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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



# King's speech t-t-touches all

**T**HE crowd gathered, hushed, around the Stiggants stage. You could hear a pin drop. (Well not literally, what with the grass and everything, but it was really quiet.)

The morning had started with another stirring parade down Yarra Street in a Carnival of fire trucks, pipe bands and defecating horses. Till at length the Town Crier limped into Stiggants Reserve, and with a final "Oyez!" and ding of his shiny bell (you'd hear a bell drop, I'm pretty sure of that) ushered King John and Queen Kerrie forward to address their eager subjects.

For 26 years, the noble house of Boyle had given this lucky community a festival full of happy revelling and merry cavorting.

Twenty-six years of plastic ducks, billy-carts, home-brewed beer and sliding down bits of polythene being hosed by boy scouts. Don't tell me we don't know how to enjoy ourselves!

King John leaned into the microphone and the crowd were on the edge of their seats (only standing).

"Ladies and gen...gen...gen..."

King John was many things. Feather baron. Canoeist. Long-board surfer. But orator? Who can forget his presentation to the Craft Group on the joys of quilting? Most of those present, hopefully. And his joke at his daughter's French wedding about having Joan of Arc round for a Warrandyte barbecue...  
"L...L...L..."

King John abhorred speeches, but he wasn't alone. His audience abhorred them too, but that wasn't what I meant. From the corner of his eye he

### living with The Trotts



could see his personal speech trainer willing him on—the dashing Lionel Trott, who had developed his unorthodox techniques in Moe before seeking his fortune in the cut and thrust of Waranwood.

King John had been visiting Lionel every Tuesday in his makeshift office behind the Fish Tub in Wonga Road, practicing his radical techniques. Like swearing.

"Bugger. Bugger. Bugger, bugger, bugger," muttered King John under his breath, ever mindful of the American market.

The people waited, patiently—Warrandyte is full of patients, and almost as many therapists—but the Andersons Creek children were starting to fidget at the side

of the stage. They were doing the mask scene from *Eyes Wide Shut* and were anxious to begin.

King John tried singing. "I want to than...than...than..." He was no Kevin O'Mara.

But he so much wanted to thank all the people on the committee who came round to his house, ate his food, drank his wine and ended up lost and confused at the bottom of Osborne Road.

He so much wanted to thank Queen Kerrie for her infectious and ebullient effervescence, but he'd never get that out.

He so much wanted to go to the loo.

Ah, the loos. Remember the time the truck almost rolled and spilled its load in that

lush, pungent patch of grass behind the stage, right where the Warrandyte Primary kids were now queuing up behind the Anderson's Creek children.

"I remem...mem...mem..." He remembered the old tug o' war. He remembered Par-riddle. He remembered the fireworks that used to explode in the night sky, setting off every dog from Templestowe to Wonga Park. So what if we were one of the state's most fire-prone townships?

Lionel caught his eye (not literally, obviously) and smiled reassuringly. The man's positivity never flagged—his glasses were always half full. But the rear of the stage was now overflowing with Over Fifty-Five troupers, Neighbourhood House belly dancers, the High School big band and children from every school within cooee. It was starting to look like the main street in Cairo. If the Festival didn't start soon the Lions would run out of pies.

"As my great... great... great... great... great... great..."

King John faced his fear as Lionel began to face his—he'd never get an Oscar with a protégé who made George Bush look positively eloquent.

Then someone at the back of the audience began to clap. "Good on yer, John," croaked Gran. In a moment the rest of the crowd joined in enthusiastic tribute to their much-loved monarch.

King John blushed, took a deep breath and leaned closer to the mike. "I now declare the festival open! Enjoy your weekend."

Thanks, John and Kerrie. We will.

ALAN CORNELL



# Buses invade streets

## Bus bay rebuild – maybe



Down country lanes: A Panorama bus negotiates the one-lane bridge across Andersons Creek on Everard Drive. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Residents of Tarooona Avenue and Everard Drive are concerned that their tranquil road network has been turned into a permanent and official bus route for Warrandyte to Eltham buses.

Manningham council has approved 536 Panorama bus journeys along Everard Drive and Tarooona Avenue each week, en route to the Warrandyte Reserve bus stop.

"This poses a risk to the health and safety of residents, pedestrians and other vehicle users and diminishes the quality of the lives of residents in our peaceful green-belt surrounds," Everard Drive resident and action group leader Jonathon Rogers told

the *Diary*.

The new route sees buses navigating the single lane bridge on Everard Drive. "The road profile is completely inappropriate to hold such a high volume of heavy vehicles and having buses cross the narrow bridge is an accident waiting to happen," Mr Rogers said.

The change comes as a result of traffic flow issues at West End, where the Panorama buses have traditionally made a U-turn at the Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road and Tarooona Avenue intersection. The Panorama company has deemed this manoeuvre unsafe, claiming there have been two accidents in recent years.

Representatives from Manningham council, VicRoads, the Department of Transport and the bus company met in early February to discuss safety issues around buses making U-turns at West End.

"It was agreed by all parties that the option for buses to travel via Everard Drive and Tarooona Avenue is the most sensible and cost efficient, and will provide an immediate solution to the problem," Mr Alan Ripper from the Department of Transport said.

This outcome has angered residents, who say that no community consultation has taken place.

"The noise of the air brakes and the diesel fumes are unacceptable in this residential

area, especially with a kindergarten on the new route," Mr Rogers said.

"Alternative turning procedures were considered," Mr Ripper said. These options included the installation of a bus-only turning traffic light, the construction of a roundabout and use of the Goldfields shopping centre car park.

VicRoads has advised they would not consider undertaking any intersection works as no casualty crashes have been reported. VicRoads indicates that in the last five years, only two non-casualty crashes have occurred in this location. This does not meet the minimum requirement of two serious casualty reported

crashes before VicRoads will begin investigations into making changes to an intersection.

Manningham council has assured residents that Panorama bus drivers will not exceed 30kmph along the new route. They believe this speed will not compromise the safety of other vehicles on the roads.

"People come to Warrandyte to enjoy the beautiful, tranquil surrounds," Mr Rogers said. "Diesel fumes and air brakes are not part of that." Jonathon Rogers and the action group are continuing to lobby Manningham council, the Department of Transport and VicRoads to have the decision overturned.

State Member for Warrandyte, Ryan Smith, continues to lobby for the return of indented bus stops in Warrandyte.

Mr Smith is working with the Department of Transport reviewing the new bus stops and investigating if appropriate funding can be sourced.

"I have flagged that it may be difficult to reverse all the work done to date as the land available between the curb and the embankment may not accommodate the room the SmartBuses require" Mr Smith told the *Diary*.

Bus stops in Warrandyte have sparked much debate, with many residents claiming that the new bus stops, requiring buses to stop in the traffic stream, add to peak hour bumper-to-bumper traffic in Warrandyte.



Ryan Smith

The new SmartBus stops were under construction well past the date of the 2010 state election. The stops have been deemed a "real safety issue on Yarra Street" by Ryan Smith and blamed for increasing congestion on our roads by the Warrandyte Community Association.

Mr Smith has assured the *Diary* that he continues to pursue the matter and is determined to keep residents informed.

**KARLY HICKMAN**

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# Sewerage coming 'within five years'

By **CLIFF GREEN**

Yarra Valley Water has promised to connect sewerage to 600 houses in Warrandyte over the next five years, commencing this year.

They are calling on local residents to comment on the various options recommended for the area.

Dick Davies has informed the *Diary* that work will proceed on addressing the "backlog of connections in Manningham, and future works will include properties located in North Warrandyte, via a crossing attached to the existing bridge". (An advertisement in this issue men-

tions sewerage works "south of the river" only.)

Tony Kelly, Yarra Valley Water managing director, said the new system would allow residents to replace their septic tanks with more environmentally friendly sewerage services.

"Providing new sewerage infrastructure is vital to protecting our environment and ensuring the system continues to meet the immediate needs of the community," he said.

The Warrandyte community has been waiting for sewerage to be installed on both sides of the river

for many years. Parts of Warrandyte received sewerage decades ago, but North Warrandyte has never been connected.

"The Warrandyte Community Association, represented by local resident Nick Robinson, has been actively involved in the Project Stakeholder feedback for the past few years," WCA president Dick Davies said. He welcomed the announcement by Yarra Valley Water that the work is to proceed.

"My main concern is that, whilst Yarra Valley Water will cover the capital expenditure, there will be

plumbing connection costs per property which may vary between a few hundred to thousands of dollars," Mr Davies said. "This needs to be managed well, so that asset-rich, but cash-poor residents, particularly those on a pension, are not disadvantaged."

"Having said that, the benefits in terms of water quality and reduced river pollution are obvious."

Tony Kelly said that Warrandyte residents are able to comment on the proposals via an online forum, available in March. "The final sewer design will consider all feedback

received from residents."

Mr Davies said he appreciated that Yarra Valley Water wanted to get on with the work and start by the end of the year. He welcomed the online forum, enabling residents to express their views.

As well as the forum, Yarra Valley Water will be in the council tent at the Warrandyte Festival, plans and project documents will be at Warrandyte, The Pines and Doncaster libraries and letters discussing the sewerage backlog program and the forum will be distributed to Yarra Valley Water customers in early March.

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# Bus bays: for and against

## Problems with Ringwood bus stop

There has been much publicity covering the SmartBuses and the effects on traffic in Warrandyte, particularly near the bridge. Our concern is that a pedestrian will need to be injured or even killed before something is done.

As you are aware, the 364 from Ringwood terminates at the bridge on the river side, after negotiating the roundabout. To commute further along Yarra Street and beyond, passengers have to cross the

road at the bridge to connect with another bus, for example 906. This is dangerous for everyone, but especially someone with a disability.

After 10 years of independent commuting, our son can no longer safely reach home. Coming from Ringwood, he has to get off the bus at the last stop before the bridge and walk beside the very busy Ringwood-Warrandyte Road and negotiate the traffic utilising the shops, to reach the

bridge roundabout bus stop, a distance of approximately 400-500 metres. This is to avoid directly crossing Yarra Street from the riverside bus stop.

After already catching two buses and travelling for one and a half hours, with this extra delay in arriving home safely, it seems irresponsible to terminate 364 at the bridge, endangering the lives of many.

We changed residences from

North Warrandyte to our present address when our son commenced employment, so that public transport would be more readily accessible. Now we face another move, this time out of Warrandyte, in our quest for our son to lead an independent life. We have lived in Warrandyte for more than 40 years and the local people and the community in general have always supported us and our son.

What is stopping the 364

from terminating at the Warrandyte Reserve bus stop? There is provision for the buses to safely complete a U-turn. This would certainly service Warrandyte residents more effectively and efficiently. If you share our concerns, please write to the minister for transport and our local MP.

**Neville & Merrilyn Watkins**  
Fossickers Way

### dear diary

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### Bays 'hooray'

Regarding "Bus bays go back". Hooray, hooray, common-sense prevails! The latest "improvements to traffic flow" were a disaster comparable to the surrender of Singapore.

Please go back to indented, out-of-the-way stopping. Pick up passengers as per previous regulations, but add a campaign allowing buses to merge. These will have priority by indicating with red indicator lights. The buses should not even have to hesitate, show their red indicator lights and go—it's the law.

I trust my suggestion will receive some consideration. Don't worry about the cost—just do it!

**Joseph Versteegen**  
Kangaroo Ground

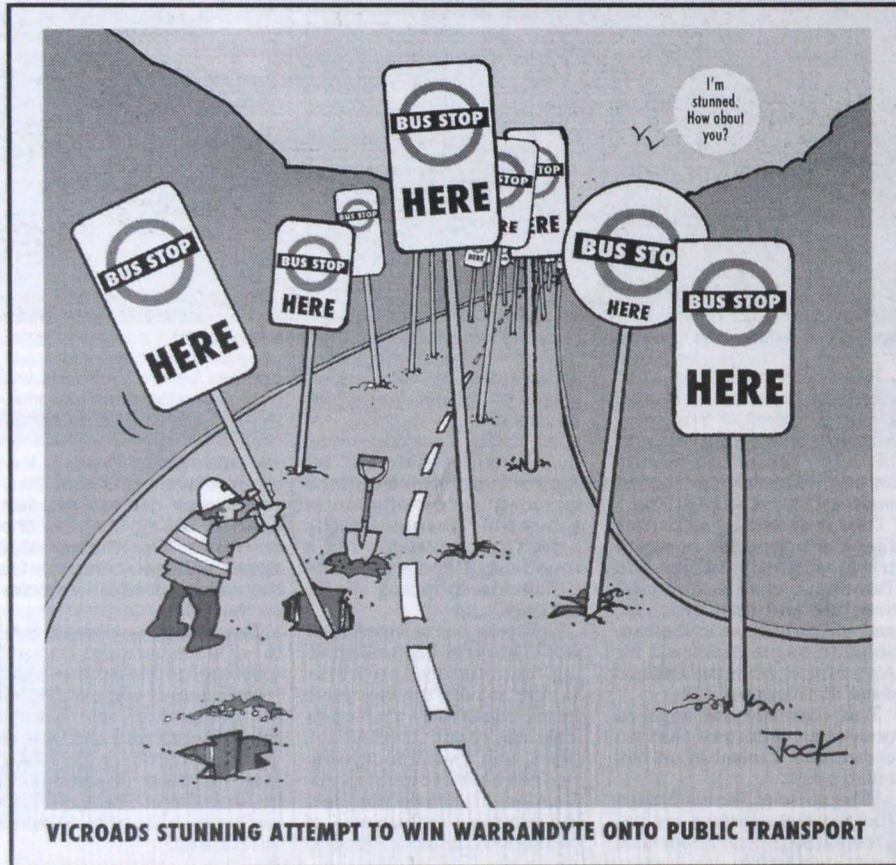
### Buses 'great'

The SmartBuses are great! They're efficient, clean, run on time and it takes less than an hour from the bridge to Melbourne CBD in off-peak times. Residents fought long and hard for this service.

If reliability and efficiency will be jeopardised by the return of indents, then I suggest they stay as they are. There is more of a safety issue with buses pulling out into traffic than hypertension suffered by irate drivers. Bumper-to-bumper peak hour traffic is only for a short stretch and motorists just need to exercise some patience, leave home a little earlier—or catch the bus!

In addition, we need to accept that since Eastlink opened, gridlock in Warrandyte is here to stay and no number of meetings or pontificating will reduce this.

**Elise Berry**  
Warrandyte



### They're happy with SmartBus improvements

I am writing in response to the article about the possible return of indented bus bays in Warrandyte.

I use the buses infrequently, mainly because it is difficult to get to my workplace in West Heidelberg on public transport from Warrandyte. However, I do use the bus to get to the city from time to time and I am really happy with the improvements that have been made.

I think that the fact that the buses do not have to rely

on cars giving way to them improves their reliability and reduces travelling time.

It is only through making travel on public transport more attractive that more people will consider using it.

Also, if a decision has been made to go with a particular system (that is, the DART project) it should be given an opportunity to run for at least a number of years, results studied and evaluated before considering any changes. To revert to the previous

situation at great cost without this would waste money and resources.

As far as gridlock along Yarra Street is concerned, it seems to me that the traffic at peak periods hardly moves, with or without buses.

Has a study been done to assess the situation before and after the new system was introduced?

**Marjan Kiewit**  
Webb Street

### Airport smart

On returning home from overseas travel early one morning, we thought we would try the SmartBus way of coming home to Warrandyte.

To catch the 901 bus we turned right past the domestic terminal and walked a bit past the Tiger terminal, and on the other side of the road, just past Depot Road, is the bus stop. The journey took us through several suburbs we don't normally travel through till eventually arriving at the The Pines Shopping Centre.

This bus departs every 15 minutes (half-hourly at weekends).

