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OVER THE HILLS By **JOCK MACNEISH**

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AUSSIE ICONS EXPLAIN....

Gran and gang go for gold!

If you've been paying any attention at all over recent weeks, you will have noticed that the Olympics have been on. This quadrennial jamboree of sporting heroics was originated in 776BC by ancient Greeks who shed their togas in noble contests of naked running, wrestling and throwing pointy objects.

Less well known are the Nillumbiks, originated in the 1850s by ancient Warrandytians who shed their inhibitions in drunken bouts of skinnydipping, brawling and running from the police—interrupted only by excited cries of "Gold! Gold! Gold" in the style of Norman May.

Like the Olympics, the modern Nillumbiks have evolved over time, and the 2012 games offered a host of more familiar events, including:

Check out the checkout, where shoppers see how many products they can cram in their baskets and still get through the 12 items or less counter. The winning tally of 133 individual items was posted by Granny Trott whose performance will long be remembered by her fellow competitors and the traumatised checkout girl.

Patience, where drivers compete to see who waits the longest to turn right from Research Road on a school morning. A new record was established by a Michael Elderly who set out from Weerona Way at 8.04 on July 27 and is just passing Somers Road now.

Hair Ball, where dog owners sweep the family hound's shedded coat into as large a ball as possible over the course of seven days. The winner was Shaggy Barry, a



Retriever from Gold Memorial Road, with a circumference of 2.7 metres. Excited owner, Mrs Edith Bland, now uses it as a pouffe.

Economy Carwashing, where competitors vie for the cleanest wash at the least cost by racing around the family four wheel drive soaping, rinsing and waxing before their coins run out. The eventual winner, Colin Smead of Haslams Track, employed instead the more relaxed *Soapy Brush* technique, smearing mountains of lather over the vehicle long after his first dollar had expired, then inserting another coin at leisure for the final rinse.

Amazing Race Warrandyte,

where teams attempt to locate local establishments that aren't where they thought they were. The course started from Information Warrandyte, which was eventually found at the Community Church before heading to the Op Shop at Bali2You then back to the Community Church in search of the Neighbourhood House and finishing up at the Diary office in St Stephen's Hall.

Results were enthusiastically reported in the sports pages of the Diary under captions such as "Op shoppers happy with seconds", "Patrons at Casa Tia Maria test positive for caffeine" and "Narelle Trott faces weight criticism at Zumba. Shock

living with The Trotts

photos."

After three weeks of inspiring performances, Warrandyte residents flocked to Stiggants Reserve for the closing ceremony where the highlights included Jeremy Loftus-Hills' iconic footage of shoppers pushing their trollies up Colin Avenue in slow motion to the stirring strains of Trollies of Fire, and Australia's own James Bond, George Lazenby, jumping out of a helicopter with Granny Trott.

ALAN CORNELL



What about our dairy?

By VAL POLLEY

The future of the old dairy building at 93 Yarra Street in Warrandyte is up for debate once again.

Every few years concerns are raised about the condition and future use of the old building, but little has happened and it has slowly deteriorated over time.

The building has been used only occasionally for storage and starred in a riverbank festival production of "Our Place in Space" as a railway station, but mostly it has stood empty and been defaced.

Over recent months the Warrandyte Community Association has raised concerns with Manningham council about vandalism and the likely presence of asbestos. Warrandyte Historical Society has also made representations about the building's future.

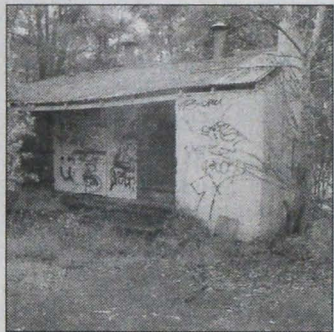
The building, on the riverbank, is actually the old dairy coolroom, built to store milk before delivery.

Longtime resident Eric Houghton recalls (he was a lad of about 14 at the time) that it was built and serviced in 1948 by a man (originally from Essex in England) who came from Box Hill daily with the milk. This continued for about 18 months until an associated house was built for him. This was demolished sometime in the late 1980s.

Mapleoak Dairies ran the wholesale business and Ray and Margaret Bellinger, both now deceased, ran the dairy for some years but did not live in the house. Ray still made home deliveries in the 1960s but with the introduction of milk in cartons and plastic containers these were gradually phased out in the early 1970s.

Floods certainly left their mark on the dairy house and coolroom. Even before the dairy, an original house on the site was washed away in the 1934 floods and the dairy house and coolroom went under water again in 1952 and 1971.

The coolroom was listed in the 1991 City of Doncaster and Tem-



plestowe Heritage Study as being of local significance as a remaining element demonstrating the township's former isolation despite its closeness to Melbourne.

There has always been divided opinion. Is it an eyesore or does it really have significance? Is it important for today's residents to see how the town developed through its remaining buildings—the bakery, shops, hall, school, hotel, churches and dairy? Unfortunately 1995 documentation outlining the building's significance, essential works and future options was destroyed in a fire at council offices. Records show the building has been the subject of discussion on several occasions as it comes under Manningham council's Heritage Overlay but is owned and managed by Melbourne Water.

Its future was discussed again when the River Reserve Management Plan was being prepared in 2004, but it would seem no decision was made at that time either and so its slow decline has continued. However, council officers, including their Conservation Architect, will be liaising with Melbourne Water regarding the future of the building and use of the site.

Perhaps this time, thanks to the most recent round of questions and debate, there will be a positive outcome that will satisfy the township's residents.

Petrol station plan fuels fear

By KARLY HICKMAN

Warrandyte residents are alarmed at the size and scope of plans for a United petrol station proposed for the 44-46 Yarra Street site including a tenancy likely to accommodate a fast food restaurant.

The plans show at least six pumps with parking for eight cars and a further 10 car spaces in front of a retail store and restaurant to be tenanted out. A United station in Eltham is tenanted by a Subway outlet, and another at The Pines has a Dominos Pizza.

"United is a big company and has engaged serious professional representation. I don't expect that they will give up on it lightly," Manningham councillor David Ellis told the *Diary*.

The proposed hours of operation are 6am to midnight, and the site is to be lit up using fluorescent lights under the canopy and security lights around the boundary. A 4.2-metre illuminated sign is proposed at each of the two road access points.

Six to seven-metre excavations are proposed to utilise most of the half-acre site with large retaining walls to be built on each side. A canopy roof will cover most of the area, which will be visible to neighbours over existing fence lines.

Community members were given two weeks to formally lodge their objections with council. The *Diary* is aware of several objections submitted by residents as well as a submission by the WCA, which is opposed to overdevelopment, noise, lighting and traffic concerns.

Two driveways on the blind corner of Yarra Street will accommodate a projected 144 cars leaving the

site between evening peak hour of 5pm-6pm. "With what is already a traffic jam during commuter peaks and when parents are picking up children from the nearby school, the prospect of all this extra traffic trying to turn into and exit from a major service station is nothing short of madness," one concerned resident told the *Diary*.

Manningham planning officers have made a preliminary response to the applicant, indicating concerns that include the intensification of use, probable objections from VicRoads, width of crossovers, extent of excavation, height of retaining wall and removal of vegetation.

The site is located within the Residential 1 Zone, Design and Development Overlay — Schedule 3, Heritage Overlay — Schedule 191, Significant Landscape Overlays — Schedules 2 and 3, and the Bushfire Management Overlay.

"This is completely out of character with the heritage township and environment, it will adversely affect neighbours, impinge on the rustic native parkland precinct and, in terms of traffic impact, this is potentially a very dangerous development," said another Warrandyte resident. "Just imagine the added pressure on the precinct during the monthly market and Warrandyte Festival days when street side parking is sardine packed."

"Unfortunately it seems that developers can spend months and in some cases years putting together their proposal while the community gets only two weeks to provide feedback," WCA's Val Polley said. A planning permit has been displayed at the site and

neighbouring properties have been notified via letters.

Cr Ellis told the *Diary* that while it would be good to have a service station in Warrandyte again, there were "real problems with something this big and in this location".

"Safety, congestion and heritage are all areas of concern," he added. "I am somewhat surprised that United is persisting with this site since the former use-right has long expired. I'd like to think there would be a better option both for them and for Warrandyte."

Similar plans were knocked back by Manningham in the 1990s and council was reminded of the "people power" of Warrandyte when residents successfully lobbied against a Vodafone tower last year.

The deadline for submissions had already lapsed at the time the *Diary* went to print, but Manningham council acting CEO Leigh Harrison said council would receive and consider fully any submission or objection to an application "right up to the time a decision is made, which can often be several weeks after the finish of the formal advertising period".

Cr Ellis has asked for the matter to be called in for decision by the full council. However, if it is not heard at the September meeting it would become a matter for the next elected council.

"Individuals and groups who have concerns about this should not delay in making their views known to Manningham council," Cr Ellis said.

"Nothing very formal or technical is required: just a clear statement of opinion along with name and address."

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In a stink

I'm wondering if something can be put in the *Diary* about dog poo—encouraging people to pick up after their dogs.

I do the river walk every day and feel so blessed to be living in beautiful Warrandyte. However we don't get to enjoy the lush surrounds as much as we should—the river, bush, birds, etc.—because instead of looking around us we need to be constantly looking down so as not to step in stinky dog poo—aargh!

The majority of people have their dogs off the lead, which means (a) they do not know when their dog does a poo because the dog is nowhere near them, and (b) those of us wanting a peaceful, natural walk along the river are surrounded by people yelling at their dogs.

Of course there is also the group of people who take their dog for a walk and have no intention of picking up the poo.

I would like to ask people to consider others—it's do-

Don on Don: (is Don is good!)

In search of dance

dear diary

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ing the right thing out of a mutual sense of respect for each other, and obeying the rules.

Pick up your dog's poo!

Tricia Warrandyte

Don Charlwood was not only an innately good man: he was a great aviator, a moving and prolific writer and a compassionate humanitarian.

Don understood from firsthand personal experience the terrible poison of war and the devastating human cost inflicted on so many service people and innocent civilians. Don never glorified war and often spoke of its futility. He also understood that sometimes good people have to step forward, do hard, difficult and dangerous duties to protect loved ones and their way of life. We owe much to many good people for our current freedoms.

To be acquainted with Don Charlwood has been one of my life's pleasures. I first met Don and Nell when they settled into their retirement unit in Warrandyte helping them with a number of small jobs. I had not long retired from the Australian Regular



Army and despite a 40 year age difference, we befriended and shared experiences, feelings and ideas like close brothers.

We discussed the futility of war; the place of men in a modern world and the importance of that sometimes difficult emergence—of boys

into men. We spoke of learning the great lessons of life from history and also the importance of love and commitment towards a spouse, family, friends and community.

We spoke of the terror of conducting operations when the statistical chances of survival were low. We spoke of horrible collateral damage inflicted on innocent peoples in times of conflict. We spoke of a sometimes indifferent understanding by a broader society "back home" of its servicemen and women after a conflict.

I will miss this good man, yet treasure Don Charlwood's tenacity as an airman, his artistic versatility as a writer and above all, I will miss his understanding and compassion as a great humanitarian.

Don Hughes Pound Road

● Obituary on Page 18.

Six years ago I was trying to find a class where, as a 60-something female, I could fulfil my need to dance.

My husband, in his usual jocular fashion, uses as his excuse not to dance with me, that he "doesn't like pushing women around"! I did manage to get him to a line dancing class at the Community Centre—once! Undeterred I tried Bolly-wood, which I enjoyed but found that my many interruptions for travel played havoc with my ability to remember the routines—or was it my memory?

Finally a friend suggested I try NIA. What revelation! This exercise/dance to a variety of lovely music gives me all that I crave. There are three levels in NIA from the small and gentle movements to the large and energetic, so it suits all ages and abilities. There is room for self-expression in free dance if so desired. I find that it gives my body a good workout and I come away smiling and energised. Afterwards we have coffee at a nearby café, so we've become a friendship group as well.

We meet at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Warrandyte at 9.30 on Monday mornings, which is a great time for me. It's a great way to start the week! This is sounding like an ad, but that was not my intention. It was simply to share with anyone else looking for gentle, enjoyable exercise—and DANCE!

Robyn Bonthorne Everard Drive

Council responds to CFA DVD criticism

The DVD "Don't Wait and See" was developed with the assistance of the CFA and the Victoria Police and has received high praise from the Office of the Fire Commissioner, has been well received by all sectors of the emergency services and there has been no adverse comment since it was distributed to the Warrandyte community and placed online in late 2011.

After reading the comment piece by Jeremy Loftus-Hills in the July edition of the *Warrandyte Diary*, I am quite perplexed by his message.

As a lone voice in the Warrandyte wilderness Mr Loftus-Hills sees fit to question the expertise, local knowledge and the message of the CFA regarding how the Warrandyte community would fare in conditions similar to those of Black Saturday.

CFA fire captain Greg Kennedy and former Warrandyte Police Sergeant Walker are both experienced men who know the local topography, the severe limitations of the local road network and know firsthand what it is like to fight a fire in among the smoke,

panic and confusion.

Through the DVD they are calling on the Warrandyte community to shake off any complacency and come to terms with and understand the risks of living in one of the highest fire risk areas in Victoria.

Mr Loftus-Hills calls the DVD "fatalistic", and pits what could be interpreted as a naïve view against that of the experts who believe the video paints a very realistic assessment of the situation in Warrandyte.

The message from the ex-

perts is clear. Despite the best efforts of residents to prepare their properties, despite extensive fuel reduction by the relevant authorities, despite the development of a comprehensive traffic management plan and the existence of "Places of Last Resort", in the case of an anticipated extreme fire emergency the best course of action for the majority of residents (if not all) is to leave and leave early.

Leaving the scene of an extreme fire event early ensures the safety of those involved, yet waiting around and being

indecisive has unfortunately claimed many lives. In a fire emergency don't get caught unprepared, don't rely on being rescued and don't risk your life and those of your family and friends.

The message from the CFA and Manningham and Nillumbik Councils is "Don't Wait and See" and I am confused why that is so unpalatable to Mr Loftus-Hills?

Leigh Harrison Acting Chief Executive Manningham City Council

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Wanted: Warrandyte councillor

Warrandyte's Manningham councillor David Ellis has announced that he will not recontest his position at council elections in October, instead turning his attention to business, family and community interests.

