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The town said 'No!'  
They gathered on the oval to  
protest against a mobile phone  
tower at Warrandyte Reserve.

(Aerial picture by JOHN HURREN)



# Wedge concerns

## Minister will speak at local forum

A public forum, to be held later this month, will hear local MP and minister for the environment and climate change, Ryan Smith, address community concerns about the future of the Green Wedges.

The *Diary* reported in July

that the state planning minister, Mathew Guy, "is conducting a review of Melbourne's Green Wedges. The minister is seeking input from local councils to determine whether the current land-use schedules are the most appropriate for Green Wedge land," Ryan Smith told the *Diary*.

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

Warrandyte Community Association president, Dick Davies, stated: "Our understand-

ing is that whilst councils and 'potentially affected' landowners will be consulted, there is no provision to consult with members of the public or organisations like WCA.

"There is also concern that local councils will have more say in planning decisions that could erode the Green Wedge concept in favour of self-interested development," Mr Davies said.

"Whilst an 'independent review body' is proposed,

who will be on it and what is its brief?"

WCA has called a public forum, to follow their annual general meeting, to be held at the Warrandyte Community Church in Yarra Street, on Thursday, September 29, commencing at 7.30pm. The public forum will commence at 8pm.

Mr Davies said that Minister Smith will address these and related issues and hoped he would "be able to assuage these concerns".

"There are genuine issues surrounding Green Wedge policy that need addressing, for example the role of agriculture in achieving sustainability within the zone," Mr Davies said.

"However, WCA is concerned, as one of our members puts it, that the 'doncastation' of Warrandyte does not continue.

"Recently, instability in local government in both Manningham and Nillumbik, where councillors have faced

charges of conflict of interest, gives us no confidence that local government is capable of making planning decisions in the long-term interests of the state.

"Creeping development at the 'thin edge of the Green Wedge' is a cliché, but nevertheless true," Mr Davies said.

"We don't want a repeat of Minister Guy's bad decision in approving the On Luck nursing home extension without reference to council or the local MP."

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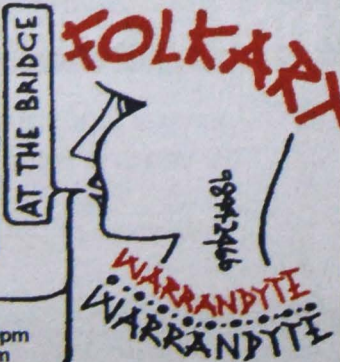


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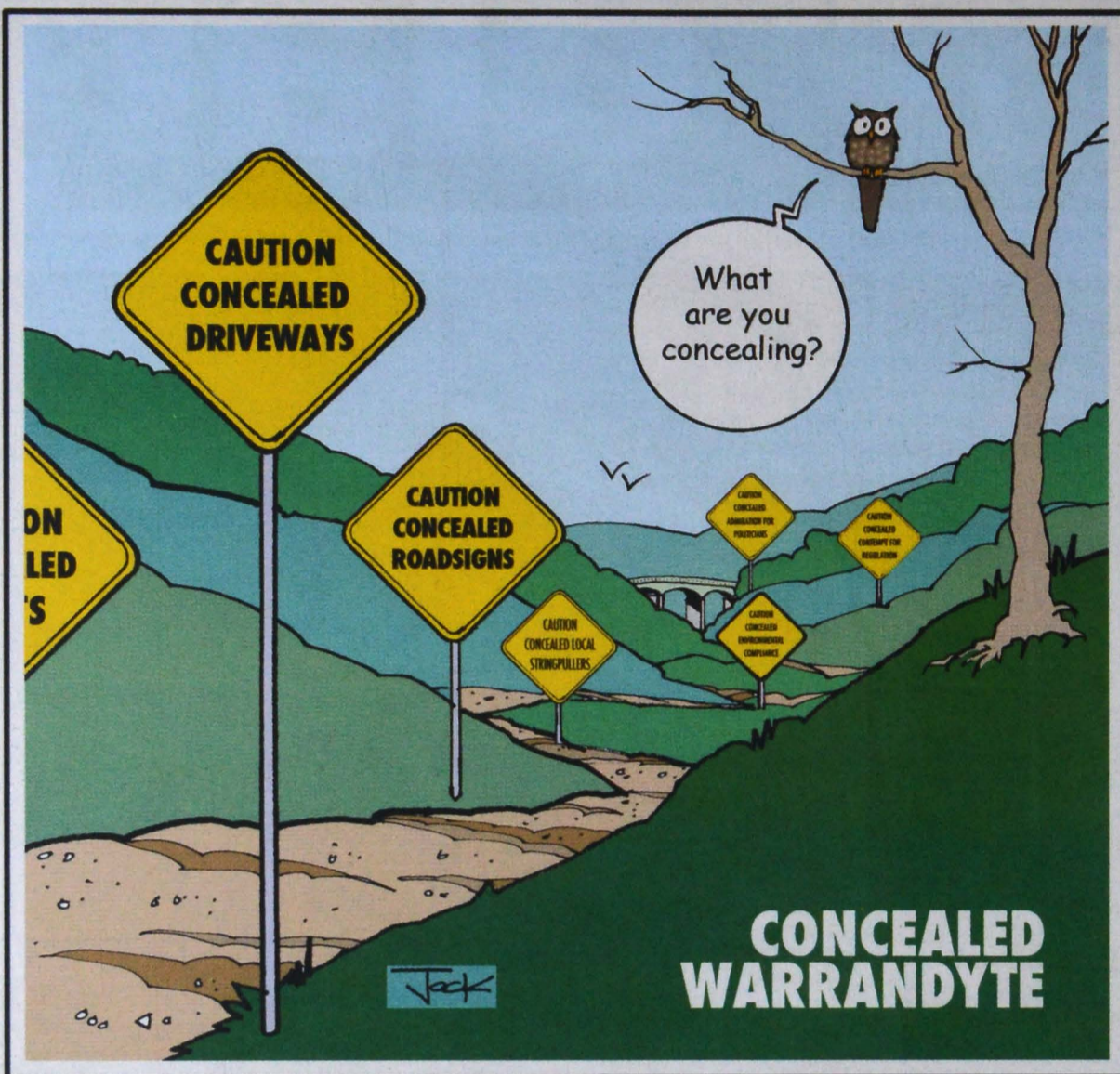
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# Pokies to leave Warrandyte



Club Warrandyte is winding up and the last poker machines are leaving Warrandyte.

The Warrandyte Football Club has had a major involvement with Club Warrandyte.

Jeff Evans, football club spokesman, told the *Diary*: "The owners of the Grand Hotel and Club Warrandyte have met recently to discuss the long term future of the venue. They are both aware that there is very little support for gaming in the Warrandyte community, but there is plenty of interest in good food and dining."

"Both parties see the timing of the change in the gaming lease arrangements as an ideal opportunity to make a change in the venue, re-establishing the former hotel business at the Yarra Street location, currently occupied by Club Warrandyte," Mr Evans said.

The hotel's owners plan to renovate the Grand Hotel "with a mod-

ern yet appropriate décor for the village, preserving the character of the building".

"Many in the community will be pleased that they no longer have to sign in to enjoy bistro dining and fine wine," Mr Evans said.

The hotel and Club Warrandyte have pledged to "work together over the coming months to facilitate a coordinated approach to the smooth transition of the venue".

"Both parties believe that the community will benefit from these changes and the hotel will continue to be a feature of the Warrandyte village," Mr Evans said.

Application for a planning permit notice on premises formerly occupied by Lobosco's Restaurant and more recently by The Yarra Street Restaurant, indicates a proposed change of use "from a restaurant to a hotel".

This building is adjacent to the Grand Hotel and—the *Diary* understands—is owned by the same people.

Pokies out: Warrandyte's Grand Hotel. (Picture by JAN TINDALE)

## Changing the guard: new management for Community Centre

Following the transfer of management of the Warrandyte Community Centre to Manningham council, the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group (WCCSG) decided, at a special general meeting last month, to wind-up the organisation.

The Supporters Group was founded in 2000 as part of a successful community campaign to defend the centre against an attempt by the then council to lease part of the building to commercial interests.

The group decided, at the

special general meeting, to transfer their assets to the Warrandyte Community Association.

"WCA was originally formed as a partner of the Supporters Group, with a broader mandate to promote all aspects of community life," WCA president Dick Davies told the *Diary*.

"It is appropriate, now that the primary objective of the WCCSG has been achieved, that WCA maintains that role of representing community interests in relation to the centre.

"Many thanks are due to the various WCCSG committee members—over the past 11 years—who have kept the centre alive, in particular Jock Macneish and David Dyason as chairmen, who carried a major load."

Mr Davies also thanked Manningham CEO Lydia Wilson and council officers Celia Haddock, Jan Loughman and Di Haskins for their efforts in resolving the situation.

"At this stage, WCA is unclear as to how Manningham council wishes to proceed in managing the centre, particularly in relation to establishing a community advisory committee," Mr Davies said. "We would hope to be a partner in that, but in any case will always maintain a vigilant role in protecting community interests."

The wind-up meeting was followed by a thank you social, hosted by council. The Warrandyte community is looking forward to consulting with council regarding the promised refurbishment of the centre—including the establishment of a public library—during the coming months.

Future plans: Cr David Ellis outlines exciting council hopes for the centre. (Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)



Last rites: wind-up meeting of the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters Group.



Memories: Jock Macneish recounts the history of the centre — with laughs.



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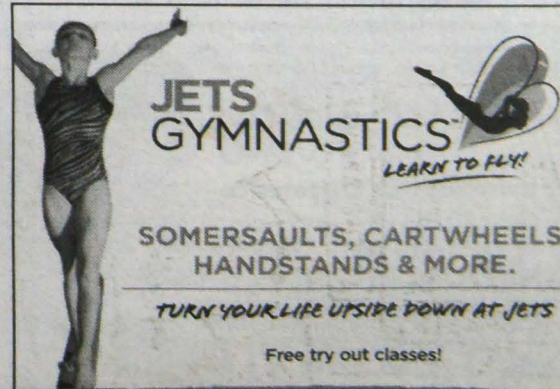
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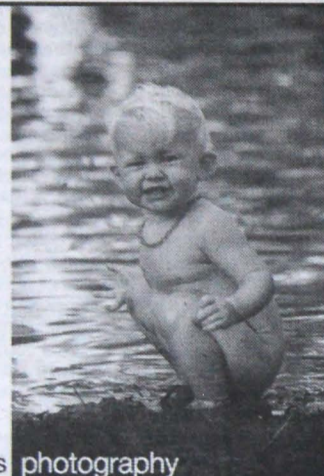


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# Warrior for Wedge

Cr David Ellis is a first class warrior in the battle for the Green Wedge with his informed and convincing article in the *Warrandyte Diary* (August 2011). Since the early days of Cr Rob Gell, Warrandyte councillors have represented the need to retain the open spaces of the Green Wedge, which again appear to be under threat.

It is useful to reflect historically that local protests from 1830s to 1870s prevented Hampstead Heath in North London—extending to 790 acres—being sold off to developers. Fifteen different Parliamentary Bills had to be defeated in the struggle to preserve the Heath.

David Ellis has clearly outlined the spurious arguments of developers who can very easily persuade councillors of cost effective uses to be made of open space. Packing the council chamber with concerned Warrandyte residents has been an effective

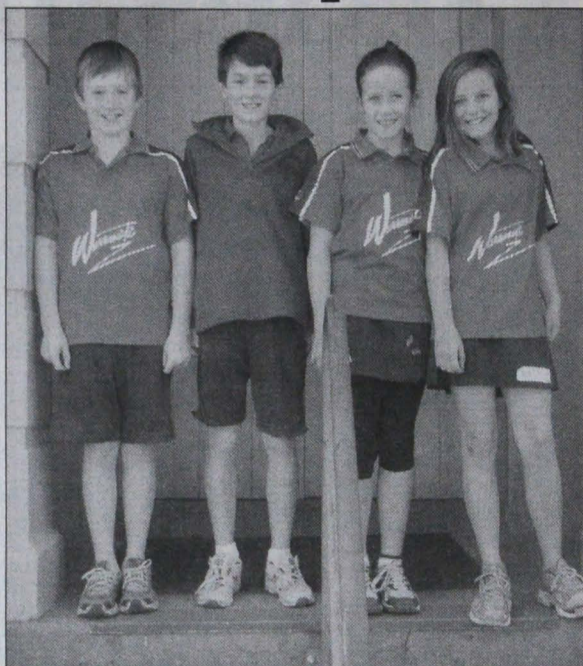
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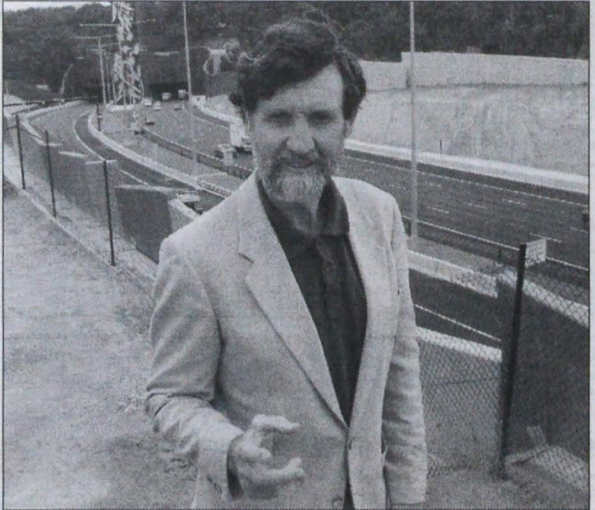
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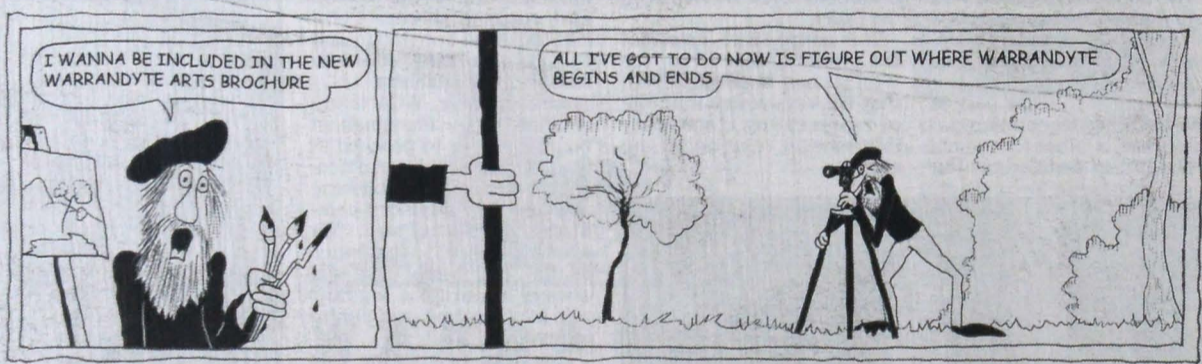
where we raised \$95.60. We then set up another stall at the Warrandyte Market where we gave out handmade brochures to explain our cause. We raised an additional \$124, totalling \$219.60. We have appreciated all of the donations for the under-privileged children and are in the process of sending the collection to the Ozchild centre. The money will be going towards heating, cooling, water and electricity so the children's quality of life can be improved. We would like to thank the Warrandyte community for supporting us in "making a difference".

