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Threat to childcare

Governments fail local kids

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The "Take a Break" Occasional Childcare program at the Warrandyte Community Centre, facilitated through the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, may need to close its doors at the end of the year following government decisions to scrap funding.

Funding has been abandoned, initially by the federal

government, now by the state government.

"This is an appalling decision of the state government," Danielle Green, MP for Yan Yean, told the *Diary*.

But this decision comes as a second blow for the program, which was originally deserted by the federal government in their 2010 budget.

"The program was traditionally funded by a 70/30 federal government/state government split," Ryan Smith, MP for Warrandyte, said.

Upon the scrapping of Federal funding, the then Labor

state government picked up the slack as a provisional measure, taking over full funding for the program for one year.

"The state budget is not in a position to take over funding a program that is the federal government's responsibility," Mr Smith said.

The Take a Break Occasional Child Care program is provided at more than 220 neighbourhood houses and community centres across Victoria.

The Warrandyte service allows parents to participate in activities including study, recreational classes and vol-

untary community activities while their children socialise and interact with other children in an early learning environment.

"Our local occasional child care providers are so valued by our local communities," Ms Green said.

There was no formal consultation with the Warrandyte program coordinator, Karen Throssell, about the value of the program in the community or the decision to scrap funding.

"This has come as an enormous shock," Ms Throssell

said. "It is hard to justify government's decision as the program, in many cases, provides the only respite for pre-school parents, especially in a small community like Warrandyte."

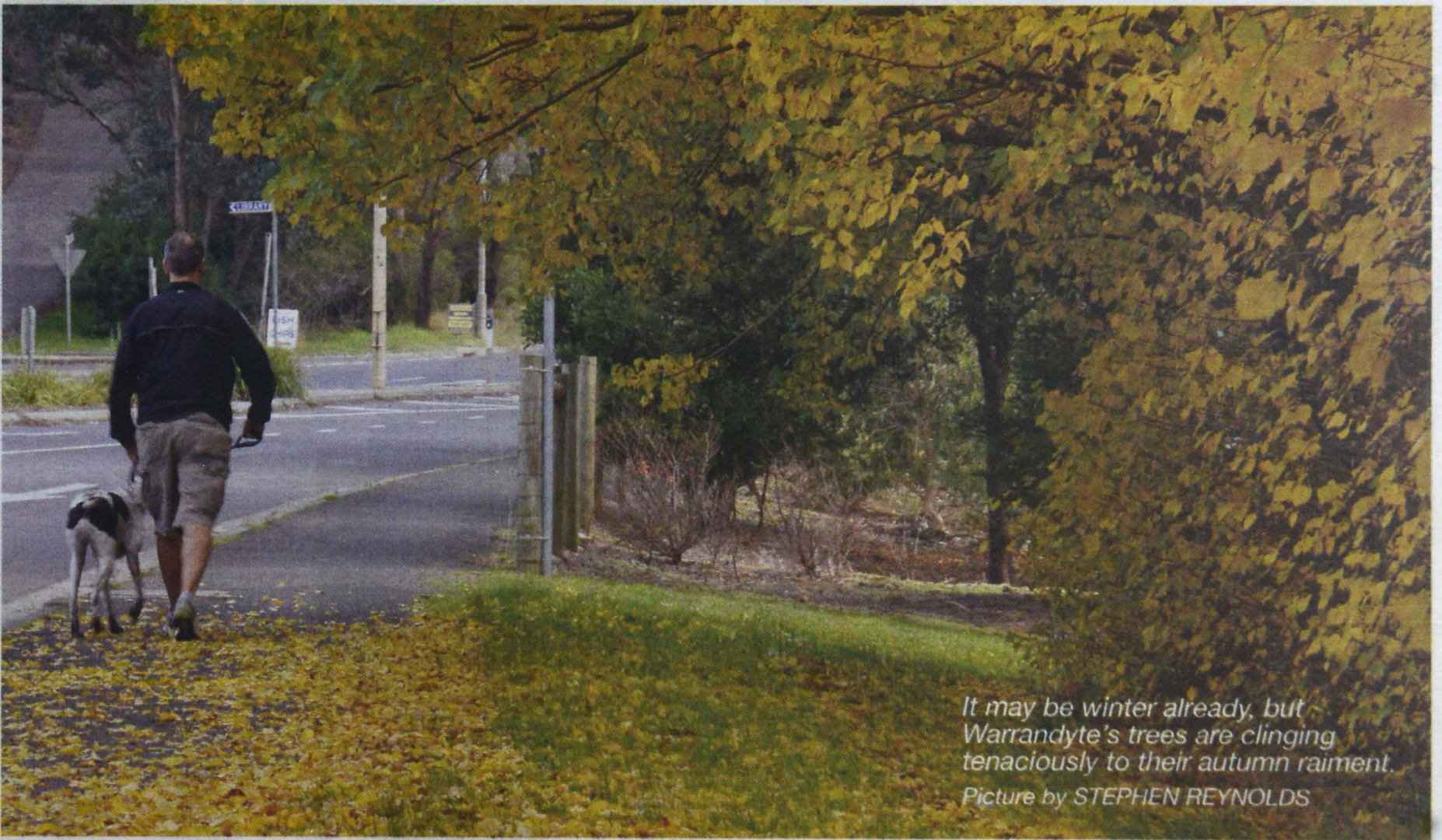
Ms Throssell said the program is fully subscribed with huge demand from families in Warrandyte and surrounding areas. "The program has been running so wonderfully it is such a shame that the funding has been cut with no regard to the needs of the community."

The Warrandyte program

has traditionally received \$8000 in annual funding from DHS. "This is an important community service and without this funding we will have to close our doors in December."

Ms Throssell has urged Warrandyte families to lobby both state and federal governments to reconsider their decisions.

"I will happily join Danielle Green in lobbying federal government to reinstate funding for such a fantastic program in our community," Mr Smith said.



It may be winter already, but Warrandyte's trees are clinging tenaciously to their autumn raiment.

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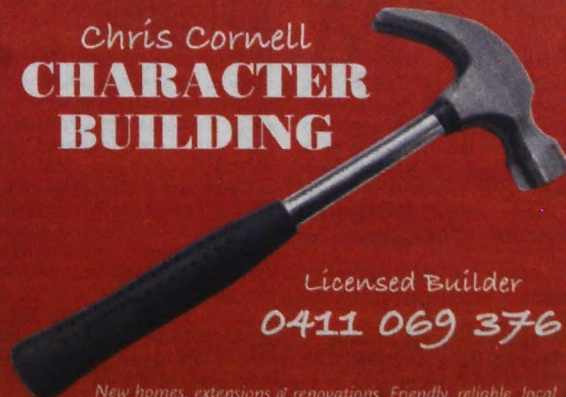
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OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



When life's a bowl of water

“COMING for a swim, Splish?”
 “Sure thing, Splash.”
 “Look at the old fridge!”
 “You’d think they’d have done the dishes by now.”
 “There’s a cat watching us from the window sill!”
 “Is that a Vermeer on the wall?”
 “The Milkmaid if I’m not mistaken.”
 “So it is!”
 “My, that’s an old fridge.”
 “You’d think they’d have done the dishes by now.”
 “There’s a cat watching us from the chair under the window!”
 “That’s a Vermeer isn’t it?”
 “The Milkmaid.”
 “I believe you’re right.”
 “That fridge is antique!”
 “You’d think they’d have done the dishes by now.”
 “There’s a cat watching us from the breakfast bar.”
 “I’ve seen that painting before...”
 “The Milkmaid. Vermeer.”
 “You have an amazing memory, Splash.”
 “Thanks, Splish. I say, what’s Huckleberry up to down there?”



living with The Trotts

“Look, Splish! Food!”
 “That’s not Finny Flakes!”
 “I think it’s some sort of vegetarian muck!”
 “Not broccoli I hope!”
 “No. They’re peas!”
 “Mmm. Tasty.”
 The first few were snaffled by the two healthy fish before they could reach Huckleberry Fin. So Jasper tipped half the packet in.
 “Good God, Splash, they’re hailing down!”
 “Must be snow peas!”
 But Huckleberry still couldn’t catch them. It’s hard eating upside down. He pouted when he should have puckered and soon the seabed had turned into a peabed. For five days Huckleberry remained inverted and obstructed until the poor fish finally cashed in his chips and sank to the bottom.
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 “I say, what’s Huckleberry up to down there?”
 “Nothing! He’s inert. Resting in peas.”

When Adam asked for a companion in the Garden of Eden—something decorative, quiet and low maintenance—he was thinking of a goldfish, but God had his own ideas. The Trotts had three of them, Splish, Splash and Huckleberry Fin.
 “He seems to be swimming upside down! Is he practicing some trick or other?”
 “Maybe he’s sunk baking.”
 “Maybe he’s invented the backstroke!”
 “Maybe he’s seasick!”
 You don’t often hear of fish

getting sick. Rarely, for instance, do you see a fish with varicose veins. Or post-nasal drip. Restless leg syndrome and altitude sickness are virtually unknown. But the brutal truth is that a fish can’t afford to fall ill. When their cherished Red Fantail starts turning green around the gills, who’s going to take it to the vet when for the price of a consultation you can get a whole new bowlful and stack ‘em in like sardines! Certainly not the Trotts.
 “We’ve been swimming for a

fair while now, Splish.”
 “You’re right, Splash. We should probably turn back.”
 It was Gran who came up with a diagnosis. Constipation-induced Swimbladder. What could be more pitiful than a backed-up fish? Probably best not to answer that. You probably don’t give a crap anyway.
 It was also Gran who had the solution. Peas. Jasper fetched a packet of Birdseye Baby Peas from the freezer and dropped a couple into the bowl.

And so he was, till Gran scooped him up with the tea strainer and flushed him down the loo. Then he was resting in poos.

ALAN CORNELL

Bus route to be extended

Whipstick Gully stop will be 're-indented'

The transport department has agreed to extend bus route 364, the Warrandyte to Ringwood route.

Buses on this service will continue through Warrandyte rather than terminating at the bridge.

"This is being done to provide safer transport opportunities," Stephen Ryan, regional manager of bus services, told the *Diary*.

This follows safety concerns expressed by local residents forced to negotiate traffic approaching from across the bridge, Ringwood Road, the roundabout and Yarra Street.

In March this year, Neville and Marilyn Watkins of Fossickers Way, wrote to the *Diary*: "As you are aware, the 364 from Ringwood terminates at the bridge on the river side, after negotiating the roundabout.

"To commute further along Yarra Street and beyond, passengers have to cross the road at the bridge to connect with another bus, for example 906. This is dangerous for everyone, but especially someone with a disability," the Watkins' letter stated.

According to Mr Ryan, "the department is also establishing another layover area in Warrandyte as a bus-only zone in or near the Warrandyte Bridge to reduce congestion

and car/bus conflict in this area".

This strip, above the Lions Park on the riverside, is currently a general parking area with no time limit. A bus stop will be included in this zone and the bus stop and zone on the eastern side of the bridge will be removed.

Also, the bus stop at Whipstick Gully will be re-indented. Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith—who has been lobbying on local bus issues for some time—told the *Diary*: "I am pleased to have secured funding for the 're-indenting' of this particular stop, which has caused lengthy delays as drivers use the adjacent amenities.

"I accept that these measures will not entirely address all the concerns that have been raised, but the issue of buses operating on Warrandyte's relatively small main street comes with some challenges," Mr Smith said.

The transport department commissioned a safety audit of the area, which concluded that the department's methods to mitigate safety concerns "would suffice in the short term".

The safety audit stated that in the long term, serious consideration should be given to rationalising bus services through Yarra Street.



Transport department is still amending bus arrangements in Warrandyte. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

It reported that an alternative bus terminus in the area should be considered "in a less constrained area where buses can layover without interference with traffic and pedestrians".

Mr Ryan said that the department has looked at setting up a terminus at Jumping Creek Road, "but this would require up to \$2m annually to extend the DART bus services and an additional \$0.5m to

set up a stop and toilets in this area.

"The important thing here is that Warrandyte is in a tight river valley where operating buses is difficult," he said. "The buses are operated as

safely as conditions permit. There is some trade-off between amenity and provision of service."

Mr Ryan said he would continue to address residents' concerns.

Bank's answer to criticism



Part of the community: Bendigo Bank at the Warrandyte Festival. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

The Warrandyte community branch of the Bendigo Bank "continues to go from strength to strength and provides generous returns to the community and its shareholders through the profit it generates," local board chairman Sarah Wrigley told the *Diary*.

Ms Wrigley was responding to a report in *The Age* last month headed, "The Bendigo began in the gold rush, today there's a rush for the door".

The report stated: "The losses: \$27 million given by local communities is gone and 66 community banks lost money last year."

The Bendigo head office of the bank issued a press release, stating: "We believe the article was dishonest by omission and lack of balance".

The statement indicated that 66 per cent of community bank companies posted a profit in 2009/10, "up eight per cent on the previous year. Of the 34 per cent of companies that declared a loss, 53 per cent were new companies that had been operating for less than three years and 21 per cent were communities that have re-

cently experienced or are currently in drought".

"Sure, a handful of branches are struggling, but you can be assured Warrandyte is not one of them," local chairman Sarah Wrigley said.

"We've given just on \$500,000 back in grants and sponsorship to this community, and more importantly, this money has been leveraged to gain even more funding from local, state and federal government to support programs that were otherwise unlikely to proceed."

According to Ms Wrigley, the branch has "close to \$200,000 allocated out of this year's profits, and it won't be long before we hit \$1m in grants and sponsorships back to our community."

The Age report stated "some community bank directors might have local knowledge, but are inexperienced in financial and business matters".

Ms Wrigley countered this: "We have 11 dedicated volunteers on our board, who give their time freely to support the bank. Five of us are

graduates of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and the emphasis we place on such issues as corporate governance and risk assessment is significant.

"We also value the diversity of opinion offered by those board members who are more focussed on the community involvement and values, ensuring we grant sensibly and in line with community needs.

"We are very much strategically focussed on growing the business and supporting our manager, Mark Challen, in achieving that growth. We value the assistance Bendigo Bank itself provides our branch in terms of education programs and the effort they make to enhance the skills of everyone involved in the enterprise," Ms Wrigley said.

"The community bank model makes a huge difference to community infrastructure, and these benefits will really start to be noticed ten-fold in the next few years."

● Sarah Wrigley can be contacted on 0412 186 302.

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Makeover for village street

Words and pictures by
SANDY BURGOYNE

Manningham council's "Pride of Place" improvements to Warrandyte's main streetscape have extended to the roadside and footpath between Webb Street and the Grand Hotel.

"Since 2006, council has progressively allocated funds for (these) works through its capital works program. The stage three works on the south side of Yarra Street, west of Webb Street, and along Webb Street, south of Yarra Street are currently under construction and are expected to be completed by mid-June 2011," Leigh Harrison, director of assets and engineering at Manningham council, told the *Diary*.

Expenditure on this stage of the Pride of Place project is expected to be around \$285,000.

The road is considerably lower than the footpath and shop fronts over this section and disruption to pedestrians and traffic is resulting during the works. The eastern end of the Diary Tree car park on the river side of Yarra Street is closed, as this is being used to store plant and materials needed in the streetscape works. Some car parking bays on the south side of Yarra Street are temporarily unavailable to allow for demolition of the sloping bluestone bank and its replacement.

"The existing retaining wall was at about a 45 degree angle, the new retaining wall is nearly vertical, therefore there will be extra space created at both the top and bottom of the new wall," Mr Harrison said.

"The new retaining wall

will be a reinforced concrete wall clad in manufactured stone called Eldorado Stone, Country Rubble. The colour, Tuscan, was selected to match the existing surrounding materials.

"On the low side, a new path is being constructed to provide better access for pedestrians entering and leaving their vehicles parked along Yarra Street. On the high side of the wall, the footpath outside the shops will be approximately the same width as it currently is and the extra width created will be either a landscaped area or extra wide path."

The design does not include the familiar bluestone pitchers that have been part of Yarra Street for many years. Council has removed these and they will be used in other works elsewhere.

