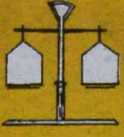


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# Credit card fraud

## Local store 'at risk'

By KARLY HICKMAN

Through no fault of their own, the future of a Warrandyte institution is under threat after falling victim to overseas crime gangs.

Victory IGA Warrandyte is at risk of closing its doors with sales plummeting as a result of angry residents accusing the business of skimming their credit cards.

"The past few weeks have been a nightmare, with staff left in tears after being inundated with angry customers," IGA owner Julie Quinton told the *Diary*.

IGA's merchant bank St George has sent an auditor to investigate, but Ms Quinton has not been privy to information on the findings.

Ms Quinton says the Federal Police have launched a further investigation. They have categorically told her that there has been no internal compromise and advised that overseas crime gangs are hacking into merchant bank data in epidemic proportions nationally.

St George contacted IGA in early August to update their Eftpos systems. This was rushed through after the fraud became apparent, but it took the St George technicians two days to get the systems up and running again.

"We thought we were on the front foot trying to show residents that we were proactively doing everything possible to ensure security, but the delay raised further concerns amongst the community," Ms Quinton said.

On September 22, the Australian Banker's Association released a statement advising that they were aware of a data compromise at two major merchants in Victoria.

"Criminals have compromised the card data held by some merchants and now, unfortunately, the information is being used by the fraudsters to make purchases overseas," Steven Münchenberg, chief executive of the ABA said.

The Bendigo Bank has issued a statement, reporting that the data compromise has been referred to the Federal Police for investigation. However, they state that this is not a breach of the bank's systems.

"The bank will work with other impacted banks, VISA and Master Card and law enforcement to gain a full understanding of what has occurred," they said.

Bendigo Bank has assured customers that no one will suffer a financial loss as a result of any inappropriate or criminal activity and the bank has contacted all their impacted customers identified to rectify any irregularities on their accounts.

"Businesses throughout Warrandyte are all suffering," Ms Quinton said. "We are the victims here."

Ms Quinton, who has already committed to a refurbishment of the liquor department at the front end of the supermarket says the business will not survive for much longer "at the rate it is going".

"We have supported the community for 12 years with donations to local clubs, schools and grants totalling more than \$100,000."

Ms Quinton hopes that in this time of need the Warrandyte community will return this support and come back to shop in the store.

Warrandyte residents are recommended to check their credit card histories and alert their bank immediately if they suspect fraud.

The kids at Andersons Creek Primary School wowed the town with their presentation of the musical play *Pirates of the Curry Bean*.

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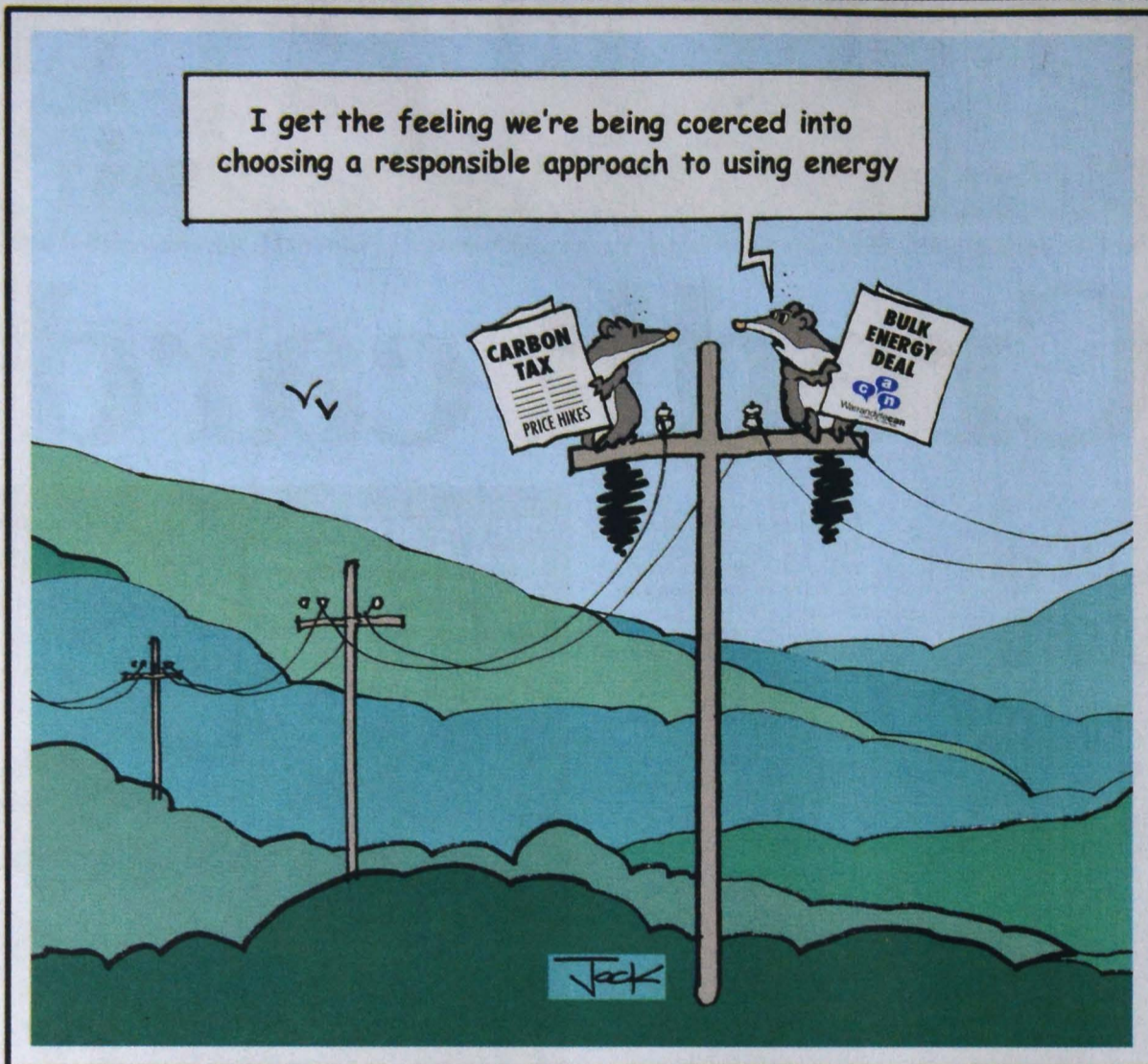
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AT THE BRIDGE



## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



## You heartbreak old town!

“THERE’S no place like home,” said Narelle, as the Trott family climbed from the taxi and started the precipitous ascent that was their driveway.

Leaving Neville to cope with the five suitcases, three backpacks, four duty free bags and a Statue of Liberty lamp swathed in bubblewrap.

But even that and a 24-hour flight from America couldn’t dampen Neville’s enthusiasm when he joined the rest of the family on the deck for a restorative cup from their beloved coffee machine.

“It was a great trip,” he said, “but what’s New York got that Warrandyte hasn’t got?”

Four pairs of eyebrows rose in line.

Cinnamon blew on her coffee and stared at her father.

“Central Park?”

Neville scoffed. “We’ve got Stiggins!”

“Broadway?” suggested Narelle.

“We’ve got the Mechanics Hall!”

“Brooklyn Bridge?” tried Jasper.

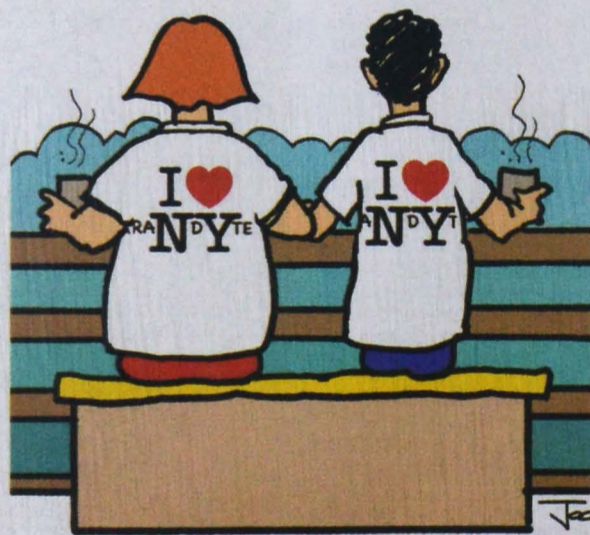
“We’ve got a bridge!”

“The Guggenheim?” said Gran.

“They hang pictures in the pub!”

Eight eyeballs rolled as one.

“Alright, alright. Well let me put it another way. Think what we’ve got that they haven’t!”



“What have we got?” repeated Narelle.

“That New York hasn’t!”

Four heads shook. Narelle lifted her cup and took a long, long sip.

Then Jasper thought of something.

“The Festival!”

“Exactly,” said Neville. “New York is crying out for a Festival like ours. With a big parade down the main street!”

“Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade’s pretty big,” said Cinnamon.

“But do they have a most-Warrandytish award?”

Four mouths remained

speechless.

“There you are then!” said Neville, and drank with deep satisfaction.

“I suppose there’s the duck race!” said Narelle.

“Exactly,” said Neville. “A duck race in Central Park would put New York on the map!”

“Talking posts!” said Cinnamon.

“Where else can you press a button and hear 40 primary kids singing about kook-aburras and gum trees?”

Now the ideas were flowing thick and fast.

“The Market!”

“The Follies!”

### living with The Trotts

“The Bush Band.”  
 “The Op Shop!”  
 “Heather Jameson singing cowboy songs at the RSL!”  
 “Potter’s Cottage!”  
 “Taffy Jones’ old house next to the lolly shop!”  
 “Bendigo Bank!”  
 “Exactly,” said Neville.

“There’s not too many banks these days where they know your name.”

“They don’t know your name,” said Cinnamon. “They call you Cecil.”

“I know,” said Neville. “But at least we know who they mean.”

“And the river!” said Narelle.

“I owe my figure to my lovely long walks by the river.”

“More like the Bakery muffins at the end of it,” said Gran.

“An oval where you can just wander off the street and watch a game, without paying a penny,” said Neville.

“And without being micro-waved by a phone tower!” added Cinnamon.

They all stared over the treetops in silent agreement, sipping appreciatively.

“Coffee,” said Gran. “You don’t get proper coffee like this in New York.”

Five heads nodded.

“Mmmm. Coffee.”

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# Phone tower victory: community triumph

‘...a testament to the power of one...’

By MICHELLE PINI

The Warrandyte Community has won an outstanding victory. Manningham council has resolved not to grant a lease to Vodafone for a proposed mobile phone tower at Warrandyte Reserve.

When the project was first mooted almost two years ago, a concerned group of residents rallied and council received 1200 objections from the community.

Despite this, the 34-metre tower was approved and a planning permit was issued.

This triggered a VCAT appeal by the community that took 12 months to eventuate, comprised 57 pages of detailed information on as varied points of contention as visual impact, helicopter safety, indigenous cultural significance, environmental concerns and a precautionary approach to the possibilities of radiation exposure.

The appeal was supported by almost every Warrandyte sporting and community group; the Wurundjeri Tribe Land Council; state Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith and the chief pilot of the Victoria Police Air Wing. VCAT also ignored the 1200 objections and upheld the council's decision.

At this point, when most

communities would have given up, Warrandyte galvanised.

A public meeting was held, residents surveyed the situation, regrouped and got creative about getting their message across to Vodafone and Manningham council.

Anti-tower signs began appearing around town. Question time at council meetings was suddenly hi-jacked by relentless questions about the Warrandyte tower. Residents wrote to councillors, to state and federal MPs and to newspapers.

Council received an additional 1300 objections to the lease application; car bumper stickers advertising a public rally at Warrandyte Reserve sprung up everywhere.

The community registered its first win when council officers recommended councillors should vote against granting a lease to Vodafone.

The rally on Warrandyte Reserve oval, when an estimated 600 locals spelled out a giant “No” to Vodafone and council, was reported by all three commercial TV news programs. Once more the community had spoken: loudly and clearly.

The meeting of full council held on September 27 sealed the fate of the tower. Cr David

Ellis once again put forward Warrandyte's case against the tower.

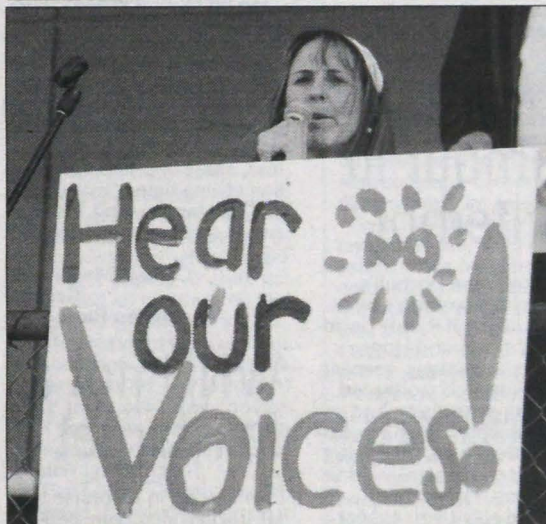
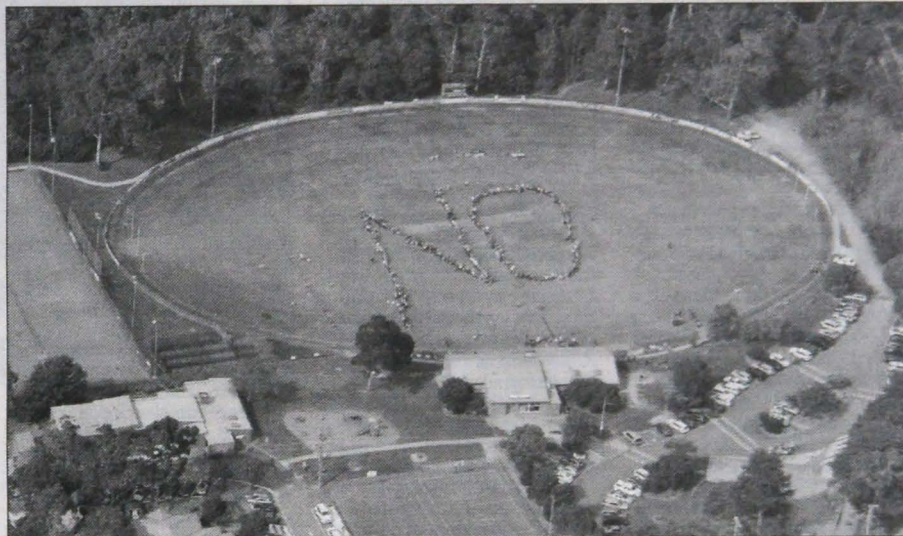
Suddenly the grounds on which the community had long opposed the tower were now also being championed by councillors Mayne, Downie, Reid, La Vella and, newly appointed Cr Yang.

Cr Ellis began by emphasising the “widespread nature of community opposition” and all six councillors spoke of the dedication and persistence of the Warrandyte community: Warrandyte's voice had finally been heard.

Cr Ivan Reid said the arguments put forward by Warrandyte residents, “particularly on the indigenous and helicopter issues”, had convinced him to change his vote in favour of the community. Cr Stephen Mayne expressed his surprise at the complete absence of support for the Vodafone project, even from the business community.

