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Described by North Warrandyte CFA officer Troy Lowther as "the most significant fire in this area since 1991", a blaze in Kangaroo Ground Road on January 11 was quickly attacked by local brigades, and with the assistance of two helicopters and 47 trucks, the fire was controlled and disaster was narrowly averted. The fire ground was monitored overnight and the next morning CFA units returned to "black out" the area. STEPHEN REYNOLDS was there and took these pictures.

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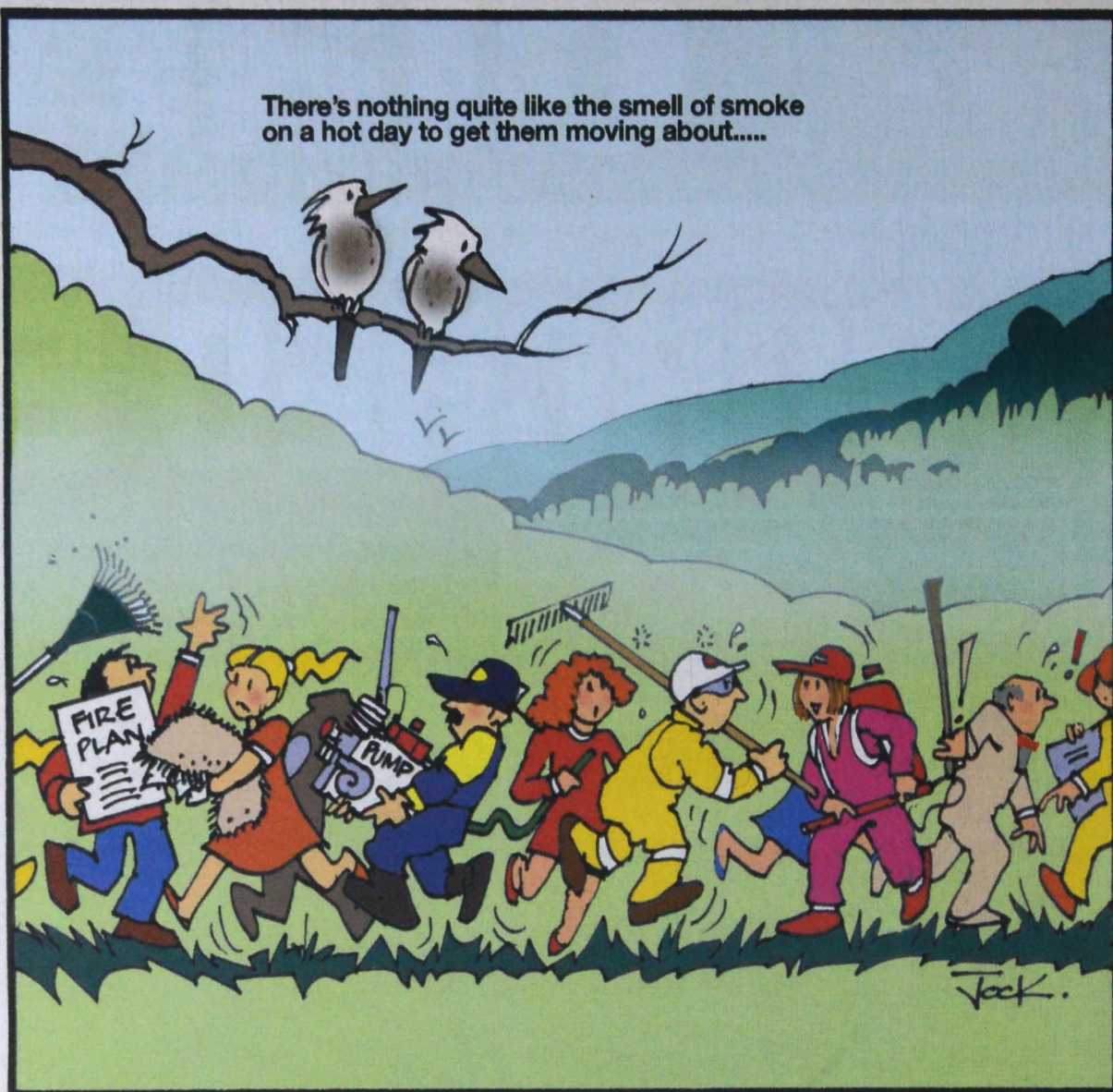
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OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



When 'weasel words' work

“UPPA, Gran? “Is the Pope Catholic?” “Better safe than sorry, Gran. No need to get your knickers in a knot.” “Sorry, Beryl. I’m as cross as two sticks at the moment. Like a bear with a sore head.” “So what’s got up your nose this time?” “Jar lids.” “Oh my giddy aunt, what a screw up they are.” “Tight as a fish’s bum.” “You’ve opened a can of worms there, Gran. I mean try opening a jar of gherkins and you’re in a right pickle.” “You’ve got a snowballs chance in hell. I mean who do they think we are? Wonder-woman?” “For two pins I wouldn’t buy another jar to save myself.” “Once bitten twice shy. It’s a pain in the arse, no bones about it. And you know what else drives me round the bend?” “Just between you, me and the gatepost?” “Gas.” “Better out than in I always say.” “I mean gas bottles, Beryl. You never know where you’re up to with the damn things.” “Is the gas half empty or half full!” “You’ve hit the nail on the head. You throw another shrimp on the barbie and before you can say Jack Robinson you’ve run out of gas!” “Don’t come the raw prawn with us, eh Gran?” “And they cost an arm and a leg. Every time you turn around the price goes up.” “You’re right on the money there, Gran, it’s daylight robbery “They see you coming a mile off.”



living with The Trots

“Still, I’d rather have a bottle in front of me, than a frontal lobotomy, eh Gran?” “Wipe the grin off your face, Beryl, it’s no laughing matter. And I’ll tell you something else for nothing.” “Tell me about it, Gran.” “Updates.” “Updates! Don’t get me started.” “You just get your head around something then blow me down if they don’t bring out another update and everything goes out the window. I mean what on Earth are they thinking for Pete’s sake? If it ain’t broke don’t fix it.” “I suppose a change is as

good as a holiday, Gran.” “Barley charley, Beryl, that’s not the point. You don’t change horses in midstream, it just doesn’t compute!” “Alright, already, keep your shirt on, I’m just saying...” “And while I’m on my high horse you know what else really ticks me off?” “I’m not a mind reader, Gran.” “Bad language.” “Case of the pot calling the kettle black if you don’t mind me saying, Gran.” “I mean all that texting and twittering. Kids these days can’t string two words together to save themselves. You mark my words, Beryl, they’re murdering the Queen’s English. It’s a death of a thousand cuts.” “It’ll be a red letter day if one of them learns to spell.”

“The writing’s on the wall, Beryl, sure as eggs are eggs. For crying out loud, there’s more words in the dictionary than you can shake a stick at and if lol is one of them I’m a Dutchman. Fair dinkum, Mr Oxford must be rolling in his grave.” “Well I’m glad you got all that off your chest, Gran!” “There is one more thing, that really gets my goat.” “I’m all ears, Gran” “It just makes me mad as a wet hen.” “Don’t mind me, I just work here.” “And at the end of the day I think this one takes the cake.” “Spit it out, Gran, spit it out.” “Clichés!”

ALAN CORNELL

Harmonious treats for festival audiences

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

The heartbeat of any successful festival, a diverse music program, has always been pivotal to Warrandyte's biggest weekend, to be held next March 22, 23 and 24.

The *Diary* spoke to festival committee volunteers about the growing buzz around this year's Main Stage musical line-up.

"We have even more action this year with the Battle of the Bands being moved to Stiggart Street due to Community Centre renovations," festival spokesperson Ben Dennis said.

"We encourage the community to come down on Friday night at 6.30pm to enjoy the best from local youth bands battling it out for the major prize—a day in a recording studio."

Many festival goers will recognise one of Saturday's groups, The Scrimshaw Four, who are regular buskers at the Warrandyte market.

Mixing Bluegrass and Old-

time Gypsy Jazz, the four consummate string players and singers perform original tunes and bring old favourites to life.

Mr Dennis said the band described Warrandyte festival as "an extra special gig due to fun memories", promising crowds "an upbeat foot-tapping set."

Fast becoming a festival institution, local act The Teskey Brothers will return once again to play the sundown set. Also back by popular demand is the Nudist Funk Orchestra, featuring Warrandyte Festival committee member Jamie Ferguson on drums.

Animaux will be closing the night with a great mix of funk and soul.



The Sunday program will have everything from the "smooth, breathy vocals" of Megan Bernard to the "high energy, percussive circus skills" of Batacoda.

Festival spokesperson Maree Burns took the *Diary* through

several choices for Sunday's Main Stage performances.

"Megan Bernard is a Melbourne-based singer/songwriter/guitarist endorsed by Gotye as 'a fabulous guitarist'. Her live performances have been described as 'concerts

when they take to the stage with their medley of mayhem."

The closing act stretches the boundaries of creative collaboration to include "some of Australia's best musicians in underground ethnic styles".

rich in emotion and humour'. "Listeners will be captivated by her beautiful voice," she said.

The following act, Batacoda, is an extraordinary ensemble.

Promoted on their website as a show that includes "hip-swivelling rhythms, musical gymnastics, comedy, drumming solos, physical contortion, romantic drumming 'duels', fire juggling AND a human pyramid", Batacoda is sure to create a frenzy

"VulgarGrad sing the old songs of Russian thieves and punk classics from the Perestroika era," Maree said. "Their bio sums up their sound as 'something that transcends the language barrier by aiming straight for your convict heritage and your dancing feet!'"

"We hope families will bring along those dancing feet, a rug and a picnic and make the most of the Main Stage variety."

Main Stage performances begin on Saturday, March 23, after the 12 noon opening ceremony.

School bands and choirs kick off the program, which continues entertaining nighttime audiences until late.

Sunday's Main Stage mix starts around 11.30am and continues into the evening. Food and drink will be available for purchase across all musical events.

Sounds like audiences are in for more than one musical treat! In a word: Harmonious!

It's friendly, it's neighbourly...

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

Warrandyte's annual Village Festival, to be held across the weekend of March 22, 23 and 24, is run as a labour of love by a voluntary committee who embody its 2013 theme, "Celebrating Friends and Neighbours".

Festival committee president Adie Courtney told the *Diary* the committee was such a great group of people to work with that monthly meetings felt like getting together with old friends anyway.

"The essence of a strong community is fed by the connection we have with our friends and neighbours," Ms Courtney said. "Many of us celebrate endeavours and successful achievements, weather adversity and rise to challenges with those around us

with whom we have strong links". "Our friends and neighbours may come from diverse cultural backgrounds, be of differing ages and abilities, have different passions and skills, and our connection with them teaches us much."

"Warrandyte is a special place because of its strength of community connectedness," she said, "and our festival is a celebration of that."

Expressing the festival theme, this year's logo by *Diary* cartoonist Jock Macneish captures this spirit of connection.

Jock has been designing the festival logo since 1978—this one brings his tally to 32—and includes, as usual, a delineation of the Yarra River that distinctly characterises the township of Warrandyte.



Nietta Curry, hoping to take home first prize at this year's Festival Billycart Derby. (Picture by Cherie Moselen)

Third time plucky for Nietta

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

It takes pluck to hurtle down a hill in a ground-hugging box on a set of skinny wheels, but a dash of courage is exactly what determined youngster Nietta Curry will need to take home first prize in this year's Warrandyte Festival Billycart Derby.

This billycart angel first got her wings two years ago when she entered the popular annual festival event at the age of nine. The only girl in the race, Nietta ended up mid-field that day, but took home a new helmet in 2012 after managing a very close second.

Recently improved with new

tyres, her billycart is now ready for the big event.

"The cart goes really fast but it doesn't make me nervous—I like the speed," Nietta told the *Diary*.

A devoted panda lover, Nietta's billycart sports a panda "with attitude" and has the clever cart name "Panda-monium" to match.

On race day, Billycart Derby contestants line up two at a time from the top of Police Street. Each billycart gets a few runs before knockout heats narrow the field, leaving two final daredevils to battle it out for the top prize—a new mountain bike!

The Billycart Derby is part of the

2013 Warrandyte Village Festival, which runs across the weekend of March 22, 23 and 24. It is open to children aged 8 to 15 years.

Contestants can register between 8.30am and 9.15am on Sunday, March 24. Entry fee is \$8 and all carts must meet strict safety requirements.

Race day is fast approaching so if there are kids out there who would love to be in it—better start building those billycarts now!

● For more information visit the website at: www.warrandyte-festival.org. For enquiries email: contact@warrandytefestival.org or call 0418 357 282.

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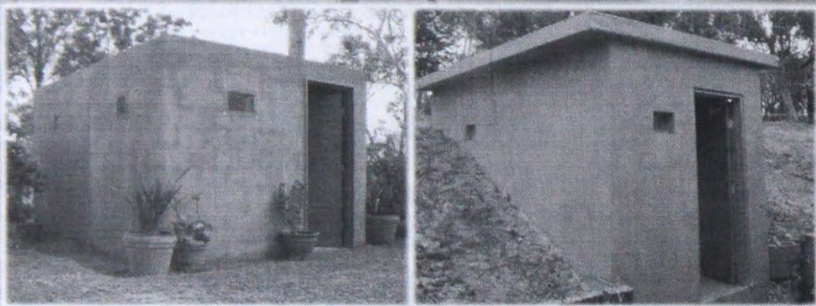
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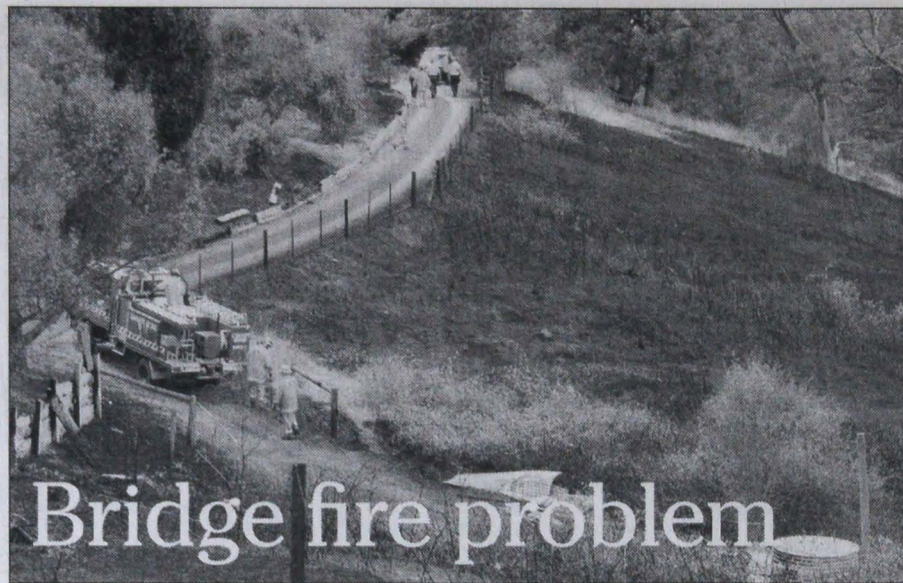
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Bridge fire problem

As a long-term resident of North Warrandyte, the fire incident on Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road on January 11 (pictured above) again highlights the need for the urgent upgrading of the bridge over the Yarra River.