During the roadside and footpath works pedestrian access has been altered. The new routes are clearly marked and the construction zones fenced off.

In 2005 Manningham council noted that pavements beside Yarra Street were made from a variety of materials and that many of these were in poor repair. An important part of the Pride of Place project is to install well designed and safe footpaths including:

- Replacing the existing footpath surface with an exposed aggregate concrete surface.

- Modifications to ramps, steps, shop entrances (where needed to match levels) and drainage pits.

- Removal of the existing steps at three locations along Yarra Street which will make room for a footpath to be complemented

by a new set of steps and an "at-grade" ramp (a transition between two sections of path that are at slightly different levels).

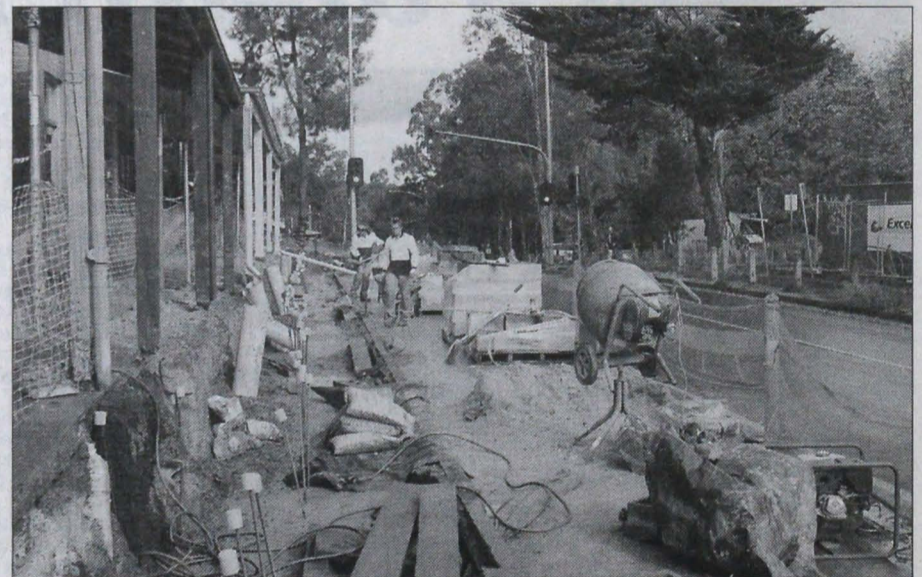
- Further improvement works are to be undertaken at two locations to improve wheelchair access along the footpath on the north side of Yarra Street incorporating new kerb and channel with stone kerb on concrete channel and kerb ramps.

The trunk of the lanky casuarina tree outside the Bendigo Bank has been wrapped with rubber to protect it during demolition and construction works. Representatives from the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) have organised a meeting with council officials to discuss what trees or shrubs will be planted once the streetscape renovations are completed.

Under the Pride of Place initiative the state government awarded grants to municipalities to improve community amenity. Manningham council was successful in obtaining a grant and had an urban design framework drawn up for Warrandyte in 2005.

"The urban design framework made recommendations for works to be undertaken in central Warrandyte to sustain the character and heritage of the township, enhance the sense of place, improve community cohesiveness and community assets for the benefit of local residents and visitors to the historic town," Mr Harrison said.

The current roadside modifications on Yarra Street are stage three of the Pride of Place works. Stages one and two were completed in 2006 and 2008.



'Heritage' theme for council photographic competition

As part of its celebrations for Heritage Week, Manningham council is running an "Our Manningham, Our Heritage" photographic competition "to capture the spirit of Manningham's heritage in pictures".

"Photos can celebrate historic buildings and gardens, natural, rural and urban landscapes, popular and refined architecture with recognised monumental values or outstanding beauty—and even people," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"The scope of the competition is very broad and we are encouraging everyone to be as creative and imaginative as possible. But we are also encouraging people to go

through any old historical photographs of Manningham.

"All images entered are eligible to be featured in the 2012 Manningham community calendar and in other council publications or promotional material," the spokesperson said.

Photographs can be submitted online at www.Manningham.vic.gov.au/heritage and must be accompanied by the entrant's full name, photo title, description and comments. They must be either a JPEG or TIF file, of high resolution, minimum 300dpi, 3500 pixels height for portrait photos, 3500 pixels width for land-

scape photos (A4).

Hard copy photos can be submitted in person at the customer service desk at council offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. They can be posted to Manningham City Council, Photographic Competition, PO Box 1, Doncaster Vic 3108.

All photos submitted in person or via post need to be accompanied by completed entry and consent forms. Include a reply paid envelope if you would like your photos returned. Frail or valuable photos should be delivered in person.

- The competition, now open, will close on Friday, August 26.



Photogenic: Warrandyte's 'built' heritage. (Montage by Stephen Reynolds)

VCAT throws out town's objections to phone tower

READERS of the *Diary* may not be aware that Warrandyte has an "intensely developed sporting precinct" but this was the considered assessment of the Warrandyte Reserve by town planner, Mr John Glossop.

The recent VCAT hearing to decide the fate of a proposed Optus Vodafone telecommunications facility heard Mr Glossop's opinions on the visual impact but rejected a summation prepared by Warrandyte's Val Polley.

Mr Glossop was called as an Optus Vodafone expert witness and admitted to visiting the reserve only twice, but was not asked how he would describe the vicinity which houses Hisense Arena or the MCG by comparison.

A detailed statement on the visual intrusion submitted by Ms Polley recommended that the proposal be denied and asserted: "If the current site is preferred by the proponent due to financial considerations then this is one case where the environmental outcomes should receive preference over all others—such is the importance of maintaining the environmental and landscape values of the township."

Although Ms Polley, who has lived in the area for 40 years and served as a councillor and mayor for a number of those years, drew on considerable planning experience gained from participation in local and state planning committees, taking into account the complex legislative framework of the reserve, her assessment was deemed irrelevant by VCAT.

Other issues disregarded by the tribunal were 1200 objections, including letters from the kindergarten, tennis club, netball club, Uniting Church and Goldfields Medical Centre; a statement attesting to the overwhelming community opposition by state MP for Warrandyte, Ryan Smith; opposition by traditional owners, the Wurundjeri Tribal Land Council and photographs of the visual intrusion provided by professional landscape architect, Glen Dunstan which painted a distinctly different perspective of the visual intrusion to that presented by Mr Glossop.

But perhaps the most startling development in the two-day hearing was the assessment by VCAT of the finding by Chief Pilot of the Victoria

Last month, VCAT chose to uphold Manningham council's decision to grant a permit to Optus Vodafone to erect a mobile phone tower at Warrandyte Reserve, despite strong community opposition. MICHELLE PINI, who has been heavily involved in this campaign, reports...

Police Air Wing, Mr Ray Pitts. In a statement submitted as evidence by the objectors to the tower, Mr Pitts warns of the dangers of placing a structure of this magnitude in Warrandyte's "point of last resort" and only helicopter evacuation area, particularly during periods of low visibility such as in the event of a bushfire.

This view was supported in an email from Cr David Ellis, chair of Manningham Council Safety Committee, suggesting that if there was an aviation accident, Manningham council, Optus Vodafone and VCAT may all be liable.

Presiding Member, Mr Russell Byard stated the following in his summation: "We find the change that would be caused by this development to be quite minor and acceptable."

Manningham council town planning officer, Ms Ann-Marie Drakos, said she was "not aware" of the reserve being Warrandyte's designated point of last resort. This response was surprising given the clearly visible signs erected by Manningham council identifying it as such.

Ms Drakos presented a series of additional stipulations to the permit application at the conclusion of the hearing, including plans to upgrade the existing lighting poles to a height of 30 metres to "complement" the new monopole and alluded to "further talks with sporting clubs", which would be expected to fund 50 per cent of the cost of such lighting.

This detail was not confirmed however, even though Vodafone witness, Mr Glossop, indicated he would be "horrified" if the lighting was not upgraded to visually balance the height of the tower.

Mr Stephen Schutt (also appearing as an Optus Vodafone witness) expressed his belief that painting the tower in a "sympathetic colour", would make the 34 metre structure, which would currently stand 10-15 metres above the tree canopy, blend into the landscape entirely and render it almost invisible to surrounding residents and visitors to the reserve.

This view was shared by the VCAT members who state in their summation: "We have found that while this development will be visible, it would not be unduly intrusive to any unacceptable degree."

Commenting on the case, Mayor Geoff Gough recently stated in the *Manningham Leader* that council had made a "responsible decision" to boost communications in a bushfire prone area.

However, this view does not appear to be supported by the fact that all emergency calls in Victoria proceed on the Telstra network regardless of carrier or Vodafone's complete omission of any such

claim in their submission.

Mayor Gough was also quoted as stating that legislation "made it difficult to say no to phone towers". It appears that the hands of council and those of VCAT, a tribunal created primarily for the legally unrepresented, are tied when it comes to telecommunication structures that are springing up with monotonous regularity all over the landscape.

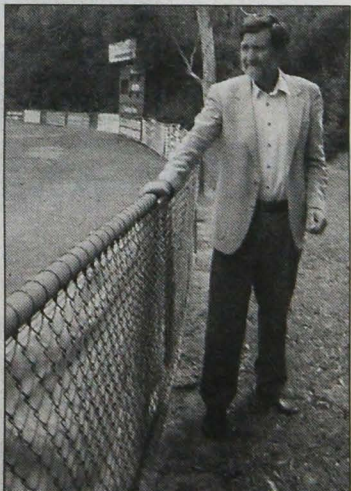
Warrandyte's public recreation reserve is on Crown land which is protected by no less than seven zonings, overlays and planning instruments covering environmental, historical, indigenous, fire, and flood inundation issues.

The reserve is also listed as a Biosite for Victoria, has been identified as a "Core Conservation Area" for Manningham and ascribed national significance for its biological values.

However, notwithstanding this protective legal structure and the fact that similar permit applications are often rejected by Nillumbik council, VCAT chose to uphold Manningham council's decision to install a new tower in Warrandyte Reserve, which begs the question: how many overlays are required to protect Manningham's section of our Green Wedge suburb from additional development?

Expressions of opinion on this issue may be sent to Manningham councillors before they vote on whether they should lease the land to Vodafone (a separate legal requirement) which the *Diary* believes will take place on Tuesday, June 28.

● A public meeting, described by the organisers as the community's "last opportunity to help fight this council decision," will be held at the Tennis Club, Tarooma Avenue on Wednesday, June 22, commencing at 7.30pm. (See advertisement on Page 13.)

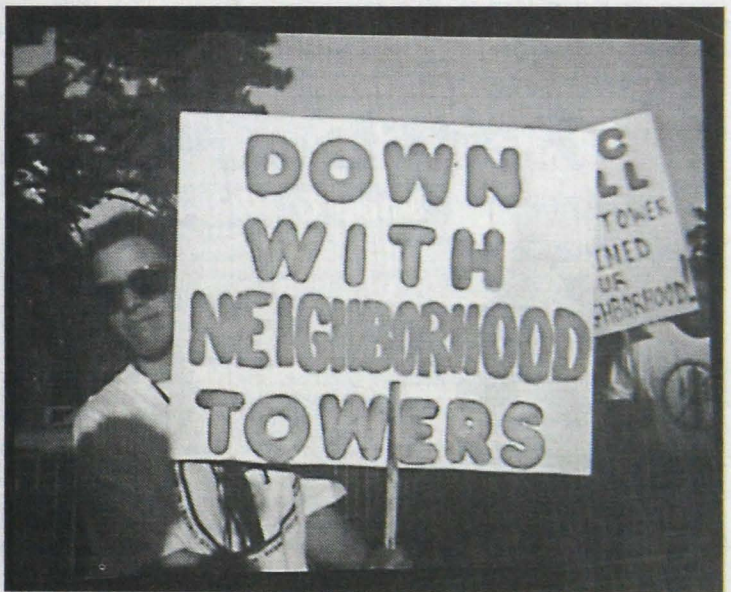


Cr David Ellis supported locals in their campaign against the mobile phone tower.



Police pilot warns of danger to helicopters

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Locals held public meetings, organised petitions, lobbied politicians in their fight against a mobile phone tower on Warrandyte Reserve.

CLYDE & OCKER

"Getting a job as a helicopter pilot, are yer Ock?"
 "Not if I've gotta land on Warrandyte Reserve, I'm not!"

It should be safe enough... after all, the tissue dielectric parameters recommended by the IEEE SCC-34/SC-2 in P 1528 [6] are derived from the planal layer models simulating the highest expected SAR. RC (ER-HE) Standard 2008, Section 162, Reference [2] in the 150MHz to 5.8GHz range.

How Jock saw this issue in April 2010.

Alan Nichols says farewell to town

ALAN NICHOLS accepted temporary stewardship of St Stephen's Anglican Church in January 2010. During the previous couple of years, the former long-time incumbent had moved on, the congregation had dwindled to a handful and the church hierarchy was threatening to close the church and sell the site. But the community rallied and St Stephen's was saved. This is Canon Nichols' farewell message to the Warrandyte community...

THERE is a profound spirituality in the people and hills of Warrandyte. It is illustrated by the framed reproductions of the works of the Heidelberg painters along the Yarra riverbank. It comes out in every public conversation among the people. These are my reflections after spending 18 very fulfilling months as minister at St Stephen's Anglican Church in Stiggant Street.

Warrandyte was already more than a spot for coffee, as my wife Denise and I already had friends here. But being in an "official" role as parish priest cast me in the role of seeking to rebuild a parish that had worn down, and yet had been in the town for 160 years since the gold-fields days.

We had a past, but did we have a future? With God's grace I can now say that a future is secured. Diocesan authorities have agreed that St Stephen's can again have its own vicar, starting on a part-time basis.

I thank the *Warrandyte*

Diary and many other community people for giving support to us in this resurrection phase.

How did we get there? Through many public and private conversations with local people who, even if



Canon Alan Nichols

they were not churchgoers themselves, truly believed that every town should have its share of churches. They also did not want to see any long-standing community group decline or close.

And also through what we called "Conversations

with the Community", public events on a range of environmental and health issues. On the ethics of genetically modified crops, do local people have a view? Certainly! On preserving the environment for the next generation? Absolutely! On better services for people with mental illness? Yes! Interested in Burma and in refugees? Enthusiastically, yes!

Warrandyte houses many remarkably educated and informed people with a lively interest in maintaining community life.

I could not find a topic which produced blank looks or lack of interest. And then of course there are the "rites of passage"—baptism, marriage, funerals and interment of ashes. People still need formal rituals to express our joys, our griefs, and our thanks to God.

I have left St Stephen's a little prematurely, for health reasons. But I look forward to a thriving, flourishing, spiritually active, doors-wide-open St Stephen's way into the future. Thanks to everyone.



Mud, mud, glorious mud!

Muddy waters: While improvements at the bottom oval at Warrandyte Reserve is music to the ears of many, it seems there are still some drainage issues around the interchange bench and fence line that are cause for a song and dance to some spectators. At least the ducks won't be complaining. (Picture by Scott Podmore)

Council offers cash for community

Community groups and organisations north of the Yarra are invited to submit applications for Nillumbik council's 2011/12 community grants.

Applications close on Friday, July 29.

Council encourages local not-for-profit groups in need of additional support to apply for one of these grants.

"Council's community grants are made available to sup-

port existing organisations, or those forming new initiatives," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

To assist groups with their applications, council is offering a free grant-writing workshop "to strengthen applicants' grant-writing skills and to offer additional information about community grant opportunities they may apply for", the spokesperson

said. The workshop will be held at Allwood House, 901 Main Road, Hurstbridge, on Thursday, June 9 between 9.45am and 1pm. You can register your attendance on 9433 3766.

Further information from www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au, phone Melanie Holt on 9433 3153 or email Melanie.Holt@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

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Local projects in council budget

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The proposed new Warrandyte library and renewal of facilities at Warrandyte Reserve were discussed at a Manningham council community consultation meeting last month, at which their recently released draft plan and budget for 2011/2012 was outlined.