However, he is keen to see his place taken by someone who also lives in Warrandyte.

"For optimal representation, Warrandyte needs a councillor who lives here and understands local sensibilities," he told the *Diary*.

Because Warrandyte is part of a large ward, and is split between two municipal councils, Cr Ellis says it is "all the more reason to emphasise its special identity and those issues that distinguish it from more urbanised areas".

As examples, he referred to state government proposals to change Green Wedge legislation and to

reduced lot sizes in low density zones—also the "troubling prospect" of dual occupancy in areas of high fire risk in Warrandyte. He also cites the heritage precinct of Yarra Street, bushland reserves, and Warrandyte's leading role in creative arts and tourism.

Being a councillor is "no small commitment". During the current council term Cr Ellis has served on or chaired several council committees including emergency management, waste management, transport, environment, arts and the northern alliance for greenhouse action. He also represents Manningham on the Eastern Transport Coalition and chairs an alliance of six councils advocating for Doncaster rail.

According to Cr Ellis "that's not exceptional".

"Thirty hours a week is generally

regarded as the minimum commitment — so council is not something I would recommend to anybody who is also managing a full-time job.

"On the other hand, for the right person it can be a rewarding experience and an opportunity to learn more about local government and how it interacts with state and federal equivalents. There's a lot that can be done—and needs to be done."

Dick Davies, president of the Warrandyte Community Association, said he was sorry Cr Ellis was not standing again for Manningham council.

"David Ellis has done a terrific job representing Warrandyte, working tirelessly on behalf of the community," Mr Davies said. "We thank him for what he has done and urge similarly motivated candidates to put themselves forward.

"It is important that Warrandyte and what we stand for is represented by Warrandyte people."

Local councils, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Electoral Commission all provide assistance and guidance to anyone planning to nominate as a councillor. Cr Ellis is also "very willing" to talk with any intending Warrandyte candidate and advise as appropriate.

"No community can afford to be complacent about their council elections.

"With the vagaries of postal voting, and often widespread ignorance about the process and the candidates, a committed and able council is by no means guaranteed. But a good list of candidates is a good start, especially if it includes some of the talent that I know we have in Warrandyte," Cr Ellis said.



Finishing up: Cr David Ellis.

MALI VISITS THE DIARY OFFICE

Well-known Warrandyte sculptor Deborah Halpern interrupted her journey to Melbourne Zoo to adjust the straps securing her new work, "Mali in the City", outside the *Diary* office earlier this month. This Mali will be one of 50, created by Melbourne artists, to be displayed around the city in honour of the first elephant calf born at Melbourne Zoo and the Melbourne Zoo celebrating its 150th birthday. (Pictures by Briony Bottarelli)



Big houses, wallets, hearts

By KARLY HICKMAN

Newly released census data suggests Warrandytians live in larger houses, generate more income and have a significantly more than average commitment to volunteerism as compared with the rest of the state.

The 2011 census marked 100 years of census-taking in Australia and provides a snapshot of key statistics in the community that will help formulate an understanding of who we are now and into the future.

"Australia is a world leader in Census-taking and the 2011 results show that 98.3% of the population participated in the Census," said Andrew Henderson, Census Executive Director.

A 7.86% increase in the consolidated population of Warrandyte, North Warrandyte and South Warrandyte was realised; slightly lower than the overall Victorian increase of 8.55%.

The Census collects, compiles and publishes social, demographic and economic data that supports planning, decision making and funding at local, state and federal levels of government to best establish the current and project demands on community services and facilities.

"Census data is used to help determine the allocation of about \$45 billion worth of GST funding to the states and territories while all levels of Government use Census data to plan for things such as hospitals and health services, schools, public transport and infrastructure" Mr Henderson said.

Warrandyte, Warrandyte North and Warrandyte South all have a considerably higher median weekly household income than the average Victorian. Similarly, our community has above average median monthly mortgage repayments.

Warrandyte also has above average population when it comes to children with 21.5% aged 0-14 in Warrandyte and 32.4% of our population in primary school compared with state averages of 18.7% and 25.4%.

Showing strength in community spirit, Warrandytians take part in a higher than average rate of volunteerism with 24.6% in Warrandyte, 29.9% in North Warrandyte, and 21.6% in South Warrandyte as compared with a state average of 17.8%.

Warrandyte residents live almost exclusively in freestanding houses with 97.6% in Warrandyte and 100% in North and South Warrandyte, as opposed to a state average of 76.9%. We also live in larger than average houses, with 66.8% of houses in South Warrandyte comprising of four or more bedrooms; almost two and a half times the state average.

There are few renters in the area with only 7.3% of households in North Warrandyte renting compared with a state average of 26.5%. However, average rental prices in North Warrandyte have risen considerably from \$280 per week in 2006 to \$410 last year. The 2011 Census was our country's largest peace time logistical exercise, counting all Australians from Antarctica's research hubs to remote Indigenous communities.

No barriers for those in need of help

By MICHELLE PINI

There are no criteria for receiving help at the Warrandyte Housing and Support Service (WHSS). If you turn up in need, you will receive help without judgement, bureaucratic red tape or religious conversion.

It is a volunteer organisation which offers emergency housing relief, food, advocacy, financial and psychological counselling but, unlike other charitable institutions, it is non-denominational, non-political and not government-run.

Although started to help Warrandyte residents, WHSS is open to everyone and has assisted people as far afield as Lilydale. Margory Lapworth OAM is the kindly, Warrandyte face of the organisation. She says it began as an adjunct to the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House in 1995 by Jean Chapman and then local councillor Louise Joy who identified a need in the community to provide help for locals finding themselves in difficulty.

Funded by council, they called it a "cooperative" and began with a food bank which continues to operate today. Margory was appointed coordinator of the service that was funded by council.

When council decided to cut costs and abolished the group, Margory was unperturbed by the lack of funding and joined forces with other charitable institutions to continue the service, which was by then sought by people in dire circumstances, many of them homeless. Obtaining the use of 41 houses in the Manningham district from the state housing



Big-hearted: Margory Lapworth.

authority, the Warrandyte Housing & Support Service was born.

One of the first people to come to Margory for help lived in a tent in the State Park and was moved on by the ranger at the time. Other people had lost their jobs, had become incapacitated, children were fleeing difficult home circumstances, and a host of other people with nowhere else to turn were seeking help. Referrals initially came from other over-burdened aid institutions, from community service organisations and by word of mouth. "Many people were referred by (then Warrandyte Police sergeant) Keith Walker who believed that kids, in particular,

who were in trouble were better off if formal charges were avoided," Margory says.

The Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Club, of which Margory is a member, covers the cost of the rent on the premises at 95 Yarra Street and, using funds from the successful Warrandyte Market which Marjorie also runs, the many services offered by WHSS are maintained. The service has expanded over the years and has 14 volunteers who work tirelessly under Margory's guidance.

In addition to providing shelter and food, the WHSS also pays essential utilities; takes people to the doctor or to court appearances; provides counseling and any other practical help as needed. Joining forces with Kids Under Cover, WHSS is also involved with child protection and, with Manningham council approval, organises "granny" flats for kids in family breakdown situations, enabling them to remain connected.

Margory says the biggest stumbling block has always been people thinking Warrandyte was "affluent". This view is carried through to decision-makers in all levels of government who do not see beyond the big houses and blocks.

"But the reality is there are people sleeping on the streets in Warrandyte—people find themselves in difficult circumstances here just the same as anywhere else," Margory says.

Sometimes people just need a little extra support. Margory cites an example of a young Manningham woman in a wheelchair with two autistic sons who had their iPad stolen.

"Many people in a position to help judged that they did not need such an expensive item but the iPad was a security blanket for these boys and one in particular was distraught," Margory recalls. His mum had been turned away from every support agency until she found Margory.

"The look on the faces of those little boys when we organised that iPad—I just can't put it into words," she explains.

Margory attributes the home-like building which houses the service as the reason people feel comfortable asking for help.

"It's not overwhelming to come into a living room to talk about problems the way a formal office can be."

At 77, Margory shows no signs of slowing down and plans for WHSS to continue long into the future but says it is harder to get voluntary help as people are feeling the crunch, adding that "qualifications aren't important, you just need empathy and the rewards are immeasurable". She also believes it would be great to be able to appoint a paid assistant to coordinate and administer the many day to day procedures.

Of all her many community service awards, Margory considers the recent Medal of the Order of Australia as the most significant and believes it gives credence to the service and opens many doors.

"It doesn't belong to me—it belongs to all the people with whom I work and I am extremely proud of it."

● To volunteer or for more information contact WHSS on Ph 9844 4495.



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- Intention to construct new sewers

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| • Alexander Road | |

The above works will begin in August 2012 and should be completed by the end of November 2012.

Property occupiers will receive a letterbox drop before work begins.

A copy of the sewer plan may be obtained from Anna Kosovac, Yarra Valley Water by calling 9872 1735 or Lisa Fragomeni on 9872 1541. Submissions regarding these works are invited by **5.00pm, Monday 27 August 2012** and can be made in writing to Anna Kosovac at Yarra Valley Water, Private Bag 1, Mitcham, Victoria, 3132.

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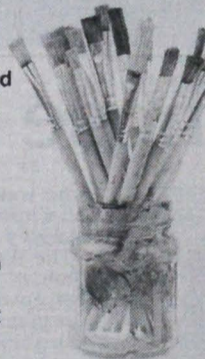
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When: Saturday 25 August, 10am–12.30pm
Where: Hurstbridge Community Centre,
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Contact: 9433 3326 or
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If you're a parent-to-be, come to this free session and meet other expectant parents, chat with early childhood specialists and find out about available services, programs and support. Finger food will be provided.

When: Tuesday 21 August 2012
6.30pm for a 7pm start, until 9pm
Where: Diamond Creek Maternal and Child Health Centre,
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Be ready, Warrandyte

"Be Ready Warrandyte—Living With Bushfire Risk" is the banner for the Warrandyte Community Association's Fire Ready Community project, soon to be launched in Warrandyte and surrounding areas.

As previously reported, WCA has been granted \$86,200 by the state government to undertake an ambitious survey to find out how this community will cope with a major bushfire situation and how ready we are for such an emergency.

WCA president Dick Davies told the *Diary*: "The first task is to discover the current level of bushfire knowledge and preparedness in the 'Greater Warrandyte' area.

"We may think we have a plan and know what we will do if there is a fire, but what happens if things go wrong? What's plan B or C if we can't get out or defend our property?"

"The survey document is now ready and road-tested and will be available both online and in print to residents from mid-August," Mr Davies said. "It will also be available as a supplement in the September issue of the *Diary*."

"We are asking Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and Park Orchards residents to take 15 minutes



to complete the survey and contribute to our understanding of our community's fire awareness."

The WCA website will be relaunched later this month as a key communication channel for "Be Ready Warrandyte". Follow the *Diary* for details.

The project is being funded principally by the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development, and also by Manningham and Nillumbik councils, Warrandyte Community Bank and the Warrandyte Market Committee.

You can follow the project via social media channels: Facebook "Be Ready Warrandyte" or Twitter @BeReadyWdyte. Alternatively you can email the project team at: beredy@warrandyte.org.au or phone 9844 5855 with any questions.

CFA seeks funds for new truck

Fire-fighters at our local brigade face a great challenge: to raise in excess of \$25,000 to replace a dated, yet critically valuable service vehicle.

The "slip on" (or "quick attack"), is a small, heavy-duty four-wheel drive vehicle that, unlike the larger fire trucks, has the ability to travel steep and narrow bush tracks to combat fires. This approach often provides quicker access to the source of the fire, thereby reducing the risks. Not only is the vehicle used throughout the Warrandyte area, but it also is used for state-wide and

interstate strike teams.

More than 70 per cent of the brigade's funding is sourced from donations and fundraising activities. To achieve this financial goal, the brigade is hosting a community trivia night on Saturday, October 13 2012 and is hoping to raise \$10,000. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Tickets will go on sale from August 14. If you are unable to attend, the brigade will gratefully accept donations, which are tax deductible if over \$2.



Warrandyte CFA is in urgent need of a new—"slip on"—fire truck. Can you help? (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)



Fundraiser for injured Clint

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a Sportsman's Afternoon on Sunday, September 2 at the clubrooms as a fundraiser to assist seriously injured forward and WJFC Tackers coach Clint Wheatley (pictured).

Wheatley suffered a bad break to his lower leg plus severe ligament damage in a recent match and will be unable to work for several months. Kicking off at 2pm, the day of activities will include guest AFL footballers, auctions, raffles and prizes. The club urges the community to band together to assist "one of our own" through a tough time. For more info or to help in any way, contact Tim Beasley on 0401 834 474.

CYRIL

By PAUL WILLIAMS



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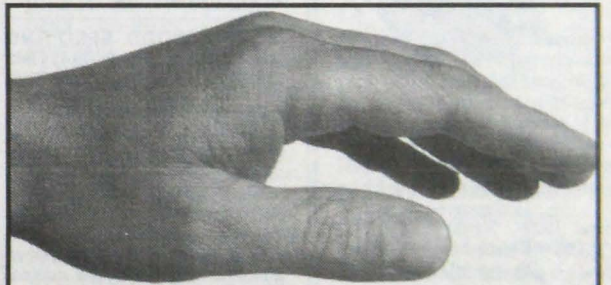
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Putting the past on parade

Fashions from the past featured at the Warrandyte Historical Society's annual general meeting last month when Colin Robinson, wife Iris and Ritka from the Victorian Re-enactment Society presented a parade illustrating styles from 1750 through to 1910.

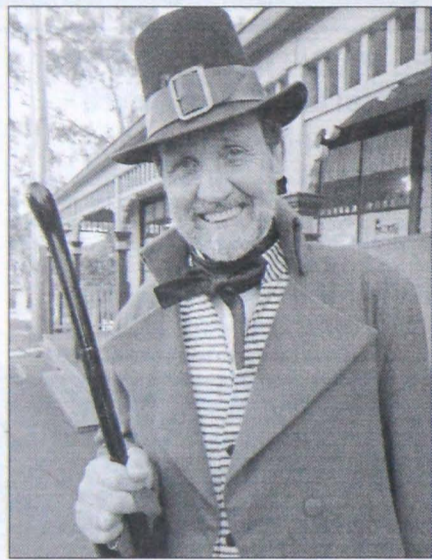
It was lively and interesting with male and female fashions being ably displayed by volunteer models who wore their garments with great aplomb.