From Alana F, Natalia C, Ben D and Darcy P (Warrandyte Primary School)



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# Warrandyte said 'NO!' to Vodafone tower

By MICHELLE PINI

Red and white dominated Warrandyte footy oval one Saturday earlier this month as the town came together to communicate an emphatic "No" to Vodafone and Manningham councillors.

The mammoth struggle between residents and the telco giant Vodafone, over a proposed mobile phone tower for the Warrandyte Reserve, culminated in a "family fun day" at the oval with an estimated turnout of 600 Warrandyte residents, friends and family.

The rally was planned to generate media awareness of this community's opposition to the tower and featured music, a sausage sizzle, tennis and Auskick activities and more, all contributed to by local residents and businesses, as well as sympathisers from as far afield as Vic Market.

The Warrandyte community did not disappoint. It was a moving experience as participants, decked out in Warrandyte colours formed a giant "No" on the oval. This was captured by television crews from all three commercial networks.

Kids played and had their faces painted; music from band Conch set the mood and Warrandyte demonstrated what community is all about.

Eleven year-old duet Purple Ivy performed—with homemade lyrics—the Bob Marley ballad "One

Love". The song captured the spirit of the crowd with its haunting call, "No tower for Warrandyte!"

Manningham councillors Meg Downie, Grace La Vella, Jennifer Yang and David Ellis attended the event with Cr Ellis describing it as "a vivid demonstration of the depth of community against the tower and the remarkable spirit of Warrandyte as a whole."

Popular Neighbours star, Stefan Dennis articulated residents' objections before a TV news camera, stating, "We want a compromise that will work for everyone, but what we don't want is a tower beside our kids!"

Residents have been fighting the location of the Vodafone tower for almost two years and despite a VCAT loss, have continued to voice their opposition. An original 1200 objections to the permit was followed by an additional 1300 objections to the lease application, on which Manningham councillors have yet to vote. Local resident, Paul dal Sasso said, "Vodafone have shown an extraordinary disregard for community concerns and calls for co-location with existing Telstra towers have fallen on deaf ears. We are here today to stand up for Warrandyte."

Rob Spargo, a senior officer at Manningham council since 1988, commented in a report on the sustained community campaign against the tower: "In my memory, and

apart from the great garbage strike last century, the Warrandyte phone tower issue is the most public issue that I have been involved with."

Mr Spargo is the "responsible director" of a council officers' report on the tower, which was made public earlier this month.

The report recommends that councillors vote against issuing the lease to Vodafone.

It concludes: "The views of the community are overwhelming in their support for a proposal to reject the grant of a lease," and describes the recommendation as consistent with council's commitment to "meaningful public consultation".

Deputy mayor, Cr Meg Downie, said councillors had heard Warrandyte's objections "loud and clear" but were required to remain objective until they cast their vote.

David Ellis was clearly moved by the rally. "Even those who have not been active in the campaign against the tower will be glad to live in a community that can come together in this way," he said.

"Let's acknowledge that this is part of a sustained effort for over a year—through the residents' VCAT appeal and more—and it deserves acknowledgement from the whole community."

Manningham councillors are expected to determine the fate of the project on September 27.

## Helicopter risk: WCA urges council to vote against phone tower

Alarmed by its danger to air traffic, the Warrandyte Community Association has written to all Manningham councillors, expressing WCA's opposition to the planned telecommunications tower at Warrandyte Reserve...

tension electrical pylon. The attractiveness of the Warrandyte Reserve site is apparently its relatively low cost. The tower as designed is significantly over-engineered for the mechanical load of the disclosed antennae, indicating that it is likely to be loaded up with additional equipment over its expected operational life, thereby increasing any potential risk.

The Warrandyte Community Association is opposed to the siting of a mobile phone base station at the Warrandyte Reserve on the basis of impending access for emergency helicopter landing.

We understand that Manningham council is compiling a report summarising submissions on the tower development from Manningham residents and that a council sub-committee will make a recommendation on whether to grant a lease for the tower in time for the full council meeting in October. Given the risk, the fact that a large number of residents oppose the development for a variety of reasons and the availability of a suitable alternative site, we urge you to vote against granting a lease for this development.

There is a risk to regular medivac flights (car accidents, sports injuries and other individual emergencies) that has been recognised by the Police Air Wing and CASA. We are aware that they have not said the site would be unsafe if a tower was built at the site, but they have clearly said that it represents a risk and that serious consideration should be given to relocating the tower to a place that is not a designated emergency landing site.

WCA is advised that Vodafone can achieve its network coverage goal by leasing accommodation for antennae on the Telstra-owned site on a nearby high-

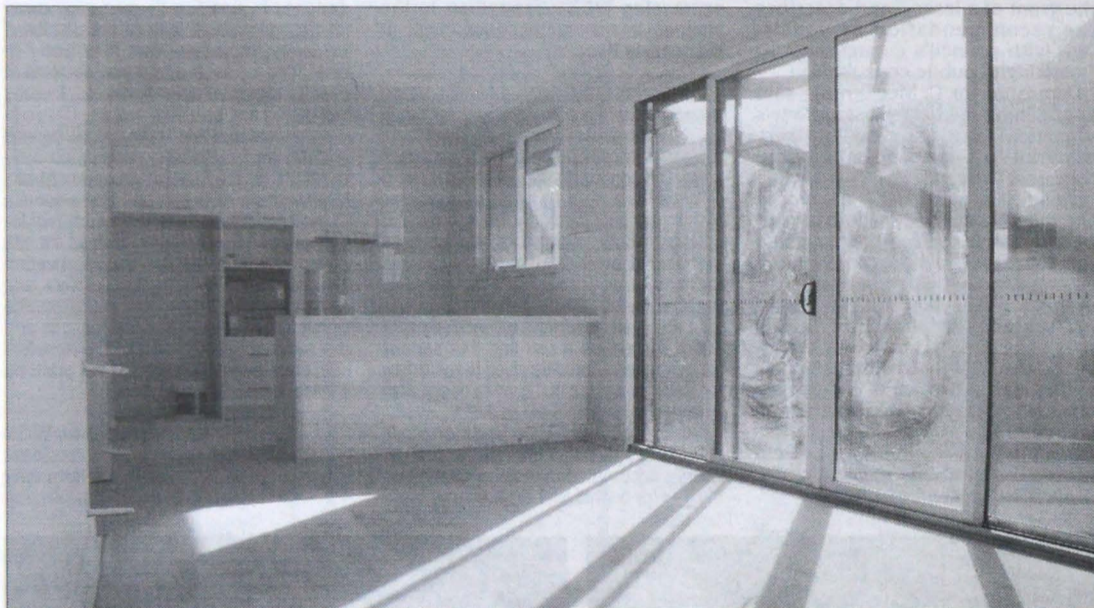
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Pictures by SCOTT PODMORE



It was a special occasion.



Large, sun-filled rooms. (Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)

# They gathered to launch 'Creekside'

Local residents were at last able to see exactly what has been happening in that little laneway off Harris Gully Road when the Warrandyte Community Housing Cooperative opened Creekside, their new retirement villas, to the community early last month.

"The board was delighted with the interest shown by Warrandyte people," co-op board member Val Polley told the *Diary*. "Unfortunately the wet weather had delayed the completion date for the project so the site was not quite as ready as the board had hoped but nevertheless comments received from visitors on the day were very positive."

Two of the five villas were open to view, demonstrating varying internal layouts and features such as north-facing aspect, double glazing and Warrandyte stone walls. Favourable comments were made about spaciousness of both the individual villas and the site in general.

"When the skies cleared for a short period the rooms were flooded with sunshine, warmth and light, which met with approval, as did the wheelchair friendliness and the planned additions such as solar hot water, hydronic heating and water tanks," Ms Polley said.

"The landscaping, much of which was still being installed, also met with admiration with the stone seats

and large boulders much liked."

Co-op chairman Simon Kearney welcomed everyone to a small opening ceremony.

Manningham mayor Geoff Gough formally opened the project declaring it a great community effort and warmly praising Warrandyte people for being prepared to undertake such projects that greatly benefit the community and in not waiting for others to fix problems.

Simon Kearney expressed thanks on behalf of the board to all those within the community who had supported the project.

All five villas are currently leased and the prospective residents expressed their satisfaction and pleasure with their new homes. "They are all looking forward to moving in," Ms Polley said. It is anticipated the villas will be ready for occupation sometime in early September.

"Board members were repeatedly asked about our next project. While there are no actual plans at present, it has always been intended to invest any surplus funds into further retirement housing for local people," Ms Polley said.

Anyone wishing to register should send their contact details to the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Cooperative's registered office at 1 Kearney Lane, Templestowe 3106.



Mayor Gough congratulated the Warrandyte community.

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Kids could miss out: What will happen to the purpose-built playground at the Warrandyte Community Centre if the Occasional Childcare closes? (Picture by JAN TINDALE)

# No cash: Childcare program will close

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Despite community outrage, the Take a Break occasional childcare program in Warrandyte is set to close its doors in December.

Run by the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House (WNH) at Warrandyte Community Centre, the program has been providing childcare on an occasional basis for a limited period.

This gives parents and carers the opportunity to do everyday tasks such as shopping and housework, undertake studies or simply enjoy an uninterrupted rest. It also helps children learn to interact and get on with other children.

"The WNH board has met and decided that the program is so underfunded that we are not in a position to make up the difference," WNH manager Karen Throssell told the *Diary*.

As reported in the June edition of the *Diary*, the Take a Break program was traditionally funded by a 70/30 split between federal and state governments.

When the federal government scrapped funding for the program in their 2010 budget, the then Brumby state government picked up the slack

as a provisional measure, taking over the full funding for the program for one year.

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

The Take a Break program has been scrapped right across the state. (See report, this page.)

While some other occasional childcare programs will keep their doors open through fundraising and fee increases, the Warrandyte program cannot sustainably cover their overheads.

"While we could do a big fundraising drive to scrape together the funds to get us through for a year, this approach is not sustainable and it would offer no job security for our staff," Ms Throssell said.

Three employees will lose their jobs as a result of the closure.

Ms Throssell recommends families should seek alternative arrangements. She has been advised that the Wonga Park Take a Break program will remain open.

"It is unfortunate that the government sees Occasional Childcare as a luxury for families," Ms Throssell said.

# Mums and kids rally for program

By **DIANA STORY**

A recent move to scrap the Take a Break occasional childcare program inspired a rally on the steps of Parliament last month, when parents, children, child care workers and thousands of teddy bears gathered to lobby the state government.

The protest drew attention to the 9000 families across Victoria affected, should the program's funding not be reinstated. Also highlighted was the loss of 140 jobs that may go with the scrapping of the program.

Impassioned speakers from the community let it be known how the Take a Break program benefits them and implored the government to reinstate the \$1.9 million funding needed for the program to continue.

The protesters pointed out that other Australian states have continued to fund their occasional childcare programs, despite the federal government no longer directly funding the schemes. A petition calling for the reinstatement of this funding can be signed at [www.gopetition.com/petitions/reinstate-funding-for-occasional-care](http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/reinstate-funding-for-occasional-care).

(Diana Story is a Year 10 Warrandyte High School student.)

# Possible solution to locals' bus concern

Relief could be coming for Warrandyte locals worried by Panorama buses invading their residential streets—but they may have to wait until 2012 or later.

Residents of Everard Drive and Taroon Avenue remain concerned about the Eltham to Warrandyte buses travelling through their formally peaceful area, en route to their Warrandyte Reserve terminus.

Locals believe that these large vehicles, traversing these narrow "country lanes" pose a "risk to the health and safety of residents and diminishes their quality of life".

The Warrandyte Community Association wrote to VicRoads detailing the residents' concerns, and further pointing out, "in the meantime, the roads concerned appear to be breaking up as a result of the heavier traffic".

Initially, VicRoads replied that they would not object to an upgrade at the

Warrandyte/Heidelberg Road-Taroon Avenue intersection, enabling buses to safely execute a U-turn, "but at no cost to VicRoads".

In the meantime, local MP Ryan Smith met with state transport minister Terry Mulder regarding this situation.

Last month, VicRoads wrote again to WCA informing them: "VicRoads will develop a proposal at the Taroon Avenue/Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road intersection to address this particular issue and seek funding in a future program.