Crossing over the road at The Pines, we only had a short wait for the 906 Warrandyte bus.

The entire journey took less than two hours, which meant for Seniors the cost is \$1.70. A taxi would cost about \$100. If you're not in a hurry, and its not bucketing rain, it's a good way to go.

**John Hanson**  
Webb Street

### Changes appal

Hurray for some sanity, and thank you for bringing this matter to the front page of the *Warrandyte Diary*.

From the onset of the unannounced, very expensive modifications to the bus bays, (which are no longer bus bays, but bus parking areas) I and my family (and probably many other Warrandyters also) have been appalled at the insanity of these "non-bus bays".

I was most interested to read in your article, "The upgrades are designed to give buses priority while maintaining traffic flow." How can a bus, stopping in mainstream traffic in the main street—with no reasonably safe means for other vehicles to overtake it—maintain the traffic flow in Warrandyte? The obvious result of buses stopping can be seen each day when we attend to and from work, pick up kids from school, go shopping, or just go out anywhere?

Who says buses are delayed because they have to merge with traffic? Do we not all give way to a bus? They indicate they are going to pull out and they are much bigger. What do you usually do? You give way, of course!

Please put the buses back into bays immediately and stop this nonsense.

**Unconsulted Road User**  
(Name and address supplied)

### Bus bays: 'ludicrous design'

Thank you for the article regarding the Yarra Street bus bays. From the time we realised it was occurring last year, we were astounded at the ludicrous design—and the ridiculous waste of money—as we suspected it wouldn't be long before the bays would need to be reverted to their recessed style.

It appears very few people were consulted about this project—I certainly wasn't, nor were any of the many locals I've spoken to. All agree it is now a highly ridiculous and dangerous design.

Ideas for a Rapid Transport system may well be workable on a multi-lane highway where traffic flow isn't completely halted. However, that is definitely not the case on Yarra Street. Whoever dreamed up this harebrained scheme for Warrandyte, quite apparently, doesn't have to contend with the consequential—and inevitable—traffic congestion several times a day.

I have been blocked behind a bus at the stop between Mitchell Avenue and Webb Street that was carrying a load of teenagers, returning from school camp, and loaded with luggage. The kids sauntered off the bus, and we waited countless minutes for them to sort their luggage. All the while, traffic banked up behind the bus.

One car in the queue eventually grew so tired of this that it rounded the bus on that notoriously dangerous curve, risking their own lives as well as those in oncoming cars. Whilst it was a risky manoeuvre, their frustration was understandable. This is not the only time I have seen similar events.

Buses may carry up to 50 passengers. But often there is only a handful of passengers. So for the sake of four or five people on a bus, dozens of others are held up continually, and for prolonged periods.

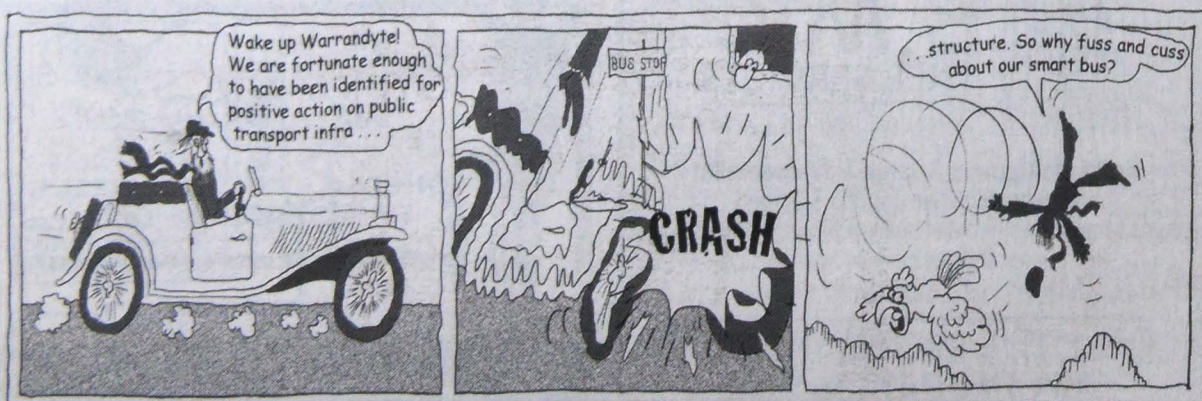
Reverting the bus stops to their previous indented bays will hopefully occur sooner rather than later.

**Blooms Road Resident**  
(Name and address supplied)

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### CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS







In the stream: a SmartBus holds up traffic at the remodelled bus stop opposite the Community Centre. Inset: A car attempts to pass an Eltham bus at the same stop. (Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)

# SmartBus efficiencies ensure better service

Wake up, Warrandyte. Why would people in this community object to a more efficient transport system? Did you know that you can get on the bus at Warrandyte Bridge and get off at Lonsdale Street in 50 minutes—peak time?

I have used the SmartBus and been amazed at the efficiencies that are now achieved through ensuring that the bus does not have to merge with traffic continuously. Now this may be the biased opinion of a public transport occasional user, but let's face it, fellow Warrandyte residents, we would not have the current problems on Yarra Street, etc, if more people working in the city took the SmartBus.

dear diary

resident working in the city to try the SmartBus. You may even be impressed. And while it may not be your permanent preferred mode of transport, there are other advantages, such as being able to have a couple of drinks after work. You may even be able to add to your green credentials.

In reference to delaying traffic at a normally peak time, a bus periodically stopping does not, in fact, delay the traffic. It is simply that the bus stops, the passengers disembark and then the bus moves off, only to rejoin the queue again. I

think Warrandyte residents need to also understand that our region has been fortunate enough to have been identified for positive action on public transport infrastructure, which other communities are seeking, and rather than embrace this change, community members now have problems with the solution.

I also object to the opinion that public transport travellers are lower priority than private transport commuters. Where in a rational world does a vehicle carrying one person have a greater priority over a vehicle carrying up to 60 people?

David  
Warrandyte Resident  
(Name and address supplied)

## Review 'instream insanity'

So glad that the insanity and double-think of in-stream bus bays is being reviewed. To hold up a long line of traffic and then argue it "improves traffic flow" is to treat the public as idiots. How does holding up a crocodile of traffic behind a bus improve anything? If the proposition is put that a stream of passing traffic prevents efficient re-merging of a bus, please consider the following.

Buses have a legal right-of-way when merging (as the sign on the rear of every bus reminds us).

Pop a copper behind a bush near a few bus stops for a few days, booking anyone who doesn't know the law and/or cannot read signs, and it is guaranteed to be educative and cautionary for the rest of us, as well as beneficial to the public purse.

I have lived in Warrandyte for more than 20 years, com-

muting every day, and I confidently assert that buses get merging rights, not every time, but by most drivers, most of the time.

To penalise all drivers all the time by forcing them to wait behind a bus is not rational, is bad for the environment and bad for the economy. I wouldn't want to make too much of the last two claims, but more cars chugging out fumes for longer while they stop and start behind a bus uses more fuel, and the cost to our economy of longer commuting times, whilst individually small, is multiplied by the number of people being held up.

The more efficient, least cost, best environmental solution is to indent bus bays, and for drivers to give way to buses when the bus wants to move out again.

Peter Freeman  
Bradleys Lane

# Brochure 'errors': CFA's response

Last month the *Diary* published a report, pointing out that a CFA brochure, posted to many residents in the Warrandyte area, contained a number of errors.

The brochure was entitled "Warrandyte/North Warrandyte Community Preparedness Guide". For example, it contained a map that failed to identify North Warrandyte, titling the area "Sloan Hill". It described the bridge as "single lane". Also, it was claimed that it included a fire risk assessment map of the area "that is actually a CFA operational map and could be positively dangerous if misinterpreted

by residents". The release of this brochure followed a meeting, held last November in Warrandyte, between the CFA community safety officer, members of the Warrandyte Community Association, local fireguard groups, and some CFA volunteers.

"There was agreement on key points from all attending," Dick Davies, WCA president told the *Diary*. "But few of our suggestions have been incorporated in this document."

The CFA has responded with the following letter:

Thank you for your article in the February 2011 issue of the *Warrandyte Diary* titled "CFA brochure confuses". It is pleasing to have so many community members interested in fire management issues and I commend the *Warrandyte Diary* for your continued support to raise fire awareness in the community. CFA are committed to improving community safety outcomes with Victorian communities and can only achieve this together with the active support of community members and

their input. Good community engagement produces a diversity of views and opinions, which contribute to the ultimate decision that, at times, may be based on a consensus view.

The involvement of members of the Warrandyte community in the fire management community engagement held last November was extremely valuable and encouraging. CFA look forward to conducting further community engagement sessions in the Warrandyte area regarding the Community Preparedness

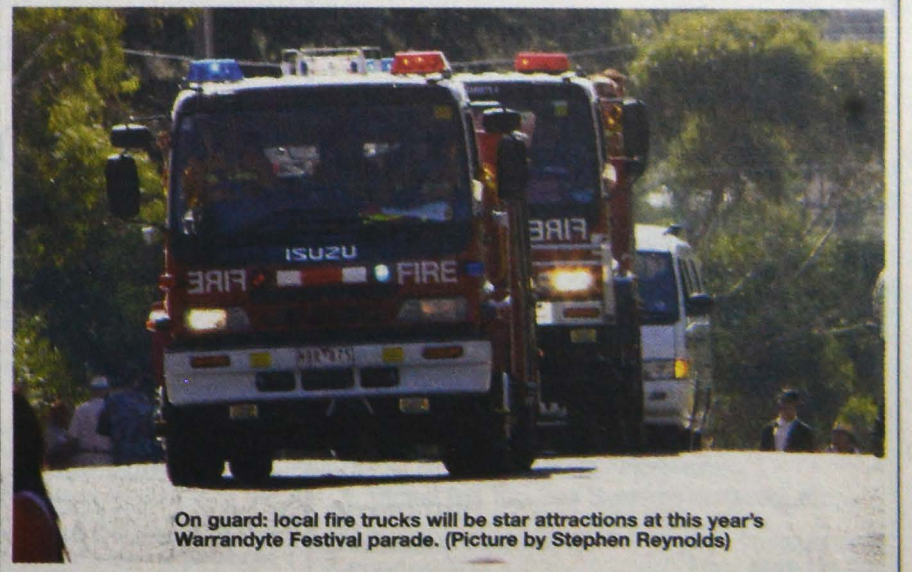
Guide in the near future and continued active contribution from community members would be keenly sought. Working together will produce more comprehensive information in years to come and assist a better informed community to make decisions around their fire plans.

Lorraine Kamp  
Community Safety  
Coordinator  
CFA Eastern  
Metropolitan Region

**CLYDE & OCKER**

"Sewerage is coming, Ock!"  
"Sh-t happens, Clyde!"

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.



On guard: local fire trucks will be star attractions at this year's Warrandyte Festival parade. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)



# Comment on flood warnings

Although the Yarra River ran a banker following the recent heavy rains, and some Warrandyte streets were flooded for a few hours on Saturday, February 5, it is obvious that this town did not qualify for flood relief.

However, local residents may be interested in a review of the 2010-11 flood warnings and responses being conducted by former police commissioner, Neil Comrie.

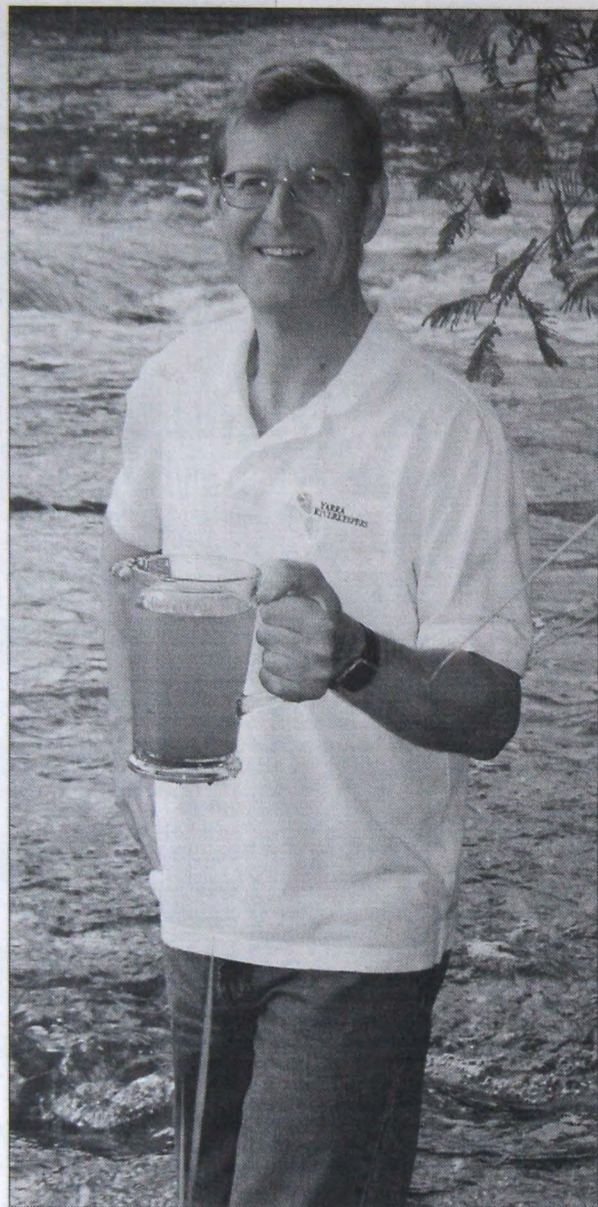
A statement from Mr Comrie encourages all Victorians to contribute to the review, particularly those who have experienced floods across multiple decades.

"It's important for the review to gather all the necessary information and some of the most important information will come from communities in the flood-affected areas," he said.

"I encourage everyone who is keen to share their thoughts to make a submission to the review as we are putting in place the right mechanisms to enable everyone to provide their views.

"The review has set up community consultation sessions in a number of the key, flood-affected areas. In addition, there is a dedicated email address for submissions."

● For further information, go to [www.floodsreview.vic.gov.au](http://www.floodsreview.vic.gov.au) or phone 1800 351 653. Submissions to: [submissions@floodsreview.vic.gov.au](mailto:submissions@floodsreview.vic.gov.au).



Browned off: Riverekeeper Ian Penrose says our long-suffering Yarra is still recovering.

# Heavy rain brings a brown bounty to Yarra River

Recent high rainfall has brought dramatic changes to the Yarra River not experienced for more than a decade, according to the Yarra Riverkeeper Association.

"The last 13-year period has been the driest such period since rainfall records began a century ago, and not surprisingly there has been much less water flowing down the Yarra River," Ian Penrose, Yarra Riverkeeper and spokesperson for the association, told the *Diary*.

"But the river has been suffering a double whammy.

"It continues to be the main water source for Melbourne, and throughout 2007, 2008 and 2009 the huge amount diverted to supply households, farms and industry across the metropolitan area left the river with less than 30 per cent of the available inflows, its lowest share ever."

But last August the rains came, and they have barely taken a break.

"The bush has responded marvellously," Mr Penrose said, "with lush green growth not seen for ages, leading to a boom time for the whole ecology. What has happened to our

Yarra?"

Figures from the river gauge at Warrandyte show that the average daily flow from January 2007 to July 2010 was 299 million litres (ML/d) and the average water level was 0.52 metres.

In the seven months since, the average flow has been almost seven times greater at 1923 ML/d. It peaked on February 5 at 14,800 ML/d when the river rose to 3.56 metres.

Mr Penrose explained "these higher flows are in line with the average natural condition for the river, assuming historic rainfall patterns and no water extraction, but they are dramatic in the context of the past decade.

"They have been generally good news for river health—providing the variability in flow speed and water height that is vital to the native plants and animals.

