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Centre power shock

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

Community groups about to move back into the refurbished Warrandyte Community Centre were concerned when they learned that electrical cabling at the centre had been condemned.

However, Manningham council believes the centre will be ready for tenants in early August, despite this last minute setback.

At a progress meeting held mid-July, council project manager Dario Bolzonello informed centre tenants of a late complication, declaring only

a limited amount of power would be available while they are moving in.

He explained supply would be enough to provide power and lighting but would not be sufficient to operate air conditioning systems.

In a media statement, council CEO Joe Carbone told the *Diary* council had initially been advised by SPAus-Net of the problem and was working with them to rectify it as soon as possible.

He anticipated there would only be a short delay in obtaining the full power supply.

Mr Carbone felt the circumstance should not overly inconvenience tenants because at this stage they are only fitting out their tenancies.

He advised council had looked at options for a contingency plan that would involve connecting a temporary generator as a short-term solution to provide the entire building's needs if full power was not available after the tenants had moved in.

In this event, he believed there should not be any concern for tenants because modern generators are supplied with regulators and surge

protectors.

Diary tenant representative Jock Macneish said although the news was unfortunate he was impressed with the trust council had placed in the tenants, which he felt encouraged open communication.

"We have been involved in an inclusive partnership, meeting monthly with council since the beginning of 2012 to discuss the progression of this renovation.

"Building projects often experience difficulties, however if a problem occurs nearer to completion it's much

harder to solve because there is no time left in which to do so."

Given the situation, Mr Macneish believes council offered a reasonable solution.

"The outcome illustrates the good faith built through both parties attending regular progress meetings.

"All the tenants said they would be willing to work with council rather than delay the move," Jock said.

"All power to Manningham's project team for prioritising the on-time delivery of this high-quality, complex community project."



Joseph updated! Rehearsals are underway at Warrandyte High School for their latest theatrical production. This year it's the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical *Joseph* and the *Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, set in a contemporary school environment.
● Performances are on Thursday 5, Friday 6 and two performances on Saturday, September 7. All tickets are \$20 and bookings can be made via www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

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— American proverb

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OUR NEWSPAPER

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A SPECIAL PLACE

Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 27km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. It soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.

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OVER THE HILLS

By **JOCK MACNEISH**



In the cold hard light of winter, Warrandyte residents get ready for the coming season of bushfires....

A stain on his character

THE pinnacle of home improvement is the deck, and no Warrandyte home is complete without one. Two if you live in Bradley's Lane and the sky's the limit in Oakland Drive.

Neville had scanned the *Diary* for local tradies and got Gran to ring Bill at Earthpeople so they could get the pensioner discount. And it was a beauty. A masterpiece in merbau. Perched off the family room with a sliding door decorated with little white squares and a flywire screen the dog had shredded within the week. What better place to fire up the barbie, stretch out on the banana lounge and trim your toenails without worrying where the clippings go?

Now all that was left was to stain it. Neville came home from Bunnings with a large can of Cabot's, a roller on a long pole and a cunning attachment described on the wrapper as ideal for reaching between the planks without ever mentioning the word useless. The last time he'd bought a can of stain Neville paid in pounds, shillings and pence and he was a bit surprised to find it's gone up since then; there was just enough change from a hundred dollars to buy a sausage in bread on the way out.

Neville rested the paint tray on a stool and began spreading stain along the handrails, which soaked the stuff up quicker than the Collingwood cheer squad. It's amazing how much interest such a project can attract. People love to watch other people work



living with The Trotts

Narelle sat on the steps pointing out bits Neville had missed. Gran stood in the doorway watching for drips. And Barney from next door, ever the master of observation, leaned over the fence and said, "You staining the deck?"

Even the cat from number 47 wanted to watch and decided the best available vantage point would be from the stool beside Neville. The one with the paint tray on it. The paint tray she sat in.

Narelle said it was an accident waiting to happen. Gran screamed at the cat to get

out of the bloody paint tray. And Barney said, "Ah see, you shouldn't have shouted at her like that."

The startled cat upended the paint tray as it leapt from the stool, darted between Gran's legs across the family room, scooted up the stairs, knocked over a lamp on the landing and sprang onto the marital bed, leaving a trail of Californian Redwood every step of the way.

The thing about Do it Yourself is that it has a nasty habit of turning into Pay a Man to fix it.

The carpet cleaners said getting oil-based marks out of carpet was a very tricky business but they spared no expense trying. The new lampshade had to come

from Italy, by private jet to judge from the price. Though the patch of Redwood paw prints actually looked quite good on the Aboriginal dot painting doona cover.

Of course everyone blamed Neville. Narelle said he should never have put the tray on the stool in the first place. Gran said Californian Redwood went out with the ark. And Barney said if he'd used that recycled composite stuff he wouldn't have had to stain it at all.

No one seemed to blame the cat, not even Neville. He just cleaned the stain off her paws with turps and smiled every time she went to lick them.

ALAN CORNELL

Bunkers or Bunkum? You be the judge...

To build a bushfire bunker or not, that is the question!

At least, it will be the question at the Warrandyte Community Association "Bunkers or Bunkum" forum which will invite local residents, fire experts from CSIRO and CFA and fire bunker manufacturers to share their experiences, designs and concerns.

"Fire bunkers are quite controversial and this will be an opportunity to explore the pros and cons," WCA president Dick Davies said.

"Whilst they are a small component of the overall range of measures taken to protect against bushfire threat, an increasing number of Warrandyte residents are installing them."

The forum, part of the WCA "Be Ready Warrandyte - Living with Bushfire Risk" program, will be held on Thursday, September 19 commencing 7pm at the Warrandyte Community Church.

● Further information from Jodi Clark 9844 5855 or www.warrandyte.org.au.



Visit your refurbished community centre

By MICHELLE PINI

The Warrandyte Community Centre will open for business this month. The much anticipated refurbishment will see Warrandyte Neighbourhood House, Information Warrandyte, Lions Op Shop and the *Warrandyte Diary* move in the week commencing August 12, ready for trade on August 16 (hopefully).

The community centre redevelopment will feature a new, comprehensive library facility which Cr Yang described as "a centrepiece in building community life". The library moving process commenced on August 1 and it will be open to the public on August 20.

The official opening, by invitation only, will take place on September 16.

A community open day is planned for Saturday, October 19 between 11am and 3pm and will feature a range of family-oriented and general community activities as well as tours of the building. Manningham CEO Joe Carbone said the open day aims to "provide the community the opportunity to view the newly refurbished facility, to promote the services operating in

the centre and generate interest and support for the centre".

Manningham mayor Jennifer Yang described the redevelopment as "an outstanding result for the local community" and said the upgraded facility "will expand the number of services and programs on offer and have a positive impact on community health and well-being".

Cr Yang said the redevelopment will also "improve connectivity and provide a real focal point for community life".

"The redevelopment of this modern and accessible facility has been a wonderful collaboration between council, state government, user groups and Warrandyte Community Financial Services (Bendigo Bank)."

Signs of trouble at sporting clubs

By MICHELLE PINI

A controversial move by Manningham council to ban sponsorship signage for sporting clubs, except while games are being played, is causing concern for local clubs.

The banner review, passed in August last year, will see local sporting clubs displaying and removing sponsorship signs every match day and will impact clubs in "visually sensitive locations" including Hussey Lane, Domeney, Bulleen, Buck and Warrandyte reserves.

Local sporting clubs say the policy, which will be enforced next year, will jeopardise sponsorships and place additional demands on volunteers.

Warrandyte Tennis Club's Neil Sproat described the move as "impractical" and "just another imposition on the ever shrinking band of volunteers". He explained that tennis is played at the club seven days a week, so volunteers will need to be responsible for the laborious task of erecting signs, often in high locations, at the com-

mencement and conclusion of every match. Mr Sproat also expressed concern about sponsorship dollars: "Most sponsors want bang for their buck - the best way to get that impact is to be seen."

A spokesperson for the Warrandyte Football Club (WFC) echoed these sentiments: "WFC struggles for sponsorship in any form but the banners displayed around the oval are seen by sponsors as community recognition of the goodwill they show the club. If they are only to be displayed on match days, sponsors would see this as a significantly diminished return on their investment." He also told the *Diary*, "Volunteers, who can be counted on one hand, will now need to remove about 20 advertising boards from the boundary fence every week."

Manningham council CEO, Joe Carbone conceded that the policy will change "the way the clubs will need to promote and acknowledge the support given by sponsors" and said, "council acknowledges the hard work that

volunteers make to Manningham's recreation and sporting community".

Mr Carbone added that the move will benefit "the many people who visit the reserve on a regular basis to enjoy the landscape uninterrupted." The club's question this, however, saying most people visit the reserve on weekends while sports are being played.

WFC asked: "Are the proposed changes really necessary as we have not received a complaint from the public at any time?"

Mr Sproat said: "One would think that council needs to concentrate on their deal for advertising on bus stops adjacent to Warrandyte Reserve and let the sporting clubs run by volunteers go about their business."

State government MP Ryan Smith said he considers sponsorship an "important revenue component for sporting clubs". He also indicated that he hoped "common sense would prevail with regard to the constant assembly and removal of club signage".



Signing off: This sign would need to be removed almost daily. (Photo by Craig Haslam)

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Sewerage link-up could contain hidden costs

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

Warrandyte residents may be facing high costs to connect to the new North Warrandyte sewer system, which is expected to commence in a few months.

While Yarra Valley Water will pay for the cost of the planning, design and construction of the sewer system, property owners are responsible for costs of disconnecting and decommissioning their septic tank and extending their house plumbing to the sewer connection point, located at the front of their property.

"I think some Warrandyte residents are completely unaware that they may be up for \$10,000 or \$20,000 to comply with this scheme" WCA vice president Jonathan Upson said.

"I have repeatedly asked Yarra Valley Water to nominate a 'fair' maximum out-of-pocket cost for homeowners to connect to the sewer in Warrandyte, and they have so far refused to do so," Mr Upson said.

Yarra Valley Water claims it is difficult to quote an average cost to homeowners as it is dependent on the size of the property, the soil type, topography and style and extent of landscaping in the property.

Yarra Valley Water will support customers who connect within 12 months of the sewer becoming available by waiving the backlog contribution fee and plumbing application fee.

However, "offering to waive the connection fee of \$500 will come as cold comfort to homeowners looking at \$10,000, \$20,000, or potentially more to connect to the sewer system," Mr Upson said.

Residents will also be responsible

for contracting and project managing the connection of their existing plumbing to new sewer points.

"Digging long trenches 500mm deep and 250mm wide through steep rocky ground or finding and negotiating with a horizontal drilling company is something very few, if any, Warrandyte homeowners have experienced. It's obvious that Yarra Valley Water, or their engineering contractor are in a far better position to negotiate such heavy construction services than solitary Warrandyte homeowners," Mr Upson said.

Yarra Valley Water says they have conducted extensive consultation over the past couple of years with residents participating in an online forum enabling them to view plans and have their say on the project.

"By communicating to customers early in the project we aim to include them in the development of the project and give them some time to budget for connection to the sewer," Sam Austin, Yarra Valley Water's general manager of sustainable development services said.

Property owners can opt out of the new system by providing their own onsite wastewater system that complies with the EPA's code of practice.

WCA "recognises, and supports, the environmental benefits of connecting Warrandyte to the sewer system; however, Yarra Valley Water needs to stop dodging the question of how difficult and expensive these connections are going to be for some Warrandyte homeowners," Mr Upson said.

Construction of the project is expected to commence later this year and be completed by late 2014.