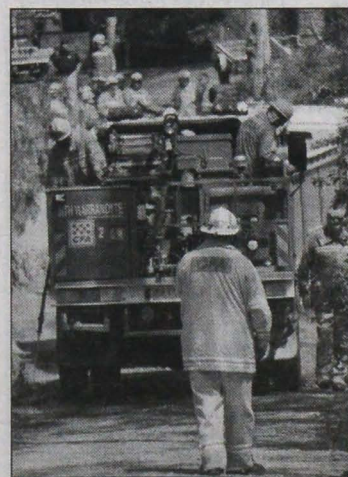
Commenting on the victory, resident Mark Armstrong said: “Congratulations to all those who raised their voices, stirred our spirits, championed our concerns and endured the setbacks.”

Cr Grace La Vella described the community campaign as “a testament to the power of one”.



Pictures by JOHN HURREN and SCOTT PODMORE

## Warrandyte will burn: in make-believe!



Warrandyte will be threatened by a major bushfire late in November—but only “in theory”.

A large-scale exercise being conducted by a number of emergency service agencies next month will provide an opportunity for Warrandyte and North Warrandyte residents to test their preparation and fire plans.

Coordinated by CFA, the field exercise, to be held on Sunday, November 27 will also involve firefighting appliances from the MFB and DSE, as well as firefighting aircraft.

Dead end: A local CFA fire truck deals with a typically narrow North Warrandyte street during an exercise in 2010.

Victoria Police and State Emergency Service members will also be involved, as well as a number of other agencies in supporting roles.

The exercise will simulate a bushfire in the Warrandyte area and is expected to involve around 1000 emergency service staff and volunteers.

CFA operations officer Tony O'Day said the exercise will play a critical part in the emergency services pre-summer preparedness, allowing agencies to test their procedures in the lead-up to another Victorian fire season.

“The exercise will also provide a great opportunity for the community to enhance their self reliance and resilience when faced with an emergency,” he said.

“Even though Victoria has experienced wet weather over the past 12 months, it only takes two weeks of hot, dry and windy weather to create dangerous fire conditions, which is why we're asking local residents to take this opportunity to test their bushfire survival plans.”

Mr O'Day said recent research has revealed that 75 per cent of people living in high-risk bushfire areas do not have a detailed bushfire survival plan.

“While most people have an idea of what to do, they haven't thought about what could go wrong, made a backup plan, worked out how to communicate with family and friends or practiced what they will do—all these things are critical to survival,” he

said. “It is particularly important for residents of a fire-prone area such as Warrandyte to have a well prepared and practiced bushfire survival plan and to remember: leaving early on a high risk day is always the safest option.”

CFA expects that residents of the Warrandyte and North Warrandyte areas will be minimally impacted by the exercise, however, some road closures will be in place during the day. There will also be increased emergency services traffic in the area, which could result in some delays.

● For more information about bushfire preparation, visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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# Objections to *Living with the Trots*

## Offer to Narelle

To Alan Cornell:

Narelle, why don't you join this theatre group? It is a little tin-pot outfit constantly struggling to put on pathetic, old-hat, second-rate plays, or badly written un-funny revues, where the actors spend more time out the back getting pissed and racing off each others' wives than learning their lines. You won't get to act in anything decent, with any kind of direction and the other so-called actors are all crap, but you'll have lots of laughs.

JOKE!!!

Of course I don't mean this for a minute, I'm a great fan of the theatre group, always have been, and not a word of it is true. And I'm sure that if challenged, you would also say that of all your little jests about the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House.

And you were so sure we wouldn't mind the inference in your latest Trots episode, (*Diary* September 2011) that the WNH is just a middle aged women's wank-fest, that you didn't even use a pseudonym.

You choose very soft targets in overweight middle-aged women (who of course can only talk about babies, the weather and Mr Darcy); the frail elderly, (who of course are as good as deceased), and the disabled, who are always good for a laugh too.

So: sexist, ageist and disabled-ist. Are you vying for the Chris Lilly award for political incorrectness?

Difference is, his characters are fictional, his writing is actually funny, and there is no-one he can actually damage.

You have potentially done us a lot of damage.

Think about it. We are a tiny organisation with very limited resources, constantly struggling for visibility. (*Who are you—the Neighbourhood Watch? Where are you—in an upstairs room in the Community Centre—when other Neighbourhood Houses are actually houses.*)

And although we have good reason to believe we are an important voice in the community, we have to constantly sell this notion to our funding body, the Manningham council. What will they think if they read your swipe at us in our community newspaper?

What if the first thing a new family in the community reads about us is your snide voice? Of course they would think—"what an interesting, stimulating and exciting place this seems. Must go and visit."

I have never liked the sort of comedian who relies on belittling ordinary people for his laughs, like the stand-up comics who spend the night laughing at the fat man with the bow-tie in the second row—it is humour that is cheap, heartless, and incompetent. Of course in saying this, I am risking the greatest

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onslaught of the un-funny men—*No bloody sense of humour*. Even more, if you dare to say the "jokes" are profoundly sexist. Worse! *A feminist with no sense of humour*.

So be it. I won't apologise for not finding the article funny. I am very attached to the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, and what it does for our community, and I think it deserves better from Mr Cornell and our community newspaper.

Karen Throssell  
Coordinator, Warrandyte  
Neighbourhood House

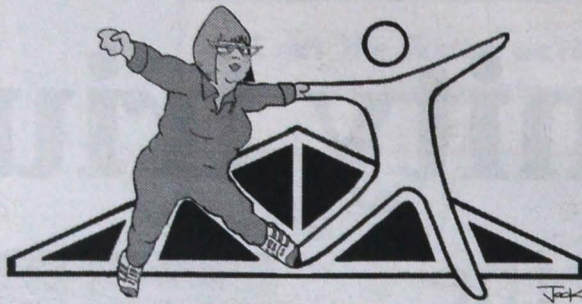
## Humour in contempt

You know, Alan Cornell's recent effort wouldn't be so objectionable if it only derided Neighbourhood House's offerings as zealous, earnest, grass-roots, self-motivated, driven by generosity, and so on. All of which they are. Unapologetically so, that being the spirit we generally think of as being "community", and not a spirit you expect to see contemptuously derided by a local humorist.

But the House is not reducible to the airy-fairy, lightweight offerings of Mr Cornell's trivialising description. Not that there's anything trivial about pleasurable learning. In fact, courses and group activities are facilitated by practitioners of standing in their fields who bring substantial expertise and experience to House projects. They distinguish themselves by their willingness to engage with the community's interests and this is a distortion and misrepresentation of their contributions.

I am loathe to dignify the column with a response, but do so out of self-respect as a sometime tutor and participant in the Writing Group and Reading/Bookclub Group, both of which offer rigorous as well as enjoyable focus to those of us with literary inclinations. However, I make the point even more vigorously out of respect for the people I have met there in such contexts, whose creative energy, interests and work I know for a fact do not warrant explicit contempt.

Contrary to Mr Cornell's uninformed version of



## WARRANDYTE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

things, Neighbourhood House operates as a place where social, artistic, political and creative currents meet. It is a point of contact. If the idea was to send up diversity, variety and intelligent endeavour in some good-natured, bantering way, it would have been taken in that spirit, but this entirely misses the mark. Indeed, given the particularity of several of Mr Cornell's examples, the mark is what makes the piece so potentially damaging.

Let me offer a brief review? Living With the Trots isn't clever enough to be ironic. It isn't insightful enough for satire. It isn't funny enough this time even for the clumsiest kind of lampoon. It isn't droll, or astute. It is thoughtless, snide and smacks of something being "trotted out" for far too long. The result is quite simply offensive.

Carmel Macdonald  
Graeme  
Pigeon Bank Lane

## WNH not a fair target

I am writing in response to Mr Cornell's column, September 2011.

For Mr Cornell to target the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House was not only a poor excuse (at whatever he imagines he is adding to our literary sensibilities) but sexist, racist, and abusive of the aged and disabled population.

I have lived in Warrandyte for the past 12 years. Until June this year I worked in a professional capacity managing aged care facilities. Over the past 10 years I have worked as a palliative care community nurse and more recently in the disability sector supporting carers and their recipients with a disability.

In July this year I was diagnosed with a blood and bone cancer. I subsequently retired to focus on my treatment and wellness. The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House has been my salvation, allowing me to normalise my life and to be supported by some exceptional women.

I recently joined the WNH committee of management. The women on the committee are not only highly intelligent and from many walks of life, but women of great

insight, compassion and courage. They have been a backbone of support for me and unconditionally accepting.

I take huge exception to your article, Mr Cornell. The people I have been privileged to meet through my working life have taught me so much about humility and resilience. Where have you been, Mr Cornell? Your article is not only in poor taste, it is insulting and demeaning to all connected with Neighbourhood House, an organisation that lives and breathes for all those who have the fortune to be involved.

Sheridan Bajada  
Blooms Road

## Column is heresy

I have just read the second page of the September issue of the *Diary* and am bewildered by the vitriolic reference to the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House in the supposedly humorous article, "Living With the Trots". The major flaw with the article is that it is not funny, it is hurtful, sexist, ageist, just about everything I can think of, and is tantamount to heresy when read by someone who is aware of the hundreds and hundreds of hours dedicated to making the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House an integral community asset in Warrandyte.

The House provides much needed services to this community and has numerous people who donate their time and remain unseen. They don't need to trumpet around on a stage in front of crowds to promote their generosity, or for that matter force people to sit in the crowd and wonder what crap song the Follies resident ageing songster is going to inflict upon us each year at Festival time. Just joking. Funny eh?

The second page of the *Diary* was the domain of beautiful person, Lee Tindale, who was much revered for his ability to make us laugh whilst never degrading people or organisations. Lee would never have wittingly or unwittingly attacked an honourable and worthy organisation, and by extension the people who created and continue to dedicate themselves to the continued

operation of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House.

Proud Life Member of the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House.

Jenny Chapman  
Taroon Avenue

## A wit misfires

Alan Cornell is one of Warrandyte's famous wits, but his piece on the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is mocking rather than funny.

Under the leadership of Karen Throssell, classes on writing and editing have been developed at WNH, together with a concern for social justice issues in Australia and Africa, in addition to the range of classes parodied in Alan's column.

The 21-year history of WNH is a model for other small organisations in Warrandyte whose strength is the range of independent groups not blanketed under a corporate model. Early WNH coordinators developed the Warrandyte Community Bus and the Sole Parents Support Group, while strengthening the growing demand for classes.

The Neighbourhood House movement is acknowledged as important in the social infrastructure, first funded in Warrandyte by state Labor MP Lou Hill and continued under Liberal MPs Phil Honeywood and Ryan Smith, with strong support from local government councillors.

There is a place for good fun, good friendships, social justice concerns and interesting groups—which the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House provides.

Louise Joy  
(by email)

## WNH works to assist

I can't believe that Alan Cornell didn't realise exactly what he was doing when he wrote "At Home With the Trots" for the September *Diary*.

I wonder why he chose such a hard-working and helpful group of people to pick on. Did he think they would find it funny? I am a very proud Life Member of the "House" and I don't find it a bit funny. And yes, I do still have my sense of humour but it doesn't run to denigrating anyone. To my mind this is the lowest form of wit. Anyone can insult others. Find something really funny to write about or give it up altogether.

The WNH is one of a network of "Houses" throughout Victoria set up to assist people: men, women and children. Even you, Alan, could become involved and in the process you might learn a little humility. If we can't assist, we point people in the right direction to obtain assistance and sometimes this is all that is necessary.

I'm sure the people in the

tiny village of Akeum in South Sudan are grateful for the Doppler for their Birthing Centre, which we raised the money to pay for, and to have it transported to them, along with toys and other medical equipment, through Medicans Sans Frontiers. Our volunteers have also raised thousands of dollars for breast cancer research, bushfire and Tsunami survivors, as well as for Indigenous groups at Alpururulum and Fitzroy Crossing in the Northern Territory. Our latest fundraising effort is for a prosthetics factory in Snake Village, West Bengal, India.

Let's keep our real love of all people in Warrandyte forever.

Jean Chapman  
Taroon Avenue

## Alan's response

I find myself in a sad and unexpected place.

Clearly these correspondents have interpreted my September column as an attack on Neighbourhood House. Nothing could be further from the truth. I applaud the work they do and have no doubt their courses are well run and enjoyed by all.

Living With the Trots is a fanciful exercise about a fictional family living in and reacting with the community I love. It seemed obvious to me that Narelle would be a Neighbourhood House devotee, looking forward to another term. But the Trots is supposed to be funny, so I made up some funny courses for her to choose from, and that is as simple an explanation as I can give. Of course they're not real courses; they're not a comment on any individual course nor any sort of criticism of the program as a whole. And it never occurred to me that they would be interpreted that way.

I'm sorry they didn't think the article was funny. I'm appalled they thought it malicious. My aim in any of my local endeavours is to celebrate our community and contribute a smile where I can. If ever I'm clumsy enough to offend anyone along the way, however innocently, that is a matter of genuine personal regret. So I apologise to Karen, Jean, Louise, Jenny, Carmel and Sheridan for offending them, despite the unpleasant remarks they have chosen to make about me.

Alan Cornell

## Apology

The *Diary* apologises for any offence caused by Alan Cornell's column in our September issue. Certainly, no offence was intended. This popular column chronicles the imaginary adventures of a clearly fictional Warrandyte family. Several more letters on this topic were received too late for publication.

Cliff Green  
editor

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# Green Wedge debated

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Such planning jargon as “anomalies” and “logical inclusions” have left the Warrandyte Green Wedge vulnerable to inappropriate development, local residents believe.

Warrandyte Community Association organised a community forum following state planning minister Matthew Guy’s request to Green Wedge councils that they identify “anomalies” and “logical inclusions” to existing Green Wedge and Urban Growth boundaries.

“We do not want to see the Doncaster of Warrandyte,” WCA president Dick Davies said, when explaining the reason for the forum.

The meeting adopted a changed format following the late apology from advertised keynote speaker, local MP and conservation minister, Ryan Smith.

Manningham councillors have reaffirmed their commitment to support the location and extent of the Urban Growth Boundary in their municipality, but have resolved to invite submissions from community members who believe there are significant anomalies within the existing boundaries.

Manningham councillor David Ellis described council’s resolution to provide the planning minister with the requested information as “very disturbing”.

“Manningham Council has an extensive Green Wedge strategy and our planning experts have recommended to council that no anomalies exist in the municipality,” Cr Ellis said.

“But councillors have decided to open the issue up to the public to suggest ‘anomalies’ and ‘logical inclusions’” Cr Ellis said. “They have opened this up to a game of community and political football.” He also warned, “never stand between a man and a big bucket of money”.

In a statement to the *Diary*, Manningham mayor Cr Geoff Gough said: “The City of Manningham comprises wonderful green open spaces that are well enjoyed by the community and something we are keen to protect and preserve for current and future generations.”

Mr Smith stated that these private submissions “will not be considered by the planning minister”. In his letter to council, Minister Guy said submissions from members of the public would not be required, but rather asked that councils “seek the views of the affected landowners as part of the submission”.

“If you are a supporter of the Green Wedge, now is the time, not to talk but to act,” MP for Yan Yean, Danielle Green stated at the meeting. “The Bracks Government did an extensive review which showed

largely that Melbourne wants Green Wedges.”

She voiced her concern at the possibility of unharassed development without provision of further amenity, noting that her electorate is the fastest growing electorate in the state yet has received “no infrastructure investment by this government”.

Ms Green said that putting more people in harm’s way through development, in areas prone to high bushfire risk, is a “suicide mission”.

“But this debate is not about rationality, it is about vested interests—just follow the money trail,” she said.

Warrandyte *Diary* editor Cliff Green told the meeting that the lessons learned in the 40-year battle for the Green Wedge in Warrandyte are as relevant today as ever. “The struggle to maintain the sanctity of the Green Wedge has been exhausting, yet once more it looms ahead of us,” Mr Green said.