Council is forecasting an annual increase of five per cent in average rates payable per property. This will assist in financing a number of improvements to community facilities and services in Warrandyte.

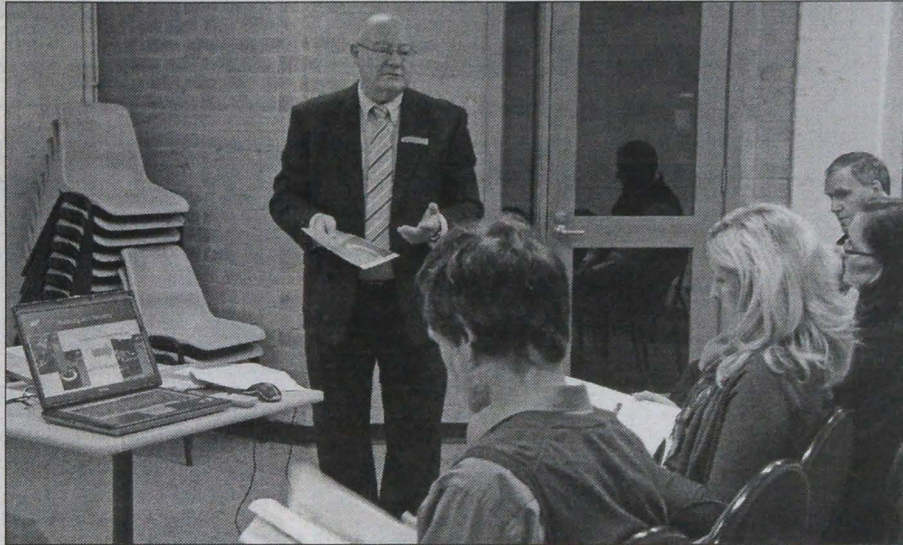
"We acknowledge that rate rises place additional burden on households, however we believe a set five per cent increase is sustainable and allows us to provide better services that are still value for money," Manningham's chief financial officer Rob Spargo said.

"A real challenge for council is cost shifting from state to local government," Mr Spargo said. A key example of this is the cost of landfill, set by state government, having increased from \$9 a tonne last year to a projected \$44 a tonne in 2012.

Meanwhile, there are growing needs in the community, such as home health, maternal and child services and recreational provisions.

Council is committed to maintaining and improving infrastructure in the municipality. "For every dollar that is received by council, 33 cents will be contributed to capital works," Mr Spargo said.

Unlike many councils, Manningham's approach places high regard on infrastructure planning and development, rather than merely contribut-



Council officer Rob Spargo outlines Manningham's budget. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

ing the residual, after operating costs, to capital planning. "We have \$1.3 billion worth of assets that we need to keep functional for the community," Mr Spargo said.

Council has committed to continuing projects and initiatives already underway, including \$310,000 for bushland and fire management projects in partnership with the CSIRO, \$150,000 for their rapid response unit to address emergencies and maintenance, and \$53 million for capital works.

Looking into the future, council has committed \$2.46 million over the next 10 years to the implementation of the Warrandyte Reserve management plan, including the pavilion upgrade.

Of this, \$852,000 is allocated from the 2012/13 budget and

\$1.62 million from the 2013/14 budget

The management and refurbishment of the Warrandyte Community Centre, including relocation of the library has been allocated \$2.6 million over 10 years, with \$250,000 to be spent in 2011/12, and \$2.38 million in 2012/13.

\$668,000 has been allocated over the next 10 years towards the implementation and upgrade of infrastructure and landscaping in Yarra Street and \$908,000 earmarked to be spent across the 2018/19 and 2019/20 budget years for landscaping, furniture, signs, pathways and bushland works at Stiggants Reserve.

"The 10-year projection of capital works provides a road map for sustainable development into the future," Cr David Ellis told the *Diary*.

When the *Diary* put to council that the budget could be perceived as Doncaster-centric with large investment in the Doncaster Hill development, Mr Spargo responded that community services and facilities need to be developed to support the new 8000 person population in the precinct.

Manningham's strategy to address the Melbourne 2030 population expansion is to allow concentrated development in areas within the municipality that can support growth, while protecting areas such as Warrandyte.

"We are committed to being a planned city without impacting the Green Wedge," Cr Ellis said. "By developing areas of designated hyper development we can protect our pristine green open spaces."

Award for council Street art quest

Nillumbik council's environment team and local community groups have been selected as a finalist in the United Nations Association World Environment Day awards.

"In the aftermath of the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, council contributed to the recovery process by bringing the community together to address the impact of the fires on the local environment, both agricultural and natural," a council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Nillumbik mayor, Cr Helen Coleman, said this acknowledgement was a reward for all the hard work and effort that has

gone into the bushfire affected area to help with rebuilding within the community.

"We continue to equip local Landcare groups and landowners with the management skills, support and equipment to rehabilitate their land and aim to empower landowners and encourage them to make informed decisions about their land management in the future," Cr Coleman said.

"We continue to see erosion, weed and pest animal infestation and roadside management as a problem as a result of the vegetation being wiped out on that terrible day."

No, it's not graffiti, it's official! Artwork decorating traffic signal boxes in 10 locations throughout Manningham has been commissioned by council as part of its Traffic Art project.

Manningham CEO Lydia Wilson told the *Diary* she is thrilled with Manningham's traffic art gallery and is looking forward to more artworks appearing on streets.

"Each artwork tells a story and each of the artists has

a unique style and message. The program is a great way for budding artists to get 'urban art' into their resume and portfolio," she said.

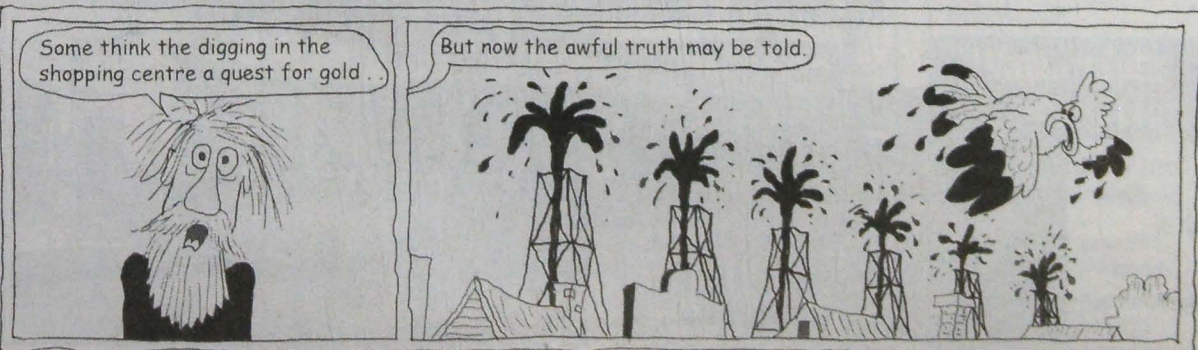
"If you are interested, go to the Urban Smart Projects website, urbansmartprojects.com and hit the 'paint a box' menu.

"When your design is approved you will be delivered a pack containing the paint and equipment you need to paint your box."

In our last issue, under the heading, "High school drama students tackle Brecht", we stated that Warrandyte High School Year 12 drama studies class presented Bertold Brecht's play "Epic Theatre". This was not a play by Brecht but rather a "devised work based on an exploration of Brecht's performance style". Brecht has never written a play called "Epic Theatre". We apologise for any inconvenience or stress this editing error may have caused.

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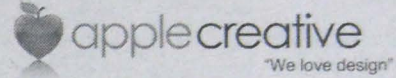
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More details of the award and to apply online go to www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php or write to The Secretary, Lions Club of Warrandyte, PO Box 18, Warrandyte 3113



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Community groups will bring new life to old rubbish

Warrandyte Uniting Church's Riverflow recycling team is working together with WarrandyteCAN to establish a one-stop recycling service for the community.

"Many items that can be recycled or re-used through existing programs are still going to landfill because there are no easy local collection points," church spokesman Ken Keam told the *Diary*.

"In our throwaway society, many of these items can be of good use for others both around Australia and overseas."

To encourage sustainable practices within our community these two local groups will be providing a one-stop drop-off service on a regular basis and distributing the items to existing recycle or re-use programs.

These include ink cartridges, computers, old spectacles, hearing aids, mobile phones and CDs and DVDs, as well as craft items like fabric, buttons, cards and beads.

Old bicycles—that will go to Bicycles for Humanity—are especially sought.

Volunteers from both groups will be on hand for the first community recycling drop-off at the Uniting Church, corner Taroona Avenue and West End Road on Saturday, June 25. Items can only be dropped off between 10am and 1pm.

"Please come along and help others—and our



These kids know that mobile phones and reading glasses will be useful in developing countries.

earth—by bringing your pre-loved items for recycling," Mr Keam said.

• More information about the recycling program and a full list of the items that can

be recycled is available on the Riverflow website www.riverflow.com.au.



THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS

Time to laugh off those winter blues

There's nothing like a good laugh to make you forget the cold, the wet and the winter blues.

The local Warrandyte Theatre Company will be laying on the laughs at their upcoming season of three one-act plays.

This year's selection are three parodies on relationships, therapy and self-improvement.

You could be back in Warrandyte with "Decline & Hall" a play by Roger Gimblett (directed by Bill Connolly), telling the story of a community hall falling down while the building committee is hopelessly divided and penniless.

What will happen to the drama club, the indoor bowls and the cub scout troop? Will love spring anew for the local minis-

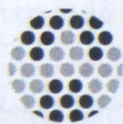
theatre

ter? The two other plays are "Good Grief", by Frank Wilkie (directed by Phyl Swindley) posing the question: What drives needy and unstable characters to become counsellors, and "Soap Opera" by David Ives (directed by David Tynan), in which a washing-machine repairman finds himself attracted to a picture-perfect washer. Stay tuned!

It's a short season of two weekends from Friday, June 24, so don't miss out. A matinee will be presented on Saturday, July 2.

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Don't can cash for cans...

These folk, including members of WarrandyteCAN (that means Warrandyte Climate Action Now) gathered outside the Warrandyte IGA supermarket late last month.

They were campaigning for the introduction of a 5c refund on cans and bottles.

Messages mounted on plastic bottles, signed by people who visited WarrandyteCAN's recent Sustainability Expo, were later delivered to the office of local MP Ryan Smith, who is also state environment

minister.

"They were taken there to remind Mr Smith that his government made an election commitment to give Victoria a refund system like in South Australia," campaign convener Peter Cook told the *Diary*.

"Currently the government is waiting on the outcome of a federal investigation, which may or may not recommend that Australia has a national refund system.

"Currently, four billion drink

containers are not recycled in Australia every year. Many of these become litter and are washed into waterways like the Yarra.

"As proven in South Australia and many places around the world, a refund system will reduce litter, double recycling rates for drink containers and protect our waterways."

It is believed that with a refund system, drink containers would become a source of fundraising for community groups and charities.

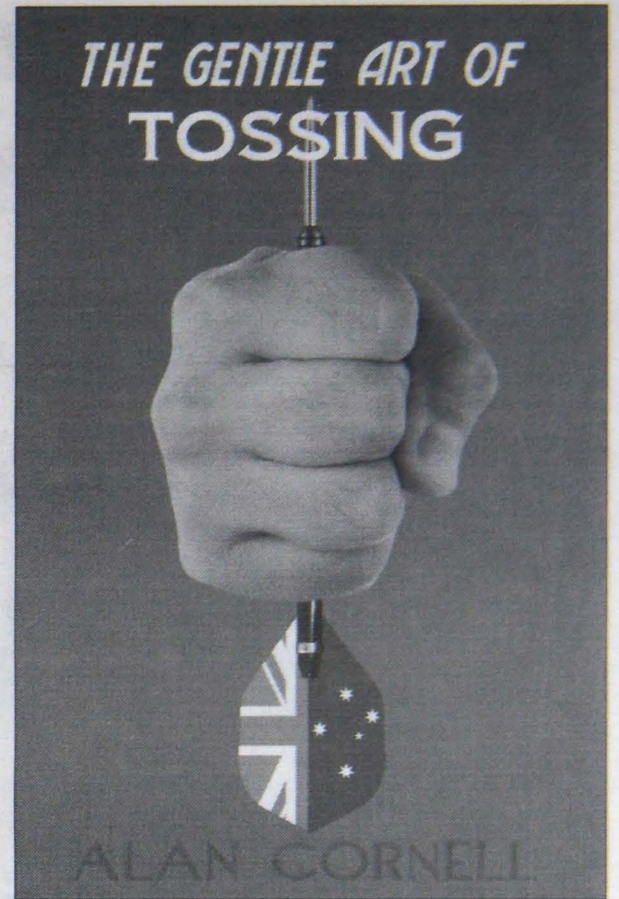
"The scouting movement in South Australia makes more than \$1m a year from drink containers," Mr Cook said.

The "message on a bottle" event was organised by AFROCAB (Australians for Refunds on Cans and Bottles).

Peter Cook said it was good that the Liberal Party had included a refund system in their litter policy. "The community will applaud the government if it takes the next step and introduces a refund policy," he said.



Can be done: Folk 'showing bottle' outside IGA Warrandyte. (Picture by ALANA PHILLIPS)



The *Diary's* own Alan Cornell, creator and confidante of the Trott family on page 2, has just had his first novel published.

The Gentle Art of Tossing is a comic romp as told by Chesterman Fanning, a sports-caster reduced to calling sheep dog trials in darkest Gippsland, who stumbles across a young darts prodigy in the back bar of the Fish Creek Hotel.

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Breakfast with firefighters

Words and pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE

As last month contained a fifth Sunday, South Warrandyte Fire Brigade held a community breakfast at its Brumbys Road fire station.

"The fifth Sunday breakfast is held by the brigade as a community exercise to invite friends and family of the CFA — its members, its ex-members and other agencies ... so that they get to know the

people in the community and others in the brigade outside firefighting activities," Warren Aikman, south brigade's first lieutenant told the *Diary*.

"It falls about four times a year and we invite anyone in the community that's interested to come and see the fire brigade and have a relaxing morning.

"Families make big sacrifices to the CFA so it is to say 'thankyou' to the families

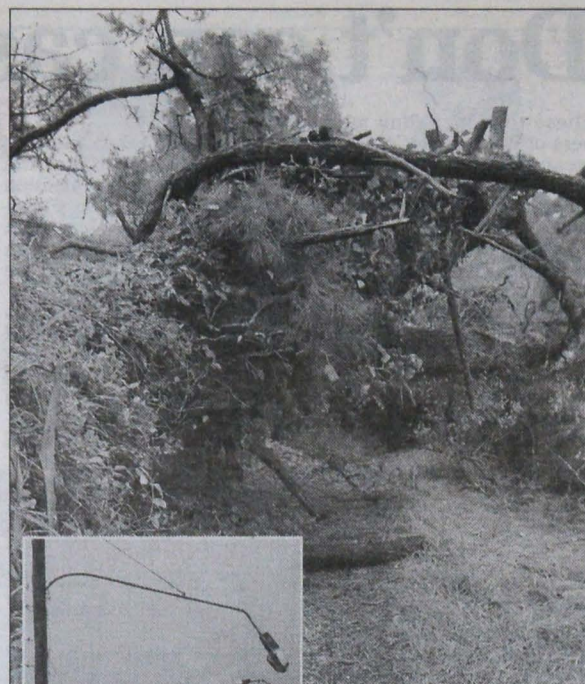
as well ... It's about the kids being involved and enjoying their time down here," he said.

Children of all ages certainly enjoyed inspecting the fire trucks. A special treat was a visit from a MFB teleboom appliance with its crew.

"That was from Fire Station 22 at Ringwood. Our brigade here interfaces with the MFB on our boundaries," Warren Aikman explained.

"They support into our area and at times we support into their area. We have assignment tables. Our assignments cover our area of turnout and we support each other in those areas."

The brigade and its supporters served up a tasty breakfast of old favourites including bacon, eggs, sausages and hash browns, with tea, coffee and muffins to follow.



