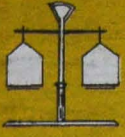


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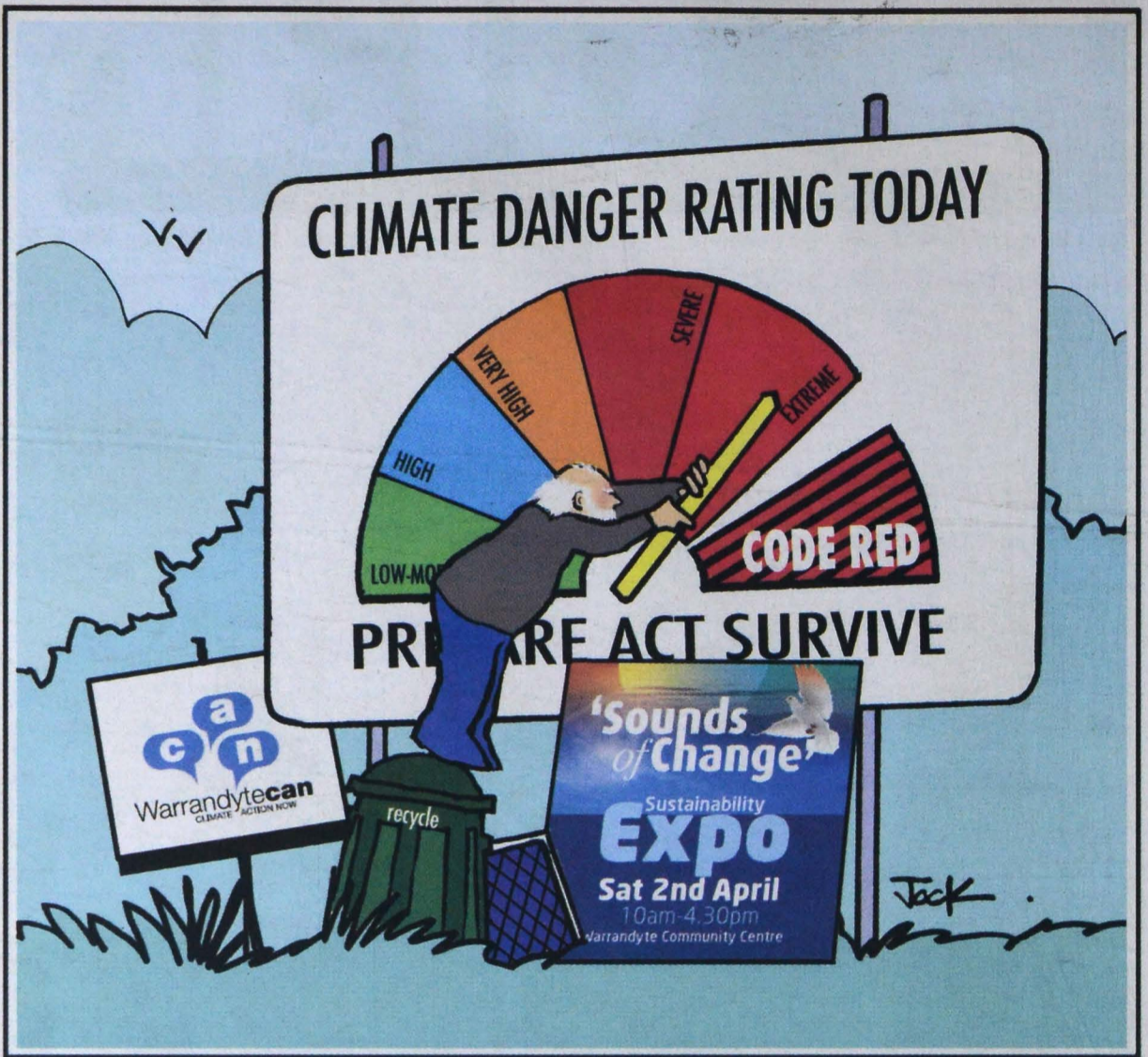
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Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 27km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in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

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Memories are made of this

“HAPPY Anniversary, darling!”
 “Happy Anniversary, darling!”

Narelle and Neville were out for a romantic dinner at the Retreat, al fresco under plastic. It wasn't exactly *Vue de Monde*, more view de Car Wash, but at least you could understand the menu.

“Anything take your fancy, dear?” asked Narelle, trying to decipher the Specials board. “Just you, my love,” he answered and they both laughed and chinked their Yellowglen Pink at \$6.50 by the glass. “Besides, I've already ordered ahead.”

It was 19 years since Neville had grasped the wrong hand during his wedding vows and slipped the ring on Father Tomlinson's finger. Which wouldn't have mattered except that the priest couldn't get it off and had to slip into the vestry to squirt liquid soap over his fingers. And a bit of surplus on his surplice.

But they got through the rest of the ceremony OK and were soon on their way up the aisle to the strains of “Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah”. Unfortunately He didn't and Neville bashed his knee on a pew and began talking in tongues. Father Tomlinson protested that he was taking the Lord's name in vain but Neville said he was taking the Lord's name in pain.

“Dinner's up,” announced the waitress, setting their meals in front of them. “Chicken for the lady, beef for the gentleman.”

“Lovely,” said Narelle. “Just like our reception.”

The reception had been held at Alfred's Homestead. There'd been photos in the garden in



front of a plaster Cupid and an assortment of rusty farm machinery. Speeches where Narelle's father kept calling Neville, Neil. Funny telegrams from Madame Fifi and the girls, and Captain Snooze who stood behind every bed they sold. And a brief floorshow from an Elvis impersonator from Pakistan.

Narelle, of course, had looked lovely. Nothing makes a woman glow like the first blush of pregnancy.

“And to think my Dad thought you were a no-hoper,” she sighed.

“I was a no hoper!” spluttered Neville, drenching the tablecloth in \$6.50 worth of sparkling cuvee. “Your old man never got off his arse!”

“Neville!”
 “It's true! He spent so much time in that armchair of his it took your Mum a day and

a half before she realised he was dead!”

“Keep your voice down Neville. People are looking.”

“I tried so hard to impress your parents for the wedding,” Neville hissed. “I had my hair cut. I even took dancing lessons.”

“You only learned the foxtrot! For the bridal waltz you just zigzagged me round the floor completely out of time with the music!”

“Your father was doing the funky chicken! He looked ridiculous!”

“As your mother informed everyone at the top of her voice!”

“Desert,” interrupted the waitress. “Strawberries and cassata.”

Neville and Narelle ate in embarrassed silence, broken only by the steady drip of bubbly into Narelle's handbag.

living with The Trotts

She was wondering why her knight's armour didn't look as shiny as it used to. He was still feeling a bit hot under the collar, but perhaps it was just the outdoor heater. Then the guitarist arrived.

“Mr. Twat?”
 “Trott,” corrected Neville. “Sowwy,” said the guitarist and strummed a few opening chords while Neville went down on one knee, just as he had at their reception, and started singing.

“Won't you wear my ring Around your neck To tell the world I'm yours by heck!”

Now people really were watching, and applauding.

“Oh Neville!” beamed Narelle as the waitress re-emerged with coffee (short white) and a rose (long-stemmed red). And they fell to reminiscing about their honeymoon at Paynesville, about Cinnamon's home birth in a Clark Rubber wading pool, about how proud Neville was when Jasper was chosen to play the spoons in the bushband.

Until, after 19 years worth of wonderful memories and \$52 worth of Yellowglen Pink, they called it a night, headed for home, and still made it into bed by 10. Narelle squeezed into the little black negligee she'd worn on their wedding night and split it from armpit to hem. Neville pulled on the same Tigers T-shirt he always wore and rubbed eczema cream into his moist areas.

“Want to have a crack at another 19 years?” he crooned. “I do,” answered Narelle.

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Yarra Street stops stay

Too expensive, claims new government

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The former indented bus stops along Yarra Street will not be reinstated.

The transport department has estimated it would cost \$380,000 to return the stops to their original indented alignment.

"At this stage, the government is not in a position to fund this work," Ryan Smith, local state MP and minister for the environment told the *Diary*.

"However, there may be the possibility to progressively change the bus stops in the future."

Changes to the bus stops in Warrandyte fuelled considerable local debate, many residents arguing that the new stops, requiring buses to stop on the road, are adding to bumper-to-bumper traffic at peak times.

The transport department informed the *Diary* at the time, "The upgrades are de-

signed to give priority while maintaining the traffic flow through Yarra Street. Indented bus bays are removed to allow buses to stop and leave without having to merge with traffic.

"This means buses are not delayed when trying to merge into traffic," the spokesperson said.

Mr Smith pointed out that in many cases the lack of land and obstacles such as trees will not allow for both wheelchair accessible bus stops and an indent permitting buses to pull off the road. The new bus stops comply with new disability access legislation as they allow wheelchairs room to manoeuvre on the bus stop platform.

The new bus stops cost the previous government \$200,000 to install. It is estimated that reinstatement of the indented stops would cost a further \$380,000.

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Buses will continue stopping in the traffic stream along Yarra Street. (Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)



A Panorama bus negotiates the one-lane bridge in Everard Drive.

Buses in streets 'interim measure'

Eltham to Warrandyte buses will continue travelling along Everard Drive and Taroona Avenue, at least in the foreseeable future.

Residents living in these streets are concerned that these large vehicles, operated by Panorama en route to the Warrandyte Reserve terminus, pose "a risk to the health and safety of residents and diminishes their quality of life".

Local residents were represented—on this and other

issues—by the Warrandyte Community Association in a meeting with Manningham council last month.

WCA president, Dick Davies, said that council sees the current route as an interim measure. "They promised to push hard with the Department of Transport for a solution, probably involving a separate bus turning traffic light cycle at Goldfields," he said.

WCA presented a petition, protesting to council against

the intrusion, on behalf of the residents, who are "understandably concerned".

Other issues raised with council by WCA included hazards to pedestrians crossing at the Warrandyte Community Centre, and the possibility of slowing down traffic on the near-blind bend in Yarra Street nearby.

There was also discussion on the effect of the narrowing of the road by the new bus stops and the impact

this could have on emergency evacuations.

WCA was also concerned that in the transition to full council management, some casual tenants of the Warrandyte Community Centre have had difficulties in booking appropriate rooms.

"It would be a shame if local groups, used to booking at the centre, are deterred by too much bureaucracy," Mr Davies said. "An easily accessible meeting room is essential."

'No luck' on On Luck expansion

Final approval for the massive expansion of the On Luck Nursing Home in Donvale has been granted to the Chinese Community Social Services Centre Inc (CCSSCI) by the state planning department, despite concerns expressed by Manningham council and a local MP.

This extension will enlarge the facility to three times its present size.

Warrandyte-resident councillor David Ellis has led a long and vigorous campaign against this development on Green Wedge land. He described the expansion as going "right to the heart of Manningham's Green Wedge and open space policy".

Local state MP Ryan Smith also opposed the project.

"I have consistently spoken against inappropriate development in the

Green Wedge, and have opposed the former government's approval of the original facility," Ryan Smith told the *Diary*.

"As the permit allowed for the expansion of an existing facility, rather than for a new facility, the permit did not require authorisation from the Minister for Planning, and was instead issued under delegation from departmental officers without reference to the minister," Mr Smith said.

"The matter was raised with me following the issuing of the permit, and I immediately convened a meeting between the Minister for Planning and the mayor and officers from Manningham council."

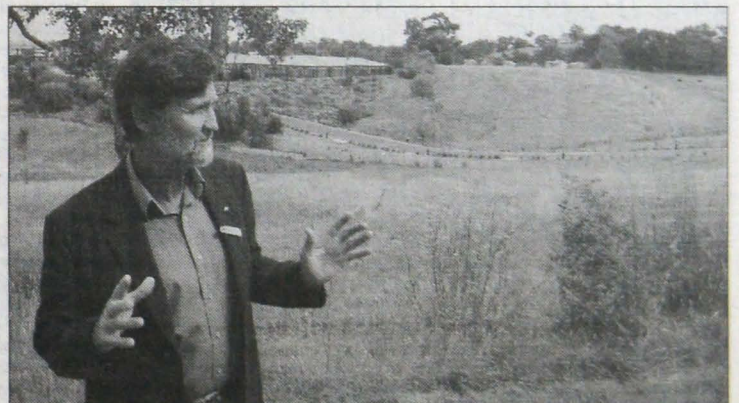
The meeting concluded that the permit could not be legally revoked,

with the minister undertaking to discuss the matter with the CCSSCI in order to seek some concessions with regard to the expansion.

"I am extremely disappointed that the expansion has been authorised, but accept the responsibility that the permit for expansion was issued under the current government.

"It is unfortunate that the initial approval of the facility has, over the years, led to a great deal of division and controversy at both a state government and council level, and throughout a community that prides itself on harmonious cooperation.

"As part of the community, I trust the CCSSCI will demonstrate, in its proposed expansion, a sensitivity to the surrounding environment," Mr Smith said.



How green is our Wedge? Cr David Ellis at the site of the proposed nursing home extension.

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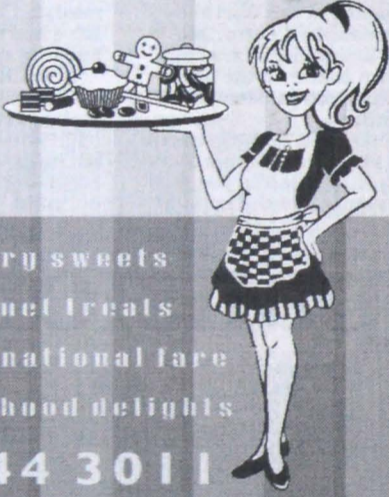
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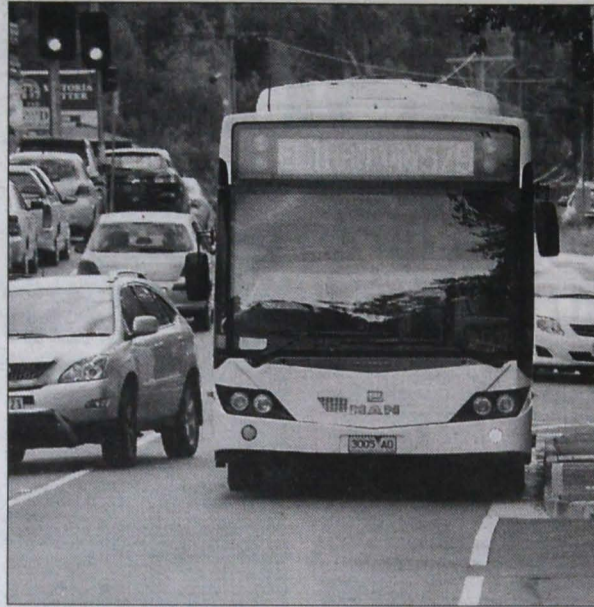
Since the removal of the bus stop indents, peak hour traffic in Yarra Street has become even more frustrating with the unnecessary stop/starting that has resulted. It is now common to see significant risks being taken by motorists as they try to overtake the buses that let perhaps only one passenger off, yet stop many cars to do this. This system works well in other areas that have dual carriageways.

Now there are plans to remove car parking near the Lions tennis courts and turn the majority of this strip into a permanent bus bay indent for two or three buses. Buses would use this area to wait for scheduling purposes and then pull out into the traffic, and cars would receive parking infringement notices if they park there.

It has been argued that pre-existing indents did not allow buses to pull out into traffic. However to remove the indents because they apparently did not work for the buses, and then to appropriate the indent near the bridge, because it works for the buses, is nonsensical.

The Warrandyte community needs to be kept more informed of decisions that affect it, and be permitted to engage in the process of its own evolution.

David Wierzbowski (by email)



Danger when cars attempt to pass stationary buses.

'Discontent' in town over bus stop changes

To the Chief Executive VicRoads

Sir

You will be aware of the community discontent and safety concerns posed by the recent modifications to bus stops, particularly but not only in Yarra Street, the main street of Warrandyte with no alternative through road.

The ludicrous view of a queue of cars behind every stopping bus is exceeded only by a queue of cars a kilometre long sitting behind a bus parked, hazard lights flashing, at the inbound Whipstick Gully bus stop whilst the driver answers a call of nature in the adjacent toilet block.