Nillumbik councillor and deputy mayor Ken King told the meeting: “We need a strategic plan for the future.”

One resident stated: “We all have a duty of care to the land and each other. We fight for the Green Wedge, but we also need to look after it.”

Another resident called for rate reductions for those who look after the land “that so many enjoy”.

A representative of the

lobby group Green Wedge Coalition said that the request to identify “anomalies” and “logical inclusions” has started a “feeding frenzy” of would-be developers wanting their piece of the pie.

Some residents voiced their concerns about the continuing cost and effort of maintaining their acreages into their ageing years, arguing that their superannuation is tied up in the development potential of their land.

One angry resident replied: “I find it interesting that some people who buy acreage in Warrandyte in their younger years get greedy as they get older and all of a sudden feel it is their right to carve it up.”

Other residents voiced their support for maintaining the integrity and certainty of long-term planning, noting that the plans for the Green Wedges were gazetted by the Hamer government.

“The Green Wedges, as the lungs of Melbourne, are more than just aesthetic and I am terrified that the planning minister doesn’t understand this,” Ms Green said.

Summing up, chairman Dick Davies said: “Where all this is going we don’t know.”

A delegation from the Warrandyte Community Association will meet with Ryan Smith and Minister Guy during the coming weeks regarding the concerns of the Warrandyte community.

# Local MP opts out

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

A late apology from Ryan Smith to the Warrandyte Community Association’s Green Wedge public forum has sparked alarm amongst community members and concern for the minister’s commitment to the Green Wedge.

The meeting was advertised as having Ryan Smith, the local MP for Warrandyte, Minister for Climate Change and Environment and Minister for Youth Affairs as a keynote speaker. His absence was the topic of heated discussion at the meeting.

“Ryan Smith’s absence is very concerning,” state Labor member for Yan Yean Danielle Green said.

“It is unfortunate that interest groups from outside the Warrandyte community have seen this meeting as an opportunity to air their grievances,” Mr Smith said in a statement issued to the WCA.

Mr Smith said that after receiving advice regarding the attendance of outsider groups, he made the difficult decision to decline WCA’s invitation. “I do not feel the forum will be constructive in terms of stimulating a community discussion,” he said.

So far as the *Diary* could ascertain, the only organisation from outside the community that was in attendance at the meeting was the Green Wedges Coalition, a group committed to maintaining Green Wedges for future generations; a similar pledge to that which Mr Smith has made in the past.

“I remain absolutely supportive of the Green Wedge. This is just a tidying up exercise, it is not an exercise to open up the boundaries,” Mr Smith told the *Diary*.

“The Minister for Planning has made it very clear that a fair process involving the Growth Areas Authority and an independent advisory committee overseen by a probity auditor have been set up to deal with any changes,”

he said.

At the meeting, Manningham councillor David Ellis stated his dismay that the local member was absent, noting his portfolio of Environment and Climate Change made his non-participation even more alarming.

Cr Ellis requested a show of hands and stated that 90 per cent of people at the meeting were disappointed by the minister’s absence.

Ms Green pointed out that the former Liberal MP for Warrandyte, Phil Honeywood would have never given up the opportunity to hear constituents’ concerns at a public meeting.

Doncaster Greens candidate Nick Carson was alarmed that Minister Smith was a “no-show”.

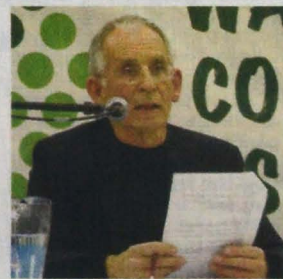
“Manningham residents for too long have lacked representation from their state and local representatives,” Mr Carson said.

When asked by this reporter if the Minister for Planning is merely passing the buck by requesting that council identify “anomalies” and “logical inclusions” to Green Wedges and Urban Growth Boundaries, Mr Smith said: “Councillors are democratically elected to represent their constituents and the minister is making it purely up to the council to make the call”.

“I have always represented the opinions of community groups and always will,” Mr Smith said. He has arranged a meeting between a delegation from the Warrandyte Community Association and the Minister for Planning.

“If people have concerns I am, as always, very accessible,” he told the *Diary*.

“I look forward to continuing to work with Warrandyte residents for the betterment of Warrandyte, and will work with the association to ensure that future community events remain for the community.”



Pictures by **STEPHEN REYNOLDS**

# Community Association records a busy year

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The Warrandyte Community Association is set to celebrate their 10th anniversary as strong and well-supported as ever.

WCA’s annual general meeting, held late last month, heard of much progress achieved during the past year, with continued activity on bushfire awareness and local community and planning issues taken up with local and state governments.

“The revamp of our website has been a great step forward, thanks to a grant from the Bendigo Bank,” WCA president Dick Davies said.

In his president’s report, Mr Davies

thanked all committee members and office bearers, also noting the much appreciated support from Bendigo Bank.

Mr Davies reported that the findings of the Victorian Bushfire Final Report were in line with the recommendations of the Warrandyte community, noting WCA’s outstanding concerns for the safety of vulnerable people and a lack of communication and information to young people.

WCA worked with the Country Fire Authority on a township protection program but has been disappointed with its progress. “We need a plan tailored to the Warrandyte community,

not just a one-size-fits-all approach,” Mr Davies said.

WCA is assisting in the preparation of a proposal for a “Fire Ready Communities” grant to address a number of community concerns.

Mr Davies thanked Jock McNeish and David Dyason for their time chairing the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporters’ Group that has now been wound up. WCA hopes to be part of an advisory committee to assist Manningham council in the management of the centre.

Mr Davies advised that Nick Robinson continues to take the lead on the Yarra Valley Water/Manningham

Sewerage Backlog Stakeholder Panel, with plans now established to extend the sewer to areas in North Warrandyte between 2013 and 2015.

He said that WCA has consulted with councils on a wide range of issues, including the development of a North-Eastern arterial road, the Goldfields Triangle development, the draft Jumping Creek Road strategy, local bus services, a bike path from Warrandyte to Beasley’s nursery, disabled access, road sealing in Nillumbik, and the continuing campaign to reduce the clutter of signage at the Kangaroo Ground-Research Road intersection.

Further, WCA opposed the Vodafone tower on the basis of environmental concerns and impeding emergency helicopter access to Warrandyte Reserve. (The success of that campaign is reported elsewhere in this issue.)

Mr Davies pledged that WCA will continue to follow their mandate to protect the Green Wedge in Urban Growth Boundary deliberations.

All 15 nominations to the WCA committee were accepted at the AGM.

● To read the full WCA president’s annual report, go to: <http://www.warrandyte.org.au/>.

# Energy bulk buy is on

More than 700 people have expressed interest in WarrandyteCAN's recent offer to bulk buy electricity and gas.

The community was invited to band together to attract competitive, lower priced tenders for energy supply with the objective of reducing energy costs and encouraging "Green Energy" participation.

While applications to join the bulk buy nominally closed last month—to enable the negotiator to begin work—it is not too late to participate.

About 400 Warrandyte residents responded to the original offer, most of the others live in adjacent areas.

WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) has enlisted Chris Kechagis, a procure-

ment specialist and owner of Power Group Purchasing. He is now preparing a submission to retailers to bid for the best overall package.

Graeme Jameson, WarrandyteCAN secretary, told the *Diary*: "When all bids have been received from retailers, a small group of about six representatives from our community—of whom two will be members of the WarrandyteCAN committee—will evaluate and decide on the best overall offer to put to the interested residents. They'll then compare this with their current provider and make their own decision, whether to proceed or not."

It is anticipated that some four to eight retailers might lodge proposals, and the ne-



gotiator will summarise the proposals and guide the panel through the review process, which he has previously conducted for other communities.

"It is hoped that this process will be completed about the end of October, after which all applicants will be contacted and invited to switch to the selected retailer," Mr Jameson said.

"We are looking forward to a good offer being made to the participants in the bulk

buy deal," Wayne Rankin, CAN president, said. "We're very keen to impress on the community the value of participating in any Green Energy offer that arises, because it generates added contributions from the retailers towards renewable energy, on the buyers' behalf."

"The bulk buy program has also helped to build awareness of the activities in WarrandyteCAN in its promotion of a lower carbon footprint and lobbying governments on renewable energy initiatives," Mr Rankin said.

● Residents seeking more information, or wishing to make a last minute bid to express interest in the bulk buy program, can go to [www.warrandytecan.com.au](http://www.warrandytecan.com.au).

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## Support for IGA's problem

By now, I gather most of Warrandyte has become aware of the credit card scam that has become prevalent in the surrounding areas and also through some businesses within Warrandyte.

Vicious, groundless rumours are being spread throughout the community, alleging that the management and staff of IGA were somehow involved in this scam. There have been nasty anonymous phone calls and comments to staff.

Shame on you Warrandyte! Julie and her staff have done nothing but look after and support the local community. IGA sponsors just about—if not every—organisation in Warrandyte.

The credit card scam is external, happening throughout Warrandyte and the surrounding areas. If you have issues, maybe you need to look elsewhere, not blame the local supermarket that supports you.

Briony Bottarelli  
 Marbert Court

## Wedge meeting appreciated

A big thank-you to the Warrandyte Community Association for organising the meeting about the Green Wedge. This group of volunteers does a great job in trying to preserve the character of Warrandyte.

However, it was a great disappointment that our local member and environment minister, Ryan Smith, pulled out when he was meant to be the guest speaker.

The meeting was well controlled, with all people being respectfully listened to. Years ago, at often hostile meetings about the Green Wedge, our local member at the time, Phil Honeywood, spoke and answered questions.

John & Bev Hanson  
 Webb Street



Cr David Ellis addressed the forum.

## Good intentions, bad target

To the person who left the following message on my car parked at the disabled bay of the IGA at Warrandyte village, Wednesday evening, September 14:

"Most people with real disabilities don't abuse the parking permits."

It saddens me to realise that the level of frustration you feel with having difficulty parking in the disabled bays at the IGA should lead you to take this impulsive, but mistaken action in plac-

ing this message on my car.

You may have seen me jump out of the car and rush into IGA, but if you had paused a while to talk before leaving your message, you would have learned that the disabled sticker on my car is displayed for my profoundly disabled teenage daughter who travels as a passenger in my vehicle.

On this particular occasion, she was too unwell and would not leave the car and so she waited for me in the front passenger seat. From here

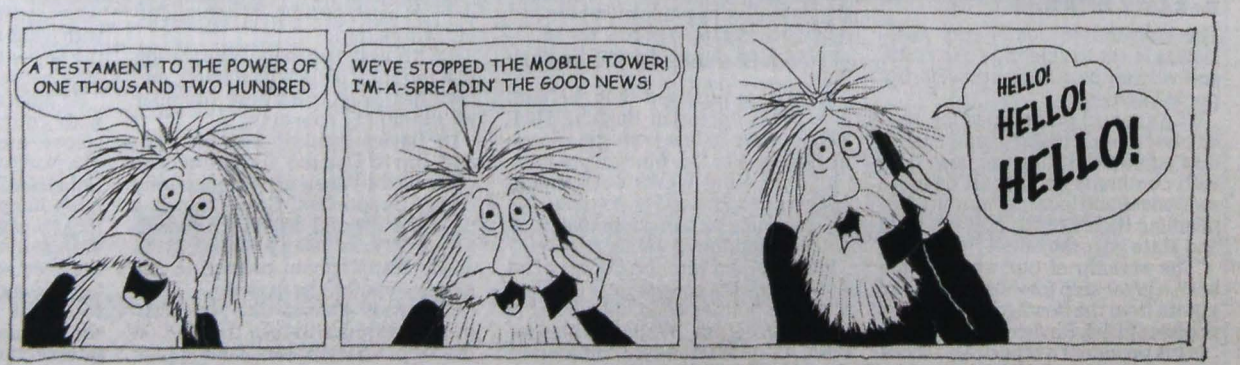
she can watch for me and is safer from the carpark traffic if she attempts to exit the car. I can only hope that your approach to our car did not upset her as much as your message upset me.

Good luck if you are struggling. As a family who will live with the challenges of multiple disability forever in their lives, I can only wish you well.

Karen  
 (Full name and address supplied)

## CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



# Our beautiful Yarra: an international star

Next time you walk along its banks, take another look at our much-maligned Yarra River as it gurgles its way over rocks and through rapids, en route to the sea.

It was recently named as a top-three finalist in the International River Prize, one of the world's leading environmental awards.

Ian Penrose, local Warrandyte resident and spokesperson for the Yarra Riverkeeper Association, congratulated Melbourne Water on their award submission, which was selected from a field of 50 entries from 20 countries.

The Charles River in Massachusetts won the award, and the Yarra River was "highly commended".

"The Yarra has often been called 'the river that flows

upside down'," Mr Penrose told the *Diary*. But it is now being acknowledged as Melbourne's most precious asset.

"This commendation shows it is a river of international significance."

Past winners of the award have included the River Thames and the Danube River.

Mr Penrose explained that the commendation was based on both the good work of Melbourne Water as official waterway manager, and significant contributions by community groups along the Yarra, seeking to protect and restore its natural values.

Late last month, the Yarra received the first of "environmental flows" that the state government

announced five years ago. Scientific study had shown that these flows were needed for the river to be healthy.

"In the intervening period," Mr Penrose said, "the Yarra Riverkeeper Association campaigned vigorously for these promised and needed flows. The first release last month was a moment of great joy."

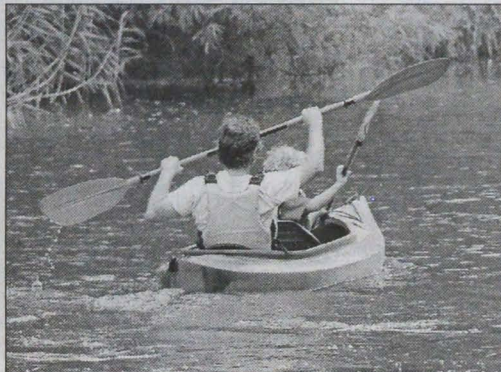
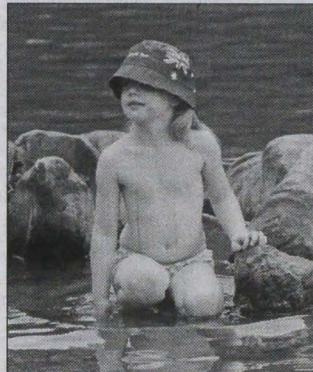
"As evident by this international recognition, management of Yarra River is much improved, but our river still faces huge challenges."

"Firstly, whilst Melbourne continues to rely on the Yarra as our main source of water, the river cannot be safe from over-extraction. Much greater priority must be given to alternative wa-

ter sources, such as storm water and recycled water.

Secondly, the river corridor continues to be degraded by overdevelopment, the consequence of a failure of the government's current planning system. The vision of a continuous public green space and unbroken wildlife habitat corridor along the Yarra, once promoted by government, is where we should be headed," Mr Penrose said.

● The Yarra Riverkeeper Association is conducting the fourth "Yarra Yabber" tour, journeying upriver to the Upper Yarra Reservoir, on Sunday, October 16, from 9am to 6pm. Further information from 0448 927 720 or [www.yarrariver.org.au](http://www.yarrariver.org.au).



Summer on the Yarra in Warrandyte. (Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)

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The program is delivered in a safe, structured and supportive manner and will be run by Martial Arts Therapists from the MAT Program.

