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Local hero: Lydia Phelan, 12, rescued an elderly woman from a burning house in Blair Street, Warrandyte recently. CFA lieutenant Adrian Mullens presented her with a chief officer certificate of appreciation. ● Story—Page 3.  
(Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

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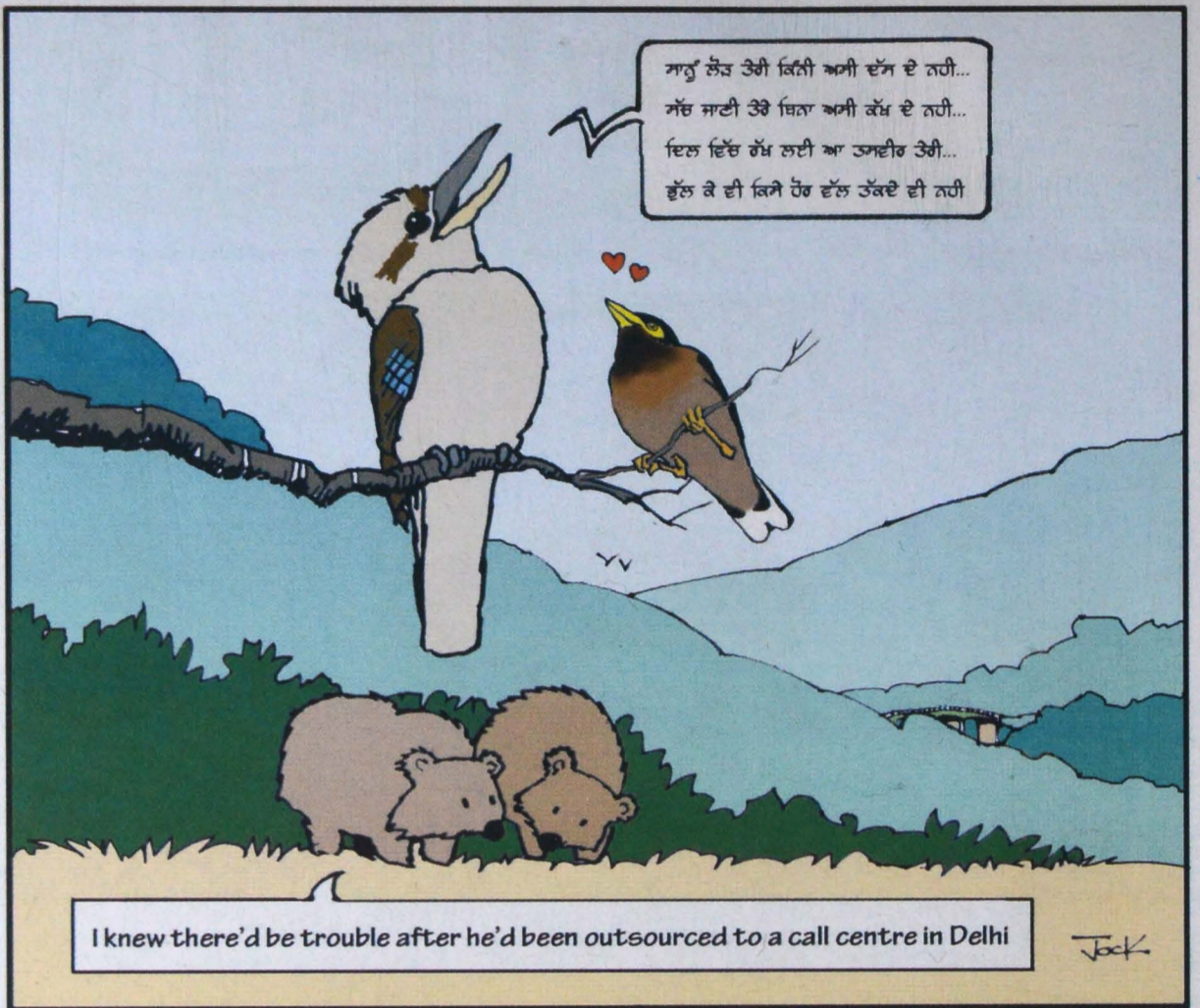
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**OVER THE HILLS**

By **JOCK MACNEISH**



**Cinnamon scoops the pool**

**W**HEN she was four, Cinnamon decided she wanted to be a ballerina when she grew up, wear pink and marry a prince. So they sent her to Bhava.

When she was six, she decided she wanted to be an AFL footballer when she grew up, wear red and black and marry James Hird. So they sent her to Auskick.

When she was 15, she decided she wanted to be Britney Spears when she grew up, wear very little and marry anyone who came along. So they sent her to Pole Princess in Ringwood.

Now she was 19, and was grown up, she decided to be a journalist, wear her heart on her sleeve and become married to her profession.

She wanted to bring down the high and mighty. Sink the slipper into politicians. Meet celebrities and reveal their weight loss secrets.

She wanted to touch people—not in an inappropriate groping kind of way, but emotionally. To move people—not in a fleeing the suburb kind of way, but inspirationally. Comment on public affairs—not in a...oh look, you know what I mean.

So she went and knocked on the door at the Diary office. Some days later Cliff Green showed up and put her on.

The Diary has a long and proud history of encouraging budding journalists, mainly to balance the contingent who have already run to seed. And

naturally, Cliff was full of good advice which he told her to write down.

Like always carry a pen and pad, which she would have written down if she'd been carrying a pen and pad.

Like balancing personal privacy and public interest, meaning if the public's interested forget personal privacy.

Like verifying a story with

two sources, or at least check with one source twice.

When he was finished she asked him how to hack mobile phones like a real journalist, but Cliff hadn't heard of mobile phones.

Instead he sent her out to find a story. A Warrandyte story. One that Diary readers needed to hear.

It was harder than she had imagined.



**living with The Trots**

She tried to get to the Sustainability Expo for WarrandyteCAN but couldn't.

She started on a piece about green bags but couldn't find anyone who still used them.

She decided to do a follow up on the phone tower campaign but couldn't ring anyone because she was still on Vodaphone, and couldn't get coverage.

She started looking into septic tanks in North Warrandyte but after a bit of sniffing round chucked it in.

She tried interviewing the new doctor at the clinic but her nose was so congested she could barely talk. He said she had writer's block.

And when she finally filed a story on the new library Cliff fined her for being overdue.

But a journo is like a dog with a bone—except for the halitosis and burying it in the garden.

And when the next issue of the Diary finally hit the streets, there it was, on the bottom of page seven, between Cyril and the mini ads. Fifty-two words about the introduction of a barbecue sauce bottle outside the Wood Fired Bakery as an alternative to tomato.

At last she was a true journalist. It was there in black and white. Clearly evidenced by her own byline, and a headline that read "Bakery supplies two sauces!"

**ALAN CORNELL**



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Joint effort: Lydia and the Warrandyte CFA crew who attended the fire.

# Lydia to the rescue

Words and picture by **STEPHEN REYNOLDS**

Warrandyte High School student Lydia Phelan, aged 12, was on her way home from school one day last month when she noticed smoke coming from a neighbour's house in Blair Street. Originally she thought the house was vacant. On closer inspection she realised there was an elderly woman inside. She called her mother, who dialed 000. Lydia then entered the house and helped the woman, who had been overcome by smoke, to leave the house.

On arrival, the brigade members (all trained in first aid) administered oxygen and stabilised the woman until the ambulance arrived. Warrandyte CFA lieutenant Adrian Mullens said that Lydia raising the alarm and waiting for the brigade and emergency services to arrive and informing them of the situation resulted in a good outcome. "Knowing the house was empty meant that when the brigade arrived on scene we were able to get straight into assisting the lady and getting to the seat of the fire," he

said. "For such a young girl, Lydia's actions were heroic and I believe without her quick response the elderly lady's life would have been at risk." Lieutenant Mullens pointed out that the Warrandyte community is "pretty close-knit and it is great to see that we can rely on each other and look out for others". He said it was encouraging in this day and age to see a 12 year-old use her initiative in a high stress situation that could well have had a tragic outcome. The fire was caused by a pot being left on the stove.

# Change threat to vegetation

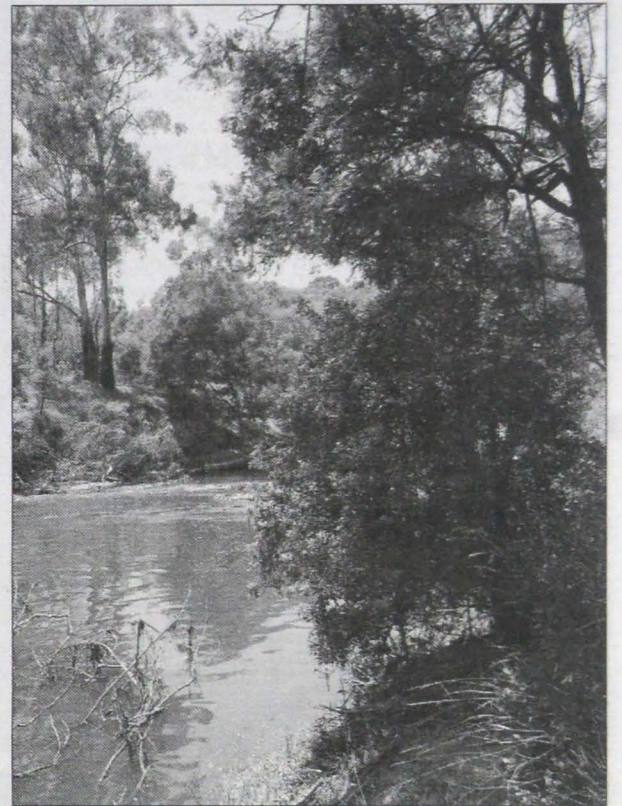
By **LINDA ROGAN**

Local conservation groups are concerned that a review of the Native Vegetation Framework to be carried out by the Baillieu government may result in less protection for our native flora and fauna rather than a more effective process. This concern was raised following confirmation in March that the government was undertaking a review of the rules, but no formal policy, scope or consultation process had been announced. Groups such as Middle Yarra Landcare Network, including Friends of Warrandyte Park, are amongst more than 36 groups in Victoria endorsing a joint statement that calls for "an extensive and open consultative process". (This statement can be read on the FOWSP website.) "Victoria is the most cleared and ecologically stressed state in Australia and while we have slowed the loss of habitat, we are still losing thousands of hectares of trees and grassland habitat every year," Charlie Sherwin of Birds Australia told the *Diary*. "Native vegetation rules are critical to reversing this decline," he said. Brendan Sydes, Environment Defenders Office CEO,

pointed out that, "Victoria's native vegetation retention laws have been developed and refined over many years under successive governments. (They) are the only Victorian laws that protect plant and animal habitat on private land in Victoria. It's important that this protection is not undermined by winding back these laws." Local groups are calling for the key elements of the existing framework to be retained. The present framework states that its primary goal is to achieve "a reversal, across the entire landscape, of the long-term decline in the extent and quality of native vegetation, leading to a net gain". This policy states: firstly avoid native vegetation clearing, where possible; secondly if clearing cannot be avoided, minimise impacts as much as possible; thirdly, only after these steps have been followed, identify appropriate "offset options". (An environmental offset is a positive action to compensate for loss of vegetation associated with development. An offset can be achieved through a combination of protection, management, regeneration and revegetation.)

The joint statement points out that "overall, retaining remnant native vegetation is cheaper and more effective than revegetation alone. Native vegetation also provides a wide range of environmental services such as clean air, fresh water, pollination, flood regulation, soil retention and carbon sequestration. "These benefits are worth many millions of dollars to the community annually, and need to be thoroughly assessed both ecologically and economically before balanced decisions can be made on changes to regulation." Any changes must not weaken the first two steps—avoiding and minimising the removal of native vegetation—and should not allow skipping straight to offsetting. Trees with hollows that are homes to our local native animals such as Brush-tailed Phascogales, Sugar Gliders, Birds, and Microbats take many years to grow. According to local Yarra Riverkeeper Ian Penrose, "the native vegetation along the banks of the Yarra River, on private and public land, is critical for river health. It filters and cleans run-off, inhibits erosion and provides vital habitat, food, shade and

shelter for fish, platypus, waterbirds and other aquatic and terrestrial species. "The well-being of the river and of the adjacent catchment are closely interconnected and mutually dependent. Healthy bankside vegetation is not just an environmental asset, it is key to our enjoyment and appreciation of the Yarra. "The current regulations that protect this native vegetation have not been totally effective in stopping inappropriate clearing, but it is very concerning that the government's review may weaken rather than strengthen them." Much of the flora that makes Warrandyte such a special place occurs on private land. Warrandyte and surrounding suburbs are already losing native vegetation to legal clearing for bushfire protection, infrastructure and house building. This increases the need to keep the framework strong to prevent any additional loss. Local groups have drafted an open letter to Ryan Smith, MP for Warrandyte and Minister for the Environment asking for his assurance that these concerns will not be ignored. ● See letter: Page 4



Warrandyte's bushland is threatened by new vegetation rules. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

# Controlled burn alarms residents

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Residents were alarmed earlier this year when they saw smoke and had not been notified of a controlled burn in the Warrandyte State Park. The Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) received calls from concerned residents who complained that there was no notification of the controlled burn in February in the State Park. "One resident, with a totally incapacitated wife, was very alarmed as he needs time to organise evacuation," WCA president Dick Davies said. Parks Victoria claimed that flame heights were one to two metres at

best, and all notifications were done as per normal. They stated that they have burnt in February before, and claimed they look at all possible risks, with measures in place to manage these risks. Mr Davies said that, "In discussion of the Parks Victoria response, WCA have advised them that it would be a good idea to place electronic signs at the key road intersections in Warrandyte as soon as a planned burn is scheduled. "Residents spend much of their time in gridlock, so it makes sense to have electronic signs at key intersections," Mr Davies told the *Diary*.

