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— Lincoln Steffens

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A SPECIAL PLACE

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



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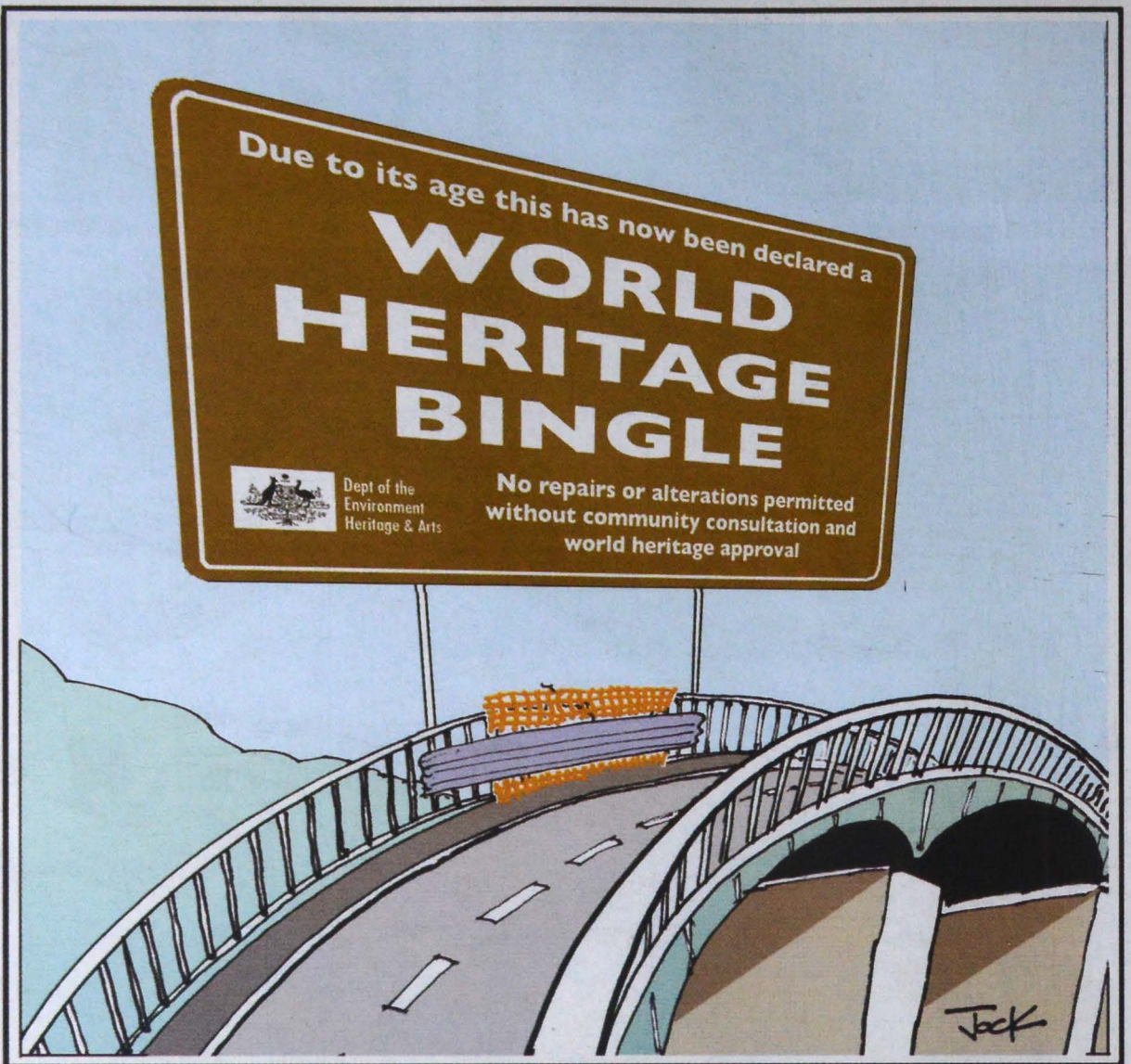
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OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



The bridge over the river cries

NEVILLE leaned over the bridge. They should bottle this. Essence of Warrandyte.

The nose-twitching scent of wattle blossom. The river babbling away like the ladies at Information Warrandyte. The hum of buses in Yarra Street trying to work out where to stop.

And this was the heart of it all. This bridge that had spanned two centuries, in one form or another.

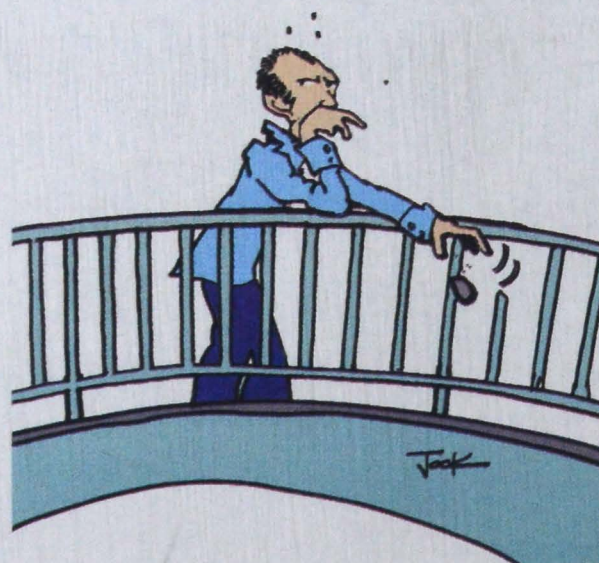
Imagine the hoopla when they first opened it in 1861! Speeches and ribbon-cutting, attended, no doubt, by local dignitaries, miners, pastoralists from either side of the river, and possibly John Boyle.

Perhaps the local reverend conducted a simple ceremony.

"Dearly divided. We are gathered here today, in the presence of this river, to join together Warrandyte and North Warrandyte in whole locality, which is an honourable piece of real estate not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently and soberly—well reverently anyway. What the Board of Land and Works has joined let no man put asunder."

Then some prick went and asundered it!

Now the utilitarian olive railing on the eastern side wore an ugly sore, patched



with pieces of metal and orange plastic. Surely not a mammoth task to repair, but apparently these things don't happen overnight, or overweek, or even overquarter.

It was hard getting your ducks in a line when the river was flowing this fast.

Gran said it was a demarcation dispute. She was certain little council workers from Nillumbik and Manningham had been out with tape measures trying to decide

whose side it was on. But it was a draw, like the Grand Final; there would have to be another crash to decide the loser.

Jasper suspected the job was bigger than it appeared, noting the crack in the concrete underneath.

Narelle was hoping they'd take the opportunity to replace the whole thing with a wider one so people could escape fires.

Cinnamon was worrying they'd take the opportunity

living with The Trotts

to replace the whole thing with a six-lane flyover so traffic could get from the Ring Road to the Eastern Freeway.

Or was a more fundamental divide happening here?

The first crack in a community on the road to divorce?

Was one side doing a Gary Ablett and heading north in pursuit of higher property values and pretentious lifestyles of vineyards and pottery studios, leaving the other clinging to its village mentality of tearooms and market stalls?

Would the south have custody of the children leaving the north weekend visiting rights via Fitzsimmons Lane?

Was it time for some proper counselling: both communities amalgamating under the one council?

Are there too many question marks in this article?

And, most curious of all, who was responsible for the subversive dribbly painted signs appearing around town?

Neville smiled to himself, and tossed a small lump of concrete over the side. It made an odd quacking sound as it hit the water.

ALAN CORNELL

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VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE INFORMATION LINE: 1800 240 667



Reach for the sky!

Late last month, a huge new appliance arrived at Warrandyte fire station. It was a state-of-the-art ladder platform, based at Dandenong fire station.

It came to Warrandyte to give local firefighters a chance to train on an aerial appliance in a high-rise firefighting and rescue situation.

"The drill involved appliances taking water from the river, relaying water from truck to truck and then onto the ladder platform," local CFA member Rebecca Hodgson told the *Diary*. "The ladder platform has a 42 metre reach, both in

height and width, and can assist fighting large fires such as factories and giving access to roofs of multi-storied houses from above. This enables firefighting crews to access roofs safely without having members working on roof tops," Ms Hodgson said. "Now when the pub catches fire..."

● STOP PRESS

CFA Open Planning Day
Warrandyte Community Centre
Sunday, October 17, 11am-3pm
Further details: see Page 16

High and mighty: CFA's new ladder platform visits Warrandyte. (Pictures by Rebecca Hodgson)

Fire: find out the facts

As the fire season draws near, the CFA has issued details of its 2010/11 summer bushfire safety program, with numerous meetings scheduled for the Warrandyte area and surrounding districts.

The aim of these community gatherings, also known as FireReady Victoria meetings, is to inform residents of the dangers of bushfires and what they need to do on a high fire-risk day.

Meetings run for about 90 minutes and cover several subjects, including: the lo-

cal fire risk; what "leaving early" means; how lives are lost and how people can protect themselves; fire behaviour and house ignition; developing a bushfire survival plan; and information and warnings during a bushfire.

Bushfire safety meetings will be held in Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Research, Wonga Park and Kangaroo Ground.

● Full details of times and places are advertised on Page 22 of this issue.

Will evacuation be the final solution?

Fearing extensive loss of life through fire, Manningham councillor David Ellis has called for an emergency evacuation plan for Warrandyte.

He was speaking on the Manningham fire prevention plan at the September council meeting.

"Warrandyte is one of Melbourne's most extreme risk situations for loss of life through fire," Cr Ellis said.

"We have some 8000 people in a closely-settled subur-

ban fringe with extensive bushland reserves. Access is steep and difficult in many places and the main road is a narrow corridor, also heavily vegetated.

"If a major fire comes from the north—as is expected—there will be three roads feeding into that single narrow main road."

Cr Ellis acknowledged that the plan would need to have the support and involvement of all local and regional emer-

gency services, as well as neighbouring councils.

He stressed that emergency evacuation should not detract from encouraging people to "leave early" on high-risk days. "But not all can, and not all will," he said. "Simply encouraging voluntary departure does not constitute adequate risk management for this vulnerable situation."

Cr Ellis suggested that the Warrandyte community could be involved in a supervised

evacuation rehearsal.

"People would be encouraged to get their loved ones into the car and head off in one marshalled direction to a safe urban area. The event could conclude with a barbecue and community social event, with the focus on fire safety.

"However we manage it, emergency evacuation needs to be very much part of the emergency plan for Warrandyte," he said.

Hilarious Quantock back in Warrandyte

The clever, bizarre and dangerous stand-up comic, Rod Quantock, is returning to Warrandyte on Saturday, November 20 for another night of laughs. Again Rod will be helping to spread the word on informing and motivating action on climate change, in his new program entitled "Pardon My Carbon".

Rod describes this new work as "a jolly romp through peak oil, population and mass extinction".

WarrandyteCAN, the local

climate action group, has invited Rod back to present his new show, following the great success of "Bugger the Polar Bears, This is Serious", which he presented for CAN in February this year to a sell-out crowd at Warrandyte High. This event is also at Warrandyte High, starting at 7.30pm and tickets are \$30 each, available online at www.trybooking.com/IUP from October 11.

Wayne Rankin, president of WarrandyteCAN, said that "the success of that first event, and its financial contribution towards the legal case to save the old growth forest at Brown Mountain in Gippsland, was a fantastic outcome".

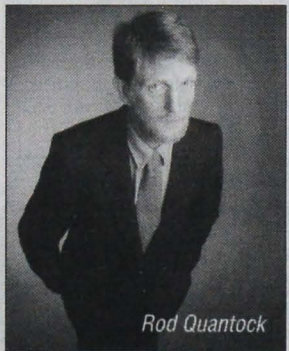
● Contributions from the November event will go towards local climate action programs in Warrandyte. Members and supporters of WarrandyteCAN can learn more at the upcoming annual meeting on November 10 at the Community Centre. For more information phone Wayne Rankin on 9844 4438.



If fire came to Warrandyte, could we evacuate? (Digitally altered image by Stephen Reynolds)

Checklist

- Plan to leave early.
- Reduce fuel around the home—long grass, leaves, bark and twigs should be removed.
- Gutters should be cleaned.
- Move firewood away from the walls of your home.
- Cover vents and crevices with fine wire to prevent sparks and embers entering.
- Make sure under the home is clear of combustible material.
- Ensure access to adequate static water supplies.
- Check and have your firefighting equipment serviced.
- Most importantly—make sure you have a practical bushfire plan in place. Consider who will be home and when. More than one plan may be needed to account for different scenarios.



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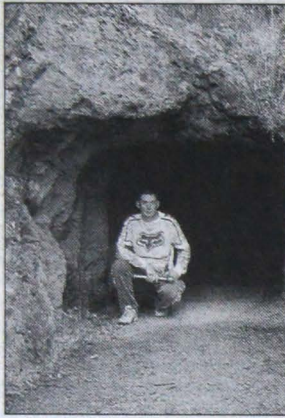
Manningham council is calling for nominations for the 2010 Manningham Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

The Australia Day Committee (Victoria) provides the awards, which are made on the basis of merit. Nominations are encouraged in support of people who contribute in such areas as community service, sports, the arts, education and the environment.

Persons nominated should have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the Manningham community over a number of years.

The awards will be presented at council's Australia Day celebrations on January 26, 2011.

"These awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge the local heroes of our community—who selflessly give up their time for the good of



Peter Hanson, Manningham Citizen of the Year, 2008, at the entrance to Geraghty's mine. Peter has mapped Warrandyte's extensive underground mine tunnels on behalf of the Historical Society.

others and set an outstanding example to follow," mayor, Cr

Charles Pick told the *Diary*.

To be eligible for Citizen or Young Citizen of the Year, nominees must be Australian citizens. However, they need not live in the City of Manningham. The Citizen of the Year must be at least 25 years old and the Young Citizen must be aged under 25, as of January 26, 2011.

Three years ago, Warrandyte residents scooped the pool at the Manningham Australia Day 2008 awards with Webb Street resident Peter Hanson named Citizen of the Year and Warrandyte High School student Anastasia Plischka Young Citizen of the Year.

● Nominations close on November 26, 2010. Nomination forms are available from the customer service desk at Manningham council offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, from council libraries or from www.manningham.vic.gov.au.



Above: Warrandyte bridge from below. Left: The phantom signwriter strikes again! (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds and Sandy Burgoyne)

VicRoads responds to bridge damage fears

The saga of Warrandyte's damaged bridge continues.

VicRoads has stated that repairs to the bridge railing are scheduled to commence in late October this year, and are expected to be completed by the end of November.

Last month we published a letter from Albert Mijat of Beauty Gully Road, stating that he was standing close to the damaged section when "as a heavy vehicle drove past, vibrations were transferred to the path. The tremor was of such force that I nearly fell on to the footpath".

Mr Mijat addressed his concerns to VicRoads. He has received a reply, stating:

"All bridges experience some vibration from traffic. VicRoads has undertaken an initial inspection of the bridge at

Warrandyte following receipt of your letter and found it to be in a safe and serviceable condition. Notwithstanding this, Vic Roads is arranging a further detailed inspection of the bridge to confirm that the vibration you observed is within acceptable limits for the structure.

"At present, priority is being given to bridges damaged by the floods in northern Victoria. However, the detailed inspection of the bridge at Warrandyte remains high on the priority list and will be carried out as soon as possible."

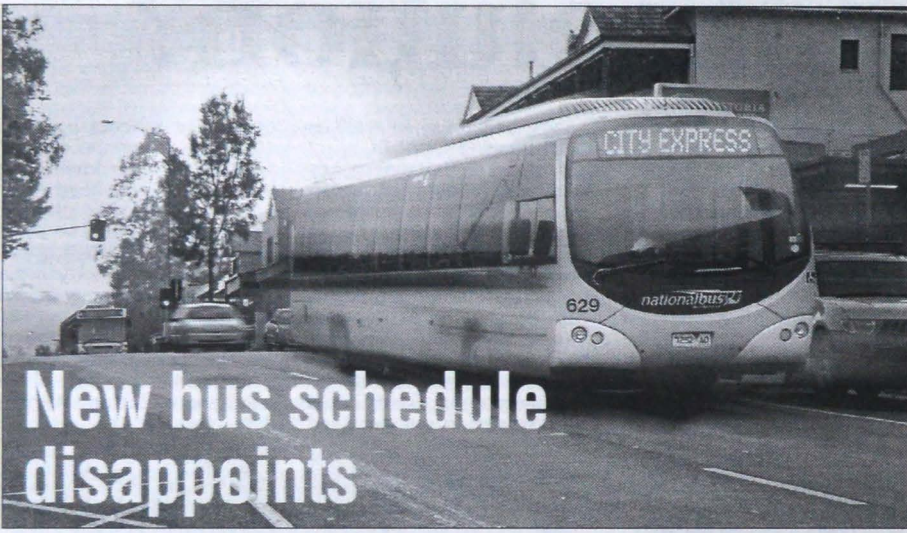
Meanwhile, the continuing drama of the protest signs takes on new life. Last month we reported messages appearing at the damaged bridge section stating, "This bridge is

a disgrace," and alleging the emergency work undertaken so far is "sub-standard rubbish".

They have been replaced by a new sign, reading: "Contact VicRoads re bridge safety". This began its journey at the roundabout at the west end of town, was shifted to the fence near the entrance to the Lions Park, and finally found a home on the bridge itself, at the site of the collision.

