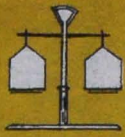


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Our library closer



\$2.38m promised in 2012/13 budget

By **CLIFF GREEN**

Warrandyte looks set to receive a "real" public library, but not until 2013.

Situated at the Warrandyte Community Centre, the library would replace the so-called "virtual" library that has been operating out of shops at the Goldfields Plaza and West End area for many years. (See report, page 3).

Manningham council has allocated \$250,000 in the draft 2011/12 budget "towards the Warrandyte Community Centre, including the relocation of the Warrandyte Library".

The *Diary* anticipates that planning for the new library will commence during this period.

Further to this, council has allocated \$2.38 million for the 2012/13 financial year in the draft 10-year financial plan "for capital works to complete this initiative".

Manningham CEO Lydia Wilson told the *Diary*: "Since taking over the management of the Warrandyte Community Centre on January 1 this year, council officers have met monthly with the current tenants of the centre to resolve any management and operational issues.

"Council officers will continue to work closely with the proposed Warrandyte Community Centre Consultative Group on future refurbishments and development, should council determine that the Warrandyte Library be relocated at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

"A library services review is currently being conducted," Ms Wilson said. "Whilst work on the review is progressing, it is likely to be recommending that the Warrandyte Library be relocated to the Warrandyte Community Centre. This will be the subject of a separate report to council within the next few months."

This news follows a Warran-

dyte Community Association public forum, held last July, at which the refurbishment of the centre and the provision of a library were widely discussed.

Celia Haddock, Manningham director of community services, told this meeting about the review of library services in the area and the possibility of a library at the community centre, replacing the "virtual" shopfront library.

She told the meeting: "People want a place with not only books, but activity."

With a view to continuing discussion on the size and style of a new library, Jock Macneish and Cliff Green (who have been representing the *Diary* at the community centre tenants' meetings with council) were invited by council officers to visit "small town" public libraries at Mt Evelyn and Montrose. (See report, page 3.)

Ms Wilson has previously assured the *Diary* that any facility provided would be a "real library, with real books".

● This matter and many others relating to council's 2011/12 budget will be explained and discussed at a public information session to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre, commencing at 7pm on Wednesday, May 18.

Local high school student Kiama Harris-Allan scoots ahead at the Epic Youth Festival held at the Warrandyte Skatepark last month.

(Picture by ALANA PHILLIPS)

LATE NEWS

Phone tower to go ahead

Despite a long and hard-fought community campaign against the building of an Optus mobile phone tower at Warrandyte Reserve, VCAT has found in favour of the tower.

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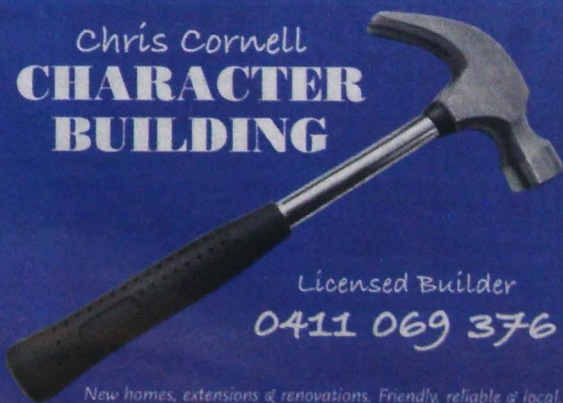
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— Max Eastman

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OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



FIVE MINUTES OF FAME

An occasional glimpse at prominent Warrandyte personalities, this month featuring one of our most outspoken community elders, Granny Trott.

living with The Trotts

GRAN. May I call you Gran?
 No.
 Mrs Trott, I was wondering if we could start with your early life.
 Well you better make your mind up, I haven't got all day.
Can you tell us your first memory?
 I can't remember my first memory, but my second memory is clear as a bell. I was five and I woke up one morning and the bed was soaking wet.
You wet the bed?
 No, the hot water bottle had burst.
So tell us...
 Speak up!
...tell us about your childhood.
 My childhood was tough. We had to walk three miles to school and it was uphill both ways. Our clothes were hand-me-downs and our gloves were second-hand. In 1942 Dad sailed off to war and spent three years in Tuvalu.
I didn't know there was any fighting on Tuvalu.
 There wasn't. That's why he went there. He hid on a deserted island where he was sustained by a consignment of FedEx packages that washed up on the beach. There was a football he called Sherrin that became his only friend and half a pallet of Continental Creamy Bacon Carbonara. They made a film of it called "Past-away" but it went straight to video.
 He was eventually charged with desertion.
By the Army?

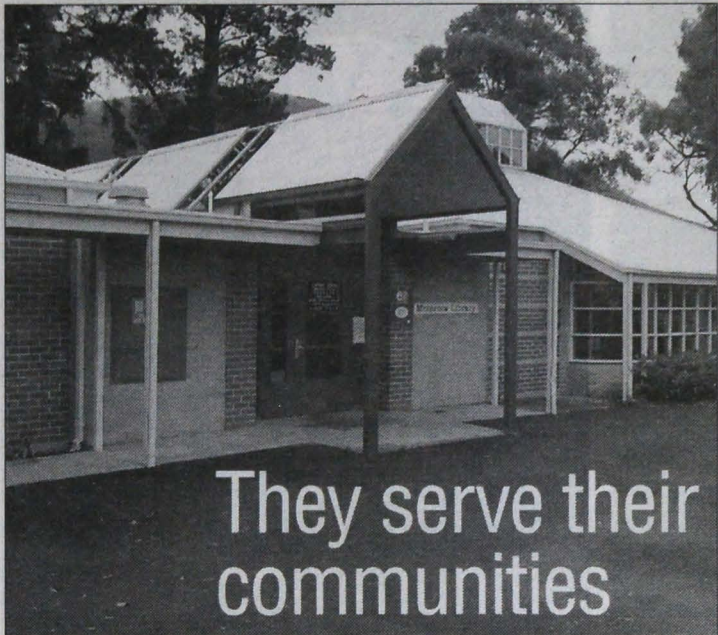


No, by Mum. He never came back.
And how was that for you?
 You're mumbling again.
Were you bitter towards your father?
 Me bitter? I'm not that sort of person. I just put all his photos through the mincer.
So how did you meet your own husband, then?
 He was a Packer.
One of the newspaper Packers?
 One of the Aumann's Orchards Packers. He used to bring me boxes of fruit. I couldn't wait to get my hands on his plums.
Tell me about your courtship.
 Leonard was a very good dancer. We used to go to the Trocadero in St Kilda Road every Saturday night. Till the rabbit died after a slow slow quickie in the back seat of the Valiant. We tied the knot at St Stephens and waited

for the pitter patter of little dancing pumps. One look at Neville and Leonard pretty much decided horizontal dancing wasn't worth the risk. He left two years later.
Did you get any maintenance?
 He came round and unblocked the sink once.
While we're talking about marriage, what did you think of the royal wedding?
 Disgraceful. Who was that woman with the IUD on her head?
You mean Princess Beatrice?
 She could have taken someone's eye out.
I can't help noticing that you have a very direct manner of speech—some might even say abrupt.
 Bullshit.
Um, well, what's your star sign?
 Bull.
Taurus the bull.

No, star signs are bull.
Well what's the biggest change you've seen about Warrandyte over the years?
 Templestowe. It usen't to be there. You could drive out from the city through all these beautiful orchards till you came to this little village in the bush. There were maidenheads in the gullies and dingleys in the dell.
So finally, Mrs Trott, what would you choose for your last meal?
 What, you think I'm about to cark it?
For some reason these things always end with that question.
 Tripe.
They do, truly!
 No, that would be my last meal. Tripe.
Granny Trott, thank you very much.
 You're mumbling again.

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Mt Evelyn Library.

Australia's most avid readers: still waiting

By CLIFF GREEN

Warrandyte has been begging for a public library for decades, despite being Australia's biggest book buyer. During the 1980s, when the community centre was being planned, we hoped that a library would be included.

However before the centre was built, a branch library was established at The Pines, and it was assumed by council that this was adequate for Warrandyte.

Warrandyte had a public library as far back as 1882, when the original Mechanics' Institute opened in the old Andersons Creek Common School building.

A book exchange was established at the community centre soon after it was built. Staffed by volunteers and stocked with donated books, it was a far cry from a proper library.

In May 1997, the *Diary* reported that a resident, Anthea Philippou, a former librarian and owner of the local newsagency, was circulating a petition, calling for a library in Warrandyte.

"Warrandyte has a population of around 8000 people. It deserves a library," she told the *Diary*. Her petition was well supported, but it fell upon deaf council ears.

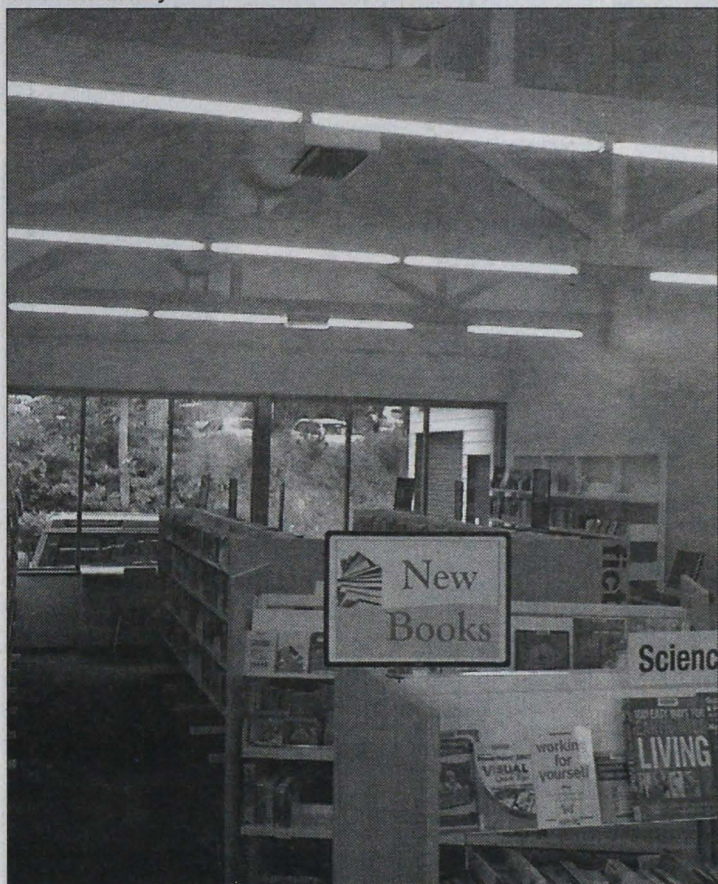
Then we learned in July of the same year that a survey conducted by the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research, reported by the *Weekend Australian*, found that each person in Warrandyte spent an estimated \$6.65 each week on books, the largest amount in Australia. Eltham came in second. At that time we didn't even have a bookshop! Surely this was conclusive evidence that Warrandyte needed a library.

The following year, in December 1998, it was announced that Warrandyte was getting a library—of sorts. It was called a "virtual library, without walls". Library users could find the book they wanted on a computerised index, order it online and the book would be delivered from the regional library centre.

It was better than nothing. Or was it? There were very few books in this then fashionable "shopfront" library; little opportunity to browse. You had to know what you wanted and hope it was somewhere in the stock—located elsewhere.

The virtual library was established in a shop in Goldfields Plaza. Then it moved to its present location in Warrandyte Road. This time a children's corner was included. But where were the books for the little kids to read? Four suburbs away, probably.

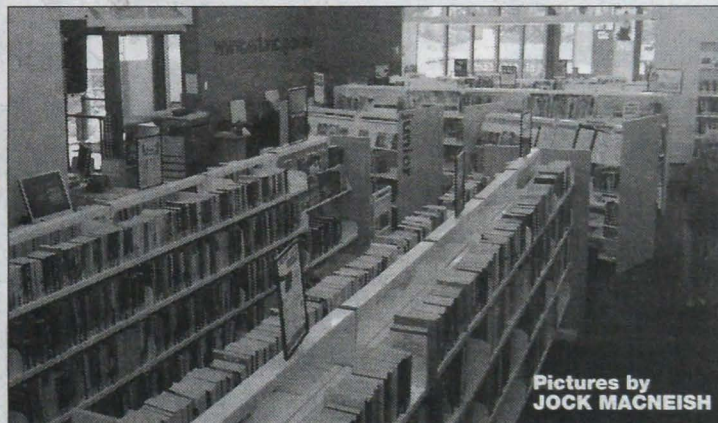
"A virtual library is a library you have when you haven't got a library," our cartoon character Clyde commented at the time.



Mt Evelyn readers have a great choice.



Children's Corner at Mt Evelyn.



Books galore at Mt Evelyn.

Pictures by JOCK MACNEISH

Real libraries with real books

Manningham council has suggested that public libraries at Montrose and Mt Evelyn could serve as models for the proposed library we hope will be built at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

The Montrose library is a stand-alone building in parkland, adjacent to a community centre. It incorporates a small meeting hall and is complete with a children's corner, computer terminals and the latest technology.

Both are "small town" libraries, administered by Yarra Ranges council within the Eastern Regional Library group.

The library at Mt Evelyn is situated on the main shopping strip, within the former railway station complex. Occupying the old stationmaster's house, it has been extended and rebuilt to contain a splendid small town library, with all the facilities enjoyed at Montrose.

Both libraries are fully stocked with books, CDs and other material, plus computer access to the regional library's considerable collection. They are staffed by professional librarians.