As there are many roads around Warrandyte, with many vantage points where people can see smoke, notifications will never be able to capture everyone. Therefore, it is important that people either check the DSE or CFA website, or ring the Bushfire Information Line. The Bushfire Information Line was informed of the planned burn and was on hand to provide information and advice to concerned residents. For ready access to "real time" information, CFA recommends that households bookmark the fire incidents page on the CFA website ([www.cfa.vic.gov.au/fires](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/fires)).

CFA recommends that winter is the opportune time for households to update their bushfire plans, with particular reference to the Warrandyte and North Warrandyte Township Protection Plan, available on the CFA website. CFA also recommended that residents download the Fireready application onto their smart phones. The smart phone application allows users to view a map of current incidents, identified as contained, controlled or planned burns. It also displays emergency warnings and fire danger ratings by region. CFA recommends residents consult

the "Go List" as part of their planning. This list is an online resource of people and businesses willing to support those who wish to leave early but have nowhere to stay. It also provides options for those with pets and livestock ([www.thegolist.org.au](http://www.thegolist.org.au)). While there are now a number of ways residents can seek bushfire information, Mr Davies is concerned that most people would not necessarily be consulting relevant websites. ● WCA recommends people program the Bushfire Information Line into their phones or have it handy around the house (1800 240 667).

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Corner of Bradleys Lane and Research Road, 7am, April 20: two North Warrandyte fire trucks, seven or eight CFA blokes cleaning up an oil spill so the punters can get to work or school without skidding down the hill. Thanks guys!

Dick Davies  
Bradleys Lane

**APOLOGY**

My apology to the family of Sapper Ben Thomson, presently serving in East Timor, for saying his name incorrectly during the Anzac Day service.

John Byrne  
celebrant

dear diary

Letters to the *Diary* on local topics are welcome. All letters—including emails—must include the writer's full name, address and phone number, even if not intended for publication. Letters may be edited for reasons of style, length or legality. Letters can be posted to: Warrandyte Diary, PO Box 209, Warrandyte Vic 3113. They can be emailed to: warrandytediary@aapt.net.au; faxed to: 9844 4168 or left in the mail slot in the *Diary's* front door at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

# Conservation groups concerned by proposed flora rule changes

Open letter to Hon Ryan Smith, MP Minister for the Environment and Climate Change

As individuals and groups working to enhance and protect the native vegetation within your electorate, we wish to state our concern about any possible weakening of rules that protect the natural environment. We are worried that the proposed review of the Native Vegetation Management Framework could lead to such a weakening.

Our concern leads us to ask you the following questions:

1. How will the Native Vegetation Management Framework be reviewed? Will the consultation process

involve agencies and communities in formulating changes to the Native Vegetation Management Framework?

2. What steps are being taken to include an assessment of the economic value of vegetation and the services it provides, in addition to the apparent regulatory cost? That is, how will you access the best available ecological science to aid in modifying the framework?

3. Does your government recognise the need to protect the natural environment on both public and private land? If so, how will the review of the framework incorporate this?

4. Is your government

considering further exemptions for clearing of native vegetation?

5. What incentives does your government propose to encourage landholders to protect natural habitats on their land?

6. What steps are being taken to ensure a coherent state policy for protecting the environment that is home not only to native plants and animals but to all of us?

7. How will your government commit funding for this purpose?

We ask these questions because of our particular concerns that our Warrandyte area could lose its important natural values—those same values that attracted

many of us to the area in the first place. We are also concerned that weak regulation will accelerate the loss of the remaining native bushland across Victoria.

Artur Muchow  
Middle Yarra Landcare Network  
(including Friends of Warrandyte State Park, Lynda Gilbert; Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare Group, Fritz Uhl; and Wonga Park Environment Group, Paulina Mardes)  
Yarra Riverkeeper Association, Ian Penrose  
North Warrandyte Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group, Ruth Rankin  
Stony Creek Landcare, Ann Penrose



**APPLICATIONS INVITED**  
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The Award, which includes a grant of \$5000, is available to a young artist with a connection to the Warrandyte district. Applicants between 18 and 25, can apply online after 1 May 2012 at :- [www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/wyaa.php](http://www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/wyaa.php)  
Applications will close this year on 1 July 2012.

Enquiries phone 9844 2669

## Manningham clarifies position on centre

Manningham council really appreciates your support in informing the community about the redevelopment of the Warrandyte Community Centre. However, we believe that the article (*Diary* April) was missing a few important and key components which we would have clarified had we been given the opportunity prior to the publication of the article.

The information and the image used in the article was based on a concept plan which is subject to change pending further consultation with the tenants of the centre and securing funding from external sources.

Architects are currently working with the tenants in order to develop a finalised design. Furthermore, council is awaiting the outcome of several funding applications to the state government to assist in developing and implementing this project. Both these components are vital in determining the final concept and delivery of the project.

Please will you clarify these points in the next issue of the *Warrandyte Diary* to ensure the community is fully aware on the progress of this redevelopment project.

Edith Farrell  
acting director community services



The survival of Warrandyte wildflowers is threatened by a review of the Native Vegetation Management Framework. (Picture by Linda Rogan)



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# Sustainability Expo hits town

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

WarrandyteCAN's fifth Sustainability Expo, held late last month at Andersons Creek Primary School, was a great success.

"Andersons Creek was an ideal location for our exhibition because we were able to bring cars on-site. The performance centre is spacious and wheelchair friendly," CAN president Wayne Rankin said. "Being next to the local supermarket, it attracted people who weren't necessarily aware of the event but dropped in when they saw the signs."

Exhibitors displayed a diversity of products and services to promoting "green" living,

including electric and hybrid cars, electric bikes, double glazing, water conservation, household energy savers, draught solutions, solar products and sustainable garden management.

Products ranged from simple worm-farm waste systems to a newly available thermal management formula, using phase change materials to absorb and release heat.

Nillumbik and Manningham councils presented information on local flora and fauna, upcoming environmental events and government rebates and schemes.

Information sessions were presented in a nearby library and classroom by environmen-

tal activists, climate change experts and speakers focused on energy saving. An organic, fair-traded coffee kiosk kept audiences refueled, along with the school canteen and Lions' sausage stand.

Environmentally friendly electric cars captured the attention of everyone, and included the soon-to-be-released Holden Volt.

"This car is capable of up to 80km of electric driving but it also has a 1.4-litre petrol engine that recharges the battery, making it capable of driving more than 600km before needing recharging or refueling," GM representative David Magill told the *Diary*. "Holden are preparing

to launch it in Australia in the latter half of 2012."

Toyota representative Peter Carpenter said that he "joined the company over 30 years ago, and now I feel a bit like Henry Ford, reinventing the car all over again." He was describing his working experience with Toyota's Hybrid electric cars.

Homegrown quartet The Straw Hats entertained the crowd and the Electric Couch scooted around, giving residents laid-back rides. Five Warrandyte Primary School finalists were rewarded for their entries in a photographic exhibition entitled "Capture climate change". The winner was presented with a

waterproof camera, the four finalists each received a \$50 shopping voucher. (See Page 9) Compost bins and a worm farm were also given away as lucky ticket prizes for expo visitors.

One exhibit highlighted the efforts of a group of five residents, who are working in partnership with WarrandyteCAN to help make Warrandyte plastic bag free. Local Emma Edmonds spoke about the campaign: "We have taken on the job of coordinating an information campaign, started by WarrandyteCAN 12 months ago. We aim to educate the local community about the dangers to the environment in using plastic bags, and

ultimately affect a change to reusable bags."

Expo organisers were encouraged by the number of people who came through the 2012 exhibition. There were double last year's exhibits.

"The exhibition is growing," CAN president Wayne Rankin said. "This is fantastic news, but as the size of the event increases, so does the amount of work it takes to put it together. WarrandyteCAN is always looking for new members to join our committee. Any help, especially with events like the expo, would be greatly appreciated."

● For further information about WarrandyteCAN, go to [www.warrandytecan.com.au](http://www.warrandytecan.com.au)



Pictures by **STEPHEN REYNOLDS**



# Kids 'fancy' Subzero

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Warrandyte High students became some of the lucky thousands of school kids across the state when they scored a visit from retired racehorse Subzero.

Last month, year 7, 8 and 9 students put on their best frocks and gathered on the school's oval to greet the 1992 Melbourne Cup winner, affectionately known as "Subbie".

Students got up close and personal with the 23 year-old horse, who won about \$2 million in prize money throughout his racing career—about \$11 million by today's standards.

Tunes cards and book vouchers were awarded to some of the best-dressed

students on the day.

English teacher, Nerissa Marcon, says the day was a success for both students and teachers.

"It was a taste of the racing industry and a great opportunity for many of the students who had never come up that close to see a live racehorse," Ms Marcon told the *Diary*.

"You could just feel the excitement in the air. We were even given the opportunity to take photos with Subzero. It was a great day."

The much-anticipated visit was part of the prize awarded to Ms Marcon's Year 7 students who entered a Melbourne Cup competition last year.

The successful entries included a magazine, songs and creative writing pieces about the Melbourne Cup.

During Cup Week, Ms Marcon taught her Year 7 students about the racing industry, the Melbourne Cup and its history before students were asked to submit their entries.

The competition organisers couldn't decide on a single winner due to the high standard of entries, so the prize was awarded to the entire Year 7 class.

"I was hopeful that we would win because I put in quite a lot of effort in planning the project.

"Because there was such a range of activities to choose from it meant they were

more motivated to do the tasks and complete the project," Ms Marcon said.

Subzero visits about 120 schools each year.

Subzero's owner, Graham Salisbury told the *Diary* Subzero is a friendly horse and enjoys being around kids.

Subzero's other notable wins include the Adelaide Cup and the South Australian Derby.

Following the end of his racing career, Subzero carried the Clerk of the Course for 15 years until 2008.

Ms Marcon, who owns an ex-racehorse, said she was glad to share her passion for horses with her students.



Winjeel number 34.

## Wings over Warrandyte

By JEFF ADAIR

For many years, immediately before the start of the Grand Parade, Warrandyte Festival-goers craned their necks, watching as an aircraft performed a ceremonial fly-over in their honour.

It was a former RAAF trainer—a Winjeel. (It is believed "Winjeel" means "Young Eagle" in an Aboriginal language.)

For many years, the start of the parade featured the flight of this "retired" aircraft, tracking up and down the main street, tipping its wings as the throaty roar of its mighty engine marked the beginning of Warrandyte's best weekend.

People waved, kids shouted and old "top guns" remembered their glory days.

Sadly, during more recent times, the fly-over did not feature as part of the festival. Competing demands and other priorities diverted community funds available to sponsor this event. The festival continued and all was

enjoyed, but it was just not the same.

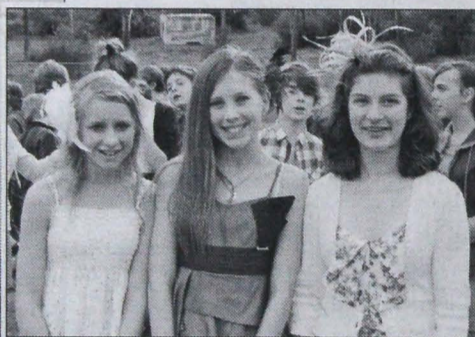
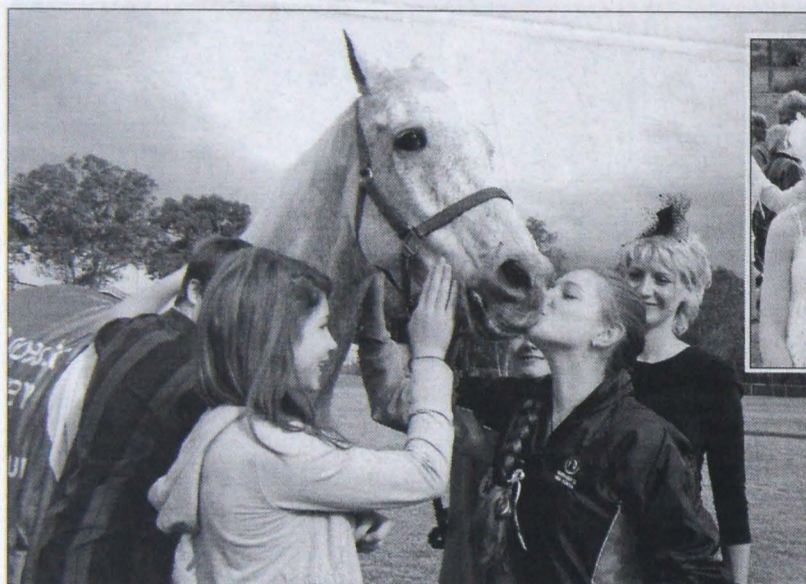
So who came to the rescue? Warrandyte Community Bank, of course!

The significance of the celebration and its commitment to Warrandyte and its community ticked all the bank's boxes and sponsorship was approved. Flight plans were lodged and the Winjeel returned over Warrandyte.

Built by the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation, near the current site of the Westgate Bridge, this Winjeel—number 34—is one of 62 built. It first flew in 1956 and was decommissioned by the RAAF in 1968. James Courtney of North Warrandyte purchased the aircraft in 1989—and still flies it!

● Fancy a joy ride with James in the Winjeel? He can be contacted at Lilydale Airport on 9739 1211.

(Jeff Adair is a director of the Warrandyte Community Bank.)



Above: Dress up time at Warrandyte High School, fascinators and all! From left: Juliette Crosby, Rhiannon Elliott and Eilish Kelly.