"I call this the 'guerrilla sign'," the local who informed the *Diary* said. "It's like guerrilla warfare. You hit and run. Before someone official catches up with you, you shift it to the next place!"

Locals are urged to keep their eyes on both the damaged bridge and the wandering protest signs.



New bus schedule disappoints

dear diary

I am writing regarding my great disappointment at the so-called "Big win on buses".

The only changes are the frequency of buses and the extended hours—which are improvements.

However, I was hoping that this would be an announcement of a new route from Warrandyte to the city via the Freeway, without having to go to The Pines and then stop at every stop along Blackburn Road. This adds so much extra time to the journey.

If the aim is to get more

people out of cars and using public transport, then a direct freeway service would go a long way to achieving this for Warrandyte residents. I, for one, would no longer drive to the Doncaster Park 'n Ride to be able to access a fast, direct Freeway service.

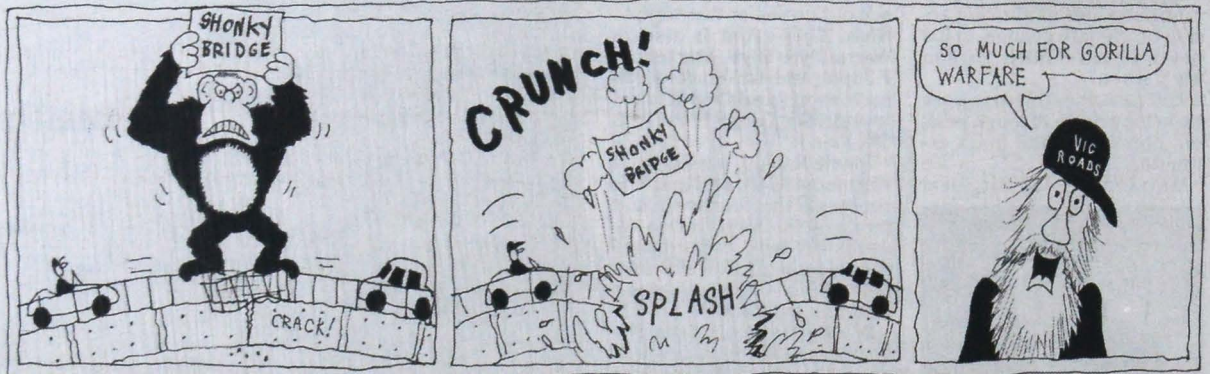
The current journey in the morning averages an hour, and coming home in peak time can take an hour-and-a-half or longer. The planned changes will in no way cut down these travelling times.

How about pushing for a new route, David Ellis?

Carole Egan
Mitchell Avenue

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS, NOVEMBER 27

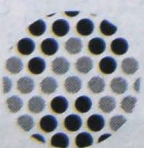
How will you vote?

CITIZENS' ELECTION FORUM

Monday, November 8, 7.30pm

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Research-Warrandyte Road

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WARRANDYTE
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NEW DEAL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Facility is an 'iconic' building

Manningham council has resolved to take control of the Warrandyte Community Centre (WCC), with the aid of a locally based Community Centre Consultative Group, from January 1, 2011.

In their report to council, the officers stressed the critical role of the Warrandyte community in the long battle to obtain the land, in the political struggle to have the centre built and in the planning and establishment of the centre.

The present permanent tenants of the centre are: Information Warrandyte, *Warrandyte Diary*, Warrandyte Lions Club (opportunity shop) and Warrandyte Neighbourhood House. Few changes have occurred in relation to these tenancies over the years.

More recently, the Warrandyte Community Bank has leased space, which they have fitted out as boardroom-style meeting rooms, available to local groups at no cost.

Following their discussions with the Warrandyte Community Centre Support Group (WCCSG), council officers reported:

- The need for substantial capital investment to upgrade the centre;
 - The local community expected the centre to remain a community facility;
 - The community expects to maintain involvement in the management of the centre;
 - While maintaining the community focus, future opportunities to rent spaces to tenants able to pay higher rentals could be explored. An opportunity may arise from council's library facility review regarding the future options for the Warrandyte library service and the location of the library in a community hub.
- The council officers—the CEO, community services director, social and community services manager and social planning and development coordinator—held six individual meetings with core tenants and regular users and a combined meeting with all of these.

The director of community ser-

vices also attended the WCA annual general meeting and public forum.

Key issues arising from these consultations were:

- Recognition that WCC is an iconic building highly valued by the local community;
- The facility is of significant value and benefit to the local community from the perspective of core tenants, casual users and the broader public use;
- Strong opposition to "commercialisation" of the centre;
- Existing management and tenants would like to invigorate the centre to ensure it is a vibrant community hub;
- In-principle support from all parties for council direct management;
- Support for overall refurbishment of the facility including maintenance, access, capital upgrade and design relevant to future use;
- Strong support for co-location of a new Warrandyte library, but not only as an e-library;
- Willingness to explore potential synergies and partnerships, for example, co-location with library;
- Some core tenancies expressed concern regarding existing rental structure as being unsustainable, for example, Warrandyte Neighbourhood House;
- Unanimous support for retention of the facility at the existing site and for community purposes;
- Each of the core tenancies wish to remain at the centre with similar space, exposure and siting;
- Concern expressed from a number of casual users that they would be excluded/unable to use the facility in the future;
- Lions Opportunity Shop highlighted that the financial net benefit from operations of the shop are 100 per cent returned to the community.



Warrandyte will oppose commercialisation

Picture by SANDY BURGOYNE

By CLIFF GREEN

Manningham council intends taking over the management of the Warrandyte Community Centre.

However, they have also acknowledged that the Warrandyte community is strongly opposed to any commercialisation of the building.

At their meeting on September 28, council concluded: "The outcome of a significant review of the Warrandyte Community Centre (WCC) and an extensive consultation undertaken with the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group (WCCSG) and key Warrandyte community leaders is that there is a high level of support for council to assume financial and operational management responsibilities for the Warrandyte Community Centre."

The centre is currently run by the WCCSG, born out of a desperate struggle in 2000 and 2001 to keep the centre in community hands.

The centre was opened in 1991, built by Doncaster and Templestowe council, with some input from the Shire of Eltham and was run by a locally elected management committee.

This building wasn't handed to Warrandyte without a struggle.

For decades the community had battled, first to save the land from private developers, then to guarantee the centre would not be compromised by a large commercial

component, and finally to ensure that it served the particular needs of this community and was designed to complement the existing streetscape.

Community management continued successfully for some 10 years.

Then council, now Manningham, bitten by the then prevalent "user-pays" bug, decided a substantial part of the building should be leased commercially, especially those spaces on the Yarra Street frontage.

Thus a number of the community tenants—including the *Diary* and Information Warrandyte—faced eviction. Any remaining tenants would need to pay rent at commercial rates.

The community rallied, the *Diary* overflowed with protest letters and at a crowded and angry public meeting, WCCSG was born.

Council then called for tenders from "not-for-profit organisations" to manage the centre.

Arguing their case succinctly and persuasively, WCCSG was awarded management of the centre.

With the approaching end of the group's original lease agreement in July 2007, council commissioned consultants to review the situation. Following extensive interviews and research, the consultants reported to council, highlighting "the importance of the centre being managed by the community".

The supporters group's lease was

renewed and they have continued to manage the centre since, at first under the leadership of WCCSG president Jock Macneish, then David Dyason.

In the last few years, the management task has become increasingly onerous for the local volunteer committee. The building is in obvious need of extensive renovation and updating, and the constant battle to raise enough funds from tenants' rental and hiring fees from occasional users became increasingly difficult.

Therefore, in partnership with the community management group, council agreed to "review the current business and management model for the centre and develop a strategic plan for the future".

Council officers prepared this plan after extensive consultation with WCCSG, community tenants and other user groups and organisations. The proposals were discussed and debated at a well-attended public forum, following the annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Association, in July this year.

At this meeting, council's projected plan for the future of the centre was generally approved. One popular proposal was the promise to explore the possibility of a new library—a "real one, with books!"—within the centre, or more practically, in a separate annexe on the community centre site.

Cr Ellis backs change

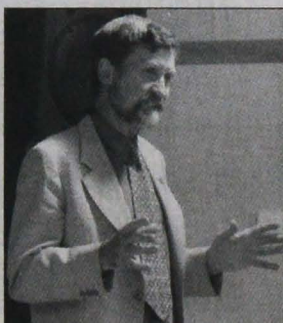
In moving the motion to bring the Warrandyte Community Centre back under council management, Cr David Ellis acknowledged the efforts of the supporters group over the past nine years.

"Management of a facility of this size is a tough call for any volunteer group, however dedicated," he said.

"But I hope that the supporters, and people in Warrandyte generally, will yet contribute to the centre in terms of a vision for what it can be in Warrandyte's future."

"This building has served Warrandyte well for the best part of 20 years. Our task as a council is to see it continuing in effective use—and for me this means on the present site, not part of a resources swap for an alternative building elsewhere in Mullum Mullum.

"What is needed now is a



Cr David Ellis

visionary plan, a makeover of both the physical infrastructure and the management model to achieve the best community use of the centre for the next 20 years," Cr Ellis told the *Diary*.

"The centre is the soul of Warrandyte, both from its origins and its history of community use, it has come to

symbolise the life of Warrandyte."

Controversially, Cr Ellis refused to rule out future commercial activity in the centre.

"I don't accept that future planning for the centre should unilaterally rule out some element of appropriate commercial activity," he said. "The more important issue is to affirm that the core purpose of this symbol of the community is to reflect and support the needs of that community."

"Not only the tenancy mix, but everything about the centre—design, opening hours, access, promotion; and the results should show this is happening effectively."

"What works for Warrandyte here and now? What profile and pattern of use will strengthen and build the community of Warrandyte?" Cr Ellis said.

What council decided

At their meeting on September 28, Manningham council resolved that:

● In line with the outcome of the consultation that has taken place, council advise the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group that the lease between council and the WCCSG will not be extended beyond December 31, 2010;

● Council notes that the consultation process undertaken with key stakeholders was fully supportive of council assuming total operational and financial management responsibility for the Warrandyte Community Centre from January 1, 2011 for three years with reviews;

● An internal working group comprising the

relevant council officers be established to oversee operational and transitional arrangements, including establishing procedures for the management of the Warrandyte Community Centre directly by council; in partnership with the WCCSG, to prepare a proposal to establish a Community Centre Consultative Group to assist council with the future strategic directions of the WCC and develop an action plan to address the key issues arising from the consultation process;

● Council thanks the current WCCSG committee of management for the valuable work undertaken in managing the centre over the past nine years.

CLYDE & OCKER



"What's happening at the Community Centre, Ocker?"
"It's the new paradigm, Clyde!"

Tell the Diary your news



Pictured is Ariel, reading her book to a group of parents.

Unhappy memories of one hot October night

Do you remember these devastating scenes?

It happened one October night, eight years ago, when a firebug burnt down the original North Warrandyte Community Centre and destroyed the Yarra Warra Pre-school.

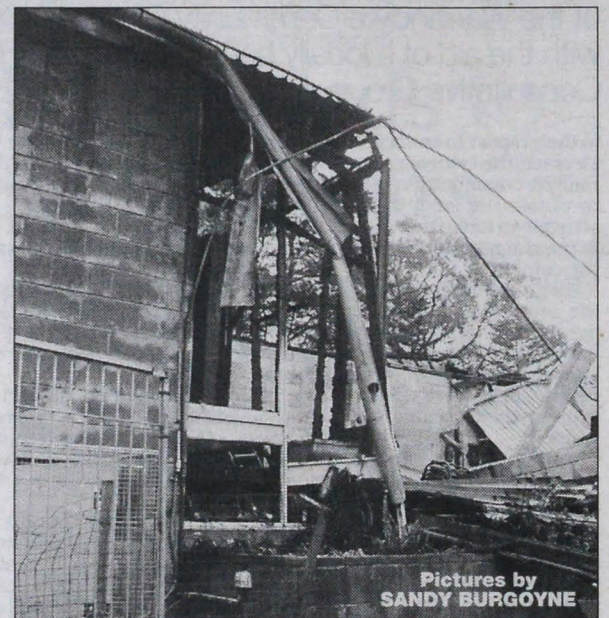
But the Warrandyte community and its businesses—from both sides of the river—rallied to help the kinder. Temporary premises were secured for the kinder kids, money was raised, insurance and the Nil-lumbik council came to the party and the North Warrandyte Community Centre was rebuilt, including a beautiful new pre-school.

Each year, the changing groups of mums and dads at Yarra Warra remember this time when they stage their Hot October Night. It's not only a time to raise some money, and have a good social time; it's also a night to remember how a united community—and its ever-generous business people—rallied to help these little kids continue, unbroken, their pre-school education.

● This year's Hot October Night will be held on Saturday, October 23 at 7.30pm at the Yarra Warra Pre-school in Research Road, North Warrandyte. Information from Andrea Ball on 0408 58 9966.



October 2002: All that remained of the North Warrandyte Community Centre and Yarra Warra Pre-school.



Pictures by SANDY BURGONE

Authors unanimous

Prep kids at Warrandyte Primary School have been writing and making their own books.

"We have been going through different parts of a book," teacher Gaby Chitz told the *Diary*. "Using many 'thinking tools', the children have each created a book of their own, includ-

ing titles, blurbs, illustrations, authors and so on.

"We then had a book launch. Children read their books to parents, family and friends and showed off all their hard work. They read with expression and confidence and were extremely proud of themselves."

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VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS, 2010

WCA gives you a chance to air those vital issues

We turn our backs for five minutes and we're in the middle of another election campaign! With state elections due on November 27, hopeful candidates are already jockeying for the best positions.

So locals can compare policies and personalities, the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) is setting up a candidates' forum.

"As in previous years, candidates from both sides of the river will be present," WCA vice-president Jonathan Upson told the *Diary*. "Most of the evening will be dedicated to the candidates answering questions from the audience."

The forum is scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday, November 8 at the North Warrandyte Community Centre.

"We are pleased to be hosting a candidates' forum again this year and encourage residents to come and ask the hard questions about issues that are important to you," Mr Upson said.

Sitting members Ryan Smith (MP for Warrandyte, south of the river) and Danielle Green (MP for Yan Yean, north of the river) will be present as well as the candidates who are running against them.

The Greens have selected Karin Geradts and Chris Padgham to contest the seats of Yan Yean and Warrandyte, respectively.

Jack Grange is standing for the Liberals in the seat of Yan Yean. As the *Diary* went to press, an ALP candidate for Warrandyte had not been selected. All known candidates have been invited and have indicated they will attend the forum.

Jonathan Upson believes that issues such as bushfire policies, erosion of the Green Wedge, environmental and water policies, public transport, and climate change are likely to be hot issues at the forum.

He is confident other issues will be raised by concerned residents.



Danielle Green



Ryan Smith

"After a gruelling and drawn-out federal election, the Victorian state election appears to be headed for a close contest, according to recent polls.

"The upper house results will also be important. It's possible the Greens may hold the balance of power in the

Victorian upper house, as well as federally in the Senate, later next year," Mr Upson said.

The North Warrandyte Community Centre is located at 184 Research-Warrandyte Road, next to the recently completed North Warrandyte fire station.

Crime is decreasing in our area: official

Crime in our local area continues to fall, year by year, according to Labor MP for Yan Yean, Danielle Green.

She said the 2009-10 Victoria Police statistics show that crime rates for the following offences in the Nillumbik-Manningham police service area have declined over the past year.

Property damage offences have declined by 29.7 per cent, burglary by 28.1 per cent, harassment by 30.7 per cent and weapons and explosive offences by 24.4 per cent.

"These decreases in crime rates are a testament to the hard work of local police in continuing to make our area a safe place in which to live," Ms

Green said.

She said the improved crime numbers were on the back of an announcement that the state government is funding the delivery of an additional 1966 frontline police over the next five years.

Ryan Smith, Liberal MP for Warrandyte, told the *Diary* that crime is an important issue throughout metropolitan Melbourne, "with law and order being one of the major concerns raised with me by community members".

Mr Smith concedes that crime in Warrandyte is certainly not as bad as some parts of Melbourne, but "rather than declining, crimes against the person appear to have remained fairly static in

recent years".

"Property damage and various types of theft seem to be the most common forms of crime in Warrandyte," Mr Smith said.

"The coalition has announced a number of initiatives to tackle crime, all of which will have impact on the incidences of crime in Warrandyte and throughout the state.

"We intend to recruit the largest number of police ever recruited in a single term of government. This will ensure local police stations are adequately staffed and there are sufficient numbers to patrol the streets," Mr Smith said.



Kids can have their say on youth facilities

Calling all skateboarders and BMXers! Manningham council and Manningham YMCA Services are running a special workshop at which skaters and BMXers of all ages will have their say.

Workshop findings will be used to better inform council redeveloping existing or considering potential future skating options in Manningham.

The workshop will be held at the council offices at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster on Thursday, October 21 between 4.30 and 6.30pm.

Following the workshop,

Young people are being involved in planning for youth facilities.

council and the YMCA are hoping to form a small reference group of interested young people to develop ideas and address any issues from the workshop.

"To understand the youth market, we need to work with them, involve them in decision making and engage with them to meet their needs," mayor Cr Charles Pick told the *Diary*.