One year re

By **KARLY HICKMAN**

The Victorian state government has granted Nillumbik and Manningham councils a one-year reprieve on the reduction of minimum lot sizes in the Warrandyte and Warrandyte West of Tindal's Road.

lot size – even for just one year," WCA vice president Jonathan Upson said. Manningham councillor Paul McLeish told the *Diary*: "This decision is important in preserving the precious habitat in the buffer zone between Manningham and the Green Wedge."

"While this reprieve is welcome, it is important the state government implements a Ministerial Amendment, or other means, to maintain the current minimum lot size beyond July of next year," Mr Upson said. The alternative would be to force both Nillumbik and Man-

Planning story misinformed

Following the publication in your July edition of the article "One year reprieve", I wish to reassure the residents of Warrandyte on several matters relating to planning in the area, and also clarify some misinformation present in the article.

In March of this year the state government announced significant reforms to the existing planning zones. Part of these reforms was to replace the three existing "residential zones" with an improved six zones system. These new zones provided communities with considerably more latitude to determine which planning zone was best for their area, and are specifically designed to protect the unique aspects of local communities such as Warrandyte, who value the liveability of their streets and walkways.

It is important to note that under the new system it is local councils – not the planning minister – who decide which new zones will apply to which areas within their municipalities, and whether to seek from the planning minister approval for local amendments to those zones in order to maintain specific local characteristics.

From the outset of these changes being announced, councils were permitted 12 months from July 1, 2013 to determine which zones would apply to each area of the community, and whether local amendments were required. This year-long period was to ensure from the outset a proper community consultation process was possible.

Therefore, to describe the minister's announcements as a "reprieve" and for Mr Upson to say that the changes "would open the door to subdivisions" is misleading. In fact, the changeover period is working exactly as it should, with state and local governments using the 12 month window to work together to adjust and implement the best possible zone system for the community, allowing for consultation in both directions.

As the Member for Warrandyte I look forward to continuing to work with residents and the Manningham City Council to implement a result that protects the beautiful environment in Warrandyte that we all love.

Ryan Smith MP
Member for Warrandyte

dear diary
Letters to the *Diary* on local topics are welcome. They may be edited for reasons of style, length or legality.

Sheep shows good taste

Over the last two weeks (that I know of – could be longer) there has been a sheep feasting on various gardens in Bradleys Lane, as the mood takes it.

It is wearing a collar so, presumably, it is someone's pet.

But no-one has been able to catch it or tie it up. It's much too wily!

And the ranger told me "we don't do sheep".

It appears to know its way along the river track and enters properties from there at will.

We don't have a photo to submit, unfortunately, because it hasn't been seen for a couple of days, but if the *Diary* could cover the story, maybe an owner would come forward?

It spent a couple of days in the backyard of #85 while we were away (judging from the amount of poo) and enjoyed cyclamens, peace lilies and many other delicacies.

At #42 it devoured as much as it could reach of two cumquat trees, and other attractive native plant offerings. Grass seems to be not all that interesting by comparison!

Hoping you can help us find an owner!

Jan Biram
Bradleys Lane

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CFA: 75 years protecting our community

By **RENEE BISSCHEROUX**

Late last month, Warrandyte CFA commemorated 75 years of service to the community. To mark this occasion, brigade members were joined by CFA delegates and representatives from surrounding brigades at their annual dinner.

CFA chief officer Euan Ferguson was a special guest and congratulated the brigade for their efforts over its 75 years of operation.

The brigade was originally formed in February, 1938 by a group of residents at a public meeting, after continuous threat to the community during the summer period. The

meeting elected Constable Bert Birlhisel as captain, in recognition of his previous efforts in firefighting across the community.

Officially recognised as a brigade on June 24, 1938, by the Bush Fire Brigades Committee, it regularly met in the Warrandyte Hall. At the time, any resident could become a registered member after paying a subscription fee.

However, it was often the case that any available members of the community, both men and women, turned out in the event of a fire.

The newly created brigade's first test was on January 13, 1939, when

extreme drought and high temperatures led to fires in Eltham spreading towards the Warrandyte township. Firefighters only had six water-carrying knapsacks to use to fight the fire, and worked together with Kangaroo Ground brigade to extinguish the flames. While eventually successful, two lives were lost and 160 properties were destroyed, including the South Warrandyte school and hall.

The brigade's first fire station was built in Mitchell Avenue in 1941, at a cost of 67 pounds, using stone quarried in Whipstick Gully. In 1944, the Australian Army and the Allied Works Council loaned Warrandyte

brigade a Fargo truck, the first fire-fighting appliance of the brigade. A combined effort between the community and the brigade raised the funds needed to outfit the Fargo for fire-fighting; an approach effort that continues today.

With help from the community, the brigade moved stations to its current location on Harris Gully Road and expanded their fleet of fire-fighting appliances. Today this includes essential fire-fighting equipment, a tanker, a medium pumper, a forward command vehicle and a rapid response slip-on.

The brigade officially became a

part of the CFA on October 31, 1945, and two further brigades were created in the greater Warrandyte area: South Warrandyte in 1949 and North Warrandyte in 1953.

Since its inception, the brigade has served under 12 captains and its current team of 45 attend around 200 incidents each year. Even though the brigade has undergone significant change in its 75 years, it maintains a proud history of service to the community. Warrandyte CFA would like to thank the community and surrounding brigades for their support over the years, and looks forward to continue serving in the future.

Brigades find funds in unlikely places

By **LYNDA HAMILTON**

Recently, Warrandyte CFA has been the fortunate recipient of some significant donations that have come from unlikely donors. Many people are unaware that the brigade self-funds around 95 per cent of its operating costs each year and is heavily dependent on donations and fundraisers from the community.

Recent donations have been gratefully received and will contribute to the brigade's goal of replacing one of its outdated appliances.

In early May, the Couyant family from Templestowe opened their spacious native garden, "Melliodora" to the public, as part of the Open Gardens Australia program.

Open Gardens is a national, not-for-profit organisation that works with private owners to promote the benefits of gardening.

This is achieved by opening gar-

dens for public viewing, with around 500 gardens opened each season. A percentage of the entry fee is donated to a not-for-profit or charity and the Couyant family chose the Warrandyte CFA.

Another donor, Mission Australia Employment Solutions hosted an art exhibition entitled, Reflection, Imitation, Experience, in June. This first time event assisted long-term unemployed job seekers who created and donated pieces of art and furniture for auction. Job seekers' creative talents were highlighted whilst their business and project management skills were used to manage the project.

Work experience co-ordinator, Michelle McCormack was thrilled with the 100 or so visitors who attended and will use the success of this year's exhibition to create a similar event next year. Through this project, long-

term unemployed job seekers were able to contribute to Warrandyte CFA for the greater benefit of the community.

The final donor, the Crystal Brook Tourist Park hosted a Christmas in July event for the public in early July. The event included a delicious spit roast dinner and a special visit from Santa, who arrived by fire engine to deliver presents to all the children. Park manager, Robyn Pearce estimated 75 people attended this year and it's hoped more will be involved next year. Funds again will be donated to the brigade.

These community-based donations are always accepted with gratitude by Warrandyte CFA. Funds are used to maintain essential equipment and appliances, train volunteers and purchase new equipment, such as the new rapid response appliance, the "slip on".



Homeland heroes: Captain Adrian Mullens, fire-fighters Sam Ainslee, Lynda Hamilton and Bec Watters with Mission Australia Employment Solutions representatives: Work Experience Co-ordinator, Michelle McCormack, Work Experience Supervisor, Dale Hardy, Nicole Cordina, Cassandra Reiffel, Anton Aupic, Rachael Cornell and Nicholas Waite.



Mrs Robertson's tea rooms. (Picture: Warrandyte Historical Society)



Folkart as it appears today. (Picture by Claire Pini)

Historic building still on market

By MICHELLE PINI

The iconic building which houses retail store, Folkart, is still up for sale. After 92 years in the same family, Warrandyte's former Wine Hall went up for auction recently but was passed in. Despite high buyer interest and a good turnout on

auction day, bidding was concluded with a vendor bid of \$750,000 and the freehold property remains on the market.

At the time the *Diary* was going to print, Glenn Martin of Landfield Real Estate said whilst a formal offer on the property had not yet been received, two separate interested parties were in negotiations with Manningham Council and Heritage Victoria. He also disclosed that the process can be "time consuming" and that both interested parties had indicated a desire to restore the historic building to its original condition.

The property, which holds a colourful past, was the centre of communal life in Warrandyte in the early 1900s and has remained a significant Warrandyte landmark with only two

owners in its 123-year history.

Although many changes have occurred behind the historical façade, the essence of the building has remained intact. It is protected by historical and environmental overlays and is described by Heritage Victoria as a "significant" Warrandyte landmark.

Advertising has described the building as conveniently located with panoramic views and with outstanding potential for subdivision and commercial applications (subject to council approval).

Owner Wendy Duncan described the sale of the property, which belonged to her grandmother, as "emotional" and said she would be "very happy if someone could love it and make it what it used to be."

LATE NEWS: Historic building sold

Glenn Martin of Landfield Real Estate has informed the *Diary* that the Folkart building has been sold. We understand the new owner intends to use it as a residence.

CLYDE & OCKER



"Why are council blokes putting the sulo bins on concrete pads with cages around them, Ock?"
"To stop people putting rubbish in them!"

Support for Free Trade arrives in Manningham

Manningham residents and local businesses have banded together to support the Fair Trade movement and have achieved recognition as a Fair Trade Community.

Fair Trade aims to ensure that farmers and producers in developing countries are paid a living wage and can afford basic food, healthcare and education.

The use of fair trade products helps to enable small-scale farmers and plantation workers across the world to have safe working conditions, receive a fair price for their crops and labour and develop the skills they need to create a sustainable business environment.

In July last year, Manningham council resolved to take the steps to become a Fair Trade community under ac-

creditation by the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand.

As part of this process, council and the community fulfilled a number of goals including:

- Establishment of a Fair Trade steering group to promote fair trade in Manningham.

- Fair Trade launch, featuring Marilyn Parker (founder of fair trade accredited business, Jasper Coffee) as keynote speaker, attracting around 80 guests.

- Fair Trade page featured on council's website.

- New Fair Trade listing on Manningham business directory, allowing users to search for fair trade businesses.

- Creation of virtual badges "I Choose Fair for Manningham" for use on social media accounts.

- Online register to pledge support for Fair Trade in Manningham.

- "Keep Cup" promotional giveaways.

- "Train your parents to choose Fair" campaign and school visits.

Mayor, Cr Jennifer Yang, congratulated the steering group on its efforts to promote the Fair Trade movement and commended their commitment to continue representing the community.

"I am really pleased with the results of Council's Fair Trade campaign. Both residents and local businesses have demonstrated a lot of support for Fair Trade and this is a great start to raising awareness for this important cause," she said.

- For more information on Fair Trade visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/fairtrade.

Kids wowed by Sundays with Steve

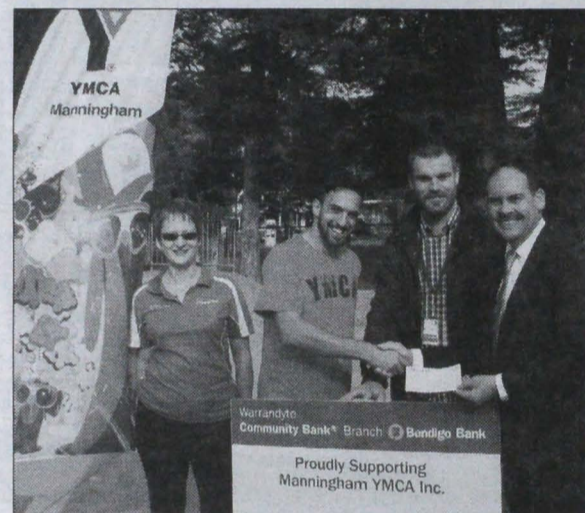
By MITCHELL HALL

Last month we reported on Manningham YMCA's new program for their youth services, Sundays with Steve. We caught up with Josh Clarke, one of the youth leaders of the project, and former Warrandyte resident, to see how the program was going.