The models, members and friends, were Robyn Jessup, Terry Curran, David Ellis, Richard Rowe, Vic Welch, Dorothy Coleman, Eilish Kelly and Jamie Dyason.

Colin provided the context for the fashions from convict chemise to bustles and bows. He described the lengths to which women went to meet the fashion of the times: from managing enormous hooped crinolines to corseting and removal of ribs to achieve a small waistline.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



David Boyle at work. (Picture by Jeremy Loftus-Hills)

Shades of contrast Koornong style

By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

Warrandyte artist David Boyle's first major exhibition, "Shades of Contrast", opened last month at the Light Factory Gallery in Eltham.

David is largely self-taught, and has been attending David Moore's Montslavat painting classes for the past five years. His work showed a mastery of tonal technique and a great range of subject, including landscapes, portraits and still life. Amongst artists he admires, David currently ranks cinematic artist Edward Hopper as the most significant. Some of David's work also reveals a sense of drama and occasion.

David was "pretty pleased" to be exhibiting in a gallery that is gaining a reputation as an exhibitor of the best local artwork. His landscapes are completed in oils *en plein aire* and show a preference for built objects ranging from the Bolte Bridge to rural streetscapes and small buildings.

Favourite at the opening was his homage to his youngest daughter, "Nanook in the Carpark". Other eye-catching portraits included a profile of

heavily pregnant sister Kate. Themes include the use of deep shades of brown and amber, within which David studies the darker secrets of the subject, and shows his mastery of colour, once such a challenge for him. These darker tones were interspersed with bright reds and whites, making a memorable and unusual mix of colour and form.

The opening was attended by many family and friends from the Koornong and beyond. Denise Farran taught David art in primary school and was impressed by the maturity and diversity of his work. "David tells me he spent 18 months preparing for this exhibition, and I'm just so proud of what he is capable of now", she said.

The exhibition closed on August 5. David intends concentrating on his studio, and is currently fascinated by the play of light around solid objects at dusk and sunrise. Judging by the public response, this exhibition marks the first of many such shows.

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Glennis says farewell

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Following her distinguished service as Warrandyte High School's principal for almost seven years, Glennis Pitches said farewell to staff and students last month.

Glennis, whose career in education spans more than 34 years, said Warrandyte High had a very strong and unified community.

"All the schools I've worked in have been really terrific but I think Warrandyte is particularly special and people are drawn to it because that sense of community exists and it permeates the culture of the school," she said.

"That's been a real privilege to work with. Some other schools I worked at didn't have that."

Ms Pitches will shortly begin her new role at the Australian Education Union, supporting

other Victorian principals with their concerns and issues.

She told the *Diary* she was excited to begin her new position but was sad about leaving Warrandyte High.

She said the best thing about Warrandyte High School was the students.

"We've got fabulous students at Warrandyte. There's a sense that at this school they punch above their weight and as teachers we are really privileged to work with them. They're just fabulous young people."

Before coming to Warrandyte, Glennis worked at Fawkner Secondary College, Eltham High, LaTrobe University and Melbourne University.

She told the *Diary* that working at Warrandyte High School had been "an absolute gift".



Glennis Pitches says goodbye to Warrandyte High School. (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)



Joey scouts jump for joy

By GEORGIA WESTGARTH

Warrandyte Scouts have introduced a Joey's group for six to eight year-olds.

Scouting has existed in Warrandyte for more than 60 years, but this is the first Joey's Group.

The group has five leaders and the 20 new young Jokeys meet every Tuesday night in the Warrandyte Scout Hall in Yarra Street, adjacent to Stigants Reserve.

A full program has been planned, including bushcraft activities, hiking, gardening and life skills—such as how to fix a bike.

Joey Declan Denis said: "I like how you can get badges and do fun things."

Scouting in Warrandyte is clearly alive and well.

"We have doubled our growth for the second year running and have been awarded the Chief Commissioner Quality Scouting Award for our commitment to scouting," group leader Iain Jansen said.

For more information visit their website: scoutswarrandyte.org.



Kids enjoy good stuff

Andersons Creek Primary School children enjoyed some of the fruits of life last month. Representatives from Market Fresh visited the school to talk about healthy living and the journey fruit and vegetables make from the ground to the supermarket.

Many parents, along with four helpers from Quinton's IGA assisted in cutting up fruit and serving. Children sampled and ate bananas, navel oranges, mandarins, avocado dip, celery, apples, cantaloupe, pears, mushrooms, capsicum and tomatoes.

More than a game for students

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Two Warrandyte High School students gained a rare insight into the video games industry when they attended a game design workshop at ACMI recently.

Molly Wilkins and Tim Willis joined eight other Victorians at the five-day workshop during the July school holidays.

They said they enjoyed working with other students and game makers to create a computer game for an iPhone platform.

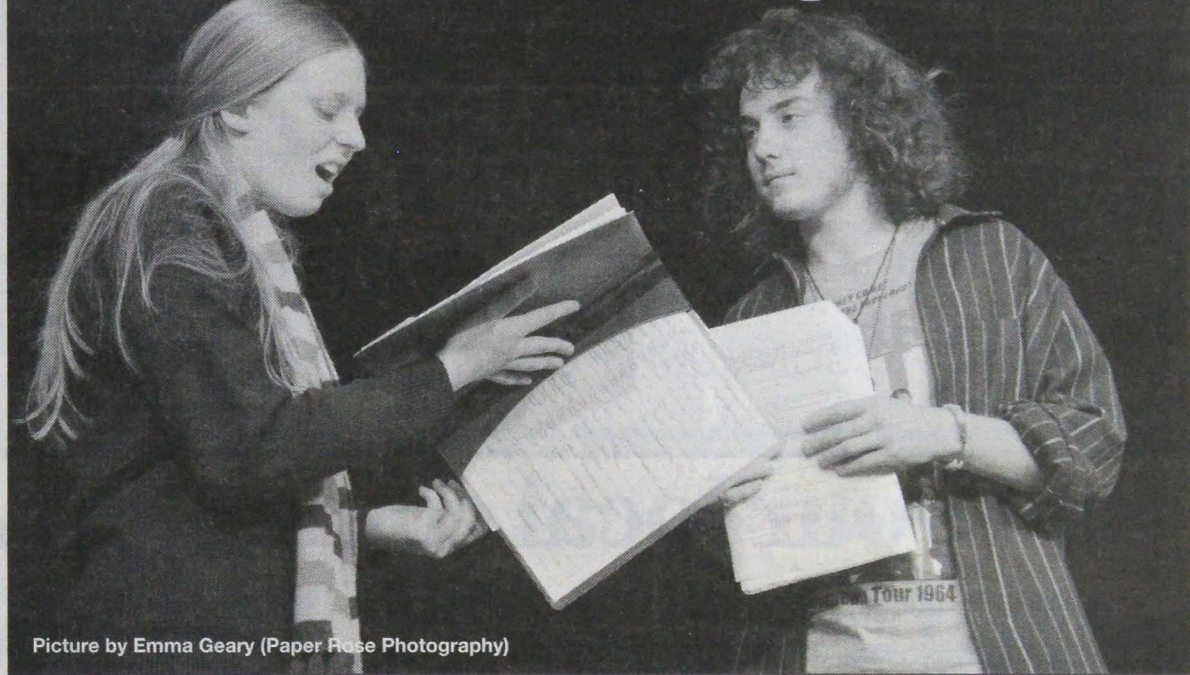
"The people who were running it treated us as equals and as though we were industry professionals. They were helping us one-on-one which was really helpful and made it a lot easier to learn," Year 11 student Molly said.

Hundreds of applicants were asked to send in a story idea, ideas for artwork, characters and a plot. They also created a two-minute video explaining why they like video games and why they wanted a place in the workshop.

"To be accepted they had to do a film pitch of an idea of a game," teacher Claire Bloom told the *Diary*.

"Applicants had to tell them an idea and how they were going to sell it to a producer. I encouraged Tim and Molly to apply because they are both extremely talented."

Youth Theatre's triple treat



Picture by Emma Geary (Paper Rose Photography)

By GEORGIA WESTGARTH

Warrandyte Theatre Company is buzzing with excitement as the curtains rise on their one act plays.

This year's one act plays boast a new bunch of talented young people putting on a one-hour show of three one act plays.

The cast of 11 boys and girls, ranging in age from 15 to 19, have been rehearsing since early May.

"Seeing as it is the Youth Theatre's first performance

we are learning and discovering as we go and need all the help and support we can get," said Larry Phelan, executive producer and the man behind the idea.

The one act plays are a mix of heavy drama and comedy with three experienced directors, David Tynan, Adrian Rice and Nieta Manson, taking charge of a play each.

"It is terrific to see the WYT reborn, we have a lot of talented young people in our community and WYT pro-

vides a place for them to develop their stagecraft, and to challenge themselves to take on all aspects of theatrical production," co-director David Tynan said.

The plays include "Captive Audience" by David Ives, "Remembrance" by Mark Rees and "Cloud Hopping" by Jonathon Whiteside.

"Working with the actors in WYT has been exciting and energizing, partly because of the newness of the team but mainly because of the

inventiveness, enthusiasm and uninhibited creativity that stems from youthfulness," co-director Adrian Rice said.

Currently painting sets and putting the finishing touches on their characterizations, the Youth Theatre has taken a back seat as the adult four one act plays take centre stage at the Mechanics Hall. Youth Theatre performance dates are October 12 and 13. For bookings visit www.trybooking.com/bjtm.

High school scores grant for film studio



By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Plans to develop a multimedia film studio at Warrandyte High School are well underway following new funding.

The school recently received a \$50,000 grant towards developing the multimedia film studio.

Teacher Claire Bloom said the studio would expand the school's digital technologies program and provide students with state-of-the-art facilities.

"Digital technologies give the kids a whole range of ways to express themselves. They can learn through film, audio recordings, podcasting, creating webpages and even blogs," Ms Bloom said.

All year levels and a range of departments at the school will be able to use the studio

and its state-of-the-art equipment.

In addition to providing students specialising in digital media with high-tech facilities, the studio will enable students to engage in live conferences and communicate with students worldwide.

"It will make it that much easier to communicate with the rest of the world.

"This will just enhance the teaching and learning and it's more in tune with what the kids are doing these days," she said.

Mrs Bloom believes education through media is "the way of the future" and the studio will open up valuable opportunities for students and staff.

Students will also be able

to use the studio to conduct video analysis of sport for Physical Education, while those in the Music program can use it to create and record music.

"Through their choice of subjects, students are reinforcing what a range of expert voices are saying: creativity is an essential skill in the 21st century and that ICT is a crucial tool in that development," then principal, Glennis Pitches, told parents and students in June.

"Something fundamental is happening in the way that students record and 'process' the world," she said.

Construction will begin this year but the school does not yet know when the studio will be ready to use.

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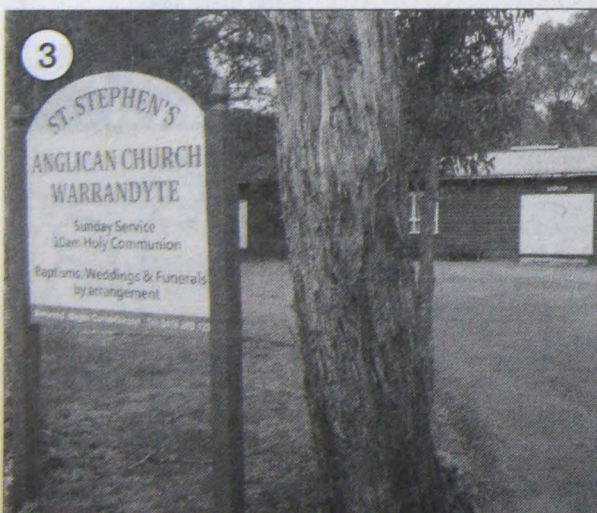
"We're shifting to St Stephen's Hall, Ock!" "You'll have to watch your language, Clyde!"



How to find your local community group



Community Church and library: new homes for Info Warrandyte.



St Stephen's Church Hall: new home for the Diary.

Where your centre tenants are relocating during building works

1&2) Information Warrandyte
 Information Warrandyte will be located in the foyer of the Community Church at 57 Yarra Street, from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and 12.30 to 3.30pm on Sundays. It will also be located at the library, 100 Melbourne Hill Rd, from 2pm to 4pm (approx) Monday to Friday and on Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. Information Warrandyte can be contacted at the church on 9844 3082 and at the library on 9844 0241. Information Warrandyte is your local Citizens Advice Bureau, offering a free, confidential and impartial referral and advice service. Mostly staffed by trained volunteers, it carries a range of brochures on local places of interest, the State Park, support services, legal matters and bus timetables. Between July and October it offers free tax help to eligible low income clients by ATO endorsed volunteers; also referrals to local solicitors for legal help.

3) Warrandyte Diary
 The Diary is moving to St Stephen's Anglican Church Hall, 5 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte. Phone 9844 0555; email: warrandytediary@aapt.net.au. Postal address: PO Box 209, Warrandyte 3113. The Diary will continue throughout the period of the community centre rebuilding and expects to be back in the centre by the middle of next year. We want to express our gratitude to the St Stephen's

folk for "moving over" and making us feel so welcome.

4) Warrandyte Neighbourhood House
 Moved to the Warrandyte Community Church, 57 Yarra Street, Warrandyte (between the scout hall and the Warrandyte Café). Phone 9844 1839. The office and all classes—except fitness classes—will be at the rear of the building (overlooking the river) in the Sunday School room. "Strong Women Stay Young" and "Men's Weights" will be held in the foyer of the building (where the Rotary Art Show is usually held). Normal opening hours: 9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 2pm on Fridays.

5) Warrandyte Lions Club Opportunity Shop
 Relocated to the shop next door to the Grand Hotel at 106 to 108 Yarra Street, Warrandyte (formerly Bali 2U). Open daily from 10.30am to 5pm. Phone 9844 4392. Relocating the Op Shop began in early August and the grand opening sale is now on. The Op Shop expects to be back in its "home" at the community centre by July 2013. The Op Shop anticipates more space, both in its temporary quarters and in the redeveloped centre.

Parking
 There will be no parking available behind the Warrandyte Community Centre once building work commences.