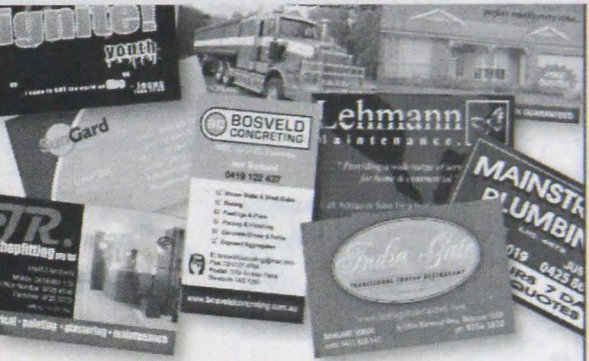
"We hope the end result will ultimately be to create spaces they value, feel welcome in and have ownership over."

• Further information from Stephanie Langton at 9840 9171 or Stephanie.Langton@manningham.Vic.gov.au.



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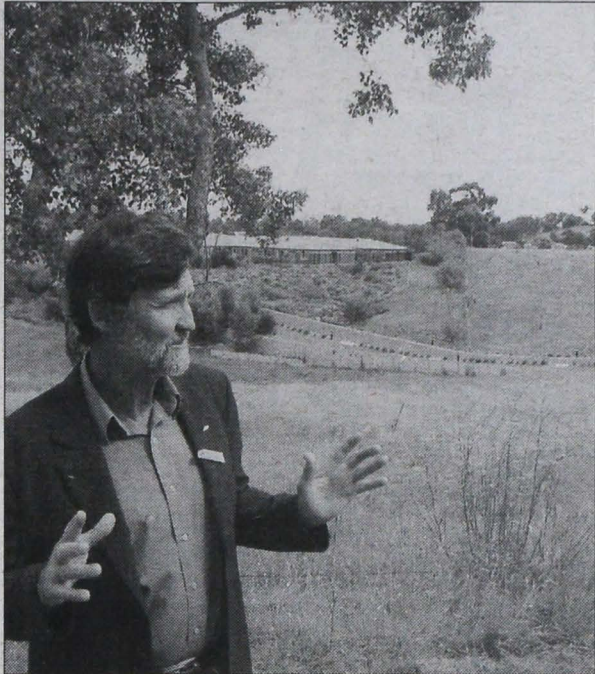
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Councillor seeks support for Wedge



Green Wedge "creep": Cr David Ellis at the site of the proposed nursing home expansion.

According to Manningham councillor David Ellis, the community has only a brief chance to be heard before the planning minister's decision is set as a "clear precedent for overriding Green Wedge provisions" in the case of expansion of the On Luck Nursing Home in Tindals Road.

Cr Ellis states that Manningham council "has been formally asked by state planning authorities to provide comments on the architectural plans for the proposed On Luck expansion—after the application has been effectively pre-approved by the planning minister." He calls this "a token consultation".

"On Luck are planning to expand their facility to three times its present size, despite Green Wedge zoning," Cr Ellis said. "No planning permit has been issued. Instead the planning minister has granted exemption from the requirement for a planning permit."

Cr Ellis is calling on the Warrandyte community to make their views known to the minister.

"If Warrandyte people care

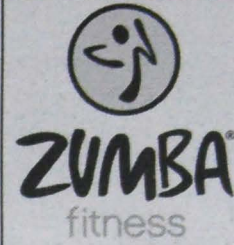
about having a Green Wedge, and a transparent planning process, they have a brief chance to turn this 'Clayton's consultation' into a real consultation."

Manningham council's response will be determined at the October council meeting on October 26. Cr Ellis has called for concerned citizens to attend this meeting and also to make their views known direct to the minister "without delay".

Cr Ellis believes that the issue "is not whether Manningham needs more aged-care facilities, it is whether council is committed to a planning process that is open, fair and equal to all."

"The minister should withdraw his special exemption and the community be fully consulted—this time before the decision is made."

Cr Ellis can be contacted on 9844 5135, with other Manningham councillors he can also be contacted through council's website. Planning minister Justin Madden can be contacted through 9637 8087.



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"Without their moral and financial support, our community would not have its own bank branch, which now can return money, not only to shareholders, but also to local community groups and organisations."

Branch manager Mark Challen said the branch continues to perform strongly, with more than \$115 million in banking business and 4800 accounts.

"We have seen tremendous growth since the branch first opened, and this is bringing huge rewards to local people, and early indications are that this financial year will be another strong one for the branch," Mr Challen said.

Over the past year, the branch has

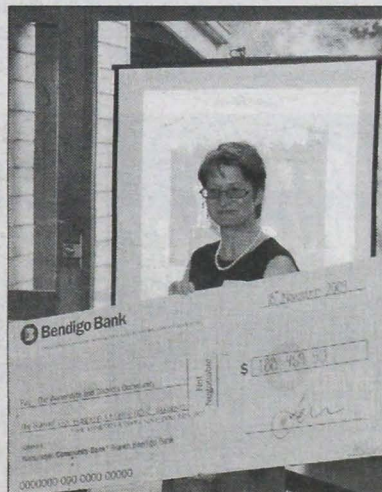
returned \$189,000 to the community as grants and sponsorships, with a further \$150,000 allocated in this year's budget. This brings the total amount re-invested in the community to half a million dollars.

"This is all made possible by locals doing their banking with the Warrandyte Community Bank," Mr Challen said.

Ms Wrigley pointed out that, "importantly, we have been able to leverage significantly more funding from all levels of government because of the money we invest in the community—money that would probably not have been invested in this community over the same period."

She said the grants and sponsorships for this financial year will be announced at the bank's annual general meeting in November, although each group will be advised in October of the outcome of their application.

• The bank's annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17 at 7pm in the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue.



Santa's little helper: Bank board chairman Sarah Wrigley dishing out the dosh at last year's annual general meeting.

Spinach fuels 'bash' for a cause



We'll eat all our spinach and fight to the finish: Neville and Maedy Colenso, about to set off across the Nullabor in support of the 2010 Variety Bash.

Popeye and Olive Oyl of Warrandyte (aka Neville Colenso and his daughter Maedy) have recently returned from participating in the 2010 Variety Club Bash.

They drove their 30-year old Mercedes Benz, with 96 other cars, from Ballarat, across the Nullabor Plain to Margaret River in Western Australia.

"Neville and Maedy managed to raise \$12,000 for disadvantaged Australian children," Lyn Colenso told the *Diary*. "They both wish to sincerely thank residents of Warrandyte and surrounds for their generosity in contributing financially and purchasing the mandallas they sell at the market for Variety," she said.

"Benzy" the old Merc carried the Popeye theme, including an enormous green tin of spinach on the roof, as well as logos of the many sponsors who supported their efforts.

The Variety Club of Victoria raised \$1.3 million from the 2010 Bash. Next year's Bash will travel around Tasmania.

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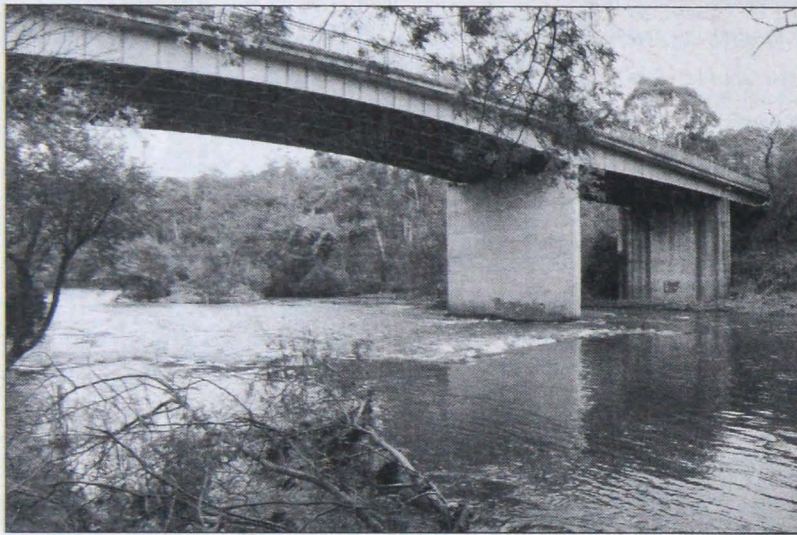
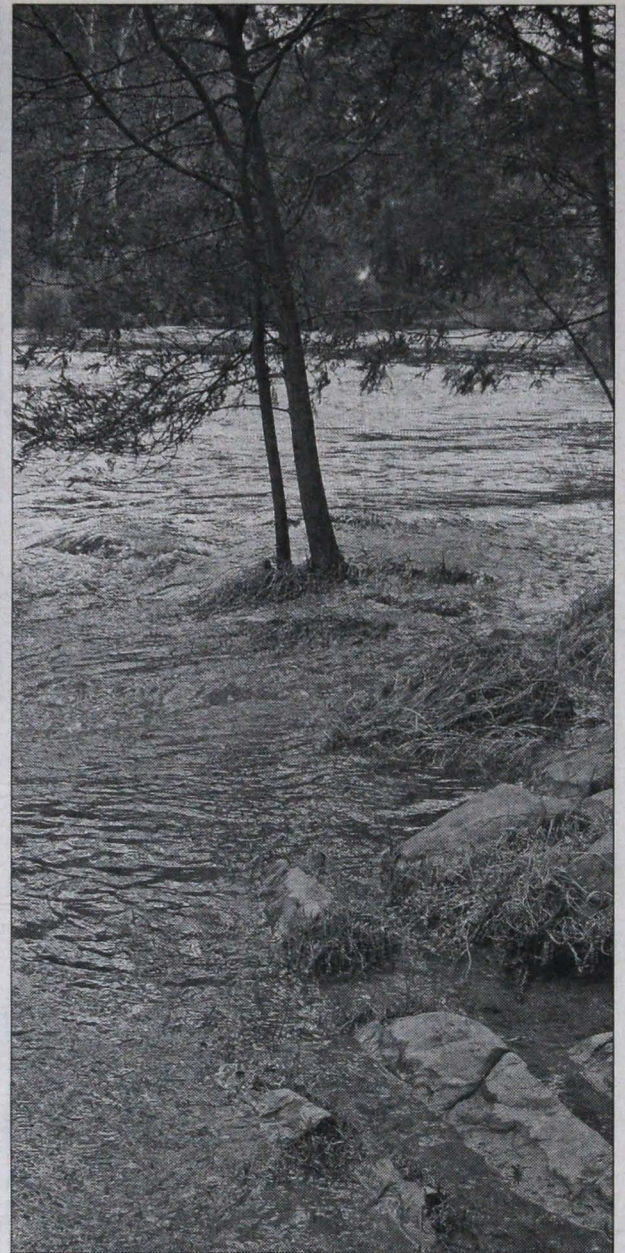
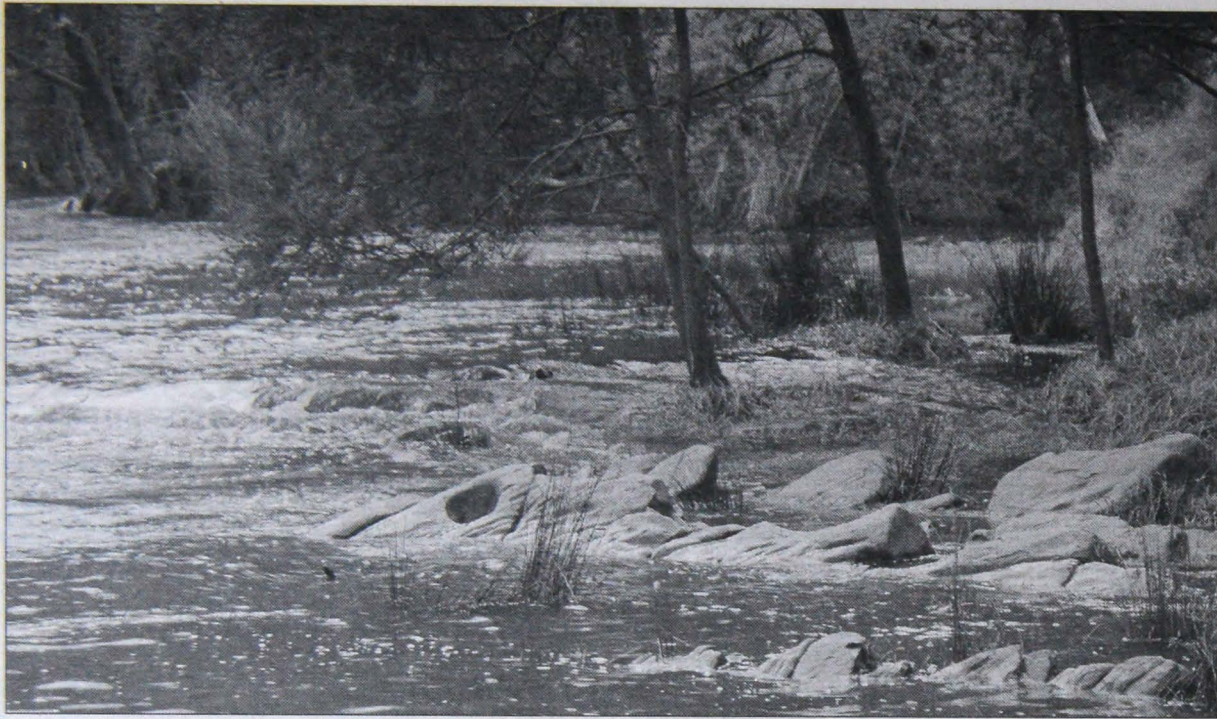
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A tribute to the 1960s television icon Bandstand will be presented by Drawcard Entertainment and Alfred's Homestead on Cup Eve, Monday, November 1. Starring will be "The She-Laas" including vocalists Marion Fay, Jennifer Lee and Margaret Dennis. They will portray three sisters living in the 1960s and the antics they get up to with boys. The theme for the night is "Oh No! My Boyfriend's Back!" Part of the proceeds will go to YWCA Encore which is a gentle exercise program designed specifically for women who have had breast cancer. The performance will be at Alfred's Homestead, 420 Warrandyte-Ringwood Road, Warrandyte commencing at 7pm. The cost of \$60 includes an all-you-can-eat carvery smorgasbord, including seafood and 10 different desserts. To book, call 9844 3013.



Get a load of these She-Laas! You can get a proper look at Alfred's Homestead on Cup Eve.

Auxiliary

The North Warrandyte CFA Auxiliary will meet at 8pm on Thursday, October 21 at the North Warrandyte fire station/community centre complex on Research-Warrandyte Road. The recently formed group needs local people with fund-raising ideas to join their ranks. Their first aim is to fund a generator unit for the brigade's new fire station. Anyone interested is invited to attend this meeting. Call Jeff Hobbs on 0409 844 049 for further information.

Sale

Warrandyte Anglican Church is running a car boot sale at the church, 5-7 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte on Saturday, October 23 between 8.30am and 1pm (vendors arrive 8am). Cost is \$20 per car space. Morning tea will be available. To book a space call 0430 766 470.

Awards

Nominations for the 2011 Menzies Community Australia Day Awards are now open. These awards were established in 1995 to recognise the worthwhile effort of volunteers who have contributed to the Menzies community. Nominations close on Friday, November 5. Call 9848

9900 if you or your community group would like a copy of the nomination booklet.

Conversation

St Stephens Anglican Church in Stiggant Street, Warrandyte will have its next Conversation with the Community on Sunday, November 7 from 11.15am. The topic will be "Does playing violent video games have an impact on children and young people? Who is affected most and what can parents and grandparents do about it?" Leading the discussion will be psychologist Helena Martin. Everyone is welcome.

CAN

Warrandyte CAN (Climate Action Now) is holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday, November 10 at 7.30pm in the Evelyn Room of the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street. All members, supporters and interested guests are invited to attend. President Wayne Rankin will present an overview of the past year's program, discuss 2011 activity plans and call for suggestions for the future.

Fundraiser

Junior Farm Childcare Centre is holding a community fundraiser for the North Warrandyte Fire Station in front of

Warrandyte IGA on Saturday, October 16 from 9.30am. Profits will go towards new equipment for the station. Sausages \$2 and a free Pop Top.

ACCA

The Anderson Creek Landcare group will be holding its annual general meeting at 1pm on Saturday, October 16 in the car park in Gold Memorial Road, Warrandyte. A presentation will be made by local Riverkeeper, Ian Penrose. The day will conclude with a bush tucker-inspired lunch.

Finance

Warrandyte and district women are invited to register for free financial workshops, as part of a series being held across Melbourne. Workshops will be held at both Ringwood (Central Ringwood Community Centre) and Eltham (Nillumbik Living and Learning) on October 14, 21 and 28 and November 4 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. To register visit www.women.vic.gov.au or call 8668 8100

Seminar

The next Manningham Environmental Seminar entitled "Restoring connections: We are all one", will be conducted by Adrianna Simmonds from Wildlife Victoria. It will take place at the Currawong Bush

Park on Wednesday, November 3 commencing at 7.30pm. Seminars are free with no bookings required.

Theatre

Warrandyte Theatre Company is presenting "The Pig Iron People" at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on October 15, 16, 22 and 29 at 8pm and October 23 and 30 at 2pm and 8pm. The play is written by John Doyle and directed by Caroline Shaw. Tickets are \$20, concession \$18. To book call 0488 333 575.

Open

Citizens of Victoria are invited to attend Open Day at Government House on Australia Day, 2011. Gates are open from 10am to 3pm.

