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# Green Wedge fear

‘The future of Green Wedges could be decided on the vote of a single councillor.’

By **CLIFF GREEN**

Press reports that the state government is conducting a review of Melbourne's Green Wedges is causing alarm in our community.

“The (planning) minister is seeking input from local councils to determine whether the current land-use schedules in each municipality are the most appropriate for Green Wedge land,” Ryan Smith, Warrandyte MP and minister for the environment and climate change, told the *Diary*.

“It will be up to the councils to recommend any changes in their own municipality.

“Any changes that are suggested are expected to come from Melbourne's growth corridors. I would not expect Manningham council to suggest any changes,” he said.

Cr David Ellis, Warrandyte resident councillor on Manningham council, stated: “The fact is that councils—elected on a franchise of local owners—are as vulnerable to vested interests as state politicians.

“Despite a history of strong support in Warrandyte for local Green Wedge areas, landowners cannot be expected to consistently disregard their own financial interest if there is a prospect to subdivide.

“It is disturbing to learn that, even prior to the minister's statements, landowners in Diamond Creek have asked their council to advocate to rezone their land for subdivision,” he said.

“The future of Green Wedges could be decided on the vote of a single councillor.”

Ryan Smith said he “will continue to support the status quo in Warrandyte, as has the premier, previously in the pages of the *Diary*.”

In October 2006, prior to a previous state election, then opposition leader Ted Baillieu told the *Diary*: “We will identify all Green Wedge land deemed to have conservation or public interest value and develop a network of public land and high conservation green belts in Green Wedge land for public use and protection.

“This would not affect Warrandyte, but instead have more impact in the south-east and western regions,” Mr Baillieu said.

“The Liberal Hamer government introduced Green Wedges into Melbourne's metropolitan landscape, and the Baillieu government continues to support their principle,” Mr Smith said.

Danielle Green, Labor MP for Yan Yean, believes “Nillumbik and Manningham locals will have to fight like never before to halt the desecration of our precious Green Wedge.

“I urge all passionate supporters to tell the government, ‘hands off our Green Wedges!’”

The Warrandyte Community Association “is very concerned that the Baillieu government intends to open the Green Wedges to development,” WCA spokesperson Kerrie Boyle said. “We call upon Ryan Smith to guarantee that our Green Wedge will not be sacrificed to subdivision or development.”

Ms Green stated: “Ryan Smith needs to stand up for Warrandyte and its Green Wedges just like Phil Honeywood (former Liberal MP) did.”

● The *Diary* welcomes readers' letters on this issue.



Scarecrow by night, super coach by day: Craig Robison featured at the local netball and junior football clubs Hoedown fundraiser recently. He sure scared off the birds! (Main picture by Rolf Mueller). Sunday saw him back coaching Bloods' U11 to their first win for the season. (Inset pic by Gareth Dickson.) More hoedown pics on Page 19.

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### A SPECIAL PLACE

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



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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



SCENIC WARRANDYTE

Jock

# Had a yummy good time...

PRINCE William and the Duchess of Cambridge's visit to Canada had been such a success that Her Maj had diverted them to Australia to provide a similar fillip to the local Monarchists. Tug & Forlock, Public Relations by Appointment, had arranged a visit to a typical Melbourne family for a light lunch, to demonstrate their intouchness with the common folk.

Neville: Excuse me, dear, but I think the soup's cold.

Narelle: It's supposed to be cold, Neville. It's Vichyssoise.

Kate: Is that the Orstralian way of pronouncing it? How quaint.

William: Looks yummy!

Neville: Well I'll give it a burl anyway.

Narelle: Don't tuck your serviette in, dear, it goes on your lap.

Cinnamon: Awesome dress, Kate. Do they have Sportsgirl in London?

Kate: Actually I have them made.

Narelle: It's so hard when you're an odd size. I have to get my frocks let out too.

Kate: Alexander McQueen runs up most of my clothes.

Narelle: You should try Rivers opposite the Child Care Centre. She lengthened Jasper's jeans for \$14.

Neville: Drop of red, Prince?

William: Yummy!

Neville: Your graciousness?

Kate: I really shouldn't.

Neville: It'll put hairs on your chest.

Kate: Well, I have heard your Orstralian clarets are rather good.

Neville: You bet. Bottled it ourselves at the Scout fund-

raiser.

Jasper: Mum, there's someone looking in the window.

Narelle: It's just Stephen Reynoldson from the *Diary*. I suppose you have a lot of trouble with the paparazzi?

Kate: They are a bit of a pest.

Gran: You want to stay out of French tunnels then.

Narelle: Goodness me you can be batshit insensitive sometimes, Gran!

Jasper: You look taller on TV.

Narelle: I am sorry Prince William, Jasper was supposed to be sitting on the ottoman. Would you like a cushion?

William: No, no, it's yummy, thanks.

Narelle: We so enjoyed the wedding. I don't know whether you saw it hanging in the hall, but I took the foldout from the *Women's Weekly* to The Pines and had it framed.

Cinnamon: The little holes in your arm are where the staples were.

Jasper: It looks like you've been bitten by a King Brown.

Neville: I don't suppose you'd sign it would you? It'd be worth a few bob at one of those Memorabilia places.

Narelle: Really, Neville, you're as bad as your mother.

Kate: Well as long as you enjoyed watching it on the television.

Neville: Well, we didn't actually watch it. Carlton were playing Sydney that night, but we switched over after they sang the club song.

Gran: As for that little princess with that thing on her head! If you want my opinion...

Narelle: They don't. Main course everybody!

Neville: Well, will you look at that. Lamb cutlets!



Jock

### living with The Trotts

you're talking about, sir!

Neville: Sorry your prince-dom. They're not really that big. Have another red.

William: I think not, Mr Trotts. We have another engagement at Gov Ho. I'm a bit concerned the driver hasn't arrived yet.

Jasper: Sorry, I forgot. There was a phone message saying the limo's stuck outside number 38.

Gran: Bloody idiot trying to get a limo round that corner.

Neville: No worries, I'll run you in in the Landcruiser. Hope you don't mind a few dog hairs in the back seat your duchness, only the Prince'll need the legroom in the front.

It'll give us a chance to chat about the phone tower on the way in. I was wondering if you could maybe pull a few strings...

Narelle: Must you go so soon? I've made spotted dick.

William: Sounds yummy, but duty calls.

Narelle: It was such a privilege to have you in our humble home.

Kate: It certainly was.

Narelle: I'll see you to the door. Regards to your mother-in-law. Sorry about the stool, Prince William.

William: The ottoman was fine, Mrs Trotts.

Narelle: No, you just stepped in...Oh, never mind.

ALAN CORNELL

● Alan Cornell's novel, *The Gentle Art of Tossing*, will be launched at the Mechanics Institute Hall at 7.30pm, Thursday, July 21. All welcome.

# Tower protest!

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

A last desperate bid to stop a 34 metre Vodaphone tower, proposed for Warrandyte Reserve, has kicked into higher gear as Action Group members, outraged by their loss at VCAT, plan further strategies.

A well-attended protest meeting was held late last month to update community members on the status of the proposal and enlist support for the next phases of the objection.

"It is obvious that this is a broad based community movement, not just the creature of one small group within the community," Manningham councillor David Ellis told the *Diary*.

The Action Group expressed their dismay at the VCAT outcome "despite a two day hearing, including a 57-page submission, our voice was simply not heard," Action Group member Maedy Colenso said.

The group will now lobby Manningham council to vote against the application for the lease of the proposed tower site to Vodaphone.

"The 3G tower will use outdated technology and improvements to coverage will only be felt by those within a radius of 500 metres, benefiting only a handful of Warrandyte residents," Ms Colenso said.

However, Vodafone has announced that they will be updating all their existing 2G and 3G equipment and base stations in the next 18 months, in effect making the proposed tower for the Recreation Reserve redundant as the capacity of existing towers is increased.

"I'd like to thank our customers for giving such detailed feedback on our network.... We're using our customers' insights and recommendations to improve our network performance," Vodafone CEO Nigel Dews said. Somehow the views of 1200 Warrandyte residents who have objected to the tower must have been lost in the mix.

The Action Group believes the motivation behind the installation of the tower is to provide Vodafone with the means to on-sell the infrastructure. The tower will impair helicopter evacuations, a real issue at Warrandyte's only bushfire "place of last resort". (See letter, Page 6.)

"Despite Vodafone's claims, the tower will provide no additional security in the event of a bushfire as all 000 calls made from mobiles run through the Telstra towers,"

Ms Colenso said.

The Communications and Media Authority code for the deployment of mobile phone network infrastructure requires carriers to consider the implications of placement of infrastructure in "community sensitive" locations such as schools and hospitals, however does not prohibit them from being placed in these areas.

A similar community objection in the Otways town of Forrest was successful in prohibiting an Optus tower in their community. This was achieved by a month-long picket.

"It shows what you can do when people gather together and stand together," a Forrest resident stated.

Initial planning permission has been granted to Vodafone by Manningham council, despite lobbying of councillors against the proposal.

"1200 people signed our petition and 230 letters of objection were submitted.

"We feel like our voice was not heard," it was stated at the meeting.

It is believed Manningham council will be voting on the lease of the site in September.

Cr David Ellis has written to his fellow councillors, stating, "If a Manningham commu-

nity really does not want this tower, who are we to insist they have it?"

A reply has been sent to all those who submitted formal rejection letters, asking them to nominate the reason for their objection. "It is essential that every objector returns this form, stating that they objected on the grounds of both the planning permission and the lease," the Action Group said.

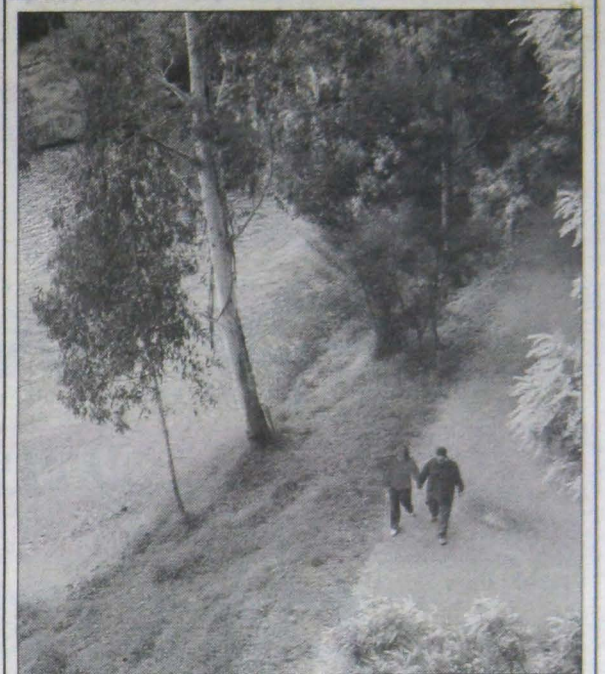
The group has also asked as many residents as possible to write objection letters to each Manningham councillor. "You don't have to live in Manningham to do this," Ms Colenso said.

"The first time this went through council, the issue was not appraised in depth. Now is the chance for councillors to decide if we want to lease the land to a multinational or listen to the people who voted us in," Cr Ellis said.

He urged residents to voice their objections at the July and August council meetings.

"This is a textbook example of community persistence and resilience. Residents are clearly not going to let this issue die," Cr Ellis said.

● If you wish to dedicate some time to assisting with the campaign, please contact Maedy Colenso on 9844 4881.



Walk through wattles against cancer on Sunday, August 28. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

## 'Wattle Walk' for cancer cash

The local Lions Club is planning a "Warrandyte Wattle Walk for Life", to be held on Sunday, August 28.

"In response to requests from the community, Warrandyte Lions are providing an opportunity for residents to collectively remember and honour those whose lives have been lost to cancer," Lions president Geoff Taylor told the *Diary*.

A 2km easy walking track has been selected. The Wattle Walk for Life will commence at the Lions tennis courts adjacent to the bridge, proceed along the river path to Police Street, then return via the footpath along Yarra Street, to finish back at the Lions tennis courts.

"Walkers may register at the starting point with Lions members at any time between 10am and 2pm and complete as many laps as they wish," Mr Taylor said.

"Families, individuals, businesses and teams may seek sponsorship in any way that is appropriate. Donations can be given to Lions at the event or given in at our community bank. Upon completion, a sausage sizzle and drinks will be available."

All funds raised will be donated to the Oncology Unit at Box Hill Hospital.

"Many of our loved ones have benefited from treatment at Box Hill's Oncology Unit, and this is one way for the community to express its appreciation and support," Mr Taylor said.

Lions' decision to stage this event follows disappointing news earlier this year that the highly successful Warrandyte Relay for Life was to be relocated from Warrandyte Reserve to Donvale and renamed the Manningham Relay for Life.

According to a Cancer Council spokesperson at the time, "the change of venue comes in response to a number of unresolved issues surrounding the Warrandyte Reserve football oval, including participant feedback."

Warrandyte Relay for Life, held in 2008, 2009 and 2010, raised a total of \$123,000 towards the fight against cancer.

● Please phone 9844 4392 to discuss Warrandyte Wattle Walk for Life sponsorships, group registrations, banking details and further information.



Locals gathered to protest against the mobile phone tower at the Warrandyte tennis clubrooms. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

# Community retirement villas are almost finished

The five villas built by the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Co-operative Board in Harris Gully Road are almost complete, with an anticipated end date of August 15.