The complete lack of foresight and planning that went into modifying this particular bus stop defies description. The section of roadway has been narrowed considerably

by the construction of the opposing bus stop, and drivers who choose to pass the parked bus at this point—where a broken line marks the traffic lane—often take their lives into their hands because of the length of the bus. At peak periods this is not an option because of two-way traffic volume.

On behalf of the Warrandyte community and road users of Yarra Street in general, we respectfully request that serious consideration be given to re-adapting the Whipstick Gully inbound bus stop to its previous dimensions, giving the road-users a break, whilst the bus driver can take "a break".

Alan Alder
Chairman, Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park Police Community Consultative Committee

dear diary

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Worst: hoons or buses?

Although I sympathise with residents of Tarooma Avenue and Everard Drive regarding the Panorama buses using their streets (*March Diary*), I would have thought it would be much less of a problem than the many hoons who screech their tyres in that area every day.

Surely, a speeding car skidding around a corner poses a greater risk to the health and safety of residents than a professional bus driver doing 30kmh, not to mention the impact on our "peace and quiet".

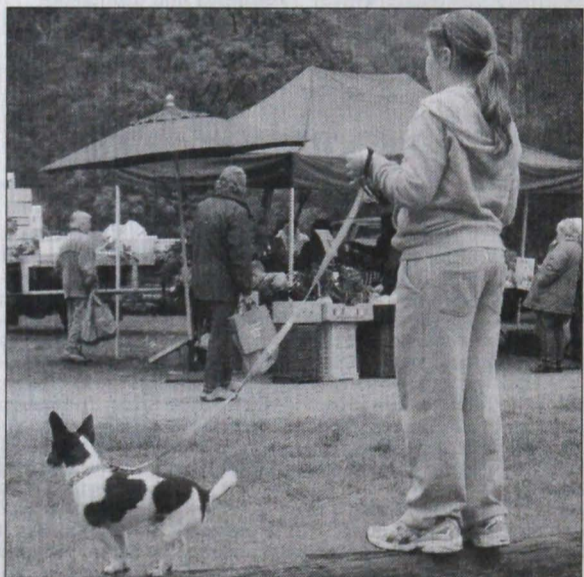
Out of control cars are not only an accident waiting to happen, but also cause a lot of disturbance. I have never been disturbed by a bus going past my house, but I have been woken up plenty of times by the irresponsible drivers who use the nearby roads as a racetrack most evenings, especially if it is raining or the footy has just finished.

Name and address supplied

Do dogs enjoy the market?

I am seriously over the so-called doggie lovers, who claim their dogs love going to the market. Rubbish! They get dragged from pillar to post, tangled round legs and prams, yanked hard round the collar, pulled away from their fellow dogs, who may have bad intentions or just want a sniff. I often wonder what the RSPCA would make of some of the owners of dogs who insist on dragging them around a busy market place.

The April market took the cake. We actually had a greyhound meet in the middle of the market. I think I counted eight greyhounds attached by lead to their silly owners, tails between their legs. Then there was the very tall, large man with his two beautiful



golden retrievers, held ever so tightly in case they knocked someone or something over, the three of them barely fitting between the rows of stalls.

Good luck, man's best friend. Pity man isn't also your best friend.

Dog Lover

Hooray for the Follies!

Congratulations to the Warrandyte Theatre Company on a fantastic Follies season.

We were privileged to have been entertained on opening night and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. How lucky we are in Warrandyte to have so many talented artists, writers, costume designers, set producers, actors, stage crew and musicians, as well as those who organised such a professional and entertaining event.

We are most proud to have had the opportunity to sponsor Warrandyte Theatre Company this year and look forward to the next production.

The team at Ruby Tuesday Jewellery

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS





Netball girls will have a home at last in the promised redevelopment of Warrandyte Reserve pavilion.

Sports pavilion -as promised

Manningham has commenced the tender process

By KARLY HICKMAN

The state government has confirmed that an election promise, pledging \$800,000 towards a major redevelopment of the sports pavilion at Warrandyte Reserve, is being honoured.

Ryan Smith, MP for Warrandyte and minister for the environment and climate change, has confirmed that the Liberal government is committed to investing \$800,000 in the redevelopment.

"This project has my full support and I am thrilled by its progress," Mr Smith told the *Diary*.

The campaign for the redevelopment—

going back several years—has been led by the local netball club and the desperate need for decent facilities for young netballers in Warrandyte.

It was finally realised that local netball players have had no proper changing rooms. They have been dubbed "the town's orphans".

A preliminary plan was drawn up to improve facilities for the netball club.

"This initial plan has morphed into an expanded project that meets the needs of more clubs, families and players," Mr Smith said.

The project will improve current facilities available to the football, cricket and netball clubs.

The pavilion has been designated a "place of last resort", providing emergency sanctuary during bushfires. The design of the redevelopment will take this into account.

The upgraded facilities will include

a multi-purpose room with catering facilities for up to 200 people; rooms for umpires, first aid, cleaners and storage; football, cricket and netball club change rooms and lockers; bar facilities and a viewing area.

The relocation of the highly successful Cancer Council's Warrandyte Relay for Life to East Doncaster was due—in part—to inadequate facilities at the Warrandyte Reserve pavilion.

The redevelopment is being funded from state government funds, Manningham council and local fundraising.

"State Government funding of \$800,000 has helped bring the project forward," Mr Smith said. "The phenomenal amount raised through local fundraising is testament to the commitment of the local community to this project."

Manningham council has commenced the tender process for the redevelopment.

Sewerage for the North

North Warrandyte is included in plans to extend sewerage to Warrandyte.

"Plans are to extend sewerage to areas in North Warrandyte between 2013 and 2015," Dick Davies, president of the Warrandyte Community Association told the *Diary*.

WCA hosted engineers from Yarra Valley in their tent at the Warrandyte Festival. This was to facilitate communication with residents about the new sewerage scheme.

"The Warrandyte Festival gave us another opportunity to connect with the community and was an important component of communications with our customers," Rita Narangala, manager of backlog planning, said.

"Being part of the festival enabled engineers to cover a lot of questions about the status of the sewer backlog program across 600 properties in Warrandyte and 1000 properties in North Warrandyte.

"A number of property own-



Dick Davies: "May increase pressure for subdivision".

ers discussed specific issues that will be considered in the design of the systems. We found that a vast majority of visitors were supportive of the project," she said.

Dick Davies stated that, "whilst sewerage will improve water quality and the run-off

into the river environment, there are, of course, some problems.

"Principally the financial considerations are plumbing connection costs, any possible rate increase and opt-out provisions for those with existing treatment systems.

"However, the major political impact may be to increase pressure for subdivision of larger blocks. WCA will oppose any such proposals."

Mr Davies said WCA is pleased that the engineer in charge is a Warrandyte resident and is "sensitive to local issues".

Yarra Valley Water ran an online forum concerning the projects until April 8. "But by March 30 it had had over 800 visitors, 17 comments and 138 downloads of the summary report," Ms Narangala said.

Yarra Valley Water aims to set up a "stakeholder engagement panel with Nillumbik council, giving the community a voice in the program".

CLYDE & OCKER



"We won't let them flush North Warrandyte down the sewer, Ock!"

Think Globally Shop Locally

Improvements planned for Goldfields

The Manningham Council Goldfields working group, which includes Warrandyte Community Association members, has recommended:

● The installation of three or four pedestrian "wayfinding" signs. These signs will be in the style used in Yarra Street. They will not be visible from Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road. They will be located at pedestrian nodes within the centre and are intended to direct pedestrians and drivers of slow-moving vehicles to each of the centre "quarters" and to the surrounding community facilities. Detailed design is now underway.

● Use of the name "Goldfields Shopping Centre" to brand and unify the whole centre. There was extensive discussion about the possible sensitivities of abandoning the name West End. Consultation will be undertaken

to confirm and formalise the change.

● A traffic study identified a range of short-term and long-term opportunities to improve traffic movement turning in and out and circulating around the centre. Short-term improvements (subject to budget availability) will include minor kerb realignment and line-marking at the centre entrances.

● A fresh VicRoads sign at the roundabout to direct drivers to "Goldfields Shopping Centre" (left) and "Yarra Street Town Centre" (right). An application has been made to VicRoads.

● Long term, the group supported powerline undergrounding along the Heidelberg Warrandyte Road frontage which would improve streetscape presentation. There is currently no council or other funding available for a project of that scale.



Take care past kids: Principal Trevor Gibbs (left), ACPS students and MP Ryan Smith pose beneath the new speed limit sign on Harris Gully Road.

Extra safety for kids on Harris Gully Road

Children and parents accessing the Andersons Creek Primary School via Harris Gully Road will experience an added level of safety.

This follows the declaration of a 40kph speed limit along that section of the road.

The school community lobbied the previous state government, with MP Ryan Smith tabling a petition of

774 signatures in parliament last year.

Mr Smith believes the former government "ignored their concerns due to a minor technicality".

"This announcement will provide parents with an added degree of comfort about their children's safety, and will ensure local traffic is made more aware of the movements of local students," Mr Smith said.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS and SCOTT PODMORE

Billy carts race to glory

By NEIL CARTER

F1 in town! Who cares? The Warrandyte Billy Cart Derby is where any self-respecting petrol head would want to be.

The Oehlman family are time-trialling down Anne and Roger's driveway; the spit and polish is out and late into the night, Adrian, Sara and Harper adjust and perfect—"Flaming 8" dares to be driven.

On the other side of town another cart is resurrected, some TLC and a spruce-up, then "Greeny Brown" comes to life and Ryan de Rooy saddles up to tame the beast. Aaron Vant Foort, at nine years of age is an old hand at the hill and names his steed "Banana"—a name bound to strike fear into the hardest of vegetarians.

Darcy Lang is the old man of the field; at close to 16 years of age, he manages to drag himself down the hill one more time.

The Frowd family are right there; Ben is in the finals every year, and with friend Dylan Clifton they assault the track in "Easyrider".

Jay Caruso is the new kid on the block. He and cart "Ripper" had enlisted last year, only for Jay to break an arm days before the event—young Jay was cool to race in plaster,

but mum Amy had a pink fit. This year Jay's in one piece and with dad Cain, they labour into Saturday, testing and aligning to a degree that would make Mark Webber cringe in underachievement.

Geoff and James Bromilow have decided on the comfort approach and produced "The Incredible Bulk", leaving such companies as Rolls Royce floundering in the luxury market.

Nietta Curry holds it up for the girls, and at aged 10, they wouldn't make a bandaid pretty enough for her cute nose, but behind the wheel of "Bugg 77" she carves the field in a manner that is a treat to watch.

Karl Papez on "Predator", Alexander Elsermann in "Joe", Oliver Bell aboard "Black Viper" and Liam Vaughan all take to the track with gusto. Dale Watson took a heavy blow but is bravely declaring to be back.

The heroes race on—slides, spinouts and close calls at break-neck speed, the crowd gasps, the crowd cheers, the crowd is elated.

The battle edges towards the finals. Harper lines up with Geoff, the race is fast and close—Harper snags third place.

Dylan in "Easyrider" and Jay in "Ripper" come to the line, the crowd quietsens.

Green light—the carts are let loose, the two lads launch down the hill, hearts are pounding, neck and neck, close as close—then disaster strikes—"Easyrider" throws a wheel bearing and slows drastically.

Jay seizes his chance and storms to victory. Cheers and applause as Jay, pushed by father Cain, cruise back up the hill to a collect a well-earned first prize—that fantastic state-of-art bicycle supplied by sponsor Apollo Cycles.

Congratulations to all the racers—many thanks to all those who helped put this event together, and a special thanks to Johnno Egan from Apollo Bicycles for their continued sponsorship of the day.

Lastly, a big thanks to the Warrandytians who came down to cheer these young heroes on.

You, the crowd, help make the day what it is, the kids love the attention and you get to witness such a special event—an event that is family orientated, parent and child bonding, character building, laughter and bruises, but most of all—fun, fun, fun.



A grand parade

2011 FESTIVAL RESULTS



Warrandyte Community Bank paraded their good deeds.

GRAND PARADE

- Best Parade Entry: Taroona Preschool
- Most Colourful: Juniors Farm
- Most Imaginative: Warrandyte PS
- Best Costumes/Makeup: Andersons Creek PS
- Most Warrandytish: Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association

KIDS' MARKET

- Most Environmentally Aware: Aiden, Alice
- Most Creative: Madeleine, Tim, Mark, Amy
- Most Colourful: Ruby, Sophie, Elise
- Encouragement: Keira, Hayley, Chloe, Amelia



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

- 1st Green Scooter Moose

DUCK RACE

- 1st Karli Edgcumbe, Warrandyte PS
- 2nd Shane Mills, Warrandyte Kinder
- 3rd Danielle Algar
- 4th Grace Carty, Andersons Creek PS
- 5th Archie Wright, Yarra Warra Kinder



HOME BREWING

- Champion: Michael Stanzel (apple cider)
- Best Bitter: Kevin O'Mara
- Best Lager: David Plant
- Best Ale: Jack Lavery
- Best Other: Michael Stanzel (apple cider)
- Best Draught: Scott Brimelow
- Best Pilsner: Michael Stanzel
- Best Stout: David Plant
- People's Choice: Dehne Fitzgibbon (ale-bitter)
- Encouragement: Peter Kinby



BILLYCART DERBY

- 1st Jay Caruso "Ripper"
- 2nd Dylan Clifton "Easyrider"
- 3rd Harper Oehlmann "Flaming 8"
- Best Presented Cart: Oliver Bell "Black Viper"
- Best 'Try on the Day': Nietta Curry "Bugg 77"
- Parent's Race: Adrian Oehlmann

ROTARY ART SHOW

- 1st Chris White
- 2nd Lorraine Lewitzka
- 3rd Vida Parson
- Best Miniature: Bernard Goggin
- Highly Commended: Walter Magilton, Fiona Bilbrough, Clare McCall, Sian Dodd, John Thomas, Mihoko Sato, Nina Ryan, Ian Laurens



PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

- Guessing the Weight of the Pumpkin:
- Pumpkin No. 1 weighed 17.40kg
- 1st Sarah
- 2nd (Equal) Sydney, Jozica
- Pumpkin No. 2 weighed 12kg
- 1st Ana
- 2nd (Equal) Danny, Helen



TENNIS SERVING CONTEST

- Open Mens: T. Greve (198km/h)
- Open Womens: 'Mez' (130km/h)
- Mens Veterans: Craig Knight (179km/h)
- Womens Veterans: Susie (123 km/h)
- U/18 Boys: Nick D. (165km/h)
- U/18 Girls: Donata H. (123km/h)
- U/15 Boys: Matt Gilling (169 km/h)
- U/15 Girls: Krissy Bates (130 km/h)
- U/12 Boys: Leo Garrick (130 km/h)
- U/12 Girls: Paris B. (101 km/h)



KIDS' RACES & UNDIS 500

In this series of family fun-filled events and challenges everyone was a winner.

BIKE RIDE

- Completed by
- Alex McCallum 1hr 34mins
- Mark Young 1hr 40mins
- Marilyn Moore 1hr 53mins
- Claire Singleton 1hr 53mins



WITH THE DIARY AT THE WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL



Do you remember your first Warrandyte Festival? The sounds, the smells, the tastes? Young reporter EMMA CARINCI visited our festival for the first time, and filed this report...

My very first time

SUNSHINE and not a cloud in the sky—it could not have been a better weekend for the annual Warrandyte Festival.

I've never attended the festival before, so I was anticipating an atmosphere similar to that of a primary school fete. However, upon arrival there was much more to do and see than I expected!

Stiggants Reserve was bursting with stalls, stages and people. The positive and light-hearted atmosphere was obvious. Whether you felt like relaxing, shopping, spectating, playing, eating, drinking and even discovering, there was a good chance of doing so at the festival.

Young children ran around with their faces painted, as families found a shady place on the grass to set up the picnic blanket. Anyone who was up for a unique buy could browse through the many stalls to find hand-made jewellery, accessories and second-hand clothes. For particularly active children (or adults), rock climbing was an option. Many kids lined up for a mini waterslide that led to a small pool.