It's only a matter of time before we have a very serious fire north of the river. When that occurs there will be pandemonium as people try to leave via the only bridge

dear diary

across the river.

Just take a look at any peak period and the traffic build-up.

You can only imagine the situation if people are panicking, trying to flee the area. There will be carnage, it will not be orderly but every man

for himself.

When will the local councils, Victorian state government or VicRoads provide some leadership to rectify this situation? Do it now before it's too late.

I urge all residents to canvass their local councillors and MPs to try and get some real action happening.

Pete Fraser
North Warrandyte

Myki scarce in Warrandyte

With the Metcard system being scrapped at the end of last year, casual travellers without a Myki card—and tourists—now have to buy a Myki pack. The full fare pack costs \$10, with \$4 of fares included. Concession and seniors' packs cost \$5 with \$2 of fares included.

I have inquired in Warrandyte and there is no shop in our tourist town where a pack can be bought. I asked bus drivers about the situation and they are given six packs to sell per day. I asked what happens if they run out. They said their job was to get people from point A to B and they would not refuse entry, and if inspectors got on they would explain.

Upon contacting MP Ryan Smith's office I was

told he was aware of the situation and he would write to the minister. I haven't heard back from him at the time of writing. For those who have permanent cards, the system seems to work well, but for tourists used to simple overseas systems, our system must seem messy and expensive.

John Hanson
Webb Street

● Later message from John: I received a phone call from Ryan Smith's office saying they are giving more Myki packs to the bus drivers. They suggested our supermarket could be a good place to sell them because of longer opening hours.

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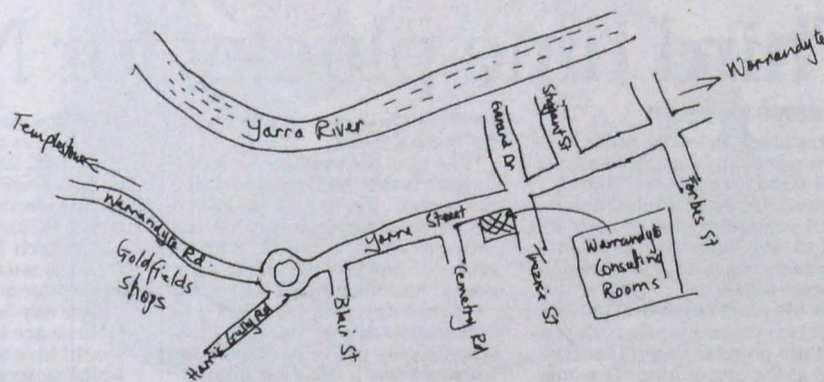
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Fiery wake-up call

By MICHELLE PINI

North Warrandyte CFA's first lieutenant, Troy Lowther described the Kangaroo Ground blaze on January 11 as "the most significant fire in this area since 1991", adding that this should be viewed as "a big wake-up call for the local community".

All was quiet at the North Warrandyte CFA the day before but fire crews were anticipating a busy Friday as it was a Total Fire Ban Day with 39 degrees forecast.

Captain Rohan Thornton told the *Diary* that it had been busy in December extinguishing fires people had tried but failed to manage. The weeks following Christmas, however, had been uneventful with little fire activity in the Warrandyte area as the Fire Danger Period was announced, burn-offs had ceased and the weather had been cooler.

At around 4.25pm on the Friday, North Warrandyte and Kangaroo Ground CFA crews

responded quickly to advice of a fire eruption in Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road, Kangaroo Ground. Aware that a wind change was imminent, their main priority was to contain the fire as it had the potential to be a significant incident.

The fire quickly escalated, however, fuelled in all directions by strong winds in what Troy Lowther described as being "a hard to access area".

As Initial Incident Controller, Troy requested an additional 10 tankers and air support. He soon received advice from the Incident Control Centre (ICC) in Kangaroo Ground (one of only 12 of this type in Victoria) that the status of the fire had been upgraded. They would now be overseeing operations and Troy's position was modified to that of Divisional Commander on the ground, as is standard procedure in a fire of this magnitude.

More appliances were ordered (including crews from

Warrandyte and South Warrandyte brigades) culminating in a total of 47 trucks and two helicopters, consistent with the pre-planned response of combined emergency service crews, who were already on "Hot Start" alert. This means that on days of Total Fire Ban, the ICC is already manned with resources and personnel and prepared to implement the strategy of attacking fires aggressively to avoid escalation.

Four people were evacuated from the scene at a nearby property threatened by the fire and full roadblocks were quickly instigated. "Watch and Act" alerts were issued for Kangaroo Ground and Warrandyte communities. Sergeant Stuart Henderson of Warrandyte Police advised that a stop point was also created at the Warrandyte Bridge, prohibiting entry into the area and managing the numerous sightseers.

Sergeant Tim Peck of the Banyule CIU told the *Diary*, the fire, which burned 30 hectares and destroyed an outhouse, "was investigated in conjunction with the CFA

and Parks Victoria in the days following the fire but the results were inconclusive as to whether the fire was deliberately or recklessly lit". Sergeant Peck has appealed to the community to be aware of and report any suspicious behaviour to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Thanks to the terrific initial response by the combined fire crews and supporting aircraft, the fire was contained by 6.30pm and a major disaster was averted, prompting Captain Rohan Thornton to describe it as a "perfect example of how well the processes work".

South Warrandyte CFA captain and southern sector commander, Greg Kennedy described the response from the brigades as "phenomenal". He said that although Warrandyte is divided into two councils and two different fire control areas, "the boundaries don't mean anything from our perspective".

Warrandyte CFA officers, however, are concerned about ongoing public complacency.

Greg Kennedy praised the Warrandyte Community Asso-

ciation's Be Ready Warrandyte incentive and urged people to "take note and document their fire plans".

Rohan Thornton noted that, less than 24 hours after the Kangaroo Ground fire, only 12 people attended the CFA Fire Ready Session in North Warrandyte. He says people are not taking the risk seriously, many do not have fire plans and attendance at information meetings is poor. He advises: "Don't get complacent—we live in a wildfire risk area."

Rohan would also like to see a better green waste program developed for Nillumbik as he believes the current system, of allowing only one weekend a year for green waste disposal, necessitates more burning off and increases the probability of fires in changing weather conditions. His wish list also includes reinstating community siren alerts.

Results of a recent trial in the Dandenong Ranges are being awaited and the Greater Warrandyte region has been flagged as a contender for this.

Warrandyte CFA captain Bernie Ebzery commended

the Manningham council incentive which allows supply of three street flusher vehicles, containing 4500 litres of water, to Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and Wonga Park brigades. He says these were used extensively in the Kangaroo Ground fires and are of enormous help as they enable firefighting appliances to remain on site. Bernie also warns: "People complain about alerts not coming through, but we must all be proactive, develop fire plans, heed warnings and implement them".

Troy Lowther was quick to point out "major fires have been here before and they will happen again".

In the post-mortem following the fire, the CFA captains were united and categorical in their advice:

- Develop a fire plan
- Prepare and maintain properties (keep houses clear of leaves twigs and fuels)
- Be aware (develop situational awareness and take heed of CFA warnings)
- Leave early
- Prepare Act Survive!



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS and MATT KILKENNY



Fire survey: residents recognise risk

An overwhelming majority of residents who responded to a local bushfire readiness survey last year—81 per cent—believe they will face a bushfire threat in the near future.

"However, despite the fact that they have a survival plan, many have no idea what to do if something unexpected happens when they are threatened by bushfire," Dick Davies, president of the Warrandyte Community Association, told the *Diary*.

Mr Davies was commenting on a detailed analysis of the Be Ready Warrandyte bushfire readiness survey conducted by WCA in North Warrandyte, Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

"Analysis of the survey findings provides a wealth of information that will guide decision-making for several years to come.

"The independent analysis, by RMIT's Centre for Risk and Community Safety, also contained 12 rec-

ommendations to help Be Ready Warrandyte develop a 'toolkit' of activities to raise awareness of fire planning and build community resilience now and in the future," Mr Davies said.

He said the findings report was based on 623 responses to the survey of households in the area.

Key findings are:

- Awareness and concern about bushfire risk appears to be high in the Greater Warrandyte area. Many residents are concerned about the difficulty of leaving safely during a bushfire, particularly in the North Warrandyte area. Importantly, previous research has shown that being aware and concerned about



bushfire risk does not necessarily mean that people will take appropriate action to plan and prepare.

- Results suggest considerable variation in household plans and intentions in the Greater Warrandyte area. Many residents claimed to have a Bushfire Survival Plan but had not considered what they would do if something unexpected happened, what they would do if they had visitors, who takes responsibility for different elements of the plan, or what they would do differently on weekends or school holidays.

- Many people intend to leave as fire danger ratings increase, with

more than three-quarters of respondents saying would leave the night before or early in the morning of a Code Red day. Women are more likely to want to leave when threatened by bushfire than men. However, it is important to recognise that intentions are not always an accurate predictor of behaviour during bushfires. Past experience and research suggest that many people will wait until they are directly threatened before taking action.

- Residents of Greater Warrandyte would prefer to get information about preparing bushfire survival plans from a range of sources and in a range of formats. Results highlight the need for diverse approaches targeted to different groups in a locally-relevant way, with a locally-oriented website as a central component.

- Full survey results are available at the Be Ready Warrandyte website: www.warrandyte.org.au.

Survey follow-up

Among other outcomes of the Readiness Survey, WCA has lodged a sample bushfire survival plan for a "typical" Warrandyte family on the website: <http://warrandyte.org.au/fire/>.

"We are hoping to launch a video promoting fire planning, made by the Warrandyte Theatre Company, at the upcoming Warrandyte Festival, WCA's Dick Davies said.

"We will be contacting all Warrandyte organisations to see how they can promote better fire planning through their membership.

"Public meetings with bushfire experts and a scenario planning workshop will be held later in the year.

"Many Warrandyte residents are following us on Facebook and Twitter as well as the website," Mr Davies said.

Locals divided on new service station



Left: Old servo as it looks today. Above: Protest sign in Yarra Street. (Pictures by Stephen Reynolds)

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Plans by United Petroleum to erect a larger service station, restaurant and retail shop on the site of the old fuel outlet and garage in Yarra Street remain on hold.

Meanwhile residents remain somewhat divided on the need for a service station in Warrandyte.

In September last year, the *Diary* reported that VicRoads had objected to the application on the grounds of traffic safety.

The application remains on hold at the request of the applicant, a Manningham council spokesperson said.

"VicRoads has objected to the planning application due to potential impacts on Yarra

Street traffic that have not been addressed," Sebastian Motta, VicRoads regional director said. VicRoads is working with the developer to ascertain whether these issues can be satisfactorily resolved.

Affected residents and their supporters—the "Keep Warrandyte Unique" group—have banded together in their opposition to the proposed service station.

Representatives from the group have placed signs around Warrandyte protesting against the service station. They are developing the "Keep Warrandyte Unique" website.

While some residents have stated the need for a service

station in Warrandyte, the Keep Warrandyte Unique group have rejected the idea of a less intrusive petrol station on the site.

"The crux of the group's concern is the fundamental change to the streetscape of Warrandyte" a representative from the group told the *Diary*.

With a proposal that includes eight bays, 10 parking spaces, a "Quickshop", and additional retail or restaurant space, and an almost eight metre high canopy, the development would have significant impact on the site. Two-thirds of the site would require excavation, including a six metre high retaining wall at the rear of the site.

"WCA opposes this proposal on the grounds of it being out of character with the township's heritage," WCA president Dick Davies said.

In a WCA online poll of 151 self-selected respondents, 66 per cent were opposed to the proposal.

The proposal has created a vast amount of discussion across a wide cross section of the community.

"While many residents are in favour of a fuel supplier in the town the impact of this particular proposal has caused disquiet," a WCA submission to Manningham council states.

Many residents oppose the proposal on the grounds that it would sit outside the design-

nated business zones at the west-end, central and east-ends of Warrandyte.

"Do we want closer access to petrol, only to lose our supermarket?"

"Do we want Warrandyte's first fast-food chain outlet?" a concerned community member said.

Two single-sided, illuminated 4.2 metre signs are proposed at either end of the site. Additional illumination will be emitted from the expansive canopy during the proposed 6am to midnight trading period.

The proposal is within a residential area with heritage, wildfire, design and development and significant landscape overlays. It is surrounded by mostly single-storey homes and across the road from Stiggants Reserve. Residents believe the proposal, if approved, would create a significant change to the existing streetscape.

However, some residents view the proposal as a welcome change to the existing operation. "What is there now is an eyesore, old batteries and empty 44 gallon drums make it look like a derelict site,"

one online commenter said.

"I fully support the idea of the petrol station in the village. It will serve those wanting to buy petrol on the way home or on the way to work," another community member said online.

Many have expressed concern about access and egress to and from the site onto Yarra Street.

The site sits on a blind corner, requiring road widening of approximately three metres to allow for right-turning vehicles.

"Such a road change will also add to the impact of the proposed development, introducing more urban elements into what has been essentially a rural road," the WCA submission stated.

While 10 car parks are proposed for the site, WCA are concerned this will be insufficient for a service station, retail store and restaurant.

The application will remain on hold while VicRoads works with the developer to address concerns.

● For more information on the proposal, see www.keepwarrandyteunique.weebly.com.

2013 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to Nillumbik's 2013 Australia Day Award winners.

Nillumbik Citizens of the Year:

Laurence and Jean McQuade for services to St John Ambulance, and the Yarrambat CFA over many years.

Nillumbik Young Citizen of the Year:

Brett Davies for his work with young people, through the Scouts and as a youth worker with the YMCA at the Diamond Creek Community Centre.

Nillumbik Senior Citizen of the Year:

Mrs Noel Williams for her voluntary service helping teach, support and interact with the children at the Kangaroo Ground Preschool and sharing the region's history with them.

Nillumbik Community Group of the Year:

Nillumbik U3A (University of the Third Age) which after four years has 220 members and has campuses in Eltham and Hurstbridge providing positive ageing, lifelong learning and social networking to retired and semi-retired residents of Nillumbik and beyond.

Nillumbik Volunteer of the Year:

Pam Lawson for her many years of service as a volunteer and active member of numerous community groups over many years.



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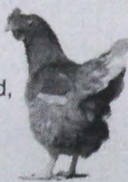
Date: Saturday 23 February 2013

Time: 1pm-2.30pm

Cost: \$20

Venue: Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: 9433 3744



CAN YOU HELP LOCAL PARENTS?

We are seeking volunteers to mentor local parents of small children and babies who might be temporarily struggling with the adjustment to parenting.

We are looking for volunteers who are open-minded, compassionate, have experience parenting children and have a good listening ear! We will provide training and ongoing support to help you fulfil this important community role. If you are interested please contact Pia Cerveri, Family and Children's Services, on Pia.Cerveri@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9433 3165, Mondays and Wednesdays.



Throughout the month of March, activities and events will be held in Nillumbik to celebrate the summer harvest, including the Home Harvest Feast on 17 March 2013.

Sign up as a grower and find out more about Harvest Month at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au



The Home Harvest Feast is sponsored by Real Food Catering and Village Food Connections and is supported by Nillumbik Shire Council, Banyule City Council, Local Food Connect, Bulleen Art and Garden, Nillumbik Community Health Service and Sustainable Gardening Australia.