"To celebrate this achievement we are planning an open afternoon on Sunday, August 7 between 1pm and 4pm," a board spokesperson told the *Diary*. "Guests and interested Warrandyte residents are invited

to view the development before the residents move in.

"Market research indicated Warrandyte residents are discerning and demand a quality product and 'green' credentials. Local architect Adie Courtney's design, with its timber, render and local stone finishes, provides an authentic 'Warrandyte' look which local residents should appreciate," the spokesperson said.

"Attractive landscaping by local landscape designer, Bev Hanson, complements the buildings.

"Despite often wet and difficult conditions the award-winning builder, Costas Constructions, has been able to meet his brief under the supervision of Andrew Yen as clerk of works and advisory director. The board believes the outcome gives its residents great value.

"However the project would not have reached this stage without support from many in the local community. Warrandyte Community Bank, the Lions Club, and Landfield have provided financial and other support to the project at different stages.

"Cr David Ellis, Marjory Lapworth, Dick Davies, Sarah Wrigley and Doug Seymour also gave valuable time and service on the board," the spokes-

person said.

All five villas are under contract and the residents will be moving in by September. The villas have offered these residents opportunities to downsize, retain or regain links with Warrandyte and form a supportive community.

Interest has continued and the retirement housing co-op has a waiting list for future vacancies.

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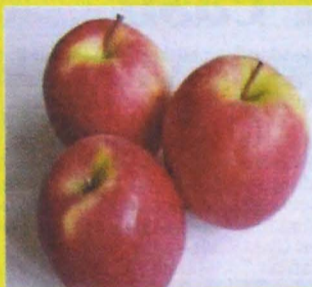
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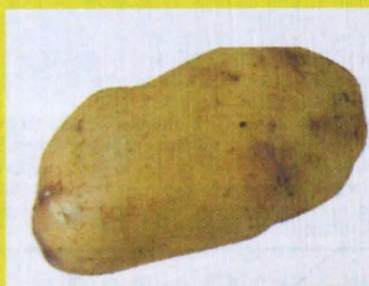
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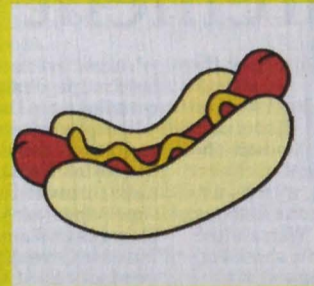
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One thirsty fire truck: Big Fill at Wonga Park Fire Station. Inset, from left: John Pederby, CFA board; Cr Meg Downie, Manningham deputy mayor; David Baker, CFA regional manager; Captain Kingsley Allen; Christine Fyffe MP; Tony Smith MP; Sarah Wrigley, Warrandyte Community Bank; Phil Munday (in truck).



## New fire truck will drink deep

A very special fire truck joined the fleet at Wonga Park CFA one Sunday last month.

Titled "Specialist Big Fill", this new appliance will allow greatly increased volumes of water to be brought to major fire emergencies.

Big Fill was handed over to Wonga Park CFA at a special ceremony.

Local captain Kingsley Allen spoke of the roles Big Fills have played in incidents throughout the region, including the tragic events of February 2009. (It was a Wonga Park pumper-tanker that rescued a North Warrandyte fire truck crew stranded in Kinglake on Black Saturday.)

"The concept of this vital piece of equipment commenced back in 2005, but without the generous support of the Bendigo Bank Warrandyte, Phil Munday Panel Works, local businesses and the community, it may never have come to realisation," Captain Allen said.

(Footnote: The new Big Fill tanker is designed to fill its 11,000-litre tank in seconds. It would be used to fill water-bombing helicopters at Warrandyte Reserve—providing it was safe for them to land when the planned mobile phone tower is erected!)

# Jumping Creek Road: major works planned

Words and picture by SANDY BURGOYNE

Manningham Council has approved a draft strategy for an \$18 million upgrade of Jumping Creek Road from Warrandyte to Wonga Park. Work is anticipated to start in about five years. The draft document will be available to the public from Monday, July 25 and council will receive written submissions until Friday, September 16.

"Jumping Creek Road is a council link road and provides an important link between the Warrandyte and Wonga Park communities. It carries 7600 vehicles per day and traffic volumes are expected to grow with further development to the east," Lydia Wilson, Manningham chief executive, told the *Diary*.

"The horizontal and vertical alignment along Jumping Creek Road is generally substandard and requires improvement. Trees and open drains are located close to the edge of the road, posing safety issues.

"In the five year period between 2005 and 2009, there were 12 crashes resulting in casualties on Jumping Creek Road, including one fatality. These statistics do not include the numerous crashes resulting in property damage which are not reported to police," Ms Wilson said.

The *Diary* believes that around a dozen Jumping Creek Road residents were called to a meeting with council early last month where plans were displayed for the road rebuild. They were told that parts of their property would need to be acquired for the new road alignment. One estimate is that these would range from a small incursion up to around 100m<sup>2</sup>.

Jumping Creek Road is called upon to be many things to many people.

- a picturesque country road
- the sole road access to Warrandyte State Park's Jumping Creek Reserve
- a handy route from Warrandyte to Wonga Park
- access for residents
- a through way for commuters and truck drivers from residential and commercial developments to the east of Wonga Park.

Manningham council notes other uses in the plans for Jumping Creek Road.

"There are also inadequate provi-

sions for equestrian, pedestrian and bicycle users along Jumping Creek Road and provisions for these users are needed," Ms Wilson said.

"The high fire risk associated with Wonga Park and Warrandyte and (the) need to provide safe access routes to and from these communities are also drivers for road improvements."

Thirty years ago Jumping Creek Road was a 100km/h country road. As traffic increased the speed limit was reduced and is now 60km/h.

Some much needed improvements have already been carried out on the road. In 1999 it was closed to through traffic for six months while a new concrete bridge was built over the creek. The old one was an anachronism, a wooden structure with bitumen on wooden planks. On winter mornings black ice on the bitumen surface led to some heart-stopping moments for motorcyclists.

Other improvements including road shoulders have been stabilised and extended and a white line added to the road edge. A section at the rear of Warranglen Nurseries has been widened.

Jumping Creek Road has many fine indigenous trees and shrubs growing along its edge, including box and gum eucalypts and wild cherry. Some of these carry the scars of vehicle collisions.

"Of course, any improvements to Jumping Creek Road need to minimise disturbance to sensitive vegetation along roadside areas and to the aesthetics of the environment," Ms Wilson said.

The *Diary* believes that up to 168 trees will be removed during road works.

Jumping Creek Road bisects part of Warrandyte State Park and fauna often cross the road.

"There are two or three distinct (kangaroo) mobs in the area. Some live over the river side of Jumping Creek Road and others that are in the (State) Park on the other side of Jumping Creek Road," Wonga Park resident Keri Fairley told the *Diary*.

"There are two or three (wildlife) corridors: one comes down just above the bridge and goes into the State Park there and there is one further up ... you come around a sweeping bend and it is just a

little bit further up before you get to Hooper Road."

Other wildlife needing to cross the road include possums, wombats and echidnas.

The creek is a major wombat crossing point and ironically the building of the new bridge may have reduced wombat deaths. The new bridge is higher than the original and it appears that the animals are using the old structure to cross under the road.

"As part of the development of the draft strategy, Manningham council officers engaged a consultant, who undertook a flora and fauna assessment and net gain analysis of the

Jumping Creek Road Reserve, including the interface with Warrandyte State Park," Ms Wilson said.

"A copy of the flora and fauna assessment is included in the draft strategy. The consultant reports also identify actions for consideration to minimise the impacts of the works on local fauna."

At this stage Manningham council expects to fully fund this project.

"If the state government Roads to Recovery program is extended past 2016 the funds allocated to Manningham council will be directed to Jumping Creek Road.

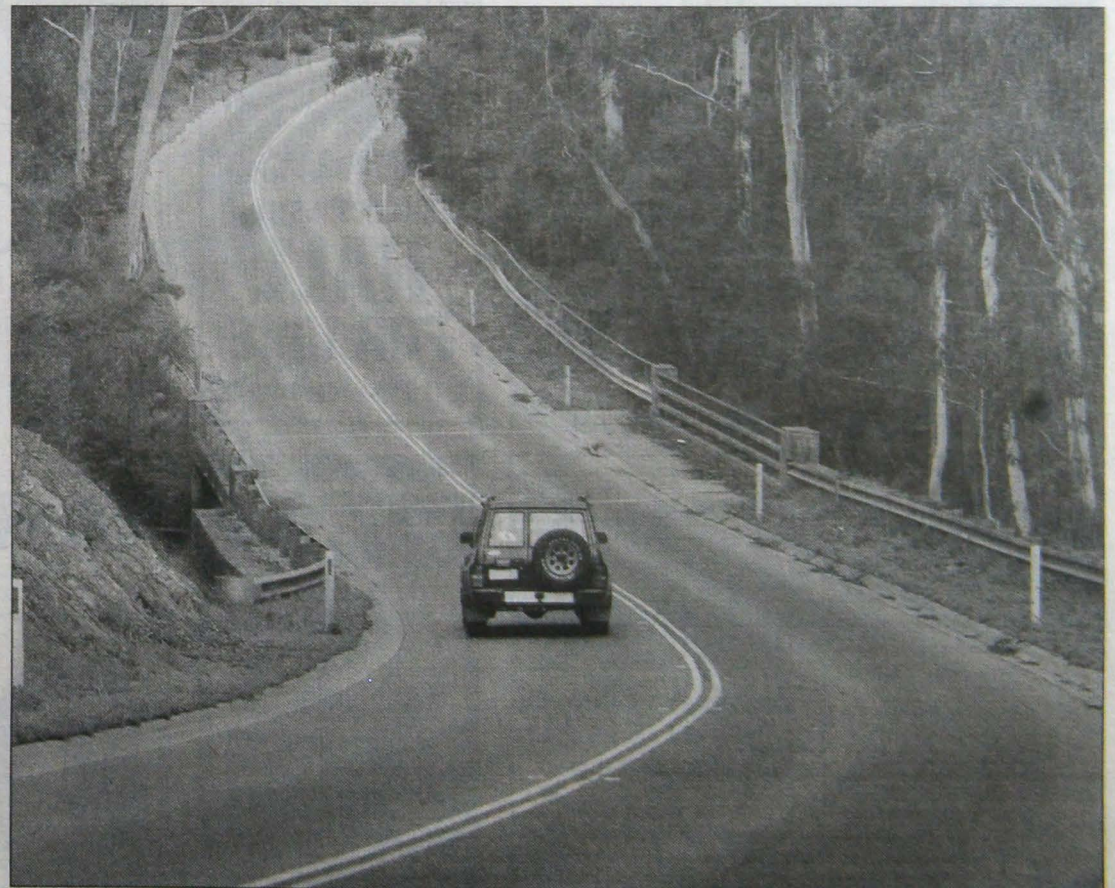
"Subject to confirmation, it is currently anticipated that funds could

be made available to commence the construction of Jumping Creek Road in the 2016/2017 financial year," Ms Wilson said.

The draft strategy will be available from the council office or the website ([www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au)) from Monday, July 25 and council will receive written submissions, via email or post, until Friday, September 16.

"Following this process, council will consider community comment on the strategy," Ms Wilson said.

"Further community consultation would be required in respect of the development of the detailed design for the road before construction could commence."



Picturesque Jumping Creek Road is set for extensive upgrading.

# Tower 'unsuitable'

I am a very concerned Warrandyte resident with a young family. I rarely send any emails voicing my concerns over local issues but feel compelled to send this one.

We love the rural "vibe" of Warrandyte and are concerned that the current proposed Vodafone tower placement location is out of place for this community. It is not about whether a tower should exist—it is about where the tower should be located. Given the current negative community response, I think it is reasonable to say that the current location is entirely unsuitable.

Incredibly, however, the council and Vodafone are adamant that the project should proceed, and hence are quite willing to divide a community for the sake of a piece of infrastructure. This

really does not make much sense, especially when there are health risks, visual issues and emergency evacuation risks.

It is not really about the tower anymore. This is about our right as a community to be heard and to be respected. This is now more about protecting what makes us special as a Warrandyte community and sets us apart from the rest.

We cannot afford to be ignored, as the consequences will be far reaching for the "vibe" of our community. We are passionate about Warrandyte and expect our elected councillors to express our voice on our behalf. Councillors are elected to make decisions to empower, improve and unify communities, not to alienate, damage and divide.

**Paul Dal Sasso**  
(by email)

## dear diary

Letters to the *Diary* on local topics are welcome. They may be edited for reasons of style, length or legality.

### Lost on the Island

Soft sunlight  
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Fallen trees  
Tall green grass  
Strange shadows  
Creep up on you  
When you are lost on the island.

Tanika Kline

# Alan Nichols will be missed

Members of St Stephen's Anglican Church will have read with pleasure the farewell piece by Canon Alan Nichols in last month's *Diary*. It doesn't seem right to let his gracious comments go unremarked by those of us who will miss both his inspirational presence and that of his wife Denise Nichols.

Denise recently returned from one of her many overseas excursions of practical education and Christian loving kindness—this time teaching disaster management skills in Burma which, along with many other places in troubled and often quite dangerous parts of the world, she has visited often.

Space in a brief letter does

not permit expansion of the remarkable story of this couple—one instance of which is that Alan was working in Rwanda at the time of the genocide. (I hope to tell more of that story in a future edition of our community paper.)