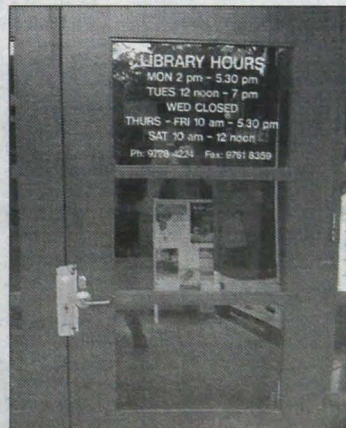
Montrose was closed at the time, but the morning the *Diary* visited Mt Evelyn we were impressed by

the steady flow of users, the helpful and friendly staff—including the children's librarian, who was reading a story to some pre-schoolers in the children's corner.

We were told that between 3000 and 5000 visitors use each library each month.

Most importantly, compared to Warrandyte's present "virtual" library, these are real libraries with real books. Let's hope the busy hum of activity we experienced at the Mt Evelyn library can be re-created at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

CLIFF GREEN



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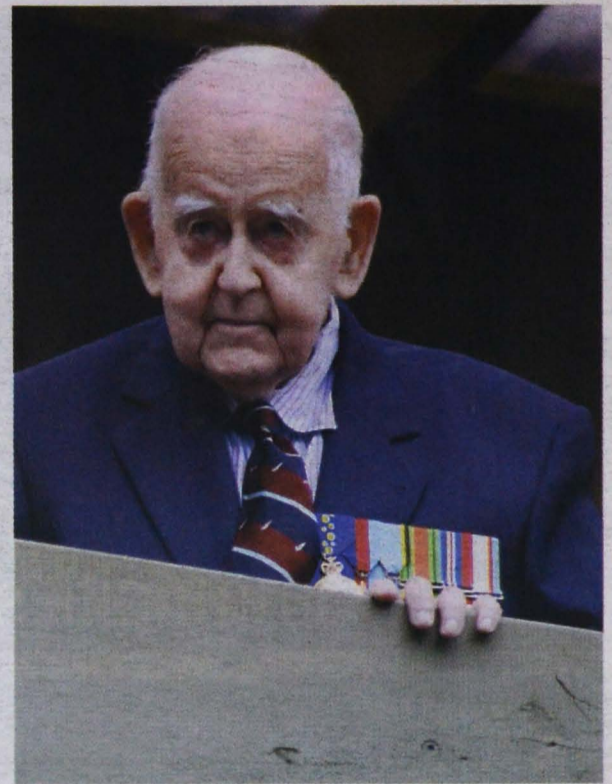
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Flowers of the forest: In memory of those who fell.



Don Charlwood: his memories of Bomber Command during WW2 are enshrined in wonderful words.

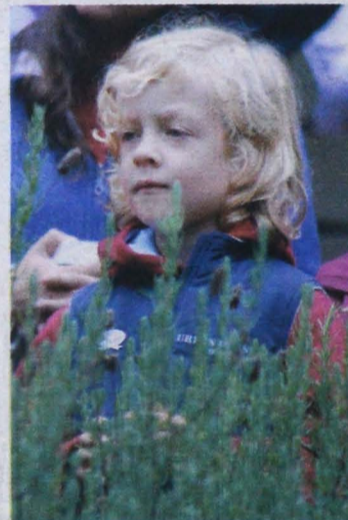


Songbirds: The Bellbird Singers performed at the service.

A time to remember

The ranks of the veterans are dwindling, but each year younger people come forward to fill the gaps. Children have always been welcome at Warrandyte's Anzac Day commemorations.

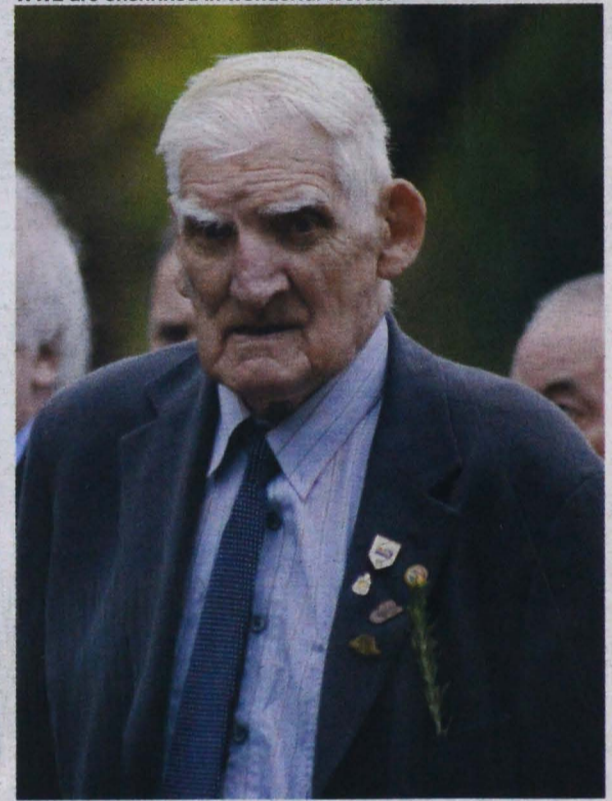
Led by evocative, melancholy music from a lone piper, they marched through the village, medals glinting in the watery sunlight. Then they gathered to pay homage at a service at the war memorial above the bridge, afterwards retreating to the RSL clubrooms to refresh and reminisce. We will always remember.



Little Callum Lawson proudly watched his airman Dad, Adam Lawson.



Warrandyte on parade: The lone piper leads the way.



Warrandyte's Ben Jones: He was there.



Maximus Hastings-Rumora: A pensive moment.



Standing easy: Cadet Lance Corporal Natalie Brass reflects.

Bravery at the firefront

Warrandyte police officers, Sergeant Keith Walker and Leading Senior Constable Ross Timms, are among eight heroic Victorian police to receive the force's highest honour—the Valour Award—for their selfless acts on Black Saturday. Keith's wife PETA WALKER tells their story of that fateful day.

SATURDAY, February 7, 2009. Keith and Ross started their shift at 10am.

It was going to be a bad day. All week the forecasts were warning: "Worse than Ash Wednesday".

Keith was worried about Warrandyte. I watched the CFA website all day, but it gave no indication of the real situation.

Keith phoned about 4pm to say he would be late. There were fires and people had died. They hadn't been told more by the authorities at that time, so he couldn't tell me more.

It wasn't until days later—in fact weeks and months later—I began to hear Keith talk about the night he and Ross spent in Kinglake. Police usually talk about these things to police mates. It wasn't something to share with others.

On that Saturday afternoon they were directed to drive from Warrandyte to Kinglake. They had no idea what they would find.

Neither did the officer who directed them. Communications were poor and information was scarce.

As Keith and Ross drove through Hurstbridge they began to realise the possible extent of the damage. As they

drove up the winding, narrow road to Kinglake, the roadside bush on either side was still burning.

Further up a large gum tree had fallen across the road and they had to clear it away so they could keep going to Kinglake.

Around another bend they came across a motorbike on its side.

Its rider was lying some distance further up the hill. He had died and all that could be done at that point was to cover him.

As they travelled, burning branches fell from trees and the surrounding bush was all on fire.

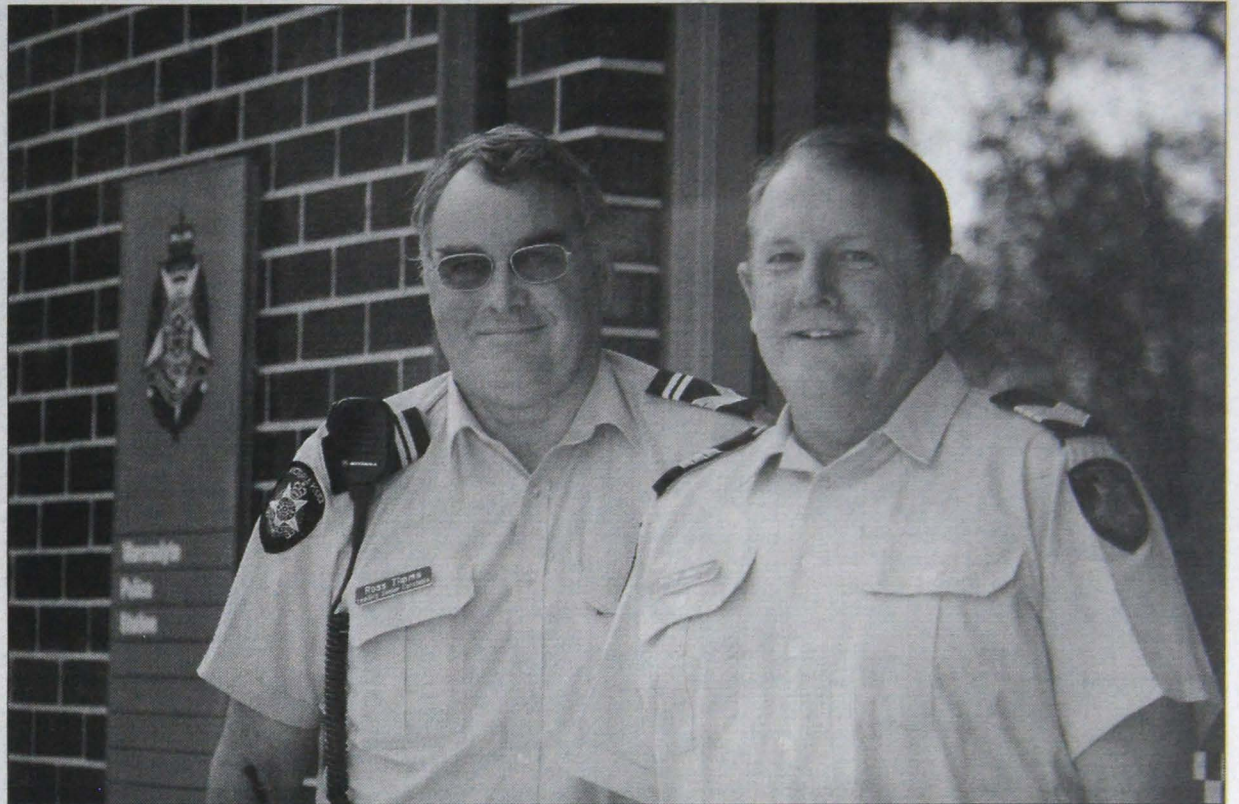
Further along, a dead horse was lying on the road.

As they drove into Kinglake, they found it impossible to believe what they were seeing.

The police station was still standing, but the police 4WD and trailer, parked directly in front of the building, had been totally destroyed. Most of the other buildings were burnt to the ground.

Keith and Ross were directed to look for people as frantic members of their families phoned in from other parts of Melbourne.

One family had left their son at home in Kinglake and asked for him to be checked on. As



Local heroes: Leading Senior Constable Ross Timms (left) and Sergeant Keith Walker. (Picture by Alana Phillips)

Warrandyte police drove back up the mountain to Kinglake

Keith and Ross drove down unsealed roads they found it hard to tell where the houses had actually stood. All that was left was a brick chimney or a water tank. Much less where their "son's bedroom at the back" had stood.

Nothing was left of the house. Their son had died in the fire.

While in this street, a family who had stayed to protect their home asked for petrol to run their water pump. Keith and Ross didn't have

any, but had seen some at a property they had checked. They retrieved the petrol and took it to the family—but had to leave them to continue looking for others. This family was one of two in that street whose homes were still standing the next day.

This continued throughout

the night. They knocked off and Keith arrived home about 3am. Keith and Ross were back at work at 7am. With all the other Warrandyte police they drove back up the mountain to Kinglake.

The next few days were much the same: searching for people, checking houses. One

of the police from Warrandyte found a whole family dead in the rubble of their house. Others from the station had to wait with dead bodies until an undertaker could collect the remains.

This was a difficult but necessary task. It took days to complete. The families who lost loved ones were grateful for this service. It took its toll on everyone involved. Keith and Ross and the others involved saw it as part of their duty as police officers.



Disabled: Warrandyte North's tanker stranded at Kinglake. (Picture by Chris Spring) Inset: Sign at the North Warrandyte Community Centre. (Picture by Sandy Burgoyne)



How we remember Black Saturday

By CLIFF GREEN

Anyone who was in Warrandyte on that fateful day will never forget Black Saturday. It was stiflingly hot by early morning with the promise of a fierce north wind.

The official fire danger index for Saturday, February 7 in the Yarra Valley stood at 186. The worst previous fire danger index—on Ash Wednesday in 1983—was around 110.

By noon that day, some of us had evacuated, others were checking and re-checking—perhaps for the umpteenth time—our firefighting equipment. Others were crouching over radios or the TV, hoping—perhaps even praying—that fire would not come our way.

A cool change that afternoon brought relief to Warrandyte. It also triggered a wind change that swept a fire that originated in Kilmore—and was heading for Warrandyte—into Kinglake with devastating loss of life and assets. Christmas Hills, Hurstbridge, and Panton Hill were

under threat.

Later it was revealed that prior to the wind change, fire was only 15 minutes away from Warrandyte. One estimate was 6km "as the crow flies".

But some locals were not evacuating or watching TV, they were in the thick of it, in Kinglake.

Warrandyte North CFA's tanker No.1 had arrived in Kinglake. They were attempting to negotiate a crossroads when they ran off into a ditch and crashed, becoming trapped in the absolute darkness and stifling smoke. They transmitted a "mayday" call, but they only vaguely knew where they were. A falling tree had already "taken out" their windscreen.

A Wonga Park pumper-tanker was in the vicinity, heard the call, came to their rescue and took the entire North Warrandyte crew of five aboard.

At much the same time, two police officers from Warrandyte were also in Kinglake. Their story is on this page.



dear diary

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Royal Boyles

Is this the last King and Queen of the Warrandyte Festival? No one, but no one! could upstage John and Kerrie Boyle on your front cover (April *Diary*, pictured left.) No one has worked harder to make the Festival a success or in other community activities. Well done, John and Kerrie!

Dick Davies
Bradleys Lane

Footpath could seal streets' rural environment

We would like to draw your attention to a problem we are having with the local council.