The program had an immediate response, with 25 young people showing interest. Since then, 20 kids have signed on. It was great to hear that it was going well, and when asked as to the structure of the program, Josh told us that it was all about having fun. So far, the program has included such activities as dodgeball, "minute to win it" style games, as well as wider games outside on the oval.

The program, sponsored by the Warrandyte Community Bank, is also planned to have movie sessions, nerf wars, and many other fun things to do in the near future.

"I really wanted to offer the kids an opportunity to come up with fun ideas that they



Sponsoring Sundays with Steve: Warrandyte Community Bank chairman Sarah Wrigley, the YMCA's Josh Clarke and Steven Dupon with branch manager Mark Challen.

would like to do," said Josh. "I mainly wanted to offer a space that was supervised, that was a fun environment for kids and also a great opportunity for young leaderships as well."

Josh referred to the mentoring program held by the YMCA, as well as casual leadership roles for those over 18, who would like the chance to work with the younger kids in the program, giving them extra support and guidance if they are experiencing any difficulties.

So far, there has been positive feedback from all the kids involved, with attendance strong and fun being had by all involved. "Good attendance means good fun," Josh said.

Sundays with Steve is held on Sunday afternoon's from 2-5pm at Park Orchards Primary School. The program has been given a limit of 40 registrations, so those who are interested had better sign on while spots still last.

- If you are interested in attending Sundays with Steve, give them a call on 9848 5400, or visit their website at manninghamymcayouthservices.org.au for more details and information concerning all their programs.

If you are 18 and over, and interested in being a part of their mentoring program, you can call them or visit the website for more information.

FEASTival: Warrandyte join the celebrations

By CHERIE MOSELEN

A number of eateries across Manningham will take part in "FEASTival" this month, a two-week food and drink event that kicks off on Friday, August 23.

Several Warrandyte establishments—Altair Restaurant, Beasley's Tea House, Boleiros, Cocoa Moon, Grand Hotel, Quintons IGA, Thyme on the Terrace and Warrandyte Café—have signed up to be part of the foodie fortnight.

During the two-week program food lovers can look forward to offers such as lunchtime meal deals, seniors' discounts, drink offers and cookery classes.

Taking part alongside local

restaurants, Quintons IGA will host a car park party with food stalls, food and wine tastings, music and children's entertainment, on Saturday, September 7 from 12noon to 4pm.

Manningham mayor Cr Jennifer Yang told the *Diary* this event was just one of more than 40 mouth-watering food experiences being offered as part of FEASTival.

"FEASTival is the most exciting food fortnight in Manningham's history with more than 30 restaurants, cafés, bakeries and food outlets taking part, presenting special meal deals, unique culinary offers and cookery master classes.

"Complimentary wine, free jewellery gifts and fresh pro-

duce markets are also included in the two-week program," Cr Yang said.

The Manningham mayor declared FEASTival the perfect opportunity to gather family, friends and work colleagues together to sample delectable food in several great dining venues.

"This unmissable event will be a treat for everyone with a taste for fine food and drink—all the ingredients for a great experience!"

- For more information on restaurants participating in FEASTival, from Friday, August 23 to Saturday, September 6, visit www.manninghamfeastival.com.au.



Exploring the countryside on two wheels

We caught a few members of Warrandyte's intrepid Wednesday cycling group at Jell's Park recently. Lovely to be out in the winter sunshine! If it's on the map, this group has ridden there—Dandenong, Mernda, Ber-

wick, Altona, Hurstbridge, Black Rock, Mt Dandenong, anywhere with a decent bakery. It's all about the food, the coffee and the friendship, as well as the cycling.

Pictured from L to R: Dennis Farmer, Brian Bubbers, Tom

Fisher, Pete Moloney, Barry Hastie, Graham Hayward, Gavan Schwartz, Ed Fall, Julietta Maquignaz, Valerie Hawkins, Ian Hawkins, Richard Pink.

● If you think you've come up with a perfect name for

the group, or if you'd like to join in, get in touch with Don Pinkerton on (mobile) 0408 598 704 or (email) donpink@westnet.com.au.

MARILYN MOORE

Battle for Melbourne Hill

By MICHELLE PINI

A debate between residents and Manningham council concerning the Melbourne Hill Road stormwater catchment is continuing.

The community reference panel made up of residents from Melbourne Hill Road and surrounding streets has been awaiting council advice on a forthcoming meeting originally planned for July. CEO Joe Carbone told the *Diary* that "invitations will be issued shortly for the first Melbourne Hill Road Catchment Reference Panel meeting for the last week of August".

The council's drainage scheme, which aims to solve problems with flooding and poorly maintained drains, requires catchment residents

to provide almost \$900,000 towards a new stormwater drainage system. This amounts to up to \$17,000 for each household with council payment plans imposing additional interest. Council has indicated that the proposed works can be implemented without community approval as council is funding half the cost.

Mullum Mullum Ward councillor Paul McLeish said he did not yet have a position on the proposal but that "council officers should consider a range of possible options".

Joe Carbone said that, "council officers are currently reviewing issues raised by the community at the May 30 public meeting, for discussion at the August reference panel

meeting".

The meeting delay has added to concerns by residents who have so far been sceptical that the costly proposal will provide the best solution and are unhappy about the additional cost to ratepayers. They point out council neglect of existing drains and are doubtful about the upkeep of a new scheme.

Some residents have also been apprehensive about contractors appearing on their properties without warning last month.

CEO Joe Carbone advised that property owners were notified by letter and that access was required for "topographical feature survey works ... and locating sewer access chambers in several proper-

ties to complete this survey work."

Cr Sophy Galbally told the *Diary* that the council decision needs to reflect the wishes of the community: "I encourage residents to submit an alternative solution which, if viable and cost-effective, will have my total support."

Spokesperson for the residents group, Peter Hookey advised that the community reference group "has been busy obtaining information and speaking to various authorities about more economical long term solutions to the problem." He added that they have been "heartened by the significant community support from ratepayers, both in Warrandyte and throughout Manningham".

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Clyde's Conundrum

The old footy scoreboard at Warrandyte Oval required individual numbered plates to represent the score and would display, for example: Warrandyte 11-3-69, Visitors 6-1-37. This example would need just 3 plates numbered "1". What is the minimum number of "1" plates that would be needed so the board could display any reasonable score?

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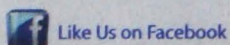
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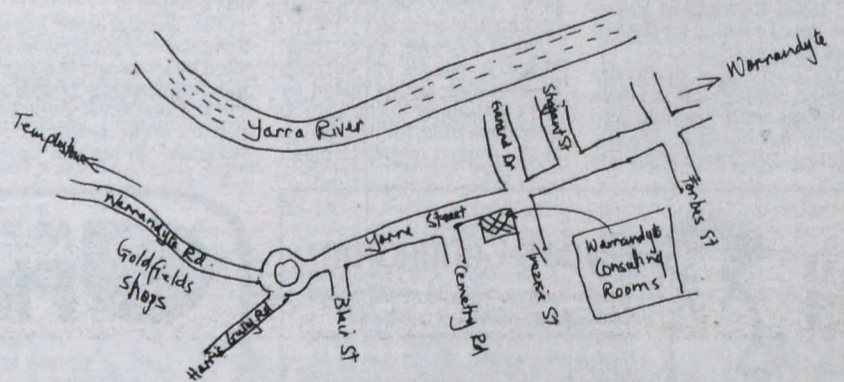
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Warrandyte under water February 2011: Is our climate changing? (Picture by Stephen Reynolds)

Forum: What is 'Climate Justice'?

The former governor of Victoria, Professor David De Kretser, will address a forum, organised by the group Grandstand for the Environment and sponsored by Manningham council, at the Manningham Civic Centre on Thursday, August 29 at 7.30pm.

Julie James, Warrandyte resident and spokesperson for the group, told the *Diary*: "Many Warrandytians are concerned enough about a changing climate to use such measures as solar panels to reduce their greenhouse emissions. The plastic bag reduction campaign initiated by WarrandyteCAN to reduce environmental pollution has been well supported."

"But few of us think about climate change as a social justice issue that spans continents and generations."

David De Kretser capped his distinguished career as a medical scientist with a term as governor of Victoria. "He is also a champion of climate justice," Ms James said.

Grandstand for the Environment, a local group of concerned citizens, is offering residents a chance to hear Professor De Kretser discuss and explain this important and urgent issue.

● More information on <http://www.agrandstand-fortheenvironment.org/events/> or phone Julie James on 9844 2160.

Landcare: From little things big things grow

A day of constant rain didn't deter a group of Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare Group volunteers getting their hands dirty late last month for a planting day near the Gold Memorial Car Park.

"Rain doesn't stop us," ACCA's public officer Fritz Uhl told the *Diary*. "In fact, we welcome it."

Mr Uhl said the ACCA group has planted more than 30,000 native grasses since 2007 in a bid to stifle weed growth. Last month the volunteers were busy planting microlaena grasses, something they do four times a year.

"The microlaena grasses grow fast and dense, stopping the weeds from coming in," Mr Uhl said.

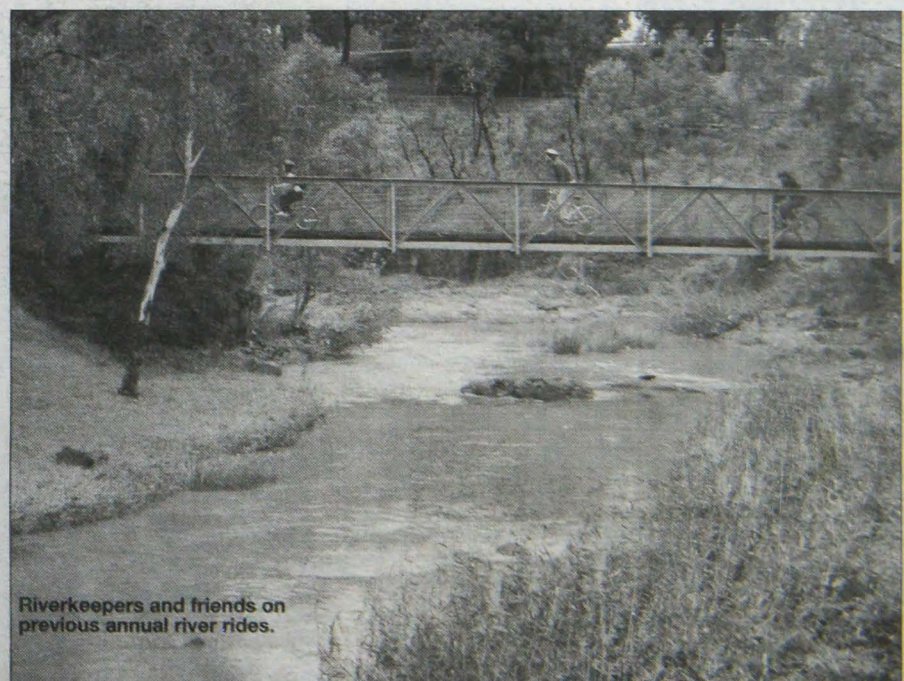
When the ACCA isn't busy planting native grasses, the group meets every Wednesday for weeding working bees from 10am to noon. Mr Uhl said he would love to see more volunteers join the team and help out.

