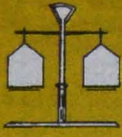


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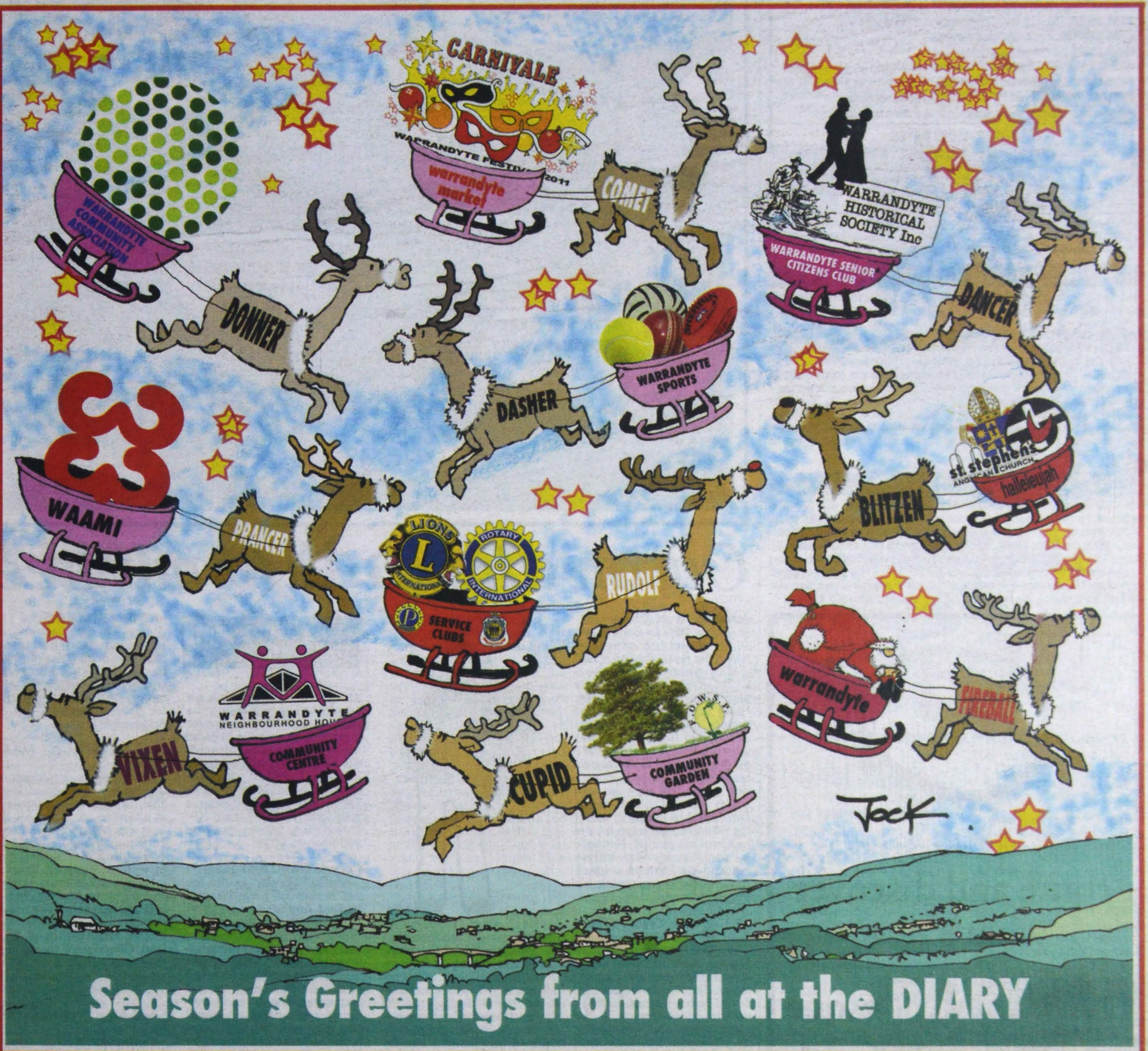
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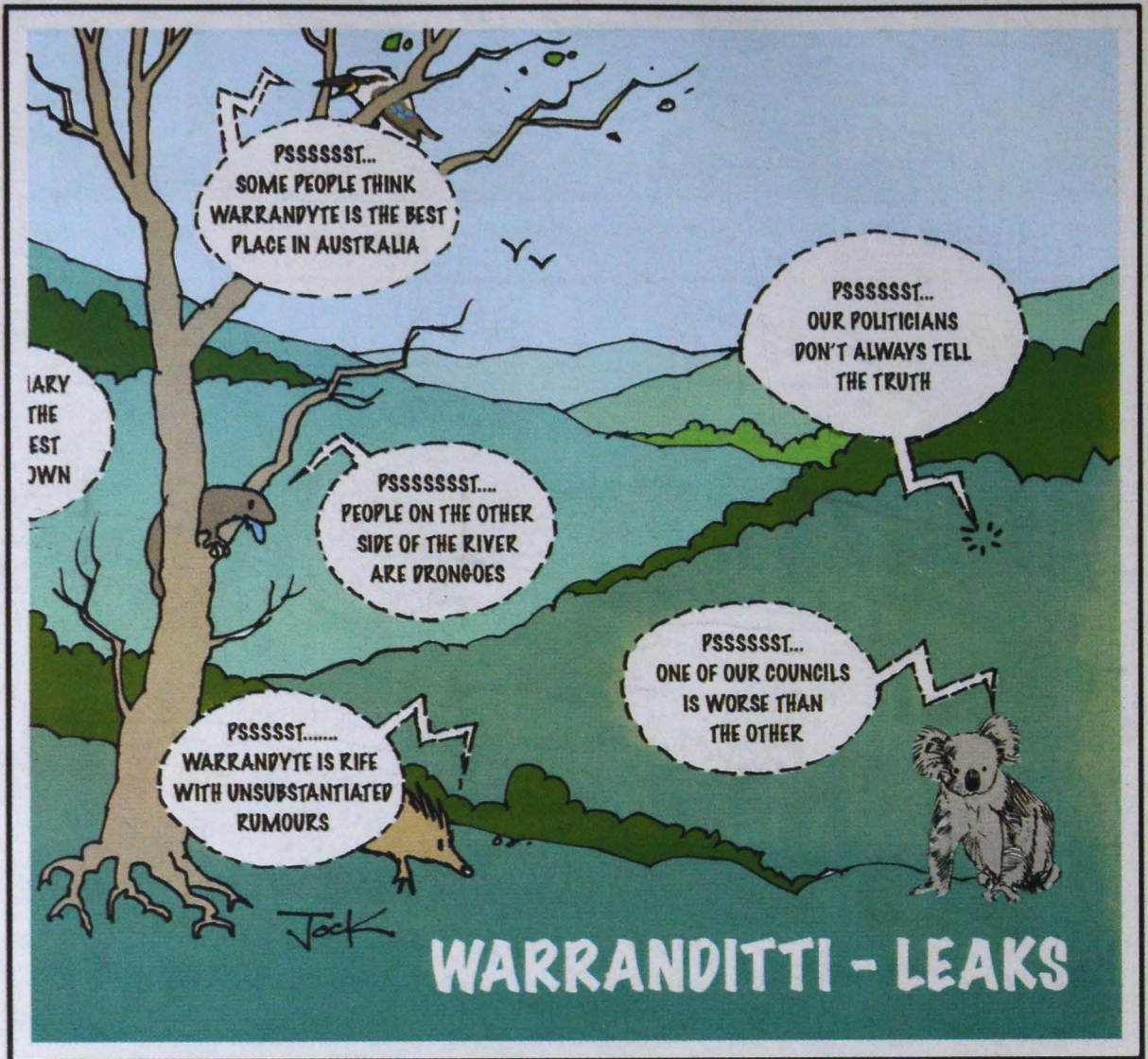
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Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 27km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in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

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Out on a limb of a family tree

Jonathan Trott (1881-1958)

BORN in Cape Town (which must be just off Land's End somewhere), Jonathan is currently starring for the English cricket team in his second Ashes series. Actually claims to be descended from Harry Trott who captained Australia to a 4-1 victory over W.G. Grace's team in 1897-88, which may not be the last time we won but is starting to feel like it. Once took a catch at short leg when the batsman hit the ball into his pocket. Not sure he can join his Warrandyte cousins for Christmas lunch but Neville is practicing his flipper in case.

Thelonious Trott (1929-2001)

One of England's most promising post-war poets (*Ode to a Hedgerow, On incontinence, That lewd old man from Looe*) before turning his back on the establishment in the early 1950s and joining the beat poets in San Francisco. Known for his anti-materialism (*Buy-Buy Beat*), militant pacifism (*Boom Bang Bing*) and his personal crusade against Obscurism (*Life is a popsicle/Melting/In my lap/Moistly/Mostly/Dig the drip Daddy/Daddy/DaddyU/Man that's really WET*).

The Widow Trott (nee Coe) (1834-1873)

Widowed at 19 when her hus-



band Cecil reached for a copy of *Wuthering Heights* and the bookcase fell on him. Penniless, pregnant, and in search of a new life, she stowed on board the Australia-bound SS *Fingerscrossed* where she met American entrepreneur Freeman Cobb during a shuffleboard tournament. Used her maiden name to start a coach business with him called Cobb & Coe. Cecil Junior, resented and ultimately disinherited by Cobb, spent his childhood in a succession of boarding schools from the age of five.

Saint Trott (1726-1780)

Simple farm girl from Essex who dug up a parsnip in the shape of a cross which she

living with The Trotts

hung around her neck on an old bootlace. Kissing the parsnip was said to invoke fine weather and she became much sought after by wedding planners and maypole festivals. Credited with ending the Great Flood of 1755. Sainthood conferred after a visit from Pope Clement XIV (previously known as Pope Inclement).

Cooper Trott (1661-1699)

Widely regarded as the finest maker of wine barrels in East Anglia, a reputation threatened only during his "sheepish" period that was notable more for consumption than construction. After waking one morning on a bed of straw with a hangover and a strangely contented Corriedale for company, he joined the temperance movement and was henceforth known as "Cooper the party pooper".

Andronicus Trott (1577-1636)

Trained as a luthier in his hometown of Cremona, Italy, making violins, cellos and stradivarius other instruments. Wanting another string to his bow, he left for London in 1603 to seek his fortune. Couldn't find it and set up a small coffeehouse instead,

just up the road from The Globe Theatre, where he served lattes and short blacks to Shakespeare, Marlowe and Bacon. Refusing all credit, and generally niggardly with money, he was the inspiration for Shakespeare's *Tight As Andronicus*.

Donald McTrott (1341-1368)

Born in Glen Jamieson on the upper reaches of Loch Yale, Donald was radicalised at a tender age when his village was pillaged (commonly known as village pillage) by marauding marauders. Fell in with an itinerant band of mercenary bowmen known as the Golden Archers, whose flaming arrows terrorised thatched communities the length and breadth of Scotland. Often heard to cry "You may take our lives but you'll never take our hankies". No one ever knew why.

Good King Trotteslas (907-935)

Benevolent ruler of remote and permanently snow-covered German principality. Often feasted at Stephen's, a notably sour kraut who ran a local schnitzel parlour and gluvine bar. Hobbies included feeding the poor, whittling children's toys from fir trees and power-walking in other people's footprints. Ancestor of St Vincent de Trott.

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New primary school centres

By **BRIANNA PIAZZA**

Impressive new buildings are in the final stages of completion at Andersons Creek and Warrandyte primary schools.

The two local schools received funding for the new buildings under the federal government's Building the Education Revolution Stimulus plan.

Andersons Creek's \$2.5 million community performing arts centre is due for completion in early 2011, and Warrandyte's multipurpose facility will be completed by the end of this year.

The school principals have pointed out that the community is welcome

to hire both facilities, which cater for various needs and a range of activities.

The performing arts centre at Andersons Creek will seat 480 people and contain retractable seating, change rooms, a preparation room, kitchen facilities and disabled toilets.

It also has such energy saving facilities as water tanks, timers on light switches and low energy lighting to reduce the school's carbon footprint.

Andersons Creek principal, Trevor Gibbs, said the new centre will extend opportunities for students and the community.

"Previously we had to take students and parents out of the community to perform. With the new building we don't have to worry about hiring out another facility—it's right here on-site," Mr Gibbs said.

"Performing arts has had a high profile here for a long time and we also wanted something for the community. We've done well in the past and we want to raise the bar even further."

The centre will also serve as a fire refuge for the school community and will be open to local community groups to use.

Similarly, Warrandyte's multipurpose hall will be used for—but not

limited to—physical education lessons, gymnastics, and whole-school assemblies.

The multipurpose building contains a classroom, water tanks and also kitchen and toilet facilities.

"The sky's the limit," Warrandyte principal, Gill Binger, said. "There are parents here who would like to do 'dancercise' in the morning and students are keen to run aerobics. With the extra space we can say 'yes' more often."

Ms Binger said the facility is as energy efficient as possible and the school is awaiting confirmation as to whether the facility can be used as a fire-safe area.

The multipurpose building can be leased to not-for-profit organisations at minimal cost.

"It's a great resource for the school," she said. "The building gives us lots more options that we've never had before. We can use it to provide further opportunities for people in the community and to create more learning space."

● Anybody interested in hiring Warrandyte Primary School's multipurpose facility should contact the school on 9844 3537.

Similarly, enquiries regarding hiring the community performing arts centre at Andersons Creek Primary should call 9844 2757.



Proposed performing arts centre for Andersons Creek primary school. (Artist's impression by osa architects)



Interior of new multi-purpose building at Warrandyte primary school. (Picture by Brianna Piazza)

Come to the cabaret!

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

There will be entertainment aplenty at next year's Warrandyte Village Festival—to be held over the weekend of March 18, 19 and 20—with the addition of another performance venue.

This year's theme, "Carnivale", promises to deliver a lively, multicoloured celebration for locals and visitors.

Festival King and Queen for 2011 will be John and Kerrie Boyle. Last February, John stepped down from his role as president of the Festival Committee after 26 years. This year, the committee is under the guidance of Adie Courtney, local resident and architect. Mrs Courtney said she was thrilled that John and Kerrie will be festival monarchs and felt there could be no other choice.

"John's passion for the festival is highly contagious so he's been able to elicit remarkable results from others in his efforts to maintain such high standards over the years—all with good humour, and just a touch of chaos,"

she said. "Kerrie has been a terrific hostess of countless committee meetings. Also, she marks the festival season every year with the erection of banners along the local streets."

"Everyone in Warrandyte knows, when they look up and see those flags waving, that the festival is just around the corner."

To encourage diversity in performances, festival organisers are introducing an extra venue—Carnivale Cabaret. Sponsored by Bendigo Bank, it will take place in a small, intimate marquee, allowing performers to better engage with their audience.

Eager to attract fresh ideas, the committee is asking entertainers to send in a **description of their proposed act, performance requirements (backing music, stage area), proposed fee for service and any other details. Performances will be mostly acoustic and primarily musical, however poetry, visual arts and narration submissions**

would be welcome.

Collaborative acts and dance may be possible, but performers will need to keep in mind the limited space. The venue will be open from noon to 6pm on the Saturday and Sunday of festival weekend. Contact Glen Jameson at music@warrandytefestival.org for an opportunity to perform.

It wouldn't be a Warrandyte festival without the legendary "Battle of the Bands". Duelling bands, with their eyes on the top prize, will take to the stage at the Community Centre on Friday night at 6.30 pm. This is a smoke, drug and alcohol free event.

The festival opening will include an Indigenous Welcome to Country at 12noon on the Main Stage on Saturday, followed by a mix of music all weekend across both Main and River Stages.

During the day, Saturday Main Stage will feature local primary and high school bands, community groups and dance ensembles; the night will mix it up with blues, rock

and soul. Bring along a picnic dinner, and settle in to enjoy a night of fine music. Limited food stalls will be available.

