintains their second place position.

Top scorers for the Venom were Themis Mouratidis with 18 points and Josh Rowarth with six points.

Jason Weidemann had high hopes for his Under 14 VC girls, even though they were playing top side Werribee.

The Venom were weakened by missing two "talls" and a 19-7 score line the wrong way at quarter time was not encouraging.

The Venom however were dominant in the second quarter winning that by 11-1 but could not sustain the effort, with the final score 37-33 to the visitors.

Julia Tricarco with 13

points was the Venom's main scorer, with good support from Taylor Padfield, Zoe MacDonald and Maddison Taylor.

A high quality clash completed the events at WSC with Warrandyte (first) taking on Melbourne (third). Melbourne came away with a 33-28 win but the Venom retains top spot. Jarrod Buzzini top scored with 10 points and Cameron Miller with five points in support.

Janelle Lucas's Under 14 girls, sitting in second place,

had a comfortable win over Sandringham by 31-19. The early stages were close but eventually the Venom shooting and solid defence showed out.

Shannae Gaudion top scored with 10 points, with Tegan Leeson and Hayley McIntyre each contributing six points.

A fiery game was on at Park Orchards where fourth placed Know overcame ladder leaders Warrandyte by 36-32 in the Metro 3 girls contest.

Representative team falls short

Warrandyte 14/2 Boys team represented the Eastern Region in the Annual North West versus Eastern Challenge Match, which sees both regions' top teams from all age groups compete.

In the match against North West Region's Diamond Valley's 14/4 team the Venom Boys gave it their all but were defeated in a tight contest by five points.

Warrandyte started the game a little nervously and Diamond Valley led early on and slowly increased their lead to 13 points.

With one minute remaining, Venom had managed to bridge the gap to two points and continued fighting hard.

But the effort took its toll and Diamond Valley were eventual victors, ending the game with a five point win.

Tough opener in debut finals

The Kevin Smith phenomena came to town as Mildura always had the answers to a gallant Warrandyte in the first of the Big V men's semi finals.

It was the men's team's first finals series in their debut year of competition.

The Venom struggled early and were down by 15 points at the quarter time break.

For the remainder of the game, Mildura were able to answer any Venom challenge.

At times, the Warrandyte boys got close but Mildura were always able to make the important basket.

The Venom now travel to Mildura, needing to win both games to make it through to their first grand final.

Final score: Mildura 92 def Warrandyte 74.

For the Venom, Josh Collins was the leading scorer with 16 points, with Chris Vanderzaag scoring 13 points and Seth Howell also with 13 points

Big V women take lead in semi finals

Warrnambool suffered defeat for the first time this season at the hands of Warrandyte Venom in the first of the best of three semi finals.

The winner of the semi finals will earn a place in the Big V Women's grand final.

The match was played on Warrandyte's home court and a nervous start saw the Venom down 22-11 with nothing going right. The second quarter was even but the third saw the Venom come storming back to take a two point lead into the final quarter.

The Warrnambool Mermaids open a four point lead early in the term, but Warrandyte responded to the challenge.

Both teams found them-

selves in foul trouble but the Venom led by a point with under two minutes to play.

Warrandyte played the better in the final minutes with success from the charity stripe and ran out 64-59 winners.

The Venom have a week to regroup before making the long trip to Warrnambool, knowing one win will put them into their third grand final in their four years in the competition.

Points were shared around with Janelle Lucas with 14, Jennifer Cameron with 13 (six rebounds), Jaz Borella 11 points, Sharlene Dalsanto 10 and 14 rebounds, and Tiffany Hodgson also with 10 points.



WARRANDYTE REDBACKS Junior Saturday Basketball REGISTRATION DAY

SUMMER 2010/11 EDJBA COMPETITION
Saturday 14 August from 9:30am to 4:30pm

VENUE – Warrandyte Sports Complex (Anderson Creek Primary School), Drysdale Road, Warrandyte

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Hawks set for big year

South Warrandyte Cricket Club enters its 80th year in the Ringwood District Cricket Association with Barry Williams returning to the presidency.

He replaces Peter Debenham who stepped down after a productive three years that culminated in four teams making grand final appearances last season.

He also achieved several off-field coups, including installation of practice net lighting, improved roadway approaches, upgraded ground surface, and security shutters for the club-room windows.