Alan wrote of the "profound spirituality" that he found in the hills and people of Warrandyte, and in his farewell he thanked us for letting him, with Denise, share our world.

One of the congregation spoke for all of us who have come into contact with him either by being parishioners or non-churchgoing participants in his community conversations, when she thanked

him for "bringing the world to us". He certainly did. Google Canon Alan Nichols and you get pages of references.

Many people worked extremely hard to bring St Stephen's back to life after the departure of its long-term incumbent, both parishioners and the various locum clergy before Alan and Denise arrived.

They brought an additional spirit peculiarly their own as well, but inseparable from their Christianity. We miss them and look forward to welcoming them back among us as the good friends they have become.

**Yvonne Linton Reid**  
Banning Road



I have been a private pilot since 1975 and am endorsed in many types of aircraft, including aerobatic flight. I was amazed and appalled at the way the tribunal dismissed the finding of Mr Ray Pitts, Chief Pilot of the Victoria Police Air Wing.

The Warrandyte Reserve has been used for many years as a landing place for police and emergency services and it is the only place suitable for landing in an emergency for miles around. To put a tower 34 metres high right in the flight path is absolutely crazy.

In the event of a bushfire, the wind will normally be from the north, accompa-

nied by smoke and poor visibility, which means helicopters must approach from the south, landing "into wind" right where the proposed tower is going to be.

Also, in the event of a bushfire, the roads in and out of Warrandyte would probably be crowded with people evacuating, making helicopters essential for emergencies.

On November 15, 2009, there was an emergency exercise carried out on the Warrandyte Reserve, in which I saw four helicopters taking part. There were water tankers, spotter helicopters and rescue helicopters. These are services we need and a tower in the reserve could lead to disaster.

The other problem is that pilots get no warning that the proposed tower is there. A tower could not be designated on Visual Terminal Charts, nor could pilots be warned by NOTAM (notice to airmen).

CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) was very concerned about this when I had talks with them. They can only act after an "event", should an accident take place.

The proposed tower is a major safety issue and I have asked Cr David Ellis to vote against council leasing this land for the purpose of erecting a tower.

**Alphonse Adins**  
(by email)

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# Bulk power deal

By BRIANA PIAZZA

Want to save real dollars on your power bills?

Warrandyte Climate Action Now is calling on local residents to register interest in a community power saving initiative that could shave hundreds of dollars off individual annual power bills.

The not-for-profit group is organising a "strategic purchasing scheme" with Power Group Purchasing, which has dubbed the scheme a "savings revolution".

Under the scheme, all residents involved agree to use the same electricity retailer and each would receive the same deal. Each retailer offers their best price according to how many residents are involved and the company that offers the best deal is chosen to supply power to the group of residents.

"We're doing this as a community thing, so it's up to the people," WarrandyteCAN president Wayne Rankin said. "We feel that surely people will be interested. They're saying that power bills are going to be going up again and again so if we can save anything it will be a saving for everyone."

The initiative was launched in the seaside township of Somers last year. As a result, 200 residents received the same money-saving deals, which included 15 per cent off every electricity bill when paid on time.

Since the Somers success story, several areas in Victoria, including Warrandyte, are looking at introducing the same community bulk-buy scheme.

The scheme would last for two years. People can register interest, but will not be obliged to sign up. Residents can also enter

or leave the scheme at any time.

"If we have this thing up and running and it's been running for eight months, people who move into the area can come in, but it will only run until the end of that two year period. So they can come in or leave at any time during the process," WarrandyteCAN's David Tonkin said.

WarrandyteCAN is also interested in involving other groups in the Warrandyte community to push the scheme. They are also inviting businesses to be involved in the initiative, and help push leaflets out to more people in the community.

"In Somers it worked with 200 people. Warrandyte has such a 'community of groups'. This is not just about WarrandyteCAN," Mr Rankin said. "The more the merrier, because from what we understand, the more people who sign up, the more persuasive it is to get a better deal and therefore save more on power."

All residents and businesses in Warrandyte and surrounding areas are able to register their interest in the scheme. Surrounding areas able to take part in the scheme will be specified once all the expressions of interests are received.

Whilst this initiative will help residents save money, Mr Tonkin stressed that everyone should continue conserving power.

"This program is designed to help residents save money on their power—it's purely monetary," Mr Tonkin said. "The issue of how you reduce your energy use comes out of the other activities we run in the community."

● Register your interest at [www.warrandytecan.com.au](http://www.warrandytecan.com.au).

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WarrandyteCAN advertisement in this month's Diary.

## Fiction from true story

Warrandyte author Benjamin Grant Mitchell has published a novel, "based on a true story", inspired by his childhood in a corrupt "end time" sect.

The novel is titled *The Last Great Day*.

Mitchell was born in England to Australian parents who were members of an American doomsday cult. His father was a newly ordained minister and both were naïve to the abuse and corruption of their chosen religion.

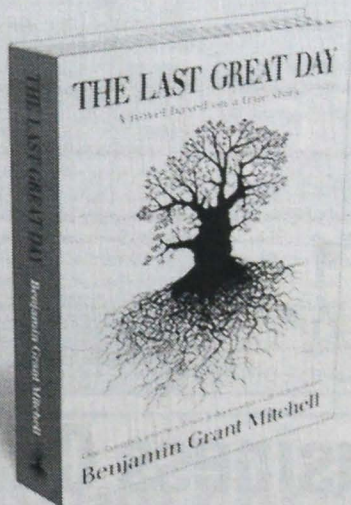
"It wasn't until we left the cult, on the eve of my 10th birthday, when I started to understand it wasn't every-

body else who was weird, it was actually me and my family," Mr Mitchell told the *Diary*.

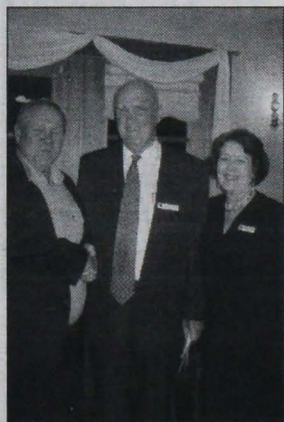
In this birth setting, the author begins a story—in the form of an "autobiographical novel"—of a family's journey to freedom.

Ben Mitchell is also a performer and songwriter. He recorded his critically acclaimed album, "The Stars Can See", at the Beatles' producer Sir George Martin's studios in London.

● For more information, and details on obtaining *The Last Great Day*, visit [www.benjamingrantmitchell.com](http://www.benjamingrantmitchell.com).



# Lions: changes at the top



Local stalwart Geoff Taylor has been elected president of the Lions Club of Warrandyte for the 2011-12 year.

The immediate past president is Bill Gerritsen and vice-presidents are David Dobbs, John Boyle and David Englefield.

Mr Taylor was installed at the club's changeover dinner, late last month, where the guest speaker was Warrandyte police sergeant Keith Walker.

Pictured: Newly-installed president Geoff Taylor is congratulated by 2008-09 president Lauri Hilakari (left) and Jenny Hilakari.

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By PAUL WILLIAMS



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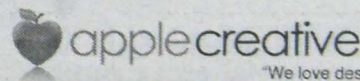
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# They brought top honours to our local community

By SANDY BURGOYNE

Two Warrandyte residents were mentioned in this year's Queen's Birthday honours list: Margory Lapworth received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) and Neil Robertson the Public Service Medal (PSM).

In the Australian honours system appointments to the Order of Australia confer the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service. Nominations for these honours come from the community, either individuals or groups.

The Medal of the Order of Australia is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition. The citation for Margory Lapworth OAM said — for service to the community, particularly through Warrandyte Housing and Support Services.

"I started doing volunteer work in 1988," Margory told the *Diary*.

At that time she was recovering from back surgery and needed to get active again, so she started to help out at Warrandyte Historical Society. From there Margory joined the Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB, now known locally as Information Warrandyte) and eventually became Victorian president of that organisation.

She then successfully applied for a vacancy on the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House (WNH) committee, although she had reservations about how her back would cope with the many stairs in the community centre. While working with WNH Margory started to assist the homeless and other people in crisis and realised this need was not being properly addressed in the district.

"Nobody likes to know about the underprivileged people," she said.

Margory then left WNH and established Warrandyte Housing and Support Services (WHSS) in 1995. The new organisation's office moved several times during its first 10 years until it opened at its current address in the Miner's Cottage on Yarra Street opposite Whipstick Gully in 2005.

WHSS is kept busy finding housing and distributing food parcels to people in crisis.

"Sometimes we can't move in our office ... On a daily basis I would say we could have 20, 25 people in," Margory said.

"With homeless people, the thing we



**Margory Lapworth:** helped the homeless.



**Neil Robertson:** outstanding leadership.

have to do is get them off the street.

"We've extended our services considerably since we started WHSS and we now do a heap of counselling. We deal with drugs and alcohol and mental illness here."

Somewhere along the way Margory, a Rotarian, also found time to set up the Rotary Op Shop in Warrandyte and continued to run it until last year.

"I think (the OAM) is the biggest honour anyone could ever give to me. I've got all sorts of certificates...the only thing I didn't have was the OAM and I always joked about it.

"I keep getting letters now with OAM. It's quite intriguing; I just wonder what the postman thinks.

"While I'm the one with the OAM I am sharing that with all the staff who have ever worked with me because without them I couldn't do it," Margory said.

The Public Service Medal recognises outstanding service of employees across Commonwealth, state, territory and local governments.

Neil Robertson PSM received his award for outstanding public service and leadership through the provision of innovative legal policy in a diverse range of areas. The citation includes — (he) has dedicated himself to public service for the past 25 years focussing his career on the criminal system through his work at Victoria Police and the Department of Justice. His achievements are significant and include: family violence reforms, new organised crime and counter ter-

rorism legislation and lending support to the government in responding to and implementing the report of the Bushfires Royal Commission.

He has worked with the Victorian Department of Justice for around 13 years, prior to that he worked with Victoria Police for four years.

"I managed the executive support unit there, which was basically the administrative side of the Chief Commissioner's office," he told the *Diary*.

His current position within the Department of Justice is Director of Bushfire Royal Commission Co-ordination.

"I was involved in assisting to frame the terms of reference for the (Bushfires) Royal Commission and then I had a role in co-ordinating the Department's input into the Royal Commission.

"The state government has the State Co-ordination and Management Council ... which is basically the secretaries of all the departments, the Chief Commissioner of Police, etc. They set up a sub-committee responding to the bushfires and the secretary of my department, the Department of Justice, was chair of that, so in a sense I was secretary of that group.

"So it was both the response to the commission while it was actually running, but it also involved a fair bit of policy development work around what we were going to do about it," he said.

Neil has a law degree from Monash University, but has never practised as a solicitor.

"I've been very lucky, because (in) my career I've got to work with great people on interesting and important things. I'm very fortunate," he said.

Neil Robertson is a life member of Blackburn Cricket Club.

"I first played there in 1982. I am currently secretary ... and I've been heavily involved as a player and an administrator for quite a while there," he said.

"I've lived in Warrandyte for 23 years now. I love Warrandyte and I love the community," he said.

"My kids are heavily committed to local sport. My son plays football and he has played cricket and basketball and my daughter's very into basketball and netball.

"I just think Warrandyte's a fantastic place."

# Climate change: groups muster

Local group WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) is asking, "How do we protect the vulnerable while responding to climate change?"

CAN is inviting the community to a forum later this month to discuss how we achieve climate justice—who should pay for climate change, plus other issues gathering around the climate change debate.

CAN is bringing to Warrandyte Ben Courtice, renewable energy campaigner with Friends of the Earth (FoE) and Marguerite Marshall, journalist and author.

Included in the program will be Al Gore's latest demonstration of how the world has the solutions for the future.

Ben Courtice will discuss climate justice measures that look for solutions that build community but don't let the most vulnerable suffer the worst of climate change.

Currently FoE is campaigning to stop the state government imposing severe restrictions on the placement of wind turbines that would see the wind industry potentially locked out of much of the state.

The evening will demonstrate how community owned wind farms benefit regional areas and FoE's work to support groups that are trying to set them up.

Marguerite Marshall is one of 11 Australians amongst 650 people worldwide, trained by Al Gore, maker of the film

*An Inconvenient Truth*. In this presentation she discusses his new book, *Our Choice on Climate Change Solutions*, based on expert scientific data and demonstrating how the world has the answers to combat climate change.

Marguerite will open the presentation, followed by Ben Courtice with his discussion on climate justice.

This event will be held Thursday, July 21 at 7.30pm at the new Andersons Creek Primary School Performing Arts Centre. Free entry and no booking required. For more information call WarrandyteCAN president Wayne Rankin on 0418 394 494 or 9844 4438

● CAN is also participating in a forum entitled "Who's telling the truth about climate change? And who can we trust?" Speakers will include meteorologist David Karoly and social psychologist Yoshihisa Kashima. The forum has been organised by a group entitled A Grandstand for the Environment, formed out of a gathering at the Warrandyte Uniting Church in 2007.

This forum will be held at the Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, on Thursday, July 28, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

Further information on <http://warrandyte.unitingchurch.org.au/grandstand.htm> or phone Julie James on 0418 597 514.