The Sunday evening program will feature concert bands, old Warrandyte favourites like Catfish Pie, blues and rock n' roll, culminating in a family extravaganza.

Roving performers and comedians will wander the festival grounds. Watch out for camels along the river bank!

As always, the craft and produce market stalls will offer home-grown, home-sewn and hand-made items. Maydeena will accept bookings on 0404 832 395 for sites: \$45 for one day only and \$75 for two days. Stalls displaying local endeavours and community services will be situated on the lower Stiggants Riverbank.

As a concerned community, Warrandyte Festival is working towards becoming a waste free event by 2013.

● Check the festival website at www.warrandytefestival.org for further details.



Festival logo 'unmasked'

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

It didn't take *Diary* cartoonist Jock Macneish long to come up with an idea for this year's festival theme "Carnivale". The theme gives rise to celebration—dancing, singing, having a good time—all of the things the festival brings to Warrandyte each year.

A close look will reveal the unflinching presence of the Yarra River.

As an essential part of his design process, the river has appeared in all Jock's logos (approximately 30 so far since 1978). However, it was the finishing touches that needed

somewhat more consideration this year.

"I was all set to add fireworks, as they are a natural accompaniment to an illustration of a large group of people in a party atmosphere," Jock said, "but they aren't exactly 'flavour of the month' anymore—not when that month may still have very hot, windy days."

A festival spokesperson told the *Diary*, "The Festival Committee was very pleased with this year's representation, and we are definitely in favour of a variation of stars over pyrotechnics!"

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Revised fire danger chart gives warning

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Fire warning definitions have changed for the coming bushfire season. The term "catastrophic" has been dropped from the strongest warning "code red". Then follow "extreme", "severe", "very high", "high" and "low-moderate". The CFA's FireReady kit explains what each category means and what action is appropriate to avoid fire danger.

The familiar "half-moon" presentation of the degree of fire danger has returned. (See pages opposite.) For many years a simplified version of the semicircular sign, with an arrow pointing to the current degree of danger, stood at the entrance to townships across Victoria. A vertical representation replaced it for the 2009/10 season when the new extended fire danger ratings were brought in, but now the half-moon representation is back.

"The fire danger ratings help people to put their plans into action, but despite that when we see a build-up of 'bad weather' we should be thinking of what we do before the extreme day happens. Planning and doing little things around the house as we go can go a long to an effective bushfire survival plan," Warrandyte brigade captain, Shane Murphy said.

Victoria now has nine total fire ban districts (TFBs) based on Bureau of Meteorology divisions that better reflect likely climatic conditions. The previous five TFB districts were based on municipal boundaries. Melbourne and suburbs remain in central district.

The CFA continues to introduce electronic innovations in making information available to the public.

The organisation's website has been redesigned, making it easier to find current fire warnings, incident reports and download from the vast amount of information available there. The CFA also has an official presence on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. (A list of useful internet addresses and phone numbers is included on this page.)

Mobile phones are considered an important way to make fire season information available. A special resized, quick-loading version of the CFA website has been designed for mobile phones. Also a new iPhone app has been released that presents fire information at the press of a button.

"The application makes it easy for people to access important fire information wherever they are," CFA CEO Mick Bourke said.

"One useful feature of the application is the map that displays your location and nearby going fires. I'd urge any Victorian with an iPhone to download the CFA FireReady application."

"If you live or travel in high bushfire risk areas, it's important to keep up-to-date with weather conditions and warnings on days of high fire risk," he said.

This iPhone app can be downloaded from the iTunes website — the CFA website has a link to the appropriate page. Applications for BlackBerry and Android smartphones are expected to be available soon.

Victoria has a new telephone-based emergency warning system. During a bushfire emergency you may receive a warning via a text message to your mobile or a voice message to your landline telephone. However, the CFA stresses that we shouldn't rely on receiving a message, but prepare ourselves in case of a fire emergency. There is no guarantee this system will be used for every bushfire.

North still in township plan

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Despite a realignment of CFA district boundaries, North Warrandyte remains within the Warrandyte Township Protection Plan (TPP).

Earlier this year North Warrandyte fire brigade was transferred from CFA District 13 to District 14, which includes the municipalities of Wyndham, Melton, Hume, Whittlesea and Nillumbik.

This resulted from recommendations contained in the Bushfires Royal Commission findings.

"CFA now has only eight regions across the state to better line up with those of the police and other emergency services," regional manager Lex de Man told the *Diary*.

Yet again government departments see our river as a barrier and handy boundary.

Those townships south of the Yarra—Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and Wonga Park—remain in District 13.

The *Diary* was concerned that this realignment would have a detrimental effect on the Warrandyte Township Protection Plan (TPP), which includes North Warrandyte.

The TPP was drawn up last year in recognition that

Warrandyte district is one of the state's 52 most at-risk townships.

At recent CFA media briefings the *Diary* was assured that North Warrandyte would remain part of the Warrandyte TPP.

"After talking to community, brigades and municipalities CFA decided to leave Warrandyte and North Warrandyte as a community in the TPP. District 13 will administer in case of fire danger with support from District 14," David Allen, District 14 acting community safety officer, said.

North Warrandyte, Research and Kangaroo Ground still do not have Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP) and are not likely to have any approved for this fire season.

NSPs are designated places of last resort for residents or visitors to the district who find themselves caught without refuge in a bushfire emergency. They are not an alternative to planning to leave early or to stay and defend your property.

Warrandyte has two NSPs: at the Reserve Pavilion and the Elderly Citizens building on the corner of Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road

and Taroona Avenue. Park Orchards has one at the Dorney Reserve Pavilion, on Knees Road. South Warrandyte and Wonga Park do not have a NSP.

Following a meeting with CFA managers, local brigade captains and Community Fireguard coordinators, the Warrandyte Community Association commented somewhat favourably on the organisation of the Warrandyte Town Protection Plan.

"WCA welcomes the appointment of Lorraine Kamp from the CFA as professional coordinator for the whole Warrandyte area, which will be organised by District 13," president Dick Davies told the *Diary*.

WCA recognises that the TPP "is a work in progress, to be progressively improved and updated with community input."

"We were a little disappointed with the first effort, accepting that it was produced in straitened circumstances last year."

"However all TPPs will be produced according to a common template. This format follows the 'Prepare. Act. Survive' theme promoted by CFA," Mr Davies said.



Find fire facts

To report a fire: 000
Victorian Bushfire Information Line: ph 1800 240 667 (or 1800 122 969 for TTY)

CFA: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

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Online bushfire safety meetings: tinyurl.com/23cn5rb

To book a CFA property assessment: tinyurl.com/2crojxv

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Bureau of Meteorology: www.bom.gov.au

Emergency broadcasters include: ABC Melbourne 774 AM, commercial AM and FM stations, Plenty Valley 88.6 FM, plus Sky News Television.

CFA District 13 (south of Yarra): ph 8739 1300

CFA District 14 (north of Yarra): ph 8746 1400



Hey kids! It's Santa Claus time again...

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Father Christmas will soon visit Warrandyte and district.

The hilly terrain and country lanes seriously challenge his sleigh and team of reindeer so he will transfer to a CFA truck—well several trucks from local brigades—to bestow good cheer through the district.

South Warrandyte brigade will be running its 38th run, making it one of the CFA's oldest continuous Santa runs. The proceedings will begin on Sunday, December 19, around 10am.

"We will deliver approximately 6000 packets of Twisties to our communities of South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Warranwood and Donvale during the course of the morning," South captain Peter Plant told the *Diary*.

"We have a number of families whose adult children return home on an annual basis just to get their packet of Twisties. One lady has never missed Santa in our 38-year history and brings her children from Sydney (where she now lives) back home to her parents' place. Each year the family tradition is to swap homemade mince pies with Santa for a pack of Twisties."

Wonga Park CFA will be doing its run on Saturday, December 18. Santa's progress is expected to start around 10am after he has posed with the volunteers for their annual brigade photo.

Father Christmas will also be putting in solid time with Warrandyte brigade, covering the distance from Tills Drive to the high school. The times have not yet been converted from Icelandic to EDT, but he is expected to be making his tour from around 10am until lunchtime on Sunday, December 19.

North Warrandyte brigade has already completed time conversions and the jolly gentleman will progress around the district from 09:00 to 12:00 hours on Sunday, December 19.

Santa runs at a glance:

- South Warrandyte, Sunday, December 19.
- Wonga Park, Saturday, December 18.
- Warrandyte, Sunday, December 19.
- North Warrandyte, Sunday, December 19.

Be ready for summer

By SANDY BURGOYNE

This year's spring has been cool and wet — seemingly a long way from the bushfire season. The strengthening La Niña weather trend has brought moist tropical air to Victoria producing heavy rain in many regions. The Yarra has benefited from this and has run high enough to cover low-lying walking tracks on several occasions.

Last month the state equalled the average yearly rainfall after 14 years of below average precipitation. With rain forecast into the start of this month it will be comfortably exceeded for 2010.

The rain has been a welcome relief for parched bushland, gardens, dams, watercourses and water storage tanks. However, this does not cancel the fire danger period, but merely delays it.

These weather conditions have stimulated the growth of grass in forests that are still very dry underneath from the long-term rainfall deficiency. The situation could rapidly return to a highly flammable condition with the onset of warmer, drier weather.

"Grass growth will be our major issue this season," David Allen, District 14 acting community safety officer, told the *Diary*.

"On Black Saturday the Kilmore fire started in grass," he said.

Grass fires can start quickly and spread rapidly, catching people off guard. They burn very hot and can produce



The familiar "half-moon" fire danger rating is back.

large amounts of radiant heat that can kill anyone caught out in the open.

Based on Bureau of Meteorology predictions of a strong chance of exceeding median maximum temperatures, an above-normal fire season is still expected across Victoria.

"The fire season onset is expected to be early 2011, with the likelihood of high temperatures that will dry out the forests," Jason Lawrence, acting operations manager for District 13, said at a recent media briefing. "The season is likely to be short but intense with an active grass fire season."

Now is the time to prepare properties for the approaching fire danger period.

"Slashing or mowing the grass around your home is only part of your summer bushfire preparation plan. Residents need to be making the most of our cooler and

wetter conditions to get any last minute cleanup work done around the home," Wonga Park brigade captain Kingsley Allen told the *Diary*.

"If you have firewood stacked near the house, move it away down the block over summer, embers can land there and your firewood pile could burn the whole house down."

Mowing and slashing will need to be repeated regularly, as the frequent rainfall stimulates grass growth. However, this is only one part of preparing your property.

"You can assist in reducing bushfire risk by adopting a 'top-down' approach to fuel reduction," Robert Esson, South Warrandyte brigade's community safety manager, said.

"Clean your spoutings of leaves, twigs and general rubbish. Scrub them clean (and) remove tree limbs that overhang the house. Check for trees, branches or bushes that

are dying or have died."

The CFA website has many informative publications available for download to help householders prepare for the bushfire season. These include: "Can I or can't I?" (rules for use of fire during the danger period), "Grassfires" (how to protect yourself and your property) and the comprehensive FireReady kit. (A list of useful internet addresses and phone numbers is included on page 4.)

The website has the Household Bushfire Self Assessment Tool (HBSAT) — a six-step online program to assist you in preparing a bushfire survival plan for your household. The FireReady kit, which was delivered to all Victoria households, includes a paper-based version of this useful tool. Extra copies of the kit can be ordered from the Victorian Bushfire Information Line.

An on-site advice service is available to property owners to assist in understanding their bushfire risk and enable them to develop a household bushfire survival plan. A member of CFA will assess and provide a range of options and appropriate advice to assist you in planning and implementing your bushfire survival plan. This service is free and bookings can be made through the CFA website or by phone to your district office.

Most of the CFA's community and street meetings have been completed for this year. An online bushfire safety

meeting will be held on the CFAConnect website on Wednesday, December 22.

A bushfire survival plan must consider many contingencies.

"You need to have several plans to take into account the various circumstances which might exist on a particular day," Wonga Park captain Kingsley Allen said. "Bushfires don't just happen on a weekend when everyone's at home — you or your partner ... might be at work. If you have children, check with schools to clarify their response to fires in the area."

"You need to consider the traffic on a bad day — driving out might not be possible because of thick smoke or trees across the road. Remember also there will be a large number of fire trucks coming into the area and panicked residents trying to flee at the last minute on narrow, smoke-logged roads presents a huge danger and potential delays for the firefighters," he said.

On days of high fire risk the decision to "stay or go" — remain to defend your house or leave the district early — should not be made when fire is already nearby, but be part of your bushfire survival plan.

"Stay or go is entirely up to the individual. If you have a financial interest in a property you cannot be ordered to leave," Kingsley Allen said.

"However, if you have very young people, aged or infirm

living with you, CFA advises you heed the warning of leaving early on the bad day. Even some of the best prepared homes might not be able to survive intense bushfire."

Rohan Thornton, North brigade captain, added: "(Stay or go is) a personal decision. You need to decide if you are both mentally and physically able to actively defend your property. There is plenty of information available to assist in making this very important decision."

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 fire-fighting 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 difference scenarios.



CFA brigades are always training and rehearsing against another Black Saturday.



Pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE and STEPHEN REYNOLDS



Doggy-doo debate on riverbank raises ire

Recently, as I walked along the river path, I came across four different people with dogs, not picking up their dog droppings. I asked each one if they were going to pick up after their dogs; had they a plastic bag?

The first couple said they had not intended to stop at Warrandyte and had no plastic bag, but picked it up with a tissue and put it in one of the green bins.

The second family had no plastic bag, so I offered them some plastic I had picked up. (I pick up plastic, Glad Wrap, etc.) The wife took it but the husband was angry because it was a small piece and told her to leave it or throw it in the river.

The third family told me to mind my own business. The daughter tried to calm the situation by saying there were

plastic bags further along the path. The father just kept verbally abusing me as he walked away.

He asked me if I wanted to report him to the police. I told him there were laws about picking up doggy doo. He said he was a Warrandyte resident and to mind my own business. It was a most unpleasant experience.

The fourth, a lady with three dogs, had no plastic bag and picked up with a tissue when I pointed out that one of her dogs was unloading.

The nearby doggy doo bin was overflowing with used plastic bags and some had fallen out onto the ground. Bigger and more frequent signs and bins might improve people's awareness.

Carole Adins
Drysdale Road

Shop needs loving care

I have a layman's interest in architecture, and having lived in North Warrandyte for about 45 years I have noted the slow deterioration of the Folkart shop.

Another favourite building of mine is the Community Centre, and apparently it got a design award.

I think we need to value the visual environment. I think the township of Warrandyte is wonderful. The Folkart shop, more than any other building, gives Warrandyte its unique and wonderful character.

How about some further comments on what residents think?

Ron Bence
Hawkes Road

dear diary

Letters to the *Diary* on local topics are welcome. All letters—including emails—must include the writer's full name, address and phone number, even if not intended for publication. Letters may be edited for reasons of style, length or legality.

David sorts out potential peak period traffic jam

One afternoon last month, I headed down Kangaroo Ground Road, complete with serious toothache, on my way to the dentist for an expensive root canal filling.