Other members of the South Warrandyte committee include secretary Chris Hartrup, treasurer Allan Duffus, junior co-ordinator Justin Hansen and committee members, Kate Garrett, Scott Brasher, Dale Owen, Michael Sweeney, Peter Sofarnos, Adrian Smith, Meagan and James Price, and Tony Biggs.

Indoor training is already under way on Mondays from 7:45pm at Saxon's cricket centre at 64 Cavehill Rd, Lilydale.

New players can contact: juniors and Milo clinics, Justin Hansen 0448 986 494; senior teams, Chris Hartrup 0400 821 803 and veterans teams, Alan Duffus 0438 233 884.

Tennis chief re-elected

Neil Sproat has been re-elected as president of the Warrandyte Tennis Club.

The appointment was made at last month's annual meeting.

The new secretary is Claire Bence while Susan Everon was re-elected treasurer.

Scott Brimlow is the new vice president.

Other members of the committee are Craig Haslem, Judith Pleasance, Mark Habel, Paul Lynch, Helen Milner, Emily White, Jeanette Cleaves, Tina Mifsud, Tony Honeybourne, Leigh Mitchell and Allen Edwards.

Stars on show at Auskick

By ED MUNKS

Warrandyte Auskickers highlighted last month by playing at the half time break of the Warrandyte versus Mitcham seniors game.

It was a great day for the young stars of the future who watched the senior Warrandyte team recover from a poor start to win the game.

A total of 26 girls and boys took part with the older boys playing in defence while the younger players played in the centre and around the ground.

The senior club at the end of the game put on a spread of pies and sausage rolls and the kids loved it!

Andrew Ogden in his second half time game (his first being at the MCG earlier in the year) ran hard and gathered a number of quality kicks to team mates.

Callum Lawson played a strong game around the ground, Connor McOrrie took some good marks under pressure in defence and Michael Greenwood is a formidable goal sneak who had a number of shots on goal.

Nicholas Smith gathered many kicks in the centre and fed the ball out to Jordan Morris who also showed great tackling skills.

James Moissis showed good handballing skills, Harrison Nitschinsk played in the ruck against Dylan Smith and both looked ready made players for the Tackers next season.

Sebastian Nitschinsk's handball skills set up play for Ethan Stark who was continually bursting out of the packs. Josh Luttick and Tynan Kontos both had good contests and each showed great strength and speed in their contests.

Jed Aitken and Nick Sharpe were little ball terriers and were undaunted in their attack on the ball against the bigger kids.

Ben Dal Sasso and Hayden Taylor have both been big improvers this year and had many kicks, but more importantly both showed good technique with steady kicking actions.

Brothers Kieran and Liam Phillips, both new to the Auskick program, played fearless football and show good skills and game sense.

Mark Somerwil showed



Action from the Auskick match played during the half time interval at the Warrandyte versus Mitcham game last month.

the benefit of playing backyard footy with brother Tim and was a really good player running and kicking to position.

Young Auskicker Zac Wheatley played and also let our other young champs know that dad Clint was playing in the seniors team and it was good for the young boys to see someone they know play footy.

Clint is not only a regular seniors player but also a

regular assistant coach in the Saturday morning sessions.

Thanks to coaches Dean Aitken, Peter Sharpe, Martin Rostron, Michael Stark, Paul dal Sasso, Sean Smith and Buzz Lawson for putting the game on in conjunction with James Logan from the senior club.

Our best wishes go out to Jo and Connor Mulder and their family for the tragic loss of Nick. We are thinking

of you at this time.

Regular Auskick session times are between 9am and 10.15 am on Saturdays at the Warrandyte football ground at Tarroona Ave. Both boys and girls are encouraged to come and participate.

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

Tough conditions for Little Aths cross country

By ED MUNKS

Little athletes braved tough conditions at the IGA State Little Athletics Cross Country Championships at Geelong race course on Saturday.

The young Warrandyte Under 11 girls competed with their other Doncaster team mates to finish first in the teams events.

Warrandyte girls, Emily Sharpe, Annie Marsh-Pearson and Ally Rose Ogden, who finished fourth overall, ran well in the conditions. The other Doncaster girls grabbed first and third spots.

In the boys' events young Warrandyte Auskicker Andrew Ogden finished a creditable 28th and Jessica

O'Keefe finished strongly in 12th place in the Under 12 girls race.

The distances for the event varies with the age group with the Under 6 athletes starting at 500 metres and finishing at 3000 metres for the Under 13-16 athletes.