E-WASTE

Nillumbik residents are now able to bring their unwanted televisions and e-waste items to the Recycling and Recovery Centre.

Items accepted free of charge:

- televisions
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- computers, laptops and tablets
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Other e-waste items which are accepted for a fee:

- CRT (cathode ray tube) televisions that have been removed from cases
- CRT televisions that are cracked or broken
- batteries that are not an integral part of the system
- video and DVD players
- hi-fi and stereo equipment
- digital and video cameras
- computer game consoles and accessories.

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For more information call 9433 3555 or visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Judgment on council election debacle soon

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

A resolution is expected shortly after a hearing in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court was called late last month to consider a breach of the Local Government Act during the 2012 Manningham council elections.

Some local papers believe that a by-election in the Mullum Mullum Ward is becoming increasingly likely.

After hearing evidence from former mayor Bob Beynon and the Victorian Electoral Commission earlier in December, the Municipal Electoral Tribunal vindicated Mr Beynon's claim that the act had been breached, disqualifying a rival candidate as a result.

Mr Beynon initially lodged a complaint with the Magistrate's Court after discovering

opposing candidate David Muscat had appeared on the ballot for Mullum Mullum ward as an "illegal" nominee. Mr Muscat had been convicted of earlier assault charges, a fact that made him ineligible to contest local council elections for up to seven years.

According to its interpretation of the act, the VEC is proposing that Mr Muscat's primary votes be excluded and his preferences subsequently redistributed.

However, Mr Beynon disagrees with this interpretation, arguing at the recent hearing that preferences from a disqualified candidate should not enjoy any value.

He also presented the magistrate with evidence to show

that the order of elected positions would have differed had Mr Muscat's preferences not influenced the outcome.

"The VEC contend David Muscat's removal should be treated as if he had retired. For that to be the case under the Local Government Act, a candidate must apply to a magistrate informing them of his intent, something the Tribunal confirmed today had not been done by Mr Muscat," Mr Beynon told the *Diary*.

"This candidate has clearly been disqualified, which is quite different from a 'retirement' in my book, therefore all his votes should be completely eliminated from the result."

After the hearing, Mr Beynon said he did not believe

the VEC had satisfied the magistrate with its interpretation of the act, and was hopeful another poll would be ordered in the interests of "upholding due process and the democratic rights of the voting public".

Warrandyte resident candidate Michelle Pini, who had attached her own complaint to that of Mr Beynon and attended both hearings, agreed.

"I can only hope the magistrate's final verdict favours a bi-election," Ms Pini said. "I believe this course of action would be the only fair resolution going forward."

At the time of the *Diary* going to press, Magistrate Michael Smith had retired to consider his decision.

Melbourne Hill drainage

By **BRIANNA PIAZZA**

The area surrounding Melbourne Hill Road requires major works to minimise flooding and expensive damage to downstream properties.

Engineers at Manningham council told the *Diary* they have run out of options to fix the drainage system with minor works.

Their proposal involves adding more drains and underground pipes to Melbourne Hill Road and nearby streets, including Francis Street and Drysdale Road.

"What we are trying to do is provide a point of drainage discharge for every property in the catchment," manager of Engineering and Technical Services, Roger Woodlock, said.

"The logic behind that is if we can pick the water up at the source it is generated and get it underground, the properties downstream have a better chance of not being flooded."

Engineers say there is currently little underground drainage infrastructure east of Mullum Mullum Creek, and since the drought ended, houses downstream are at an increased risk of flooding.



Flood prone: Culvert in Melbourne Hill Road. Note the narrow drainage pipe, which frequently blocks with debris following a downpour. (Picture by Brianna Piazza)

Melbourne Hill Road was one of the worst hit areas when Warrandyte experienced flooding in 2011.

With more than 100 prop-

erties in the catchment, experts are keen to discuss the proposal with residents and respond to concerns and questions.

Residents can stay up-to-date and learn more about the proposed drainage project by attending a meeting on Wednesday, February 6 at 7pm in Function Room 1, at Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Council is seeking a number of local residents prepared to act as representatives of other residents in the area for the duration of the project.

"As part of our public meeting, we'll be looking for the residents to nominate to become part of a reference panel, which will meet with

council officers during the development of the design, and work with council officers on the cost of apportionment," Mr Woodlock said.

They estimate the cost of the proposed project to be around \$1.9 million. While the council will fund part of the scheme, property owners who in some way benefit from the scheme, will be required to make financial contributions.

Residents may have the option to contribute quarterly instalments over 10 years.

Following the meeting, locals in the area will receive the minutes of the meeting and a survey, with time to respond before council decides whether to proceed with the scheme.

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By **PAUL WILLIAMS**





MANNINGHAM

CALLING FOR 2013/14 BUDGET PROPOSALS

Manningham Council has commenced the development of its 2013/2014 Budget. We would like to hear from Manningham's residents, community groups, sporting, and trader associations, about service and infrastructure improvements that you would like Council to consider funding in 2013/2014.

This is your opportunity to bring to the attention of Council those important matters which you would like Council to consider for the coming year.

Written proposals will be accepted from Wednesday 30 January 2013 to 12 noon on Tuesday 26 February 2013. Your service and infrastructure improvements proposals may be lodged electronically on Council's consultation website www.whatmattersmanningham.com.au or mailed to: Budget Proposals – Finance Department Manningham City Council 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, Vic, 3108.

Councillors will hear presentations on these budget proposals at a meeting commencing at 6.30pm on Tuesday 5 March. If you wish to make a presentation at this meeting, please indicate this within your proposal. Following this process, Council will be preparing its draft 2013/2014 Budget, Council Plan 2013 to 2017 and Financial Strategy 2013 to 2023.

These documents will be placed on public exhibition between Thursday 2 May and Thursday 30 May. During this public exhibition period, there will be a further opportunity to make formal budget submissions for final consideration by Council.

For more information, please see www.whatmattersmanningham.com.au or call Council's Finance Unit on 9840 9212.

COMPETITIVE VISUAL MERCHANDISING WORKSHOP

Are you a retailer looking to maximise the attractiveness of your store through visual merchandising and product placement?

Manningham City Council and the ARA Retail Institute present a workshop focusing on Competitive Visual Merchandising for local retailers to investigate ways to:

- Engage a consumer visually
- Learn the five fundamentals of successful visual merchandising
- Get your brand noticed with visual theatre
- Engineer promotions to drive interest and commercial outcomes

Date: Thursday 28 February 2013
 Time: 6.00pm – 9.00pm
 Location: The Pines Learning Centre (Function Room) 1/520 Blackburn Road, Doncaster East
 Cost: \$25 per person

You must register for this event. Registrations close 26 February 2013. To register go to www.manninghambusiness.com.au.

For more information contact Hannah Jordan at Manningham City Council on 9840 9229.

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House TERM 4 2012

Connecting You to Your Community

MONDAY:

Strong Women Stay Young Walking Group
 Yoga

TUESDAY:

* Pila-Yoga
 Busy Needles Craft Group and Community Quiltmaking Group
 Strong Women Stay Young Weights for Men
 Tuesday Lunch (monthly)
 Children's Drawing
 Tai Chi
 Poetry and Creative Writing
 Grand Read March 2

WEDNESDAY:

Gentle Exercise for Older Adults
 * Creative Dance for Adults
 * Creative Dance for Toddlers
 French Club
 Pilates
 Women's Health Day (Anxiety and Depression), March 28

THURSDAY:

Pastels
 Painting with Water Colours
 Rock 'n' Roll Aerobics
 Book Club (monthly)
 Yoga

FRIDAY:

Strong Women Stay Young Weights for Men

SATURDAY:

* Fire Resilience Workshop Feb 9
 Felting Feb 16, 17
 * White Card Health & Safety Certificate Feb 23
 * Responsible Serving of Alcohol March 23
 * Learn to Massage March 2

TERM 1 Jan 29 – Mar 28
ENROL NOW! 9844 1839

At the Warrandyte Community Church
 57 Yarra Street

* NEW this term

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House gratefully acknowledges funding from the following organisations: Manningham City Council, Department of Human Services and Doncare.



www.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au

Celebrate 150 years at WPS

Warrandyte Primary School is celebrating its 150th anniversary this month. In 1873—150 years ago—the Victorian Board of Education formally established the school and named the colony's then existing schools in rough alphabetical order, thus Andersons Creek Common School No 12 came into being. (All of Warrandyte was then called "Andersons Creek".)

Warrandyte's first school commenced on the gold diggings in 1856. In 1863 lessons were held in the Andersons Creek Court House while a new school was being built.

Ten years later, in 1873, the newly created Education Department introduced the state school system and Andersons Creek State School No 12 came into being. (Not to be confused with the now Andersons Creek Primary School, built much later at the west end of town.)

James Eccleston was appointed first Head Teacher. The new school building on the Forbes Street site

opened in 1875.

Former students, parents, teachers and friends are invited to join a number of celebrations that have been planned for this month.

During the week of February 18 to 22, everyone can "take a trip down memory lane, enjoying school tours during the week; special classroom activities and join in 'olden day' activities on Thursday, February 21," principal Gillian Binger told the *Diary*.

That evening, between 6.30 and 8.30pm, there will be a Family Fun Night and Bush Dance, hosted by Paradiddle.

School tours will run on Monday, February 18, 10-11am; Tuesday, February 19, 11.30am-12.30pm; Wednesday, February 20, 10-11am; Thursday, February 21, on the hour; Friday, February 22, 11.30am-12.30pm.

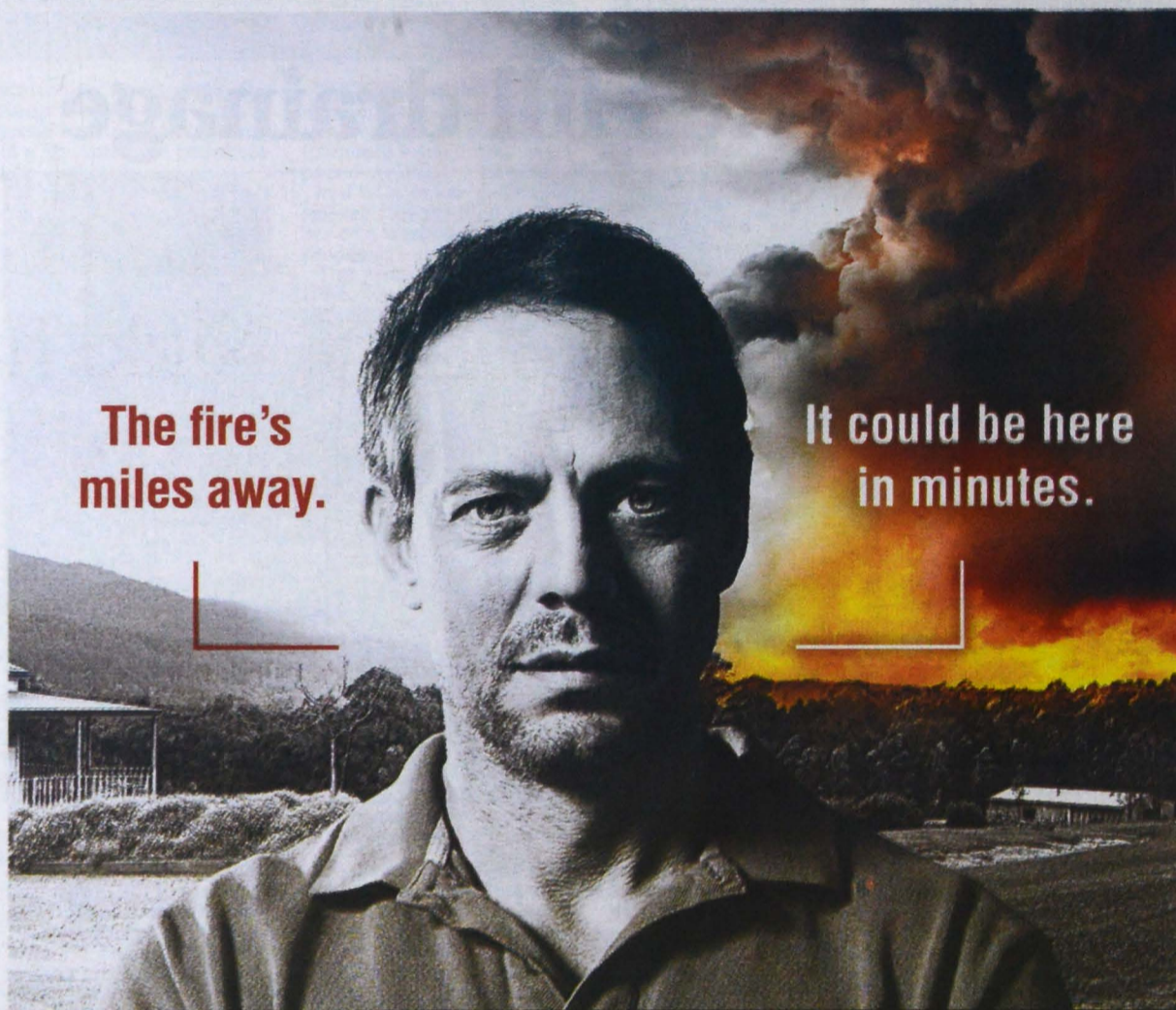
● To book for tours—or for more information—please call 9844 3537 or visit www.warrandyteps.vic.edu.au.



Warrandyte Primary School then...



...and now.



The fire's miles away.

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If you're in two minds, leave early.

The best way to prepare for this fire season is to stay informed and plan to leave early, before you see smoke or fire.

Plan to leave early:

- ✓ Talk to everyone you live with so you all know when you're going to leave and where you're going to go if a fire starts.
- ✓ Pack a relocation kit with important documents and essential items.
- ✓ On high-risk days, check Fire Danger Ratings and fire warnings on the CFA website and listen to local radio.

Don't wait and hope for the best. Visit the CFA website to find out how you can be FireReady.

Plan to leave early
 visit cfa.vic.gov.au
 call 1800 240 667

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.



Warrandyte going plastic bag free in March

Building a health habit in Warrandyte; it's not radical or frightening. From March, Warrandyte will become one of several places in Australia and around the world, with specific actions aimed at eliminating single use plastic carry bags from our community.

Many countries and cities have either banned plastic bags or placed fees on their use. Since 2002 and continuing to the present, countries like Ireland, Germany, France, Denmark, China, India, South Africa and many states and cities in the US and UK are introducing punitive measures and even increasing fees because of the overwhelming evidence that these actions do change behaviour and provide dramatically improved outcomes.

"You may be surprised to know that Australia lags well behind world action on changing attitudes to plastic carry bag use," WarrandyteCAN president Wayne Rankin told the *Diary*.

"In two separate surveys last year, over 90 per cent of Warrandyte's shopping community said they'd support a plastic bag-free town, including the imposition of a fee to encourage the use of recycled, environmentally friendly bags."

Warrandyte Bakery and Australian Aspect are two committed local businesses already charging a fee for plastic bags.

"People do appreciate why we need to eradicate plastic bags, but might not understand the importance of moving away from even



fully compostible bags," Mr Rankin said.