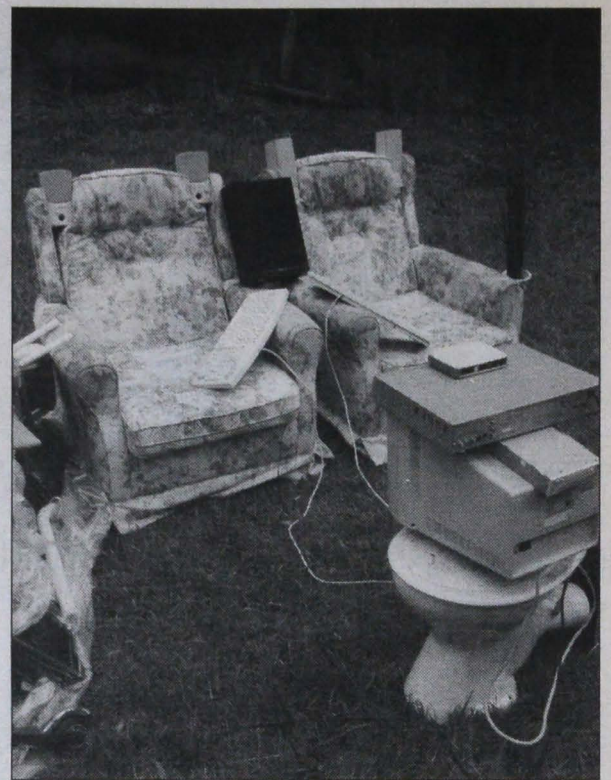
On this rather hot afternoon, a Super Soil truck, probably on his last run for the day, had collided with another vehicle, both drivers no doubt preferring a nice cool drink somewhere, rather than a collision.

The third vehicle at the intersection belonged to David Ryan, who had stopped—no doubt on his way home for a nice drink—to direct traffic.

Thanks to David, I made it to the dentist and the traffic, albeit slowly, continued to move. Thank you David.

Locals beware! It seems Warrandyte has acquired a parking officer—and he is getting the job done!

Briony Bottarelli
Marbert Court



Comfy: Removalists at work in Research Road.

Taking it easy on life's nature-strip

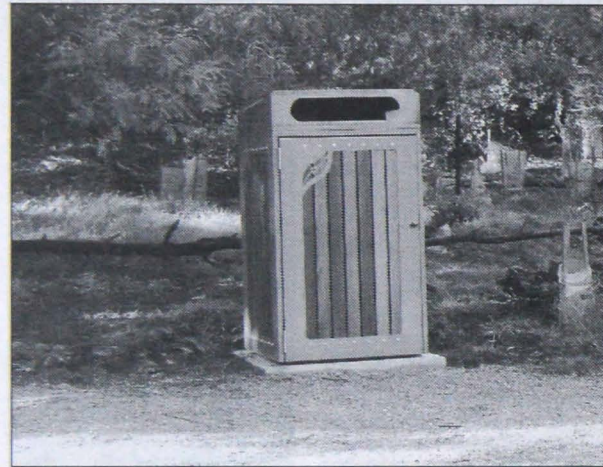
I would love to be able to share a nice story about a person with a great sense of humour in our local area.

Last month we put out our usual load of rubbish down the front for the hard rubbish collection. When we returned an hour later to add more, we found that somebody had gone through all our stuff

and arranged it to look like a lounge room. We took photos and shared great laughs with many of our friends.

So I would like to say to those responsible: Thank you for your innocent fun and great sense of humour.

Meaghan Houben
Research Road



Doggy drop: posh bins will take the smelly stuff (wrapped).

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'Yes, Minister' comes to Warrandyte

By KARLY HICKMAN

Following last month's state election, marked by a flood of voting upsets and the surprise election of a Coalition government, representation remained much the same in our neck of the woods, with the return of MPs on both sides of the river.

However, our electorates switched status—Warrandyte to government and Yan Yean to opposition—and we now boast a minister and a shadow minister as our parliamentary representatives.

Constituents in the Warrandyte electorate have demonstrated their overwhelming support for Liberal member Ryan Smith who has since been appointed minister for the environment and climate change and minister for youth affairs.

Mr Smith received 58.5 per cent of the votes in the primary count, an increase of 7.7 per cent since the last election.

"I am very proud to have been given the confidence of the Warrandyte people and will try my best to represent them over the next four years," he said.

"Campaigns aren't just run for a few weeks. My campaign has stretched over the last four years as I have done my utmost to represent the community in parliament and across local issues."

Minister Smith said that the Australian Labor Party did not run an aggressive campaign for the Warrandyte seat, gaining only 26.2 per cent of the vote in the primary count.

The Green's Chris Padgham secured 11.2 per cent of the primary count.

Mr Smith said that one major component of his new environment portfolio is bushfire preparedness.

"The coalition has committed to implementing all of the 2009 Bushfire Royal Commission recommendations, and I will ensure that it does

happen."

This includes the contentious recommendation for non-compulsory acquisition of properties in unacceptably high bushfire risk areas and the progressive replacement of single wire earth return power lines.

While Minister Smith said that any good member should represent the views of their constituents, delivering the needs of the Warrandyte community should be easier now that he is in government.

Yan Yean Labor member, Danielle Green, was also re-elected in her seat, capturing the area north of the river.

Ms Green has also been promoted, with her appointment as shadow minister for emergency services, for health promotion and for volunteers. "I am pleased to be elevated to the front bench" Ms Green told the *Diary*.

"I am honoured and feel it a great privilege to be re-elected by the community."

Local MPs on front bench



Danielle Green: shadow minister for emergency services, health promotion and volunteers.



Ryan Smith: minister for environment and climate change and youth affairs.

The Yan Yean electorate has grown by more than 50 per cent since Ms Green was first elected in 2002, owing mainly to the development of large expanses of land to the north.

"My focus will be on keeping the new government honest and accountable," she said. Despite being the most

populated electorate in Victoria, according to Ms Green, the Liberals committed only \$130,000 to the area in pre-election promises.

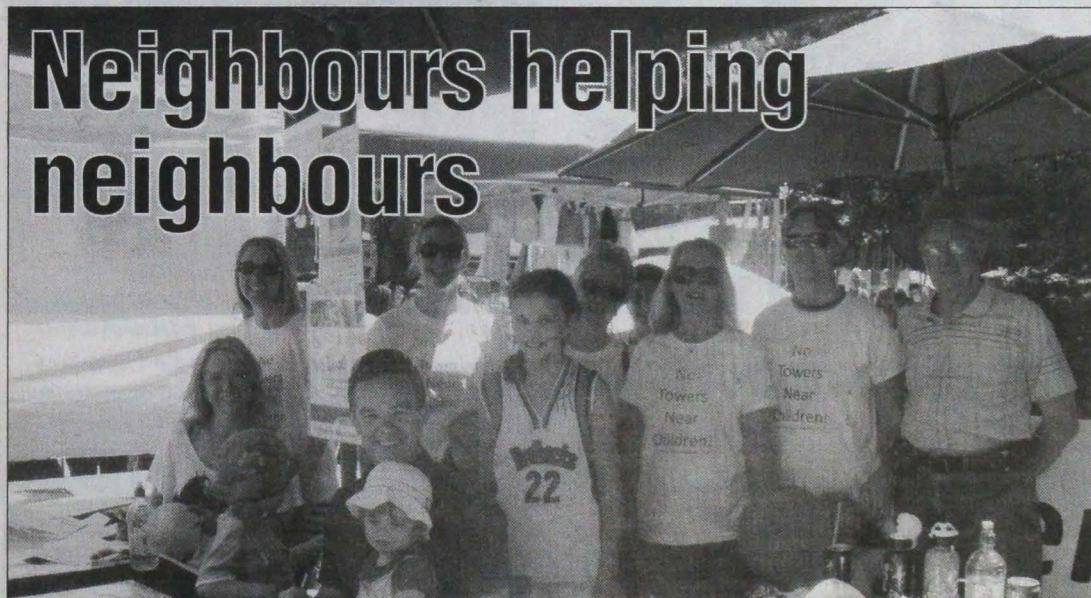
"I know the local community is particularly concerned about fire safety. Labor committed to 250 new fire stations across Victoria, while Liberal committed to only 60," Ms

Green said.

In the Eastern Region, three Liberals and two Labor members were elected to the Legislative Council; the same breakdown as in the 2006 election.

For the Northern Region, three Labor, one Liberal and one Green were elected to the Legislative Council.

Neighbours helping neighbours



One for the neighbours: TV stars Carla Bonner and Stefan Dennis support locals in their campaign against the proposed mobile phone tower. (Picture by Michelle Pini)

By MICHELLE PINI

Two of television's most popular stars, Stefan Dennis and Carla Bonner, aka Paul Robinson and Stephanie Scully of *Neighbours* (seated), joined the community fight against the proposed Optus Vodafone tower planned for Warrandyte Reserve.

Dennis, who lives in a neighbouring suburb and Bonner, a one-time Warrandyte resident, added their voices (and pens) to the fight against plans by the telco giant to build a 34.1m tower to which 1200 Warrandyte

residents have objected.

Demonstrating the true meaning of being a "neighbour", the stars generously donated their time and fame to raise media awareness for the ongoing battle at Warrandyte market earlier this month.

Stefan Dennis, father of three, said: "In today's world we need the technology of modern communication. We need these towers but let's just put them in safer places—kids are our future."

Carla Bonner, herself a mother of

two, echoed Stefan's sentiments: "Why choose the most vulnerable community location next to a kindergarten and a primary school, in the heart of the town when Warrandyte has so much open space? It's just wrong."

Stefan Dennis and Carla Bonner cheerfully signed autographs and posed for photographs amongst a sea of red balloons inscribed with the message: "No Towers Near Children!" The VCAT appeal is set for March, 2011.

Local groups score bank's half million!

Cheques totalling \$150,000 were distributed at the annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank last month.

This brought to more than half a million dollars distributed to the community since the bank was established.

"That's a lot of money in anyone's

language," chairman Sarah Wrigley told the *Diary*. "And it has all been made possible by the customers of the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch who do their banking with us!"

The latest money was distributed to more than 50 community groups enabling them to proceed with a wide variety of projects.



Bankers' trust: Warrandyte Community Bank chairman Sarah Wrigley and founding chairman John Proven. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

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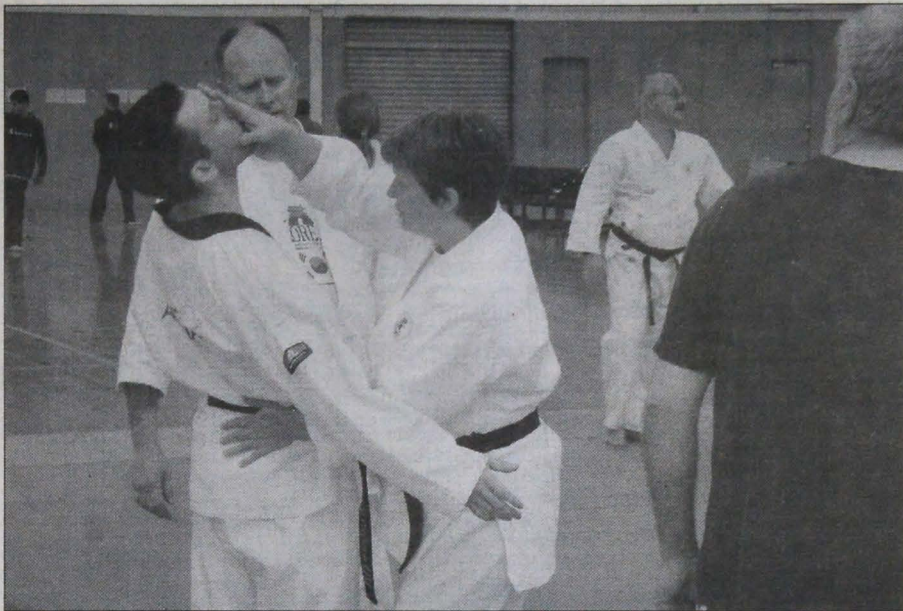
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Keeping hold of life: participants in the recent martial arts seminar.

Mark Bence remembered at tennis club dedication

The bar at the Warrandyte Tennis Club was named in honour of the late Mark Bence at a function held at the club last month.

Mark was awarded life membership in 2004 for his service to the club over many years. He served 10 years as president and resigned from this role when he was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2009. He died earlier this year.

The proceeds of a raffle

held on the night were donated to the Leukaemia Foundation in his memory.

The unveiling was preceded by the honouring of all the club's life members and the granting of a new life membership to Wendy Synnot.

President, Neil Sproat, congratulated Wendy on her considerable contribution to the club. Wendy held the role of secretary for a number of years and

was involved in organising the amalgamation of the club with the South Warrandyte Tennis Club in 2005 and the centenary celebrations in 2007.

The 2010 Keith Wilson Clubperson of the Year trophy was awarded to Susan Everon. The trophy was presented to her by Keith to mark her considerable contribution to the club over the past year, particularly in the role of treasurer.

They fought for cancer funds

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Local jiu jitsu instructor Wendy Carroll played a major role in a seminar held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre recently.

The seminar, demonstrating 22 different martial arts, including taekwondo, kickboxing, karate and jiu jitsu, raised \$12,000 towards the fight against cancer.

Kevin Walsh began organising the fundraising event when he learned that his friend Wendy Carroll had discovered that her breast cancer had returned.

Wendy, who has more than 30 years experience in the martial arts, has run the Warrandyte Jiu Jitsu Club with her family for almost a decade.

She was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer in 2007, but responded well to treatment. However, this year it returned and doctors warned her that she could have as little as a few months to live.

But once again she amazed family and friends when it was decided her cancer was now "dormant".

"What my martial arts training has taught me is that when you face a formidable opponent, it's too difficult to win with one killing blow," she told the *Diary*.

"So you look for the next best position, and then the next best position until you are in a position to win.

"It's about creating oppor-

tunities. That's how I treat my fight with cancer. At some point it may get me in that position to deliver a killer blow," Wendy said.

Forty instructors donated their time over the seminar weekend, including some who flew in from overseas.

"It wasn't just a success financially," Wendy said. It succeeded on a "personal and spiritual level for everybody who was there. People coming together and understanding they're not alone with their grief is a very powerful thing."

Organiser Kevin Walsh has announced plans for another Fight For Life event in 2012. Wendy Carroll can be contacted on 9844 0866.



New life member Wendy Synnot congratulated by president Neil Sproat. Inset: Susan Everon, clubperson of the year. (Pictures by Bill Parry)

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By **CLIFF GREEN**

So here we are again, still here and still the best community newspaper in Victoria: and still boasting.

It was exactly 40 years ago—December 1970—that this little paper ventured out into the world, but with no idea we would still be publishing four decades on.

It was a pretty modest little effort, actually: 12 pages of the old quarto size: snippets of news from local schools and organisations and the first in a continuing history series. Oh, and Jock was there, taking the mickey out of the local estate agents. (See page 23)

But another year has rolled off the presses at Streamline and it's again time to thank all those sterling volunteers who have kept your monthly "Diary fix" coming.

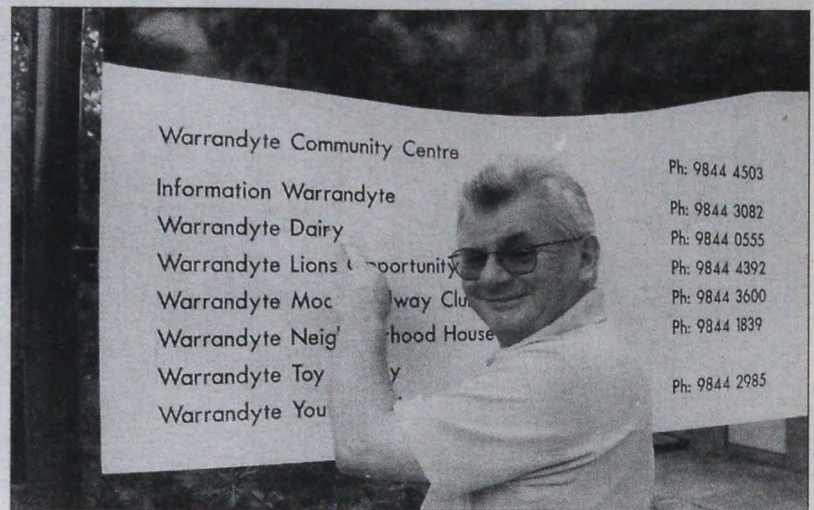
News reporters are the backbone of any newspaper, and this year we've relied upon Sandy Burgoyne, Karly Hickman, Cliff Green, Tristan Maddocks, Stephanie Crawford, Brianna Piazza and Michelle Pini. Feature stories were contributed by Val Polley, Sandy Burgoyne, Jeremy Loftus-Hills, Karen Throssell and Don Charlwood.