The little athletes had to endure almost arctic conditions in the lead-up events to the State titles.

The Warrandyte netball club was well represented in the cross country with four local players, Emily Sharpe, Ashlyn Krakouer, Kimberley Gilling and Jessica O'Keefe competing during the winter cross country season.

Ashlyn Krakouer in the Under 7 girls finished seventh in the Nunawading

lead up race; team mate Kimberley Gilling came second in the Eastern 7 Rewards Day at Ruffey Lake Park after recovering from a long illness with Ruby Chapman finishing midfield in the Under 8 girls race at the same event.

The summer little athletics season registration day is Saturday 11 September between 9 am and 12 noon at Reischicks Reserve, George St, East Doncaster.

For those unsure of joining up, the club offers two free tryouts in weekly competition.

For more information on Little Athletics contact East Doncaster LAC vice president Andrew Pynt on 0410 478 333.

Colts miss finals

Despite two successive wins, including a big win over Coldstream on Saturday morning, the Warrandyte Colts will finish just outside the top four.

Coach Brian Cartwright has seen strong development from the young Bloods, with Zac Bentley and Shane Biggs making the step up from Under 18s to senior football with good results. Several other players expected to make the transition to senior football in 2011.

W'DYTE 21.14-140 d COLDSTREAM 4.9-33

Goals: T. Peter-Budge 5, A. Batsanis 3, C. Johnstone 3, A. Peter-Budge 3, J. Harris 2, R. Bowen, A. Haikal, T. Appleby, J. Rudolph, K. Windhofer
Best: A. Reddie, J. Rudolph, J. Harris, A. Peter-Budge, J. Miller, C. Johnstone, T. Appleby, T. Peter-Budge, T. Versteegen

ROUND 16: W'DYTE 11.15-81 d KILSYTH 7.3-45

Goals: R. Bowen 4, P. Heffernan 4, A. Haikal, T. Appleby, A. Batsanis
Best: T. Peter-Budge, A. Batsanis, P. Heffernan, T. Appleby, R. Bowen

ROUND 15: MITCHAM 8.10-58 d W'DYTE 8.5-53

Goals: M. Chimenton 3, A. Haikal 2, T. Peter-Budge 2, J. McKee
Best: J. Rudolph, T. Peter-Budge, J. McKee, J. Nicholls, A. Reddie, A. Haikal

ROUND 14: UPPER GULLY 6.11-47 d W'DYTE 1.7-13

Goals: A. Batsanis
Best: A. Sabo, S. Trenfield, A. Reddie, D. Caldwell, Z. Bentley



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Top four spot now assured Bloods prove too hot for Coldstream

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

Warrandyte have secured a place in the EFL Third Division finals with a win over fifth placed Coldstream at home on Saturday.

The Bloods recovered from an early three goal deficit to record a solid 34 point victory and secure fourth position going into the final round of the season.

It was Coldstream who fired early, and kicking with the aid of a blustery breeze they were able to snatch three quick goals before the Bloods had even entered their forward 50 metre arc.

Warrandyte quickly settled into the pace of the game however and soon gained the ascendancy through the midfield. Goals to Clint Wheatley and Clint Kennedy steadied the Warrandyte ship before Luke Dunn weaved his way through several Coldstream defenders to snap an early contender for goal of the day.

After a slow start, the Bloods completely dominated the rest of the first term to go into the quarter time break with a 14 point lead.

The Bloods started the second term in much the same fashion, with hard running from deep in the backline translating to quick and precise ball movement through the midfield.

The side has benefited from a much more even spread of goal kicking options in the forward line this year which has taken pressure off Michael Morello who has played largely a solo role in previous years. This was evident against Coldstream with six multiple goal kickers for a much more versatile, and less predictable Warrandyte side.

With young star Shane Biggs presenting strongly across half forward and Wheatley and Kennedy also providing marking options in a well drilled forward line, the Bloods skipped away to a 29 point half time lead.

The Bloods took their foot off the pedal in the third quarter allowing Coldstream the opportunity to work their way back into the match.

Dion Mullett-Treloar was moved onto the dangerous Johnny

Pignataro in the Coldstream goal square joining the reliable pair of McAdam and Tsapatsaris deep in the Warrandyte defence. It was tough going for the Bloods however as sloppy turnovers led to three Coldstream goals in quick succession while the Warrandyte midfield struggled to move the ball past half forward.