A gravel footpath in Brackenbury Street, between Trezise and Forbes streets on the high side, has been proposed, and

despite written objections from most residences affected, a notice of decision to grant a permit has been given and we are forced to take this matter to VCAT.

Our objections are based on the proposal that the gravel footpath involves re-

moval of local native grass and will change the natural beauty of our street.

Historically, the gravel footpath instalments in the area are of poor quality and have resulted in replacement with even poorer quality asphalt footpaths.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that people choose to move to, or to visit Warrandyte, attracted by its natural beauty.

Karin, Rainer,
Christine and Graeme
Brackenbury Street

No fun for dogs

Regarding people taking their dogs to the Warrandyte Market. I agree. How can a dog enjoy walking into legs, dodging children, etc? Leave your dogs at home or walk them along the river where there are no stalls. I should not have to dodge dogs when I am at the market.

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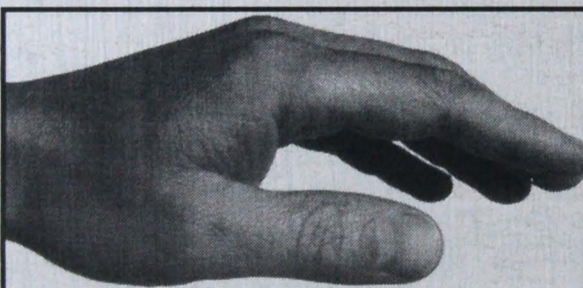
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On guard: Local firefighters led the 2011 Festival parade. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Buses in streets are still a concern

Local residents remain concerned as the Eltham to Warrandyte buses continue to travel along Everard Drive and Tarroona Avenue, en route to their Warrandyte Reserve terminus.

Acting on behalf of the affected residents, Warrandyte Community Association has been lobbying Manningham council and the Department of Transport.

WCA wrote to the department last month, stating: "Residents ... are concerned that Panorama services 578 and 579 use their roads as a turning circle. Residents maintain that the roads are unsuitable and the extra traffic may lead to accidents as well as inconvenience."

"WCA has discussed this with the residents and with Manningham council and agrees with the residents' concerns," the letter continues.

"Manningham council has suggested that an appropriate solution is to install a separate bus turning light cycle at Goldfields, which we endorse. In the meantime, WCA considers that temporary turning points could be at Beasley's Nursery, the Warrandyte High School or the roundabout at Blackburn Road.

"We urge you to implement this proposal immediately to relieve the pressure on the side roads."

Everard Drive resident Lynda Gilbert has written to WCA, listing her concerns about buses using these streets. She points out that there are 10 elderly residents in the retirement complex in Everard Drive "who are having difficulty getting in and out of Everard Drive now that there is an increase in traffic from some 250 bus journeys per week on this route."

"There is a kindergarten and Senior Citizens' Centre in Tarroona Avenue," she writes, "that are affected by the fumes and dust from the idling engines near these premises."

"Families with young children in prams are used to using Everard Drive and Tarroona Avenue to walk down to the river as it is easier than using the paths beside these roads."

"Many residents use Tarroona Avenue to walk their dogs, and it is difficult to see the buses coming at various points along the road, and these two streets are frequently used by people riding bikes and horses."

WCA has passed Ms Gilbert's concerns on to the Department of Transport.

Care when burning

More than 20 out-of-control burn-offs in Victoria on one Friday last month has prompted the CFA to urge the community to take more care when burning off.

One fire in Colac that burnt into sawdust heaps took more than 50 firefighters more than three hours to control.

CFA state duty officer Doug Broom told the *Diary* that with fire restrictions lifted and the warm, windy weather on that day, residents should have been more careful.

"Land owners need to take care when burning off so firefighters aren't called unnecessarily to respond to burn-offs," he said.

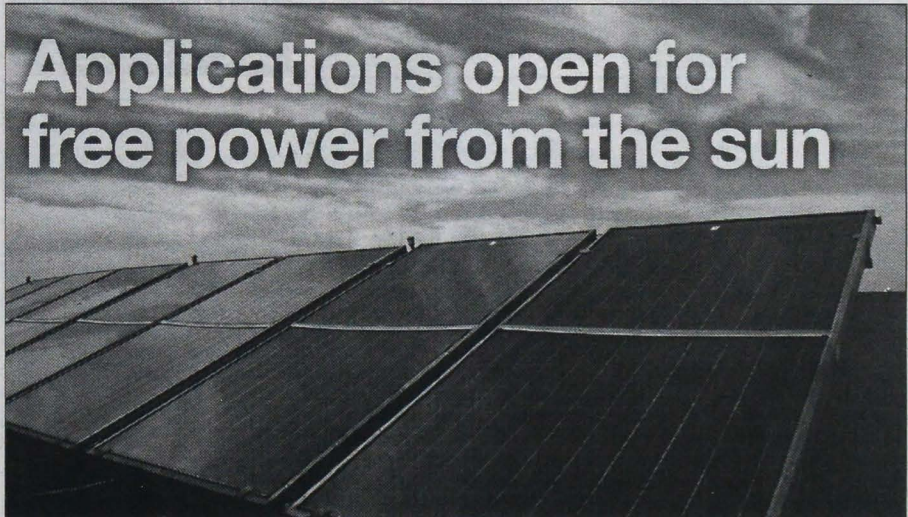
Mr Broom stressed that there are a few simple steps landowners can take to reduce the risk when burning off.

"People should never leave a burn-off unattended and they need to check weather conditions before burning off. You should never burn-off in hot, dry, windy conditions or if these conditions are forecast within the time your burn-off is expected to take."

"To avoid brigades being called out unnecessarily by a neighbour or passer-by, tell your neighbours when you plan to burn off and register the burn with the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 668 511."

"People should also leave a three metre fire-break, free of flammable materials, around any burn-off," he said.

● For more information on fire restrictions and burning off, check www.cfa.vic.gov.au or contact your CFA district headquarters.



Applications open for free power from the sun

Looking to take a positive step for the environment and decrease your power bills at the same time?

Manningham council is working with the Moreland Energy Foundation and the eight other municipalities that make up the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) to help residents slash their energy bills through renewable power.

Delivering Clean Energy Solutions (DCES) is a new community bulk buy program offering competitive deals on high quality solar electricity panels and solar hot water systems.

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The program also offers flat-plate or evacuated tube solar hot water systems at discounted prices, with advice available on which is best suited for your home.

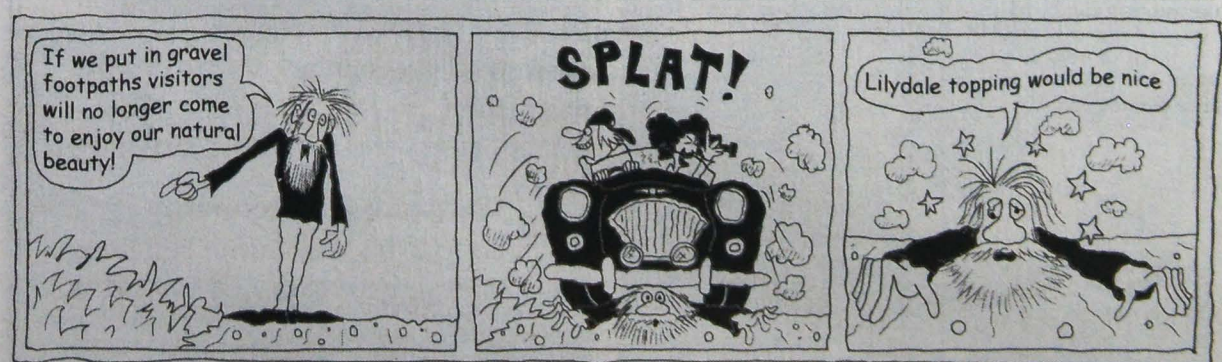
A council spokesperson told the *Diary* that, "during 2011, DCES aims to facilitate

the purchase, installation and commissioning of clean energy solutions for 1000 homes across northern metropolitan Melbourne, saving residents money and reducing greenhouse emissions by up to 2300 tonnes annually, the equivalent of taking 608 cars off the road."

● For more information and to register your interest in the DCES community bulk buy program, visit www.dces.mefl.com.au or call the Moreland Energy Foundation on 9385 8585.

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS




Warrandyte Youth of the Year

Applications are now open for the 2011 award for young people aged 16 to 18 who exhibit attributes of Leadership, Scholarship, Community Service, Sports or the Arts.

The award is to the individual and the sponsoring organisation, and will be made on 28 July 2011 at a presentation dinner of the club. The successful applicant may choose to participate in State, National and International Lions Youth Quest awards.

More details of the award and to apply online go to www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php or write to: The Secretary, Lions Club of Warrandyte, PO Box 18, Warrandyte 3113

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Cancer kids' day of joy

By JULIE CUTHBERT

For a cancer patient, a day on the lake at Eildon is a very long day. Fatigue. Happiness. Experiences never had before. Michael was a very sick patient. He came to the CanTeen watersports day at Eildon Boat Club (EBC) with his brother. They rode the waves and had a ball. I had to be gentle wit. Michael on the jetski though. He couldn't take jolts and twists across the wake. His prognosis wasn't good.

That was 15 years ago. Michael's brother returned the following year—but Michael didn't make it. He passed away six months earlier.

Warrandyte Lions Club began the annual weekend over 15 years ago and continues to be supported readily by the EBC, and the Roulettes Aerobic Team. The preparation for the Friday night auction of donated goods and services is a tribute to co-ordinators

Ron and Helen Cuthbert and members of the Warrandyte Lions and the management of EBC who willingly assist. The Eildon Lions Club also helps out with the provision of some of the campsite meals at Rubicon.

At the auction, crazy prices are paid for even the simplest of things—like a tub of ice cream with sprinkles, and an old toilet seat.

The night was a wonderful success and \$64,354 (a new record) was raised to directly support CanTeen—children living with cancer as a sibling, a patient, or an offspring. It is a support group and the members of the Warrandyte Lions Club, EBC and many local business traders have been so appreciated—for 15 years!

Across the 15 years, more than \$500,000 was raised. To contribute to the Watersports day on the Sunday, 18 houseboat owners gave their day willingly and took on five

kids each. It was play-time. Everyone gave rides on donuts (not Krispy Kremes!), ski lessons, wakeboard wobbles, and even something so simple as a swimming hole. And then there are the countless people who didn't act as houseboat hosts, but they turned up with jetskis, rockets, dayboats and hearts. And the weather was perfect.

The tired kids left Eildon (some had to travel back to Tasmania) after the Sunday thinking they're the lucky ones, although Ron Cuthbert believes, "We, the donors of our time and resources, are the lucky ones because we've had the chance to give them a crack at life on a lake, and funding to continue CanTeen's programs. We're the lucky ones because we've made someone smile. We've all made a difference. Thank you everyone who got involved."

"For some of these kids to simply live a little longer is a bonus. By the end of the day you just know that even if you've had a bad day someone's done it tougher—and it makes you feel humble."

Remember Michael? At the end of his day Lake Eildon was fairly low and it was a 100-metre hike to the EBC clubhouse. We insisted on getting a car to drive him up that hill. Michael was paper-thin. He was tired. But his brother refused our help. "No car," he said. "I'll carry him up."

"No way!" we exclaimed. "Don't try and stop me. He's my brother."

In silence we watched that young man carry Michael up the hill on his back.

I still have tears when I remember that moment. It haunts and inspires me.

Care for kids after school

Warrandyte Primary School has responded to popular interest and has recommenced their before and after school-care program.

"The program offers a hearty breakfast and a variety of experiences, including arts and crafts, sports, occasional digital technology, including computers and DVDs," teacher Gaby Chitz told the *Diary*.

"Our aftercare program continues to gain popularity, especially on the evenings when we run extra-curricular activities, which have included archery, BMX, fencing, a kids' boot camp, triathlon, plus the usual fun activities. A healthy afternoon tea is included."

The program is coordinated by Coralie Souvatzis, who has just completed 20 years with the program. "She is a dedicated and beloved member of the community."



Care for kids: Coralie Souvatzis with two of her after-school students.



CanTeen kids aboard the good ship Love Boat at a previous Lions watersport day on Lake Eildon.



Story in mosaics

The kids at Warrandyte Primary School have been designing and making mosaics based on the Wurundjeri story of the creation of Warrandyte. Art Teacher Angela Pulbrook told the *Diary* that the five mosaics will be on display at the school's art exhibition later this year, before being permanently installed at the school.

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In our report of the Festival Rotary Art Show last issue, we stated that \$300 was awarded in prize money. This should have read \$3300. Our apologies to all concerned.

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Epic time at skatepark

Local MP Ryan Smith, in his role as Minister for Youth, presented awards to young participants at the Epic Youth Festival at the Warrandyte Skate Park last month.

Organised by Manningham YMCA, the festival included BMX and skate and basketball competitions. Apart from

these sporting spectacles, the large crowd was treated to band performances, hip-hop and other dance demonstrations—and numerous giveaways.

Diary photographers STEPHEN REYNOLDS and ALANA PHILLIPS went along and took these great pictures.



MP Ryan Smith presented the 2011 Young Volunteer of the Year award to Josh Clarke and Young Hero of the Year award to Hannah Wood.



Church opens new playspace



Testing, testing, 1 2 3.



Three generations: Grandma Kas Mulvaney, daughter Mei-en Harding and kids Angus and Tessa.



Pastor David Molyneax greets MP Ryan Smith.

The kids who come to the playgroups at Warrandyte Community Church are celebrating.

They have a beautiful new playground.

The playground was formally opened at a celebration on Sunday, May 1. The ribbon was cut by Tim Dawson and Jake Smith, two of the original children who attended the first playgroup in 1982. They did so with their children in their arms, who now attend playgroups.

