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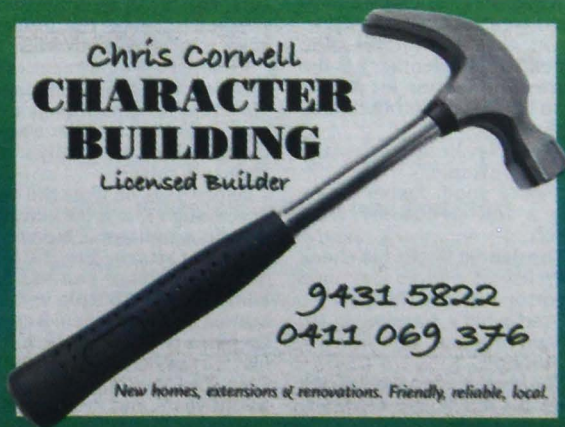
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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



# The Trots fudge sweet reality

### Jasper loves fudge

JASPER has been hanging around IGA a lot lately. He buys fudge. He doesn't particularly like fudge but at 60 cents apiece he can afford it once or twice a day.

"You buy a lot of fudge," says the girl on the checkout. It's the same girl he always seems to get.

"Yes," he says. "Do you like fudge?"

"Not much," she says. "It's too sweet."

"It is pretty sweet," agrees Jasper.

"There are people waiting," says the checkout girl.

Jasper gets one of his friends who goes to the same school as the checkout girl to find out whether she likes him. She says not really, he eats too much junk food.

### Dental conversation

Neville's sweet tooth has a hole in it.

Which means a visit to the family dentist, Owen Wylie, or as the family calls him, Open Widely. Dentistry is the perfect profession for people who like to talk without being interrupted.

"Hello Neville how's the family, probe nurse!"

"Pretty good. Jasper's having a few problems with Wroh...!"

The dentist hooks his cheek with his little finger and rams a cotton roll into the gap.

"And what's Narelle up to, matrix retainer!"

"Wroooh...!"

The dentist jams a metal ring over his molar and screws it tight as a tick.

"Hasn't it been a miserable winter, number 2 round!"

"Wrohwhroh...!"

Neville's head shakes from side to side as the dentist revs the drill above him.

"The wife and I are cruising the Mediterranean for 21 days, sorry what were you saying?"

Neville sits bolt upright and spits the cotton wool across the room.

"WROHNGBLOODY-TOOTH...!"

### Pocket money

Money doesn't grow on trees, it breeds in lounge suites.

When Jasper has a craving for fudge, he slips his hand down the back of the couch and nine times out of 10 comes up with small change.

When Cinnamon is short of bus money, there's a good chance she'll find the odd dollar or two under the cushions.

And when the door-knockers come at Easter and Narelle can't find anything in Neville's trouser pockets, the lounge suite is always worth a try.

So when Neville mentions there's a sale on at Fantastic Furniture in Nunawading and why don't they look for a new lounge suite, the family's response is mixed.

Jasper says he likes the old one though it is a bit like sitting on a radiator. Cinnamon is kind of attached to the old one too, though she has to admit that the purple velour against the lime green drapes do make the room look a bit like a real estate foyer. And Gran says she's had that suite for 40 years and if it goes so does she. At which point Na-



### living with The Trots

she'd be. Narelle has a hamper made up at Lollies & Treats, with a card that says:

Dear sweetie,

Our marriage is a wizz fizz sherbet bomb and blue heaven thick shake rolled into one. I know it was a rocky road for a while, what with two little jelly babies then the old gummi bear moving in, but now it's cherry ripe and gaytimes all the way. You still make my fruit tingle you old malteaser love Fairy Floss.

### Gran can

"I can't do it, Gran!"

"There's no such thing as can't, girly!"

"Well I bet you can't do it."

"Bet I can!"

"Alright! Let's see you try."

Cinnamon tosses the paper across the table and goes to make a cup of tea as Gran picks up the biro and steadily works her way through the Sudoku puzzle, filling each section with the numbers from one to nine.

"Finished!" announces Gran. Her grin's as broad as it is smug.

"You can't have done it that quickly!" says Cinnamon.

"No such thing as can't," says Gran.

Cinnamon pores over the numbers and looks up at the old lady in amazement. "Yeah, well done!" she says. She doesn't mention the numbers have to work vertically and horizontally as well.

Sweet girl.

ALAN CORNELL

relle changes her mind and two hours later they chose a nice leatherette two-seater in Warm Saddle.

### Soft centres

As their gift to each other on their 20th anniversary, Narelle and Neville are having an exhaust fan installed in the en suite; not very romantic but it will make them feel better about each other.

As a little extra something, Neville gives Narelle a gift certificate from City Chic Plus Size Fashions at Shoppingtown, though she doesn't seem as pleased as he thought

# Zoning debate hits district

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Communities and councils Victoria-wide are rallying against radical planning reforms proposed by the state government.

MP for Warrandyte and Minister for the Environment, Ryan Smith has told the *Diary* that he supports the move to place greater planning powers in the hands of local councils to make "local decisions" appropriate for local communities.

"We don't need expansion in Warrandyte. Council won't let it happen, and I, as the local member won't let it happen," Mr Smith said.

"I advocate on behalf of the broad community sentiment supporting the Green Wedge. I understand that there are some parts of the community that are pro-development. This is not a view that I support," he said.

Local MLC and Shadow Minister for Planning Brian Tee told the *Diary* he is concerned about the Baillieu government's proposed zone changes, saying that they "will see the most radical freeing up of development on Melbourne's Green Wedge in 40 years".

Mr Smith admits "there are elements of the proposal that are contentious in Warrandyte and it

is my job to discuss these with the Planning Minister".

"I believe it is especially important that the community acknowledge and give credit to those who are caretakers of the Green Wedge; who maintain large tracts of land at considerable time and expense," he said.

"I urge the government, including the local MP for Warrandyte, who is also the Minister for the Environment, to take account of the bushfire risks associated with the zone changes before it is too late" Mr Tee said.

Mr Tee said that potential development in the Green Wedge will in itself increase fire risks by creating a disconnect between agriculture and land use. "The changes mean more people will live, work and visit the Green Wedge in industries as diverse as abattoirs, sawmills, service stations, display homes and medical centres.

"Add to this, increased subdivision, removal of limits on the numbers of patrons and limits on the size and numbers of dwellings and the net result is more and larger developments on smaller blocks of land," Mr Tee said.

But Ryan Smith said the existing Bushfire Management Overlay that covers much of Warrandyte

and North Warrandyte will trump any zoning changes, with the CFA having the final authority on planning proposals in these areas.

"Any planning application will have to pass through the strongest bushfire protection in the world," he said.

"By placing greater planning controls in the hands of local government, there will be a shift away from a cookie-cutter approach to planning.

"Municipalities such as Cardinia Shire have been lobbying state government for more localised planning controls," Mr Smith said. "Obviously what may be desired in Pakenham may not be appropriate in Warrandyte."

He insisted that it is up to local communities and councils to make local decisions. "If people are concerned with their council's decision-making ability, they need to take responsibility for the people they elect," Mr Smith said.

"While the proposed Green Wedge Zones are still in draft form I am concerned that no-one in government appears to have turned their mind to the lessons learned from the Bushfire Royal Commission," Mr Tee said.

Mr Smith emphasised that there is no predetermined outcome for the proposed reforms.

## GREEN WEDGE: WCA answers MP's letter

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The Warrandyte Community Association has criticised a letter from local MP and Minister for Environment Ryan Smith regarding the proposed planning changes.

The personalised letter was distributed to homes south of the river last month.

"WCA has access to environmental planning consultants, infrastructure developers, and former councillors who know how to correctly interpret the proposed planning changes which are complicated, as well as far-reaching," WCA Vice President Jonathan Upson said.

In his letter, Mr Smith referred to the proposed changes to the Green Wedge as enabling farmers to broaden their farming activities.

"This is a true statement if one considers broadening farming activities to mean a huge convention centre, jail, quarry, night club or waste dump," Mr Upson said, noting that all such developments are prohibited today, but may be permitted under the proposed changes.

While Mr Smith says the changes are more restrictive in terms of maintaining community character, WCA argues that by enabling dual occupancy on every block will mean Warrandyte's unique character will not be preserved.

WCA says the proposal directly

contradicts the recommendations of the Bushfire Royal Commission to "substantially restrict new developments and subdivisions in those areas of highest risk in the bushfire-prone overlay".

"Here, the Bushfire Royal Commission is clearly stating the Bushfire Overlay offers insufficient protection; subdivisions must be 'substantially restricted'—not enabled and encouraged," Mr Upson said.

"Neither Manningham, nor Nillumbik council support these planning changes. If the intent of these changes is to 'empower' local councils, why is the state government driving these changes at a state level—imposing them on local councils who do not want them?" Mr Upson said.

WCA has made a formal submission to the state government regarding the proposed changes—128 community member's views and opinions are included in the submission, testament to how passionate the Warrandyte community is on this issue.

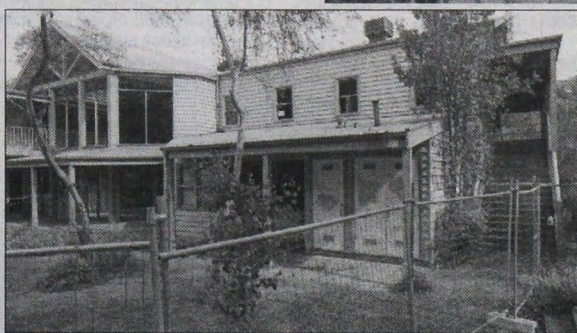
The association appreciates Ryan Smith meeting with them, and for scheduling additional meetings, including one between WCA and the Planning Minister.

"We look forward to these meetings, and the opportunity to work with Ryan to advocate for the broader community," Mr Upson said.

## Fortress Warrandyte

They shall not pass: Work has commenced on the remodelling of the Warrandyte Community Centre by Manningham council, and to secure the safety and security of the building, a large fence has been erected right around the site. The car park at the rear is out of bounds. A major feature of the work will be the inclusion of a fully-equipped municipal library within the centre. Council anticipates that work will be finished and the tenant groups reinstated by the middle of 2013.

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# Candidates have their say...

Who will you vote for? The *Diary* contacted every candidate and requested a statement of no more than 50 words. Most of them responded.

## Shire of Nillumbik: Sugarloaf Ward

(One to be elected)



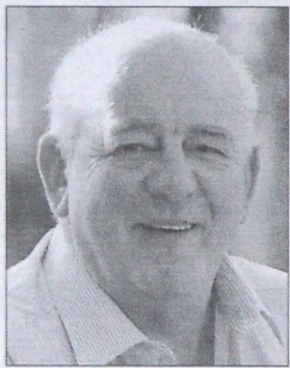
**FRAN GRONOW**

I believe the only good councillors are those already active across a number of organisations and groups in their area, not just the groups they have a personal interest in. I have been involved in many activities, not just in the Research area, allowing me to best represent Sugarloaf Ward.



**KEN KING**

An independent candidate and existing ward councillor, committed to implementing the community vision: An enviable lifestyle with sustainable communities in a rural and bushland setting. Traffic using Nillumbik as a "rat run" requires State and Federal government intervention. I will be a strong advocate on your behalf. Warrandyte's biggest issue!



**WARWICK LEESON**

My proven track record of real local action is your guarantee that I will listen and get things done. I'll use my experience, vision and energy to protect North Warrandyte's environment, address the traffic congestion and poorly maintained roads, and to ensure that local residents have adequate bushfire protection plans.



**MARGUERITE MARSHALL**

I will work to maintain the Green Wedge, lessen traffic congestion eg Warrandyte Bridge, improve roads, public transport and implement Bushfire Protection Plan. Arrived in shire 1978, member council environmental committee, president former People for Environmental Protection, author "Nillumbik Now and Then".



**GAYE PONTING**

Having witnessed the damage that can be done to a council's effectiveness when political party endorsed candidates are elected, I am standing because Nillumbik needs independently minded councillors serving community interests, not political party ideology. I will heed the voice of the Sugarloaf Ward people, not some political party puppeteer.



**GREG REVELL**

We are drawn to Nillumbik for tranquillity and natural environment. We must preserve the integrity of this, our community's greatest asset. I want a community where we all make a contribution. I want a council that makes this possible. I want to be part of creating that story.



**LIEZL SHNOOKAL**

As a community and environmental activist, I've been involved in many different local groups over the past 34 years. I'm particularly passionate about maintaining the integrity of our Green Wedge. I support strong planning controls that restrict development in high fire-risk areas and strenuously oppose the current proposed zone changes.

## City of Manningham: Mullum Mullum Ward

(Three to be elected)



**BOB BEYNON**

Manningham council in this term has lacked strong leadership in many of the key areas of community concern. As the largest ward in the municipality it is always the ward that need the most work in essential infrastructure such as: footpaths, public transport and roads are just some of the key examples.



**IRENE DEADY**

I am an enthusiastic person who wants to stand for the ordinary person with real issues in our municipality. I don't want to see personalities getting in the way of good decisions. I am interested in giving the youth a voice and believe communication is the key.



**MEG DOWNIE**

Donvale resident, married, three Airedales, retired teacher, deputy mayor 2011. I consult. I listen. I will continue being the people's voice, fighting for a better deal for all Mullum residents. Sports facilities, drainage, roads, footpaths, protection of Green Wedge and Low Density areas, support emergency services and wildfire preparedness. 042 850 2839



**BRIAN FANKHAUSER**

In a few words: Some moved here, some have history here (as our family does), but we are all here for the same reason: we love our ward. I demand improvements, efficiencies and accountability, plus a Rate Freeze. Others say it's not possible. I pledge one term to prove it is.