This Scots pine stopped traffic in North Warrandyte last month. The only casualty (inset) was this street light. (Pictures by Sandy Burgoyne)

Tree stops traffic

North Warrandyte's peak hour traffic snarl became even worse one Tuesday night last month. A towering Scots pine on the east side of Kangaroo Ground Road, at the Research-Warrandyte Road intersection, fell across the road bending a street light and taking power lines with it.

Several teams of emergency workers were deployed to clear the road of debris and make the site safe. Darkness added to the chaos and Research-Warrandyte Road banked up past Sloan's corner. Vehicles exiting Re-

search Road had to run the gauntlet of traffic on KG Road whilst negotiating around the parked chipper trucks. The emergency crews rigged up powerful lights and continued working into the night.

The trunk and many large boughs of the pine remained on the embankment beside KG Road. Locals had taken to walking on the road as they could not use the old dirt track that runs over the embankment to Castle Road.

Our pictures show the remains of the Scots pine the next morning.

SANDY BURGOYNE

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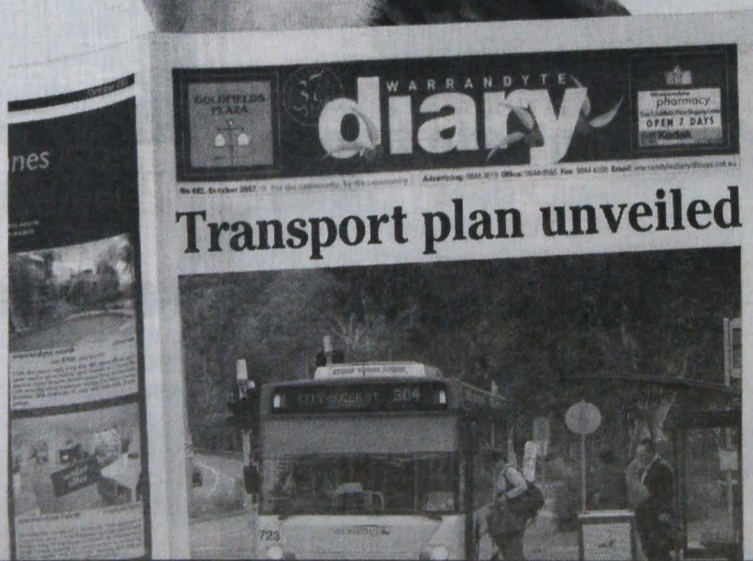
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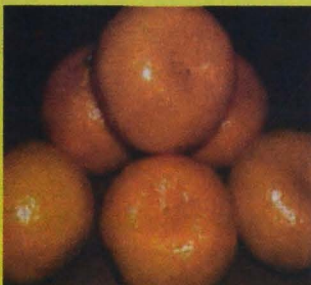
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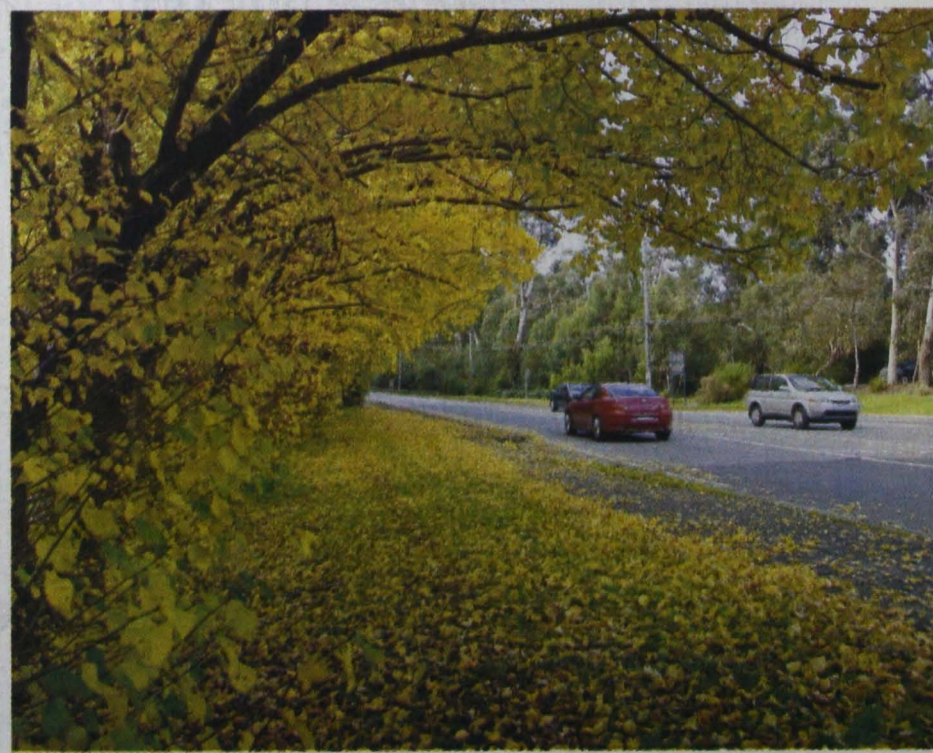
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Busy days at Seniors

Warrandyte Senior Citizens are holding an open day on Thursday June 30, so the community can visit and see what activities are held there each week. Gentle exercises will commence at 10.30am followed by carpet bowls, pool and the 55+ Concert Party will perform. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome. The Seniors group also has Artlinks with Manningham Health on Wednesdays and on Fridays may have bus trips, outings for lunch or trips to the movies.

Bands

This month, Warrandyte RSL's monthly Bands by the Bridge is introducing a new local group, "The Riffmasters", playing Blues Soul music from the heart, featuring Glen and Heather Jameson. Sunday, June 26. Doors open from 4pm to 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Front

The Warrandyte Theatre Company is seeking locals who may be interested in helping with front-of-house duties at the company's shows. Contact Naomi on 0427 171 975 for more information.

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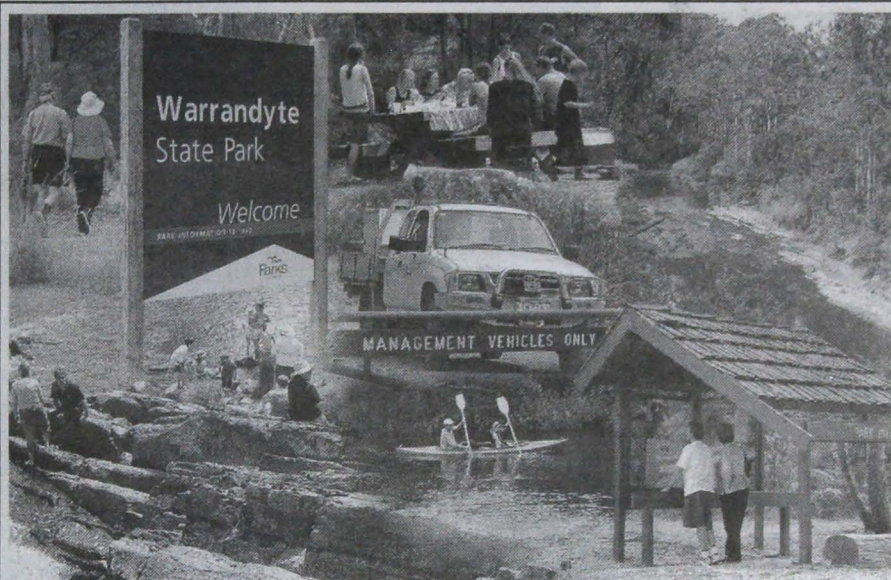
Andersons Creek Landcare group is calling for helpers to help plant grasses and shrubs at the Gold Memorial car park on June 18, from 1pm to 3pm. Tools and refreshments will be provided. For details call Fritz on 0439 443 703.

Farmers

The next Park Orchard Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday, June 18 between 9am and 1pm. Fresh produce and value-added food direct from our local farmers will be featured. Join the village atmosphere, stock up with food items and enjoy live music from local artists. This is a community market, organised by Park Orchards Ratepayers Association and the Lions Club. More information from 0409 417 369.

Watch

The next Neighbourhood Watch area meetings will be held at the Warrandyte Police Station on Tuesdays—June 14 and August 9. Meetings commence at 7.30pm



Extended hours for nursery

Warrandyte's own indigenous plant nursery run by Friends of Warrandyte State Park is pleased to announce extended opening hours. Along with opening to the public every Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm, it will be open on the first weekend of each month from 9am to 1pm on Saturday and on Sunday from 2pm to 4pm. The nursery is located on Pound Bend Road next to the Park Ranger's Office (Mel 23 C10). This not-for-profit organisation also provides information on indigenous plants, weeds and various aspects of bushland conservation. For more information call 0408 317 327.

out of the inbox
By JUDY GREEN

Life

Well-known local personality and *Diary* contributor, Alan Cornell, was presented with life membership of the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association on the final night of the 2011 Follies. Alan has, for the last 30 years, been involved in performing and writing more than 70 sketches for the Follies and other shows. He has held a number of positions on the committee over the period and currently edits the WMI&AA newsletter, *The Artful Dodger*.

Music

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Jazz

Earth Harmony is presenting their new Jazz Club in a performance by Ride Cymbal on Friday, June 17 at 8pm. The evening will feature Bob Sedergreen on keyboard, Sonja Horbelt on drums and Jon Chidgey on electric bass. Cost is \$22 and \$19 concession, prepay by phone and card or \$26 pay at the door. The new Lotus Room (licensed) will be open from 7.30pm for drinks and snacks. Earth Harmony's Dragonfly Club will hold an Open Mike Nite on Friday, June 10 at 8pm. Entry is \$5. To book in your act phone 9844 5155.

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Mothers

Eltham women's art group, Thou Art Mum is currently presenting Moments in Time at Eltham Library Community Gallery until Monday, June 20. This is a group of busy mums who pursue their artistic dreams together. The exhibition features 34 participating artists showing work in a variety of media.

Awards

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Paintings

A new exhibition at Manningham Gallery, entitled "Green Space", will feature a series of landscape paintings by emerging artist Simon Grennan. They have been influenced by 19th century plein air practice, colonial landscape painting, pop culture and TV crime dramas. The show opens on Wednesday, June 22 and continues until Saturday, July 9. The gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster and is open Tuesdays to Fridays 11am to 5pm and Saturdays 2pm to 5pm. Admission is free.

Stonehouse

The June exhibition at Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, features the work of Sue Trevillian and Jan O'Neill and is titled "Canvas and Clay". It is inspired by the artists' relationship with the natural environment. The gallery is open between 10am and 5pm each day. Phone 9844 3629 for more information.

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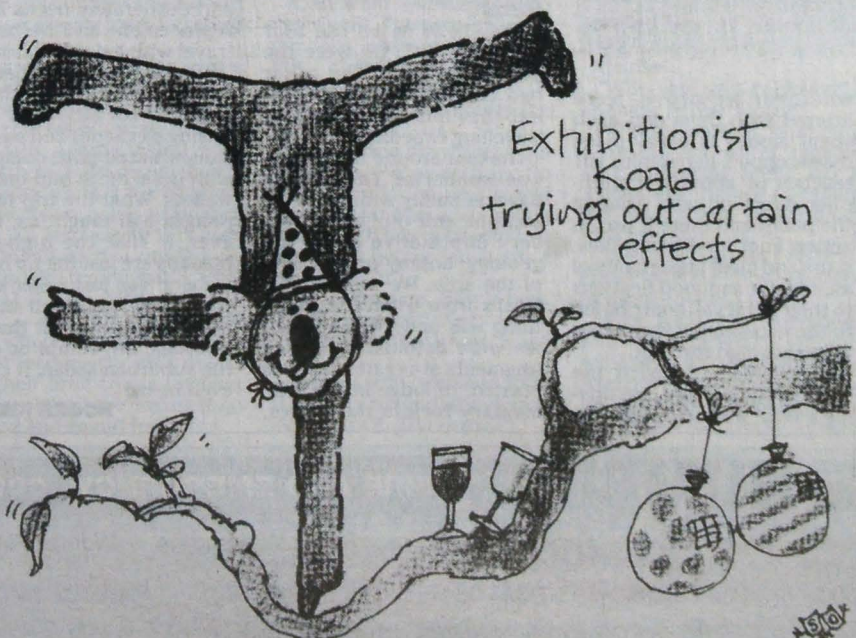
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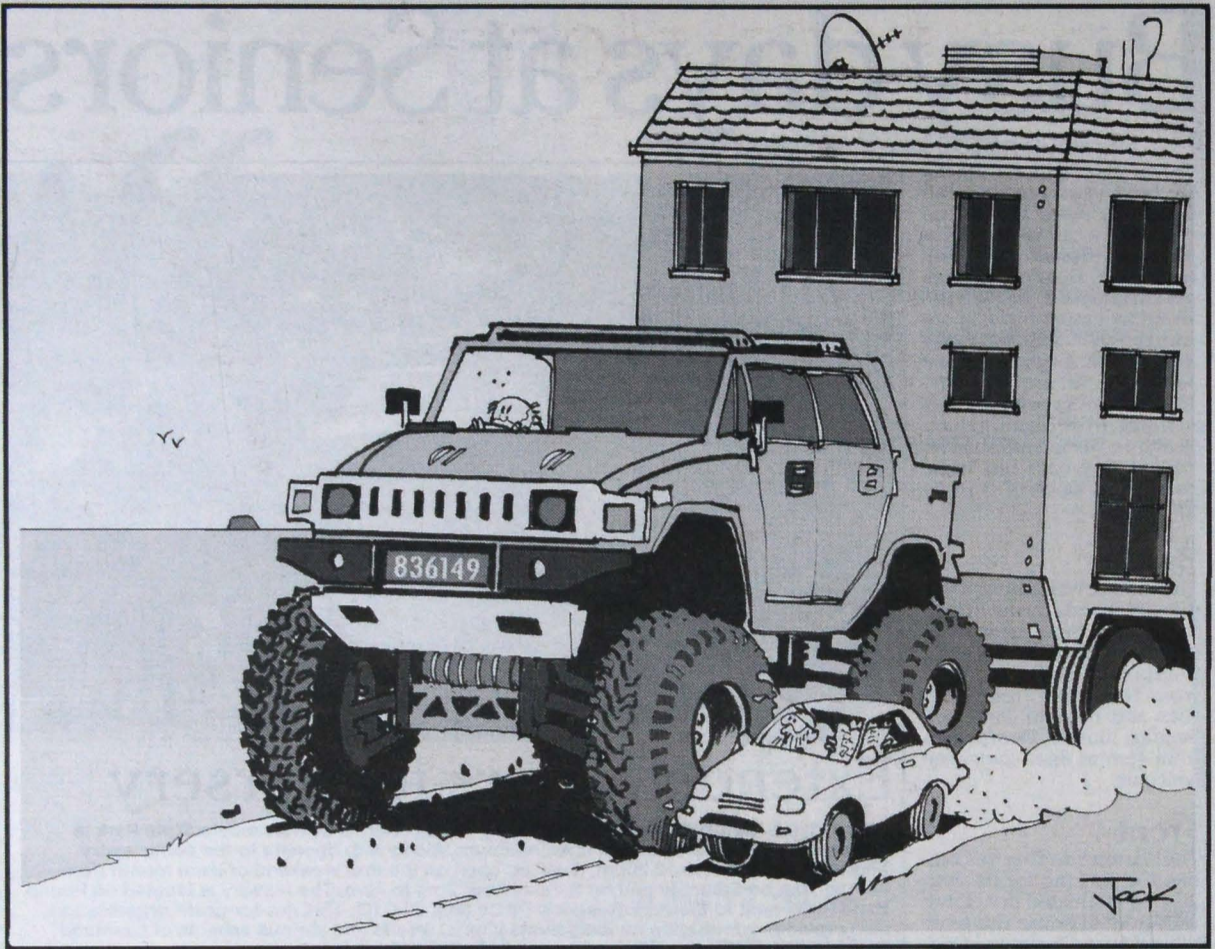
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Travelling the road with the intrepid grey nomads

WHO says the Australian economy relies on the Chinese economy? Having just come back from a holiday in South Australia, I can confidently say that without the "grey nomads", our national economy would collapse.