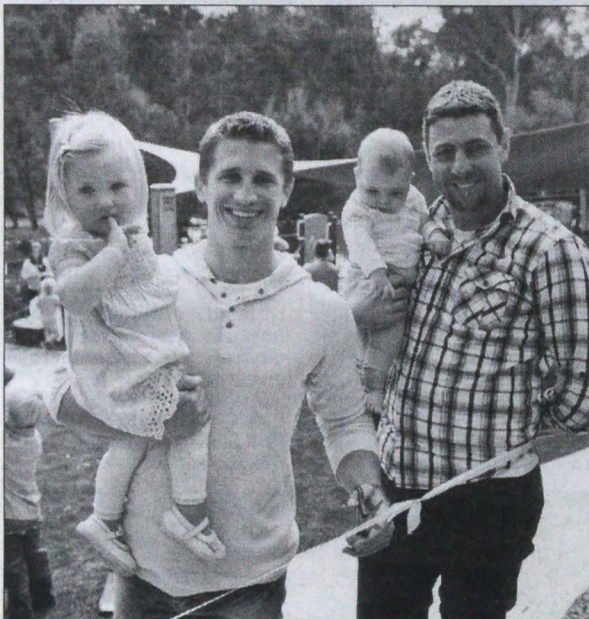
The \$50,000 "state of the art" playground was funded by the Warrandyte Community Bank, local service clubs and businesses, Manningham council, the Community

Church and many "generous local donors".

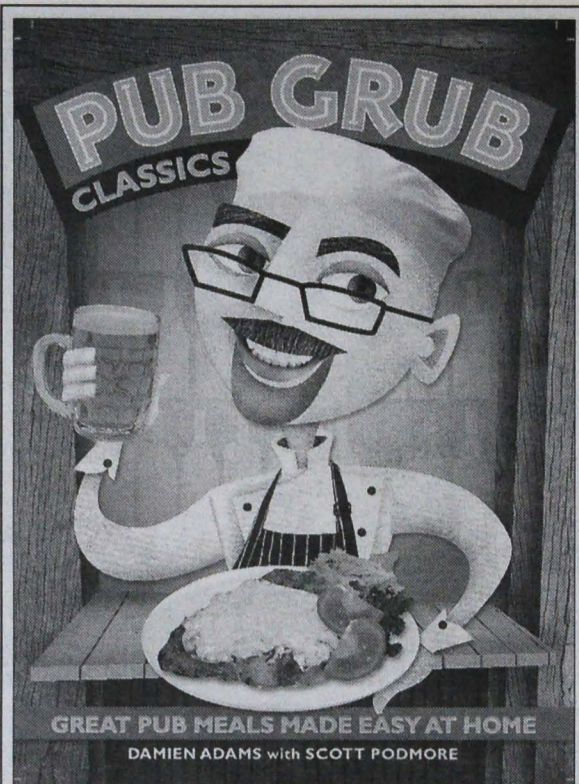
Longtime church member David Dawson told the *Diary* that 1200 local families have utilised the playgroups since 1982. "The playgroups are alive and well with groups meeting five days each week, all staffed by volunteers from the Community Church," he said.

Speakers included local MP Ryan Smith, bank manager Mark Challen, playgroup director Karen Renfrey and church pastor David Molyneax.

The opening, which for many turned into a reunion of playgroup parents past and present, concluded with a barbecue lunch.



Original playgroupers Jake Smith and Tim Dawson, with Emmy and Lily, cut the ribbon.



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Scott Podmore, *Diary* sports editor, and Damien Adams, owner of the Jump Inn café in Wonga Park, have combined to produce a new cookbook.

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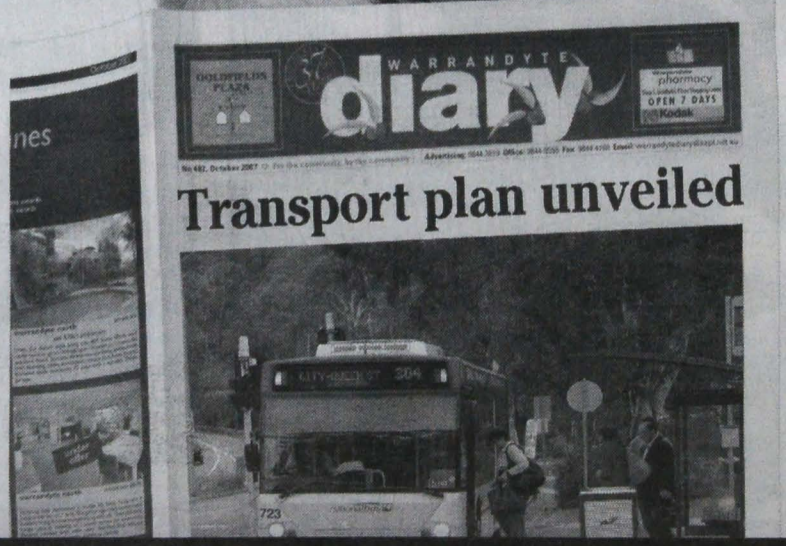
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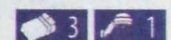
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Marymae makes pots to cherish

Marymae Trench trained at the Potters School at Potters Cottage and later completed a Diploma of Arts Ceramics at Holmesglen TAFE. She is currently a member of the Stonehouse artists collective in Warrandyte, exhibiting regularly at the gallery. "I love being a potter," Marymae told the *Diary*. "It is very special when someone says to me, 'You gave me a pot years ago. I use it every day and think of you'." This is the 13th in an occasional series on local artists by photographer STEPHEN REYNOLDS.



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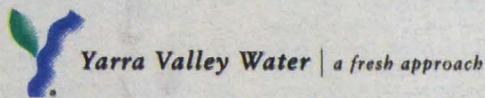
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Our online forum had over 1,100 visitors, 2,200 page views, 20 comments and 175 Summary Report downloads (with 351 total document downloads). Yarra Valley Water also received an increased number of phone calls from property owners to discuss how sewer would affect them and their homes.

Your feedback on the forum has provided Yarra Valley Water with first-hand information that we will now consider when providing sewerage services to Warrandyte. Thank you to all who participated.

Our findings based on your feedback

Since the online forum was closed for community input on 8 April 2011, Yarra Valley Water has been evaluating your feedback. We have prepared a fact sheet which includes our responses to the comments posted on the forum.

The fact sheet can be viewed online at www.warrandytebacklog.com.au and also at our website www.yvw.com.au

Warrandyte Festival

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Hoedown

The Warrandyte Netball Club and the Warrandyte Junior Football Club are combining to present "Hoedown!" on Saturday, June 18 at the Slovenian Club, 82 Ingrams Road, Research. The fun begins at 7.30pm. There will be a live band, spit roast dinner, bucking bronco, drinks and daiquiris at bar prices and silent and live auctions. Cost is \$5 per person. Dress in jeans and shirt (or hoedown outfit). Call Dinah Ward on 0410 399 037 for tickets.

Retreat

The Interchurch Council is running a retreat "where people don't have to leave the local area so is ideal for busy people". It will be held between Friday, May 29 and Friday, June 13. Information and bookings should be made early by contacting Lynette on 9844 3476 or Lorraine on 9876 1509.

Volunteers

Nillumbik council and Volunteers of Banyule are holding the first Nillumbik Volunteer Expo on Thursday, May 12 from 10am to 4pm at the Eltham Community Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham. Around 30 organisations will have information displays. There will be music and entertainment. A sausage sizzle will be available.

Prayer

Warrandyte churches are combining for a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It will be held at the Warrandyte Catholic Church near Cemetery Road on Sunday, June 5 at 7.30pm.

Walks

A guided walk will be held on Thursday, May 26 commencing at 9.30am, starting at Jumping Creek Reserve and progressing to the Warrandyte Village. The walk will be paced to allow participants to appreciate the natural history along the way. The walk will cover 3.5kms over 3.5 hours and includes



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By JUDY GREEN
a four kilometre shared car shuttle as the walk is one way. Bookings are essential. Please call 9840 9124 or email eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au.

Gypsies

A function, "Gathering of the Golden Gypsies", supporting Caritas Christi, will be held at Alfred's Homestead, 420 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, South Warrandyte on Sunday, June 5 from 5.30pm to 9.30pm. The night will include mediums, seers, taro, palm, artists and fortune tellers. Entry is \$88 including a four-course dinner. Contact Kerry on 0419 395 515, Karen on 0407 639 817 or email kerryalexander5@hotmail.com.

Seminar

The next Manningham Environmental Seminar will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, commencing at 7.30pm. The topic will be "Understanding fire in our local environment" and will be conducted by Evan Thomas of the CFA. These seminars are free with no booking required. Supper is provided.

Planting the environment

The Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare group is having a planting day on Sunday, May 22, commencing at 1pm. They meet at the picnic car park in Gold Memorial Road, Warrandyte. Afternoon tea will be provided. All are welcome. They will be planting on sites suitable for infants and disabled people, plus some very challenging sites. Further information on 0417 377 649.

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Workshop

An art workshop will be held on Thursday, May 26 at the Currawong Bush Park Environment Centre, 277 Reynolds Road, Doncaster East from 10am to 3pm. Both beginners and the more advanced will be catered for. It will be conducted by Denise Walker, one of West Australia's foremost contemporary artists with one-on-one tuition. All materials are included: large format canvas, paints and a visual diary. Cost is \$88. For information call 040 998 1210 or email: info@denisewalkerart.com.

Aboriginal

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week, Manningham Gallery is presenting Galnyan Yakurrumdja ("respect" in Yorta Yorta) The exhibition, running from May 25 to June 11, will highlight the best of Aboriginal Elders' art from

late emerging to established Elders from Melbourne and regional Victoria. The gallery has selected a group of very talented indigenous artists to highlight the Elders' strength, resilience, cultural knowledge and respect as they lived through challenging times. The gallery, at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, is open Tuesday to Friday between 11am and 5pm and Saturday between 2pm and 5pm. Admission is free.

Textiles

Stonehouse Gallery's May exhibition, "Drawn Together by Threads", shows a diversity of works made with fabric and threads. It will be showing until May 31 at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Birthday

Local artists Jo Kline, Georgie Clark and Fiona Fisher will celebrate the first birthday of their Tin Shed Gallery with a special exhibition of their works, opening on Saturday, June 18. The gallery, adjacent to the bridge roundabout in Warrandyte, is open Friday to Sunday from 11am to 3pm.

Residence

Nillumbik Shire Council's Laughing Waters artist-in-residence autumn and winter program will see artists Liz Walker, Jessie Imam and Lorena Grant visit the area. They will reside in two historic properties in Eltham, BIRRARUNG and RIVERBEND. For further information visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au. During May and June, local photomedia artist, Jessie Imam, will conduct workshops exploring natural materials and their textures and Western Australian artist Lorena Grant will also run a series of workshops. Bookings are essential. Contact Michelle on 9433 3126.

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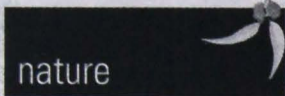
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Golden Orb-weaver Spider



By LINDA ROGAN

THE weather has changed from a warm, wet summer to a crisp autumn morning with fog that looks like hanging around until midday; a perfect morning for a brisk walk near the Yarra River. There is no one else about as we walk along the track. An apparent tree stump in the distance turns to see who we are, revealing itself as a large grey 'roo. Galahs and Rainbow Lorikeets also watch from the gum trees.

Grassy areas are draped with fragile silken nets, jewelled with the morning dew. I search for the makers amongst the strands but find only a small moth's wing. No other sign of insect life shows in the bush around me. Many green leaves are pushing through the rocky soil indicating that Greenhood Orchids will soon be blooming and plentiful this year.

Further up the track, Peter the Finder, (my husband) exclaims and I catch up to see a large orb web is strung between two young Eucalypts; sturdy outriggers stretching in all directions making a real 3D structure. Water droplets make the strands visible and save me from wandering into some of the outliers. About face high, at the centre of the sticky spiral is one of the largest spiders I have seen in Victoria.

Four front legs stretch earthward. Tufts of white and black hairs decorate these legs and black tufts only show on the two hind legs. A pair of smaller, less hairy legs stretch to right and left.



Female and male Golden Orb-weaver. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

Behind her and above in the web is a grisly mass of insect carcasses wrapped in a sticky yellow shroud. This holey shroud, along with other yellow-golden strands, are the source of this spider's common name, the Golden Orb-weaver. She is impressive by her size alone but as I study her photo and learn what I

can from the internet, I gain further respect.

This spider's web is built to be repairable and can remain in the same place for many years. Any webbing removed in the repair process is eaten by the spider; a form of natural recycling. The spider can produce both sticky and non-sticky strands of silk. The

non-sticky are structural and Golden Orb-weavers leave them in place even after the sticky insect catching threads have been laid. The sticky threads tend to reflect light whereas the non-sticky do not. The spider can also adjust how much "golden" colour is included in each strand. This may adjust for background light levels and background colour, to make each strand more or less visible.

Golden Orb-weaver silk is comparable in tensile strength to high grade steel. Attempts to cultivate this spider silk have been hindered by the spiders' tendency to eat each other. It would have many uses if it could be readily collected or synthetically reproduced.

The male Golden Orb-weaver is a much smaller animal. So much so that I didn't notice him in the web until I had a careful look at my photo. He is above, near her left hind leg. Apparently the mating is a long and complex ritual. In some species the tiny male spins bits of web around her head and it has been suggested that the prudent male waits to mate until the female is busy eating. Apparently the female "only rarely" eats the male but even so he seems to be wary.

Only one species of Golden Orb-weaver is recorded in Victoria. Most years it is found in the warmer parts of the state. This year there has been a rash of reports from areas as cool as Ballarat and all around Melbourne. Museum Victoria's website has been running hot with questions and comments about this spider from February to the present. Many people have become quite attached to their own spider, giving her a pet name. Sadly the Museum reports that most will die as the cold weather sets in.