"Silt built up on riffle areas is dispersed, fallen logs provide fresh habitat, flow changes trigger fish spawning, and the Yarra's many wetlands and billabongs have been inundated. These valuable ecological processes have been missing for a long time."

However, the heavy rain

has caused severe erosion of gullies and undercutting of banks.

This is evident along the length of the Yarra and its tributaries, but the upper catchment is most affected, particularly in the areas burnt in the 2009 bushfire.

"Trees on the banks of waterways have toppled and some farm dams have failed.

"The water in the Yarra is now carrying huge quantities of eroded clay and silt; a striking reminder of the old jibe that it is the river that flows upside-down.

"Whilst the Yarra is naturally more turbid after rain, the run-off from forested areas, farmland, and unsealed roads have aggravated the problem.

But after the recent rains, the situation is much worse and this is a legacy of a catchment that has suffered long drought and large scale bushfire," Mr Penrose said.

"It is too early to tell whether the increase turbidity is harming life in the river.

"What I do believe, though, is overall the recent rains are a godsend for the Yarra, and a reminder of the dynamic and fascinating nature of the riverine environment."

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Peak hour traffic chaos followed a fire in a power pole on Yarra Street. Below: the guilty party. (Pictures by David Wierzbowski)

# Gridlock follows pole fire

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Warrandyte's morning commuter traffic descended into chaos one Friday at the end of last month.

A minor fire developed in a power pole near the Mechanics' Institute around 7.20am and emergency services were called.

They secured the area around the pole and closed Yarra Street to traffic in both directions and waited for a repair crew from the electricity company to arrive. The road was reopened around 9.30.

"The traffic on KG Road was banded back as far as Pigeon Bank Road," Greg Kennedy, South Warrandyte fire brigade captain, told the *Diary*.

All vehicles travelling from Ringwood were redirected north across the bridge adding to the confusion and Research-Warrandyte Road was gridlocked to beyond Blooms Road.

"It took me 30 minutes to travel less than two kilometres along Research Road to the bridge," Ian Wright told the *Diary*.

"Once I was across the

bridge the SES directed all traffic to turn left at the roundabout. When I reached South Warrandyte I joined another traffic jam of the vehicles that had been prevented from turning right onto Yarra Street. I turned up Husseys Lane to get me back to Harris Gully Road and on to work."

Greg Kennedy, South Warrandyte fire brigade's captain, considers the traffic chaos that resulted from a minor incident with a single power pole is a warning of what would happen if a major bushfire descended on Warrandyte.

"The road network in our area hasn't dramatically changed in the last 60 years. The access and egress roads are exactly the same as they were when it was a very small community, a farming community," he said.

"The fire season is all but over. This year we've got out of it without anything at all happening. But the day will come when there will be the need for people to get away from the fire. If the plan is 'we will just get on the road and we'll drive off into the

never-never' ... the fire brigade perspective is that it's not going to happen, because there's not going to be enough capacity on the road network to take all these vehicles.

"By that stage the air in the area will be filled with smoke, visibility will be reduced dramatically and ... we will be bringing fire trucks and other emergency services into the area.

"The trucks are big and it will cause untold chaos on the road network," he said.

Greg Kennedy fears that many in the community are not good listeners to disaster warnings.

"There were classic examples when the floods came into Brisbane a few weeks back. People were warned days in advance that the flood level was going to be as high as it was in 1974, but lots of people didn't heed the advice and didn't remove their valuables from their properties only to find that they were subsequently lost in the flood," he said.

He believes that forward planning is the only way to

avoid road chaos in the event of a major bushfire approaching Warrandyte.

"Make the decision that on Code Red days you leave the area early in the day — and that is the only solution.

"There may only be one or two of those (Code Red) days in a summer. Obviously there were none this summer and there were none last summer, but (residents) become blasé after a while 'nothing is happening so I won't bother' and that's where the problem will arise," he said.

This incident also brings into sharp focus the safety of power lines. In this instance the fire in the power pole was minor and quickly extinguished, but the Royal Commission into the Black Saturday fires established that the Kilmore East fire started from arcing in a power supply line.

Local resident David Wierzbowski was in Yarra Street when the power pole caught fire.

"Perhaps all power assets should be checked each summer," he told the *Diary*.



# Manningham council approves action for Green Wedge future

Manningham council approved a Green Wedge action plan late last month. This follows a review of the Green Wedge strategy, formulated in 2004.

Through the plan, council will continue to protect the area's biodiversity, including a wide variety of local wildlife and fauna.

Key actions arising from the plan include biodiversity research and monitoring; integrated pest plant and animal management; expansion of Landcare groups and programs; sustaining viable agricultural and rural businesses; community engagement and leader-

ship programs and providing sensitive infrastructure appropriate to the Green Wedge.

"Manningham's Green Wedge is one of 12 green wedges around Melbourne," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*. "It is valued for its important remnant vegetation, which provides habitat for rare flora and fauna, enhancing local biodiversity.

"The area also provides an alternative lifestyle choice and offers an attractive destination for visitors, tourists and recreational users."

Mayor, Cr Geoff Gough, emphasised the

importance of the action plan.

"The Green Wedge is an integral part of Manningham's identity," he said.

"Council recognises the importance of carefully managing the area and makes every effort to conserve its environmental value.

"The Green Wedge Action Plan 2020 ensures that it is valued, cared for and enjoyed by all, and preserved for the benefit of generations to come."

● The plan can be viewed at [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/greenwedge](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/greenwedge). Phone 9840 9124 for more information.

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We're interested in hearing your views on the sewerage options available for Warrandyte and finding out how you feel the sewer system recommended for your area will affect you. With your input, Yarra Valley Water can better understand the local community's needs and concerns regarding the provision of sewer to Warrandyte.

### How will the forum work?

The online forum will be active for one month, starting in early March 2011. Documents that explain the different sewer options will be available for you to view online. After the forum closes, Yarra Valley Water will evaluate all comments and feedback. This information will help us to provide sewer services to Warrandyte in the best way for the community. Directly affected residents and businesses are being notified about the online forum by personalised letter. We encourage other readers to share their ideas as well.

### How to get started

Please visit the forum at [www.warrandytebacklog.com.au](http://www.warrandytebacklog.com.au) to register and have your say. Hard copies of the reports will also be available to read in the Warrandyte, The Pines and Doncaster libraries.

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Identify those problems

# CFA will assess your risk

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Residents can have their property assessed by the Country Fire Authority.

CFA District 14 is offering free assessment and advice to Nillumbik residents on preparing their homes for bushfires. A similar service exists for Manningham residents.

This one-on-one service is tailored to help residents understand their bushfire risk and take appropriate steps to better prepare their property.

"CFA fire safety officers take a look around a property and talk about some of the things people can do to help lower their bushfire risk," David Allen, manager of community safety, told the *Diary*.

Topics covered at the visit include:

- Property maintenance to help lower bushfire risk;
- Property access;
- Improving defensible space;

- Effective vegetation management; and
- Water supply requirements.

"An assessment takes approximately one hour and residents are provided with verbal advice during the visit and receive a written report within two weeks," Mr Allen said.

"Even though it's been a cool and wet summer, now is the perfect opportunity to book a visit, as it gives residents ample time to consider any improvements to their properties for subsequent summers."

To book a free one-hour site visit for a property within the Shire of Nillumbik, call your local District 14 office on 8746 1410 during business hours, or book on the CFA website at: <http://tinyurl.com/5stewsc>.

Residents of Manningham municipality, which is within CFA District 13, can also book a free assessment visit through: <http://tinyurl.com/5stewsc>.



Fire against fire: DSE firefighters burn and rake to protect State Park.

## Burn-off plans for fire risk areas

By SANDY BURGOYNE

The fire danger period for CFA District 14 ended on March 7. It was originally intended to run until May 1 this year. District 14 includes the municipalities of Nillumbik, Banyule, Whittlesea, Wyndham, Melton and Hume.

"The above average rains and much cooler weather informed CFA's decision to declare an early end to the Fire Danger Period," operations

manager John Deering told the *Diary*.

This decision was made in consultation with local councils and brigades and reflected the changed on-ground conditions.

It is consistent with assessments being undertaken in adjoining CFA regions to also declare an early end to the fire danger period.

"This decision will allow rural landholders to undertake

burning off of weeds, grass or undergrowth on their properties without the need for a council permit. It's advised, however, that property owners contact their local council in the first instance as local laws on burn-offs do apply, even outside of the declared Fire Danger Period," Mr Deering said.

Burn-offs should also be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line on 1800

668 511 and property owners should do the following:

- Notify neighbours of their intention to burn.
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards.
- Check the fuel moisture conditions.
- Ensure there are enough resources on hand to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.



Up in lights: CFA fire assessment reminder at North Warrandyte fire station. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)

## State Park lists firebreaks for current year

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Parks Victoria plans new fuel break works in state parks around the Warrandyte district this year.

Tractors, dozers and hand tools will be used to clear small trees, shrubs and some tree limbs from the existing fuel breaks. Removal of some larger trees may be necessary to improve fire protection and access for firefighting vehicles.

The vegetation removed will be chipped and re-used in parks as mulch or made available to the community for firewood.

These works will be carried out at the following locations.

### WARRANDYTE

Fourth Hill west (north of Gold Memorial) — fuel reduction to create a mosaic burn coverage.

South Hill Track (west of Harding Street) — fuel reduction and installation of two culverts to provide strategic protection to property along Harding, Royden and Ringwood-Warrandyte roads.

Black Flat 2 (north of Nelson and Tills drives) — fuel reduction to reduce overall biomass.

Scotchmans Hill (between Mullens Road and Magpie Lane), Russell Road, Hutchinson Avenue and Timber Reserve (near Pigtail Road) — continuation of fuel reduction.

Taroona Avenue, Wattle

Blossom Road, Tresize, Blair and McCulloch streets — construction and fuel modification.

### NORTH WARRANDYTE

Koornong — continuation of fuel reduction, plus installation of gate and levelling small section for vehicle access.

The Boulevard — continuation of fuel reduction.

### SOUTH WARRANDYTE

Firebreak Track (south of Johansons Road) — fuel reduction.

### WONGA PARK

Clifford Park (end of Clifford Drive) — fuel reduction and installation of two culverts.

Plus fuel reduction works in Yarrambat, Donvale and Christmas Hills.

"Melbourne's parks are one of our greatest assets. They help make our city liveable. However in some areas there is also a need to be prepared for the risk of fire, particularly in the Dandenong Ranges, around Warrandyte and along the Mornington Peninsula," Parks Victoria chief executive Dr Bill Jackson told the *Diary*.

"These three areas are included in the 52 high risk townships deemed by the experts to be most vulnerable to bushfire in Victoria."

● Further information on these works is available at: [www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires)

## Fire facts for emergency reference

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- 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 different scenarios.





# Spend a dark hour for the environment

Will Warrandyte go "dark" on the night of Saturday, March 26? It will if WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) has its way.

Local residents are being asked to join the world in supporting Earth Hour later this month.

"Earth Hour is a symbolic reminder about the importance of using power consumption efficiently to help reduce carbon emissions which are overheating our planet," WarrandyteCAN president Wayne Rankin told the *Diary*.

It originated in Sydney in 2007 and by 2010, 128 countries and iconic world landmarks were participating, reaching approximately 1.3 billion people.

Here in Warrandyte, our local climate action group is urging businesses and residents to get behind the program and switch off lights for an hour at 8.30pm. They're suggesting restaurants provide candle-lit dinners for the one hour and that open and closed businesses reduce their lighting that evening.

Window posters are being provided to participating businesses to let their customers

know. Mr Rankin said that while we are not suggesting that kitchen power or health and safety be compromised, candlelight and other reduced lighting in business locations will remind us of the need to take action in our own lives.

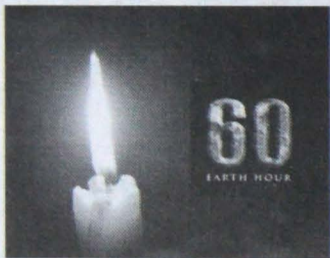
"The message to tell dining clients in restaurants is that we are helping to raise awareness about the need to reduce energy consumption and we're supporting the protection of our environment against the effects of climate change."

Businesses wishing to support the campaign can register with Libby on 9844 5904, Graeme on 9844 2795 or David on 9844 2289

Earth Hour is the brainchild of WWF, the World Wildlife Fund. It is the largest campaign in history for the planet.

"When the lights go back on, we are being urged to think about what each of us can do in our daily lives that will benefit the planet. One person has the power to make change," Mr Rankin said.

● Further information from: [www.beyondthehour.org](http://www.beyondthehour.org).



Leading the way

These young people are leaders of their school, maybe one day they'll be leaders in their wider community, walking in the footsteps of Ryan Smith, Warrandyte MP and state minister for the environment and climate change.

Mr Smith went to Warrandyte Primary School one day last month and met school leaders Erin Roycroft and Jake Wills.

"The new school leaders have lots of responsibilities, including running assembly every Monday morning," teacher Gaby Chitiz told the *Diary*. "They represent our school within the community as well as outside Warrandyte. They act as role models for the whole school and take on many leadership challenges."

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# Twenty good years at Yarra Warra kinder

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Last month Yarra Warra Pre-school had a lot to celebrate. Not only was 2011 the North Warrandyte pre-school's 20th anniversary, but it is also a milestone for Sue McIntyre, teacher of the three-year-olds, who has dedicated the past 20 years to teaching and inspiring youngsters at the pre-school.

The North Warrandyte and Yarra View pre-schools merged in 1995. There has been a pre-school on the site since the 1960s.

At the pre-school's annual welcome back barbecue last month, staff and committee members presented Sue with a silver bracelet from Ruby Tuesday with the engraved message, "Love from all the Yarra Warra families".

On the night, Sue also received a large card that past students, families and colleagues had signed, congratulating her on her 20 years at Yarra Warra. The card also contains photos and drawings by the kids.

One parent wrote in Sue's card, "It was a privilege having you work with my three children." Past students also wrote messages revealing they wanted to come to kinder "just to spend time with Sue", while other students had nicknamed her "Smiling Sue".

"I think it's indicative of Sue's impact on young people in our community that when I went around collecting signatures for Sue's card, they

all had something positive to say about her," pre-school teacher Meegan Hall said. "They all remembered something special about Sue."

Sue McIntyre, who is also a professional artist, says she loves working with children, and that seeing the smiles on the children's faces every day brings her so much joy.

"How many jobs can you go to where you're greeted by the beautiful smiles of children every day? I love children and I love being around children. I hardly call it work," she said. "It's just a dream for me. But it wouldn't be the same without this beautiful team I work with every day."

The Yarra Warra Pre-school teachers—Connie, Meegan, Kaye and Sue—are all best friends and Sue has taught all their children. They say there is an "emotional connection" and the pre-school has "a family environment".

Sue was teaching at the pre-school when assistant Kaye Versteegan's daughter attended many years ago.

"My daughter is 22 and Sue is the only teacher from kinder that she can name," Kaye said. "I can't imagine anything here without Sue."

Sue also taught Connie and Meegan's children. "My 21 year-old still talks about Sue," Meegan said.

Colleagues describe Sue as a "creative", "nurturing" and "sensational" person who has "a natural gift" with children.

Teacher Connie Solty said working with Sue was "a



Special memories: Sue McIntyre at Yarra Warra's welcome back barbecue.

dream come true" and she admires Sue's kindness and gentleness.

Sue was teaching at Yarra Warra when the North Warrandyte and Yarra pre-schools merged in 1995 and when the pre-school burnt down in 2002.