● Anyone interested can contact Fritz Uhl on 0439 443 703 or email fuhl@bigpond.net.au.



Digging in for a cause: Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare Group volunteers (from left) Tony Carter, Jean Dind, Fritz Uhl, Cathy Willis, Robyn Gillespie and Stephen Glasson. (Picture by Scott Podmore)

Yarra Riverkeepers ride the river...

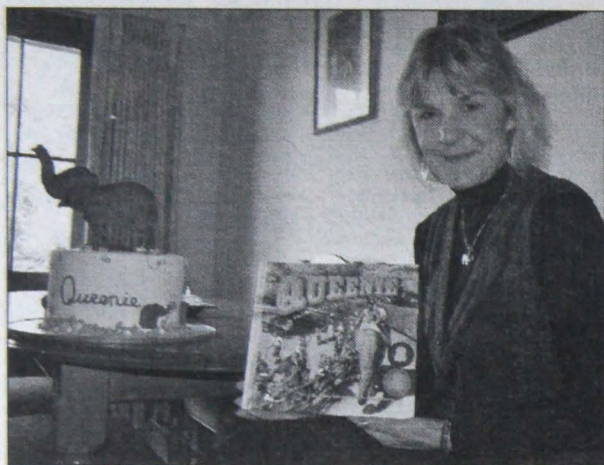


Riverkeepers and friends on previous annual river rides.

Each year, the Yarra Riverkeepers organise a bike ride along the Yarra. According to Warrandyte resident and Riverkeeper Ian Penrose, the program this year will feature "five fantastic speakers who will educate and entertain along the 14km route. "Our annual bike ride this year is along the Main Yarra Trail starting from Wilson Reserve, Ivanhoe. At the finish we will return to Finn's Reserve for a picnic lunch. Book soon as the event is limited to 30 riders."

● Information and registration: dredfearn@vtown.com.au or phone 0448 852 747.

From the Warrandyte Diary to Wall Street



Left: Corinne Fenton. Above: International news. (Pictures by Brianna Piazza)

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

When the *Warrandyte Diary* published an article about local author Corinne Fenton's first picture book in 2006, she never imagined her story would appear in one of the world's most famous newspapers.

Yet that's exactly what happened in June when she received a Google alert in her inbox telling her that her book "Queenie: One Elephant's Story" had received a positive review in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The review, which praised Corinne's work as "a lovely, elegiac picture book", appeared in both the New York and Asian editions.

Corinne's touching story tells the true tale of Melbourne Zoo's star attraction, an elephant named Queenie.

The much-loved Indian elephant spent four decades giving rides to up to 500 vis-

itors a day until 1944—when it was believed that Queenie had crushed her zookeeper, Wilfred Lawson.

She was retired from giving rides to visitors and put in a paddock. But the next year, at the age of 49, she was destroyed due to a wartime shortage of fodder.

"I had always believed it was an accident. She had spent 40 years walking in a circle and she had travelled 165,000 kilometres—that's a lot to ask of any animal. I was so angry this happened to her and I knew once that older generation had gone there would be nobody to remember her."

The book, published in 2006, took four and a half years to research, write and illustrate.

Corinne and illustrator Peter Gouldthorpe drew upon historic photographs and documents to ensure even the smallest details, such as the

models of cars and the appearance of Melbourne Zoo in the first half of the 20th century, were accurately portrayed in the book.

The children's author accidentally came across Queenie's story when searching the Melbourne Zoo's website for information to use in her picture book about sparrows.

She told the *Diary* she couldn't believe Queenie's story hadn't already been published and felt she "just had to write it".

Corinne said reading the *Wall Street Journal* review was "a buzz" and that she would always hold Queenie's story close to her heart.

"Seven years later we're still talking about her, which is a really good thing. There's now a whole generation of school kids out there who are aware of Queenie and her story and that's what I set out to do."

Christmas comes early to Community Church

It may still have been 149 days until Christmas, but the party had started at Warrandyte Community Church!

"With lights, tinsel and fruit mince pies we celebrated the birth of Jesus, in July!" a spokesperson told the *Diary*.

"As a church we believe that Jesus came to bring new life, healing and forgiveness for all people, for all time, so we celebrate his birth, life and death all year round.

"We believe Jesus isn't just for Christmas!

"The band played carols which the congregation enthusiastically sang, and performed a jazzed up medley that had feet tapping all over the room. We heard from members of the church about what Christmas means to them, and a short message from Pastor David Molyneux about the God who loves us so much

"We had a great time together and it was wonderful to have visitors from the community at our Christmas in July service," said David Molyneux.

"Thank you to all the volunteers who made it such a special event, and to Gardiner McInnes and Rex Medical Clinic for their kind sponsorship.

"We will be running an alpha course in September for anyone with questions about the Christian faith."

● Please see www.alpha.org.au and contact the church office on 9844 4148 or email office@wcc.org.au for more information. Weekly service is at 10am every Sunday and visitors are always welcome.



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RIP: Homeless Harry had a word for everyone

By PETER CURRY and MICHELLE PINI

Local character Harry Collins, affectionately known as Homeless Harry, passed away recently due to heart complications. He spent his final years happily, under the care of staff in a nursing home and in the company of a lady friend with whom he was clearly enamoured.

Harry had a farm property on Menzies Road where he lived with his wife and children. He was devoted to his wife and nursed her through cancer.

There is much confusion surrounding the details of his

family and the events which preceded his nomadic lifestyle but it appears that he was grief-stricken after his wife's passing and this led to his homelessness.

Harry happily wandered the streets of Warrandyte for many years, often cleaning up rubbish as he went, and was a common fixture sitting on "his" bench outside Quinton's IGA.

He greeted all who entered the store and would often engage people in long, philosophical conversations.

It is believed Harry was once employed by a pest control company. He became an early,

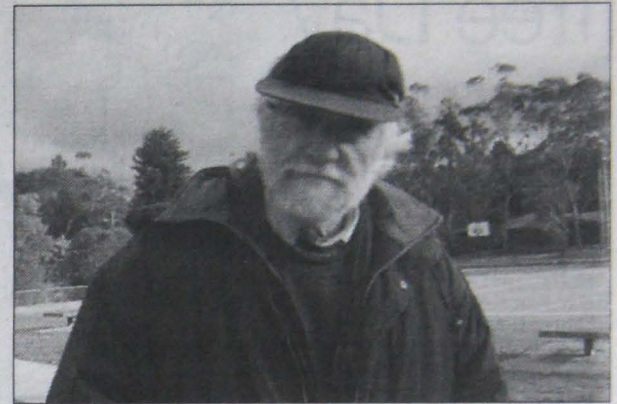
vehement campaigner against the use of toxic chemicals in agriculture and pest control, particularly the use of Dieldrin in and around schools—an insecticide which was widely used in the 1970s and is now banned in most countries.

At one time, Harry provided advice and expert testimony all over Victoria on the subject.

He was a very friendly man with a sharp wit and he was a wealth of information on environmentally friendly weed and pest control methods.

Harry would freely share advice and interesting anecdotes of his numerous campaigns,

as many locals will attest. He tried to have some of his more controversial theories published in the *Diary* without success—which led to him referring to this publication as the Warrandyte "Dreary". He was a talented tennis player and would frequently share his thoughts on the state of play from the side lines at the Taroona Avenue courts. Locals often took the time to have a chat with Harry and were sometimes treated to his singing voice, which many describe as "gifted". There is even a dedicated Facebook page in his honour. RIP Harry Collins.



Harry Collins



Designer Vaughan Howard winner of the 2011 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award.



Warrandyte Youth Arts Award

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

Applications for the 2013-14 Warrandyte Youth Arts Award have now closed. A group of Warrandyte's young aspiring artists will now begin a lengthy process that will see them make contact with professionals in their chosen industries and broaden their career opportunities.

Warrandyte Arts and Education Trust chairman Jock Macneish told the *Diary* at least eight people had applied for the local award.

The candidates, aged 18-25, are in the running to receive a \$10,000 prize for demonstrating they have the potential to make a positive and meaningful contribution to their chosen industry.

As part of the application process, the young artists will each be assessed by three professionals in their chosen field.

Mr Macneish said he and other commit-

tee members were looking forward to meeting the aspiring artists and watching them develop during the six-month process.

"We are really keen to meet these young artists starting out on their journey and watching them grow. They always have such a bright outlook and are full of optimism and ideals," he said.

"It gives us great hope that Warrandyte is a community where artists can thrive and are always welcome."

Warrandyte Community Bank is providing the \$10,000 grant while the Lions Club will assist in interviewing applicants this month while also checking on applicants' progress over the next six months.

Mr Macneish said applicants would meet with the committee on August 17, where they would begin making plans to meet their assessors.

Clever comedian back in town

By CHERIE MOSELEN

Climate change crusader and all-round funny guy Rod Quantock is returning to Warrandyte in September to tickle a funny bone or two.

The award-winning comedian will perform his show "Peak-a-Boo and Catch Co2" at Andersons Creek Primary School on Saturday, September 21 at 7.30pm.

A guest of Warrandyte's climate action group, CAN president Wayne Rankin told the *Diary* Mr Quantock was a hit with local audiences.

"This will be Rod's third performance in Warrandyte in a couple of years. His last two

shows went incredibly well, one sold around 300 tickets."

For more than a decade the funny man with the serious message has been researching, writing and performing material that crystallises environmental issues then cracks them open with a large grin!

Mr Rankin said that as well as helping to fund CAN community programs, proceeds from earlier shows had been directed into ventures such as Canberra's Black Mountain forest project, which successfully campaigned against the logging of big trees.

Funds from September's performance will be split between

the Quit Coal campaign and local CAN projects.

Rod Quantock once described comedy live performing as "a conversation in which you give the impression that you're talking to everybody individually in the room".

● If you want to be part of his chitchat, book tickets online at: <http://www.trybooking.com/DHCH>

Tickets cost \$30 per head, and \$20 per head for students. To make enquiries about the upcoming show or WarrandyteCAN, go to the website for contact details at: warrandytecan.com.au.



Rod Quantock



Lions aid many good causes.

Local Lions on the prowl for members

The Warrandyte Lions Club wishes to thank the Warrandyte community for the great support they give to the Lions Club opportunity shop and their monthly stall at the Warrandyte market. They also want to let people know where some of that money goes within our community.

"In July we had the pleasure of donating \$10,000 towards the purchase of a Rapid Response Vehicle for the South Warrandyte CFA," a club spokesperson said.

South Warrandyte CFA officers Warren Aikman and Nathan McDonald received the cheque from Lions president David Dobbs and past

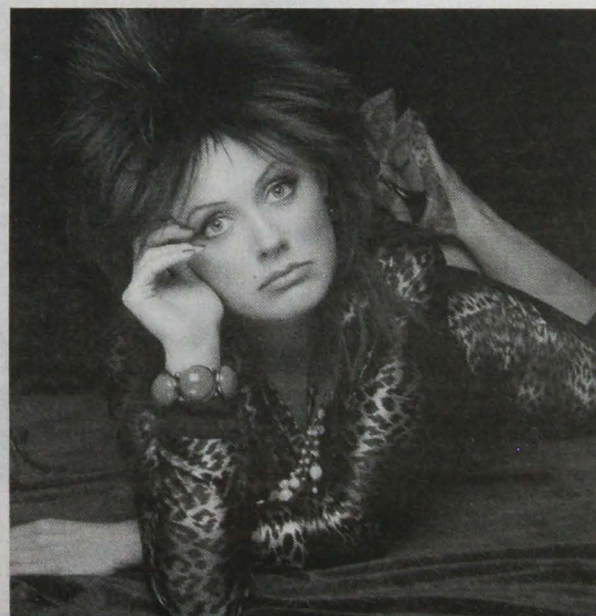


president Geoff Taylor.