We drove to Adelaide the direct route. Our two suitcases of clothes, a Safeway bag crammed with "pills for the elderly" and we, were tucked into a Toyota sedan.

Herself sat in the passenger's seat with map and tourist brochures on her lap. Every now and again she would read out a point of interest and would get me back on the right track when I ran the risk of taking a turn off to the Mallee. We don't have sat-nav or any modifications to the car. It seems to us that a holiday is just a matter of getting ourselves and a few possessions from home to another few places. Wrong!

Every second vehicle we passed or was passed by, was either a gigantic freighter or a military-sized 4WD lugging a mobile apartment block. The commercial semis were driven by "driven" guys but the escape combos were a different demographic. These drivers were all guys like me. Invariably they were bewildered and of "a certain age" and each drove with the same maniacal Easy Rider gleam in his eye. They were off, eager to SKI (spend the kids' inheritance).

And there weren't just one or two of them. The roads,



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wherever we drove, were littered with them and each spent money in every place they stopped. Economics 101 teaches us about the multiplier effect of cash priming the pump and there it was in action. Fuel, food, camp sites, tours and most importantly of all, repairs and modifications to their outfits all contributed to the economy of the places they swarmed through.

We decided to revisit the Flinders Ranges and, not driving a 4WD, we decided to take

an organised tour in one. Our first excitement though was in getting there.

I wondered why so many cars I saw coming towards me had squares of shade cloth attached to their grilles but I was getting tired and didn't give it a second thought. Stupid really as it doesn't take a rocket scientist to realise that we would have to pass through grazing country to get to the Ranges and grazing country in SA equals potential locust swarms.

Herself was driving when the first cloud hit. Our tour driver casually mentioned later on in the tour that there are some city "duffers" (noun changed for propriety's sake) who are "stupid" (ditto) enough not to slow down to 75kph when they hit a swarm as that minimises the windscreen and radiator damage. Suffice it to say that Herself and I spent several kilometres involuntarily ducking as the kamikaze locusts headed towards us at 100kph.

The six of us on the tour were all "old". We were the nomad novices. The other two couples were only just into their four and five month travelling expeditions.

The tour around the Ranges was wonderful. The autumn day was sunny without being too hot and our guide was very informative about the geology, botany and wildlife of the area. We were shown fossils from when the whole thing was under the sea and we were astonished to see fragments of a crater that was blasted, to lodge in the sedimentary rock in the ranges,

when a meteor hit hundreds of kilometres away.

He showed us native fruits. The quandong, so it seems, has very little flesh on it but does have an enormous seed. Interestingly, all the others he showed us were related to the deadly nightshade genus and are poisonous.

At the end of the circuit of the Ranges, Mick dropped us off at our accommodation. We were last to be picked up that morning and didn't realise what unusual and stoic nomads had been with us on the tour. The first couple were away for five months in a "whizz-bang" aka a Ford Transit whose door goes whizz-bang when it shuts! They had a flimsy canvas awning and that was it, rain hail or shine.

The other couple, 76 and 70 respectively were in a tent, sleeping on thin foam mattresses. Bad enough but to add spice to the equation, she has trouble moving and desperately needs a hip replacement and he has to travel with a defibrillator.

On our return to Adelaide we were locust free but not nomad free. SUV after SUV towing all shapes and sizes of vans whizzed past, complete with grille mesh and bulging wallets. What the trip to the Ranges had taught us, however, is that the high-tech nomads are just the tip of the iceberg. You just never know what grey hair and manic touring eyes lurk in that innocuous VW Combi or even the suburban sedan. It could even be us!

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Fungi finds along the track

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By LINDA ROGAN

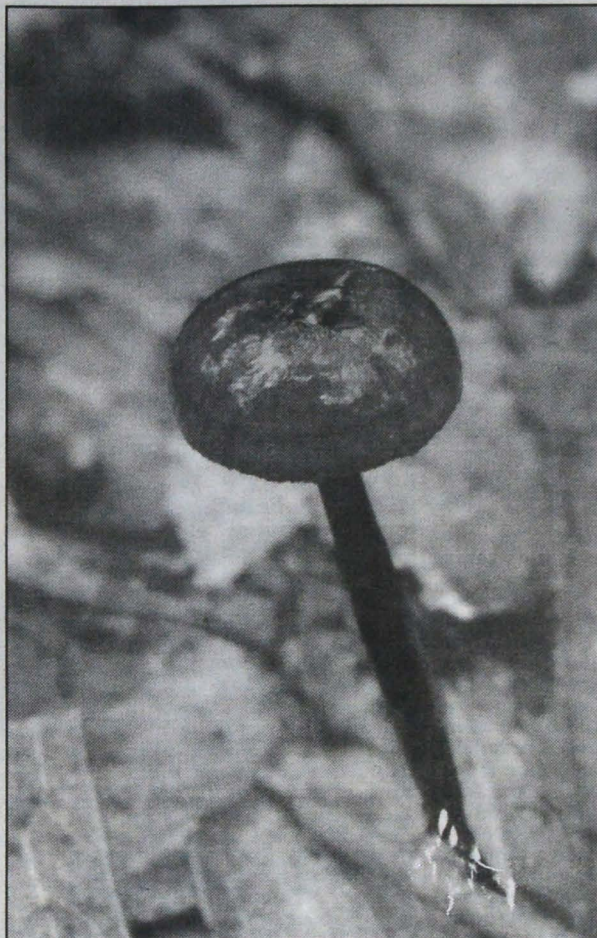
A VISITOR from Queensland, keen on photographing fungi, a clipping from *The Age* 2003 and a favourable weather forecast, added up to an exceptional autumn nature adventure.

I searched my mind and map archives for a suitable place to take the visitor for the day. The map box marked "Vic" and "east" under "B" provided the clipping *Bushwalking Bunyip State Park: Into the land of mythology* by John Siseman. We've often had delightful walks following John's advice and I knew Bunyip SP was a favourite amongst fungi lovers. We would explore the Buttongrass Nature Trail as a starting point.

This trail is inside the Bunyip State Forest and only 80 minutes drive from Warrandyte either via the highway or via the scenic route. We chose the latter passing through Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook. Brief splashes of sunlight highlighted the beauty of wet Eucalypts and tree ferns along the way.

We parked 200m from the start of the 1.5km loop walk. I estimated we'd spend a couple of hours here. Still lacing our walking boots, we heard our guest call, "Look at these lovely purple fungi and these black and white ones." And "Mind you don't step on those green ones", as we approached.

More than half an hour and many fungi photos later we crossed the road to head for the start of the walk. At least I did. At the signpost, looking back, I realised I had left our guest behind; still discovering



Along the track: Ruby Bonnet, a tiny fungus. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

new colours and varieties of his favourite photographic subjects in the moist leaf litter. We hadn't progressed far by lunchtime. The afternoon passed quickly and half-way around the loop I reminded my companions that there was less than an hour of daylight left.

During that time I photographed more than 20 different fungi including many

Coral Fungi, one a coral colour, various fungi with gills and fungi with pores, bright orange brain-shaped Jelly Fungus on dead trees, equally bright Orange Peel Fungus looking like Mandarin skins from a careless hiker. My favourites for the day were the delicate parasols of the *Mycena* species, especially a bright red one commonly called Ruby Bonnet.

Not being as keen and nowhere near as knowledgeable on fungi as our guest, I had time to observe other things. The track circles a moist creek gully but was mostly dry underfoot. Vegetation was thick in the mid-storey with the last burn having been in 2007. The flattened timber along the early part of the track was the result of the bulldozer pushing through to fight the fire. The four intervening years had allowed a wide variety of fungi to grow on and underneath to the delight of the Queenslander.

The Pouched Coral Fern scrambled up to the prickly Bushy Needlebush (*Hakea*) and was almost impenetrable in places. At one point the Needlebush gave way to another shrub with bright yellow flowers in the axils of soft blue-green needle-like foliage, all on reddish branchlets. At first I thought it was a wattle but careful searching found the warty oval fruit of the Yellow *Hakea*, one of four species in this area. The more familiar *Hakea*, the Bushy Needlewood found also near Warrandyte, was in tight bud nearby.

More than half way around the nature trail we reached an open area where buttongrass is predominant. More common in Tasmania, buttongrass is scattered in southern Victoria's wet heathlands. This perennial sedge thrives in areas of poor drainage and low levels of nutrients.

Its white edible rhizomes form a dense bundle close to the surface and may have served as tucker for local Aborigines. The rhizomes also help a quick recovery after fire. The "buttons" are the round flowerheads at the ends of metre long stalks; brown fruits now, but white in the spring.

Our first look at Buttongrass Nature Trail has left me keen to visit again in the spring.

Solar can be fun—well, sort of

WHAT a beautiful morning! White fog slices the landscape into layers, a whole palette of watercolour blues. A silent world within each hidden valley nurtures spider orbs dripping with a million little sleeping diamonds. Nippy, too, on fingers and toes—the steering wheel actually hurts to hold. Barely visible beside the road, an early bronzing scrounges for seed in the gravel. A dull orange glow infuses the eastern sky—it's going to be a cracker of a day.

Our shiny new solar panels are all set to greet the sun. Harvesting energy is proving unexpectedly exciting! I can see why people install their inverters indoors. A digital display shows how many kilowatts are being generated, and it's fascinating to watch the numbers rise and fade in synch with the sunlight: ... 372 ... 141 ... 533 ... 860 ... 1203 ... 607 ... Reminds me of years ago when we bought our first front loader—the kids pulled up their little chairs then sat and watched the washing go round and round for hours.

Notching up our first single KWh after about three days was an exciting milestone, even though it's only a fraction of our power usage. Never mind, maybe it kept the fridge going. So far altogether we've generated 70 KWh, worth about \$45 once we're connected to the grid. We obviously won't be retiring on the profits any time soon, but every little bit helps.

Anyway, I need to work overtime to compensate for the installation saga.

It all went swimmingly to begin with. The panels looked fabulous, quite stylish really, but I couldn't help noticing something odd indoors.

"Er ... what's this hole in the passage wall?" I'd expected the wiring to go somewhere else entirely. So we examined the neat round cavity, Solar Man and I, along with a fresh pile of sawdust on the carpet below. Yep. It was a hole all right.

"Sorry madam, Billy's new. He's made a mistake."

I suppose that's one word for it. "Don't worry," placated Solar Man. "We'll send somebody over to fix it. Tomorrow!"

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

Oh good. Another day off work.

Fixit Man never turned up, but the electrical inspector did.

"Did the boys tell you this is an illegal fuse box?"

No. How can it be illegal? It's not as though we installed it ourselves.

"This has never been inspected, has it? Where's the paperwork for it?"

Ummm ...

"Who said you could build shelving in this room?"

I'd thought that replacing a busted hot water service with something useful, like a whole wall of floor-to-ceiling shelving, was a pretty good idea myself.

"Well you just can't do that. Either pull out those shelves or move the fuse box."

What good is a storeroom without shelves? I sighed, arranged a visit from Fusebox-Mover Man, and another day off work. In the meantime, the inspector kindly agreed

to leave our illegal power switched on. The bad news was that we had to upgrade the fuse box.

"What, again? We've only just ..." But my pleas fell on deaf ears.

The new model looked like something they'd nicked from the cockpit of an Airbus.

"Jeez lady, this is an enormous switchboard!" exclaimed Fusebox-Mover Man, emerging from an array of components that covered our entire deck.

Well, it wasn't my idea. A second hole in the wall wasn't exactly something I'd been hankering after.

Right on cue, like a character out of a black comedy, a clapped-out 70s rust-bucket skidded and revved its way up the gravel drive. Oh no! Please tell me this isn't Fixit Man.

Of course it was. Words simply cannot convey the ensuing distress of that day. If I ever recover my wits, you may hear the tale anon. It might even seem funny in another hundred years or so. In the meantime, I need to get back to work and do something about restoring my bank balance!

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Back to the future: society seeks help

By GINA BEVAN-JONES

SPAWNED out of the enthusiastic celebration of Warrandyte's Primary School No. 12 centenary on August 16, 1975, an enthusiastic group of local residents, led by Ted and Shirley Rotherham, came together in 1976 to establish the Warrandyte Historical Society, now in its 35th year.

The Society's own history has been one of trial, tribulation and many achievements. Encouraged by its significant membership base and their real enthusiasm to preserve Warrandyte's early gold, indigenous and social histories, the society established its first museum in the humble and disused Getson's garage on the corner of Webb and Yarra streets.

The original museum was opened on May 28, 1983 by Sir George Reid and Mr H Cuthill, a representative of The Royal Historical Society, an occasion which was well attended by the community. Each weekend the museum would open to the delight of local residents and visitors alike and a great interest was shown in all the aspects of Warrandyte's history in its displays.

Although this building had soon to be demolished to make way for the new community centre, the society, undeterred, temporarily distributed their valuable records and artifacts in private homes throughout Warrandyte for safe keeping, until a new building in which to establish their new museum could be decided upon by the local council.

Initially it was proposed that this new accommodation would be sited in the new community centre, but unfortunately the allocated space proved to be unsuitable for the society's purpose. Effectively homeless, but again undaunted, the group continued on with their valuable work in just two rooms of the newly restored and recently opened 1875 old post office building at 111 Yarra Street. This building had been restored by local volunteers (following a fire in June 1982) and was functioning at that time as the Citizen's Advice Bureau, which soon became another active and useful addition to volunteer-run services for the community.

For the next few years, the Historical Society continued to operate from its cramped accommodation, providing historical information to enquirers from both inside and outside the local community, whilst continuing to record accounts of Warrandyte's past history and endeavouring to

increase the knowledge and information in its archives.

As the society's archive and artifact acquisitions grew, particularly its photographic collection, the need for a new museum became increasingly important.

Early in 1992 following discussions with the council and the Citizens Advice Bureau, it was agreed that the Historical Society would permanently establish its museum in the old post office, with the Citizen's Advice Bureau moving into the newly opened community centre.

Since that time, the Warrandyte Historical Society has gone from strength to strength. Its membership base remains strong, and its achievements have continued to progress, from old paper-based archiving systems, to computerised and digitised record keeping, with its vast photographic and artifact displays, often complimented by its many visitors.

The society has recently successfully completed transcribing and computer indexing Warrandyte's oral history library and continues to respond to many dozens of research enquiries received throughout the year. It has a willing archive team which meets weekly to continue with the valuable work of recording Warrandyte's significant history and, thanks to many valued rostered volunteers, the museum is open each weekend and is able to welcome more than 3000 visitors a year to the museum and the town.

The Historical Society also hosts many visiting groups throughout the year and is a particularly popular location for school groups, often numbering more than 100 at a time, who come seeking images and information of the past for their projects. This is an important aspect of the society's work that is particularly enjoyed by the volunteers and one that is very much valued and appreciated by its visitors.

The Warrandyte Historical Society exists today thanks to the invaluable work of so many local residents, too numerous to mention, their early enthusiasm, determination and their ongoing energy over the past 35 years. There is still much more work to do in order to ensure the recording of Warrandyte's unique history for the benefit of current and future generations.

As 1976 marked an important year in Warrandyte's history with the establishment of the Historical Society, 2011 represents another turning point for this important community group, as some of its longest

serving members and volunteers will shortly step down and retire from the society. They and their expertise will be greatly missed. Therefore, as history often does repeat itself, the society is once again actively seeking the next generation of enthusiastic local volunteers, inviting interested and enthusiastic individuals to bring new skills and ideas into the society, to help it to continue and further improve the services it offers to Warrandyte's community and the wider public.

The society will be particularly seeking members of the community to join its committee of management in key roles, although there are many other options where your skills could be deployed, whether it is giving your time to join the weekend museum roster, helping with general archiving or perhaps you would just like to learn a few basic computer skills with a view to re-entering the workforce.

As the society also takes part in community events and in a variety of celebratory occasions, such as the Warrandyte Festival and Heritage Week, you might just have skills that will help enhance its participation in such events. You may even have a particular project you wish to undertake as part of your education program, where you could gain assistance with your research. You may of course, just want to learn something about Warrandyte's history, meet people and make new friends.