**SOPHY GALBALLY**

It's time our councillors reflected the true values of our community. Vote for responsible spending, social inclusiveness and the protection of our unique cultures and environment. I bring experience and empathy to my community work. I am an approachable and positive leader, which means your voice will be heard.



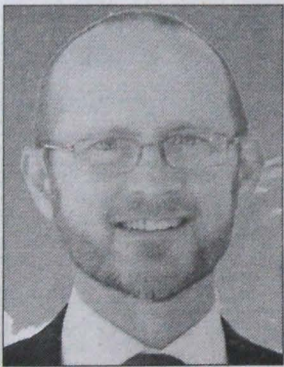
**RAYMOND HOSER**

I will stop council rorts and waste. I'll sack excess bureaucrats, remove red tape, thus improving services. Consequently, I'll also cut rates. As owner of the successful Snakebusters wildlife education business, my proven track record of business management and environmental responsibility is what Manningham desperately needs.



**OLIVIA HUANG**

I am a young person who knows how tough it can be for people my age. I want to be the voice of youth on council and provide a fresh outlook. I was a member of the Manningham Youth Forum in 2010 and 2011. I want to strengthen and expand Manningham's multicultural programs.



**PAUL McLEISH**

I will act honestly for ratepayers and fight to: protect the Green Wedge and low density areas by resisting inappropriate development; complete the Mullum Mullum Linear Bike Trail after years of council inaction; build new indoor netball and basketball facilities at Mullum Mullum Reserve; curb the relentless rate rises.



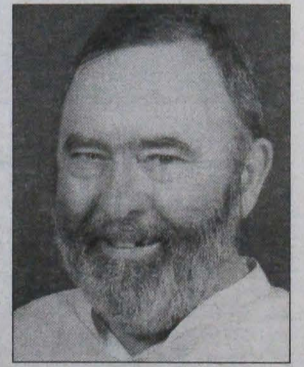
**MICHELLE PINI**

Living in Warrandyte, I am fervently in favour of preserving the natural environment and heritage of our part of Manningham. I have experienced the power of a unified community voice through my involvement as spokesperson for Warrandyte's successful, anti-tower campaign and believe we need advocates who encourage this voice.



**MICHAEL ROGERS**

As an independent candidate, I will serve the total Mullum Mullum community through my practical expertise in both government and private business, my availability, and my interest in community matters. A resident for 30 years, I actively participated in kindergarten committees, a school council, and the Park Orchards Basketball Club.



**PAUL SLATTERY**

As volunteer editor of THESWEE-NEYFLATSPOST.com.au, Paul advocates for you; he has the nous to speak up, and agrees with the Auditor General that our rates are excessive and service is poor. Paul has the time serve you, his hard-hitting policies will bring the control of council back to citizens.

# Residents quiz candidates



South-of-the-river residents gathered at the Warrandyte Senior Citizen's Centre to hear what their Mullum Mullum Ward council candidates had to offer.

Warrandyte Community Association held separate council candidate forums late last month, giving Manningham and Nillumbik residents the opportunity to question upcoming council election candidates.

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

## Mullum Mullum forum

Around 45 people assembled at Warrandyte's Senior Citizens to attend the Manningham forum. Manningham councillors David Ellis and Graeme McMillan, although not recontesting their positions, were amongst those present. Of the 15 people listed with the Victorian Electoral Commission as candidates

for Mullum Mullum ward, eight were present: Sophy Galbally, Michelle Pini, Cr Meg Downie, Paul Slattery, Paul McLeish, Michael Rogers, Bob Beynon and Brian Fankhauser (with apologies from David Muscat and Olivia Huang).

Residents asked questions to determine candidates' capabilities to deliver positive outcomes on a range of issues, including Green Wedge protection and rate reductions.

One resident asked for comment on his suggestion that council should reduce the number of employee cars and senior executives to instigate savings, instead of "consistently increasing rates".

The majority of candidates shared the consensus that council priorities must include financial efficiency, however Cr Downie went further, insisting that Manningham "needs a financial review".

Cr Ellis later raised this topic, submitting a "demonstrable reason" was needed to justify a review that could cost in the domain of

\$500,000.

Notably absent were questions about public transport and the United service station proposal, suggesting residents were impressed above all by threats of subdivision and inappropriate property development in the event of state government planning changes.

A question that divided candidates, sought their willingness to "actively fight" the proposed changes which would allow two houses on many blocks in low-density residential zones in Victoria.

Five candidates—Mrs Galbally, Cr Downie, Mr McLeish, Mr Fankhauser and Ms Pini—were unequivocal about being opposed to plans that would encourage halving lot sizes, and had registered submissions in objection to them.

Mr Rogers and Mr Beynon, although not in favour of the proposals, respectively advocated a "balanced" approach to "work constructively with the state government".

Mr Slattery was the only candidate who alterna-

tively encouraged subdivision "limited to half-acre blocks".

## Sugarloaf forum

WCA's Nillumbik candidate forum was held at the North Warrandyte Community Centre with an attendance of approximately 30 people.

Three candidates of eight listed for Sugarloaf ward—Liezl Schnookal, Warwick Leeson and Cr Ken King (apology from Greg Revell)—met with local people on the night.

Nillumbik residents raised concerns about the state of roads in local areas, increased traffic, and drainage. But the heavyweight in the room—like the Manningham forum—was the issue of state government proposals to reform the Victorian planning system.

All three candidates agreed they were supportive of sewerage upgrades but would resist plans to change existing land sizes, and had likewise sent submissions in objection. Planning issues aside,

candidates were also asked to list their priorities for the community, particularly with regard to development.

Ms Schnookal suggested the option of a footbridge across the Yarra to lessen traffic, and said she would also pursue the possibility of bulk purchasing electricity.

Cr King said it was important to "consider how much development the community actually wants" and that his approach would reflect community needs.

Mr Leeson's priorities included better vehicle access across the bridge, and improvement to roads and public transport.

WCA have been hosting these evenings for almost a decade for the local community, events appreciated by many residents who attended both forums.

One such resident said he found them extremely valuable because "it's one way to find out if candidates are serious about representing the electorate—if they turn up to tell us what they stand for".

He claimed the next four-year term in council would be "critical" for communities living in the Green Wedge, and said the importance of having councillors who can "engage in determined debate in the face of serious issues" shouldn't be overlooked.

"These issues have the potential to affect the way Warrandyte looks in the future."

"It's important that local people have an informed opinion about their candidates so that they vote for someone who supports their own community principles," the resident said.

Manningham and Nillumbik councils are conducting a postal election this October. Ballot papers must be returned by 6pm on Friday, October 26, at which time voting closes.

● Warrandyte TV will feature a news story from October 20 that includes footage from both WCA candidate forums. For further information, go to the website [www.warrandyte.tv](http://www.warrandyte.tv).



The scene was repeated at the North Warrandyte Community Centre when Sugarloaf candidates had their say. (Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS)

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Brian Tee

## Green Wedge rezoning and bushfire threat

The natural beauty of Manningham's Green Wedge can provide a sense that they are safe places in which to live and visit. The 2009 Black Saturday bushfires reminded us all that the assumption is false. Nearly 100,000 hectares of Victoria's prized Green Wedge land was destroyed. Warrandyte too has been affected and lives lost in fires in 1851, 1939 and 1962.

In light of this, I am concerned about the Baillieu government's proposed zone changes that will see the most radical freeing up of development on Melbourne's Green Wedges in the 40 years since their introduction by the conservative Hamer government. These changes surpass anything that the Kennett Government introduced.

The changes mean more people will live, work and visit the Green Wedge in industries as diverse as abattoirs, sawmills, service stations, display homes and medical centres. While publicity has focused on the lack of escape routes from Warrandyte there has been less focus on the fact that development will, in itself, increase the fire risks.

Take for example the removal of the long standing connection between agriculture and development. Currently restaurants, function centres and the like must be linked to agriculture so, for example, a restaurant on the Green Wedge must be associated with a winery or other agricultural activity. Add to this increased subdivision, removal of limits on the numbers of patrons and limits on the size and numbers of dwellings and the net result is more and larger developments on smaller blocks of land.

The expert on Victorian bushfire risk is Associate Professor Kevin Tolhurst a Senior Lecturer in Fire Ecology and Management in the Department of Forest and Ecosystem Science at the University of Melbourne. He is also a member of the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre. He says that any increased human activity increases the bushfire risk. More humans means more risk of fires. Human behaviour, usually inadvertent, is one of the biggest causes of bushfires lit by cigarette butts, campfires, grinders and other machinery.

But Mr Tolhurst makes the point that the type of development matters. He is concerned about disconnecting agricultural use and development. Locals, who work and live on the land, who are part of the local community, have a lived experience of managing the bushfire risk. They know what the dangers are and they know what precautions to take. Bringing outsiders in to work or dine in areas at risk means more people who don't understand the inherent dangers and who don't take the right precautions.

While the proposed Green Wedge Zones are still in draft form I am concerned that no-one in government appears to have turned their mind to the lessons learned from the Bushfire Royal Commission.

I urge the government, including the local Member for Warrandyte who is also the Minister for the Environment to take account of the bushfire risks associated with the zone changes before it is too late.

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Shadow Minister for Planning and Sustainable Growth

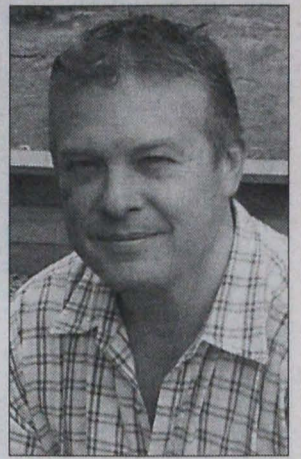
## Ryan Smith answers critics on government planning questions

I write in relation to material recently distributed to our community regarding the government's planning proposals.

This material makes the claim that the government is ignoring the Bushfire Royal Commission's recommendation in "substantially restricting new developments and subdivisions in these areas of highest risk". It goes further to state that in ignoring this recommendation that "Planning Minister Matthew Guy couldn't care less".

What the material fails to state is that, contrary to the claims, the government has taken direct action in support of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

Last year Minister Guy made a planning decision specifically designed to protect our community from the threat of bushfire, introducing a Bushfire Management Overlay on the large majority of Warrandyte and North Warrandyte. This is the strongest level of bushfire protection in a plan-



Ryan Smith

ning system in the world.

This overlay effectively prevents any subdivision or development that would increase bushfire hazard and, importantly, makes the CFA the responsible authority for signing off on any works application. The overlay makes the claims of unfettered development in our community, while disregarding bushfire risk, completely unrealistic.

Whether these claims are ill-informed or deliberately misleading, by omitting to inform the community about this important fact the distributors of the material have raised unnecessary concerns in a community that is sensitive to bushfire risk.

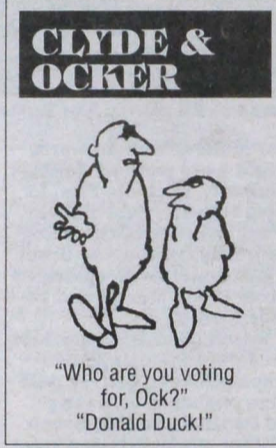
I understand the community's views around this issue, as well as those relating to the broader proposals, and will ensure these views are well understood through the process.

**Ryan Smith MP**  
State Member for Warrandyte



Will scenes like this continue? I just popped down to IGA to get something for our evening dinner and came across this classic scene! This is why I love living here.

Lois Windridge  
McPhersons Road



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# Candidates working together

One of the quirks of Manningham's electoral system is that, unlike Nillumbik, it has multi-member wards. That is, each ward (for example Mullum Mullum which includes Warrandyte) is represented not by one councillor but three.

Perhaps not altogether a brilliant idea.

For one thing, while a high personal vote can still ensure that a candidate is elected, it is also possible to be appointed to office with a relatively low level of community support, relying on accumulated preferences from what might be politely called "fringe" candidates.

Multi-member wards also introduce an element of unnecessary overlap—three councillors changing the same light bulb, usually with an element of futile dispute over who is or

was Changer-in-Chief.

On the other hand, when councillors treat their task as a joint responsibility the potential community benefit can be great. To that end, it is gratifying that at least three current Mullum Mullum candidates are thinking beyond the election to the good working of the incoming council.

Michelle Pini, Sophy Galbally and Paul McLeish, while still running strong individual campaigns, are spending part of their campaign time together at Warrandyte and Park Orchards markets. The idea: to allow voters to assess them individually, but also to demonstrate their ability to work together.

From what I have seen, these are three distinct individuals from different parts of the ward—and no doubt with dif-

fering community priorities. If elected they may well part company when voting on any number of issues—but so what? What is important is that they recognise the need to work together in the interest of their shared constituency, to listen to one another in framing their views and to do so in a spirit of mutual respect and goodwill.

That in itself will be a great step forward for the people of Mullum Mullum.

**David Ellis**  
outgoing councillor  
Mullum Mullum

Council election candidates  
**Michelle Pini (left) and Sophy Galbally**, having a good laugh at the Warrandyte Market. (Picture by Scott Podmore)



dear diary

## Petrol station concern

The discussion about the proposed United Petroleum development for central Warrandyte is getting confused with an "access to petrol" discussion. Let's look at the facts. This proposal, like most United Petroleum developments, includes a large number of petrol bowlers (eight), a convenience store and a café/fast-food chain outlet.

There are several things we need to consider:

The current proposal requires a 6 metre deep x 40 metre wide cut into the hillside. This is a huge change to the existing streetscape of Warrandyte, leaving the houses on each side perched above it, and altering the character of Stiggants Reserve, which is directly opposite.