"This year represents 20 years of Sue's invaluable service and contribution to the Yarra Warra pre-school," committee president Leeanne Nesbitt, said in a speech on the night of the barbecue. "Sue,

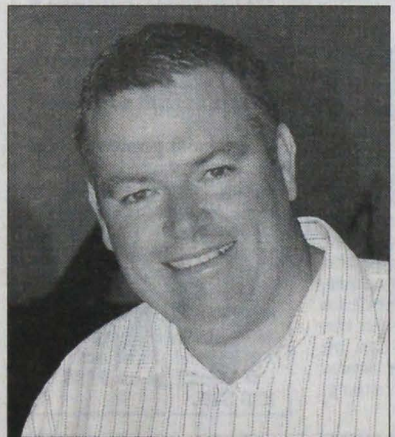
on behalf of your fellow colleagues, the committee and all the Yarra Warra families you have touched and contributed to over the last 20 years—we love you, we appreciate you, and we thank you."

Sue McIntyre told the *Diary*: "From the bottom of my heart I would like to say a special thank you to all the wonderful children, families, staff and committee members at Yarra Warra. Working with you all over the past 20 years has been the greatest pleasure."

# New pastor at Community church

Warrandyte Community Church has a new pastor. "After a year of patience, persistence and prayer, the leadership team at the church are satisfied they have found the right man to step up to the pulpit after Pastor Peter Keep's 18-year stint as senior pastor," spokesperson Jacinta Young told the *Diary*.

David Molyneux, 40, was commissioned into the position at the end of January.



Right man: Senior Pastor David Molyneux

"David's passion for people, teamed with his past experience in several Christian leadership roles around Australia, suggests he is the perfect man for the job," Ms Young said.

"Living in a remote aboriginal community in Western Australia, Mr Molyneux's fervour for Christian outreach was first lit at the age of 17 when he recognised the desperate need for his church to assist underprivileged children in the district.

"This need extended far beyond the original 12 members of David's youth group and after eight years of nurturing the program, it extended to 150 members."

Since then, David has served in pastoral positions at three different churches in Melbourne and has participated in important roles with organisations such as Compassion Australia, Youth Alive and Prison Fellowship Victoria.

He is eager to get out into the community and discover the needs in the Manningham area. "I think any time we are putting ourselves out of our comfort zone and helping the needs of others, we are doing what God would have us do," Mr Molyneux said.

"I want our church to be known in the community as a place that is always going to help meet people's needs".

David's overall mission is to "build on what already exists in Warrandyte Community Church, and ensure that the church is healthy and vibrant and encourages and equips Christians to be more active in their world".

David and wife Emily, who have three young children, aim to firstly focus on expanding the church playgroup ministry, that is open to the public every weekday morning. Mr Molyneux has dedicated himself to complete a master's degree in Christian ministry.

Former pastor, Peter Keep, believes "David will bring a mixture of energy, relational ability, a wide network of contact—which comes from his extensive experience—and a clear sense of purpose into the role".

After nearly two decades of faithful service, Peter Keep has relinquished his position at Warrandyte to focus on his non-profit organisation, the HELP Charitable Trust which is aimed at "training and resourcing full-time Christian ministry workers in developing countries".

"You can hear David's inspiring messages every Sunday morning from 10am at Warrandyte Community Church," Ms Young said. A podcast is available on [www.wcc.org.au](http://www.wcc.org.au), then click on the message podcast tab.

# Lions' quest for young Warrandytians

Local young people are being urged to participate in the Warrandyte Youth of the Year Quest, organised by the Lions Club of Warrandyte.

The quest carries an award of \$600 and is open to young people aged 16 to 18.

The program seeks to discover future leaders in our community "who already show this promise through educational pursuits, sporting achievement and artistic

endeavours".

Lions president Bill Gerritsen told the *Diary* that "the development of life skills should not only be limited to schools. Which is why Lions Youth Quest seeks to find further harmony and success in our young people. The quest is the only youth program, active in more than 60 countries, offering life skills to youth."

Quest applications will open in April and close at the end

of June. Young people can be nominated by their teachers, sports leaders or coaches. Successful candidates—and their sponsoring organisation—will each receive \$600.

The award will be made at a club presentation dinner, where applicants are judged following a brief public speech and presentation. The successful candidate may choose to participate in similar Youth Quest events, held within the

state and Australia-wide.

Late last month, Dylan Burns of Warrandyte won the Lions zone final Youth of the Year Quest. A student at Warrandyte High School, Dylan is sponsored by Warrandyte Lions. He will now progress to the Victorian finals, to be decided in Tatura on March 13.

Further details and an application form for the current quest at: [www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php](http://www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php).

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Warrandyte will be awash with colour and movement this month when the Village Festival comes to town. The entertainment gets underway on Friday evening, March 18 and continues non-stop until Sunday night, March 20. **CHERIE MOSELEN** gives us an overview of festival weekend.

#### PARADE

Bands, floats and vintage cars—the Grand Parade has it all. Starting at 11am on Saturday, participants will make their way in Carnivale splendour from the Community Centre in Yarra Street to Stiggants Reserve. John and Kerrie Boyle will be crowned King and Queen of the festival, and schools, local businesses, community groups and keen hobbyists will vie for the trophy for Best Parade Entry. Categories include: most colourful, most imaginative and most Warrandyte-ish.

#### WELCOME

A Smoking Ceremony, performed by a Wurundjeri elder, and Welcome to Country will feature on the main stage on Saturday at 12noon, before the official opening and introduction of newly crowned Festival Monarchs at 12.15pm.

#### ART

In addition to the traditional exhibitions featured at the festival this year, art lovers can also enjoy some local sculpture. Several installations, created as part of the Festival Season Arts Project, are going to be strategically placed throughout the reserve. These works are a creation of the local Arty-Farty Artists Group, and are supported by the Manningham City Council Community Development Grant Program.

Once again, the Rotary Art Show will comprise work from local and interstate artists. The show kicks off with a Gala Champagne Opening at 7pm on Friday at the Warrandyte Community Church in Yarra Street, and continues throughout the weekend.

An Aboriginal Art Exhibition will be included amongst the static displays on the riverbank.

#### BATTLE OF THE BANDS

On Friday night at 6pm, the Community Centre will be ready to rock as local bands battle to win top prize. Organisers would like to remind the community that this is a drug and alcohol free event. Admission is free.

#### MUSIC

School and community groups are scheduled to entertain from the main stage at Stiggants Reserve from 12.30pm on Saturday. Then from late afternoon onwards, local bands such as "The Teskey Brothers" and "The Thod", along with headline act "Eagle & The Worm", will take to the stage. The Wassawumba Drumming Workshop will be making a bang from 1.15 to 2pm on Sunday, and audiences can look forward to a number of bands, including long time favourites "Catfish Pie", to continue the beat from 11am until late. Families can bring a picnic or purchase food at the festival.

#### CABARET

Festival-goers are in for a treat this year with the addition of another performance venue. Carnivale Cabaret has been designed to give poets, prose readers, musicians and a variety of diverse performers the opportunity to entertain their audience in a more intimate

atmosphere. The new marquee will be open from noon to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday.

#### CARTS

Where there's a wheel there's a way! The annual Billycart Derby is back! Carts can be registered for \$8 between 8.30am and 9.15am on Sunday, and then the race is on to win a great prize and trophy. The derby is open to children aged 8 to 15 years. There is also a race for "bigger" children, so no need for parents to miss out. All carts must meet set safety criteria. For enquiries, head to the website: [www.warrandytefestival.org](http://www.warrandytefestival.org).

#### RIVERBANK STAGE

Variety and maximum energy is the focus for the Riverbank Stage. Audiences can experience everything from drumming ensembles and eclectic musicians to unusual reptiles. See all the action on Saturday and Sunday from around noon.

#### RIDES

This year, Peter Hodge Camel Hire will be offering camel rides on Saturday and Sunday, for \$6 per person. The camels will traverse the river path from Police Street towards the bridge, allowing riders to see the Yarra from new heights.

#### DISPLAYS

All weekend, static displays along the riverbank will demonstrate a range of opportunities available through local groups and service providers. Groups include: Warrandyte Community Association, Climate Action Now, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Toy Library, Netball Club, SES, Parks Victoria, Reconciliation Manningham, Friends of Warrandyte State Park, Guide Dogs Victoria, Landcare network, local councils, blacksmiths, miners, woodcrafters, animals, reptiles, and stationary and steam engines. For more "hands-on" action, Warrandyte Tennis Club will serve up the usual competition, and rock climbers can take on The Wall.

#### READ

Every year, the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House invites local writers to showcase their work in a popular festival event known as The Grand Read. The reading—now in its 13th year—begins on Tuesday, March 22 at 7.30pm, upstairs at the Grand Hotel on Yarra Street. Guest reader for 2011 is Barry Dickins. Tickets: \$15 at the door, or \$12 if booked in advance through the House on 9844 1839.

#### FOLLIES

They're at it again! The Warrandyte Theatre Company is presenting "Follies Goes To Town" at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Yarra Street on the following dates: March 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 plus April 1 and 2. Join the fun for an intuitive look at the funnier side of life.

#### WEBSITE

[www.warrandytefestival.org](http://www.warrandytefestival.org) is the online address for all information and program details. Also, join the Warrandyte Festival on Facebook for up-to-the-minute news (just search Warrandyte Festival)



# Fun figures feature at festival

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

A series of fantastic creatures will be stalking visitors to Stiggants Reserve during Warrandyte Festival weekend this year. The figures are being purpose-built for the festival and will celebrate the Carnivale theme.

Some 14 creative volunteers have been getting together regularly to plan and construct the festive creatures. The group, who call themselves the "Arty Farty Folk", are co-ordinated by the Warrandyte Festival Committee but include members of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, local high school teaching staff, and other dedicated locals who frequently assist in creating pieces for display at festival time.

It is anticipated that the sculptures will be erected annually in the future, to herald both the Pottery Expo and Warrandyte Village Festival.

Mal Parsons, artist, teacher and coordinator of the proposed artworks, has lived in Warrandyte for 29 years and has been a member of the Festival Committee for most of that time.

"We are really excited about

this project. In the past, the group has come up with ideas that reflect the festival theme as creatively, but as cheaply as possible, because we have never had any money. This year, thanks to a Manningham council Community Development grant, we are undertaking something quite substantial because we actually have a budget," she said.

Artwork created for festivals past have included such things as colourful flags, street banners, gigantic rope-like spiderwebs known as "dream-catchers", and "gods-eyes", which are large creations of sticks with coloured fabric woven throughout. However, the new installations will be considerably more challenging due to their design and complexity of construction.

"The plan is to make six larger-than-life figures that embody the colourful drama and spirit of fun that is Carnivale," Ms Parsons said. "We're aiming for a little bit of the ridiculous—full-figured, improbable creatures that are out of balance, perhaps with a sense that they might be about to fall, or even fly."

She explained that the idea came about when festival

committee member, John Boyle, saw the artwork of international sculptor and painter, Niki de Saint Phalle, whilst overseas.

"John emailed through a suggestion that we take a look at the artist's work and we found her figures to be a great inspiration for our own," Ms Parsons said. "Three of us—Jane Annois, Denise Farran and myself—played around with various ideas and then transformed our shapes into miniature models. "But, we do have some significant engineering challenges when it comes to making the full-sized versions."

"The sculptures need to be lifted on and off a base, so that they can be moved around, and the artists must use a variety of mediums to fabricate them. All the figures have steel skeletons, which are bound with chicken wire, then covered with cloth and plaster, and the final process will be fibre-glassing to make

them durable and completely waterproof," she said.

"I have used fibreglass as an artistic process before, and John Boyle has experience with making canoes, but we are very fortunate to have the support of other members of the community who have offered expertise or donated services and materials."

Aside from the artists themselves, the project is a genuine local collaboration, with Mal's neighbour, Jamie Bolton, offering welding equipment and his assistance. Ms Parsons commented that the volunteers are very keen and hardworking. They are hopeful that they can have the full complement of six statues ready for positioning at the festival.

"As to how they will be placed, we won't know until we see them finished; whether they will look better grouped or separately spaced throughout Stiggants Reserve," she said.



Fun figures: Festival sculptures got an airing at the Pottery Expo. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

## Follies on the buses!

Always first with the latest, the Follies this year takes a good humoured look—wouldn't you know?—at the SmartBus: indented bus stops, the lot.

The fun begins in Warrandyte, contrasting our lazy (?) bush life with the fast pace of the city. Then we hop on the buses and the Follies Go to Town, buskers and all.

The Warrandyte Theatre Company has been presenting the Follies at festival time since Alan Cornell was a pup; each year a different theme, a new opportunity to poke fun, enjoy great music and comedy and convivialate with friends and neighbours in a cabaret setting.

The most popular event on the Warrandyte calendar, the Follies are always booked solid, so round up your theatre party, pack some grub and grog and get on down to the Mechanics Institute Hall on Yarra and Mitchell and prepare for a great night out.

● Bookings on 0488 333 575.

## Art history remembered

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

The Rotary Art Show, staged as part of the festival at the Warrandyte Community Church in Yarra Street, will this year pay special tribute to Warrandyte's artistic traditions.

We are "choosing a theme that honours Warrandyte's renowned artists," coordinator Ian McMillan told the *Diary*.

Warrandyte has a significant artistic heritage. A number of prominent Australian artists lived and worked in the area, including several from the internationally renowned Heidelberg school.

"To exemplify the heritage theme we wanted to be able to feature a work of some significance," Mr McMillan said. "The National Gallery of Victoria has granted us permission to reproduce the 'Old Bridge, Warrandyte', by Walter Withers, on the cover of our catalogue."

Manningham council, through its Community Development Grant Program, assists in making the show possible.

The Rotary Art Show itself

has quite a long history. This is the 27th show and the Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale is celebrating the occasion with an opening Gala on Friday, March 18, commencing at 7pm, with Manningham mayor Geoff Gough opening the show. Approximately 600 artworks will be on exhibition. Most will be offered for sale.

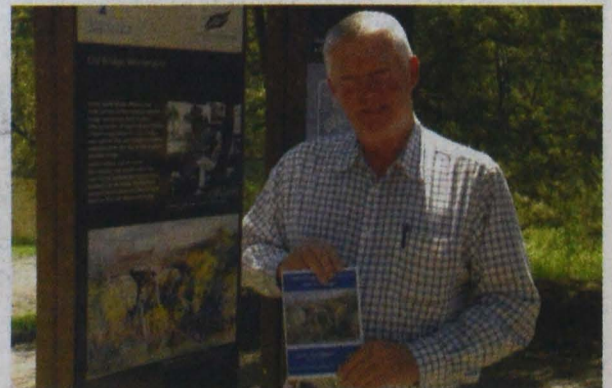
"The gala should be a lot of fun," Mr McMillan said. "We will be holding an auction, with guests bidding for artworks." Exhibiting artists will receive complimentary tickets to the gala.

As a way of encouraging young artists, organisers have approached 10 surrounding secondary schools and offered them the chance to exhibit the best 10 works of their senior school students. Selected artwork will be displayed in a special exhibition area. The work will be judged and prizes given. One of the student's artworks will be included in the auction.

More than 360 artists, from all over Australia, have been invited to enter the show. Art-

ists are able to register on-line for the first time.

● The Rotary Art Show will be open from 7pm to 10pm on Friday, March 18, and then on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Tickets to the Gala are \$25. Weekend admission costs \$5. This includes a catalogue and a ticket in the art raffle. All details can be found on the website: [www.warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au](http://www.warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au).



Heritage: Ian McMillan is a key mover at the Rotary Art Show. (Picture by Cherie Moselen)



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# At least Tasmanians speak the language

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“Going to what?”  
I asked through gritted teeth.

“Too late now. This is the freeway to Burnie and we want to go in the opposite direction. We're just going to have to drive to the next exit and then turn around, go back to Launceston and try it all over again.”