Primary school children sounded through the festival, as they got out their maracas and performed "Rio di Janero", which had many spectators singing along. Warrandyte High School Band also displayed their musical talent. However, the young ones weren't the only ones in tune. When the Fifty-five Plus Variety Group hit the stage in glittery vests with matching bow ties, it was impossible not to stop, watch and applaud such showmanship and confidence.

Down by the river, on a smaller, more intimate stage, a group of musicians played country music. With only a banjo, a guitar, a cello and their voices, the trio produced sounds reflecting the country style of life that is Warrandyte.

For those with an appreciation for historical artefacts, the Eltham and Stationary Engine Preservation Society offered a small exhibition, "Power from the past", of old steam and stationary engines and gold mining machinery.

Warrandyte Uniting Church volunteers gave parents the chance to take a break from the kids, running various stalls with all sorts of activities to keep the young ones

busy, including arts and crafts and body art.

The variety of food and drink made an impression on me. It was not easy to find anyone without something in hand. From pizza to Indian food, to nachos and even fried calamari rings in a cone—it was unlikely you'd go hungry. A little taste of German culture even made an appearance with large homemade pretzels. Given the warm weather, ice-cream stands drew decent crowds. While the wine-tasting stalls enticed the mums, the dads preferred to test out the beer, as groups of teenagers opted for hot chips and slushies.

There were many stalls—and most especially the Rotary Art Show—displaying and selling original art. One that stood out for me had a reconciliation theme, selling Aboriginal paintings. It was quite poignant watching children line up to have an Aboriginal man paint traditional patterns on their arms, blessing them when he finished.

Several community groups were promoting environmental awareness at the festival. The Warrandyte Climate Action Now stall was supporting sustainability, while another promoted the conservation of sea life.

The animal farm appealed to both adults and children. Baby chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, ducks, a goat and a little piglet roamed, while a calf dominated the pen. However, the most interesting animals at the festival were not restricted to the pen—only a few minutes from the animal farm you could find camels taking festival-goers for rides.

I'm not a local so I don't spend much time in Warrandyte. I enjoyed my afternoon. But not necessarily for the food or the shopping or the music. It was what made these elements come together; the way the community came together. I could not guess the number of hours spent planning and preparing.

It seems that nowadays, community activities and events are not as prominent as they used to be, and the sense of old-fashioned fun is being lost. It was great to see young and old, families and friends, take time out from the usual business of life, to support and enjoy a longstanding community tradition.

Rotary Club's 27th art show



At the show opening: A gala occasion.



Winning artists: Chris White (left) and Walter Magilton.



Art patrons: They definitely know what they like!

A FEATURED event at the Warrandyte Festival, the Rotary Art Show broke all records, according to club president, Tony Mooney.

The show, now in its 27th year, is organised by the Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Club.

"This year, we revamped the program to provide an upgraded event," Mr Mooney said. "We achieved record entries from 209 artists from around Australia, resulting in a record of more than 500 works on display. A record number of people enjoyed the show, resulting in record sales.

"As a result we have achieved a record return to support our many community programs," he said.

According to the club, the

Warrandyte show is the largest in the Manningham, Maroondah and Nillumbik council areas.

Reflecting on "the area's unique art heritage and continuing tradition, our show provides many local artists with a valuable opportunity to display their talents and offer works to the public," Mr Mooney said.

Prizes totalling \$300 were awarded to 15 artists: First prize went to noted local artist and former Warrandyte High School teacher Chris White for his oil painting, "The Waterhole, Talbot".

A new initiative was an art auction with seven works up for the highest bidders.

Sixty students from seven colleges also exhibited their work, with three students receiving \$100 Highly Commended awards.



Festival entertainment by night

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

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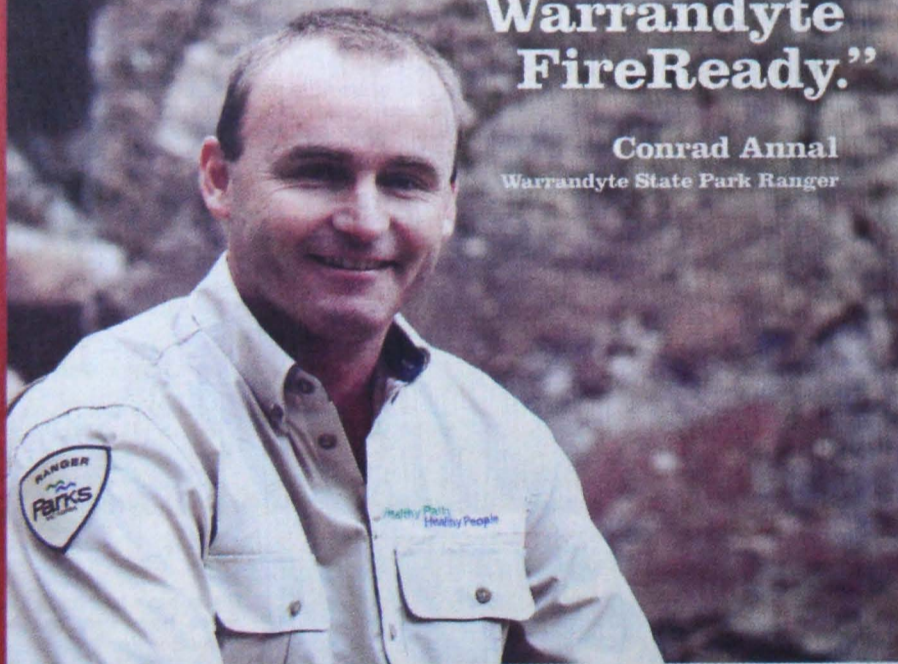


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Designer's award success

Words and pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

Warrandyte has long been proud of the creative people who make their home here.

This tradition continues with the naming last month of Vaughan Howard as the recipient of the 2011 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award (WYAA) and Ben Dennis as runner-up.

The biennial award of \$6000, which is administered by the Warrandyte Lions Club and Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, is open to local artists aged between 18 and 25.

Vaughan Howard recently graduated with a Bachelor of Design (Interior Design) at RMIT and will soon complete a Masters degree in architecture at the same institution.

The three assessors who evaluated his work were enthusiastic about Vaughan's maturity, his ability to innovate and his diligence in integrating his artistic and practical skills. He is working part-time as a model-maker at BKK Architects and tutoring first year university students in digital physical model-making.

While he was a design undergraduate Vaughan worked on a multi-disciplinary student project in 2008 to transform part of the Melbourne CBD.

"We came up with this proposal for an urban renewal for Elizabeth Street down near Flinders Street," he said.

This included opening up and reviving Williams Creek, which runs beneath Elizabeth Street, and reconnecting the watercourse to the Yarra.

"We got this project exhibited (at) the Beijing Architecture Biennale and we won an Institute of Landscape Architecture award," he said.

The Warrandyte Youth Arts Award has come at a convenient time in Vaughan's studies.

"It was amazing timing that the award came up as I was hoping to travel overseas.

"I've got an application in progress to go and study in Denmark for the next (European) semester and I should find out in a month if I've been accepted. It's at the Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen," he told

the *Diary*.

For runner-up Ben Dennis music has always been part of his life.

"I started off playing the drums when I was about five, then started saxophone when I was 11 years old," he said.

He now works in music promotion and is also a DJ.

"I've been DJ-ing at many of the music festivals around Australia like 'Big Day Out' and 'Future Music Festival', so we've played in front of around 7000 at 'Future' and about the same (number) of people at the 'Falls Music Festival'," he said.

He has run the "Battle of the Bands" at the Warrandyte festival for the past couple of years and helped organise the bands for the main stage program.

Ben found the introduction to three assessors from the music industry particularly helpful.

"I had interviews with each of them and we talked about how they got into it and about how I can better myself in the industry with what I'm doing and I got their advice on a few things.

"It's an absolutely excellent opportunity especially in my field where it's mainly contact based, so I get three unbelievable contacts ... that could really help me down the track, whether it be gaining more knowledge or booking some artists or maybe through work experience if I can organise that," he said.

Two other entries were received for the WYAA, but both artists had to withdraw because of a change in their circumstances before the process was completed.

The Warrandyte Youth Arts Award is a lengthy process, taking about six months for the evaluation process to be completed.

"The WYAA is an extraordinary award, because it is presented not for achievement, but for potential," Jock Macneish, coordinator of the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust Youth Arts Award committee, said.

"It seeks to encourage young artists who show potential for outstanding achievement in their field of the arts.

As a young artist, you can't win the award, because it's not a contest where the winner gets a prize. The award is made to whichever young artist shows the greatest promise of making a significant contribution in the years ahead.

"We find the only people remotely qualified to make that judgement are those who have already demonstrated significant achievement — senior artists at the top of their respective fields.

"So we have each candidate assessed by at least three assessors of that quality," he said.

In previous years the award has been made at a private ceremony, but this year it went public.

"It was the first time that we've made the award from the stage at Stiggants Reserve ... on the Saturday night at the festival," Lions Club spokesman John Boyle told the *Diary*.

"It's good for the community to see the (award made) in public like that ... I think it was a good thing, because the audience that was there was of young people."

The awards were celebrated and the winner first announced at an informal party at John and Kerrie Boyles' house in Osborne Road. Present were the applicants, their friends and families, most of the assessors, members of the Lions Club of Warrandyte and representatives of the Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust, publishers of the *Diary*.

"It was a good opportunity for the applicants to meet their assessors again in a relaxed atmosphere," John Boyle said.

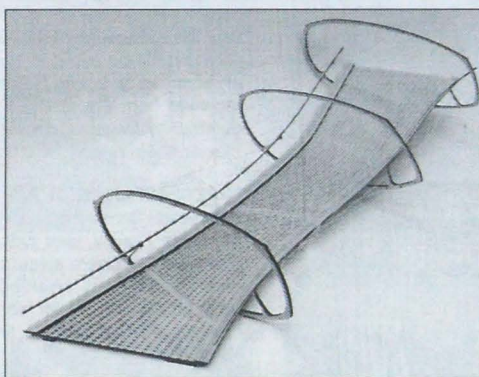
The 2011 award may be over but artists, working in any arts discipline, who will be between 18 and 25 in two years time should begin planning their entry now. Early next year the *Diary* will carry notices when applications open.

"(Young) people should be really encouraged to just do it, to really get involved in the arts award.

"Even if you don't win...I feel that I have won something with the contacts," runner-up Ben Dennis told the *Diary*.



Above: Designer Vaughan Howard took out the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award. Left: His model for a footbridge. Bradley Lane interested?



They lunched longest



The riverbank at Warrandyte was, once again, scene of one of the "World's Longest Lunch" events.

One Friday early last month, about 140 people enjoyed a three-course meal, including white miso soup with rainbow trout, barbecue saddle of honey and rosemary-glazed lamb and chocolate olive oil tart. The food was complemented by wines from Kellybrook and beer from Coldstream Brewery.

Prepared by apprentice chefs from Box Hill Institute, it was served by hospitality students from the institute.

Manningham deputy mayor, Cr Meg Downie, said she took great pride in being part of an event promoting Warrandyte and the region.

Quaffing and stuffing: feasting on the Warrandyte riverbank.

Anzac Day service

Warrandyte will be commemorating Anzac Day—as usual—with a street parade through the village and a service at the RSL grounds in Yarra Street, opposite the bridge. The march will be assembling in the car park opposite the Grand Hotel around 10.30am on Easter Monday, April 25, then proceeding to a service at the Memorial Grounds, followed by refreshments in the RSL clubrooms adjacent. Everyone is invited.



A lone piper leads the way.

Draft land program

Locals north of the river are being given a chance to comment on Nillumbik council's draft land management incentive program.

The program offers grants to individual landholders and Landcare groups for projects and activities that provide ecological and environmental benefits on private land within the shire.

"Through the program, council works with individuals and groups to encourage good land management practice and manage rabbit invasion, erosion control and biodiversity," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"Currently, existing land management incentives comprise a number of separate programs.

"A review has indicated that one program, designed to meet all Nillumbik's land management objectives, will achieve outcomes that can be easily evaluated.

"The focus is more a community approach.

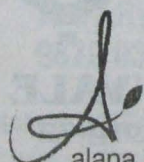
"We want residents on adjoining properties to get together to tackle common issues and to think of the bigger picture," the spokesperson said.

● To view the draft program, visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au

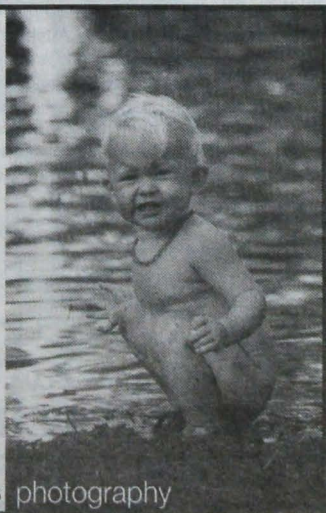
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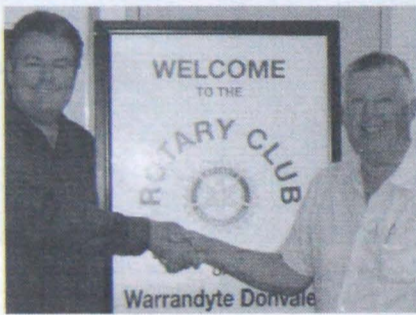
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Thank you Warrandyte – Rotary Artshow Breaks All Records

Revamped Show a Winner

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale is pleased to report to the community that the Rotary Artshow over the festival weekend was the Best Ever and broke all records. The Rotary artshow is in its 27th year and this year we revamped the program to give it wider appeal to the community. We achieved record entries from 209 artists throughout Australia resulting in a record of over 500 paintings on display. A record number of 800 visitors enjoyed the show giving record sales. As a result a record return will support our many community programs.

The Rotary Warrandyte Artshow is the largest in the Manningham, Maroondah and Nilumbik Council area and provides our many local artists with a valuable opportunity to display their talents and offer works to the public. We appreciate the local art community views the show as their window to the world and it is beholden to us improve this showcase to support them. For the past few years the Artshow has found a secure and comfortable home in the Community Church. It is staged in conjunction with the Warrandyte Festival as a major cultural event on the local calendar.



The Art Show was an outstanding success and is one of Warrandyte's premier cultural events. We appreciate the partnership with Rotary. Pastor David Molyneux, Community Church

Celebrating Warrandyte's Art Heritage



Old Bridge, Warrandyte - Walter Withers c. 1910

27th Art Show

March 2011

Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale



Unique Art Heritage

This year we celebrated Warrandyte's art heritage and the significant role the pioneer artists of the late 19th and early 20th century played in developing Australian art. We were fortunate to gain permission from the National Gallery of Victoria to use Walter Withers iconic work "Old Bridge, Warrandyte c1910 as fitting cover to our 2011 catalogue.



Friday Night Gala Opening

The Gala Opening night is the artist's night where exhibiting artists are guests of Rotary. Attendees to this prestigious event rub shoulders with the art community and the 40 artists attending.



Sgt. Keith Walker & Peta with Distinguished Artists Chris White & Walter Magilton

(Second Prize Painting "The Waitress" Behind) The Friday evening Gala Champagne and Chicken Opening was performed by Manningham Mayor Geoff Gough. The Mayor thanked the Rotary Club for conducting one of the premier art events which compliment the Council's aim of fostering art in the region. Council were pleased to have the Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale as a recipient of the Community Grants program which assists in making the Artshow a success.



Mayor Gough with President Mooney & Marianne

"The hard work" of the club and the many community volunteers over hundreds of hours provides a focal point on our arts calendar and an event for the public to enjoy the talents of our art community. In true Rotary tradition the funds received from the artshow are returned to the community to assist community projects in the Manningham region" said Cr Gough.

High Standard of Art

Local Artists Generously Support Auction of Paintings Mr Chris Kandis was judge this year. Prizes totaling \$3300 were award to 15 artists. The 1st prize painting was awarded to celebrated local artist Mr Chris White for his oil painting. "The Waterhole, Talbot"



Chris White on Stage accepting Award for Winning Painting from Ian McMillan

"I would like to congratulate the organisers of the Warrandyte/Donvale Rotary Art Show 2011. The introduction of an auction of local artists' work was great fun and helped to make the ceremony both entertaining and edifying.