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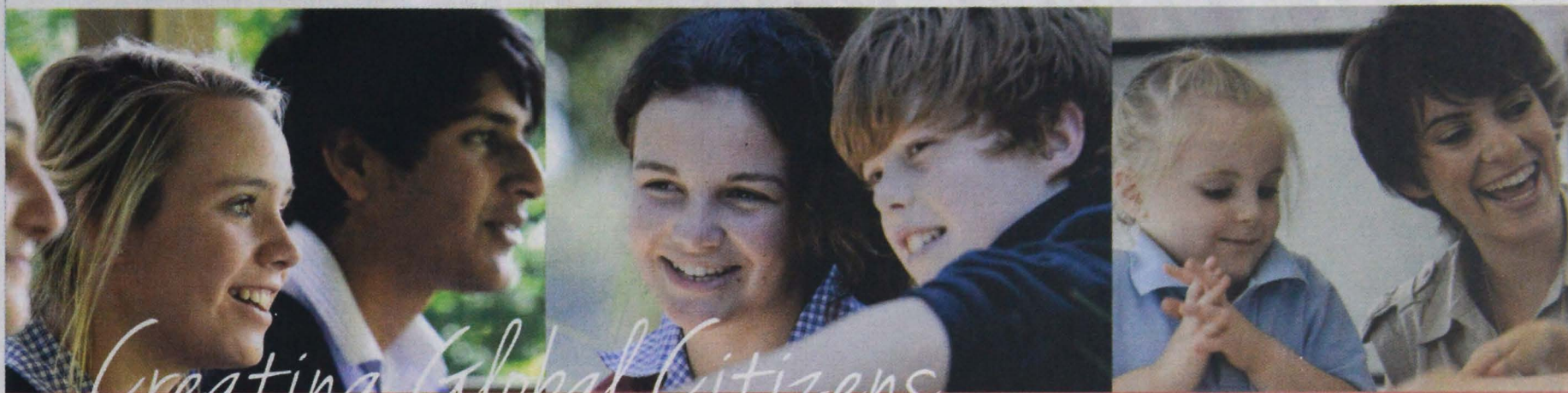


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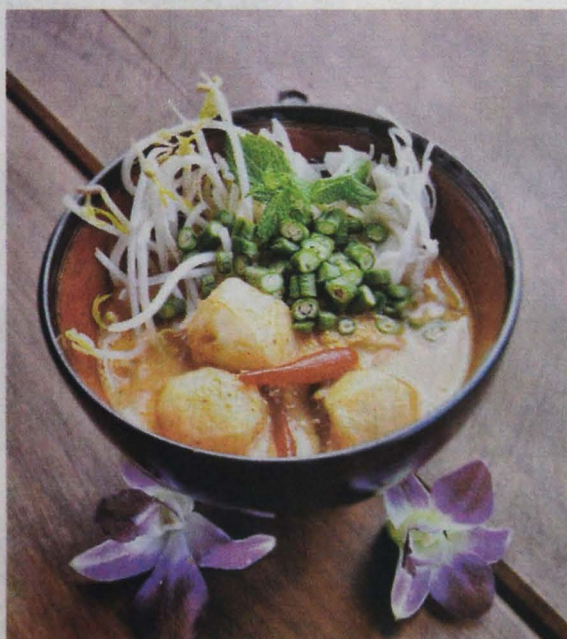
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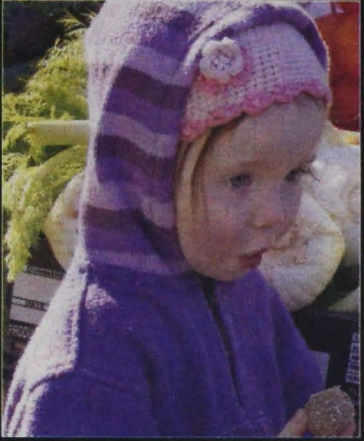
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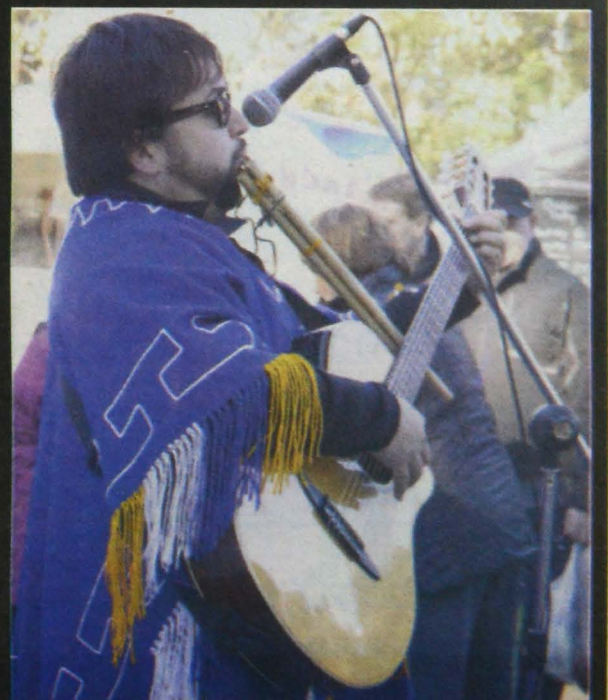
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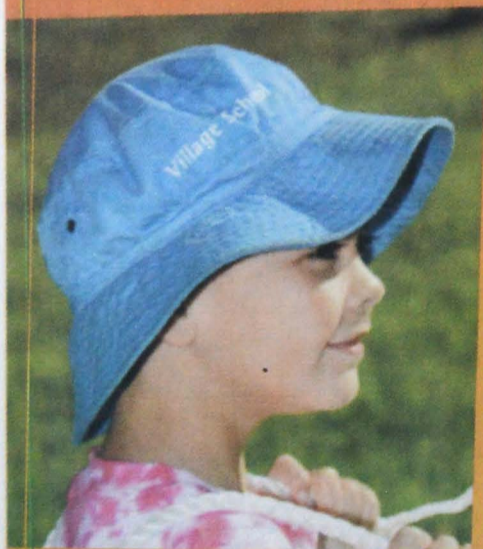
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We are seeking interested people with a passion for community service to join us as members or volunteers. Guests are very welcome at our meetings.

For more information

Go to <http://www.warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au> or phone Judy Hall Secretary 0419 201 231. If you would like to join us for a meeting please contact Rob Edwards 0409 258 744.



2012 Art Show judge Walter Magilton discussing some of the winning exhibits

CFA family movie night

The North Warrandyte Fire Brigade Auxiliary is holding a Family Film Night at the North Warrandyte Community Centre on Saturday October 20 to raise funds for the brigade. With the help of the Park Orchards Lions Club and the Warrandyte Community Bank they have recently purchased two defibrillators for two of their trucks. Funds from the film night will go towards an emergency generator to be set up outside the brigade. There will be a children's film at 5pm followed by an adult film at 8pm with barbecue etc in between. Cost is \$20 per family or \$5 per head with drinks provided by the auxiliary.



Landcare needs members

The Andersons Creek Landcare Group are looking for more members and suggestions for ways to attract more people to their weeding days. These weeding days are held regularly with the aim of enhancing and protecting the natural indigenous environment adjacent to the Andersons Creek as it passes through Warrandyte. At their weeding day on Sunday September 16 from 1pm to 3pm they hope to have Doris Pozzi as a guest. Doris has written a book on edible weeds around Melbourne. For further information call Stephen Gleeson on 9876 5798 or 0411 111 036.

AGM

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens will be held at the their clubrooms in Taroona Avenue on Thursday August 16 at 12.30pm.

Ukele

Ukele Café Club and workshop takes place on the first Thursday of the month at the Earth Harmony Shop and Well-being Centre, 246-250 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. All ukele players are welcome. Workshops, \$15 per person, are held from 7pm to 8pm with open mike at 8pm. To book call 9844 5155 or just come along to the fun open mike. Licensed café is open for snacks and drinks from 6.30pm.

Potters

The Manningham Art Gallery is still seeking stories relating to Potters Cottage, its people, studios, gallery, awards and exhibitions, school or restaurant. If you have a story you would like to pass on please call the gallery on 9840 9137 or email david.warnock@manningham.vic.gov.au These stories will be part of the opening exhibition of the gallery's new space in Manningham City Square paying tribute to Potters Cottage, its founders, their work and their legacy. Submissions close on September 30.

Plants

There will be an Australian Plants Expo at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham on the weekend of September 8 and 9 from 10am to 4pm. Cost is adults \$5, con-

out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

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cession \$4, children free. This expo is organised by the Yarra Yarra group of the Australian Plants Society. It includes a huge native flower show, plants, books, photography, art, speakers and more.

Train

As part of the Hurstbridge Wattle Festival a vintage train will run from Flinders Street on Sunday August 26. Information about this fully restored train can be obtained by visiting www.wattlefestival.org.au or calling 1300 660 072.

Seminar

The next Manningham Environment Seminar will take place on Wednesday September 5. Dr Andrew Hamer will

discuss the Melbourne Turtle Study. For location details call 9840 9124.

Babies

Nilumbik council is inviting local parents-to-be to find out about services, programs and support for expectant families. This free program will take place at the Diamond Creek Maternal and Child Health Centre, 28 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek on Tuesday August 21 from 7pm to 9pm. To book call 9433 3135 or Narelle.Hart@nilumbik.vic.gov.au

Walks

The next Manningham Thursday nature walk will be the Hochkins Ridge Walk. This is a distance of 3kms and is expected to take about two hours. The rating is difficult. To book call 9840 9124 or go to eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au.

Tell the Diary your news

THANKS

Due to illness I was unable to complete production of the Diary this month. At the last moment, Scott Podmore—with help from Briony Bottarelli, Rachel Schroeder and Jock Macneish—stepped in and completed the job. My heartfelt thanks to them and my apologies to those few contributors whose items have been held over—hopefully—until next issue.

● The September issue of the Diary will appear a week later than previously advertised—on Tuesday, September 18. Copy closes on Friday, September 7.
CLIFF GREEN

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Sale

Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association will hold a bargain sale of paintings on Sunday August 26 in the Mechanics Institute hall, corner of Yarra Street and Mitchell Avenue, Warrandyte. Paintings, framed and unframed, oils, acrylics, pastels and watercolours will be on sale from 10am to 4pm.

Stonehouse

The August exhibition at Stonehouse Gallery centres around kitchen decorations—bowls, placemats, table setting and serving utensils, teatowels and breadboards. Artist Susan Gustafson will add colour to your walls with her spectacular paintings of fruit. The gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Artstrokes

As part of the Hurstbridge Wattle Festival, Hurstbridge Primary School is holding its annual art exhibition at the school, Main Road, Hurstbridge on Sunday August 26 from 10am to 4pm with an official opening at 7pm on Saturday August 25. A variety of works by local artists will be on sale.

Residency

Contemporary artists of any discipline are invited to apply for residencies at Laughing Waters in Eltham during 2013. The two Laughing Waters properties are located in protected and secluded Eltham bushlands and allow artists the use of historic homes and studio spaces. The residencies are one to four months duration between April and November, 2013. For further information contact Michelle Zemancheff on 9433 3126 or artsinfo@nilumbik.vic.gov.au Application forms are available at www.nilumbik.vic.gov.au and must be received by 4pm on September 28.

Exhibitions

Local artists interested in exhibiting their work at the Eltham Library Community Gallery can now apply to be part of the 2013 exhibitions program. Artists who live, work or study in Nilumbik are eligible. Applications close at 4pm on Friday August 31. The theme for next year is 'Earth Plus'. Information and application forms can be obtained on www.nilumbik.vic.gov.au or contacting 9433 3359 or artsinfo@nilumbik.vic.gov.au