The program is to be run at Warrandyte Housing and Support Services, 95 Yarra Rd Warrandyte on Mondays from 10am -12pm for 8 weeks beginning Monday 17th of October and finishing Monday 12th of December (there will be no program Monday 7/11/11 due to Cup Day weekend) The cost is \$10 per session — totalling \$80.

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## Hanson garden opens again

After years of drought, a wet winter, some warm weather and a verdant spring guaranteed Bev and John Hanson's garden in Webb Street would be looking its best when it was thrown open to the public as part of the Australian Open Garden Scheme last month. STEPHEN REYNOLDS dropped in and took these pictures.





# Eureka moment at high school

Five Warrandyte High School students shared third place in the prestigious "Oscars of Science," presented at the Eureka Prize Awards dinner early last month.

The awards are run by the Australian Museum, and recognise scientific work of excellence throughout the country.

The third prize-winning students are Cassie Roberts and Eliza Malerba (both Year 8) and Raimon Barragans, Sean Anderson and Steven Lowry (Year 12). They were assisted by teachers Claire Bloom and David Davies.

The students entered a category titled the "Sleek Geeks Prize" for secondary schools, run by ABC science presenters Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and Adam Spencer.

Their entry was selected from several hundred entries.

It is an original music video they wrote and produced late last year as part of their work with the school's Environment Club. Rather than pick up rubbish, the students decided to take a rather more ambitious tilt at the problem of global warming.

"They wrote a song about how the lightest and most common element in the universe—hydrogen—can stop the Greenhouse Effect," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*.

Clean electricity can be made from solar and wind energy, but the big problem is storing it. The students' idea is to "use the electricity from these renewable

sources to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. This is easy to do, and the hydrogen can be compressed, transported and used anywhere, as fuel in cars and power stations, for example.

"The huge advantage for the Earth is that when you burn hydrogen, all it does is recombine with the oxygen and make water again," the spokesperson said. "Not one bit of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide is produced!"

The students' achievement builds on the work of ex-WHS student Amelia Fraser-McKelvie, who was instrumental in discovering significant properties of dark matter. "Australia could lead the world and become the first hydrogen economy", the spokesperson said.

# Fire assessment service available

Warrandyte residents are being offered free bushfire advice, specifically tailored to their area and to their own specific needs and geographical situation.

As part of the CFA's home bushfire advice service—running from October 3 through to November 12—a team of fire safety experts will be available in the Warrandyte, North Warrandyte and South Warrandyte areas offering residents free bushfire assessments of their properties.

Manningham and Nillumbik councils are combining to encourage residents who live in these high risk areas to take advantage of this service.

"While temperatures are still cool and there is plenty of rain around, bushfire is not always foremost in residents' minds," a Manningham council spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"Summer is rapidly approaching. With the onset of the warmer months it is vitally important that residents in the higher risk areas make sure they are thoroughly prepared for the fire season.

"Part of that preparation is to undertake a home bushfire assessment," the spokesperson said.

"The CFA's home bushfire

advice service is a wonderful opportunity to get expert one-on-one advice that is tailored to help you protect your family and your property."

Fully qualified CFA representatives will undertake confidential assessments to advise residents of:

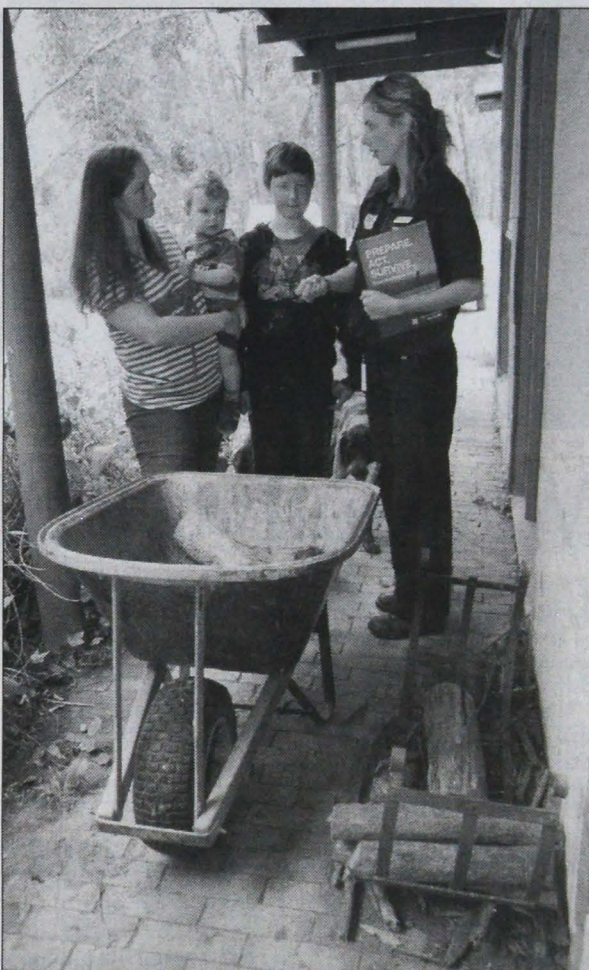
- fire hazards around their property and how to manage them
- how to make their property safer through maintenance and improvements
- the best course of action for them and their family on bushfire risk days.

A Nillumbik council spokesperson said these assessments "are a vital piece in any resident's preparation for the threat of bushfire.

"They are free and easy to organise, and while the CFA representatives need access to your property, they do not need to enter your home."

The CFA strongly recommends that residents book early for an assessment to allow ample time for any improvements or suggestions to be completed.

- To book an assessment contact the CFA on 9262 8501 or go to the CFA website: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hbas](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hbas).



Fire risk: A CFA assessor identifies a home fire hazard, in this case firewood stacked against the house.

# Function for Sgt Keith

After more than 37 years with Victoria Police, almost 20 of them in charge at Warrandyte, Sergeant Keith Walker (pictured) is retiring. Everyone is invited to share some time with Keith at the Andersons Creek Primary School on Sunday, November 13, from 11am to 3pm. There will be a short formal ceremony at 12.30pm. Music, barbecues and kids' face painting are all on the program.



# CFA honouring firefighters with commemorative badge

The Country Fire Authority is presenting firefighters with a commemorative badge to recognise their service during the Black Saturday bushfires, Victoria's most significant natural disaster.

For many weeks during early 2009, almost 30,000 CFA members, including volunteers, career firefighters and staff, showed incredible dedication and courage.

The badge features the CFA logo, and the distinctive yellow ribbon that has become the symbol of remembrance

and hope during the fires. A certificate, recognising the service of every CFA brigade—including those from areas not directly affected by the fires—will also be presented.

CFA Chief Officer Euan Ferguson said the badge and the certificate were small tokens of recognition.

"The 2009 bushfires are etched in the memories of so many CFA members and it is important that we appreciate the incredible efforts of our people at this time," Mr Ferguson said.

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Pictured are Jess, Hannah and Brooke—crazy hair and all. (Picture by Lara McKinley from Oxfam.)

## Mad hair day at Warrandyte PS

Five Level 4 kids—Jess, Amara, Elliott, Hannah and Brooke—at Warrandyte Primary School organised a Crazy Hair Day earlier last month.

They were raising money for Oxfam as part of their topic, "Making a difference locally and globally".

"We were doing this to raise money for people affected by poverty," the kids told the *Diary*.

"Some people from Oxfam came out to the school for an interview and took some photos."

The day was a great success, and altogether they raised \$250, which will go towards the purchase of a calf, a duck and a chicken family.

"We hope you are also interested in raising money and making a difference for this great cause," the kids said.

## Students sustain interest

Manningham council is organising a Youth Sustainability Forum on Friday, October 28, under the auspices of the Lead2Sustain program.

"Students in Years 5 to 11 are invited to come along to check out awesome environmental groups showcasing sustainable ways of using water, energy and other resources, managing biodiversity and minimising waste," a spokesperson told the *Diary*.

The forum follows an event at Currawong Bush Park last month, when more than 200 students from 12 different Manningham schools gath-

ered at Currawong Bush Park to mark annual Sustainability Workshop Day.

The Kids Teaching Kids component of the event saw secondary students showcase their own sustainability-theme activities, including cup-puppet shows about recycling, biodiversity scavenger hunts, and an interactive sustainable home display.

● More information is available at [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/lead2sustain](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/lead2sustain), or call Pat Armstrong on 9846 4928.

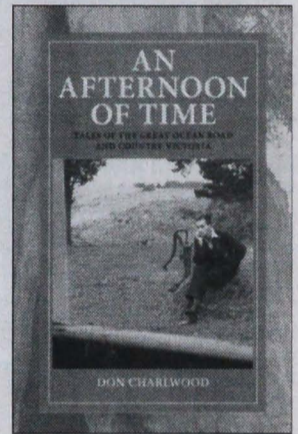
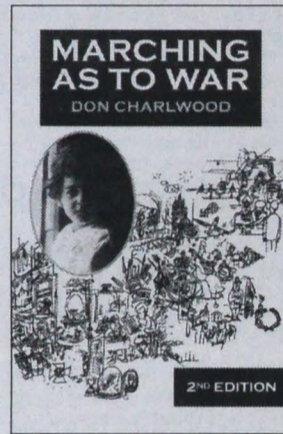
## Don's books in print again

Don Charlwood, well-known Warrandyte author and *Diary* contributor, has recently released new editions of two of his well-loved books.

The autobiographical *Marching as to War* describes growing up in Australia between the two World Wars, with influences of family, school and the Great Depression. It contains photos illustrating the era and events in the book. RRP \$24.95.

*An Afternoon of Time* contains 12 beautifully told and entertaining stories of rural life in Western Victoria during the 1930s. Don has also included his *Reflections*, telling of his progression to becoming a published writer. His photographs of life in the 1930s and 1940s illustrate the book. RRP \$24.95.

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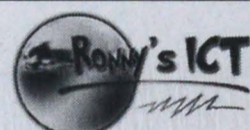
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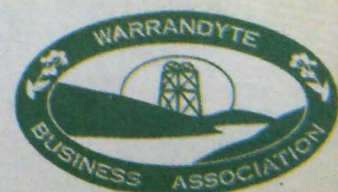
We have all fallen victim to these foreign crime gangs in one way or another. Our customers are victims as are our businesses.

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Please support your Warrandyte traders through this dreadful crisis. We are all predominantly family owned and operated businesses. We all support Warrandyte's many clubs, schools and community groups but without the community's support of all of us during this horrendous time, many of us will not survive.

*Julie Quinton*  
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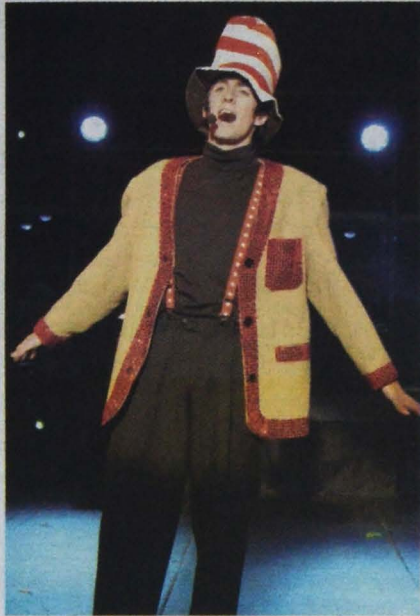
### Creek kids set sail...

Anchors aweigh! Last month Grades 5 and 6 kids at Andersons Creek Primary School set sail on a swashbuckling pirate adventure entitled *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, a musical comedy, especially written for children by Craig Howes. This rollicking presentation marked the first full-scale production mounted in the school's new, fully-

equipped theatre. The play was preceded by a program in which the younger kids all participated: Preps performed *Our Home Amongst the Gum Trees*, Grade 3 presented *Bugsy Malone*, and Grade 4 featured *The Blues Brothers*. The Senior Choir performed, as did the Grade 3/4 Dance Troupe. (Pictures by MICHELE GANDER)



# Kids do Dr Seuss proud



**W**ARRANDYTE High School staged the New York musical *Seussical* over three nights last month. What at first sounded like yet another posthumous attempt to cash in on the legacy of Theodor Geusel's world famous children's books, ended up surprising and delighting local audiences.

Amongst the surprises: that this jumble of characters, musical genres and plot lines could be so entertaining. Amongst the delights: the energy and talent of crew, musicians and cast, with the spotlight clearly shining on the central character the Cat played by Dylan Burns.

The Cat is a demanding role with several crucial dramatic functions. At times narrator, magician, provocateur, and friend, the Cat integrates a fragmented storyline and pushes the action along at a sometimes frenetic pace. He is multi-talented and athletic—popping up from the orchestra pit, conducting the second act overture, dancing his legs off and singing songs central to the storyline, notably *A Day for The Cat in the Hat*.

The role of the Cat has defeated professional actors and celebrities alike, but recent amateur productions are proving it's the kids who "get it" best of all. Dylan certainly did.

Two worlds are portrayed in

*Seussical*, each with its own protagonist. In the *Jungle of Nool* it's Horton the Elephant, played by Liam Roodhouse. In the *Whoville* it's Jojo, the mayor's son played by Marcus Frost. Like Dylan's Cat, Liam's Elephant (Horton) is also a demanding role, with several challenging solos in songs such as *Horton Sits on the Egg*. In what is a remarkable feat for a hearing impaired boy, Liam hits cue points and harmonies with precision and care. Marcus's character is more orthodox—a child who comes of age through separation from his parents.

He performs this sojourn with an appealingly fresh delivery, his choirboy voice tackling emotional solos (such as *It's Possible in McEligott's Pool*) with just the right mix of emotion and vigour.

Horton has a kind of pre-pubescent love interest in Gertrude McFuzz (Hayley Frost), and an antagonistic relationship with "mother in absentia" Mayzie La Bird (Tiffany Baumgartner). Tiffany gives full voice and flaunting mischief to her songs (notably *Mayzie in Palm Beach*). Hayley enralls with her narcissism and her plaintive efforts to break through Horton's obsessions. Both danced energetically through many of the big production numbers, giving solid voice to perennial issues facing teenagers the world over.

Chanel Danson plays the opinion-

## theatre

By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

ated *Sour Kangaroo* with a bluesy feel that reveals a voice with pop potential. Unlike the ones grazing on the river flats below the school, Chanel's kangaroo is a cheerleader for group think and demonisation—taunting Horton for his unusual point of view and deriding his unfashionable behaviour. Larry Phelan and Eliza Malerba deliver credible performances as Who's Mayor and Mayor's wife.

Thirty others amply support these leading characters. Amy Vanderhurst heads a colourful troupe of bouncy singer/dancers appearing as the Bird Girls. The Wickersham Brothers, three of just nine boys in the cast, provide a hunk of male energy, and give cred to the few threatening moments in the story.

The jungle creatures of *Nool* and the citizens of *Whoville* are represented by an ensemble of 21 players. The 19 females and 2 males danced, sang and shimmed through the show's big moments, imparting an infectious dynamism.

Stephen Flaherty was a 30-something musician from Pennsylvania when he wrote the 27 tunes in the late 1990s, but the orchestrations are reminiscent of earlier eras, fea-

turing ragtime beats, modern jazz and be-bop arrangements. Ahern's lyrics follow the Geusel style, delivered in various perversions of American accents (why do they do that?).

Freelance director Drew Downing runs a theatre agency out of Frankston. The school contracted him to develop the play over 11 weeks during winter. His production design is based on sets used for television shows such as "Dancing with the Stars" and "The X Factor".

Consequently there is an on-stage orchestra, plenty of in-your-face floodlights and moving spots, and live images projected onto a small screen hung upstage.