The atmosphere in the small rental car had become quite humid so I turned on the air-con. Additional conversation would have added to the uncomfortable heat so we both remained stonily silent.

Navigating new cities is a bit like that; lots of retracing of unspectacular streets, diversions into as-yet-undiscovered tourist destinations and hurried u-turns in one way streets, invariably accompanied by glares and honking from locals.

Fortunately, our latest “mistake” was manageable. We had time on our side before we had to return the car to the airport depot so, although our Launceston navigating experience was annoying and unhelpful, as far as marital bonding was concerned it was not the worst. Without doubt, our most difficult “navigating” catastrophe occurred in Paris.

We had been there for a few weeks and decided we'd like to visit the picturesque port of Honfleur and then visit Monet's house at Giverny. The obvious way to do this was with a two-day car hire. A simple plan one would have



“Hiring the car was simple. Getting the car from the depot to the outskirts of Paris was more character building...”

thought.

Hiring the car was simple, as was organising the overnight stop at Giverny. Getting the car from the depot to the outskirts of Paris was more character-building.

When, over the telephone, the car hire salesman assured us, with typical Gallic insouciance, “But, of course, you weel be provided weeth a map,” we believed him. Foolishly, we forgot to ask how detailed the map would be.

The car hire depot we chose was beneath the Louvre. Now for those who don't know what that means, imagine

this. You reach the depot via the Metro. You emerge and, without much difficulty, you find the depot in the Louvre basement. You agree to all the hire conditions written in pale grey, 3 point type, concede that you will pay for anything and everything and thank them profusely for giving you a manual instead of the automatic you had requested. After all, you are in Europe where driving an automatic is regarded as positively as white loafers in a Melbourne coffee shop.

Having found the car in the farthest corner of the basement, we hit the up-ramp. Herself looked up from the map. In a terrified whisper I heard, “This is useless! It's designed to help once you're out of Paris. It doesn't show the local streets in any detail!”

Imagine the Arts Centre surrounded three blocks back by one-way streets. Then imagine all of those roads are like permanent peak hour on a formula one circuit. You've no idea where you're going and you haven't a Melways! After negotiating this, there's the Peripherique! This is the freeway that encircles Paris. Wikipedia defines it as “the controlled-access, dual carriageway ring road in Paris, France. One of the busiest highways in Europe...” and we had to get under it to get out of Paris.

Now remember the first line of this column? It wasn't the first time I've heard it. In fact, I heard it three times in an hour as we approached that infernal ring road. Three times we took the wrong road,

“enjoying” the manic rides on and off the Peripherique until we actually took the correct road under the monster and were free to enjoy the French countryside. For those interested, we had to keep going back to the same on/off spot because the map just threw up its hands in a beret-hatted shrug when asked about any of the other exits and underpasses.

Oh, come to think of it, I did hear the same line delivered as we were trying desperately to get some friends to Florence in time to catch their expensive “sleeper” train to Paris.

It was no use Herself telling me about what might happen, we were on the on-ramp to the freeway and about to head off to southern Italy instead of the road under the freeway to Florence. Looming ahead was the barrier of toll booths. In his infinite wisdom, some road engineer hadn't bothered about erecting a solid barrier between our passageway and the other, so with all the European driver-confidence I could muster, I chucked a u-turn. I think my passengers were just slightly more amazed than the oncoming headlights. Fortunately the oncomers were starting from scratch at the booths so I was able to weave my way to the off-ramp and on to Florence, just in time.

Herself and I don't talk much about that one. In hindsight, however, our recent Launceston misunderstanding was a doddle!

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# Sweet welcome for visitors

nature

By LINDA ROGAN



Eltham Copper butterfly on Sweet Bursaria. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

**I**N mid-February this year, Whipstick Gully was brilliant with Sweet Bursaria in bloom. The dainty flower clusters nearly hid the bush itself, creamy white and fragrant. Each year, as blooming fades, lovely green seed capsules are produced. They quickly bronze then turn to a brittle wooden brown.

I have long been a fan of this widespread and easily grown native plant and am happy to forgive the sharp spines that lurk amongst its shiny dark green leaves. Common names such as Blackthorn and Prickly Box, reflect attitudes of Europeans who may not have appreciated its finer qualities.

According to *The Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants* by Elliott and Jones, "The leaves contain an oil which is reported to filter out the sun's rays and prevent sunburn. This was apparently used by the early settlers." Did they learn this from the Aboriginal people who called it Kurwan and used it in ceremonies? I'm just beginning to appreciate the importance of Sweet Bursaria within the web of life in our local bushland.

Nectar is the most obvious asset of the Sweet Bursaria. With blooms from December through March, it is a mainstay of many insects including feral honey bees. In Whipstick Gully I watched butterflies including Marbled and Ringed Xenicas, Meadow Argus, Common Dusky Blues, Painted Ladies and Wood Whites, all competing for their share of nectar. I have also seen Common Imperial Blues, Eltham Copper and Dainty Swallowtails stopping for a sweet snack. Other common visitors include ants, flower wasps and a range of beetles.

In the local area, many people are aware of the intimate relationship between the Eltham Copper butterfly and Sweet Bursaria. The latter's leaves are the only food for this butterfly's caterpillars. The caterpillars live in a byre, built by a species of ants, near the base of the Sweet Bursaria plants. At night, they are herded out to feed. Before daylight they are returned to the security of the byre by their attendant ants.

Not just flowers and leaves but also seeds and pods are essential to the Bur-

saria Fairy Moth. Male moths can be seen in groups flitting about in the sunlight above a flowering Sweet Bursaria. Suddenly the insects will drop down to the plant, moving amongst the flowers where the females hide. Their locations are given away by flashes of red, yellow and gold (the wings) and long strands shining like spider silk (the antennae). Out of direct sun, they appear nearly black. Both male and female have antennae longer than their bodies but in males antennae may be up to four times the body length. Macro photos show details such as the males' large green eyes.

A friend from the Entomological Society explained that these moths lay eggs on the Bursaria flowers so that they are included within the seed pod where the young caterpillars feed and grow. They may emerge from the pod before pupation and drop to the ground, make a case from detritus and eventually pupate, as do others of this genus. Or they may

pupate within the pod. They emerge as adults in time for the next Sweet Bursaria flowering.

When the pods dry and split open, they make wonderful camouflage. In late January and February 2009, many of the Sweet Bursaria shrubs were carrying clusters of ripened seed pods. A particularly dense clump of "pods" I noticed, had antennae and moved as I approached. Investigating and of course, photographing, I discovered bees, not pods. These bees were smaller than honeybees and had orange and greenish-black striped abdomens: Green and Gold Nomia bees it turns out. The native bees are a story in themselves.

Butterflies, special moths, beetles, native bees, lovely scented flowers are interesting enough, but I suspect there is even more to be learned about Sweet Bursaria and its associates. I believe it more than earns its place in the bushland and in my indigenous garden.

# Fun galore on the Littlest Yarra

**I**'VE come close to naming our meagre excuse for a creek on several occasions, but so far no name I've thought of has quite hit the spot. For most of the year it's nothing more than a slight groove in the hillside, last refuge of green grass in a drought. Even the main creek, which it joins in a deep gully at the bottom of the hill, is little more than a damp patch for most of the year; but every now and then it belts along in flood, white froth highlighting the eddies.

Once or twice we've even had an eye-catching lake covering the front of the block. At times like this, eager to join in the fun, the little creek rushes noisily down the hillside, tumbling and cascading along. But this only happens after prolonged rain. Mostly we forget it's there.

Even though it's more of a conduit for run-off than a noteworthy landmark, it does seem unfair not to give it a name. The question is, what? Hard to think of one that doesn't bestow undue significance. Much easier to continue ignoring it, except for watching your footing in

the dip!

Obviously dissatisfied with this philosophy, the little creek decided to teach us a lesson. Ignorance is clearly not bliss for those on the receiving end. We needed to be reminded who's in charge.

So while we were distracted by champagne, wrapping and unwrapping presents, summer barbecues, a camping trip, brush-cutting and clearing up after a large eucalypt fell across our roof—and that's a whole 'nother story—the up-till-now-blameless little waterway was quietly but steadily accumulating layers of silt, weeds and general forest-floor debris.

It also added an interesting new deviation to its course at the point where it was forced to negotiate the bulging roots of a rapidly growing tree.

When the deluge came, the main creek (as expected) flooded madly. The usually tame trickle grew into a fast-flowing river, driveways were cut, everything from tree parts to busted plastic chairs tumbled along in the floodwaters before being spat out into the seething Yarra; but no real damage was done.

## our place

By MARILYN MOORE

Drains up and down the street coped impressively, but even so, water banked up spectacularly, turning green ferny gullies into a chain of eddying and turbid lakes a hundred metres long.

Garden benches, kids' cubbies and battered vegetation poked forlornly out of the swirling brown mire. Fully-grown trees toppled over, roots aloft.

Neighbours, unusually thick on the ground for so early on a Saturday morning, popped in and out of each other's driveways, cameras clicking busily between rolling thunder and continuing cloudbursts.

Less exciting was the clean-up indoors, where previously undetected roof leaks caused something of a stir. But we didn't discover these until later. Outdoors, our little gully, still unnamed but well on the way to acquiring a moniker it probably would rather not answer to, was excitedly having

its way with unprecedented run-off, truckloads of mud, tree litter and garden mulch.

Of course, knowing the exact spot we *didn't* want this mess to be transported to, it had the cheek to dump its entire load in our once-lovely clear blue swimming pool. Sigh!

Can't complain, of course—unprecedented deluges in Queensland, and right down the eastern side of the continent, have left the lives of thousands of people seriously shattered and our thoughts and hearts go out to them. Even some of our neighbours were worse off than us.

Salutary lesson number one: a body of water uphill of a house will inevitably overflow into the house, sooner or later, no matter how much you don't want it to. Lesson number two: a body of water on the receiving end of a long hill will inevitably end up doing just that. Thirdly, creeks quite happily change course during a deluge. Lastly, all these things can happen at once.

So much for everybody thinking they knew a fair bit about water running downhill!



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## out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

Institute Hall from Thursday to Saturday night on March 17-19, 24-26, March 31 and April 1 and 2. Great skits, music and dancing will be presented by the Warrandyte Theatre Company. For bookings call 0488 333 575.

## Playgroup

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## Bands

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## Read

The Grand Read, a festival feature, is now in its 13th year. Run by Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, who invite local writers to showcase their work upstairs at the

Grand Hotel in Yarra Street, it will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 7.30 pm. Guest reader this year is Barry Dickens. Tickets cost \$15 at the door, or \$12 if booked through the Neighbourhood House on 9844 1839.

## Watch

Neighbourhood Watch meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday, each second month, for an hour at the Warrandyte Community Centre. These meetings are designed to identify preventable criminal activities and safety concerns in our area. Community-wide events are planned each year. Next meetings will be held on Tuesdays, April 12 and June 14.



Last month the folk from Juniors Farm Childcare Centre in North Warrandyte—with the help of IGA and North CFA—ran a barbecue, raising more than \$600 for the CFA. These North Warrandyte firefighters added their support.

## Follies

The Follies Go to Town will be held at the Mechanics

## COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA



## Environment

Upcoming Nillumbik council environmental events include a session on water bugs at Edendale Farm on Sunday, March 27 from 10am to 12 noon and winter veggie gardening on Saturday, April 2 from 10am to 12 noon. These sessions are free and can be booked by calling 9433 3316. "Live water bugs up close and personal" will be held at the Eltham Library on Wednesday, April 13 from 10am to 12 noon. For bookings please call the library on 9439 9266.

## Seminar

The next Manningham environmental seminar will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre on Wednesday, April 6 at 7.30pm. The topic will be indigenous cooking with Damien Styles from Charcoal Lane. These seminars are free.

## artyfacts

The Rudolf Steiner School will be holding their annual Art Exhibition and Sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27 from 10am to 4pm. The exhibition will be held at the gymnasium of the Steiner School, 213 Wonga Road, Warranwood. There will also be a craft market and refreshments will be available.

Doncaster Road, Doncaster, features works by 12 contemporary artists from Australia and China, celebrating the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. Local artists include Warrandyte's Jane Annois and Denise Keele-Bedford.

## Stonehouse

Cathy Oddie is the featured potter at Stonehouse Gallery this month. Her work features free brushwork on small plates, jugs, bowls and brooches. Other artists on show include Jan O'Neill and Jenny John. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, phone 9844 3629.

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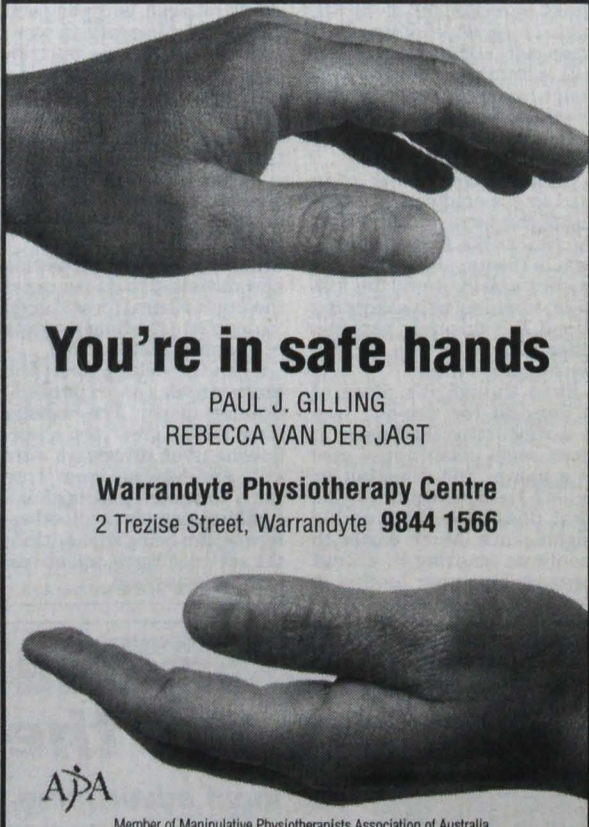
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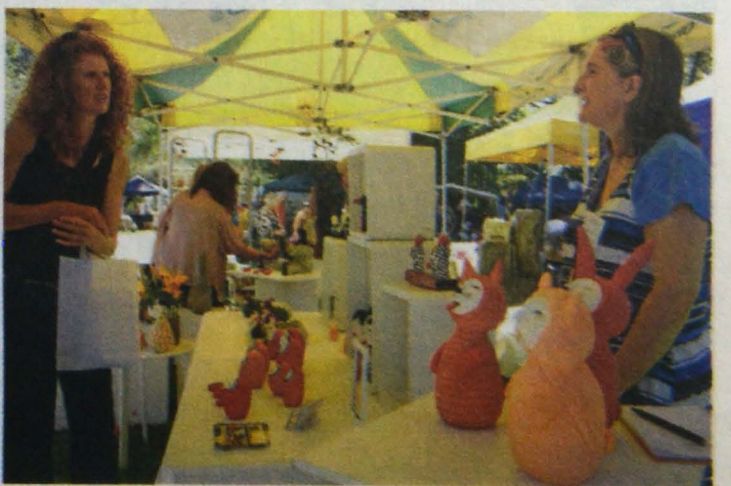
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### Pottery by the river...

The Pottery Expo, the premier arts event on the Warrandyte calendar, was staged last month on the riverbank below Webb Street. Featured guest artists included several potters from China. STEPHEN REYNOLDS went along and took these pictures for the *Diary*.