If you have not yet visited the museum, you are invited to do so. The displays are based on four significant themes, those of Warrandyte's gold, indigenous, art and social histories. Winter opening hours are Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 4pm, or why not come along to the forthcoming annual general meeting on Sunday, July 17 at the museum in the old post office at 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte at 2pm and meet this proactive and friendly group from the community. The AGM this year will feature guest speaker Mr Barry Gange, a highly qualified, much travelled and respected art teacher and restorer of fine art work, who will tell us about his craft and perhaps some of the more delicate situations he has experienced whilst working in Australia and overseas. I am sure he will provide us with a very entertaining afternoon talk. Tea will also be served after the meeting and everyone is welcome.

● For more information, please contact Gina Bevan-Jones on 0413 955 212 or email whs.museum@optusnet.com.au.

Quest for a home for Warrandyte's history



The society's original museum, on the site of what was to become the Warrandyte Community Centre.



The old post office following the fire, which many locals believe was deliberately lit.



Locals gathered for a "mud-brick house tour", raising funds to restore the old fire-damaged post office.



The Warrandyte Historical Museum as it looks today.

Our Becky led a full and interesting life



Becky with great-grandson Angus.

By ROBIN ATKINSON

LONGTIME local resident, Rebecca (Becky) Coltman (formerly Fitzherbert) died in the Templestowe Grange nursing home on May 7. She was 95.

Becky began her life in Sydney and came to Melbourne with her family when she was 16. She was a talented artist and started work in the art department of the Herald newspaper office in Flinders Street, Melbourne.

World War 2 began, and in 1941 there was a call for young women who had some nursing experience to volunteer for nursing duty overseas. Becky was keen for adventure so she volunteered.

She was one of 200 women around Australia who became members of a Voluntary Aide Detachment.

In November 1941, she sailed

on the Queen Mary to Palestine. She served two years nursing Australian soldiers in the Middle East.

Becky then returned to Australia for another year on the Atherton Tablelands, before being discharged to get married.

She came to live in Warrandyte in 1947, when the village was in its "Bohemian" heyday. With her husband and two children, she lived in a small cottage above The Pound.

Becky and her husband separated, so Becky now had to work to support her children. She studied and became a "play leader", the forerunner of today's kindergarten teachers.

After teaching for a few years in Lilydale, a kindergarten was established in Warrandyte and Becky was asked to be the first teacher. This was 1954.

Warrandyte's first kinder-

garten was held in an old demountable hut set up in the Recreation Ground.

Fundraising events were held and a new kindergarten was built a few years later in the same location as it is today in Taroona Avenue. Her first assistant was a very young Margaret Abbott (formerly Spears).

In 1958 the Health Department ruled that play leaders were no longer able to run kindergartens on their own unless they undertook further studies.

Positions were offered to play leaders to study at night and Becky was one of only 12 chosen in the first intake of mature age students at the Kindergarten Training College in 1958.

During this time, she worked at the Collingwood Methodist Mission kindergarten in the morning and in the afternoon she decorated pots for

Charles Wilton, one of the original potters at Potters Cottage.

Becky graduated as a kindergarten teacher in 1961. She became the directress of Templestowe kindergarten for some years and then Kangaroo Ground.

In the early 1950s, Becky met a lovely man called Peter Coltman, who owned the Warrandyte dairy from 1950 to 1955. Becky and Peter continued to date until they married in 1966.

After marrying, Peter and Becky decided to set up a business together and sold fresh fish from a trailer at Croydon market, outside the Warrandyte pub and many other places. A few years later Peter accepted a job in South Australia, where they lived for 13 years.

Warrandyte was always in their thoughts because their daughter, Robin, still lived in

the old family home and their son Anthony also still lived in Warrandyte, so they returned regularly. Becky lived a full life. She loved people, travel, sport, animals, and adored her garden.

After South Australia, Becky and Peter returned to Victoria and lived in Rye for some years. Peter died in 1994, and Becky eventually returned to live at the Donvale Retirement Village for some time before she had a stroke in 2009.

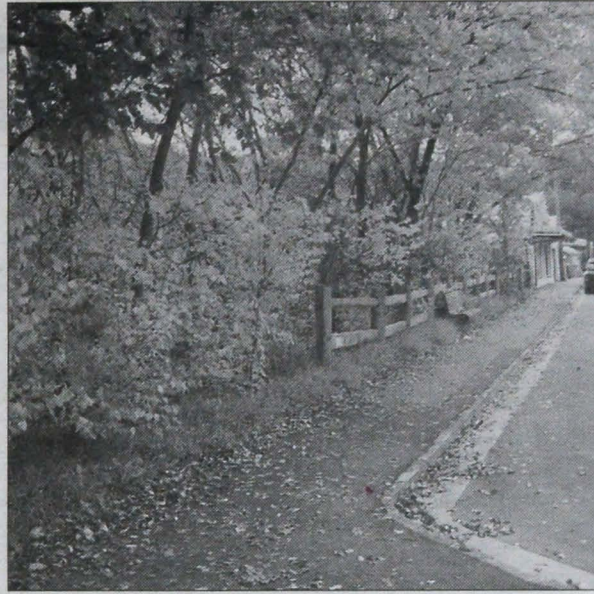
Becky and Peter's ashes are now together in the Andersons Creek Cemetery, with so many friends they have known during their time in Warrandyte.

She was a talented, friendly, hardworking, vivacious woman who will always be remembered.

Becky is survived by her daughter Robin, son Anthony, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



The Diary Tree in Yarra Street—once our 'branch office'—diminished in size, but still prominent.



Elm trees, Yarra Street opposite the Community Centre, in autumn foliage.



Oak tree, on the corner of Russell and Mullens roads. (Pictures by VAL POLLEY)

These trees tell our town's story

By VAL POLLEY

TREES! Warrandyte has thousands of them. From any of the high vantage points they can be seen: clothing the ridges, lining the valleys and filling the gardens. They form an ever present backdrop to our lives in the township in their various shades of green and grey green.

The recent long drought was a difficult time for our trees and for tree lovers as they watched many trees, indigenous and exotic, struggling through lack of water. But just as the weather undergoes many changes every so often, so do our trees demand our attention. For instance now, when, after a wet summer and cold start to autumn, the deciduous trees have blazed into prominence in scarlet and gold foliage. They have been bright beacons in the landscape and enjoyed by many.

Which raises the question, do we perhaps take our trees for granted? It could be argued that there are several trees, or stands of trees, that form an integral part of the streetscape and landscape that are just as important to the heritage of the township as the buildings. Interest in Victoria's tree heritage has been sparked by the release of the National Trust Tree App that allows users to find trust registered trees wherever they are in Victoria. At least one of these trees is in Warrandyte.

This is The Diary Tree (located in the car park opposite the shops in the centre of town). This Cupressus macrocarpa or Monterey Cypress was named for the yellow letterbox once attached to its trunk. This was "the branch office" for the local paper and a focus for community con-

tributions to the *Warrandyte Diary* in the early days. However there was often confusion between "dairy" and *Diary*. This mix up led to handwritten notes requesting the cancellation of deliveries or "½ pint cream Thursday each week please", and sometimes money being found in the box. These were then forwarded faithfully on to the dairy, situated nearby. The box survived several attempts at break-ins or being wrenched from the tree but had to be replaced when occasionally such attempts were successful.

The Diary Tree is believed to be at least 130 years old and is visible in many early photos of the town. This tree appears on Manningham's Heritage Register, the National Trust Database and Victorian Heritage Register and is considered to be of regional significance.

Unfortunately it suffered from die-back in the 1980s following the effects of road widening, car parking and the cutting of a trench which severed major roots. Although a major branch was removed and tree surgery carried out some years ago the tree appears to be gradually declining with brown tips appearing on the ends of its lower branches.

The next tree listed on the Victorian Heritage register is the Peppercorn Tree (*Schinus mole*) that is located in the rear garden of the Old Post Office Museum. Peppercorn trees were popular as quick growing shade trees.

Many were planted around homes and in homestead gardens particularly in drier areas. Today in many country areas they are the sole surviving element of settlement.

Like the Diary Tree this particular tree is also considered to be around

100 years old, though this has not been confirmed. Its importance derives from its association with the Old Post Office. This building, which became the local post office in 1893, is considered to be of local, social and historical significance. Today it houses the Warrandyte Historical Society's Museum.

Two large spreading oak trees thought to be English oaks (*Quercus robur*) growing in the rear garden of "Three Oaks" in Yarra Street also appear on the Victorian and Manningham registers.

After their church was destroyed in the 1939 Black Saturday bushfires the Presbyterian congregation held services in a loaned marquee under one of these large oaks and so these trees are considered to have both landscape value and historical interest.

The council's Heritage Study of 1991 identified another oak tree on the corner of Russell and Mullens roads. This local landmark tree was believed to be one of those planted by the Russell family, who were early Warrandyte settlers. Once within a private garden the tree has become isolated on a small island through road construction which may have caused damage to its root system. However the oak survives despite some die-back and remains a prominent marker.

The copse of English elms (*Ulmus procera*) located opposite the Warrandyte Community Centre has an entry on the Victorian Register. These trees are a major element in the street landscape at this point and provide a beautiful golden backdrop during autumn. However a suckering habit has led to some spindly trees and uncontrolled spread. Active

management is required to manage these problems and ensure the ongoing health of these trees given their visual impact on the streetscape.

The cherry plums (*Prunus cerasifera*) that grow along the road embankment each side of the bridge have caused much controversy over the years. It is claimed they date from the gold mining period and they appear on the Victorian Register as being of local and social value. They are appreciated by many in the community for their display of spring blossom and by some for their fruit.

However they are also considered in some quarters to be an environmental weed and it was this clash of values that led to controversy when it was proposed to remove them. This proposal, strongly supported by those who saw a bushland threat, was equally strongly opposed by those who appreciated the historical connection and spring blossom. The battle raged within the pages of the *Warrandyte Diary* and the trees were reprieved. However work is required to achieve healthy established trees that are kept in good condition. Many of them currently would benefit from some trimming and weeds such as ivy being removed.

The aforementioned trees are obviously valued for their heritage and social values. Early settlers would have brought seeds and perhaps cuttings to establish familiar vegetation in their new land. English immigrants would have treasured the oak as the national tree of England; it built their navies, framed their houses and barns and furnished their houses. With the acorn a small but robust seed, it is perhaps not too surprising to find several oak trees scattered

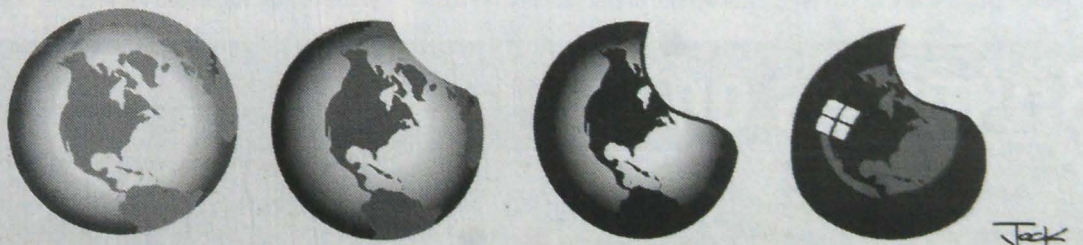
through the centre of the township; for example there are some on the riverbank at the end of Anderson Street, a further one on the road embankment near the old dairy and one next to the old post office; all of which combine to form a landscape element which is growing as the trees develop larger crowns and colour to gold during autumn.

Some willows too became more evident at this time as their leaves change hue. Despite programs of willow removal from the river banks, some still survive. Local lore says they descend from a tree grown in the Yarra Valley from cuttings brought from trees at Napoleon's grave in St Helena. Early settler James Dawson was reported by the *Evelyn Observer* in 1823 as having planted cuttings alongside Thompson's Gully in Anderson's Creek.

But some important trees surely are missing from these lists. Where are the pre-European indigenous trees listed and identified? There are still some remaining large and beautiful Eucalypts surviving in the township area despite the ravages of fire, flood and the depredation of clearing for gold mining. Think of the two large Eucalypts that overhang the old Gospel Chapel (now Stonehouse Gallery) or the single large gum that stands in the river reserve close to the end of Stiggant Street. Major pre-European settlement trees surely should be identified, assessed, recorded and dated to ensure the significant tree record is complete.

The question earlier was—do we value our significant trees? Surely the answer is yes. So the next time you're passing one of those mentioned, sneak a peek and enjoy!

Water



Oldest of elements
She is sweat, snow, rivers, tears
Earth blood, life blood

We're all from her sea, and sea of the womb
She is dew, hail, piss, dribble
She drips, trickles, murmurs, roars

Tied to the moon—to the making of life
The mist-kissed morn and rain-splashed night
She's thrashing oceans and tranquil lakes

The treasured drop that promises more
The pounding gift to the thankful field
her power harnessed in millwheels and dams

She cleanses, drenches, quenches, drowns
Tsunami, monsoon, hurricane, flood
Earth blood, life blood.

At man the controller, she laughs till she cries
He is helpless in the face of her wrath
there's no dam can hold her, if she wants to break free

Then nothing can halt the force of her power
She can carve canyons, wear away mountains
Turn sleepy creeks into wild inland seas

She can also withdraw
So we're craving each drop
Do you think you can squander, poison, and plunder
Forever?

Terrible and Blessed are the powers of Water.

KAREN THROSSELL

Gentleman Jim

What's your story?

JIM McHugh and wife Judy have made Warrandyte their home for almost half a century and the local tennis club life member was once renowned for tearing up the track at the Stawell Gift in the 1960s, among other running achievements. He talks with BRIANNA PIAZZA in our first 'What's Your Story?' column on local sports legends

Q: Jim, have you lived in Warrandyte your whole life?

A: I was born in Heidelberg and I grew up there. I moved to Warrandyte about 45 years ago. I was married young, at about 20, and I had to give away sport to work and pay for a house and that's when I took on the tennis.

Aside from being a big part of the local tennis community, what other sports did you do?

I played footy and cricket for Heidelberg and tennis for Warrandyte. I'm a life member of the Warrandyte Tennis Club. At Stawell I won The Mile, the Backmarkers and the Two Mile in 1964 (photo far right).

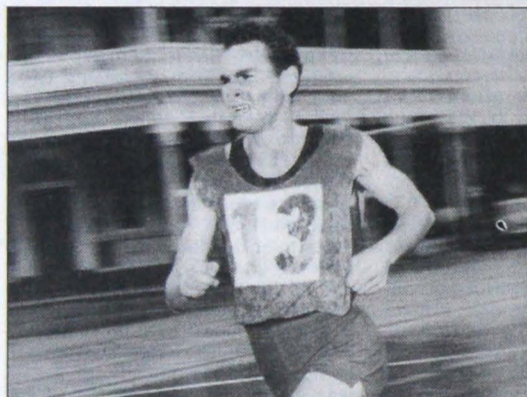
Being successful in sport, did you have a competitive streak?

Yes, I'm a very fiercely competitive person and it started when I was a kid. My brother was the national sprint champion and he won the public school's 100-200 in record time. He and I would go to the local park at Christmas and join in all the races and between the two of us we would win all the prizes. I went to Parade and always won the cross-country. I was never beaten in the cross country.

Did winning so much drive you with your sporting ambitions?

Yes, and I was also driven by my father who was a mad sportsman. He played footy and cricket. Anything with a ball he was good at and he was also a good runner. He tried out for Collingwood and got picked for the firsts but he was in a really bad accident the week he was picked and he could never play again.

What are your biggest sporting achievements that you can tell us about?



I've never kept stats on anything. Whenever I went out to run I couldn't care what time it was, I just tried to win. I think being the club champion at Warrandyte was a good achievement. I won club champion three years in a row.

Describe to me how it felt when you won the Stawell Gift events?