"Even these create waste and pollution and take time to break down in landfill. Far better action is to build a habit of taking reusable bags when we shop."

WarrandyteCAN, (Climate Action Now) has received funding from Manningham council and the Warrandyte Business Association for local retailer distribution of high quality, long lasting jute carrybags.

Quinton's IGA is independently funding a quantity of free jute bags to get you started and will provide ongoing stocks for sale at bargain prices.

With this wide opportunity for free, reusable jute bags when shopping in March, CAN urges you to play your part and remember to bring them back for subsequent shopping

trips. Traders who have expressed interest in providing free bags from this donated fund will have these while stocks last.

If customers do not have their own carrybag, the recommended fee of 10c per plastic carry bag will apply, similar to fees charged by large discount outlets such as Target.

The fee does not apply to small plastic bags for vegetables, meat, pastries, lollies, etc.

All retailers have been urged to participate in the program and a charter of commitment will appear in the window of participating retailers.

● Comments or concerns can be addressed to Emma Edmonds on 0478 575 893 or Jill Dixon on 0404 024 449.

Yarra River fish travel swimmingly upstream

A new structure on the Yarra River at Dights Weir in Abbotsford will assist native fish in their journey upstream to Warrandyte and beyond.

The barrier of the weir has now been overcome with the construction, by Melbourne Water, of an 80-metre long "fishway" beside the weir.

It consists of 24 concrete chambers that slow the water and provide a gentle gradient and resting points for fish to swim upstream.

"With millions of fish expected to use the fishway, it will restore balance in the river's upper reaches where fish numbers have been dwindling," Riverkeeper Ian Penrose told the *Diary*.

"At the official opening by Water Minister Peter Walsh late last year, many species were seen using the fishway, including two vulnerable species, Australian grayling and Macquarie perch, and a rarely seen Tupong, or freshwater flat-head," Mr Penrose said.



The new fishway.



A small Tupong.

King of the understudies

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Sam Hooper was over the moon when he opened his inbox one Monday morning to find an email saying he had been cast in *King Kong*.

King Kong The Musical has made national headlines in recent weeks, with its first ever one tonne, six metre high animated gorilla.

Sam was cast as a "swing", and says he is looking forward to the challenge of being an understudy.

"I cover a lot of the male ensemble. If they get sick or injure themselves I'm waiting backstage and at a moment's notice have to be ready to be able to go on stage for anyone who hurts themselves."

The 23-year old said he's excited to be a part of the show, and can't wait until the show starts in May. "It's really great to see that the show isn't just going to be a spectacle, there's actually

really strong storyline behind it," Sam told the *Diary*.

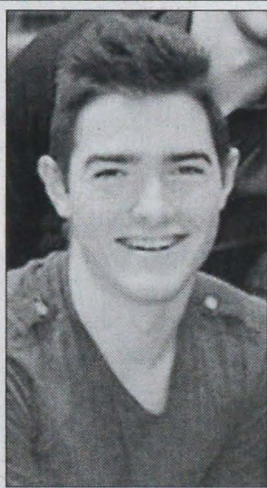
"I think it's taking music theatre back to its traditional roots with big dance numbers and also smaller, really emotional numbers for some of the leads. It's got all the big music theatre classics in there with some new takes on it all."

Sam graduated from the Victorian College of the Arts in 2011, was previously cast in *Oliver*, a milestone which he says sparked his passion for music theatre.

"I guess I love the physical and emotional challenges that music theatre can bring. I also really love that I can do something that I can put a lot of work into and people can really appreciate."

Sam spent 12 years growing up in Warrandyte, and moved away only a couple of years ago to be closer to university. He still holds Warrandyte close to his heart.

"Warrandyte is a really love-



Sam Hooper (Picture by Ponch Hawkes)

ly place, I really enjoyed living there," he said. "I live in Southbank now and while the convenience is great, sometimes I do really miss the peace and quiet that Warrandyte has."

Sam begins rehearsals this month and the show will start in May at Melbourne's Regent Theatre.

● Tickets for *King Kong* are available at www.ticketmaster.com.au.

Nikki has written no ordinary memoir

By MICHELLE PINI

Warrandyte resident Nikki Stern is a librarian and mother of three adult children. She has also written a book about her intriguing past, when she was married to an abusive husband who controlled her career in the sex industry.

Not Your Ordinary Housewife topped Australia's non-fiction best seller list in December and sales continue to soar.

The book chronicles the true story of Nikki's privileged upbringing as the adopted child of wealthy, highly educated parents who were Holocaust survivors and to whom she refers as "cultivated and upstanding people".

Her engineer father was awarded the Order of Australia Medal; her mother was a renowned pianist and her childhood is described as "happy, secure and sheltered". Nevertheless, Nikki also held what she terms "classic adoptive-child insecurities" and was easily led.

She eloped with a control-

ling man who, she says, led her "into a world I had never imagined", as the star of X-rated videos.

Three years ago, in the same week in which her estranged husband died, Nikki received news that she had stage three ovarian cancer and a pessimistic prognosis. She says it left her worrying about the question marks her children would face upon her death.

After a lifetime of "going to great lengths to avoid disclosure" of her past activities, Nikki decided to share her story. She told the *Diary*: "I knew people would judge me, but my need to write and document my story overtook these concerns."

Nikki says that although she worried about her children's reaction, "they were very supportive and encouraging" and writing her story provided a welcome distraction from her battle with cancer and thoughts about her own mortality.

Describing the events in the book as "pretty wild", Nikki admits that although she's not proud of many things, she is very proud of her book.

Not Your Ordinary Housewife focusses on the complex relationships which framed her bizarre daily life and she refers to the book as "a cautionary tale for women to be strong and true to themselves".

CLYDE & OCKER



"When are you writing your memoirs, Ock?"
"When I'm dead!"

The evolution of Rush & Hampshire, Barristers & Solicitors

Since 1994, Rush & Hampshire has been synonymous with Warrandyte. Geraldine Rush (now O'Connell) opened her doors at a farm in Haslams Track, Sth Warrandyte in 1993, after practising in Surrey Hills for 13 years juggling legal work and six children. When the children eventually encroached on every work space at the home office, Geraldine opened her office at 167 Yarra Street Warrandyte, just downstairs from the current office at 163 Yarra Street Warrandyte. Geraldine Rush soon became Rush & Hampshire, Barristers and Solicitors and the practice has grown ever since. In 2006, some local residents were amused to read that Geraldine put an advertisement in the *Diary*, announcing that Rush & Hampshire would not be taking any new clients. Some sort of reverse advertising? The reason behind this suspension of new work was for Geraldine to completely immerse herself in family dispute resolution. Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) is a mandated process under the Family Law Act. This has given Geraldine invaluable insight and experience into the world of separating, traumatised families.

When Geraldine resumed her work in her practice, the essence of the practice Rush & Hampshire was provide a service for families in most aspects of legal engagement. It's not just a job to be completed, it's a commitment to family and community. Whether it be conveyancing, making a Will, selling your business, resolving a civil dispute, or a family matter, Rush & Hampshire, Barristers and Solicitors will ensure you gain reliable and competent legal advice.

It's an exciting time for the practice RUSH & HAMPSHIRE as we welcome young local lawyer AARON FARR. Aaron embraces the Rush & Hampshire philosophy and brings his own community focus to the practice.

Aaron has gained valuable experience in Not for Profit law, Commercial law, Civil

Litigation, Family law and also general law in his previous employment and is known to provide practical solutions to legal problems where possible. Focusing on the community, Aaron spends most of his free time devoted to his volunteer roles as 4th Lieutenant and Equipment Manager of South Warrandyte Fire Brigade and as a volunteer Director of the Warrandyte Community Bank. This allows him to not only assist in maintaining the safety of the public and the local area by being a part of the local CFA, but also build the community by assisting the Bank to donate money to local causes. As part of his work with the Bank Aaron is passionate about assisting the local youth in their quest to find their place in the Warrandyte community.

The RUSH & HAMPSHIRE opening hours will offer availability to provide convenient access to legal advice for the Warrandyte community. We understand how hard it is to get legal advice when you leave home at 7am and arrive home at 7pm. Both Geraldine and Aaron, will be available for appointments after hours and on some Saturday mornings as well as expected business hours.

For those of you who are current clients, you know how convenient it is to swing by the office and for those of you of the Warrandyte community who have not yet met Geraldine & Aaron, we welcome you to the firm in the future.

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Volunteers who create the Diary

We thought it might be a nice idea to introduce our readers to the people who write, photograph and draw our paper each month. Some of us were too shy, but the others supplied a photo, along with a few words of why they contribute to this newspaper.



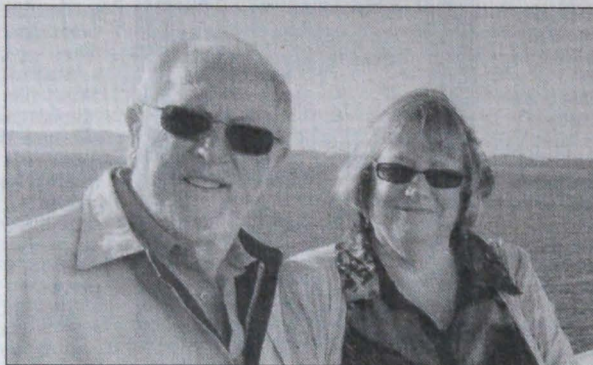
JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS
feature writer

Of the journeys I have taken, and I have taken many, one has proved especially rewarding. That was the journey I have taken into the heart of my community. Writing for the *Warrandyte Diary* has taken me down this road less travelled, through the land, amongst the people and events that make this place special.



MARILYN MOORE
columnist

Marilyn Moore – geologist, writer, editor, cyclist, photographer, pianist, bushwalker and mother of two. Back in 1996, Cliff Green asked me to write a new column for the *Diary* – “Our Place”. At the time our young family was quite involved with the local community, and it seemed that somebody from this demographic might add a useful voice to the paper’s content. Sixteen years later, I’m somehow still here ...



ROGER KIBELL (and Herself)
columnist

Lives are all different but we do share many of the same quirky, human characteristics. Each month, therefore, when I write “Kibbled”, I do what the word means; I grind my life into little pieces and then select a weird or typical bit to share with the rest of Warrandyte.



KAREN THROSSELL
poet

Why I love *The Diary*

I love the way it captures the essence of our community: images, ideas, events (from Football to Follies, from Festivals to Friends of the State Park...)

I love the way it delves into issues that affect our community.

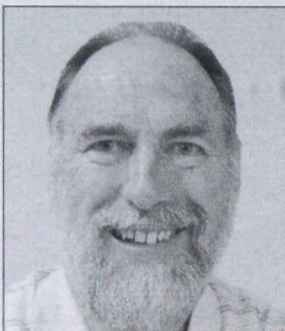
I love the cleverness of our writers, Val, Roger, Jeremy, Marilyn, Cherie – to name a few.

I love the brilliance of our editor and his stand against crass commercialism.

I love the way you can read things you can't in most other papers.

I love the way it makes us appreciate how precious is the place in which we live.

I love the fact that it has a monthly poem.



STEPHEN REYNOLDS
photographer

The *Diary* gives me the opportunity to photographically document the events, locations and characters that make up the fabric of Warrandyte whether it be community functions, personalities or major changes to our environment. Over the near three decades I have been capturing Warrandyte images (and over ten years for the *Diary*) the changes that have taken place mean many of those images are now records of history.



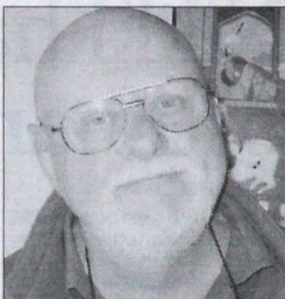
LINDA ROGAN
columnist

I have developed a great interest in the Australian bush since moving here from Oregon in 1979 and like to learn about the local plants and animals. Writing the nature column since 2009, has focused this interest and stops me feeling guilty about time spent in this pursuit.



ALAN CORNELL
columnist

For five and a half years now, I've been faithfully reporting the misadventures of Warrandyte's most typical family. They're a funny lot, the Trots, and if they've brought a smile or two to fellow residents along the way, I'm happy. That's why I do it.



PAUL WILLIAMS
cartoonist

Many, many years ago, Cliff Green suggested doing a comic strip, possibly “Elves under the bridge.” After some thought, “Cyril” emerged instead – partly autobiographical, I guess, but also a composite of various other locals, thus Cyril has gone on month after month reminding us of the foibles and follies each of us yield.



VAL POLLEY
feature writer

I have been writing opinion pieces and feature articles on a regular basis since 2006. Many of these have a historical context and are mostly based around current issues and events affecting Warrandyte. My inspiration for contributions comes from many sources, sometimes editor Cliff Green, sometimes friends and often current happenings around the town.



CHERIE MOSELEN
reporter

Warrandyte is home to many talented, kind, environmentally and socially conscious people, who value living in its bushy surrounds. It's inspiring to write for a newspaper that celebrates a caring community. Most fun: Hanging out with a mob of zany, fun-loving Festival Committee volunteers so I can bring you news of Warrandyte's biggest weekend!



MICHELLE PINI
reporter

I love contributing to the newspaper that celebrates Warrandyte: its natural environment, characters and unrivalled community conscience. Reporting on anything from the anti-tower saga to endangered fish species. I have the opportunity to connect with the community, plus I get to work with accomplished writers, editors, photographers and artists—it's a privilege.

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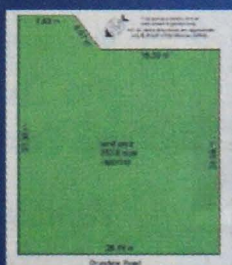
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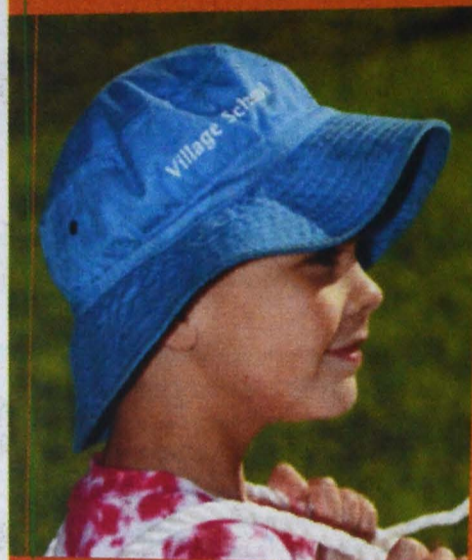
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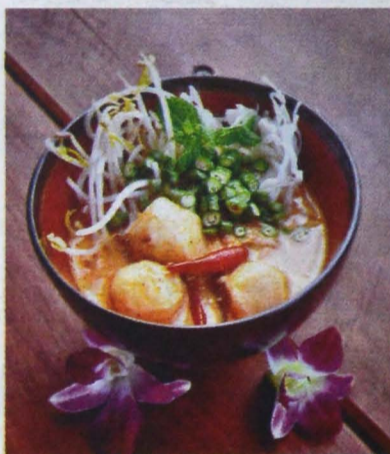


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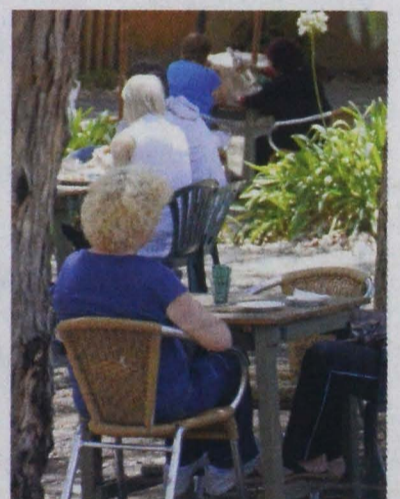
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Pottery Expo is on again

The Pottery Expo, held each February on the bank of the Yarra River, is now an established part of the Warrandyte arts tradition.