Lots of people in the community contribute to the *Diary* in lots of ways. Those who scored a by-line this year include Kal Vani Lawry, Cherie Moselen, Mike Coupar, Lance Nilsson, David Ellis, Damien Arsenis, Adrian Mullens, Michelle Gilling and Simone Newmann.

Diary images—black and white and colour—are windows on our local world. Photographers have included Stephen Reynolds, Sandy Burgoyne, Robert White, Jan Tindale, Jeremy Loftus-Hills and Bill Parry. No other local paper can boast a team of artists like Jock Macneish, Paul Williams, Syd Tunn, Ona Henderson and Wayne Rankin.

Columnists in a newspaper are like old friends in a neighbourhood. Alan Cornell, Marilyn Moore, Roger Kibell, Linda Rogan, Joan Broadberry and Judy Green were familiar names this year. Karen Throssell and Corinne Fenton were our celebrated resident poets.

Our sports pages might be at the back, but many of our readers turn to



"A quart of milk and a half of cream, thanks, Milko!" Our esteemed editor was used to us being mistaken for the local dairy. This appeared on a council notice back in the Dark Ages.

them first. Robert White, Tony Oliver, Chris Chapman, Edward Munks, Frans Brouwer and Ryan Hoiberg followed the challenges and reported the matches through the seasons.

Someone has to decide what goes in, where it goes, and how it's presented. Editors Cliff Green and Robert White accept full blame. Sandy Burgoyne does likewise with our online editions, keeping us in touch with readers across the world.

Of equal value are all those folk who labour behind the scenes to bring you your paper each month.

Rachel Schroeder set the type, designed the ads and supervised production. Mark Schroeder and David Hogg stood by, attending to all our technical glitches and problems. The skilled craftspeople at Streamline Press took pride in printing our paper each month.

We sadly said farewell to Rae Danks, who retired due to ill health. Rae had been our beloved advertising and accounts manager and front-of-house person for 14 years. We wish her the best of

everything.

Briony Bottarelli has stepped into the breach and has been on a steep learning curve all year. She is the new voice of the *Diary*, and assisted by Jan Tindale, has brought sanity, order and a lovely smile back into our office.

Peter Norman and Joyce Norman and Penny Munks and Ed Munks continue delivering to our far-flung distribution points—who also deserve our special thanks.

We especially appreciate our esteemed and valued advertisers. We have no other source for the vital finance that keeps the paper going and the issues coming.

Finally, it is to you, our loyal and enthusiastic readers, that we offer our special heartfelt thanks, especially to those among you who have contributed to our Dear Diary page.

● This is our last issue for 2010. No *Diary* in January, but we'll see you again on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Copy closes on Friday, January 28.



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Reading for the future...

These kids from Warrandyte Primary School were among those who accepted the Premier's Reading Challenge and read the required number of books. "The staff and the parents of Warrandyte are very proud of their achievements and their persistence and enthusiasm whilst completing the challenge," teacher Gaby Chitiz told the *Diary*.

Grants available for sporting clubs

Local sports clubs are being urged to apply for VicHealth grants of up to \$2500 each for new equipment, injury prevention equipment, portable shade and volunteer training.

According to local state MP, Danielle Green, a total of \$700,000 is available to local sporting clubs, regional sport-

ing leagues and associations and locally active recreation clubs across Victoria.

"The grants aim to make it easier for clubs to fund items or activities that help them to improve safety and to reach out to new participants," Ms Green told the *Diary*.

This year's grants focus on young people aged five to

17 years-old and on people aged over 60, who traditionally have low rates of sports participation.

● Applications for funding can be submitted until February 9, 2011. Interested clubs should contact Danielle Green on 9432 9782 or danielle.green@parliament.vic.gov.au.

Developers clearing bush, using fire as a pretext

Nillumbik council is concerned that developers could be clearing vegetation for development, using the 10/30 rule, introduced as a precaution against bushfires.

"There has been a level of concern about the possible abuse of the 10/30 rule in our community for some time now," Nillumbik mayor Cr Ken King told the *Diary*.

Council resolved to lobby the state government on this issue.

"These concerns are largely in those established urban areas where there are no additional fire controls," Cr King said. "The removal of trees and vegetation in these areas detracts from the character and amenity of these areas."

"When the 10/30 rule is applied to small urban lots, abuse of this clause has the potential to remove significant amounts of vegetation, dramatically altering the landscape of the towns."

"We continue to support the intentions and objectives of the 10/30 rule for bushfire protection, however, we would like some reassurance that the shortcomings are being examined."

Christmas messages, words of hope

FOR many of us at Christmas time, we are so busy negotiating traffic, waiting in queues, planning menus, preparing lists and generally stressing out that it is difficult to see beyond the chaos. No matter what faith or denomination we follow—or if we claim no religion—it is comforting to remember what this time of year is meant to represent. It moves us to evaluate, take stock and ponder meaning in our lives.

MICHELLE PINI approached our local churches. They offered these messages of hope.

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In a time when Christians celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, there is still a lot of trouble in the world. In Burma there has been an election and the democratic leader, Aung San Suu Kyi is free for the time being. The people are very anxious. In southern Sudan the people voted on January 9 on creating an independent

nation. After years in camps in Uganda, refugees are contemplating whether to go home. The people are very anxious.

In our own region, the indigenous people of West Papua are being overwhelmed by immigrants from Indonesia. The people feel disempowered and anxious.

In the Middle East, where Jesus was born, rivalry between two very different cultures breaks out into armed conflict in the very place where Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers".

What happens on the world scale is reflected at the micro level. What can anyone do? Whether Christian or Buddhist or agnostic, everyone can be a peacemaker in their local community and in their family. Christmas is a good time to practice peace."

Canon Alan Nichols, St Stephen's Anglican Church, Warrandyte

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Greek philosopher Anaxagoras (500-428 BC) was once

asked, "Why are you here on earth?" He replied, "To see!" which translated into Latin as contemplation, from which contemplation is derived the ability to truly see. Anaxagoras is credited as being the first person to formulate molecular theory of matter. He "saw" movements of particles in substance and opened the minds of those around him to "see" reality in a new way.

The birth of Jesus 2000 years ago opened new dimensions for us and we are now able to see the innate dignity of all human beings and know that even here on earth, we can share in God's own life.

Christmas makes it possible for us to see far more than the apparent, to believe what is beyond belief, to hope against all hope and to love as Jesus loved.

In his poem *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*, English poet and priest, Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-89) wrote: "For Christ plays in ten thousand places ... lovely in eyes not his to the Father through the features of men's faces". May we have the eyes to see Christ in 10,000 places,

in the faces of all those who come into our lives daily.

Wishing you Peace, Joy and the Love of Christ during this Holy Season and always."

Fr Eugene San sac, St Anne's Catholic Church, Park Orchards

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christmas time is filled with hope statements: we hope we get this; we hope the turkey will taste right; we hope our families will get along. We hope, but do we really expect that it will happen? For us to believe in our hopes we need something to hope in. Today, hope has lost its true meaning and become more of a wish statement.

Mostly, we are truly hopeless people. We have trivialised and commercialised every element of our lives and just keep trying to fill our empty voids with stuff—to distract us from dealing with, or asking the deeper questions of life. All these distractions have created a hopeless existence and when

Christmas passes, the disappointments increase as our hopes remain undelivered.

Yet this Christmas, if we push aside the tinsel, the unwanted jocks, the strange bearded men, the snowing scenes in the middle of summer, we find a baby. A baby who changed time. A baby who was given the title, "The Hope of the World". Someone in which to hope: a reason. God's gift this Christmas is to offer the hopeless HOPE, not just more distractions.

Pastor Ash Price, Warrandyte Community Church

UNITING CHURCH

"Christmas time invites us to dream and live the stories that tell us who we are; for our stories, like our dreams, call us to live what we value and hope for. Our dreams and hopes for Warrandyte, for the world and the people we connect with can connect with the stories of Christmas.

In the story of the angelic visitation to shepherds, the

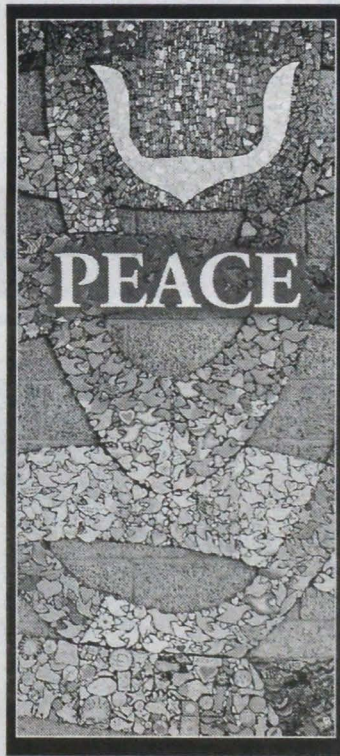
messengers announce God's divine intent for the world: "Peace on earth and goodwill to all". How does this dream inspire your living? It inspires the Warrandyte Uniting Church to seek to live the dream and hope for peace with God, with each other and with the earth. We support peace projects throughout our nation and world.

We dreamed and created the Peace Wall on the side of the church building with the whole Warrandyte community—all ages and faiths represented. Visit any time to see how your small tile is part of the whole dream for peace and good will to all.

This Christmas I invite you to let the stories of Christmas become part of your story and your dreams and hopes for Warrandyte and the world.

Let the dream of a child called Jesus, born long ago, whose life revealed a divine love and potential for all people and still invites us to live God's peace, love and hospitality, extend your hopes both locally and globally."

Rev Lynette Dungan, Warrandyte Uniting Church



Clockwise: nativity scene at St Anne's; Warrandyte Uniting's peace wall; children's service at the Community Church; St Stephen's Church, still serving its community.

Talent features at Carols on Stiggants

A special feature of Christmas in Warrandyte is Carols at Stiggants, to be held this year—as usual—on Stiggants Reserve on Saturday, December 18, commencing at 8pm.

Warrandyte choir Bellbird Singers will lead the singing again this year, accompanied by the Eltham Concert Band.

Local tenor Raymond Khong will open the program with popular jazz and classical Christmas pieces, accompanied by his wife May Gavin on piano. Ray has sung with the Australian and Victorian State opera companies. "He has thrilled the crowds at the carols in previous years with his powerful renditions of inspiring songs," a spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Another local legend, Kevin O'Mara, will perform with the Warrandyte Primary School Bush Band. Choirs from Kangaroo Ground and Andersons Creek primary schools will

also sing. Featured artist Liz Chery has wide experience in children's choir and musical theatre, currently fronting the Army Reserve Band. She sings all styles of jazz and cabaret.

Naomi Capper will make her Carols debut as a soloist. She leads one of the Warrandyte Community Church bands.

"Come early with your picnic tea, or food and drinks can be bought on the night," the spokesperson said. Entertainment on stage will commence from 7.30pm. Glo sticks will be available for purchase, and donations will be accepted during the performance for the annual Christmas Bowl Appeal.

● If the program is postponed due to bad weather, it will be held the following night, Sunday, December 19. Enquiries can be made through the Warrandyte Community Church on 9844 4148.

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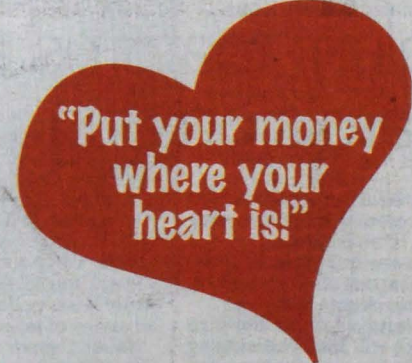
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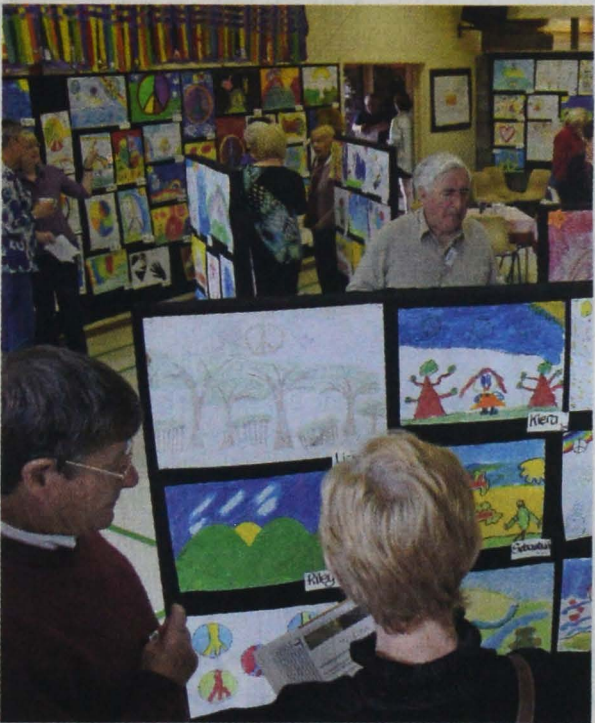


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Eilish Kelly and her winning poster.



Posters for peace

Warrandyte Lions Club and Riverflow Peace (Warrandyte Uniting Church's peace project) recently staged an inspiring exhibition of peace posters, designed by children, at the church.

Co-organisers Leeanne Kean and John Papas were "surprised and pleased" by the number of entries—more than 250.

"Thanks to all those who encouraged their children to participate," they said. The local art teachers said they had enjoyed the opportunity to discuss peace with their students, who had all responded enthusiastically to the theme.

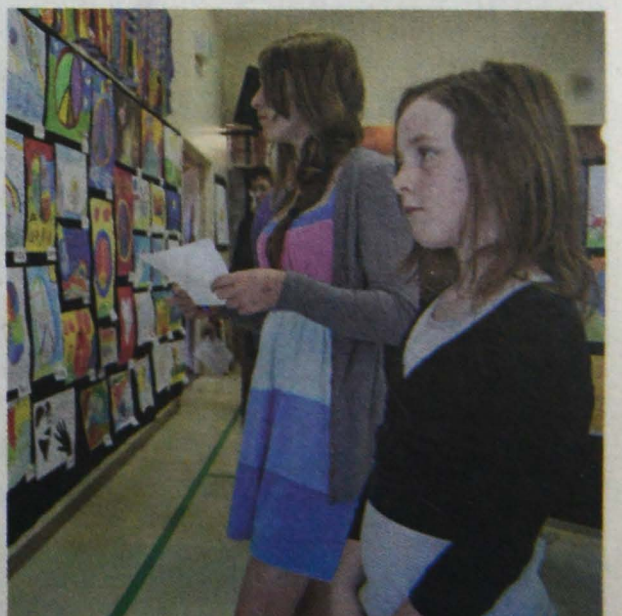
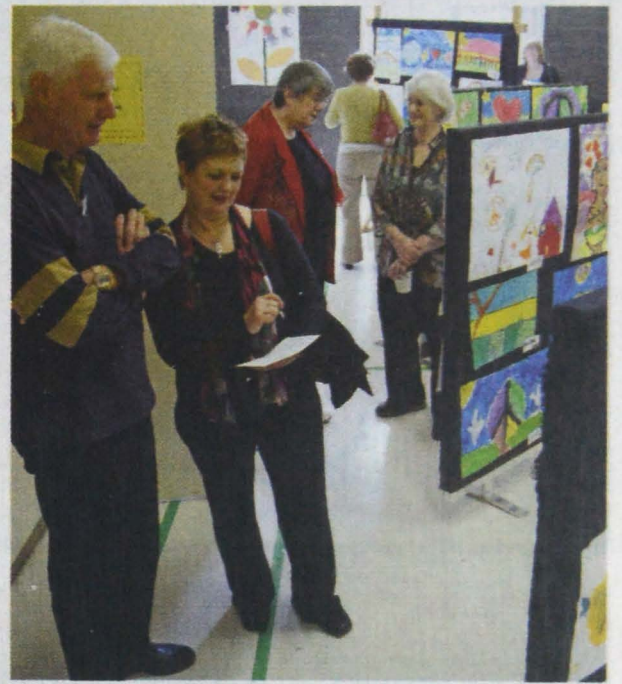
The many visitors to the display nominated their choices of posters to be reproduced on cards or a

calendar, "so the peace vision will extend well beyond the poster display," Ms Kean said.