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All you fair Brisbane ladies...

THINGS looked promising at daybreak. In an old and overgrown Brisbane suburb, the day dawned vibrant, rich with sunshine and birdsong. Kookaburras, crows and currawongs each tried (and failed) to out-sing an unseen bird of magnificent capability.

Queensland Rail rattled into action for the day—the house is close to a station—but it wasn't too hard to smother the customer service announcements with a pillow and doze off for a wee while longer ...

Yikes! Mid-morning! Work to be done, but after that a birthday girl ought to be able to do anything she pleases. *N'est ce pas?*

A swim at my usual haunt was out of the question. The university's old concrete pool is set in a picturesque garden and quite lovely, but St Lucia still hasn't recovered from drowning in last summer's floods. The ferries are back in business (just) but the entire sporting precinct remains closed.

Thus began the search for another public lap pool, one that could be reached by train this side of Christmas. Amazingly, Google knew of only two. Of these, one was closed for renovation and the other, in Fortitude Valley, was hosting water polo championships and temporarily closed.

Rather different these days! The main thoroughfare, Brunswick Street, attracts a compelling mix of tourists, businessmen, students, oriental grocers, Pacific islanders and unemployed. Chinese medicine practitioners rub shoulders with glitzy bars and drop-in centres for the terminally unwashed. Outdoor cafes overflow with boutique beers, suits, roughnecks and giggly young women sporting lacy black tights and tiaras. An old man hawks a huge gob of yellow spittle right across my path. Melbourne's Brunswick Street looks like the Paris end of Collins Street in comparison.

Back on the footpath, plate glass windows no longer display the latest fashions. Now you can watch blood trickle as a young hairdresser-type bends over the clenched arm of a stout-muscléd hero and industriously plies her tattoo needle. Who needs reality TV?

The kerbside was crawling with pests, so I skipped

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

A peking duck-laden grocery smells inviting. On crowded shelves, cellophane packets of dried flowers and shrivelled stoat gizzards sit side-by-side with decoratively enamelled tins of Oolong tea. An ancient herbalist, desiccated as the botanical specimens strewn across his workbench, hunches over a dusty mortar and pestle and neatly quarters piles of crushed beetles and dried roots. I stocked up on a few items unknown to our local shops, just because I could. But heavens! What am I going to do with a sackful of glutinous black rice and a large scoop of dried fennel when I get home?

Thunderclouds rolled in from nowhere and within minutes, a curtain of warm rain reduced the landscape to a grey blur. My feet ached from treading miles of unaccustomed concrete. Whatever happened to the promise of dawn?

I trudged back to St Lucia, more than ready for an uplifting espresso. Strike me pink! Champagne and tiaras galore! What is it with Fridays in Brisbane? Hen's Day?

My next port of call was an historic cemetery at Dutton Park. No hope of finding the family graves, which I hadn't seen for 40 years; unlabelled cemetery sections, an unstaffed office and acres of steep hilly burial ground, much of it flood-damaged, were no help at all.

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The penny eventually dropped: Wills and Kate's Big Day! Somehow I'd forgotten, despite relentless media gush. Brisbane was obviously awash with it.

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When paper boys on bikes meant a stable suburbia

IF there's an Australian version of "Grumpy Old Men", I bags a spot on the panel!

There was a time when, after 10 minutes or so, I could wrest *The Age* from its ever so sensitive condom and read the thing without getting too cross. Nowadays, things are different.

It was Sunday and I heard the paper thud. It used to be that in the early morning, a boy would ride up on his bike and shred the first few pages of the broadsheet as he stuffed it into the letter box. Now, no doubt because of global warming, the depletion of the ozone layer and the rampant automobile, there has been significant environmental damage leading to the extinction of the *Juvenilis paperboyae*. He has now been replaced by the *Corolla Hoonyii*.

The *Hoonyii* is easily recognised. The first evidence is of the distant but ever closer throbbing of a stuffed muffler. The next signs are the erratic braking and stop start motoring. You know, without doubt, however, that Apollo has landed when there is a thud on the driveway followed instantly by a yowl from the cat. You look out the window and assess the weather, knowing all too well, that if it has been raining, the *Hoonyii*, has with unerring accuracy, managed to lob the paper in the largest of the water-filled potholes on the driveway.

Having tip-toed out to collect the paper, and having for the umpteenth time, cursed the inventor of cling film, you sink



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back into bed determined to regain your position as Emeritus Professor of International Relations, National Politics, Art and Culture and Master of the Nine Letter Word. You set off on your quest. You turn the first few pages and then, there

it is, a full-sized page destined to ruin your day.

What has happened to the young? Well "young" is a relative term so let's just say that I'm referring to all those who can still wear t-shirts without looking like a profiterole and can walk in shoes without orthotics. You know the group I'm talking about.

Well, there they were, in a vaulted portico/arcade or verandah. Of course they are seated at a coffee shop. As is the case with most of us, they are genetically gorgeous. She has just been shopping and has nonchalantly placed her designer labelled bags by her brand new trekking stilettos. Her coat is open to reveal her posh-patterned outfit. He has just dropped in, besuited, no doubt, on a flying break from his merchant banking position. He is able to steal a few minutes before jetting off to Dubai to bail them out or, maybe, he has just been told that he has been recruited to be CEO of the *World's Most Beautiful Persons' Club*. And what is the topic of their conversation? You can bet it's not how the kids are sniffly and are being revoltingly grumpy. You can also bet that it's not to check whether the gas bill has been paid or whether his mother has been to the doctor about her piles or about her father's galloping dementia.

No, this is the set that don't do things and have a cup of coffee in between. They consider having a cup of coffee as an end in itself. It's not a matter of let's go to an exhibition, film or CAE course with lunch or morning coffee as

an add-on. Which marketing guru, I wonder, is now living in some tax-free haven, going to exhibitions, films and taking speed boat lessons, having made his fortune marketing coffee shops as a primary lifestyle destination?

The same one, no doubt, who is now appealing to the same set to buy an apartment on The New York End of Melbourne. Now, I suppose, from the ad, they mean the Fifth Avenue section of New York and not the one we stayed in when we visited New York. Like any other city, there are many different New Yorks but not for our social butterflies. They will buy a lifestyle, not a home.

Of course all ads play on our vulnerabilities and vanity; snobbery and self-indulgence are some of the top 10. The problem is that there are so many more ads now and so many more outlets that peddle the "me, me, me" line that I wonder if our values aren't being skewed. Why must all accommodation be "luxury"? Why must holidays be devoted primarily to pampering? And is life really so pointless without "quality me-time"?

No, it is all too obvious that the page has turned for me and my ilk. What I need to do is swap my cup of nettle tea for a latte, exchange my beige cardigan for a yellow hoodie and sell up and move to a cavernous warehouse conversion decorated in the anonymous style of a Harvey Norman catalogue. As long as it has an Olympic sized, mirrored spa, of course!

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Our community tackles the future

By VAL POLLEY

COMMUNITY action! The article in the March *Diary* that described a number of community initiatives such as wind farms, banning plastic water bottles, Fairtrade and growing food attracted an immediate response.

It wasn't all positive, however, ranging from an enthusiastic, "What can we do NOW?" to the more indifferent, "What's the point?"

Wayne Rankin from Warrandyte Climate Action Now (CAN) was keen to point out that his group had already looked into many of these initiatives with a view to introducing them to the township. They had previously received professional advice that Warrandyte was not suitable for wind energy though were prepared to revisit the idea.

In addition they found that banning bottles or entering Fairtrade would require strong support from the business community and that the community gardens were already supporting the ideas behind food sustainability.

CAN is still looking into a number of other initiatives such as becoming a Transition Town. However their main effort has been focused on the recent highly successful Expo and while they would like to broaden their actions, this would require a greater level of community support.

But "Helping ourselves to a better future" was not just about what CAN, or indeed any other organisation, can do for us, but rather what we, as a concerned community, can do for ourselves.

Pick up any newspaper or magazine and it's full of articles on growing, cooking or preserving your own food, tips for reducing energy use or how to knit, sew or manage better.

For those of us around in the 1970s there is a distinct sense of déjà vu. Then the realisation that oil prices were rising exponentially and that world resources were finite brought about moves towards environmental sustainability, living more communally and other lifestyle changes.

It was the Age of Aquarius and a certain hippy culture developed. Mudbrick owner building, living off the land, potting, crafting, spinning and weaving; all were being taken up enthusiastically. A whipper-snipper or mulcher became the leaving gifts of choice for those moving from paid employment to a country block and living sustainably.

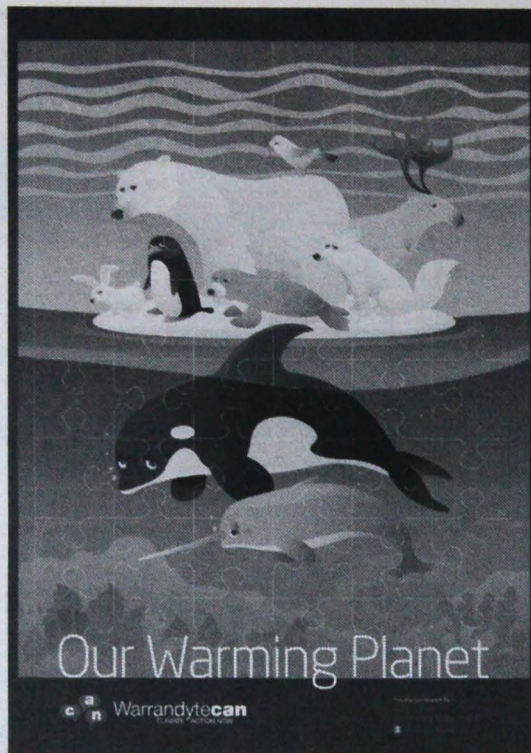
However as petrol prices and daily living returned to a more normal acceptable level, many returned to paid employment turning their idealistic sustainable projects into hobby farms.

The environmental living zone at the Bend of Isles and the Round the Bend Cooperative, (in Nillumbik shire), both established in the 1970s with the aim of preserving environmental values and living sustainably within a bush environment, still survive today.

Also the Moora Moora Cooperative at Healesville was established in 1974 and is still operating today (it installed its wind turbine over a decade ago). It advocated sustainable living and has stayed true to its ideals over the decades.

Within a few days of the article appearing in the *Diary* the first of the wind turbines being erected at Hepburn Springs was shown on TV to the delight of its many members who will share in the proceeds of the sale of electricity through a portion of profits being returned via a community sustainability fund.

This locally controlled wind farm will be the first in the country to al-



WarrandyteCAN Make A Difference!

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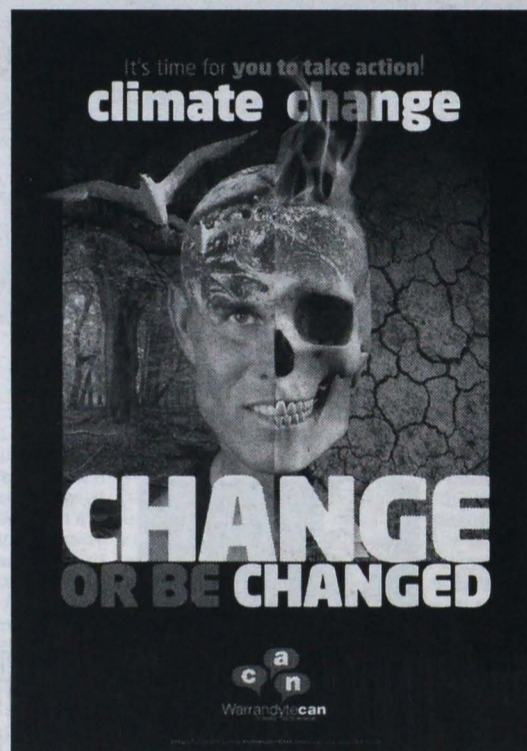
locate more to the community than to the landowner of the wind farm. The reports pointed out that already about 46 communities around Australia have been inspired by the Hepburn Springs example to begin planning their own solar, wind and mini-hydro initiatives. The township of Woodend has already held meetings with over 400 residents pledging support. There is little doubt that community owned projects have a vital role to play in driving an inevitable move to a low-carbon economy.

Individuals can, and do, make a difference and many are already doing their bit towards a sustainable future.

Not only are they choosing green energy options or growing their own vegetables they are making other lifestyle choices. Fair-trade Easter eggs, for instance, from mainstream companies such as Cadbury and local ones like Chocolatier had a lot of support as public knowledge of fair-trade has become more widespread.

Chocolate is Australia's biggest fair-trade product and provides an easy way to feel good about helping someone less fortunate.

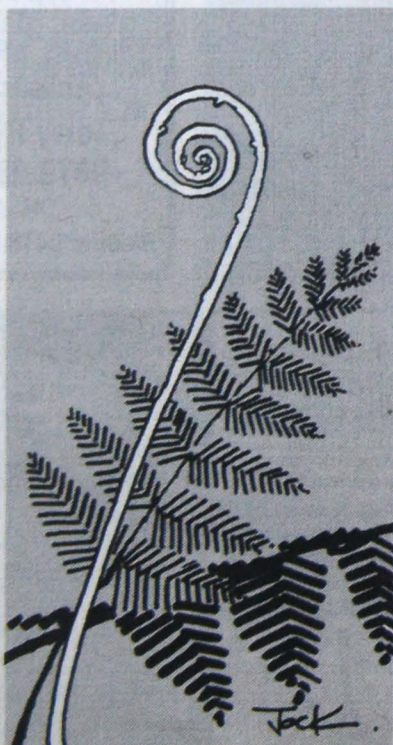
So just what can be done at a community, and not just a personal, level? As an organisation whose objective is to communicate to our community the urgent need to take immediate action on climate change, raise awareness and empower people to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, CAN is deserving of our wholehearted support.