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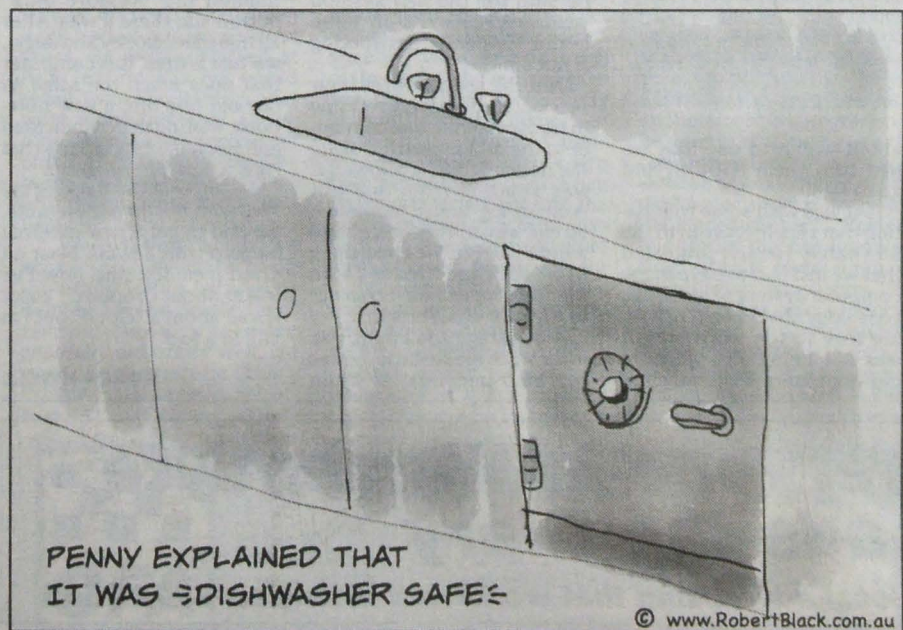
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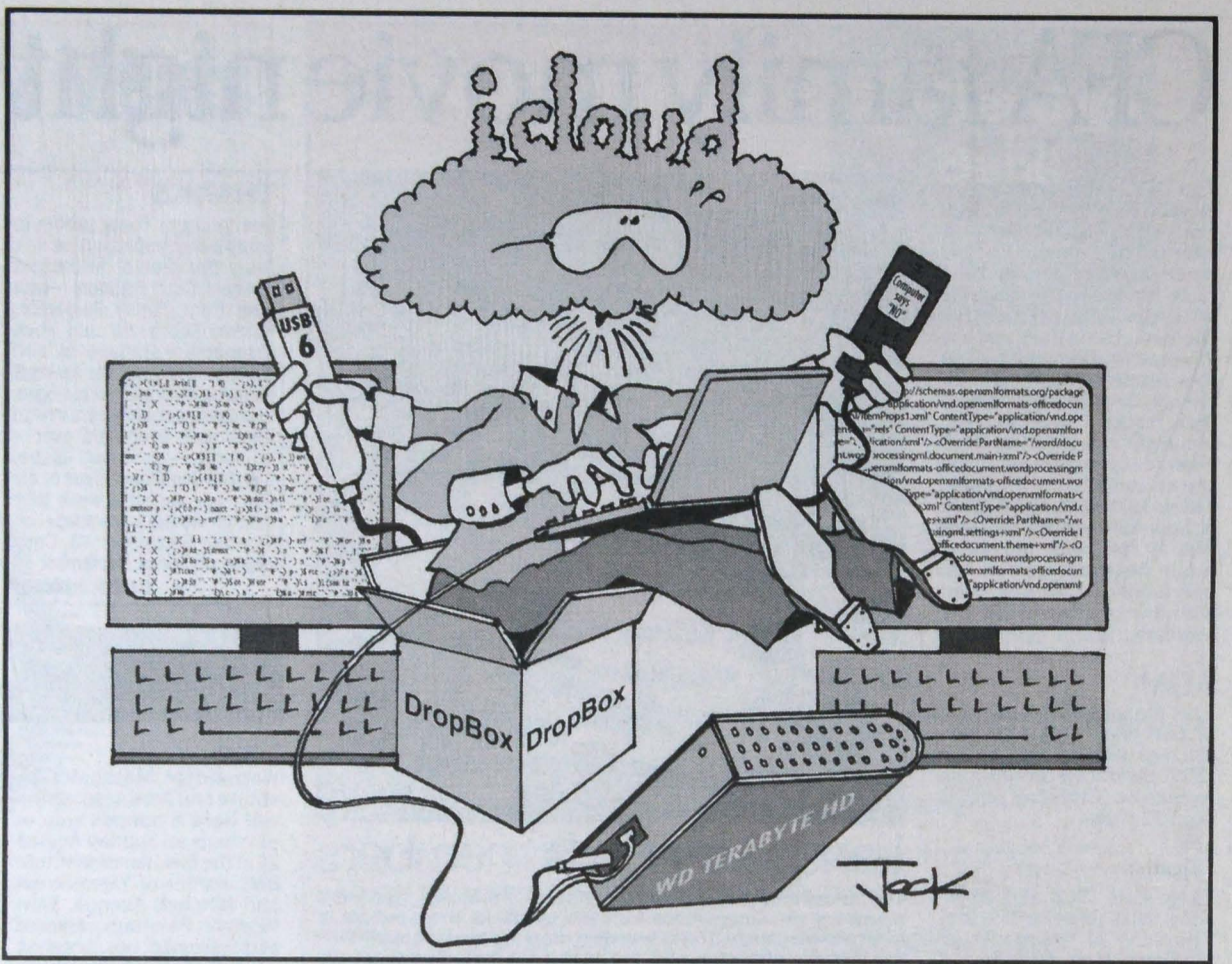
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Clouded judgment in the face of data Armageddon

FINALLY, the phrase, "Cloud cuckoo land" is beginning to make sense.

It is not far from the truth to say that neither of us is technologically savvy. Both Herself and I can cope with the basic functions of a computer but it stays at "basic". As soon as requirements push us past moderate, the temperature drops and the language reaches a startling shade of lapis lazuli.

We are always a few generations of mobile phones behind and although I have an iPod and all my music collection is loaded onto it, I have malformed ears, evidently, and I can't keep the earphones in my lug holes. I'm sure I must be able to sue Apple for discrimination.

Also, we have a modest number of "remotes" and have moderate success with them. One is for the TV and the other is for that box thing that we use for recording programs when we are out. We usually have success with it unless, by dint of sheer stupidity, I record on channel 20 or 30 something and it happens to be a high definition channel. If I do this, when we try to watch the program the following day, we are told in no uncertain terms that the machine was, "unable to decode the program". You just know that there was a programming geek in the backroom who wanted to add "...you moron" but was restrained by the company's lawyer.

I must admit, there are times when we get so confused

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"Those of you out there who are about as geeky as we, will assume that it's just a simple matter of getting the hardware, shoving in the programs and joining the technological revolution. Wrong!"

about which to use that we just turn them both off and go to bed.

So it was with some trepidation that I finally gave in to the inevitable. Herself protested that we just had to have a new computer system because her genealogy obsession (I'm writing this so the word stays!) was not being met with the old computer. Evidently the

newest edition of that family arboreal package needed more grunt than our existing computer had. I shall spare you all the sordid negotiating and arrive at the conclusion.

Before, we had a desktop computer, the laptop Herself used for work and more recently for her family research. In the process of gaining more grunt for her genealogy program, however, we ended up with a new desktop computer, a new laptop and a new small notebook for travelling overseas. And this is when the fun started.

Those of you out there who are about as geeky as we, will assume that it's just a simple matter of getting the hardware, shoving in the programs and joining the technological revolution. Wrong!

When the computer guy sold us the stuff he did say he'd be back to install the equipment—all part of the Greek-economy-debt amount we'd forked out for all of this. And he said for the first session we'd need to write off three hours. Evidently networking is not simple.

After the second three hour session, the files were refusing to transport from one computer to the other. We tried using the network and it showed it was sending from one but "something funny happened on the way to the forum" and it didn't arrive. We tried using a USB stick and it loaded onto the stick but wouldn't transfer to the new computers.

At this stage and I think this makes me feel a little better but also nervous, is when

"computer guy" suggested that he'd have to take away the laptop and rebuild it. Panic set in. I was pleased, however, when CG rang from a shopping expedition to suggest checking the "properties" of the files and sure enough I had to untick a box, the name of which I have since forgotten. The result, transfer success.

Then, when things were looking promising, disaster! Herself's new program, you know the reason for all of this happening in the first place, wouldn't accept the old lap top data! Oh dear! Despite the four million program backups, the household was enveloped in a miasma of mourning and a tirade of tears and threats. Terra hours of work had gone into that research and data Armageddon was upon us.

After innumerable emails, phone calls and website references, we got the good oil and with the Angel of Death peering over my shoulder, I pushed the "Restore data" button and there it was! After all this time, money and angst, we had a desk top computer that does much the same as our old one did, a new notebook, waiting to be vindicated and Herself's new lap top that runs a new, old program.

You know about backing up! Well with the three new units, we had to get a new external backup with a NASA blast off sized memory. And now I've learnt about Dropbox. I know it's all about a "cloud" but I'm still in a fog!

ROGER KIBELL

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Orchids: a thirty-year affair

nature

By JOAN BROADBERRY

SHORTLY after boarding a Thai Airlines flight in 1977, I was presented with a corsage of purple dendrobium orchids. They were gorgeous and exotic. I adored them. But my true orchid "light bulb moment" came in the early 1980s, sitting on a grassy bank eating lunch in a central Victorian forest. Someone pointed out some small white flowers and called them "finger orchids". They were very different from the lush, tropical beauties, but exquisite and intriguing in their own way, especially as they were part of the Australian bush which I had come to love. That moment was the beginning of a lifelong passion.



Greencomb Spider Orchids. (Picture by Joan Broadberry)

My knowledge of native orchids developed rapidly. Following the horrendous Ash Wednesday bushfires the heathlands of Anglesea erupted with the most wonderful flowering: Bird, Beard, Spider, Lizard, Sun, Rabbit-ears, Donkey, Leek, Onion! It was hard enough to keep up with their common, let alone botanical, names. At the time I did not appreciate this was a once-in-a-generation spectacle.

In my field naturalist ramblings over 30 years, including several trips to Western Australia (orchid heaven!), I have been fortunate enough to have seen many native orchid species. Each one has set my pulse racing. I am in good company: there are more than a few native orchid enthusiasts in Warrandyte. Almost uniquely in suburbia, Warrandyte State Park, roadsides and private properties still retain many orchid species. They have been pains-

takingly documented by Pat Coupar and ranger David Van Bockel in *The Flora of Warrandyte 1999*. An amazing 55 species are listed. Unfortunately, many are threatened or vulnerable.

The distinguishing feature of the genus *Orchidaceae* is that the flower is always based on six segments: three petals and three sepals. One segment (often the lowest) is usually very different from the others, being greatly modified and known as the tongue. The male and female parts of the plant are united in a structure called the column. Orchids are not necessarily more beautiful

than other wildflowers, but several things make them special: their bizarre forms, their rarity and their fascinating methods of pollination. Some temporarily trap their pollinator inside a hood. Others bring about fertilisation by attracting insects, often wasps, to mate with flowers cleverly masquerading as female insects—complete with alluring perfumes (pheromones).

Most Victorian orchids are ground dwellers (terrestrial), appearing annually from underground tubers. They have a dormant stage during summer and emerge to flower during the wetter months.

Spring is a great time to find orchids in the Warrandyte bushland. However unlike our received European idea of winter, winter in South-eastern Australia is favourable rather than hostile to plant development.

Well-camouflaged Helmet, Greenhood and Midge orchids predominate during autumn and winter. Then come a progression of colourful Leopard, Wax-lip, Spider, Finger and Sun orchids. It is in fact possible to find native orchids flowering in Warrandyte in all months of the year.

As was demonstrated after Ash Wednesday, fire plays an important role in the lifecycle of some orchids. Species such as Redbeaks may appear as leaves for many years, only flowering when their habitat is burnt. However it is a myth that fire is beneficial to all orchids. Proposed local burns in areas containing orchids need the input of expert knowledge.

Orchid tubers were once a regular food source for indigenous people. Prior to European settlement they were probably not rare. Today, despite tireless conservation work being done by rangers and volunteer organisations such as Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) and the Australasian Native Orchid Society (ANOS), Warrandyte's precious orchid flora is dwindling.

It isn't smart to pick or dig up native orchids. Apart from leading to their extinction in the wild, orchid plants transplanted into a garden are unlikely to survive. Most rely on a symbiotic association with soil-borne fungus and are notoriously difficult to propagate. They are best enjoyed as stunning photographic subjects.

*Available online, just google FOWSP.

Fond memories tucked away

DOWNSIZING the memory happens so much more easily than downsizing the memorabilia, don't you think? I can't believe the stuff I've kept over the years. At the same time, I can't believe the things I've forgotten. Sorting through a drawer of old bits and pieces from my school days, on the occasion of an imminent reunion, I've discovered that I've forgotten stuff I didn't even remember I'd forgotten!

My brother and I are compiling a piece for the anniversary magazine. Although the school orchestra had been a big part of our lives for six years, we were surprised at how few details we could recall, even about things that were much-talked-of at the time. We couldn't even recall much of the music, despite having spent a significant proportion of our lives practising it.

...We played at many venues outside the school, including going by bus to Ballarat for the South Street competitions, where we generally did pretty well. We stayed at the historic Cook's Private Hotel in Sturt Street,

somewhat on the Spartan side, especially in the food department, but otherwise comfortable enough. A large upstairs room, a sort of enclosed upper verandah, was used for rehearsals and quite a crowd gathered in the street to listen and applaud. We were not allowed to leave the hotel and bedtime was strictly observed, but that didn't stop a few of the boys getting out a first storey window and climbing down a drainpipe to freedom after dark.

Ozzie (the teacher in charge) did her rounds a little later on, but found almost nobody actually in bed. Amongst other diversions, a spate of short-sheeting had required several of the beds to be remade from scratch, which fortunately slowed down the inspection process. Those who'd made a quick sortie into town only just made it back when Ozzie was heard outside the bedroom door. We leapt into bed, but a certain smell must have aroused suspicion, for she threw back the bedclothes and sure enough, there was each boy, fully dressed and guiltily clutching a hot pie...

Some ancient concert programs at the bottom of

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

the drawer triggered more memories: Strauss's "Blue Danube", "Hava Nagila", Mozart's "Presto" from Divertimento K270, Chopin's "Polonaise", Benjamin's "Jamaican Rumba", Lerner & Loewe's "Paint Your Wagon", Bela Bartok's "Little Pieces", the "Grand March" from Verdi's "Aida" and lots of J S Bach ... my goodness, where did we find the time? And that was just the tip of the iceberg; we had at least six concerts that year as well as music exams to prepare for.

I must say, some of the items on these concert programs are intriguing. I'm really sorry I can't remember them! "Yoga": an improvisation billed as "the uniting of mortal man and the immortal spirit". Remembering the teacher involved, that should have been an illuminating experience. The same teacher also produced a troupe of Creative Dancers: "Pentatonic Melody" (supposedly notable for its "unusual quality") and a Bavarian Peas-

ant Dance (a "waltz consisting of eight verses"). Criekey! Who on earth wrote these program notes?

Perhaps the most enigmatic of unremembered items is one entitled "Movements of the Planets", based on Gustav Holst's great symphonic suite. I don't know that Holst would have recognised our school's understanding of his work, which in its original form sought to enshrine the supposed astrological character of each of the seven extraterrestrial planets in our solar system. Performed by an apparently radical group of teachers, the choreography of the school performance instead "tried to interpret the gravitational pull between the planets in our universe and the counter-attraction of outer galaxies". How 1970s was that!

Such an analysis of the properties of the known universe is puzzling to say the least, but I won't get picky as our cohort seems to have produced just as many noteworthy scientific minds as any other. Our somewhat creative schooling evidently did us no harm. In fact it was mostly rather good fun—I do remember that!



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Don Charlwood's last words

Beloved local Don Charlwood died on June 18, 2012. Don's son Jim Charlwood read this at the Thanksgiving Service. He commented: "While listening to the beauty and clarity of these words, it is worth remembering that they were written by a man halfway through his 97th year."

If a person lives to my age I see no need for grieving, but I do feel need to express my gratitude to those who have helped me on my way, above all my parents, who gave me life and nurtured me: Emily, nee Cameron, and Ernest Charlwood, my volatile Mum and my pacifying Dad. They loved one another dearly till Dad's death at 79, despite their differing temperaments.

Dad was a gifted cartoonist and he defused many a domestic situation with a sketch, all of which are treasured still in the family. A non domestic one I remember shows Mum setting out with a hatchet to find a football reporter who had criticised her big brother, "Joker" Cameron, who played—rather roughly it must be said—for South Melbourne.