A poster by Eilish Kelly, 11 years, was judged the winner, the judges noting her use of bright, vibrant colours, her artistic composition and her creative use of the peace symbol. The winning entry will compete at a regional level in an International Lions Clubs competition.

Also, winning art packs will be presented to students from Acacia College, Andersons Creek Primary School, Donvale Christian College, Christmas Hills Primary School and Warrandyte Primary School.

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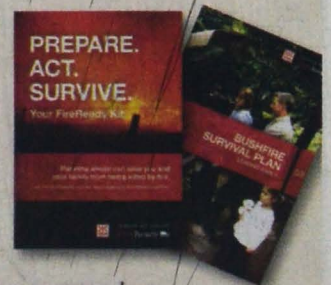
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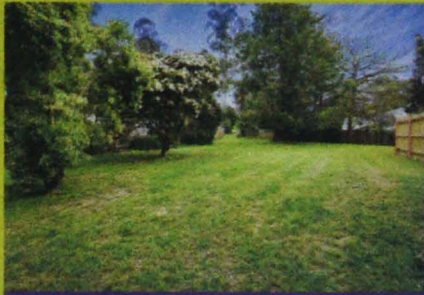
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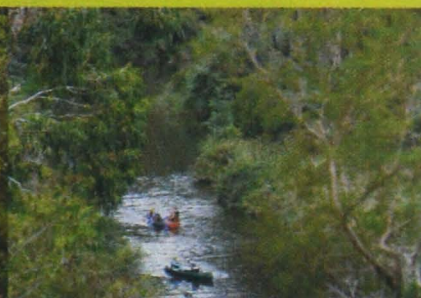
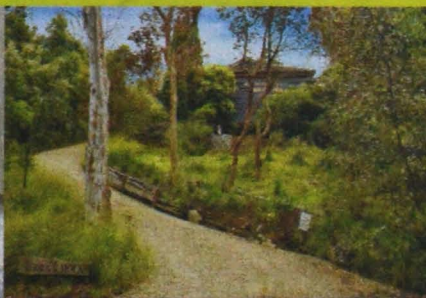


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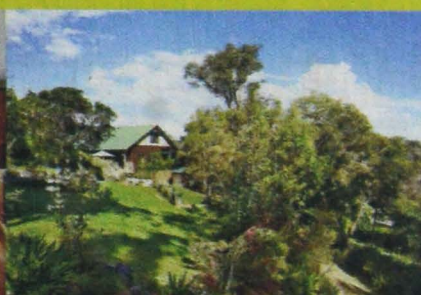


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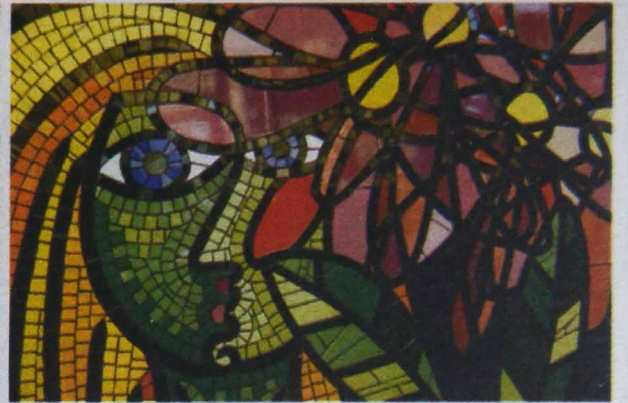
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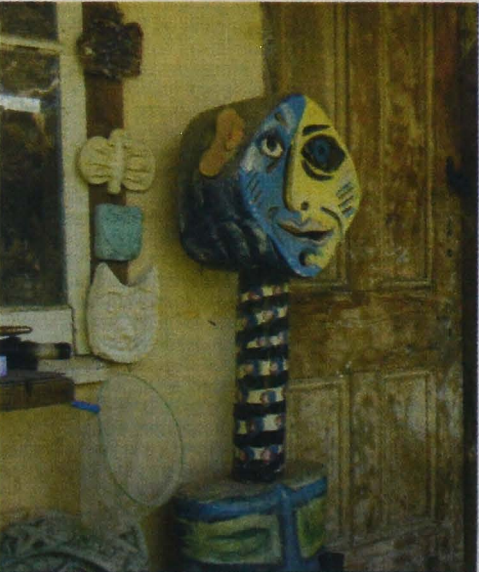
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Symbols of Melbourne

Deborah Halpern is a sculptor, mosaic and ceramic artist based in North Warrandyte. Growing up in a world surrounded by art (her parents, Sylvia and Artec were among those instrumental in setting up Potter's Cottage) she apprenticed as a ceramacist then studied painting. These days she works in all media, from ceramics and sculpture to gouache and print-making. Her work is highly sought after and represented in numerous public art commissions including Melbourne's iconic "Angel" (originally in the National Gallery moat and now at Birrarung Marr) and "Ophelia" (on the river walk at Southbank). This is the 11th in an occasional series on local artists by photographer STEPHEN REYNOLDS.



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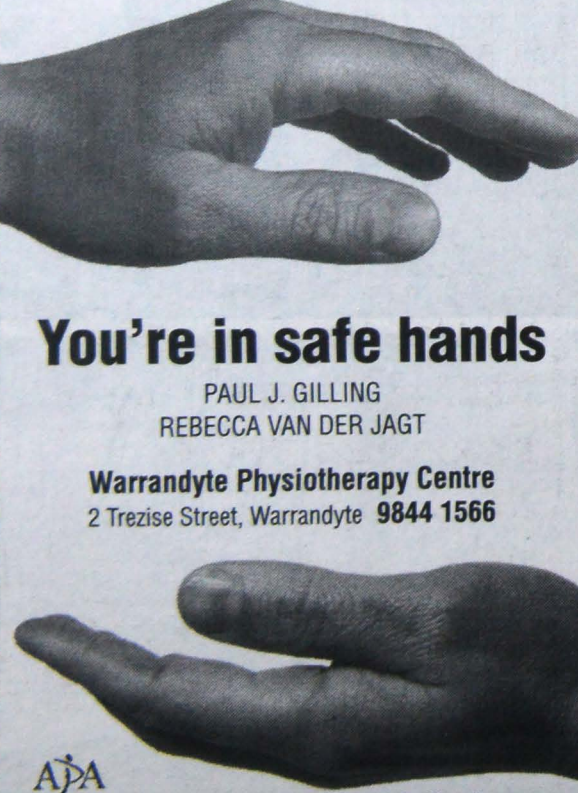
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Having fun together — except at election time

IT'S election time. Well it's not really because you'll be reading this a fortnight or so after the dreaded event but at the time of writing, the election loomed large on the horizon. It wasn't so much the policies that intrigued me but the way everything becomes even more divisive.

You're either for or against us. We're right and you're wrong. If necessary, we'll tear out your eyes, pillory your mother and dredge up that time at the Labor Party convention, that instead of downing an ideologically sound VB, you sloped off for a chardonnay. If possible, we'll even mention that time you walked through that cloud of pot smoke in the university café.

It's no holds barred and the gloves are well and truly off until the modest declaration of success on election night, at which time all rancour and divisions vanish. Antagonism and schisms are forgotten and PR professionalism takes over with the time honoured refrain of, "We intend to govern not just for those who voted for us but for everyone."

"Oh no you bloody well don't!" is lost in the rehearsed clapping. That is, until month three or four when the bride's nightie is a little tattered, the groom is a bit jaded and the defeated opposing beau is sniffing around for signs of a vulnerable hunting ground.

Idealists think democracy is flawed. Under the democratic system, the winner can govern having polled only one more vote than the opposition.



"You're either for or against us. We're right and you're wrong. Instead of downing an ideologically sound VB, you sloped off for a chardonnay..."

This, so the theory goes, is fine as the disgruntled 49 per cent will happily go along with the winner, "because it's the will of the majority".

Idealists, on the other hand, think this is unrealistic and would like us to work through disagreements until everyone agrees. Yes, I know this might work if you are dealing with a handful of people but would be impracticable with large numbers. If my memory serves me correctly, The Democrats tried to implement this approach and we all

know what happened to them! Democracy assumes endless forbearance and accommodation but it doesn't take full regard of human nature.

It would be nice if decisions could be simple. A dear friend of mine, on hearing about the appalling incidence of male rape in prisons, thought for a moment and came up with her solution.

"Why not just ask them when they enter the prison whether they would mind 'conjugal' or not. Those who wouldn't mind could file to the right and those who didn't, to the left. That way, you would have two groups of happy prisoners."

She had a very idealistic approach to the topic and couldn't understand the difficulties we had in accepting her "left field" solution. Questions of ethics and of the practicalities of separating the groups were raised. Would she favour a tattooed "Yes" on a forehead or a gold stud discretely worn in the left ear? Would there be a fence down the middle of the cell block and what if there were only 10 per cent "Yes" and 50 per cent "No"? Where would you put the undecided 40 per cent? Her answer was blindingly simple.

"Separate jails!"

As well as politics and the penal system, the domestic field is fraught with conflict. Do you peg out socks randomly or in pairs? Must you always put down the toilet seat or is it up to the next user to decide whether it should be used up or down? Is it acceptable for the toothpaste tube to

be squeezed from the middle? Is the milk poured into the cup of tea or instant coffee before or after the hot water is added?


Fortunately, one of the things that Herself and I agree on is that, under no circumstances, should Christmas carols be sung nor Christmas decorations be retrieved from storage and hung before the beginning of December. It is infuriating to hear about the IR situation of Rudolph and his work place agreement with his boss and the rest of his work party in early November.

And surely the Department of Meteorology must bridle at having contradictory forecasts about snow, ice and freezing temperatures when they are reassuring us all that we are in for a mild November. It's bad enough being blinded by sun glare without the additional difficulty of passing tinselled shop windows or neon lit houses in the last months of the year.

However, amidst all this potential angst, bickering and stress, it's reassuring to know that there are some acknowledged time-out periods during the year. Christmas is one of the "biggies". For most of us, the celebratory days of Christmas are precious. They are days when hope and consensus reign and division is sidelined, even if only through gritted teeth and for a few days. Worth trying for the rest of the year?

I hope your Christmas is a time for agreement and trust.

ROGER KIBELL



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Spider casting wide its net

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By JOAN BROADBERRY

I GREW up with a fear of spiders, one of the most common of all phobias. As a teenager I once pushed my bed out into a passageway, because of a small huntsman in the bedroom.

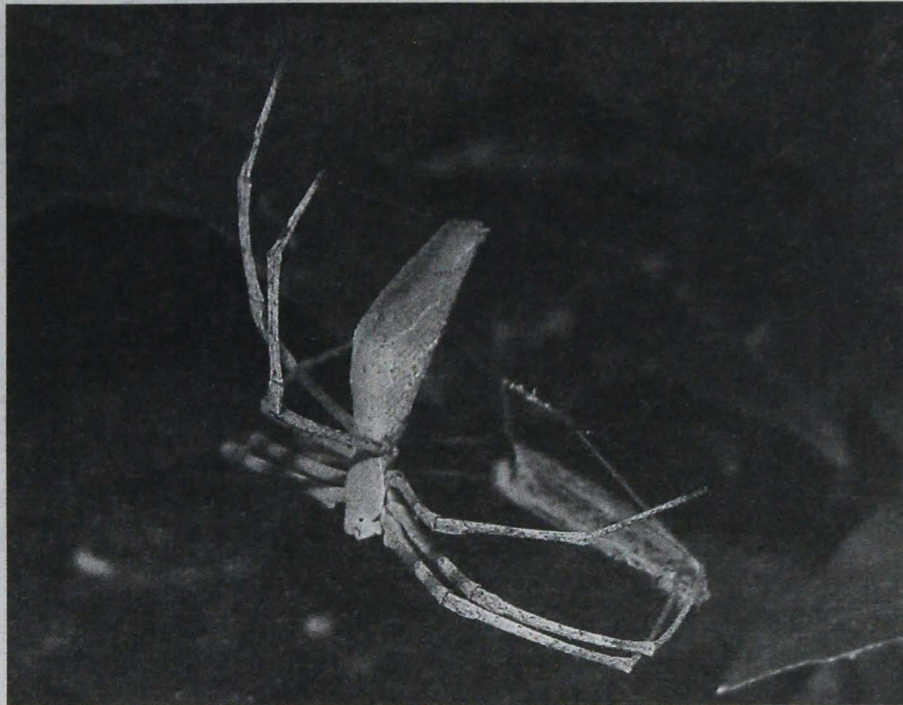
Over the years, I have gradually moved away from irrational terror, to being fascinated by spiders; a journey that relates to my altered perspective as a field naturalist. By learning about arachnids and understanding their lifestyles I have come to see them as interesting, and often very beautiful, parts of the natural world.

Some readers might not like the thought, but a really good place to find spiders is the suburban backyard. This makes them one of the easiest creatures to get to know.

My friends and relatives indulge me in my quest to see creepy-crawlies. A couple of weeks ago I learned that my observant sister had noticed one of the most amazing of all spiders in her garden. It is known as the Net-casting spider. It hunts at night and has a unique method of capturing food.

The spider weaves a tiny rectangular net of silk. Head downwards, it then waits in ambush with the net positioned in front. When an insect comes within range, the spider lunges forward and flings the net over its prey.

This extraordinary hunting device is made of cribellate silk, a thick jelly-like overlay placed on two strands of ordinary spider silk. It is very elastic and expands to several times its apparent size when thrown. The insect is engulfed and dinner is served. In most species, a new net is con-



On watch: net-casting spider waiting in ambush. (Picture by Joan Broadberry)

structed each evening. It was after 10pm when the phone-call came, and in my pj's I hurried across to my sister's house with my camera. The spider was near to the ground in some ivy. A good spot, as sadly for my bare arms, there were plenty of mosquitoes about.

It was a little larger than I expected, with a body size of about 20mm, and held out a small bluish-coloured, fuzzy net, with two pairs of its long legs. As I was attempting to take some photos, I suddenly noticed the net was no longer folded but was now the shape of a tiny kite. Despite the camera flash and my presence, the spider had caught a mosquito. Not surprisingly, I missed the exact moment of the net being thrown as it happens very quickly.

Observing a Net-casting spider actually hunting was a very exciting field naturalist moment and I stayed up late to try and identify it. A great spider reference is *A Guide to Australian Spiders*, by naturalist Densey Clyne. Comparing my photographs with the illustrations I decided it was likely to be *Dinopsis subrufa*, possibly a female, the commonest species of the genus and also the largest. These are also known as "Ogre-faced spiders", from the very large eyes needed for an accurate cast of the net in the dark.

This was not the first Net-casting spider I had seen. Two or three times in the last few years, always in late November, a male has turned up in my garden. These spiders caught my attention as they were quite large (their spread

legs measuring 6cm), but with no web. They were fawn-coloured with short, slim bodies. At rest, their eight elongated legs were held in pairs in a cross formation.