WarrandyteCAN has published these posters designed by Wayne Rankin.

After all it can take just one person (or an organisation) to start a campaign. The saving of the Old Post Office is testament to this. It takes the support of the many if initiatives are to succeed. If we are to help ourselves, our children and grandchild-

ren to a better, low carbon future, then is the Warrandyte community prepared to think beyond the individual and get passionate about a community scheme? Let the *Diary* know and we may all be able to make it happen.



Earth

I remember warm dark days.
Before days, when comfort-coiled
I waited for signs—drips of damp
tempting my tightness. Slowly I unfold,
stretch. Now I know there is an Up
to aim for—I straighten, thrust.
Suddenly this burst of bright.
Mother released me.

I don't remember this being part of the deal.
Just going about my business with sun and
rain—
my perfect green slow-grow.
Then what's this on the wind, the devil's mad
brew?

We grew too fast, too tall, all show,
roots can't support—
goodness all gone.
Mother won't be pleased.

I can never forget her vengeance.
"Think you can bend me to your will?
Screw you and your chemical greed."
And she groans, roars and cracks
wide open, gaping wound to be plugged
by them and all their detritus.
But who will survive her wrath? Why me.
She is my mother—I am reborn.

Terrible and blessed are the powers of Earth.

KAREN THROSSELL

ROSS MCGREGOR left Warrandyte almost 25 years ago. He recently returned as a visitor. These are his impressions.

AN ominous sound of crashing came from the kitchen, followed by my son's "Sorry Dad, it slipped". Entering the kitchen I saw Nico gather up the colourful shards of pottery and consign them to the bin. A piece the size of a credit card lay near my feet and as I picked it up I noticed the letters *Pres*. What Nico didn't know—and couldn't have known, being born many years later—is that he had just broken the last of my pottery collection, this by Reg Preston.

Back in 1980 I'd been building my own house in the village of Warrandyte and had just started as manager of Potters Cottage, a crafts gallery established by some of the local potters as an outlet for their work. By the time I arrived on the scene the business was in its third decade of operation, with the original gallery much expanded and joined by a restaurant, potters' school and leather gallery. It was wildly popular.

On the weekends the seven-acre site was packed with the cars of Melbourne day-trippers, all enthusiastically participating in the crafts revival of the period. Handmade was good and expressed the taste and individuality of the buyer. We operated six days a week and sold production ware and decorative pieces from dozens of artists across the state. The original founders, including Reg Preston, Phyl Dunn, Gus McLaren, Charles Wilton and many others, were full-time crafts practitioners selling through the Cottage. Wonderful characters all.

The more I got to know the potters the more I realised that these were people quite apart. To a person, I had no idea what any of them would do if they didn't have their craft: no office could contain them, no branch of commerce interest them. The potter's studio often told a story in itself. An old cow shed, a gritty industrial loft, a magnificent mud-brick and timber creation: each reflected the individuality and creativity of its occupant. And each time I visited a studio I came away awed that here was an artist providing for his or her family with nothing more than some clay and their hands, in much the same way that their predecessors had done for centuries before. No holiday pay, no long service leave; just the passion to create.

In 1986 my house was finished and I felt it was time to take my leave of Warrandyte and its colourful characters. I felt privileged to have been admitted to this community of artists, had enjoyed my time there but felt the pull of new horizons. Driving away from Warrandyte I had no idea it would be nearly a quarter of a century before I'd get back for a visit.

Having moved some 2000km north was a good excuse for not returning, but the real reason was rather more complicated. The old aphorism of never returning to a place of happiness makes a lot of sense. Time distorts and memories are subjective. Disappointments await. But on my return the village seemed unchanged and following the road that winds alongside the river I was lured into a false time warp. Perhaps I'd see one of the old characters outside the pub, engaging in the usual afternoon chat session?

Of course I knew that this wasn't to be as the hand of time has swept

away most of the old crew and scattered the others to distant refuges. As the suburbs advanced and the surrounding orchards were bulldozed and paved, the exodus had begun. I drove past houses where I'd shared many a glass of red with artists and potters, long conversations around fires kept blazing most of the year. Slowing as I passed, the houses looked lifeless, "tidied up" somehow. Shiny SUVs in the driveways.

Continuing through the town I drove on, looking for the turn to Jumping Creek Road where Potters Cottage was located. The nursery I recalled. The sparse, hungry bushland. It looked the same. Rounding

the last corner I discovered that Potters was still there. But it wasn't! While the buildings remained, as did the name, the business of craft had been consigned to history; a reception centre now in occupancy.

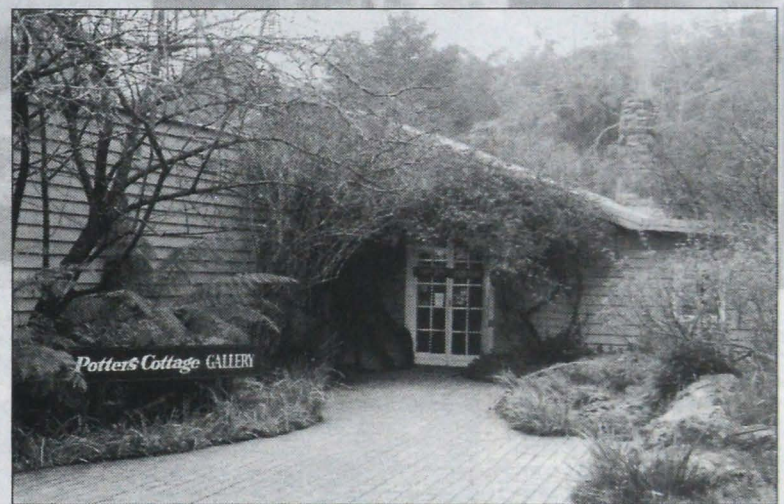
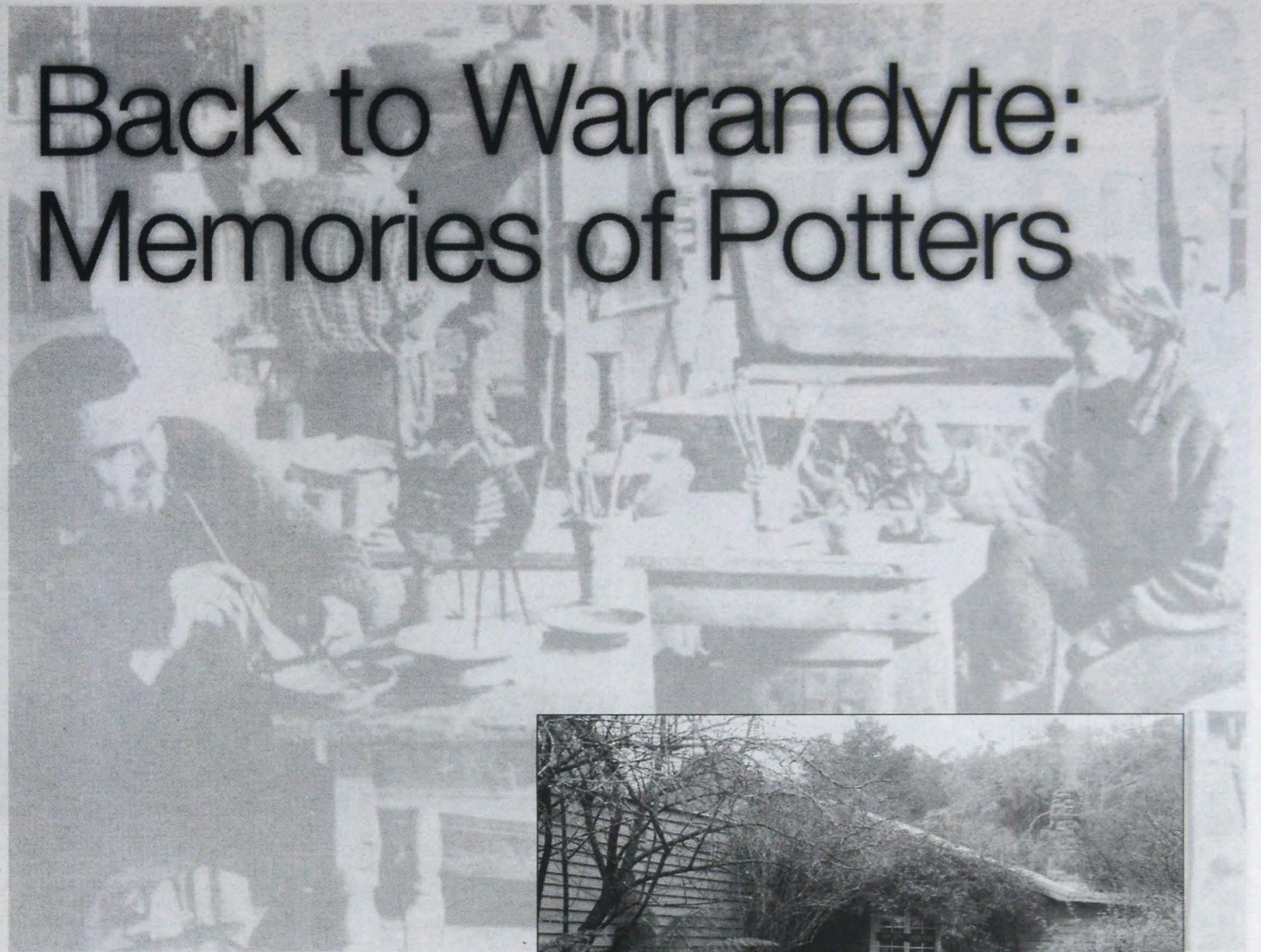
Walking around this empty place there was a feeling of hollowness. What happened to all those people? And what of the families that relied on the working of clay to pay for their food and schooling and housing? I realised that the time of creative crafts and the characters who practised them had passed.

The information revolution and the internet made it all seem as if it happened centuries ago. What,

people actually made their own dinner plates? Why?

And yet ironically it's the internet that later provides some hope, as a search reveals that several of the potters from my past were still practising their craft. Chris and Mary Lou Pittard, Ric and Judy Pierce, Greg Daly and others continue to maintain the passion that I hope burns elsewhere; in studios that may one day see the resurgence of interest in craft that we saw in the 1980s. May I—from the remove of 25 years and 2000km—wish them every luck? A future where the potter's wheel is entirely supplanted by the keyboard is too awful to contemplate.

Back to Warrandyte: Memories of Potters



Pictures courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society.

Right: Potters' Cottage Gallery.

High school drama students tackle Brecht



The Year 12 Drama Studies class at Warrandyte High School recently presented Bertold Brecht's play "Epic Theatre".

Teacher Niki Pidd told the *Diary*: "The play is set in a junkyard, where a group of outcast characters live."

The drama students set it in a distant time, somewhere in early Australian history, as a teacher and his students take a journey over the Blue Mountains.

"The story is especially relevant to young people as there are so many situations in which they find themselves, where they must think for themselves and make gutsy decisions, despite pressure to conform to society or to peer expectations," Ms Pidd said.

Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Stars rise and shine at the Gift

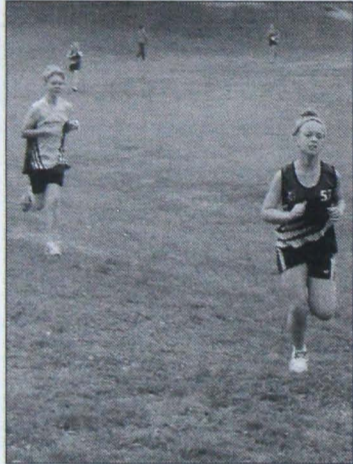
By ED MUNKS

EVOKING memories of a bygone era that includes the likes of Eric Liddell, taped lanes and even a tape finishing line with officials in red blazer jackets and white hats, two Warrandyte Under 12 athletes, Eilish Kelly and Nicole Reynolds, made the trek to the 130th Stawell Gift on the Easter long weekend.

This was the first time competitors from Little Athletics had been invited to the famous four-day race meet and both Eilish and Nicole ran in the 100m handicap race, with Eilish finishing third in her heat but missing the final by the narrowest of margins (0.02 seconds) while Nicole broke the tape and won her heat and advanced to the final the next day where she ran a personal best time to claim second place.

Cross country

The winter cross country season has started and in the Under 12s Emily Sharpe has followed on with her strong summer season scoring an eighth place in the 2km and a sixth in the 3km. Shaun Young followed suit with a great 13th in the boys 2km event. In the Under 8s, Warrandyte netballers Kimberley Gilling recorded a fourth place in the 1km and Ashlyn Krakouer came 18th, while young Nicky Sharpe put



in a strong performance for sixth place in the boys section.

The winter cross country season runs at several venues on Sunday mornings with distances varying from 500m for Under 6 athletes to 3000m for Under 13 to Under 16 age groups. The season culminates with the state championships.

Club trophy winners

With the summer little athletics season completed, the East Doncaster



Running hot: Young Warrandyte athletics stars on the rise, Eilish Kelly and Nicole Reynolds. Below left: Shaun Young powers into top gear as he passes contestants in an earlier girls heat in the cross country.

Little Athletics Club held its trophy and awards night. With over 100 registered athletes in competition throughout the season there were many Warrandyte athletes winning awards:

Under 6 boys: Oscar Bennett; Under 7 boys Harrison Gruber; Under 9 boys Tynan Kontos; Under 10 boys Ben Munks (1st), Dominic Lee (3rd); Under 11 boys Zane Kontos (1st), Callum Pynt (2nd); Under 12 boys

Shaun Young (2nd), Karl Papez (3rd); Under 15 boys Drew Corke (1st), Sean Bowers (2nd); Under 9 girls Shea Wischusen-Gibbons (2nd); Under 10 girls Jessica Rodwell (3rd); Under 12 girls Eilish Kelly (2nd); Nicole Reynolds (3rd); Under 14 girls Shaely Pynt (1st).