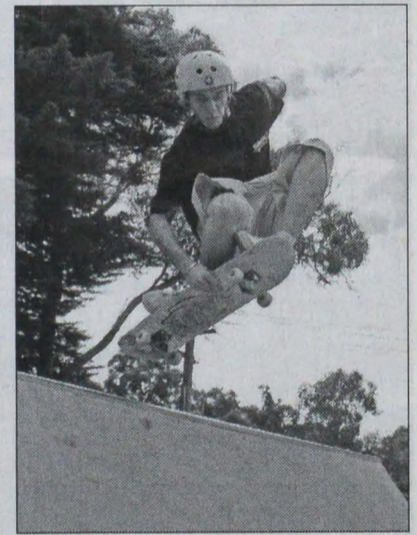




## Thrills and spills at the Skate Park

Warrandyte Skate Park was the venue late last month for the South Eastern League Skate and BMX Competition. "This annual event showcases local talent of our young people and provides them with the opportunity to compete in the grand final at Riverside Skate Park," a YMCA spokesperson told the *Diary*. Local skater Brett Thomas was the winner of the under-16s division, giving "the local crowd something to cheer for".

**Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS**





# Helping ourselves to a better future

By VAL POLLEY

**T**HE recent spate of natural disasters from flood and fire to cyclone and earthquake has left everyone reeling. Just what is going on we ask. Individuals can feel small and insignificant when it comes to the big questions of our time. People question if their individual contribution can possibly make a difference, particularly in relation to the current issues facing the world today.

Perhaps it is again time for us to get together, have a community conversation and work at a community level to improve our future as well as that of our community and our planet.

Warrandyte has always prided itself as a self-help community that gets on with things and works to protect and preserve the things that matter to it. It's always been thus.

Back in the 1880s, before Victoria even had a centralised electricity supplier, local residents conceived a plan to use the flow of water through the Evelyn Tunnel (Pound Bend) to generate electricity, though this plan eventually lapsed. Despite constant pressure from local residents, community groups and council, it was not until the 1930s that electric power eventually made it to Warrandyte.

The township's early reticulated water supply came courtesy of the local Warrandyte Waterworks Trust which had local residents and councillors on its board and which operated during the 1960s pumping water directly from the Yarra River. It was not until 1970 that it was incorporated into the metropolitan system by the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was down to resident and community group agitation and direct action that saw the establishment of the Infant Health Centre (opened in 1938); the *Warrandyte Diary* newspaper (started in 1970); Warrandyte State Park (proclaimed in 1978); Warrandyte High School (opened in relocatable classrooms

in 1978); Warrandyte Community Centre (opened in 1989); Warrandyte Community Bank (branch opening 2003); Warrandyte Community Garden (established in 1999); Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing (building commenced 2010); the list goes on and on.

Warrandyte has always been a strong community that has risen to challenges rather than waiting for others in authority to make the decisions and impose action on the town.

Back in the 1970s, following the environmental awareness engendered by the oil shocks, the phrase "Think Globally, Act Locally" resonated amongst the fledgling environmental groups at the time. Long before federal, state and local governments and agencies took action, communities worked together to devise ways and put forward proposals for protecting habitats, encouraging sustainable living and educating residents on the needs of the community. That phrase can still be seen to resonate today together with a need for communities like ours to take matters into their own hands and not wait for governments and authorities to make the first move.

Now it is environmental and sustainability issues such as climate change, food supply and water security and social justice issues and poverty eradication that have come to the forefront.

Individual Warrandytians are contributing to solutions by working to reduce their carbon footprint through actions such as growing their own food, installing water tanks and solar arrays amongst other things. Warrandyte groups such as Climate Action Now are taking a lead role in educating and informing concerned residents.

But surely we can do more. Perhaps we could take a lead from other communities round Australia and in other parts of the world who are undertaking local community action towards a sustainable future.

Should we emulate the actions of

the Hepburn Renewable Energy Association in Victoria who are in the process of establishing a community owned, two turbine wind farm which will produce enough electricity for almost all households in Daylesford and Hepburn Springs? The Hepburn Wind Park has community support, has passed all approval processes and will be located at Leonards Hill, 10km south of Daylesford. The driving motivation for the wind park was climate change and the benefits of wind power, now becoming a greater part of electricity provision both overseas and in Australia.

Bundanoon, a little town in NSW, became famous around the world last year for voting to ban bottled water being sold in the town. Its "Bundy on Tap" campaign called for reusable bottles able to be refilled for free from council-installed filtered water fountains in the town. Bottled water has become a major environmental concern in recent times with a massive increase in consumption.

Producing plastic bottles uses disproportionately large amounts of oil; they require considerable energy to transport and then present a huge problem in disposal. Bundanoon decided to take a stand when a company sought to truck local water to Sydney for bottling and sale. It wanted to show it cared about the local and global environment; its action contributing to a positive image of Bundanoon as an active, concerned community.

Alternatively as a step towards greater social equity, Warrandyte could become a Fairtrade town. This movement has grown rapidly since the town of Garstang in Lancashire UK declared itself the world's first Fairtrade Town in April 2000.

In addition to hundreds of towns worldwide, cities like London, Paris, Copenhagen and San Francisco are now part of this international, social, grassroots movement aimed at changing the way trade is done. An evaluation process involving a number of criteria in regard to the number of establishments and the



Reducing food miles: Warrandyte Community Garden is an example of local people tackling a growing problem in a grass roots way.

Pictures by JUDY GREEN

fair-trade goods to be sold needs to be satisfied. But the outcome has been encouraging on the most part with smaller towns reporting a positive response to businesses and trades.

Or there is the "Incredible Edible" approach of the town of Todmorden in Yorkshire England. This was started by two women passionate about their community working together for the future wellbeing of the planet. Their philosophy was somewhat different, their aim is sharing and caring and providing access to good local food for all, through working and learning together and by supporting local businesses. They have planted vegetables, fruit trees and various crops on roadsides, in graveyards and any spare land they can access in the town, often in "guerilla" plantings. They have been very successful with education, planting a school's orchard with school-children in the area. They want to re-invent the collective skills of community so people can rise to the challenges of the future without waiting for others to do the thinking and acting.

These are just four initiatives amongst many and one common thread to all these projects is how beneficial they have been to their respective communities. Another is that the communities themselves become more self-sufficient and resilient.

There are lessons to be learnt from our recent natural disasters.

One suggestion that has already emerged after the Christchurch earthquake is that it may be more ideal for services to be decentralised so that a breakdown in one part of a system does not disable the whole. Recent natural disasters have shown how casually Nature can shrug off even the most sophisticated of modern cities and reduce communities to the bare essentials.

If we are passionate about our future and that of the planet we must continue to energise our community into action. We need governments and decision makers to be stirred into activity by grassroots advocacy. The internet and social media have revolutionised communication as has been seen with the democracy revolutions in the Middle East in recent days. It can be just as revolutionary when it comes to environmental issues. There may never be a better time to harness this collective energy. Does the Warrandyte community share a passion about a sustainable future? If so, could current community groups and committed individuals, with their depth of knowledge and expertise, lead the way to a Warrandyte initiative? Let us have the debate.

● You may be interested in the following websites: [www.hepburn-wind.com.au](http://www.hepburn-wind.com.au), [www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk](http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk), [www.fairtrade.org.au](http://www.fairtrade.org.au), [www.bundyontap.com.au](http://www.bundyontap.com.au).

## The things I value at this time



The soft, slow drip of autumn rain—earthy damp gives us reason to sleep at last with pounding dreams. I'm grateful that we live with seasons.

With slips of mist suggesting more, and darkness closing up our doors, I'm thankful for the summer's end. Fire and smoke at last are friends.

I plant my crops in pungent soil, protecting them from those who'd spoil my pleasure. And though I know I play a role, I'm grateful for the earth and weather.

Unlike my hurried city friends, with concrete, towers and creeping grey, I have wrens and frogs, and morning mist. I'm blessed each time. I greet the day.

My youngest sent a message: MUMBO! MISS YOU! and whilst I sighed—she's away in the world, I thank gods (unknown) for my gorgeous girl.

I had a kindred spirit once. He could always make me smile. He went too early—and yes I'm sad. But grateful for the time we had.

I'm very pleased my body works, as time creates its normal strife—to walk and sing, see fuchsias, to clouds. Most of all I value life.

KAREN THROSSELL





## Big month for little aths kids

By ED MUNKS

FEBRUARY was a big month for Little Aths with several major events held, including the Victorian State Relay Championships being moved at short notice from Olympic Park to Doncaster's Reischeks Reserve.

In the Under 9s Jayden Bardrick and George Standish won a bronze medal in the 4x100m and were fourth in the 4x200m, missing a medal by an unbelievable 0.13 seconds. The Under 10 Boys led by Adam Bardrick and Sam Martini finished 7th in the 4x100m and 10th in the 4x200m. The Under 11 team, coached by Andrew Pynt, was again successful with Callum Pynt running sixth in the 4x100m and fifth in the 800m medley races.

The Under 12 Girls were among the medals with Nicole Reynolds winning a bronze in the 4x100m and Emily Sharpe was also a finalist in the 4x100m. Under 14 Girls runner Shaely Pynt collected two bronze medals in the 100m and 200m relay team races.

With the relay season finished, competition moved to the individual track and field events where the Eastern Metropolitan Region championships (EMR) were held in cold and windy conditions. This meet is the qualifier for the Victorian State Track and Field Championships. Being arguably the strongest Victorian region, not only do event winners qualify for the State championships, but various other finalists progress to state finals via their overall results.

In the Under 12s Nicole Reynolds again won gold medals in the 60m and 80m hurdles and was ninth in the 70m. Emily Sharpe, in her first EMR championship, finished seventh in the 1500m and eighth in the 400m and progressed to the 1500m in the state championships. Under 10 athlete Sam Martini qualified through to the state championship when he jumped his way to sixth place in the high jump.

Ben Munks competed strongly again and finished eighth in discus, 12th in 400m and 12th in long jump. Park Orchards athletes were led by Under 9 Boys star on the rise, George Standish, with his four gold medals in the 100m, 200m, long jump and shot put. Lauchlan Ball won gold in the triple jump with a 8.45m leap and followed up with a silver in the long jump. Warranwood's Under 15 sprint star Sam Lowson also did well in the shorter hurdle events to claim dual gold in the 100m hurdles and javelin.

**Under 6s:** Channele Vitrutti came fourth in the shot put with a throw of 2.41m, but one week later Chloe Woolard threw a PB of 2.50m to also finish fourth in the event. Oscar Bennett was fifth in the 300m in 1.29.42.

**Under 7s:** Patrick Ward was 16th in the 70m with a 15.70 and Harrison Gruber fifth in the long jump with a 2.34m leap. **Under 8s:** Luke Papez was ninth in the shot put with a 4.44m throw; Nick Sharpe jumped 2.67m and scored a fourth in the long jump, with Zali Bennett running a 1.31.33 to finish in 14th in the 300m with a PB, and Alistair Rodwell came sixth in the shot put with a 4.72m throw.

**Under 9s:** Callum Bowers achieved a PB of 1.10m to finish second in the high jump, Shea Wischusen-Gibbons also finished second with a 0.95m in the high jump, Michael Paul also knocked out a PB of 19.83 and came 12th in the 80m hurdles, Jayden Bardrick won the 800m with a PB of 3.10.25 ahead of first year athlete Tynan Kontos who ran eighth in the 800m with 3.34.72. **Under 10s:** Jessica Rodwell threw a 5.44m PB for a fourth in the shot put, Blake Reardon was third in the 800m in 3.01.35, Adam Bardrick ran a 15.90 PB for first place in the 100m, Dominic Lee had a great run with a third in the 70m hurdles in 11.95 and Hayden Carruthers ran a great tactical race in the 200m to grab eighth place and a PB in 40.22. **Under 11s:** Zane Kontos jumped a big 1.35m PB to finish equal first in the high jump. **Under 12s:** Ellish Kelly grabbed a PB and sixth in the triple jump with a 6.69m, Karl Papez achieved a PB of 11.64 and third place in the 60m hurdles, Sam McAuley ran a great 200m in 36.71 to finish seventh in the 200m, Joel Carruthers ran sixth in the 1500m in 6.47.73 which augurs well for him in the upcoming football season, Shaun Young also came sixth in the 400m and had a PB in the event of 1.22. **Under 15s:** Sean Bowers threw a PB of 13.81m in the javelin.

# SPLASH DOWN

By MEREDITH THORNTON

ANDERSON'S Creek Primary School's annual swimming carnival splashed down on Day 2 of the school year when students from grades 3 to 6 tried their talents at diving in the pool at Aquarena.

Then, after checking the outside pool to see that, yes, it really was a long way from one end to the other, many of the students attempted to swim 50 metres in freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke and butterfly events. There were many ribbons handed out to acknowledge so many great efforts and one of the day's highlights was the look of sheer joy on the faces of students who were thrilled they had made it to the end!

A big team of staff and parent helpers were on hand to help the kids achieve their personal goals.

A total of 36 students went on to compete in the District Swimming Carnival on February 18.

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## Netball shelter you can bank on

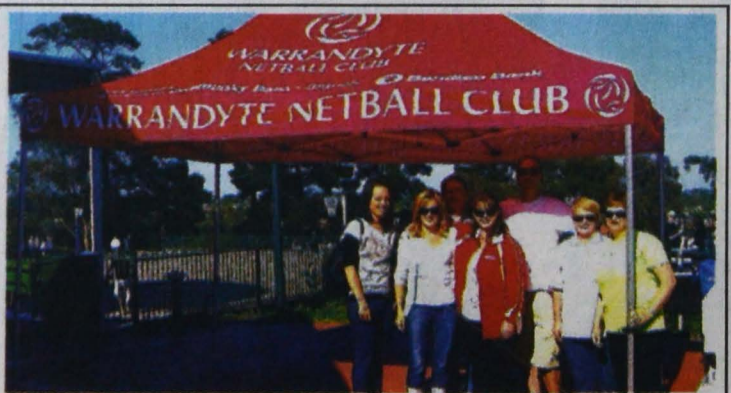
RESIDENTS involved with the Warrandyte Netball Club are already enjoying the spoils of a brand new club marquee courtesy of a grant received from Warrandyte Community Bank.

The marquee has already been well used, as seen here when netball club members enjoyed a sausage sizzle at the Templestowe courts, and again on the annual registration/selection day where it was used to shelter the players from the sun while waiting to go on the court.



**WARRANDYTE NETBALL CLUB**

The marquee has the club's new logo and design (above), designed by local resident and web designer Andrew Fenton.





# Vale 'Cowboy' Carroll

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

WARRANDYTE Football Club was shocked and deeply saddened by the death of newly appointed coach Neale Carroll at the end of January.

Fondly known as "Cowboy", Carroll, a legend in the Northern Football League, had instantly made a positive impact on the Warrandyte playing group.

Carroll was a big presence around the Northern Football League, having had stints with Northcote Park, Greensborough and Diamond Creek in his 30 years of involvement in the league. In 1998 he was the first Diamond Valley Football League footballer to reach 300 A-Grade games,

## Club legend takes charge of Bloods

and was subsequently inducted as the 58th Life Member of the DVFL. Although only arriving recently at the Warrandyte Football Club, it was quickly evident to everyone at the Bloods that Carroll was a man larger than life and one who loved his football. He will be sadly missed.

After paying their respects to Carroll and his family, the club moved to announce the appointment of club veteran John O'Brien as senior coach.

"In difficult circumstances, the club

is very fortunate to have a man the calibre of John to step straight into the role," a club spokesman said this week.

"John already has the respect and admiration of the playing group and we are confident he will do an excellent job."

O'Brien played 304 games for the Bloods, was named in the 1980s and 1990s teams of the decade as well as the WFC Team of the Century.

He won two premierships for the Bloods including one as captain in

1999. More recently, O'Brien has gained valuable coaching experience with Upper Ferntree Gully before returning to the Bloods in an assistant coaching capacity last year.