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Recall

Manningham Gallery will be showing an exhibition entitled "Local Recall" from Wednesday, October 6 to Saturday 23. The show is presented by Artlinks, a local creative art therapy group based at the Senior Citizens Centre in Warrandyte. Inspired by local history, it depicts personal stories and recollections of everyday life over the years. Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 11am to 5pm and Saturday, 2pm to 5pm.

Spain

The October exhibition at Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte entitled "Un poco de Espana" (a little bit of Spain) will feature Michelle Mischkulnig and friends showing textile pictures inspired by a recent visit to Spain. They show the colour, passion and architecture of the country. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm

Spring

The Tin Shed Gallery adjacent to the roundabout by the bridge in Warrandyte is presenting an exhibition, "Spring". Opening night will be at 8pm on Friday, October 15 with the show closing on Sunday, October 31. Works by local artists, Georgia Clark, Fiona Fisher and Jo-Ann Kline will be on display. The gallery is open Friday to Sunday from 11am to 3pm.



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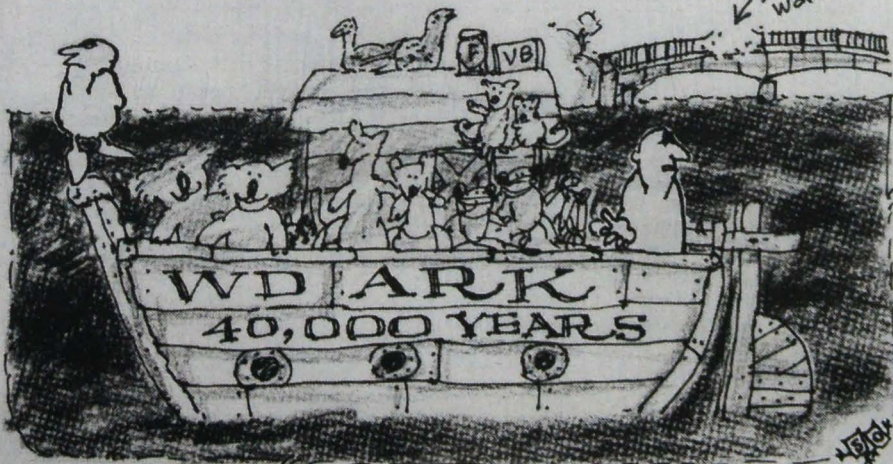
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The grant program supports non-profit community organisations in Manningham to develop and deliver projects, programs and events which benefit and meet the needs of the community.

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

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 18th February, 2011.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Council's website www.manningham.vic.gov.au; by request from grants@manningham.vic.gov.au; or by contacting Lisa Waters, Arts & Cultural Programs Unit on Phone 9840 9305.

Notice of the Preparation of an Amendment to a Planning Scheme and Notice of an Application for Planning Permit given under S96C of the Planning and Environment Act 1987

MANNINGHAM PLANNING SCHEME

Amendment C83 Authorisation No. A01753
Planning Permit Application PL 09/020741

The land affected by the amendment and application for planning permit is 112-126 Old Warrandyte Road and 35 Illawong Drive, Donvale (Lots 1-7 LP209954, Lots 1 & 2 Title Plan 575984E, Lot 5 PS 006095 and Lot C PS 149653L).

The amendment proposes to:

- Rezone part of the land from the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) to the Residential 1 Zone (R1Z);
- Rezone that part of the land located adjacent to the Mullum Mullum Creek, which is to be transferred in Council ownership for open space purposes, from Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) to Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ);
- Delete the Heritage Overlay (HO16) from the subject land;
- Replace the existing Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO1) with a new Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO8) to manage vegetation controls and buildings and works; and
- Apply a Design and Development Overlay (DDO11) to that part of the land to be included in the proposed Residential 1 Zone (R1Z) land to manage subdivision and development.

The application is for a permit to subdivide the land into 56 allotments with associated earthworks and vegetation removal. The person who requested the amendment and the applicant for the permit is Contour Consultants Aust Pty Ltd on behalf of Mullum Pty Ltd.

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

- Manningham City Council, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster;
- at the Manningham City Council website, www.manningham.vic.gov.au;
- the Department of Planning and Community Development web site, www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection

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:

Teresa Dominik
Manager Economic and Environmental Planning
Manningham City Council
P O Box 1
DONCASTER VIC 3108

The closing date for submissions is 29 October 2010.

LYDIA WILSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Mikaela Smith and her winning entry.

Bushfire tragedy in winning photo

A Warrandyte High School student has won a prestigious photographic award, open to high school students in Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

The Pixel Prize, run by the Australian Catholic University, has been won by Mikaela Smith of South Warrandyte.

Mikaela took out top prize in the "Place" category with her image of the Black Saturday bushfires. The Year 12 WHS student said the 2009 bushfires had touched her

personally.

"This photo is about the loss of life and the spirits that are still lurking around, stuck between two worlds," Mikaela said.

"I wanted to show confusion and frustrations in the children's face, as they don't know what has happened to them."

A ceremony was held at the Catholic University's Melbourne campus to announce the winners and open an exhibition of the finalists' work.



A detail from Mikaela's winning photo.

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Bank goes in to fight for hero Jim

Warrandyte footy hero Jim Logan is to receive help from the Bendigo Community Bank's Extra Time Appeal.

Thirty-three year old Jim was diagnosed last year with a terminal brain cancer and is now on a special drug treatment plan to help in his battle with the disease.

Jim played his last game with the Warrandyte Seniors in August 2009, when the local team defeated Whitehorse Pioneers and secured a place in the Eastern Football League Third Division

finals.

"But it was more than the result of the game that brought the crowd to its feet," *Diary* sports editor Robert White reported. It was Jim Logan's first game of the season after being diagnosed.

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

The Extra Time Appeal is

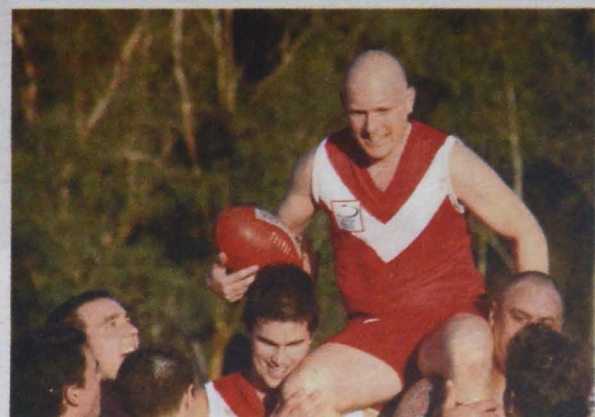
an initiative of the Carrum Downs community branch of the Bendigo Bank, conducted in partnership with the bank's Community Enterprise Foundation. It was set up to support terminally ill patients with funding towards the cost of essential medication and treatment not covered under the government pharmaceutical scheme. The Warrandyte Community Bank has donated \$5000 to the fund.

"Jim and his family are well known in the community and we wanted to do something

to help," Sarah Wrigley, local bank board chairman, told the *Diary*. "Funding from the branch has been matched by the Warrandyte Lions Club. This will help, but we still need everyone to support this appeal.

"Jim's drug program will cost \$20,000, so more funds are needed to help cover the costs of the treatment."

• Donations to the Extra Time Appeal can be made at any Bendigo Bank branch, or online at www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation/extratime.



Help up high: Jim Logan is our local hero. (Picture by Robert White)



Pictures by BILL PARRY and SIMONE NEWMAN

They relayed all night to defeat cancer

The third Relay for Life, held last month at Warrandyte Reserve, saw more than 500 locals come together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and join the fight back against the disease in a moving, overnight event.

The relay raised approximately \$55,000, an improvement on last year's total of almost \$53,000. The first Warrandyte Relay for Life—in 2008—raised \$15,000.

Lisa West, from the Cancer Council, said she had felt confident that this community would again embrace the event, but she was overwhelmed by the generous, continuing support they received.

"On behalf of the Relay for Life volunteer committee and Cancer Council Victoria, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved for their contributions," Ms West told the *Diary*.

"So many gave us their time, skills and knowledge, without which the event would not have been so successful, or even possible."

Ms West said there were many highlights throughout the weekend that people would reflect upon, especially the survivors and car-

ers walk—the opening lap of the relay.

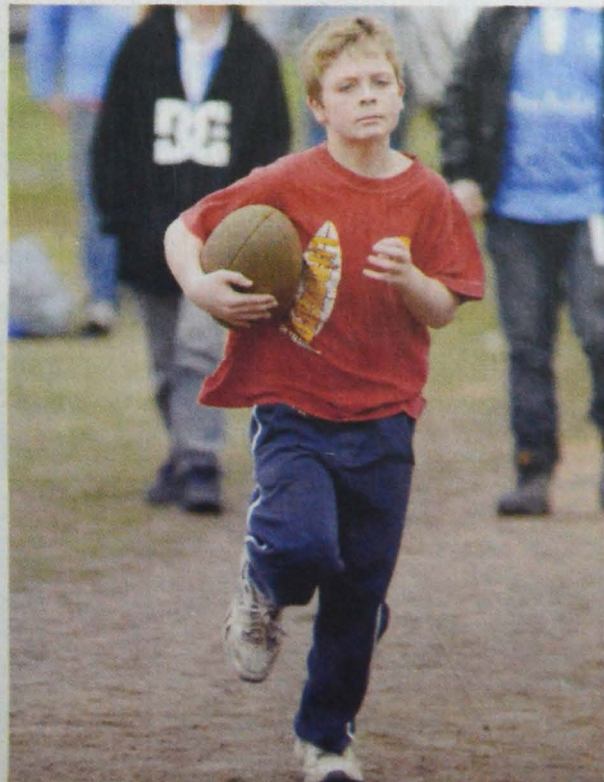
"At dusk, we came together in an emotional candlelight ceremony to remember and honour loved ones lost to cancer. I'm sure this special tribute gave people the strength to go on walking though the night," she said.

Ms West said the Warrandyte community should feel extremely proud of its achievements. She congratulated everyone and thanked them for their unwavering commitment to the fight against cancer.

"The money raised through the Warrandyte Relay for Life will benefit locals directly through the funding of the Cancer Council's world-class education and prevention programs, as well as such support services as the Cancer Council Hotline (13 11 20), a valuable resource available to Victorians affected by cancer.

"Importantly, funds will also enable the Cancer Council to continue its research to find answers to defeat cancer," Ms West said.

• For more information about the next Warrandyte Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org.au, call 1300 65 65 85, or email warrandyte@relayforlife.org.au.





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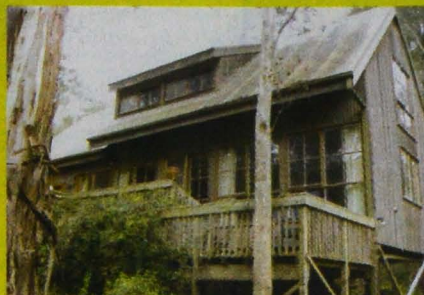
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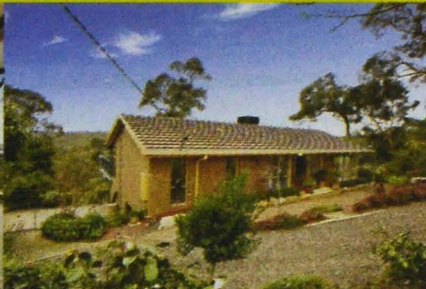
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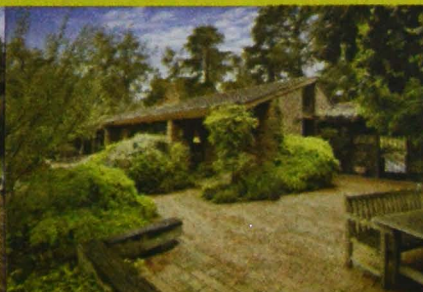


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High School kids celebrate a musical life

“**L**IFE is a Musical” is a celebration of 15 Broadway musicals in a 90-minute show featuring well known songs from productions as diverse as *Funny Girl*, *The Wiz* and *Grease*. It opens with mug shots of the leading performers, and squeals of delight from their classmates in the audience. Two years ago Warrantyte High School staged something similar. Called *Highlights* it was a travelogue of previous productions that was impaired by a lack of integration. Will the whole be equal to the sum of its parts this year? We attended opening night to find out.

Once the squeals had subsided we were invited into the world of an obsessive fan boasting the second largest collection of Broadway cast recordings in New York—1425 to be precise. Played with vigour by Georgia Westgarth she asks pointedly at the outset, “Don’t you ever wish that life was a musical... wouldn’t it be nice to live in a world where everything worked out for the best?”

theatre
By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

Ironically she then makes way for a snapshot from *The Little Shop of Horrors*, a musical that ends with carnivorous plants devouring the humans who care for them. The selected songs—Skid Row, *Little Shop* and *Somewhere that’s Green*—feature soloists Dylan Burns, Ashley Zovic, Hayley Frost, Tamsin Mackie, Amy Vanderhurst and the full cast. They match the opening narration perfectly, set a cracking pace and round off an engaging first scene.

Throughout, the narrator performs several useful and amusing functions—explaining things (what is a juke box musical?), imitating the award acceptance speech of an egocentric actress and narrating implausible segues between snapshots. This character is an important innovation, even if her script reads like it is cut-and-

paste from Wikipedia. Geogia’s prodigious contribution to the production is matched by that of Amy Vanderhurst. She is integral to six of the 15 musical snapshots, and sings an endearing version of *Someone Like You*, from the show of the same name.

It is no mean feat to get 40 high school students moving in the same direction on cue, then dancing in time to three or four minutes of music. This year choreography hit the goldilocks zone (not too easy, not too hard) with the result that seven of the 15 snapshots were so filled with movement and colour that, just for a moment on this cold winter’s night, I thought I sensed the audience wish that life was a musical.

It was encouraging to see Mark Banks use the theatre’s lighting grid creatively. This was especially evident in the song tributes to *Chicago* and *Cabaret*. The high contrast lighting made these numbers, *Cell Block Tango* and *Money Makes the World Go Around* a little confronting (at least for the

dads in the audience). As Tamsin, Amy, Ashley, Alison Todd, Victoria Downie and Julia Lewis brought the seamy, materialistic and dark side of life to the stage, one could sense some doubt in the audience. Upon reflection perhaps we do not wish that life is a Broadway musical!

As ever, the unsung heroes of this production are the mums and dads who scurry between the dressing room and front-of-house, out of breath and anxious; the technicians who stage what in the end is a relatively complex show, and the musicians who bring each song to life under the sure baton of Julia Buchanan. The winners, of course, are the children who immerse themselves in drama, comedy, song and dance for a memorable moment in their lives, and our community which holds dear the independence and confidence that school productions foster.

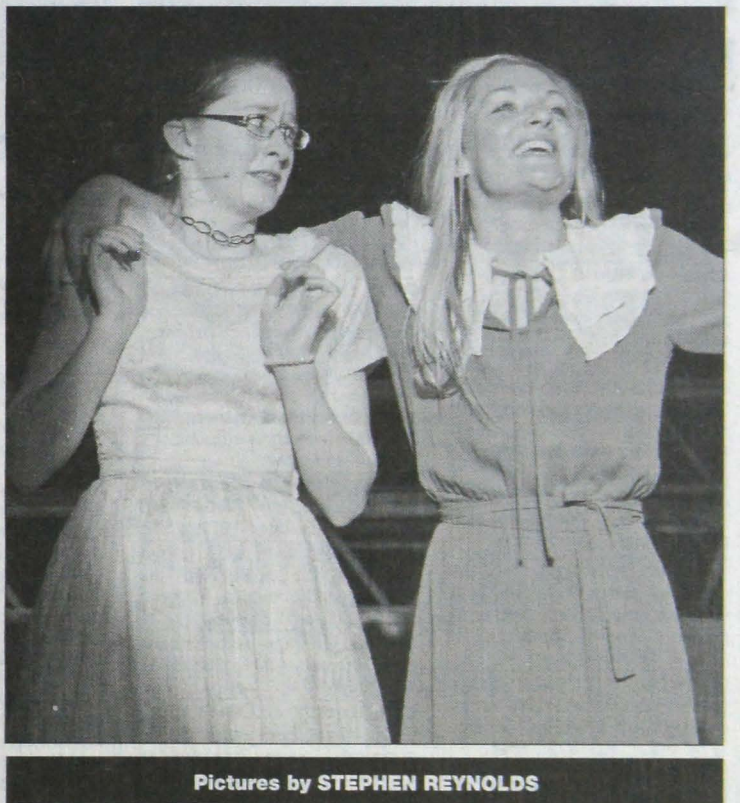
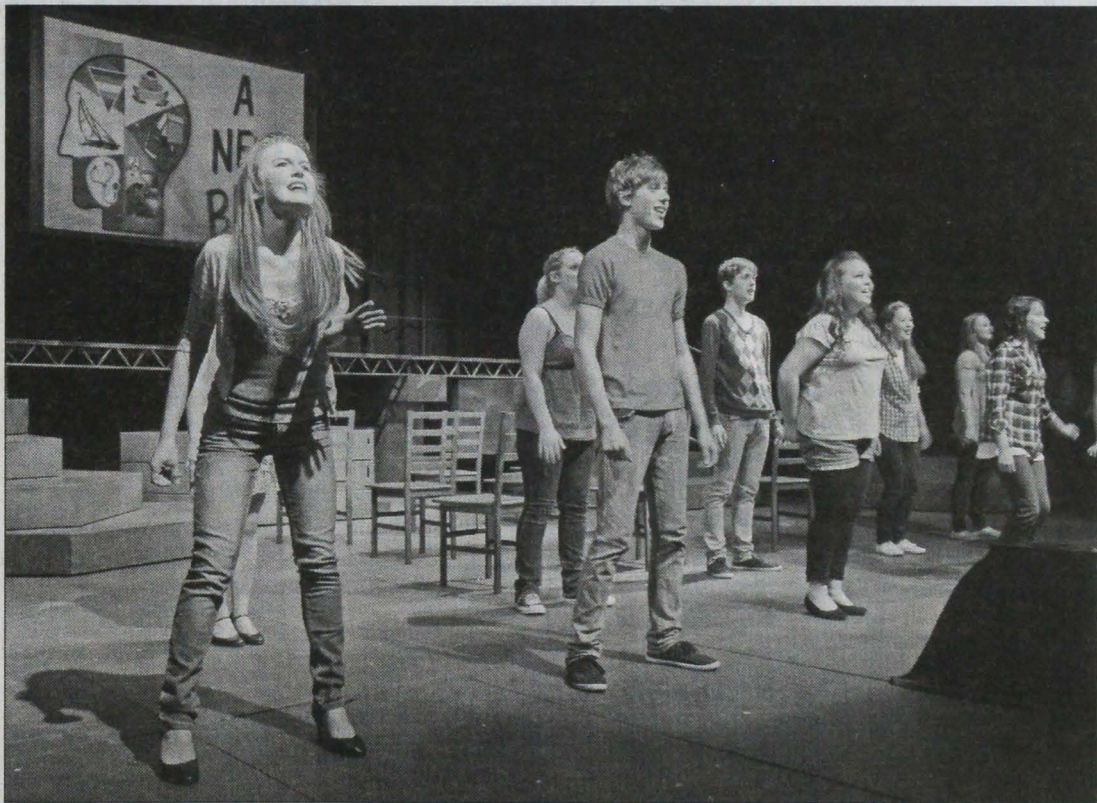
However the last word goes to the narrator who, by the time she segues to the finale sounds breathless but still on song, her raunchy Bronx accent still intact: “If you want life to be a musical

then you must end with an inspirational speech about love, hope and the American way. Add an emotional underscore for effect and a few schmaltzy clichés.”