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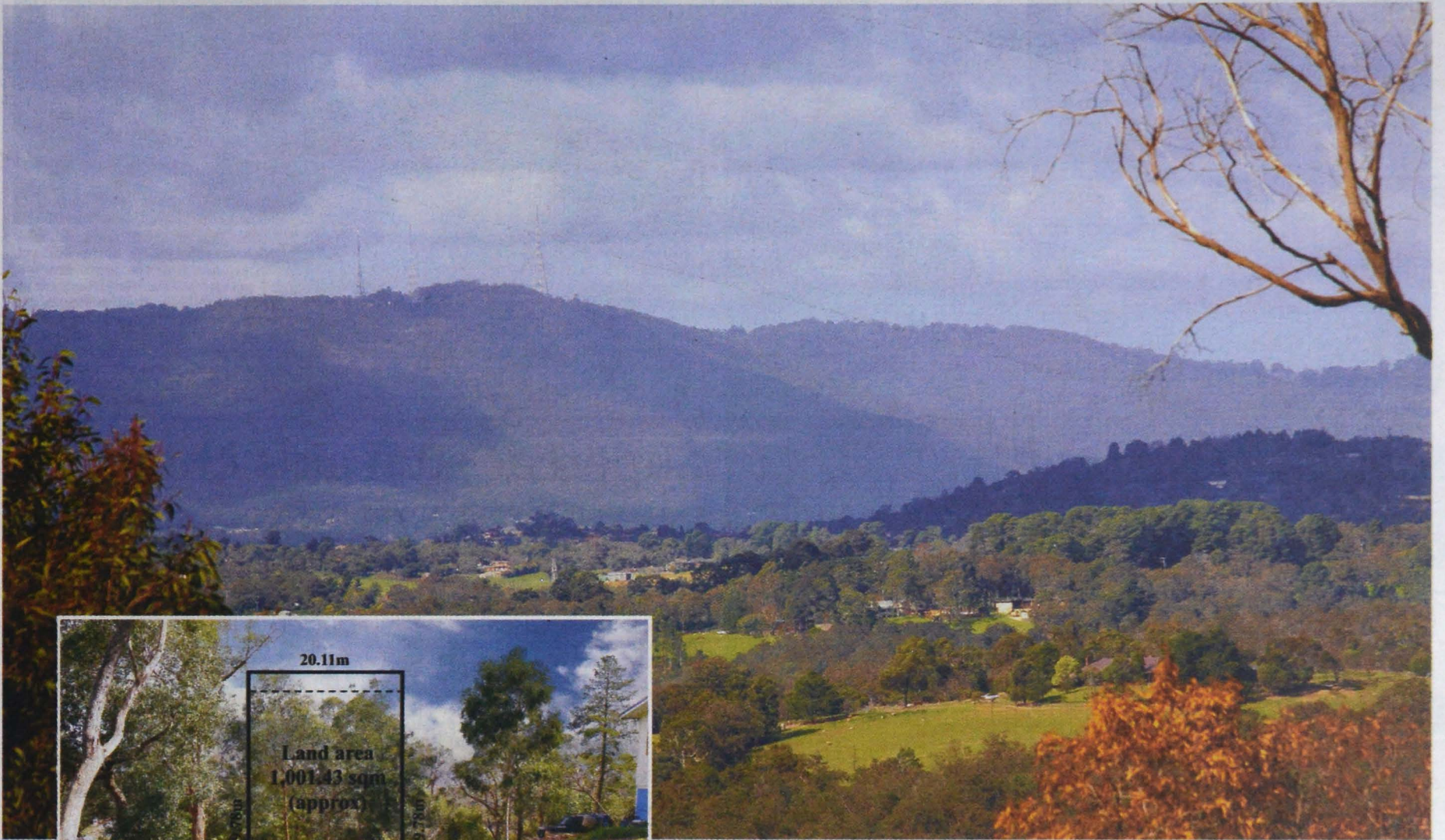
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Malcolm Laurence, working on the new gateway sculpture signs for Warrandyte. (Picture by Alana Phillips)

## Malcolm's sculpture will mark gateways to our township

Local sculptor, Malcolm Laurence, has created two new gateway signs to be erected in Warrandyte. The evocative signs, funded by Manningham council, will identify and unify the Goldfields and Yarra Street shopping centres, and have been developed in conjunction with the Warrandyte Traders Association and Warrandyte Community Association.

When an application for Commonwealth funding to upgrade shopfronts in Yarra Street was unsuccessful, council agreed to fund a project highlighting the two shopping centres. After much deliberation, a brief was created and sent to three local designers who presented ideas for sculptural entry signs.

Malcolm Laurence's response considered the bushland setting, the Yarra River environs, and created a sense of vibrancy. His design, using twisted metal flat bar, represents the fluidity of the Yarra River and embodies the beauty of nature.

Malcolm said in his response to the brief: "The design has a dynamic, whimsy to its lines that seem to float up from the ground and then get blown across creating a lightness to the heavy steel."

The simple yet sophisticated design on a single pole will have minimal impact on the environment and the galvanised finish will dull to a light grey and stabilise the metal.

Malcolm Laurence is a third generation Warrandyte with a strong bond to the local community. His parents, Jo and Brian, were both active supporters of the arts, environment and history of Warrandyte.

"The Warrandyte environment continues to inspire and provide a home for artists," a WCA spokesperson said. "Manningham council is to be congratulated for giving a local artist the opportunity to create this public work of art for the township."

Malcolm Laurence has worked as a sculptural blacksmith for more than 18 years and was awarded the Warrandyte Youth Arts Award in 1996. A good example of his work can be seen at the Eltham Town Square where he created the wrought steel balustrade, depicting local flora and fauna. He also constructed the giant fish, mounted on barges in the Yarra River, for the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

## Bus shelter goes, comes back



Several months ago the bus shelter opposite the bridge on Yarra Street started to disappear. First it looked like preparation for some much needed repair when the seating was removed. Work proceeded and hopes rose that perhaps this was to be a major renovation. However, demolition continued until

bus-spotters were left with a draughty niche in the rock wall and no roof to protect them from the weather.

Now workmen are back at the forlorn bus stop and building instead of tearing down. Council had found that the old structure was rusted and unstable and in need of total replacement. Works are

underway to construct new foundations, along with minor drainage improvements. A new shelter should be installed at the bus stop opposite the bridge by the middle of this month and once again commuters will be able to wait for the bus protected from the elements.

**SANDY BURGOYNE**

## Supercar stuff aids charity

Local resident Mel Hossack, well known in Warrandyte as the lady in the pharmacy and now working at Beasley's Nursery, is using her Supercar racing connections to help a mother who lost her son to cancer.

How many families wake up each day, to face a tragedy that changes their lives forever?

Tragedy struck Julie Beattie and her family six years ago after their son left for work, as normal. Two hours later his life changed forever. After suffering a seizure at work, a CT scan confirmed that Warick had a brain tumour. After a hard fought battle lasting 18 months, he lost his



Warick Beattie: lost to cancer.

Last year Julie decided to hold a fundraising day for Kids with Cancer, an organisation that assists families to help alleviate their costs and provides more resources for cancer

treatment.

The day raised \$3000, and the aim is to double that amount this year. Community and businesses have rallied to donate prizes or sponsorship, but Julie is seeking further support.

The fundraiser will be held at the Montmorency RSL Club, Petrie Park, Mountain View Road, Montmorency on Sunday, July 24, between 1pm and 7pm.

Tickets are available on the day for \$10 per person or \$20 per family of two adults and two children.

Mel Hossack has organised the donation of a V8 Supercar panel, autographed by racing identity Tony Dalberto. Paul Dumbell has autographed a hat and other V8 merchandise.

For further details call Julie Beattie on 0409 143 106.



Big kids and little kids get together on art program. (Picture by Alana Phillips)

## Kids cooperate on art you can wear

Warrandyte High School and Warrandyte Primary School are cooperating in an exciting new art project

The program saw 16 students from the high school travelling to the primary school where they involved 20 Year 3 and 4 students in a project that had the

younger kids developing their skills on stencilling and drawing onto material.

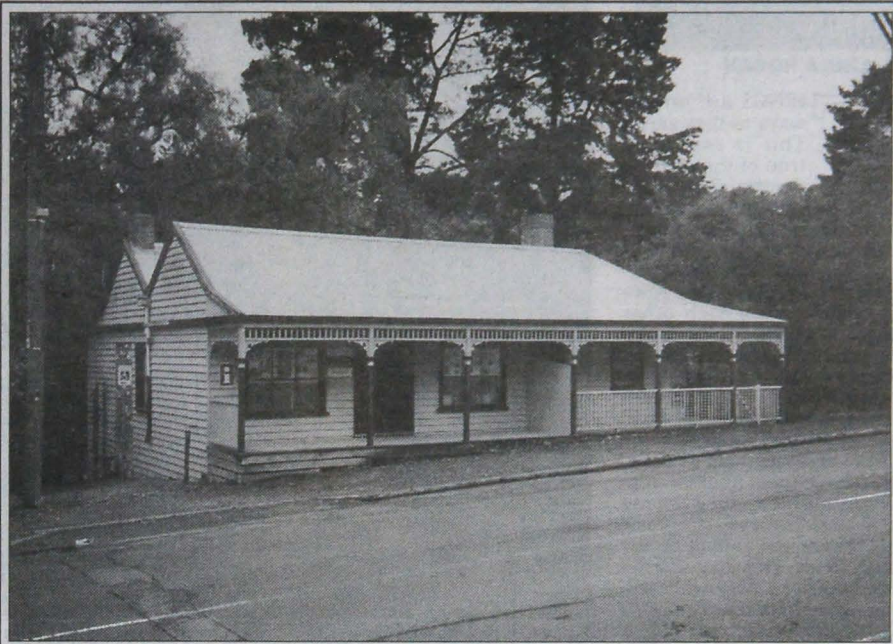
"Together they produced some marvelous art works that they can now wear as mementos of the day," WHS student wellbeing leader Natalie Manser told the *Diary*.

"I was very heartened to witness plenty of big smiles, cuddles, laughter and some great conversations about what to expect when you get to high school," Ms Manser said.

Manningham council granted the money required to run the program.

# Art restoration talk

The Warrandyte Historical Society invites the community to a talk on art restoration on Sunday, July 17 at the Museum, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Speaker will be Mr Barry Gange, an accomplished fine arts teacher with expertise in this field. The talk will commence at approximately 2.45pm following the annual general meeting of the association which commences at 2pm. All are welcome.



The Old Post Office Museum in Yarra Street is the venue for the Warrandyte Historical Society's annual general meeting on Sunday, July 17.

## Change

WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) is organising an information night in the new Performing Arts Centre at Andersons Creek Primary School commencing at 7.30pm on Thursday, July 21. The topic is "How do we protect the vulnerable while responding to climate change?" Speakers will include Ben Courtice and Marguerite Marshall. More information from Wayne Rankin on 9844 4438.

## Mosaic

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is offering free classes in creating a series of mosaic mandalas. Classes will be conducted by creative art therapist, Carolyn Noel. The aim of the project is to provide an opportunity for people with a disability, experience of mental illness or isolation to join with a non-specialised group. Carers are welcome and transport can be provided where necessary. It is planned to meet on Wednesdays from 4 to 5.30pm in the foyer of the Warrandyte Community Centre. For enquiries please ring 9844 1839.

## Planting

The ACCA Landcare Group is holding a planting day on Sunday, July 24. Meet at the picnic car park on Gold Memorial Road at 1pm. Afternoon tea is provided and everyone is welcome. For further details of this event and information on the group's school holiday program, please call Robyn on 0417 377 649.

## Climate

Grandstand for the Environment, a group formed through Warrandyte Uniting Church, is holding a forum at the Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster on Thursday, July 28 commencing at 7.30pm.

## out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

Speakers will include meteorologist David Karoly and social psychologist Yoshihima Kashima, both of Melbourne University. Their subject will be "Who's telling the truth about climate change, and who can we trust?" More details from Julie James on 0418 597 514.

## Trees

As part of National Tree Day, the Osborne Peninsula Landcare group is having a planting at their Windmill site on Sunday, July 31 from 10am to 12noon. Everyone is welcome to join in to help boost the number of trees being planted. Meet at the lower Koornong carpark. For further information call Shelagh Morton on 9844 3610.

## Jazz

Earth Harmony's Friday Night Jazz Club is blowing the roof off again at 8pm on Friday, July 15. Featured artists are Leo Dale, Doug de Vries and Shannon Birchall. Earth Harmony is at 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, adjacent to the top car park above the shops

near the bridge. The Lotus Room Café will be open from 7.30pm. Entry \$22 prepaid (\$19 concession); \$26 paid at the door. Bookings advised: 9844 5155.

## Planting

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are inviting everyone to come and lend a hand this planting season. A number of planting days at various locations are planned. For details check out <http://fowsp.org.au/activities.php> or call 0439612571. The extended opening hours for the nursery are Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm, first Saturday of each month from 9am to 1pm and the first Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm.

## Bands

Warrandyte RSL's monthly Bands by the Bridge will introduce a new and exciting local act, "The Good Wood" on Sunday, July 31 from 4pm to 8pm. They will be playing 60s and 70s-influenced Swamp Blues & Roots to Classic Rock music.

## Information

The annual general meeting of Information Warrandyte will be held in their office at the Warrandyte Community

Centre on Tuesday, August 30 at 8pm. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

## Library

The Eltham Library will conduct several children's activities during the coming school holidays. They will include Chess Treasure and Bedtime Storytime on Monday, July 4 and Pirate Sean on Wednesday, July 13. Phone 9439 9266 for further information.