Chris White Artist - Eltham
2nd Prize: Lorraine Lewitzka "The Waitress"
3rd Prize: Vida Parson "In Amongst the Gravillias"
Miniature Painting: Bernard Goggin "The Blue Yacht"

Highly Commended Prizes:

- Walter Magilton - Bridge Crossing
- Fiona Billbrough - Roses
- Clare McCall - Summer Days
- Sian Dodd - Aftermath
- John Thomas - Fenced In
- Mihoko Sato - Untitled
- Nina Ryan - Autumn Landscape
- Ian Laurens - The Cathedral Mt. Buffalo

A new initiative this year was an auction of 7 artworks which were generously provided by local artists. The large audience was privileged to witness the artists on stage discussing their work prior to auction.



"The Rotary Club again put on a Superb Exhibition" Warrandyte Artist Walter Magilton on Stage with Art Show Co-ordinator Ian McMillan discussing his Auction Painting

I have always said that the Rotary Art show is a terrific way to start off the festival weekend and I truly believe that the art show is the highlight of the festival for me.

Peta and I look forward to the 2012 event.

Sgt. Keith Walker (Officer in Charge Warrandyte)



Sgt. Walker Congratulates Pres. Tony Mooney



Judge Chris Kandis & Ji Won Kim's Homer Scream

Another new initiative is the provision of an option for artists to enter their works online from our website warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au. Show details can be found on the website.



Emerging Artist Focus

Rotary has extensive youth programs aimed at assisting our new generations to reach their full potential. A new initiative at this year's show was the addition of an Emerging Artists Section. Here senior students at no cost can have the thrill of displaying their art in a major exhibition together with professional artists and appearing in the catalogue. We were delighted to have 60 students from 7 senior colleges exhibit

Three students were awarded \$100 Highly Commended Awards by judge Chris Kandis -

- Ji Won Kim - Templestowe College
- Ariel Paterson - Warrandyte High School
- Bryn Mason - Donvale Christian College

Broad Community Support

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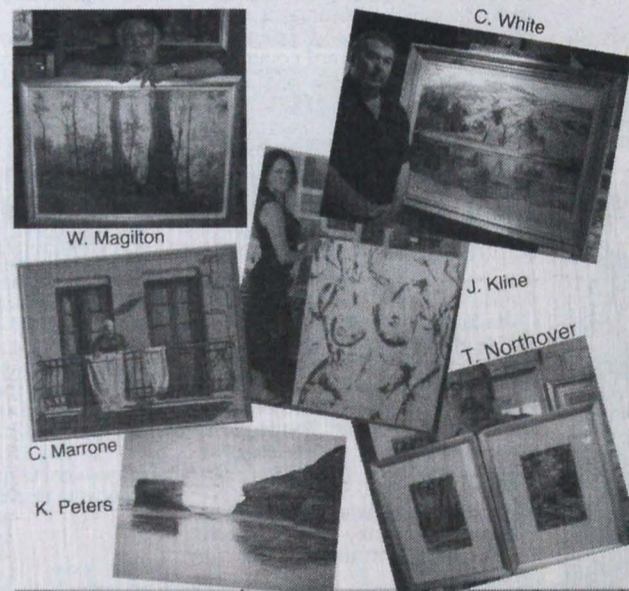


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Auction of Paintings

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| Tony Northover | Warrandyte | "Down by the River" 1 & 2 Watercolour |
| Chris White | Eltham | "Fishing on the Murray" Oil |
| Jo Kline | Warrandyte | "Hot Chilly Nude" Acrylic |
| Carolyn Marrone | Bendigo | "Washing" Watercolour |
| Kris Peter | Box Hill | "Autumn Sunset After Rain" Watercolour |



Rotary Community Programs to Benefit

We are proud to say the broader community benefits from this Artshow. Rotary also conducts the Warrandyte OP SHOP- Pandora's Box. The OP SHOP is staffed by a team of enthusiastic volunteers and is truly the community at work. Funds raised in these our two major ventures are applied back to assist the community in our many programs.

Over the years Rotary has supported and in many cases been the sole provider to many local programs. This year The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale has budgeted to spend \$30,000 in support of the local community. Assistance includes \$4,500 for the local Food Bank which assists those in crisis with food; Warrandyte Housing Support Services receives \$10,000 this year for rent of the Miners Cottage office in Yarra St. Leadership & youth development programs and school programs receive \$8,000. This year flood disaster relief funds received \$4,500



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Expo tackles warming

The Sustainability Expo, organised by Warrandyte CAN (Climate Action Now) is an important event on the local calendar.

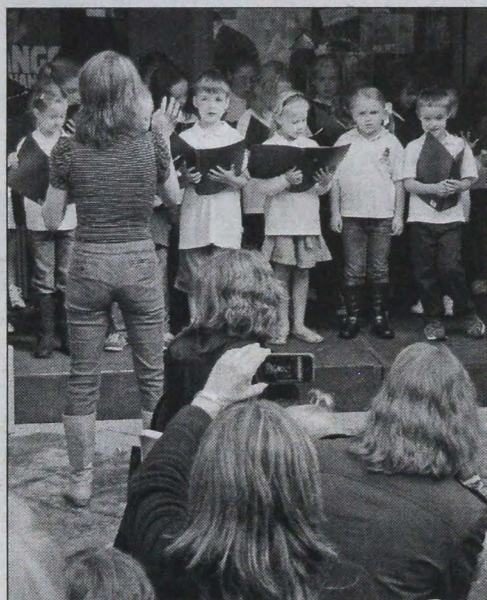
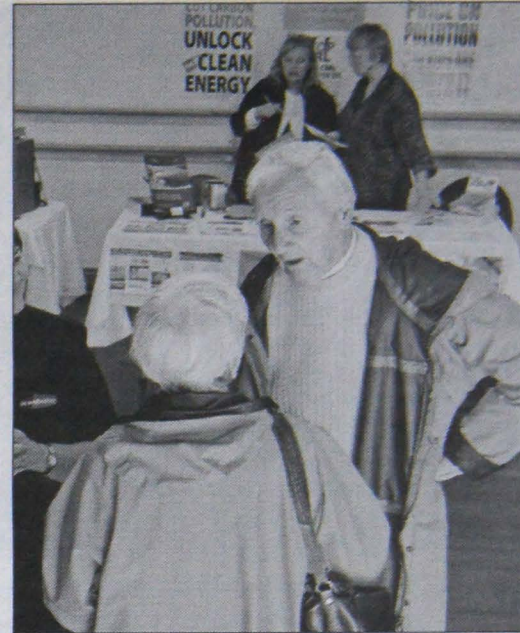
Earlier this month people came from near and far to learn to live sustainably. How to reduce your food miles by growing your own vegetables; take your load off the power grid with solar panels; harvest rain and waste water; use worms in your waste treatment system; defy the heat with DIY double glazing—and many other earth-saving ideas.

Titled "Sounds of Change", the expo featured music from the Andersons Creek Primary School choir, Chocolate Lilies, Glen Jameson and Jock Macneish and Warrandyte Women Against Warming.

A special highlight this year was a short documentary, produced by Warrandyte film-maker Jeremy Loftus-Hills, showing local folk demonstrating their special conservation projects: growing vegetables on a tennis court, breeding trout and creating compost at the same time; harnessing the sun for power and hot water. If they can do it, why can't we all?

Throughout the day, information sessions, delivered by experts, told us about wind energy, eliminating your carbon tax bill, growing rare and unusual food plants and a possible future beyond zero emissions.

Photographer Stephen Reynolds was there, capturing these moments for the *Diary*.



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Little slice of Italy

Still hot from their success at the Warrandyte Festival, the kids at Andersons Creek Primary School embraced all things Italian, turning the school into an Italian village, building a gondola, making mosaics, playing bocce, creating special hats and dressing up.

was Carnivale!
All students—from Prep to Grade 6—learn Italian and Italian teacher Concetta Gigliotti was especially thrilled. After pizza, spaghetti and biscote for lunch, a gelati van arrived, serving 360 cones within half an hour.

Pictures by ALANA PHILLIPS

Opening of new building at primary school

The new multi-purpose room at Warrandyte Primary School has been officially opened.

Built as part of the federal government's Building and Education Revolution Stimulus plan, the centre will be used for—but not limited to—physical education, class lessons, gymnastics and whole-school assemblies.

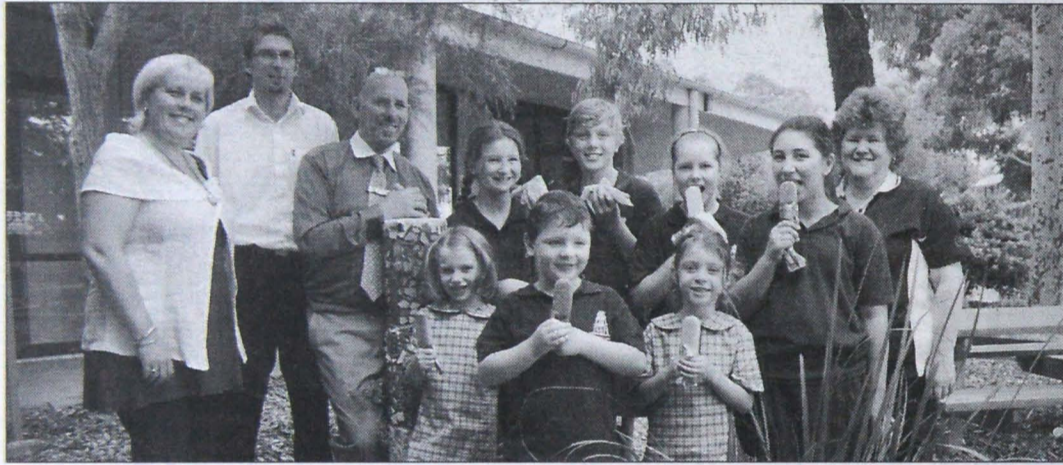
"The sky's the limit," principal Gill Binger told the *Diary* at the time. "There are parents here who would like to do 'dancercise' in the morning and students are keen to run aerobics. With the extra space we can say 'yes' more often."

At the opening, Wurundjeri elder Doreen Garvey Wandin conducted a Welcome to Country ceremony, Gill Binger received a plaque to commemorate the occasion and school leaders Jake and Erin cut the red ribbon, formalising the opening.

"We are now in the process of brainstorming a new name for the multi-purpose centre, rather than 'the new multi'," teacher Gaby Chitiz told the *Diary*.



Wurundjeri Elder Doreen Garvey Wandin watches proudly as students Jake and Erin cut the ribbon, officially opening WPS's new building.



Flood relief sizzles

Although the kids at Andersons Creek Primary School are far too young to remember real floods striking their town, they would have seen something of the damage water can do when heavy rain flooded local streets earlier this year.

The school's canteen manager, Cheryl Savage, thought it might be good if the students could run

a sausage sizzle and raise funds for Victorian flood relief, with the entire proceeds going to the Red Cross.

"We have all been touched by the plight of Victorians who have recently had their lives turned upside down as a consequence of severe flooding," principal Trevor Gibbs said. "It never ceases to amaze me just how committed the Warrandyte community is to supporting those in need."

Warrandyte IGA donated bread, sausages, ice creams, chips and drinks.

Students and staff turned out to assist flood relief at a recent sausage sizzle.

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warrandyte north (sms: REN756)

North facing with views of Professor's Hill Reserve, this 3 bedroom home is bursting with natural charm. Features open plan lounge/dining area with open fireplace that opens out to an expansive covered deck – perfect for outdoor entertaining! Situated on more than 1/4 acre of landscaped gardens and within walking distance of the Yarra River.

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warrandyte north (sms: REN750)

Blending mudbrick, reclaimed timber and beautiful stained-glass windows, this is the quintessential Warrandyte home on 1432sqm (approx), and best of all the Yarra River is at the end of the street! Grand living areas include a formal lounge/ dining with cathedral ceiling, downstairs rumpus, and open-plan timber kitchen/ meals and family living area. Wraparound balcony and deck for entertaining, terraced gardens and ample parking.

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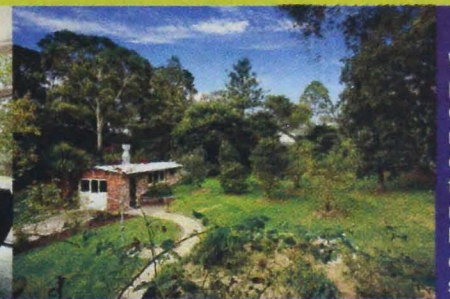
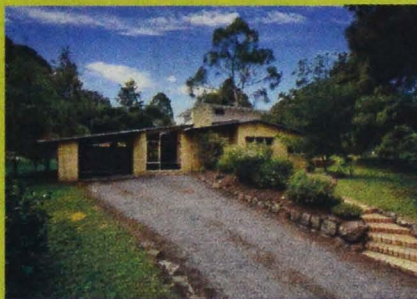


warrandyte north (sms: REN751)

If you're craving extra space and dream of walking to the Yarra River on weekends, this spacious home on 1618sqm (approx) is the tranquil retreat you've been searching for. With stunning views across Stony Creek, this beautiful home features a large open-plan kitchen/ meals and family living area, glorious deck for entertaining, huge downstairs rumpus room. Double carport and ample parking.

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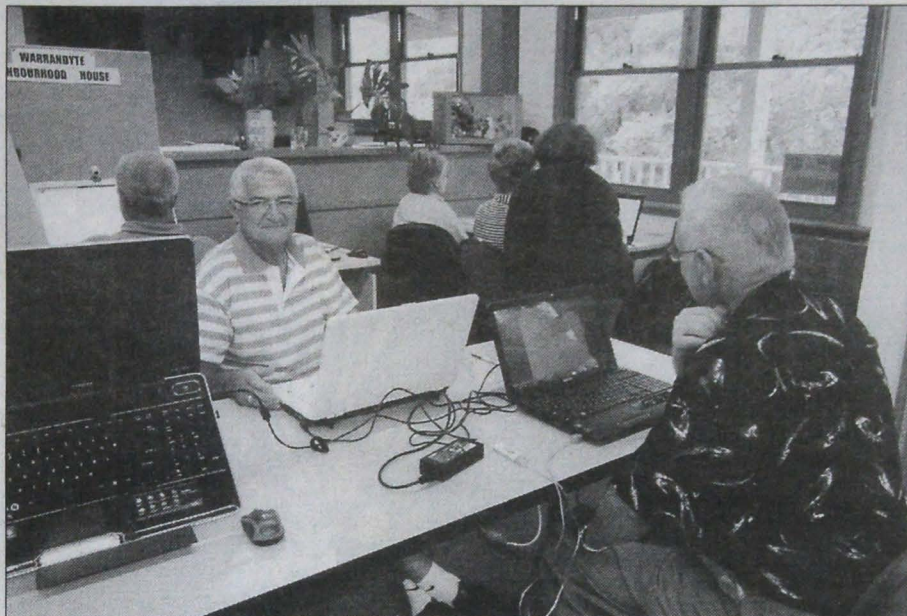
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Local church times

Commemorate Easter at your local church

Easter will be commemorated in Warrandyte and Park Orchards churches as follows: Stations of the Cross at Stiggants Reserve at 10.30am on Good Friday; Uniting Church (9844 0674) Good Friday at 9am, Easter Sunday at 10.15am; Anglican Church (9439 1835) Easter Sunday at 10am; Community Church (9844 4148) Good Friday at 9am and Easter Sunday at 10am. Catholic Church (9876 1509) Good Friday 3pm at Warrandyte, Easter Saturday 7pm at Park Orchards and Easter Sunday 10.30am at Park Orchards.



Broadband for seniors

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House now has a Broadband for Seniors internet kiosk. It features two computers with broadband access for use by older members of the local community. They will be accessible from 10am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 10am to 2pm on Fridays. A WNH class on Computers for Card Holders will run on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon. Broadband for Seniors is part of a government initiative to increase the skills of older Australians using computers and the internet. To book for the class, call 9844 1839 or for further information go to www.necseniors.net.au

Seniors

The Warrandyte "55 Plus" variety group is looking for more members to participate in their concert and cabaret in November. Singers, dancers, actors, comedians and musicians are welcome. You don't have to be an expert. People are also required for backstage dressmaking, etc. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 1pm. If you are interested, call Allan Spencer on 9877 1077.