Under 9s Callum Bowers and Michael Paul, Under 10s Hayden Carruthers, Blake Reardon and Samuel Martini, and Under 12s

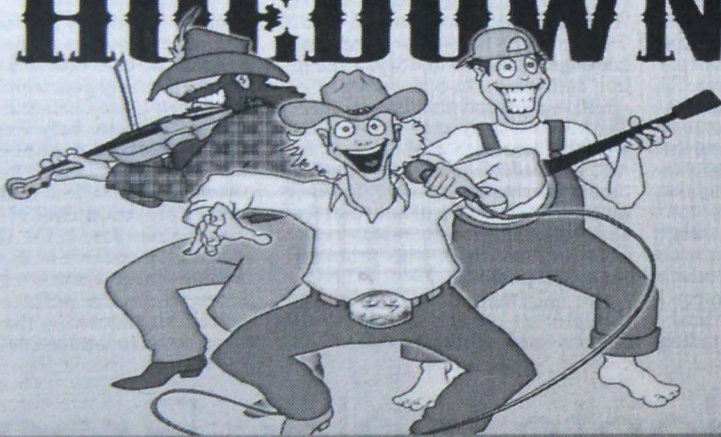
Sam McAuley and Joel Carruthers all received other club awards for their season performances. Most of the athletes compete in other sports such as netball and football and the cross training has improved their performances in other sporting pursuits.

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



WARRANDYTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

HOEDOWN



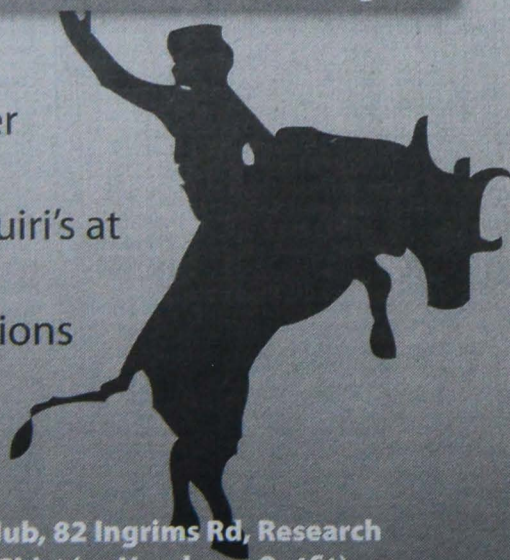
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Creek kids clock up the kms

By MEREDITH THORNTON

DAY two of Term 2 saw Anderson's Creek students all participate in the School Cross Country around Warrandyte Reserve and beyond.

The Grade 5 and 6 students completed a 3km course while the Grade 3 and 4 students all completed a 2km course.

Some of the highlights included: the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 mini fun runs and their excited faces; the fantastic efforts of staff members who joined in the event; the look of sheer joy on the students' faces when they managed to complete the course; and the magnificent sunshine on the day.

Congratulations to the 60 students who will continue on to the District Cross Country event this week.



Photos: ALANA PHILLIPS

Venom edge out Cougars



By TONY OLIVER

THE much-anticipated clash between Warrandyte Venom and the McKinnon Cougars didn't disappoint a large crowd who witnessed the high-class spectacle. Height, speed and spectacular plays kept the crowd enthralled right to the end.

Despite being the first clash in the home and away season, it was the fourth time the teams had met. Bragging rights had gone to McKinnon with the Cougars winning each clash by single digits.

Little separated the teams throughout the game with the game a low-scoring affair because the defence was so good.

McKinnon had the barest of margins at the quarter time break but the Venom carved out small wins in the second and third quarters to set up a thrilling final quarter.

The Venom appeared to be in control as the final seconds ticked by but the Cougars made a determined lunge. The result came down to the last few seconds when McKinnon had a chance to pinch the game but was unable to convert.

The Venom won 67-65.

Tron Smith continues to dazzle the home fans with some huge dunks



Ready, aim ... Casey Taylor sets sights.

“The Venom carved out small wins in the second and third quarters to set up a thrilling final quarter”

and silky play on his way to 20 points. Simon Hughes was dominant under the ring with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

The big men from McKinnon had strong games with Axel Dench picking up 16 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists and playing coach Marcus Timmons contributed 18 points.

The State Youth Championship Women opened proceedings last Saturday night, looking for their first win of the season. However, the visiting Waverley had started the season in scintillating form with only one loss.

In the first half, the Venom were scrapping for everything they could get and the half time scoreline of 38-28 to the visitors gave the Venom fans some hope.

However, the second half was all Waverley who cantered to a 94-48 win.

The Venom girls continue to have a frustrating time with passages of play showing they can match it with the best but these periods are too short at this stage to seriously worry the power teams of the competition.

On the night, Emma Hoehne was the main contributor for the Venom with 10 points with support from Ellen Pattison (9) and Georgina Werninghaus (8).

On the road Warrandyte's Division 1 Womens team returned to the winners circle with a comprehensive 75-40 win over Chelsea.



On a drive: Georgina Werninghaus (above) goes for a two-pointer.

Focused: Ellen Pattison (right) concentrates at the free throw line as Casey Taylor (left) sets her sights.

Coach Jo Metcalfe with her team (below left): Nikki Metcalfe, Ebony Sans, Abby Ceh, Tahnee Parris, Annie Pearson, Megan Penver, Natasha Graf, Kelly Roodhouse.

Up and away: Kelly Roodhouse (below right) heads for the basket.



Redbacks return



By TONY OLIVER

SATURDAY basketball bounced back into action at the start of the school term, grading games have begun and Warrandyte is using the new Croydon Hills Primary School venue for games.

The round started with some interesting contests, including Jo Metcalfe's Under 13 B2 girls who had a thumping victory against a Nunawading side (38-4). Grading is about getting the competition set right and a score line like that obviously means there will be some levelling up for both teams for a more competitive season.

“It was a good start but remember games will not be that easy going forward,” coach Metcalfe told her squad afterwards. “The good thing is you are doing what I ask and learning all the time.”

For the record, Abby Ceh top scored with 12 with Ebony Sans contributing 8 along with Natasha Graf and Annie Pearson (6 each) in an all round performance.

The Under 13 A/AR boys were next on court, coached by Gerry Pearce, and had a much harder time against Bulleen's top side.

Bulleen were far hungrier for the ball, causing numerous turnovers on their way to a 37-26 win. While the Redbacks showed glimpse of form, they were not as sharp as their opponents.

Campbell Graham (12) and Daniel Robertson (10) were the main contributors for the Redbacks on the scoreboard.

A fairytale result didn't happen in the Under 15D girls between Warrandyte and Bulleen. The Redback girls were under strength with only four on the court but were doing themselves proud at the break and only trailing by a single point.

However, they could not sustain the effort and were defeated 17-12. Angelica Black with 6 was the main contributor.

Warrandyte too slick for Ivanhoe

By TONY OLIVER

The second and third quarters were more even and Warrandyte dominated the final stanza, scoring 30-9 for the quarter as Ivanhoe tired. Josh Collins (21 points) and Andrew Clough (16) were in top form on the boards.

That game was followed by the Venom's Division 1 team taking on

Caulfield Malvern, another uneven game with the Venom dominating early to lead 32-16 at the break.

The referees struggled for control in the third with numerous technical fouls being handed out for dissent. The game then settled down and despite a strong finish by Caulfield, the Venom managed a 55-44 win.

Leading on the score sheet was

Chris Williams with 21 and he was well supported by George Demos with 13.

The match saw the return to the court of Matt Lane after a long shoulder injury.

“It was good to get back on the court,” Lane said afterwards. “I was still tentative but this will only get better.”

Bloods fall at last hurdle

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

WARRANDYTE lost an enthralling contest with Whitehorse Pioneers last Saturday afternoon, going down by less than a kick in a thrilling final quarter that saw Warrandyte edge in front only to fall over right on the finish line.

After an emotional minute's silence to pay respects for the recent passing of coach Neale Carroll and life members Terry Sloan and James Logan, James's playing jumper was retired and passed to his father Ian and brother Stuart. Warrandyte President Phil Treeby noted that it was appropriate that on the day the Bloods would face their recent arch rival Whitehorse Pioneers, against whom James played his final senior game in Round 18 in 2009 and a team Warrandyte defeated in 2006 to win a much celebrated premiership.

In perfect football weather the Bloods were wasteful early in front of goal, and only inaccurate kicking at the other end kept them in touch at quarter time. Todd Holman and Dion Mullett-Treloar were working hard across half back to repel Whitehorse attacks, and the newly implemented Warrandyte zone defence was stretched as Whitehorse moved the ball quickly from their kick-ins. At quarter time Warrandyte was yet to record a major, trailing 0.6 to 2.5.

Quick out of the blocks after a dressing down from coach John O'Brien, the Bloods claimed a narrow lead through two quick opportunistic goals to highly decorated veteran Matt Wood. At the other end of the ground it was Whitehorse's turn for wasting opportunities as it struggled to find the goals. Ben Taylor presented strongly across half forward and Luke Dunn took several strong contested marks, however, the Bloods struggled to convert midfield thrusts into marks inside the forward 50.

At half-time the game was still in the balance, with Whitehorse leading by four points.

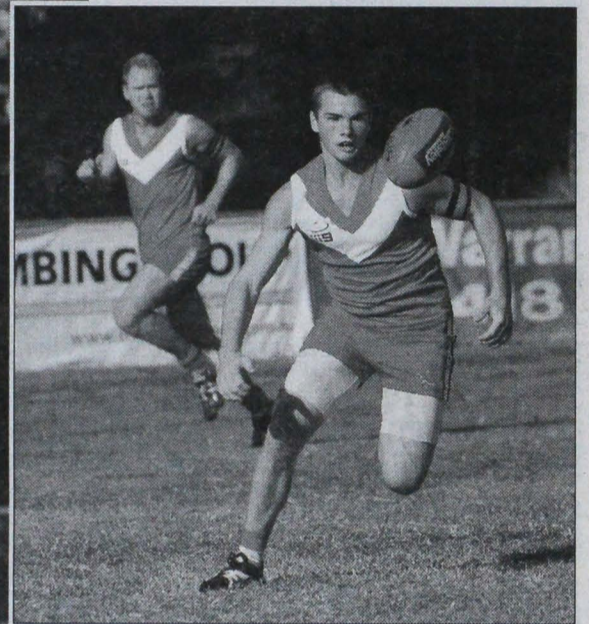
The third quarter saw the Bloods again come out of the blocks firing with an early goal to Dunn to snatch the lead in what was becoming a see-sawing battle. Warrandyte ruckman Dave Hand left the field for treatment for a badly swollen knee which left the Bloods lacking in height and relying on 18-year-old first-year player Sam Tansley, one of Warrandyte's rising stars. Hand later returned to the field but was heavily strapped and with restricted movement.

Whitehorse settled through the third quarter while poor decision-making and skill errors cost the Bloods dearly. At the final break, Whitehorse had opened up a 15-point lead.

After John O'Brien questioned his players' commitment at the three-quarter time huddle, the Bloods once again hit the ground running in the



Close encounters: The big men fly (left), coach John O'Brien rallies his players (above), and David Beasley repels a Pioneers attack in the backline.



final term. A strong mark and goal to Michael Morello put the Bloods within reach, before several near misses chipped away further at the Whitehorse lead. A goal to Todd Holman finally gave the Bloods a one-point lead before Whitehorse capitalised on a Warrandyte turnover to quickly snatch the lead back, then goaled again to extend the lead.

A Clint Kennedy tackle and turnover in the Warrandyte backline stopped a certain Whitehorse goal before young Warrandyte gun Tom Appleby goaled under pressure to narrow the margin to five points.

With the parochial Warrandyte crowd in full voice, Captain Tom Naughtin ran down a Whitehorse opponent to win a free kick, before hitting Clint Wheatley on the lead 40m out on a slight angle.

Wheatley's kick narrowly missed,

bringing the Bloods within four points.

As the clock ticked down and the siren was about to sound, the Bloods had one final opportunity with Ben Taylor running onto a loose ball at centre half-forward, his kick under pressure and drifting right.

Seconds later the siren sounded with the Bloods four points short.

This rare loss at home was only the Bloods' third defeat at the Warrandyte Reserve since Round 1, 2009, in what is an impressive 18-3 win-loss record.

Warrandyte sat sixth on the EFL ladder after four rounds when this newspaper went to print last week.