Unlike the picture published in the *Diary*, such a large-scale development will require significant road widening to alleviate safety issues with entry and exit points. VicRoads has confirmed that this is the case, and that at least one extra lane will be needed if this proposal is approved. The road facing the Shell station in South Warrandyte provides a good idea of how much extra clearance would be needed.

Traffic through Warrandyte is hectic twice a day every weekday and during market days. Having drivers entering and leaving the proposed site will create even more congestion, more near misses (who else has been nearly collected when cycling past as people entering the site rush to catch a gap in the traffic), and risks to pedestrians who "run the gauntlet" crossing the road at these peak times? Just watch people on market day!

We can't make formal objections to council on commercial grounds but there are real concerns about how the proposed development will affect the financial viability of the IGA and the existing food outlets in Warrandyte. Do we want closer access to petrol, only to lose our supermarket? Do we want Warrandyte's first fast-food chain outlet? And finally, what about petrol?

Until a few years ago we had two petrol stations in Warrandyte. Both closed because people bought their petrol elsewhere. Let's face it, petrol is already available 5-10 minutes away in every direction.

I live close to the proposed site and certainly don't relish having the lights, noise and disturbance of a development such as this one operating from 6am to midnight, seven days a week, 365 days a year, near my home, but my objections are based on more than this. You live in Warrandyte because it is unique. I urge you to think beyond the "simple" debate and consider what is actually being proposed and the ongoing ramifications for our town.

**Kerri McKenna**  
Brackenbury Street

## Bridge fix suggested

Along with many others in North Warrandyte my concern is the capacity of the bridge to handle the traffic crossing to the south side of the Yarra where there are only two routes out of Warrandyte, particularly in the event of bushfire closing in from the north.

Successive governments have talked of another crossing by bridge or tunnel, but the cost is many millions making it unlikely to get priority over the infrastructure closer into the city.

There is however a cost effective way to more than double the capacity of the Yarra crossing during the bushfire season by erecting a demountable "Bayley" bridge on each side of the existing bridge and removing them once the summer season is over. Bayley bridges have been provided by the Defence Department in emergency situations elsewhere in the country. Go to [www.bayley-bridge.com](http://www.bayley-bridge.com) for details.

For the Warrandyte Festival, Yarra Street is closed to traffic from South Warrandyte to the roundabout at the oval. If this was done when a bush

fire emergency warning was issued and traffic moving towards the bridge in KG and Research roads was instructed to form two lanes, the KG Road lanes could take the left two lanes across the Yarra into Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, and Research Road the two right lanes, and out to several alternative escape routes.

It would require the construction of permanent abutments on the eastern and western sides of the existing bridge on both sides of the river to support the temporary bridges, and some relatively simple roadworks to create four lanes.

Throughout my experience as an architect I have undertaken a number of feasibility studies to establish the viability of building and engineering proposals on many major federal and state government projects. I believe VicRoads could commission a study from engineering consultants for around \$15,000 to establish the viability of this proposal.

**James Hart**  
Dingley Close

## Protecting our streetscape

The streetscape of Warrandyte—the older Yarra Street precinct on the south side of the river—was laid out in 1856 by a man who went on to become the pre-eminent landscape designer of early Melbourne, Clement Hodgkinson. His first project after being appointed District Surveyor of Victoria in 1855 was to set up the ground plan of old Warrandyte that is still clearly inscribed in the valley today.

Hodgkinson later went on to do St Vincent's Gardens in Albert Park. One of the most expensive and heritage-protected precincts in Melbourne, it is considered "nationally significant". He also laid out the Flagstaff Gardens, the Fitzroy Gardens, the Edinburgh Gardens and the Treasury Gardens.

Warrandyte thus belongs to the extraordinary portfolio of a master planner of the picturesque.

The proposal to put a United Petrol service station into a six metre deep, double-block wide cut in one of the most prominent positions in Yarra Street, and then to paint it red, white and blue, is a threat on

many levels. Sure, it might be handy to have petrol, fast food and to-go groceries on tap 18 hours a day, seven days a week and all under bright light. It's as easy as bringing in the bulldozers, gouging a huge wound into a Hodgkinson original and taking away the rock and dirt.

Before that comes to pass, however, and before commercial interests insert a little bit of neon Bulleen into a relatively intact antique Victorian townscape, I draw your attention to a couple of observations of the development made by Manningham council's Heritage Advisor, Willys Keeble, in a preliminary planning permit reference paper released in August:

This part of Warrandyte township, she writes "is significant for the dominance of the landscape and semi-rural village character where the buildings are secondary to the steep terrain and vegetation.

"The generous front and side setbacks, general lack of fencing, and vegetation surrounding the detached houses sited above and below road level, provide the significant views

and sense of space for which the precinct is important.

"On the south side of Yarra Street, the view of tall trees behind the buildings and on the skyline are of major importance. The existing service station at 46 Yarra Street, while an odd, out-of-character commercial development in the residential area, still allows the landscape to dominate..."

She concludes: "The location, bulk, form and appearance of the proposed development is not in keeping with the character and appearance of adjacent buildings and the significant landscape of the heritage precinct, and will adversely affect its significance, character and appearance, contrary to Clause 43.01 (Heritage Overlay)."

As a community who are custodians of a very rare and very important treasure of landscape, we might be well advised to think long and hard about what we might be damaging, if not destroying, in the ready dollar deal with Big Petrol and the convenience lifestyle.

**Jenny Brown**  
Osborne Road

## Greens are locals too

In reply to Matt Reilly ("Political parties invade councils") in the last issue of the *Diary*.

There has never been a time when it has been so important to elect Greens candidates to council. With a Greens candidate, you know exactly where he or she stands on the proposed changes to the planning zones, which threaten the very heart and soul of North Warrandyte—indeed, all of Warrandyte and all of the Green Wedge shires. You

know there will be no swaying on those core values.

Matt Reilly goes on to imply that Greens candidates are not "locally minded community activists".

Perhaps he needs to read the history of community involvement of the two (not three) Greens endorsed candidates standing for election to Nillumbik.

**Betty Russell**  
41 Koornong Crescent

## Good on you, WCA

Many in our community perhaps don't realise the amount of effort that is put in by the volunteers of the Warrandyte Community Association.

This group assesses and comments on proposed changes to the Warrandyte area. This sometimes involves meeting with council and government representatives. Recent involvements have

been making the public aware of proposed state government planning changes and encouraging people to submit comments, and also arranging meetings for us to meet the candidates for the coming council elections.

A big thank you and keep up the great work.

**John & Bev Hanson**  
Webb Street



## Cockatoo vandals

Against the advice of nature lovers, we have for many years put out sunflower seeds and wild birdseed for the local birdlife. We have enjoyed the throngs of rainbow lorikeets, crimson rosellas, eastern rosellas, king parrots and galahs who have flocked to our bird table to feed; not to mention pigeons, magpies, mudlarks, mynah birds.

But no more. We are now hopelessly invaded by sulphur-crested cockatoos. It started a few years ago but has now grown to plague and nuisance proportions. Every morning they are waiting

right outside the back door, bold as brass. If not fed immediately they walk around the verandah uprooting plants in pots or chopping off the heads of our lovely Snapdragons and Primulas. If shoed away they come back and start taking pieces out of the wooden window frames. The avian version of the vandal.

Such a pity. So no more bird seed. I guess the correct alternative is to plant appropriate native plants to encourage the variety of birds in a more natural manner.

**David Hogg**  
North Warrandyte

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**diary**

The Diary will be published one week later than previously scheduled until the end of this year. The revised dates are:

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# New CFA vehicle arrives

The most recent addition to the Warrandyte CFA's firefighting fleet, has been the arrival of a new forward command vehicle.

This will replace the existing vehicle with a Toyota LC200 GXL Turbo Diesel Land Cruiser

The Warrandyte Community Bank contributed \$30,000

to the cost of this vehicle, with the balance funded through a letter drop and support from Manningham council and local businesses.

Local CFA captain Bernie Ebzery expressed his gratitude to Mark Challen, Community Bank manager.

"The support we receive from the Warrandyte Com-

munity Bank allows us to equip the brigade with the equipment we need to help protect this community," Captain Ebzery said.

"Without their support, there would be a much greater need to ask our local community for more and more funds, which in today's climate, is never easy."



CFA captain Bernie Ebzery thanks Community Bank manager Mark Challen.

# Mining risk returns



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

A sinkhole appeared in the Whipstick Gully Track in Warrandyte State Park, which, if not repaired, would have threatened the safety of emergency service and rangers' vehicles.

It is not in an area accessible to public vehicles.

John Rush, team leader at the State Park said fixing the sinkhole was in the interest of public safety and needed to be done prior to the fire season.

"The cause of subsidence was most likely the recent storm events and heavy rain affecting an area where goldmining occurred around the turn of the 20th century," Mr Rush said. "Parks management vehicles and emergency service vehicles use these tracks."



That sinking feeling: Old mining work caused this sinkhole to appear on the Whipstick Gully Track.

Mr Rush said that prior to the fire season, Parks Victoria worked with consultants to place "a cap" on the sinkhole to allow access and prevent further inundation that could increase

its size. The track was closed for two days to enable repair work to proceed. Mining occurred in Whipstick Gully between the 1890s and 1920s.

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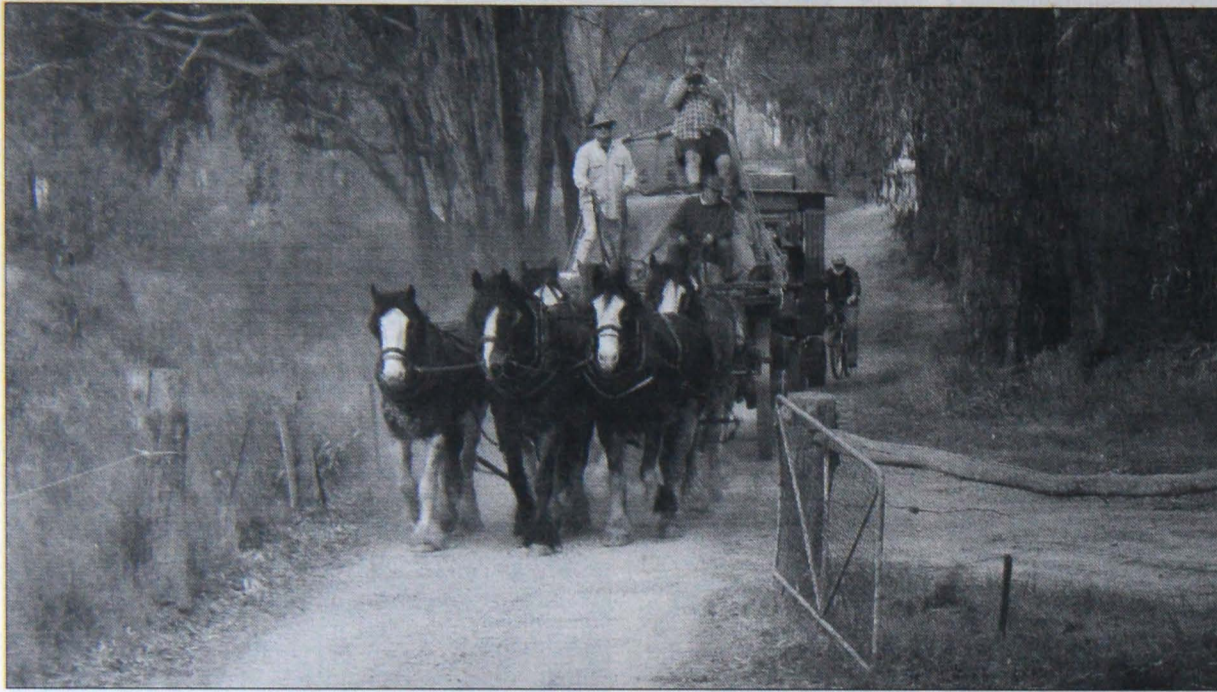
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# Matt's hobby on the hoof...



**By BRIONY BOTTARELLI**

A man's got to have a hobby. Usually football, cricket, going fishing, or even a bit of gardening. Not so for Matt Jeffries, he likes to restore the old, bring it back to life.

He has managed to achieve this with the restoration of a large horse-drawn wagon, built of Tallow wood in the mid to late 1800s, by U. Gelmi Ltd. of Wagga, intended to carry chaff.

Matt has spent a thousand hours of his time and a great deal of passion in its restoration and believes it is now "probably the best wagon of its kind in Australia".

It is a huge masterpiece, a work of art in its own right. But he needed this wagon to give his other passion something to do. He also owns four Clydesdales!

During the week, Matt works for Heritage Victoria restoring and conserving old buildings.

Any spare time he spends at the Pound, where he and his horses maintain the grounds there by planting seeds and working the land, re-furbishing it with donations from the horses and grass cuttings and plant clippings brought to him by local gardeners. These are then mulched back into the ground. Old fashioned farming.

Late last month, Matt set off on another venture with his Clydesdales and his wagon. The horses and wagon are being transported to Echuca. The wagon is carried on yet another restored vehicle: a truck with a very long tray, painted a beautiful red with yellow-gold lettering and trim. This truck was originally owned by John Stammers, local beekeeper, who still lives in Warrandyte.

On Matt's arrival in Echuca, he will harness his Clydesdales, along with seven others and one Shire, to his wagon and head for the old Dookie cemetery.

His mission there is to lay a headstone for Roddy Hogan, the original owner of Matt's wagon, the "Chaff King" of Matong. He was a builder and hay and chaff merchant in the Riverina. Roddy grew very rich and was very charitable with his money, but when he died in 1935 at the age of 69, none of those he helped, nor any of his children, ever placed a headstone at his grave. So Matt has decided to do just that.