With more reading, I found that following the final moult, these mature Net-casting males no longer make a net, but stop feeding, change their body shape and concentrate on reproduction, after which they die.

Even in urban areas nature provides us with some really intriguing creatures. There is no need to wait for David Attenborough, just prowling around likely corners of the garden, (with a torch at night), and discover them for yourselves. If you are in the grip of arachnophobia there is the added bonus of the possible savings on therapy.

Fill out the form—then wipe

IS it that time of year? Or am I getting fluffier and incompetent? Gadgetry and bureaucracy have both gone mad!

I've just gritted my teeth through a 3-hour inquisition by a council worker of an older lady who needs temporary assistance with house cleaning while she recovers from surgery. The interview was standard fare and very kindly conducted, but the outrageousness of its content becomes obvious if you imagine turning the tables and asking your prospective new cleaner a few similar questions.

So here, folks, is the Application Form for Appointment as Cleaner to my good self in 2011. If you would like the job, please answer each question as fully as possible, taking care to omit no detail, regardless of its irrelevance.

1. How long since you last washed your hands? What type of soap did you use? How did you dry your hands? What would you consider the energy rating to be of your hand hygiene process? Are you satisfied with this? Can you provide a reasonably ac-

curate estimate of the carbon credits required (in terms of eucalypt trees) to balance this activity?

2. List all the things you have done since you last washed your hands. In alphabetical order please. How many of these things were really necessary? What would it have taken for you to complete these same tasks in half the time? Did you require or receive any assistance? If so, was the assistance satisfactory? How could it be improved?

3. How many times a day do you eat? What sort of food do you eat? Has the nutritional value of this food been assessed by a qualified dietician? Do you require assistance with meal preparation?

4. How much exercise would you say you got in an average day? What's your current Body Mass Index? Can you manage stairs? Hills? Gravel driveways? Can you touch your toes? Can you hang out washing properly? If not, why not?

5. Have you ever smoked? Has anybody ever smoked inside your house?

6. Do you bring your own

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

cleaning products and equipment? If so, where do you buy them? Is the store Australian-owned? What percentage of the gross profit from this store, and from your preferred products in particular, goes offshore?

7. What evidence is there that your preferred cleaning products work? Please use the booklet provided to write an informed essay on this topic, including a rigorous scientific comparison between my own cleaning products (see attached colour prints) and those which you insist on using. Please note that (a) my galvanised iron mop bucket has been working perfectly well for at least 60 years, and (b) I will not have No-name products, perfumed varieties or anything coloured yellow in my house.

8. Do you use a podiatrist? How often? A physiotherapist? A chiropractor? Ditto.

9. How many times a day do

you use the toilet? Can you wipe your own bum?

10. Do you still have any of your own teeth? How long since you visited the dentist?

11. How much do you earn? Do you manage your own finances? Who does your income tax return? Are you up-to-date with that?

12. What sort of visitors do you generally have at home? How often do they come? Which rooms do they use? Where do your children and other close relatives live? Do they have pets?

13. Do you drive your own car? Make and model? Average fuel consumption? How long since this car was serviced? How well can you drive it? Please provide witnessed affidavits.

14. Do you have regular eye-sight checkups? How close to a speck of dust do you need to be to focus on it clearly (circle one or more of the following): 10cm; 1m; 10m; none of these.

Attach your response to a copy of this form, in triplicate, then discard the lot into a receptacle of your own choice. Happy Christmas!

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Christmas services

out of the inbox
 By JUDY GREEN

Celebrate at your local church this Christmas

Local churches will be holding their Christmas services for 2010 as follows: Uniting (9844 3906): Christmas Eve 7.30pm and 11.30pm; Christmas Day 9am. Anglican (9844 2193): Christmas Day 9am. Catholic (9876 1509): Christmas Eve family outdoor mass 5pm Park Orchards, 9pm mass Warrandyte, Christmas Day mass 9am Park Orchards. Community Church (9844 4148): Christmas Eve 7pm, Christmas Day 9am.

Carols
 Carols at Stiggants will be held, as usual, at Stiggants Reserve, on the corner of Yarra and Stiggants streets in Warrandyte on Saturday, December 18, commencing at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come early and bring a picnic meal. Food and drinks will be available for sale. Entertainment will commence at 7.30pm. If the program is postponed due to bad weather, it will be held the following night, Sunday, December 19. The program is sponsored by the combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards. Further information from Warrandyte Community Church on 9844 4148.

Farmers
 The next Park Orchards Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday, December 18, at the car park behind the shops on the corner of Park and Hopetoun roads, Park Orchards. Organised by the Park Orchards Ratepayers Association to bring fresh, green, local produce direct from the farmer to our community, the market will feature a wide variety of stalls, including fresh beef, lamb, poultry, dairy products, fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, bread, wines, oils and condiments and much, much more. Information from Sue Walmsley (0423 670 773), Sophie Galbally (0409 417 369) or email: admin@pora.org.au.



All aboard! Shout your kids—and yourselves—to a wonderful day at the Diamond Valley Miniature Railway, Eltham Lower Park, Eltham. (Melway 21/H10.) Phone 9439 1493.

Thanks
 The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House would like to send a big thank you to everyone who donated toys and the enormous bag of knitted jumpers, in response to Karen Throssell's article "Pins and Needles" published last month. Six large parcels have been sent to the Aboriginal community at Alpurullulam. Postage was kindly paid by the Warrandyte Lions Club.

More farmers
 The Hurstbridge Farmers' Market will conclude its second successful year with a special Twilight Market on Tuesday, December 21, between 4 and 8pm. Goodies on sale will include turkey and other poultry, lamb and beef, berries and stone fruit, fresh vegetables, pates and terrines, cakes and lots, lots more. The market is held at Fergusons Paddock, Arthurs Creek Road, Hurstbridge (Melway 185/J8).

More carols
 The Manningham Carols by Candlelight event will be held at Ruffey Park Lake in Doncaster on Friday, December 17 with children's festivities commencing at 4pm. The family festival will start at 6pm with a Christmas Wish Lantern Parade at 7pm followed by the main stage program at 7.45pm. Glow novelties, songbooks and a small selection of food will be available for purchase.

Traffic
 As a way to defeat graffiti, Manningham council and

VicRoads are sponsoring a series of artworks on the city's traffic signal boxes. Of the 20 signal boxes allocated, only a handful are still awaiting designs. Some of the artworks are being painted by VCE art students. Manningham residents and VCE art/design students who would like to be involved can email elissa.pachacz@manningham.vic.gov.au for more information.

Jazz
 The Eltham Jazz Food and Wine Festival, presented by the Eltham Chamber of Commerce and Industry will take place on Saturday, January 22 and Sunday, January 23 with a variety of performances at Town Square and Commercial Place.

Winemaking
 The Eltham and District Wine-makers Guild is looking for more women to join their ranks. They believe women have more discerning and better developed palates and taste buds. The guild was formed 41 years ago in the kitchens of some country wine enthusiasts who regularly gathered to share ideas about making wine from fruits collected from their gardens. More information from: www.amateurwine.org.au.

Artists
 Manningham Arts Centre will be offering a new course in 2011 to give the municipality's budding artists a "head start" in their endeavours. The course, delivered in partnership with the Manningham YMCA, is aimed at Year 10 students considering studying art in VCE. It will be held on

Wednesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm at the Manningham Arts Centre's painting and drawing studio. Cost is \$99 (concession \$90). Places are limited. To book or find further information call 9840 9382 or visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/artscentre.

Guitarist
 Acclaimed classical guitarist, Stanley Yates, will be performing a summer evening recital at Montsalvat on Wednesday, January 12 at 8pm. Tickets \$35 can be booked on 9439 7712.

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Mosaic
 Local artist Shan Shnookal has been inspired by her garden coming back to life in the spring. She has created mosaic stained glass in fabulous colours featuring flowers, fruit and local wildlife. They will be shown as part of a special Christmas exhibition at Bulleen Art and Garden in Manningham Road West, Bulleen during December.

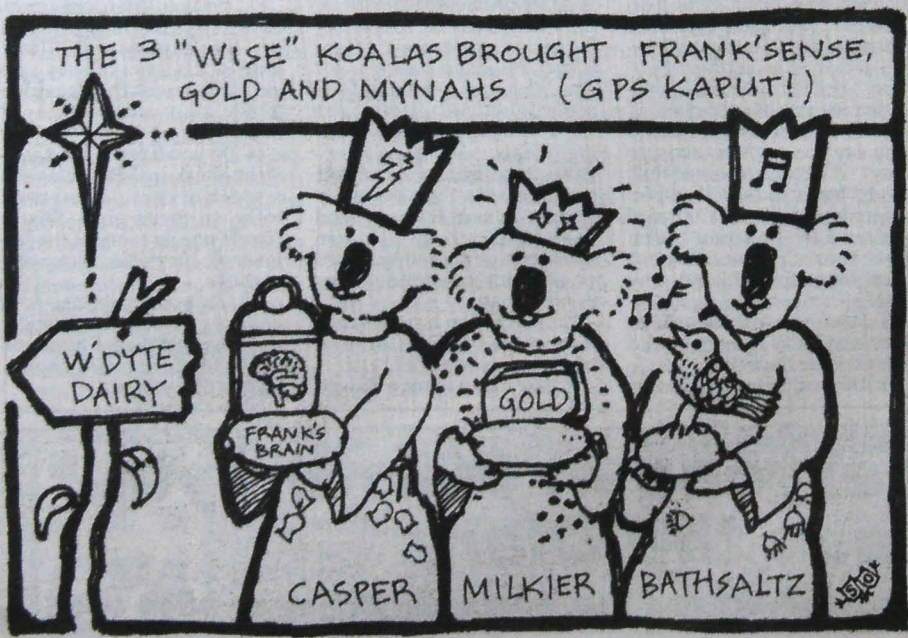
Dolls
 An exhibition of individually handcrafted leather bags and unique art dolls will be on display in the Community Gallery at Eltham Library this December. The works have been created by local artists Kim Daniel and Stephanie DiBattista. The exhibition is open until Tuesday, December 21.

Students
 An exhibition of work by students and staff of Manningham Arts Centre will be on display at the Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster from December 2 to December 18. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday 11am to 5pm, Saturday 2pm to 5pm.

Montsalvat
 Exhibitions at Eltham's Montsalvat during December and January include works by Piers Bateman (December 1 to January 30) and sketches and watercolours by Michael Jorgenson (December 2 to January 2).

Stonehouse
 Visit the Stonehouse Gallery for that special gift. The gallery is proud to represent many of our local artists in their unique collection of quality pottery, jewellery, glass, woodwork, toys and paintings. We wish our many regular customers a very happy and safe Christmas season. We are at 103 Yarra Street in Warrandyte.

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A feast of summer

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

It might have still been spring, but Anderson's Creek Primary School marked the approach of summer with a "Summerfest" concert early last month.

"It was a lovely celebration of summer through singing, dancing and performing," principal Trevor Gibbs told the *Diary*. "There was a lovely community feeling on the night. It was great to see children performing and having fun."

And not only the kids. Mr Gibbs, and the music and performing arts teacher for 2011, Nieta Manser, kicked off the evening with a duet, playing "The Entertainer" on the clarinet and saxophone.

The children then per-

formed dances, songs and jokes to entertain the crowd of 700 people. Every class took part in the concert, which lasted more than an hour.

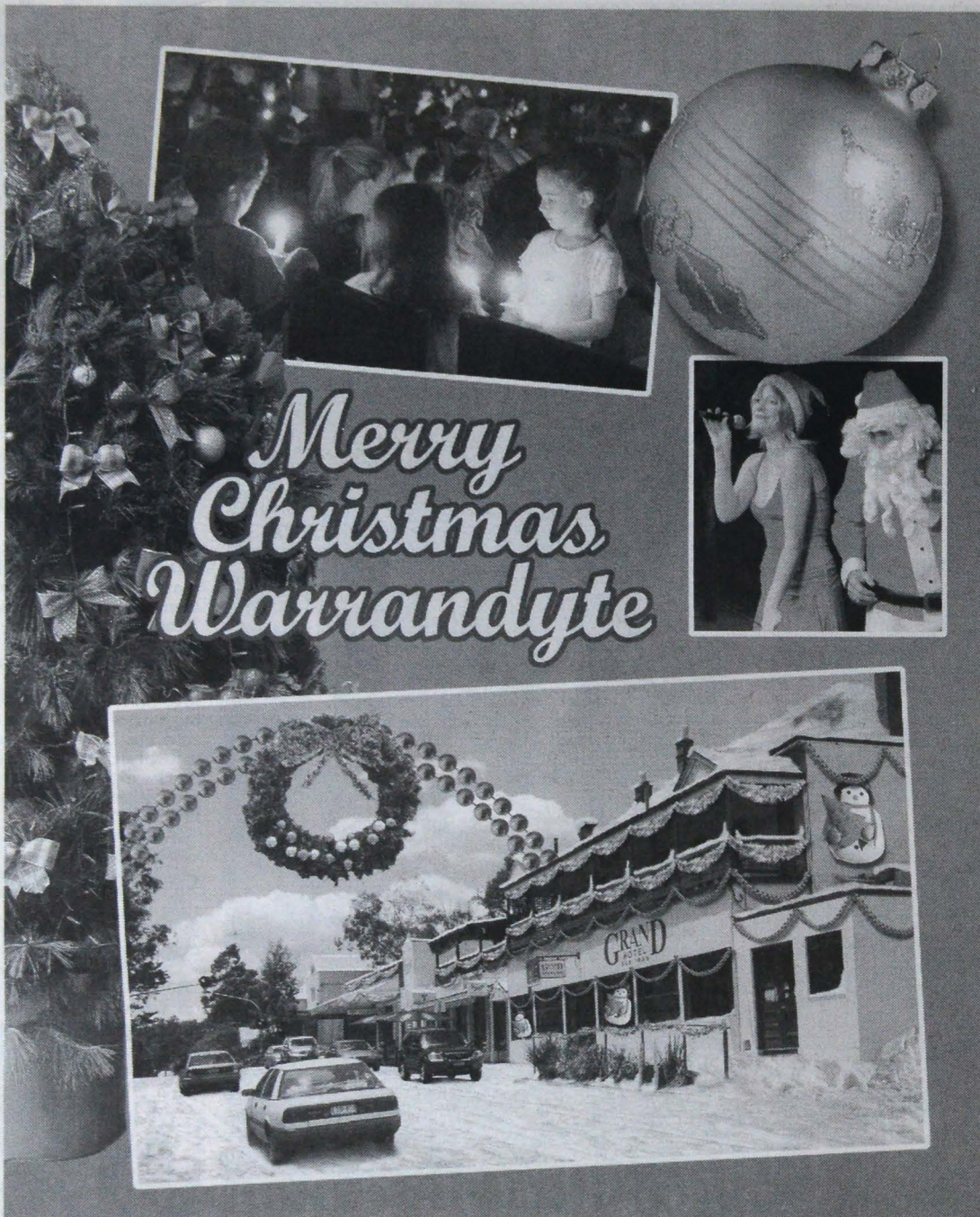
In tune with the summer theme, the concert included such acts as a Grade 5 class performance of Katy Perry's "In the Summertime", while the Grade 6 classes together performed "Footloose" as a rousing finale.

The children performed on a mobile stage set up on the school oval and parents viewed the performances sitting on rugs or blankets.

Trevor Gibbs commented on the "great family atmosphere" and said the school was planning a bush dance early in 2011.

Pictures by ALANA PHILLIPS





Merry Christmas Warrandyte

By VAL POLLEY

It has been said that we all feel most at home with the Christmas of our childhood. So for me, as a child in England, Christmas meant a two-day holiday in the coldest and bleakest time of year. Christmas evoked festivity, lights, fun and warmth.