"Proposals are submitted for funding consideration at the end of November each year. Outcome of a funding request is known, usually, by the middle of the following year."

Dick Davies, president of WCA, stated: "It's our view that these problems could have been avoided if residents had been consulted right at the start."



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

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# New performing centre: Creek kids go all theatrical

The new performing arts centre at the Andersons Creek Primary School is already taking bookings from local community groups. "I would encourage community groups to make contact as soon as possible as available times are filling quickly," principal Trevor Gibbs told the *Diary*.

The new centre was opened last month by former principal, Des McKenzie. Mr McKenzie was principal when the centre was first envisaged.

The facility forms part of the federal government's Building the Education Revolution.

"The new facility complies with the latest fire requirement and has already made a difference to the programs on offer at Anderson's Creek," Mr Gibbs said. "The engagement of

students grows when they are given the opportunity to hone their skills in the new theatre. The choir has never sounded so harmonious."

In addition to the arts, the facility will be used for school assemblies, special events, student discos, folk dancing and indoor games.

"With 440 retractable seats, sizeable change rooms, a full stage and professional sound and lighting it will be great to see community events hosted locally instead of in centres outside Warrandyte," Mr Gibbs said.

The school council has decided that the facility should be made available for hire to the local community at a competitive cost.

● For a guided tour or further information, groups are invited to contact the school on 9844 2757.



Students, parents, teachers and community members gathered to mark the opening of the new theatre at Andersons Creek Primary School. (Picture by ALANA PHILLIPS)

## Sharing stories of 'love beyond life'

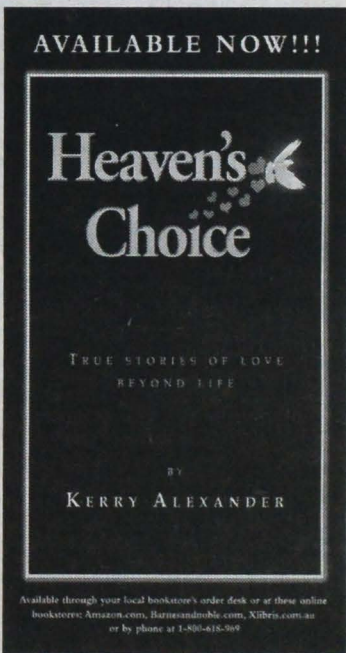
Warrandyte author Kerry Alexander has recently published a book entitled *Heaven's Choice*.

According to Kerry it is a true story of three special souls who were the driving force behind the author's words. She believes their love and inspiration opened her heart, uplifted her soul and empowered her "to deliver spiritual insight".

"To develop the special gifts of clairvoyance (seeing), clairaudience (feeling), and clairaudience (hearing), there must be a shift in consciousness, a raising of vibrations and an awareness of spiritual presence," Kerry said.

Kerry believes her book may help some readers struggling with grief, love and loss.

● *Heaven's Choice* was published by Xlibris and is available from the Warrandyte Post Office, Temple of Illumination at East Ringwood, online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Borders, or direct from [kerryalexander5@hotmail.com](mailto:kerryalexander5@hotmail.com).



## Sowing a SEEd for young futures

By JACINTA YOUNG

Local Warrandyte resident Penny Mealy is offering a student tutoring service, the proceeds from which will assist children in Africa.

Ms Mealy is currently completing degrees in science and economics at Monash University and is looking to undertake a PhD in the near future.

Ms Mealy believes education is the most valuable asset one can obtain. "Learning opens up limitless opportunities. You can't put a price on creativity or the ability to ask a really good question," she told the *Diary*.

Ms Mealy believes young people—both locally and around the globe—should have the opportunity to receive a good education and become equipped with skills needed for a brighter future.

She has set up a not-for-profit tutoring organisation called SEEd (seeking to empower through education). SEEd offers weekly tutoring sessions for local students in Years 7 to 12.

All money raised will go directly to the HELP Charitable Trust, which sponsors teachers in Africa and enables them to provide free education

for underprivileged children.

For only \$10 a session, local students can bring along their homework and receive assistance on a range of subjects from approachable university students and qualified high school teachers. Extra study support can cost parents around \$50 a session.

SEEd is "improving and enhancing education in one part of the world and generating access to education in another," Ms Mealy said.

Subjects offered include English, history, mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology and psychology.

Currently SEEd is running weekly tutoring sessions on Tuesday evenings from 4.30 to 6pm, then from 7 to 8.30pm at the Warrandyte Community Church.

Students "will also be exposed to bigger issues geared at broadening their awareness of the world around us. Short presentations are screened at the end of each session and are inspiring, challenging and sometimes just plain funny," Ms Mealy said.

● More information on: [www.thinkseed.org](http://www.thinkseed.org) or email: [info@thinkseed.org](mailto:info@thinkseed.org).

## 'Lettuce' helps kids at film fundraiser

A recently formed local youth group—Lettuce Help You—is hosting a movie night at Warrandyte High School on Friday, September 16.

Funds raised will assist young people to work with orphaned children in Cambodia.

Lettuce Help You member, Jessica Brincat, said Lettuce Help You is a community youth group located in Warrandyte and supported by the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch.

"At Lettuce Help You, we organise events to raise money to support local charities, such as the YMCA and Warrandyte Housing, and perform community-based activities to support people locally," Miss Brincat said.

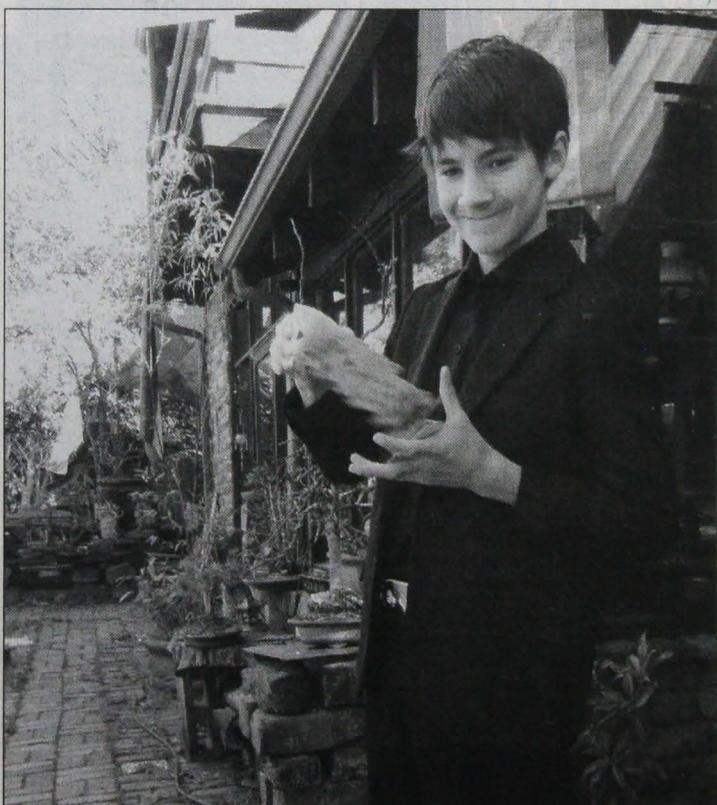
The charity movie night at the high school will be the group's first fundraiser.

"This event is specifically raising money for Manningham YMCA's voluntary overseas trip to Cambodia to work in an orphanage, and our own organisation, Random Acts of Kindness.

"Please come along and support a good cause," Ms Brincat said.

The program will run from 7 to 10pm, the movie is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* with Johnny Depp, admission is \$10 per person—with a free drink—or \$30 for a family of 4 to 6 people—including drinks for everyone!

● For more information email: [lettuce.help.you@hotmail.com](mailto:lettuce.help.you@hotmail.com).



Sam Hume: "Adults are easier to trick."

## Young magician is flying high

Words and picture by BRIANNA PIAZZA

Warrandyte teenager, Sam Hume, wants to become a pilot. But he also sees magic as part of his future.

The 13-year-old won two awards at the Melbourne Magic Festival in July. He won first place in the Australian Junior Close Up Magic Competition and third place for Stage Magic.

"I was pleased that I improved from second place last year—I'm always trying to improve," Sam told the *Diary*. "I'm a bit of a perfectionist but magic is also just fun to practice. Magic is probably always going to be a hobby for me."

Known as "Sam the Magic Man", the Year 8 student is no stranger to the spotlight. He has showcased his magic tricks in talent shows since primary school and also took second place at his high school's annual talent show last year.

Sam first became interested in magic when he was about 11 years old. Before long he started magic lessons and has since developed an "obsession" with cards.

"I found this book that said how to

do really simple card tricks and after that I pretty much fell in love with the cards. Just the handling of the cards and the control you have—it's something of an obsession actually."

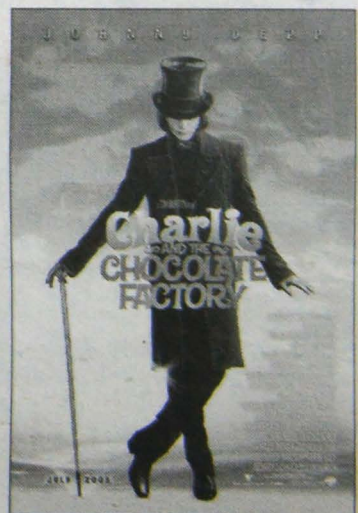
Sam usually practices for a couple of hours every day and his tricks also involve illusions, rubber bands and coins.

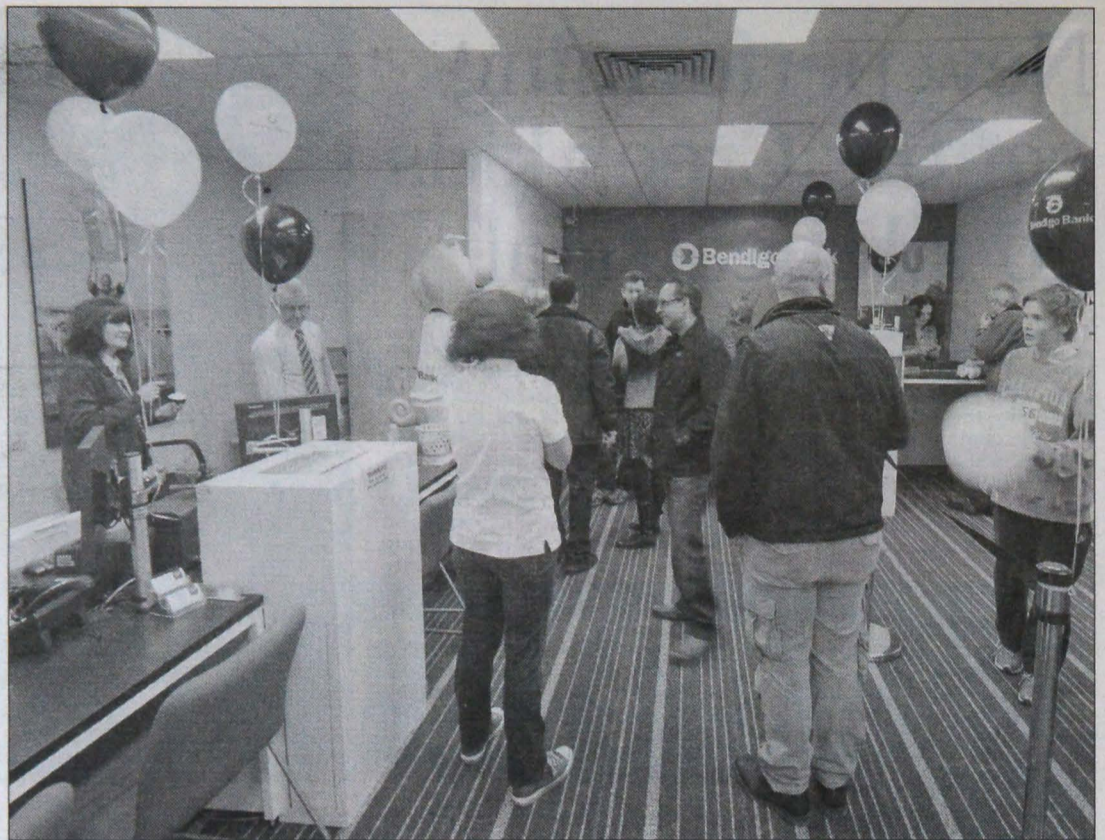
Sam said his favourite part of performing is watching the audience's reactions.

He performs his magic tricks at corporate functions and children's birthday parties—and believe it or not, he says adults are easier to trick.

"You get some people who are just astonished and then you get others who are just frustrated trying to figure out how you did it," Sam said. "Kids are more visual, whereas adults take more notice of it and they appreciate it if you show more skill. Adults are more demanding with skills, but they are easier to fool."

He meets with the Australian Institute of Magic every fortnight to discuss and learn new tricks with other like-minded magicians.





Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

# Bank celebrates reopening, birthday

**T**HE Warrandyte Community Bank branch reopened its doors earlier this month, following a complete refurbishment. The event also served as a celebration of the bank's recent eighth birthday.

Touching the tradition of the original opening in June, 2003, Cliff Green, accompanied this time by granddaughter Ruby, cut the ribbon to the new-look branch.

Assisting at the ceremony was board chairman Sarah Wrigley, original chairman John Provan and John Chapman, who not only constructed the original branch, but was also in charge of refurbishment.

"From closing the branch on Friday night, 10 days later—on Tuesday morning—everything was unpacked and ready to serve our first customer," branch manager Mark Challen told the *Diary*.