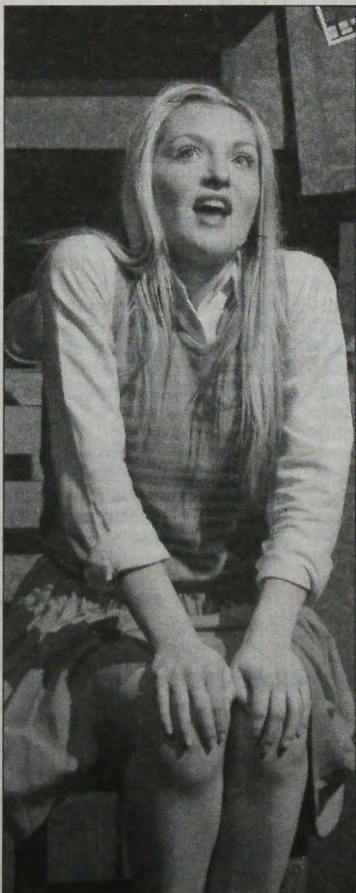
In this context the closing number is an interesting choice, with a back-story as intriguing as any Broadway musical plot. Don’t stop *Believing* has, in its own way, become an anthem for the Z generation.

From the opening riff the theatre is again filled with those squeals of delight—not heard since the overture. The lyrics confirm that in one sense life is a musical—art in whatever form, can do nothing other than imitate our life and times.

On balance we find that *Life is a Musical* is almost equal to the sum of its parts. A nagging constraint is the paucity of males—one boy for every seven girls in the cast. Nevertheless it was an entertaining show, sparking fond memories of musicals past. Thanks to the creative minds that stitched it together and the young who delivered it with such enthusiasm.



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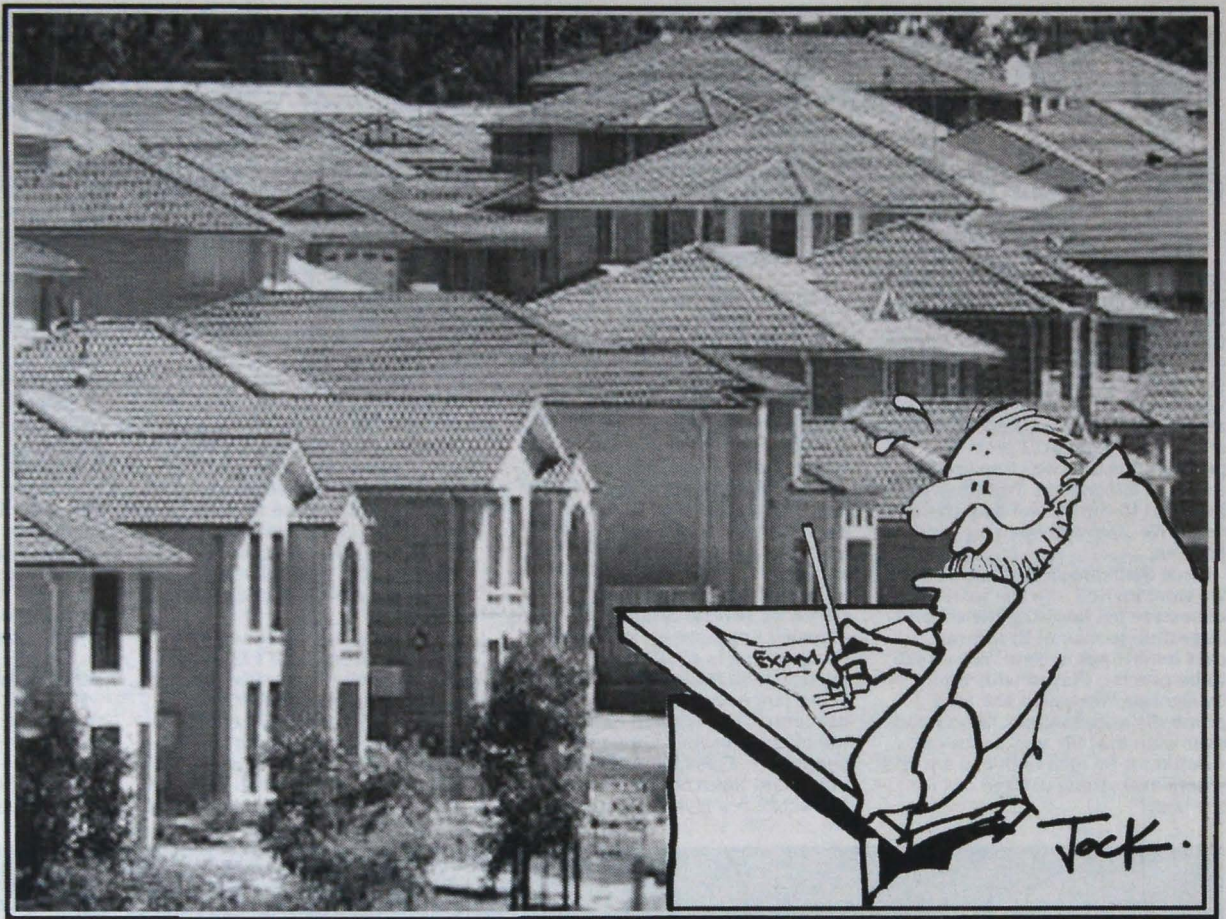
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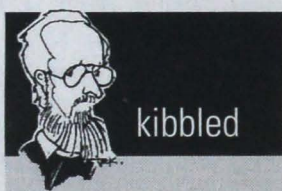


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Young architect's puzzle: desecrate or appreciate

THERE was 15 minutes to go and Guy had to make the decision of his life. He was in the final exams of his degree in architecture. The rest of the questions were routine and he had made the calculations and quoted the appropriate acts and procedures, but this last question asked for an assessment of the appropriateness or otherwise of rebuilding in a heritage precinct in Ballarat. The street was a fairly typical Ballarat street with its collection of last century miners' cottages, Victorian villas of the gold strike nouveau riche and a few modest 1950s decorated weatherboards that were designed to fit in to the surrounding area. One of these had been sold to a client who had approached the architect with an open-ended house brief to "do what you think best with the site". Guy's task was to decide what he would suggest.



"The street was a fairly typical Ballarat street with its collection of last century miners' cottages, Victorian villas..."

Now those of us old enough to have been around the traps for a few years, know that this was a code for "tell us what are the current accepted truths about today's architectural styles as benevolently dictated to you by your lecturer". I can understand Guy's dilemma. He was a slightly older student and had travelled overseas before deciding on architecture. Whilst away, he had been taken by the way the Europeans managed to maintain the integrity of their old towns and villages. Admittedly it was sometimes a nightmare for residents


who wanted to renovate or extend but somehow they all managed and the result was that people from all over the world flock to admire these places, mainly because they do look good and are unlike the hodge-podge that we are rapidly creating back here. For a split second he was tempted to write along these lines but then thought better of it when he thought back on what had been drummed into him over the past years. During term time, his lecturers had carefully explained that when we are contracted to build in an existing area we certainly cannot be seen by our professional peers to countenance the Disneyland theme park notion of design; the view that you should not build replicas of buildings that

already exist as this would be mere pastiche. Not only would this be intellectually dishonest but it also would beggar the question of when are you ever allowed to move on from the 1890s or the 1930s or whatever is the predominant style of the street. We have a responsibility, to the profession, to experiment and forge new styles. Secretly, Guy thought that the new subdivisions on the fringes of Melbourne would be the appropriate place for these. He also wondered how far was architectural experimentation going when in every real-estate-porn magazine delivered to our doors, every house was the same, with intimidating cavernous spaces, soulless granite, glass and stainless steel kitchens, no outside areas save for the pocket handkerchief-sized replicas of outback gibber plains and the ubiquitous leather seated "home cinema". But Guy had been studying for too long and already he was thinking of next years' uniform of black, his promised job in the warehouse conversion studio business in North Fitzroy, the chattering, after work brag fests in the nearby, as-yet-undiscovered wine bar and the ability to tell people "I designed that", even if his only contribution was to check that the computations were correct for the tonnes of concrete needed for the infinity pool in the parents' retreat. Surely there is no such thing as the correct idea in fashion. Had Guy been studying in the

1850s what he was taught would be different from what were the prevailing truths in 1950. Apart from those few, fleeting times when the fashion was not to have fashion and that anything can be matched with anything, most eras have agreed that despite whatever is the current style, it works if you keep the integrity of its elements. I suppose this is what I like about overseas planning restrictions and what I don't like about the destruction of so many of our streetscapes. Beechworth decided long ago that its appeal and effectiveness as a tourist destination was directly linked with the homogeneity of its appearance. It allows only a limited palette of house colours, buildings must be restored in keeping with the others and there are no large, neon advertisements. And people flock there. I see Guy has been seduced by his shaven-headed, tie-less peers, and in our street, another lovely, gracious weatherboard house has been knocked down, replaced by a stylistically anonymous, blue board rendered two-storey box with frosted upstairs side windows. Gradually the streetscape is changing but to what? Cut to 2050. "Gone are the days of drab conformity. Your job as architect is to raise the spirits and to do what we need with the help of decoration." Hopefully, the wheel will turn.

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Koalas: where are they all?

nature
By LINDA ROGAN

ALTHOUGH Koala were revered and sometimes used as food by Aborigines, they were seldom seen by the earliest settlers. However, as the numbers of Aborigines and predators decreased in the 1850s to 1890s, the Koala population increased and it became economical to hunt them for fur. From the mid to late 1870s until the early 1900s, hundreds of thousands of Koala pelts were exported. Early attempts at regulation in Victoria did little to slow this hunting.

According to Victoria's Koala Management Plan 2004, by the 1930s, Koalas on the Victorian mainland were thought to be confined to a few remnant populations in South Gippsland and the Mornington Peninsula. Fortunately, local people had introduced a few Koalas to French Island and Phillip Island in Westernport during the 1890s and early 1900s.

The French Island population came from few animals "thereby creating a severe genetic bottleneck". Within Victoria, only a population in the Strezlecki area appears to have reasonable genetic diversity. These are now threatened by bushfires and further land clearing.

In 1985, after an absence of about 55 years, 34 Koalas were introduced to Pound Bend in Warrandyte and in 1988 a further 35 individuals were brought in. All were from French Island, then seriously overpopulated. Initially these animals, unfamiliar with their new location, tended to stay



A lone Koala, high in a gum tree at Pound Bend. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

close to the release sites.

Rapid population expansion followed. At Pound Bend there was a Koala in nearly every tree. While this was lovely for observers, it was unsustainable long term. The management plan 2004 states, "In most Victorian forests and woodlands Koala population densities are naturally low (about 1 per ha)". Plastic collars were used to protect some Manna Gums from over grazing with mixed success.

Voluntary Koala counting in the Pound Bend area started on a regular basis in 1998 and

has continued most years, up to the present. Early counts were usually in the high twenties or thirties but after 2006 only single digit figures have been recorded and no joeys after 2004.

The unprecedented years of drought have taken their toll. Not only were leaves in the trees reduced in number, they were reduced in quality for the Koala. Koalas are finicky about the leaves they eat. They have been recorded eating up to 26 species of Eucalyptus in Victoria, with four or five being preferred species. In our area

their preferred trees include Manna and Swamp Gums, and further toward the city, River Red Gum and Blakelys Gum. Carers report that at times Koalas will reject leaves from trees they have previously accepted. They can apparently judge the quality of each leaf by smell.

Factors include percentage of water in the leaves, nutritional content and concentrations of a number of toxic substances. Koalas are able to sustain a greater density where their food trees occur on higher quality soils, and lesser density on poorer quality soils. Sadly for Koalas, areas with high quality soils are often cleared for farming. Much of the Warrandyte area has low quality soils.

In the past, Koalas were able to move freely along the tree-lined Yarra River corridor. This corridor has been disrupted by housing, clearing and bushfires.

The good news is that revegetation projects started years ago are reaching an age where they can be utilised by Koalas. A park ranger reports that there is a small but stable population—including young—further down the Yarra towards the city. These came from the Pound Bend releases and have been utilising 20-year-old River Red Gum plantations.

A past ranger describes the Koala as a "success story ... in that a koala population has been established and extended over a wide range and persists today, if not in the inflated numbers of the 1990s". He adds, "Present rains mean we can watch out for the presence of joeys in the coming year."

For these reasons, the upcoming November Koala counts will be of particular interest.

Good old Collingwood forever!

YOU know it's bad form to judge people on first appearances. But you do it anyway. You just can't help it. If a well-dressed woman pauses in front of an expensive dress-shop at The Pines, you take one glance at the rigid coiffure, botoxed face, distinctive jewellery and picture-perfect manicure and make an immediate diagnosis.

Templestowe. But what would you think if this woman also sported a large tattoo, ragged stockings and down-at-heel shoes? I wouldn't know what to think. My brain would be reeling in confusion. Doesn't that sort of thing, along with bum-revealing t-shirt dresses, tongue studs and impossible platform boots, belong in the wilds of Northcote or Brunswick or, dare I suggest it, Collingwood?

Ahh. Collingwood. The Maggies won the Grand Final, eventually, but they sure lost the war of words.

How the muck flew in the lead-up to the Grand Final replay! Melburnians were clearly bored with football, and why

wouldn't they be? Everything that could possibly have been said about the game, the players, the coaches, the umpires, and everything else even remotely related to the game, had already been done to death the previous week.

Footy season hype is fine-tuned to peak towards the end of the Grand Final, and then it all dissolves in a welter of post-mortem, congratulation, exhaustion and ultimately relief as another season ends. Well, there wasn't much scope for a post-mortem after the first attempt at the St Kilda v. Collingwood Grand Final, and not much point in it either. "If only" can be repeated only so many times! There was no congratulation and certainly no relief. All that remained was exhaustion.

Thus, in Week 2 of the Grand Final lead-up, to fill the unexpected vacuum, out came all the old Collingwood jokes about bogan dress codes and life at the remand centre. The email was clogged with them, and I know they were doing the rounds because I started hearing the same jokes on the radio.

Q. What do you call a

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

Collingwood supporter in a white tracksuit? A. The bride.

Q. If you're driving along near a Collingwood supporter on a bike, why shouldn't you run over him? A. It's probably your bike.

Q. What's the first question asked at a Collingwood supporters' quiz night? A. "What you looking at?"

Q. Two Collingwood supporters are in a car without ker-thunk ker-thunk music. Who's driving? A. The policeman.

I did start to feel a bit sorry for any Collingwood supporters who aren't bogans (and there probably are a couple, as it's the club with the largest membership). But once an image has distilled, and been perpetuated for decades, it's pretty tough to break it down. Red Symons on ABC's 774 breakfast program did his best to even the score by inviting listeners to phone in with

St Kilda jokes. Cruel but fair. Unsurprisingly, the session was a bit of a fizzer as mostly there aren't any St Kilda jokes. One brave caller did try hard to come up with something that didn't involve gays and light globes:

Q. What do you call a St Kilda supporter in a suit? A. The defendant!

"No, no, NO!" Symons wasn't going to have a bar of that. "That's an old Collingwood joke!"

And he's quite right. It was close to the top of every joke list.