## Seminar

The next Manningham Environment Seminar, to be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is entitled Australian Ferns. It will be conducted by Barry Stagoll, president of the Fern Society of Victoria, on Wednesday, August 3 commencing at 7.30pm. These seminars are free with supper provided.

## Walks

Friends of Warrandyte State Park/Manningham walks will be conducted on Thursday, June 23 from 9.30am at Bolin Bolin Billabong and Park Orchards One Hundred Acres on Thursday, July 28 also from 9.30am. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Call Natalie on 9840 9124 or email [eeпад-min@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eeпад-min@manningham.vic.gov.au).

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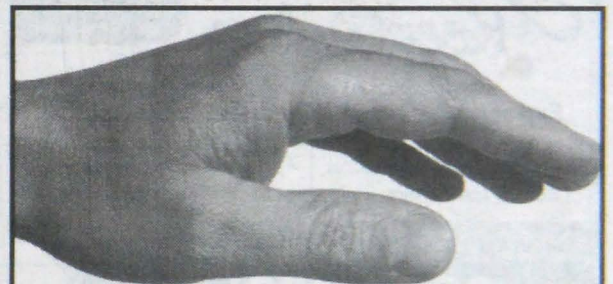
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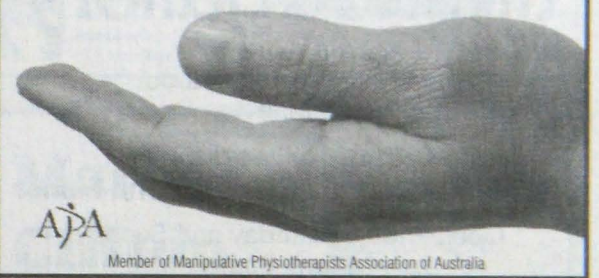
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## COREY'S COMMUNITY

By SYD & ONA

Corey desperately needs a holiday up North... NOW!!



## artyfacts

## Fire

Stonehouse Gallery's exhibition this month features a group of "woodfired" from the Mornington Peninsula. The results of woodfiring are of ten random, with the flame and ash creating patterns and colours on the raw clay or influencing the glazes. The exhibition ends on Sunday, July 31. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte and is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

## Exhibition

Eltham resident and business woman, Diana Jackson will be exhibiting a large selection of watercolours, mixed media and oil paintings at the Eltham Community Library this month. The show will run from July 7 to July 25.

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# It's not easy staying green

nature  
 By LINDA ROGAN



False Garden Mantis: green and brown form. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

**T**HINGS are not always as they seem. This is especially true of the praying mantis. The word "praying" suggests one absorbed in religious devotions, and describes the prayerful position of mantid forelegs.

These legs have two rows of spines facing each other and are referred to as raptorial or like a raptor's claws. They are the highly effective hunting tools of a predator. It is natural to mistakenly call them "preying" mantis.

Yet I also see them as dancers. I have spent hours watching one gracefully swaying side to side, slowly progressing across the railing of our back deck. This has usually been April or May while enjoying a cup of tea. The False Garden Mantis appears often in my photos and is apparently most common around Australia.

I have yet to discover why it is "false" but note that this may come from the genus name Pseudomantis. Locally we frequently have the Green Garden Mantis, the Grass Mantis, which I have observed at Fourth Hill and the Purple Winged Mantis that I have yet to see.

The swaying dance appears to be an effort to mimic the swaying of leaves and twigs. Their brown or green colours and veined wings, and twiggy appendages complete this deception and may help them sneak up on their prey unnoticed.

The swaying may also help to discriminate objects from the background using their large compound eyes. This insect can turn its head 180 degrees and has an excep-

tionally wide field of vision. But if they have compound eyes why is it that their beady black pupils always appear to be looking at me?

As I so often do, I found the answer on Wikipedia. Simply put, only the single elements of the compound eye that align with the observer's "head-on" view absorb the light. They therefore appear black to the observer. This effect is called a pseudopupil and is found in other creatures with compound eyes.

Rumour has it that female mantises will bite off the head of the male during mating. Some say this increases the likelihood of fertilisation and also provides nutrition to aid in egg laying.

Other researchers believe that this seldom happens in natural conditions and is likely to be an artefact of

stress caused by laboratory conditions and presence of the observer.

Praying mantises have the ability to adopt protective colouration. This is not done quickly like chameleons, but slowly, as the mantis sheds its skin with growth. It will shed many times before reaching its adult size. This way a mantis growing up in green leaves is more likely to be green and one in dry grass is more likely to be brown. More remarkably they can exhibit fire melanism. That is the ability to turn black at the first moult after a bushfire. Then they hunt other insects that stand out against the black background.

A praying mantis has provided me with one more surprise. I had found a large mantis egg-case in nearby bushland and took it home hoping for a brood of mantises. This was

early April and 19 days later I was delighted to see tiny black insects inside the container. The colour didn't surprise me as sometimes new born mantises look like tiny ants. I was surprised to see that they tended to hop briskly about the container and appeared to have a long hairlike tail.

A close look at photos revealed that these weren't baby praying mantises at all but rather parasitic wasps. A female wasp had laid her eggs into this egg-case and the growing young would have devoured most if not all of the original inhabitants. Although disappointed I was told by a fellow insect lover that some of the mantis babies may have survived and could emerge a few weeks later. However time is running out. Ah well, I didn't have anything to feed them anyway.

# All about cycling and recycling

**N**OTHING disappears into thin air quite like a day off work. "A whole day!" exclaims the brain, planning eagerly. "So much to do and so little time!"

So you start the night before, staying up late, making the most of the unwanted opportunity to relax. Dinner at nine—a lovely slow-cooked Italian chicken and vegetable extravaganza with crusty sourdough and a nice Ridgeback Merlot—while poring over this year's guide to the Tour de France. From Passage du Gois to the Champs-Élysées, every gruelling centimetre will weave another strand into the 98-year-old legend. No other event on the planet sustains such power to rivet an audience, most of whom have no interest in cycling as such, for three whole weeks. It's a breathtaking spectacle.

For the umpteenth time, I tell myself I will ride those historic routes one day. Col du Galibier! Alpe-d'Huez! It's a dream of biblical proportions.  
 "Mum, you say that every year!" Certain family members are getting impatient. One in

particular has been living in hope of my taking the plunge, as nobody else seems keen, and it's not something to tackle on your own. "You said we could go when I'd finished uni!"

"Yeah, well, I've been doing other things ... and you were in South America last year."

"We could've gone this year!"

"I didn't think of it in time. Anyway, I need to get a bit fitter ..."

"Well, what about NEXT year?"

"Next year's chockers already. What about 2013?" How long can it possibly take to get myself off the coronary-waiting-to-happen list? The trouble, too, with hitting a certain age is that both time and money suddenly start to seem a bit limited.

"But I'll probably be working over there next year!" She wasn't about to let me get away with flimsy excuses.

"Hmmm, yes, well, that might make a difference ..."

My beloved, however, is less than excited at the prospect. His idea of a nice ride is a lap of the Kangaroo Ground-St

our place  
 By MARILYN MOORE

Andrews circuit, with the occasional detour to Kinglake or Strathewan. In any case, there are two other cycling adventures already on the drawing board for next year.

Before we could launch ourselves into a three-way debate, in which I was gearing up to explore the role of cautious affirmative, another distraction arose. Unused to the stop-start crawl of congested traffic on Melbourne's hopelessly overcrowded roads, two young friends missed their evening flight from Tullamarine.

Rescheduled to fly out early next morning, they over-nighted at our place, and we had the all-too-rare pleasure of sitting up half the night, savouring chilli tea and dark chocolate, and chewing the fat on the woes of the public hospital system. And I do mean woes!

What sort of nation allows itself to have governments that waste squillions of tax-

payers' dollars on politicking and expensive events like the Grand Prix—events that put so many dollars into so few pockets—while ordinary people suffer from public health systems that run mostly on hot air? It's very demoralising for our kids, just starting out in the world and still hoping to "make a difference".

The only way to unwind after such a passionate castigation of politicians and government departments was, of course, to watch a midnight movie. Or two.

So all those plans for my Big Day Off quickly fizzled into thin air. It's lunchtime already and I haven't even been for my regular swim, much less started on the ever-growing job list. Spraying Round-Up onto the burgeoning Festival of Green Weeds overrunning the driveway was right up there, along with finalising a long string of editing changes to a book chapter prior to a meeting this afternoon. Sigh!

One thing's certain: the jobs will still be there tomorrow. I won't miss a thing. And it was lovely to have a nice long sleep-in, dreaming of Alpe-d'Huez.

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# One person's 'lunch' is another mug's 'dinner'

**G**IVEN the number of TV food shows that fill station programming these days, one could be excused for believing that cooking meals is a doddle.

Jamie cooks a three course meal in 30 minutes, Heston Blumenthal manages to split the atom whilst knocking up a mediaeval feast and in the rest of the plethora of food programs, no dinner party menu ever takes longer to plan, cook and consume than either 30 or 60 minutes.

Why is it, therefore, that it took me two days, a lot of cursing and a kitchen resembling the aftermath of a Somme battle to produce two very average courses? I don't suppose, however, that I should be all that surprised given my past experiences in the world of haute cuisine.

Well, perhaps "haute" is the wrong word. I was rostered on to help cook the snags for a sporting club barbecue. Not a problem, one would think but I hadn't realised that a lot of coulis has flowed, sorry, has been drizzled, around plates since I began slinging a sausage on the grill.

I was given the supply of snags, some condom-latex gloves, a pair of tongs and a serving plate. Things progressed well for the first half hour and I thought I was doing a good job. I'd de-grunged the plate, sprayed it with canola oil and had paper towel at hand.

The snags were cooking evenly and I determined it was time to start cooking some



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**"Why is it that it took me two days, a lot of cursing and a kitchen resembling the aftermath of a Somme battle to produce two very average courses?"**

more. So I threw some new snags on the plate.

"My God! Do you want to kill us all? You can't have un-cooked meat touching cooked meat!" A comment more from a helicopter father than an international chef but it hit home.

Apparently, I had failed Basic Hygiene 101. My lifetime zero record for ptomaine poisoning didn't count. I was the culinary devil incarnate and I was not fit to prepare food for humans. I passed him the tongs, slit my wrists and died a deserved death.

One of my earliest meal disasters, however, was less

one concerning foodstuffs and more to do with class warfare. It occurred years ago when I first started "walking out" with Herself. We had met, found the other attractive and had been gradually testing the mating ground. Being thought worthy of gene transference by one's partner was one thing but an equally important part of the process was the assessment by the potential in-laws.

I had no doubt that Herself would pass with flying colours with my parents but I was less certain as to how I would stack up against Herself's earlier beaux. Some of them were truly scary.

Apart from the heir to what I can only imagine was all of the grazing country of the Western District, there was the recently qualified architect and the far too handsome economist. And then there was me; my only asset, a clapped out Mini and my only prospect, a teacher's salary. The only ray of hope was that Herself had had a short dalliance with a slightly feral artist.

And then the inevitable happened. "Would you like to come to dinner on Saturday? My mother is really looking forward to meeting you."

"Of course. I'd love to."

Then the alarm bells rang and panic set in. What to wear? What to bring? Any topics of conversation to avoid? Should I take flowers or chocolates or would either be a bit "sucky"? I looked in the mirror and staring back was insecurity. Reflected was anything but a grazer, an internationally acclaimed architect and definitely not a

handsome anybody! Oh well, I'd just have to wing it and hope for subtle lighting and a slight dose of conversation-limiting laryngitis.

I didn't have to worry about any of the above decisions because I had already committed the fatal mistake that instantly placed me well and truly a long way behind any man who had been paraded for assessment before me. And all because of that one little word: "dinner".

Australia, and particularly Melbourne, is not classless and one of the signposts to class is vocabulary. I grew up talking about breakfast, dinner and tea. Herself grew up referring to breakfast, luncheon and dinner. So, you know what happened. Yep! I turned up at midday to vacuuming, curlers in hair and pots and pans all over the kitchen, not full of delicious food but empty, waiting for the afternoon's preparation for "dinner".

And to add embarrassment to out-of-depthness, all I could come out with was, "Oops, I'm sorry. I was sure you said 'dinner'."

"I did!"

"Never mind, I'm sure we can rustle up something." Toasted cheese and tomato sandwiches were standard Saturday fare for dinner at our place but somehow they tasted different at Herself's home, that day, for "lunch".

By the way, 45 years on, I'm still having trouble with "serviettes", "drapes" and "the lounge".

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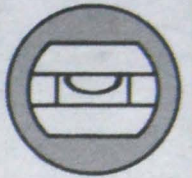
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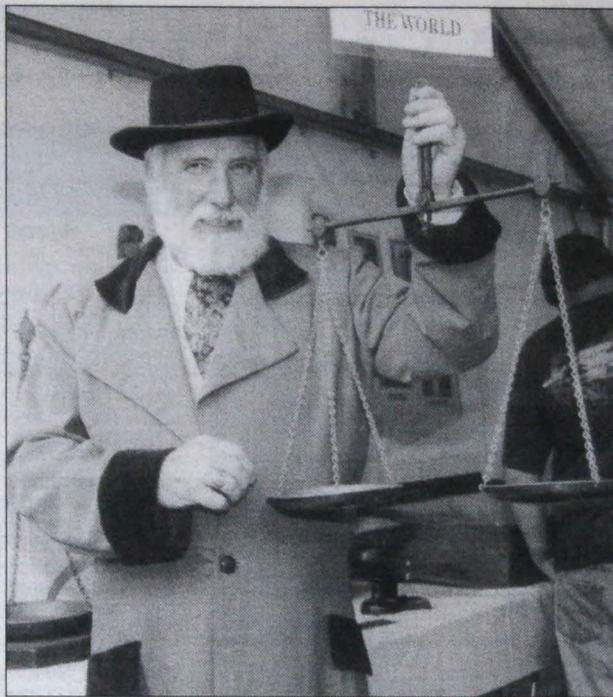
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Flashback: In July 2001, Warrandyte marked the 150th anniversary of the finding of gold with a town celebration, including a re-enactment of the discovery, staged at the site on Anderson's Creek near Gold Memorial Road. SANDY BURGOYNE was there and took these pictures.