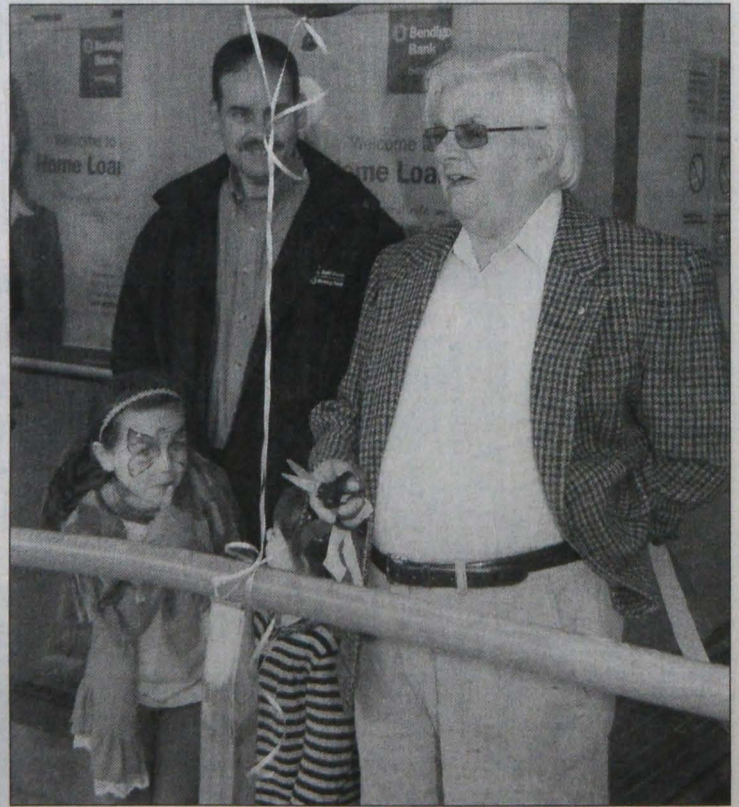
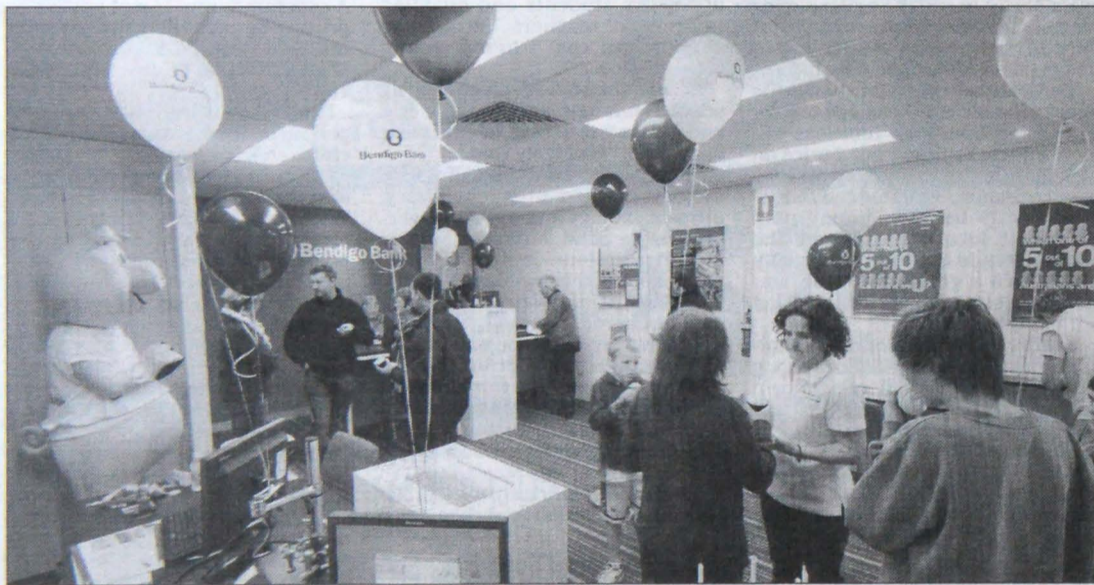
The branch "has a more relaxed atmosphere. We have taken over the upstairs area as well, so we have space and less clutter down-

stairs. The branch has come a long way since its original opening eight years ago. "The discovery of gold was the best thing to happen to Warrandyte, and the second best thing to happen was the opening of the Warrandyte Community Bank," Cliff Green said, before cutting the ribbon.

After the Commonwealth Bank closed its doors in 2001, Warrandyte was left without any banking services. "Not only has the Community Bank provided this basic necessity to the survival of the town, it has given back more than \$500,000 to the community in grants and sponsorships," Sarah Wrigley said.

She also announced that the bank has declared a 12 cent dividend to shareholders, payable on October 31.

"Our grants program is also open at the moment, and we hope that not-for-profit groups will apply for funds for any projects they think will have significant benefit to our community," Ms Wrigley said. Applications close on September 22.





# Walter's show marked 60 years

Manningham Gallery celebrated 60 years of work by Warrandyte artist Walter Magilton. On show were pieces dating back to Walter's time as a school-boy artist. Photographer STEPHEN REYNOLDS attended the opening and captured these moments for the *Diary*.



# Pick up a bargain!



The Painting Group of the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association staged a bargain sale of their work at the Mechanics Hall one Sunday late last month. STEPHEN REYNOLDS sneaked in and took these pictures. Anyone interested in joining the group can call Pauline Cross on 9439 1775.



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# Walking through wattle to help defeat cancer

Warm weather smiled on the Warrandyte Wattle Walk held one Sunday late last month, when locals walked (or ran) along the river from the bridge tennis courts to Police Street, then back through the village.

Organised by Warrandyte Lions, it was expected that at least \$4000 would be raised when all the money was in.

Lions president Geoff Taylor and his team expressed their appreciation to the local residents who participated in the fundraiser. All the money will be donated to the Oncology Unit at Box Hill Hospital.

According to Lions treasurer John Mitton, the Opp Shop collection tin yielded almost \$150, cash and cheques collected on

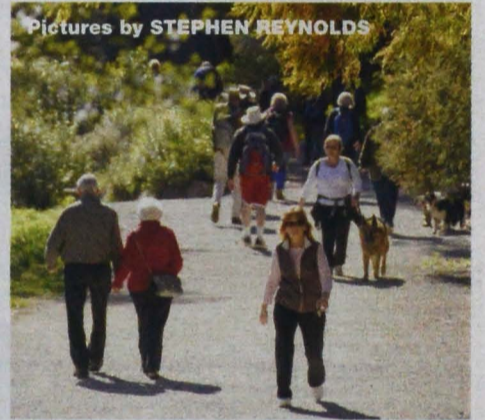
the day totalled \$2120 and deposits at the Community Bank realised \$1685.

"It is important for the community to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer," Mr Taylor said, "while supporting such excellent care providers as Box Hill Oncology."

Peter Fry, of Park Orchards, whose partner Val Lynch is undergoing treatment for leukaemia at Box Hill Oncology, thanked everyone for supporting the Wattle Walk, "either by donation or being there."

"It was a lovely day for the walk and great to see so many of you had been able to come along," Mr Fry said.

The Lions Club intends making the Warrandyte Wattle Walk a regular event during coming years.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

# Green Wedge Threat?

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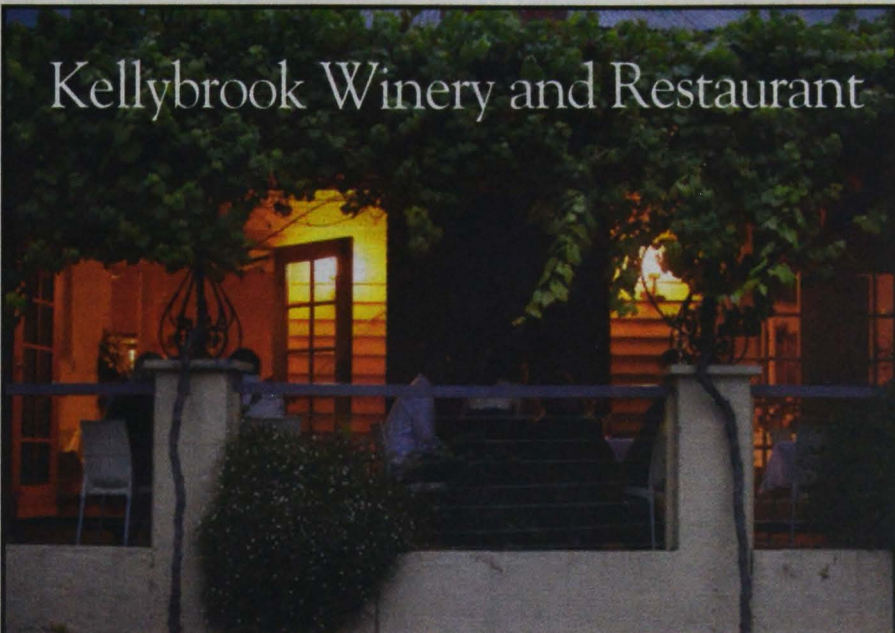
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# Ye Olde Fashions

## out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

The Warrandyte Historical Society will be holding an exhibition, "Breeches, Bonnets & Bustles and Other Australian Costumes of the 1850s to 1900s", at their museum in the Old Post Office, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte from Saturday, October 8 to Sunday, October 23. The museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm. Admission is free. Donations welcome. Also featured will be displays of Warrandyte gold and art history. A special event, a 90-minute escorted gold mine walk will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 2pm. Enquiries for the walk to John Hanson on 9844 3906 or bandjhanson@hotmail.com



### Celebrate spring in Bev's Garden

The Hanson garden at 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte will be open as part of Open Garden Australia from 10am to 4.30pm on the weekend of September 24 and 25.

### Relay

Manningham Relay for Life will take place at Rieschiecks Reserve Athletics Track, George Street, Doncaster from 4pm on Saturday, September 17 until 12 noon on Sunday, September 18. The relay is a team fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria's programs providing resources and support services for cancer patients and their families and support for research and community education. To participate in the event, or to learn more about volunteering your time email lisa.west@cancervic.org.au, visit www.relayforlife.org.au or call 1300 656 585.

### Market

The next Park Orchards Farmers Market will be on Saturday, September 17 from 9am to 1pm adjacent to the shops. A range of fresh produce from up to 30 stalls will support local farmers and food producers. Local musicians Jen and Marty will entertain.

### Festivals

There is a series of festivals taking place in Nillumbik over the next six months. The council hosts the Practically Green Festival on October 23 and the Nillumbik Pet Expo on November 6. The remaining community festivals are run

by committees and supported by the council. For further information visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

### Sale

St Stephens Anglican Church in Stiggant Street, Warrandyte is holding its annual Car Boot Sale on Saturday, October 15 from 8am to 1pm. Spaces are available for \$20. Space fees are donations to the church. Inquiries and bookings to Carolyn on 0430 766 470.

### Care

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### Jazz

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### Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 7.30pm upstairs at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. All welcome. Drinks and light supper available.

### Planting

Andersons Creek Landcare group is planting at Rough Reserve on Sunday, September 17 from 1pm to 3pm. Tools are provided, sturdy shoes and weather gear recommended. They will meet opposite Husseys Lane, Warrandyte. For further information call Fritz on 9844 3703.

### Nillumbik

The Kangaroo Ground Emergency Operations Centre will be the venue for the September 20 ordinary meeting of the Nillumbik Shire Council. The centre is on the corner of the Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Road and Ness Lane, Kangaroo Ground.

### Club

The Warrandyte Beefsteak and Burgundy Club meets 11 times a year at different restaurants where members

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### Watch

The next meeting of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch will be held at the Warrandyte Police Station on Tuesday, November 8, commencing at 7.30pm.

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### Artists

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### Stonehouse

Current exhibition at the Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is titled "The Hen House". Running until October 2, it features chooks with attitude and humour and includes works in many different media. The gallery is open daily. The November exhibition entitled "Inside Out" will show sculptural works for both interior and exterior.

### Sales

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### Photography

Nillumbik Shire's Insight project, a creative photography program for young people, is set to launch its work on Thursday, September 15 at the Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The exhibition will run until Monday, October 17.