Like a few other people around here, I forgot to listen to the replay of the Grand Final on Saturday. Too busy doing a bit of vital research before heading down to Geelong for some REAL excitement, the men's UCI Road Cycling World Championship on Sunday. And that wasn't the only distraction. At the strategic time of 2pm Saturday, our neighbour's house was auctioned. I just had to pop over to share a glass of champagne and size up the new owners. At the very least, they couldn't possibly be Collingwood supporters!



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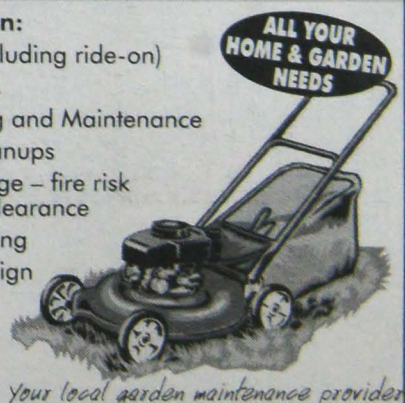
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Wyena pony club celebrates 50 years at the gallop

FOR 50 years, the Wyena Horse and Pony Club has been giving local young folk training and experience in horse management and etiquette as well as lots of fun and friendship.

Few people would know that the club was founded by a local policeman who was once a mounted constable.

"Everyone at the club is very excited about this milestone and is particularly looking forward to the celebration dinner," Karen Luke told the *Diary*.

The history of the club goes back to a meeting that took place at the South Warrandyte Hall on October 26, 1960. This meeting was largely instigated by Constable Jim Pike, an ex-mounted policeman who was in charge of Warrandyte Police Station.

At the meeting the first committee was elected, the club was formed and their inaugural rally was planned, to be held on Sunday, December 11 at "Flowerdell" in Brysons Road, Warranwood.

The kids and their ponies have had to move to grounds situated in various locations around the Warrandyte area since the club was founded.

Finally they secured their current home at Coleman Reserve, South Warrandyte, where clubhouse and riding arenas are located.

The club is also fortunate to have its own first class cross-country

course in Husseys Lane, Warrandyte.

"But while the riding facilities enjoyed by the club are excellent, the major challenge of the current committee is to develop a plan to upgrade the clubhouse, which is sadly past its prime," Karen Luke said.

The club caters for riders of all abilities and prides itself on its friendly and inclusive culture. "Our riding members include littlies as young as 4 years old, right through to young adults in their 20s."

And while horsemanship and riding skills are the main focus, "the club is committed to developing leadership and a strong sense of community spirit in all our members".

The club has a very active junior committee which helps run club events (rallies) and assists with fundraising. And in a less formal way, the older children mentor and coach the younger ones—giving them encouragement to try new things with their ponies—like entering a competition for the first time—and sharing with them the knowledge they have acquired over many years of horse ownership.

The major fundraiser for the club is its annual Horse Trials event held over two days in March. This attracts more than 100 riders from all over Victoria and is a state qualifier event.

Horse Trials have three phases: dressage, show jumping and cross-

country. A combined training day in June and the Wyena Show and Showjumping day in September complete the competition calendar for the club.

"A common misconception is that equestrian sport is only for the rich, and it is true, owning a horse is a major investment in both time and money.

"But the majority of our members are regular people who work hard and give up many other things to support their children's love of horses and riding," Ms Luke said.

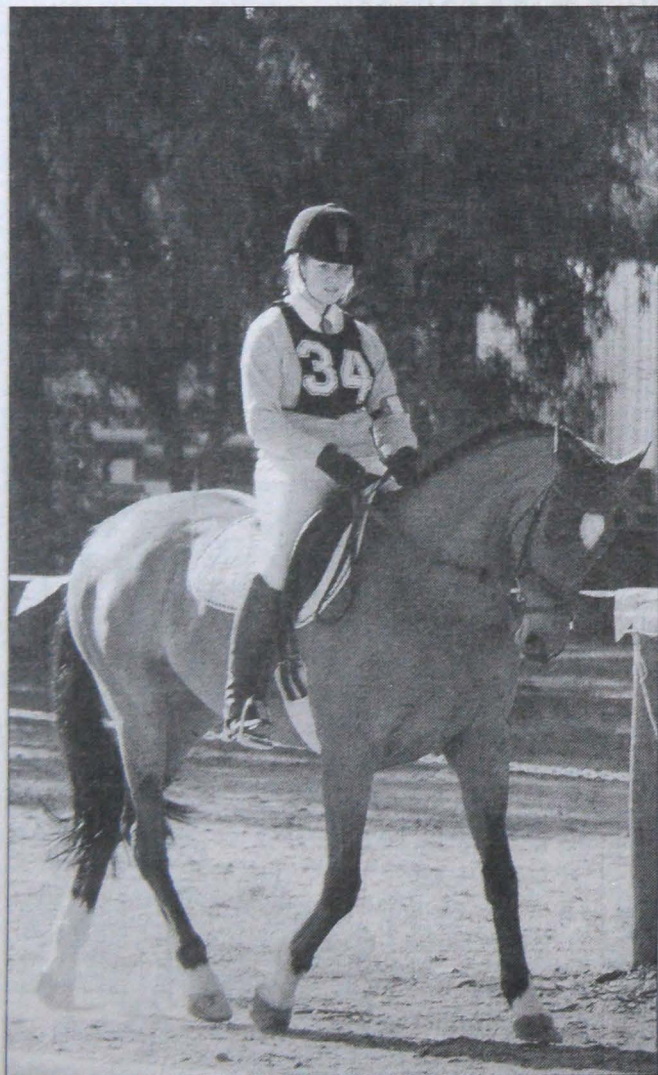
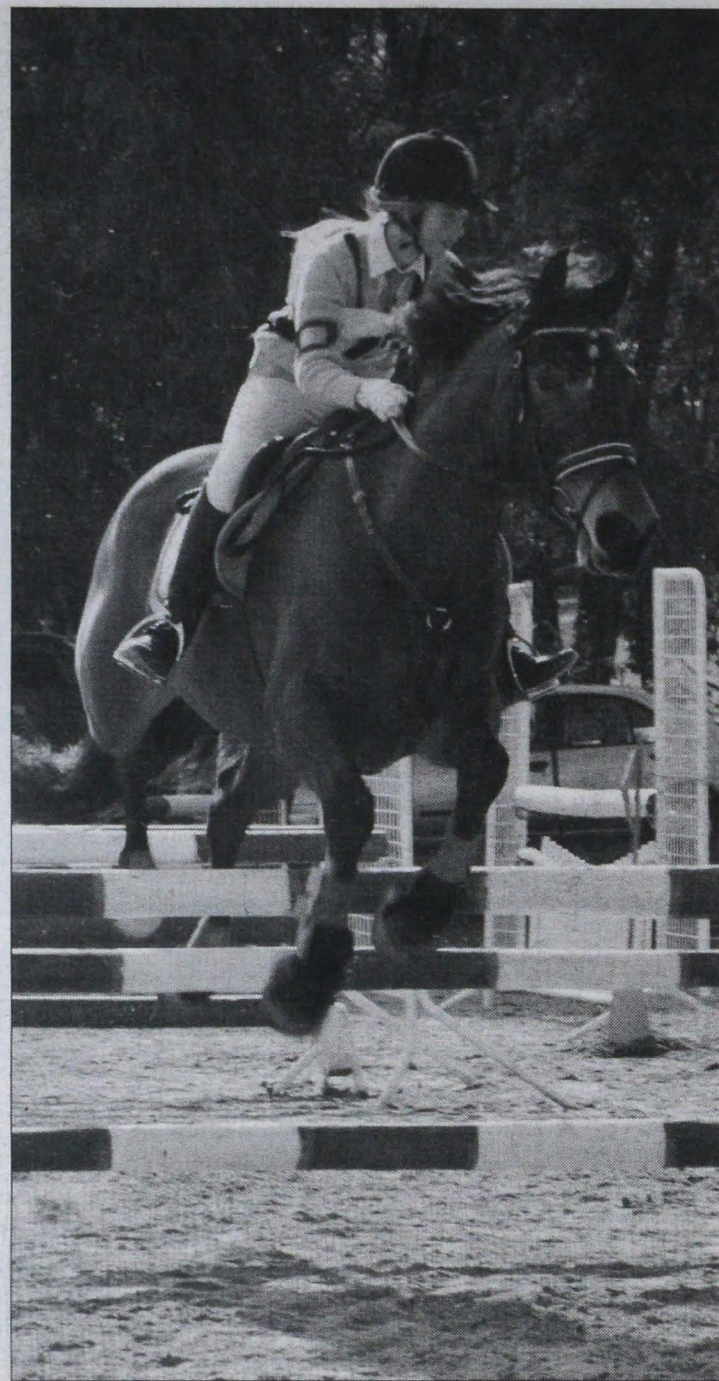
The highlight of the 50th anniversary is a dinner to be held at the Ringwood Bowls Club on Friday, October 22, commencing at 7pm.

The committee and members of Wyena Pony Club would like to invite everyone who has been affiliated with the club over its 50-year history to attend the dinner.

"We hope it will be a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the many former members of the club and to celebrate the achievements of past and current members," Ms Luke said.

"It promises to be a fun and entertaining night for all with sumptuous catering, a great band and some daggy dancing from the mums and dads!"

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 14 years and under. To purchase tickets please visit: www.wyena.ponyclubvic.org.au or for more information call Karen on 0433 473 302.



Loving companions: Show jumping, dressage and cross-country rallies. Some Wyena pony club kids and their horses through the years.





The mechanics of community arts participation

By MICHELLE PINI

FEEL like trying your hand at a pottery wheel? What about indulging your inner thespian? These and many other artistic pursuits are on offer at the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute and Arts Association.

Maintaining the long tradition of mechanics institutes, which were established as adult educational venues in 1823 to cultivate literature, science and art, the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute and Arts Association (WMIAA) has a rich history of promoting culture and knowledge.

The Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute began in 1882 when the Andersons Creek School No 12 (now known as Warrandyte Primary School) moved location and a free adult library service was offered in the building—then located on the corner of Yarra and Forbes streets.

Although the library service is long gone, WMIAA has continued to provide adult education in various forms and is flourishing more than a century later. A rich framework of performing and fine arts groups are on offer and include pottery, music and craft as well as painting and theatre.

In addition, the building's affordable space is offered to many community groups and individuals for educational and social activities.

The association attracts long-time residents of Warrandyte and district, and is also a vehicle for many people who are new to the area to connect with the community.

According to president, Ken Virtue, the society "keeps you interested and can become an all-encompassing community pastime." Ken and wife Libby met at a drama production in the early 1980s. Ken said lifelong friendships are common at the society and is aware of at least three other instances where people met their life partner.

The drama group—best known as the Warrandyte Theatre Company, is the largest component of the association and stages several

productions each year, including its widely successful, annual follies revue.

This coincides with the Warrandyte Festival in March each year featuring sell-out performances over three weekends.

The original stone-built fire station building at the rear of the hall in Mitchell Avenue is home to the Pottery Group which offers a diverse range of pottery and sculpture activities.

Over the years, the group has been actively involved in community projects including the Federation Path; the garden path and sculpture at the Mechanics Institute in Warrandyte; the Perorchan Sculpture at The Pines shopping centre and a mosaic panel for the playground at Finn's Reserve in Templestowe.

Art expression and appreciation are cultivated by the painting group which operates both within the hall and outdoors in the beautiful natural surrounds of Warrandyte, as well as through occasional field trips to other inspiring locations.

The music group has celebrated music in its many forms over the years but is currently the least active group in the association, operating only within the theatre company's productions.

A rich variety of crafts are available through the Craft Group, which embraces knitting, spinning, patchwork, crochet, needlework, embroidery and card and accessory making.

Apart from reconciling the needs of all the different groups that make up the association, Ken Virtue cited his chief responsibility as president as the person with whom "the buck stops".

Amazingly, despite the many groups and a personal involvement spanning almost three decades, he said "all collaborations have been amicable".

Through the years, the WMIAA has been an inspiring example of fortitude and community teamwork

during hard times. It has continued to bring people together in worthwhile and engaging experiences in the spirit of the mechanics institutes, an era long gone in other places.

"There has never been a time when there weren't enough committed people to keep it going," Mr Virtue said.

When major refurbishments were required in 1991, the association achieved the mammoth task with revenue from the theatrical productions together with much hard work from a band of dedicated volunteers.

Association secretary, Pat Anderson, described the fundraising activities that saved the project as "a beautiful thing to do and an amazing opportunity to see it transformed."

"It's even more remarkable that the association has continued and is still thriving today when people are so busy and there are so many other distractions."

The WMIAA offers a variety of artistic pursuits and art appreciation to the Warrandyte community, but it does much more than that. It provides opportunities for social interaction, friendship links, recreation, self-improvement and the opportunity to make a contribution—and to feel part of—the community.

It also offers its hall as an affordable space to other community groups. In addition, the historic building is available for hire to any individual within the community at nominal rates.

The building, now a heritage-listed property, belongs to the people of Warrandyte. It was lovingly restored, with modifications made in the 1950s, under the guidance of local architect John Hipwell.

The inherent value to Warrandyte of this structure and its activities is perhaps best described in the Manningham council's heritage database as being "of local significance for its social value as a building central to the community life of the Warrandyte people".





Picture by Kerry Cross



Bushfire Safety Meetings

CFA will this month commence its 2010/11 summer bushfire safety program, with numerous meetings scheduled for the Warrandyte area and surrounds. The aim of the community meetings, also known as FireReady Victoria meetings, are to inform residents of the dangers of bushfires and what they need to do on a high fire risk day.

Meetings run for about 90 minutes and cover several subjects, including:

- the local fire risk
- what 'leaving early' means
- how lives are lost and how people can protect themselves
- fire behaviour and house ignition
- developing a Bushfire Survival Plan
- information and warnings during a bushfire

The meetings are a great opportunity to obtain an overview of current and projected on-ground conditions along with key information on bushfire preparation and survival. For more details on fire preparation and other initiatives, including up-to-date community meetings, check out the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Bushfire Safety meetings

KANGAROO GROUND

Kangaroo Ground Community Centre
corner Ness Lane & Kangaroo Ground/St Andrews
Rd, Kangaroo Ground

Wednesday, 27 October 2010, 7pm

NORTH WARRANDYTE

North Warrandyte Fire Station,
186 Research-Warrandyte Rd, North Warrandyte

Thursday, 28 October 2010, 7pm

RESEARCH

Research Fire Station,
Research/Warrandyte Rd, Research

Saturday, 6 November 2010, 2pm

WARRANDYTE

Warrandyte Fire Station, Harris Gully Rd, Warrandyte

Tuesday, 9 November 2010, 7pm

WONGA PARK

Calvary Bible College, 70 Holloway Rd, Wonga Park

Tuesday, 9 November 2010, 7.30pm

WARRANDYTE

Warrandyte Fire Station, Harris Gully Rd, Warrandyte

Wednesday, 8 December 2010, 7.30pm

WONGA PARK

Wonga Park Hall, corner Launder Avenue
and Yarra Road, Wonga Park

Thursday, 9 December 2010, 7.30pm

(Note: The above are all confirmed meetings to date)



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Adventures in print —a monthly miracle

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 its own small way the *Diary* has experienced the revolution in newspaper production, from "hot metal" letterpress to offset printing and in-house digital preparation.

The Warrandyte youth club committee was fortunate in its choice of Cliff Green to start this publication in 1970, because he had served a five-year apprenticeship as a compositor in his youth. He wanted the newsletter to be a serious publication not a couple of typewritten pages duplicated or photocopied with a staple through the corner.

He turned to former colleagues, printers Bill and Bernie Barnes at Willprint in West Brunswick and city typesetter Jim Dudley King in creating the first issues. From its inception the *Diary* paid commercial rates for printing and typesetting services. Our newspaper's use of technology doesn't stretch back to Gutenberg's 15th century wooden printing press, but it goes close. The first issue—a print run of 2000—was printed on a Heidelberg electric-powered, flat-bed press. This machine utilised the original Gutenberg principles of composing a page of movable type into a forme (a frame that firmly holds the elements in place), inking of the raised type and then pressing a sheet of paper onto the raised type.

The typesetting was done on an equally revolutionary machine from the late 19th century—the Linotype. A single operator sitting at the keyboard of this two-metre high machine prepared lines of type, termed slugs, ready to be locked into the forme. Previously compositors did this laborious job one character at a time by hand—working with the type back-to-front. As the Christmas season was approaching the editor decided to celebrate and ordered red spot colour on the masthead and the full page advertisement on the back page of that first issue.

However, the newspaper's finances did not stretch to post-production tasks. "We couldn't afford to have the printer fold it, so we got all the youth club kids and they folded it at night, on the night before we distributed it," Cliff Green remembers. This arrangement continued for approximately two years, but the youth club committee realised it was less than satisfactory. The club existed for the benefit of the children, not to press them into unpaid work. Even after two years the *Diary* still could not afford to have Willprint fold the print run. The next group of helpers came about through community networking. A branch of the Lions service club was established in Warrandyte in mid-1972 and John Cox, one of the charter members, was also a committee member of the youth club. The *Diary*'s editor asked if the Lions Club members would be prepared to fold each issue of the newspaper. They agreed and did the job for about 18 months.

The Lions Club involvement ceased when Wally Cornhill's Port Phillip Press of Elsternwick took over as the *Diary*'s printer in May 1974 and included the folding in their service. Cornhill sold Port Phillip Press and in 1977 set up a Heidelberg cylinder press, with a sheet size of 20 by 30 inches, in a shed behind his house in North Warrandyte. At that time offset printing was rapidly replacing letterpress but he stayed with the older technology in setting up his home workplace.