The Expo is again welcoming six French potters, who will join with 45 ceramic artists from Victoria and around Australia.

"With our French guests this year, Expo will take on a French accent, with live music throughout the weekend. French cuisine will flavour the food stalls," Jane Annois, Expo organiser, told the *Diary*.

On exhibition and available for sale will be a wide variety of high quality studio ceramics, "from fine

porcelain, sculpture, garden pieces, functional ware and sought-after exhibition pieces".

"There will be opportunities to take part in clay activities, watch as master potters demonstrate a few tricks of the trade, talk to ceramic artists and discover pottery courses," Ms Annois said.

The Pottery Expo will be happening on the riverbank below the bottom of Webb Street across the weekend of Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24, between 10am and 5.30pm.

● Further details from: www.potteryexpo.com or jane@potteryexpo.com.



Primary school turns 150

Activities celebrating the 150th anniversary of Warrandyte Primary School are as follows: School tours will be run during the week of February 18 to 22. On Monday 18 they will run from 10am to 11am; Tuesday 19, 11.30am to 12.30pm; Wednesday 20, 10am to 11am; Thursday 21 on the hour and Friday 22, 11.30am to 12.30pm. On the night of Thursday 21 there will be a Family Fun Night and Bush Dance hosted by Paraddiddle from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. To book for tours or for more information call 9844 3537 or visit www.warrandyteps.vic.edu.au.



Book aids needy pets

Denise Illing (above right) is shown donating a cheque for \$1600 to Porscha Juwa of Blue Cross from sales of her book, *Canine Characters of Warrandyte 2012*. The book is still on sale at Warrandyte Post Office, Fluffy Puppy Pet Supplies, Blue Cross and from Denise herself (phone 9844 1583).

Pottery

Warrandyte's annual Pottery Expo, on the banks of the Yarra below Webb Street, is on again this month—on the weekend of February 23 and 24. A wide variety of fine ceramics will be on sale, potters will be working their wheels, talking to visitors and demonstrating a few tricks of the trade. The Expo will be open from 10am to 5.30pm each day.

Film

WarrandyteCAN invites everyone to a screening of "Bag It", a documentary dealing with the shocking havoc caused by plastic bags—and why Warrandyte is moving towards becoming plastic bag free. Screening at the Warrandyte Mechanics Hall on Friday, March 1 at 7.30pm. Enquiries: 9844 3872.

Singers

The Bellbird Singers are rehearsing each Monday night at the Uniting Church in Tarroona Avenue commencing at 7.45pm. Join them. No auditions required. More information from Lise Moran on 9844 2553.

Churches

Service times for local churches each Sunday are Anglican (9844 2193) 10am; Community (9844 4148) 10am; Uniting (9844 0674) 10.15am; Catholic (9876 1509) Park Orchards, 10.30am and Warrandyte, second Sunday 5pm. For children's and youth activities please contact the individual churches.

BMX

Park Orchards BMX Club is hosting a "Come and Try Day" on Saturday, February 16 from 9am to 11am.

out of the inbox

By JUDY GREEN

Publicise your coming events. Items for Out of the Inbox are welcome. Include full details of date, place and time and post to: Warrandyte Diary, PO Box 209, Warrandyte Vic 3113; emailed to: info@warrandytediary.com.au; or left in the mail box at St Stephen's Anglican Church, 5-7 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte.

Registration will be open at 8.45am. Children can learn the basics of BMX racing (now an Olympic sport) in a safe and supportive environment. This is a free clinic. All participants will receive a show bag. For further information go to www.popbmx.com.au or just turn up on the day at Stintons Reserve, Park Orchards.

Watch

The next area meeting of Warrandyte Neighbourhood Watch will take place at the Warrandyte Police Station on Tuesday, February 12 at 7.30pm.

Carols

Warrandyte's annual Christmas Carols held in December at Stiggants Reserve, was a

great success with around \$1200 being raised for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. The Warrandyte and Park Orchards churches wish to thank the community for their support.

Playgroup

A new playgroup has been formed in North Warrandyte. Children from 1-5 years are invited to come and play and experience listen-and-learn sessions. It will start on February 20 with a welcome morning tea from 10.30am to 12noon. Thereafter sessions including music and craft will run weekly on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12noon. For more information please email Jillian, Di and Anna on nwplaygroup@gmail.com

Pancakes

Warrandyte Uniting Church will hold a pancake stall outside Warrandyte IGA on Saturday, February 16. Money raised will go to the Uniting Church Share Appeal to help needy families.

Lifestyle

As part of Manningham council's Healthy Lifestyle Week the Bhava Yoga and Dance Centre is hosting an event—"Journey to Inner Peace". You

can enjoy some down time with gentle yoga, relaxation and meditation in their centre at 5a West End Road, Warrandyte on Saturday, March 2 from 1pm to 2.30pm. No experience is necessary. Booking is essential as places are limited. Call Wendy on 9844 1128 or 0416 265 914 or email bhavacentre@gmail.com For other Healthy Lifestyle Week activities go to www.manningham.vic.gov.au.

Locking

Neighbourhood Watch's recent newsletter alerts readers that locking your car by pressing a button may be risky. Your radio signal can be received and stored by nearby villains, allowing them to access your car after you have left the scene. It is safer to lock with your key.

Bands

Warrandyte RSL's monthly Bands By The Bridge live music program kicks off on Sunday, February 17 from 4.30 to 8pm. Local talent and the Tropical Lounge—bass, ukulele, piano, guitar. Band bucket donation. Enquiries: 9844 3567. RSL Clubrooms, 113 Brackenbury Street (near Mitchell Avenue).

Need to know

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

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Prize

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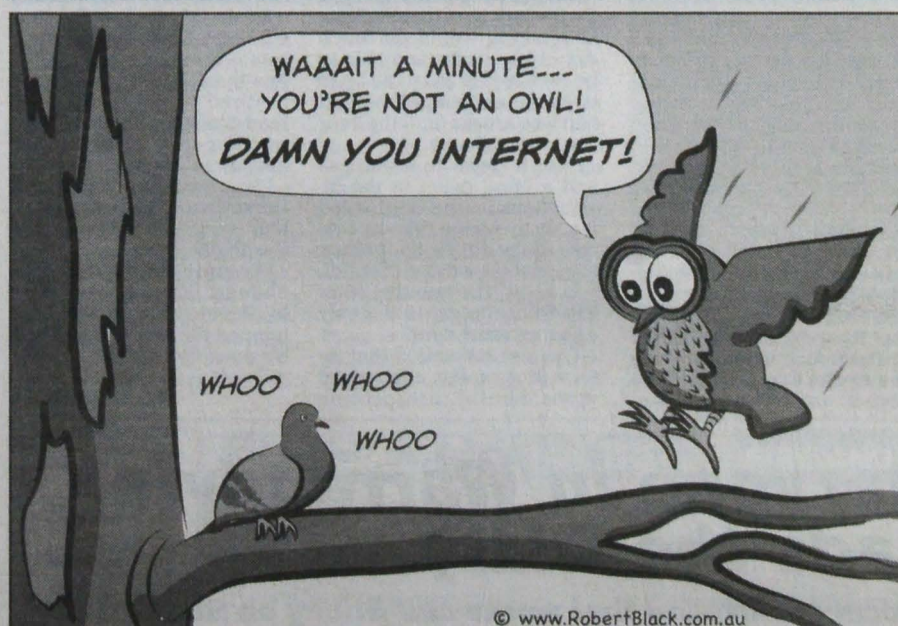
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When dogs crash in where husbands fear to tread...

WHEN asked to make an assessment between "the good husband" and senile dementia, I'd probably have to plump for the latter. Whichever it was, the decision was set in concrete the minute the suggestion left my mouth.

"If you're sure you don't mind, then yes, I will go. I'll ring Joan immediately!"

Herself had been angling for a long time to go on a Murray River boat holiday but we had been putting it off "until we get old". Our Probus club had even organised the very tour but we had decided that 2012 was not yet the year for us to join in. However, when one of our friends had to pull out of the trip at the last moment, my ageing and slightly befuddled husband fairly whispered in my ear, "Why don't you ask Herself if she wants to go on the tour?"

Now every man knows what a "directive question" is. It's the seemingly innocuous, "Would you like to help me with the..." type of question. It's really a command swathed in deceptively conciliatory clothing. It would be either a brave or a stupid man who replies in the negative. Similarly, the "Are you sure you don't mind?" question is much the same. To admit to a lapse in male concentration is not on so all that's left for you is the little shoulder shrug, a smile and a load of Brownie points.

When you've made a decision like that, it's a case of "in for a penny, in for a pound",

kibbled

"Herself had been angling for a long time to go on a Murray River boat holiday but we had been putting it off until we get old..."

however, in this case it was more like a few guineas.

Be that as it may, I decided that the week without Herself in the house would provide the perfect opportunity to recoat our wooden floors.

Herself is highly allergic to paint and chemical odours so it's usually a juggling match between me getting the job done and her gagging. With a week of good warm weather to accomplish the recoat, life was looking good.

But have I mentioned yet that we have a dog and the floor needs to be recoated with Tung oil?

We live in a "compact" house, which means there are not a lot of external doors. Into this equation add the fact that one of the major rooms that needs recoating also has the doggie door and Mutt, quite reasonably assumes that when he needs to go outside, this is the room he traverses.

That is until I erected the great Wall of Deterrence. My thinking was that all I had to do was re-educate Mutt that he was to go down the hall to the farthest room in the house, where fortunately, there is an external door.

Not a shoddy plan I thought. On the tin it says that the Tung Oil coating would be touch dry in two hours and able to be recoated in 24, so all I had to do was make sure that Mutt had wee breaks until the floor was dog walkable.

I put it down to eagerness and a blind belief in the instructions on the tin that led me, at the same time as I recoated the doggie door room, to recoat the linking corridor, you know, the one that Mutt had to use to get to the only other external door.

The first intimation that information on tins might need more careful interpreting

was when, after two hours, I bobbed down to test the touch dryness of the floor, only to find that my finger came away smeared with the oil, that by rights, should have been drying in preparation for a recoat the following day.

I reread the information on the tin. The gist is that the two hours is based on a 25 degree temperature and a humidity of 50 per cent. If the conditions are different so too will be the drying time.

I looked outside. It was hot-tish, not raining and yet the bloody coating would not "go off". Never mind. This was only three hours into day one and I still had another six days to complete the job. Well not six exactly as I had some other jobs to do on two of those days and the weather forecast was not brilliant for the later part of the week.

I put on the reverse cycle air conditioner and turned it to WARM, hoping to fool the Tung Oil that it really was almost tropical. By 4pm, with the Gippsland generators chewing up more fossil fuel than I cared to consider, I retired to the bedroom to read whilst my floors decided whether they were going to cooperate or not.

I was just pondering that Herself would almost be at Murray Bridge when I heard the doggie door.

Obviously Mutt doesn't like change. You can see that by the skid marks where he jumped the defence wall and his paw prints in the oil.

ROGER KIBELL

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Searching summer's groves

THE summer drought has frustrated my search for subjects for macro photography in the local area. The lack of rain means a poor flowering of many trees and shrubs that would otherwise attract the beetles, native bees and other insects I love to pursue.

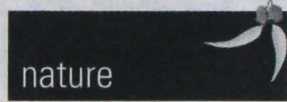
A walk at Rifle Range and Fourth Hill yielded the dependable blooms of the lovely pink hyacinth orchid growing to about knee height. Photos revealed their delicate pink spots and the pale pink hairs on the striped lip. With little insect life attending, I decided to move on.

Along the roadways I found some profusely blooming sweet bursaria. Some were too tall, others too close to traffic. Finally we located one that was bent to the ground by a fallen tree. This one was alive, but mostly with honey bees. A closer look yielded only a few micromoths, some plague beetles and a few individuals of a common native bee whose scientific name *Leioproctus*, means "shiny rear". The names are much easier to remember when I've learned what they mean.

Success came rather unexpectedly while checking out a children's playground for its grandkid entertainment potential. There, in the middle of a mown area, a rusty-barked gum tree stood about 30 feet tall, covered in glorious creamy blooms. Best of all, the blossoms extended nearly down to the ground, well within reach of my camera. I suspected it was not a local species. Once close enough to see the range of tiny insects moving about from flower to flower, I didn't care that this was not an indigenous plant. Except for the honey bees, the large majority of insects



An Angophora or apple gum with two of the native bees it hosted. (Pictures by Linda Rogan and Peter Rogan)



By LINDA ROGAN

were locals. Peter took sufficient photos of the tree for later identification, while I photographed its inhabitants with the same goal. The cup-like buds, were ribbed, but most importantly they lacked the cap or operculum that is normally associated with a Eucalypt. I wanted to find out as much as possible about this tree as well as try to identify any insects I photographed. A bit of surfing the net and a good look at my Costerman's *Native Trees and Shrubs of South-eastern Australia* revealed that this tree was a species of Angophora, (Angophora

means jar-bearing) likely the smooth-barked apple. They are close relatives of Eucalypts and Corymbia (such as the Lemon-scented Gum). At least one species of Angophora, the rough-barked apple, grows in Victoria near Mallacoota.

Apple gums are very adaptable plants often found in parks and gardens around the Melbourne area. All the species of Apple gum are confined to the eastern coast of Australia and like Eucalypts they belong to the Myrtaceae or myrtle family. A check into the *Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants* revealed that these trees adapt well to cultivation. Since they propagate well from seed, it may be wise not to plant them near areas of natural bushland.

The foliage is useful for

animals in times of drought and the roots were used by Aborigines as a source of water. It is also drought tolerant, perhaps due to its deep and vigorous root system. This root system also means that this tree should not be planted closer than four metres from any drainage system, according to Yarra Valley Water.

Of greatest interest to me is the range of creatures I was able to photograph. Beetles included colourful long-horned, spiny-legged flower scarabs and spotted pintails. Bibio flies with plump orange females and skinny black males were mating and best of all at least five species of native bee ranging from two-thirds honey bee size down to the truly minute thick-headed bee seen in the photo. A good tree for an insect lady to know.

When filing from the firefront

ELEVEN pm, Thursday night, Great Alpine Road. Clouds of dull smoke, underlit by an eerie glow, billow into smoky blackness from numerous spurs along the Razorback. Flickering tongues of orange fire outline a succession of silhouetted ridges. This fire is ominously gaining momentum.

It all began several days ago when lightning struck Featherstop's North-West Spur. Little could be done to stop the progress of the fire in such inaccessibly rugged country.

Although it had been very hot, conditions had not been overly windy, and the fire had mostly crept along through the understorey, overshadowed by a huge pyroclimulus cloudstack. Plenty of smoke but little panic.