Matt will drop into schools along his way, as well as the Dookie Agricultural College. I couldn't help thinking how wonderful and exciting it would be to have Matt head off a Warrandyte Festival Parade. The kids would love it!

On the road: Matt Jeffery and his beloved Clydesdales traversed the roads of the Riverina pulling a restored wagon built of Tallow wood.



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# Link between climate change and health?

WarrandyteCAN is holding an information night on Wednesday, October 24 discussing climate change and health.

There will also be an update from Australia's leading climate change community movement—100% Renewable Energy—on how it is planning to tackle the next year's campaign.

Speakers will include Dr Janie Maxwell who practices at Eastern Health and the Royal Children's Hospital, together with Danae Bosler, regional co-ordinator for 100% Renewable Energy.

The previously advised date has had to be re-organised to Wednesday, October 24, to assist Dr Maxwell's heavy work schedule. Venue is the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall in Yarra Street, commencing at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Dr Janie Maxwell will discuss specific health issues impacting our lives, here in Australia and around the globe. Beyond clinical medicine, Dr Maxwell works in public health and environmental sustain-

ability and is a volunteer with Doctors for the Environment Australia.

Wayne Rankin, president of WarrandyteCAN told the *Diary*: "We have been hoping for some time to bring this story to the local community, and now we find we are able to."

Danae Bosler is a regional organiser with the 100% Renewable Community Campaign, a national campaign bringing together community groups from across Australia in support of a clean energy future.

"WarrandyteCAN refers to 100% Renewable for much of its direction on the broader Australian approach to community climate change action and greatly values its integrity and work," Wayne Rankin said.

A gold coin donation on the night would be appreciated, helping support promotion and a cuppa!

● Contacts: Wayne Rankin, 98444438; Jill Dixon, 98443872, 0404 024 449.



Dr Janie Maxwell of Doctors for the Environment.

## Bradleys Lane farewells Provans



Elaine Provan accepts her CFA Certificate of Appreciation from Captain Rohan Thornton as Bradleys Lane resident John Anderson looks on. (Picture by David Barrett)

Members of the Bradleys Lane Fireguard Group gathered earlier this month to farewell Elaine and Greig Provan as they prepare to downsize to Balwyn.

Elaine formed the Fireguard Group in 1992 and has coordinated the group ever since.

Rohan Thornton, North Warrandyte CFA captain, presented Elaine with a certificate on behalf of the brigade, recognising her contribution to community safety.

Rohan explained that this group was one of the first to form in Warrandyte—and in Victoria.

The group has been particularly active in fundraising for the CFA, most especially at three big open garden events.

Elaine organised the catering and recruitment of residents to sell refreshments at these and a number of other events.

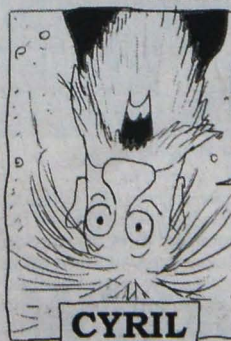
As new residents moved into the street, they have been welcomed by Elaine and supplied with information. Prior to this, she was the local Girl Guides leader for many years.

Greig has been a very supportive family and community member.

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By PAUL WILLIAMS

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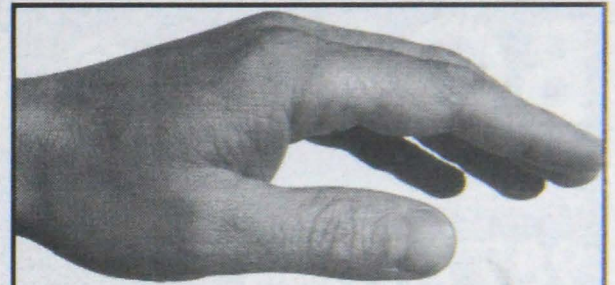
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# Don't knock this opportunity

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

**W**ARRANDYTE Donvale Rotary Op Shop has undergone a makeover recently, resulting in a noticeable increase in foot traffic.

Formerly known as Pandora's Box, the renamed Rotary Opportunity Shop has operated from its home in Yarra Street (behind the Riverview Café) for nine years, but a slower turnover of late encouraged the much-needed facelift.

"The shop was dark and stuffy and really needed sorting," local volunteer shop supervisor Judy Baldwin told the *Diary*. "But it took us nearly 12 months to make the improvements because we couldn't take everything outside at one time."

"The shop is well laid out now, allowing plenty of natural light. It makes it much more enjoyable to browse around," Ms Baldwin said.

Op shop director Bob McKenzie and Rotarians Rob Edwards and Bob Fry were instrumental in installing new shelving and hanging racks, which enabled volunteers to effectively reorganise the shop. However, the greatest asset appears to have been the name change.

"More customers are coming in every month because the flow of the shop has improved, but public recognition has also increased since we changed the name to Rotary Op Shop and put up signage to reflect that," Mr McKenzie said. "The previous name didn't really advertise what we were about."

Opportunity shops are aptly named. Not only does this one offer the chance to pick up a bargain—prices range as cheaply as 50 cents per book and clothing is no more than \$2 a piece unless new—but shoppers can also enjoy the added benefit of dropping in for a cuppa with other same-day regulars.

The Rotary Op Shop is run entirely by volunteers. Many start off as regular customers, later committing to further involvement.

"One of our volunteers used to come in looking for sewing material and would end up sorting out the material section every time, and another used to do the same with the soft toys," Ms Baldwin said.



Judy Baldwin (left), Joyce Norman and Bob McKenzie at the Rotary Op Shop. (Picture by JAN TINDALE)

"They both decided to help out with the rest of the shop one day, and—voilà!—two more fabulous volunteers to add to our list."

That list is growing, but considering the Op Shop is open seven days a week, organisers say they can always use more help.

"It's satisfying to know that we are helping others through our volunteering, and we all have a great time working together," Ms Baldwin said.

"We even do a few dress-ups when things get a bit slow. We have a photo-slide in the shop and you can see me dressed as a bride, along with one of

the other ladies who made a fantastic groom in her op shop suit!"

In 2009 the two Rotary clubs of Warrandyte and Donvale merged to form the new Warrandyte Donvale club, which works for the local community as well as supporting a number of international causes.

The club provides the monthly rental for Warrandyte's Housing Support Services and contributes to a community food bank service.

Funding support is also given to local sporting bodies, school and youth programs, vocational programs and includes clothing donations

to Diabetes Australia. Excess clothing is also bagged and sold to registered charities like Southern Cross and Legacy Holdings.

The Op Shop is one of several fundraising efforts made by Warrandyte Donvale Rotary to meet their aims, details of which can be found at the website [www.warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au](http://www.warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au)

• The Rotary Opportunity Shop is open from 9am to 4pm, seven days a week. For general information or inquiries about volunteering, please phone Judy Baldwin on 0433 220 095 or Bob McKenzie on 0410 684 294.

# 'Bombshells' for Warrandyte

"Bombshells" is a post-World War 2 metaphor meaning sudden, unexpected interruptions to the normal flow of events. "Bombshell moments" divert people from their routine circumstances and predictable lives, forcing them to confront a new reality. In the classic Hollywood journey of the hero, bombshell moments mark the turning point in the story, heralding the great challenge—the hero must now "harden up" or suffer the consequences.

Contemporary Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith entitled her ninth play "Bombshells".

She wrote it in 2004 for singer and dancer Caroline O'Connor. The play proved to be something of a bombshell for both women. O'Connor went on to hit new heights in her career, famously playing Judy Garland in "The End of the Rainbow" in Sydney the following year. Murray-Smith doubled her productivity—producing a script every year since.

Not so much a play in the



Explosive drama reaches Warrandyte with Joanna Murray-Smith's play "Bombshells".

traditional sense, "Bombshells" is more an impressionistic composition, made up of six vignettes. Each vignette represents a "bombshell moment".

Murray-Smith has been reluctant to grant the rights to

an amateur group. By convincing her to do otherwise for Warrandyte, director Adrian Rice has achieved something of a coup. He also reached an agreement whereby six different actors can play the parts, making it possible to

cast from Warrandyte's pool of sparkling, if time poor, talent. The rights deliver the lyrics but no music, so Jack Stringer has been coaxed out of retirement ("just this once mind you"), to put melodies to Murray-Smith's rhythmic verse.

It promises to be an entertaining, dare we say cathartic night out in the warmth of the Warrandyte spring. It carries a "coarse language and sexual references" warning, but in every other way has universal appeal, topical themes, diverse characters and songs to make you laugh and, perchance, to reach for the Kleenex at times.

• "Bombshells" opens on Friday, November 16 at the Mechanics Institute Hall and plays Friday and Saturday nights until December 1. There will be a matinee on Saturday, December 1, and an extra performance on Thursday, November 29. BYO food and drink. You can book online or by phone (0408 333 575).

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### What's happening in our Club?

- 9th October: Brianna from Warrandyte High School, "Camp Kakadu"
- 23rd October: Geoff Weekes, "Interplast" which provides free medical treatment in the Asia Pacific Region. Rotary is a major funder of this program.
- 13th November: Jock Macneish will talk about "The role of the Warrandyte Diary".
- 27th November: Reg Yates, War Walks – such as the Kokoda Track.

### National Youth Science Forum

Funding two local Year 12 students in a two week science experience to stimulate students wishing to follow a career in science, engineering and technology. Rotary is a major partner in the program, with the Australian government, major industry, national research institutes and universities.

### Christmas Cake Donations

every Christmas our club donates Christmas cakes to Meals-on-Wheels recipients in the area. These are greatly appreciated.

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- Warrandyte Market – Saturdays 3rd November, 1st & 15th December
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### Internationally our Club supports:

End Polio Campaign, Rotary Against Malaria, schools, hospitals and orphanages in Thailand, Kenya and Cambodia, health initiatives such as Medecins Sans Frontieres, club foot program, cleft palate program and many other programs to promote better health, living standards and education to disadvantaged communities throughout the world.

Thank you to everyone who supports our OP SHOP in WARRANDYTE

### Some donations made this year

- Warrandyte Food Bank – to assist local people in financial distress
  - Variety Club – assistance and services to sick and disadvantaged children
  - Smith Family and Berry Street – services to children and families
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## Garden

In conjunction with the police station open day on Sunday, October 28, the adjacent community garden will also be open from 11am to 3pm. Visitors welcome.

## CAN

Warrandyte Climate Action Now (CAN) is holding its annual general meeting on Thursday, November 1 at 7.30pm in the upstairs room of the Warrandyte Community Church, 57 Yarra Street, Warrandyte. Members, supporters and interested guests are invited to attend. President Wayne Rankin will provide an overview of the past year's program.

## Sale

There will be a Car Boot Sale at St Stephen's Church in Stiggants Street, Warrandyte on Saturday, October 20 from 8am to 1pm. Spaces are \$20 each. For bookings call 0430 766 470.

## AGM

Warrandyte and District Preschool Association is holding its annual general meeting at the kindergarten in Taroon Avenue, Warrandyte on Monday, October 22 from 7pm. All are welcome.

## Pink

Registrations are now open for the 2012 Pink Ribbon Breakfast events. Individuals and groups are invited to organise and host such an event. In the last five years Warrandyte residents have collectively raised over \$3,059 towards this cause. For information and to register visit [www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au](http://www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au)

## Seniors

Nillumbik council will host a range of events as part of Victorian Seniors Week during October. On October 22, psychologist Bernie McCarthy will conduct a forum on person-centred approaches to communication for families and carers of patients



## Dog's life at Warrandyte Community Market

The market is held on the first Saturday of every month (except January). Featuring a wide variety of stalls, including craftwork, produce, fast food, artworks and novelties. Between 9am and 1pm on the riverbank below Stiggants Reserve. Enquiries 9844 4495. (Picture by Scott Podmore)

## out of the inbox

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## Watch

The next monthly meeting of

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## Sound

As the first of a series in Shamanic Sound Journeys, you are invited to experience the ancient sounds of Tibet, Thailand, India and Native America at the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on Friday, November 2 at 7.30 pm. There will be general seating with floor space available for lying down. Bring a cushion or rug if you wish. Cost is \$25. Please register at [adam@niknarmada.com](mailto:adam@niknarmada.com) or go to [www.niknarmada.com](http://www.niknarmada.com)

## Theatre

The Warrandyte Theatre Group will be performing Bombshells, written by Joanna Murray-Smith, during November and December. Directed by Adrian Rice, Bombshells takes a funny and

poignant look at the lives of six women in various stages of their lives. Performances are on November 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and December 1 at 8pm with matinees on November 24 and December 1 at 2.30pm.

## Seminar

The next Manningham council Environmental Seminar will be held at the upstairs Chandelier room of the Grand Hotel in Warrandyte on Wednesday, October 3 at 7.30pm. Ecologist Amanda Dare will discuss the ecological considerations of Bell Miners. Seminars are free with no booking required.

## artyfacts

## Exhibition

Local realist watercolourist, Tony Northover is exhibiting his works at Stonehouse Gallery during September and October. This includes landscapes, seascapes and urban and rural scenes of our region. This is the first exhibition by the gallery of artists from the newly formed Warrandyte Arts Goup. The gallery, at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is open daily from 10am to 5pm. During October, Stonehouse will also feature "Raining Cats and Dogs", clay and art works depicting our four-footed friends.

## Classes

Artist and Warrandyte resident, Phillip Sayers is starting life drawing sessions at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre in Taroon Avenue, Warrandyte. This is not a commercial venture but an opportunity for artists to attend life drawing sessions by paying an enrolment fee to cover cost of hall and model fees. The untutored sessions began on October 11 and run for 10 weeks every Thursday night from 7pm to 9.30pm and Saturday morning from 9am to 11.30am. Cost is \$180 for nine weeks. For further information call Phillip on 0434 578 741.