Market

The next Park Orchards Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday, April 16 at the corner of Park and Hope-toun Roads, Park Orchards between 9am and 1pm. To celebrate the school holidays there will be free face painting and giveaways for the children. Thirty stalls will offer a wide variety of produce. Much of the prepared food is vegetarian and gluten free. The market, featuring local musicians, is held every third Saturday of the month. For enquiries call Sue on 9847 0010 or 0409 417 369.

Dutch

The Eltham Over 50s Dutch Club is seeking new members. They meet at the Eltham Elderly Citizens hall every

out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

Wednesday morning to play cards or billiards and enjoy tea and coffee together. Many outings and social events are organised. If you are interested call Margot on 9437 1710.

Seminar

The next Manningham Environmental Seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. The seminar is free and commences at 7.30pm. The topic will be Landscape Changes and Impact on Local Birdlife conducted by Murray Bouchier.

Composting

Nillumbik Shire Council, in partnership with the Victorian Government's Climate Communities grants program, is offering a free composting workshop to 300 Nillumbik residents. The program will

run from May to August in a series of 10 composting workshops with 30 residents in each one. For further information contact the council's Waste Education Team on 9433 3516 or go to nillumbik.composting@nillumbik.vic.gov.au. To book visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au>Community Services>Waste Services>Nillumbik Community Composting Project.

Environment

Upcoming Nillumbik environment events include Vegetable Seed Saving on May 1, Maintaining Your Dam on May 7 and Introduction to Property Management Planning on May 28. For information visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au>Education/Programs>Environmental Events Programs.

Neighbourhood

The next meeting of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch will be on Tuesday, June 14 at the Warrandyte Police Station at 7.30pm. For information call Phil Clark on 9844 3091.

artyfacts

Manningham's "Creative Fun" school holiday program includes a wide variety of activities. There will be Kids Yoga (five to nine year-olds) and Creative Easter Projects (six to 12) on Monday, April 18. Circus Skills workshops and clay Easter Bunnies and Baskets on Tuesday, April 19. Wednesday, April 20 will see Drama and Clay Robots. Thursday, April 21 will have a family activity Boot Planter (a pair of terra cotta boots planted with herbs) and the Mermaid's Daughter (a music and puppetry experience). Sessions are \$17 per child (\$15 concession). Bookings are essential on 9840 9382 or enrol online at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/artscentre. Classes will be at the Manningham Arts Centre, 117 Foote Street, Templestowe.

Exhibition

The April exhibition at the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is entitled "Dual Vision". It explores works in acrylics and watercolours by two artists, Linda MacCauley and Stephanie Mews after their travels in Central Australia. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Ceramics

The exhibition by Victorian ceramic artists being held at the Manningham Gallery as part of the 2011 Manningham Victorian Ceramic Award Exhibition will finish on Saturday, April 16. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Change

An exhibition of photography and sculpture by mother and daughter team Kath and Annie Rose Armour, will be held at the Eltham Library Community Gallery between May 5 and 16. Titled "Winds of Change", the show presents a mixture of people working, nature and animals subjects as symbols of change. The gallery is open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 8.30pm; Friday and Saturday, 10am to 5pm and Sunday, 1pm to 5pm.

Steiner

Emerging artist Eugene Howard won the People's Choice Award at the recent Steiner Art Exhibition, held on the weekend of March 25 to 27. His award-winning painting is titled "Sundews".

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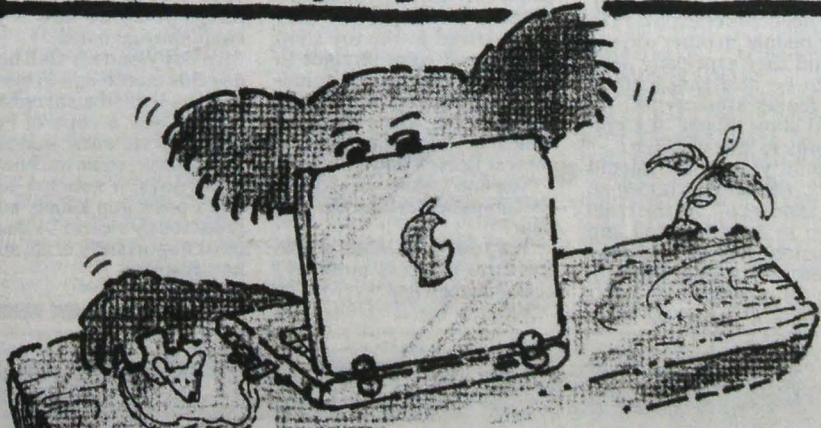


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Thursday 21 April 2011

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NATURE WALKS

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Pound Bend Ridge to River, Warrandyte
9.30am Thursday 28 April

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Time: approx 3 hours

Rating: moderate (some foot tracks). This school holiday walk is suitable for reasonably fit school age children.

Jumping Creek Reserve to Warrandyte Village

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Grandchildren: you can always give them back

HERSELF finally succumbed to the inevitable.

Our granddaughter, whom we look after one and a half days a week, was about to turn five and the discussion inevitably ground around to presents.

"Now would you rather have a farm set or a building site set of Lego?" This request was met with a somewhat confused silence.

"Darling, aren't you sure which one you like best. Would you like us to go to a toy shop so you can choose?"

From the other side of the room I could see that there was something more than Lego-choice going on.

Not to let an opportunity pass unharmed, Herself had the three of us rounded up and into the car and off to the local toy shop before you could ask, "Have you really thought this through?"

Now we had our kids in the early 1970s, a time when all the old rules and assumptions were tested and kids like ours were brought home from hospital in orange or lime green jumpsuits. Grandparents cringed and flinched when their grandchildren were "indulged", "given too many choices", "fussed over too much" and were "far too much the centre of attention".

"Children," we were told, "are far happier and relaxed if they have a routine and are expected to just be babies and young children. Just give them some saucepans and a wooden spoon to play with and they'll be quite happy."



"It was up to us to put things right and to do this we had to start with our own kids. We had to return to basics..."

There was never even any mention of "growing up well adjusted". Children were just expected to grow up.

We knew better. Kids need to be stimulated if they are to achieve their full potential. They need lots of exposure to other people, to other ways of life and they especially need not to be straight-jacketed into gender stereotypes. We would show "them" the correct way to rear children.

"Would you rather peanut butter, Vegemite or honey on your sandwich?" As the child stared in apprehension and confusion, Herself's mother smiled and gently offered, "He's 18 months old. Don't you think it would be more

sensible just for you to decide?"

"You can still show you care by just relaxing and not making a fuss." All very well for grandma but not so easy for the modern mother!

Oh, we lived in difficult times. Wars were raging, all the old certainties weren't, authority figures had not only feet, but also genitals of clay. It was up to us to put things right and to do this we had to start with our own kids. We had to return to basics. To start from the ground up.

Now to a large extent, "basics" meant "hippy".

Our children have never forgiven us for the yellow skivvies, the brown cord dresses and trousers and our predilection for orange and brown pottery. Wine goblets that sandpapered lips, crockery so heavy that shelves collapsed and macramé flower pot holders that rotted and crashed to the ground.

Toys could not be gender specific. Rooms could not be painted blue for boys and anything pink was burnt in the pot-bellied stove before it could corrupt any young girl. But time passes.

We arrived at the toy shop and Herself went straight to the Lego section and granddaughter headed in the opposite direction, to the Barbies. I looked at our granddaughter, then at Herself and trembled.

"You don't want one of those Fashionista Barbies do you dear?"

"Yes I do, Gran. And I'd love the extra princess outfit so I could change her."

"Wouldn't you rather this

exciting construction Lego so you can practise being an engineer?"

"And I really, really want the pink fluffy coat so she won't be cold."

We came home with two Barbies, a few changes of clothing and a small Lego set that we assured her she could make into a house for Barbie.

When Gorgeous Creature, our daughter, arrived to collect her daughter, she saw the presents and teetered on the brink of tears.

"I had to have that Cindy doll when I was her age. You refused to let me have a Barbie even though ALL my friends had one!"

Now a Cindy was a more politically correct version of Barbie. It didn't have blonde hair, an elongated neck, pointy adult boobs, an unnatural wasp waist and she could wear shoes other than high heels. In a word, it was normal but "boring".

We all make mistakes as parents which is why it's lovely to have grandchildren. You can rectify the excesses of your own parenting. Do the things you'd do now if you could only go back!

It's Boy Wonder's 40th birthday this month and in his gift bag I've loaded a shanghai, a replica .303, a copy of Penthouse, a violently mindless video game, some muscle car Dinky toys, a voucher for a day's paint gun killing, some gratuitously violent DVDs and most importantly of all, some hair restorer.

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Great year for swallowtails

nature

By LINDA ROGAN

IT'S a wonderful season for butterflies. Three big and beautiful swallowtail butterflies have caused excitement with reports across the state.

The Dainty or Dinky Swallowtail is the smallest of the three at about 70mm wingspan and has been seen locally for some years. It feeds on citrus plants, native or introduced garden plants.

I had the pleasure of rearing one from caterpillar on a rather spindly potted lime tree in 2009. It was a real joy to watch the caterpillar, a yellow spotted creature with short black spines.

This caterpillar and many swallowtail larvae have a bright coloured "y" shaped organ hidden just behind their head. This can be protruded and emits a stinking substance that is repellent to predators. My caterpillar must have been happy or at least felt undisturbed, as I never did observe the protrusion of these reddish filaments.

I did get to observe pupation in February and emergence of the butterfly nine months later in December 2009. That year I had seen this butterfly locally only a few times, only one at a time.

This year the Dainty Swallowtail has been much more common. I observed at least six one day at Gresswell Hill flying around the water tower at about head height.

The Orchard Swallowtail is almost half again as big as the Dainty, about 12cm wingspan, it is a truly remarkable specimen. The male is a dramatic black with a red spot and jagged white markings on the wings.

The female is rather differ-



A Chequered Swallowtail feeding on Prickly Tea-tree. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

ent with much lighter forewings, looking like "smoked glass". She is larger than the male and is the largest butterfly likely to be seen in Victoria.

Although observed for several years near Mallacoota in East Gippsland, it has been an irregular vagrant elsewhere in Victoria. This year egg-laying adults have been reported in Ballarat and Castlemaine. Closer to home, a female has been photographed at the Bend of Islands in late January.

Caterpillars and pupa may be found on citrus trees. The caterpillar of this butterfly has been described as looking like "bird poo" with white, green and brown markings and can also produce foul smells from extended organs if alarmed.

The third Swallowtail is the most exciting to me. An early January walk on the Everard track near Buttermans Track

was well rewarded. I had been seeing many Common Brown Butterflies, more males than females and Marbled Xenicas. I really took note when a larger yellowish appearing swallowtail quickly floated by checking out the flowers of shrubs in bloom. It stopped to feed on a Prickly Tea-tree just long enough to allow me to photograph and identify the Chequered Swallowtail.

Slightly larger than the Dainty, this butterfly has a creamy yellow appearance when in flight. It is only sporadically and irregularly seen in most parts of Victoria. However, this is the year.

An indigenous nurseryman near Ballarat was pleased to find eggs on the leaves of his Dusky Scruff-pea tube stock. Knowing this is the food plant of the Chequered Swallowtail, he raised the caterpillars through to adult to the delight of his young children. This

was his first sighting of the Chequered Swallowtail since starting the nursery in 2002.

Closer to Warrandyte, in mid-February, two of these swallowtails were spotted flying east at Watson's Creek and another one was spotted by a resident of Pound Bend. The following week a butterfly was rescued by the parents of the Pound Bend recorder as it struggled on the footpath on Swanston Street in Melbourne.

Amongst other reports, Michael Braby author of Butterflies of Australia reported a Chequered Swallowtail flying west across Susan Street in Eltham. He added, "I have recorded butterflies from the Eltham region for the past 30 years (since 1981), but prior to this season I have never observed (the Chequered Swallowtail) in the area."

Yes, what a remarkable year.

On a mad marathon with Metro

WE'RE not as spry as we used to be. Once upon a time, I could catch a stopping train from about 200 metres. Now I'm lucky to have 50 metres of dash in me, and it only pays dividends if there's a crowd getting on and off. (Or "detraining", as I came across recently. Cringe!)

Our daughter reckons she can catch a train coming into Eltham station from a standing start in the Diamond Street car park. Don't think I was ever that nimble!

I certainly wasn't fast enough on one vital occasion a while back. It was (of course) a day when I was late for something. All the station car parks were full, so it was going to be a long slog uphill from the Eltham footy ground.

The incoming silver Metro snaked slowly overhead as I dashed under the rattling timbers of the trestle bridge. Huff, huff, puff I went, up the hill, past the library, grasping a couple of heavy bags over one shoulder. Glancing at my watch (does that take up valuable time, or does it spur

you on to greater efforts?) it seemed I had the best part of two minutes remaining, but surely this watch was at least a minute fast. Wasn't it?

Running is no longer a good look but I'm past caring. I must catch that train! Shin splints set in by the top car park, which seemed twice as long as usual. Ahead, a young chap in a hoodie sprinted into the tunnel as the station master (probably known to Metro as the "customer service officer") announced the imminent departure of the all-important train.

I reckoned I had a good minute left, so it was worth putting on a spurt. My clumsy trot turned into a lopsided lumber. If only I hadn't worn such a warm jacket!

No Hurstbridge train to wait for on this occasion, so the city-bound train might depart at any tick of the clock. I dived into the underpass, rounded the bend and had the inevitable head-on encounter with a swarm of dithering "detrainers". Why do people walk all over the ramp? Can't they see there are others anxiously rushing in the opposite

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

direction?

Suddenly blocking the path was a large man with a gun. The Metcard machine revenue retrieval crew struggled up the ramp with a massively reinforced strongbox on an industrial strength trolley. Startled by the sound of footsteps galloping up from behind, they sprang into full alert. Thankfully the guard's hand did not plunge into his bulging holster.

"Please ... I really need to catch this train!"

They kindly but belatedly moved aside. "Good luck luv! Rather you than me!"

It took a few goes before the Metcard reader accepted my dog-eared ticket, but the train was still at the platform. Through the automatic doors, onto the platform ... yes!

No. At that precise moment the carriage doors snapped shut and the train began to creep forward.

Sigh!

Worse was to come. The next train was cancelled. The train after that was delayed. Sadly I retraced my steps towards the car.

Passing the ticket window, a thought occurred.

"Excuse me please. I've just validated my ticket but now I can't use it. Can I get a refund, or swap this for a new ticket?"

"Of course. But not here. Just fill in this form ..."

Thus began an intriguing correspondence with Metro that is still in progress some 18 months later. At first my polite request was ignored. Subsequently I've been lied to, apologised to, read the riot act, quoted pages of legislation and regaled with impressively worded customer service charter provisions. I've even signed their Complementary (sic) Ticket Acknowledgment Slip. But still no replacement ticket. No wonder this mob struggles to run an efficient rail service!

Still, it's probably the most prolonged entertainment I've ever had for \$10. What do you reckon - is it worth one more letter?

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The Plan is available for viewing at the Civic Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, online at www.manningham.vic.gov.au and at local libraries.

Submissions are due by Friday 13 May 2011 and can be made via email to eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au, or in writing to:

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A country practice

By VAL POLLEY

IT is perhaps hard for us who live in today's modern world with easy access to GPs and hospital services to imagine the health difficulties that faced the early colonists in Victoria.

Daily life in the various early small settlements that sprang up wherever gold was discovered often meant living in bark lean-tos, tent or hut accommodation. The areas were difficult to access with dirt tracks, poor roads and challenging creek and river crossings.

Communications were either hard or non-existent. For miners and their families life was often a challenge. Mining was an arduous occupation with many accidents and there were often illnesses arising from wet and damp working conditions. In addition there were often outbreaks of contagious diseases ranging from measles and whooping cough to typhoid.

Visualise then the small settlement of Andersons Creek in 1863 as it was described in contemporary newspapers, "... a community containing about 50 males, most of them having their own freeholds, and who are getting a good living in the neighbouring gullies". It was also reported in that year that the river workings paid well and that good hotel accommodation could be found at reasonable rates.