Left: Some of Subzero's fans—Lachlan Hanna, Katelyn Coutts and Tylar Findlay. (Picture by Brianna Piazza)



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# Tim is Earth Hour winner

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

Knowing that one person can make a difference, 21-year old Melbourne University student and former Warrandyte resident Tim Hall was recognised at the 2012 WWF Earth Hour Awards when the blog he co-founded, Speak Your Mind (SYM), won the inaugural Eco-Blogger Award.

The WWF Awards acknowledge the contributions of Australians working in the field of environmental awareness.

"Speak Your Mind is an online forum, where people can learn about and advocate solutions for environmental issues," Tim Hall told the *Diary*.

"Winning this award is exciting because it brings recognition. One of SYM's critical goals is to access a wider audience and endorsements like this will help that along."

In December 2010, Tim Hall and SYM co-founder Linh Do, travelled to Cancun in Mexico to cover the UN climate

change negotiations with the aim of trying to communicate these complex deliberations to a broader, younger audience.

"We slowly built content for the website through video blogging, writing about the negotiations, and syndicating our writing to interested newspapers," Mr Hall said.

"We had very few contacts in Mexico, but we were persistent and sometimes we got lucky. In one instance we managed to get an invitation to Richard Branson's climate summit, where we interviewed leaders in green technology, as well as senior staff at the UNFCCC—the body that governs climate negotiations. As the content grew and diversified, so did our audience."

Tim Hall travelled to Durban in South Africa to cover the 2011 climate change negotiations, this time as part of a team of eight young students selected from various continents.

For two weeks the team worked to produce as much content as possible, live-blogging from outside negotiation rooms then uploading to the website.

The blog is an open conversation, which Tim describes as "communication to aid advocacy".

"Where mainstream media was concentrating solely on the 2011 negotiations, we opened up our focus to include alternative viewpoints," he said.

"For example, non-government organisations and scientists who couldn't be present at the conference had their say via our blog. It also widened the range of stakeholders in our reporting."

Tim Hall credits his upbringing and local Warrandyte education as influential steps in his decision to explore pathways towards a more sustainable future.

"I grew up next to the Warrandyte State Park so it was like having my own adventure

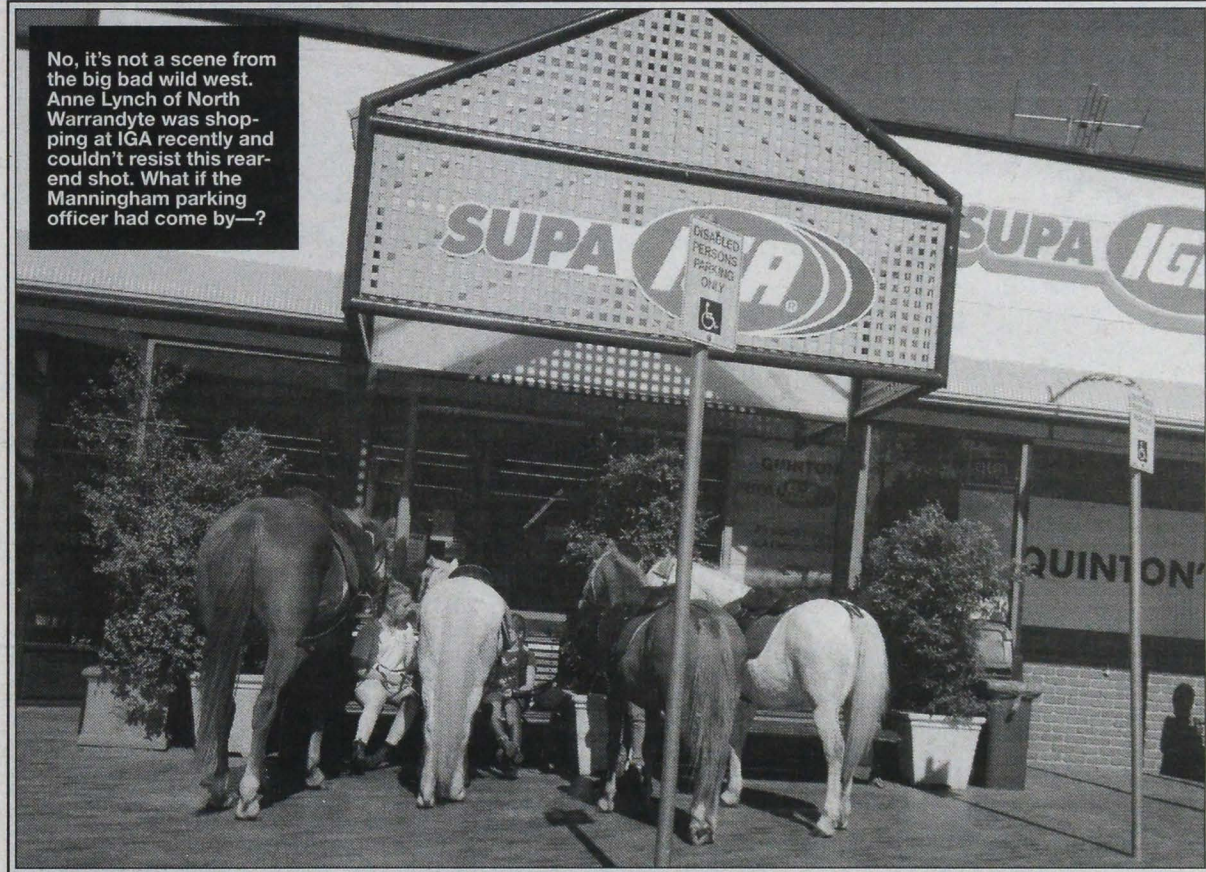
playground, but instead of swings there were trails and gum trees," he said.

"I was in Grade 5 at Andersons Creek when I first heard the term 'global warming'. The more I learned, the more I wanted to understand the chemistry behind it."

"During secondary school at Eltham College, I was especially inspired by a geography teacher, Jane Bellamy, who encouraged me not just to learn about environmental issues, but to take action and promote change," he said.

One of his goals for the future is the establishment of a Young Journalists Fellowship. This will involve "building partnerships with media organisations to set up the fellowship, which will help young advocates develop skills so that they can write more capably about critical environmental issues."

● Speak Your Mind can be accessed at [www.SYMnews.org](http://www.SYMnews.org).



No, it's not a scene from the big bad wild west. Anne Lynch of North Warrandyte was shopping at IGA recently and couldn't resist this rear-end shot. What if the Manningham parking officer had come by—?

# CFA volunteers train volunteers

The CFA is encouraging their volunteers to share their knowledge with other volunteers.

"Volunteers can train volunteers," a CFA spokesperson told the *Diary*. "Not all training has to be delivered by CFA staff."

"Brigade level and local training can and should—where possible—be delivered by local people. This includes

skills maintenance, one-on-one practice, crew practices, familiarisation and awareness sessions and on-the-job coaching."

With more than 60,000 members, CFA is one of the largest volunteer-based emergency service organisations in the world and has significant training programs to meet the preparedness and response needs of the community.

"Training can be carried out by any brigade member who is recognised by the Brigade Management Team as an experienced member with the knowledge, skills and attributes required to help maintain the important skills volunteers need," the spokesperson said.

"If there is a need for formal competency training and assessment, this can be

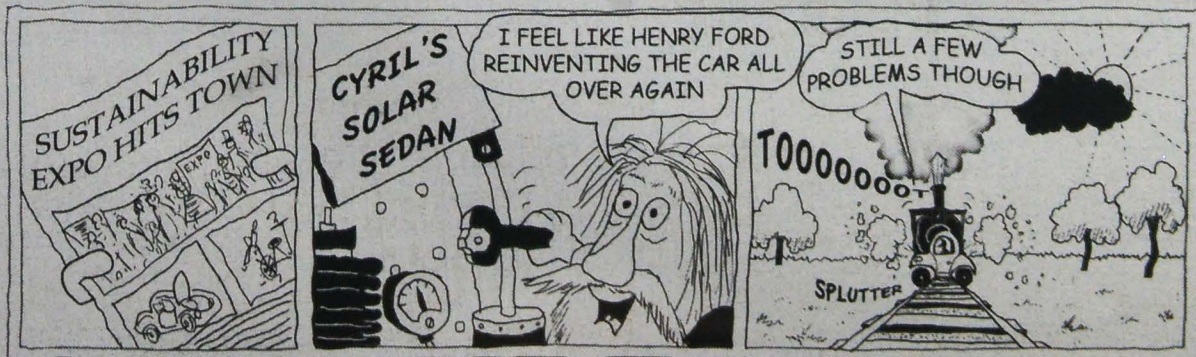
undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced brigade personnel."

A poster, outlining who can train and assess volunteer firefighters and emphasising the importance of sharing knowledge and skills with members in brigades, is being sent to all CFA brigades.

"All volunteers are urged to read this new training poster," the spokesperson said.

## CYRIL

By **PAUL WILLIAMS**



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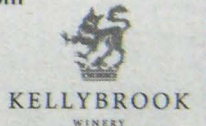
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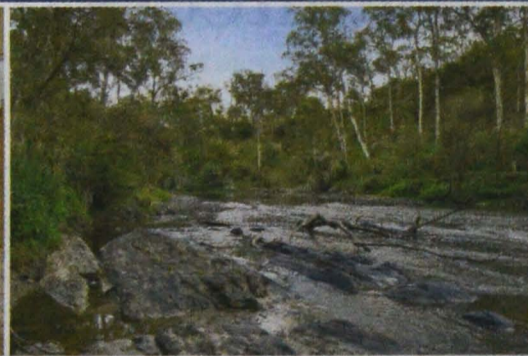
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# Youth Theatre hits the boards

**By GEORGIA WESTGARTH**  
The local theatre company has established the Warrandyte Youth Theatre (WYT), catering for 14 to 21 year olds interested in backstage and front of house. They are already planning their first production—a one-act play. Larry Phelan, 17, is the driving force behind the idea. With two Festival Follies under his belt, Larry is chuffed the whole theatre company got behind his idea. "I think the Youth Theatre will open up the company to a new and diverse group of young talent, to push the boundaries and help reinvigorate audiences to come down to the theatre," Larry said. WTC president Lisa Upson, along with company stalwarts Louise Phelan, David Tynan and Bill Connolly will facilitate the rehearsals and give guidance where needed. "The young people will otherwise direct and design their own show. It's just a wonderful initiative by Larry; it's great to start young and will be a fantastic addition to WTC, and community theatre," Ms Upson said. The Youth Theatre will coincide with the adult one-act play season, running

through June and July. Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday in the Mechanics Hall between 7pm and 9pm. The group is still seeking members, and with no audition process everyone is welcome and will get a job to do! Currently reading through scripts, the group will choose a one-act play based on their abilities. Workshops will be run to develop their characters, but from then on the cast will take full control. If the play chosen meets the standard, the group will take it on tour, competing in drama competitions. "We are 100 per cent behind Larry and the Youth Theatre, we hope to get them on tour and watch this group grow every year. Hopefully it will bring a younger audience to our productions," Ms Upson said. WTC's recent Festival Follies, "A Space Oddity" introduced several new young faces to the company, including Emily Davison, Claudia Bowers and Alex Roberts. ● For more information on the Youth Theatre contact Larry Phelan on 0422 476 446. Tickets go on sale for the one-act play season in July.



Young performers were a feature of Follies 2012. (Picture by Jeremy Loftus-Hills)



## Gigs at pub liven the Friday night local scene...

Did you know there is a place in our own main street that doesn't involve tripping over high heels to get to the city or overdressing to impress? Every Friday night the Warrandyte pub has a live band from 8.30pm. While some of those old gold Australian songs are covered, you will find that bands like The Andrew Wallace Duo also cover Radiohead, Bruno Mars and Oasis. And if you haven't heard the Andrew Wallace Duo's incredible cover of my happiness by Powderfinger—with saxophone—then you're missing out! The Andrew Wallace Duo consists of Andy and Rob. They have been together for nearly four years, but the two band members have

had 20 years experience in the industry. Andy has released two EPs and he used to tour with Pete Murray, while Rob's other band, The Promises, is releasing an album very soon. The duo has more band members for their big gigs. Various covers make it difficult to isolate their style but they share similarities with crowded house. If you try to request My Sharona when a little bit tipsy, you will be removed from the premises. Live music is at the Warrandyte pub every Friday night from 8.30pm. Casual dress, 18+, no thongs, shirts must be worn. You know, normal pub rules.

**BETHANY DOHERTY**



## Kids enjoy cop shop capers

Learning about keeping safe is a lot of fun. Last month, Prep kids from Andersons Creek Primary School visited Warrandyte Police Station. Sgt Stewart Henderson showed the children around the station and spoke about the many tasks and adventures involved in police work. A highlight was a visit to the cell, with everyone duly noting the uncomfortable bed! They were treated to the flashing lights of the police car and they especially loved the sound of the siren.

Fair cop: Creek kids at Warrandyte Police Station.

## School snappers scoop the pool

Young photographers from Warrandyte Primary School outshot the field in the photographic competition held in conjunction with the WarrandyteCAN Expo last month. Photos had to reflect some aspect of climate change. Luke Thompson (front left) came first, Heiner Greferath and Oscar Pur-nell (back left and centre) equal second and Kady Trayford and Lachie Spence (back right and front right) scored equal third. Everyone learned something about photography and protecting the environment.