Farmers and other residents in the upper Ovens Valley had had a couple of days to fill tanks, test pumps, prime 4WD fire-fighting vehicles and make sure all farm and bush access tracks were clear before a forecast dangerous shift in the weather.

By this afternoon, fire plans had swung into action and the anxiety level became palpable. Most traffic was

fire-related: farm utes and emergency vehicles, some urgently zipping in and out of rough tracks, others belting up and down the main road.

Anybody who was going to evacuate had probably already done so; the road would close at 6pm. In the meantime, a few curious cyclists spun along the route to Harrierville; the area was otherwise deserted by the general populace.

Harrierville's delectable coffee shop provided an incongruous element of normality: the famed berry muffins were no less inviting than usual, and there was a good crop of customers. The busker, too, was in his usual place, guitar case open for offerings of loose change. His folksy ballads reflected nothing of the danger looming on the ridge above. Customers could take their minds off the advancing fires for a while if they so chose.

But of course nobody did that for a moment. A mug of good strong coffee never goes astray, however, and people still had to eat. Locals greeted locals, everybody seemed to know everybody else's plans, and some were fielding phone calls from anxious friends and

our place
By MARILYN MOORE

relatives. As a community, they seemed as prepared as they possibly could have been.

Importantly, most people seemed to have a good independent supply of water—dams, the Ovens River, bore water, tanks, and large portable tanks on the backs of farm utes—and were well-equipped with heavy-duty pumps and fire hoses. No panic, but plenty of good solid preparation.

So now everybody waits and watches the progress of this quietly raging fiery menace. It's moving away from our location, but with strong gusty winds forecast to get up overnight, residents further upstream aren't expecting much sleep.

Eight o'clock, Saturday morning. Yesterday's forecast of destructive winds was a bit of a fizzer, fortunately, and the valley has breathed a huge collective sigh of relief. Another gusty wind change late last night brought a stream of

cool air (very welcome) and another heavy pall of smoke (less-than-welcome) as the fires turned yet again.

But immediate concerns are allayed. A cracker of a thunderstorm brought heavy showers at first light today and continued for several hours. The sky remains an eerie brown, still streaked in the east with the remnant golden tongues of sunrise, and the smell of woodsmoke hangs thick in the air. A pair of gang gang cockatoos outside our open front door make loudly creaky comments as they bumble around in a large tree looking for seeds; a whole flock is making a restless racket up the hill behind us. Life is quickly returning to normal.

Meanwhile, somebody down in Bright is trying to run a national cycling event involving thousands of people. Rides have been cancelled, re-routed, re-scheduled ... now with the likelihood of a crowded (and possibly wet) course tomorrow, the dangers are significantly different from those anticipated two days ago.

Right now a fiery sun is beginning to pierce the smoke haze—and who knows what tomorrow will bring?

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February 7, 2009

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The residents of the following towns are advised that due to increased fire activity in their area they should activate their fire plans immediately and remain on full alert:
Labertouche, Robin Hood, Acheron...

CFA CHECKLIST

*Fire plan to stay and defend:
Clean gutters, fill water barrels, check fire pump, rake leaves,
Rake again.
Uneasy quiet, whirr of fan and anxious murmur of John Fane on 774.
Wander, touching things. Stop, they're just things.
The residents of the following towns...
Churchill, Callignee, Jeeralang...*

CFA CHECKLIST

*Check batteries for torches, spare radio.
Shaking fingers can't get plus and minus right...
Raking, raking.
Sweat streams from me when I move from the fan.
Water indoor plants—Maiden Hair shrivelling just from the heat of glass.
Carefully remove tiny burnt fronds.
...that due to increased fire activity in their area they should activate their fire plans immediately and remain on full alert:
Kilmore, Wandong Beechworth...*

CFA CHECKLIST

*Buckets in every room, towels for doorways
Woollen blankets handy. Don't fill bath yet,
No sense wasting water.
Laying out patchwork in semi-darkness, keeps me from pacing.
Making a quilt from heirloom fabrics, mum's old curtains, dresses.
Keep each piece in tissue paper. Have to treat them really carefully
Or they come apart in your fingers.
The residents of the towns are advised that due to increased fire activity...
Labertouche, Gindivic, Robin Hood, Acheron, Churchill, Callignee,
Jeeralang...*

CFA CHECKLIST

*Poke head out door, check for smoke and embers—
Oven blast of searing air, plants reeling in white heat.
Can't smell smoke—definitely no embers.
Stack dishes. Feel rough and smooth of handmade pots. Favourite crystal—
(Dad's old whisky glass, mine now, but so him.)
Tuscan jug smuggled in as hand luggage. Touch it wistfully, stroking, stroking.
Sternly replace it. Just a thing.
...due to increased fire activity in their area and possibility of ember attack...
Labertouch, Gindivic, Robin Hood, Acheron, Churchill, Callignee, Jeeralang, Kilmore, Wandong, Beechworth...*

CFA CHECKLIST

*Check our fire clothes: boots, overall, new gloves and goggles, masks.
Can't find hats that aren't straw...)
Sarong and bare feet for now—won't take long to change.
...remain on full alert.
Open the door again. Bliss!
Wind blast switched off. Heat there but bearable.
Fling open windows, doors, let the cats out, pour a drink.
Cool change—24 tomorrow. It's all over!
Then I turn on the TV news.
Marysville, Strathewen, Flowerdale, Kinglake, St Andrews...*

KAREN THROSSELL

Our river: How lucky we are!

By VAL POLLEY

DO we take our river for granted? Watching visitors and residents splashing in the rapids at Pound Bend Tunnel, on a recent hot sunny summer afternoon, brought home just how lovely our river is in the summer and what an integral part it plays in our summer lives. Living as I do in a house that overlooks the river means seeing it every day in all its moods.

I grew up with a very different river. The River Deben winds its leisurely, reed-fringed course through water meadows past flat, idyllic Suffolk countryside.

I learnt to swim in it, accidentally at first by falling in at a family picnic—managing to flounder to the bank, later with school swimming lessons in the same deep pool. I fished for sticklebacks, watched swans and other waterbirds nest and produce young, saw the river in high flood and at low ebb.

Just downstream where the river widens into a tidal estuary was the discovery of the Anglo Saxon Sutton Hoo burial mounds with buried ship and wonderful treasure (now displayed in the British Museum). This site of archeological and historical significance was close to my primary school and my interest in history was no doubt sparked by the enthusiasm of my teacher in this amazing discovery so close to home.

The nearby mediaeval market

town of Woodbridge is a boat building centre with a wonderful 800 year-old Tide Mill and it was here I learnt to row a dinghy, crossed on the ferry, swam in the river at high tide and watched the annual regatta with the greasy pole event causing the greatest laughter.

My husband also grew up with a Suffolk river but his was the River Stour, the river beloved by English romantic painter John Constable. His home village where he grew up was therefore the source of some of the most iconic paintings of the English countryside. He scuba-dived the mill pool, saw a pike, fished, rowed the river and also sailed the estuary where the red-sailed Thames barges plied their trade.

It's perhaps therefore not surprising that we ended living in houses overlooking a river, albeit a very different river in a very different country, and a place where we have remained for over four decades.

That river, the Yarra, however soon became a central part of our (and our friends and neighbours') summer lives. Our children played in the shallows, canoes were built that ferried us to wonderful picnic spots that seemed so remote from city life. Some fished, some smoked eels while others swam, picnicked and enjoyed each other's company.

We watched platypus, water rats and snakes swimming. We would drift along admiring the stillness of the bush, the bird life and the

movement of the water. Once we watched the river flood across the river flats at Glynn's farm, another time it dropped to low enough levels for us to sit on camp chairs inside the tunnel to escape the heat. The river has provided an ongoing focus for our summer entertainment and one that continues today.

Our activities could be said to follow on from a long tradition of fun on the river. In the early days as the number of weekend visitors to Warrandyte increased, so did the numbers swimming, fishing and enjoying the river. Alas, so too did the number of drownings and it may well have been in response to these that the school started conducting swimming lessons in the Yarra from the early 1900s. These proved extremely successful.

The Royal Humane Society regularly presented Warrandyte children with life saving medals and certificates and reports in the 1930s stated quite confidently that there was "not a child in the school who could not swim". The school regularly won the swimming shield at the annual schools swimming carnival, winning the Gould Shield two years in a row in 1939 and 1940.

Summer of 1926 saw a river festival with canoe races, swimming and diving competition; 1927 had reports of good catches from anglers. The Warrandyte Swimming Club was formed and a river carnival held in 1930 that became part of the "Back to Warrandyte" festivities planned by the Warrandyte

Women's Auxiliary.

The swimming pool (located in the river somewhere opposite the hotel, above the coffer dam and behind Moore's store) had been de-snagged and improved and dressing sheds built. These were opened by Mr Everard MLA for the district. The reports were very favourable about the size of the pool, the quality of the water and the entertainment by the participants. Canoe events were added to the subsequent New Years Day aquatic festivals, though the 1934 flood had a detrimental effect on proceedings in 1935, having caused much damage. Koornong School in North Warrandyte advertised swimming in the Yarra as one of the attractions for its school in the 1940s.

The main river frontage reserve gained a committee of management in 1925 in response to pressure for better facilities and conveniences, the latter being built in 1929. The township attracted huge numbers of visitors especially in the spring when the wattle was out and one role of the committee was to manage vandalism and prevent wattles being ruined.

This management continued in the post-war years with ever increasing numbers of visitors to Warrandyte to swim and picnic as well as visit various artists' galleries and studios. Warrandyte residents too enjoyed their swimming. Warrandyte was always a social place and swimming parties were quite common.

Pound Bend Reserve also attracted large numbers of visitors who came to enjoy the beauty of the bushland surrounds so close to the city. On weekends in the 1960s it was not uncommon to find rows and rows of cars lined up along the bank close to the water with many swimmers in the river below. A small fee was collected by the Committee of Management to fund a toilet block, but this did not eventuate until after Pound Bend Reserve was incorporated into the Warrandyte State Park in the 1970s.

Today the exit of the Pound Bend tunnel remains an attraction to visitors from near and afar. The shallow pools provide respite for small children and the gushing water fun for older children. Swimmers can wade in from the sloping bank to swim the deeper water of the main river and on a hot summer afternoon it is a delightful place to while away a few hours in pleasant shade and surroundings.

Canoeists still enjoy the Yarra, and canoe clubs hold events on the water in all seasons. Anglers fish the deeper pools and platypus and waterbirds are often seen. How privileged are we residents to have such a wonderful treasure that gives so much summer pleasure right on our own doorstep. Let us treat it well so it can be enjoyed by future generations in the same way.

Photos of river activities over the decades courtesy of Warrandyte Historical Society.





New blood: Josh Eyre, Grant Klemm, Kyle Speers, Duncan Large (new Warrandyte Football Club president), David Higgins and Jason Scott.

Former Blood rings a Bell



WITH the Bloods undergoing a big shift in the off-season to restore a strong community involvement at the club, the committee and players are thrilled to see the return of a familiar face, Stephen Bell, who is keen to do his bit.

Bell, a former commercial manager at Richmond Football Club and current commercial manager at Moonee Valley Racing, has returned with a plan "to help the Warrandyte footy club get back to its former glory".

The former Bloods player and captain of Warrandyte's cricket team has his sights set on aiding the club's revival in his new role on the committee to raise money and generally "help get that winning culture back", among other duties. "I'm extremely passionate about Warrandyte and firmly believe that even though so much has changed, 2013 is not an 'in-between' year for the club, but more of a first step in a rebuilding stage that will see the Bloods back to where they belong in the higher divisions," he says.

As a father, Bell shares the excitement of many in the way the club is trying to become more family oriented, and says this is an opportunity to make Warrandyte a team that is able to build up from its young players and lure other talent by the Bloods becoming "a tight-knit footballing family".

Bloods are pumping

By MICHAEL DI PETTA and SCOTT PODMORE

EXPECTATIONS are running high ahead of season 2013 as Warrandyte Football Club takes the first step in a rebuilding stage designed to make the club more successful both on and off the field.

The Bloods have begun a transformation phase that includes the appointment of a new president, construction of new facilities, the return of past players, and recruitment of outside talent with the focus on becoming more community based and establishing a winning club culture.

New president Duncan Large says all involved with the club are excited about the changes and will head into the 2013 season with belief and determination "and a typical Bloods fighting spirit".

Crucial to the changes was the belief that with a new direction Warrandyte could bring back winning ways and recapture success. Taking over from Phil Treeby after nine years in charge, Large, a former Hawthorn Football Club and Australian Weightlifting team trainer, is "up for the challenge". A passionate local looking to give back to his community, his goal is to revitalise the club, and in the short term aims to bring Warrandyte back into Division Two.

Despite little experience in the role, the Bloods' committee believes Large's goal is realistic and achievable if everyone gets behind him. Club morale is already high with the announcement new facilities are to be built by the start of 2014 - a big win for both players and spectators in coming seasons.

The Bloods have a handful of new players to aid in their mission for success, including the return of some familiar faces and the arrival of promising players from other clubs.

Premiership winner Josh Eyre returns after serving time in the army in Afghanistan and David Higgins, who has played on and off over the past few years. Newcomers from other clubs include Grant Klemm from Montmorency, Jason Scott from East Burwood and Kyle Speers from Coldstream.

Young talent breaking into the side includes former Warrandyte Colts Daniel and Ryan Tester. All the new faces ensure coach John O'Brien will have all the tools he needs to build a competitive and exciting side for the season ahead.

As well as changes to the club personnel, a major focus of President Large and the committee is to change the personality of the club, with a goal of making the Bloods a more community-based side.

"With suburban football becoming more competitive by the year, many sides have lost touch with the com-

munity aspect of local football, but Duncan and those involved with the Bloods are taking steps to make sure this is not the case in Warrandyte," new club committeeman Stephen Bell says.

"One of Duncan's major focuses is to make the club more family friendly and community oriented, so that locals of Warrandyte will take notice and get behind the footy club. With members and sponsors gaining free entry to home games, Duncan and the committee hope that the Bloods can build up support and create a family atmosphere "that all of Warrandyte can be proud of."

The general feeling around the club is that the future looks bright for Warrandyte, and captain Tom Naughtin says there is "definitely an air of excitement" around the club as the Bloods look to take a different direction and positive approach into season 2013.

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Netball shooting for new goals

WARRANDYTE netball returns after a season president Sue Rodwell describes as "a very successful 2012", with almost half the club's teams making it to at least semi finals.

Of those teams, six made it to the grand final and three finished up with the premiership title.

"We estimate to have about 23 teams (210 players) for the 2013 winter season at this stage," Rodwell told the *Diary*. "We have players as young as seven, with our oldest being over 40."

While Warrandyte's netball fraternity prepares for a big year, much was publicised at the end of last year over Manningham Council's dilemma with regards to the Templestowe netball courts where the possible sale of the land means many clubs, including Warrandyte, are uncertain of where future competition will be held.

Council has a 10-year plan that includes relocating the courts at some stage if it chooses to sell the land at Templestowe. It needs to provide the clubs with sufficient courts to continue the Doncaster Netball Association.

So, while there is uncertainty about the Templestowe courts, there are no doubts about the excitement surrounding the new clubhouse being built at Warrandyte Reserve in early 2014.