In other news, the club invites all supporters, members, sponsors and local sports fans to join Western Bulldogs coach Rodney Eade and Australian Test cricket legend Rodney Hogg to launch the 2011 season on Friday, March 18.

The \$30 ticket includes guest speakers, finger food and compli-

mentary beer, wine and soft drink until 9pm. There will be opportunities to win memorabilia as well as participate in the annual player auction.

Festivities begin at 7pm at Warrandyte Football Club's social rooms in Taroon Avenue.

For more info or to purchase tickets contact Chris Chapman on 0421 736 592 or Tom Naughtin on 0421 231 419, or email warrandyte@efl.org.au.

Warrandyte's 2011 season kicks off on April 2 with a trip to the home of traditional rivals Templestowe in their first encounter since Templestowe's relegation to Division 4 in 2008.



Footy's back: Last year's Auskickers braved the chilly mornings and had loads of fun learning new skills and playing mini games every Saturday.

### Calling all Auskickers!

THE siren has sounded and our local rising stars of footy are urged to grab mum or dad and head to the home of the mighty Bloods at the Warrandyte clubrooms on Taroon Avenue for registration day on March 26.

Boys and girls can register that morning from 10am to 11am as the Auskick team of coaches, parents and kids gear up for another footy season of fun and learning.

Those who can't make it on the day can visit [http://reg.sportingpulse.com/auskick\\_live/auskick\\_rego.cgi](http://reg.sportingpulse.com/auskick_live/auskick_rego.cgi) and register online. After that you simply need to bring your printed form along with the fees, \$65 per child, on the first day of Auskick at the footy ground on April 2.

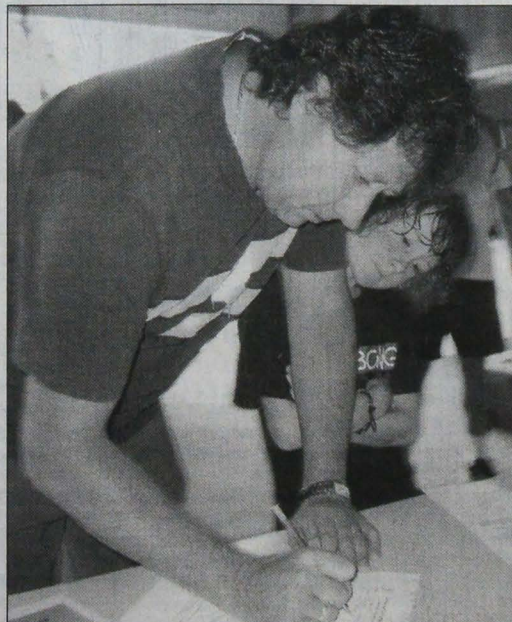
The season runs for 16 weeks every Saturday morning between 9am and 10.15am. Throughout the year there will be mini games for Auskickers held at half-time of the Warrandyte senior team's home games.

This year's Auskick will include mini gym sessions with trained gymnasts to show the youngsters the basics of rolling and riding bumps. Also, our young Auskickers will have opportunities to play at half-time of AFL games in front of enormous crowds at the MCG.

Warrandyte Auskick is in the Eastern Ranges TAC cup region. For more details on a football pathway to the AFL visit their website at [www.easternranges.afvic.com.au](http://www.easternranges.afvic.com.au).

For info about joining Warrandyte Auskick contact Buzz Lawson on 0435 007 253 or email [buzandjanie@me.com](mailto:buzzandjanie@me.com) or Marty Rostron on 0408 386 986 (email [martin@laftech.com.au](mailto:martin@laftech.com.au)).

## Junior players revved up and ready to go



Boom recruit: The Tackers team was further strengthened when rugged dasher Ethan Ward's father Grant signed his name on the dotted line.

By LANCE NILSSON

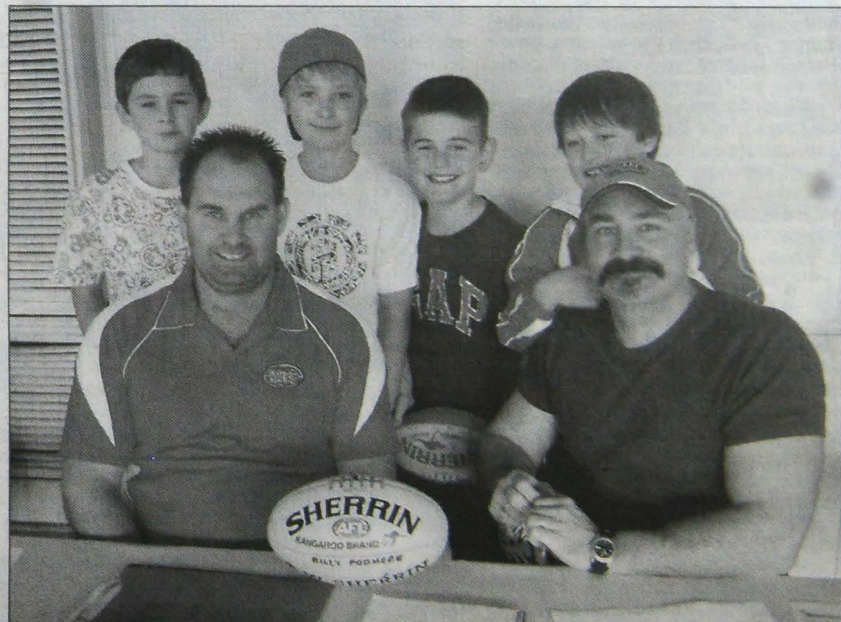
THE smell of Sherrin leather is well and truly in the air around Taroon Avenue as our budding young football stars go through their training regimes as the Warrandyte Junior Football Club prepares to launch their assault on season 2011 on April 3.

And it's not just the boys who are all revved up and ready to go, as the club is pleased to announce the formation of a girls team this year. The girls will compete in a 12-team competition, a first for the Yarra Junior Football League.

The club is very keen to recruit players for the Under 15s and Colts sides, so if you have a school mate, son or neighbour who is looking to play a great competitive sport in a fantastic club then phone Shane Newman on 0412 047 286 (keep in mind, players must be born between 1994-96 for these comps).

For all other registration inquiries call Vicky Powell on 0425 856 623.

The club is pleased to announce the following coaching appointments for 2011: Tackers, Owen Humphries; Under 10s, Stewart Martin; Under 11s, Craig Robison; Under 12s, Dave Caruthers; Under 13s, Gavin Costin; Under 14s, Steve Rowarth; Under 15s, Carlos Castagna; Colts 2, Nick Chipman; Colts 1, Shane Newman.



Perfect 10s: Coaches of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club Under 10s, Stewart Martin and Michael Hodgson, are pictured with some of the troops for season 2011 (from left) Samuel Martini, Harper Ohelmann, Oscar Hodgson and Connor Martin.



# Bloods flag hunt

By RYAN HOIBERG

WARRANDYTE is poised to emerge from season 2010/2011 with some form of silver wear after four of the five senior teams sealed positions in the Ringwood District Cricket Association finals series.

Warrandyte's First XI finished the regular season in blazing fashion to take home the minor premiership in the Bill Wilkins Cup. Two victories in the final two rounds of the year ensured the squad moved into the business end of the season brimming with confidence.

The team travelled to North Ringwood in the second last round of the season looking for a final victory before its final game at home.

Bowling first, Warrandyte's bowlers continued the form that has placed the team in a prime position to challenge for the flag with two early wickets to skipper Campbell Holland putting the Bloods on top early. North Ringwood's batsmen came out to gain control, but Daniel Barry was able to stifle their attempts by kick-starting a flow of wickets and restricting North Ringwood to a paltry 117 off its allocated 40 overs. The pick of the bowlers was Holland with 3/19 off his eight overs with strong support from the tight bowling of Matthew Sazenis (3/17 off eight) and Barry (2/25 off eight).

Warrandyte's batsmen then took the game into their own hands with Jack Ellis continuing his breakthrough season with an unbeaten 42 to guide Warrandyte to victory within 25 overs. It was a devastating example of the stellar one-day cricket style the squad has played this year.

The Bloods went into the final round against second-placed Ainslie Park, the same team they host in the first final at home. This was a match where both teams would be closely monitoring each other's strengths and weaknesses, looking for that psychological edge required in finals cricket.

Warrandyte bowled first and the 80-over format would deliver the Bloods' attack some much needed practice in the longer format. The bowlers again were phenomenal, led by Holland's quick opening spell and the early spin of Sazenis, restricting any scoring opportunities but also causing wickets to tumble. While the spin and quick bowling worked early, Alex McIntosh's fiery spell delivered wickets to Campbell, with McIntosh finishing with 3/16, only topped by Holland's 4/19 off his 20 overs.

Warrandyte had dismantled the Ainslie Park batting line-up within 53 overs in a great display, which no doubt will linger in the minds of their opponents as the finals format is based on two-day cricket. Warrandyte attempted to push on in the same vein with its batting in the remaining overs on the first day, but the removal of Ellis and Sazenis before the close of play put the game marginally back in the balance. However, a mature and strong display by the middle order highlighted by Blake Morgan (44), Adam White (36) and Chris Barry (74) removed any chance of a faltering innings. Barry showed his importance in the middle order, as he has all year, with a fantastic knock to help deliver full points to Warrandyte and the



Swing and a miss: Ben Taylor has eyes for the boundary as one slips past to the keeper. Meanwhile, Alex McIntosh (left) plucked three wickets from a fiery spell with the ball, but didn't have as much luck with the bat when he was bowled.

psychological edge heading into the finals.

Warrandyte's Second XI managed to scrap its way into the final four, finishing third on the ladder after starting the last round outside the four.

A win, and two losses to the teams directly above them on the ladder, meant Warrandyte leap-frogged the opposition and won the right to host the knockout final in the Stuart Newey Plate.

Warrandyte could have stolen second spot the week before against Norwood thanks to some fantastic bowling by Ryan Pascoe (4/16), but Norwood's batters scraped out 153 due to some late big hitting.

The Bloods' attempts to chase down the target fell agonisingly short by nine runs, and out of the top four.

The team went into the last round needing a win and a boost in percentage and delivered the goods. Warrandyte bowled out Bayswater Park within the allotted overs on the first day of the match, with Pascoe again claiming four scalps. The rest was left up to the batsmen who stepped up when needed. Stephen Glenk's solid 74 led the charge, and was complemented by an excellent all round performance by Pascoe who knocked up his first half-century of the season after his impressive spell with the ball.

Warrandyte's Third XI claimed top

spot in the David Beatty Shield with a psychological victory over Montrose in the final round, the team they face in the first round of finals. Before this match, however, they bundled out East Ringwood for just 91 runs after setting them 124 for victory. Cameron Day's work with the bat coupled with Stewart Smead's spin ensured the momentum would roll on into the last round. Against Montrose Warrandyte's batting looked shaky in the two-day format until Smead and Greg Creber turned back the clock and put together a record stand. Smead's 82 and Creber's 85 helped steer Warrandyte's total to 249. Montrose's early hitting was again nullified by Smead's spin and some late tight bowling by John Prangley (3/26, and which should earn for him the comp's best bowling averages) resulted in Montrose being bowled out before the lunch break on the second day.

The Fourth XI ended a disappointing season with a second last finish. The result bucks the trend of the recent form for the usually dominant squad. Now relegated for next season, the squad limped over the finish line with little more than a whimper, losing their final two games despite the best efforts of Nathan Croft and the all round talents of Josh McKellar.

The Fifth XI secured a home final

with a final win in the regular season. Greg Warren's squad lost its second last game to Croydon North, despite a half-century from Daniel Wellesley, but was able to bounce back in the final round. Warrandyte regained the all-important momentum going into the finals with a 68-run win over Heathmont Baptists thanks to half-centuries from Rakesh Khatri and Wellesley.

**First XI:** Round 10 – Warrandyte 2/118 (Ellis 42) d North Ringwood 117 (Sazenis 3/17, Holland 3/19). Round 11 – Warrandyte 9/267 (Barry 74, Morgan 44, McIntosh 34) d Ainslie Park 82 (Holland 4/19, McIntosh 3/16). **Second XI:** Round 10 – Warrandyte 9/144 (Glenk 43) lost to Norwood 153 (Pascoe 4/16, Beardall 2/25). Round 11 – Warrandyte 7/216 (Glenk 74, Pascoe 54 not out) d Bayswater Park 140 (Pascoe 4/28, Beardall 3/30).

**Third XI:** Round 13 – Warrandyte 5/124 (Day 45 not out) d East Ringwood 91 (Smead 3/13, Prangley 2/16). Round 14 – Warrandyte 249 (Creber 85, Smead 83) d Montrose 177 (Prangley 3/26, Smead 3/53).

**Fourth XI:** Round 13 – Warrandyte 8/114 (Croft 33) lost to North Ringwood 7/120 (Burns 3/27, McKellar 2/32). Round 14 – Warrandyte 158 (McKellar 45, Brent 33) lost to Knox City 161 (Croft 4/26, Burns 2/26).

**Fifth XI:** Round 13 – Warrandyte 4/178 (Wellesley 81, Warren 30) lost to Croydon North 6/184 (Hartmann 1/20, Wellesley 1/22). Round 14 – Warrandyte 267 (Khatri 74, Wellesley 60, Matthews 41) d Heathmont Baptists 199 (Hartmann 3/28, Wellesley 3/40).



WARRANDYTE Basketball will take two teams to compete against American schools in the US at the end of the year. An information session was held on Monday at WSC to discuss the tour scheduled to take place in December. Players eligible ideally will be aged between 15 and 18 (inclusive) and must play at the rep-ball level (Venom). The info session outlined costs, tour details and the process required between now and when the tour leaves our shores.

THERE'S a buzz of excitement for the annual Warrandyte Festival on March 18-20 with plenty to offer for sports lovers and spectators, including the annual decorated duck race down the Yarra, hot wheels spinning up some dust in the billy cart derby, and the fastest tennis serve competitions and mountain climbing activities. It's a weekend for everyone. Check inside this edition of the *Diary* for more info or visit [www.warrandytefestival.org](http://www.warrandytefestival.org).

IT was the tip off year for Warrandyte Basketball's open-age senior competitions for women in 2011. The club says it was a "highly enjoyable way to finish off Sunday with an emphasis on fun and enjoyment". The competition is being held again and extended to include a men's competition. For more info visit the club website or email Jason at [jason@warrandytebasketball.net.au](mailto:jason@warrandytebasketball.net.au).

PARK & Street Orienteering will hold an event on Thursday, March 17, with a mass start at 7pm at the Community Centre car park on the north end of Donvale Pines shopping centre. The event format caters for both runners and walkers. Courses take anything from 30 minutes to one hour to complete. Other regional orienteering events to be held in the region this month will be at Ringwood on March 23 and Eltham on March 24.



Hungry for success: Warrandyte's youngest players (Under 10s) take time out for a quick feed.

## Down to the wire for South Warrandyte teams

By FRANS BROUWER

WHILE the South Warrandyte Fourth and Sixth XIs finished with a home ground advantage for the finals, the last day of the Ringwood District Cricket Association season was nerve-racking for four others.

After losing Round 10, the Firsts beat top side Mooroolbark comfortably and needed Wonga Park to lose its match, but that was not to be. The Twos could make it just by winning, but failed. The Third XI had a sniff after winning outright, but East Ringwood nudged it out by winning their match. Finally, the Fifth XI defeated second-placed team St Andrews to sneak into fourth spot on the ladder. All three

teams are quite capable of getting past the first week, weather permitting.

The Juniors were hoping forecast showers didn't eventuate so they could round out a season badly affected by weather and the Veterans finished with a "heat out" followed by a "washout".