# GOLD! But were we really first?

By VAL POLLEY

**T**HIS July Warrandyte will celebrate the 160th anniversary of the discovery of gold and the establishment of the Victoria goldfield at Anderson's Creek. Yet many of our history books give Clunes as the place where Victoria's magnificent gold history began. Which is correct? Well both in their own way, as will be seen—the facts can be confusing.

Actually gold had been discovered in Australia well before 1851. The earliest recorded find was in 1823 when a land surveyor near Bathurst NSW noted gold when recording a road survey. Explorer Paul de Strzelecki also discovered gold in the Victorian Alps in 1839.

But gold was not always a welcome find and its whereabouts was often kept quiet. Squatters and land owners wanted to protect their properties from being overrun while some just wanted to keep their finds to themselves. The authorities were wary, particularly after the great California Gold Rush of the 1840s which provided an unwelcome scenario of the loss of city and town dwellers to goldfields and resulting chaos and lawlessness.

Australia's own gold rush began with the discovery of payable gold near Bathurst NSW in February 1851. Then so great was the exodus from Melbourne to the NSW goldfields, Governor Charles Latrobe established a Gold Discovery Committee in June 1851 with a £200 reward to anyone finding payable amounts of gold within 200 miles of Melbourne.

Louis John Michel, who ran the Rainbow Hotel in Swanston Street was one of those affected by the loss of business when many of the population decamped to the NSW goldfields. He determined to form a

party to explore for gold through the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges.

After a couple of unsuccessful attempts with a party of six, two of the men, Michel and William Habberlin set off again up the Yarra at the end of June 1851 in the early hours of a winter's morning. After yet further unsuccessful attempts and with their supplies nearly gone, they followed a creek back towards the Yarra but then spotting a likely seeming bend decided to have another try.

According to Michel's own account (written some 44 years after the event and published in *The Argus* on December 28, 1895), they had never seen gold obtained before, but after digging into the bank and washing the resultant dirt carefully they obtained 10 small grains of gold. They decided to cover the hole and get to the river to ascertain where they were.

It being sundown when they reached the Yarra they camped for the night. Imagine their dismay when unwrapping the gold from a small blue paper (a wrapper from a Seidlitz powder, a remedy for stomach upsets) a gust of wind blew the gold onto the ground. However by careful washing again they recovered six of the grains. In the morning they found a hut occupied by a Mr Ginger who told them the place was called Anderson's Creek.

Thinking them runaway sailors he gave them damper and hot coffee and advised them to make for Brighton where they might find work. Instead they returned to the site, washed several more dishes and recovered yet more gold before returning with it to Melbourne where it was assessed as being of high quality. After visiting the locality a further three times, the group was accom-

panied on July 5, 1851 by Dr Webb Richmond from the Gold Discovery Committee, who certified that gold had indeed been found.

Meanwhile as all this was happening at Anderson's Creek, to the west of Melbourne gold had been found on the property of Donald Cameron at Clunes. The discovery was not made widely known however as Cameron, fearing injury to his run, kept quiet about it though word eventually got out.

Following payable gold being worked by James Esmond and Dr George Bruhn, a German physician on the property at the end of June, and subsequently Mr Esmond publicly showing off specimens at Geelong, Mr Campbell wrote to his local Member of Parliament on July 5 (the same day that Michel took Dr Richmond to his find) indicating the exact locality and asking the information be given to the Gold Discovery Committee. Thus it would appear both parties made their announcement of having discovered gold in Victoria on the same day.

A Legislative Council select committee was appointed in 1853 to honour and reward those involved in the discovery of the Victorian goldfields. In its report it was said that Mr Michel and his party had, in the opinion of the committee, clearly established their claim to be held as first publishers of the discovery of a goldfield in the Colony of Victoria with the locality being shown publicly on July 5, full particulars communicated to the government on the 8th and licences issued earlier than on any other goldfield.

The committee then proceeded to recommend that Mr Michel and his party be given the sum of £1000 as they had succeeded in discovering and publishing an available goldfield.

However it also recommended Mr Campbell be given the sum of £1000 as he made the original discovery at Clunes; Mr Esmond be given £1000 as the first actual producer of alluvial gold and that Dr Bruhn receive £500 as acknowledgement of his exploration and dissemination of information.

Finally it recommended £1000 be given to Mr Hiscock who discovered the incredibly rich Ballarat goldfields. So in fact everyone associated with the discovery of gold in Victoria received some acknowledgement and reward from a grateful government.

The finding of gold at Anderson's Creek saw an immediate transformation as hopeful individuals made their way to the diggings. Many were not well prepared and came without the appropriate dishes or equipment and often with inadequate supplies. To make matters more difficult the winter weather was wet and windy and creeks and river often flooded, washing away equipment and flooding tents. Even so within days a hundred or so people were camped along the creek and Mr Ginger had opened a refreshment house where meals could be bought and horses looked after.

The rewards for those experienced in mining were encouraging with both alluvial gold and occasional small nuggets being found. However making enough money to cover expenses proved difficult and soon miners were leaving—some because of bad weather and others because of bad luck with only the few who were reaping enough reward from their operations remaining to work the area. A combination of bad weather, difficult terrain and the discovery of richer, more accessible fields round Ballarat saw the diggings largely abandoned before they had a chance

to prove themselves. Although it had been said that on this first payable goldfield a hard working man could make reasonable wages, once the more accessible alluvial gold had been removed, miners moved on to the newly discovered and more lucrative fields.

The finding of gold was transformative for the new colony providing the foundation for prosperity and growth. At first the discovery led to the desertion of the cities and towns as residents rushed off to make their fortune. In the early days Melbourne was described as a ghost town with most able-bodied men having left, even the police resigned to go digging and ships crews deserted. But overall the advantages accrued. Victoria gained wealth and population. Society became more egalitarian and old class distinctions gradually disappeared. Not only the miners benefited however, merchants and shopkeepers became rich supplying goods, landowners grew rich supplying food, financial and other businesses grew in response to the increasing growth and demand.

Warrandyte should be very proud of its gold heritage. Today's township is built on the work of those early miners. Gold and mining continued to underpin development until well into the 20th century even as its residents branched out into other pursuits such as orcharding and tourism.

The gold mines and workings that can still be seen in the surrounding areas remain as constant reminders of our golden past. But local rumours persist that the main reef was never found and that there is still gold lurking beneath the tree covered hills round Warrandyte. In the past many have searched to no avail—but who knows what the future may bring!

## Fire

Can we imagine a place where it's purely benign? A light in the darkness, a comforting glow—slow spread of warm, thawing the bones.

Could they understand that it's always a threat—forever licking the edges of life, pervasive presence, part of the bush?

Can we remember that it's working for us deep underground it is roaring away. Subterranean scaffold of our comfortable life.

Could they believe as they toast by their hearth, that some of us now are afraid of our trees. Are you our enemy? Compliant torches awaiting the match?

Can we conceive ever trusting again? Enjoying the heat, lapping up sun—when summer is summer, not "bushfire season"?

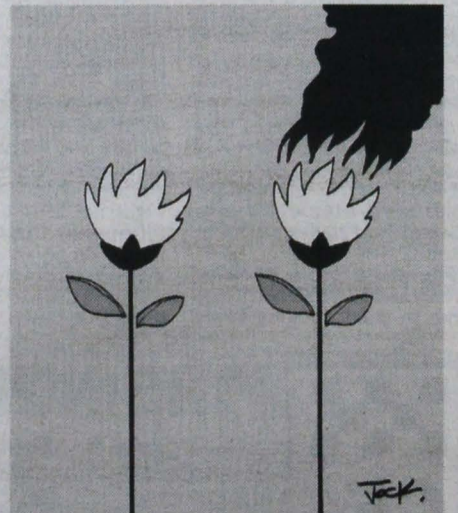
And they will have their harmless hearth dragon a whimsy, a plaything, comforting, harmless with its lick of warm breath.

And in our bush every summer that creature can grow—a Walt Disney nightmare—a fiend belching flame, looming down from the sky.

Can we conceive ever trusting again?

Terrible and Blessed is the power of Fire.

KAREN THROSSELL



# Man on the mark

A young Mark Trewella swapped his tennis racquet for a football and went on to play AFL. He tells BRIANNA PIAZZA of his achievements and how he has applied his sports philosophies to everyday life.

## what's your story?

**Q: Hi Mark, tell us a bit about yourself.**

**A:** I've always grown up with sport. My family and I have lived in Warrandyte for 10 years and my kids play sport and my wife plays basketball. She is very skilled and plays for a team called the Phantoms. They play in the Masters World Games once a year. She's also got a very good kick — she once won the Mother's Day Auskick kicking competition. I'm a self-employed builder and I grew up in Doncaster. At the moment I do a bit of assistant coaching. This is my second year and I've been going down to the senior footy side to help out.

**What sports have you played or do you still play?**

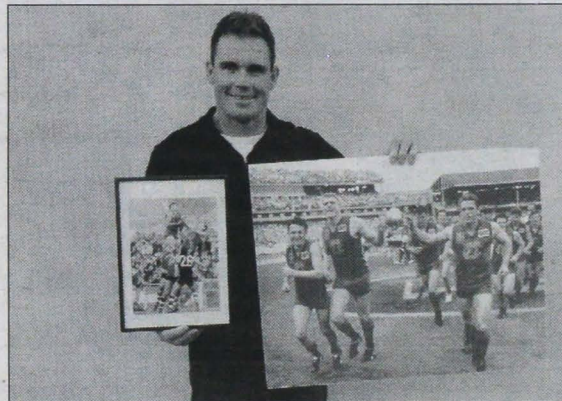
Apart from football, I used to play tennis as a junior and I also had a go at baseball, but I concentrated on the football and tennis. I enjoy surfing and I still surf today - mostly in summer.

**When did you first start playing football?**

I always had a footy in my hand. I played Under 10s at East Doncaster. I didn't really get seriously involved in football until I was 15 and I changed clubs to Doncaster Football Club. I wasn't getting much of a go as a junior, so I went to play with mates from high school. They were short of numbers and it was one of the best years of football I've had because I was able to play wherever I wanted. I really improved because I was working harder. I got a senior game at Under 17s so it pushed me along a bit further.

**Tell us about your sporting achievements.**

I used to play pennant tennis and I took part in junior tennis tournaments and then the footy took over. At Doncaster I won Under 16 Best and Fairest and Under 18 Best and Fairest. I then went to Fitzroy Under 19s and won Best



**Holding the man:** Former AFL footballer and local resident Mark Trewella with his wife Jenny, Liam Taylor, Jake Trewella (son), Maddison Trewella (daughter) and Mackenzie Smead. Left, Mark with some memorabilia from his playing days and, right, as a young Lion at Doncaster. Photos: BRIANNA PIAZZA.

and Fairest. When I played reserve footy I won three Best and Fairests there. I played footy for Fitzroy - 23 games at senior football and I played four games with Richmond Football Club. I won Reserves Best and Fairest in 1987, '88 and '90. I played in the Reserves Grand Final for Fitzroy in 1989 at the MCG. That was a highlight because it was just special and being able to play on Grand Final Day was one of those childhood dreams. To finish the game with thousands of people cheering at the MCG was pretty exciting. We were behind all day, but we came back. It's a good memory.

**Are there any sports teams that inspire you?**

I like the way Geelong and Collingwood play. I've played with a lot of good sides that have bonded together as a team and players would do anything for each other. I think Collingwood and Geelong have done that for a while. They

know what each person's going to do and that's what I'd like to do with the junior club as well. It's not just about football, it's also about getting together as mates.

**What made you decide to take up coaching?**

I've come into Warrandyte as the assistant coach so I help out with the training and a few moves, things like that. I'd love to develop the junior kids a lot more - that's what my interest is. I enjoy seeing kids have a love for footy and improving themselves with training. My aim would be building 20 kids that want to do things for each other and not just rock up on Saturday and have a kick with the footy. That's what it's more about. Sport is important because you make friendships that last a lifetime. I still catch up with people that I played junior footy with and you just get on like old friends again, even though you might not have

seen each other for 20 years.

**Would you say that playing AFL has been one of the best things you've ever done?**

It's definitely a highlight and I think it puts your life into perspective. You've got to work hard to get in the game and that nothing comes easy. If you want to be the best at footy you've got to work hard. That's got to be one of the biggest things that I've picked up from sport and you take that into your business life as well.

**If you had your time back again is there anything you'd do differently regarding football?**

It would have been good if I were another three inches taller (laughs). I think I would've liked to have had more of a go in senior football, but that's the way it was. It wasn't from a lack of trying, it's just that the opportunity wasn't there. But I'm satisfied.