## Neighbourhood House is on the move

The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is preparing their move into the Warrandyte Community Church ahead of major renovations at the Warrandyte Community Centre. WNH will finish term two in their current premises and move to the Community Church for the commencement of term three classes. "We are very fortunate that the church will accommodate all the existing activities on offer at the Neighbourhood House," coordinator Karen Throssell told the *Diary*. "We hope that the temporary move, which is just down the road, will not be too much of an inconvenience to Neighbourhood House users," Ms Throssell said. It is expected that the Neighbourhood House will be in their temporary premises for 12 months before they move back to the renovated Community Centre. "We will be on the ground level of the refurbished Community Centre in a larger space," Ms Throssell said. The Neighbourhood House continues to provide social and educational opportunities to residents in a welcoming environment. A diverse array of classes is on offer, from yoga to poetry to planting winter vegetable classes. ● The Neighbourhood House program can be found at [ww.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/](http://ww.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/)



# When the Bellbirds fly in Warrandyte

By BRIONY BOTTARELLI

It was May 1998 when a couple of mothers approached music teacher Lise Moran. They were keen to start a choir for adults. Lise was conducting two children's choirs at Andersons Creek Primary School at the time. She found the group challenging at first, as she had not had any experience with adult choirs, but once it got going she found it stimulating and fun. Fifteen years on, she cherishes the many lifelong friends she has made.

"We laugh a lot as we make pleasing musical sounds, and I always look forward to a good 'sing' every Monday night."

Alec Manson was the first and only male member and one of the original eight. He formed a committee, was elected first president and steered the choir through incorporation. The first rehearsals were held at Andersons Creek Primary School.

The small group of singers was randomly divided into two groups, melody and harmony. There was no sheet music, only words. The first song was *Perhaps Love* by John Denver and *Wind Beneath My Wings* was an early favourite.

The choir's first gigs were "soirees" with the children at Andersons Creek. One memorable event occurred when the choir was joined by Christopher Lyell, a young boy with a beautiful soprano voice.

First gig outside the school was a fete at the Anglican Church in Stiggant Street, performing to a small audience in that tiny church. Janet, a founding choir member, said that her husband, after hearing the choir, commented that it had a "luscious sound".



Bellbird Singers at rehearsal. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Later in 1998, the parents' choir at Eltham College was disbanded, causing an influx of new members. One more male—Trevor Hince—was gained in that intake. He suggested that Bellbird Singers would be an appropriate name for the choir.

Originally, the choir performed in black and white—

black pants or skirts, white tops—with a plain coloured scarf added to brighten things up. The white tops were later abandoned as Lise thought the choir resembled a troupe of singing waiters! The choir then obtained matching scarves and ties to lift the black.

Around 1999 or 2000 a pia-

nist was acquired—Maureen Johnson, a good friend of Lise from Vermont South—and what an acquisition! A patient, skilful pianist, gentle and reserved (until someone mentions the Geelong Football Team!). Maureen enabled Lise to concentrate on conducting, as previously she had served as both pianist and conduc-

tor. Originally members paid \$2 a week, but then fees became payable each term and the choir joined the Choral Society.

At the beginning of 2004 the choir had to find a new rehearsal venue. Ros McDonald, a member of the choir and also the minister at the United Church, suggested we

rehearse in the church and that is where we have been ever since.

Now in its 15th year, the Bellbirds are still going strong. We still have Lise and Maureen and several of our original members. The longevity of the choir is largely due to the dedication and enthusiasm that Lise contributes and our smooth performances are due to her excellent ear for a note out of place! She finds it very rewarding to see the development of mostly inexperienced choristers, the joy they share and bring to their audiences.

The choir is always looking for new recruits. No audition required; just come along! The ability to read music helps, especially if you don't know the song, but there are members without any musical knowledge at all.

Each year we perform several gigs, attempting to lift the spirits of elderly folk in nursing homes and retirement villages. However, our main yearly events are Anzac Day at the Warrandyte RSL and Carols By Candlelight at Stiggants Reserve. Also, each year we participate in "The Big Sing", where a couple of choirs come together to sing and show off for each other, having a really good time.

Recently, we sang at a couple of weddings. We are happy to sing our repertoire for anyone—and we don't charge for our services. Our reward is the fun we have and the people we meet.

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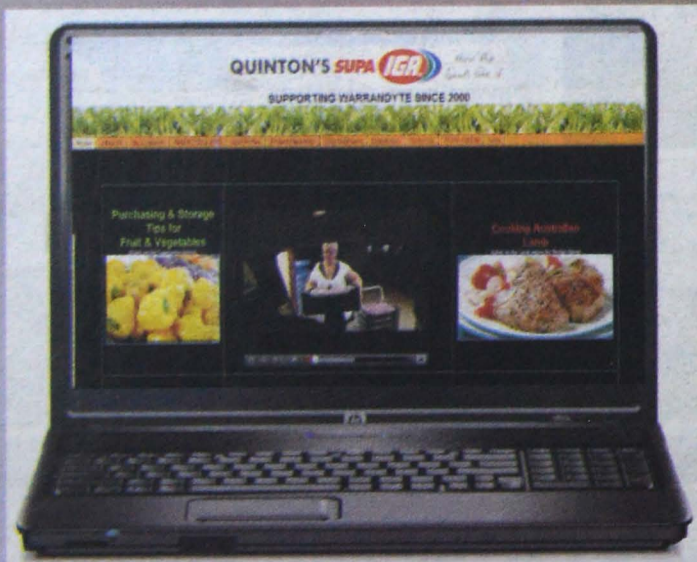


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# Braving the weather for Anzac

By MICHELLE PINI

"No such body of free men has given so heroically since our history began." Writer John Masefield's famous words about Gallipoli were cited by civil celebrant, John Byrne in his Anzac Day address in Warrandyte this year.

Although the day loomed bleak and blustery the wild weather did not impede an estimated 400 people from attending the service. As if in deference to the proceedings, the rain that had been falling intermittently, stopped abruptly as the march commenced.

Led by Warrandyte's two remaining World War II veterans,

Ben Jones and John Verrall, around 200 people began the march up the main street to the RSL memorial as others joined along the way. Many more looked on from Yarra Street shops, waving to the procession.

A crowd had already gathered at the memorial, guarded by the 31 Army Cadet Unit and the service commenced. Mr Byrne declared it a "privilege to deliver the Anzac Day address to the Warrandyte community".

Echoing the stoic spirit of commemorated soldiers was a group of Warrandyte cub scouts, who sat silently and respectfully throughout the

proceedings, without fidgeting or complaining as the rain continued to fall steadily for the duration.

Indeed many of the heads bowed in respect were those of young people.

Mr Byrne addressed these members of the crowd directly, drawing a comparison between their current lives and those of the young men who served in the First World War.

Warrandyte CFA Captain Bernie Ebzery said, "People take comfort from having the march in Warrandyte. It's their way of saying thank you".

As well as paying homage to the Anzacs and others who

followed them in past wars and conflicts, tribute was paid to the men and women currently serving this country.

The crowd was told that two Warrandyte residents, Sergeant David Ryan and Sapper Ben Thomson, currently deployed in East Timor, "appreciate the generous support from the Warrandyte community back home".

Mr John Verrall, who was born in England and moved to Warrandyte in 1951, is now 91 years old.

He described Anzac Day as "extremely significant for 'foreigners' like me, as well as all Australians who have embraced its tradition in ap-

preciation of the great life we have here".

Mr Verrall has been involved with the Warrandyte parade since 1957 and although he finished the day with a cold, concluded that he wouldn't have missed it.

In addition, a special thank you was paid to Mr Ben Jones, who turns 90 this year and has invited most of Warrandyte to his birthday celebrations. Mr Jones, known to many locals as the cheerful fixture outside IGA or the bakery selling Anzac Day tokens, quipped that he has served a 25 year "sales apprenticeship".

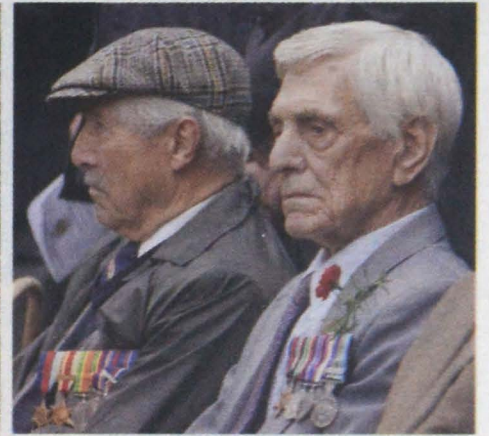
His effort this year totalled \$6000. Ben Jones has been

leading the procession every year since "sometime in the 1970s".

RSL president Henk Van Der Helm stated that the attendance keeps growing as Warrandyte continues to embrace the parade.

"It provides a great opportunity for people to get involved and it's pleasing to see so many people making the effort to honour our servicemen despite the miserable weather," he said.

The commemoration was perhaps best summed up by MP Ryan Smith: "Warrandyte does Anzac Day well, in a relaxed way with just the right amount of formality".



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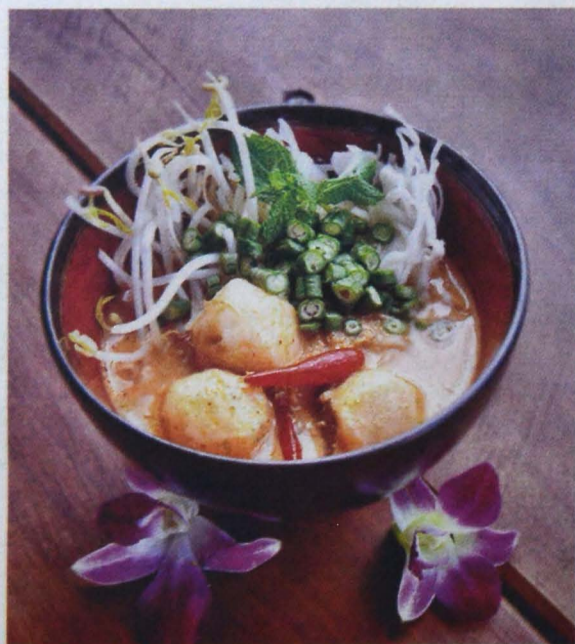
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# Mental health workshop

## out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale is holding a Mental Health First Aid Workshop on June 16 and 17 to help raise awareness and provide the necessary skills to assist in the better management of mental health problems. The course runs for 12 hours over two days and includes professional training on how to recognise and assist an individual in mental distress. A printed manual is included in the \$30 registration fee. For more information or to book call Judy Hall on 0419 201 231 or email hallmob@bigpond.net.au

## Heritage

As part of the National Trust Heritage Festival, Manningham council has organised a heritage bus tour on Thursday, May 10 and Sunday, May 13. The tours will run from 2pm to 4.30pm leaving 673 Doncaster Road, Doncaster (corner of Council Street). It will explore a number of historical points of interest including Bulleen mansions of the late 1800s, the former Carmelite Monastery in Donvale and the Park Orchards Country Club Estate and Chateau built in 1928-29. Also to be included are Doncaster's Winter Park Cluster Housing and a series of sculptural houses designed by Kai Chen in the 1980s. For more information or to book, phone 9840 9121 or go to [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events).

## Jazz

Soggy Bottom Jazz Club Café, at Earth Harmony, bringing you an African Jazz Concert featuring David Marama from Malawi/Tanzania; singer, songwriter and African style guitar; Ray Pereira, West African drums and percussion; Leo Dale, jazz sax and flute.

## Natives

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park indigenous plant nursery is open to the public every Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm on the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 1pm and the first Sunday of every month from 2pm to 4pm. Information on the plants, weeds and various aspects of conservation is available. The nursery is adjacent to the State Park office accessed from Pound Bend Road. Further information



## Recycle your junk at Uniting Church

Riverflow Recycling, a part of Warrandyte Uniting Church, in conjunction with WarrandyteCAN, is holding its next six-monthly recycling day on May 19. Items to be recycled or reused can be dropped at the church in Tarroona Avenue between 10am and 2pm that day. They will accept CDs, DVDs, bicycles, computers and parts, ink cartridges, mobile phones, hearing aids and spectacles, used stamps, material, buttons, lace and batteries. For further information call Ken Keam on 0407 839 718 or go to [www.riverflow.com.au](http://www.riverflow.com.au)

about FOWSP can be obtained on [www.fowsp.org.au](http://www.fowsp.org.au).

## Prayer

Warrandyte churches are combining for a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It will be held at the Community Church in Yarra Street on Sunday, May 27 at 7pm.

## Walks

The next Manningham conducted nature walk will travel from the river at Jumping Creek Reserve, upstream towards the original Stane Brae farm dairy. Distance is 4 kms and the rating difficult. To book call 9840 9124 or email [eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au).

## Trade

Manningham council is setting up a new steering group to help the municipality become an accredited "Fair Trade Community". Nominations are sought from the community and local business representatives living or working in Manningham to join this steering group during Fair Trade Fortnight, from May 5 to May 20. For nomination forms and terms of reference contact the Economic and Environmental Planning Unit on 9840 9348.

Written nominations need to be submitted by Friday, May 18.

## Seminar

The next Manningham Environmental Seminar will be held at the Warrandyte Community Centre, 168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte on Wednesday, June 6. The topic will be "Manningham's Native Vegetation Loss". This seminar is free and starts at 7.30pm.

## Market

The next monthly Eltham market will be on Sunday, May 20 at the Alistair Knox Park, Panther Place, Eltham from 8.30am to 1pm.

## Newsletters

Looking for a simple way to keep the *Diary* informed of your group's activities? Put us on your newsletter mailing list.

## Tell us

The *Diary* is your newspaper and we're always ready to publish details of your forthcoming events. Give us all the facts and simply drop it through the door in the *Diary* office, post it to PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113, fax it to 9844 4168, or email [warrandytediary@aapt.net.au](mailto:warrandytediary@aapt.net.au).

## Business

Nillumbik Shire Council is inviting small business owners to its business and sustainability breakfast seminar—"green4business" to be held on Thursday, May 24 from 7am to 9am at the Council Chambers, Civic Drive, Greensborough. Book at [www.enterprisennillumbik.com.au](http://www.enterprisennillumbik.com.au) or call 9433 3744 for further information. Cost is \$55 per head.