It was into this small settlement that its first resident doctor arrived. He was Dr John Blair Elmes, aged 27 years, from Ennis, Ireland, registered by the Victorian Medical Board in August 1863 and giving his address as Andersons Creek.

Women and children obviously accompanied their menfolk to the Andersons Creek settlement because the first death certificate signed by Doctor Elmes was that of James Grey Russell, the infant son of Ruth (*nee* Houghton) and James Grey Russell. James Grey

Jnr died on November 3, 1863, aged six months, due to diarrhoea.

Doctors at that time were important people in any community and Dr Elmes became a respected and influential member of the small township of Andersons Creek. He received several appointments: that of public vaccinator in September 1863; deputy registrar of births for the Andersons Creek District in 1865; the secretary for the committee of the common school in Andersons Creek in 1865; a trustee for the Recreation Reserve and a trustee of the Andersons Creek cemetery in 1866. In 1866 also he was part of a deputation to the government requesting a new bridge to replace that swept away in the disastrous floods; a request denied because there were only 300 residents at that time.

In 1869, about the time of his marriage, Dr Elmes moved to Lilydale to become their first resident doctor. This meant Andersons Creek was left without a permanent doctor for some time.

This lack of a doctor became a recurring theme expressed by local residents particularly in light of outbreaks of contagious diseases and accidents.

In 1882 with a smallpox outbreak in the district and no doctor to vaccinate the children, complaints were voiced that the township was "the only one in the colony without the means of carrying out the stringent law with respect to this". Staff at the school in particular made constant complaints over many years because no doctor was available under a distance of 10 miles and those available charged a considerable fee, which made obtaining a necessary medical certificate difficult and costly.

There was still no doctor in the town in the early 1890s, so it must have come as some relief when Dr. P.G. Clarke, who had a practice in Ringwood, started visiting Ander-

sons Creek every Thursday in 1899 even though it was only for a one-hour clinic.

At least it meant that sick residents had an opportunity to visit a doctor locally rather than making the long journey to either Ringwood or Heidelberg, apparently the only alternatives at that time. It appears from reports at the time that Dr A. Rollason of Heidelberg and Dr Langley of Ringwood were often called out to attend to the sick or injured in Warrandyte in the 1920s.

Then in the early 1930s a Dr Mary Thornton, who had a private practice in Preston during the depression years, bought a cottage in Kangaroo Ground Road while working at the Austin Hospital. She later married Dr Kent Hughes an eminent surgeon.

Dr Mary, as she was known round the town, had a strong personality and was known to be both forthright and down-to-earth with a heart of gold. She opened a practice in Warrandyte at one stage but because her patients were mostly

pensioners, they often couldn't afford her fee of five shillings. So she would accept gifts of eggs or flowers instead or even would return the fee to needy wives. All this meant the practice was doomed to fail.

After the dramatic bushfires of 1939, that saw much devastation in the town, Dr Mary spent considerable time treating injuries to both firefighters and locals.

The Warrandyte of the 1960s was still a somewhat small and relatively remote community. At that time doctors from the Warrandyte Road Clinic in Ringwood would attend patients in Warrandyte at their rooms behind Mr Gedge's chemist shop (until recently Carter's real estate) on a couple of afternoons a week. They would also make home visits; though these were very expensive. Otherwise patients had to attend their Ringwood rooms.

Then as the township began to expand with more and more families taking up residence, things began to change as permanent

medical practices became viable. The town saw Dr Allen take over the practice and rooms behind the chemist shop and Dr Kostas set up in Yarra Street. Then there was a clinic over the shops at the east end of the town which became Dr Bayly's practice in 1974 while Dr Roger Brenchley set up at the west end of town in Melbourne Hill Road.

Today the township is well served with multi-doctor practices and a range of ancillary services provided. Access to medical services, specialists and hospitals is assured. It is to be wondered just what that young doctor from Ireland would make of it all if he arrived here today—the changes have been immense and there is little doubt that they will keep on coming—to the benefit of us all.

● Note: A booklet on Dr Mary Kent Hughes is available from the Warrandyte Historical Society phone 9844 4176



Escaping April

April—the cruellest month.
Time to tiptoe
around autumn again,
through that minefield of memories.

April—
Time to block out
that languorous leaning
towards hibernation.
Forgo long balmy afternoons,
lulling you to forget that
the creeping evening chill
is a gentle warning
of the sleep/death tread of winter.
It feels friendly.
But it isn't.

April—
When all we knew
of home and family
fractured before our eyes.
When suddenly we children
grew up.
No one now who truly knew us
as we were
or wanted to be.
We thought they'd always be there.
But they're not.

April—
Her last of all birthdays.
She got a diary
that will stay
forever empty.
But we had presents and cake
as always—
and never again.
She smiled at her gifts,
and said it was a lovely birthday—
and it was.
But it wasn't.

April—
When he tried to warn me
he was going too—
with too long hugs
heavy pats on the knee
as if I was still his little girl.
He was trying to tell Pollyanna
This is really going to happen,
please understand.
But being Pollyanna she did—
and she desperately didn't.

Another April—
His last hug
a tense brief one,
standing by the sink.
You can't work on Anzac Day
was all I said. I thought:
Come to the pub for lunch.
It would have been
our last time as a family.
But maybe then, if he had come—
it wouldn't.

April—
Time be Persephone:
burrowing into damp and fruity soil;
at one with worms;
hiding from my
aloneness;
wanting to go deep down
into black—like Persephone;
escape the mocking mellow;
plunge the world into soul-less winter.
As it should be
(and really isn't).

KAREN THROSSELL





Dr Brian Bayly

He nurtured his community

By VAL POLLEY

A N era has come to an end at the Trezise Street Consulting Rooms. After 36 years as a Warrandyte GP, Dr Brian Bayly is retiring from general practice to follow up interests for which there has been little time in recent years. 'I feel it's the right time to go,' he explained, 'while I still am able to enjoy other pursuits.'

It could be said that Dr Bayly is one of the last of the old-style country GPs who are fast disappearing from the medical scene. Not many recent residents of outer Melbourne localities could lay claim to a doctor who made house visits, gave his home telephone number to those in crisis or travelling overseas and visited patients at weekends for palliative care.

In the early 1970s there was a multi-doctor group practice with a surgery in the rooms over the shops at the eastern end of Warrandyte (currently a vet clinic). In 1974 with the doctors' group devolving to different locations, Dr Bayly took over the Warrandyte practice.

He recalled that in those days Warrandyte was a very different place. In a small rural-type township with large blocks and winding roads, he found himself treating artists, potters, older residents and suburban escapees who were building their own houses often, on remote blocks with difficult dirt track access.

He remembers how hard it was in those early days. 'In addition

to weekday surgeries there were Saturday and Sunday morning clinics,' he said, 'and then there were home visits and after hours call outs—it became a heavy work load'. Fortunately the introduction of a locum service for out-of-hours and weekend work helped to relieve the pressure and prevent early burn-out.

Eventually the surgery required more space and moved to its current Trezise Street location where it has gradually evolved into the present multi-approach practice which ideally suits a township such as Warrandyte. It offers the services of a number of doctors as well as many ancillary services including physiotherapy, dentistry, podiatry and pathology.

Dr Bayly has continued to be the family doctor of choice for a large number of local families during his long period of service to the community. He had to close his books to new patients some 20 years ago but continued to accept new members of existing families on his list. He speaks with justifiable pride of now treating the fourth and even fifth generations in some families.

Because of this long association with many families he has been able to build very personal relationships with his patients and these have often provided valuable insights into treatment options and solutions. Understanding family problems and dynamics has often helped with successful treatments.

Empathy with patients has been one of Dr Bayly's great strengths as a local GP. He attributes some of this to when he was younger. Then he visited many country garage

businesses with his father who worked for Repco and he saw the hard work and long hours those men had to put in to make a living, often covered with oil and grease.

He also worked for a road-building company before he started his medical studies at university and during breaks. He helped in building roads in Ringwood and Maroon-dah and learnt all about hard work and the physical demands it makes on the men who carry it out.

He said that these experiences made it possible to relate to many of his patients, their symptoms and illnesses. Dr Bayly said he often found himself listening for the throw-away comments that patients sometimes made just as they left at the end of a consultation as these were often the most revealing. He could cite several instances of where this had occurred and his listening skills experience has proved to be a major attribute throughout his long working life.

On being asked what he considered to be his major achievement he responded that it was in successfully treating hard-to-treat depression and depressive illnesses as well as providing effective palliative care for patients with terminal illness.

Dr Bayly believes Medicare has been beneficial overall. It has enabled bulk billing and ensured many people could receive treatment when once they may not have been eligible.

But things continue to change. With many GPs in his age bracket facing retirement over the next few years, Dr Bayly foresees moves towards larger clinics with many

more doctors. This can be good for patients in that there is always a doctor available. Many of the doctors in the larger clinics may also specialise, for example in sports medicine. But there is a downside in that patients may not get to see the doctor of their choice and see a different one at each visit, which can deny developing a personal relationship.

A family man with wife Loretta and three adult sons, he has always lived in East Doncaster, 'looking into Warrandyte', as he puts it. With his long involvement and local knowledge he has grown to be an important part of the Warrandyte community over the many years he has been a local doctor.

So what of the future? Well there are family and friends; all the books collected over the years that have not been read because of lack of time; the garden and future travel (once wife Loretta is able to retire from her busy practice).

He also hopes to follow up a long-term interest in World War and Asian history, perhaps through university.

Certainly he anticipates continuing with a busy life. He acknowledges that while he will miss his colleagues at the clinic, the staff and the patients he will certainly not miss the paperwork, the long hours and the pressure that comes from running a medical practice.

'There are two strands,' he explained, 'a medical strand and a business strand; each make differing demands on one's time and energy.' He said that GPs, unlike specialists, have to be across a wide range of medical knowledge

and this is becoming ever more demanding as medicine becomes more and more advanced.

His actual retirement day is still a little way off as he goes on long service leave for three months from the end of March.

He expects to be on hand should a need arise; 'something of a back seat driver' was the way he described it.

After July he will continue to play a minor role, possibly working to cover some sessions. His patients meanwhile will be in good hands with Drs Gary Berryman and Andrew Perrignon taking over in a smooth transition from April. Both have worked in Warrandyte for some time and will continue some sessions at the Goldfields Medical Centre as well as the Trezise Street Consulting Rooms. Drs Robert Yardley and Gail Dixon will continue their respective practices as before.

Since hearing of his retirement plans, many loyal, long-term patients have voiced their dismay at the loss of Dr Bayly's services and there is little doubt he will be greatly missed.

Thanks have been expressed for his dedicated service over the years as well as good wishes for his retirement. In his final letter to his patients Dr Bayly thanked them for the privilege of being able to practice in this community.

The Warrandyte community in its turn must surely thank this hard working, conscientious and caring doctor for his long and dedicated service. It is to be hoped he will enjoy all the rewards of a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Bold, brassy Follies goes to town

BOLD and brassy as ever, the 2011 Follies—*The Follies Goes to Town*—upholds the best traditions of past productions, while introducing new talent and making creative use of multimedia. The opening number was preceded by an old gag, shot on video. The entire cast (of 20) appeared to board a two seater Smart Car. Strangely they alighted in Warrandyte, at the rear of the theatre. There would be almost two hours of song, dance, sketch and audience banter before they actually went to town, and then it would be by bus.

After the cast performed a relatively short opening number, there followed half a dozen sketches. Then John Milburn Clarke brought the house down with "Leider Red Reiden Hud". There have been attempts in the past to integrate powerpoint slides into a comedy routine, but none as brilliant as this. John's classical elocution and a bastardised German text (on screen) warmed the house, opening the way to a series of eight entertaining items.

In "Mousecall" Simone Kiefer is a cute little mouse playing with words, along with four other mice

—including self confessed "follies virgin" Larry Phelan. As these animal sketches invariably do, this one creates a quirky perspective on human domesticity. Four items previously Simone was a spruced-up Dimity Reid, and her next call would be as an Arabian sheik five minutes hence.

One can only imagine the feverish costume changes and mental gymnastics that she undergoes each night, yet a shining and faultless performance is all the audience sees.

"New Kid in Town" was a short film screened halfway through the first half. It featured Darren Bowers as Tony Abbott and a local recording of the Eagles song – "New Kid in Town". Tony mimed his way through Warrandyte, meeting the townsfolk on foot, bicycle and even in the river. He memorably broke one of Jane Annois' large pots at the Pottery Expo, and fell off his bike in the entranceway at IGA.

After the film, the first half struggled to maintain its comic momentum, saved just in time by Alan Cornell and Kevin O'Mara's parochial ditties, and bouncy singalong tunes. This year Alan deserves a special mention, as it's 30 years since he first performed in the Follies. The occasion was

marked during the closing performance, at which he was awarded life membership of the Warrandyte Arts Association.

Most directors would end the first act right there, but not Ken Virtue and Adrian Rice. Alan and Kev's "Child Care" is followed immediately by "Cocobanana". Ian Craig fronts a small troupe of dancers and musicians and sings a calypso song—a colourful scene with some fun choreography and antics.

In retrospect it seems like the first half of the Follies was a warm up for the Follies proper, in the second half. The acting and production values were strong throughout, but with this kind of theatre it's the writing that makes the difference. In the right hands, a one-line joke can seamlessly develop into a series of comic moments that build to a twist in the end.

The imbalance in Follies content is set off against its sustainability. This year there were 16 writers, with a diverse range of talent and experience. In a craft that is best learned through trial and error, the Follies provides a unique environment for budding writers, many of whom will expand their horizons, and contribute to the Follies as they do.

theatre
By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

The second half opened with song and dance "CBD", followed by "Bus to Town". The latter was a simple idea—about social behaviour on public transport. It was well written and brilliantly performed by Loise Phelan, first-timer Jenny Aitchison and Robert Black. Black performs well in any role, but this lumbering misfit seemed a perfect match for his special kind of clown.

The show moves into topical territory with "CAE", "Navwoman" and "Tickets", but the item that had people talking long after the show was "Q&Eh?".

We'd seen it before at the Follies, but this year it was bigger and brassier than ever. There are persistent rumours that Julia actually slipped over from Altona just to be in the show but no, it was Leanne Stringer. Bill Mitchell reprised his John Howard routine, and the irrepressible Darren Bowers re-created his hilarious caricature of Tony Abbott.

It's more than halfway through

the second act when at last *The Follies Goes to Town*. The cast travels there and back by bus, creating a kind of circus atmosphere with a city feel, complete with jugglers, musicians and naughty kids. For a few moments the entire show made sense. Here were the alienated, Ipad and Iphone bound commuters, portrayed against a fractured world of communication technologies and unconnected people.

Once back in Warrandyte, Michelle Reeves and Bill Mitchell sang Keith Richards' "Ruby Tuesday", with the entire cast on stage for the chorus. Somehow that song, now 45 years old, galvanised the warm, nostalgic mood that had built in the theatre and set the scene for the home sweet home feel in Al and Kev's last song.

Congratulations to cast and crew for another quality production, and to Ken and Adrian who directed with aplomb and made the most of the talent at their disposal. Musical director Jack Stringer, while a more subtle presence this year, was invaluable. And a special thank you to the writers who dared to make public their take on the follies of all, and to help us appreciate the uniqueness of our riverside community.



Pictures by JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS



Bloods kick off with a loss

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

IT was an emotional start to the 2011 season recently as Warrandyte players took to the field wearing three black armbands in memory of Terry Sloan, Neale Carroll and James Logan. In a pleasing display of solidarity with their local rivals, Templestowe players also showed their respect with black armbands of their own.

After observing a minute's silence in respect for Terry, Neale and James, Warrandyte kicked with the aid of a strong breeze in the first quarter. The Bloods started well and controlled much of the play, however, goals to Mick Morello, Todd Holman and first-gamer Gareth Hitchman were offset by several missed opportunities up forward. Holman's goal was the highlight of the first quarter, the mercurial midfielder managing to find the goals while being tackled hard up against the boundary line. At quarter-time the Bloods led by nine points.

The second quarter saw Templestowe make better use of the wind, with Warrandyte struggling to work the ball forward of the centre. Clint Wheatley goaled for the Bloods to steady the ship, but Eccles for Templestowe was causing headaches for the Warrandyte backline on his way to a nine-goal bag. Another hard-fought goal for the Bloods kept them in touch at half-time, with Templestowe leading by three goals at the main break.