The Hawaiian Night at the end of February was well supported by the 16-20 year olds and senior players, as well as parents and youngsters. The last event will be the senior presentation night on April 2 at Treble Clef Lounge in Chirnside Park.

**Trollope Shield (5th on ladder):** Rd 10 Hawks 8/146 (Ben Neagle 71) lost to Bayswater Park 9/148 (Steve Lindsay

3/34); Rd 11 Hawks 113 and 4/93 d Mooroolbark 95 (Steve Garrett 7/33).

**A Grade (5th):** Rd 13 Hawks 7/143 (Kale Batten 41) d Montrose 9/139 (4 run outs); Rd 14 Hawks 138 (Scott Brasher 47) lost to Ainslie Park 2/154.

**D Grade (5th):** Rd 13 Hawks 6/122 (Chris Ryan 56no) d Eastfield 8/111 (Scott Adams 3/11); Rd 14 Hawks 1/127dec (Zep Johnson 54no, Chris Ryan 32no) and 4/79 (Jack Hall 49) d Templeton 90 (Matt Falkingham 3/9) and 105 (Matt Sazenis 4/31 and Simon Adams 3/40).

**H Grade (3rd):** Rd 13 Hawks 3/211 (Shane Biggs 63no, Zep Johnson 62, Paul Foley 35) d Wonga Park 158; Rd 14 Hawks 7/102 d Montrose 95 (Jahn Holewa 4/5, Tom Hall 3/15).

**J Grade (4th):** Rd 13 Hawks 50 lost to Kilsyth 89 (Barry Williams 5/8); Rd 14 Hawks 6/208 (James Price 60, Lachlan

McMahon 35) d St Andrews 150 (Sam Williams 5/60).

**L Grade (1st):** Rd 13 Hawks 9/212 (Shane Hansen 80) d Warranwood 4/127 (Matt Sheppard 4/25); Rd 14 Hawks 1/163 (Shane Hansen 82no, Lucas Williams 30, Matt Sheppard 35no) d St Andrews 156.

**U18-1 (6th):** Rd 8 v Lilydale washed out; Rd 9 Hawks 8/57 and 8/34 lost to St Andrews 3/207dec.

**U16-2 (8th):** Rd 8 v Wantirna washed out; Rd 9 Hawks 87 lost to Warranwood 7/158 and 5/39.

**U14-1 (10th):** Rd 8 Hawks 57 lost to Wonga Park 2/94; Rd 9 Hawks drew with North Ringwood.

**U12-1 (9th):** Rd 8 v Croydon North washed out; Rd 9 Hawks 50 and 8/61 lost to Norwood 9/154.

**U12-2 (10th):** Rd 8 v Warrandyte washed out; Rd 9 Hawks 8/55 and 4/54 lost to Olinda 8/152.



# Big V buzz is in the air

By TONY OLIVER

THE Big V season begins this weekend and Warrandyte continues to offer up elite-level players by fielding both senior men's and women's teams, and a Chivonne Shannon-led Youth League women's team for the first time this year.

Practice games are underway as the teams settle into a rhythm and Warrandyte's senior teams recently took on Mornington at WSC.

Women's coach Justin Nelson took a reduced line-up into the game but one with an edge in speed. Court speed has been one of the features of Warrandyte, with its focus on youth coming through from the Venom players. Mollie Burke, Meg Dargon and Georgina Werninghaus continued to put pressure on the visitors down the court.

The Venom won the game 72 to 41 with Jennifer Cameron scoring 12,

## Boom recruits make for a lethal Venom

Chelsea Ransom 11 and 10 each from Alana Wallis and Mollie Burke.

Recent additions to the playing list have included former Knox players Alana Wallis and Robyn Ladd and they have settled in well.

While the Division 1 team has proved dominant in its practice games so far and has been in the finals series each year of its short history, the blue flag is the ultimate goal. Hard work will be required to realise the potential of this side.

In the first home court showing of the Division 2 Men's team, Kelvin Bowers' men were competitive against Mornington, but could not sustain the effort in the final quarter to go down 78-72. The Venom led by four points in the third quarter



but Mornington finished the better. Simon Hughes (18) top scored for the Venom while Kyle Staples and Josh Collins (both with 14) are looking set for another big season.

The Venom were hampered by an ankle injury to high jumping centre Chris Jones who had to leave the court mid-way through the game.

New Venom players Hughes and Staples are already making an impact on court.

At 6 foot 3 in the old language, Staples is a very versatile player with the ability to play point through to small forward.

With a strong athletic build, his speed and agility make him a difficult player to guard and has the ability to be a prolific scorer with his uncanny knack to get to the rack.

After playing D1M with Werribee in 2009, he moved to the UK to playing basketball in the EBL (English Basketball League) last year averaging 23.3 ppg - shooting at 49.5% (37% beyond the arc) 5.6 rpg and 2.9 apg.

"Kyle will be a great role model to the Warrandyte Juniors. His focus is always family orientated and he will fit right in with the close Warrandyte community," coach Bowers said.

Standing at a towering 207cm (6 feet 10 inches), Hughes has dominated the paint in his seven years in the Big V to date, playing the past five seasons at Camberwell and before that with Hawthorn.

He has been named Big V All Star Centre on two occasions, most recently in 2010, and has been in the Top 5 in points per game, rebounds and blocked shots for the past five years.

"Simon is a huge acquisition for the Venom. He brings with him extensive experience both on and off the court and will become a big factor for the team," Bowers said.

"Simon has considerable knowledge of the game and will be a great mentor to our young up and coming juniors. We look forward to working closely with him to take the next step towards a Big V championship for Warrandyte."

## Mighty Redbacks on the rampage

By TONY OLIVER

SATURDAY EDJBA basketball is entering the finals series for the summer competition and Warrandyte Redbacks will have both their Under 14 sides in the A grade finals series.

Top place for the boys was decided recently when Bulleen Templestowe visited WSC. The Redbacks clearly had the height advantage with Chris Bollands standing tall but Bulleen was able to take the game up to Warrandyte and only trailed by four points at the break.

Warrandyte coach, Matt Lane, was after a bigger effort and focus in the second half. The Redbacks responded and were able to take the points and top spot on the ladder with a 44-27 victory.

Chris Bollands top scored with 16 and had strong support from Astan Ure (7) and Nathan DeLacy and Conor Gardiner (6 each).

"It was a good outcome after a slow start," coach Lane said afterwards.

"Realistically there are three sides in the running for the flag - us, Bulleen and Doncats."

In an earlier game, Casey Taylor's third-placed Under 14 A grade Girls took on fifth-placed Eltham.

The positions on the ladder would suggest a win to the Redbacks but it was Eltham who had the nine-point lead at the break and with a similar margin as the final whistle approached.

"It was a strong comeback against good opposition," Taylor said after the nail-biting 35-34 win.

"A slow start, but an awesome finish."

A strong team effort was capped with success from the free throw line to Maddi Taylor with 8.6 seconds to go.

Maddi contributed nine in total with Christy Terei top scoring with 13 and Zoe MacDonald (4).

The Redbacks have locked in a top four spot with top sides from Bulleen (two) and Eltham.

Warrandyte A grade Under 18 Girls went down to Eltham 41-29, with Jessey Telford top scoring with 12 and Simone Reid and Nic Prior both scoring seven.

The Warrandyte Under 10 Boys were far from disgraced in their 26-18 loss to Bulleen.

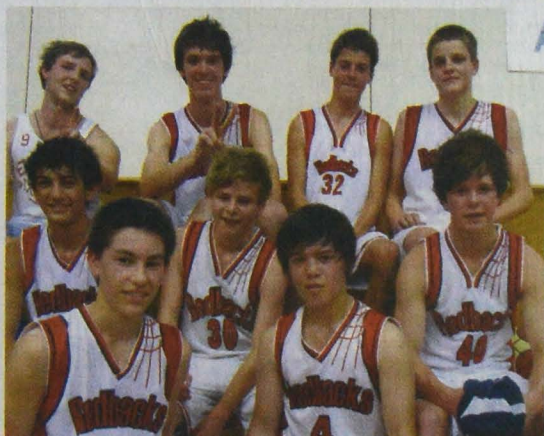
Coach Ryan Holloway said: "It was a very good performance with good defence. They are starting to play as a team."

The young Redback boys led at the break (thanks to Harry Rock's goal on the half-time buzzer) and were in front 19-13 mid-way through the second half, but Bulleen then dominated the scoring with 14 points before Warrandyte scored the last two goals.

Liam Appleby top scored with eight, Harry Rock (6) and Quinn Clark (4).



Flag hopes: The Under 14 A Grade Boys (left), Under 14 Girls (above), and Under 10 BB Boys (below left).



Fast mover: Under 8 WR3 Boys' Harry Klein (below) turned on a devastating display of good form recently.



## Trio of talent all set for elite comp

By TONY OLIVER

THE grading phases for the representative basketball seasons are well under way with a number of places in the top competition, Victorian Championship, already decided.

At this stage, Warrandyte Venom appears to have three sides playing in the elite competition. The Under 12 Boys, courtesy of a 42-36 win over Whittlesea, joined the Under 16 and Under 18 Girls in VC. The Under 20 Girls still have a strong chance and will need to perform in the upcoming games.

Places in other grades within the Friday night basketball competition continue to be resolved.

Warrandyte had three sides in crossover games at Donvale Sports Centre.

Alice Williamson is coaching the Under 12 Warrandyte 2 side with assistance from Ashley Collins. Their girls had a strong win over Waverley 18-5. The Venom had a strong second half outscoring their opponents 10-2.

The coaches were happy with the results and the style of play. "It was a much better performance against good opposition," Williamson said after the game. "It's a very young side but is progressing extremely well."

Guard Sophie Cookes top scored (7) with four coming from Madeleine de Waard and Edyn Harmer.

This puts the girls in the mix for an Eastern qualifying place.

The Under 18 Boys team defeated Camberwell in a regional crossover game 32-25.

The honours were shared early in the second half but Camberwell closed the gap to three points with over a quarter of the game remaining.

Key goals at critical times allowed the Venom to take the win, even after Josh James was forced off the court with a leg injury.

Matt Tankey and Lockie Moore top scored with 11 each and had support from Bill Lavery (4).

The good run for Warrandyte could not be sustained with the Under 14 Girls going down to Nunawading 37-17, after trailing 16-9 at the break.

"Shooting percentage let us down, but they were the best opposition we have played against so far," coach Kevin Bradford said after the game. "Overall, a good defensive effort."

Courtney Howes (6) top scored for the Venom while Katelyn Ramsay and Danya Matorti scored four each.



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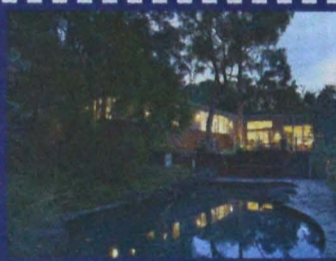
For every property sold during the months of *February and March*

Landfield will donate \$500 to the flood victims.

**WARRANDYTE**

*A home to warm your heart*

Space and harmony welcomes you to a light and picturesque property, with 3 bedrooms plus potential for a 4th. Featuring caesar stone benches in the kitchen and a movable bench, open fire place in lounge and spacious theatre. Also equipped with inground pool, separate spa, double carport, large cubby house and two 9000 litre water tanks.



3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 cars

**WARRANDYTE**

*Unlike any other*

This unique 3 level home is set high amongst the gum trees in a quiet lane. Featuring a teenager's retreat comprising a large bedroom, ensuite and rumpus all with own entrance. Second and third level you will find 3 bedrooms (master with WIR and ensuite), lounge room, modern kitchen with SS appliances, large meals area and central bathroom. This property boasts two street frontages, double carport with ample off-street parking and two ducted heating systems.



4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 cars

**WARRANDYTE**

*One of a kind*

A truly wondrous property on an extensive 18 acres, this amazing family home really does have it all...Not only will this 5 bedroom Victorian inspired home be sure to impress, this income producing property lends itself to a plethora of uses, including viticulture, orchards, trucks or trades, agistment, riding school, trout farm, home workshop or hobby farm, the choice is yours.

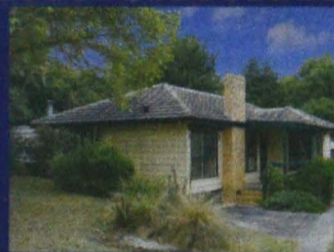


5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 toilets, 10 cars

**WARRANDYTE**

*What a Location*

Basking on a near level 1/2 acre allotment this weatherboard home features three bedrooms, lounge with open fireplace, timber kitchen and meals area, central bathroom, polished boards throughout, ducted heating and evaporative cooling. Externally, the property boasts a single garage, huge shed in need of a little TLC and covered paved entertaining area.



3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car

**WARRANDYTE**

*Plenty of Space and Harmony*

This attractive three bedroom plus study (or 4th bedroom) brick veneer home on 1435m2 approx boasts lounge room with open fire place, separate dining area, modern kitchen adjacent to a large family room, master with full ensuite and WIR. A huge timber deck with doors leading from kitchen and all living areas, ducted heating, ducted vacuum system, alarm system, quality fittings, bitumen driveway and triple carport.



3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 toilet, 3 cars

**WARRANWOOD**

*Treetops on Kerry*

You will be surprised on every level (there are 4, all with breathtaking views) of this beautiful home nestled amongst the bushland. The upper level comprises master BR with WIR and ensuite and 3 further BRs. The main level includes kitchen, large meals area, formal lounge with OFP and dining room. Ground level enjoys another BR, large family room and through the doors a deck which leads to the pool. All of this plus ducted heating, evap cooling for the upper level and air con in the meals area.



5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 cars

**WARRANDYTE SOUTH**

*Partnership of Home Plus Business*

Outstanding opportunity to "work from home" and run this successful and well known freehold General Store! Enjoying excellent street exposure with a strong repeat client base focusing on stock and horse feed, pet food plus lucrative take-away business. All under one roofline you'll find the store, office and a 3BR home offering a kitchen, study, lounge, dining room (OFP) and an updated bathroom. Extras: GD heating, polished floorboards plus a large produce shed. Substantial allotment approx 493m2 with a large customer catchment area. Handy to schools, buses. Short drive to Ringwood and Eastlink.



**KANGAROO GROUND**

*The hills are alive...*

Hear the land singing out for you to create your very own dream on this fantastic blank canvas... Take full advantage of the 360 degree views of Melbourne on an easily accessible and highly sought after piece of land. Situated within walking distance to Kangaroo Ground Primary, General Store, Tennis Club and Community Oval, the convenience is unbeatable!



LAND SIZE: 32.5 acres (approx.)

**KANGAROO GROUND**

*Where eagles dare*

Once you have absorbed the breathtaking 360 degree views of the fantastic hilltop, let your creative mind start to envisage the amazing home that could evolve on such a desirable piece of land. With a choice of three building envelopes on two separate titles, the possibilities are endless. Lot 2 holds an already established hay shed which can be renovated or utilised as extra storage, STCA.



LAND SIZE: 2 x 20 acre lots — 1 x 33 acre lot (approx)

**WARRANDYTE**

*Land of Opportunity*

Wander through this 13-acre site of natural bushland and you can see the potential: hilltop views from Kangaroo Ground to Warranwood, flat useable land across the ridgeline at the top of the property, winding driveway, and creeks that trickle through a gully at your entrance. Amongst trees the vision for a dream home strengthens in a place untouched by noise and traffic. Share the native paradise with local platypus, echidnas, and wallabies



LAND SIZE: 13 acres (approx)

**Lions Club of Warrandyte Inc.**  
Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday

**Warrandyte Youth of the Year Quest** - looking to our youth for tomorrow's leaders.  
Applications open in April for youth ages 16 to 18. For further details and application form go to [www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php](http://www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php)