## Need to know

This page is provided to publicise community events. Ensure you tell us: what it is; when it is; where it is; is there a cost? Include a phone number for enquiries.

## artyfacts

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association painters group is holding a bargain sale of members' works on Sunday, May 27 from 10am to 4pm. Part of the proceeds will go to the restoration and upkeep of the hall. Paintings in a variety of media will be available at the hall, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue, Warrandyte.

## Open

Past *Diary* cartoonists Syd Tunn and Ona Henderson will be opening their studio on the weekend of May 12 and 13. The studio, at the corner of Henley and Oxley Roads, Bend of Isles will be open from 12noon to 5pm each day.

## Stonehouse

May at Stonehouse is going to colour your winter with a fabulous textile exhibition. Wraps, scarves and vests will be on display, plus felted jewellery, bags and wall work. The gallery is at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Open daily 10am to 5pm. Phone 9844 3629.

## Arts

The Artyfacts column is designed to carry news of exhibitions and other arts events happening in Warrandyte and surrounding areas.



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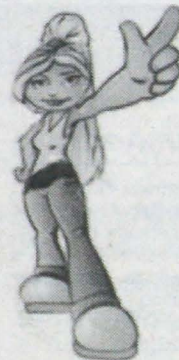
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More details of the award and to apply online go to [www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php](http://www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au/yoty.php) or write to:

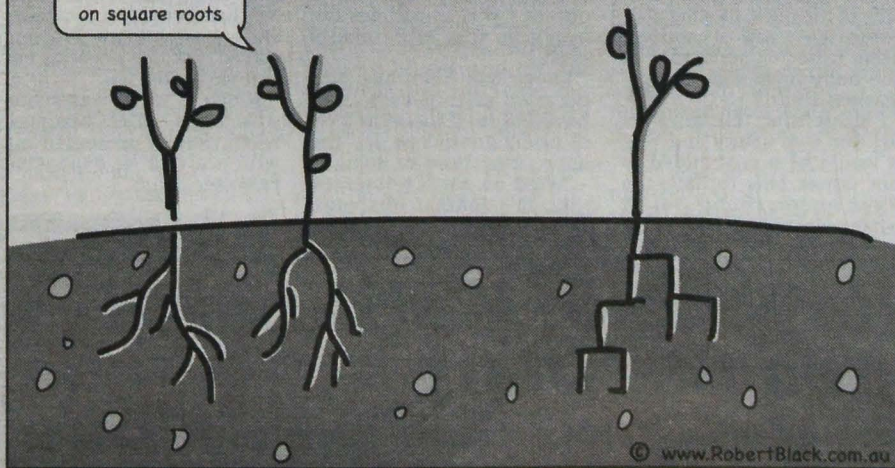
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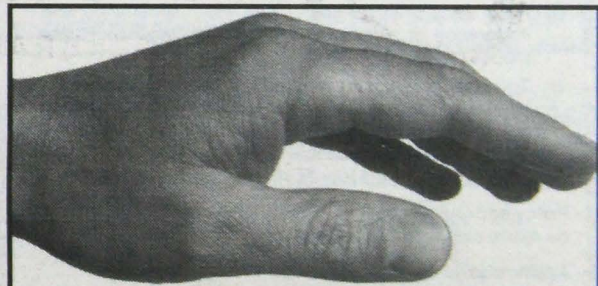


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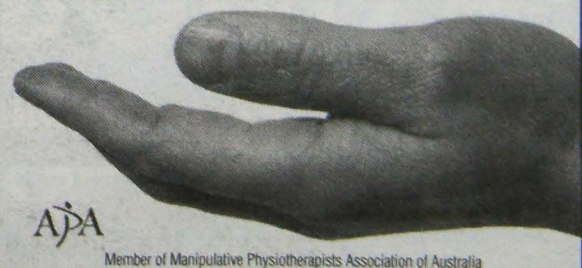
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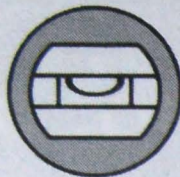
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Generally, all owners of properties listed or proposed to be listed in the heritage provisions of the Manningham Planning Scheme are eligible to apply for funds. Two types of funding are available:

- The Heritage Restoration Fund provides the owners of identified properties with the opportunity to apply for a small grant to assist with the maintenance and restoration of significant heritage buildings and other places of interest.
- The Heritage Restoration Fund (Trees and Gardens) is intended to assist owners of identified significant trees and gardens to undertake appropriate maintenance works or to obtain suitable water supply to provide for the longevity of the identified trees (s) and/or garden.

Policy and Guidelines and Application forms for funding will be made available from early July.

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**Chainsaw-happy vandals threaten domestic bliss**

**T**HE first warning we got was that familiar hornet buzz. It's that unmistakable sound that all fringe-towners recognize immediately. Then comes the question. Is it just firewood being sawn to size or is it the death knell of another mature tree?

There aren't a lot of open fires around us anymore and the usual reason for the chainsaw snarl is the clearing of yet another house block in preparation for the inevitable, medium density replacement of one older home for three or four characterless "town houses". My objection is not so much with the style of the new buildings but with the fact that they squeeze so many on the block that there is no room left for any decent sized vegetation.

In this case, however, it wasn't a block clearing but the "trimming" of the street trees. Now, we all know that electrical wires and tree branches don't mix on windy, hot days. We also all agree that underground wiring is the answer but until that time comes, we seem dogged by the consequences of insurance claim minimisation otherwise known as the "American disease of suing".

Perhaps I'm getting to be an even grumpier old man but I don't remember the line-clearing being so aggressive. On one side of the street we have beautifully balanced plane trees whilst on the side where there are power lines, we have the "surrendered" versions. I say "surrendered"



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because that's what they look like. The mid branches that come within 10 years' growth of the wires are amputated and all that is left are the two or three branches rising either side of the lines, looking altogether like a row of captives, arms raised in surrender to the bully boys with the unleashed Stihl.

I know that "clearing" is for our own safety and that it would be a cost added to our power bills to have the lines underground but at what point in our history do

we allocate a bit more money to infrastructure? The way we are losing house block trees and at the rate we are, all to prevent urban sprawl, soon the only decent suburban trees will be the street trees. Surely we have some obligation to protect them from destruction.

Now, there are a few of you out there who will be snorting at the irony of me complaining about "excessive pruning". Just as the electricity company would argue that their preventive pruning is not excessive, so too do I.

Herself and I have had a blissful 45 year marriage. Never has a cross word been spoken. Peace and harmony has reigned supreme. Consideration and understanding flow from one day to the next. Yea, 'tis probably true to say that ours is the template for all marriages, that is, until we come to pruning!

Cars were made to be driven, TVs made to be watched and saws, chain or otherwise, were made to be used, frequently. And what better place to use them than in the garden. Even Herself agrees that there are times when a judicious tip-pruning may be efficacious but I say that a decent lop is sometimes the hurry up that most plants need.

There has been the odd occasion when Herself and I have disagreed about the level of pruning required and the appropriate time for doing it.

"What on earth possessed you, my dearest husband, (author's licence) to prune

just before it was about to flower! Couldn't you see the buds? They're all gone! You did the same thing last year. I was looking forward to seeing a wonderful display this year."

"But it was looking a bit leggy and I just thought, whilst I was here, with the saw, that ..."

It is on occasions such as these that domestic bliss takes a bit of a battering but on the whole, we make a good team. On most occasions I get told what can be cut and then I go for it. And it doesn't seem that I'm Robinson Crusoe when it comes to saw blade fever. I have heard on the grapevine that there are other males out there who, with shears, saw or snippers are inclined to go the extra yard when it comes to plant husbandry. A genetically hard-wired urge to clear the campsite, I suppose. Which brings me back to the street trees.

If there is such a problematic nexus between men and cutting implements, why don't we solve the problem, simply. All we need to do is replace the gangs of male street tree hackers with gangs of vegetative-sensitive female pruners. No chain saws, just secateurs and bonsai scissors. Problem solved. Get the weapons out of male hands.

Which is why I was somewhat staggered, at Christmas, when Herself presented me with a pair of expensive Falco secateurs.

**ROGER KIBELL**



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# Butterflies on a drinking spree

nature

By LINDA ROGAN

**T**HIS butterfly has a drinking problem! It is attracted to fermenting sap and juices of rotting fruit. Michael Braby in *Butterflies of Australia*, notes that this species may "become intoxicated and are easily captured". Could this be a reason that, while widespread in eastern and northern Australia, they are never found in large numbers?

I know it is the reason I have been able to see them on a gum tree near Castlemaine this April. If you look closely at the photo you will see the butterfly's long feeding tube or proboscis extended into the sap oozing from a crack in the tree. I had been told this had been happening most days, for a couple of weeks, on this particular group of gum trees. In places the liquid was frothy, white; although I didn't taste, it looked much like the head on a mug of beer, but thicker and stickier.

When a butterfly enthusiast reported this phenomenon, I hurried to the site before the weather turned too cold. As we talked I was alerted to a rather large butterfly circling the tree overhead. I held my breath, until it landed on the trunk and moved about with a strange hopping motion until it found a drinking spot. For a while, it was content to remain for photos and close observation.

The first individual was rather worn with part of its wing tips missing. Intricate colours of cream, orange brown and black helped it to blend with the bark when it was still. Soon it was joined



Tailed Emperor drinking sap from a gum tree. (Picture by Linda Rogan)

by another rather worn butterfly then, at last, the beautiful one you see in the photo. They were not particular who they drank with, as I noted a Yellow Admiral butterfly, a range of ants and a number of European wasps sharing the brew. I also noticed the wings of female Common Brown But-

terflies that had been sealed over by the sap. I was told that their bodies may have been taken by wasps.

The caterpillars of these butterflies will feed on the leaves of a wide range of native plants including wattles, and in Victoria, commonly feed on Capeweed. With so much

ready food about I would expect the butterflies to be common, but this isn't so.

Perhaps another reason for their scarcity is that the female only lays one egg at a time, on top of the leaf of the food plant. When the caterpillar hatches it quickly becomes territorial and is aggressive toward any siblings that venture too close. They look aggressive with four horns on a head plate, rather like a triceratops. Even the adult male butterflies are aggressive toward others of the same species during the mating season.

The caterpillar spins a silk platform on one or more leaves of the host plant and rests there "during the day when not feeding and when moulting". At night it moves to feed on leaves elsewhere.

There is at least one more factor that could limit the numbers of adult Tailed Emperors. The larvae and the pupae can be attacked by wasps.

I feel fortunate to have had my first encounter with the Tailed Emperor. It is one of three Emperor butterflies in Australia and the only one to reach Victoria. It is more common in the north of Australia and was first recorded in the Melbourne Metropolitan area in Victoria in the summer of 1973-74. For many years it was rarely seen in Victoria. A Harcourt local has told me that in the last five to ten years, it has been more frequently seen in the Castlemaine/Harcourt area and he believes it has been breeding near there. In addition to being attracted by tree sap, several of these butterflies have been reported feeding on rotten figs. I would be most appreciative for any reports of the Tailed Emperor in Victoria and especially if any are seen near the Warrandyte area.

# It's undigestable gobbledygook

**H**AVE you managed to buy any freshly ground baharat recently? Or have you come across a handy supply of maple sugar?

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Are your mushrooms specifically umami-rich? Perhaps you've just located a reliable source of fresh pomegranate molasses? Or a bee-keeper who can supply you with tawny single-blossom chestnut honey? What the hell is provençale butter? Where can I find organic candlenuts?

The never-ending saga of recipes that include at least one impossible-to-buy-at-short-notice ingredient continues. I love food and trying out new recipes—but even after decades of experimenting, I'm still regularly flummoxed by obscure items on the ingredient list. Recipe writers have an endless supply of confounding new "must-haves" to drip feed into their columns, tantalising our palates and testing our patience

to the hilt.

Not only recipe writers. Menu writers as well. Cleverly done, a mysterious menu tickles one's salivary glands in a most pleasantly anticipatory manner; after all, it is nice to try new things. "Petillant" sounds so much more appetising than champagne, don't you think? And a deep rich Pan de Higos is far more tempting than plain old Sienna Panforte. And goodness knows what a heart-warming Succotash is, but I think I'll order one just to find out.

Some new dishes, like ostrich with shiraz and chocolate sauce, are a taste sensation, but others are too weird for words. Last weekend I read about a chef from a supposedly classy restaurant enthusing over his latest invention: grilled artichoke and popcorn soufflé with fresh local fungus and cocoa powder. Gruesome! That's even worse than my leftover turkey and turnip risotto infused with verdehlo, cranberries and baby spinach. At least the risotto tasted OK.

I pulled a scrunched-up recipe out of my pocket in the fruit and vegie shop the other day, a recipe scribbled down from a magazine in the

dentist's waiting room. I forget exactly what it was for—some sort of deep tortilla or fritata-style thing—and I needed lots of fresh herbs, as well as special types of chorizo and hambon (from the butcher) and an array of Mediterranean vegetables. The inevitable mystery ingredient was 200g of grated manchego.

The lady in the fruit shop kindly looked it up on her Foodie website, to no avail. We ended up deciding it must be some sort of cheese, given how it was to be used. Thanks to Wikipedia, I've now learnt that it's a limited release hard sheep's cheese from specific hillsides in La Mancha, Spain. This cheese is made only from the whole milk of manchega sheep raised on registered farms within the designated area. The cheese is aged from 60 to 730 days and shaped by pressing in a cylindrical mould with a maximum height of 12cm and a maximum diameter of 22cm. True "artisan" manchega

requires raw milk, illegal for commercial use in Australia.

So if you can't buy *queso manchego*, what should you use instead? The recipe, needless to say, gives no guidance on this subject.