SENIORS

Whitehorse Pioneers 11.12-78 d Warrandyte 10.14-74
Goals: M. Wood 4, M. Morello 2, T. Holman 2, T. Appleby, L. Dunn

Best: M. Wood, L. Evans, C. Kennedy, L. Naughtin, L. Dunn, D. Beasley

Round 3: Boronia 15.7-97 d Warrandyte 9.8-62

Goals: L. Dunn 3, C. Wheatley 2, C. Kennedy, T. Holman, G. Hitchman, M. Wood
Best: L. Dunn, T. Holman, L. Evans, D. Mullett Treloar, T. Beasley, L. Naughtin

Round 2: Warrandyte 13.10-88 d Coldstream 6.9-45

Goals: M. Morello 9, C. Wheatley, C. Kennedy, B. Taylor, T. Naughtin
Best: M. Morello, T. Naughtin, B. Taylor, L. Evans, B. Reid, D. Mullett Treloar

RESERVES

Round 4: Warrandyte 9.15-69 d Whitehorse 8.5-53

Goals: S. Christopher 2, J. Buhagiar, C. Watson, L. Brewis, C. Haskings, D. Bryant, J. Wright, J. Burgoyne

Best: G. Godwin, C. Watson, J. Miller, J. Hale, J. Buhagiar, P. Burgoyne

Round 3: Boronia 18.18-126 d Warrandyte 4.6-30
Goals: P. Heffernan 2, J. Wright, J. Bowen

Best: C. Watson, M. Falkingham, J. Harris, L. Saunders, P. Heffernan

Round 2: Warrandyte 24.13-157 d Coldstream 4.1-25

Goals: L. Brewis 10, J. Buhagiar 2, M. Falkingham 2, C. Watson 2, J. Wright 2, J. Harris 2, T. Dunn, R. Gordon, J. Bowen, P. Burgoyne
Best: L. Brewis, C. Watson, C. Haskings, J. Harris, G. Godwin, J. Bowen

UNDER 18s

Round 4: Warrandyte 7.9-51 defeated by Whitehorse 15.7-97

Goals: M. Colborne-Veel 2, D. Tester, L. Oakey, J. Deer

Best: N. Thorpe, M. Colborne-Veel, A. Haikal, L. Oakey, D. Tester

Round 3: Boronia 26.25-181 d Warrandyte 2.6-18

Details not available
Round 2: Warrandyte 8.17-65 d Coldstream 4.10-34

Goals: K. Sultana 2, D. Paul, S. Hogan, A. Mifsud, S. Allen, A. Haikal, J. Deer
Best: J. Deer, N. Thorpe, D. Tester, J. Van Rensburg, L. Jackson, S. Hogan



Junior inter-club in full swing

WARRANDYTE Tennis Club players are enjoying being active participants of the Eastern Region Tennis Association Junior inter-club competition on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The competition provides the perfect opportunity for players to put into practice (and develop) their skills, playing as part of a team in a competitive environment against graded opponents from other clubs in the Eastern region of Melbourne.

The competition caters for players of all ability levels from beginners up to the more experienced 18-year-olds.

With the winter season now underway, team planning for the summer 2011/12 season - commencing in October - will begin. Those interested in being a part of the action should contact the club junior convenor Tony Honeyborne direct on 0400 019 078 or coach Craig Haslam on 0488 722 538.

Right: Saturday Girls Singles/Doubles Section 3: Gabbi Mitchell, Ariel Patterson, Donata Honeyborne and Claudia Bowers.

Left: Saturday Boys Singles/Doubles Section 11: Gareth Newbury, Darcy Lang, Michael Withers and Callum Northover.





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THE inaugural season of MLC Tennis Hot Shots was held at the Warrandyte Tennis Club in Term 1. In this modified format students of all ages and abilities were able to "play the game of tennis and it was a fun season for coach and students alike", according to the Tennis Guru and coach Craig Haslam. Warrandyte Tennis Club has competitions for ages 6 and up and is always looking for new participants. For information contact Craig on 0488 722 538.



WARRANDYTE Football Club's Past Players luncheon will be held on July 16 when the Bloods take on Mitcham at home. The luncheon will start at 12pm sharp and will feature guest speaker and Melbourne Football Club legend Robbie Flower. Cost is \$35 tickets with bookings essential through Bucky Rogers on 0411 519 671.

WARRANDYTE Tennis Club is on the hunt for new members to join its exceptional tennis facility and array of fantastic tennis programs that cater for all levels. Anyone interested in Tennis should take a closer look at the latest special offers by visiting www.tennis.com.au/warrandyte or www.thetennisinguru.com.au. The club, established for over 100 years, has a broad member base with members ranging in age from 5 up to their 60s, from beginners to club champs – there's something for everyone. There is a series of options for new members with competition and social play held every day of the week.

THE Warrandyte Junior Football Club will hold its next Family Night on May 15 from 5pm to 7pm. The club encourages all players and parents to pop into the clubrooms to discuss the day of play over some refreshments.

Eager Auskickers

By BUZZ LAWSON

THE 2011 season of NAB Auskick is in full swing for another year, with a fantastic gathering of 100 local children ready and raring to go for a year full of fun, fitness, friendship and footy skills.

For the uninitiated, NAB Auskick is the entry level Australian Football League learning program for children aged from four through to eight.

Boys and girls are put into a group based on age and skill level and then given basic coaching on the skills and rules required to play Aussie rules footy. All the coaches and support staff are volunteers, usually parents of children who attend, and a great deal of effort and thought goes into ensuring the children have an enjoyable and safe experience

whiles learning the basic skills of the game.

Every week the children rotate through learning the basic skills of handballing, kicking, marking and a specialist obstacle course intended to increase confidence and teamwork.

The most popular time of the morning, however, is the 15-minute game held at the end of every session. It is a sight to behold when a large group of five-year-olds all scrambling for the ball in one big pack while the coaches try to encourage the little tacklers to spread out and pass the ball to each other.

During the most recent training session the Yellow group had a fantastic game considering they are mainly new starters. At the centre bounce

Corey Hass leapt high and managed to tap the ball out to Zac McGown, who flicked on a great handpass to Ben Bain. Ben ran every step of his distance before kicking it lace out to Isaac Rakuscek who took a great mark. Isaac went back and slotted through the first goal of the game.

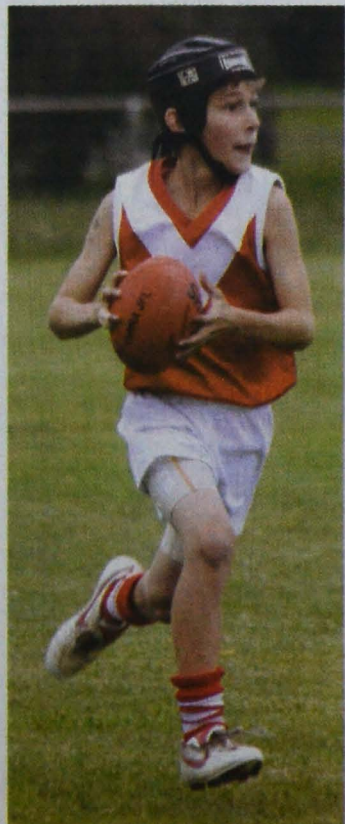
At the next bounce Hudson McKinnon managed to get the ball out under great pressure before doing a blind turn to beat the opposition and pass the ball to Will Henriksen. Will put a fantastic drop punt pass right into the hands of Aimee Spence. Showing real poise under pressure, Aimee kicked a monster goal to put her team in the lead. Later in the game Riley O'Neill put a great shepherd in to allow Dan Brennan to break clear of the pack before

combining well with Adam Papez (who shows all the signs of being a chip off the old block) and getting Oscar Stevens into the clear down the grandstand wing. Ava Griffiths showed plenty of courage under the high ball late in the game, taking a speccy before passing superbly to her teammate Charlie Schuyler who has pace to burn.

Finally as the siren sounded on their first game of AFL in the "big time" of Warrandyte, Lachy Myers put his head over the ball and won a free kick, he quickly passed it off to Sam Ferguson who looks to be every bit as good as his Dad, putting in a curving banana kick from the pocket to get the win by one point.

It was a terrific start to the season.

Under 10 Bloods in sparkling form



On the burst: Devin Harris-Allan.

By LANCE NILSSON

THE Tacklers learnt a valuable lesson from their first ever round — be first at the football.

During their Round 2 encounter against St Mary's, the young Bloods were determined to get on the scoreboard and assist their teammates. Hudson Rostrom kicked a fine goal to lift the crowd and with Austin Humphris and Brady Poole getting plenty of the ball, the boys were well in the game. Coach Owen Humphris commented that the team was playing with more skill and passion. The boys are getting familiar with positional play and the kicking to targets was a real step forward for our youngest Bloods. In Round 3 the lads stepped up their improvement to yet another level when they drew with Park Orchards in a gripping match at home.

The Under 10s have started the season in sparkling form. The boys completely dominated Kew Rovers in Round 1 and were keen to follow up in front of a home crowd in Round 2. Connor Martin crumbed a superb goal and he was well supported by Harry Rock on a forward flank. Ben Munks took some impressive marks and Nick Alexander won plenty of the ball at the stoppages. Samuel Martini provided plenty of dash off half back and the bone-crunching tackles of Leo Garrick were inspiring. In Round 3 the boys held the opposition scoreless and appear destined for a higher division after three big wins.

The Under 11s were extremely competitive in their unlucky two-point loss to St Damians in the second round. The boys teamed well together and moved the ball with precision. Quinn Clark and Phoebe Joy were creative up forward and set up scoring opportunities. In the ruck, Jasper Robison and Kye Solomons battled valiantly against bigger opposition and provided good taps to midfielders Liam Vaughan and Tim Somerwill. Coach Robison was most impressed with the tackling efforts of the team. It was a terrific game with the lead changing throughout the last quarter. Although some of the boys were disappointed, this was a fine effort with all players contributing.

The Under 12s were primed for a big performance to celebrate Samuel Munks' 50th game in Round 2. Samuel played a great game, sharking the hit-outs from ruckman Steven Garrick. Doncaster attacked relentlessly and the backline of Zane Kontos, Matthew Higgins and Callum Pynt performed admirably. It was a large ground that suited wingers Dylan Costopoulos and Karl Papez who gained valuable possessions. With Doncaster gaining ascendancy, the boys were asked to lift in the final quarter. Ben Macri found the confidence to run and attack the ball and the boys closed the game with a well-deserved second goal to Dylan Costopoulos who played a fantastic four-quarter game.

The Under 13s had a superb 12-goal win against Macleod in Round 2. Kicking into a big wind in the first quarter, onballers Sam Cookes and Anton Fak drove the ball to a strong target in Angus Ferguson at full forward. Alex Ibsen-Abela kicked a wonderful running goal after taking possession on the wing. He was assisted by great shepherding from teammates. Adam Bettiol played a clever game in the centre and used the ball to good effect. Ryan Thornton and Kiama Harris-Allen used their skill and strong mindsets to make the ball their objective, resulting in three and two goals respectively. The defence was well organised by Joshua Costin and Jake Tucker who were able to repel attacks and keep the ball flowing through the corridor. Coach Gavin Costin was very proud of the endeavour shown on the day.

The Under 14s have had a good start to the season. After a hard-fought 12-point loss to Balwyn in Round 2, the boys responded by beating arch rival Ivanhoe in the following round. The boys have been working hard on their defensive skills and this was apparent in the win against Ivanhoe. Dale Smith and Jarrah Sofarnos have shown great commitment at the ball in marshalling the defence. Coach Steven Rowarth was pleased with the teamwork of all boys and their willingness to work hard when not in possession of the ball. Josh Beasley has been dominant in the air and provides

a target for the onballers. Nikoda Brooking has shown class in roving balls off packs.

The Under 15s bounced back from a loss to Beverley Hills to record a gritty win over an impressive Camberwell in Round 3. Sidney Phillip-Owen and Tim Willis continued their good form and provided plenty of opportunities for the forwards. The game was played with great spirit resulting in many precision kicks. The Bloods were fierce at the ball and were well led in this area by Zac Ballard, Sean Bowers and Jason Castagna. With the game up for grabs in the last quarter, the Bloods showed they have the skill and endeavour to push on for victory.

Both Colts sides have had challenging starts due mainly to limited numbers culminating in fatigue in the latter part of matches. The Colts 1 side was in front of St Mary's, a flag fancy, just before half-time and showed with fresh legs they can be competitive in Division 1. The Colts 2 side has tried valiantly to match sides with bigger bodies and have put together passages of play that suggest a win is around the corner. Coaches Shane Newman and Nick Chipman urge players to get to as many training sessions as possible in order to build fitness and refine game plans. It is a long season and the wins will come with continued hard work. Any young man born in 1994/95 who wants a game of competitive football is encouraged to contact the club.

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WARRANDYTE SOUTH

Partnership of Home Plus Business

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



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 Warrandyte's Best

Set in quiet leafy surrounds, with style and functionality only ever achieved when a home is the builder's own. Light filled accommodation features master bedroom with luxurious WIR and ensuite, 3 further bedrooms, elegant lounge, open plan family/dining, beautifully appointed kitchen, study or 5th bedroom. Impeccably landscaped gardens, ducted heating/cooling and double carport.



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

Stop, Look, Browse and Buy

The light filled interior enjoys garden views adding to the tranquility providing a kitchen/family/meals area which opens onto the front deck, 3 robed bedrooms, bathroom and double garage. Feature packed with immense appeal offering gas ducted heating, r/c split system air conditioner, wood burning heater, polished floorboards plus a water tank. The bonus is not one but two outdoor retreats.



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.



KANGAROO GROUND

Your Warrandyte Lifestyle Awaits

Set in a quiet yet convenient pocket of Warrandyte is this quality family home with stunning cathedral ceilings and lovely treetop views. Generous accommodation features 4 robed bedrooms (main ensuite), open plan kitchen/meals/family area, formal dining, sunken lounge with wood fire, studio/play room, and elevated deck. Outside there's a swimming pool, bitumen driveway, double carport, and 2 garden sheds.



WARRANDYTE

Instant Attraction

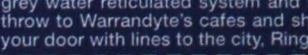
Providing an inviting living room, separate dining room, well equipped kitchen/family/meals area, 3 robed BRs including the zoned main BR featuring a WIR and ensuite plus bathroom. The spacious alfresco deck overlooks the colourful North facing rear garden. Extras: carport and a 2,500 litre water tank.



WARRANDYTE

Stylish Riverside Living

Impeccably designed 3BR plus study home, ideally located on the banks of the picturesque Yarra River. Architect designed with open indoor/outdoor living over several levels allowing great views of the Yarra. Automatic dble garage with internal entry. Master BR with private balcony and terrace. Ensuite with spa. Large study with fitted workspace. Enviro friendly RW tank, grey water reticulated system and solar hot water. A stone's throw to Warrandyte's cafes and shops. Bus stops almost at your door with lines to the city, Ringwood and Doncaster.



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Applications are now open for youth ages 16 to 18. For further details and

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