I felt really good. With professional running you can bet on it and there used to be about 24 bookmakers and I put 500 pound on myself, which was a lot of money in those days. That was on the Saturday and I had all that money up on the two mile on the Monday. I just won by a skerrick and the runner I beat was a really great runner. Winning the mile was probably my best achievement. I was over the moon and it was a proud moment for my mother and father. About three years before Stawell I'd run 10 to 15 miles every night of the week in the winter and in summer we'd do

track work. I look back now and I wonder how I did it!

Do you think the Stawell Gift has changed much since the 1960s?

It's not as popular as it used to be and they don't have as many bookmakers. Also, people only go to see the absolute best. They don't promote the local guys as much but it's still a good thing to go to. I went there two years ago and you still get good runners. In my day it used to be amateur or professional. If you ran in that you couldn't run in the Olympic Games because if you wanted to be in the Olympics or Commonwealth Games you had to take an oath but now you can do both. There's no such thing as amateur any more, even though you're meant to do it for the love of the sport.

Has your family been sporty?

My youngest son played State-grade tennis. He played for MCC

and he played for quite a few years. He played overseas in Spain, Italy and France. He had all the skills and just lacked a little bit of confidence, but I'm still very proud of him.

What sport did you enjoy most?

I probably preferred football best of all. I just loved playing it and I loved kicking goals. I played in the Preston Junior District Football League club at West Heidelberg YCW and we won four premierships in a row.

Any favourite sports people?

My favourite footballer of all time is Graham "Polly" Farmer, an indigenous West Australian who played for Geelong. He was fabulous - it was like watching poetry in motion with that man. He used to do drop kicks that went for miles. I also like Ricky Ponting and my favourite runner would be Haile Gebreselassie, the Ethiopian runner.



FOUR En Tout Cas tennis courts nestled amongst the gum trees in Coleman Reserve, off Coleman Rd (formerly the South Warrandyte Tennis Club), became a part of the Warrandyte Tennis Club back in 2005.

The Clubhouse was recently upgraded, but the full potential of the facility could not be realised with play restricted to daylight only hours. But that is all about to change when the installation of new floodlights is completed in the coming months to bring years of planning to an end. With a total of 10 courts under lights and the option of playing at two fantastic venues there could be no better time to join the action at the Warrandyte Tennis Club. New coaching programs include Cardio Tennis, Mums and Tots, Junior and Adult coaching for ages 4-plus, then there is weeknight and weekend competitions for juniors and adults of all standards as well as a greater opportunity for social play. For more info contact Craig Haslam 0488 722 538 or info@thetenniscguru.com.au or visit www.tennis.com.au/warrandyte

WARRANDYTE Football Club's past players luncheon will be held on Saturday, July 16, when the Bloods take on Mitcham at home. The luncheon will start at Noon sharp and will feature guest speaker and Melbourne Football Club legend Robbie Flower. Tickets cost \$35 and bookings are essential through Bucky Rogers on 0411 519 671. In other club news, the "Warrandyte Masters" Golf Day will be held on June 19 at Warburton Golf Club with buses departing Warrandyte Football Club at 8.15am. The \$60 cost includes 18 holes of golf, BBQ lunch, drinks and transport. It's a Warrandyte supporters versus players format with many prizes on offer. Contact Jarrod Loughman on 0413 888 397 for more info.

THE excitement is peaking for the annual Warrandyte Junior Football Club/Warrandyte Netball Club Hoedown, which will be held on Saturday, June 18. Tickets (\$45) are selling fast. For more information contact Dinah Ward on 0410 399 037.

Brumbies on the march

WHEN it comes to winning streaks, there is no more fearsome proposition for opponents than meeting the Warrandyte Brumbies Under 15 Division 1 netball team.

The local girls are on a hot winning streak of eight wins from eight encounters, but there's a bigger plan for this dynamic bunch of netballers - a fourth consecutive grand final win.

The team is coached by Stefanie Natsis, a past Victorian state level player, who has led the girls for the past three seasons with a perfect record of three grand final wins.

Stef says the girls have a very strong defence in Lauren Robertson, Clare Garrick, Olivia Chamberlain and Vendela Hyde, a great centre in Taylor Padfield and a dangerous forward combination comprising Katie Gamble, Danni



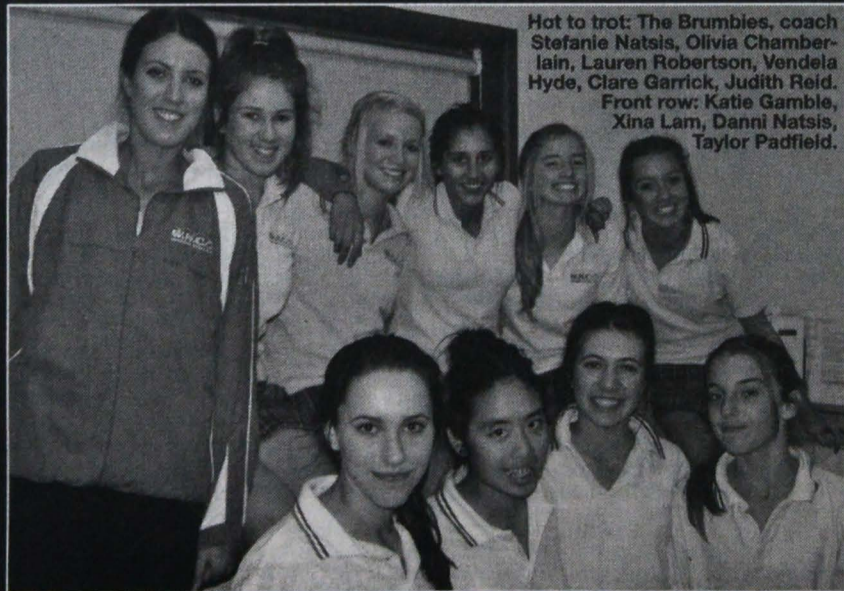
Natsis, Xina Lam and Judith Reid. But what sets this team apart from the rest is "a strong belief in themselves and in each other", according to their coach. "Support of each other during the games is obvious, as no player is ever left stranded wondering where to go and the girls back each other up and have a sixth sense of knowing where the support player is going to be.

"What is extraordinary is the camaraderie they share on and off the court," Stef adds. "While individually each one is very talented, they truly believe in the strength of the 'team'."

"They work hard at training on fitness and accept direction and coaching, but mostly they have a lot of fun together."

While the coach preferred not to single any player out, she says there are quite a few in the team who have the potential to go on to play in the ANZ Championship, but for the moment it's all about focusing on next week's game - and an unblemished record this season, of course.

Any girls wanting to play netball with the Warrandyte Netball Club should contact president Sue Rodwell on 0419 344 245 or email warrandytenetball@y7mail.com.



Hot to trot: The Brumbies, coach Stefanie Natsis, Olivia Chamberlain, Lauren Robertson, Vendela Hyde, Clare Garrick, Judith Reid. Front row: Katie Gamble, Xina Lam, Danni Natsis, Taylor Padfield.



So close, yet so far



By TONY OLIVER

WARRANDYTE Venom's Youth Women's team came up short by a solitary point against Craigieburn last Saturday night.

In what would have been their breakthrough win, Craigieburn went to the free throw line with 0.1 second on the game clock with the scores locked at 37-all.

The first shot bounced off the ring but the second went in to dash the Venom's hopes.

Warrandyte had started out strongly and controlled the first quarter to take a 13-6 margin into the break. Craigieburn slowly worked its way back into the game in the second quarter but late goals to the Venom gave it a six-point margin at the long break.

Craigieburn hit the front for the first time in the dying minutes and with a three-point lead in the final seconds looked like winners.

In a last desperate effort, Ellen Pattison put up an outside shot for the Venom for a swish to tie the game up and threaten to send it into overtime. Craigieburn was after a time-out but did not call it quickly enough. It did, however, go one better due to a Venom foul and the rest, as they say, was history.

Ellen Pattison top-scored with nine, while Emma Hoehne was a top contributor with seven points and 15 rebounds for her 35 minutes on the court.

Coach Nicole Howard continues her policy of court rotation with all players getting good court time. Venom spirits were boosted by the sight of Ashley Brobell coming back on the court after a long injury.

In the following game, the D2M side took on Cranbourne and came away with a 84-70 win.

The game was closer than their positions on the ladder might suggest in this crossover game between the two pools.

Cranbourne had narrowed the gap to three points at the break and were right in the game at the third-quarter break. The Venom did enough in the final quarter to seal the win.

There was sufficient time to allow one of the development players, Nathan DeLacy, his first court time. The play was set up for a goal but Nathan's shot bounced off the ring.

Nathan followed his brother Michael's example, as Michael was able to take his first time the previous weekend. We are sure to see more of both of these two young players as they develop their careers.

In an away fixture, the Division 1 Women's side had a 66-42 win against Southern Peninsula to stay in touch with the final four.

There was some buzz around the league that Southern Peninsula might "do" the inconsistent Venom side but that wasn't the case.

For the Venom, Mollie Burke and Sharlene Dalsanto were the key contributors on the scoreboard (15 points) with Chelsea Ransom (10) figuring prominently.

A game and percentage outside the four and Warrandyte has work to do to maintain its perfect record of always appearing in the final series in the Division 1 Women's competition.

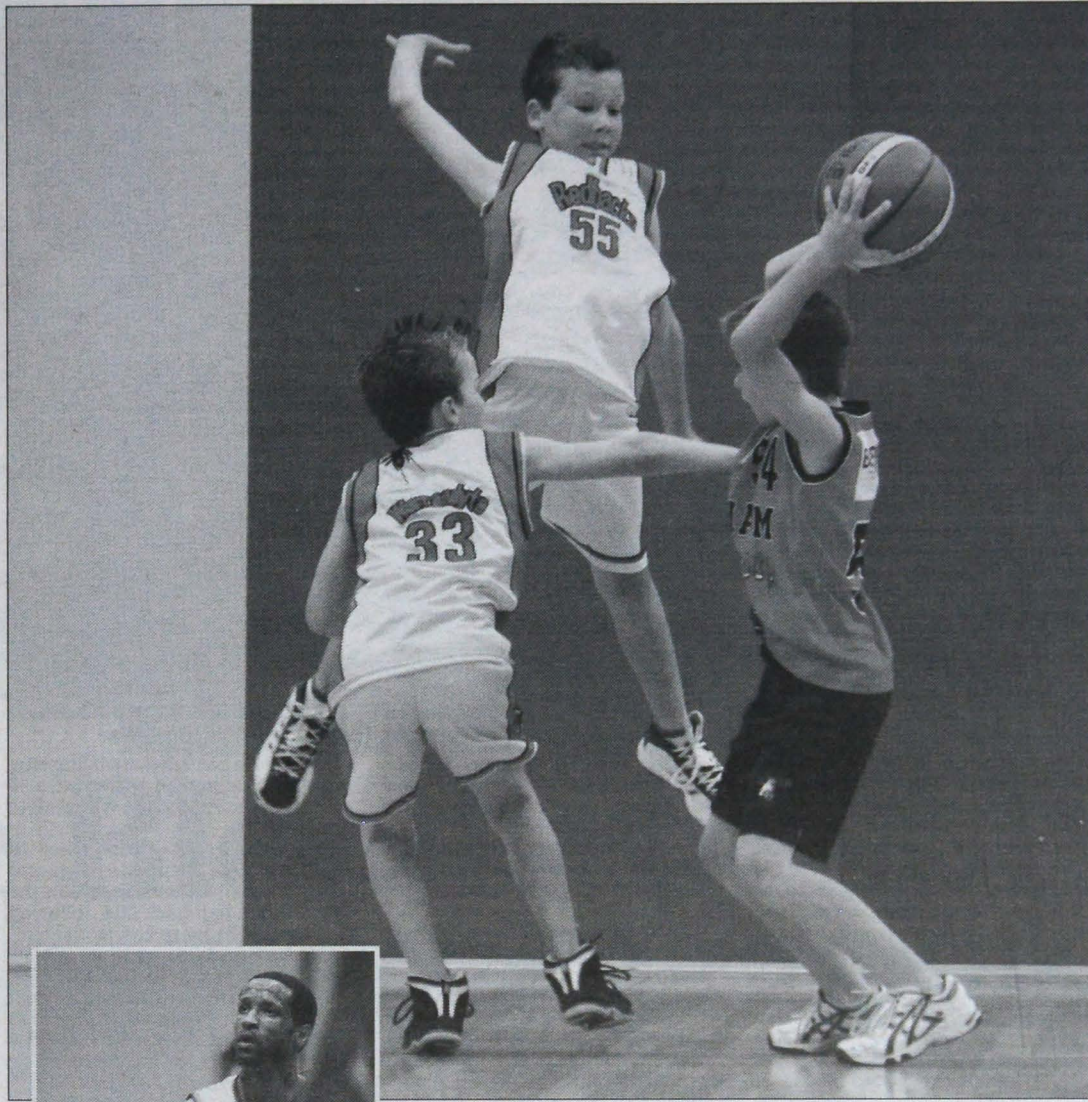
Venom down but not out

SOMETIMES the results go your way, sometimes they don't, and nine Warrandyte Venom teams were recently in action and only came away with two wins and some very closely fought losses.

One of the highlight matches was the Under 18 VC Girls who took on a strong Melbourne combination.

Melbourne had the game in their keeping at the long break with a 30-11 scoreline.

The game was closer in the second half with honours slightly in the Venom's favour, but the 41-26 final score was a fair reflection of the game, which was a high standard but Melbourne did more of the little things right.



Eyes for the basket: Ethan Padfield.

Redbacks in red-hot form

By TONY OLIVER

THE final round of the grading phase for domestic EDJBA basketball was celebrated in fine form by Warrandyte's Under 15 A/AR Boys with their strong win over the top Eltham side 50-27.

A good way to finish the first half came from Aidan Ceh with a three point success to make the score at the break 24-9.

Early in the second half the teams traded three-point shots, with Nathan DeLacy, Zac Ratcliffe, Zeph Hilton and Justin Ronan-Black all making outside shots.

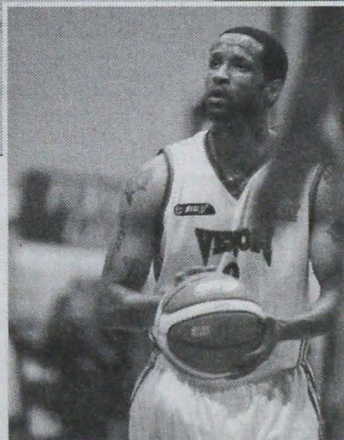
As it turned out, the Redbacks controlled all phases of the game and were never seriously challenged. However, coach Matt Lane was still looking for improvement in both defence and offence, urging his troops on.

Scott Martin's Under 11 BB Boys came up just short against Eltham, going down 20-18 at the full-time whistle. Harry Rock top-scored with nine, along with four each from Ben Dickson and Ben Vermeulen-Brown.

The Under 11 BB Girls game was also a win to the Redbacks, who overcame a slow start to take the points against Banyule 27-23. Banyule could not call on any reserves and could not hold on in the final minutes.

Piper Vermeulen-Brown scored seven, with six coming from Lily McCarthy and Elysia Sproule-Carroll.

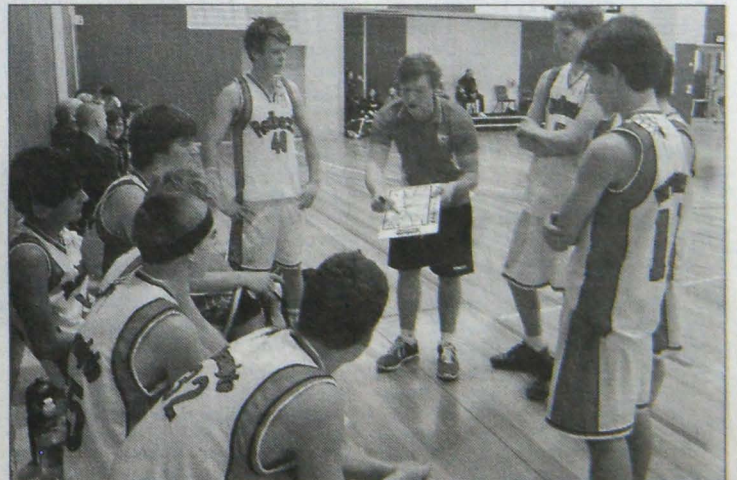
Strong performances from Chloe Gordon and Eimee Evans in the Under 13 D Girls allowed Warrandyte to easily overcome an under-strength Bulleen side 36-16. Both girls scored 14 points. However, the Bulleen coach was confident that with a full strength team the outcome would be different. Roll on the full season.