"The netball club is extremely excited about the clubhouse being built," Rodwell



says. "We can't wait to see the demolition begin. This is the result of many people who have worked tirelessly over the past seven or eight years."

"On behalf of the netball club it would not have been possible without David Dyason, Lance Ward and Carey Nichol. Of course, the funding we received with the help of our local member Ryan Smith to which Manningham Council then matched, and of course the Warrandyte Community Bank, were also vital and important contributions."

"This is not only going to benefit the Warrandyte Netball Club, Warrandyte Junior Football Club, Warrandyte

Senior Football Club and the Warrandyte Cricket Club, but also the community as a whole. For us as a netball club it will mean that we will be able to hold Family Nights and club events at the clubhouse. It's exciting."

Netball training starts for the Winter season next week and finishes in August. Then the Spring season starts in September and finishes in the first week of December.

Warrandyte Netball's training sessions are: U9s - Monday nights from 4pm to 5pm; U11s - Thursday nights from 4pm to 5pm; U13s - Wednesday nights from 4.30pm to 5.30pm; U15s - Tuesday nights from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Thirds lonely at the top

By RYAN HOIBERG

WARRANDYTE'S senior cricket teams are facing some rare time off in March with only the Third XI battling for a finals berth.

Warrandyte Firsts are likely to avoid relegation thanks to an important victory in a one-day match against fellow cellar dwellers Eastfield.

Warrandyte had to bounce back after a disappointing result against Templeton. The Bloods were simply outclassed, with only Adam White again performing admirably with the bat.

An inconsistent batting line-up has also hurt the squad with captain Campbell Holland being forced to continually replace absent or out of form players, and resulting in this year's list of debutants growing weekly.

Included in that group is a young crop of players who can gain some invaluable experience at the highest level as Warrandyte simply plays

out the season. Among them is Ben McMellan who showed class with 108 in Round 5 for the Seconds, Tim Baker impressed with his pace and Brandon Stafford proves to be a tireless worker with the ball.

The First XI has faced issues with both bat and ball through the middle of the season, and coming back from the Christmas break was sitting on a five-game losing streak, unable to notch a win ever since its solid start to the season. In addition, Warrandyte's bowlers have not taken 10 wickets in the past four matches, having to turn to part-time operators, or being let down by sloppy fielding. Then there have been the batting woes, potentially resolved in the win over Eastfield by a great partnership between Chris Barry and Dave Mooney who pushed the boys over the line. Before that, only two half-centuries to White, and a classy 81 from Tyson Brent, have shown up Warrandyte's inability to

have more than one or two players put up their hand with good form each match.

Holland will be looking to work with his team and, most importantly, try to stabilise the line-up with 2013/14 already in his sights.

Seconds struggling too

The Seconds have suffered similar issues, having people either constantly dropping out or being promoted, making it a tough challenge for skipper Stewart Smead.

With a squad that is much better than its win/lose ratio (1-7) suggests, Warrandyte is stuck at the bottom of the Steve Pascoe Shield, but a fantastic victory against Croydon North highlighted the class the team is able to produce.

Thirds fly the flag

The Third XI, sitting second on the ladder, is likely to be the only Warrandyte team to play in the finals.

It is a great effort from the team, with a lot of the younger members of the junior squad backing up in the afternoon and producing great efforts for their more senior teammates.

Fourth fall short

The Fourth XI has been the biggest loser in the shortage of players department, having to scrounge around for players most weeks and, unfortunately, forfeit a few results. However, nearing the end of the season the team looks more its former successful self with Greg Warren, Daniel Wellesley, and Grant Hartmann continuing to plunder opposition bowling and batting line-ups.

Firsts – Round 5: Warrandyte 126 (White 52) lost to Croydon Rangers 5/276 (B Taylor 2/1). Round 6: Warrandyte 220 (Brent 81, Mooney 43) lost to Kilsyth 5/247 (Brent 1/8). Round 7: Warrandyte 134 (White 51) lost to Templeton 0/135. Round 8: Warrandyte 6/155 (Barry 37, Mooney 37) d Eastfield 7/150 (Gaffney 3/21)

Seconds – Round 5: Warrandyte 303 (McMellan 108, Hartmann 64) lost to Croydon Rangers 6/328 (Beardall 2/36). Round 6: Warrandyte 219 (Zach 64) lost to Kilsyth 9/230 (Smead 3/47). Round 7: Warrandyte 111 (Beardall 31) lost to Templeton 7/277 (Duffell 2/6). Round 8: Warrandyte 8/150 (Warren 41) d Croydon North 129 (Lincoln 5/16)

Thirds – Round 7: Warrandyte 9/214 (Bowen 78, Revell 74) lost to St Andrews 8/275 (Gidley 4/31). Round 8: Warrandyte 175 (Day 42) d South Warrandyte 9/166 (Prangley 3/41). Round 9: Warrandyte 7/260 (Barry 72, Revell 59) d Croydon Ranges 6/252 (Barry 3/50). Round 10: Warrandyte 9/118 (Zach 32) lost to Montrose (Minns 4/45). Round 11: Warrandyte 100 (Nilsson 39) lost to Croydon Ranges 6/226.

Fourth – Round 7: Warrandyte forfeit to Templeton. Round 8: Warrandyte 4/185 (Khatry 50) lost to South Warrandyte 4/201 (Sekhon 1/19). Round 9: Warrandyte 8/190 (Khatry 48) lost to Mooroolbark 4/193 (Greve 2/36). Round 10: Warrandyte 9/299 (Wellesley 70, Warren 68) lost to Montrose 9/201 (Warren 3/16). Round 11: Warrandyte 4/340 (Wellesley 140, Hartmann 89) lost to Mooroolbark 4/356 (Warren 2/80).

Hawks close in on finals

By FRANS BROUWER

COLMAN Park will be humming during March, with four senior, three junior and one veterans teams sitting in the four or just outside.

Recent good form by individual players has translated into solid wins. The success of the senior teams is partly due to significant contributions by junior and veterans players such as Josh Exley (A Grade), Zep and Adam Johnson (G Grade), and James and Peter Fayle (I Grade).

The only downside is the Firsts (Trollope Shield) who are last, but just percentage behind ninth. Winning at least two of the remaining matches against fifth, sixth and eighth could avoid relegation.

The loss of players has not helped, with two in particular featuring elsewhere since Christmas. Nathan Willoughby scored 118 for the Hawthorn-Monash Uni Second XI on January 12, and Steve Garrett played an unaccustomed support role with 47 n/o during Cameron White's 229 n/o for Richmond on January 19. The form Hawks player is Josh Barrett who, after missing Round 1, has figures of 42 and 2/27, 67 and 4/54, 5, 56 and 2/30, 44 and 2/38, 31, and 30 and 4/23. Captain Ben Neagle also has some respectable figures – scores of 49, 40 and 31, and bowling figures of 4/33 and 3/34. As mentioned last *Diary*, spinner Tom Hall had been promoted from the Third XI to the Second XI. Since Christmas, he has played for the First XI, taking 1/27 and 1/28 off eight overs in each match.

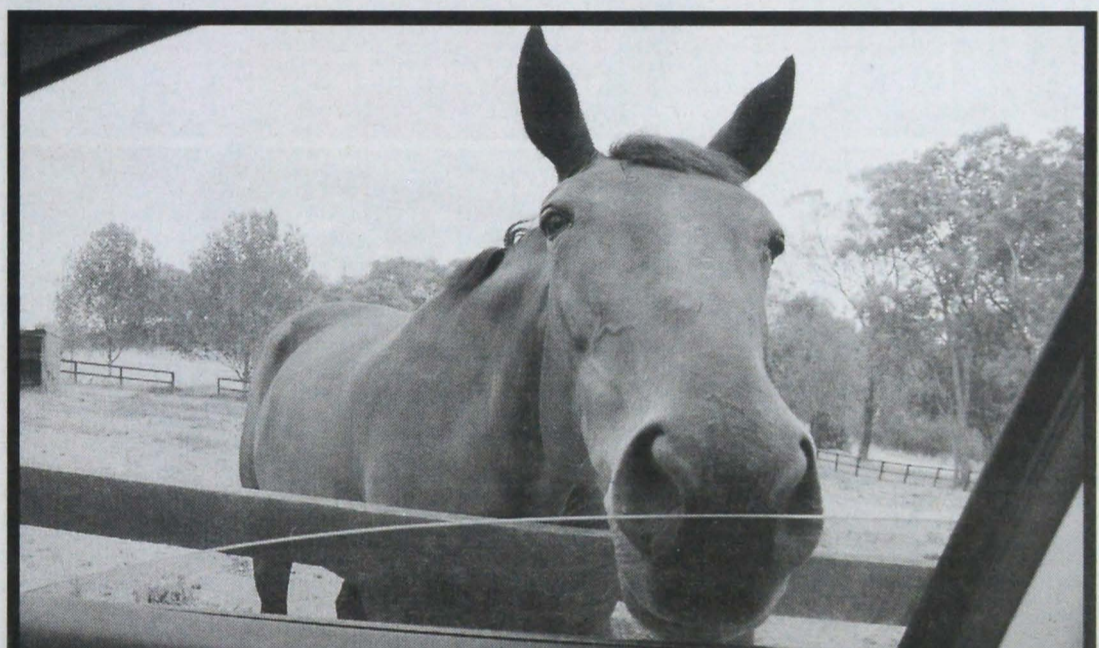
Since the last *Diary*, the A Grade team has won four out of five matches, and sits third – a game and percentage ahead of fifth. The results are being shared around, with no standout player.

D Grade is fifth, just a half-game away from third and fourth, and level with sixth in a very tight grade.

G grade lost its second match for the season, but remains top. The team cannot miss the finals, but its focus remains top spot and a home ground advantage. Zep Johnson lowered his colours to U14 son Adam in Round 10 – 28 runs to 46. In the same match Simon Adams took 5/19. I Grade has picked up a few new players including relatives and friends of current players. This has helped with selection of full sides each week, leading to four straight wins and fourth spot – 12 points ahead of fifth – and with matches against third, sixth and first-placed teams to come.

The Juniors are doing well. In U16-2 the Hawks are third, but just two points ahead of three teams. Mitch Chappell 70 and 50, Jarrah Sofarnos 77, Tom Hollins 44 and 58 have starred.

The Hawks are top of U14-2. Michael Gibbons did not bat in Round



HEY NEIGH-BOUR! WELCOME TO TANDIVALE

THERE was a little bit of horsing around at Tandivale Equestrian Centre's resumption of Term 1 activities on Australia Day weekend.

Roger Van Sonsbeek (below) and his daughter Meg received a warm greeting by Archie, Tandivale's resident grey who also took the time to check out how Roger's mileage was travelling on his dashboard before Bubby (above) greeted *Diary* sports editor Scott Podmore when he arrived to take some photographs.

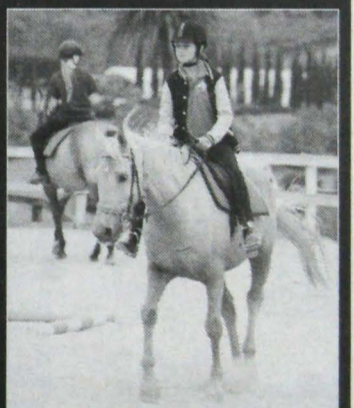
The Centre welcomes back the many returning students who have embraced and enjoyed Tandivale's commitment to teaching and learning about every aspect of horse care, ownership and riding.

Established in 1976, Tandivale has

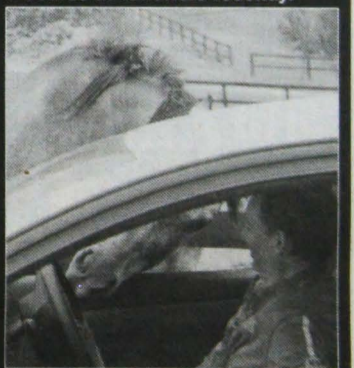
been operating under the continued guidance of dedicated horse riding professionals ever since. Only 28km from the Melbourne CBD, the Centre is an eastern suburbs institution. The teaching programs are structured and ongoing.

While the Centre actively encourages newcomers to experience the joys of riding, a safe, systematic and comprehensive equine education for children and adults is the ultimate aim. Term 1 is fully booked, with a waiting list still in place. To book for Term 2, contact the centre as soon as possible. Term 2 begins Saturday, April 13 and runs until Sunday, June 30.

Bookings for the April School Holiday Program will fill quickly so anyone interested is advised to call quickly.



Ellie Waymouth takes Coby through a course at Tandivale recently.



1, but has since scored 30 n/o, 36 n/o, 24, 32 and 53 n/o, while Nick Condon has 51 n/o, 50 n/o, 9, 19, 55 n/o and 22. Tristan Hansen has eight wickets at an average of 7.6, but also has scores of 23 and 31. The U12-2s are third, but need to keep winning, as they are just six points ahead of fifth. Nicholas Walker's 57 n/o and

3/10 deserve mention. In Veterans cricket, the Masters One team is fourth. Zep Johnson is carrying his Seniors form into Vets with scores of 23, 34, 39, and 40 n/o. Masters Three is last with no wins. Matt Jenkins' 31 and 3/23 in Round 3 was the highlight. Legends (Over 50s) are fifth with

one win. Mick English (43 n/o and 45 n/o) and Ian Jones (3/28 and 2/19) are the standouts. On the social front, Pinks Stumps Day is on February 16 (a week early to coincide with a Firsts home game), Trivia Night is on March 2, and Presentation Night is on April 13 at Chirnside Club.

Juniors hot off the bat

THE summer heat matched the hot action of Warrandyte's rising stars of the cricket field as Round 4 saw the Bloods Under 12s playing Montrose at home.

Captain Harper Dehmlmann, in his first season, led the bowling attack with a stingy 1/5 off four overs and his partner in crime is new strike bowler Max Coutts who snared 2/14. Ethan Ward chipped in for a handy two wickets, while Brady Poole, Jack Welch, Aidan Prescott, Tom Jackson and Ben Jackson all collected a wicket on the way to restricting Montrose to 134 runs.

The fielding was a real highlight with "that man" Brady Poole, smiling assassin Tom McKenzie and Ben Jackson all taking two catches each, with the team continuing to build its reputation as a strong fielding unit.

Having been set a challenging target, the Bloods batsmen chased it down with intent. Hudson Rostron made a great 30 (retired) and with Bailey Bowyer (26) formed a batting partnership that set the team on the road to victory.

Solid contributions from Ben Jackson (7), Aidan Prescott (7), Tom McKenzie (10) and "Extras" (62), and the young Bloods notched up their third win for the season with a final score of 154.

Round 5 began after the Christmas break and, rather than being rusty, the players seemed to have "grown another leg". Bailey Bowyer had a magnificent captain's game with 22 runs and 2/10, including two wickets in the first over of Scoresby's innings.

Aidan Prescott was the anchor of the innings with 30 (retired), as his teammates rallied around him setting a competitive 5/171 for Scoresby.

Aidan also chipped in with a wicket, along with a wicket from Tom Jackson and Tom McKenzie who benefitted from a great catch behind by Patrick Grocott.