I was born on September 6, 1915 at 32 Pleasant Road in what is now Hawthorn East. From our place it was "pleasant" indeed for we faced a large paddock with numbers of tall gum trees; two horses grazed there. Perhaps at that time the Great War was not expected to last for the four terrible years that it did. For whatever

the reason, I was left an only child for my first four years. My companions became the two horses across our quiet road. My mother must have told me how much they liked to be rubbed under the forelock. She knew all about horses for John Cameron, her father, born in Kilmanivag, Scotland, was a Frankston blacksmith and veterinarian and tended horses at quite distant places on the Mornington Peninsula.

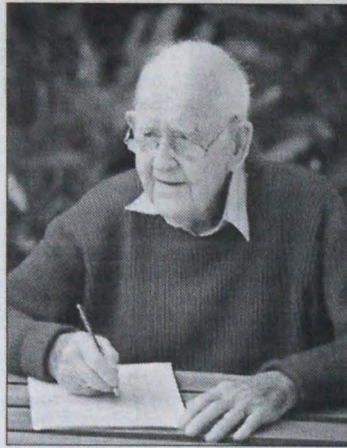
My Dad was very deaf and so unfit for active service. Once I was old enough to look at magazine pictures and see the horrors of the front lines, I was glad of this.

My mother was by nature very much a Scot; my father English; though both were born in Victoria. My father's family lived in a house called Wensum, second from the corner of Victoria Parade and Smith Street. In my time there were only two maiden aunts and my London-born grandmother still living there. She was Mater to her family and was born a Lewis. Her husband, who had died before my time, was a commercial traveller for the family company Lewis and Witty. Always he took his

dancing pumps and tails with him and recorded dancing in Casterton till dawn.

One of my Wensum Aunts, known to all as Trot, was social editor of Table Talk. She wrote with withering condescension as "Celia" of Toorak, not lowly Fitzroy. In my time Auntie Trot's income kept Wensum afloat.

In 1919 and 1921 two more sons, Arthur and Ian, had been born. Very early Ian became critically ill. Many were the times Ian had to go to Dr Kinsley Norris near Camberwell Junction. Dr Norris was to see Ian again eighteen years later when, as one of the "ragged bloody heroes"



of the 39th battalion of "chocos", he was pulled out after the battle of Gona.

By 1922, my mother was worn out from fighting to keep Ian nourished. At that time a split occurred between my father's family and my mother—a split between a very English family and a fiery Scot.

The falling out between my mother and my father's family led to halcyon days for me and my brothers, for we went to Frankston to live. Here Phil was born in 1925. These are days we have all spoken of ever since—of beach and bush and Frankston Primary, number 1464 and, in 1927, Frankston and District High School.

How can I forget Marion Schneider reading Tennyson's Ulysses to us in my Intermediate year? I was to know her years later, to her very end—and that other vibrant and imaginative teacher Harry Moody? But the cost of the Frankston years was a daily train journey of over an hour to Port Melbourne for my father.

In Frankston, St Paul's Church of England had a cassock-and-surpliced young men's choir. Though we did not learn to sing in parts, yet I am sure none of us could sing the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis without sensing their glory. How much we loved Cranmer without even knowing his name. When at last I left St Paul's, my unspoken credo had become, "Love one another as I have loved you".

Then for seven years of my life I became a Presbyterian. I had come to the Nareen home of a distant cousin of my mother's, George Riddoch. To him and to his wife May I give loving thanks. Employed as a farm hand for a pound a week and my keep, my "keep" took me into the Riddoch family home. Though they did not spare me labour, they knew that my main wish in life was to write and that at the end I had learned to do so. They had lost their eldest child, a beautiful young daughter, at boarding school in Melbourne. I became an older brother to their son Jim.

The Nareen years were the basis of my stories in An Afternoon of Time. In 1941 both Jim and I joined RAAF aircrew. In Scotland with Jim, I met Dr Mary Riddoch and it was she who urged me for years to write of Bomber Command, which I finally did in No Moon Tonight.

In Journeys Into Night I wrote again of the Bomber Command war, largely using the diaries and letters of other of my navigator training comrades, nearly all of whom failed to return.

Dad did not live to finish these notes and we know there would have been many others he would have wished to thank over the years. Above all, his thanks always went to his wife Nell—to quote him: "for her patience in deciphering and typing my manuscripts and their many pencilled changes for over 65 years. Not only that, but for her ongoing belief in me."

Farewell to one of Warrandyte's favourites

Donald Blackie, one of Warrandyte's favourite people, died on June 25, 2012. He was 93.

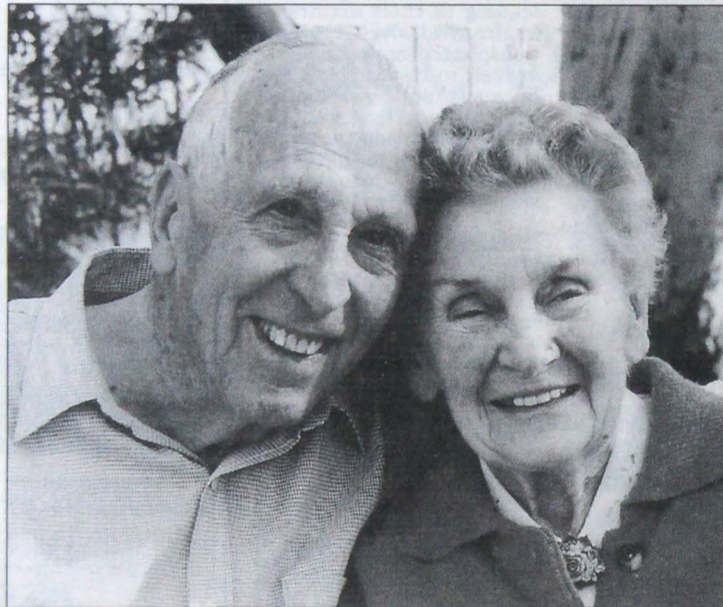
Donald Richard Blackie was born on November 25, 1918 in Malvern to parents Kathleen and Donald Blackie. He was the youngest of three brothers.

His father played Test Cricket for Australia and was the oldest "debuting" Test cricketer, playing his first Test game at 46 years of age.

Don Blackie attended the Sacred Heart Primary School in St Kilda, completing his schooling at the Christian Brothers College. He didn't like school much, styling himself a "moderate student". He preferred sport, playing tennis, football, handball and—of course—cricket. He played District Cricket for St Kilda, and in later years took up golf, winning a number of tournaments.

In 1935 he commenced his career with Harcourt Neil Dental Supplies as a junior clerk, becoming a sales representative covering Melbourne and Tasmania in 1939.

He served in World War 2 with 15



Soul mates: Don and Emmie Blackie.

Field Ambulance. A bone growth on his leg prevented him being called up for active service.

In 1944 he was a senior Red Cross representative with officer status and was posted to Morotai in New Guinea. Here he met Emmie Spiller, a beautiful Army nurse. She became the love of his life.

At the end of the war, Don rejoined the dental industry, becoming a director of Leigh Dental Supplies in 1950, becoming general manager of the dental division of Drug Houses of Australia. He retired as managing director. Active in the Dental Trade Association, he was elected state president and federal president.

Don had married Emmie in 1948. They moved to Warrandyte where they built their dream home—overlooking the Yarra River—and reared their two children: David and Margaret. They forged wonderful friendships and left an everlasting mark on the community throughout their 40 plus years in Warrandyte.

Don Blackie was founding president of the Warrandyte kindergarten and served on school, scout and civic

association committees. He was a member of the historical society, RSL, Proteas Club, WAA and Rotary and with Emmie, was a committed member of St Stephen's Anglican Church, serving as vestry member, vicar's warden, church warden, lay preacher and church treasurer. Anzac Day was always a special day for Don and Emmie.

They moved to Euroa in 1995 to be closer to son David and his wife Christine, becoming members of the St Pauls community and gaining many Euroa friends.

Don is remembered as a great one for making speeches, especially at Anzac Day ceremonies, memorials and war reunions—and at family events. His family especially remembers his skill in making everyone feel special. Most of all he is remembered for the love and devotion he showed Em—his wife, best friend and soul mate: the greatest love story of all...

(Compiled from information supplied by Don's family.)

A tiny window

There is a woman drawing on the beach
Beautiful, in a wild mermaid way
Not young, but unlined, long-haired
The youthful uniform—Bonds tee-shirt, brown
She looks stern, like the debris of sea-litter behind
Or is she determined, focused
Maybe sad, the drawing a distraction
Taking time to day-dream, to think of lives unlined

There's a woman, drawing on the beach
An artist, bohemian, her own person
This, a small clutch at the life she dreamed—
After the suck of motherhood (hug-me-tights and baby talc)
Before the blur of being Gran (school plays, birthday lists
And fraught daughter bail-outs)—she's got a tiny "window"
To be herself, the one she, that earnest student sought
Escape suburban strait-jacket.

There's a woman drawing on the beach
Wants to be taken seriously

In a world where mums are not
And House-wives "honour and obey"
She loves her kids, don't get me wrong
But they were never part of her plan
It was all ideas, change, living your beliefs
Not lemon-fresh cleanliness, and Good on Ya Mum

There's a woman drawing on the beach
What is this life she could have had?
A sunlit studio in the Cross
Paris even, where her muse may live
Lovers yes, if she found the time
Good for inspiration and for keeping out the cold
No cooking, she eats in smoky cafes where
There's music, philosophy, lots of red

There's a woman drawing on the beach
Late sun glinting on her drifting hair
The drawing's nearly finished, enough of solitude
She stretches, listens to the evening's call:
A drink on the verandah with her man
Time with her kids, whom she loves
Shan's lit the fire, Bill's cooking tea and
There are three hugs waiting

KAREN THROSSELL





National Tree Day on Osborne Peninsula

By RUTH RANKIN

Despite the gloomy weather, 11 North Warrandyte residents were joined by 13 members of the Ringwood Field Naturalist Club to celebrate National Tree Day late last month.

The chosen site was the bank of the Yarra River across stream from Jumping Creek Reserve where the habitat corridor had become fragmented. Over several years willow and elm trees were removed from this area and the adjacent sites revegetated using state and federal government funding.

This planting of over 1300 local indigenous grasses, sedges and shrubs will re-establish an important biolink to support Powerful Owl and Barking Owl.

Both of these threatened species are active on the Osborne Peninsula.

This is the second year that the Ringwood Field Naturalists have worked with us.

Their efforts are very much appreciated by the Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group.

A great morning was had by all!

Warrandyte Community Garden is a work of heart

By CHERIE MOSELEN

If you live locally and love gardening, chances are you've been tempted to use a stick of dynamite to penetrate what can only be loosely described as the "soil" that constitutes many of Warrandyte's steep backyards.

But for some savvy gardeners there exists an easier option.

A community garden has flourished in Warrandyte for the past 15 years thanks to the initiative of recently retired local police sergeant Keith Walker.

Like many creative seeds, this one took much nurturing before it developed into the splendid community asset it is today.

"There was some vacant land next to the Warrandyte police station," Mr Walker tells the *Diary*. "It's about 1/3 acre and would have been used as a horse paddock way back when Warrandyte had a mounted policeman.

"We let people keep their ponies there for a while and charged them a weekly fee of one chocolate cake each, but all the staff started getting fat!"

Mr Walker has a keen interest in gardening and had the idea of developing the paddock into a community garden. With the support of the Warrandyte/Park Orchards police community consultative committee, his idea began to take shape.

Being the first community garden to operate on land owned by Victoria Police, several assurances were needed before approval could be given. For one, a site assessment had to be done to ascertain soil quality.

During Warrandyte's active gold mining years, soil was tested for gold and quartz by using arsenic and there was concern that traces could still be present.

With a clean soil test, and no other objections, final approval for the development was given on January 17, 1997.

Local landscape designer Bev Han-



son drew a design, which included around 25 garden beds, drainage lines, a shed and a large gazebo.

"We had to raise \$34,133 for infrastructure before we could even turn the first sod," Keith said.

"We got a grant through the Department of Justice and the regional service clubs pitched in generously with donations. Our local MP Phil Honeywood, and Cr Pat Young in particular helped with the planning permit. There were many hands that helped bring 'Plods' Plot' to fruition."

During the late 1990s, local CFA community support facilitator Jeff

Adair joined the PCCC. He agrees that the project was a "sustained community effort".

"Several of the CFA volunteers happened to be plumbers and they laid all the water lines," Jeff Adair said, "Other local tradies got behind us, contributing time and materials. It simply wouldn't have gone ahead without this shared enthusiasm."

"When Keith Walker left Police Street, he left behind a living legacy, and it's something to be proud of."

In 1998, a ballot was held to allocate the garden beds. Today, there's a waiting list that regularly turns over, however, several keen gardeners still

hold their original plots. Local resident Jan O'Neil is part of an informal but constant group that helps maintain the enterprise as a whole.

Garden expert David Watson played a key role in the garden's early years, imparting invaluable advice to gardeners.

A water tank taking rainwater from the police station roof has provided insurance against drought.

"Plot holders pay a joining fee, then an annual subscription of \$10, and there is a working bee once a month that our group of regulars co-ordinates," Mrs O'Neil said.

She described the community gar-



den as working under "a co-operative spirit" with people sharing the care of other garden beds when needed. Communal areas are planted out for beautification with flowers and fruit trees and plot holders share the common produce.

"There's no hard and fast rule about gardening sustainably, but most of us have been inspired by natural choices and have moved in this direction," she said.

The community garden reflects the awareness that growing-your-own helps to reduce food miles, which impacts favourably on the environment, and it also adds substantial social value to the local community.

With almost 40 years in the police force, Mr Walker has seen some colourful things but none more so than the community garden in springtime.

"People walking along the riverbank come over to meet the gardeners and we've had birthday parties, a wedding and even a funeral under the gazebo," he said.

"It's heartening to think of the combined effort that brought this garden to life and when it's in full bloom, everyone in the community can enjoy it."

The community garden is located at the bottom of Police Street. For information, or to apply for a garden bed, please call Barbara on 9844 4544.

Bloods stopped in tracks

By MICHAEL DI PETTA

WARRANDYTE suffered an 84-point loss to finals contenders Mitcham in Round 16 at Walker Park last Saturday in a game that saw the Bloods never really find their rhythm.

Despite showing terrific form and spirit in the past few weeks, winning three out of their past six games and narrowly losing two others, the Bloods sat in 10th position on the ladder at the time the *Diary* went to press, with finals unfortunately out of reach.