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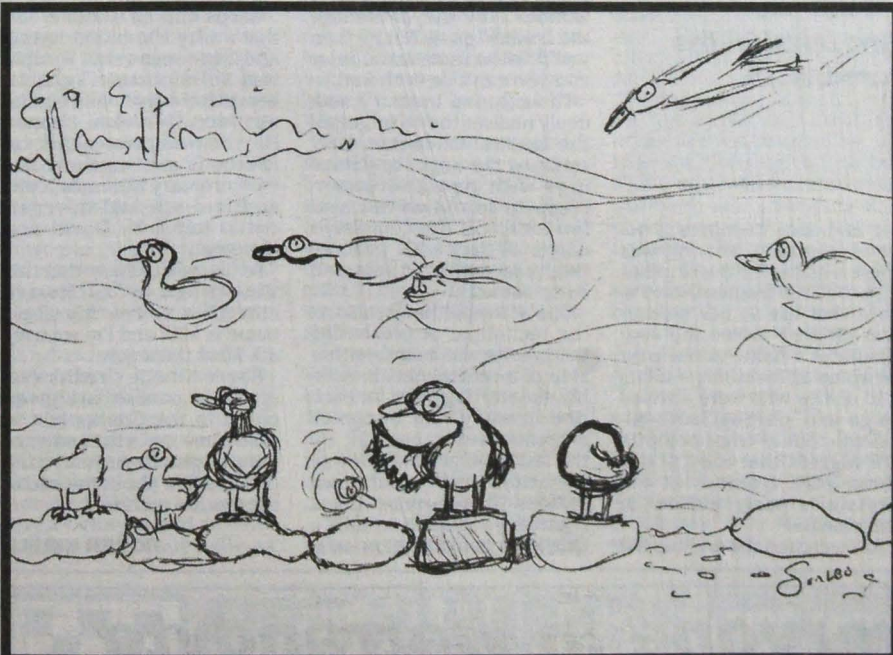
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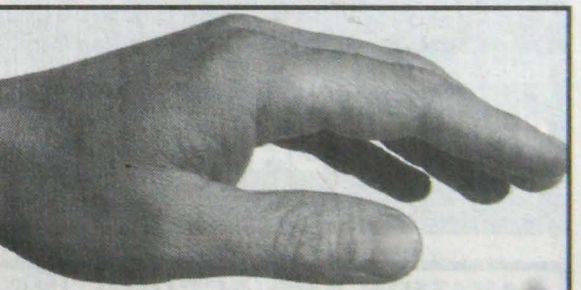
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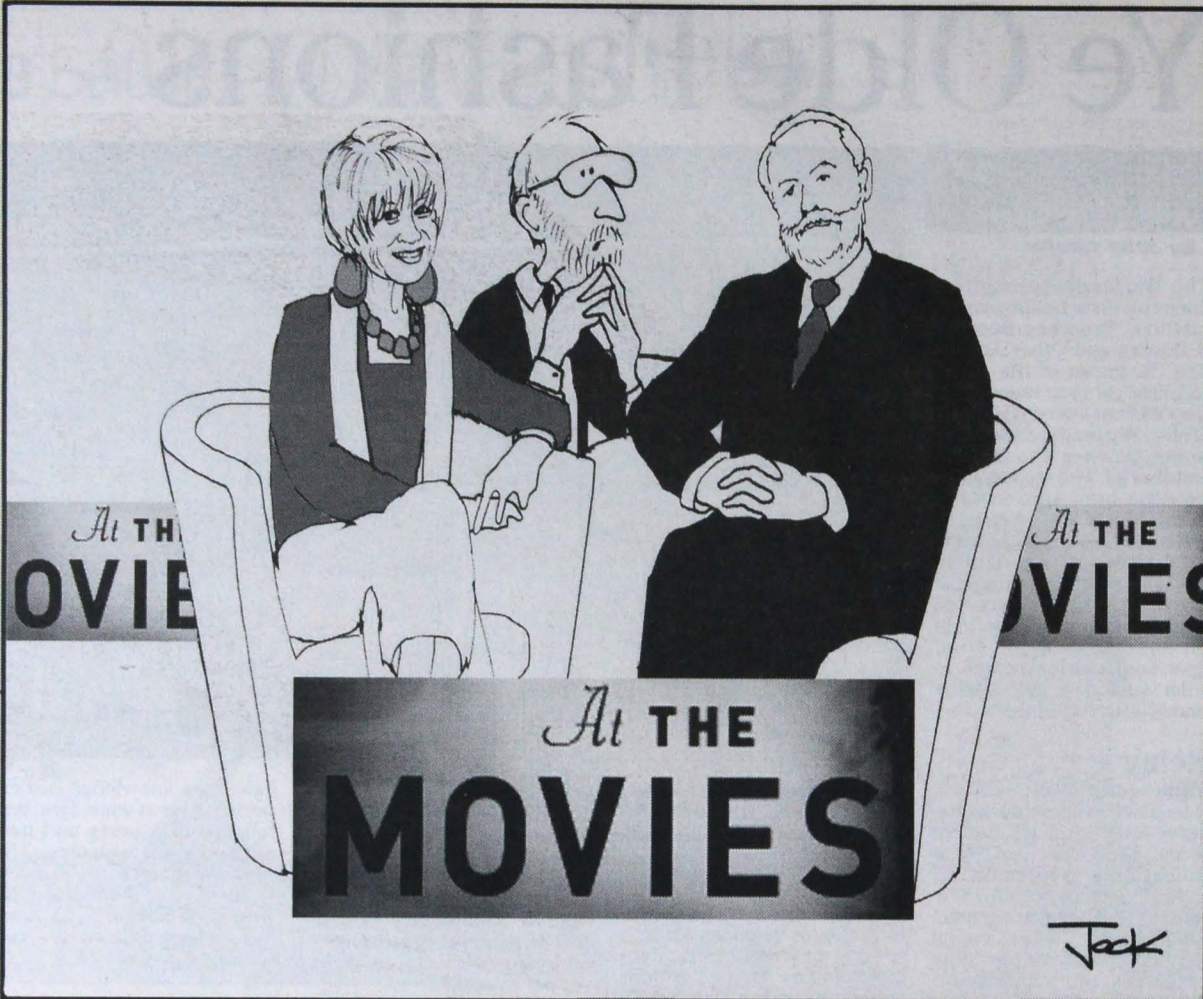
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# Credit where it's due – the film industry runs on credit


THEY just go on and on and on and on and...

I'm talking about film credits or should I say film indulgences! I'm sure someone will be on the phone to Cliff, our editor, tomorrow berating him for allowing such ill-informed crap to go to print but hey, he hasn't got much to do and a bit of gingering up might do him a power of good.

Now it might just be that the film union insists that anyone associated with the film MUST be included in the credits. It might, however, be the ultimate example of the "I want my 15 seconds of fame" syndrome but I can't think of any other possible reasons for forcing the audience to endure the endless cataloguing of the entire workforce of Hollywood at the end of every film.

If the credits are intended to highlight the skills of individuals then they fail badly. The credits whiz past so quickly that all I am able to catch are some of the jobs but very rarely do I have the time to identify the individual before they move on to repeat the whole shebang but the next time it's for the Spanish crew, the shooting location crew or the animatronics division of some obscure cell of geeks known only to each other by names such as Rough Cut or Hang Nail.

At the end of a film Herself and I watched the other day, I was gob-smacked when amidst the flurry of names, glimpsed through the retreat-



kibbled

**"Now it might just be that the film union insists that anyone associated with the film MUST be included in the credits..."**

ing audience members, I noticed one credit. Not only was there a listing for the Grip but also for Grip Trainee. Now I'm sure that his or her mother was chuffed to see the son/daughter's name zoom past as would all the siblings, aunts and uncles who were advised to go and see Sue/Sam's latest epic but at what point do we suggest that they praise their TAFE trainees at the Christmas party and not at the cinema?

As I watched the endless list

of Grade A to Z "celebrities" roll on, it made me hanker for the films of the forties and fifties when the credits came at the beginning of the film, listed the major actors, the writer, cinematographer, the producer, the director and then let the actors get on with it. At the end, in copperplate writing, they told you it was *The End* and you knew you could collect your half eaten packet of Columbines and head off home. Nowadays, you're into the middle of the first of a plethora of President Clinton moments before you read of the six or seven even-sillier-than-the-last-name production companies that have parted out for what you are about to see. You then play "I wonder how they'll manage the credits" game but by then you're into a triple axe murder and you can't be bothered.

The catering industry suddenly realises they'd forgotten the credits. Of course, they come to the next six screenings with pen and paper, ready to jot down the next few letters of the company's name, as they whiz past, so they can contact them and sleep soundly.

One of my pet hates, also, is the technique of presenting the credits and names either side of a central line. Inevitably, the starting point for each line is wavy and becomes a reading roller coaster. By the time you get well past all the actors' names and down to Miss Glamourpuss' Local Postman, you need to take a Quells to avoid motion sick-

ness.

Some cult films, however, take the credits to another, altogether ironic dimension. Offended by people leaving before the last moment of their artistic brilliance, directors leave the last explanatory scene until most of the audience members have left the cinema and car park. Then, just after we read that the camera lens was hand ground in a monastery in Bhutan and that the assistant to the trainee assistant wigmaker is Charlene, there is the final scene where the hand-held, almost focused camera zooms in to reveal an unopened letter addressed to the recently suicided vegetarian pharmacist.

Gasps and an audible, "So that's why the blood letting and leech scene shot in sepia was so important!" can be heard from the one remaining, recently woken cleaner. He then mentions this on Facebook and suddenly, the very ordinary becomes "cult" and is discussed in reverential tones by David and Margaret.

I'd like you to know that this was written by me, Herself made the coffee, my dog's name is Milli and I'm wearing a K-Mart track suit.

Roger Kibelle Credits creators, of course, are given credit in the Credits just in case someone in the audience who might have just completed a film about the end of the motion picture.

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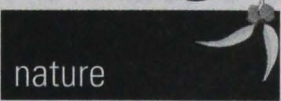


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# We go a little further north...



nature

By LINDA ROGAN

**A** WARRANDYTE spring with swathes of yellow wattles and splashes of purple Hardenbergia is a real buzz; especially since I've just returned from northern Australia. I travelled to treat a touch of Seasonal Affective Disorder but mainly because my favourite creatures, native bees and butterflies are active in Far North Queensland in winter.

The rewards in terms of species, new to me, were huge.

Our furthest north point was the Coloured Sands at Elim Beach just north of Cooktown. Beachside walking past huge mudskippers, stopping to observe the flight of a colourful day moth and marvel at a White-lipped Green Tree Frog sitting on the beach in a freshwater trickle, was just a start. I was soon distracted by a strong and persistent buzzing in a flowerless wattle tree.

A large bee with a narrow head, swivelled in midair, turned his curved green eyes on me, and then darted off. His head and thorax were covered with golden-yellow hair with sparser yellow bands over the dark abdomen. This was one of Australia's largest native bees, the Great Carpenter bee; a male, patrolling his territory. These males emit a chemical perfume, an aroma like nectar and pollen, strong enough for humans to detect, but aimed to lure female bees. Nearby, one female was feeding on the nectar of Melaleuca flowers. With a bright yellow waistcoat and a shiny black tail, she was more interested in the real blooms than in the male. Like our Blue Banded Bees, Great Carpenters are



Peppermint Stick insect on a Pandanus leaf. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

good buzz pollinators of flowers such as Dianella and tomatoes.

Travelling further south, a Queensland friend's photo alerted me to a cryptic and fascinating critter that is found only at Cape Tribulation and sporadically down as far as Mission Beach in Australia; it is also in Indonesia. We headed for the nearest location, Cape Tribulation. As instructed, we searched amongst the prickly Pandanus leaves. Initial searches resulted only in punctured fingertips. Our luck changed in the garden of the Daintree Entomological Museum. Here, amongst chewed and broken Pandanus leaves we were shown several bright bluish-green stick insects that were tucked into the crevices between leaves; others were feeding in broad daylight. These were Peppermint Stick

insects (pictured). In addition to their peppermint green colour, these phasmids earn their name by shooting out a sticky white fluid from the four corners of their thorax, if disturbed. This fluid has a remarkable peppermint smell, and is irritating to predators and perhaps to careless observers. They can squirt it as far as 30cm. Therefore it is best to avoid stressing the insects. Later that day we located other colonies near Cow Bay.

As August wore on, we visited Byfield State Forest, near Yeppoon. The forest is now mostly pine plantations but still retains some remarkable flora and fauna. Here, just near the edge of the more intact Byfield National Park, I was charmed by drifts of tiny blue Lobelia flowers blooming in moist areas near the car park. I knelt down to check for visi-

tors. The first I noticed was a small blue butterfly similar to our local Dusky Blue. Nearby was something much smaller, a tiny moth perhaps. A close look confirmed that the brownish wings, with four dark spots on the hind wing, were those of a butterfly. It was a challenge but I managed a couple of sharp photos. Later I was thrilled to identify the Grass Jewel, Australia's smallest butterfly; it is a great relief to know I will not be called upon to photograph a smaller butterfly. The caterpillar's food plants are two species of annual Indigofera that dry up and die after the wet. The butterfly is seldom seen beyond June so I was very lucky to see it in August.

It is tempting to go on talking about many more Queensland encounters but instead I will hurry out and catch up with the local critters.

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After a month or two we even got a letter from somebody—I forget who—asking us to check that the other crowd was properly organised and ready to roll. But at last! All sorted. The new system was finally about to click into place.

It never happened. Arriving home in early June from a flying trip to Brisbane, we spotted a piece of paper protruding from under the doormat.

"Customer not home," read the docket. "Job cancelled." Cancelled? We were stunned. Haven't they heard of telephoning first? Especially as

that was the arrangement.

"We are not allowed to telephone you madam," gloated the mouthpiece of the previously-unheard-of company whose name was on the docket. "Privacy regulations prevent us knowing your phone number."

I cannot believe my ears. Somebody contracted to do a job here is allowed to know our name and address but not our phone number? Haven't they heard of the White Pages?

"You should have requested in writing that your number be made known to us." Jeepers! How were we supposed to know that? "Can't I just give you the number now?" Of course not. "You no longer exist in our system." I may as well have been a flea trying to shift a walrus.

So we began all over again. What a waste of time! Eventually a letter arrived from SPAusnet, specifically stating that we didn't need to be home when the installers changed our meter. This was clearly not true, so I phoned.

"Normal people don't need to be home," explained the girl



our place

By MARILYN MOORE

at the other end. "But you can make an appointment if you'd rather." Well, I would rather, as it happens, sidestepping the issue of what constituted "normal". The girl couldn't name a day, but it would be before July 18 and somebody would definitely phone first.

A few weeks later another letter arrived, reminding us that we didn't need to be home when the meter was changed, and amending the change-over period to August. I phoned SPAusnet again.

"Oh! We only have one man who does appointments. His next free day is September 5."

Luckily I was at home on July 15 when Meter Changer Man arrived unannounced. "I don't do phone calls," he explained happily. "That's the boss's job." Predictably, he did need to get to our switchboard inside the house, but the job was simply done and our lovely new solar smart meter worked a treat.

You'd think the saga would end there, but of course it doesn't. Last week's power bill was a complete dud. Another polite phone call, this time with some difficulty, as the functionary on the end of the line was pretty aggressive considering it was only ten past eight in the morning. He refused to talk to me on the grounds that (a) his computer said we did not have a solar meter, and (b) I wasn't authorised to speak to him. I am delighted to think that the recording of the ensuing conversation may be used for training purposes.