We also donate \$400 per month to a Warrandyte family, whose child is ill and the mother has had to give up her employment.

We will regularly keep the Warrandyte community informed of where their money goes.

● If you would like to become a member of the Warrandyte Lions Club, please ring Robin on 0408 001 306.



Marney McQueen

Marney delights Warrandyte fans

The old Mechanics Institute was packed to the rafters on a cold Friday night in July. Marney McQueen was in town to entertain us with a good cause in mind.

And entertain us she did. She began by telling us a little about herself, the invaluable time she spent studying with Barry Humphries and some of the characters she has played in her many performances. She sang and then, before our very eyes, transformed herself into Karen Barnes, security guard at Tullamarine. Hilarious! We then met Raelene Dreggs, the mother, now turned celebrity, of a convicted drug smuggler.

After interval we were entertained, as we had been in her previous visit, by Rosa

Waxoffski, Russian beautician who enlightened many of us on just where you could go with waxing! It was a wonderful night of entertainment by a very talented young woman.

From the profits, \$400 will be donated to the Warrandyte Arts Association and \$1500 to Prabhat Alloi, incorporated in Australia, working to support the development of poor rural villages in the Purulia district of West Bengal, India. One of the poorest areas of India, where three of our local stalwarts - Cherie Moselen, Maxine Chapman and Robin Atkinson - recently volunteered to work.

Well done Marney and well done Maxine Chapman for organising this great night.

BRIONY BOTTARELLI

National Tree Day

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are assisting in the revegetation of the area by using locally sourced plant species to increase fauna habitat and maintain the biodiversity of the area.

"It was great to see so many people out and about one Sunday late last month for the annual Planet Ark National Tree Day," organiser Kelly Wooster told the *Diary*.

"More than 50 people—young and old—turned up to give nature a hand. On the day we were able to plant and stake over 200 trees and 1800 grasses in areas along the riverbanks with its rich alluvial terrace soils. These were once important hunting grounds for the aborigines and then used as a fruit orchard when white man came," Ms Wooster said.

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WHS finds fun in food fest quest

When Masterchef meets My Kitchen Rules there's sure to be a Bake Off! With plenty of chef hats, aprons, and an entire table filled with Matt Preston lookalikes Warrandyte High School's trivia night was destined to be a great evening. "And it wasn't just the trivia questions that challenged skill and knowledge on the night," a spokesperson said. Performing the awkward task of passing a life-saver around the table via toothpicks held in the mouth, feeding each other baby food, nearest the pin coin tossing, and predicting the fall of the cards as we chose our lucky corner to stand in, kept us all on our toes and laughing merrily as we raised funds to purchase a kitchenette for the flexible learning centre at school. "Our trivia host "Chef Kiev" from www.legendstrivia.com.au kept us thoroughly entertained, on track and provided wonderful

food related questions. "The music round was a huge hit with songs from Bananarama, Meatloaf and Peaches & Herb which complemented our foodie theme perfectly. "One of the highlights of the evening was the animal onesies table forming a line and dancing conga style around the room, but the bonus points given were not enough to knock the reigning champions out of the winners circle. Huge congratulations to the Matt Prestons (aka the Science table) for another wonderful win. "A very special thank you to our major sponsor of the evening, MOAT: Mental Health Services, www.moat.com.au. "A staggering \$4141.70 was raised that Saturday night and the Parents Association would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported this event," the spokesperson said.





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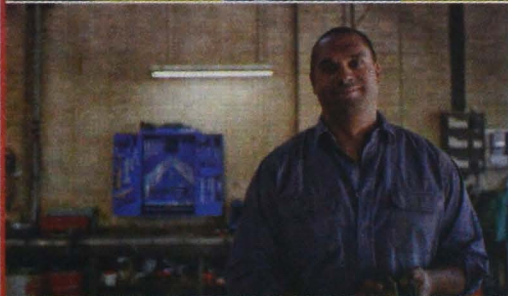
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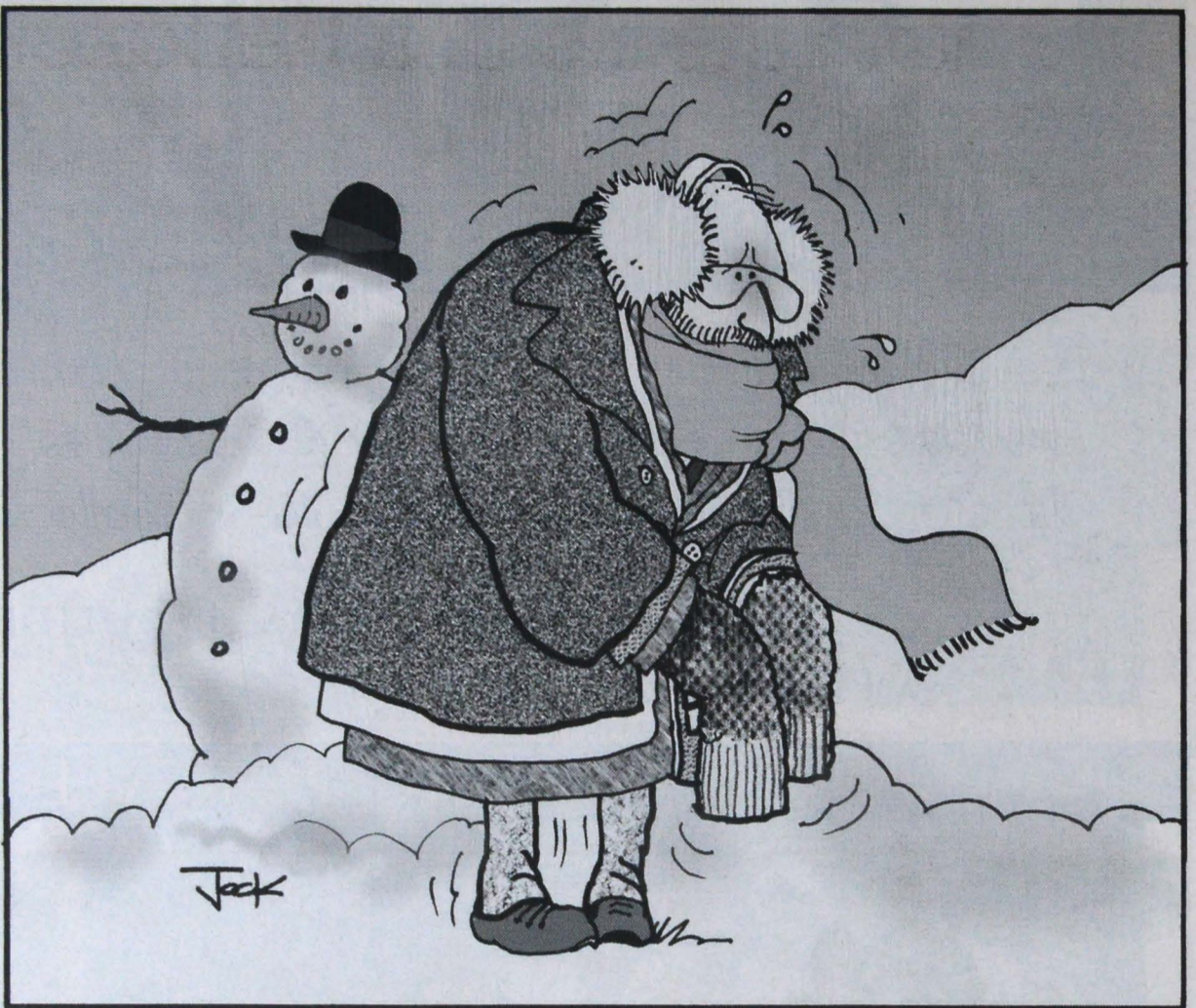
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Cold hands and warm heart: how winter woollies work

WHAT is it about the cold that saps the will to do anything but think about the cold?

Perhaps it's just that I'm getting older and my blood is thinner, thicker, pickier, losing effectiveness or is just sick and tired of warming my extremities any more. Whatever the reason, I'm getting fed up with never being able, any more, to get my toes or the tips of my fingers warm during the winter months.

Herself thinks I should go to the doctor but if I did what would I say? "Ah, doc, I'm having a problem; my feet and hands are cold."

"It's winter, (you drop kick!) what do you expect?"

So, I put up with the uncomfortable of gloves and Explorer socks and hope that summer comes soon.

But there was a time when the cold didn't bother me. That was many decades ago and it is only by observing my grandchildren that some of the advantages of those times become clear again.

Remember those times when you were pre-pubescent and could walk into freezing water without fearing that first shock of pain as the water level reaches your oncoming puberty? Remember when you could play outside in the winter in shorts and a t-shirt and scoff when your mother worried that if you didn't come inside immediately and change into something warmer you'd turn blue and



"Whatever the reason, I'm getting fed up with never being able, any more, to get my toes or the tips of my fingers warm..."

die instantly of hypothermia?

Ages back, I think I remember hearing that before the onset of puberty, we are graced with a layer of subcutaneous fat that protects us from the cold. When we reach puberty, I think, this vanishes and is replaced with pimples, embarrassment, insecurity, a gangly body, lank greasy hair and absolutely no ability to cope with the cold, parents, life generally and mirrors in particular. When we stumble through adolescence, different layers of fat return but the ability to cope with the cold never does.

As I get older, images of my mother return and I become a bit nostalgic.

Mum was a tall thin lady who obviously felt the cold. She had no option! We had one totally inefficient briquette burning space heater situated in the living room and that heated no more than the insides of its fuel chamber. The glass strips on the door were constantly black which I believe means there was inefficient combustion, or something like that. Whatever it was, I can attest that we added to the world's greenhouse problem without the benefit of any house heating.

In the kitchen, mum used a one bar radiator in a 5.5 x 3.5 metres room. Needless to say the inside of the refrigerator was warmer than the kitchen itself but the plus side was that the electricity bill kept my father warm with rage, albeit only quarterly.

To offset the cold, mum had to rug-up, a phrase I find myself living. She swore by something woollen next to the skin so she started with a fine woollen singlet. Then there was the Vivella blouse, the hand-knitted jumper topped with another hand-knitted cardigan. Around her neck was a hand-knitted scarf and when it was really chilly, a hand-knitted, decoratively embroidered beanie. Never one to wear slacks (far too common and "fast"), mum wore a mid-calf length woollen skirt with thick stockings and sensible, lace-up shoes. When she left the house, all the former was topped with a heavy, invariably checked, A-line coat, commodious enough to

house another hand knitted jumper if the weather were truly Arctic.

During adolescence, the image of my mother setting off to do the shopping on a wintry day, dressed like something from a Saturday arvo Sci-Fi flick was enough to make me offer myself up for adoption. The only thing that stopped me from signing the required paperwork was that I couldn't find my hands to hold the pen. You see, my wonderful mum didn't trust any knitting pattern so she adapted them. Every time! Each jumper she knitted for me had arms designed for a much longer-armed creature. Left to their own devices, the cuffs would hang below the tips of my fingers but this made manipulation difficult. As a result, I spent a mortified adolescence with rolled cuffs.

Mum's been gone a long time and, in turn, I have devoted much of my adult life to embarrassing my children with my clothes and demeanour.

However, as I age, and the cold worsens I have begun to hanker after some of mum's hand-knitted jumpers. I already wear singlets and I have one of those black calf-length woollen coats. I have nice woollen slacks. Some of mum's jumpers would be perfect. I could just let down the cuffs and they would add extra warmth over the hand-knitted woollen gloves I have just discovered I can get from our local Vinnies.