One could argue that this is an expensive way to maintain a tradition established as in-house productions almost three decades ago. However, as opening night approached, Drew called in several professional colleagues, creating an invaluable mentoring environment for students with theatric and/or musical aspirations. This external link no doubt intensified the role of School Liaison, carried out in unflappable style by Helene Butterworth.

Asked what made Warrandyte unique, Drew said it was the interest and support of the parents. In turn, parents complimented him on his ability to motivate the students and inspire their best performance.

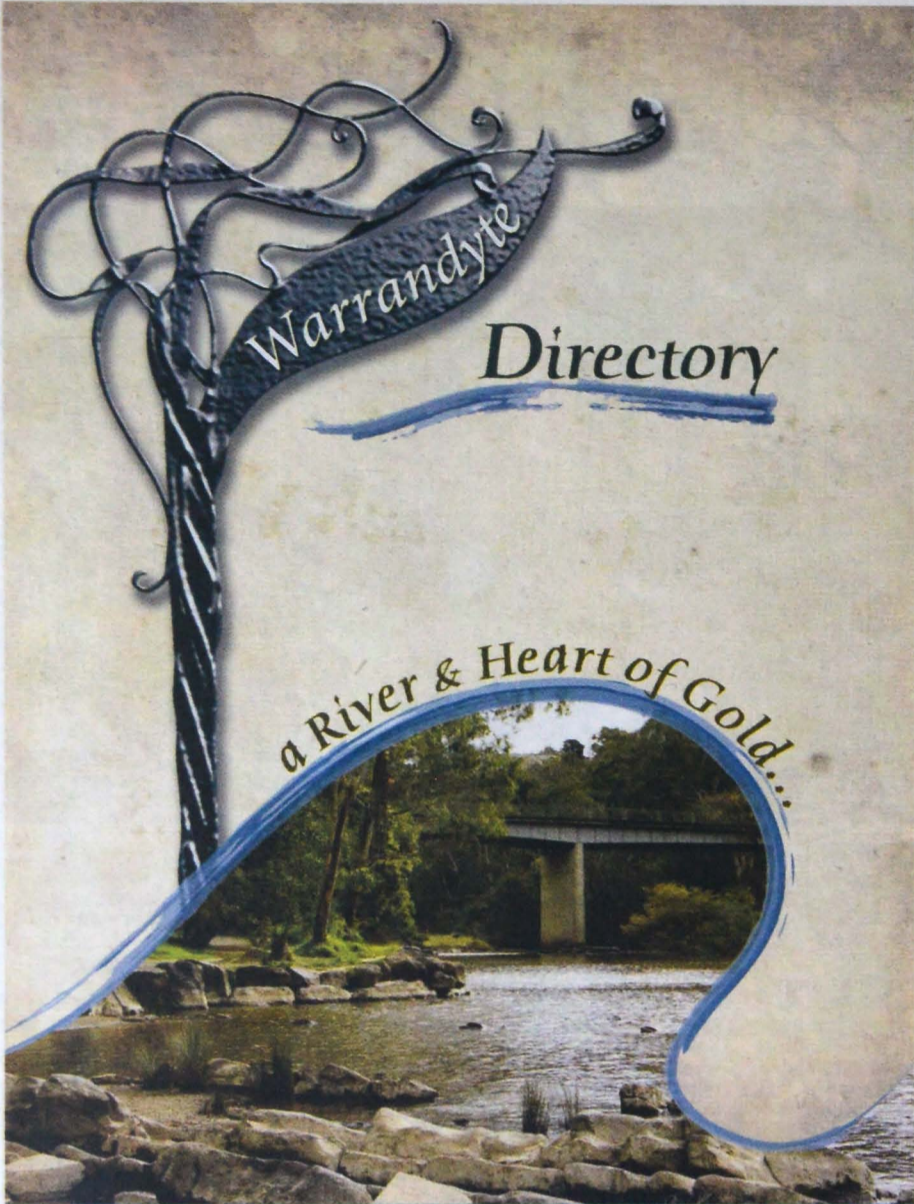
Had the funding extended a little further no doubt Drew would have called in a choreographer as well, since there were opportunities to extend dance routines and, it seemed, dancing talent to spare.

The overall result was a series of high impact production numbers that, on opening night, would have been enjoyed by the aforementioned kangaroos some kilometres away. Many of the effects employed work better on television than on stage, although as Drew said, it would not have been practical to give adequate visual effect to the *Jungle of Nool* and the *Land of Who*. (Chris White, foundation director and artist, would no doubt have relished the opportunity.) When the audio mix was rebalanced and turned down for the second night, the story and lyrical rhythm shone at last, providing a clear definition of character and plot. The audience left satisfied, several bemoaning the fact that there was no matinee, as *Seussical* so obviously targets 6 to 12 year-olds.

In the end it's a show about growing up, becoming an individual in the face of sometimes severe peer pressure. The message is as important now as it was in Geusel's heyday (the 1950s): You've got a mind that is one of a kind so why hide it away?! It's time to open the locks and think out of the box and today is your day!"



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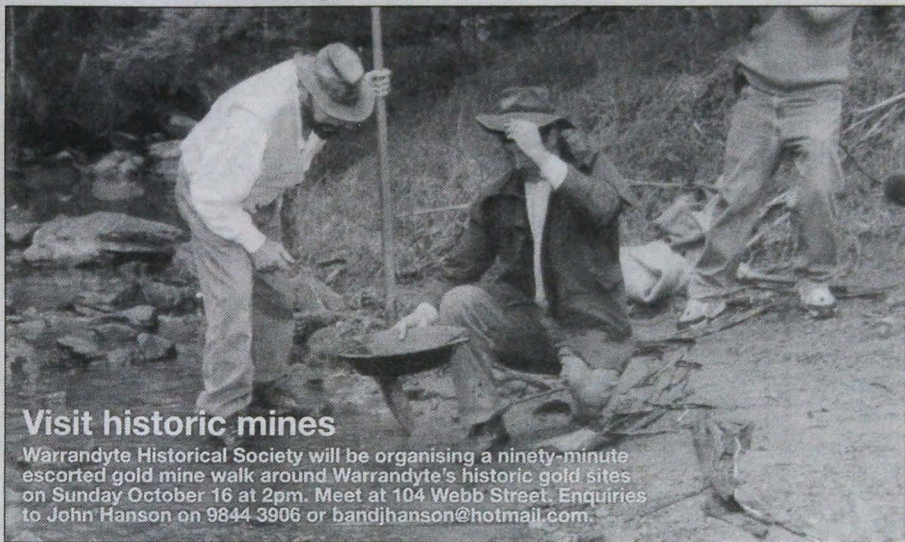
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out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

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## Visit historic mines

Warrandyte Historical Society will be organising a ninety-minute escorted gold mine walk around Warrandyte's historic gold sites on Sunday October 16 at 2pm. Meet at 104 Webb Street. Enquiries to John Hanson on 9844 3906 or bandjhanson@hotmail.com.

## Landcare

Andersons Creek Land Care group will hold their annual general meeting at the Gold Memorial car park on Saturday, October 15 at 3pm. After the formalities there will be finger food and drinks and an interesting walk to see the local orchids. Enquiries to Fritz on 0439 443 703.

## Moderator

Warrandyte Uniting church member Dan Wootten is to become the next moderator of the Uniting Church for Victoria and Tasmania.

## AGM

WarrandyteCAN (Climate Action Now) is holding its annual general meeting on Thursday, November 3 at 7.30pm in the Neighbourhood House room at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Members, supporters and interested guests are invited to attend. President Wayne Rankin will provide an overview of the past year's program.

## Vintage

Warrandyte Historical Society has organised an exhibition entitled Breeches, Bonnets and Bustles and other Australian Costumes of the 1850s to 1900s. The display

is now open in the society's Old Post Office museum, 111 Yarra Street, Warrandyte and runs until Sunday, October 23 from 1pm to 4pm daily. Also featured will be displays of Warrandyte's gold and art history. Enquiries to Gina on 9812 2357.

## Indigenous

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park indigenous plant nursery is open to assist the local community with various aspects of bushland conservation. The nursery is open for sales every Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm, the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 1pm and the first Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm. The nursery is adjacent to the State Park office with entry off Pound Bend Road.

## Spring

Nillumbik council's spring gardening events to be held at Edendale in Gatsons Road, Eltham include "Attracting Birds to Your Garden" on Sunday, October 15 from 1pm to 3.30pm and "Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden" on Sunday, November 6 from 9.30am to 12 noon. Cost for these events is \$20 each including afternoon tea. For further information go to [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au) and click on Environment then Edendale.

## Sale

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

## Market

The next Park Orchards Farmers Market will be on Saturday, October 15 from 9am to 1pm at the corner of Hopetoun and Park Roads, Park Orchards. There will be a great variety of local fresh food and value added products with live music to entertain. Enquiries to 0409 417 369.

## Watch

Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch's annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at the Warrandyte Police Station commencing at 7.30pm.

## Safety

Warrandyte Police are running a "Safe Plate" operation at the police station in Police Street on Saturday, October 15 from 10.30am to approximately 3pm. Number plate one-way screws will be installed with the help of SES and Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch. The SES will also provide

information regarding "Storm Safe" and "Flood Safe".

## Rust

Warrandyte RSL's monthly "Bands by the Bridge" will showcase "Rust" featuring Jo Pearson playing contemporary alternative blues and roots tunes with a rock edge on Sunday, October 30 from 4pm to 8pm. All welcome.

## Jazz

Earth Harmony's Friday Night Jazz Club will feature Bob Sedergreen and Matt Kirsch's Faith in Jazz concert on Friday, October 21 at 8pm at 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Special guest will be Greg Jones. Cost is \$22/\$19 prepay or \$26 at the door. Bookings are essential on 9844 5155. The Lotus Room will be open for drinks and snacks.

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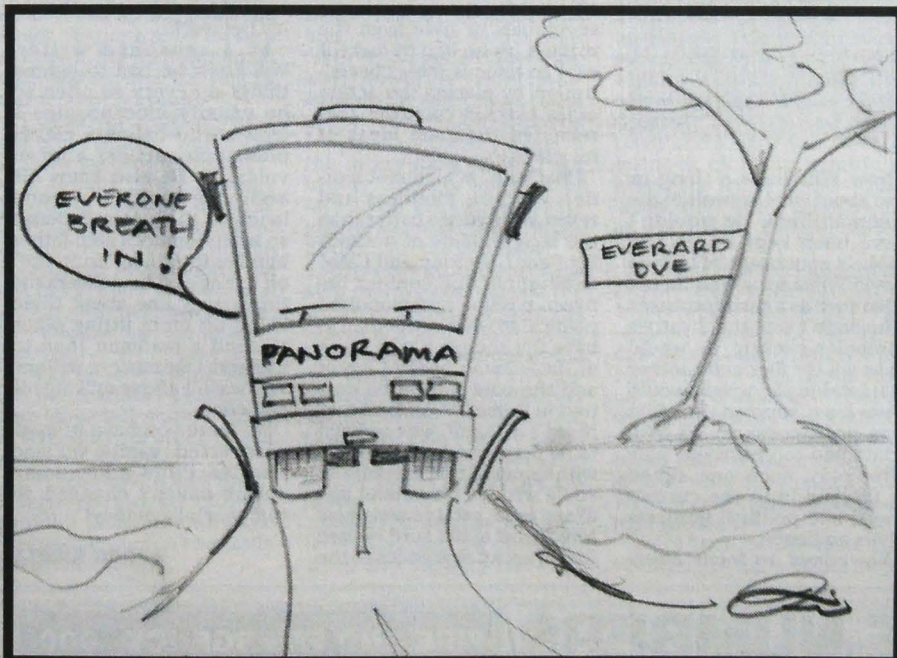


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## artyfacts

### Exhibition

As part of Heritage Week, the Warrandyte RSL will display work from local artists such as Penleigh Boyd, Frank Crozier, Commodore Dacre Smyth, Danila Vassilieff and others who served in the Australian Defence Force. Entry is free. The exhibition will be open daily from 4pm to 7pm commencing on Wednesday, October 12. Call 9844 3567 for further information.

### Faith

Local secondary students will see their artwork on display at Manningham Gallery as part of the "Reflections on Faith," exhibition promoting peace and harmony among the municipality's many diverse faith groups. The exhibition will be open until Saturday, October 22. Manningham Gallery is at 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster and is open 11am-5pm Tuesday to Friday and 2pm-5pm Saturday. Admission is free. More information on [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery).



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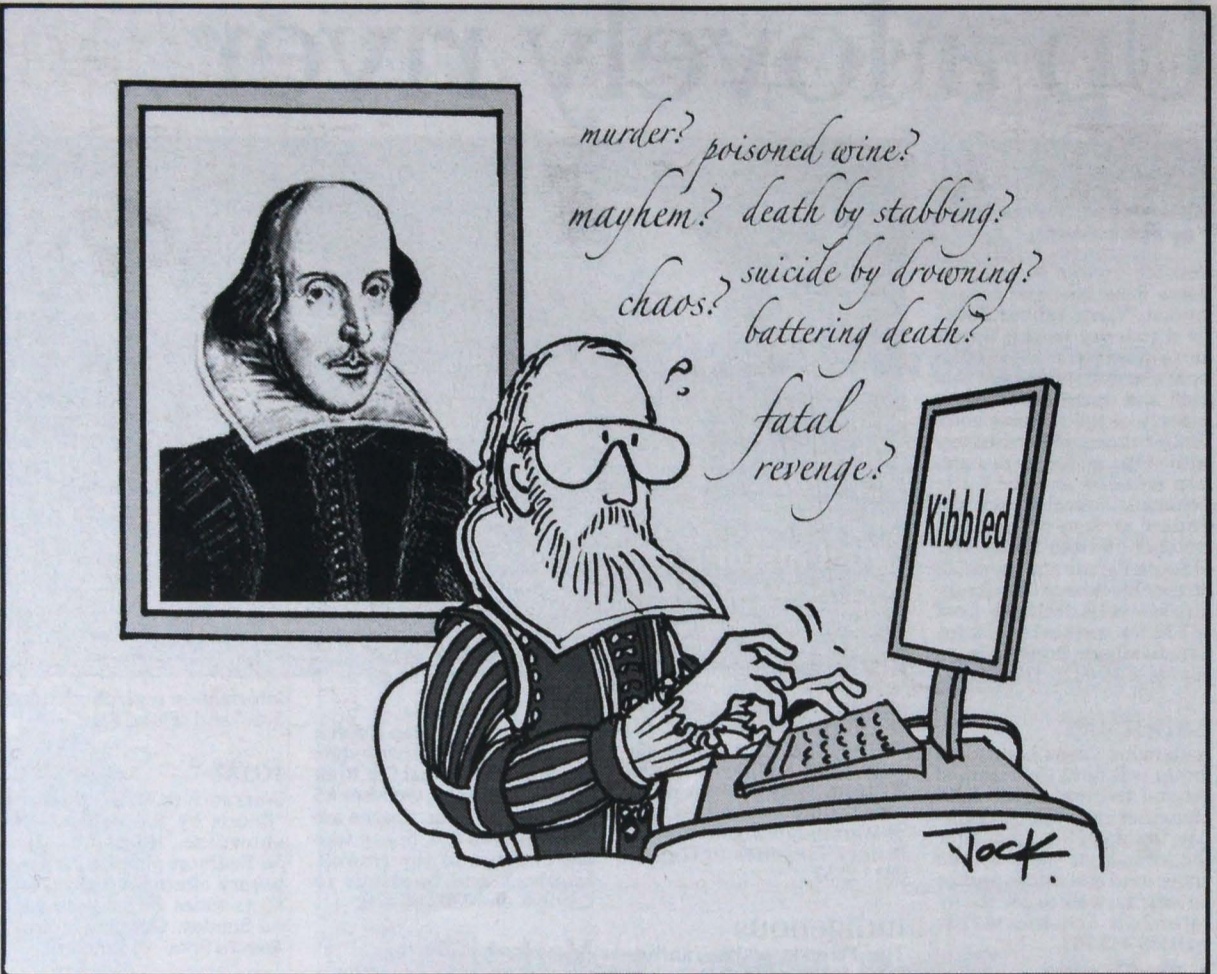
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# Murder most foul, through lots of glass, transparently

**B**Y the end of the play, the stage was littered with four dead bodies. Earlier in the play another two had been despatched and before the play even began there was a murder that precipitated the night's proceedings.