## Chinese

Warrandyte artist, Denise Keele-Bedford is bringing an exhibition of Chinese art to Melbourne in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Australia-China diplomatic relations. It will open at the Chinese Museum in Melbourne's Chinatown. During the exhibition two of these artists will live locally, one at Stony Creek Studio in Stony Creek Road, Warrandyte and the other at Montsalvat. Mr Sun Baijun will conduct traditional Chinese ink painting classes at the Warrandyte Uniting Church on Thursday, November 15. For further information visit Denise at [www.denisekeelebedford.com](http://www.denisekeelebedford.com).

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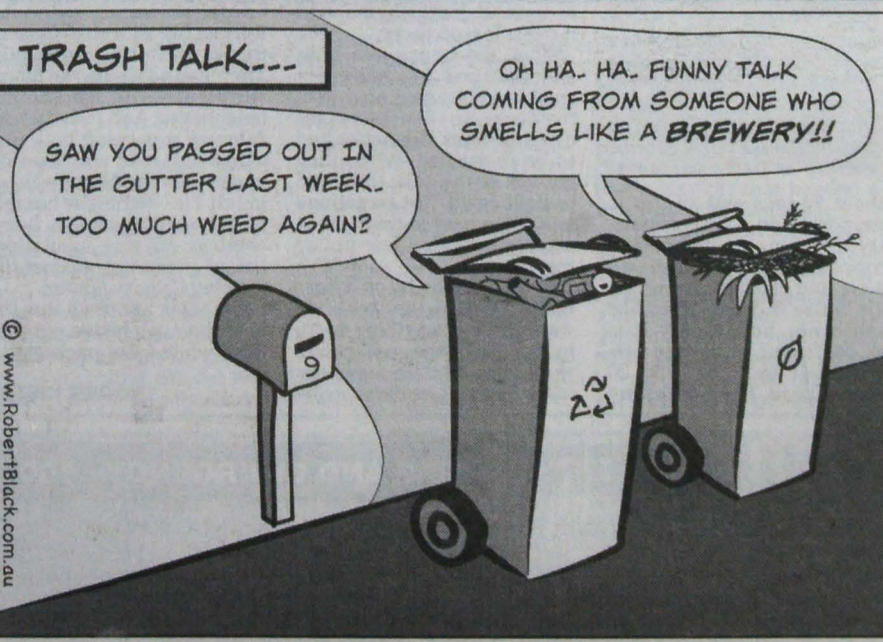
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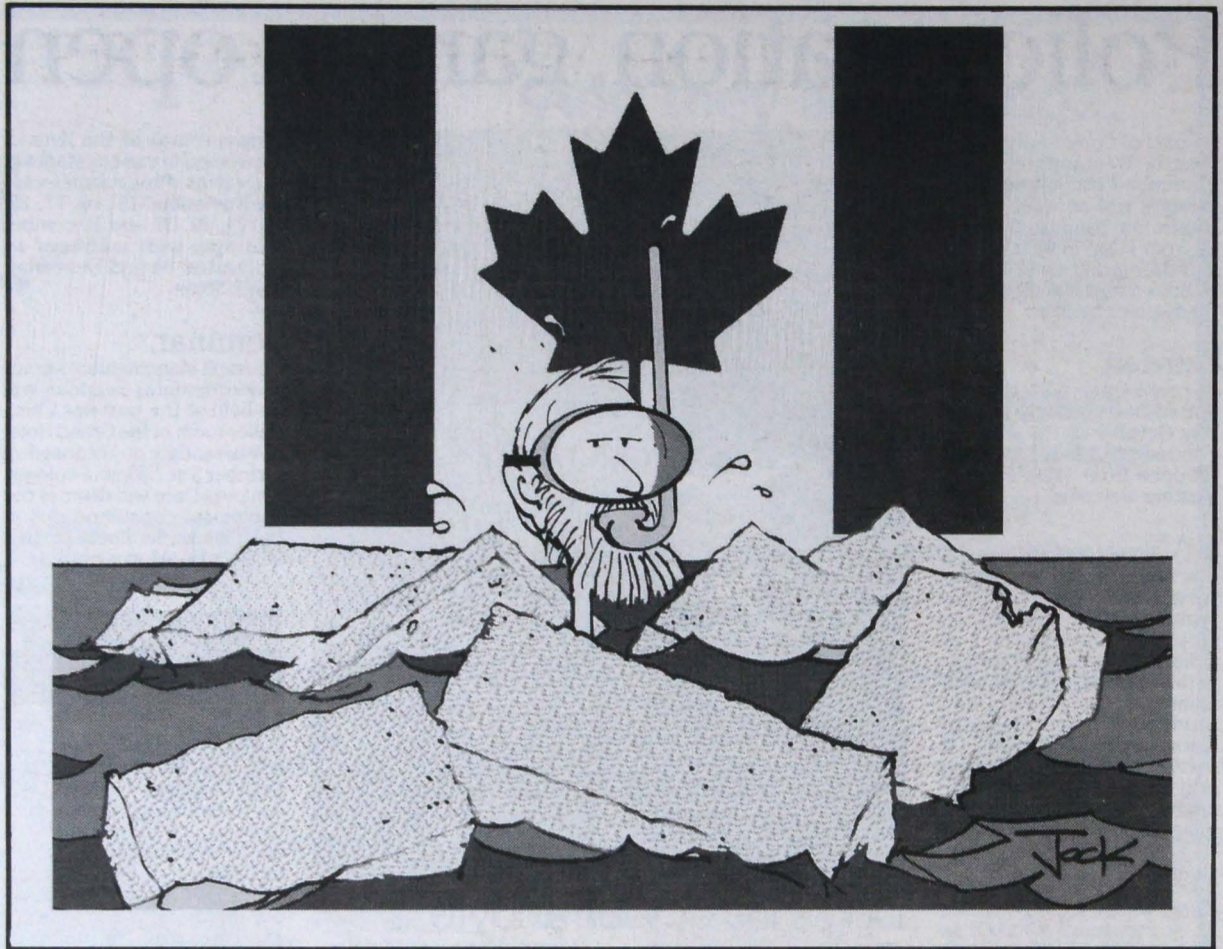
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**H**OW many of you, like me, have cursed the polystyrene packaging that comes with all white and electrical goods? It takes up room in your bin, when it breaks it leaks little electrostatic balls that stick tenaciously to your fingers and it squeaks like a finger down a blackboard when you twist it. All in all, it seems like a featherlight waste of time and space. Well, let me assure you that it's taken me very little time to change my view about the polystyrene foam block.

Herself and I have just spent a week in Vancouver, holidaying with Canadian friends. Not a cause in itself to develop a close and meaningful relationship with polystyrene but it all makes sense when I tell you that it was polystyrene that buoyed our relationship over that one week. And when I say buoyed, I mean literally buoyed!

Our friends, David and Yvonne, live on the Fraser River on a float home. Not a boat or a houseboat but a float HOME. And their home is one of a group of 20 or so that form a village of float homes, all joined by floating walkways. This means that when the tide rises, so too does the village and it doesn't rise and fall just a few centimetres. In this part of the Fraser River, we experienced rises and falls of three to three and a half metres. And we didn't sink, all thanks to the humble polystyrene block.

The whole house weighs



**"In this part of the Fraser River we experienced rises and falls of three to three and a half metres. And we didn't sink, all thanks to the humble polystyrene block."**

about 90 tons and all this is supported on a base of polystyrene blocks encased in concrete. The floatation pad is created on land after which the house is constructed like any other house only it is all contained within the prescribed 10 by 15 or 15 by 20 metres base. The houses are

three stories high and have all that you have in a normal home.

Once the house is built, it is jacked up, moved by a low loader to a launching ramp and is launched. Once in the water, as long as the tides and wind are okay, the house is pulled by little tugs to its mooring where it is attached by chains and heavy ropes to the permanent walkways.

Now it's pounds to peanuts that the house is not going to be perfectly balanced the first time it hits the water, so once it's in place, out come the spirit levels and a bit of adjusting takes place. This is achieved by employing a diver, of the SCUBA variety, to dive down and place additional slabs of polystyrene under the low corners. I remember asking how they get the super buoyant blocks under the water but I've forgotten how they achieve it but achieve it they do. The buoyancy of the blocks then keeps them in place under the home. And it doesn't stop there.

When the house was built and launched they had a hot spa tub positioned on one of the decks, so with the weight of extra water, the house had to be re-levelled. When they got rid of the tub, they had to do it again. Not something most of us have to think about when we have a few house renovations.

So how is it living on a float home? Well if the week we were there is anything to go by, "idyllic" is the appropriate word, although I am conscious of the fact that we didn't experience stormy conditions.

Our bedroom was on the ground, sorry "sea" level, so when we woke in the morning and opened the blinds, the view from one side of the bed was of a marina. Now this wasn't a static marina, but was one that housed, not just pleasure craft but working boats, so it was fascinating to lie in bed watching the fishermen prepare, then set out for a day's fishing.

When they were gone the resident pair of white swans and Gaz, the feral goose floated by on their daily cruise to forage for algae growing on the walkways and the float homes.

Out of the other corner window was domestic life. Like in any suburban housing estate, the houses are close enough for you to observe the comings and goings of the inhabitants. It just so happens that in this case, everyday life happens on water and walkways. All thanks to floatation.

So, after Vancouver and the Rockies, we arrived in Calgary to stay with terrestrial friends. They live in a wonderful house with wonderful land-bound neighbours. And guess what? A house was being built just across the road and what do you reckon the house was being clad in? Right! The humble polystyrene block was being used as exterior insulation, before rendering, against the freezing Calgary winter.

Just think about all this the next time you heave out that light, white foam packaging.

**ROGER KIBELL**



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# Some trouble with freesias

**A** HEADY floral scent was on the breeze as I wandered along the footpath in one of my favourite bushland reserves; the scent was familiar, but I couldn't place it.

On the drier side of the hill were flowers of every colour, greenhoods, purple glycine, orange, yellow, red and purple pea flowers, colours that would clash anywhere but in natural bush.

Suddenly it clicked, the fragrance was not from native flowers but from the creamy-yellow tubular flowers of freesias. I saw them then, in large numbers where previously orchids and lilies had been.

Odours bring back memories and briefly visions of lovely flowers in vases picked from the garden in the US held sway. This was quickly replaced by a memory of first sighting these flowers in the bush.

As a newcomer, 30 years ago, I may have mistaken them for "wild flowers". Since then I have seen too many areas where the Australian native ground flora had been totally replaced by these prolific bulbs. This was no time to be sentimental. Action was needed quickly to be sure that this reserve did not become another ground story monoculture of weeds.

I set out to learn why freesias are a problem.

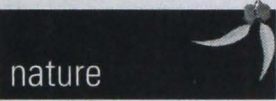
Freesias belong to the Iris family and are geophytes, meaning they have underground corms and the above ground part of the plant dries off in summer.

This allows them to survive the heat of summer, even bushfires, and survive in nutrient poor soils. This bushfire protection is enhanced by the fact that they have contractile roots that draw them deeper underground.

They may have a burst of growth and blooming after bushfires. In dappled shade they may grow so thickly



Freesias: charming trouble. (Picture by Linda Rogan)



By LINDA ROGAN

there is no space in between. Near Perth, the count was 1500 bulbs/m2. They will also grow in full sun, though more sparsely, and can also survive wet areas with inundation.

Freesias invade in at least three ways. The underground corms have offsets or cormlets that will become independent plants. They produce bulbils at the base of the stems in the lower leaf axils that fall off and form independent plants.

In addition, freesias seed freely with hundreds of seeds per flower and therefore thousands per plant. Birds and water flow assist in dispersal. Sadly the freesia appears to be perfectly designed to mount a sneak attack on our native bushland.

Feral freesias have been present around Warrandyte since at least the 1960s. School children picked them along the roadside, perhaps limiting their spread by seed.

They have become more problematic in recent years. I have recently observed many areas of roadside infestation, particularly in North Warrandyte.

I found a very useful pamphlet downloadable from the Environmental Weeds Action Network EWAN (WA) that is also useful in Victoria. Key actions included the following:

Map the extent of the infestation; Work from intact bushland toward more disturbed; Hand weed with minimal soil disturbance early in the season, before contractile roots form; Herbicide must only be used with great caution and is best when the flower stalks are elongating, (the bulbs will be weakest at this

time, and seeding and production of new bulbils should be prevented); Repeated cutting of all above ground foliage at the roots before flowering will prevent seed set and bulbils for the current year.

Whatever method is used, repeat visits will be required during the season and in following years. Special care must be taken with disposal of bulbils and cleaning of equipment.

I finally caught up with the relevant local authority for the bushland reserve mentioned above. I was relieved to find that a reputable bushland management crew had already been engaged to manage this problem.

As this place is one of a few that I have weeded in and advocated for in years past, I will be monitoring the progress of the freesia control and offering to help in any way practical.

# Day in the life of a bag lady

**O**F all the incarnations I seem to have experienced over the past few hectic weeks, the least expected was that of bag lady.

It happened quite suddenly—like Alice, I was right in the middle of it before I realised it had even begun.

Our son was pulling up his Australian roots and moving to the US. Although he'd known this for several months, he'd been pushed to the limit getting one thing and another finished in Brisbane before he left—including an all-day presentation to DSTO only days before his flight. So what does any good mother do? Fly north, of course, and help him get out the door on time.

Visas aside, moving offshore entails a lot of fiddling about. Things that don't matter much during a temporary break from Terra Australis, like bank accounts, matter immensely if you're going long-term. Things like car insurance have to be cancelled.