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Drama in the life of a Redback

nature

By JOAN BROADBERRY

I FOUND and photographed a Redback Spider on the corrugated iron wall inside a toilet located at a local picnic ground. It was a nice sheltered spot, warm enough for breeding and the spider was guarding six egg sacs. This seemed to be a great many and my curiosity was piqued. Once again, I must pause to confess to the *Diary* that I am fascinated by spiders. The Redback's lifestyle, as you will see, has all the elements of an arachnid version of Hannibal Lecter. But I promise you, I am interested in them only as a strange and intriguing part of a diverse natural world.

The brooding Redback was a female. Her web was tangled and untidy. The distinctive orange-red stripe on the dark, glossy, pea-shaped abdomen made identification simple. I looked carefully but could not find the much smaller male, who does not build a web of his own but lives on the edge of the female's. In the Redback's world, the boys are in mortal danger when making amorous advances to the girls. It has been found that in order to distract the female's attention during mating, the male spider somersaults towards her, offering his abdomen while he attempts to copulate. The female often begins to squirt digestive juices onto the male, as she perceives anything moving in her web as prey. The ending is, of course, that the female spider eats the male. Nature has certainly dreamed up a less than romantic scenario for Redbacks.

Sexual cannibalism is rare in nature but is known in a few other creatures, for example



Redback Spider and egg sac. (Picture by Joan Broadberry)

some families of scorpions. A simple explanation that may not be accurate, is that the male, as food for the female, contributes to the development of his coming progeny.

With males dispatched so readily, it seems just as well that the female Redback Spider can store sperm and use it over a period of up to two years to lay several batches of eggs. She can produce up to 10 round, white egg sacs, that weather over time, to an orange-brown colour. Each sac contains approximately 250 eggs. These sacs are suspended within the web just as the photo shows. The spiderlings hatch in two to four weeks. I have to report that the young spiders are cannibalistic; it seems to go with the territory in this species. They will eat unhatched eggs and other spiderlings.

They disperse by ballooning to a suitable habitat on long gossamer threads that are caught by the wind.

Redbacks are found Australia-wide. They favour dry, sheltered places, such as in logs, under rocks, in rubbish piles, sheds or beneath houses and are more active in summer. Insects are their usual prey, but they are capable of capturing larger creatures such as crickets or beetles in their sticky, dangling web-threads.

The bite of a female Redback is dangerous to humans but is uncommon, as she seldom leaves her spider-web home. The bite of the tiny 4mm male Redback is too weak to cause harm. Nevertheless, as we have unwittingly provided many suitable habitats for Redback Spiders in our dwellings, there is a strong argument for wearing sturdy

gloves while working in the garden or in outbuildings. Anti-venom for the bite of a Redback Spider was produced by the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories and became available in 1956. No deaths from bites have occurred since then, but they are said to be very painful.

A naturalist's world is not always filled with cute, cuddly creatures but also with tooth, claw, poison and death. Leeches, lions, bull-ants, crocodiles or blue-ringed octopuses all have unique and fascinating, if sometimes off-putting, lives. Redbacks are, admittedly, towards the end of the nightmare scenario scale. Yet they too have their story and the female spiders at least wear a blood-red warning stripe to alert humans, if not the hapless males, to the danger they pose.

Mapping a World War I secret

AS *bißchen* German I learnt at school has come in handy on many occasions. I don't know how people manage to travel in Europe without a second language – any language would do, but German has served us surprisingly well, even in Turkey and Crete. You certainly wouldn't want to be like my beloved, who once famously mistranslated a sign on a tap – *Kein Wasser zu trinken* – as "clean drinking water"!

The title of a novel we read in Year 11 – *Kommissar Hansen öffnet sein Geheimarchiv* – has always stuck in my mind for some reason. So several months ago when I was sorting through an old box of faded photos, a dog-eared paper bearing the heavy capitals *GEHEIM!* immediately grabbed my attention. "Top secret" – what could this document possibly be?

Gingerly I unfolded it. It was a large detailed German map, about a metre tall, and although the original parchment had been of remarkable quality, the creases were worn thin. The map had been folded to expose a partic-

ular segment now grubbier than the rest of the page. Oil stains dotted one corner. All the hallmarks of sustained outdoor use.

"*Mitnehmen diese Karte im Vorgegraben verboten*". A military map, then, and an important tactical one, not to be taken to front line trenches in case of capture. The location: Zonnebeke, east of Ypres, Belgium. The date: September 25, 1917. Wasn't that roughly when and where my husband's grandfather was seriously wounded? Had he, in earning his Military Medal as a runner, captured this vital map from some unlucky German soldier?

I've never been interested in military history – it makes me rather sad and very cross – but I do love maps and this one is, if nothing else, a cartographic masterpiece. Unravelling its history was a challenge I couldn't resist. I wondered, too, whether it might not be a significant addition to the national collection. Being largely hand-drawn, such maps wouldn't have been commonplace even when they were first produced.

I became engrossed with the diaries, official and per-

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

sonal, and the photographic collection of my husband's grandfather, at the time a young farmer from Yatpool in the Victorian Mallee. His experience as a machine-gunner on the battlefields of the Ancre and Zonnebeke consisted of endless drills, route marches and continual (often fairly aimless) shelling across the front lines. At intervals, large coordinated attacks by either the Allies or the Germans dramatically boosted the death toll and kept everybody on their toes. Very little ground was gained by either side as the Western Front advanced or retreated a few hundred yards at a time, yet to achieve these incremental objectives hundreds of thousands of young men were butchered or blasted into oblivion. The countryside was miserably flat and boggy, featureless except for a few low rises. One such ridge at Zonnebeke had been held by the Germans throughout the war, greatly to their advantage because from

here they could keep an eye on Allied troop movements. Towards the southern end of this ridge, on September 26, 1917, the Battle of Polygon Wood was launched, in which the Allies swept away German positions recaptured the previous week at the tail-end of the horrific Battle of Menin Road. Our map details the exact layout of the German battle lines – trenches, gun emplacements, fortifications, encampments and supply routes – on the eve of that battle. At the northern end of the ridge, the fierce Battle of Broodseinde followed on October 4-8, another bloodbath, each side having surprised the other during a simultaneous attack – and our map was evidently captured on the first day of that battle as the Australians overran the prized high ground.

It turned out that the Australian War Memorial was indeed keen to take custody of our little discovery, but of course we had a digital copy made. Treasure like that probably surfaces only once in a lifetime, and thanks to Kommissar Hansen, our own 96-year-old *Geheimarchiv* didn't get thrown out.

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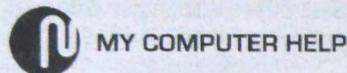
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Churches dine together

The combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards will hold a dinner at Club Ringwood in Oban Road on Friday, August 23 at 6.30pm. Contact Ann Ley on 9844 3543 for further information.

Nursery

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park Nursery is open to the public on Sunday, September 1 from 2pm to 4pm and again on Saturday, September 7 from 9am to 1pm. Plants for sale include many wildflower species and indigenous plant advice is available.

Anglican

St Stephen's Anglican Church is again open daily from 9.30am to 4.30pm for personal prayer and meditation. Sunday services continue as usual with services to suit all ages. On Tuesdays a prayer and meditation group meets from 6pm to 7pm and Mainly Music, a program for under-fives, is held on Thursday mornings from 10am. For further enquiries contact Ann Ley on 9844 3543.

Theatre

The Warrandyte Theatre Company Youth Theatre is presenting "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard on September 13, 14, 20 and 21.

Balloons

An Australia-wide event — the seventeenth annual White Balloon Day will be held on Friday, September 6. This is Australia's leading child protection advocate Bravehearts' awareness day. With the purpose of encouraging kids to come forward and break the silence about sexual assault, the day aims to raise funds to ensure vital support networks and programs can continue. Bravehearts is calling for volunteers and event hosts. Log on to www.whiteballoonday.com.au for further information.

Character

Manningham Promoting Character (MAP) is a program sponsored by the Manningham council with various activities organised across the community. The specific character quality for July-August is "Humility". Residents are welcome to nominate community members to be recognised by MAP. Go to www.ManninghamPromoting-



Wattle walk awaits...

On Thursday, August 22, there will be a FOWSP/Manningham nature walk on Warrandyte's Fourth Hill to enjoy the peak of the indigenous wattle season. Distance is 3.5kms, time 2.5 hours and degree of difficulty moderate. Bookings are essential Call 9840 9124 or go to ee-admin@manningham.vic.gov.au.

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 or emailed to: info@warrandytediary.com.au.

Character.org.au for further details.

Seminar

The next Manningham City Council Environment Seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 4 in the Chandelier Room of the Grand Hotel in Warrandyte. The topic is the Yarra River and its Tributaries, presented by Dr Dan Borg, a senior aquatic scientist. Commencing time is 7.30pm. No booking is required.

Watch

Warrandyte Neighbourhood

Watch meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 at the Warrandyte Police Station.

Festival

Hurstbridge will be celebrating its tenth Wattle Festival on Sunday, August 25 with a variety of attractions including steam train, horse and cart and double-decker rides. This year a night train will run from Hurstbridge to Melbourne at 7pm with members of the Melbourne Big Band playing for you. A large BMX gathering will take place along with many other activities. For further information go to www.wattlefestival.org.au or call 1300 660 072.

Riverkeepers

All are invited to join the Yarra Riverkeepers Bike Ride for 2013. Riders on the 15km Main Yarra Trail will leave Wilson Reserve, The Boulevard, Ivanhoe and ride to Westerfolds Park on Sunday, August 25 from 10am to 1.30pm. There will be several

informative speakers and at the finish a picnic lunch at Finns Reserve. For further information and registration contact David Redfean on 0448 852 747 or at dredfean@vtown.com.au.



Textiles

Warrandyte textile artists Pam Booth and Leonie Thomas have created a profusion of colour in their exhibition currently being held at the Stonehouse Gallery. Also featuring in the exhibition is Mary Hockley with wearable art in fine silks and felted fabrics. Stonehouse Gallery at 103 Yarra Street, Warrandyte is open daily from 10am to 5pm. This exhibition closes on Saturday, August 31.

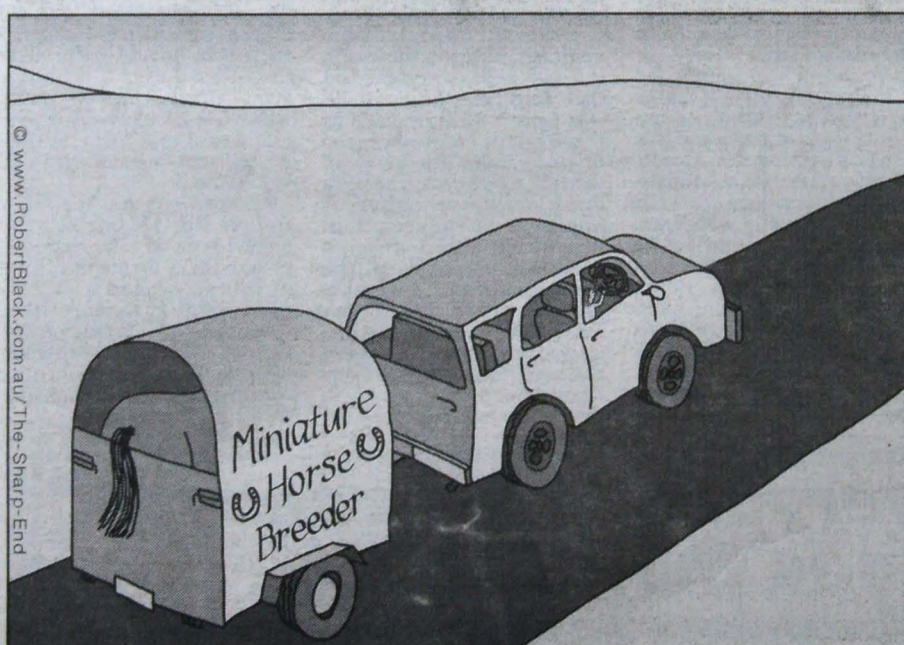
Exhibition

Local artists are invited to apply to exhibit their work at the Eltham Library Community Gallery in 2014. Artists who live, work or study in Nillumbik are eligible to apply. Both emerging and experienced artists are encouraged. For information and application forms go to www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or contact 9433 3359 or art-sinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Montsalvat

Montsalvat's Long Gallery is currently presenting an exhibition of new work by the 2011 Nillumbik Prize People's choice award winner and Warrandyte artist, Nerina Lascelles. The title "Japonica" describes the influence of the arts of Japan on artists of the West. The show closes on Sunday, August 25. Montsalvat is at 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham with a Meet the Artist session on Saturday, August 24 from 1pm to 3pm.