So, what were the modes of death? One was a probable suicide by drowning, another was a battering with the heel of a stiletto, there were three fatal stabbings with a rapier tipped with a curare type substance and there was one poisoning from a glass of laced wine. Normal enough, you might imagine, for an episode of "Midsomer Murders" but no; this was an excellent MTC production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet".

Will would have liked the MTC production. It was staged on a Lazy Susan arrangement and consisted of a series of rooms and passages. The brilliance was that all the walls were glass so with appropriate lighting, anywhere in the castle could be seen. This served two purposes; one was that a scene could be ending and the set turning without loss of time or plot continuity. They could also have characters running through the castle's passages as the set turned. On a more "wanky" level, it was a reflection of the plot. The characters were all trying to "see through" the actions and behaviour of each other. As the audience, we could achieve that through both the dialogue and the set.

kibbled

**"It was staged on a Lazy Susan arrangement and consisted of a series of rooms and passages. All the walls were glass..."**

Now Will knew a thing or two about what appeals to the common herd. He wouldn't have been kept on as The Globe's equivalent of today's David Williamson had he not been seen as a cash converter. If he hadn't kept the theatre's turnstiles clicking, he would have got the flick and another marketable playwright would have been sourced. But that was not necessary as Will continued to churn out play after play, each one aimed at tapping in to the current social and political interests of his audience.

Nowadays, to focus atten-

tion, writers are forced to use the parallel plot technique. If the main plot is about the results of bottled up emotions, you can bet your bottom Coles petrol voucher that there will be parallel plots about the same theme going on in the background. It won't be just about a catwalk model's struggle against stereotyping and anorexia but it will include a sub-plot about her brother's failure to get selected for the local footy team and her mum's drinking after she learns that her husband is a cross-dresser.

Shakespeare was cunning enough to do a similar thing. He realised that a lot of his audience attended The Globe to pick a pocket, get propositioned by a pro, buy some vegetables or hide from the rozzers, so he had to make it easy to refocus their concentration by placing the action of his plays in countries that reflected the main ideas of his plays.

"Macbeth" is all about murder, witches, madness and revenge, so where better than the shaggy wilds of outback Scotland? "Antony and Cleo" is all about the conflict between passion and bloodless politics, so what better than to have the snogging take place in the steamy heat of Egypt and the cold reason be centred in Rome? "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was written to be performed at a wedding with Queen Liz I in attendance so he wrote a play about idealised love, set it in a magical forest and made sure he had lots of sucky references to the

virgin queen, whilst indirectly, warning the audience about why it would probably be better to stay single and use the internet a lot. Hollywood-like, everything turns out peachy at the end. And just for interest, wasn't Italy, renowned for hot-blooded, lust-crazed lovers, such a perfect place to set "R and J"? A cold, wind-swept, drizzly English village just wouldn't have cut it at all!

And what about "Hamlet"? All about a guy who can't make up his mind and acts crazily until he decides to extract the digit and kill a few people. With such a cheery storyline about the cold recesses of the psyche, of evil, self-serving and of nasty human nature, what better place for Will to set his play than in icy Denmark?

As a seasoned writer, Will knew he had to lighten things up every so often so he usually incorporates a clown who delivers clever philosophy amidst a lot of vulgarity. He also knew his audience enjoyed a good laugh at their own expense so when Hamlet's step-father bundles the young "fruitcake" off to England he delivers the throwaway line about there being no more fitting place to send a madman than to England. Like modern writers, Will wasn't above milking his audience.

So, there you have it: madness, greed, vanity, sex and murder. Plots and human nature haven't changed all that much have they!

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# Running all over the garden

nature  
By LINDA ROGAN

THE end of the month finds me busy at the computer with little time for a proper bushwalk until some deadlines are met. At times like this a walk in my semi-indigenous garden can give me the refreshing break I need. It's a special pleasure in the springtime when I check out which of many wildflowers I have planted are succeeding in this suburban setting.

Just now the flush of colour from the Gold Dust Wattles has mostly passed. The Large-leaf Bush-pea is now eye-catching with yellow and brown flowers and the Golden Bush-pea bush is covered in tiny yellow pea-flowers.

Another larger legume flower is giving me most pleasure just now. It is a small creeper that is mostly hidden amongst larger plants that are thriving this season.

Mostly hidden, that is until one of its trailing stems pops from the undergrowth and allows a scarlet bud to burst out into a most startlingly red blossom with bright yellow centre. Although in ones or twos this pea flower is large enough to be hard to miss. I can't remember how many seedlings I have planted in the past five years, only to have them seem to disappear. This year, they are popping out everywhere, punctuating the green of the other vigorously growing plants.

When I pointed the flower out to my young grandson, telling him it was a Running Postman, he took exception, as his parents are both posties. "They wear yellow not red," he said. It got me



Red flag for spring: Running Postman. (Picture by LINDA ROGAN)

thinking about the common name for this plant.

I queried my friends who grew up in Australia and the consensus was that this Kennedia species was named for the way it runs everywhere and the blooms pop up regularly like scarlet post boxes.

I also learned a bit of local postal history. Apparently the last mounted postman, Bill McCulloch, worked in Warrandyte, where he was also the grave digger. His remains are now in the Andersons Creek Cemetery. Not a Running Postman I guess, but maybe a galloping one.

But back to the plant. For those who can keep up a steady supply of water, the Running Postman is an excellent plant for a hanging basket. The soft green clover-like leaves are covered with white cottony hairs and are a perfect

foil for the startling colours of the bloom. Together they are very showy cascading from the basket.

I must admit that when I have tried the hanging basket, my frequent travels meant the baskets always dried out and the plant died. This only adds to my delight in observing that Running Postman appears to have spread throughout every corner of my garden. I am sure this includes places where I never planted it. Perhaps, as I've read, ants have carried the seed once it is ejected from the pod, spreading it in my garden. *Flora of Melbourne* suggests that in order to grow this plant from seed, it should first be scarified. Others recommend soaking the seed in hot water prior to planting. I have tried both without success. So what do the ants do that encourages seedling growth?

*Flora of Melbourne* also tells me that Aborigines sucked the nectar and used the stems for twine. In drought it may die back to its roots and it is known to re-colonise well after bushfire.

This plant is also thriving in the bush around Warrandyte and can be found in every Australian state except Northern Territory. Individual populations have adapted to a wide range of conditions. For this reason, I would expect local plants, from similar conditions to mine, to do best here.

Oh, I must share one final piece of information about Running Postman. It is the larval (caterpillar) food plant of at least one species of butterfly, the Long-tailed Pea Blue; a butterfly a little larger than our Common Grass Blue. I have yet to see this butterfly locally but I'm looking.

# They'll climb every mountain!

THERE'S a sinking feeling that floods over you when you discover you've been conned, although this time maybe the con wasn't intentional.

"Auntie Mal! Could you please video me on my bike?"

I knew my nephew didn't mean riding up and down the street. At the age of 13, he's already a hot-shot mountain biker and intuition was ringing alarm bells. Why me?

"I've never used a video camera," I stalled. "You'd have to show me how to work it."

I'd already heard at some length his opinions on jerky filming, extended footage of the ground underfoot, and inappropriate commentary. He did have some professional photos, but these were taken, he informed me, on inferior courses.

Today we were talking about the international championship downhill short course at Mt Beauty, on which he has practiced endlessly.

"OK, let's have a look then." Being a bushwalker of old, I couldn't imagine a rideable course that wouldn't be easily navigable on foot.

So we set out up the mountain, him and me. Wonderful to be free as a bird on that vast and glorious canvas! Under a blue, blue sky, sunlit forested ridges plunged deeply into cold dark valleys below. The crests bore spiky fringes of dead trees from multiple bushfires, fringes now bleached startlingly white. Below, rampant regeneration had coated the slopes with fuzzy eucalypts and spectacularly flowering heathlands. Beneath the tree canopy, blankets of orange, red, blue and purple draped every ridge; in the intervening gullies, the heathy blankets were folded into steep thickets of frothy golden wattle. No wonder the birds chattered excitedly!

So it was with a spring in my step that we approached the tricky descent. I wasn't too worried about the filming. "Easy peasy", demonstrated my young tutor. "Fully automatic camera. See? Silver button: on/off. Black button: start/stop. Don't worry about the zoom, just keep your eye on the bike. I'll call 'Go!' No probs."

"Right. No probs," I agreed tentatively, peering down the steep and slippery track for

our place  
By MARILYN MOORE

some sign of a foothold. "Only a cuppla ks to the bottom!" he sang out over his shoulder as he launched himself down the slope.

Right. Down we go then. Him on his specialised machine, me on shanks' old pony and wearing a rather inadequate pair of sandals. Already I was devoutly wishing for hiking boots and a stout pole. Tough outdoor clothing wouldn't have gone amiss either—this flimsy shirt was a hindrance, as was having to hold on to the camera.

My nephew had stopped at the first "rock garden". "Don't worry Auntie Mal, I'll help you down the dangerous bits. Look! There's the rock where Dylan broke his neck, and around that bend's where everybody breaks their collarbone (except somebody broke their elbow last time). Awww, wait till you see the vertical grid, then the second rock-garden..."

Every inch of the descent seemed to have a history

I didn't want to hear. No wonder he was short of volunteers!

It was good fun, actually. Slipping and sliding on scree and sandy rocks, clambering down piles of rock on my backside, hanging by the fingernails from handy vegetation over drops with no footholds—the adrenalin from belting down on a mountain bike must be mind-blowing. The person who dreamt up this sport was a maniac!

Filming an airborne bike at uncomfortably close range was a challenge to say the least. The best vantage points involved balancing precariously next to steep hairpins, exposing oneself to the full impact of any mishaps—as much a near-death experience for the cameraman as for the rider.

Thankfully we arrived at the finish line unscathed, if you don't count dirt and scratches. I am duly impressed—with all power to the consumer! With the course, the skill and daring required, even some of my video footage wasn't too bad. I am now, apparently, a "legend".

Oh dear. Not sure how long I can keep that up!



## MANNINGHAM HERITAGE WEEK Wednesday 12 October to Wednesday 19 October

Manningham Council invites you to help celebrate our inaugural Heritage Week.

Whether you're interested in architecture, the arts, cooking or natural landscapes, the week will include a range of activities to explore Manningham's rich history.

The Heritage Week program includes historic walks, tours, exhibitions and displays, open artist studios, workshops and more run by Council in conjunction with a range of local organisations and community groups. Visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/heritage](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/heritage) for program details.

### Our Manningham Our Heritage Photography Competition

A variety of photos were received as part of heritage photo competition, each illustrating a scene or story from across the municipality. The winners of the photographic competition are:

**Winner:** Amanda Jane Cleary, 'An unofficial unveiling of the Gold Memorial Warrandyte'. Amanda's photograph is from her father's collection and shows a family outing from Richmond to the Warrandyte Goldfields in 1935, taken one week before the official opening.

**Second Major Prize:** Annie Cheung, 'Playhouse the Rocket-ship'

**Third Major Prize:** Margaret Mabbit, 'Orchard Discussion'

**Young Achievers award:** Amy Lee, 'Springtime'.



To view the winning entries visit: [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/heritage](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/heritage), alternatively a selection of photo entries will be on display at the Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road Doncaster, until the end of October.

## MANNINGHAM DRAFT RESIDENTIAL STRATEGY

Manningham's Draft Residential Strategy 2011 is now available for community comment. The previous Residential Strategy was adopted by Council in 2002 and is being reviewed to manage the City's residential growth through to 2030.

A key aim of the strategy is to provide housing choice to meet people's needs while protecting the environmental characteristics of Manningham.

Through the Residential Strategy, Manningham's suburbs will be characterised by:

- **Diversity** – a range of housing types suited to the community's varied needs.
- **Neighbourhood character** – retention of Manningham's 'balance of city and country'.
- **Connectedness** – integration of housing, public transport and employment opportunities to create vitality and 'sense of place'.
- **Sustainability** – in terms of built form, public transport and infrastructure.
- **Affordability** – providing affordable living opportunities.

View or download the draft strategy at: [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/consultation](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/consultation)

To find out more, three information sessions will be held to address urban and non-urban area issues.

### For urban areas:

Wednesday 26 October 2011, 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm  
Manningham Civic Centre, Function Room 1, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster  
RSVP by Thursday 20 October 2011

OR

Wednesday 9 November 2011, 7.30 pm -9.00 pm  
Manningham Civic Centre, Function Room 1, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster  
RSVP by Thursday 3 November 2011

**For non-urban areas** (including Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Donvale):

Thursday 27 October 2011, 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm  
Manningham Civic Centre, Function Room 2, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster  
RSVP by Thursday 20 October 2011

To RSVP please call 9840 9302 or email [eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au) with which session you wish to attend.

Submissions on the draft Residential Strategy are due by Friday 25 November 2011 and can be made by email to [eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au) or in writing to:

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Rehearsing "Be Happy—a Tribute to Our Yvonne Goodman".

## Seniors tread the boards

**T**HE Warrandyte 55+ Variety Group, part of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club, is hard at work, rehearsing their 2011 show, "Be Happy—a Tribute to Our Yvonne Goodman", to be staged in concert at their Tarooma Avenue clubrooms on Friday, November 18 at 1pm (\$14 donation) and again in a cabaret setting on Friday, November 25 at 7.15pm (\$10 donation, tea and coffee supplied, bring everything else).

The show pays tribute the memory of Yvonne Goodman, stalwart of past Warrandyte Seniors' concerts. "One of Melbourne's finest exponents of the art of

vaudeville," a spokesperson told the *Diary*. "They were honoured to have her as their producer, pianist and choreographer for the last seven years of her life, prior to her passing in February.

"This is a show suitable for all age groups—full of wonderful singing, dancing, instrumental and comedy acts, reminiscent of days gone by and up to present times," the spokesperson said.

● Bookings for the concert on November 18 should be made through Alan on 9738 2216 and for the cabaret on November 25 through Allan on 9877 1077.

## It's almost Maine

**W**ARRANDYTE Theatre Company's next production is "Almost Maine", a whimsical romance by John Ciarina.

"Almost Maine could be almost—anywhere," a spokesperson told the *Diary*. "Anywhere where it gets really cold in winter, where the local people are sincere and thoughtful and where people fall in and out of love.

"Come along for a warm and cosy night of whimsical romance, love and a heartbreak," the spokesperson said.

"This play is currently the most popular contemporary American play. It actually consists of nine short 'playlets' starring nine actors, three new to the Warrandyte stage."