**NICK Sharpe** starred for Warrandyte when the Little Athletics winter cross country circuit moved to Box Hill for an open day recently. Sharpe (Under 8) was a member of the gold-medal-winning team and individually recorded a fourth place. In the Under 12 Boys, Shaun Young (inset) took a silver and in the Under 12 Girls Emily Sharpe came 10th in the individual event and finished with gold in the teams section. Several local athletes are now preparing for the invitational state cross country championships to be held in Ballarat in July.



**MOST** Diary readers would already know Gareth "Dicko" Dickson is handy with a camera after seeing his junior sport images, but he's also impressive as a rodeo star. Dickson is this year's No.1 cowboy after riding a mechanical bull for 38 seconds at a hoedown fundraiser for both the Warrandyte Junior Football Club and Warrandyte Netball Club.

**TRIVIA** buffs will be looking to ace the Warrandyte Tennis Club's Christmas in July Trivia Night on Saturday, July 23. To be held at the tennis clubrooms, Taroon Avenue at 7pm, the night will feature a spit roast dinner and Christmas pudding, mulled wine and other goodies. Tickets \$35 (members) and \$45 (non-members) for tables of eight or 10. For bookings or information call 0419 001 395.

**TEST** your endurance, have fun with teammates and know you are raising money for cancer research by participating in this year's City of Manningham Relay For Life. The overnight event will be held on September 17-18, starting at 4pm, Rieschiecks Reserve, George St, Doncaster. Teams of 10 to 15 take part in a relay style walk or run for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance.

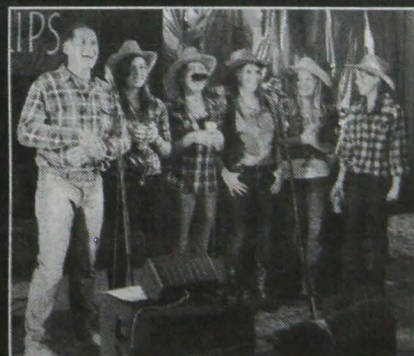
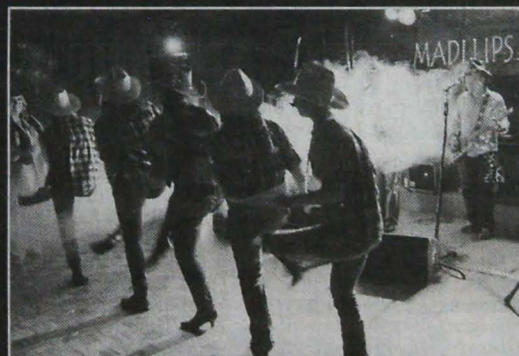
**TICKETS** are still available for the Past Players Day to be held on July 16 at WFC. The \$40 ticket includes drinks, lunch and guest speaker and Melbourne great Robbie Flower. Contact Andrew Rodgers: 0411 519 671. And don't forget the Women of Warrandyte Football Club have a Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, July 30 at the club. Tickets (\$35) include champagne on arrival, lunch, wine and soft drinks, along with door prizes and raffles. Guest speaker is former Olympic swimmer Linley Frame. Bookings, Michelle Falkingham: 0458 566 886. Profits go to the Cancer Council Call to Arms appeal.

**HEY** girls, here's your time to shine. Warrandyte Football Club wants you to get some friends together for the Annual Girls Football Match. Held on Saturday, July 30, at Warrandyte Reserve, all ages and skill levels are welcome to have a go. Money raised goes to cancer charities. For information call Tom Naughtin: 0421 231 419.

**FORTY** years of orienteering and Michael Hubbert (below right) from Warrandyte South is still enjoying the thrill of competition, taking out third place in the M65 class of the National Sprint Orienteering Championships in New Zealand. He also came seventh in the Middle Distance Championship.



# YEEHAW, A HOEDOWN SPECTACULAR



**YIPPEEE!** The parents (and their friends) of the kids at the Warrandyte Netball and Junior Football clubs got together at the Slovenian Club in Research for a hoedown one Saturday night last month. More than 280 people yippee-ed the night away, raising almost \$20,000 towards the building of the new sports pavilion at Warrandyte Reserve. Organiser Dinah Ward told the Diary that the money will be added to the state government grant of \$800,000, promised by MP Ryan Smith, who was

present on the night. Dinah Ward thanked all the generous sponsors and families, who not only supported the clubs by attending, but also contributed many goods and services. "The highlights of the night included a wonderful spit roast, bucking bronco, a great band and line dancing by some of our own netball players," Dinah told the Diary.

Pictures: ROLF MUELLER

# Venom on track for



## New GM Justin shoots for our stars

FORMER club president and long-time senior women's coach Justin Nelson (above) has been appointed Warrandyte Basketball Club's first general manager.

And, in another bonus to the program, former NBL Championship-winning player Gerard Leonard has taken on the role of part-time player development manager.

With a strong focus on building a greater presence at the club's home stadiums and a more commercial focus across its growing operations, the club saw both Nelson and Leonard as the perfect pieces for an already successful program.

"Both Justin and Gerard are very professional and driven individuals," club treasurer Mark Padfield said.

"We have been working very hard in recent months to develop the best possible program moving forward, and with that came the need to fill two positions with the best possible people.

"The committee is extremely confident that not only have we found those people in Justin and Gerard, we are very pleased that both are already a part of the club and can hit the ground running."

Upon accepting the position, Nelson stood down as president and will be replaced by a current committee member, a move Nelson said was a pre-requisite of taking on the job.

"I was a little surprised when approached by the sub-committee looking after filling these roles, but my blood pumps Warrandyte Basketball and I was really pleased when I was able to make it all fit," he said.

"However, I was also very mindful of my role as president and didn't want any perceptions amongst the membership that one person was taking too much on. We have a fantastic committee in place, who pour massive hours into the club, and no doubt we'll have an excellent president from within the committee about to step up. It's an exciting time.

"I'll continue to be involved and support the committee, as any general manager should, but I'm very focused on taking the club to the next level and that has to come with some degree of separation. You can be conflicted when making important decisions, so it's definitely the right move."

The initial focus of both Nelson and Leonard is to grow the membership and work on advancing the development of all players and coaches, particularly from within the domestic Redbacks program.

"We have grown to more than 700 players hitting the court each week, which is amazing. Now we want to take that up to 1000 participants across all programs over the next 24 months and I'm confident we can do that," Nelson said.

"I genuinely think families are drawn to the club because we are so focused on being here for them. We take pride in our community and family-orientated culture and that has a positive impact on those involved."

Leonard started his role on July 1 and is eager to help all players and coaches develop.



Time to focus: Tron Smith revs up his teammates before the Venom powered on for another victory.

By TONY OLIVER

WARRANDYTE Venom's Big V men look set for this year's Division Two finals, racking up 12 wins from 14 games and now planning to cement good form and results ahead of the August playoffs.

With American import Tron Smith and giant centre Simon Hughes leading the way, the Venom has displayed a near perfect season, dropping only two close games against nearby rivals Blackburn.

In recent weeks, coach Kelvin Bowers has blooded some youngsters, including Michael De Lacy, Nathan De Lacy and Aiden Ceh. For 15-year-old Ceh it was a memorable debut against Horsham after he nailed a three-pointer with his first shot in senior basketball, sending the large home crowd into a frenzy.

The Venom men completed a dangerous double-header weekend, with wins against Mornington (away) and Chelsea (home). The Chelsea game was a free-flowing high quality game, with the Venom taking the points 92-61. Tron Smith was the major contributor with 25, Josh Collins (19) and Andrew Clough (15).

In a spectacular piece of play, Tron ran down a long ball in the corner and flipped it back to Chris Jones coming into the key for an easy basket.

In the women's program, senior coach Justin Nelson thinks he must have let a black cat cross his path as his team's bad luck with injuries continue. At one stage he was left with just six fit players from a squad of 13.

"I think the team has done an exceptional job to be sitting just outside the top four given the run of injuries we've had. It really has been amazing, we've copped everything this season, you name it and we've had it," Nelson said.

"But out of a bad run comes opportunities and we have continued to see the growth of Meg Dargan, Mollie Burke, Casey Taylor and Georgina Werninghaus and that's really exciting for the future of our senior team.

"Home-grown players making it at senior level is what every kid at the club should be aspiring towards.

"We've enjoyed four successive

## Tennis hot shots sign off in style



TENNIS Hot Shots and Friday night competition finished recently with lots of fun and awards.

Red Ball competition, played on a half court for ages 6 to 8, is where players learn the boundaries of the court and how to score. The kids really improved throughout the season and have started to develop rallies. Award winners: Simon and Annalise Kruyer, Paige Harpur, Vanessa Darnos and Max Young. Orange ball competition is played on a three quarter court for ages 8 to 10. Players learn to use all their shots in

the course of the season. With the modified conditions, players are able to develop court craft. Award winners: Courtney Snowball, Genevieve Callahan, Chris Milburn-Clark, William Thomas, Phillipa Schuyler (pictured right), Jessica Darnos, Max O'Connor, Imogen Kendal. Green Ball competitors use a full-size court with a modified second serve. These players learned the strategies and positioning required to cover such a large area and to use their strengths to target the weaknesses of opponents. They are preparing



to represent Warrandyte in the inter club competition this summer. Final rankings: 1 Nigel Lee, 2 Amos Woon, 3 Coke Dal Pozzo, 4 Shaun Price (pictured left) 5 Sarthak Gandhi, 6 Mathew Young, 7 Shaun Young, 8 Addy Gandhi.

The Friday Night Competition is played in the same conditions as the pros. Champions this season were Steven Garrick, Rachael Williams and Kelsey Horton.

IN other tennis news, Warrandyte Tennis Club notched up another flag for the clubhouse after an exciting

win by the Thursday ladies FTG District comp Section 2 team. They played their final in sunshine at North Ringwood Tennis Club against Batterham Park, who were favourites going into the match.

The Warrandyte women proved too strong on the day, winning by five games.

Both teams played excellent tennis and kept the spectators enthralled. The winning team comprised Dianne Dempsey, Shelagh Morton, Sue McGinty, Harriet Morton and Ronda Brown (pictured left).



# Big V finals showdown



finals appearances and I can only commend the players on battling through all the injuries this season. But with finals just about gone for us, we are very focused on building for the future."

Warrandyte also played Chelsea last weekend, coming away with a 51-36 win. This was a good result with an undermanned side. Chelsea had nosed in front in the third quarter and the Venom turned into the fourth with only a three-point margin. However, the girls responded well to deliver the win and keep their finals hopes alive. Casey Taylor top-scored with 16 (including four from outside the circle) and Jennifer Cameron did well on 11 (with seven rebounds).

Meanwhile, the Venom's youth women created history recently, scoring their first ever Big V win, a fantastic seven-point victory against finals aspirant Geelong. Better still, the Venom backed it up the following game with a five-point win against third-placed Hawthorn.

"Nicole (Howard) and Denis (Hoehne) have done a brilliant job coaching this group," Nelson said.

"These wins have come after a huge amount of time, effort and patience. The youth program is about developing players, not winning at all costs, and the coaching staff really understands that.

"Every player in our youth team is either playing in the junior program at the club or has recently progressed from the juniors. It's a massive plus for the club and no doubt we will be doing the same with our boys program next season."

For further information on upcoming Big V games at Warrandyte Sports Complex, visit the club website at [www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au](http://www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au).



## Freeze frame at the stadium

### Defence is the key for Rep teams

TOUGH matches were fought, but in the end hard opposition defence won out against representative basketball teams Warrandyte Under 16 and Under 20 boys at Croydon Hills recently.

The Under 16 side took on Kilsyth and went down in the dying seconds in a low scoring game of 22-21.

Both sides were moving the ball well, but the defence was good and little separated the teams at any time.

During the final seconds, Venom took the lead, only to have it snatched away by Kilsyth.

Kilsyth appeared to have the break with a two-point lead coming into the final minute. Aiden Ceh's three point shot missed, but the Venom were able to equalise when Nathan Delacy was fouled on the way to the basket. Two swishes and the match was tied.

With 11.7 seconds to go, Kilsyth went to the line. The first shot missed but the second one went in to give the visitors the win.

In the following game, Under 20 VJBL3 boys, Cranbourne opened strongly and was easily the better side in the first half with a 39-22 lead at the break. The Venom were under pressure over the whole court, giving up several turnovers and easy baskets for the visitors.

Honors were shared in the second half, but the damage had been done. The final score line was 61-42.

Coach Gerard Leonard was happy with the result. He said 41 points was a good offensive result, but the main issue was the defence giving up 61 points.

"More effort in defence is needed, with more communication and talk," he said.



Photos: GARETH DICKSON and ROSS SNOWBALL



# Determined Bloods hang



By CHRIS CHAPMAN

A GRITTY 14-point win against Coldstream was Warrandyte's third win out of the last four games and sets them up mid-table after round 11 of the EFL season.

Previously, the Bloods had not beaten Coldstream at their home ground since Round 5 in season 2004.

A lethargic Bloods struggled to make an impact early, working into a stiff Coldstream breeze. Kicking with the wind, Coldstream had scored two goals before Warrandyte was able to come through with its first thanks to Clint Wheatley.

Inaccurate kicking cost the Coldstream forwards as they peppered the goals through the middle of the first term while the Bloods struggled to move the ball past the half-forward line. Two Coldstream goals in quick succession extended its lead before — at the other end — Wheatley kicked his second for the term and Mick Morello registered his first to reduce Coldstream's lead to 16 points at quarter time.