I googled "umami", too, while I was at it. Goodness! There was an International Umami Symposium in Hawaii in 1985! Apparently umami is the fifth basic taste alongside sweet, sour, bitter and salty—and ever so controversial. "The sensation of umami is due to the detection of the carboxylate anion of glutamate in specialized receptor cells..." and has now been scientifically proven to exist, as opposed to being merely a traditional Japanese culinary concept. Flavoursome ripe tomatoes are also rich in umami. Bet you didn't know that!

Baharat? In an emergency I improvised with a few handy crushed cardamom pods, cinnamon quills, cumin, cloves and chilli. Nobody at dinner complained, but there were no North Africans present, only North Warrandytians. We're obviously a forgiving bunch.

And just as well. Tonight's challenge is to find a substitute for "black turtle beans"...

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By MARILYN MOORE

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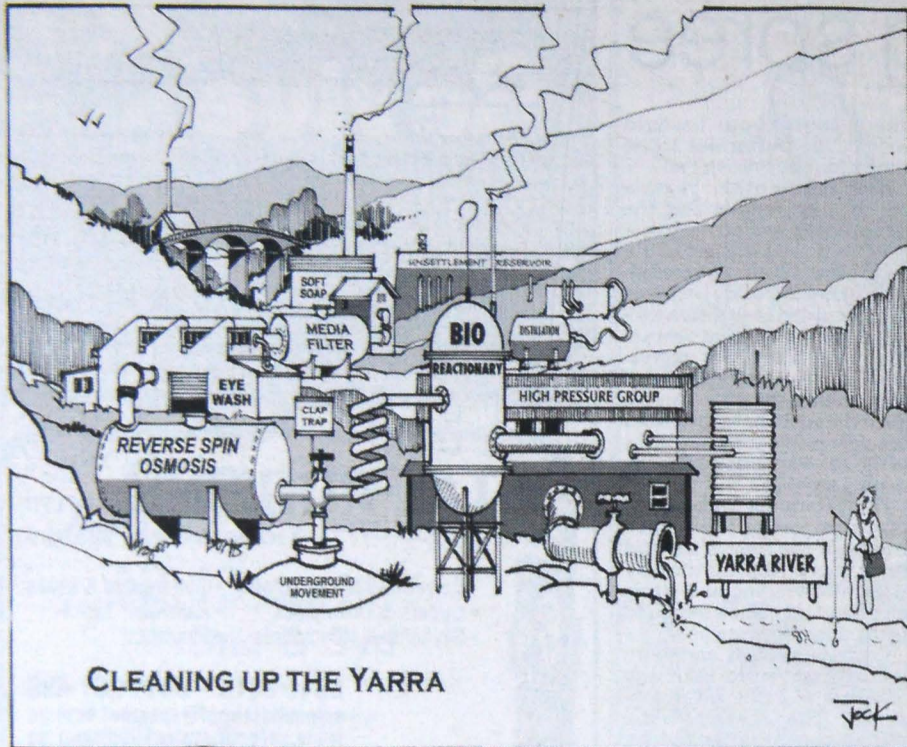
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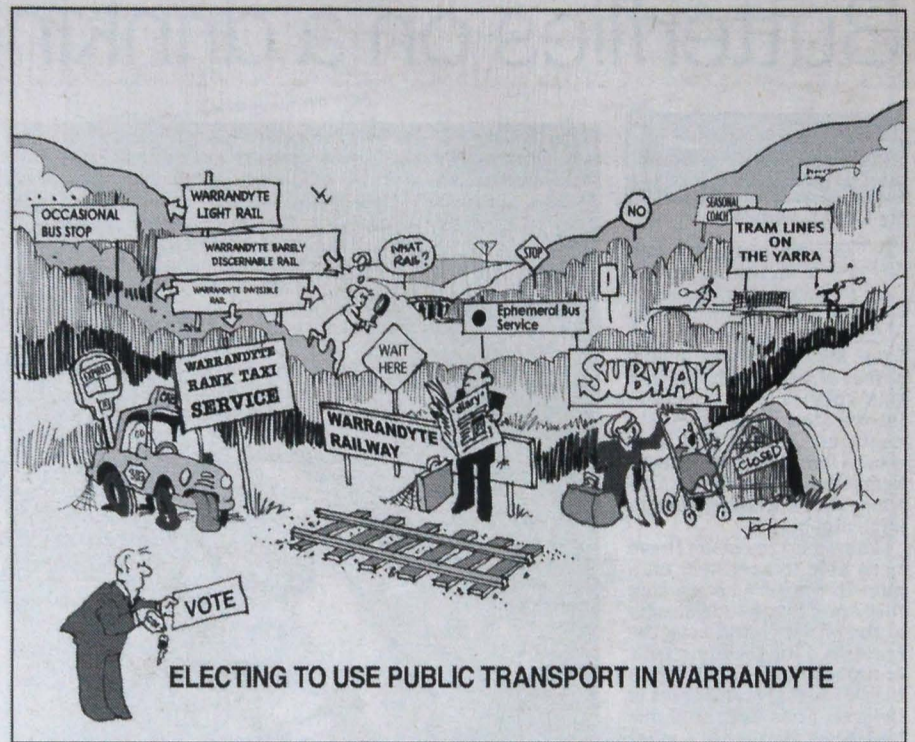
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ELECTING TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN WARRANDYTE

# A fine tradition of community activism

By VAL POLLEY

LOOKING after Warrandyte—who does it and how do they go about it?

The usual response to a perceived problem has been to form a committee and lobby the decision makers. Indeed many committees have come and gone in Warrandyte that have always prided themselves on taking collective action when needed. One local councillor was once heard to exclaim (with some exasperation because one of them was giving him grief) that he had never known a place like Warrandyte for having so many committees.

Given that the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) is celebrating a decade of community activism with an impressive list of achievements and as history has a strange way of repeating itself, it is perhaps instructive to review some solutions and ultimate outcomes over the decades. It is interesting too to speculate how Warrandyte would have looked like if all committees had their way at the time.

A recurring theme has been roads and public transport. It could have turned out very differently as our forefathers wanted to have a railway and to this end formed firstly the Anderson Creek Railway League in 1888 and later the War-

randyde Railway League in 1924. As we know a rail connection never transpired, though not for want of trying through numerous high level deputations, meetings and cooperation with other railway leagues.

The debate continues today while the City of Manningham remains a major suburb in Melbourne not serviced by heavy rail. Today though, through WCA's efforts, Warrandyte has a much improved bus service to its benefit. Roads too have always been a major issue.

A Progressive League formed in 1906 to "forward the interest of the township in general", pressed for road connections and road improvements though perhaps on a different scale to WCA. Then it was about gravelling and culverts, now it's more about ways of dealing with gridlock at peak times. Back in 1925 complaints were made that the bridge was falling to pieces while now it is more about its capacity in the event of bushfires. Back in the 1920s the Progressive League tried to have parking between the hotel and the bridge prohibited to facilitate through traffic, now it's bus stops and through traffic causing concern.

Some items can be ticked off. The Progress League pressed for electric light and a continuous telephone facility way back in 1925,

and while it took some time eventually they achieved their goal and we enjoy the benefit of both today. They argued for a new hall in 1926 and for planting trees and tidying up rubbish along the river bank. Soon a new Committee of Management was formed to take care of the riverside, eventually itself to be replaced when the area was included in the Warrandyte State Park in the 1970s.

The Warrandyte Environment League (WEL) came into being in the early 1970s when a rash of new developments and an unsympathetic council threatened to alter the township in ways not seen as sensitive by residents. WEL soon found itself involved in many issues: complex planning and urban growth matters, efforts to improve water quality in the Yarra, opposing the Watson Creek dam proposal, vegetation protection plus many more. It also found time to campaign for "One Warrandyte" rather than local governance being split between two councils, initiate the Warrandyte Festival and promote the acquisition of the Getson site for a community centre. It was a force to be reckoned with and achieved a great deal in its three decades.

With the formation of Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP)

and the work of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee (WAC), WEL was wound up. FOWSP continues to look after issues facing the Warrandyte State Park today. WAC, formed to advise the local councils and comprising representatives from each area of interest—ageing, sport, youth—was extremely effective in dealing with planning and other issues but was discontinued with the amalgamation of local councils in the 1990s.

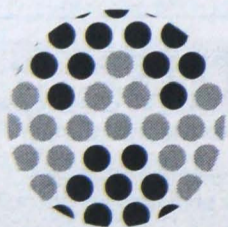
In the early 2000s a proposal that appeared to propose commercialisation of the Community Centre galvanised a complacent community into action once again, but once that problem had a new committee—the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporter's Group—still more problems demanded a broader based group be formed and so the WCA was born.

It has a broad remit; promoting community life and defending township character; protecting the environment and the Green Wedge; promoting a range of community activities and enhancing community assets. Over the last 10 years it has fulfilled its brief well, campaigning on many issues, lobbying and working with all levels of government. Good outcomes are many, ranging from the Pride of Place funding and improved bus services

to sewerage backlog programs and retirement housing. Following its major involvement in bushfire awareness since the Black Saturday bushfires, its current emphasis is on planning for bushfire survival, a project for which it has received a major government grant.

Had some committees had their way though, Warrandyte today could look very different. A railway would have seen the district opened up, it would not be the bushland retreat we now have. The earlier Progress League sought the opening up of Crown Land for settlement which had it been successful would have meant no land available for the State Park (another committee's work). Pound Bend tunnel could have been used for generating electricity and there would not be a supermarket at Goldfields had other groups' opinions held sway at the time.

The township as it stands today is the outcome of community action and subsequent decisions over the years. Over the decades Warrandyte has been most fortunate to have a succession of dedicated, hardworking and influential residents prepared to put in time and effort to progress and protect the township. Now it's into the future—congratulations and happy birthday WCA.



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### Warrandyte Community Association

- Promotes all aspects of community life
- Defends the character and heritage of the township
- Protects the environment
- Protects the Green Wedge
- Promotes sporting, educational and cultural activities
- Defends and enhances community assets





# This great old house has witnessed the passing years

By VAL POLLEY

**P**REVIOUS owners together with neighbours, friends and relatives gathered on Sunday, April 1 to celebrate the centenary of "Kembla".

"Kembla" is one of Warrandyte's earliest houses, listed on the state heritage database as being of regional historical significance. Current owners Diana and Graeme Lawrie held an open house to mark the occasion. It was an outstanding success with anecdotes and stories flowing freely with champagne and afternoon tea served on the verandah throughout the afternoon.

"Kembla" is a three-storey attic house with large verandahs located in Tills Drive. It was built as a holiday home by Edward Powell Lewis on 80 hectares of land purchased from Captain Alfred Selby, himself a well-known figure in the district.

E.P. Lewis was an engineer and manager who worked with several major companies before entering a partnership with George Kelly in 1899. At the time his holiday home was being built in Warrandyte, their company was constructing a coal loading plant at Port Kembla and this is thought to be the inspiration behind the house's name. Port Kembla is named after nearby Mount Kembla and "Kembla" is the local aboriginal word meaning "plenty of game".

The house's architectural significance derives from its use of mild steel in its construction.

This was unusual in residential buildings of the time. The steep hip roof curves over the wide verandahs supported by curved steel rafters that give a most elegant appearance.

There has been speculation that a surviving chimney and fireplace (perhaps that in the kitchen?) may have originated from an earlier house presumed destroyed by bushfires. The fireplaces are a notable feature of the house, particularly the large inglenook fireplace in the main living room. Some of the timbers used in the house are said to be from a demolished quartz crusher from the local area.

The property remained in E.P.

Lewis's hands until his death in 1930 when the house and its remaining hectares passed down to his sons. Despite the Great Depression the company managed to survive and during this time some workers were employed on sustenance relief to build the swimming pool, terraces and gardens. This was an altruistic action, no doubt much appreciated at the time. It is to their credit that the terraces and walls of local stone surrounding the pool and garden beds still stand today while the garden has grown and matured.

The house remained in the Lewis family until 1958 when it became the property of Lewis Davies, grandson of the original owner who lived there before it was sold to Lance and June Vizard in the late 1960s. They further extended the house and renovated the property while living there with their two sons and two daughters.

Both Lance and June were well-known within the Warrandyte community and prominent in local activities. However it is perhaps their son Steve Vizard who is the better known amongst the wider Victorian community having risen to fame as a TV entertainer and producer, businessman and philanthropist. He lived at "Kembla" until 1974.

"Kembla" changed hands again in 1985 when the Vizards sold the house to Richard Hely who lived there with his wife and two sons. They changed the design of the swimming pool, installed a tennis court and cricket nets but left the house virtually unchanged.

For second wife Roslyn it was the garden that became a major focus but what became most apparent during the celebrations was the great affection all those who had resided at "Kembla" had for the house and its surrounds.

Richard told the story of how, after months of protracted negotiations with the Vizards over the purchase of "Kembla", a bottle of champagne was produced with the advice that he was not buying just a house, he was buying a way of life. A sentiment he thoroughly concurred with.

A Lewis descendent, Robert Parish,



"Kembla" as it looks today.



Right: Previous and current owners enjoy the 100 year celebrations of "Kembla". From left to right: Richard Hely, Fiona Sharp (nee Vizard), Robert Parish (Lewis family), Jenny Vizard, Graeme Lawrie, Roslyn Hely, June Vizard, Andrew Vizard, Diana Lawrie.

ish, brought photo albums and a video and together with other guests who had been visitors at the time recounted many stories which brought to life the era of the 1940s and 50s.