The play will be presented on October 21 and 22 and November 4 and 5 and 11 and 12. Tickets \$20 and \$18 are available by calling 0488 333 575. An additional matinee on November 12 has special ticket deals of \$15—including refreshment—for groups of six or more.

JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS sneaked into a rehearsal and captured these moments.



## Remembering Heather Williams

**H**EATHER Williams, a long-time resident of Warrandyte, passed away peacefully on October 4, 2011 with family by her side at Frankston Hospital. She was 80.

Heather Jean Prince was born on September 6, 1931. In the early 1950s a young ex-service man, Allan John Williams (always known as "Jack") and his new bride chose Warrandyte as their home, a place to bring up the kids with a river to explore, clean fresh air and a friendly supportive village atmosphere away from the inner city hustle and bustle.

They purchased a block of land in West End Road and began building their lives together.

Heather spent her married life raising five children, participating in all aspects of her children's lives, spending lots of time at Warrandyte Kindergarten, Warrandyte Primary and Andersons Creek Primary schools. Her life was devoted to raising a family and tending to all the bumps, bruises, tears and laughter that go with motherhood.

### obituary

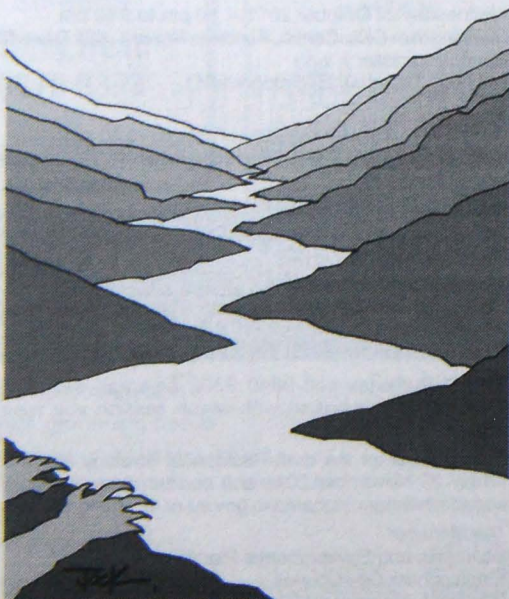
As the children grew, left home, and started their own lives Heather turned to her creative side and tried her hand at pottery and art and took more time out with her sewing and knitting. She joined the Senior Citizens Club and had much joy with bus trips and outings and helping out at the opp shop.

Throughout Heather's life she maintained her ties to her faith and as regularly as possible attended church for Sunday morning Mass.

Heather's life has been filled with many challenges, twists and turns and through it all she has held steadfastly, and above all else to her family and her faith.

Heather was widowed by her husband Allan in 2007. She is survived by five children: Sue, Jean, Karan, Anne and Phillip; four sons-in-law: Ian, Don, Bill and Ron; 15 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

## The river won't keep this friend



We thought the river was our friend,  
though one never fully knew.  
Could turn nasty, hidden depths they say.  
You always had to be careful.

But still we thought she'd be the one.  
River of solace, river of consolation.  
So you were there, lulled by her soothing murmurs  
when we told you.

You'd be comforted by happier times:  
dawn walks, cakes at the Bakery,  
picnic teas on sweltering nights.  
River of sparkling dimples, river of cool delights.

We'd thought it worked,  
you were calm, solemn, asked Serious Questions:  
Why would he leave me, what'll we do?  
But you already knew, heard that school-yard hiss...

The water flows darker.  
Chameleon friend turns.  
We walk by her side, it is balmy autumn,  
treacherous autumn, the river knows.

Strangely gripped with fear  
I felt her pull on you, saw you drawn  
to her dark magnet.  
River of bad tidings,

calling you, calling you.  
Sorrow drowning, slime weed tangling  
lure of sleep forever green.  
River of sweet escape.

But you were just walking too close to the edge.  
I was the one heard the siren song:  
told myself—hover, break the spell.  
Break the spell...

River of consolation.  
River of bad tidings.  
But not this time the sweet escape—  
The river won't keep this friend.

KAREN THROSSELL



Sergeant Keith Walker: One of Warrandyte's own. (Picture by Val Polley)

# Sgt Keith hangs up his hat

By VAL POLLEY

**A**FTER nearly two decades of being in charge at the Warrandyte Police Station, Sergeant Keith Walker is retiring from the force in October. He remembered being interviewed by a young *Diary* reporter, Clinton Grybas when he took up the position in 1992. When they met years later after Clinton had moved on to bigger things, Keith teased him saying, "Mate it was me that gave you your big break!"

Coming to Warrandyte from his previous posting at Carlton proved something of a culture shock. In Carlton, police could expect any manner of responses from the public, ranging from total indifference to a brick or even a shot through the windscreen.

On being driven round on his first day in Warrandyte he was surprised when someone waved at the police car. He asked who it was and the reply came, "I don't know, they all do it". He had not realised what a community it was until he came here. It was considered a plum job and he was one of 13 who applied and admitted some surprise when he was awarded the position.

A requirement, however, was the family had to live in the police house next door to the station. When they came to view the house, wife Peta was pregnant and they also had a small daughter. They found a place half the size of the house they were living in, situated on a postage size, weed infested block on a main road and with mouse dirt swept into the

corner of the rooms.

It says a lot about Keith Walker's optimism and enthusiasm that he declared it would be great and moved his family in. Four years later the government of the day said they had to get out of the house and the support from the community in the fight to retain it on their behalf really made them realise what an amazing community Warrandyte is.

"Warrandyte shines when the chips are down," he said. "I have seen it in so many instances where Warrandyte people are extremely passionate". He described the wonderful support they received from youth worker Craig Milburn, Cr Louise Joy and Margory Lapworth speaking at public meetings, to things like the sign outside the house by local real estate agent Andrew Wilson saying "Not for Sale".

There was a deputation to the police commissioner, a petition to state parliament and he had no doubt the police hierarchy thought Sergeant Walker was out with a big bass drum beating up support and he knew one high-ranking police person wanted his head on a platter. But the Warrandyte community was not just supporting him but their police house and their police station and fortunately the support of another high-ranking policeman meant he kept his job (and his head). The police house was not sold but was transferred to another government department's control.

Keith Walker has always been a policeman—37 years altogether—and he is retiring the day after his 55th birthday. But he declared his time in

Warrandyte has been the highlight of his career. It has not just been the place to work, it has been his home and place to live. It has been very much a lifestyle and that's due to his kids growing up and their involvement with kinder, school and sporting groups. Wife Peta and daughter Georgia are both still involved with the netball club.

He will leave knowing he has achieved a lot, not only for his staff but also for Victoria Police. He is very proud of the community consultative committee that has representatives from Wonga Park, Park Orchards and Warrandyte and many community groups. He acknowledged that policing was a lot easier and more pleasant because of links he has been able to build and support received. "It's copper heaven," he declared.

He will never forget the assistance the family received when wife Peta was sick for a while. There was a food roster that included people they did not even know. Every Friday school principal Des McKenzie would arrive with a boot full of goodies from the school community. "How could you not love the place?" Keith asked. "It will be a very sad day when I leave."

He is quick to acknowledge the support of people, groups and institutions including local MP Ryan Smith and Manningham City Council, the latter particularly for emergency management that has taken an even more significant role since Black Saturday. Local police were very involved on that day; he and Ross were the first police to drive up to Kinglake from St Andrews on that Saturday night. "It was horrendous,"

he said. "Thank god it didn't come this way."

(Keith and Ross received the Police Valour Award for their courageous work on that day.)

Asked about career highlights Keith thought for a moment. He described the 1993 appointment of a youth drug and alcohol worker through the consultative committee as one highlight. The Blue Light Disco that ran for some 15 years with a strongly supportive group was another. Yet another was the establishment of the community garden behind the police station that also gave him community service opportunities (pulling weeds and so forth) for some young offenders.

He could cite the case of one young teenager he had to reprimand later inviting Keith to his wedding and acknowledging the role Keith had played in getting him on track. He became emotional in describing a mediation case he and Pastor Peter Keep arranged to enable the families of a tragic road accident to gain some closure.

However he could also recite some funny stories such as the one where he attended a council function where Cr Louise Joy on seeing him in a normal suit rather than his police uniform exclaimed loudly, "Keith, how lovely to see you with your clothes on," which caused a fair amount of hilarity amongst those in hearing distance.

While Keith is retiring from the police force he doesn't expect to be retiring completely from the workforce. There is also a boat that hasn't been wet for a long while

and fishing and perhaps some more travel. His family, wife Peta, daughter Georgia (currently studying criminal justice at university) and plumber son Callum will be there in support as always. He will miss his work colleagues who have made the job more pleasant and easier over the years.

Keith is looking back with affection and forward with anticipation. "It's time," he said. "I want to retire while I'm young enough to enjoy it and do other things. I want to go out on a good note and get pleasure from my retirement."

Keith Walker has been an integral part of the Warrandyte community for the past two decades and he will be missed with many in the community sad to see him depart. While he continually expressed his appreciation for receiving strong community support, it can be said this works both ways with many individuals and organisations owing him a great deal.

Warrandyte counts itself fortunate in having a policeman of the calibre of Keith Walker in charge for so long. His capacity for friendship, involvement, support and community spirit has enriched the relationship between the community and its police force. He will leave with the knowledge that he has played a pivotal role in Warrandyte for two decades and with the best wishes of the community for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

● A gathering in Keith's honour will be held at Andersons Creek Primary School on Sunday, November 13 at 11am.



# Venom boys take on USA



## 15 of our best set for battle

WARRANDYTE Basketball will take the world by storm in December as 15 young men prepare to represent the Venom in the United States.

For the first time in the club's history the 15 to 17 year-olds will take part in an 18-day tour that will include 14 games against High School teams, sightseeing around Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles, along with trips to college and NBA games.

Warrandyte Basketball general manager Justin Nelson says it's an exciting time for the players and for the club.

"These 15 guys will always be remembered as the first Venom players to head overseas and play in our club colours," he says.

"I think when you're the first at doing something there is a real sense of pride attached to it and that really means something to these young men, especially out in a community like Warrandyte where the USA Tour is being widely spoken about by the locals.

Coaching staff will include Nelson, along with former NBL championship-winning player Gerard Leonard. Both are putting the players through an intensive 10-week training program before they head to the USA.

According to Nelson, the tour will be the culmination of a lot of hard work, which includes training, fundraising and promotion — the players taking it upon themselves to lead all areas.

"Gerard and I have been impressed that these young players aren't taking this opportunity for granted, they are all pitching in and helping to raise funds," Nelson says.

"They are all taking great pride in being the first Venom players to do this trip and I think that's a great experience for a teenager to be a part of."



## 12 flags for Redbacks

WARRANDYTE Redbacks have capped off a successful winter season with 12 teams winning grand finals.

The results are a fantastic return from the 15 teams who made it through to the big one. The grand final glory hailed another step forward for the Redbacks, which has been backed up with record numbers signing on for the summer season.

"We actually sat down and did the numbers just the other day and, incredibly, the participation numbers have grown by a massive 200 percent since late 2005," club general manager Justin Nelson says.

"While the Venom program continues to grow by more than 20 percent every year, we are now starting to see growth in the Redbacks program, which I think has a lot to do with an increased focus on coaching and player development."

Nelson says that development has resulted in a healthy hike in young player numbers, especially at U12 and U14 levels this summer.

"Redbacks is a fun, safe and very social sports club. The kids love coming down to the stadium on a Saturday to play their game and then quite often stick around to cheer on friends. It's an inclusive environment that delivers massive benefits to the community and in particular to our young boys and girls," he says.

MEANWHILE, in other news for Warrandyte Basketball, one of the most feared coaching duos in junior basketball, siblings Emma and Josh Collins, have again delivered a Victorian Junior Basketball League championship with their U12 girls scoring a thrilling one-point win in grand final overtime.

It's the second championship for the coaching stars and comes at a time when Warrandyte Venom is pushing some of its most experienced coaches into the U12 program for boys and girls.

"I'm probably biased, but Emma and Josh are the best U12 girls coaches I've ever come across and yet again they have proven that a focus on fundamentals is the key to player development," Nelson says.

"Emma and Josh have been with the U12s for more than six years now and they continue to provide the perfect grounding for young players. I'm yet to see a single player come out of a year with Emma and Josh and be anything but a greatly improved player," he added.

The success capped off another big season for the Venom, with all but one girls team making finals, along with six boys teams.



Beware the underdogs: Warrandyte Redbacks Boys U9WR1 coach Dale Leeson (left) rallies his troops at the break. Our boys fought on to topple their undefeated opposition to win the grand final. The Redbacks celebrate (right). Pictures: SCOTT PODMORE



# Astra's field of dreams



## what's your story?

Firing acorns at the boys up the road developed a throwing arm that would take ASTRA VITOLS to the international stage in shot put and discus. She talks with Brianna Piazza

**Hi Astra, how did you first get involved in athletics?**

I started off with Little Aths at age nine. A good friend of mine from school was doing it and she told me to come along. I liked it straight away and very quickly started to become good at most of the events. The next year I went to the Victorian State Championships and won that. I also won the next three years. I was certainly an all-rounder, but I was particularly good at the throwing events.

**You say you were good at throwing. Were the throwing events your favourite?**

I don't know about being my favourite. What I loved about the sport was I seemed to progress very quickly, so obviously there was something natural there. And I guess I can only really take that back to when I was young. As a kid I used to throw acorns at the boys up the road. I was a bit of a tomboy and I obviously developed a boy's throw - I can still do it to this day! So I can only ever put it down to that. What I loved about it all was the training where you'd get lost in your space. It was an individual sport and you would push and challenge yourself. There was a lot of mind work involved and I really liked the part where you were lost in that moment during training.

**Tell us about some of your sports achievements.**

I had a good balance of all track sports until I was about 16. Then I gave it away due to circumstances at the time. When I was about 21, I thought it would be nice to have a little throw and I found out I could still do a bit after five years. The Commonwealth Games were coming up and I thought it would be good if I did some training and had a shot at it. So, after about two weeks of



Girl power: Warrandyte's Astra Vitols, a former athletics champion, with her daughters Hannah and Alana. Picture: BRIANNA PIAZZA

training I went into my first Australian Championship and came third. I thought I might still have some life left in me and I trained with Gus Puopolo, but just missed out. I approached the Australian Institute of Sport and found out I needed to throw 16 metres (shot put) to get a scholarship. I was badly injured after tearing my elbow capsule in training, but I persevered, went there and threw the 16 metres. I was offered a half scholarship before progressing to a full scholarship. I made the Commonwealth Games team in Edinburgh in 1986 and made the final eight. I also competed as part of the Australian Institute of Sport team in Europe. I made the World Cup athletics team in 1989 and competed in Barcelona. I totally destroyed my ankle in 1989 but still went to trials for the 1990 Commonwealth Games and qualified. I went to the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand, in January 1990 and came third in discus.

**Are there any highlights that stand out for you?**

I'll never forget the 1990 Commonwealth Games when I beat a girl a by a couple of centimetres. We had actually trained together in Canberra and I know she had trained really hard. It came down to her last throw and I was so tense because I was looking at a bronze medal and here was some-

one who could possibly beat me. But she didn't. I'll never forget how gracious she was about it. She said to me, "Astra, if anyone had to beat me for that bronze I'm glad it was you." That was a really nice thing for her to say and I'll take that to my grave. It was the most memorable thing to have someone be gracious enough to say that to me when she was obviously in a tremendous moment of disappointment when representing her country.