So, with September 5 looming and the powers-that-be obviously in complete disarray, I wasn't too surprised to get a phone call from a helpful young lady at UXE (who?) re the proposed installation of a replacement smart meter. It took me half the afternoon to convince her that we already had the correct meter. Somehow it's become her job to persuade SPAusnet to switch it on at their end and report back to Origin. Sigh! I think it's all too much for them. I know it's all too much for me!



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# A passing too soon: Judith will be remembered by this community

By **BEN DAVIS**

**T**HE untimely passing of someone who is important in our lives almost inevitably leads to a feeling of bitterness mixed with the usual grief and sadness that these occasions evoke.

This is absolutely the case as I reflect on the passing of my mother, Judith Pleasance.

Judith was born on October 25, 1943 and died on June 11, 2011.

I can confess to some feelings of bitterness that she never had the opportunity to become a grandmother. For many years Mum looked forward to being a grandmother — and may have mentioned it once or twice during those years as well! She had a plan that during her retirement she would be able to be very active in the raising of any grandchildren that happened to be around. She relished the potential opportunity that ultimately will remain unfulfilled for a variety of reasons, most important of which is her untimely passing at the age of 67. My youngest sister Calida is now pregnant, our family's first grandchild, an occasion for great joy but also of wondering of what might have been.

Mum worked for more than 40 years as a teacher and passed on only a few months into her retirement. Sadly she never really got to enjoy this well-earned time in her life. That fact seems patently unfair and all too common for those of Mum's generation. To have worked so hard and so long at a job she loved, making such a difference to the lives of so many students, particularly the countless number of struggling teenage boys she took under her wing. It seems simply wrong for her to pass so soon after retirement at the start of what could have been the golden part of her life.

For 10 years I nagged Mum to go on a holiday to the United Kingdom. Having been fortunate enough to visit there in 2001 I realised in a matter of hours that Mum should definitely take a long holiday there. Being a lifelong

devotee of literature and history as she was, I felt very strongly that for her, a trip to the "Old Dart" would be the time of her life. Her lifelong claustrophobia made it very difficult for her to fly but finally she and my stepfather Jim made the bookings, paid for the tickets and were all set to go in August 2011. Mum passed on in June.

So we are left somewhat embittered that a life so full and so complete was cut so short. So short at the point where she had so much to look forward to. Angry? No. Just saddened.

Mum lived in Warrandyte for almost 45 years, all of that time in the family home in Houghton Road where my sisters Briony and Calida and I all grew up. Not for Mum, the passive suburban existence. She was involved in a long list of local sporting and educational bodies as participant or administrator. Mum played netball for Warrandyte Netball Club, cricket for Warrandyte Women's Cricket Club and for many years, tennis at the Warrandyte Tennis Club. And, as I discovered at her wake she also played women's football but that was before her Warrandyte days. She also served on the parent-teacher committee at Warrandyte Kindergarten (whilst I was a student there). It goes without saying that Mum had a hand in the running of all of these, officially or unofficially.

But no account of Mum's life in Warrandyte could be complete without some mention of her involvement in the local Australian Labor Party. For some four decades she was the stalwart of the Warrandyte ALP. To her fell the duties of filling polling booth rosters for election days as well as letterboxing ALP material, often in areas that were not exactly renowned as being strong Labor Party supporters. Indeed amongst my earliest memories are those of running from the family car to letterboxes all weekend to deliver ALP material in areas where it was impractical to walk. What others would consider a chore, we considered a family outing! No political party could ask for a more diligent servant

and it is from Mum that my sisters and I have inherited a keen sense of social justice and equity. Upon reflection it is obvious that my own decision to pursue a career in the Trade Union movement was at least informed by, if not inspired by, the countless dinner time conversations about the political issues of the day and the increasingly frequent ALP meetings at our home in Houghton Road.

Mum's other great passion was of course her teaching. As previously mentioned Mum was a teacher for more than 40 years, all of it spent in the state system. It would seem odd that in all that time Mum never taught at Warrandyte High, but that was because she didn't want to teach at the same school that her kids attended. My sisters and I are all oddly grateful for that! Not content with teaching as a day job, Mum also tutored a number of students after hours, particularly struggling male students. Fresh from teacher's college, she found an affinity for not so academically talented students at her first school, Jordanville Tech. For the rest of her career, she found herself relating well to these kids and their parents.

To Mum often fell the task of telling the parents of struggling male students that their son was best cut out for an apprenticeship rather than a university degree—a not inconsiderable task in the 1980s and 1990s when manual labour was seen as a very distant second best life option. While on maternity leave after my sister's birth, Mum also volunteered to take my Prep class at Andersons Creek Primary in reading classes. It will also come as no great surprise that my sisters and I all inherited from Mum a passion for reading and the written and spoken word.

Mum died far too soon from complications relating to her treatment for cancer. But like me, as I write this, please take a moment to remember the life of an indefatigable member of the Warrandyte community.

Vale Mum. A life well led that ended far too soon.



Judith Pleasance:  
As we knew her.



## Where the wild things were

Where is the light in this velvet gloom?  
Naked arms reach out for me, clawing...  
and the creatures out this time of night  
aren't friends, though they may be merely  
wary, watchful.  
But we know there are no wolves or bears.  
Not in this story, anyhow.

These woods are home to other fears—  
goblins, sprites, flicking through shapeless grey  
and bad knights fleeing from good ones.  
(Who knows that they'll do without God on their side?)  
And maybe desperate peasants  
whom God has abandoned.  
But we know there's no real violence.  
Not in this story, anyhow.

In fact, think of these woods  
on a dappled summer's day, with twinkling streams  
where Ondine lives, and she's like a lot of them—  
nice in the daytime. And the creatures now are cute!  
Fluffy tails and stripy backs, lots of snuffling and scampering.  
And we're not scared of weasels and ferrets.  
Not in this story, anyhow.

Do we have woods mummy  
where there are houses with hens feet  
and grannies must lock their doors?  
No, we have The Bush, and some very shy snakes.  
Houses have stumps, hens are on feet,  
grannies are tough, and are friends with the snakes.

In this story, anyhow.

**KAREN THROSSELL**

# Marnie turns 100: family, friends and a good life

By VAL POLLEY

**M**ARGARET (Marnie) Horkings, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 14, declared Warrandyte a very special place in which to live.

"It has a personality all its own," she said, recalling memories of her earlier days when the township was smaller and more personal and although she thinks it has lost some of that feeling, she knows it still means something important to the older generation.

Marnie was a country girl, born in Warracknabeal. Her father James Center was a renowned Scottish piper and dancer who had migrated from Scotland in 1908 with his family of bagpipe makers. They set up business in Brunswick providing their Center bagpipes in response to a surge of interest in all things Scottish and to the Caledonian societies that had sprung up around Victoria. James was lured to Warracknabeal to teach piping and dancing. He travelled extensively winning many competitions, medals and cups. Marnie, and her family, are rightly proud of their Scottish ancestry.

James died in 1919, a victim of the Spanish flu epidemic that swept the world but the family treasures photos that show him as a dapper man in highland dress with a waistcoat of medals. Center bagpipes are renowned worldwide and considered collector's items today. Marnie remembered one example; a piece in the paper a few years ago asking for somebody who was prepared to part with their set of bagpipes to state their price. She didn't follow on with Scottish dancing however, preferring calisthenics as a young girl.

She gained the name Marnie when the father of her childhood friend Winnie thought her too small to have a big name like Margaret so called her Marnie instead and it stuck.

In the early 50s Marnie and husband James (Jim) bought land in Mitchell Avenue in Warrandyte. At the time they were living in Hawthorn and Marnie worked at the post office in Kew. The owner of the shop had a mate, Clarrie Martin, who was renovating a cottage in Mitchell Avenue and so they would come out at weekends for Jim to help.

At that time there were only a few houses along the road that followed Specimen Gully. One

was Specimen Cottage owned by Tommy Haines, one of the old goldminers.

In those days the lot at No 22 was as far as Mitchell Avenue went, all the land beyond was Crown Land supposedly not to be split up. The land on the high side of Mitchell Avenue was set aside for a Catholic School (which never eventuated) so it was a quiet little pocket of the township. But soon after they purchased the land at No 22 the land beyond was subdivided and sold. Well known Warrandyte identity, Daisy Hawkes, sold the land to them for £100, but when they turned up with the money in cash she was so surprised she returned £10 to them. After building their house they then moved in around 1953.

This was the time when B Il McCullough delivered the mail on horseback, Moore's store on the riverbank displayed billycans and boots and to make a phone call meant turning a handle on the phone to get the post office exchange.

Marnie laughed at the recollection the operator knew everyone and their activities. Sometimes if you asked to speak to someone the reply could be, "Oh she's just gone to Ringwood on the bus; she'll be back at lunchtime".

At that time daughter Leonie and son Robin had to travel to Ringwood on the bus for work and school. Robin had a cubby house up in a tree on their land and his friend Tony lived across the Yarra. "Sometimes it was unexpected that they wanted to talk to each other," Marnie remembered, "so he'd just get up the tree and yell out 'Horky!'" They would then shout to each other across the river.

Husband Jim worked in the building trade with his brother Bob, and then when he retired he went to work for local gunmaker Merv Naughton. He had a custom-made rifle from his time there which had to be relinquished at the time of the gun buy-back, much to the family's disappointment.

They never owned a car and Marnie walked everywhere. She was indefatigable and a well-known sight in her later years, particularly in her purple raincoat. She was often offered, but rarely accepted lifts. This daily exercise combined with her vegetarianism may well have contributed to her longevity. She became a vegetarian as soon as she was old enough to please herself and now laughs at the memory of

some of the options offered and the struggle, even now, to always find good vegetarian dishes.

Jim was a firefighter in the days when the fire station was in Mitchell Avenue. He fought the bushfires that swept Warrandyte in 1962. The fire burnt to the fence-line of their block, even melting hoses draped along it, but petered out in a loop of hose laid on the ground. Meanwhile Marnie went to the river for those who went to the water for safety. "That man sort of made sure we all had proper protection," she explained. Leonie recounts how she was married and living in Newcastle and phoned repeatedly to try to find out how her parents were faring. Eventually Jim answered and reassured her everything was fine and they were both fine. It was only years later that Leonie found out he actually hadn't a clue where Marnie was at that point.

Leonie returned to live next door to her parents in Mitchell Avenue. Discussing past memories of their lives in Warrandyte, Marnie paid tribute to her daughter saying while a lot of people go ahead and just grow up; Leonie had cultivated memories of people and places and followed things through.

After Jim died 11 years ago, Marnie lived on independently in her home before eventually moving into residential care at Blue Willows in Ringwood. A later fall necessitated a more recent move into a new and attractive residential home in Porter Street overlooking the Yarra Valley.

Marnie will celebrate her 100th birthday there with an afternoon tea and all the family. Leonie and husband Peter and grandsons Andrew and David, son Robin, grandchildren Bruce, Jeffrey and Erin and great-granddaughter Myah. The Bellbird Choir from Warrandyte will entertain them, the staff and other residents. There will be cake. Marnie laughed at the thought of having to blow out 100 candles but given her love for life and her family, there is little doubt that she will be able to do so if called upon.

Margaret (Marnie) Horkings is a shining example of living for 100 fulfilling years. Warrandyte adds its own congratulatory message to those from the Queen and other notables, relatives and friends. Congratulations Marnie—our newest centenarian.



Marnie Horkings: celebrating 100 hard but wonderful years.



Family memories: Marnie (right) her mother and baby Leonie.

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# Warren is a true Blue

**what's your story?**

As a lift mechanic and former AFL footballer, Warrandyte resident Warren McKenzie happily tells BRIANNA PIAZZA his life has had more ups than downs

**BP: Tell us a bit about your life nowadays – family, job?**  
**WM:** I'm a lift mechanic - I fix elevators. I've been doing that since I was 18. It's not a bad job. Apart from that, I have three active kids so I spend a lot of time driving them around. Skyla is 9, Reece is 15 and Rowan is 17. They're all active in sport. Reece plays state basketball and football. Rowan is starting cricket again and plays footy too. Skyla plays basketball.

**Have any of your kids expressed any interest in following in your footsteps to play sport professionally?**  
 Reece has. He's a pretty good player for his age and he'd like to do football professionally.



**What was it like playing football in the 1980s compared with today?**  
 It was very different. It was tough because we had to work as well. I had a full time job and sometimes we had to train before or after work. They weren't as smart back then as they are now. Today it's all about recovery. With us it was intensive training and we trained harder than we played. That was the mentality in those days – just keep training harder. Now

they spread it out more and they train every day.  
**Did you enjoy the training aspect?**  
 I enjoyed it all, but it takes its toll on your body. I look back and I wonder how I did it. I used to come home some nights and just lie in bed and I'd be aching. I'd be thinking 'what am I doing this for?' Then I'd have to get up the next morning and do it all again. It's amazing how much I don't remem-

ber of those years because you're just so into yourself and you just have to look after yourself. I don't really remember events or things like that because I was just so busy looking after myself, my body and the team.  
**A little birdie told me you were a Collingwood fan growing up, so how did it feel to play for the enemy?**  
 I was a Collingwood supporter until I went to Carlton. I became a Carlton supporter

pretty much straight away when I joined the team. Now I can't stand Collingwood. I just don't like their Eddie McGuire mentality. Even though I also played for Sydney, we didn't really win many games. So I'm really just a Carlton fan now.  
**Tell us some of your football career highlights.**  
 I played a few times overseas. I played in Japan and then London three years in a row with Carlton. It was

great to be able to travel with football and see other places. It gave me the travel bug after a while. I travelled a little bit after I finished playing. I went to London, America, Japan and Canada.

**What would you say is your most memorable highlight?**  
 When we (Carlton) won the Grand Final in 1987. It was a tough game. I remember it was a hot day, about 30 degrees. Just the release after the game - we'd been trying to achieve it and we lost the year before in 1986. I'd say that win was my greatest sporting achievement.