Notifying people of a new address is a bit tricky when you don't yet have one. Once in the US, you can't get a new bank account without an address. And you can't arrange to rent a new house without a bank account. You can't get a new internet plan without an address. And you can't get a new address without access to the Internet to see what's available.

Getting a mobile phone unlocked so that it can take a new sim-card takes longer than you'd think. Then there's things like packing up the house, and selling the furniture and the car. He had three days.

I wish I could have clean-ups like that more often. There were literally seconds to decide whether to ditch or keep each item as the packing got done ... it was the most efficient clean-up I've ever seen. And when the "keep" and "reject" heaps were finished, the "keep" heap had to be halved to fit into one small travel bag. When you haven't got an address at the other end, you



By MARILYN MOORE

don't want to be carting heaps of baggage around with you.

There ended up being lots of things to be brought back to Melbourne, and that's where a stray mother comes in handy. The day before D-day, I thought I was driving a small Corolla back to Melbourne and was scratching my head as to how all this excess stuff could be made to fit. Maybe we'd have to sell the bicycle as well.

At the eleventh hour a young post-doc fellow decided to buy the car, so I had to quickly find a hire car that needed a one-way trip south. Luckily one had just become available, a shiny new Nissan X-Trail. Sad to part with the boy's Corolla—it used to be ours—but a larger vehicle was certainly going to be more useful right now. Hopefully the new owner is enjoying the old blue car, and has finally got the hang

of handbrake starts!

When D-day arrived, I went around to our son's house at 7am to collect last-minute things, like doonas, sheets and towels, along with a large bag of assorted items. It turned out that I couldn't park outside—there's a peak hour clearway—so the car was about half a kilometre away in a side street.

So here I was, laden to the hilt, standing on the nature-strip saying goodbye to a much-loved number one son, when all too soon the taxi pulled up and away he went. Around the corner and up the hill, quickly out of sight. Despite my best intentions, a couple of large tears rolled down my cheeks.

I slowly waddled up the footpath towards the side street, clutching my bulky cargo. Damn! There was a bus stop on the corner, and quite a crowd had gathered for the peak hour rush. I had to pick my way right through the middle of them.

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# CreekSide in Warrandyte celebrates one year on

By VAL POLLEY

**C**REEKSIDE in Warrandyte, the community retirement village located in Harris Gully Road, recently celebrated its first birthday with a special dinner attended by the residents and current board members and partners. The hard work and wonderful outcome were celebrated by all those present with grateful thanks being expressed by the residents for their exciting new homes which appear to have exceeded all their expectations.

There has been a long history of trying to establish more retirement housing in Warrandyte. Over many years Warrandyte lost many valued long-term older residents who, while wanting to stay and contribute to the community, could no longer care for the large, steep blocks typical of the town. This loss caused concern amongst the wider community over the years and on several previous occasions community groups have come within a whisker of establishing retirement housing only to see their effort come to nothing for a variety of reasons and all their hard work vanish.

This particular project originated in August 2006 arising from submissions made to Manningham council's Ageing Well in Manningham strategy and the establishment of a Warrandyte Community Association subcommittee that later transformed into the not-for-profit Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Cooperative.

So what enabled this specific project to succeed when so many before had failed?

Firstly an ideal block of land became available in 2007 when a former longtime local resident, who himself had been obliged to find alternative retirement accommodation away from Warrandyte, offered his property in Harris Gully Road for the project. The accessible, largely flat site was deemed extremely suitable, being located close to shops, transport, walking paths, doctors and the elderly citizen clubrooms.

Secondly the project received strong community support from its early days together with some welcome early financial support coming from Manningham council, Warrandyte Lions and Warrandyte Community Bank. However the project was ultimately made possible by the provision of bridging finance and financial guarantees by a generous benefactor, enabling banking finance to be obtained and the site purchased.

Thirdly the project was very well served by its consultants and builder. The board was delighted with local architect Adie Courtney's design and local designer Bev Hanson's landscaping. The choice of materials, such as local stone to visually anchor the buildings, provided warmth and honesty of materials.

The timber and rendered surfaces



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS

and sympathetic colour schemes have proved very attractive and sympathetic to the character of Warrandyte. The ideal always was to create a welcoming feel and achieve a quietly-stated design which would fit into the "Warrandyte style" of architecture. The builder George Costas was strongly supportive and his company worked long and hard to deliver the project to a high standard.

The resulting five villas have proved attractive, comfortable and sustainable with modern, stylish interiors. They have north-facing living areas and wheelchair access as well as double glazing, solar hot water systems and rain water collection tanks. In addition they have sizeable private gardens and courtyards; and garages with direct access and automatic opening doors. A lot of attention was paid to solar aspect, access, and privacy and particularly to passive energy design principles, and energy and water saving technologies and products.

The residents love their light-filled interiors, the individual kitchens and private spaces as well as the communal garden, sustainability aspects and village feel. After a year the gardens are a major feature, gradually becoming more estab-

lished and softening the exterior spaces.

As in all building projects there were of course hiccups and problems along the way. The process took far longer than the board originally thought. The plans themselves required several reworkings to meet council requirements and staff changes and a fire in the planning department at council did not help and led to further delays. Although the villas were designed to minimise adverse impact with setbacks, alignment and privacy screening there were some objections from neighbours. Then there were board changes over the time with new directors.

The bid process also took longer than originally envisaged with enough bids ultimately received, though these too also changed over time as some bidders' circumstances changed. In retrospect it appears that despite holding a list of some 40 to 50 families who had expressed an interest in the project, many of them were either not ready to make a move at the time bids were invited or did not like purchasing "off the plan" or the loan/lease arrangements.

The building tender process was relatively straightforward if time consuming. Though the board was

somewhat surprised by the lack of applicants, though very pleased with its ultimate choice.

Once building work started however, it was that old Warrandyte nemesis, rock, that caused the greatest problem. While a survey had been done and bulk rock was not anticipated once the old house was demolished, it was under its site that the rock problem became evident. Then of course after 10 years of drought came months of wet weather, just when building work got underway—sometimes it seems everything conspires against a smooth outcome. Even so while the end date was extended several times due to a number of final difficulties, such as the provision of power, the residents were finally able to move in during September 2011.

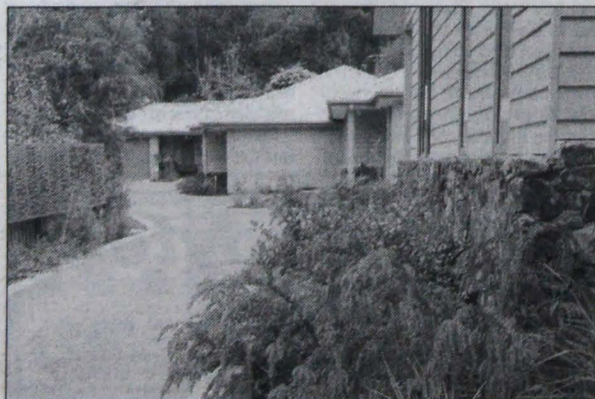
It was always the Board's aim that "CreekSide in Warrandyte" become a community within a community and this has been borne out by the actions of its residents. There are Happy Hours and communal dinners; support for each other when illness strikes, operations are required or holidays taken. It is now a special asset not only for its residents but for the wider Warrandyte community as well. The land remains in one title with the villas occupied on loan/lease arrangements common

to many retirement villages. It has provided a small group of retirees an opportunity to downsize while remaining in the area they love and in which they choose to live. The residents' committee's next step is the building of a gazebo for their gatherings in the communal garden.

Fourthly and finally "CreekSide in Warrandyte" would not exist today without the community goodwill and strong support it received from councils, groups and individuals over the years from conception to completion. In addition, without the time, effort and wholesale commitment to the project by committee/board members Richard Aumann, Dick Davies, David Ellis, Ivan Fulton, Simon Kearney, Margory Lapworth, Doug Seymour, Sarah Wrigley and Andrew Yen, this worthwhile community enterprise would not have been completed.

Board members are constantly asked—will there be another CreekSide? That's impossible to answer right now. It depends on so many unknown factors—availability of suitable land, the planning scheme of the day, a future board and so on. Only time will provide the answer.

Author Val Polley has also been a committee/board member with this project since its inception.



# Canoes ahoy!



A swollen stream and wild water added to the excitement of this event in the Yarra Series Slalom, staged recently by the Melbourne Canoe Club on the river near the bridge. STEPHEN REYNOLDS was there and caught some of the moments.



# Loving memories of Sue

By JENNY CHAPMAN

**S**USAN Eleanor McDavitt was born in Queensland to parents Eleanor and James on New Year's Day, 1947. When her parents flew with Sue to Melbourne, the airline awarded Sue a certificate for being the youngest person to fly from Queensland to Victoria.

She grew up in Harris Street, Springvale, opposite the Springvale football ground, with her sister Janice and brother Johnny. Sue had many fond memories of her childhood and friends.

On June 22, 1968 Sue married David Duckworth and they had three children, Janine, Adam and Kelly. The family lived for many years in their house in Houghton Road, Warrandyte. Sue's children and

grandchildren, Sarah, Jarryd, Gemma, Daniel and Caleb were precious to her and she loved them unconditionally and passionately. Sarah and Gemma both described Sue as "the coolest Granny ever".

Sue and David owned and operated several nursing homes and two milk bars during their years together.

One of the milk bars was the Golden Gate (now the Retreat Restaurant) in Warrandyte and locals may remember Sue's frizzy blonde hair, sense of humour and beaming smile when she served them in the shop.

Sue was 42 years old when she first went to university and with enormous support from David, obtained her Bachelor of Nursing and Graduate Diploma of Gerontologi-

cal Nursing. She held positions as Director of Nursing at several facilities and worked at Caritas Christi with the terminally ill. However, her passion was caring for people with mental health issues.

She always defended the rights of people who were either ignored or treated badly by society and her dream was to win Tattsлото and spend \$15 million building a facility in Cranbourne where homeless people could live.

Sue and David separated in 1999, but remained close friends until Sue's death.

In May 2005 Sue and I met and were instantly attracted to each other. On January 22, 2006 we had our Commitment Ceremony in my mother Jean's garden. The temperature on that day was 44

degrees, but we had a perfect day with family and friends and Sue was radiant, as always. In November 2006 Sue and I bought a house in Cranbourne where we shared many happy times until we sold the house and moved back to Warrandyte in 2010.

Sue has a beautiful family and with the support of them, Mum, our dear friends, my sister Sue, nephew Chris and Eastern Palliative Care, I was able to care for Sue at home in Tarroona Avenue where she so desperately wanted to be and where she felt cosy and safe. Mum loved Sue, and often talks about how much Sue helped her and how Sue used to sit on the couch with her head in a book, which meant she felt comfortable with Mum because she did the

same thing with her Mum. Sue loved her friends and I'm sure they all have memories that they will treasure.

Sue was the bravest person I have ever met. She never complained or asked "why me?" after she was told she had cancer in May, 2012. She somehow coped over the past 14 years with the deaths of her Mum, Dad, sister and brother, nursing Janice and Johnny who both died of cancer.

Sue died peacefully at home on August 21, 2012. I will be forever honoured and grateful to have been loved by such a beautiful lady and I'm especially grateful to have had the privilege to see Sue's beautiful smiles, laugh with her and share the ups and downs of the last months of her life.



Sue Duckworth

# Major Potters Cottage show



By VAL POLLEY

**T**HE opening night in September of the Manningham Art Gallery's inaugural exhibition titled Potters Cottage: a Tribute saw an extensive gathering of a veritable who's who of past and present Warrandyte residents as well as many of the families and friends of the founder potters.

The formalities were conducted by Mayor Cr Geoff Gough and an interesting address by the curator Grace Cochrane. A chance to view the pottery and connect with friends and acquaintances created a real buzz, with many anecdotes and stories being exchanged about the potters, Potters Cottage, Potters School and Warrandyte.

This major exhibition was developed by guest curator, Grace Cochrane (of Powerhouse Museum, Sydney), and celebrates the legendary Potters Cottage in Warrandyte and its enduring legacy. The exhibition pays homage to this influential ceramic institution that operated from 1958 to 2003 and was a feature of Warrandyte in its heyday.

It features an array of impressive and rarely seen ceramic works by the founding members Reg Preston, Phyl Dunn, Charles Wilton, Gus McLaren and Art Halpern, Elsa Ardern, Kate Janeba and Sylvia Halpern, sourced from a number of private collections including that of the Warrandyte Historical Society.

A selection of work by contemporary artists Greg Daly, Alexandra Copeland, John Dermer and Deborah Halpern was chosen to represent the many later artists influenced by Potters Cottage and Potters School.

The gallery is set up for multimedia presentations, so in addition to all the pottery on display, visitors can view a slide show featuring the potters, the cottage, the school and many of its shows, projected onto one wall. Alternatively they can watch an archival film while seated on couches designed by John Hipwell, who together with wife Betty was instrumental in the early years of Potters Cottage. There is a remarkably rich collection of ephemera displayed in a number of cabinets. Three banners feature on another wall.

Overall it is a most comprehensive exhibition that can be enjoyed either from an interest in Australian ceramics or for its Warrandyte connections, or both.

● This exhibition launched the new gallery at Manningham City Square, 687 Doncaster Road Doncaster Road. It will run until November 10, and is open Tuesday-Saturday 11am to 5pm. Free entry. A Jumping Creek Jazz Night is planned for Friday, 26 October between 6 and 8pm. Bookings are essential. Phone 9840 9367.

● There is also an excellent book titled "Potters Cottage—a Tribute" by Grace Cochrane, on sale for \$25. It contains wonderful colour photos of the pottery and the story of this iconic institution, acknowledging its contribution to Australia's ceramic heritage and its place in Warrandyte's history.