There was a short, but intense preparation time. It would start when our major store's food hall displayed imports of Australian raisins, sultanas and currants. This heralded the preparation of the Christmas puddings (to be stirred and wished upon by even the smallest child) and the Christmas cakes (later to receive marzipan and icing).

Then there was a tree to be sourced, berried holly sought, ivy to collect and perhaps even mistletoe to be found. House to house carol singing, a nativity play, perhaps a trip to Santa Claus or even London for the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree, Regent Street lights and Selfridge's windows; these could all be part of our seasonal celebrations.

Christmas would smell and taste like the past: mulled wine, log fires, pine scent, fruit mince, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg.

Christmas Day brought presents in pillowcases in the darkness before dawn. It meant church in the morning, the Queen's speech in the afternoon, roast chicken or goose (never turkey) with herby stuffing and roasted vegetables (parsnips and potatoes) and rich gravy sauce then plum pudding and custard till sated and replete.

Boxing Day was a bubble and squeak breakfast before frosty (or perhaps snowy) walks and time with the Christmas gift books by the fire. Then it was all over with just New Year's Day to look forward to with either the annual sales in the shops or perhaps a pantomime to break up the rest of the dark winter days.

How could any of that possibly

translate to an Antipodean Christmas which runs over a long, hot, bright summer period?

Well of course many of those old ways travelled with us to Australia. Here though no dark days, no snow, no cold. It's a busy, busy time because not only Christmas but summer holidays have to be planned for. The summer fruit season is at its height too and berries need to be picked to be bottled, frozen or jammed.

The tradition of Christmas cake and pudding survived however, though there would be an additional frozen Christmas pudding or bowls of berries for the really hot days when it was impossible to even think of a steamed version.

If no real Christmas tree was available a Eucalypt bough was found to be gilded and decorated with baubles and Banksia cones and gunnuts to replace English pine cones and holly. There were church carol services and the Myer Christmas windows to enjoy.

Our new traditions saw beach camp Christmases with takeaway chicken and Big Sister plum pudding. Over the years there were progressive Warrandyte neighbourhood Christmases with the celebration moving from house to house. Sometimes there have been large family banquets requiring two turkeys and creative seating arrangements. Occasionally we had Pound Bend champagne and pancake

Christmas breakfasts with just the kookaburras looking on.

For several years there were Christmas Eve parties for friends and neighbours with carol song-books and traditional mince pies. Boxing Day brought us the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and the Boxing Day Cricket Test with, depending on the weather, long periods in front of the TV.

Now it's the next generation currently building on their childhood Christmas memories. The traditional dinner continues though now it is lighter and usually features seafood and salads as well as the time-honoured turkey. The puddings survive in a lighter form too with brandy butter and lots of

fruit platters.

There are beautifully decorated Christmas trees (although mostly of artificial variety), lights strung across trees and houses, door wreaths with Australian flora but presents in pillowcases are still opened in the early dawn hours (some things never change). Nativity plays have morphed into Christmas concerts and carols are now sung at candlelight events outside in the warm dusk. The Myer's Christmas windows still draw large crowds of excited children. The Boxing Day sports attract increasing support. Christmas continues to enthral countries across the world.

But how will Christmas be viewed and celebrated in increasingly technological times? With Christmas already becoming a more universal holiday, will social networking and all the new technologies enhance the old traditions or continue to oversee their gradual erosion?

Already the Christmas message is giving way to a more inclusive holiday theme. Carols now seem to be Christmas songs and greeting cards rarely wish a happy Christmas preferring more generalised messages.

Boxing Day is becoming as much about sales and bargain shopping as sports and social events. Increased commercialism is deplored yet is also embraced with stores starting their Christmas preparations ever earlier each year. What messages and traditions will survive that can transcend political and religious divides?

It is my hope that the Christmas message of peace and goodwill will continue to survive and flourish so that Christmas Day remains one day in the year when people around the world can celebrate together.

No doubt Twitter, Facebook and other technologies such as e-cards and Skype will contribute to this by contacting, informing and messaging family and friends over this most joyful of holidays. Enjoy your Christmas festivities. Virtual snow anyone?

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Slow down

A sunny Warrandyte afternoon a mother duck promenading with seven new-born ducklings.

A stormy Warrandyte afternoon a mother duck crossing a winding road car coming... too fast.

Five, three-day old ducklings find their way to a backyard pool, they cuddle up and wait... rescued in the nick of time.

A dark Warrandyte night five little ducklings safe with a wildlife carer.

Slow down.

CORINNE FENTON



High school art kids show winning talent

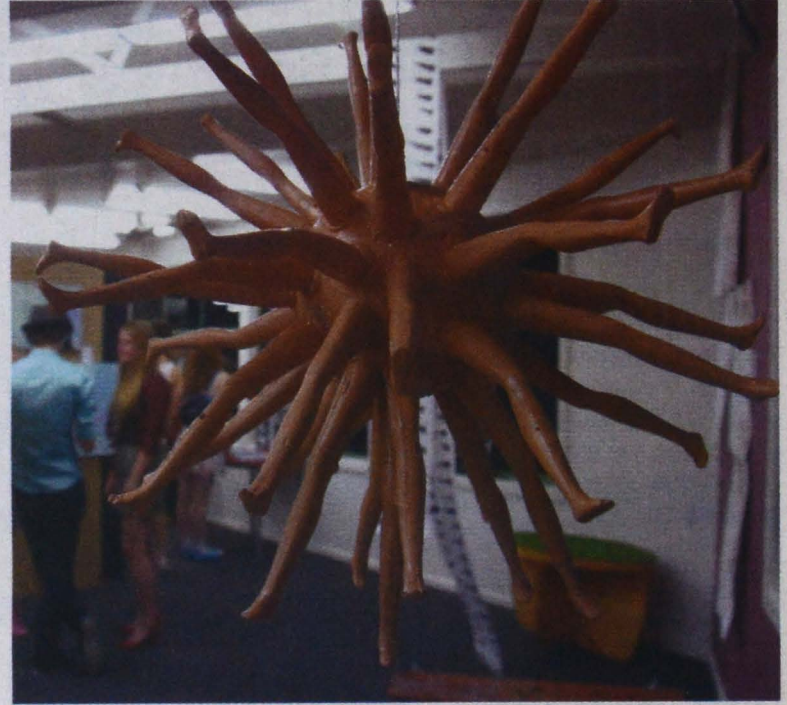
A wide range of artistic talents of the students completing their VCE visual art and design course at Warrandyte High School were on show last month.

Displayed were installations, sculptural pieces, digital images, black and white photography, realistic and abstract paintings, movies, graphic design, jewellery, wooden tables and lamps.

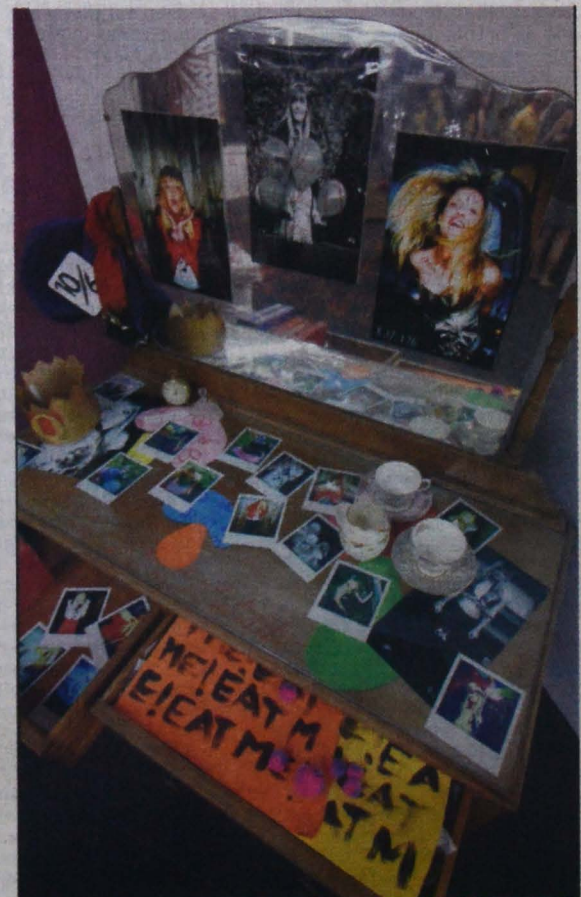
Art teacher Anita Petrik described the exhibition as "inspirational".

"Teachers have the opportunity of working each day with enthusiastic and imaginative students," she said. "Conversely, students have the opportunity to heighten their artistic awareness and finely tune their techniques and processes."

The show was opened by ex-student Kathleen Kopietz, who was accepted into the Top Arts project at the National Gallery of Victoria and is currently studying architecture.



Pictures by **STEPHEN REYNOLDS**



Warrandyte basketball round-up with Tony Oliver

Croydon Hills school to be new midweek training centre Basketballers set to expand

Warrandyte Basketball will expand its basketball programs, primarily the Venom program, into a new one-court facility at Croydon Hills Primary School from January 2011.

In a major boost for the club, the new facility will cater for some midweek training sessions for Venom teams and it will also be used for VJBL games on Friday nights and EDJBA games on Saturdays.

"More importantly it will help the club expand into a new region," said WBA president Justin Nelson. "It's a natural expansion for the club as our region is growing and we now have more than 700 players each year participating in our programs.

"We needed to find another venue and Croydon Hills is perfect for us as it will help alleviate midweek congestion with Venom teams. At the moment we operate nearly all of our training for Venom and Redbacks on two single courts.

"That's an incredible achievement. Other clubs are amazed at our ability to fit everything in," he added.

"I've often said that with our numbers we are up amongst the top dozen basketball associations in Victoria, yet when it comes to facilities we are probably

outside the top 50. Another new stadium will make a massive difference to the benefits we can offer players, families and members."

With the addition of Croydon Hills, there will also be a move at the start of 2011 to cease playing VJBL and EDJBA games at Warrandyte High School, however Nelson was quick to add that a return to competitive games at the venue was a priority once some refurbishment took place.

"At this stage the facility, especially the amenities, just aren't up to scratch at Warrandyte High and the competitions we play in also recognise the situation.

"We will soon sit with the school and discuss plans to improve the facility, especially the toilets and change rooms," said Nelson.

"We have a long, proud history at Warrandyte High School and that will continue, but in 2011 it will be in the form of training at the venue, not playing competitive games."

Nelson also confirmed that no Redbacks training sessions would be moving to Croydon Hills and would fully remain at Warrandyte Sports Complex and Warrandyte High School.

"The addition of Croydon Hills is all about catering for

Venom training sessions, VJBL games on Friday nights and EDJBA games on Saturdays. We will also be running VJBL and EDJBA games at Warrandyte Sports Complex like we always have done," he said.

"Warrandyte Sports Complex will remain as our absolute home base. It is the heart of our club.

"This new facility is the first we have enjoyed at Warrandyte Basketball in more than 10 years and it now means we have three courts to use, plus we will continue to play VJBL games at Park Orchards on Friday nights.

"I want to thank Croydon Hills Primary School for working with us to make this happen and for identifying Warrandyte Basketball as a good tenant and for its work in promoting basketball within the community," added Nelson.

"We look forward to the opportunity to further promote basketball in the region and get more people involved."

Further details will be available closer to completion of the facility at Croydon Hills Primary School. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact Jason Weidemann or Justin Nelson at Warrandyte Basketball.

Venom teams look to top grade competition

The first phase of grading is under way for the Warrandyte Venom Friday Night basketball teams and there are a number of teams in serious contention for inclusion in the Victorian Championship according to club official Jason Weidemann.

The opening game at WSC featured an Under 14 Pool 6 game between Warrandyte and Collingwood.

"A good win with defence being the strong point," said coach George Demos after the Venom recorded a solid 25-17 win.

"You get the defence right and everything else just follows".

Two wins from as many outings in grading so far has the coach quietly confident of a good season ahead.

Jordan Hallett top scored with 10 points with five points coming from Hayden Lennon and from Liam Taylor.

Gerry Pearce's Under 14 Pool 2 boys could not overcome a slow start, going down to McKinnon by 52-42.

Daniel Robertson opened the scoring for the Venom but that was after more than 10 minutes and the visiting McKinnon had 11 points on

the board by that stage.

Also coming up short were the Under 16 Pool 2 Venom boys, going down 50-36 against Mornington.

Again a slow start could not be overcome with a good finish. The ever reliable Jarrod Buzzini scored 16 points with eight points to Jack Cousens including two from outside the three point circle.

Despite the loss Warrandyte are still second in their group.

At the Park Orchards court, the Venom's second Under 18 side had a good win against Waverley by 50-35. Warrandyte dominated with first half with strong offence and excellent defence.

"They didn't quite get the objective that was set for them," said coach Shaun Sumner, "but it was a good display."

Warrandyte are undefeated so far in grading.

The Under 16 Pool 7 game started out all Diamond Valley's way but the gap had closed to two points at the break.

The second half was close but Warrandyte were able to establish the lead mid way in the half and held on to

win 38-34 to maintain their undefeated record in grading so far.

Even scoring to Warrandyte from Daniel Haikel and Matthew Cole each with 10 points and eight points to James Daniel.

Pathway development on track for senior men

Warrandyte's development of pathways for senior men's basketball continues with two teams competing in the Kilsyth Monday night basketball competition.

Warrandyte's top team, sitting in seventh place in the Championship Grade came up against fifth placed Truckers.

The Venom had a good first half and the scores were 39-all at the break.

The Truckers came out in the second half firing on all cylinders and put in 11 points before the Venom were on the scoreboard. The Truckers were far more accurate both in offence and defence, winning 87-72



Dale Leeson talks to his Redback players before the Under 10 B Grade game against Koonung. Warrandyte were able to take the points with a 26-16 win.

Redbacks on a roll as holiday break looms

Saturday basketball is well under way with only a few games until the end of year break for the Redbacks.

Two good recent results for Warrandyte were the top Under 16 sides.

The A grade boys came away with a close win against Nunawading Vikings 37-35 in a tough game. The visitors held a one point lead at the break after Warrandyte started a bit flat.

In the second half, the Redback boys stepped up with Jake Martin, Michael De Lacy, Mason Webb and Matt Killey pulling in some big rebounds. Tim Apostilides and Jack Cousens provided some good passing and shooting opportunities.

The Redback boys looked to have the game in their keeping but Nunawading stormed back in the final plays to fall just short.

Coach Matt Lane is looking forward to a good season with a strong side and was happy with the ability of his players to keep their heads when the game was close.

Scoring was well shared across with team with centre Michael DeLacy scoring 11 points with seven points to Matt Killey and six points

to Jack Cousens.

The following game at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre involved the Under 16 B grade girls clash between Warrandyte and Eltham.

The Redbacks could only field five players, but came away with a good win by 27-14.

All players scored with Brianna Murphy the leading player with nine points.

Prospects are also good for some of the younger teams.

Bill Lavery is coaching the C Grade girls who had a good win over an Eltham side by 22-16. The game was close but the Redbacks held the lead throughout and were never seriously challenged.

"That was a good result against one of the stronger Eltham sides in our division. We need to continue to work on our skills both offensively and defensively," Lavery said.

Molley Lavery and Clare Sewell each contributed eight points.

Steve Killey's B Grade boys, after a slow start, came back strongly but fell just short against Nunawading going down by 29-27. Jules Jones led the scoring with 10 points with

six points coming from Josh Kleeberg.

With 40 seconds to go, Killey's instructions to his players at the time out were to score first and then put defensive pressure on. The first part worked with Jules Jones scoring but a few seconds later a Redback field goal attempt hit the ring and Nunawading were able to rebound it for the win.