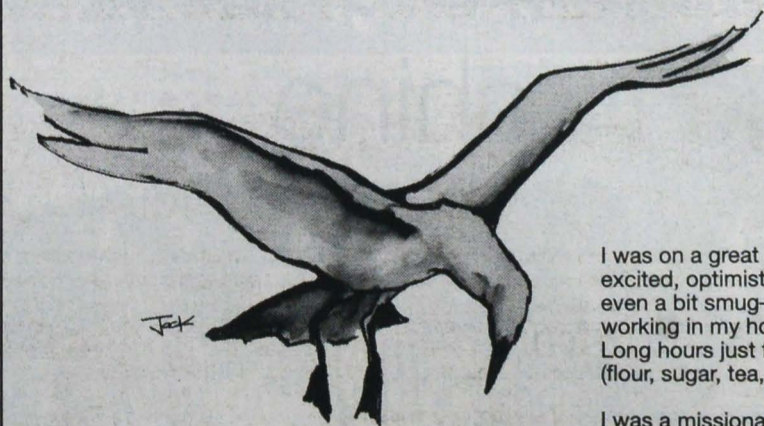
At that time the children were not allowed upstairs in the attic, downstairs in the cellars or over fences because of the dangers of old mines and pits. But they were free to roam the gardens and there were delightful images of herding ducks, playing Cowboys and Indians, sliding down haystacks and holding a mock funeral for a departed goldfish. Robert

also clearly remembered chasing Daisy Hawke's cows and being shouted at by her for doing so.

Other members of owner families and their friends added their recollections of life at "Kembla": pyjama-clad children in front of roaring open fires, exuberant family parties, black tie events and weddings. They remembered some hard work too, pushing lawn mowers up and down the steep slopes, fruit picking in the orchard, chicken husbandry and gathering eggs, hedge trimming and gardening. The stories from the previous owners,

the Lewises, Vizards and Helys and their friends were many and varied and current owner Diana hopes to capture and record them to add to the history of the house.

"Kembla" today sits comfortably in its garden setting within the Warrandyte landscape. It remains a family home and its current owners have overseen some further changes to the house, all within the dictates of its heritage listing. Given their drive and enthusiasm, its future, heritage status and place within Warrandyte's history appears assured.



## Am I just a sea-gull?\*

I was on a great big adventure  
excited, optimistic  
even a bit smug—  
working in my holidays after all.  
Long hours just for food money—  
(flour, sugar, tea, tobacco).

I was a missionary  
full of zeal  
but without the God  
without the promise of the good life  
on some far-off  
fat white cloud.

My promise was skills, knowledge  
a key to some kind of pearly gate,  
a whitefella gate—  
sign on it saying "Stuff".  
You too can have  
Fashion and Furnishings.

Bearing gifts too  
bright coloured cloth even,  
shiny pins, scissors.  
See how they glint in the sun.  
Hold them out—look—  
Whitefella good fella, give 'm gifts.

My goal not souls  
but my own personal reconciliation—  
my sorry time.  
Whitefellas give as well as take,  
I'll learn some words of Alyawarr\*\*  
take them home to show off.

Maybe more—  
maybe sewing as bonding  
exchanging stories  
us women together  
"Making an Australian Quilt".  
I might even learn about their  
dreaming.

I've always liked bats.

KAREN THROSSELL

\*Sea-gulls: Indigenous term for some white do-gooders: "Fly in, shit all over everything and fly out".

\*\*Alyawarr: One of the desert tribes who live to the north of Alice Springs. In Alpurululum their totem is the bat—their dreaming the bat dreaming.



# Big V men's jailbreak

By TONY OLIVER

WAS this a get-out-of-jail result for Warrandyte BigV Men against the Whittlesea Pacers?

An 18-17 lead at quarter time in a tight first period had the large crowd looking forward to the next period but unfortunately for Warrandyte, the Pacers came out with all guns firing, with three-point bombs seemingly putting the game in their keeping in a dominant display.

The Venom salvaged a bit of pride just before the long break, but Whittlesea looked in control with a 46-30 lead.

While the second quarter was all Whittlesea, the third belonged to the Venom after they outscored their opponents by 13 points. But Whittlesea still had the advantage.

At the four-minute mark, the Venom were back in top form for the first time since the quarter-time break but the Pacers were still coming.

With just over a minute to go, a five-point lead to the Venom should have been enough but the Pacers soon cut that to a single point.

Again the Venom should have had the game wrapped up with several trips to the free throw line but for some reason, nerves perhaps, the conversion rate was not there and a game of tactics in the dying seconds gave the win to the Venom by 81-79.

Gerard Leonard (with 29 points) was dominant on the scoreboard, with Vashon Weaver (14) and Jarrod O'Shannessy (13) valuable contributors.

That's now four wins on the trot for the Venom, after recovering from a slow start to the season.

The State Youth Men's side played two different halves in its clash against Cranbourne.

Strong, tight defence gave the Venom a handy 38-34 lead at the long break.

But if the first half was gutsy and strong, the third quarter was less so with Cranbourne taking a solid lead with a 22-5 quarter.

It was all over from that point on, despite a competitive final quarter.

Julian Philippou led the scoring (9), with Jake Lugg and Jessie Aitchison (7).

It was disappointing after the Venom had a strong 20-point win the week before over the visiting Mornington.

The Venom were part of a double-header, playing away against the Southern Peninsula Sharks on Sunday. A slow first quarter did the damage for the Venom, going down 67-57 at the final whistle.

On the road, the D1 Women suffered a 58-46 loss against Keilor, after holding a five-point lead at the start of the final quarter. This ends the Venom's three-game winning streak.

The news was better for the State Youth Women, who broke a run of



three losses by defeating Keilor 77-48 with a four-quarter performance. Meg Keppel top scored with 18, 16 coming from Ellie Pattison and 11 from Breanna Waugh.

The Friday Night representative basketball is well underway and Warrandyte's Victorian Champion (VC) teams, a record seven this year, were on a bye, and the fixturing authorities aligned the season's calendar.

The VC sides have been playing away as issues with referee rosters were being addressed. There is a rumour that the VC sides will be playing at home, Warrandyte Community Sports Centre, in coming weeks.

However, quality basketball is still there with both U18 Metro sides recording good recent wins.

The boys remain undefeated after four rounds, defeating Mornington 41-27. The Venom were always in control in a fast paced physical game.

The U18 Girls broke through for their first win, defeating Melton 28-17.

On the road, the U20 Boys had a high scoring game against Western Port, coming away with the points 79-52 to maintain their second place spot on the table.

Gerard Leonard's U13 Boys were not tested with an easy 65-11 win

over an undermanned Nunawading side. Tyler Robertson (26) and Zac Price (16) were Warrandyte's leading scorers.

The U15 Boys, coached by Grant King, took part in a much tighter game against Eltham. Warrandyte opened up very well and skipped to a 15-4 lead.

Eltham, coached by Rohan Kearney, needed to rearrange the defence and the scores narrowed to 18-13 at the break.

The game was fast-paced with Eltham coming back strongly.

However the Redbacks managed to hold on for the 27-26 win. After such a close result both sides will likely be

in the same grade and Eltham will be looking for revenge. Bailey Guy (16) and Isaac Dwyer (10) did the scoring damage for the Redbacks.

Beau Bentley is coaching one of the U17 Boys sides, and had an easy 38-13 win over Bulleen. Leading scorers for the Redbacks were Liam Davidson (12), Michael Withers (10) and Jack Orange (7).

Earlier, Chris Dodds couldn't get his U11 Boys over the line in a close game against nearly club Park Orchards.

Warrandyte came within two points with just under two minutes to go, but the final goal went to Park Orchards to give them a 14-10 result.



All smiles: Sarah Dickson was enjoying her day out on the basketball court (above and below).



Redback warriors: Coach Chris Dodds with his U11 troops after a recent game.

## Little Aths kids continue to shine

EILISH Kelly and Nicole Reynolds, both U13 Girls competitors at Doncaster Little Athletics Club, went to the world famous Stawell gift at Easter and did Warrandyte proud.

In a throwback to a bygone age with lane ropes, string finish lines and the handicap start, both girls performed admirably in the 100m dash. Eilish just missed the finals by 2/100ths of a second and finished fourth in her heat.

Nicole also missed the finals despite finishing second in her heat. Nicole then backed up for the 800m where she finished first in her heat and then achieved a fantastic result in scoring a silver in the final.

Meanwhile, the conclusion to the summer little aths season saw the following local athletes among the club trophies and awards. The awards are calculated on a strict formula comprising of achievement, performance and attendance:

U6s Holly Hansen took out first

place and together with teammates Emily Gruber and Chloe Woollard also took out the Doncaster Centre best Under 6 club team. Holly, in an impressive performance, also took out the Doncaster Centre Best Girl award in the U6 - U8 age group. U7s second place-getters were Sebastian Lee and Marlo Katis with Alice Glover and Chanelle Vitiritti receiving performance medals; in the under 8s Patrick Ward was first and Harrison Gruber third.

In U9s Nick Sharpe finished second, Ashlyn Krakouer first (as well as winning the club's Best Girl award) and Sophia McDowell was third with Chloe Lee Most Determined, Harriet Glover most improved and Olivia Whitla received a special encouragement in her first year of competition.

U10s Callum Bowers came second and Shea Wischusen-Gibbons was third and Breanna Southward most determined.

U11s Ben Munks was first, Sebastian Katis third, with Nick Alexander most determined, Dominic Lee earned the special encouragement award and Sam Martini received a performance medal with Emma Whitla second in the U11 girls. Ben also won the best boy award in the club as well as the Doncaster Centre overall champion boy in the U9 - U15 age group.

In the U12 section, Zane Kontos was first with Callum Pynt coming in second.

In U13s Shaun Young was second with Sam McAuley most improved and in the girls finished in a trifecta with Eilish Kelly first followed by Ruby McDowell and Nicole Reynolds while Emily Sharpe won the most determined award.

Fergus Ward took out first in the U14s with Shaely Pynt also taking out first place in the U15s in her last year of competition, having started Little Aths in the Under 6 age group a decade ago.



Ben Munks (far left) and Holly Hansen (front centre) receiving their best boy and best girl awards from Doncaster Little Aths president Hayden Dunne.



# STINGING IN THE RAIN



Local lionhearts: From left, Ross Snowball, Matt Allen, Gareth Dickson, John Bumpstead and Craig Robison run over the bridge at Lysterfield Lake early in the day before reaching the finish line just after midnight. Picture (above) Scott Podmore.

THE annual Oxfam Trailwalker proved to be a momentous occasion for five Warrandyte men who completed the mammoth task of walking/running 100km in a time of 16 hours, 25 minutes in the outer east last month.

The team of Matt Allen, John Bumpstead, Gareth Dickson and Craig Robison were joined on the day by 'ring in' Ross Snowball, and all managed to complete the 100km trek in wet conditions. Beginning at Jells Park in Wheelers Hill on the Friday morning at 7am, the five local fathers slogged their way over winding tracks through Lysterfield, Ferntree Gully, Woori Yallock and all points in between, eventually crossing the finish line in Warburton at 11.25pm.

The team name 'Doin' it For Dicko' was coined in recognition of an aborted attempt by the inimitable Gareth Dickson a couple of years ago, his inflamed ITB muscle putting paid to his 2010 crusade. His mates on that occasion, Matt, John, Craig and another Warrandyte father Andrew Dugan, completed the trek in 18 hours, 28 minutes.

Supported by the Warrandyte community in a few fundraising initiatives, notably a

Paella night and Bogan Rockwiz, 'Doin' It For Dicko' managed to raise \$7000 for the Oxfam Foundation, providing much needed support to poor communities around the globe.

"Oxfam helps people help themselves to secure a sustainable living," Ross Snowball said. "They do this by giving people the skills, tools, confidence and access to markets they need to fulfill their potential and work their way out of poverty. Whether it be growing cabbages in Papua New Guinea or making pots in Bangladesh, Oxfam work with poor communities to find a way that works for them."

The boys were ably assisted by their respective wives, kids and friends, with Tamsin Miles, Nikki Harris-Allen and Dee Dickson supporting the team from start to finish, keeping them fully stocked for food, drinks and changes of clothes.

Remarkably, most of the team recovered quickly, their dedication through 12 months of training standing them in good stead.

"With 15 kids between us, balancing family time and our jobs meant a lot of our training was done in the dark, sometimes returning home well after midnight," Dickson said.



# NETBALL IS MAGIC, JUST ASK THE PIXIES

TEMPLESTOWE netball is the place to be as swarms of Warrandyte girls and their families flock to the courts each weekend for all the action.

Club president Sue Rodwell says the girls train hard during the week and always "are full of smiles on Saturday mornings, excited to be meeting their friends and playing as a team".

With Warrandyte fielding three U9 teams, (Joeys, Tadpoles and Ducklings) and three U11 teams (Fairies, Pixies and Unicorns), the future seems rosy for the Warrandyte Netball Club.

"Many girls have now played two to three seasons, and it is fantastic to see many new girls join the club. It doesn't matter if the girls win or lose, they all give it a go and improve each week," Rodwell says.

"For our U9 parents new to the netball scene, it may be at first a little difficult to watch the ball being thrown in the wrong direction, but it takes no time at all for them to get the hang of it!"

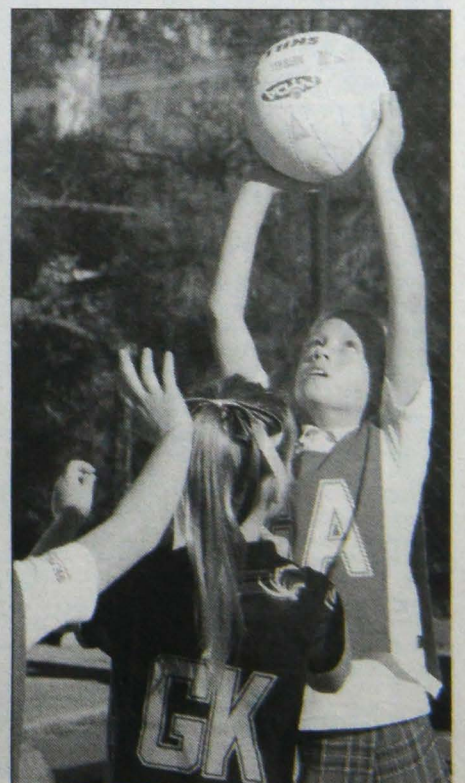
The girls are encouraged to play in a variety of positions and it hasn't taken long for our U9 team, The Joeys - now "seasoned veterans" - to begin to understand where their strengths lie.