He recalled in a 2005 interview with the author, "the reason really I never got out of letterpress printing was because I would have had to start to learn all about offset printing." He brought in extra help when he printed the *Diary*. Local Hans Termoshuizen was a printing machinist with the Melbourne afternoon daily *The Herald*. Cornhill recalled, "I could make up the thing because I was a compositor and Hans was a machinist so between us we had a pretty good working relationship. He'd come up after tea and I'd have, as far as the *Diary* was concerned, the first three formes ready. One would be on the machine and then when that one was finished we'd drop that out ... and lock up the fourth one and print it. So it would be finished in a night more often than not."

Cornhill and Termoshuizen could print the *Diary* in a single night, but assembling the paper was frustratingly slow. Lee Tindale recalled in a 2000 interview with

the author, "There were so many processes involved it used to take a week from the final proof reading of the *Diary* to the publication of it." Each month a shuttle service of volunteers was needed to move material between Warrandyte and the typesetter, Cornhill used Ad-type in Prahran, and back again. It was a recipe for disaster.

"There were a few occasions where deadlines were so tight that I had to pick up the metal type blocks from the linotypesetter in South Melbourne after work and ferry them back to Wal Cornhill in Warrandyte," former editor Ken Virtue recalls.

"This metal was stored in multiple large flat trays, and on one occasion I laid them out in stacks in the boot of my car and quickly took off towards home via the Eastern Freeway. When I arrived at Wal's place in North Warrandyte I was horrified to find a jumble of metal spread all over the inside of my boot!

"Wal, who under pressure was known to vent the odd expletive from time to time, let forth with a wail about this mess being like a 'bloody great jigsaw puzzle', but we persevered and finally assembled all the blocks back into their correct order."

The *Diary*'s pre-production stage was equally chaotic and relied on the commitment of volunteers. For the first 20 years of its existence the paper did not have a central office and it was produced on the floors and kitchen tables of several households across Warrandyte. Michael Lovett remembers his late father's involvement, "I've got an idea that space might have become an issue at Cliff's place, because he was doing so many other things with... Crawford Productions, the ABC and all those TV series. ... I think it was a transportable office between the three—the Greens, the Lovetts and the Tindales."

Cliff Green recalled that time in an April 1980 article: "Peter and I sat side by side, at his desk or mine, hammering out the paper night after night, ably assisted by the 'editorial flagon' of white wine. We measured the size of the paper in flagons. Normally we had a one-flagon issue, but if increased advertising justified more pages, we ran to a two-flagon issue."

Intending contributors placed their news and notices (mostly hand-written) in the letterbox on the "Diary tree". Jan Tindale regularly spent her weekends driving around Warrandyte picking up and delivering items for the *Diary*. First

TWO NOMINATE FOR COUNCIL SEAT

THE WARRANDYTE DiARY

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Two Park Orchards men have nominated for the Warrandyte Ward in the elections for Doncaster and Templestowe Council on Saturday, August 26.

They are Mr Ian Marsden and Mr Alan Morton. Each has given the *Diary* a policy statement.



IAN MARSDEN of Scrymgeour Ave, Park Orchards, is 58 years, married with two children.



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Mr Ian Marsden is well known to the area for his community work. He has a long record of service to the area and has been active in many community organisations. He has been a member of the Park Orchards Progress Association, the Park Orchards Tennis Club and the Park Orchards Golf Club. He has also been active in the area's sporting and social life.

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EDITORIAL

Time to have your say

Warrandyte ratepayers will need to show a keen and active interest in the forthcoming elections for the Warrandyte Ward in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

This could be a chance for the Warrandyte community to state their views on improvements to the area.

Present ward councillor Ian Edwards is retiring at this stage and Park Orchards candidates have indicated their intention to stand.

Because the voting on their "home ground" looks like being fairly evenly divided, the candidates can win Warrandyte support should be successful.

Many behind-the-scenes moves indicate that both candidates believe that Warrandyte holds the key.

Mr Ken Morton appears almost certain to retain his seat. He is so far supported. This further heightens the battle for Cr Edwards' seat.

WORKING HARD

Already both candidates are working hard to woo Warrandyte electors. Meetings are being organised and the opinions of local officeholders are being sought.

One of the key issues, so far as Warrandyte people are concerned, is sure to be the proposed sporting complex at the Recreation Reserve.

Many Warrandyte residents are jealous of the development of Somers Reserve at Park Orchards and would like to see similar council interest in the Recreation Ground.

The attitude of these candidates on submissions and conservation are sure to be tested by Warrandyte electors.

This unusual situation of two Park Orchards candidates will give Warrandyte a chance to stand up and state its requirements.

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LATE NEWS

Groups agree on oval

Warrandyte's sporting clubs appear to be approaching agreement on the placement of facilities on the lower rectangular oval.

The outcome of today's discussions would be significant for the area's sporting life.

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Hot metal days: Tossing the type around—note main headline above the masthead.

she picked up contributions from the *Diary* tree and took them to the volunteer typist. When they were typed she would take them to the editor for editing, then she returned to the typist to have the corrected articles retyped. Stories were prepared in the traditional way of the hot metal era, that is, typed one paragraph at a time on small rectangles of paper that were appropriately called copy paper.

Wally Cornhill and Lee Tindale had an equally complicated arrangement for checking the galley proofs. Printer Wally Cornhill recalled, "I would give (Lee Tindale) the galley proofs. He would read them through for errors or anything like that and correct it. Then I would make up the pages myself at home and in doing that I used to work from the time I got home with the corrected galley proofs and the pasted up dummy right through. Sometimes it would be two o'clock in the morning before I'd finished. The idea then was to take those page proofs and leave them in Lee Tindale's letterbox and then I'd go home and go to bed and go to sleep for a while. And then Lee would take them into the (Herald

and Weekly Times) office with him and then he'd read them in there."

Ken Virtue remembers the process of when he was editor in the early 1980s, "I used to take stories up to (Wally Cornhill) and then there'd be a series of meetings over that week of iterations where the type would get set and then the galley proofs would come back in big long sheets. He would have the template of each page and he'd have the pages already set with the ads." Cornhill had a standard template for the *Diary*'s layout with most of the advertisements set, plus the format of the front and sports pages. Virtue says, "So it was a question ... of editing stories and cutting and pasting and going back to Wally to try and get it all to fit in. It was quite an unusual process and I spent a lot of nights at Jan and Lee Tindale's place."

Remarkably at the end this torturous process the *Warrandyte Diary* continued to appear each month. (Printer Wally Cornhill died in 2006.)

● Next month we follow the *Diary* into the adventure of offset printing.

Makes the world go round



There's no money in poetry. It'll never get you the car, the spa the lifestyle. Don't you know—it makes the world go round.

Money is a necessary evil. (Equal emphasis on both words.) Opens doors, feathers nests and it can eat up your soul.

What price kindness? What price health? Moon-rise over the ocean? Cobwebs at dawn? But you pay for health, and if you're poor—too tired for cobwebs and moons.

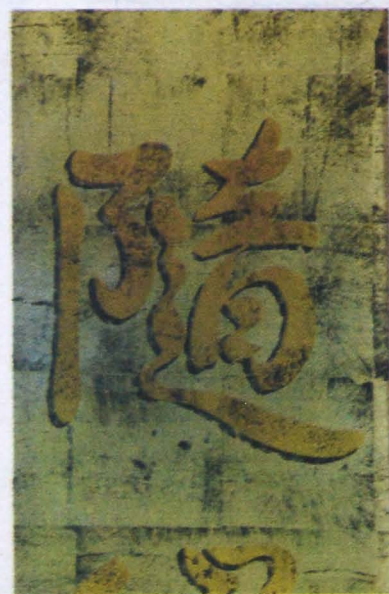
It's not the glinting clink of coin or trinket it's now just numbers: bank balance, wool futures, real estate values, all ordinaries—rising and falling—pulsing like sea-slugs.

Small rectangles of paper tastefully coloured famous faces and watermarks. So much power

brewed in a cauldron timeless alchemy, pinch of desperation, bucket of greed transforms it from paper—gives it life.

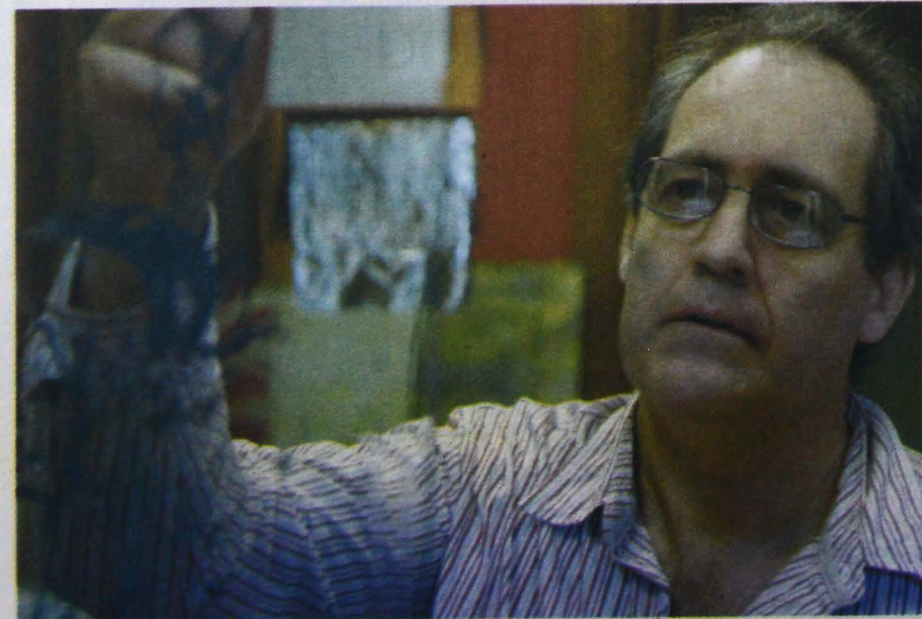
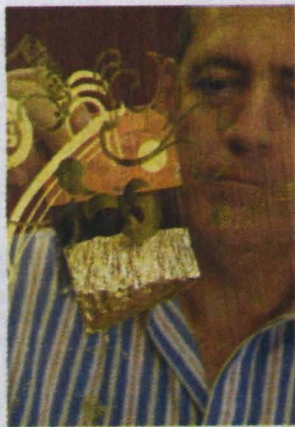
More than life—it has Allure the gleam of obsession like the coil of poppy for the Silver Arm you always want more.

All ordinary expectations replaced by The Allure—the sea-slug slowly strangles. There's no money in poetry but no poetry in money either.



A golden touch

GoldReverre is the verre églomisé studio of Bruce Jackson. Having made a speciality of gilding from his background in signwriting, where he had developed his brush skills doing hand-lettering, Bruce began to focus more on pictorial work. "I formed the business specifically to develop the use of verre églomisé for architectural and decorative applications, focusing on gilding and reverse painting on glass, utilising gold leaf. In recent years, he has received major overseas commissions for his unique work. This is the ninth in an occasional series on local artists by photographer STEPHEN REYNOLDS.



Little athletes are back on track

By ED MUNKS

October saw the start of the Little Athletics season in perfect spring conditions, with a number of local athletes participating in the Saturday morning events.

In the Under 9 boys Nick Scala on the opening day of competition recorded a strong win in the 100m with a solid 16.06 seconds. Jayden Bardrick came third in the 800m in a time of 3.13 and Callum Bowers, following in brother Sean's footsteps, was impressive in a first up sixth in the high jump in front of new comer Tynan Kontos in eighth position.

Willem Bouw finished a creditable 14th in a close race in the 70m in a time of 13.48.

The Under 10 boys saw a great tussle in the 800m where Adam Bardrick won in 2.58, followed closely by second placed Blake Reardon. The greatly improved Hayden Carruthers was fifth, closely followed by Ben Munks in seventh place. The 70 metres was won by the strong finishing Samuel Martini in 11.58 seconds.

Under 11 athlete, Zane Kontos, after a four year break from athletics, came fourth in the 800m in a time of 3mins 10secs. Callum Pynt was fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 7.36 metres followed closely by Nicholas Ward who came eighth with 6.90 metres.

First timer Kieran Phillips came 19th in the shotput with a good first up throw of 5.07 metres.

In the Under 12 boys Joel Carruthers came sixth in triple jump with a leap of 6.50m and Shaun Young in his first race came ninth in the 400m in a good first up time of 1min. 38 secs.

Under 15 athlete Sean Bowers was impressive in

coming second in the high jump with 1.5 metres. It should be noted that Sean was the shortest person in the competition.

In the very competitive Under 12 girls' section Emily Sharpe showed the benefit of Peter Sharpe's coaching to finish third in the shotput with a throw of 7.19m. Nicole Reynolds came second in the triple jump with a good leap of 8.10m.

Eilish Kelly came 10th in the 400m in 1 min. 29 secs and is beginning to show the benefits of training with legendary coach Tom Kelly. Shaely Pynt in the Under 14 girls came second in the 400m in with a time 1 min. 19 secs.

Little athletics has an emphasis on Personal Bests (PBs) and bettering yourself and the year-end club awards are calculated and awarded to the young athletes on their attendance and also their ability in getting a number of PB's. However, championships events are decided on a first over the line basis.

Little aths is not only good fun in its own right but good cross training with a number of Warrandyte football, basketball and netball club players participating in this year's activities.

The summer activities, include regional and state relay competitions, centre and state multi events as well as regional, state track and field event competition.

The summer little athletics season is generally held on Saturday morning with Under 6-8 from 8.30 - 10 am with Under 9-15 from 10am - 12.15, with occasional Friday evening competitions at Reischecks Reserve on George street.

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



Anyone for netball? These girls took part in a special skills program at Warrandyte last month.

Netball skills are honed

There was a strong response to Warrandyte Netball Club's first ever Netball Skills Holiday Clinic at Andersons Creek Stadium.

"It was a huge success with 26 girls between the ages of six and 12 attending," said club official, Sue Rodwell who helped organise the clinic with Michelle Potter.

Drills and fun activities were run to improve footwork, ball skills and team work and the day finished with the girls playing a netball game.

If you are interested in participating in netball, please contact Sue Rodwell on 0419 344 245 or warrandytenetball@y7mail.com.

Redbacks help support needy Kenyan children

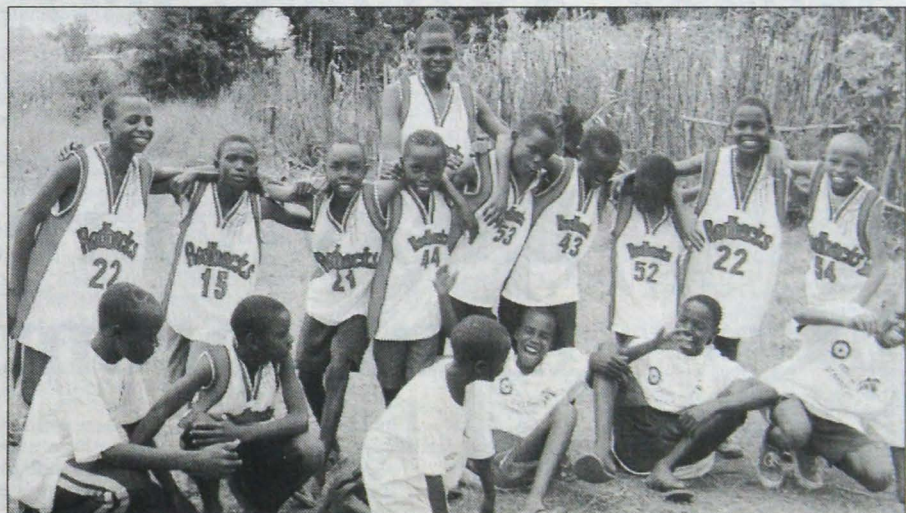
Warrandyte Basketball Association recently donated Redbacks and Venom clothing to help aid a charitable organisation that was co-founded by a former junior player, coach and referee.

Dee Rutherford (nee Arsenis) and her family have an extensive history with Warrandyte Basketball, and along with her husband Daniel who is a former district cricketer for Fitzroy-Doncaster, and their year-old daughter Marley, accepted the donation of clothing on behalf of the Kivuli Project, a not for profit organisation they started this year that provides shelter for nearly 40 Kenyan primary school aged children in need.

Dee thanked the Warrandyte basketball community for their generous donation to help aid the Kenyan children who are predominantly affected by the AIDS virus, and were either orphaned or had a single parent that was unable or unwilling to provide for them.

"The children come from very poor backgrounds and lack changes of clothes.

"In fact, most of them wear their school uniforms



Warrandyte Redbacks uniforms can now be seen on children in a small Kenyan village.

all week, even wearing them to bed.

"The clothing donated by the Warrandyte basketball community will be greatly appreciated by all of the children.

"Many of the kids have never had play clothes, let alone new clothes, so this will be so exciting for them all to receive something new," Dee said.

"We are still finding our feet after only starting the organisation in February this year.

"While we have achieved so much in so little time, we still have so much more to do before our organisation becomes self-sustainable.

"The donated clothing will be one less thing we have to worry about organ-

ising and will make a lot of children very happy."

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



Nicholas Ward from Warrandyte in action at Little Aths at East Doncaster.

By FRANS BROUWER

South Warrandyte Cricket Club failed by just two runs in the opening match of the Ringwood District Trollope Shield competition.