**Are there any lowlights?**  
 Just injuries. I had a lot of injuries to deal with. I did my knee once in 1988 and missed half a year. I also did my ankle once in 1989 and missed half a year. I had chronic hamstring problems when I finished my career so that forced me out of the game. I was only 28 when I finished AFL. I wish I could've kept going. I probably would have liked to play until I was 32 or something.

**So how did you come to live in Warrandyte?**  
 We were looking to buy a bigger place and we settled in Warrandyte. That was about 18 years ago. I love living here. I think it's great. I like the animals. We have all sorts of wildlife come through our back yard. We're lucky here.

Know of a local sports legend? Email Scott Podmore at [scott@octobergrey.com](mailto:scott@octobergrey.com)



## Cricketers have a spring in their step

By RYAN HOIBERG & FRANS BROUWER

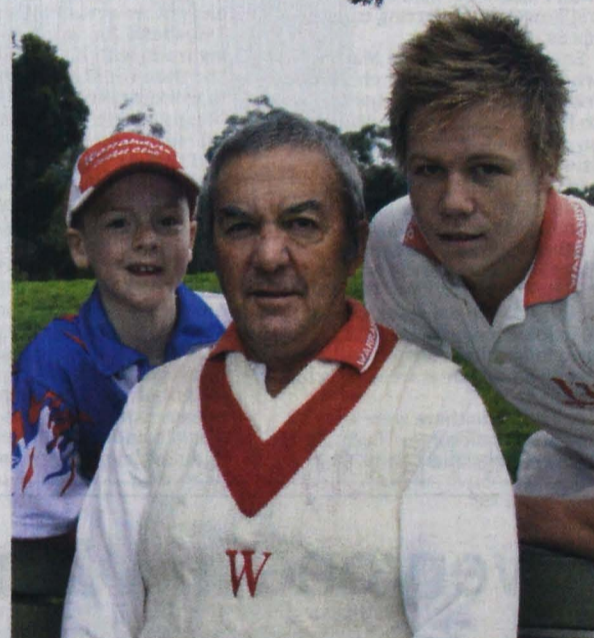
THE weather is heating up and so is the thought of cricket, with both Warrandyte clubs warming up for the new season.

Campbell Holland has been appointed full-time coach of the senior Warrandyte team. Holland, who is already First XI captain, will help mentor and guide the entire playing list. Holland has been a figurehead at the club for many years now and, while still in the prime of his career, his knowledge and familiarity around the club are assets the club feels will assist in guiding Warrandyte to success.

Holland's return as captain follows his debut season last year where he led the First XI to the Grand Final, but fell just short of victory. Holland had much personal success last season as well, finishing with the Gerald Walshe Medal, awarded by his peers for the best and fairest throughout the season in the First XI. He also won the Steve Pascoe Medal, awarded by the Ringwood District Cricket Association as the best player in Wilkins competition. With a return of 31 wickets and 141 runs, Holland proved his ability in all forms of the game and will ensure this knowledge is passed on throughout the club.

Meanwhile, over at the South Warrandyte Cricket Club, the Hawks are preparing to field at least 12 teams when it hits off on October 8.

Grading will be posted on the RDCA website in



Bring on the summer: Three generations of cricketers, Tom Jackson, John Chapman and Chris Barry can't wait for a hit.

the next couple of weeks. Senior and junior training has been underway for several weeks and has been well attended. Bob Neagle has brought in former Australian fast bowler Mick Lewis to work with a junior development bowling squad on Monday nights at the Ringwood Action Sports Centre.

Away from the field and training venues, several initiatives are taking shape with planning for new clubrooms and equipment storage, new sponsors, a new club shirt and

social activities. A successful Junior Registration Day was held on Sunday, August 27, with the junior season launch on Friday, September 16, starting 6pm at Colman Reserve. For information about joining the Hawks or training times, players should contact junior co-ordinator Andy Exley on 0416 808 436, secretary Chris Hartrup on 0400 821 803 (seniors), and Alan Duffus on 0438 233 884 (cricketers aged 40-plus for the Masters teams, and 50-plus for the Legends team).

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*Commences 6pm every Friday from October 28, and runs weekly throughout summer! Meals & refreshment available for kids & parents*

## Girl power wins the day

By TONY OLIVER

VENOM girls ruled the hoops in the final games of top-level junior basketball recently.

The U16 girls took on Altona and with good coverage and strength at both ends of the court won convincingly 56-37.

Coach Justin Nelson said the performance was fantastic.

"We are in finals, but that is just a bonus. It just shows that with hard work and dedication, there is always reward for that sort of effort," he said.

Maddison Taylor was top points scorer on 15, with Meg Keppel close behind on 12.

Next on court were the U18 girls, who took on Kilsyth. This was fourth against ninth, but Kilsyth was always in the hunt, shaded slightly in the first two quarters and taking the third by a point.

Venom gained a lead of 10 points midway through the final quarter when Kilsyth started to fight back.

"Slow the game down, don't panic," coach Tiff Hodgson said at a time-out as the gap narrowed to two points.

The last few seconds were tense with Rachel Watson getting a field goal in the dying seconds, giving Venom a 40-36 victory.

Earlier in the night, the U12 boys went down to Altona 38-33. A strong third quarter put Venom in the picture, but Altona steadied to take the points. Zac Price top-scored for Warrandyte with 12 and Tyler Robertson scored 6.

### Saturday finals fever

The domestic season has ended and finals are underway in the Saturday competitions.

Warrandyte's U19s finished a strong season with an easy 51-25 win against Ivanhoe. The visitors had the height advantage, but the Redback boys were never really challenged and now go into the semi finals with confidence.

Taylor Hayton top-scored with 25 and Michael Holloway landed 12. The boys were short on numbers so Holloway was playing up a grade. "I had the range this week," he said of his two three-point swishes in the second half.

The U17 girls ended the season with a 19-12 win over Nunawading (Brenna Edsell 7, Fae Sng 5).

Things did not go so well for the U13 A/AR boys, going down 35-21 against a stronger Koonung side. Daniel Robertson had a strong game at centre with 10 points and Liam Cridland scored 6.

# Venom snares Arnie



FORMER Bulleen Championship Men's coach Arnold Giffening will coach the Rob Cousens Venom Men next season.



Warrandyte Basketball's general manager Justin Nelson said Giffening, regarded as one of the league's leading coaches, was a welcome addition to the Venom's coaching program and had already started his new role by recruiting for next season.

"Arnie is a fantastic developer of players and a highly respected coach, which is a perfect fit for us at Warrandyte," Nelson said.

"When this position became available our focus was on getting the best possible coach and I'm extremely confident that we have achieved our goal."

Giffening's appointment follows the recent departure of Kelvin Bowers.

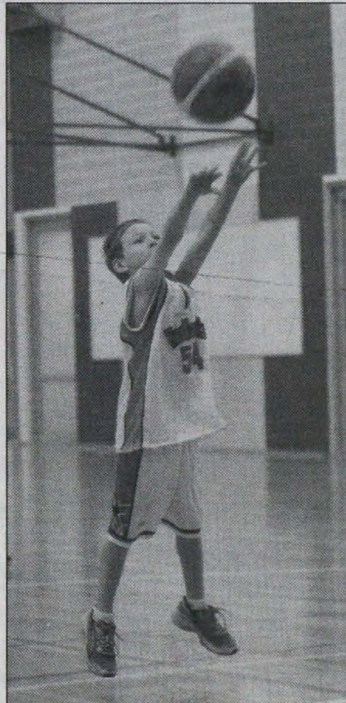
All Venom's coaching positions have now been filled, including Justin Nelson (Gardiner McInnes Senior Women), Nicole Howard (Porter Davis Homes Youth Women) and Brent "Stretch" Reid (Youth Men).

"I think at times people think all the good coaches and good players flock to the bigger clubs, but there are smaller clubs, like Warrandyte, that are focused on recruiting great people who can work harmoniously with others and share a common goal of developing and looking after players, working hard for success and, most importantly, enjoying a culture of belonging and ownership," Nelson said.

"We work damn hard on making those joining us for the first time feel like part of a big family. This is a very unique club in so many ways and I have no doubt Arnie will fit right in."

"Arnie was really impressed with our family and community focus at Warrandyte and our vision for the program. We want to keep moving up the divisions. We want to get to the top. At the Big V level we are very young, but I think we are respected and much of that comes with bringing in good people like Arnie."

In other news, Warrandyte's Youth Men's team has announced Eastside Mitsubishi as naming rights sponsor for two years ahead of joining the Big V in 2012.



Photos: ROSS SNOWBALL & SCOTT PODMORE

## TWO FLAGS FOR WARRANDYTE NETBALL

THE winter season was a learning curve for the Open C Red Rockets, a mostly new team, who have worked very hard and turned into a combination that gives 100 per cent every match.

Megan Seymour enjoyed a great season with some brilliant goaling work and is destined to be a star. The girls had to work hard in the finals after finishing fourth overall, but battled with heart to reach the Grand Final. After a hard-fought match they lost but the team's coaches said the girls should be proud of their efforts.

The Silver Eyes enjoyed a great season and finished third on the ladder. As only one of the players, Shinead Martin, had experienced finals before, it was a new experience for the other seven team members.

The team played well in the semi final to win and move on to the preliminary final. Having lost to Donvale earlier in the season, the Silver Eyes were underdogs but played exceptionally well and moved into the Grand Final after a fantastic victory.

Again the underdogs, a big crowd rolled up to the match played in beautiful sunshine. East Doncaster, undefeated all season, started favorites and it was a nail-biting match. Warrandyte Silver Eyes managed to stay cool in the



Victorious Warrandyteans: Our local netballers capped off a great season with premierships in Under 13s (left) and the Under 15 Brumbies (right).

crisis and capped off a tremendous finals series to win by two goals, 14-12. The team included Alyssa Rodwell, Emily Sharpe, Celene Watson, Caitlin Cook, Meaghan Lloyd, Shinead Martin, Mia Van Gulick and Whitney

Turner. The Under 15 Brumbies had a terrific winter season with their sights firmly fixed on finishing in the finals and making it victory No.4. Having lost their undefeated status throughout the season, it



did not deter the girls from fighting back and claiming another title as premiers. "As a coach I am really proud of the effort the girls put in this season. Week in week out I had a full team of girls ready to take the

court and put up a good fight." Stephanie Natsis said. "I have been privileged to see each individual team member grow and develop in their game, camaraderie and team spirit. I'm really looking forward to the season ahead."



Up, up and away: Bloods power forward Mick Morello enjoyed some hang time in the final round, while Matt Wood kicks a goal in his last ever game (right) and Glen Carle is chaired off after a great career with the club.

# Farewell to veterans

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

WARRANDYTE Football Club bid farewell to Matt Wood and Glen Carle as they played their last games for the Bloods in the final round of the EFL season at Warrandyte Reserve last month.

Wood arrived at the club in 2001 and went on to become one of the most decorated players in Warrandyte's 106-year history, winning five best and fairest awards. He captained the 2006 premiership side, was named captain of the WFC team of the decade and featured in the EFL team of the year several times.

It was Wood's 200th and final game for Warrandyte against Ringwood in Round 18 and the Bloods sent him off in style with a dominant display resulting in a 53-point victory. Wood contributed with three goals.

Glen Carle played junior football at Warrandyte and was U18 best and fairest in 1998 before joining the seniors in 1999 and winning a premiership in his debut season. Despite spending three years living and working in the UK, Glen went on to play 178 games for the Bloods over 12 seasons. He retires as one of the most popular and well-respected members of the Warrandyte Football Club. The Reserves honored Carle with a 76-point win over Ringwood. Carle kicked two goals and was named among Warrandyte's best.

Both Wood and Carle have indicated a desire to stay involved with the football club.

Despite strong victories in the last round, the seniors, reserves and under 18s missed out on finals this year.

**Coaches stick around**

The club announced senior coach John O'Brien would continue as coach in 2012. Likewise, reserves



coach Ash Grybas has also been reappointed. Gareth Woodcock is expected to go around again as U19s coach. Tickets are still available for the WFC presentation night at the Manningham Function Centre on September 30. Call Tom Naughtin on 0421 231 419 or Tim Beasley on 0401 834 474.

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**BOYS PREPARE FOR USA BATTLE**

THE Venom colors will be worn proudly overseas for the first time when 15 players and two coaches from Warrandyte Basketball tour the United States in December. The group will represent the club against US school teams in Washington, Oregon and California. As part of the USA 2K11 Tour, the group is inviting the public to a Golf Day at Yering Meadows on Friday, October 21. Registrations are open and funds raised will help the boys take on the US powerhouses. For more information contact Justin Nelson on 0413 453 257.

**BASKETBALL IS BOOMING**

TWO months into his new role as general manager of Warrandyte Basketball, Justin Nelson (inset) is confident the game will continue to thrive, predicting a 20 per cent participation increase for the coming season. With numbers nearing 1000 for both juniors and seniors at the club, Nelson says the club is stronger than ever both on and off the court. "The club has a rich history dating back some 45 years and its exciting that as we approach the half-century mark our numbers are booming. The only downside is that we need another court or two, but that's a big ask and hopefully waiting patiently will pay off at some stage," he said.



**MAKE WAY FOR SUPERSMASHERS**

THE Supersmashers program, run by Warrandyte Tennis Club, is an ideal way for young children with little or no tennis experience, to develop their skills and have fun. Every child on the program receives a Smashpak which includes a tennis racquet, tennis cap, T-shirt, and other giveaways. For more information contact info@thetennisguru.com.au

**MILO CRICKET IS HERE**

YOUNGSTERS wanting to take part in Milo Have-a-go Cricket should head to the Warrandyte Cricket Ground on Friday October 28 at 5.30pm for season registration. Milo in2cricket is a fun way for children four years and older to learn to play the game. The program incorporates all junior development programs in clubs, school and the community. Milo Cricket starts at 6pm every Friday from October 28, and will run every week at the Warrandyte Cricket Ground during summer. For more information contact Steve Pascoe on 0431 170 963.