The Joeys girls shared their thoughts with the *Warrandyte Diary* about the positions they have played:



"I like to play C because I like running everywhere." (Oakie)  
"I like WA because I like attacking." (Claire)  
"I like GS because I like shooting goals." (Katelyn)  
"I like GK because I am not a good shooter." (Kaylah)

"I like GA because I like shooting and running around." (Sophia)  
"I like GK because it's fun and I don't have to shoot." (Kate)  
"I like GA because I like shooting." (Grace)  
"I like C and GD because I am good at attacking and defending." (Kit)





# Bloods fail to fire early

By MICHAEL DI PETTA

THE Warrandyte Bloods failed to ignite in the early rounds of season 2012 suffering a disappointing loss to Wantirna South at Warrandyte Reserve recently.

Despite promising signs in the pre-season and a sense of optimism heading into the 2012 campaign, the Bloods have lost all three of their games so far.

The Bloods came out of the gates slowly, as Wantirna quickly kicked the first two goals of the game. Warrandyte soon showed it was up for a fight and hit back with goals from Jake Ratcliffe and Michael Morello. However, Wantirna went on to gain control as the quarter progressed, moving the ball better through their midfield and not allowing the Bloods to play their free flowing game. Ben Taylor and captain Tom Naughtin were winning plenty of ball, but at quarter time the Bloods were trailing Wantirna by two goals.

The second quarter began much the same as the first, with Wantirna winning clearances out of the middle, and kicking two early goals. Skill errors were costing the Bloods as they struggled to create opportunities.

Clint Kennedy managed to add to the Warrandyte score, marking strongly from Tom Naughtin's pass and kicking a long goal, but Wantirna clicked into gear and scored five straight goals. Warrandyte trailed at half-time by more than eight goals.

The Bloods came out after half-time looking fresh and ready to challenge Wantirna. The backline tightened up on the Wantirna forwards and the team began spreading the play, giving them a chance to move it through the middle. Todd Holman kicked the first goal of the half after a high tackle and the Bloods began to control the game, forcing Wantirna onto the back foot.

Young gun Tom Appleby began winning contested possession, allowing the Bloods to get quick use of the ball. Back-to-back goals from Todd Holman and Jake Ratcliffe saw the Bloods rolling into three quarter time with momentum, cutting the gap to 35 points at the final change.

The final term started with the coach John O'Brien urging the Bloods to be accountable at stoppages and to continue their run through the midfield. They struck first, and the crowd began to become vocal as Tom Appleby, Ben Taylor and Tom Naughtin began taking strong marks and continued their efforts to bring the Bloods back into the game. However, Wantirna settled into the rhythm that saw them break away in the second quarter, and banged through four straight goals.

Wastefulness and skill errors cost the Bloods dearly, as the final siren sounded with Wantirna 21.13 139 defeating the Bloods 8.10 58.

Before the round three loss to Wantirna South, the Bloods opened their season with a blockbuster Round 1 match against Boronia, in which a stellar eight-goal performance by forward Michael Morello, combined with a last quarter surge, ultimately wasn't enough as the Bloods lost by four points in a thriller. This was followed in Round 2 by the first road game of the season when the Bloods suffered a 64-point loss at the hands of eighth-placed Coldstream, who won partly due to brilliant goalkicking.

## Reserves slow out of the blocks

Warrandyte's Reserves side have also been slow out of the blocks with just one win from the first three rounds.

A first-up loss to last year's Reserves premier Boronia was followed by a strong victory away against Coldstream, before a trouncing at the hands of Wantirna South.

### SENIORS

**Round 1:** Boronia 16.9-105 d Warrandyte 15.11-101. Goals: M. Morello 8, T. Holman 2, B. Taylor 2, C. Wheatley, M. Munroe, D. Hand. Best: M. Morello, T. Appleby, L. Evans, T. Hookey, T. Naughtin.

**Round 2:** Coldstream 21.7-133 d Warrandyte 10.9-69. Goals: T. Holman 2, M. Morello 2, L. Saunders 2, D. Hand 2, J. Ratcliffe, L. Cope. Best: T. Naughtin, L. Saunders, D. Hand, T. Hookey, T. Holman, B. Reid.

**Round 3:** Wantirna South 21.13-139 d Warrandyte 8.10-58. Goals: J. Ratcliffe 3, T. Holman 2, C. Kennedy 2, M. Morello. Best: T. Naughtin, T. Appleby, J. Ratcliffe, B. Taylor, L. Saunders, T. Holman, T. Ratcliffe.



She'll be apples: Midfielder Tom Appleby bursts through to get a kick away against Boronia in Round 1 when the Bloods staged a stunning comeback to nearly snatch a win, while, below, club president Phil Treeby makes a speech to kick off the season back in the first game at Warrandyte Reserve.



## DIARY SPORTS SHORTS

### Red-hot and Reddie

WARRANDYTE'S Andrew Reddie achieved his most prized running victory recently when he was first over the line in the 3200m event at Stawell during the famous Easter Carnival. Reddie competed on handicap against big name runners, including Craig Mottram, Paul Hamerlock and Chris Hamer to eventually win in a PB time. Andrew has represented Athletics Victoria at national level in Sydney and Hobart in 2010 and also won state level for the 1500m event in 2009-2010.

### Tennis on Fridays

AFTER a break of eight years the Warrandyte Tennis Club (WTC) has returned to the Junior Friday Night Interclub Tennis Competition run by the Diamond Valley Tennis Association, entering teams in three of the seven sections. With home games putting the recently installed lights at the Colman Park annexe to good use, each player in the team of four plays two sets of singles, with the overall match result decided by games won rather than sets. Tennis players 18 or under interested in playing in a team in the Spring 2012 competition, starting in July, should contact the WTC Junior Convenor Tony Honeyborne on 0400 019 078.

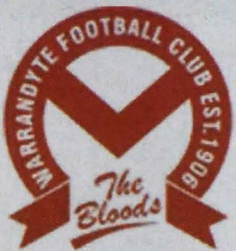
### Junior footy party

The Warrandyte Junior Football Club will hold its annual fundraiser event on Saturday, June 16, and this year's party is titled Celebration Time. The event will be held at the Slovenian Club in Research from 7.30pm until midnight and will include a live band, spit roast dinner, silent auctions and the dress code is "contagiously colourful". For tickets contact Dinah Ward on 0410 399 037.





# Ruby's on the rampage



By **BRIANNA PIAZZA**

WARRANDYTE'S first youth girls' footy team is taking on its second season and they certainly aren't afraid to get muddy.

Coach Craig Robison says the Warrandyte Ruby's girls team are just as enthusiastic about football as the guys and are constantly improving.

"After 12 months the group has really improved, especially with kicking and marking. Some girls put in a tackle and you can see that they really love it," Craig says.

The girls told the *Diary* they



love playing for the team and that any girl should consider playing footy.

"Playing football is good for our reputation because a lot of

the guys think we're weak and don't want to get muddy - no one believes that we actually tackle anyone," Josie says.

And Corrin was quick to back up

her teammate: "People think football is something that only really muscly girls do, but there are so many girls playing who are short and small and yet they get really

Red hot: The Warrandyte Junior Football Club's girls team is having a ball in the Yarra Junior Football League while below the Tackers go in hard at the ball.

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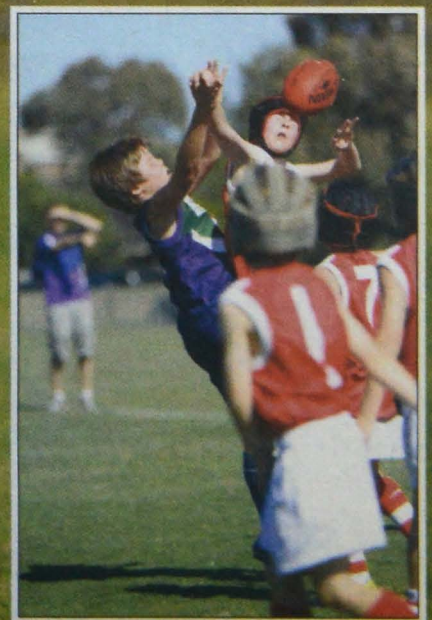
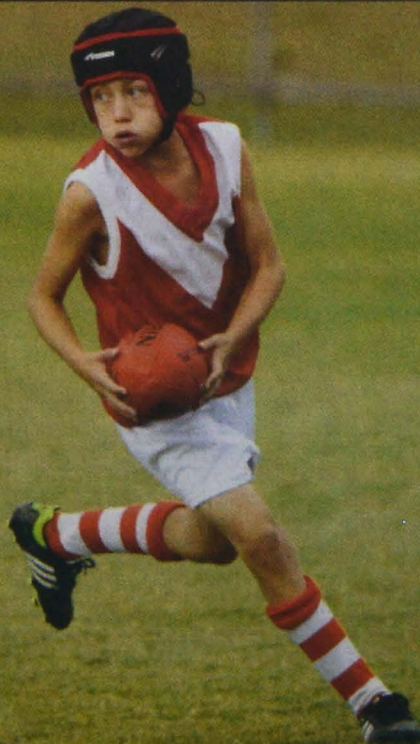
into it. It's not as scary as people think it is."

The team has 23 players and the coaches hope to get another girls team up and running by the start of next year.

"There were some people who thought that the girls would only play for a couple of matches then lose interest, but that hasn't happened. So we've proved everybody wrong," team manager Karen Paul says.

Girls of all skill levels aged between 13 and 17 years who are interested in joining the Ruby Tuesdays team should contact Karen on 0402 327 932.

## ...WHILE OUR WARRANDYTE BLOODS JUNIOR BOYS ARE RUNNING HOT IN THE EARLY ROUNDS, TOO







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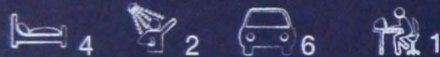
### KANGAROO GROUND

*Chance of a Lifetime: 32 acre Serene Sanctuary*  
Presenting 32 acres (approx) of a combination of natural bushland and pasture, where seclusion and tranquillity reign!

Complemented by this architect designed spacious mudbrick home, this home comprises four robed bedrooms and a period style bathroom with spa/shower and antique stained glass windows. An impressive living-dining room with a marble fireplace, french doors that lead onto the alfresco verandah and gazebo with amazing views.

A baltic pine kitchen and meals area flows past the coonara heater and reading retreat. Upstairs consists of a large study/home office. Bonus of an eight square cottage just up from the house complements the property.

Appointments: slab heating, Bosch security system, 2 x OFF, W.I. pantry, wine cellar, water tanks (90,000 litre acapacity approx), 6-car garage with workshop, 3 dams, machinery shed and fishing shack.



### WARRANDYTE

*Position, Position, Position*

A very generous, fully serviced, vacant block of land. 1806.63m2 (approx) with all services available in a peaceful environment; an opportunity like this does not arise in Warrandyte very often. With a scenic outlook, great views and walking distance to Warrandyte cafes, shops and schools and of course the Yarra River, this vacant block is position perfect.



### WARRANDYTE

*Cheerful, Light & Bright*

Large elevated allotment approx 1414m2 guarantees privacy and views. Original owner has enjoyed many serene decades here! Feature packed: bright kitchen/meals flows into lounge room, 3 bedrooms including main (BIRs/retreat/ensuite); study nook, original bathroom, 2nd bathroom/laundry. Car enthusiasts will celebrate the double garage/workshop plus triple carport. Extras: r/c split system A/C, water tanks, storage sheds, covered alfresco, cellar provision.



### WARRANDYTE

*Space, Style and Family Comfort*

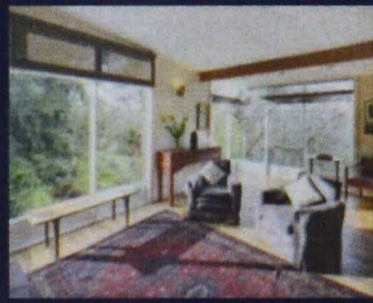
This fabulous home delivers a winning combination catering for indoor/outdoor enjoyment. Entry, dining, living (woodburning heater/B.I. a/c), beautiful kitchen and meals (Ilove cooker/stone benchtops), 4 bedrooms incl upstairs master (split system a/c, WIR/ensuite), study, downstairs rumpus. Substantial alfresco deck and spa overlooks garden (approx 1032m2). GDH, PFB, updated spa bathroom, double carport. Near high school/primary schools.



### WARRANDYTE NORTH

*In the Tree Tops!*

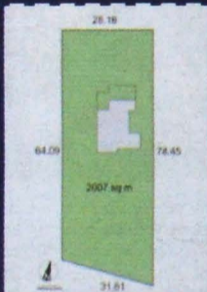
Upper level of this charismatic home enjoys panoramic views. Second storey kitchen – dining – living room (OFF) looks down from the kitchen onto the lower level family room. Inclusions: 4BRs, 2 bathrooms, deck, GDH, timber floors, carport. Known as the Lowen House, visionary architects John & Phyllis Murphy created an elegant, timeless and fresh contemporary design. 2 acres with an acre of vacant land next door for sale.



### WARRANDYTE

*Subdivision potential (STCA)*

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