Coldstream drew level with the Bloods late in the third term before a goal to Morello gave Warrandyte an eight point lead at the final break.

Warrandyte coach Michael Tout asked his players for one more effort in the last quarter and reminded them what can happen when they play lazy football.

This reminder seemed to have an immediate effect, with a quick centre clearance leading to a Wheatley mark and goal, soon followed by another clever snap from the elusive Luke Dunn. A few minutes later and a classy running goal to the veteran Matt Wood gave the Bloods some breathing space.

With the game opening up in the latter part of the final term, the two sides went goal for goal as tired defenders struggled to account for opposition forwards.

However it was Warrandyte who were the stronger side, finishing 34 points clear of Coldstream.

Warrandyte Reserve has become a fortress for a Warrandyte side that has won 16

from 18 home games in the past two seasons.

The Bloods now take on Boronia in what amounts to a practice run on a large ground before travelling to Jubilee Park in Ringwood on August 21 to take on either Doncaster or Upper Ferntree Gully in the first week of finals football.

WARRANDYTE 18.10-118 d

COLDSTREAM 13.6-84

Goals: Wheatley 4, Kennedy 3, Dunn 2, Morello 2, Christopher 2, Wood 2, Haskings Taylor Biggs
Best: Biggs, Wheatley, Tsapatsaris, Dunn, Kennedy, Naughtin

ROUND 16:

WARRANDYTE 18.18-126 d

KILSYTH 4.5-29

Goals: B. Reid 5, C. Wheatley 4, A. Wise 2, L. Dunn 2, M. Morello 2, S. Christopher 2, S. Biggs, T. Naughtin

Best: T. Beasley, T. Naughtin, M. Feben, B. Taylor, A. Wise

ROUND 15:

WARRANDYTE 19.11-125 d

MITCHAM 9.9-63

Goals: M. Morello 6, S. Biggs 3, B. Reid 2, H. Hosking 2, D. Large, G. McAdam, C. Kennedy, T. Beasley, C. Wheatley, D. Mullett Treloar
Best: B. Reid, M. Wood, M. Morello, C. Kennedy, T. Beasley, D. Large

ROUND 14:

UPPER GULLY 13.8-86 d

WARRANDYTE 5.8-38

Goals: M. Wood 2, C. Kennedy 2, C. Wheatley
Best: M. Wood, C. Vanflorestein, T. Beasley, B. Reid, M. Feben



Matt Wood named as captain of Warrandyte's 2000-09 Team of the Decade.

Wood heads Team of Decade

Nine members of the Warrandyte Football Club 2000-2009 Team of the Decade are among the current list of players.

Five time best and fairest winner, Matt Wood was named captain while current Bloods' captain, Tom Naughtin was named as his deputy.

The team was announced to members, players and supporters of the Warrandyte Football Club at a recent dinner at Beau Monde in Doncaster.

Current players named in the team include Matt Wood, Lee Evans, Tom Naughtin, Dion Mullet - Treloar, Grant McAdam, Ben Reid, Michael Morello, Glen Carle and Stewart Rough.

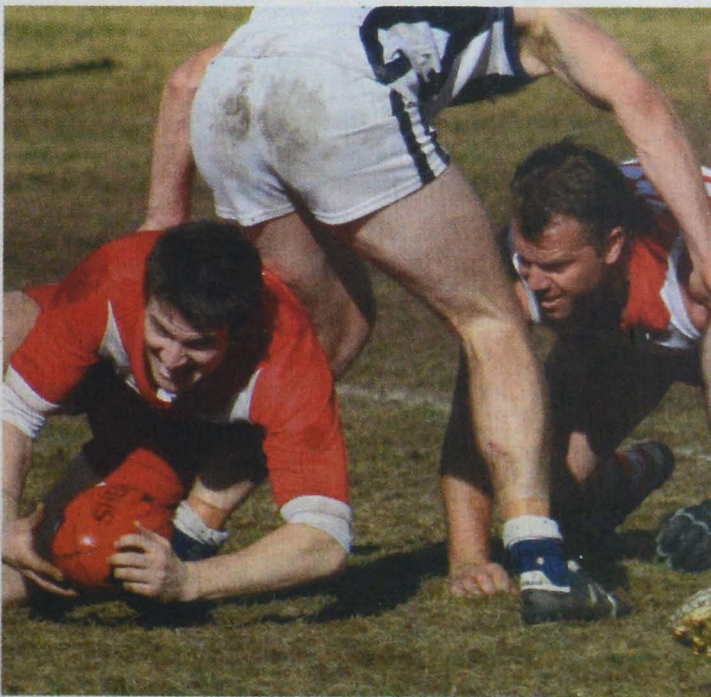
The players selected in the Team of the Decade will now forever be remembered as some of the best for their time.