On a sunny day with perfect conditions for playing football, it was Mitcham who jumped to a quick start, scoring three straight goals to get the scoreboard ticking over early. The Bloods defence looked a little shaky early as players were unable to clear the ball to effect.

The Bloods finally got off the mark with a goal to Toddy Holman, but Mitcham continued to dominate the game, winning the one-on-one battles and spreading the ball confidently by foot. In contrast, the Bloods looked a little unsure with their kicking and the quarter ended with Mitcham leading by 29 points.

The second quarter began with Holman bagging an early goal for the Bloods and although Warrandyte's foot skills looked far sharper than in the first quarter, it was still one-way traffic with Mitcham winning all the clearances, and having all the midfield run. The Bloods were struggling to contain Mitcham's dangerous forwards. Lee Evans provided a bright spark for Warrandyte, leading by example as he took strong marks all over the ground, and Todd Holman continued to impress when he put through his - and Warrandyte's - third goal. At half-time Mitcham were in a commanding position with a 12.9.81 to 3.3.21 score line.

The second half kicked off with



Saintly inspiration: St Kilda Football Club's silky skilled onballer Nick Dal Santo attended a training session at Warrandyte Reserve last week and imparted some wisdom to the Bloods' Colts team who are in the finals in the YJFL.

the Bloods seemingly rejuvenated by the break, as back-to-back goals by Ratcliffe and Burgoyne gave them momentum. Warrandyte's pressure was terrific as its midfield and defence managed to momentarily stop Mitcham's devastating run and carry. However, it was not long before the home team was able to apply scoreboard pressure again.

The fourth quarter saw the Bloods start a little sloppy, and Mitcham punished them, winning the ball around all the stoppages and continuing to run and carry through the centre corridor. Warrandyte continued to tackle hard, but there were few positives to take away from a lacklustre final term, as Mitcham continued to pinpoint targets all over the ground. A late snap by Luke Dunn provided a rare highlight for Warrandyte in a quarter in which the forward line was a little stagnant. The game ended with Mitcham celebrating an 84-point victory, winning the game 19.15.129

to Warrandyte's 6.9.45.

The poor result against Mitcham completed a three-game losing streak for the Bloods, which included losses to Ringwood in Round 14 and Heathmont in Round 15, the latter in which Warrandyte key forward Clint Wheatley suffered a serious injury. Everyone at Warrandyte wishes Wheatley a speedy and successful recovery. Before the games against Ringwood and Heathmont, the Bloods managed to defeat Whitehorse and Coldstream respectively, but fell to Wantirna South.

The Warrandyte Reserves also suffered a big loss against Mitcham. In other games recently, they were able to defeat Heathmont and Whitehorse, playing impressive football, but struggled against Coldstream, Wantirna South and Ringwood.

The Warrandyte Under 19s were also shaky in Rounds 11 through 16, managing a win against Coldstream, but suffering losses to Templestowe,

Wantirna South and Mitcham, as well as having a bye.

SCORES

Round 13: Warrandyte 17.14.116 d Coldstream 11.13.79

Goals: M. Morello 6, L. Dunn 3, T. Konrad 2, L. Evans 2, T. Naughtin, T. Appleby, L. Saunders, P. Burgoyne. Best: C. Wheatley, B. Taylor, L. Evans, C. Kennedy, T. Naughtin, G. McAdam.

Round 14: Ringwood 13.9.87 d Warrandyte 11.8.74

Goals: M. Morello 6, L. Dunn 3, N. Clapham, D. Large. Best: N. Clapham, T. Ratcliffe, M. Morello, B. Taylor, C. Kennedy, L. Saunders.

Round 15: Heathmont 19.13.127 d Warrandyte 9.6.60

Goals: M. Morello 3, L. Dunn, T. Appleby, C. Haskings, B. Taylor, C. Wheatley, L. Saunders. Best: T. Ratcliffe, G. McAdam, D. Large, M. Gaffney, B. Reid, L. Evans.

Round 16: Mitcham 19.15.129 d Warrandyte 6.9.45

Goals: T. Holman 3, P. Burgoyne, L. Dunn, T. Ratcliffe. Best: L. Evans, G. McAdam, C. Kennedy, T. Ratcliffe, T. Holman, D. Large



WARRANDYTE'S Auskick kids have had a wonderful year, despite some wet and wild weather, with many great turnouts with our budding AFL stars. This year 100 local children registered with Warrandyte Auskick and during the season participated in a half-time game at Docklands where 12 lucky youngsters showed off their skills in front of a massive crowd. The Auskickers also had two half-time games at the Warrandyte Football Club during the seniors, getting a great cheer from the supportive local crowd and afterwards enjoying food and drinks put on by the club. Auskick's coaching ranks continue to go from strength to strength, with motivated and dedicated parents getting down there week after week to teach the kids the basics of the game and how to be good sports.

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A near-capacity crowd was in attendance at the Warrandyte Football Clubrooms last month to see WFC's Bev Day and Monica Luttick presented with their Life Members scarves by guest speaker and dual Brownlow Medalist Keith Greig. "It was a great turnout," said Andrew Rogers, president of the Past Players Association.

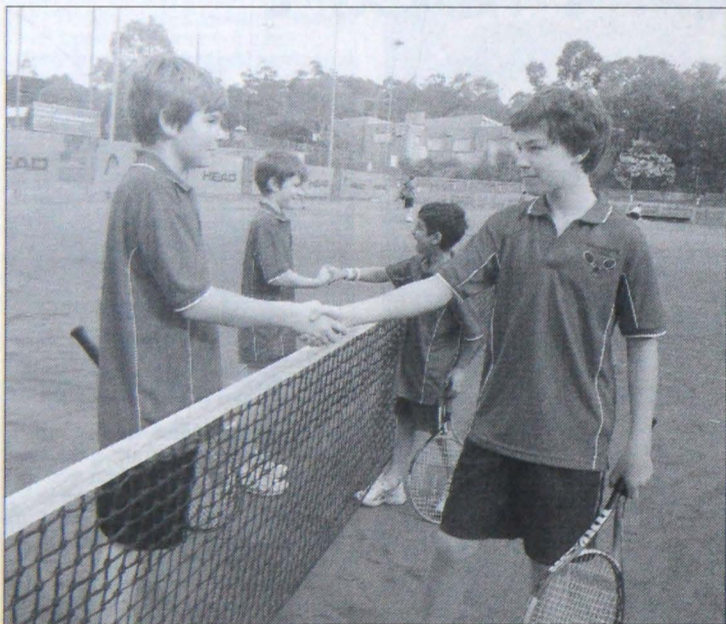
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WARRANDYTE Tennis Club is on the lookout for new adult players to participate in all standards of tennis. The club says there are in-house social competitions on Monday and Thursday nights and Friday mornings and inter club competitions at various times during the week and Saturday afternoons.

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THE Warrandyte Tennis Club's Movie Night is back by popular demand, a fun social event for children aged between 4 to 14 and open to all members, friends and family. The \$15 ticket includes two movies (selected by popular vote), dinner, snacks, raffle and prizes. The movie night is on between 4.30pm and 8pm on Saturday, August 25 at the Warrandyte Tennis Club. Phone Craig Haslam on 0488 722 538 for tickets.

The heat is on at Warrandyte Tennis Club



Good sports: Ryan Rota and Sam Brown (Boys 22 Blue, left) and Cooper Gurney and Addy Gandhi (Boys 22 Green, right).

By MICHELLE PINI

THE Diamond Valley Friday night Spring competition is off and running on a good note for the Warrandyte Tennis Club with a powerful seven to one set win for the Section 2 team over Kangaroo Ground.

Competition in the other sections, however, was a lot tougher.

The Saturday morning Eastern Region comp saw mixed results in all sections. The Rubber 6 Mixed team had a comfortable five set win over Nunawading. Scoresby was too good for the Girls 9 team but were evenly matched in Section 7 against the Warrandyte Boys who managed a strongly contested draw.

The Boys Section 22 delivered a local derby in which Warrandyte Green had a nail-biting two game win over Warrandyte Blue, following four exhilarating sets each.

In other news, Zac Hanrahan, Mathew Quick and Finn Cornell were winners in the July holiday tournament in the Red Ball Award, while Hayley Golding won in the Orange Ball Award, and the Green Ball Award winner was Erin Theodore.

And places are available for inter-

mediate to advanced junior players in both the Diamond Valley (Friday night) and Eastern Region (Saturday morning) inter-club competitions.

For more information contact Tony Honeyborne on 0400 019 078.

Hot Shots

Excitement is hotting up for juniors of all ages and standards in the in-house Tennis Hot Shots competition, now available on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Hot Shots is open to kids aged seven to 18 and is a great introduction to comp tennis.

All new participants receive a free Hot Shots shirt. There are also available spots for tennis coaching at WTC and all new participants to the coaching program receive a free tennis racquet and Hot Shots shirt.

Club Championships

The WTC club championships will be held on September 15. This year the junior and senior events will be played on the same day. The atmosphere is similar to a country tournament with plenty of tennis for all ages and standards and a social celebration in the evening.

FORMER WARRANDYTE STALWARTS CHEER ON GRANDSON ANDREW

By SCOTT PODMORE

FORMER Warrandyte residents of more than 50 years, Bonnie and Ron Harris, are celebrating grandson Andrew Harris's second junior grand slam tennis victory in a row after the youngster teamed up with Nick Kyrgios to win the Wimbledon boys' doubles championship recently.

The dynamic duo had earlier claimed the French Open junior doubles title and are on track to become Australia's next "Woodies", the nickname given to the professional tennis doubles pairing of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde who proved to be a formidable Aussie tenning pairing on the world stage throughout the



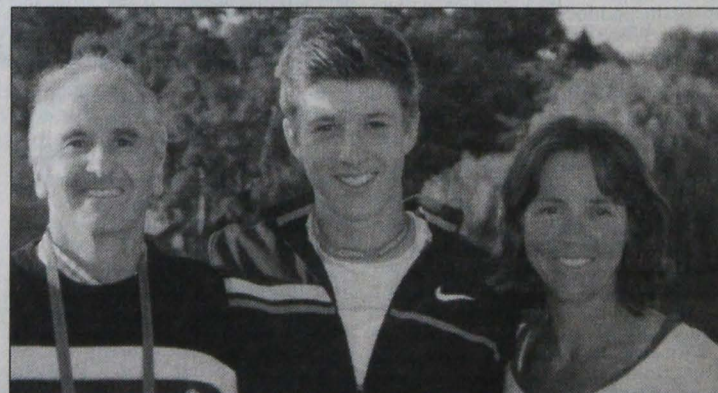
1980s and '90s.

Andrew, 18, the son of Graeme Harris and Ann Minter (former Australian tennis star), is "an all court player, is aggressive from

the baseline, has a strong forehand and who also comes into the net," according to his father. "He is now transitioning into the senior rankings. He trains very hard."

Andrew's grandparents Ron and Bonnie Harris moved to Warrandyte in the 1950s and lived in Harris Gulley Rd before downsizing and moving to Balwyn about six years ago. The pair told the *Diary* they were very proud of Andrew's achievements.

"Andrew and his tennis partner went through the entire Wimbledon tournament without losing a set," Ron said. "We're very proud of what he's been able to achieve."



Winners: Andrew Harris (left) with Nick Kyrgios after winning the Wimbledon and French Open junior boys doubles and with his parents (above).

Chelsea clicks into top gear

what's your story?

Moving into pole position, teenager Chelsea Angelo eyes a career in motor-sport, BRIANNA PIAZZA reports.

CHELSEA Angelo is a fast mover. At only 16, she can reach speeds of 240km/h behind the wheel.

The Warrandyte High School student took up Formula Ford racing earlier this year and is putting her foot down as a talented young driver.

She was one of the few Australians selected to attend the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS) Scholarship Camp in Canberra last month, spending a week at the Australian Institute of Sport learning about fitness, nutrition and psychology to improve her performance on the racetrack.

"We learned how to relax and keep our nerves down before a race. That's really important because a lot of people get their nerves up and tend not to perform as well in a race," Chelsea told the *Diary*.

"Learning about the psychology



in the top 10 drivers during Friday testing at Victorian Championship meetings where there's fields of 40-plus cars."

The Year 10 student also came first runner-up in the Women of Australia Motorsport Scholarship program before earning her spot in the CAMS Scholarship.

Chelsea told the *Diary* she definitely wants a career in motorsports.

"I would like to continue with racing after I finish school, but if racing doesn't work for me I'd still like to be in that category of motorsport. Perhaps I might become a journalist in motorsports because that's what I'd really like to be involved in."

part of racing was really interesting. I never thought that I could be totally relaxed in the depth of a race."

An engineer also explained to the scholarship winners how to read data to understand what the car is doing to improve overall performance.

Before taking up Formula Ford, Chelsea had been involved in go-karting since she was 11. Her father has won championships in motorsports, her younger sister is also keen.

Last year Chelsea signed up for 12 months of testing with Evans Motorsport. Her weekly training at home

consists of a gym workout, aerobics and practising driving skills with a simulator.

Chelsea's manager and team principal, Josh Evans, says her progress has been fantastic.

"She's been very impressive during testing. Chelsea's continually



Local netballers tough it out for finals glory

WARRANDYTE netballers felt the pride of hard work paying off when 10 teams made season semi-finals and four of them earned grand final berths.

At the time the *Diary* went to press, results showed U13/4 Grasshoppers defeated Eltham 10-3 and went straight through to last Saturday's grand final.

U17/1 Jaguars defeated Donvale 29-26 and also went through

to the grand final. In later preliminary finals, played August 4, U13/1 Wasps were defeated by Donvale 16-21; U13/2 Bullants were defeated by Deep Creek 16-18; U13/3 Stingers were defeated by Eltham 14-18.

The U15/1 Pythons staged a mighty battle against Deep Creek. The game was drawn twice until a second time on saw Warrandyte win by two and earn a grand final berth.

Both teams fought hard and played courageous, clean netball, assisted by great coaching from Jess Dusting and Josie Ward.

U17/1 Eagles were defeated by Donvale 24-47; U17/2 Toucans were defeated by Eltham 35-48. Open B Hawks had only six players against Deep Creek, but won 39-34 and moved into the grand final.

Open A Falcons were defeated by Deep Creek 18-37.