They gathered to remember the heyday of Potters Cottage at Warrandyte.

Pictures by JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

# WHS creates an 'Inferno' of music, dance

**T**HIS year Warrandyte High School staged "Disco Inferno" as its annual term three musical.

Billed as a homage to an "unforgettable era of glitter, flares and platform shoes" it promised to "warm hearts, get feet tapping" and awaken the "fondest memories of a sensational era".

The protagonist is a young man called Jack (Christian Orkibi). A barman at a "happening" urban club, he's bored and wants more out of life.

The antagonist is no less a character than the devil himself. The mysterious Lady Marmalade (Morgan Thomas-Connor) and dutiful Nick Diablo (Tamsin Mackie) represent his vengeful presence, although his satanic majesty never appears. The plot is loosely based on a Faustian contract, in which Jack trades his soul for the promise of pop stardom.

The show is best understood as a long and somewhat random celebration of music that writer Jai Sepple thinks was central to the 1970s and the disco beat. Featuring music as diverse as "I Will Survive", "Crocodile Rock" and "Devil Gate Drive", the song list

theatre  
By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

seems to be more a pot-potage of Sepple's favourite numbers, rather than any attempt to document the origins and evolution of the disco genre—no Bee Gees or George McCrae although the Village People make the list. The show opens with an ensemble number and—oddly—the disco genre's last hurrah—Kool and the Gang's "Celebrations".

We have come to expect Warrandyte High's shows to be professionally packaged and were not disappointed this year. Travel spots, gobos and rows of variable LED coloured floods gave the sparse set a "happening feel", even if the smoke generators were over-used on opening night. As usual lead actors were individually miked, the band was professional, although the mix was poor at times. The latter was not helped by voice projection and microphone technique, qualities that the sound operator cannot control during the performance.

The show was at its best during the ensemble num-

bers. Act One was slow to find its mojo, which emerged about halfway through, activated by the anthemic "YMCA" and consolidated by Robin Scott's "Pop Muzik". By the time Christian led the ensemble in "Play that Funky Music", towards the end of the second act, you could say the joint was just starting to evoke that irrefragable disco feel.

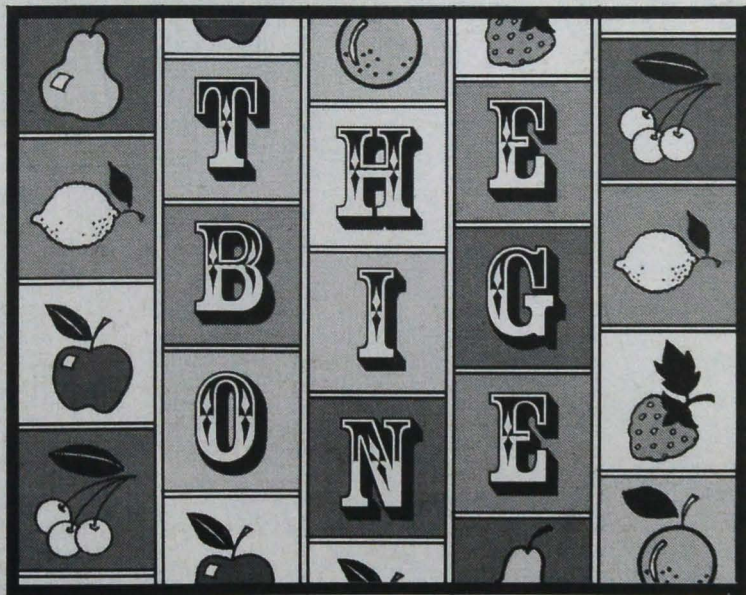
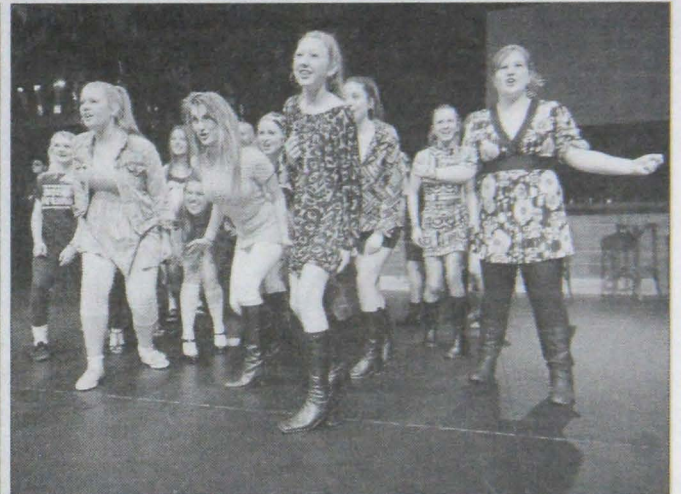
I admit to being somewhat disappointed by the uneven quality of the show, an issue young director Drew Downing openly addresses in the program notes: "How much we all would have loved an additional two weeks to refine the show a little more."

The 1970s provide fertile soil for the study of social change in Warrandyte as in the nation. Some say disco was enhanced, others say drowned out by pub rock in Australia.

Whatever actually happened culturally we hope that, in staging this musical students were prompted to study the era closely, and learn more about the life and times of their parents' generation. This could be most helpful to some in our community who enjoyed that decade so much they cannot remember much about it.



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



Jack

## Waiting for the Big One

First went the luxuries—  
restaurants, holidays,  
frivolous fashion.  
Their loss lamented—  
Not really missed.

But I'm a professional,  
lifestyle my birth-right:  
Quality, Comfort,  
Enlightenment.

Don't worry—it'll be even better  
when we hit the big one.

This was not enough.  
Next it was birthdays, school camps  
Then the bills—  
Telstra can wait,  
Forget the dentist.

But presents, outings?  
Our kids deserve a good life.  
After all,  
what do we work for?

Don't worry, they'll get everything  
when we hit the big one.

Getting serious now—  
an insatiable appetite.  
The crèche fees can wait  
(the Co-op won't hassle)  
But the bank does...

But we pay our bills on time  
I'm a professional.  
Never had these  
"overdue, please pay" letters.

Don't worry, we'll buy the house outright  
when we hit the big one.

"Insufficient funds"...what do I put back?  
Wine and cheese—bad for us anyhow.  
Cats can eat "No frills".  
Still not enough—meat'll have to go.

But no money for food, shoes?  
Fundamentals, not luxuries.  
This is welfare stuff—moccasin territory.  
THIS IS NOT OUR LIFE.

Don't worry, it'll happen soon.  
We will hit the big one.

Now where is it  
our comfortable world,  
your fantasy life?  
Sucked up by the phantom Big One  
spat out by Greed.

Game over.

KAREN THROSSELL

# New change rooms for



By TONY OLIVER

THE Warrandyte Sports Complex will include new change rooms thanks to an agreement between Andersons Creek Primary School and Manningham Council.

Warrandyte Basketball Club president Richard Cookes announced the new extension, which is to be funded by a combination of excess rental monies paid by Warrandyte Basketball Club over the past decade into the WSC Management fund, and a matched amount by the Manningham Council. The change rooms will provide the club with an improved and purpose-built area for visiting Big V teams to get changed.

"This is an important addition to WSC that will ensure we retain the ability to host Big V games into the future," Cookes said.

The new change rooms will also double as a meeting room and audio-visual area that will assist players and coaches with reviewing games and scouting.

The club has spent more than \$50,000 on improvements at the stadium over the past seven years, including three-tier seating that replaced single-row seating, a second scoreboard, new backboards and rings that can be lowered for use by younger players, new storage areas,

What do you think, coach? Our mighty Under 9 Redback Boys prepare for battle.



Members of Warrandyte Venom's Youth League side before the Big V awards presentation night.

## BIG V GIRLS GLAM UP FOR AWARDS NIGHT

The 'Porter Davis' Youth Women have announced a 15-player squad for the 2013 Big V season with a few new faces and the return of Mollie Booth.

Squad captain will be 2012 All-Star five guard Georgina Werninghaus. Nicole Howard will coach for a third successive season and assistant coach Kellie Taylor will sit alongside her again. Sue Waugh returns as team manager.

"From the end of the 2012 season we were keen to move ahead with selecting a quality squad for our third season in the competition," coach Howard said.

"The attributes we are always seeking in our youth players are effort, hunger, skill, sportsmanship, commitment, an understanding of role playing and a true team focus. Under our selection policy every player is a current or former

club junior, so they love the club and that's vital for our program.

"It's important our players in the junior program see the hunger and intensity of our youth players, and the way they play for the colours, the Venom name and importantly, for each other.

"I feel confident that the girls we have selected will deliver these qualities in abundance. We are a tight-knit group who have an enormous

amount of respect for each other, from coaching staff, through to development players.

Porter Davis Youth Women 2013 are: Breanna Waugh, Jade Pieters, Georgina Werninghaus, Ellen Pattison, Amber Saunders, Maddison Taylor, Simone Caruana, Hannah Bensch, Margaret Kershaw, Lauren Robertson, Ashlee Rigg, Mollie Booth, Emily Caulfield, Tayla Sumner, Victoria Bolland.



# Warrandyte stadium

a fully-fitted out uniform shop, a bigger and improved score table and two evaporative cooling units.

## Friday night action

"Proud." That was how George Demos, coach of the Venom's U14 A Reserve Boys, summed up the side's win over Frankston 51-36 in the finals at Dandenong.

A tense first half saw both Warrandyte and Frankston take the lead with Frankston in front by six at the long break.

But it was the third quarter when the Venom broke through, scoring 10 to Frankston's two to nudge ahead at the final break.

With just over five minutes to go the scores were locked at 36 all before everything started to flow for the Venom. The defence held solid while the offence starting to edge ahead. The baysiders were unable to score and the Venom took the honours.

Key scorers for the Venom were Jordan Hallett with 24, while guard Liam Taylor put on 16, including three from outside the circle.

Jordan Hallett picked up the MDP award for his efforts both on the boards and rebounding.

Things did not go as well for the U16 A Reserves with Doncaster taking the points 52-43.

The damage was done in the first half, with Doncaster having a 15-point lead at the long break which the Venom were unable to cut back.

Scoring for the Venom was well shared, with 13 to Zac Stevenson, nine to brother Max and six to Joshua Chappell.

"It was a great season," coach Beau Bentley said.

"We just got hassled out of it. We missed some that we probably should have got, but Doncaster put them in when it mattered."

## Saturday Grand Finals

More than 140 Warrandyte Redbacks players hit the court for a tilt at a championship recently, with 16 teams playing in the EDJBA Winter Grand Finals.

The result was nine premiership flags and seven runners up.

The biggest game of all was the 17.1 and 17.2 Boys clash for the U17 A Grade title. It was high scoring and high standard in front of a full house at Warrandyte Sporting Complex.

In the end, the "1s", coached by Matt Lane, defeated the "2s" by 44-34. The game ebbed and flowed with the "2s", coached by Ryan Holloway, closing to seven with a three-point swish to Aiden Ceh. Jack Cousens pegged one back from the free throw line to close out the game.

Jokes were flying thick and fast from both sides about the refs favouring the home team.

Coach Beau Bentley had a magical day with both his 15.1 and 17.3 Boys winning their Grand Finals by nail-biting margins.

The 15s had been undefeated all season, winning comfortably throughout with the exception of two matches, the second of which being the semi final against Koonung (their GF opponents) that they won by seven points.

A tough match was anticipated in the final game of the season, but nobody expected such a battle. Few of the team's regular plays were working and at times they were trying to force their offence, which was not often successful.

Warrandyte at one stage had a nine-point lead but this diminished when Koonung upped the anti and closed the gap to two points at half-time. Koonung then took a lead of two and held it for most of the second half.

Thanks to a superb three-pointer by Justin Ronan Black with a mere 10 seconds to go until full time, the scores were level so extra time was needed.

With Koonung in serious foul trouble, Warrandyte drew countless fouls in the additional three minutes and had little success from the line. With four seconds to go, and scores level at 41, Warrandyte took the side ball and after a few quick passes it



Under 9B Boys - proud premiers. Back: Andrew Coppin, Jake Stubbs, Harry Klein. Front: Jaxson Moore, Hayden Menzies, Mark Somerwill.



Warrandyte Under 17A Boys team coaches, Matt Lane and Ryan Holloway.



Time out in the U16 A Reserve game. Beau Bentley revs up the troops.



Supercoach: Dale Leeson with his Under 9D Girls.

ended with Max Stevenson who successfully shot from the top of the key. As it left his hands the siren sounded for what was a sensational 43-41 win to Warrandyte.

The U15 A2 Girls were not so fortunate with Koonung proving far the stronger and taking out a 56-29 win.

The Redbacks had progressed straight to the Grand Final with a win over Koonung in the semi final. "The week's lay off didn't help," said coach Casey Taylor.

For the Redbacks, Jade Pieters with 10 and Emily Caulfield with six were the main contributors.

Warrandyte's U13 A3 Girls had a 31-23 win over Koonung, with nine coming from Abbey Ceh, eight to Kelly Roodhouse and six to Ebony Sans.

Coach Dale Leeson had a string of finals in the morning at Bulleen - four coaching games and then as support for his daughter Teegan in the U15-02 B1 final.

His results: Runners up U9 Girls to

Koonung (Bree Leeson MDP); premiers U9 Boys with a 23-9 win over Eltham (10 to Harry Klein as well as MDP), seven to Jaxson Moore and four to Mark Somerwill; runners up U11 Boys to Balwyn by 52-36 (16 to Lachlan O'Reilly and nine to Alex Leeson); runners up U9 AR to Collingwood; premiers U15 B1 Girls.