In the third term, the Bloods had



Season's greetings: About 100 people attended the Warrandyte Football Club's 2011 season launch. Warrandyte coaches John O'Brien, Ash Grybas are pictured with Western Bulldogs coach Rodney Eade. Former Test cricketer Rodney Hogg and Top Dog Eade entertained the crowd with stories from their playing and coaching careers.

the upper hand in general play. At half-time Warrandyte coach John O'Brien had implored his forwards to improve their accuracy in front of goal, but missed opportunities hurt the Bloods again in the third quarter. Some undisciplined play and questionable umpiring decisions combined to gift Templestowe valuable goals at the other end, with the

two sides neck and neck going into the final term, and Warrandyte up by two points.

The final quarter started as an arm wrestle with neither side able to gain the ascendancy. Free kicks again hurt the Bloods as Ben Taylor was on the receiving end of a yellow card after a fairly innocuous scuffle. With the Warrandyte backline com-

ing under increasing pressure it was only a matter of time before cracks appeared and Templestowe banged on three goals in quick succession to give Warrandyte a very difficult task. A goal from Warrandyte skipper Tom Naughtin gave some hope but it was not the Bloods' day, with the Dockers again goaling to finish 20 points in front to the delight of the parochial

home crowd. Warrandyte's young side, almost unrecognisable from last year's finals side, may take some time to develop, but positive signs proved there is plenty of potential. Saturday's side included first-gamers David Beasley, Leon Holewa, Sam Tansley, Caleb Atkinson and Jake Bentley, all progressing from Warrandyte Under 18 and Reserves sides, and Gareth Hitchman who arrived at the Bloods this year from Greensborough. At the time the Diary went to print, Warrandyte was to play Coldstream on the weekend before travelling to Boronia after the Easter break.

It was a day to forget for the Reserves in the opening round, with the young side struggling to compete against a well-drilled Templestowe. It was a disappointing result for a side that featured in finals in 2009 and 2010. Better players for the Bloods were John Burgoyne and Glen Carle, with Ben Naughtin also impressing in his first game for Warrandyte. Ben follows in the sizable footprints of brothers Luke and Tom.

The Bloods' thirds set the ball rolling for a trifecta of losses, going down by 51 points.

Templestowe 17.7-109 d Warrandyte 13.11-89
Goals: M. Morello 2, M. Wood 2, C. Wheatley 2, B. Reid, T. Holman, G. Hitchman, L. Dunn, T. Naughtin, B. Taylor, D. Hand
Best: C. Kennedy, L. Naughtin, S. Tansley, L. Holewa, D. Beasley, L. Evans
Reserves: Templestowe 16.15-111 d Warrandyte 5.2-32
Thirds: Templestowe 10.10-70 d Warrandyte 2.7-19

Blood Ruby's debut as junior footy is back in town

By LANCE NILSSON

THE big day finally arrived late last month for the Warrandyte Junior Football Club's inaugural youth girls team, the Blood Ruby's, who ran out onto the field to play their first match as a team.

Twenty girls took part in a Round Robin practice match, with Warrandyte, Kew Rovers and Whitehorse all competing.

Despite inexperience and playing against much older girls, the team's marking and kicking hit the spot and captain Stephanie Trkulia was spectacular to watch, running the length of the ground with the ball, enabling the play to move into the forwardline with relative ease at times. This combined with fearless tackling by Ashley Closs and Holly Mulder, and Angelica Black and Sarah Boras showing no fear in picking up the crumbs, worked a treat for the team.

Unfortunately the girls didn't convert the effort with a score as Kew's defensive line was just too good on the day. Against Whitehorse, midfielders Maddie Carson and Tenae Gore won the ball in the centre often while their teammates Michaela Bumpstead and Maddie Carson started to find their feet with some good shepherding. Despite their relative size to the opponents, the physicality of the Warrandyte players really took Whitehorse by surprise, with some thumping tackles and enormous contests on the ground.

Parents and players all agreed the games were exciting and the team's progress in a short space of time was testament to all the hard work being done at training.

Meanwhile, the Warrandyte Colts 1 team, after an amazing premiership win in 2010, have created history by becoming the first Warrandyte team to participate in Colts Division 1. The boys will face the powerhouses of the Yarra Junior Football League as they trade bumps with Ivanhoe, St Mary's and Preston. The challenge is certainly ahead of this talented team.

Coach Shane Newman is confident the team has the skill to compete at the highest level. Team numbers are low and any player born in 1994/95 who would like a

game in the best Under 17 competition in Melbourne should contact the club immediately. The team boasts three players in Ryan Exon, Jacob Ballard and Tim Baker who will be competing in the TAC Cup this year.

The Colts 2 side, under the guidance of Nick Chipman, has launched into Division 3 football after their premiership triumph in 2010. Many of the lower-age Colts have played well in upper-age practice games and are fit and firing in preparation for the premiership defence. The Under 14s, under Steve Rowarth, had a late start to pre-season but are now starting to work as a unit. Steve believes that he has the nucleus of a good team but there will be ongoing development. The Under 13s have Gavin Costin as coach and have been working hard on drills they can implement in game situations. The boys are keen to improve their skills and make further progress up the ladder in 2011.

The Under 10s and Under 11s are underway in season 2011 and are coached by Stewart Martin and Craig Robison respectively, who both commented on how fit and determined the boys are going into the season. The Under 12 team is coached by David Carruthers and were said to be bursting to don the red and white in Round 1. The Under 15 side has trained very hard to turn around a tough 2010 season. Their attitude at training has impressed coach Carlos Castagna who believes the boys are headed for an ultra competitive season.

The Tackers have been training with great enthusiasm and are already wearing the red and white with pride. With half the side being left footers they resemble the Hawthorn powerhouse of season 2008, so hopefully there is a Luke Hodge-type that will emerge from the group. Coach Owen Humphris is very happy with the endeavour of the boys and is looking forward to every player having the opportunity to improve their skills throughout the season.



Blood oath: Junior footy is back and a new breed of players begin their careers as the Tackers cut loose against Doncaster (above), coach Owen Humphris fires up his troops (below), Ethan Ward and Hudson Rostrom stand the mark (left) and U11s star Lockier Durran directs traffic. Pictures: SCOTT PODMORE & GARETH DICKSON



Nicole scores double gold

By ED MUNKS

WARRANDYTE Under 12 athlete Nicole Reynolds, representing the Doncaster Little Athletics Centre, was a multiple gold medallist at the recent state track and field championship held at Olympic Park, winning two gold medals in the 60m hurdles in a personal best time of 10.01 seconds and the 80m hurdles final also with a PB of 13.29 seconds.

In scenes reminiscent of Debbie Flintoff-King's 1988 gold medal-winning run, Nicole ran the field down to win the 60m hurdles by a mere 0.02 seconds and demonstrated why starting well is so crucial in getting PBs and giving yourself a chance to win a medal in the short sprint events.

Nicole's Under 12 relay teammate Emily Sharpe, in only her first full season of athletics, beat her PB by 12-seconds (5.39.84) in the strong 1500m final for a great 16th placing.

In the highly excitable and competitive Under 9s, Park Orchards' George Standish was a bronze medallist in the 200m with a 31.28 seconds run.

Athletics newcomer and budding Warrandyte footballer Samuel Martini competed in the Under 10s high jump for a 14th place and with more off-

season refinement will be hoping to be among the medals in 2012.

The winter Little Athletics season switches soon to the cross country season activities at various venues on Sunday mornings with distances varying from 500m for Under 6 athletes to 3000m for U13 to U16 age groups. The season culminates with the state championships.

East Doncaster Little Athletics Club is proudly sponsored by the Bendigo Bank Warrandyte.

For more information on Little Athletics please contact our new coaching co-ordinator Peter Sharpe on 0413 777 107.



Double delight: Nicole Reynolds hurdles her way to gold.

Andersons Creek kids play ball at Interschool sports

By MEREDITH THORNTON

ANDERSONS Creek Primary School grade 5 and 6 students have bowled a wicket, caught the ball, hit a home run, tagged a base runner and served a magnificent serve and shook their opponent's hand in Interschool Sport every week.

In Term 1 the students had a choice of cricket, softball, bat tennis and rounders.

Teachers and parents coach the teams and umpire the matches every Thursday morning and games are played both at school and Warrandyte Reserve as well as at the other six schools in the Templestowe District Competition.

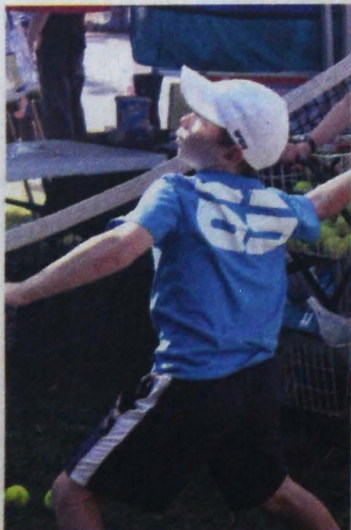
ACPS students are learning the value of teamwork as well as the importance of good sportsmanship and fair play through the competition.

They have had some fantastic wins as well as some losses. In Term 2 the students will be involved in netball, football, T-ball, bat tennis and soccer.



Pictures: Alana Phillips Photography

Our tennis hot shots to play at Fed Cup



A GROUP of Hot Shots students from the Warrandyte Tennis Club will be involved in an on-court exhibition at the Fed Cup tie between Australia and Ukraine on April 16.

The kids will play the exhibition match before the start of play and in front of a stadium full of spectators. They will be followed on the court by the Aussie team comprising Samantha Stosur (World No.4), Jarmila Groth (No.30), Jelena Dokic (No.61) and Anastasia Rodionova (No.72).

Warrandyte tennis club coach Craig Haslam said it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the kids to play in front of a big crowd and get up close to some of the world's best players. It is an experience they will never forget. The students participating in the exhibition will be aged



between 6 and 8 and use modified courts, rackets and balls so they are able to play a tennis match. If you are interested in being part of the tennis Hot Shots at Warrandyte contact Craig Haslam on 0488 722 538.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people took part in the fastest serve competition at last month's Warrandyte Festival, none more lethal than Leo Garrick (pictured) who thundered down a 130km serve to win the U12 boys. Other winners included T Greve in the Open Men's (198km), "Mez" in the Open Women's (130km), Craig Knight in the Veterans men (179km) and Susie for the Veterans women (123km), U18s Nick D (165km) and Donata H (123km), U15s Matt Gilling (169km) and Krissy Bates (130km) and U12 girls Paris B (101km).

CRAIG HASLAM



WARRANDYTE Netball Club has started the season with most of its 22 teams winning in the opening rounds of the Doncaster and Districts Association. Club president Sue Rodwell said the first week of competition always proves a little difficult as it coincides with the Warrandyte Festival and made special mention of how parents "did an awesome job". The club is keen to hear from any girls who may be interested in playing for the Under 13s. Contact Sue Rodwell on 0419 344 245 or email warrandytenetball@7mail.com.

WARRANDYTE Football Club and the Warrandyte community are mourning the loss of life member and long-term secretary James Logan, who passed away recently after a two-year battle with cancer. Over 500 mourners attended Logan's funeral in Blackburn, where some emotional and touching tributes were given by some of his closest friends. A guard of honour was later formed by teammates and friends from the Warrandyte Football Club and Warrandyte Cricket Club as the hearse left the church. James will forever be remembered for the deep and lasting impact he had on the Warrandyte Football Club, and the people within it who were lucky enough to count him as a friend.

TWO hard workers involved with the Warrandyte basketball have been rewarded for their efforts. Joel Rimes (inset) was awarded Referee of the Year by the Eltham-Warrandyte Ref's Association, which was a fantastic reward for Joel, who is also a dedicated player within the Venom program and quickly advancing through the ranks.



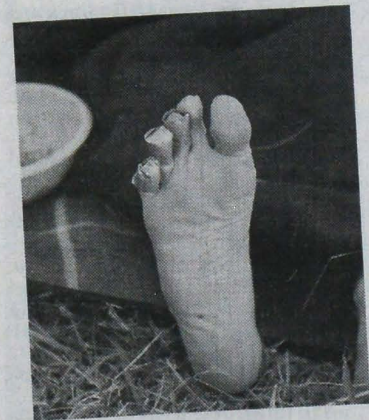
Peter Anderson was also appointed as an assistant coach with the Australian Wheelchair Basketball Program. It is always a great honour to be selected to represent your country and it is a reflection of Peter's dedication and qualities when it comes to helping out those within the basketball fraternity.

WARRANDYTE'S Neil Sproat will take part in a half marathon along the Great Wall of China in May. For three hours the 42-year-old will conquer 2500 steps along the Great Wall as he joins 60 other Australians participating in the marathon. The marathon is part of an eight-day holiday package he will complete with his sister and a friend. "I used to run a lot five years ago and lost all motivation. This has given me something to train for and improved my fitness," said Sproat, the president of the Warrandyte Tennis Club.

IT was another successful tournament for the Venom teams at the Yarra Ranges Classic held over the Labour Day weekend. While there were some hiccups, overall the feedback was generally positive as there was a 20 per cent increase in participation in the event and it was the first time Warrandyte has been a major contributor to the organising of such a tournament. One of the big results was Matt Lane's Under 12 Boys who took out the flag for their division (BC) defeating an Eltham side 29-24.

WARRANDYTE football and netball clubs will team up for a "hoedown" on June 18 to raise funds for the Pavilion redevelopment next year. The event will have auctions, live music and a dinner. Tickets from the club or by contacting Dinah Ward at dinahward3@yahoo.com.

Warrandyte women top the ton for Oxfam



Pictures: ROSS SNOWBALL, MATT ALLAN AND GARETH DICKSON.

OXFAM 2011, the gruelling 100km walk from Jells Park in Mount Waverly to Warburton in Melbourne's outer east, has been run and 'won' with Warrandyte's own Team Oxygen8 (comprising two squads) successfully completing the ordeal in a shade over 20 hours, crossing the line just after 3am last Saturday morning, well under the allocated 48 hours to complete the event.

The group of 9 outstanding and courageous women from Warrandyte and Whittlesea did themselves and their supporters proud as they put their minds and bodies on the line in spite of blistered and sore feet, tired and strained muscles, aching joints and unrelenting fatigue.

Team Oxygen8's journey commenced long before the official 7am start time on Friday, April 1. The two

By ROSS SNOWBALL

teams trained religiously for over six months, often clocking up 60-70kms each week of running and walking and completed several warm-up events along the way, including the equally as tortuous 50km Upstream Challenge from the Docklands to Donvale in October last year.

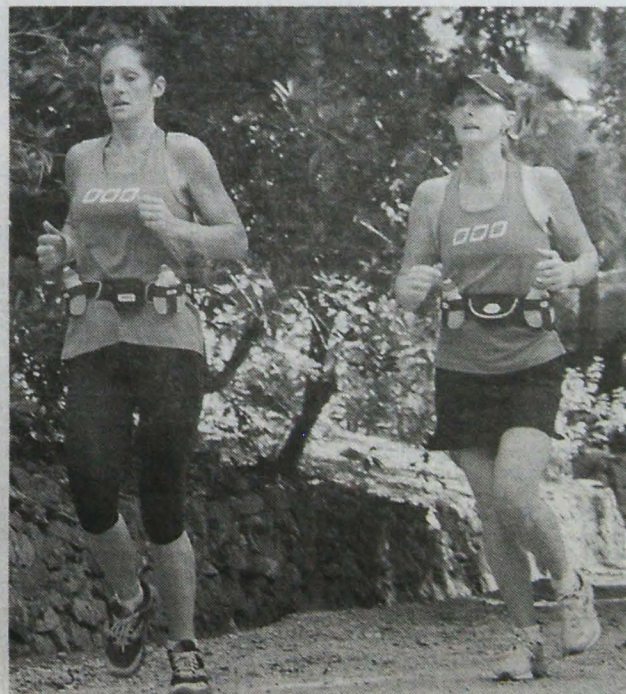
Oxygen8's feats were all the more remarkable with the nine women responsible for organising terrific social events held in Warrandyte over recent months, including a fantastic Rock 'n Roll trivia night at the RSL and a 'paella' night at the home of Freya Dugan, one of the Oxygen8 team members.