THE SHARP END... By ROBERT BLACK



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Three plays for the price of one...

theatre
By JEREMY LOFTUS-HILLS

WARRANDYTE Theatre Company's 2013 season of one act plays featured two depicting family dynamics, and one reflecting youthful dalliance. Together they explore the fragility of memory, lost opportunities and the disruptive power of family secrets revealed.

The evening begins with Frank Wilkie's award winning *Tudo ou Nada* (All or Nothing). The plot centres on the relationship between second generation Portuguese migrant Lucy (Sarah Dempster) and her de facto partner Jack (Farhad Zaiwala).

Comedy and suspense build from the first scene, as Lucy's hysterical, blood spattered mother, Carlota (Jennifer Aitchison), explains how she spent the afternoon battering her husband's lover half to death. Enter Jack, his parents Brian (Peter Muirhead) and Mary (Joy Flanagan), then Lucy's chastened father Carlos (Tony Clayton). As the evening progresses some hitherto concealed traits are exchanged between families. Lucy's family learns that Jack's father is racist, chauvinistic and egocentric. His mother survives an unsatisfactory

marriage with dry and cynical humour, and by selling sexual services to her academic boss. Jack's family learns that Lucy's father, Carlos, is addicted to sex with prostitutes.

The play is an uneven mix of suspense, satire, romance and tragedy, with the closing scene verging on the surreal. Focus comes from Lucy's sense of purpose, as she pacifies her hysterical mother and extracts a promise of fidelity from her father. In a solid performance, Dempster gives Lucy moral authority, saving the play from farce and stereotypical irrelevance. The men are uniformly pathetic, with Carlos grunting faux macho threats, Brian leaving the stage in tears after learning of his wife's sexual antics, and Jack so impressed with Lucy's resilience under fire that he may at last commit to a lifelong relationship with her – *All or Nothing*.

Director Bill Connolly draws out the comic elements, generating plenty of laughs in the early scenes. Jennifer Aitchison gives Carlota a palpable hysteria that engages the audience from the opening line. Tony Clayton's Carlos maintains a brooding presence, while his occasional outbursts expose a smouldering, frustrated masculine energy. Peter Muirhead's Brian sits as if an outsider at table, while his nonchalant red neck comments expose his naïve xenophobia. At times the formal

dining scene is awkward beyond its dramatic intent, but it is refreshing to have home grown characters and topical issues in play.

Unlike Wilkie, whose day job is classroom teacher at a Steiner school, Welshman Barney Norris has only ever known the hallowed realms of thespian makebelieve. And it shows in his first one act play – *At First Sight*.

Norris's story, if it can be called a story, occurs in no clear context of time or place and its characters are enigmatic, to say the least. Mostly as duologue, Holly (Flora Terrens) and Jack (James Littlewood) reflect upon the moment they first met and the subsequent fleeting moments they shared. James brings a cool, culturally aware mystery to his part, and Holly a fresh but edgy precociousness. Director Susan Rundle somehow choreographs wholeness into a deliberately fragmented script. The lighting design transforms the black stage into a cool, ethereal netherworld.

No sooner have we settled into a European midwinter chill with Holly and Jack, than we're back in Australia for the third play – *Sisters in Paris*, directed by Ruth Richter, was also written by Frank Wilkie. While he struggles with the crowded and ambitious formalism of *Tudo ou Nada*, he finds his mettle with this play, creating a snapshot of two sisters in

the clutches of crises in midlife, and a third who just wants to have fun.

Simone Kiefer plays Harriet, an idealistic and ultimately tragic character. This is a great performance from her, projecting both the comic and tragic faces of the oldest sister with skilled timing and heartfelt emotion. Gemma Porter plays Harriet's self indulgent younger sister Nicola with comic verve and occasional brutality, while Pauline, the youngest, is played as an openhearted academic with a light touch and spirited vitality by Gabby Llewelyn Salter.

There are laughs aplenty as the girls plan and endure their China Airlines trip from Australia to France. There are some amusing confrontations in a Parisian hotel as the fabric of childhood relationships wears thin. That fabric wears out completely in a Parisian street scene, when the oldest yields to the second child, and the two eventually take the lead of the youngest. After a heated argument, Harriet and Nicola follow Pauline neither to the left bank, nor to the right, but into the heart of fleshy Montmartre and a night at the Moulin Rouge. Next day, peace and reconciliation momentarily descend upon the three as first they project their deepest feelings onto Da Vinci's Mona Lisa, then bathe in her transcendent smile. But it's the emerging subplot – concerning Harriet's secret daughter Ashira (Flora Terrens) –

that subsequently takes centre stage, bringing an emotional climax and a powerful transformative energy to bear upon family relationships.

Adrian Rice produced these plays, ensuring that they are staged as authentically and professionally as possible. Louise Phelan stage-managed the relatively large cast, endless cues and scene and costume changes with precision. Special mention should be made of the sound and lighting departments, both of which took a noticeably creative approach to staging these plays. This included the use of digital projection, evocative theme music and contextual effects. Noteworthy, too, was Susan Rundle's subtlety and imagination in directing the second play, employing clever devices as the two characters move in and out of the limelight.

Overall it was a sometimes confronting but in the end cathartic night of theatre. The montage of sweet nothings from Holly and Jack was a welcome relief from the discomfort as first one skeleton then another emerged from family closets in the other two plays. These long dead or unwelcome visitations disrupted respectable veneers and posed important questions about contemporary Australian families and the forces that shape them.

Pictures by JEREMY LOFTUS HILLS



Last issue, a section of this poem was inadvertently omitted. We apologise for this and reprint the full piece below.

Black Bull (The Domain Rick Amor)

The Artist's Muse

Ah Taurus, surveying your domain:
your distant stream, your rolling 'English' hills
that rusty slash of desert memory.

Big, black, implacable.
your fat back turned, contemptuous—
This bald man with his easel

does not phase you.
If anything, he should feel worried.
Despite his harmless green, frothy blossom,

we know he's obsessed by 'threat':
frail fence, dusty ancient hills – decadent somehow.
Sky and bull looming.

Ominous

I was chased by a bull once, but being young, fast
and near a fence, I escaped, knowing
with all that cape flapping (red for passion, red for blood)
they're volatile.

So of course even a reclining bull, contained, cat-like
quietly surveying his domain
back turned, indifferent—
seems threatening.

Why? Because he is large, black, powerful?
Is incensed by having his least favourite colour flapped
in his face?
Or is he like snakes, sharks, and spiders just going
about their business—
always ominous?

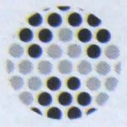
Not John Bull

Poor Taurus, you inhabit
an erased English landscape:
earth mainly bald, yes, but for a defiant line
of trees, marching single file up a slope.

Hills rolling, yes, but disrupted by a surprise slash
of Kimberley rust, surrounded by eroded folds.
No babbling brook, but there is water—
a brown glimpse. Not enough.

Green, yes, but even the green is wrong—
like dusty parchment from an older place.
And this black bull, implacable, surveying his domain.
Thinking of England.

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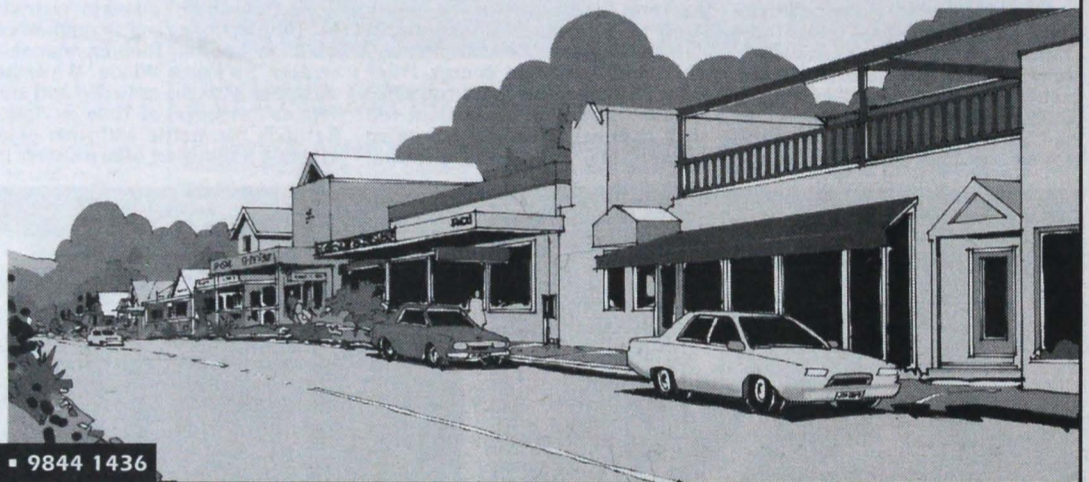
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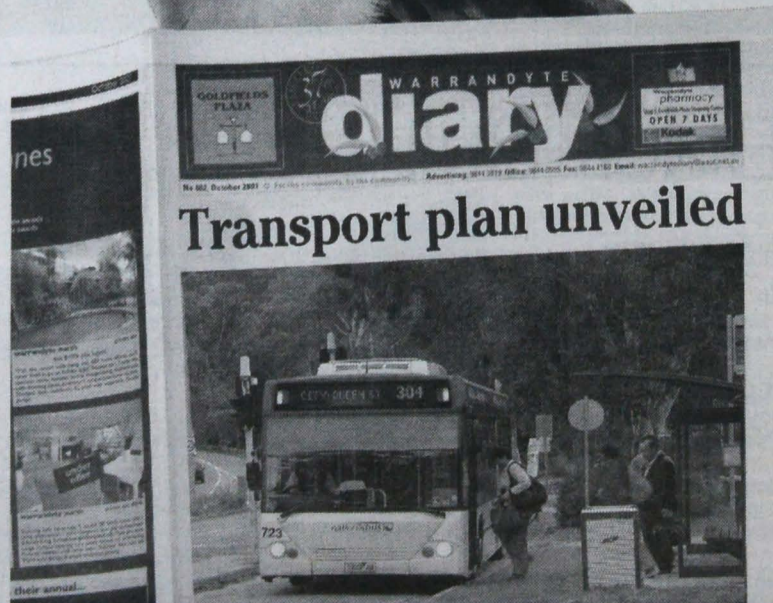
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Sanett's a smooth mover

what's your story?

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

INSPIRING other people to think about their health and improve their fitness has always been in Sanett van der Merwe's nature.

The Warrandyte fitness instructor's passion for health goes back to when she was growing up in South Africa. As a child, she was always interested in sports, particularly fast sports such as netball, running and dancing.