The Bloods came into the decade on the back of the 1999 Division Two premiership win, suffered relegation to Division Three then again to Division Four and then a quick promotion back up to Division Three via the 2006 premiership.

The team is listed below.
B: McAdam, Rough, Templeton
HB: Reid, Mullet-Treloar, Vitritti
C: Riley, Wood (C), Davey
HF: Holman, Taylor, Evans
F: Dick, Morello, Cornell
R: O'Connor, T. Naughtin (VC), Blagrove
Inter: Carle, Eyre, Treeby, Ruehland
Coach: Peter Green



Clint Kennedy takes a strong mark against Mitcham.



Warrandyte captain, Tom Naughtin scrambles for the ball while team mate Glenn Archer watches on. Pictures: ROBERT WHITE

Reserves press for finals double chance

Warrandyte Reserves defeated Coldstream on Saturday setting the scene for a pivotal final round match against Boronia this weekend.

The winner of that clash will secure second place and the valuable second chance. The loser will meet Chirnside Park in a cut-throat elimination final.

Since losing to North Ringwood a month ago the Reserves have not looked back, cruising to victory in each of their subsequent matches.

However coach Ash Grybas, all too familiar with the pressures of finals football, is warning his team not to take too much for granted.

The Bloods led from start to finish on Saturday against an undermanned Coldstream side.

Leading at quarter time by 20 points, and half time by 40 points, it was a workmanlike performance from a Warrandyte side that is now used to winning and winning well.

The final margin was 70 points,

with six multiple goal kickers for the Bloods, including Gamble with four and Justin Khouri with three.

The Bloods now prepare for Boronia and a match that will give them great preparation leading into their second successive EFL finals campaign.

WARRANDYTE 17.16-118 d

COLDSTREAM 7.6-48

GOALS: Gamble 4, Khouri 3, Whitfield 2, Konrad 2, Rough 2, Ansaldo 2, Wright, Burgoyne
BEST: Khouri, Ansaldo, Bryant, O'Mara, Whitfield, Burgoyne

ROUND 16:

WARRANDYTE 13.15-93 d

KILSYTH 8.7-55

Goals: L. Whitfield 4, D. Bryant 3, L. Evans 2, A. Gamble 2, R. Ansaldo 2
Best: L. Whitfield, R. Ansaldo, G. Godwin, D. Bryant, P. Burgoyne, F. Jarvis

ROUND 15:

WARRANDYTE 21.10-136 d

MITCHAM 0.7-7

Goals: J. Logan 3, G. Carle 3, T. Konrad 3, R. Mullett Treloar 3, J. Wright 2, J. Bentley 2, A. Gamble, F. Jarvis, R. Ansaldo, C. Atkinson,

L. Whitfield
Best: B. Opteynde, R. Mullett Treloar, J. Wright, J. Bowen, J. Logan, J. Burgoyne

ROUND 14:

WARRANDYTE 17.19-121 d

UPPER GULLY 1.5-11

Goal Kickers: D. Bryant 5, J. Logan 2, A. Gamble 2, G. Carle, L. Brewis, J. Bentley, J. Buhagiar, C. Atkinson, C. Haskings, L. Whitfield, R. Mullett Treloar

Best: J. Burgoyne, C. Haskings, L. Naughtin, G. Godwin, R. Mullett-Treloar, D. Bryant

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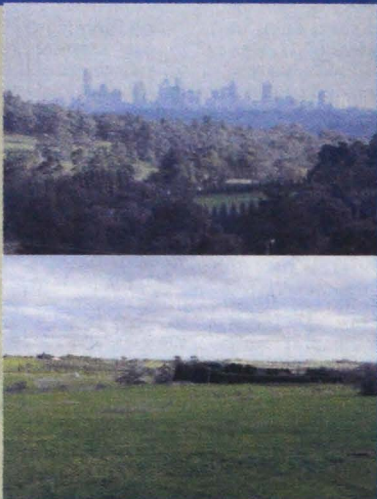
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