Both of these events were well attended by Warrandyte people and helped the team to raise over \$8000

for the Oxfam Foundation for community aid abroad.

Team Oxygen8 included Nikki Harris-Allan, Georgie Jorgensen, Dee Dickson, Fiona Kay, Charissa May, Dee Goodison, Freya Dugan, Debbie Moran and Wendy Snowball. The girls received terrific assistance on the day from their friends and families with a special mention to Craig and Tamsin Robison and Tania and Bill Stubbs. Team Oxygen8 have planned a celebratory victory party to be held in the near future.

Anyone wishing to add to Team Oxygen8's donation to the Oxfam Foundation can do so through the Oxfam website: www2.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker/melbourne/donate/. Enter either team 307 or 308 in the prompt and this will be credited to Team Oxygen8.



Hawks Sixth XI fly the flag

By FRANS BROUWER

THREE South Warrandyte teams entered the RDCA finals series including the Fourth XI (3rd) and Sixth XI (1st) with the home ground advantage, and the Fifth XI (4th) at St Andrews.

The Fourth XI batted first at Silcock Reserve. Wickets fell steadily until a seventh wicket partnership between Jacob Janssen (19) and Sam Williams (25) restored some respectability, but the team was bundled out for 81 off 37 overs.

Matt Sharrock captured the first three wickets to leave Wonga Park reeling at 3/9, but they lost only one further wicket in passing the Hawks, and the match ended with Wonga Park with 9/198 (Sharrock 3/34, James Bowen 3/41).

St Andrews was sent in by the Fifth XI captain John Cleary and his bowlers rewarded him with four wickets and the opposition had only amassed 17. Consecutive partnerships of 50, 37 and 42 pushed the score to 146 before the last four wickets fell for three runs. Sam Cleary (4/27) and Barry Williams (4/52) starred with the ball. In reply, the Hawks lost 3/19 in 15 overs before stumps, and were all out for 108 the next day (Justin Tucker 52 and Lucas Williams 10 not out). Ducks were very popular, with the Saints managing five and the Hawks four (plus two scoring singles).

A lush surface in the midst of a construction site greeted the Sixth XI at Mooroolbark Secondary College. Sent in by St Andrews, acting Captain Shane Hansen (27), Mike Sweeney (16) and Luke Brouwer (18) pushed the score slowly to tea, before a brutal 70 by Andrew Walker with the support of the tail pushed the score to 172. After a patient opening stand of 34 by the Saints, Lachlan McMahon (5/35) ran through the top order, while Richard Cutler (3/36) and Ollie Hansen (2/6) finished off.

After another week's break, Steve Russell's wonky knee had recovered sufficiently for him to captain his team in the Grand Final at his beloved Colman Park. St Andrews again won the toss, but this time batted first and reached 5/103 at tea off 49 overs. The innings finished at 134 off 63 overs (Richard Cutler 4/29, Lachlan McMahon 4/49), leaving seven overs before stumps in which the Hawks managed 0/11. After two early wickets the next day, Shane Hansen (68), Andy Exley (19), Richard Cutler (19 not out) and Andrew Walker (13) pushed the score to 129 with five wickets in hand. Three quick wickets left the game precariously placed, but Andrew Hall batted out a couple of maiden overs and helped Cutler across the line.

The Sixth XI premiers were: Steve Russell (Capt), Mitch Chappell, Richard Cutler, Andrew Exley, Andrew Hall, Shane Hansen, Lachlan McMahon, Michael Sweeney, Andrew Walker, Lucas Williams. Twelfth and 13th men were Ollie Hansen and Jake Sammartino. Special mention should be made about the crowd support each day at each of the four finals, particularly the GF at Colman. One GF player was heard to express his surprise that there were more than two men and a dog at a Sixth XI game. So how successful was season 2010/11? Challenging grading left the Juniors scratching for wins, but many stepped up and played for RDCA representative teams and in the Seniors. The Firsts, Seconds and Thirds all just missed out on finals and were competitive.

The Fourths again made the finals after losing the previous season's Grand Final and promotion. The Fifts won their previous season's GF, were promoted, and finished fourth. The Sixths narrowly missed the finals on percentage last season and are now premiers.

The two Veterans teams played their part for the club several times in making themselves available for Seniors matches, often despite being forced to back up the next day.

Venom, Redbacks



Jumpin' Josh: The MMBL (Wednesday) competition tipped off last month and Warrandyte are fielding two men's teams, with the Premier Division side coming up against Caulfield Grammarians. The Venom were victors 52-39, with Josh Collins (pictured here from last weekend's action) in outstanding form with 21 points. Picture: GARETH DICKSON.

By TONY OLIVER

VENOM senior men and women put on a massive show for fans at The Web in Round 2 of Big V action, so if you missed it make sure you get along to the next home game.

Our Venom Gardiner McInnes Women's team opened the night with a thumping 77-31 win against Southern Peninsula, marking a 46-point win with no player having to step on court for more than 22 minutes. This would be one of the Venom's biggest wins, and marks a good bounce back from the opening loss to Craigieburn.

In an even team performance, all players scored for the Venom with Tiff Hodgson (14 points, 11 rebounds) leading the way with good support from Mollie Burke (10 points) and Chelsea Ransom (9).

This game also saw point guard Meg Dargan celebrate her 50th game with her usual strong performance. Meg turned 18 the day before this game. A dynamic point guard, Dargan spent her formative years learning her craft playing with the likes of Kate Cohen and Janelle Lucas. With this early experience in the big league she could become a 200-gamer for Warrandyte.

With the women happy and celebrating a win, the Venom Rob Cousens Men's team then took to the court against Keilor. Up early, the Venom took the points with an outstanding 97-74 scoreline to lead their group on percentage.

It was a big night out for Venom with import Tron Smith leading the way. Smith has not been in the country long, first kitting up for the Venom in the season opener at Horsham. Rejoining coach Kelvin Bowers after a stint together in 2009 at Sandringham, the addition of Tron will enhance Warrandyte's play-off prospects. "MegaTron" put down 27 points (63 per cent), including three massive dunks to keep the crowd cheering for more - not bad for just 28 minutes on court.

Simon Hughes was also impressive with 23 rebounds, while captain Chris Vanderzaag netted 16 points.

While the senior teams are looking solid, the Porter Davis Homes State Championship Youth Women's team is finding the going harder.

The Ringwood Hawks just shaded the Venom by a single point in the first and last quarters, but blew away the visitors in the middle quarters to record a 79-44 win.

Venom coach Nicole Howard returned to Ringwood where she had extensive coaching experience and noted a 21 per cent field goal percentage was always going to make it hard. However, there were positive signs with the Warrandyte girls taking it up to Ringwood in the final quarter. Leading point scorers were Emma Hoehne (10, with 11 rebounds) and 9 to Breanna Waugh.

Warrandyte's March to misery

By RYAN HOIBERG

WARRANDYTE Cricket Club has suffered its first season without a flag since 2005, after the First XI were defeated by Warranwood in the Grand Final for the Bill Wilkins Cup.

Unfortunately, in a record that will haunt the cricket club, Warrandyte's main team has made the grand final three out of the past four seasons, and has not been able to edge into the premier grade of the RDCA.

In the preliminary final a week earlier, Warrandyte hosted Ainslie Park in a knockout match at home and chose to bat first. A solid batting performance throughout the line-up gradually built a total of 173 for the Warrandyte bowlers to defend the next day after some late big hitting by Alex McIntosh (41).

The Bloods started the day looking like a team on a mission and with a hint of rain in the air some tight bowling and early wickets had Ainslie Park on the ropes at tea, 4/61 off 40 overs. When the heavens opened no more cricket could be played and,

due to Warrandyte's higher ladder placing it deservedly passed through to the Grand Final.

The big day arrived and Warrandyte was asked to bowl first, a common result in the team's recent history of grand finals. Trying to shrug the "choker" tag given to the Bloods, captain Campbell Holland took the opening wicket and the team was on the way to its first flag since 1983/84. Warrandyte's bowling attack and fielding was lethal in the first half of the day, pinning Warranwood to be 5/56 at one point. But costly fielding mistakes crept in and gritty knocks by Warranwood's middle order saw the Bloods leak runs and despite three wickets to Holland and Alex McIntosh, Warranwood scored 181 runs from its 71 overs.

Surviving a scary eight overs late on the first day, Warrandyte's batsmen returned on the Sunday with victory on their minds. However,

Warrandyte's grand final demons returned and while the young batting order fought for their wickets, costly mistakes saw the Bloods collapse to be 7/54. Limping to tea, they were dismissed for 108 in what was a dismal end for the First XI.

Three out of Warrandyte's four other senior teams were also strong enough to reach the finals. From the five finals that were played, only the Fifth XI was able to win its elimination final before being thumped in the second week. The Second XI was dismissed easily by Wonga Park in an elimination final played at a neutral ground. The Bloods' bowling attack was destroyed, and the batting line-up fared no better, dismissed before tea and ending the season in a hurry.

Warrandyte's Third XI finished on top of the ladder for the second season in a row and was aiming at back to back flags. Unfortunately, in both the qualifying final and the preliminary final, Warrandyte's batting line-up was unable to set a total that

was anywhere near enough. The one highlight from the post season was young Cameron Creber's five-wicket haul in the qualifying final, proving to be a real prospect for future years.

Warrandyte's Fifth XI scraped into the final and due to a fantastic effort by Daniel Wellesley in the K Grade elimination final was able to fight its way into a preliminary.

Results
Elimination Final: Second XI - Warrandyte 74 (Pascoe 17) lost to Wonga Park 6/285 (Beadall 2/45, Barry 2/65). Fifth XI - Warrandyte 8/175 (Wellesley 104 not out) d Croydon North 160 (Wellesley 3/34). Qualifying Final: First XI - Warrandyte 190 (C Barry 56) lost to Warranwood 8/255 (McIntosh 5/55). Third XI - Warrandyte 109 (Brent 27) lost to Montrose 8/113 (C Creber 5/31). Preliminary Final: First XI - Warrandyte 173 (Ellis 29) won by wash-out against Ainslie Park 4/61 (Szenis 1/10). Third XI - Warrandyte 107 (Zach 23) lost to East Ringwood 3/115 (Lincoln 1/13). Fifth XI - Warrandyte 112 (Revell 37 not out) lost to Ainslie Park 2/116 (Thomas 1/23). Grand Final: First XI - Warrandyte 108 (D Barry 18 not out) lost to Warranwood 181 (Holland 3/28, McIntosh 3/33).

weave a web of wins



Friday night success

GRADING for the Friday night representative basketball season has been completed and four teams were able to make it to VC – the highest level in junior basketball in Victoria, which is a wonderful achievement for the U16.1, U18.1 and U20.1 girls, and also the 12.1 boys. Three of these teams were on court at WSC and each came away with a good win.

Andrew Roberson coaches the Under 12s, who came away with the points 34-27 against Nunawading.

The Venom boys were enthusiastic through the game but three strong defensive efforts mid-way through the final quarter, when the Spectres were making a charge, helped seal the win. The Venom was able to keep its cool for a first win of the season.

"It was the best team game ever," coach Robertson said afterwards. "After two disappointing losses, that was the best way to respond."

Nicole Howard was standing in for regular coach Justin Nelson for the Under 16 VC Girls game between Warrandyte and the visiting Geelong.

"The key will be four consistent quarters," Howard said before the game. "Getting scoreboard pressure as a result of court dominance is the target."

And that was exactly what the Venom girls did, dominating the opening quarter 11-3 and being able to retain the advantage in each subsequent quarter for a 56-37 win.

Meg Keppel and Simone Caruana were the best on the scoreboard with 14 each, with 8 coming from Emily Caulfield.

The clean sweep of VC results was completed when the Under 18 Girls defeated Eltham 61-35.

Warrandyte was always in control, easily winning the first three quarters, with the points nearly shared in the final quarter.

Highlights were three pointers on the buzzer at different stages to Hannah Bensch and Breanna Waugh.

Waugh was Warrandyte's highest scorer with 20, with 12 coming from Mollie Burke.

The strength of the total playing group in the Under 18 Girls level was demonstrated by Warrandyte's VJL3 Girls win over Waverley by 42-37.

The Venom was in command at the break but Waverley came back strongly.

Meg Cook top scored with 12, while Emily Tricanico, Madeleine Hallet and Jasmine Haikel each scored 6.

Also of note is the continued development and improvement in the Boys program with gains obvious across all age groups.

Juniors rule the roost

Saturday basketball was completed with 22 Redbacks teams playing off in the final series, of which 12 teams made it through to the Grand Final with an amazing success rate of 10 flags. One of the highlights was Matt Lane's Under 16 AR boys who defeated Eltham in a very tight game, 34-32, the first time Warrandyte had defeated Eltham. Clockwise from top left: Layla Edsell holds on tight; Sophie Cookes prepares to pass; the Venom's U12 VC boys; and the mighty Redbacks U8 WR3 Boys were one of 10 teams to bring home a flag.



Veteran Kline in the history books for Dytes

By RYAN HOIBERG

BRETT Kline has etched his name into the history books after equalling the most senior games played for Warrandyte, the state's second-oldest cricket club.

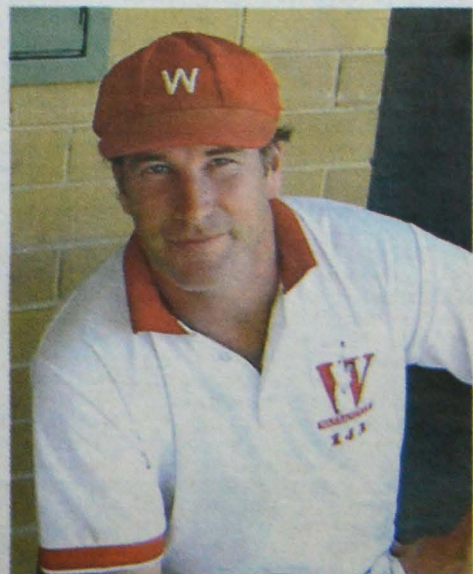
With 323 games under his belt, Kline, who started at the club in 1977 with the Under 14s, made his senior debut in 1978. Incredibly, he has amassed 6000 runs, taken almost 100 wickets, was club champion (1999/2000), won three batting awards (1994/95, 1999/00, 2004/05), three bowling awards (1999/00, 2001/02, 2003/04) and jagged a competition bowling award in 1999/2000.

Kline says he has many treasured memories, notably a First XI grand final win in 1981/82 in a team that included his father Bruce, as well as Stan Davis and Steve Pas-

coe, who were his two junior coaches. Other highlights have included leading the Second XI to a flag in 1990 and also skipping the Third XI to the premiership in 1980 and 2010.

But in a career spanning four decades, Kline says he isn't done with yet and aims to continue to play the game he loves mainly for the "enjoyment from time spent with mates" and imparting some of his cricket wisdom to the youngsters coming up through the ranks at Warrandyte.

For all the time he has spent at the club, Kline says he has had fantastic support from his wife, Jo, and children, Jarrod and Tanika, whom he says haven't complained once about all the time he has dedicated to the game.





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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.



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.



WARRANWOOD

Treetops on Kerry

You will be surprised on every level, all with breathtaking views of this beautiful architecturally designed home nestled amongst the lush bush on 3882sqm. Comprising master WIR & ensuite, 3BR, kitchen which is a chef's dream, large meals area, formal lounge with open fireplace, dining room, study/bedroom, large family room, ducted heating & evap cooling. Featuring a large north facing deck and pool.



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.



WARRANDYTE

Pretty as a picture

Built in the time Warrandyte was a holiday destination, this timber home has certainly evolved since. Set amongst beautiful gardens boasting 4BR, open study, brand new kitchen with s/s appliances, large lounge, dining area, renovated bathroom, and hardwood floors throughout. External features covered deck overlooking the pool, separate studio, large workshop and storage area underneath.



KANGAROO GROUND

Ready, Set, Build

Set at the end of a quiet no through road lies an amazing opportunity to build your dream home on 20 acres of rolling green hills in Kangaroo Ground. Fully fenced with driveway and building site already excavated. All you need is your imagination.



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



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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.)



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)



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