## MMBL starts with a win

The new Wednesday night MMBL basketball season started with the

Warrandyte Men's team playing in the premier division, scoring a 64-44 win against Keysborough.

The team were brought back to earth, however, when they took on Waverley at the Doncaster stadium. Waverley was always doing a little better and took the points in the first three quarters.

Warrandyte shaded Waverley in the final quarter, but the result, 53-43 to Waverley, was a good reflection of the game.

# Tom's proud Olympic past

what's your story!

Canoeist Tom Ohman weathers the tide of life with a positive attitude, a sense of humor and some wonderful memories of the 1956 Olympics, discovers BRIANNA PIAZZA

**BP: Tell us about your time at the Olympics.**

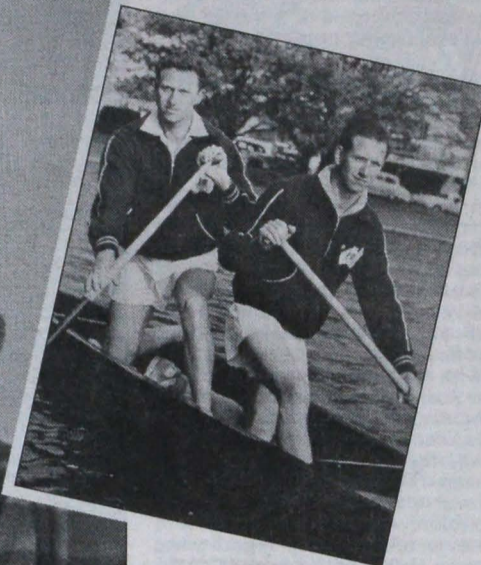
**TO:** We were in Ballarat for about four weeks. It was the highlight of my whole career and I was thrilled to pieces! I loved meeting the different people and seeing the beautiful boats, as there weren't many high quality boats in Australia at that stage. On our first day we paddled a 10,000m race and as we bounced around on the waves caused from the boats at the first corner we ended up at the back of the group and just couldn't catch up. The next day in the 1000m race we came second in our heat and then we got fifth in our final.

**How do you think the 1956 Olympics differ to now?**

We were complete amateurs. Professionalism was just not on. If you had the slightest thought of professionalism you would be disbarred from the games. The coaching that we had wasn't up to scratch, so we were more or less on our own.

**Have you always lived in Warrandyte?**

I was born at Queenscliff and my father was a First World War digger



whose health crashed so he came to hospital in Melbourne and the family followed him. I finally settled in Rosanna where I spent about 30 years. Yet all my life as a canoeist I've always said I'd love to live in Warrandyte and I've now been here for 30 years. Who would want to live anywhere else?

**When did you get involved in canoeing?**

When we were at Queenscliff my brother had a friend who had a tin canoe on a salt lake, just a couple of

miles from Queenscliff. We used to go out there and sail in this little tin canoe for about a year or so. Then we came to Melbourne and we ended up at Fairfield and I had friends who took me down to the rowing and canoe club there and I've been in that club ever since.

**What is it about canoeing that you have always loved?**

I guess it was just fooling around in boats. Also, I've been to some places in Victoria and NSW that you just could not get to unless you paddled.

I've been to some wild areas on the Upper Murray and the Upper Goulburn. You've even got some gorgeous places on the Yarra that you can barely get to unless you paddle. Over time, I've paddled right from the Upper Yarra dam right to the sea.

**Do you have any special memories of your time at the Olympics?**

Another thing that always makes me smile were the Canadians, they were very friendly and one day one of them said to me, 'Tom, you must realise that you have never paddled

**What did you do after the Games?**

After the Games, a lot of the boats were sold in Australia and I bought a beautiful K2 which I still have now. I won Victorian championships in it, and my mate and I won seconds and thirds in the Australian championships. As I got older I had to slow down a bit, but normally every year for about three or four weeks I'd go skiing as I'm in a ski club at Hotham. I mainly did cross-country skiing and I downhill skied all over America. It was a good life.



Show of strength: Dominic Lee, Sebastian Katis and Ben Munks put some muscle into the shotput.

## COOL BEGINNINGS, HOT FORM AT ATHS

THE summer Little Athletics season started on a Saturday in cool conditions and new competitors are in great form already.

Christopher Rakuscek ran a terrific race in the U10 Boys 800m to finish fifth with a time of 3 minutes 54 seconds.

Grace Boyde ran the 100m 25.6 sec in the U9 Girls and when asked what she thought of her first day, she replied: "It was fun!"

Hannah Castagna competed in the U8 Girls 100m and ran 21.64 sec and also competed in the 70m. Ben Macri (U14 Boys) was very competitive in his events finishing the 100m in 13.3 secs, reaching 6.61m in the shot put and a time of 1.04.76 in the 400m.

Seasoned campaigners Ben Munks (U12 Boys) jumped 6.64m in triple jump and Nicholas Sharpe (U10 Boys) finished the 70m in 18.25 secs.

The strong U14 Girls contingent was well led by Nicole Reynolds who had a leap of 4.07m in the long jump, Emily Sharpe ran the 100m in 15.22secs and Eilish Kelly achieved 5.25m score in the shot



On the run: Ruby McDowell, Nicole Reynolds, Emily Sharpe and Kate Maxwell.

put. Sophia McDowell ran extremely well in the U10 Girls 100m in a time of 18.68sec.

Little Aths is open to children of all abilities from ages 5 to 15.

To register visit the DLAC website [www.doncasterlac.org.au](http://www.doncasterlac.org.au). For more information please contact Margaret Kelly on 0447 693 561 or Peter Sharpe on 0413 777 107.

## Bloods field high hopes in wet start to season

By RYAN HOIBERG

CRICKET is back with a bang at Warrandyte, with the seniors fielding four teams in the initial round of the season.

A wet start resulted in two games rained out, despite a quick start by Warrandyte's batsmen, and only the First XI getting half a day on the ground.

Warrandyte's 2012/13 season has seen the return of many familiar faces as well as a refreshing crop of new, talented cricketers, including senior coach Steve Minns.

Warrandyte's First XI kicked off the year hosting East Ringwood, with skipper Campbell Holland again leading the Bloods.

With the rain clouds threatening, Holland started on a positive, winning the toss and electing to bat. The early loss of Brent didn't hinder fellow opener Ben Taylor as the president led from the front, falling just short of an early season half-century. Dave Mooney was able to stamp some authority on the game, however, with 54 unbeaten runs, with the First XI posting 185 for the loss of six wickets from the 69 overs the day could only produce.

The First XI was the only squad to produce a productive day's cricket from the opening round, however, the Third XI showed some early form with Daniel Barry smashing 77 unbeaten

runs, including five sixes, to help the team reach 2/128 after only 18 overs.

In other club news, early October marked the start for the veterans with the Over 60s team playing at Warrandyte's home ground and the other teams taking the field from October 14.

The club will be holding In2Cricket coaching sessions for Preps and Grade 1 and 2 students at Andersons Creek Primary School on October 23 and at Warrandyte Primary School on October 25.

The Club In2Cricket program will start on November 2 at 6pm, with 75-minute sessions to continue weekly, excluding a break between December 14 and January 24, and will continue through to March 1 next year.

Registration for In2Cricket is on November 2 from 5.30pm at Warrandyte Reserve.





# Our pair of aces trump the field

## Walking for a cause

WARRANDYTE cricketer Adam White and Josh Beasley (former Warrandyte Junior Football Club player) took the long road recently all for a good cause when they walked 93km from Carlton to Sorrento to raise money for Cancer Council and Victorian Jockeys Trust. The journey apparently took them 25 hours.



## Club farewells Demi

WARRANDYTE Basketball's Friday Night comp preliminary final was probably the last game for club favourite Demi Joy (above). A winner of the Daryl Valentine Award for services as a junior to the club, Demi will move to Warrnambool to follow her academic studies (marine biology) in the New Year.

## Free Family Fun Day

WARRANDYTE Tennis is hosting a free family day on Sunday, November 25. Kids, parents, friends and neighbours are all invited. Activities include: parent/child events, cardio tennis, Hot Shots challenges, and free coaching sessions. There will also be a jumping castle, sausage sizzle and plenty of prizes for the kids.

## Eye on the draft

STAY tuned for next month's annual AFL draft when some young gun Warrandyte footballers will have fingers and toes crossed as all of the clubs choose the best kids in the land. Word on the street is Jake Ballard and Ryan Exon are big chances to land at an AFL club.



Ryan Exon



Jake Ballard



Blue streak: Craig Haslam was undefeated all year and was rewarded for his efforts with Pennant Player of the Year. Photo: Scott Podmore

By MICHELLE PINI

WARRANDYTE Tennis Club enjoyed a clean sweep at the 2012 Pennant Awards with coach Craig Haslam winning Pennant Player of the Year and teammate Cameron McColl finishing in second place (winning 93 percent of his matches) in the Seniors 35-plus Grade 1 section.

The award topped an outstanding individual achievement for Craig who was undefeated all season.

In other tennis news, the club championships were held on a beautiful Spring day recently with many youngsters spending the entire day on the courts. Champions on the day were: Leo Garrick, Boys U12; Cameron Do, Boys U18; Ruby Bradford, Girls U12; and Donata Honeyborne and Megan Wiltshire, Girls U18 doubles.

Senior champions were: Craig Haslam; Adam Waugh and Daniel Buckley in the men's doubles, Donata Honeyborne and Ariel Patterson in the women's doubles, and Donata Honeyborne and Nick Anderson winning the mixed doubles.

Donata scooped top awards in all categories, including both the girls U18 and senior women's singles.



Young guns: Leo Garrick (background) and Cooper Gurney in action. Photo: Tony Honeyborne

## Tennis Hot Shots community play

The Hot Shots program aims to introduce tennis to younger children in a fun, family environment. It also gives current young players a second, affordable weekly session and a pathway into local association competition. The program runs Wednesdays and Saturdays from November 10.

## Supershmashers

Warrandyte Tennis Club is again offering the popular Supershmashers program for children 12 years and under.

The program is in its ninth year and is ideal for children with little

or no previous tennis experience to develop their skills and participate in challenges in a supportive environment. Students are placed in groups according to age and experience and every child receives a free 'Smashpak' which includes a tennis racquet, cap, T-shirt and Hot Shots modified ball.

Cost is \$90 for the four-week program that runs on Sunday mornings from October 21.

For information on all tennis club events contact Craig Haslam on 0488 722 538 or email info@thetennisguru.com.au.

# Bloods' season of heart and hard footy

By MICHAEL DI PETTA

THE Bloods can look back on an EFL season that delivered excitement, passion and good, hard Warrandyte footy.

While not making finals, player improvements were obvious throughout the season. This was evident as the club toughed out seven straight losses then went on to produce some excellent form and a remarkable four out of six wins – the nail-biting four-point first victory of the season against Mitcham a highlight.

Losing key forward Clint Wheatley to a serious leg injury was a blow but the team remained competitive in every game and finished the season 10th on the ladder.

Warrandyte reserves also played excellent football, showing plenty of heart with seven wins and 11 losses, enough to snatch seventh place on the ladder. The hard work from all players in the reserves will surely provide John O'Brien with selection headaches next year.

The Under 19s also put in the hard yards with all players showing immense progress. The team's eighth spot on the ladder ensured a bright future for the football club.

## Tom tops votes

The annual presentation night saw premiership winner and long serving Warrandyte player, Ben Reid, farewelled after his final season for the club.

Luke Naughtin was MC on the night, held at the Manningham Function Centre last month.

Captain Tom Naughtin won the best and fairest for the seniors with 28 votes, while star forward Mick



Morello won the Ron Wilson medal for the most goals with 54. Jake Bentley received the best and fairest for the reserves, while Ashley Peter-Budge won the U19s. The coveted club champion award went to Troy Ratcliffe and Adrian Mifsud won the best young club person award.

As well as accolades for the players, special awards were given to the fans, with Ian Hook named best club person, and Andrew Rodgers and Lisa Ryan awarded life memberships.

## WARRANDYTE FOOTBALL CLUB AWARD WINNERS

**Seniors** – Most determined: Tim Hookey. Most courageous: Clint Kennedy. Best first year player: Leif Cope. Players award: Troy Ratcliffe. Ron Wilson Medal: Michael Morello (54 goals). Best and fairest: Tom Naughtin (28 votes). Second best and fairest: Tom Appleby (27 votes). Third best and fairest: Tim Hookey and Grant McAdam (25 votes).

**Reserves** – Most courageous: Pat Heffernan. Most determined: Ben Naughtin. Players awards: Pat Heffernan. Best and fairest: Jake Bentley (20). Second best and fairest: Grant

Godwin (16). Third best and fairest: Jack Wright and Mat Munro (15).

**U19s** – Most consistent: Adrian Mifsud. Most improved: Mitchell Rudderham. Most improved: Dan Rodoni. Best and fairest: Ashley Peter-Budge (25). Second best and fairest: Johnny Dobbie and Jake Wintle (20).

**Club awards** – Life membership: Andrew Rodgers, Lisa Ryan. Club champion: Troy Ratcliffe. Best club person: Ian Hook. President's award: Dale Falkingham.

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### WARRANDYTE

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Overlooking the expansive views from THREE alfresco decks-relaxing by the outdoor B.I spa-option to work from home in the air conditioned office/studio! Original owners have enjoyed their immaculate family home 1211m<sup>2</sup> (approx). Comprising generous living-dining room (fire place), kitchen/family room, computer room, zoned main (WIR, modern ensuite), Contemporary bathroom; downstairs large rumpus room. Heating-cooling, r/cycle air conditioner, alarm, polished timber flooring, water tank.



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