Numbers were down for Terry Ryan's Under 12 C Grade girls, resulting in younger sister Jayde Ryan taking the court with her sister Casey.

Despite good effort and plenty of determination, the Redback girls went down to an Eltham side by 34-12. Both sisters scored with goals also coming from Jacinta Haikel and Chloe Gordon.

MiniBall back in town

Warrandyte Basketball will be running MiniBall again in Term 1 of 2011.

MiniBall is aimed at primary school children to teach them the basic elements of the game of basketball.

It is an introductory, non-competitive basketball competition for boys and girls in Prep to Grade 3. The concept is to allow all children the opportunity to play the game in a safe, supportive and fair environment for everyone.

Non-competitive means no scores, no ladders, no pressure - just FUN!

Program groups are divided into age, grade, experience and gender based on registration numbers. This is the perfect introduction for children that have not played club basketball before. Games will be fixtured accordingly and emailed to participants.

Games are played at Warrandyte Sports Complex on Friday afternoons using the lowered height rings and relaxed / modified rules.

For more details call 0433 029 061.



The Under 13 Brumbies premiership team from left, Olivia Chamberlain, Vendela Hyde, Judith Reid, Xina Lam, Stephanie Natsis (coach), Danielle Natsis, Katie Waugh, Jessica O'Keefe and Sarah Lloyd.

Brumbies win netball flag

Warrandyte Netball Club's Under 13 team has brought home a premiership.

It was the highlight of a successful spring season where nine teams made the semi finals and five teams figured in grand final matches.

The results were:

Under 13/1 Brumbies - Premiers

Under 15/1 Magpies - Runner-up

Under 17/1 Eagles - Runners-up

Under 17/2 Kangas - Runners-up

Open B Hawks - Runners-up

The Warrandyte Netball Club selection day will be held on Saturday 29 January 2011 at the Tarroona Avenue Courts.

Please contact president, Sue Rodwell if you are interested in playing in 2011 on 0419 344 245.



Elise Mueller stretches to take a catch during Saturday netball.

Top 10 finish for Ally

By ED MUNKS

Warrandyte's Ally Smead finished in the Top 10 of the Under 14 shot put at the recent 2010 Australian All School Championships.

The championships were held at the Doncaster Little Athletics Centre.

Warranwood athlete Sam Lawson also came fifth in the 100 metres hurdles in the boys Under 16 section.

In other news the relay season started with the Box Hill invitational competition being held where a number of local athletes competed.

In the Under 9 boys team coached by Vera Scala, Jayden Bardrick and Nick Scala won two gold medals each in the 4x100m, 4x200m and a silver medal in the 800 medley relays.

In the Under 10's boys team coached by Edward Munks and assisted by Darcy O'Connor, young runner Adam Bardrick made the finals in the 4x200m, the 800 medley and the 4x100m mixed sex relays.

Samuel Martini and Ben Munks both ran well for their team in four events however their teams could not make the finals.

The Under 11 boys team coached by Andrew Pynt had a good day with Callum Pynt winning gold in 800m Medley, bronze in 4x100m, 4th in the final of the 4x200m and 5th in the final of the Mixed Sex 4x100m.

Nicholas Ward was 4th in a heat of 4x200m, 5th in a heat of 4x100m and 5th in a heat of Mixed Sex 4x100m.

Zane Kontos came 4th in a heat of 4x200m, 5th in a heat of 4x100m, 3rd in heat of 800m Medley.

Sam Munks came 7th in the 4 x 100 metres.

Shaely Pynt also won a well deserved silver medal in the Under 14's Mixed Sex 4x100m relay team and made the final of the girls 4x100m.

The relay competition now moves to the Eastern Region qualifying competition to be held in this month at the Ringwood track.

November also saw a number of Friday evening twilight competitions being held for the Under 6 - Under 15 athletes.

The summer aths seasons 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 Reischicks reserve on George Street.

For those unsure of joining up the club offers a free tryout in its weekly competition.

EDLAC is proudly sponsored by the Warrandyte Bendigo Bank.

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

Warrandyte athletes run in support of charity

More than 550 participants walked and ran in the Upstream 50km Challenge midway through last month in at times torrential rain to raise funds for Camp Quality, the Leukaemia Foundation and Entrust Foundation.

The journey began at Waterfront City, Docklands and participants followed the Yarra River upstream, walking 50 km of trails to finish at Donvale Christian College.

Fourteen Warrandyte residents participated individu-

ally or in teams which included Semken landscaping, WOW and Walkie Talkies.

Upstream Foundation founder and chairman Gordon Hoen, a 61 year old Warrandyte resident who also participated, completed the course in nine hours 42 minutes.

"We have already raised over \$140,000 and with more people than ever participating, we expect to raise well over last year's total of \$165,000 this year.

"It's a great day out for

people of all fitness levels to meet new people, complete an individual challenge, enjoy a team building exercise or just enjoy a walk with family and friends," said Mr Hoen.

Although the rain made it uncomfortable for most, the cooler conditions were a relief to many repeat participants who in past years have sweltered in 36 degree Celsius plus degree days.

Rohan Day ran the course in a blistering 3 hours 39 minutes, while others finished in the dark after over

12 hours on the trail.

Participants can elect to have their donations given to one or all of the three beneficiaries:

- Camp Quality - camps for children with cancer and their families

- Leukemia Foundation - providing transportation for patients undergoing treatment and their families

- Entrust Foundation - building a Dalit school in India

For more information contact Sharon Hoen on 8831 3529.



Warrandyte team WOW celebrate their achievement in the Upstream Challenge. From left, Fiona Kay, Nikki Harris-Allen, Deanne Goodison, Narelle Cormack, Freya Dugan and Georgie Jorgensen.



Tynan Kontos clears the hurdles in the Under 9 little aths event.

Centuries at the double

'Dyite duo mauls St Andrews' attack

Two centuries in the same innings by young tyro, Jack Ellis, and veteran Adam White, has confirmed Warrandyte's dominance of RDCA Wilkins Cup cricket this season.

Ellis opened the batting against St Andrews on Saturday and scored his maiden First XI century while White blasted an unbeaten 113 which included five sixes, one of which took him to his ton.

The efforts of the two batsmen saw Warrandyte race to a score of 5-325. If they can defend that mammoth total, they will head to the Christmas break with a clear break at the top of the ladder.

Ellis, 18, is a product of Warrandyte's junior ranks and is in his second season as a regular opener for the First XI.

His physical development over the winter period has enabled him to play with greater confidence this season. Saturday's match was also the first for the year where he has had the chance to bat in the longer form of the game as wet weather has meant the first five rounds have been reduced to one day games.

One of the keys to Saturday's big score was that Ellis and Mat Sazensis were able to build a big opening partnership of 93.

The dismissal of Sazensis for 35 and then Steve Glenk (15) provided a launching pad for White who came to the wicket with only 29 overs remaining.

He then dominated attack, scoring his third successive century against St Andrews, including an unbeaten 100 in last season's Twenty20 semi final.

He clubbed the ball to all parts of the ground but his pulling of the short ball, in what has become a signature shot, was the highlight of his unbeaten innings.

In their Round 4 match against Montrose, Warrandyte bowled first and held the opposition batsmen in check.

Montrose were only able to counter the Warrandyte attack through a strong performance by one batsmen in



Warrandyte's Adam White celebrates his century against St Andrews. Picture: Ruth Smead.

the middle order, but tight bowling and consistent pressure in the field restricted them to 9/164 from their 40 overs.

Warrandyte openers Campbell Holland and Jack Ellis then gave the home team some momentum against the new ball until Ellis fell early. Holland was joined by Glenk and the two put on 60 runs until Glenk fell for 16.

Holland (42) departed shortly after for Adam White and Chris Barry to meet in the middle. The pair had recently come off a successful partnership in a Twenty20 match, and they added 81 runs until White (40) fell with the score on 4/148. Barry finished the job with the lower order, finishing on 37 not out, and the 'Dytes' reached the target with 12 overs to spare and five wickets still in the shed.

Warrandyte batted first at home against Eastfield and the early wicket of Holland (8) was the only highlight for the visitors. From there Warrandyte's innings was highlighted by a fine 55 from White and contributions from Barry (36), Glenk (26) and Alec McIntosh (31). Warrandyte scored 8/217 from their 40 overs and with

the bowling combination of Holland and Matthew Sazenis, the total became impossible.

Holland pegged the Eastfield line-up early, claiming the first four wickets to have the visitors 4/15. Sazenis then bowled Warrandyte to victory, claiming 5/11 from his 7.5 overs.

Eastfield were bowled out for 63 from 23.5 overs, giving Warrandyte a great percentage and morale boost.

Warrandyte's Second XI have stumbled following early success and a lacklustre batting effort in two straight games has seen them fall out of the top four to be sitting fifth after five rounds.

Warrandyte were dismantled by a strong Heathmont Baptist bowling attack, and then embarrassed by the opposition who simply walked past the total.

Following this, Warrandyte's batting line up again failed against Wantirna South after the bowlers had done all the hard work. Dismissing Wantirna South for 104, Warrandyte should have reached this total, but again a quick collapse saw a easy victory go begging.

Warrandyte's Third XI are



All rounder, Jack Ellis in action with the ball for Warrandyte in their Twenty20 win over South Warrandyte.

well and truly in the hunt for their second successive title, currently sitting a top of their competition ladder.

Strong efforts with both the bat and the ball have seen the team click very well. A great win against Olinda, highlighted by a strong batting performance by Tulloch Greve was supported by John Prangle with the ball.

In the next round Eastfield were quickly dismissed with Cam Creber (4/18) the best of the bowlers. Daniel Wellesley then blasted 79 for an easy win.

Warrandyte's Fourth XI are seeking to get their season started, with early games not delivering the team the results that they would have expected.

Warrandyte's Fifth XI have been playing well, but have been the victim of a lack of numbers, having to forfeit a recent match.

Before this however, Grant Hartmann led a strong display from some of the elder members of the squad against Croydon Ranges. The team is proving to be a great breeding ground for some of Warrandyte's younger members, with many juniors using the team as a stepping stone into

their senior careers.

- First XI -
- Round 4 - Warrandyte 5/167 (Holland 42, White 40) d. Montrose 9/164 (Holland 2/39, Sazenis 2/43)
- Round 5 - Warrandyte 8/217 (White 55, Barry 36) d. Eastfield 10/63 (Sazenis 5/11, Holland 4/31)
- Round 6: Warrandyte 5/325 (Ellis 113, White 113no, Sazenis 35) v St Andrews
- Second Eleven -
- Round 4 - Warrandyte 67 (Rees 15) lost to Heathmont Baptist 2/72 (Gidley 2/15)
- Round 5 - Warrandyte 84 (Chapman 20) lost to Wantirna South 104 (Warr 3/21, Beardall 2/10)
- Third Eleven -
- Round 6 - Warrandyte 5/186 (Greve 46, D. Barry 36) d. Olinda 9/129 (Prangle 4/6, D. Barry 3/24)
- Round 7 - Warrandyte 1/139 (Wellesley 79no) d. Eastfield 137 (Creber 4/18, Lincoln 3/17)
- Fourth Eleven -
- Round 6 - Warrandyte 147 (Bowen 44) lost to Chirnside Park 6/164 (Rojwadia 3/24)
- Round 7 - Warrandyte 6/88 (Croft 28) lost to Warranwood 4/161
- Fifth Eleven -
- Round 6 - Warrandyte 7/224 (Hartmann 71, Thomas 38) d. Croydon Ranges 9/158



All smiles for 18-year-old Jack Ellis who scored his maiden First XI century. Picture: Ruth Smead.

Near misses prove costly for South Warrandyte

By FRANS BROUWER

South Warrandyte Hawks are finding the going tough in RDCA Trollope Shield this season with a number of narrow losses putting their finals hopes at risk.

The Hawks are currently in seventh position with two wins and three losses and will need to produce a strong bowling performance to defeat Norwood this Saturday.

They scored 199 with Steve Lindsay top scoring with an unbeaten 69 but the Hawks will need to be on their game to defend that total against a traditionally strong Norwood batting line-up.

Many juniors are achieving excellent results playing senior cricket, including Joel and Jahn Holewa, Morgan Williams, Alistair Price, James King and Jake Sammartino.

Results:
Trollope Shield Round 4: Hawks 8/167 (David Hill 41, Nick Barrett 38no) lost to East Ringwood 8/174 (Steve Lindsay 3/33).
Round 5 Hawks 154 (Ben Neagle 34, Paul Milne 32, Steve Lindsay 30) d Sth Croydon 133 (Lindsay 3/21).
Round 6: Hawks 199 (Steve Lindsay 69no) vs Norwood. A Grade Round 6: Hawks 5/200 (Paul Milne 56, Cam Head 42, Chris Jones 39) lost to Chirnside Park 7/204.

Round 7: vs St Andrews (draw as ground unplayable)

Round 8: Hawks 9/149 d Mooroolbark 8/144.

D Grade Round 6: Hawks 5/105 (Hayden Matthys 41) d Heathmont Baptist 98 (Scott Adams 5/11, Jake Robb 2/1).

Round 7: Hawks 100 lost to East Ringwood 8/102 (Robb 3/32).

Round 8: Hawks 7/176 d Warrandyte 8/158.

H Grade Round 6: Hawks 8/290 (Alistair Price 96, Zep Johnson 50, Tony Biggs 38) d East Ringwood 8/192 (Tom Hall 3/20).

Round 7: Hawks 122 lost to Norwood 8/128 (Sam Cleary 3/25).

Round 8: Hawks 3/113 (Shane Biggs 51no) d Olinda 104 (Chris Ryan 3/17).

J Grade Round 6: Hawks 5/191 (Jake King 58no, Jahn Holewa 57no) lost to North Ringwood 5/200.

Round 8: Hawks 114 lost to Wantirna Sth 3/152.

L Grade Round 6: Hawks 4/277 (Scott Brasher 178, Andy Exley 53no) d Croydon Ranges 8/242 (Jake Sammartino 3/27).

Round 7: Hawks 193 (Richard Cutler 75, Morgan Williams 39) d Ainslie Park 162 (Jake Sammartino 4/27, Morgan Williams 3/11).

Round 8: Hawks 4/242 (Michael Sweeney 53no, Richard Cutler 69, Sam Williams 58no) d Wonga Park

128 (Andrew Hall 2/9) Under19-T20 Round 1: Hawks 8/113 lost to Wonga Park 7/144

Round 2: Hawks 2/140 d Croydon Nth 7/139

Round 3: Hawks 91 lost to Bayswater Park 7/94

Round 4: Hawks 5/178 d Ainslie Park 55

Round 5: won on forfeit vs Lilydale

Under 18-1 Round 4: Hawks 5/158 (Matt Manuell 51no, Hayden Richards 36) d North Ringwood 7/157 (Joel Holewa 4/24)

Round 5: Hawks 6/60 vs Lilydale 6/164
Under 16-2 Round 4: Hawks 6/152 (Jahn Holewa 47, Liam Batchelor 32no) lost to Wonga Park 6/160

Round 5: Hawks 69 lost to Bayswater Park 8/115 (Alistair Price 3/7) and 3/109.

Under 14-1: Round 4: Hawks 6/89 (Sammartino 39no, Hayes-Rosario 35no) lost to Croydon Nth 8/91 (J. Kennedy 3/17).

Round 5: Hawks 55 lost to Sth Croydon 6/110

Under 12-1 Round 4: Hawks 8/92 lost to Wonga Park 1/114

Round 5: Hawks 9/130 (N Condon 30no, M Gibbons 25) lost to Sth Croydon 9/195

Under 12-2 Round 4: Hawks 8/50 lost to Wonga Park 9/151.
Round 5: Hawks 6/55 lost to Sth Croydon 2/131

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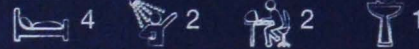
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