Runners impress at cross country champs

By ED MUNKS

WARRANDYTE was well represented at the Little Athletics Victorian State Cross Country Championships held near Warragul recently with Abbey Caldwell earning third place in the U11 Girls.

Other competitors included Emily Sharpe (U13G) 21st; Jessica O'Keefe (U14G) fourth; Alice Glover (U7G) 21st and Harriette Glover (U9G) 21st.

The championships ended a season that included personal stand-out performances from locals Sam McCauley, Harriette Glover, Emily

Sharpe and Jessica O'Keefe. Jessica (U14G) had placed first in the Box Hill Open Day, as well as the Doncaster, Nunawading and Kew meets and had an average placing for the season of 1.4 with six wins and several team golds.

Harriette (U9G) placed third at the Kew Camberwell meet, and sixth at Doncaster, her average placing for the season 12.45. Sam ran a great race to finish fourth in U13B at Kew Camberwell and had an average placing of six for the season.

Emily Sharpe (U13G) had an average placing of 4.8, placed third

at Box Hill, fifth Orchard Grove and Nunawading, sixth Doncaster and Kew Camberwell and claimed gold with the U14G at Ringwood.

Olivia Whitla (U9G) 15th Orchard and 12th Kew; Emma Whitla (U11G) sixth Orchard Grove and fourth Doncaster, with an average placing of third.

Kimberley Gilling (U9G) seventh Box Hill, fourth Nunawading, average placing fifth; Ashlyn Krakouer (U9G) 22nd Orchard Grove, with an average placing of 23rd.

Alice Glover (U9G) fifth Orchard Grove, fourth and seventh at Kew

with an average placing of sixth and regularly placed top five in the U7G.

Breanna Southwards (U10G) 23rd Orchard Grove and 18th Kew; Sophia McDowell (U9G) fifth Doncaster, eighth Kew, ninth Nunawading.

Summer Competition Registration Day Registration day for the summer season is coming up in a date to be announced in September at Riechlecks Reserve Doncaster.

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



Final burst from the Venom

By **TONY OLIVER**

V WAS for valiant as the Big V's Division one men's basketball side fought a crucial double-header recently to secure a place in finals.

Round 18 saw Warrandyte face Southern Peninsula. A tight first quarter had the Sharks leading by a point at the first term until Warrandyte turned things around in the second and third, opening a 15-point advantage at one stage. The Sharks did all the work early in the final quarter, closing the gap and forcing the game into overtime. The Venom held on in a tight finish for an 81-77 win.

Results from other games meant Warrandyte had to beat Altona the following day and, with it all on the line, the Venom came out firing in the first quarter with a 30-13 break. Altona was never able to recover and the Venom claimed its finals berth against Mildura.

Venom had its chances in the final, leading at half-time by four, but a damaging third quarter by Mildura saw it gain momentum and eventually run away 77-66 winners. Scorers for Venom were Gerard Leonard, 31, Chibuzo Elona, 13, and Vashon Weaver, 12.

The Division One Women also had a double header in the final home and away weekend and, while they were safe in the finals, momentum was important.

First up was the Southern Peninsula which, despite taking a lead in the third quarter, was no match for the Venom. Next was Altona. One and half minutes before the final siren Altona had a seven-point lead. Venom clawed its way back to tie up the game. The Venom's Carmen Weaver was sent to the foul line for a pair and with a tech foul against Altona that meant four, all of which went in. Meg Dargan got a three-point on the buzzer to give the Venom a 54-47 win.

Finals time saw The Venom head to Mill Park to take on Whittlesea in sudden death. Each quarter was desperately close and going into the last only one point separated the teams before Whittlesea stepped up to take the win 55-53. Rachael Wansbrough scored 13, Mollie Burke, 7, Meg Dargan, 5.

Saturday basketball

Warrandyte's strength in the Saturday (EDJBA) basketball U17 boys

division landed the two top sides in the top four, but results did not go their way.

The Redbacks, with Doug Hilton standing in for coach Matt Lane, took it up to Park Orchards in the first half with an encouraging seven-point lead. But continual pressure from Park Orchards saw that side win 42-31. Aiden Ceh top scored with 13, Conor Gardiner, 10, and Zeph Hilton, 8.

The other Redbacks team was taking on Bulleen and despite several challenges to the lead, was unable to get their noses in front with Bulleen winning 42-37. Jack Cousens top-scored with 13, Jarryd Black, 6, and David Brown, 5.

U11 A/AR boys, coached by Gerry Pearce, went down to Nunawading Vikings 34-21. Liam Appleby led the scoring with 6, Kyle Appleby, Leo Garrick and Bailey Laurie, 4.

Claire Lochhead was a shining light for Warrandyte's U17 girls, scoring 21, to help her side record a 29-25 win over Eltham. Georgia Hayton and Ruby Moxey-Fitall scored four each.

MMBL

Sitting in sixth position, but chasing fourth, Warrandyte took on Doncaster in the MMBL (Wednesday) winter men's comp recently.

Doncaster came out strongly, but Warrandyte was able to claw back into the game, taking a lead early in the final quarter. A period of rapid turnovers saw neither team in contention, but Doncaster settled the better, winning 53-46. Chris Williams scored 15, Beau Bentley, 11.

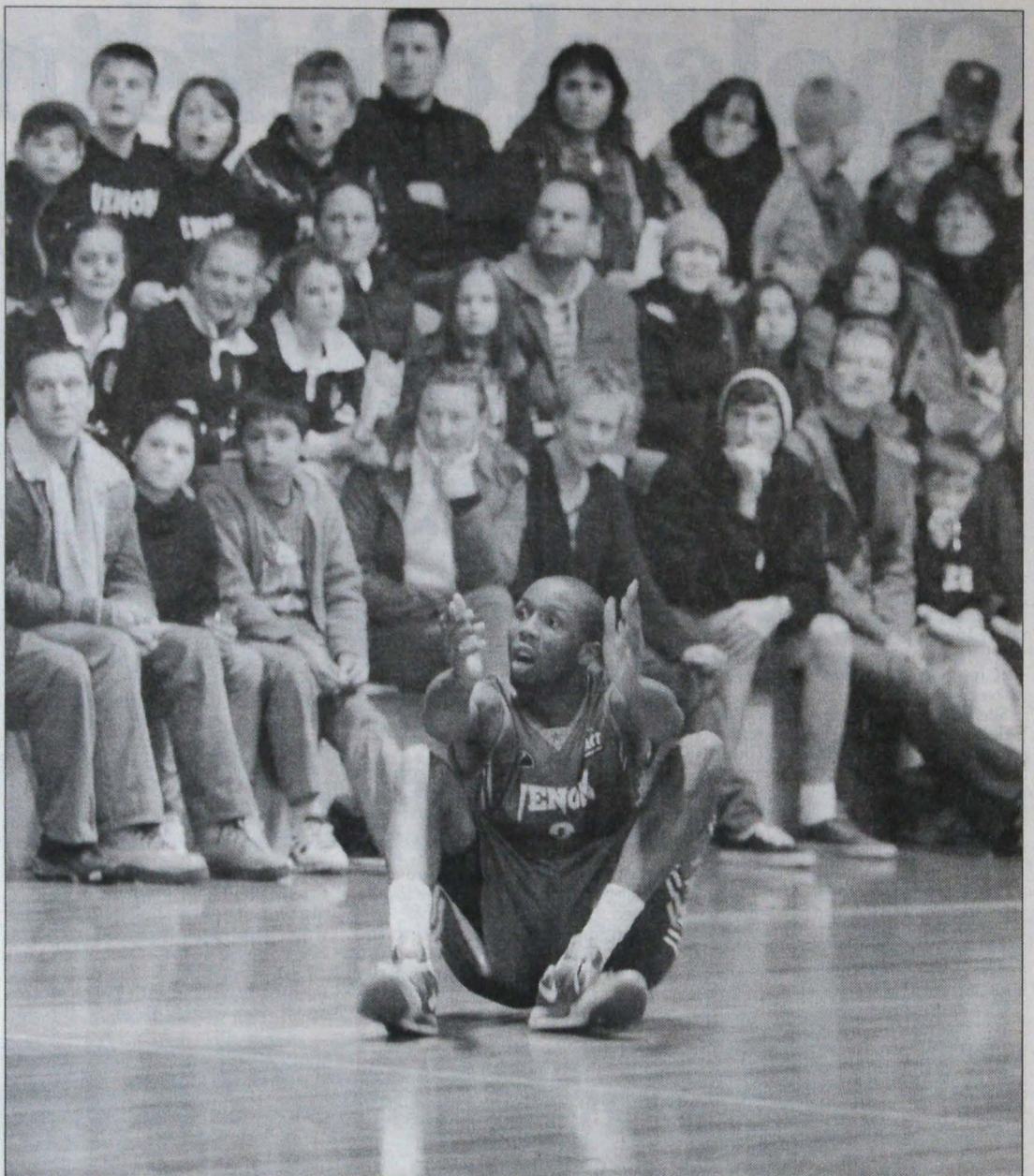
Friday night

Warrandyte's top-placed U16/E1 took on second-placed Ringwood with three rounds until finals. The Venom fought hard but could not stop Ringwood taking the game, 36-15, and top spot on the ladder.

U16/VJL3 girls scored an impressive 50-30 win over Whittlesea to hold a place in the top four. Victoria Bolland, 15, and Shannae Gaudion, 11, led the scoring.

Earlier in the night, Scott Leahy's U14/VJL2 girls overcame a slow start to win 29-18 over Bellarine. Ebony Saws scored 15, Abby Ceh, 6.

Venom U20/VJBL4 boys opened strongly against Melbourne, but were eventually defeated 36-27. Matthew Tankey scored 11, Calvin Pieters, 9.



Once bitten, twice shy: Chibuzo Elona pleads with the ref after being handed a tech foul recently.

VENOM TOP GUN QUARTET RE-SIGN FOR SEASON 2013



WARRANDYTE Venom's senior basketball program continues to take giant leaps forward and with the 2012 Big V season coming to a close the club moved quickly to re-sign all four of its senior coaches for 2013 - Arnold Giffening (senior men), Justin Nelson (senior women), Nicole Howard (youth women) and Brent Reid (youth men). Set to enter his seventh season, Nelson believes the club's coaching ranks are at an all-time high. "From Redbacks through to our junior and senior representative programs at Venom, we have built an incredibly strong coaching group and stability at the top is a very big part of that. I speak on behalf of all four of us when I say that we are very much looking forward to leading the club again in 2013."

Stars are rising at Warrandyte Primary



WARRANDYTE Primary has won the Templestowe District Netball Grand Final against Templestowe Park.

The netball competition was played weekly between eight schools in the region. All girls in the team (left) - Alana, Loukita, Natalia, Jess, Jade, Claudia, Nanook, Eva and Amara - were thrilled with the win.

According to their coach "it was a real team effort with the girls demonstrating strength in each third of the court". Warrandyte led at the end of each quarter and ran out winners 28-18. They now go on to play Templestowe Valley in the Divisional finals.

In other school news, Warrandyte Primary had four students qualify for the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country finals at Yarra Glen Racecourse earlier this year. Alana, Jarryd, Holly and Sam (right) finished in the top 10 of their school competition. They then competed against about 80 students in the District and Divisional finals finishing in the top 10 to qualify for the regionals.



Finals fever hits town

THE end of the home and away season has arrived for the Warrandyte Junior Football Club in what has been a great year with the club mounting a big finals campaign with three Bloods teams still alive.

President Steve Ballard said there had been plenty of blood, sweat and tears in a season where our young troops fought it out each weekend in rain, hail or shine. Of course, as they did battle out on the field, many parents, family and friends were always there to support their young warriors.

Representing the Red & White as finals fever kicks in are the Owen Humphris-coached Under 10s, who finished in second position on the ladder after being nudged out of top spot in the past couple of games. The Under 15s also finished second on the ladder and will be out to knock over likely grand final opponent Ivanhoe, while the powerhouse Colts finished in top position and are hungry for a flag.

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Girl power fires up fundraiser

THE Warrandyte senior and junior football clubs' annual Girls Football match was held last month on a chilly Saturday evening with all money raised from raffles and the player auction going towards the redevelopment of the Warrandyte Sporting Pavilion.

"It was fantastic to see families and friends turn up and make it such a fun event," junior footy club president Steve Ballard said.

And going on these photos it looks like a couple of electrifying passages of play by some mums (Wendy Snowball left and Jenny Trewella right) meant the more mature participants had the last laugh on their younger counterparts.



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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: 4 BRs, 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.



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Packed with Possibility (STCA)

Prime half acre allotment (approx) enjoying a large north-facing backyard. Partnership of subdivision potential (STCA) plus outstanding location will attract developers and investors. Existing older style 3 bedroom home offers 2 living zones, spacious kitchen; alfresco, 3-car accommodation. Allowing for a good rental income while you plan for future development of this site (STCA). Service road access, metres from the Yarra River, walk to Goldfields Plaza.



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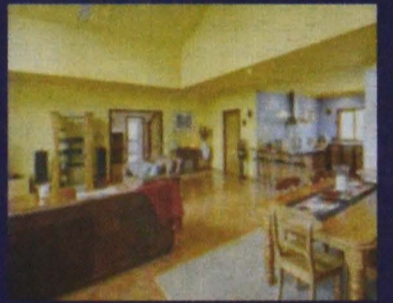
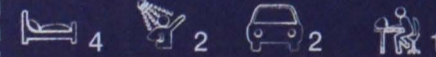
Sprawled over three levels, filled with natural light this property has a number of impressive features including a teenage retreat with own ensuite and living area. The second and third levels comprise 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite and WIR), lounge room, modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances, large meals area and central bathroom. Other desirable features include a double carport with ample off-street parking, two separate ducted heating systems, a cooling unit and a security alarm.



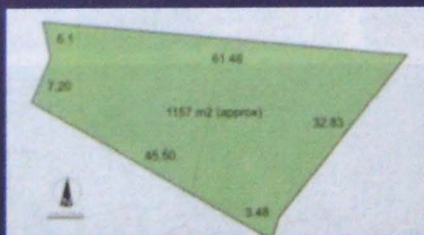
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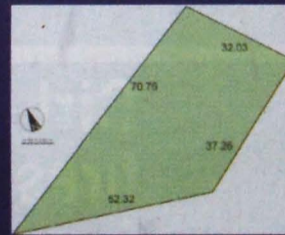
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