Pressure time: U11 BB Boys Harry Rock and Ben Vermeulen-Brown put the squeeze on their Eltham opponent (main), Tron Smith goes to the free throw line (above), Hamish Dwyer opens up for a two-pointer (right). Below left, Tiffany Hodgson lays down the law to her Under 18 VC Girls team while Matt Lane (below right) barks out instructions to his U15 A/AR Boys team. Pictures: Scott Podmore, Gareth Dickson and Tony Oliver.



Coach Tiff Hodgson was asking for more aggression at the basket with greater communication needed between players. "We made too many unforced errors," she pointed out. Leading scorers for Warrandyte were Mollie Burke with 10, supported by Demi Joy with six. Demi is starting



to use her height well in this elite competition. Earlier, Justin Nelson could not get the Under 16 Girls over the line, eventually going down to Frankston 33-30. Meg Keppel and Maddie Taylor top scored with nine each. Dennis Hoehne Under 14 Metro 1 Girls had a controlled 41-34 win over

Hawthorn. The win was set up in the first half when they led 23-17. Lucie Royal was the most effective on the scoreboard with 13, with good support coming from Hayley McIntyre (9) and Natalie MacDonald (7). One boys result was a 31-25 win over Whittlesea by the Under 14s in the Regional 5 competition.

Warrandyte screamed out of the blocks and soon established a 10-2 advantage, but the game was close thereafter with the sides trading baskets. Whittlesea put pressure on the Venom boys and closed the gap to four points but some steadying goals from J Rodgers and E Harman gave the Venom the win.

Bloods back in business

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

WARRANDYTE turned its season around with an impressive five-goal victory over Doncaster at Warrandyte Reserve last Saturday.

The Bloods went into the Round 8 clash languishing at the wrong end of the EFL ladder with a 2-5 win-loss record, but were coming off the back of a hard-fought away win in Round 7 against Chirnside Park. Despite the recent return to form, not many would have predicted a decisive victory against second-placed Doncaster, last year's Division 3 grand finalist.

A late change saw young Blood Josh Harris replaced by another young gun in Michael Chimenton, one of the stars of the 2010 Under 18 side. Warrandyte was also aided by the return of 2009 Best & Fairest Grant McAdam who returned from overseas travel for his first game this season.

It was Warrandyte who looked the more composed side from the opening bounce. The first quarter saw Doncaster being wasteful in front of goal, largely due to intense pressure and tackling from the Warrandyte backline, while the Bloods' forwards capitalised on opportunities to take a two-point lead into the first break.

The Bloods gained control in the second quarter with the two Clints, Kennedy and Wheatley, each taking several strong contested marks. Veteran Blood Matt Wood and young leaders Luke Dunn and Ben Taylor were providing alternative marking options in a new-look Warrandyte forward line that no longer relies exclusively on Michael Morello to kick bags of goals.

In some of their best football this year, the Bloods piled on six goals to three in the second term to go into the half-time break on top of their more fancied opponents by 19 points.

The third quarter saw both sides



All heart: Warrandyte's Stephen Christopher contests while (inset) Matt Wood snaps one of his five goals.

desperate not to concede goals, as the sizeable and vocal Warrandyte crowd urged the Bloods to hold onto their hard-fought lead. As expected from a top side, Doncaster came out hard, however, the Bloods were determined not to concede ground.

Warrandyte ruckman David Hand was having an outstanding game, dominating ruck contests and providing a strong marking option through the midfield. In his first senior season Tom Appleby was also starring at ground level, showing an uncanny ability to win the ball and offload clean disposals in heavy traffic. Appleby is one of a number of great news stories for the Bloods

this year, along with players like Sam Tansley and Dave Beasley—home-grown talent showing huge potential for the coming years.

The Bloods kicked two goals in the third term to Doncaster's one, and extended the lead to 24 points at the final break.

Warrandyte coach John O'Brien demanded a four-quarter effort from his side at the three-quarter time huddle, however, it was Doncaster who scored first with a rushed behind. A narrow miss from a long bomb at goal saw the margin reduced to 22 points before the Bloods rebounded through Hand, Wheatley and Appleby, with a passage of clean

and decisive ball movement finishing with Luke Dunn who goaled from 30 metres out to extend the Warrandyte lead.

A Doncaster goal kept them in touch before a desperate lunge and smother from Clint Kennedy on the Warrandyte half-back line, followed by some more sharp ball movement, led to a strong mark and goal to Matt Wood, his fifth for the day.

Doncaster pegged back a late goal before Dunn pounced on a loose ball in the Warrandyte forward line to kick his second for the quarter, putting the result beyond doubt. The siren sounded shortly after with the Bloods 30 points in front—a

memorable win for a young side with a bright future ahead.

SENIORS

Warrandyte 16.7-103 d Doncaster 10.13-73
Goals: M. Wood 5, L. Dunn 3, M. Morello 2, B. Taylor 2, T. Appleby, D. Bryant, D. Large, S. Christopher. Best: D. Hand, T. Hookey, C. Wheatley, C. Kennedy, T. Appleby, G. McAdam

Round 7: Warrandyte 17.9-111 d Chirnside Park 9.15-69

Goals: M. Morello 9, L. Dunn 3, S. Christopher 2, T. Holman, M. Wood, T. Beasley. Best: T. Appleby, B. Opteynde, M. Morello, L. Dunn, D. Large, B. Reid

Round 6: North Ringwood 20.14-134 d Warrandyte 11.12-78

Goals: M. Morello 3, D. Large 3, M. Wood 3, J. Powell, C. Wheatley. Best: D. Large, C. Wheatley, L. Evans, C. Kennedy, D. Mullet-Treloar, T. Holman

RESERVES

Round 8: Doncaster 14.12-96 d Warrandyte 2.7-19

Goals: G. Carle 2. Best: L. Brewis, G. Carle

Round 7: Chirnside Park 11.10-76 d Warrandyte 10.13-73

Goals: L. Brewis 2, S. Williams 2, J. Wright 2, D. Bryant, G. Carle, L. Whitfield, J. Miller. Best: L. Saunders, P. Heffernan, G. Hitchman, M. Chimenton, B. Naughtin, L. Whitfield

Round 6: North Ringwood 8.11-59 d Warrandyte 3.8-26

Goals: G. Carle 2, L. Whitfield. Best: P. Burgoyne, J. Burgoyne, T. Versteegen, J. Miller, M. Chimenton, L. Saunders

UNDER 18

Round 8: Doncaster 14.11-95 d Warrandyte 9.9-63

Goals: C. Tibb 4, M. Colborne-Veel 3, A. Mifsud, L. Chapman. Best: D. Tester, C. Tibb, H. Fitzpatrick, K. May, A. Mifsud, M. Gaffney

Round 7: Warrandyte 21.15-141 d Chirnside Park 5.12-42

Goals: M. Colborne-Veel 5, C. Tibb 3, A. Haikal 3, M. Lisle 2, M. Gaffney, N. Dinakis, A. Mifsud, D. Burns, D. Tester. Best: C. Tibb, A. Mifsud, A. Haikal, M. Colborne-Veel, D. Burns, N. Dinakis

Round 6: North Ringwood 13.11-89 d Warrandyte 4.8-32

Goals: L. Jackson 2, M. Colborne-Veel 2. Best: S. Beasley, M. Colborne-Veel, L. Chapman, D. Rodoni, D. Tester, M. Lisle

Mum's the word at Warrandyte Auskick

By BUZZ LAWSON

WARRANDYTE Auskickers are flying at full pace with a fantastic gathering of 100 local children continuing to improve fitness, make new friends, hone their basic footy skills and have fun.

The Warrandyte Auskick community has had an extremely busy month including a half-time game at Etihad Stadium and a fabulous Mother's Day event that culminated in a very competitive skills competition between the mothers (and one Grandma!).

The Auskick crew took part in a half-time game at a recent North Melbourne and Port Adelaide match. Twelve lucky kids ran out in front of a fantastic crowd and enjoyed every moment as they were cheered on while putting their newly acquired footy skills on display. The kids can't wait for the next half-time game in the big league.

For Mother's Day, the mums took part in a specially constructed skills course set up by Auskick's ever-inventive Dean Aitken. The mothers received a handpass from their child, attempted to put a handpass of their own through a target three metres away before running through and taking a 'specy' over the top of 'little Tommy tackler'.

The mums then had to grab the ball and kick a goal over 30 metres, scoring points for each successful skill demonstrated. There were over 50 mothers who took part and the Auskick community raised almost \$500 for the Breast Cancer Charity, thanks to the sale of pink hats and pins. The club also raised almost \$500 from the proceeds of a very successful sausage sizzle (the meat was generously donated by the Warrandyte IGA).

As for the Auskick match report, the Blue team started the game in rare form. The team comprised kids who had already completed one year at Auskick. At the centre bounce Charlie Vermeulen-Brown combined beautifully with Xavier Harpur to win the tap out and send the ball deep into the forward 50. Sebby Stark took a screamer and the hang time was reminiscent of his old man - Mike Stark, one of the dedicated Auskick coaches and a champion (from a long time ago).

Jalen Stewart played a blinder and was prepared to put his head over the ball along with his centre partners Niels Withoff and Archie Callan. All three boys show real promise for the mighty Warrandyte Bloods of the future.

Later in the game, Josh Watkins, Taylor Norman and Lucas Rubin won the ball from the centre bounce, combining well and using some slick handpasses before getting the ball out to Fergus King. Fergus went for a long run down the wing before putting the ball lace out into the hands of Josh Lawrence. Josh played on and ran around his man before sending a ball to the top of the square where Adam Nicks took a screamer. Adam went back and put it through for his fourth goal of the game.

In the last quarter, Sive Trayford and Oscar Bennett showed real class in outmarking opponents and playing on. Jacob Fudge and Thomas Curnow showed courage and dash late in the quarter, playing through the rain to snap goals from deep in the pocket before Aiden Kovacs sealed the win with a spiralling barrel from outside the 50-metre mark - not bad for a six-year-old!



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Little Bloody beauties

By LANCE NILSSON

THE Blood Ruby's Girls team notched a magnificent victory against Park Orchards to record their first win of the season in Round 4.

After many months of hard training, the win was celebrated with gusto. The girls have shed blood and tears for their teammates week after week, only to be dominated by much bigger opponents. However, a never-say-die attitude translated into some great team play by the girls – and an eight-goal victory.

The girls played a superb game with many players having their best game of the season. Stephanie Trkulia was outstanding with four goals and was supported up forward by the creative Dannielle Polkinghorne. The onball division of Tenae Gore, Holly Mulder and Corrin Mueller continually pumped the ball into the forward 50 zone and the team's confidence grew as the game wore on with the Blood Ruby's celebrations at the final siren.

The medals on the day were awarded to Angelica Black for her work in the ruck and around the ground. Taylor was also a worthy recipient for her ability to blast through packs with ease. Captain Stephanie was given the club award for outstanding leadership on the day.

Young Bloods unbeaten

The Under 10s are sweeping all before them as their undefeated run continues. At the end of Round 7 the boys sat on top with a percentage of over 90. In their recent clash with Greythorn, the boys played a blinder to record a 50-point win. Ben Munks and Connor Martin continued their excellent form and gave the Bloods first use of the ball from clearances. The defence was well led by Aaron Van Foort and Billy Smeady, who constantly repelled attacks from a frustrated Greythorn.

Nick Alexander excelled on a wing and displayed his silky skills for the enthusiastic home crowd. There were many fine passages of play that highlighted the passing and running ability of the team. This was the boys' first game in Green Division and they showed they were up to the challenge.

Award winners on the day were Harry Rock, Oscar Lang, Callum Bowers and Sam Martini. At the halfway mark of the season the team looks likely finalists and will be working towards getting the double chance in the finals.



Big win for Colts

A significant milestone was achieved when the Colts 1 team recorded the club's first ever win in the top division of Colts. This away victory against Ashburton showcased the talent that this team has and was

due reward for hard work and commitment despite having low numbers each week and an inability to rotate players. The game was played at a frenetic pace and onballers Nick Clapham, Ryan Exon and Daniel Nilsson won plenty of contested footy

and gave the team real impetus to post a winning score. Jake Wintle and Tim Nilsson were superb contributors up forward and their ability to provide a target and kick clutch goals was invaluable. Harry Vogler played with passion

and skill and his teaming with backs Jarrod Buzzini and James Munks created opportunities further afield. As Ashburton challenged, Lachlan Frowd displayed grit and skill to thwart any goal-scoring attempts.

Kyle Robertson used the ball well to set up play from kick-ins. The ability of Nick Lee and Jack Power to win their own ball was a telling factor in overpowering the opposition. In the air, Hamish Bradbury, Andy Hewitt and Bram Liu used their height intelligently to get the ball to ground and provide opportunities for Maddie Denholm and Neil Brown. It was a satisfying day and the boys have made their own history at Warrandyte.

Victory over arch rival

The Under 14s recorded a strong victory against arch rival and second-placed Bulleen Templestowe in Round 5. The away win was meritorious given the tricky breeze at Bulleen. Joshua Beasley and Jack Poole were valiant in defence against the strong wind and with Nikoda Brooking providing drive around the packs, the Bloods effectively won the contest in the first quarter.

The excellent marking of Zac Stevenson and Connor Vernon helped the boys to a five-goal half-time lead. Coach Steven Rowarth was pleased with the four-quarter effort of the team. The intensity was exemplified by the efforts of Dylan Krajnc and Dylan Clifton. The boys will need to maintain the standard if they are to achieve their goal of making the finals.

Tackers take charge

After a slow start to the season and a thrashing in the previous week, the Tackers hit their straps and notched another big win, this time at home against Brunswick North. Lewis Downie and Russell Black (three goals) were awarded the Lee Tindale medals on the day and our youngest Bloods made sure the rest of the town knew about their 10-goal win with a rousing rendition of the club theme song while linked arm in arm after the game.

Two Bloods chosen

Warrandyte Junior Football Club is also proud to announce the selection of two of its players in the league's representative teams. Stephanie Trkulia was chosen in the Youth Girls Team and Zac Ballard will represent the YJFL Under 15 team.



Red-hot: Tayah Harris-Allan (top left) gets a kick as her Tackers teammates celebrate a win (top right). The Blood Ruby's (centre), Craig Robison revs up the U11s (left) and injured Lockier Durran is cheered up and chaired off (above). Pictures: SCOTT PODMORE & GARETH DICKSON

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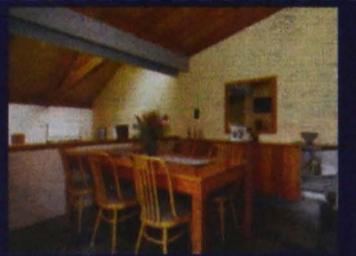
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WARRANDYTE

Unlike any other

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



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Providing an inviting living room, separate dining room, well equipped kitchen-family-meals area, 3 robed bedrooms including the zoned main bedroom 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.



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.



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WARRANDYTE

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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

A Challenge

Are you looking to build a new home in a natural bush setting? Are you up to the challenge of designing a home to suit its environment, the slope and your dreams? You should look at this un-serviced, sloping, treed allotment of 8096m2 (exactly 2 acres). It is completely hidden from the road, entry is via a bitumen carriageway easement with an additional frontage to an unformed government road at rear. The block already has a small area excavated. This land is not for the faint hearted, but rather for someone with an ability to visualise and build a home in a private and secluded environment.



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KANGAROO GROUND

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WARRANDYTE

Your Warrandyte Lifestyle Awaits

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WARRANDYTE

Land of Opportunity

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



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