Warrandyte came out with more direct football in the second term, with Matt Wood joining the goal kickers list early with a clever mark and goal. Dion Mullett-Treloar was the source of several forays forward, winning contests across the half back line, and first-year Blood Sam Tansley provided a strong focal point midfield as Warrandyte used the big wind advantage to attack.

Goals to Holman and Christopher moved the Bloods in front on the scoreboard before Coldstream scored, its only goal for the quarter. The Bloods extended their lead with a goal from Dan Large before Wheatley kicked his third late in the quarter to push the Bloods to an 11-point half-time lead, 8.4.52 to Coldstream 6.5.41.

After half-time, with no let up from the wind, the Bloods found it hard to move the ball past midfield on the big, muddy Coldstream ground. Warrandyte's backline was under increasing pressure as they fought hard to clear the ball. Midfielders including skipper Tom Naughtin and rising star Tom Appleby seemed to be at the bottom of every pack as the Bloods battled to minimise Coldstream's scoring opportunities.

Appleby took advantage of a free kick and 25-metre penalty to secure a very valuable goal at the

## Young colts bolt home for first win

By LANCE NILSSON

The Colts 2 side had its first taste of victory for the year in a 70-point thrashing of local rival Park Orchards. Midfielders Daniel and Brayden Misfud, Rory Chipman and Tom Hentschke, continually won contested balls and provided plenty of opportunities for the forwards, as well as contributing to the scoreboard themselves.

The second half was a Warrandyte blitz as it posted eight goals to nil. Michael Hallway marked courageously in defence and epitomised the desperation of the Bloods' back six. Braden Pynt and Liam Clark were great assets across half back and provided run and penetration into the forward 50. This was the best four-quarter performance of the year and all players contributed to the win.

It was also a fitting way to belatedly celebrate the 100th game of Kyle Newman. Coach Nick Chipman was pleased with the use of handball chains and the running into space to create an option. It was a very even team performance with nine different goal kickers.

### COLTS 1 DOWN KANGAS

The Colts 1 side celebrated their third win of the season with a 130-point thumping of an undermanned Kew Kangaroos. With Warrandyte in complete control it was the perfect opportunity to hone skills before tackling some of the higher-ranked teams. The midfield of Nick Clapham, Daniel Nilsson and Harry Vogler dominated clearances and stoppages and hit up targets all over the ground. James Munks marked superbly and was a focal point all day. Lachlan Frowd and Kyle Robertson were freed from their customary defensive posts and thrilled the home crowd with impressive goals. Jarrod Buzzini was damaging off half back, kicking two long goals after leaving his



Every picture tells a story: Local photographer GARETH DICKSON captures great emotion with Under 11s player Phoebe Joy taking time out with her father Neville (main), while Max O'Connor and Michael Papadakis ponder how they're going to get back into the game at half-time (left) and medal winner Noah Butler raises a smile.

man to go into attack. With winnable games ahead, the Colts 1 have an opportunity to finish the season in style.

### UNDER 10s STILL UNDEFEATED

In Round 8 it was the clash of the two unbeaten teams, Warrandyte and Heidelberg, in Under 10 Green division. Playing in very windy conditions, both teams showed plenty of passion. After a tight contest in the first quarter the Bloods started to string together a couple of clever passages of play. At half-time Heidelberg had built a small lead and the Bloods faced their first real challenge of the year.

The critical third quarter was a bruising affair. Samuel Martini and Harry Rock lifted their work rate and provided constant running opportunities through the middle. Samuel's snap goal in this quarter put the Bloods back in front. The last quarter was a thriller with both backlines holding steady and turning the game

into a last-goal-win situation. Billy Smead was winning on his wing and the hard running of Callum Bowers was telling in the final minutes. A last-quarter goal to Jack Boyd saw the boys home by two points. Once again the relentless work ethic of this group was on display. A finals rematch with Heidelberg will be on the cards come August.

### FIRST TASTE OF SUCCESS

The Under 12s finally had a win in the Round 9 clash against Doncaster. The 19-point victory was due reward for the team's efforts over the past month. Doncaster had thrashed the Bloods in the previous encounter, so this win showed how much the team had improved over the past nine weeks. The win was brought about by strong running, with some exhilarating combinations of handball. And, while there was individual brilliance, coach David Carruthers was particularly pleased with the linking up of play and the second



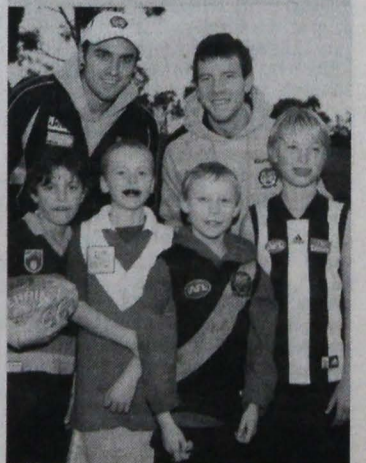
efforts of his team. Gus Annett and Connor Huntly both scored two valuable goals and Mark Baker and Oscar Vernon were recipients of club awards for the day.

### UNDER 15s ON THE RAMPAGE

The Under 15s continued their finals quest with a terrific seven-goal win over Surrey-Greythorn. After a slow start to the game, the Bloods — with James Appleby damaging with the ball and Kieran Robertson chasing and tackling with intent — started to post a match-winning lead by half-time. Then, with Scott Ternes dominant in the air and Sheldon Schuyler impassable down back, the boys were never threatened in the last half. A highlight of the game was a coast-to-coast goal in the third term where a chain of passes from full back resulted in a goal to Jason Castagna. The boys are now one game out of fourth spot and have put themselves in finals contention.

## Young Bloods face to face with Tigers

PLAYERS from the Warrandyte Junior Football Club were treated to some special guests at a training session at Warrandyte Reserve recently. The Richmond footy club was kind enough to uncage young Tigers Ben Griffiths and Jake Batchelor, who both were once junior footy stars on the rise out in the Eastern suburbs themselves, and let them pop out for a run around with our budding young stars.



# tough in middle of pack



On the burst: Warrandyte's Grant McAdam slips away for a kick while Sam Tansley shepherds. Inset: Tim Hookey and Lee Evans collide in the centre of the ground. Pictures: SCOTT PODMORE

non-scoring end of the ground. It was Warrandyte's only goal for the quarter as Coldstream managed four goals to take back the lead, 68 to Warrandyte's 59 going into the last term.

Coming home with the wind, the fitter Warrandyte side had most of the play in the final quarter. An early mark and goal to Luke Dunn narrowed the margin before Matt Wood swooped on a loose ball in the forward pocket and snapped truly to edge the Bloods in front.

With the clock ticking down and Coldstream fighting hard to regain the lead, another Warrandyte push forward saw Morello cleverly punch the ball back into play from deep in the right forward pocket. It landed in

the hands of Wheatley who ran into an open goal and extended the lead. Finally, Morello took a contested mark with minutes to go and kicked his second from a sharp angle to put the result beyond doubt.

With 18 of 23 goals kicked at the scoring end of the ground, it was always going to be a see-sawing affair and it was the Bloods who finished with the wind at their backs and the run in their legs. Warrandyte now sits in sixth place on the EFL ladder with five wins and six losses. Seven rounds remain.

Warrandyte Reserves are also sitting in sixth place after 11 rounds after a dominant performance against a struggling Coldstream side.

The Reserves have had mixed

results in recent weeks with an impressive away win against Ringwood, followed by a loss against a strong Templestowe side in Round 10. Veterans James Powell and Glen Carle have been shining lights for the Bloods along with youngsters Toby Versteegen and Michael Chimenton, who were both rewarded recently with a call-up to the senior side.

#### SENIORS

Warrandyte 13.6-84 d Coldstream 10.10-70  
Goals: C. Wheatley 4, M. Morello 2, M. Wood 2, T. Appleby, D. Large, S. Christopher, T. Holman, L. Dunn. Best: B. Reid, T. Beasley, B. Taylor, C. Wheatley, T. Naughtin, T. Appleby.

Round 10: Templestowe 20.9-129 d Warrandyte 11.13-79

Goals: M. Wood 3, C. Wheatley 3, L. Dunn 2, T. Naughtin 2, B. Taylor. Best: T. Holman, B.

Reid, G. McAdam, L. Evans, T. Naughtin, C. Kennedy.

Round 9: Warrandyte 9.13-67 d Ringwood 3.15-33

Goals: M. Morello 7, C. Wheatley, T. Holman. Best: L. Evans, M. Morello, T. Holman, T. Appleby, C. Kennedy, G. McAdam.

#### RESERVES

Warrandyte 24.15-159 d Coldstream 1.2-8

Goals: J. Powell 5, C. Watson 5, C. Atkinson 2, L. Saunders 2, E. Jones 2, J. Bowen 2, L. Brewis 2, C. Haskings, G. Hitchman, G. Carle, T. Dunn, P. Burgoyne. Best: T. Dunn, C. Watson, J. Buhagiar, L. Saunders, C. Atkinson, P. Burgoyne

Round 10: Templestowe 16.6-102 d Warrandyte 8.10-58

Goals: G. Carle 5, J. Hale, M. Chimenton, L. Saunders. Best: J. Buhagiar, L. Saunders, G. Carle, P. Burgoyne, J. Bowen, J. Harris

Round 9: Warrandyte 12.10-82 d Ringwood

7.4-46

Goals: C. Atkinson 3, G. Hitchman 3, J. Bentley 2, G. Carle, J. Miller, J. Wright, L. Brewis. Best: L. Saunders, J. Harris, C. Haskings, M. Chimenton, J. Bowen, T. Versteegen.

#### UNDER 18

Coldstream 14.9-83 d Warrandyte 7.6-48

Goals: M. Colborne-Veel, D. Burns, N. Thorpe, A. Mifsud, J. Deer, L. Jackson, N. Dinakis. Best: S. Beasley, O. Hansen, J. Deer, D. Tester, M. Colborne-Veel, L. Jackson.

Round 10: Templestowe 17.13-115 d Warrandyte 3.8-26

Goals: M. Gaffney, H. Fitzpatrick, S. Hogan. Best: D. Rodoni, J. Deer, S. Beasley, M. Gaffney, A. Mifsud, S. Hogan.

Round 9: Ringwood 26.20-176 d Warrandyte 2.4-16

Goals: M. Colborne-Veel, D. El Moussali. Best: H. Fitzpatrick, D. Burns, O. Hansen, D. Rodoni, S. Allen, S. Hogan.

## Green machine powers up at Auskick

By BUZZ LAWSON

FRIENDSHIPS and football skills continue to strengthen as our 100 or so NAB Auskickers hit the half-way mark of their season.

The latest blockbuster featured stars from the Green team.

Lachie Spence smashed the ball out from the centre bounce and followed up with a tackle to the opposition ruck. At the ensuing free kick, quick Kadyne Trayford took a great mark just outside the 50-metre arc and played on to teammate Jed Aitken. Jed - who has been linked to the Tigers footy club as a possible draftee at the age of eight - kicked a wonderful banana with his non-preferred foot to put the Green team on the scoreboard first.

Later in the game, Hayden Menzies combined beautifully with Oliver Bain to steal the ball and run down the wing before setting up Jordan Haas, who took a screamer over his opponent. Jordan put a great shot through to continue the Green team's dominance.

Max Goodall shone next by putting his head over the ball and earning a tough free kick. Max passed to Angus Ramsdal who took a one-handed mark before playing on to Christopher Rakuscek. Chris took three bounces and avoided three opponents before doing a blind handball to Xavier Mellor. Xavier was cool under

the pressure of two tacklers and fended them off before handing off to James Moissis. James slotted the ball through from a tight angle 30m out to continue Green's dominance. The opposition then got on a roll and kicked the next four goals to put Green behind as they entered the last quarter.

After an inspiring speech from the coaches - Deano, Dave and Pauly boy - the kids realised that victory was in their grasp.

Sam Paxton then took the game by the scruff and combined with Hamish Young to assert dominance. They both kicked quick goals before Aidan Ratcliff and Ben Dal Sasso showed class well beyond their eight years of age, taking great marks and bursting through the pack, setting up the Green team's brilliant new star import player Joe Lambert. Joe, who has displayed a grit and determination beyond his years, put a torpedo punt through from just inside the centre square to put Green back in front.

Seconds before the final siren, Nick Sharpe, Jack Welch and Archer Rostron justified their cult status around the Warrandyte Bloods footy club by stealing the ball inside their own goal square and running it all the way through the centre of the ground.

They kicked the winning goal and finished off a great day at Auskick.



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### WARRANDYTE

#### Instant Attraction

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.



### WARRANDYTE

#### Your Warrandyte Lifestyle Awaits

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



### WARRANDYTE

#### Stop, Look, Browse and Buy

The light filled interior enjoys garden views adding to the tranquillity 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 8096m<sup>2</sup> (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.



### KANGAROO GROUND

#### Ready, Set, Build

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



### 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.



Land size: 20 acres (approx)

## THINKING OF SELLING?

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## Lions Club of Warrandyte Inc.

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We congratulate and welcome our newly elected president, Geoff Taylor, together with his executive team Bill Gerritsen, Ian Abell, David Dobbs, John Boyle, David Englefield, Andrew Crossley, Ian Shugg, Brian Wales and Jenni Dean, all who will serve for the next twelve months.

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