The opening round was reduced to a one-day game after RDCA officials abandoned the first day because of the AFL grand final replay.

In a tight result, the Hawks failed by just two runs to match Wonga Park.

South Warrandyte will field six senior sides this season, the same as last sea-

son but with the bottom three teams promoted by one grade following their good performances.

There are also four competitive and one combined junior teams (down on last season), one Friday night non-competitive, the Milo program and two Veterans teams.

Results:
Trollope Shield : SWH 8/177 (Josh Barrett 53, Lindsay 26) lost to Wonga Park 8/179 (Kane Hartrup 3/15)
A Grade: SWH 5/144 (Cam Head 40, Jones 29) d

Croydon Ranges 8/142.
D Grade: SWH 5/157 (McMahon 55, Manuell 31no) lost to Montrose 8/160.

H Grade: SWH 111 (Robb 37), d Nth Ringwood 100 (Falkingham 3/15, Janssen 3/24, Hall 3/24)

J Grade: SWH 93 (L'Olive 33,) lost to Norwood 105 (A. Hewitt 4/10, P. Nettelbeck 3/16)

L Grade: SWH 3/102 d Wantirna 8/68.

U18-1: SWH 8/111 (Price 41) d St Andrews 9/102.
U16-2: SWH 9/104 lost to

Templeton 7/206 and 2/25.
U14-1: SWH 128 (Exley 28) d Ringwood 8/107.

U14-4 SWH-Warranwood lost to Scoresby/Ferndale.

For more details on the Hawks: Juniors and Milo Clinics, junior co-ordinator Justin Hansen 0448 986 494; Seniors - secretary Chris Hartrup 0400 821 803; Veterans teams - Alan Duffus 0438 233 884.

On the social side the Hawks will hold a Night at the Races on October 31 and on November 13, a trivia night.

Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver



Lisa Saunders

Lisa's 'Life' award

Lisa Saunders is the latest to receive Life Membership of the Warrandyte Basketball Association.

The announcement was made at the WBA annual awards night last month.

She was granted Life Membership in recognition of her outstanding efforts.

The main Big V Most Valuable Player awards went to Josh Collins and Sharlene Dalsanto, both of whom had strong consistent seasons.

Bruce DeLacy was named the Presidents Award winner for his level of off-court support during the past 12 months.

Demi Joy was recognised as the Referee of the Year.

The full list of winners is: Life Member: Lisa Saunders
Big V MVP: Josh Collins and Sharlene Dalsanto
Big V Players' Players: Chris Vanderzaag and Jaz Borella
Big V Rising Stars: Andy Clough and Meg Dargan
Big V Defensive Players: Joel Hamilton and Chelsea Ransom

Big V Most Improved: Chris Jones and Mollie Burke

Big V Coach's Award: Reece Borella and Jennifer Cameron

Cub Awards: Matt Lane, Dale Leeson, Bruce De Lacy, Justin Nelson

President's Award - on court: Venom 18.1 Girls (first Warrandyte team to make the National Championships)

President's Award - off court: Bruce De Lacy

WBA Referee of the Year: Demi Joy

WBA Rookie of the Year: Zac Ratcliffe

MMBL team in grand final

Warrandyte's MMBL men's team earned themselves a grand final place when they held on to defeat Caulfield by 53-49 in a tight encounter at Doncaster.

Although Warrandyte finished as minor premiers, it was only by a single point, and Caulfield came away with the game points in their last encounter.

The scores were locked at 26-all at the mid way break with both sides at various times establishing a lead but being unable to maintain the ascendancy.

Under 16 boys take out premier grade pennant

The year-long commitment that is Representative Junior Basketball ended in September and nine of the 22 teams that the Venom fielded this year played in the final series, resulting in one premiership and two runners up flags.

The premiership flag went to Reece Borella's Under 16 Metro 4 boys, who defeated Melbourne in a nail biter by 33-29.

This was a highly defensive game between two strong teams. Warrandyte had defeated Melbourne in a close semi final but the Venom's recent form had been patchy.

To underscore the defensive nature of the game, Melbourne had a 14-11 lead at the break with the Venom's coach calling on his players to be steady under pressure.

The team responded well and were able to control the game at key points take out the game.

"All I can say is a job well done," Borella said after the game.

Adam Banitsiotis top scored with 11 points with Matt Killey and Tim Smith contributing six each. Adam Banitsiotis also picked up the MDP from the referees.

On a nearby court, the Venom's Under 16 Metro 2

girls could not repeat their semi final performance, going down 40-30 against Latrobe.

Both sides had established themselves as the form teams over the season. With two recent wins over Latrobe (one at Traralgon), the Venom were quietly confident, especially with a three point mini break just before the half time interval.

Latrobe however were able to establish an early lead and were able to close down the Venom offence.

Madeline Hallet scored for the Venom to close the gap to three points with six minutes to go but this was the closest the Venom came.

"A really good season," said the coach Paul Brazier after the game.

"It was a good job to get where we ended up and maybe, just maybe, with a bit more consistency we could have got over the line"

Rachael Watson top scored with eight points with six points coming from Nikita Lannon and Madeline Hallet.

Warrandyte's Under 18 Metro 3 didn't bring their best game to the finals going down to Werribee by 32-15.

There was a brief oppor-



The Under 16 premier team, back row from left: Michael De Lacy, Timothy Smith, Reece Borella, Matthew Killey, Jake Martin, Lachlan Moore. Front: Daniel Chapman, Joshua James, Tim Apostolides and Adam Banitsiotis.

tunity for the Venom when they scored first after the half time interval in a low

scoring defensive first half. Werribee had the answers and were able to take out

the flag. Brianna Ricci top scored with eight points.

Lucky 13 result for Redbacks in big premiership harvest

The no. 13 proved lucky for Warrandyte Redbacks following grand final matches last month.

Warrandyte were well represented with 20 sides in the grand finals resulting in 13 premiers and seven runners up pennants.

The highlight would have been the Under 15A grade final where Warrandyte faced off against Eltham.

Eltham had proved the better team during the home and away season winning by 11 points and eight points. Warrandyte had earned a place in the grand final via victories in the minor semi final and preliminary final.

Matt Killey made a three point shot with three seconds to go in the first half to put the Redback boys in the lead at the half time break.

The second half was a repeat of the first with a focus on defence and few points separating the sides.

At the final whistle, the Redback boys were the victors, to give the club its first Under 15 A grade trophy.

"It was a very fast paced game by our guards" said coach Matt Lane. "Rebounding was excellent against the taller Eltham side and we made the critical shots from the free throw line"

The Under 17 AR boys

defeated Koonung in a close game 45-37.

The scores flattered the Redbacks as Koonung held a three point lead for a number of minutes late in the game.

Billy Lavery equalised for the Redbacks with little more than two and a half minutes to go and the supporters were starting to think about extra time.

Jarrod Buzzini's pass to Jack Power gave the Redback guard enough time to set for the three point shot which swished through for the lead to Warrandyte. That was enough for the Redbacks to control the game and take out the flag.

For the winners, Taylor Hayton top scored with 14 points with 12 points from Jack Power (awarded MDP) and Bill Lavery.

The 13CA Boys Grand Final was also between Warrandyte and Koonung. Warrandyte were undefeated for the season and started the game as they had every week previously - with their opening signature move: Josh Gill taps to John Molony who passes ahead to Chris Dodds who puts it in for two points.

The boys were soon out to a 5-0 lead before Koonung managed to put points on the board but from thereon both teams traded baskets until half time saw

Warrandyte leading 15-11.

Warrandyte were more powerful in the second half with some inspiring hustling from John Molony and Chris Dodds, while Josh McLean and Josh Costin contributed to great passages of play during the entire game helping their team and very proud coach, Ryan Holloway, to run away eventual winners 37-20.

John Molony top scored with 10 points, while Josh Gill, Darcy Trenfield and Dylan Lee Porcher all scored eight points. Trenfield was awarded MVP by the referees.

Success also came the way with the Under 19 A3 girls defeating Collingwood by 32-26.

Warrandyte led all of the game but could never break away from their determined opponents. With 36 seconds to go, Collingwood closed to within four points, but a good offensive rebound to MDP Alysia Buzzini and two from four from the free throw line were enough.

The final key play was a held ball situation forced by Warrandyte's Cassie Wilson. Over the years, Cassie has made this one of her specialties.

For Warrandyte, Jessey Telford top scored with 11 points with six points from Alysia Buzzini, Nicolette

Prior and Simone Reid.

Simone needed to change quickly after the game as this talented player was playing in a netball grand final soon afterwards.

The Redbacks' Under 13 A girls game against Bulleen was competitive but the Redbacks low conversion percentage meant that they could never exert pressure on Bulleen.

Bulleen came away with the premier's flag with a 30-25 score line.

Warrandyte's coach, Kelli Taylor praised the efforts of the girls and said they had fought hard throughout.

Christy Terei top scored for the Redbacks with eight points, with six points coming from Maddison Taylor and four points from Emily Caulfield.

Warrandyte's Under 15 B1 girls were successful against Eltham 24-21 while the Under 9 girls went down 16-6 to Banyule.

The Under 15 boys had a win over Eltham in a tight game.

The Redbacks led at half time after Matt Killey made a three point shot with three seconds to go in the first half.

The team included: Michael De Lacy, Jack Cousens, Jarryd Black, Matt Killey, Tim Apostolides, Zac Ratcliffe, Jake Martin, Mason Webb.

Awards for top Bloods

Adam Tsapatsaris was named Warrandyte Football Club's Best and Fairest at the club vote count at the Manningham Function Centre last month.

Cal Haskings won his second Reserves Best and Fairest, while Andrew Reddie won the Under 18 award.

WFC's highest honour, Life Membership, was awarded to 300 game legend and current fitness coach John O'Brien, along with current President and long-time contributor Phil Treeby.

O'Brien is an icon of Warrandyte Football Club. Spending a good part of his life with the Bloods, John has been decorated with every playing honour the club can bestow.

He played 304 games in the red and white, many as captain and imparted his wisdom through coaching.

Phil Treeby's involvement with the club started when son Matt made the transition from junior footy. Along with his good mate Brian Williams, Phil was instrumental in re-establishing Under 18 football at Warrandyte, ensuring a steady flow of local footballers into the senior club over the past 10 years.

As president of the club since 2004, Phil presided over the 2006 premiership, and has played an integral

role in ensuring the financial stability of the club.

The first to arrive at the club on a Saturday morning and often the last to leave, Phil has for a long time worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of his club.

Club awards: Ron Wilson Medal, Michael Morello.

Snowy Prior Best Club Person, Geoff Taylor.

President's Trophy, Dale McCartin.

Life Membership, John O'Brien and Phil Treeby.

Senior Awards:

Best & Fairest, Adam Tsapatsaris; runner-up, Tom Naughtin; third place, Dion Mullet-Treloar.

Gary 'Madge' Alsop Most Courageous, Adam Tsapatsaris.

Darryl Valentine Most Determined, Tim Beasley. Best First Year Player, Shane Biggs.

Players Award, Tom Naughtin.

Club Champion, Tom Naughtin.

Reserves Awards:

Best & Fairest, Cal Haskings; runner-up, Glen Carle; third place, Grant Godwin and Jacob Buhagiar.

Most Courageous, Paul Burgoyne.

Geoff Darby Most Determined, Dave Beasley.

Players Award, Glen Carle.

Under 18 Awards:

Best & Fairest, Andrew

Reddie, runners-up, Thomas Appleby and Tom Peter-Budge; third place, Michael Chimenton.

Most Improved, Lucas Jackson.

Lee Tindale Most Determined, Toby Versteegan.

John McCartin Snr Most Consistent, Zac Bentley.

EFL BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS

Warrandyte players were also among those recognised at the recent EFL Best and Fairest awards.

In the seniors, Bloods' captain Tom Naughtin finished in seventh place polling 16 votes.

Clint Wheatley was the next best Blood with eight votes, followed by young gun Shane Biggs with six. AFL legend Glenn Archer polled five votes in as many games.

In the Reserves, midfielder Daniel Bryant finished equal second on 12 votes after an outstanding season, with veteran Glenn Carle not far behind in fourth place with 10 votes. Cal Haskings and Luke Brewis were the next best Bloods with seven votes apiece.

Toby Versteegen was the top placed Warrandyte Under 18 after a consistent season, polling 10 votes, while Josh Harris finished with eight votes.

Shane Biggs polled seven votes before elevation to the senior side.



Rachael Lynch celebrates an Australian win in the recent World Cup in Argentina.

Our country's 'keeper

Warrandyte's Rachael Lynch is currently representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games as goalkeeper for the Hockeyroos.

Rachael was brought up in Warrandyte with her parents, David and Anne.

Rachael finished her Bachelor of Nursing at the end of 2009. She moved to Perth in January 2010 to train full time on scholarship at the AIS.

In July she started as a Registered Nurse at Royal Perth Hospital and since then has worked full time and trained before and after work.

Since she started work, she has travelled and played with the Hockeyroos in Germany, Ireland, Great Britain, Argentina (for The World Cup) and is now in New Delhi to play at the Commonwealth Games. Rach has played 39 international matches for Australia with the Hockeyroos.



Rachael Lynch in her Australian Commonwealth Games uniform.

Venom to field additional junior basketball teams

With increased numbers expected at the coming Venom tryouts this month, Warrandyte Basketball Association president Justin Nelson has indicated that more teams are likely to be fielded in the new season.

And he added that the club was ready to cater for more players.

The Venom program currently has 22 junior teams, two MMBL teams and two Big V teams. The program is already preparing to increase to 24 junior teams, while also adding a Youth Men and Youth Women team.

"If the playing depth is there and we have coaches ready to go, we will definitely

look at more Venom junior teams," said Nelson.

"There's a couple of new courts in the region being built and we are looking seriously at using them for an increase in Friday night games, so venues won't be a problem if we go with more teams.

"What's good for the program going forward is that we have already filled so many coaching positions, which is half the battle when getting the teams out on the court.

"Better still, our coaching depth is increasing all the time and that's a really positive sign," added Nelson.

"I know initially we were looking at two Under 18

boys teams, but it looks like we will have the depth for three teams, so we'll look at that for sure.

"Again, if we have the depth and the coaches available, we will select more teams."

The recruitment of coaches continues to strengthen with Nelson confirming Venom is now looking at two Under 12 girls teams, returning the Under 12 program back to where it used to be.

"We have noticed a significant swing in recent years towards more players electing to join rep-ball at the Under 14 level. It's a trend that has been common across the whole VJBL competition," Nelson said.

'Dytes open season with strong win

Warrandyte Cricket Club started a delayed Ringwood District cricket season with four wins out of five teams.

The First XI set the standard defeating Kilsyth by three runs under new captain Campbell Holland.

Included in the Warrandyte squad was Chris Barry who has returned to the club after a short stint at a higher level and the senior team now boasts a young squad having four players under 20.

Jack Ellis and Barry opened the batting, and gave Warrandyte a steady start before Barry (17)

departed with the score on 27. Holland joined Ellis for a short period before Ellis (3) was caught behind flicking down the leg-side off Kilsyth's opening bowler.

When Adam White met Holland at the crease the seasoned pair looked to steady the ship and moved the score onto 52 before Holland was dismissed for 14.

White and Blake Morgan were looking strong together, as the two classy batsmen worked the ball around off the Kilsyth attack, until an unfortunate mix-up between the two resulted in

While (29) being run out.

Morgan was then supported by a number of partners, until he was dismissed for 27, leaving Warrandyte at 7/140. Matthew Sazenis (30) then controlled the scoring with the tail to give Warrandyte a defendable score, pushing the total to 9/184 at the end of their innings.

Warrandyte's youthful attack of Alex McIntosh and Tyson Walshe searched for the first scalp of the season.

Walshe (1/30) was able to provide the first wicket, breaking a strong opening partnership of 76, however

it was the spin of White (0/22) and Sazenis (2/9), both bowling their limited eight overs, that choked the Kilsyth batsmen.

Kilsyth only managed 23 runs between the 17-30 overs mark to be 3/105. Continued pressure by Ellis (3/46) was able to restrict Kilsyth's late charge.

In the lower grades, the Second XI also secured their first win for the season, seeking to go one better after losing the grand final last season. The Newey Plate team restricted Kilsyth to 110 off 40 overs, with Warrandyte's bowlers

seemingly being unplayable, with their only weakness the large amount of extras that they leaked.

The batsmen easily countered this total with Dale Landers being the best of the batsmen (40 not out). The Third XI (D Grade) also grabbed their first win for the season, thumping Templeton by 70 runs.

The Fourth XI suffered a defeat in their first round, with Mick Bowen providing positive signs for a strong season ahead.

The Fifth XI, under Greg Warren, grabbed the maximum points for the round,

with Greg Hartman's 54 showing that he has not lost any of his touch.

Round 1:
First XI: Warrandyte 9/184 (Sazenis 30, White 29, Morgan 27) d. Kilsyth 8/181 (Ellis 3/46, Sazenis 2/9)
Second XI: Warrandyte 4/118 (Landers 44no) d. Kilsyth 8/110 (Gidley 3/29)
Third XI: Warrandyte 8/207 (Smead 53, Hookey 47no) d. Templeton 6/137.
Fourth XI: Warrandyte 7/145 (Bowen 35) lost to Bayswater Park 6/147.
Fifth XI: Warrandyte 8/129 (Hartmann 54) d. South Croydon 5/111

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