The Bloods earned their fourth victory out of six games this season, restricting Scoresby to 5/153 and – fingers crossed – a finals berth is awaiting this enthusiastic bunch of cricketers.

MEANWHILE, Warrandyte U16s were impressive with a Round 6 win over North Ringwood. The team scored 8/133 while the visitors were all out for 102. Joel Bumpstead was impressive with his unbeaten 62 and Will Coard made 18 to help secure the win.

Luke Killey again showed good form taking 4/12 after 10 overs.

Round 7 saw Warrandyte at home taking on the unbeaten Wonga Park. The visitors made 4/194 before bowling out Warrandyte for 128.

Warrandyte's Darcy Trenfield made the highest score of his career with 24 while Joel Bumpstead was stumped for 33, Mark Baker was unbeaten on 18 and Ben Sproat bowled for 8. Wicket takers were J Stanley, D Trenfield, R Reardon and Darcy Poole. Poole took his first U16 wicket by combining with his brother Jack, who caught a beauty in slips. Wonga Park's Ben White made 60 n/o, Joseph Ayliffe scored a terrific 50 n/o and Ryan Adams made a career-best 33.

Boom recruit arrives



WARRANDYTE Basketball's 2013 Big V campaign has taken another significant step forward with the arrival of Ohio native, power forward James Hicks (left).

Coming on the back of recruits Jonny Lee and Brenton Charles, the Indiana Tech graduate is set to add another dimension to coach Arnold Giffening's unit as he goes about mounting a challenge for this year's Division One title. The Wilson Security Senior Men are deep into their pre-season ahead of a mid-March opening clash.

"James has tremendous leadership qualities, and definitely fits our No.1 recruiting policy in being a quality person," Giffening says.

"Our whole focus is on producing a team that plays hard, but always does it together, and James has

proven throughout his career to be a real team player."

Hicks is excited about meeting everyone at Warrandyte and looking forward to working with Giffening.

"I look forward to becoming a great asset to the team as well as the fans. Nothing better than winning games and helping out with the supporters, because without them this sport I love wouldn't be where it is today," Hicks says. "I intend to take my experiences, knowledge, wisdom and talents to the next level of success here with the Venom. I've heard nothing but compliments of the culture and its endeavours, which I will treasure during my stay."

General Manager Justin Nelson says Hicks will be an invaluable club person, which is always a priority for the club when bringing in inter-

national recruits.

"It's one thing to play, it's another to fit in with a club's culture and we are confident that James ticks both of those boxes," Nelson told the *Diary*.

"We are a young club and we are very focused on building the right disciplines for now and for the future, so it goes without saying that when you bring a player into the club it has to be someone who will help with that vision and James shows all the qualities that we want our young and aspiring players to have."

Hicks is expected to arrive in early February and will be ready for Round 1 of the Big V season in early March. The Wilson Security Senior Men will also be wearing a new uniform this season with details expected to be released in the near future.



Venom fires up with 32 team entries

By TONY OLIVER

FROM humble beginnings in 1974, the Eltham Basketball Tournament has grown to be the largest junior basketball tournament in the world, featuring 990 teams with a whopping 9000 competitors.

The tournament continued to expand and combined in 1996 with Dandenong. Ever since it has been regarded as the "must enter" tournament, giving teams in Friday night basketball competition an excellent way to start the next phase of grading.

This year Warrandyte Venom fielded 32 teams, 21 boys teams and 11 girls teams, and came away with one premiership, three runners-up while six other teams reached the playoffs.

The Premiership flag went to the Venom's Under 16 AR boys who had a very close win, 31-29, against Oakleigh.

Warrandyte had earned its place in the grand final after a come-from-behind 26-25 win against Eltham earlier in the day at the Doncaster Leads St venue. The grand final was similar with a slow start to the Venom who trailed 17-8 at the break. The flow of the game changed and Warrandyte lifted the tempo in offence and in defence to take the initiative away from Oakleigh.

Fast transition and some excellent outside shooting wrested the game away from Oakleigh's keeping.

With three minutes remaining, a 5-point lead to the Venom seemed enough, however, there was still life in the game.

With just seconds to go, Oakleigh put up an outside shot that sailed through the net. But the shooter was fouled and Oakleigh went to the free throw line for a bonus shot. A desperate attempt to bounce the ball off the ring with a potential rebound and points failed and the Venom were able to close out the game.

Coach Beau Bentley said afterwards: "This has been a good weekend because we have learnt how to win the close games. Last year in Round 1 grading we lost some close ones and this year we seem to have worked out how to grind out wins in tight games. We need to continue to put pressure both in offence and defence, and keep the opposition off balance."

Leading point scorers in the final were Connor McGrath with 11 (including two from outside the circle) and 10 to Jordan Hallett.

The Under 20 Girls, coached by Warren Haigh, went down in a close battle with the Outlaws, a team from South Australia. That was a similar result to last year when both teams fought it out for the premiership flag, with the Outlaws winning that game by a few points.

This game was similar with little separating the two, but the Venom girls held a slight advantage for most of the game.

Leading 27-23 at the break, Venom was run down in the final minutes



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and the Outlaws took the points 47-43.

Mollie Burke scored 13 points with 10 to Casey Taylor and eight to Meg Kershaw.

"A great tournament, a great final," said outgoing coach Haigh, who is handing over the reigns. "It could have gone either way in the end."

"They just hit some shots where as ours just missed. Remember they beat us by 33 points in the round robin phase!"

George Demos's Under 16 B2 Boys went down to Blackburn in their grand final 23-16. The Venom was never able to put enough pres-

sure on Blackburn to threaten, although the margin was always close.

Pat Barkla was the main scorer for the Venom with seven, with three from Jackson Lowe and two each from Lachie O'Neill, Damon Kemp and Lachlan Hirst.

The Venom's other grand finalists were the Under 16 B1 Girls who went down 32-30 to Waverley. Although not making the grand final game, Lydia McGinty's regional Under 14 Boys were defeated by the ultimate section winners Kilsyth 26-12 in their semi final.

The Venom was trailing 17-8 at the break and were never able to

exert enough pressure to unsettle the Kilsyth side.

Three points were scored by Bailey Stelfox, Stephan Giusto and Ciaran Davidson.

Earlier in the day, Daniel McShanag's Under 14 Boys went down to Ringwood 27-17 in their C4/CD semi final.

"This will set us up well for the season, which is the objective of this tournament," the coach said. "The boys developed very well during the tournament with some awesome team work".

Sean Stephens (7) and Ryan Heywood (6) were the Venom's best contributors.

Ahoy there, mates!

Warrandyte friends Andrew Dugan and Craig Robison (above) are embarking on a long-held dream to sail their Hobie 16 from Sydney down along the coast to Melbourne. The pair has loaded safety equipment as well as cooking and camping gear so they can pull up on the beach each night. Depending on the weather, the trip should take about 10 to 14 days. Follow their blog at travelpod.com/members/lucy2013.

Sheehan scores OAM

Former South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club player, Kevin Sheehan, of AFL fame, was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day honours list recently.

Tennis festival fun

Fired up after the action of the Australian Open, Warrandyte Tennis Club will be seizing the chance to add an activity to its 'radar serve' featured at past Warrandyte Festivals. This year the club will provide free Hot Shots Tennis for the family on four mini courts, located on the grass area between Siggant St and the footbridge.

Club open day

Meanwhile, the club will be hosting an Open day on Sunday, February 17. All activities are free. On offer will be tennis lessons, Hot Shots competitions, Cardio Tennis, Speed Serving, Target Hitting, social play and more. At the conclusion of the on-court program there will be a free sausage sizzle and the bar will be open for refreshments. For further details contact Craig Haslam on 0488 722 538 or info@thetennisinguru.com.au.

Get ready to run

Run Warrandyte's annual Fun Run is back, coinciding with the Warrandyte Junior Football Club's registration day and sausage sizzle on February 10. The run kicks off at 8am while registration for this year's junior footy teams begins at 9am at the clubrooms. WJFC president Ross Snowball urges all players, old and new, to roll up on the day and put their name down for the season ahead. "It's an exciting time at the club as we move forward. Youth girls are particularly welcome, we're looking for more players," Snowball says.



Rising stars' day in the sun

By MICHELLE PINI

TWELVE Warrandyte tennis players, aged five to 11, donned special court access security passes and hats and enjoyed VIP status, as well as a television appearance, at the Australian Open for a day last month.

They met Channel 7's Mark Barretta of *Sunrise* at Margaret Court Arena and were filmed in a live cross having a hit in the background. The program's Kochie, Sam and Nat later joined the group for the finale. It was a once in a lifetime tennis and television experience for the kids.

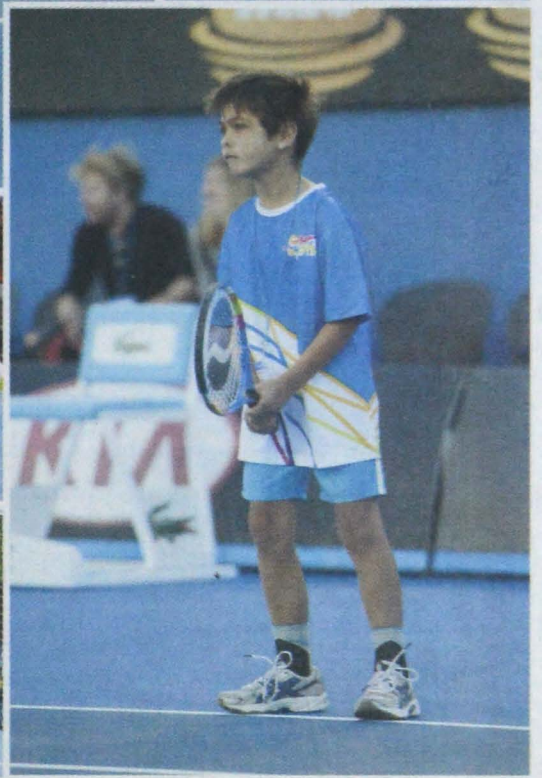
As if the *Sunrise* experience wasn't impressive enough, 12 Warrandyte Tennis Club Hot Shots participants also opened Hisense Arena on Day 1 of the Open. They ran enthusiastically onto the court and demonstrated their skills to the crowd. The kids rallied and played little matches to the delight of the crowd for 30 minutes. Coach Craig Haslam was inundated with spectator comments that included "they are so cute!"

"These kids ran onto a huge stadium and played tennis completely independent of adult support for 30 minutes. The demonstration was not rehearsed, it was just kids having the time of their life - I was so proud of them," Haslam said.

Hot Shot Blake Haslam was also asked to toss the coin for the match involving Venus Williams.

On Day 2, another six lucky Warrandyte Hot Shot stars were on Court 8 rallying and playing tennis and having fun. These kids were given special security passes to allow them on court to showcase their skills. This time Nick Felicissimo was invited to toss the coin for the match. Determined not to do any old toss, he practiced over and over with the central umpire before the players made their way to the court.

On Day 3, Warrandyte Tennis Club and a further six junior players were once again out on Hisense arena. The little Hot Shot stars were escorted through the dark passageways under the stadium while their parents and the public gathered in the stands. They ran out onto the court like rock stars. This time it was Lachlan Spence who was the lucky Hot Shot to toss the coin for the Nicolas Almagro match.



Shinboner Shipp anchored in football history

Laurie Shipp may have sailed in a different era, but Glenn Archer wasn't the only local to don the blue and white, discovers BRIANNA PIAZZA.

Brianna: Hello Mr Shipp, please tell the Diary readers about your time with North Melbourne Football Club in the best footy competition in the land.

Laurie: I played footy for North Melbourne from 1949 to 1951. My first season with North Melbourne was the first time ever that North finished on top of the ladder as minor premiers. We beat every team in the competition, except Essendon. After that, things started to get a bit sticky for me because I qualified engineering and my superiors told me I had to make up my mind whether to be an engineer or a footballer, so I had no choice really. Back in those days I'd bring in like \$8 a game, there was no future in football so I had to ease off.

When did you decide to play at elite level?

I started taking an interest in football at about seven. This was back in the days where you didn't intentionally make a profession out of football - it was more of a hobby than a profession. I guess one of the things that spurred me was I went to the finals in 1945, as the war was coming to an end, and that was the game with the bloodbath.

Players were being suspended all over the place - that was when I decided it looked like good fun!

Tell us about how you were drafted.

I was in the process of qualifying as an engineer and I was sent to the Latrobe Valley. I played with Moe for the last part of the season. As a result of that I got invitations from Essendon and Footscray - but not North Melbourne. I went to Footscray to play but then North Melbourne suddenly caught up with the fact that I was doing this and they basically said I was a North Melbourne resident and I had to play with them. I was a North supporter anyway, so I accepted and went along.

Do you have any team stories you want to share?

Back in those days there wasn't strict discipline about what you did before a game. It was basically no drinking, no big meals, and try to get plenty of sleep. One night before a game I went to a ball until late and things were busy around the house the next morning, so I only got about three hours sleep. At the game I was doing all right



in the first half, dashing around at high speed, but still not feeling crash hot. At one stage I kicked the ball in the wrong direction (laughs). My coach wasn't very happy at all. Then about half time they carted me off to the club doctor because I collapsed and he examined me. He said I wasn't getting enough sleep and so he prescribed me sleeping tablets!

We hear that you were the first AFL footballer pioneering the use of contact lenses?

Yes, I had eye problems since I was



about 14 and I managed to get myself fitted for some. There's no way I could have played without them when I was with North Melbourne. I was the only one at that stage wearing contact lenses. I think within a couple of years quite a few other players were using them. In the first final that we played at the MCG, I dropped my lens and lost it. Everybody searched everywhere but couldn't find it. Luckily I had a spare. The National Sports Museum were putting on a special display and it was the hidden stories of the MCG, concentrating

on events at the MCG, that people probably wouldn't know about, and they used my contact lenses for a display.

Do you still keep up with footy these days?

In recent years several things have cropped up that yank me back to the heady footy years. The club keeps me involved as much as possible with what's going on.

I'm a member of the North Melbourne Past Players and Officials Association, and the AFL Players' Association.

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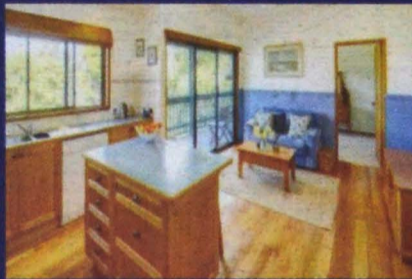
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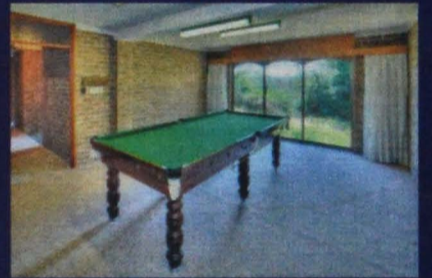
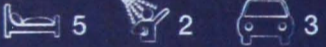
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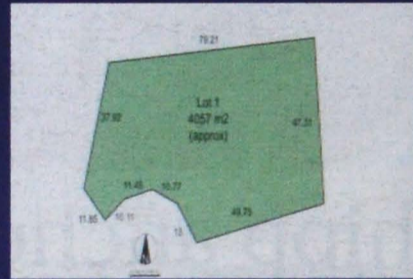
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