**LOVE ALL AT WEEKNIGHT TENNIS**

LOOKING for a score of love all, South Warrandyte Tennis will be hosting fun weeknight tennis for singles. If you are over 18 and single you are welcome to play, whether you have tennis experience or not. Modified courts and equipment will be used to minimise embarrassment and maximise mingling. For more information info@thetennisguru.com.au. Meanwhile, South Warrandyte Tennis is offering competition and coaching programs for all ages and standards. Adult Cardio Tennis will be offered after work and Hot Shots coaching and competitions for ages 5 to 12 will be offered on week nights and weekends. There will be free information and trials for Cardio Tennis and Hot Shots in the first week of Term 4. To book a place contact info@thetennisguru.com.au.

**BASKETBALL PRESENTATIONS**

WARRANDYTE Basketball presentation days will be held on September 18 for Redbacks and September 19 for Venom. Venom annual tryouts will be held from October 9 and the club will stage its senior awards and social night on October 21.

## ACPS kids put their aths power to the test



ANDERSON'S Creek Primary School recently held its whole school athletics carnival at Doncaster athletics field and all Grade 3-6 students participated in seven events including 100m and 200m sprints, hurdles, long jump and triple jump, 800m run and shot put.

ACPS's PE Co-ordinator Meredith Thornton says the best aspect of the school's sports day is how the students rotate through every activity and are participating at all times.

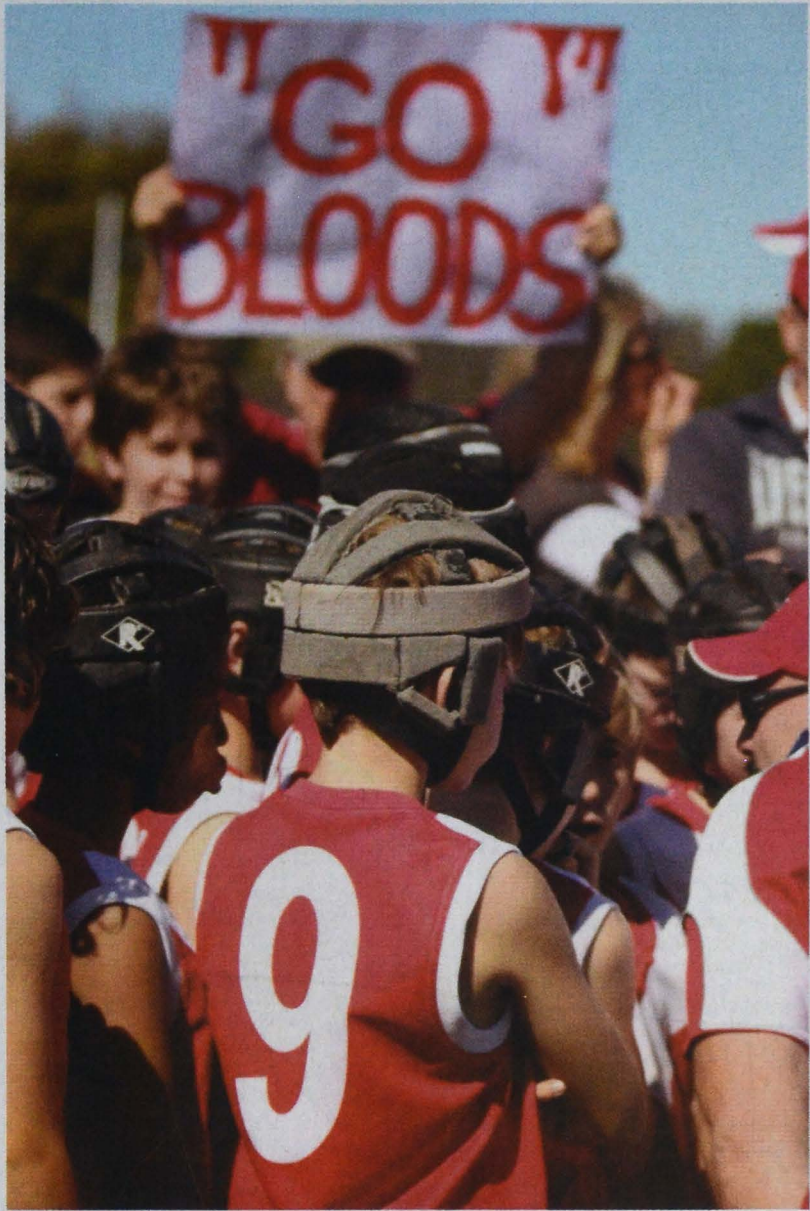
The structure of the program encourages all students to experience the variety of athletics skills and try every activity.

The prep to Grade 2 students held a mini Olympics event in the centre oval - the highlight for many of the younger students was their victory lap around the 400m track.

All the staff helped out and manned stations and many parents assisted on the day to make it a great success.



# Young Bloods just miss



DESPITE being put up two divisions, Warrandyte Junior Football Club U10 Bloods showed great courage to make it to the Grand Final this season and only just missed out on a fairytale ending.

Finishing with only one loss, the team met main rivals Surrey Park in the second semi final to see who would go straight through to the Grand Final. The boys were under instruction to tackle hard and concentrate on winning the ball.

The game started slowly for the young Bloods and after the first quarter they were 18 points down. After a revving up from the coach at quarter time, the side rallied and lifted its determination to win the contests - tackling, chasing and harassing their opponents and winning the hard ball.

Oscar Hodgson led the backline and was strong in defence, pushing the ball forward and stopping many onslaughts. He was well assisted by Nick Alexander at full back and Ben Jackson who won nearly all ruck duels from the second quarter until a well-earned rest half way through the final term. Samuel Martini kept Surrey Park's best player quiet, while Blake Reardon's defensive work at centre half-back in the last quarter was inspiring. Well led by skipper Leo Garrick, the Bloods pegged back a much bigger side to run out victors by two points, cementing a place in the big one.

The Grand Final was played in sunny conditions at Greythorn Park and again the team faced a re-charged Surrey Park. Warrandyte, captained by Oscar Hodgson and Ollie Bell, started well by kicking the first goal. Ben Munks, Connor Martin, Aaron Castagna and Callum Bowers were all battling for the hard ball and allowed the Bloods to hold play for most of the game. However, Surrey Park's better conversion in front of goal got them over the line in the end. A free kick and goal after the siren put Surrey Park one goal up at the main break and a strong wind late in the game saw the Bloods' opponents run out victors by 10 points. Bloods coach Stewart Martin said the boys did themselves, their coaches and supporters very proud in what was a terrific season for the U10s.

**Farewell to a champion team**

The club bids farewell to one of the best junior sides to wear the red and white. The Colts 1 team has been a remarkably durable and successful side that competed admirably over many years against the best sides in the Yarra Junior Football League.

This team was runners-up in U10s and was promoted to Gold division for U11s. Playing their first season in top division, the boys lost the Grand Final by just five points. Over the next six years the team played in the highest division and made the finals four times. Playing against competition powerhouses never fazed the boys, who were duly rewarded with a premiership last year. That particular grand final win was remarkable given the team was a bottom-age team in Colts. The victory was achieved against a team that had beaten them by 87 points two weeks before the finals. In 2011, the team was the first Warrandyte side to play Colts Division 1. In a trying season that saw the boys play many games with only 15 or 16 players, they won enough games to finish fifth.

The skill and tenacity of the side was always on show and they have set a standard for future junior teams at Warrandyte. Best wishes to Ryan Exon and Jacob Ballard in the TAC Cup next year. Special mention to the following boys who were a part of the club from Tackers to top-age Colts: Jake Wintle, Neil Brown, Daniel Nilsson, Tim Nilsson, Kyle Robertson, Jarrod Buzzini, James Munks, Jacob Ballard, Ryan Exon and Lauchlan Frowd.

## AUSKICK SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

By BUZZ LAWSON

SADLY, this is my last Auskick sports report for the year as our extremely successful and wonderfully attended season drew to a close.

It has been a fantastic year with 100 children attending every Saturday morning throughout the winter to learn basic footy skills, get some fresh air, have a run around but most importantly make friends and have lots of fun.

Auskick finished its season with a hard won Grand Final to Red team. After winning the tap out through ruck James Knowles, Kyle McGown took the ball for Red, evaded three opponents and snapped the first goal of the game. A great tackle by

Tyler Read, followed by fast play by Clare Papadopoulos, enabled Lucas Rear to kick another goal and give Red a handy lead at quarter time.

After the break, Elliot Corcoran laid four tackles in a row, was awarded a free kick and handpassed to Thomas Curnow who then put in a spiralling torp for a goal. Jack Pope, Tom Hefernan and Harrison Gruber kicked another goal before half-time.

After the break, Joel Cooray and Lily Mackey combined inside the back half to dodge several opponents and deliver the ball to Noah Reddaway. Noah used his strength to shrug off four tackles before handballing to Hugo Stevens. Hugo put in a 45-metre pass to Mitchell Snowball

who then set up full forward Jake Stubbs. Jake kicked a pressure goal and finished off with a salute to his mum in the crowd.

In the final quarter, with Red down by five points, a pressure ball was won by Nicholas Sharpe who then went for a run and three bounces before handballing to May Griffiths. May went long to Sebby Nitschink who took a great mark and handballed it to Calum Lawson. Calum demonstrated his preferred left foot to put the Red team in front by a point. Finally, with seconds left on the clock, the opposition had the ball in its goal square and it looked like all was lost for Red. Then Noah Lawson stepped up to take a crucial

mark on the final siren, saving the game for Red.

The Auskick crew would like to thank Janie 'the real Boss' Lawson for all of her hard work behind the scenes in ensuring the administration of Warrandyte Auskick went smoothly, IGA for its continued support of Warrandyte Auskick by providing supplies for the fundraising BBQs and Marty "the energiser bunny" Rostron for being the driving force behind a wonderfully successful Auskick year. Unfortunately Marty is moving up to be a Tackers parent next year so good luck from all at the club.

See you all next year (ideas for articles happily accepted by Buzz!).

# Young athletes sign off in style

YOUNG Warrandyte athletes recently finished the winter cross-country season in style with strong results in two major events.

In the Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Championships Alice Glover (U6 girls) came 14th in 1000m. Isabelle Mehmet (U8) came 6th in the 1000m and Ashlyn Krakouer, 22nd. Nicholas Sharpe (U8) came 6th in his 1000m event.

State Championship results saw Nicholas Sharpe place 25th in U8 boys 1100M and earn a bronze medal in the teams section, while Andrew Ogden finished 42nd. In the U12 girls



3000m Ally Rose Ogden placed 5th and Emily Sharpe 15th. Both girls won a silver medal in the teams section.

East Doncaster Little Athletics season registration day is Saturday, September 17, from 9am to noon at Rieschiecks Reserve, George St, Doncaster.

Ontrack age is U6 to U7 years. The main competition is U8 to U15. Events are held Saturday mornings and some Friday evenings with training on Wednesday nights from 4.30pm.

For more information contact new coaching director Peter Sharpe on 0413 777 107.



EDLAC, more fun than facebook: Athletes and parents enjoying the day of activities. Left: Max Thompson puts in some hard yards.



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### WARRANDYTE NORTH

*5 Star Views and Lifestyle*

Dynamic 4BR family home approaching 5 years old, elevated allotment approx 1176sqm, brilliant views towards Mt Dandenong. Designer kitchen/living/dining, rumpus, study, 4 bedrooms, master with contemporary spa ensuite and WIR, deluxe bathroom. Alarm, air cons, wood-burning heater, butler's pantry, alfresco, water tank, double carport, studio.



### WARRANDYTE

*Ideal Bush Setting*

This attractive 5126m2 lightly treed allotment is fully fenced with water, gas, electricity and telephone all available. With a generous building envelope of 562m2 this could very well be the property to build your dream home on. Situated only a short drive to the centre of town, the Yarra River, wood-fire bakery, various restaurants, the new lollies and treats shop and all that Warrandyte has to offer.



### WARRANDYTE

*Views, Creatively Different, Rather Unique!*

Glorious views, distinctive construction, alfresco decks plus outdoor spa all combine to create individuality/character to this 4 bedroom home. Block approx 4112sqm2 comprising separate lounge and dining rooms, kitchen/family, includes spa bath, WIR to main bedroom, second bathroom, 3 car accommodation.



### WARRANDYTE

*A safe haven from city pressure*

Family home featuring a wood fire, exposed beams and vast expanse of windows with impressive views. Comprising formal lounge, timber kitchen, open-plan meals/family area, 4 robed BRs (main ensuite), study/possible 5th BR, home office, and spacious bathroom, a HUGE alfresco area, inground pool, terraced lawn, ample outdoor storage, carport, landscaped gardens, plus a separate studio/ guest accommodation! Only mins from Warrandyte Village and the Yarra — inspection is a must.



### WARRANDYTE

*3 Large NEW Allotments*

The streetscape of Warrandyte is changing... this well known high profile industrial site established in 1946 is having a new lease of life with 3 large prestige residential allotments for sale. Lot 1 approx 945sqm, Lot 3 approx 1038sqm and Lot 5 approx 1249sqm. Exciting opportunity exists to build your new home to your exact specifications (STCA) and lifestyle requirements in a premium location. Position perfect at the roundabout near IGA and the fire station on Andersons Creek, metres from the river, stroll to Goldfields Plaza, buses, primary school, near Yarra Street shops, short drive to the Pines and Eastland.



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