**Are there any track athletes you admired back then or still admire today?**

I still keep an eye on track and field. I like Sally Pearson who just won the World Championships for hurdles. I also admire Cathy Freeman. She had so much pressure on her shoulders when she went to perform and yet was able to focus and get the job done.

**Tell us a little bit about your life in Warrandyte today.**

I've been in Warrandyte since 1991. My daughter and I love walking in Warrandyte together. We go down near the river where it's just beautiful, especially in the mornings. That's the magic of living here. I loved to move around a bit, but I fell in love with the neighbours, the nature and the community feel in Warrandyte. It really is a great place to live.

## WARRANDYTE NETBALL IS ALL THE RAGE

NAIL-BITING finishes, close goal-scoring and cheering spectators do not just belong on the footy field - netball has its fair share of excitement, tears and the occasional injury as well.

Early on a Saturday morning our Warrandyte U9s head to the Templestowe courts by 9am to compete against other equally as eager and excited U9s from nearby areas.

An increased popularity in U9s has led Warrandyte to now field four teams - The Echidnas, Possums, Joeys and newly-formed Wombats. Many players are now seasoned experts having played one or two seasons already. Our U9s have proven that height does not matter when going for goal. Onlookers have been amazed at the increased abilities our young sports people have shown and their terrific attitude on the court. While at the start of the season it looked impossible for our tiny players to throw a ball high



**WARRANDYTE NETBALL CLUB**

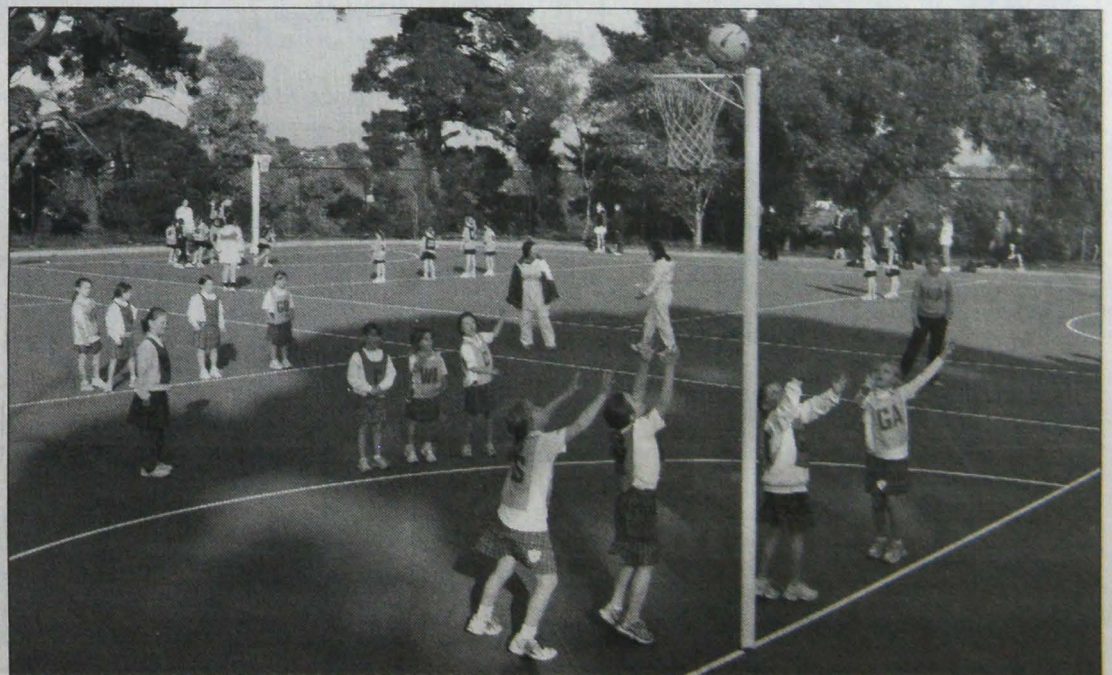
enough to reach the goal-ring, or even aim a ball over the heads of their opponents, now they are making the game look easy.

In U9s the girls are taught the rules of the game as well as

the importance of having fun. Most girls are given the chance to play in all of the positions and it doesn't take them long to pick up the rules.

Occasionally the ball may be thrown in the wrong direction or feet may not stop when they want them to, or they may accidentally shoot for goal at the wrong end of the court, but the girls have enjoyed every minute of playing a team sport and cheering each other on. Of course, none of this would happen without the amazing volunteers who coach, umpire, train, cut up oranges, or score the game each week.

Sue Rodwell also plays a huge part in the U9 program, helping to foster our champions of the future. Vixens, here we come!





**VENOM TRYOUTS IN FULL SWING**  
 VENOM tryout week ends on October 16, and according to player development manager Gerard Leonard the club is looking at increasing from 24 teams up to a potential 32 teams next season. "We have recruited some fantastic coaches into the program, we have been inundated with new players wanting to join and we are close to securing extra court space to cope with more growth," he said. For further details go to the club website at [www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au](http://www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au). In other basketball news, USA Tour Golf Day (Friday October 21 at Yering Meadows) has packages still available, contact [gm@warrandytebasketball.net.au](mailto:gm@warrandytebasketball.net.au). Warrandyte Basketball's annual social and senior awards night will take place on Friday October 21 at Warrandyte Grand Hotel. Tickets \$20 each, contact [gm@warrandytebasketball.net.au](mailto:gm@warrandytebasketball.net.au) to book. Aussie Hoops and Mini-Ball for children in grade prep through to grade 3 starts at Warrandyte Sports Complex on Fridays from 4pm. Registration forms available at [www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au](http://www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au)

**FREE TENNIS TRIALS**  
 A FREE come and try cardio tennis session will be held on Wednesday night. For those wondering about the new tennis competition innovations for kids aged 7 to 12 there will be trials for the MLC Tennis Hot Shots Competition and regular coaching on Saturday morning. And if you've heard talk of a local speed dating event starting up in South Warrandyte, come and check out Game Set and Match where you won't get candlelight, but you will get tennis under lights, BYO drinks, fun activities for all abilities and plenty of socialising with new friends. For more info or bookings for all these events: [info@thetennisinguru.com.au](mailto:info@thetennisinguru.com.au).

**FRIDAY SOCIAL FUN**  
 If you haven't played tennis since you were a kid but would like to give it another go, the Friday morning ladies social tennis for beginners to intermediate might be the place to start. Term four has already begun so come and have a look and register your interest for term one next year which runs from February 10 to March 30. Entries close January 30. Download your entry form at <http://www.tennis.com.au/warrandytetc/news> or for more information contact: Angela: 0410 290 079 or Susan: 0438 161 295.



# Smashing time at Warrandyte tennis

THE Warrandyte Tennis Club Supersmashers program is once again offering kids who have never picked up a racquet the chance to build their skills and have some fun.

Based on programs such as Auskick, children learn all the different tennis strokes, how to serve, tips on fitness, training in gross motor skills development and work on improving their hand-eye coordination. Supersmashers will run at Warrandyte Tennis Club from Sunday October 23 until Sunday November 27.

All participants will receive a Smashpak containing items such as a tennis racquet, tennis bag, t-shirt and other giveaways. The cost is \$90 a child. For more information contact Michelle Gilling on 9844 2025 or 0447760012. Entry forms can be downloaded at [www.warrandytetennis.org.au](http://www.warrandytetennis.org.au).

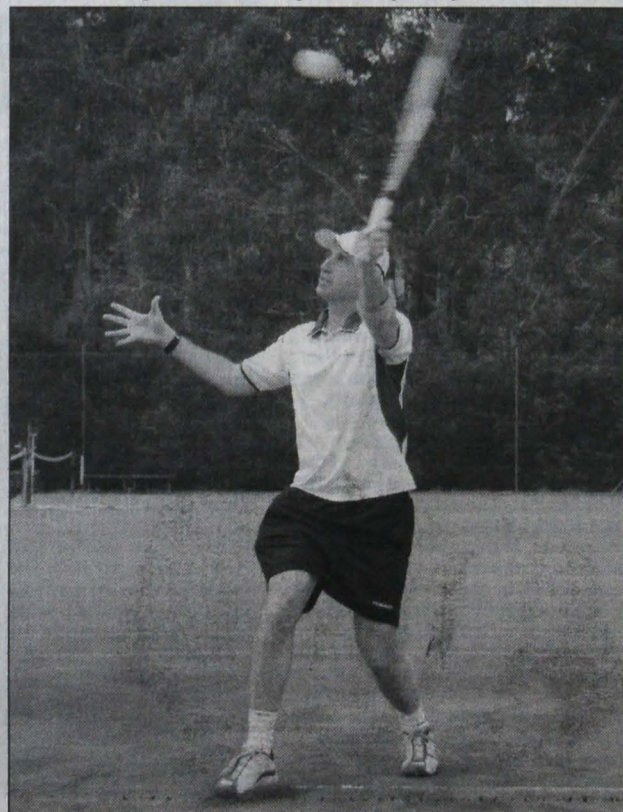
Recently, Warrandyte's annual tennis club championships were played in warm conditions with some exciting play resulting. Womens singles: E Northover d D

Honeyborne 8-3. Mens singles: C Haslam d A Beltramin 6-0 6-1. Men doubles: S Brimelow /A Mifsud d A Beltramin/M Bishop 8-2. Mixed doubles: T and V Honeyborne d A Knight/J Read 8-6. Congratulations to the 2011 club champions.

For those who like a social event as much as their tennis, the club's Oktoberfest 2011 will be held on Saturday from 7.30pm, featuring beers from the Yarra Valley and Europe, BBQ Kransky and pretzels, games, raffles and prizes for best dressed, yodelling and thigh slapping. Tickets are \$20. For bookings [warrandytetc@gmail.com](mailto:warrandytetc@gmail.com) or more information Susan: 0438 161 295 or Angela: 0410 290 079.



Running hot: Women's singles winner Elise Northover (above) and Men's singles winner Craig Haslam (below).



## Social Event

Sat 15 October 2011

Come and join us for a fun night out let your hair down and dance the night away

Starts 7.30pm  
 BBQ Kransky & Pretzels

**Tickets Now on Sale**

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\$20 members & guests

Beer, Schnapps  
 Sparkling Wine & Wine at Bar  
 Prices (soft drink free)

Games Raffles & Prizes for Best dressed Yodelling & Thigh Slapping

Featuring Beers from the Yarra Valley and Europe



# Aths springs back into action



SPRING has returned and so has Little Aths, so it's time to learn new skills, gain confidence, do some cross training for other sports and achieve some goals on the athletics track.

Competition started last week and is held on Saturdays from 8.30am to 10am for the Ontrack U6s and U7s and 10am to Noon for U8s to U15s at Rieschiecks Reserve, George St, Doncaster.

There are also some Friday evening sessions and training is on Wednesdays from 4.30pm. Online Registration for East Doncaster club at the Doncaster centre is at: [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au).

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



On your marks, get set ... go : Doncaster Little Athletics Centre education director Peter Sharpe is all set for the season ahead with Warrandyte Little Aths participants Nick, Emily, Alistair, Zane and Abbey (back) and Will and Ben (front). They're off and racing (left), while Will shows us his style with the discus. Pictures: SCOTT PODMORE



# Leaping Lee is top Blood in season 2011



Top two: Tom Naughtin and best and fairest Lee Evans.

LEE Evans was named senior best and fairest and also took out the coveted John O'Brien club champion trophy when more than 130 Warrandyte Football Club players, members and supporters celebrated the 2011 season at the Manningham Function Centre recently.

There was a three-way tie in the Reserves between Paul Burgoyne, Josh Harris and Cal Haskings and Mitch Gaffney was voted best and fairest in the U18s.

Season 2011 award winners were: Tracy "Snowy" Prior best club person: The Falkingham Family; Jimmy Logan memorial award for best young club person: Lucas Jackson; president's award: Jake Bentley; coach's award: Sam Tansley. Senior Awards: Ron Wilson medal for leading goalkicker:

Michael Morello (57 goals); best first year player: Tom Appleby; most determined player: Ben Taylor; Madge Alsop most courageous player: Ben Reid; best and fairest: Lee Evans; runner up: Tom Naughtin; 2nd runner Up: Todd Holman; players award: Tom Naughtin; Reserves Awards: most courageous: Matt Falkingham; best and fairest: Cal Haskings, Paul Burgoyne and Josh Harris; players award: Glen Carle; Geoff Darby most determined player: Paul Burgoyne. Under 18s Awards: best and fairest: Mitch Gaffney; runner up: Sam Beasley; 2nd runner up: Matt Colborne-Veel; John McCartin most consistent player: Jesse Deer; Lee Tindale most determined player: Nick Dinakis; most improved: Dale Paul; John O'Brien club champion: Lee Evans.



Triple treat: Josh Harris, Paul Burgoyne and Cal Haskings.

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## WARRANDYTE

*Come On Home...*

Brimming with features plus a tranquil location on just over the classic 1/4 acre block makes for relaxed and enjoyable family living! The light-infused rooms are generous offering a living-dining room, separate family room, kitchen/meals, 4 robed bedroomss including zoned main BR (ensuite), bathroom, downstairs spacious rumpus room. Inclusions: pine floorboards, exposed beams, OFP, large carport.



## WARRANDYTE NORTH

*5 Star Views and Lifestyle*

Dynamic 4 bedroom 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

*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 measures approx 4112m<sup>2</sup> comprising separate lounge and dining rooms, kitchen/family, includes spa bath, WIR to main bedroom, second bathroom, 3 car accommodation.



## WARRANDYTE

*Ideal Bush Setting*

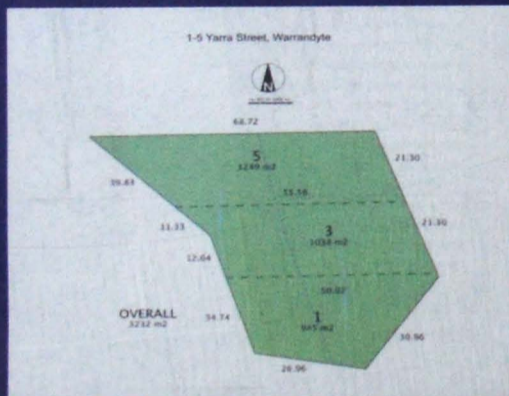
This attractive 5126m<sup>2</sup> lightly treed allotment is fully fenced with water, gas, electricity and telephone all available. With a generous building envelope of 562m<sup>2</sup> this could very well be the property to build your dream home on. Situated only a short drive to the centre of town, the Yarra River, wood-fire bakery, various restaurants, the new lollies and treats shop and all that Warrandyte has to offer.



## WARRANDYTE

*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.



We welcome our newest addition to the Landfield team...

Anne has burst through the doors of Landfield Real Estate Warrandyte bringing with her a bundle of energy and a large amount of industry knowledge. She has a bright, energetic and friendly nature and prides herself on her integrity and honesty ensuring the best outcomes are achieved for her clients. Having a diverse background including a science degree and many managerial roles, Anne understands the importance of having a close relationship with her clients. Reliability is always a high importance along with having someone you can speak openly to and can have complete trust in. After having travelled around Australia and overseas for a period of time, Anne has now returned home to her place of childhood and fits in perfectly to her role as an Assisstant Property Manager with the Landfield Real Estate team.



## Lions Club of Warrandyte Inc.

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Lions are about giving back to their communities. We support medical research, people with disabilities, emergency relief and leadership development through our many projects and activities. To do this we need men and women of good standing in the community to become members of our club. Go to [www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au](http://www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au) to learn more about what we do and phone Jenni on 0401 963 583 or send an email to [membership@lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au](mailto:membership@lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au)