"I've done dancing all my life – my mum and dad were good ballroom dancers and dad was in a band so there was always music around me. Everything I ever did and still do involves movement," she said.

One of Sanett's proud achievements includes completing the Comrades Marathon in 1991, which attracts top athletes from all over the world and is one of the most famous and challenging ultra marathons.

Sanett and 13,000 other contestants ran from Pietermaritzburg to the beach city of Durban on South Africa's east coast. But running the grueling 90km race was no easy feat – she had to start preparing for it more than a year in advance, running every morning and night, six days a week.

"People always ask me, 'how did you get your mind around fact you would run 90km?' You don't, instead you just don't think about it. You can never train for such a race. It's not healthy for the body to run such a distance. That's why I only did it once – I wanted to see what my mental strength was like because you need fitness but you need to be much stronger mentally than physically.

"I'm glad I did it but I wouldn't do it again. Although I would recommend anybody who can do it to give it a try just to get to know yourself."

Today the race attracts even more people, with the number of entrants last year reaching more than 19,500.

While living in South Africa, Sanett owned a used car dealership. She was also dancing at the time, regularly backing up local singers and entertaining crowds on the stage.

Sixteen years ago she sold her business and house to begin a new life in Australia. For 12 years she has been running her business Sanett's Dancersize, with Warrandyte classes beginning six years ago.

Sanett says she finds her job today as a fitness instructor and personal



Powering on: Sanett van der Merwe with her 'Strong People Stay Young' women's class (top and bottom) and in the Comrades Marathon in 1991 (near left).



trainer more rewarding than her sporting achievements in her younger years.

"It's so nice to see people grow in their fitness and health and realise how good exercise is. I'm very lucky that I love my work."

Her programs include a mix of music and aerobics combined with dance moves from latin to rock and roll.

One of the unique things about Sanett's Dancersize is that she also runs a program for older men called Weights 4 Men. The idea came at the request of women in her class who

knew of Warrandyte men interested in attending similar classes.

"I thought men would fizzle out and it wouldn't last so I started with one class for men, then that turned into two classes and now it has been going for over a year. So the men have really surprised me!"

Sanett's students are amazed by the number of hours she spends exercising.

She used to run more than 30 hours of classes each week but has since scaled it back to 26 hours – still well above the fitness capabilities of the average person.

While many of her classes are for above 40s men and women, she also runs classes for younger people. The sports remedial therapist, who is also studying myotherapy (which focuses on muscles and treating muscle injuries), told the *Diary* exercising for older people is completely different to younger people, as older people need to be more careful on their joints.

Despite that, she has students in their 80s who are just as fit as some 17 or 18 year olds in her classes.

"As you get older you start to realise you need to put in more to keep

healthy as you don't have youth on your side.

"Everything deteriorates as you get older but you can put on the breaks by working on balance and doing weight classes, which are great for things like osteoporosis.

"We don't want to fill up nursing homes – people need to be able to look after themselves as they get older and enjoy life. That's why I'm so passionate about what I do because I know it makes such a huge difference to peoples' lives."

For more information visit <http://sanettscancersize.com>.



Warrandyte Wrens winning at Waverley

WARRANDYTE Netball Club's Under 11 Wrens travelled south and starred last month in Section 1 of the club teams tournament at Waverley.

Club president Sue Rodwell said the girls did "an amazing job and finished up equal top of the ladder with Melbourne Waverley who just pipped them for top position by a few percentage points".

The Wrens (left), however, scored a psychological victory when they managed to defeat Melbourne Waverley in their match earlier in the day.

The team comprised Layla Edsell, Gracie Lloyd, Kylani Czarnecski, Kimberley Gilling, Darcee Clarke, Paige Habel, Lauren Kapogolis, Jemma Thornton and Lucy Salvati.

"For a few of these 10 year old girls this was their very first taste of tournament netball and they loved it," Sue said.

"I was very proud of all of them. Each of them developed through the day and played very good netball."

In other netball news, a big weekend of semi final action took place on August 3 when several Warrandyte families and supporters braved the freezing conditions to support their teams.

RESULTS: U13/2 – Donvale Dingoes 12 d Warrandyte Stingers 8 (coaches Meaghan Cross and Michelle Murray). U13/1 – Donvale 23 d Warrandyte Wasps 17 (coach Michelle Potter). U15/2 – Warrandyte Cobras 22 d DYC 16 (coach Erika Dyason). U15/1 – Deep Creek 24 d Warrandyte Pythons 18 (coach Sara Febbo). U17/1 – Warrandyte Eagles 26 d Warrandyte Jaguars 24 (coaches John Giles/Ally Van Summeren). Open B – Warrandyte Toucans 35 d Eitham 31 (coach Lisa Gates). Open A (Top 4 final) – East Doncaster 21 d Warrandyte Falcons 20 (coach Nat Dusting). Open A (position 4-8 final) – Warrandyte Tigers 37 d Eitham 34 (coach Lindsay Woods).



Warrandyte tennis all the rage

By MICHELLE PINI

THE Diamond Valley Friday night competition was the scene for some hot tennis recently as four Warrandyte junior teams battled it out at Taroona Avenue.

In Round 2 action for the new season, the Section 2 team scored a hard fought victory over visitors Eltham and the Section 6 team accounted for the United Church team from Diamond Creek.

It was the local derby between Warrandyte's Section 8 Red and Blue teams that went down to the wire, however, with the result only decided in the last set. Red team prevailed in a nailbiter, 33-30, but both teams showed great spirit and sportsmanship.

Not all the action was confined to the courts as spectators enjoyed the social aspect of the occasion from the clubhouse balcony at the annual AGM. The event saw Scott Brimelow take over the reins as president from departing president Neil Sproat.

Wimby-Lympics

WTC Hot Shots competed in the Wimby-Lympics at the Epping Leisure Centre last month. A new initiative organised by the coaches at four of Victoria's leading Hot Shots venues, the event focuses on skill development and children from Warrandyte, Epping, Melton and Camberwell competed in tennis matches and challenges as well as Olympic-style tennis events. The Warrandyte kids put in an outstanding effort to take out the silver medal.

Hot Shots still flooding in

THE Hot Shots introduction to competition formats is now in its third season and is a popular initiative with over 30 participants this season. Most will progress to inter-club competitions at the conclusion of the season.

Progressing through the ranks

THERE are four MLC Tennis Hot Shots competition pathways at WTC based on the participant's age and experience. At the conclusion of the second season for 2013, coach Craig Haslam congratulated all participants for their hard work and sportsmanship.

Winners are gridders

FRIDAY Night Orange Ball: 1st Caitlin Sims, 2nd Sophie Gurney, 3rd Sebastian Stark. Friday Night Green Ball: 1st Alex Cleave, 2nd Nathan Fairchild, 3rd Josh Ferraina. Saturday Morning Orange Ball: 1st Matthew Quick, 2nd Antonio Felicissimo, 3rd Nick Felicissimo



Little champs: Performing one of his last duties as outgoing president, Neil Sproat presents juniors Matthew Quick, Sarah Dale and Tess Gorrie (pictured right) with encouragement awards commemorating their first season of competition.



Chinese girls too strong

By TONY OLIVER

SHANGHAI State Women, China's powerhouse visiting basketball team, played against the Venom's Youth Women recently with a crowd of more than 150 turning out to watch in a first for Warrandyte Basketball.

Despite a 66-86 loss to the local girls in what was an action-packed display, outgoing club general manager Justin Nelson said the opportunity to bring a visiting international team to Warrandyte delivered plenty of positives.

"It was a fantastic night for the club, not only a first to see an international team here in Warrandyte, but our girls actually got closer to this Chinese team than any of the opposition clubs that the visitors played against during their stay," Nelson said.

Given the success of the game, Nelson was quick to add that the club would now explore future opportunities to bring more international teams to Warrandyte.

"To have more than 150 people turn up on a cold Thursday night is a sign that these one-off games against touring teams has a place on our calendar and we will now look at other opportunities for our Big V teams to play future exhibition games," Nelson said.

Venom set for Big V finals

Capping a successful Big V home and away season, Warrandyte Venom is celebrating three of its four senior teams reaching the finals of their respective State League divisions.

Marking the club's best ever Big V season, both the Senior and Youth Women's teams ended the regular season on top of the ladder, while the Youth Men's team finished in fourth position.

The finals action started a fortnight ago with the Youth Women hosting Craigieburn for a place in the grand final. The teams had shared success in their two previous meetings - interestingly both by 13 points.

The match lived up to all the expectations. Craigieburn opened the scoring with a two-pointer and a single before Marg Kershaw got the Venom on the scoreboard with a three-point swish.

After a two-point lead to Craigieburn at the first break, a single point lead to the Venom at the long break,



Tough competition: Marg Kershaw contests the ball (right) with Ellen Pattison (15), Breanna Waugh (5) and Simone Caruana ready to assist against the powerhouse Chinese. Inset: Amber Saunders feels the heat.

and the game all tied up at the start of the final quarter, the scene was set for a big last term. Craigieburn had opened up a 10-point lead at one stage, however, in each stanza the Venom were able to come back late in the game.

The stadium was packed and noisy as both teams lifted for the final term.

The Venom established a three-point lead midway through but that was negated by an outside swish from the visitors.

The last minutes were agonisingly tense for both sides as the Venom were defending a two-point lead for what seemed an eternity.

The final siren sounded with the Venom winning 51-49. Players and spectators went wild as the youthful Venom side had reached the Grand Final against Hawthorn played on the weekend just gone after the *Diary* went to print. (Check www.warrandyte.basketball.net.au for the results).

The Senior Women started their finals campaign against Whittlesea in a best-of-three semi-final series

with the first game at the Mill Park Stadium.

An opening burst by the Venom of 21-8 was the game breaker. Whittlesea won the second quarter and kept pressure on the Venom up until the final quarter, which went 18-7 to the visitors.

Sthefany Thomas was dominant with 35 points including four from outside the outer circle.

The return game (and a third if required) was scheduled at Warrandyte Sports Complex on the weekend just gone (August 10-11). Check website for results.

The Youth Men headed to Camberwell on Saturday, August 3, in a knock-out final but were unable to duplicate the success of the women's teams, going down 66-56 to Camberwell which was always in control and while the Venom pressured in the final quarter the gap was too large.

Camberwell now progresses to the grand final, in its first season in the Big V League while Warrandyte reflects on an excellent season, making the final series and with good prospects for next season.

Saturday action

Basketball, like a lot of community sports, is built around volunteers: people who give up their time for the kids. One such person is Warrandyte's Grant King. A committed coach when his kids were playing, he is still giving up his time after they moved on to other challenges.

"You do it for the kids," Grant told the *Diary*. "You give them the opportunity. You give them some structure so they learn and enjoy what they are doing."

For the record, Grant's Under 15 C Boys had a good win over Nunawading 44-38 recently at home.

In other games, Warrandyte's Under 17 A Boys knocked off the top team Ivanhoe with a 32-22 win.

After that game, the Under 17 AR Boys squandered a good half-time lead (27-21) to go down to Eltham, 52-45. Both sides are fighting for the last spot in the AR grade finals, and Eltham now has a break.

For Warrandyte, Liam Evans top scored with 22, Lucas Di Paula (11) and Julian Moss (7).

The day finished with a high stan-

dard Under 19 Boys game between Warrandyte and Bulleen. Both sides played skilfully with the final result going 58-24 to the Redbacks. Vladimir Slavenyo top-scored with 25, and he was well supported by Tim Earnshaw with 17 and Clint White (7).

Friday finals

Finals are rapidly approaching for the representative basketball competition. For all teams, finalists or not, this is the culmination of a 12-month commitment.

Several top Warrandyte Venom teams had good wins in Round 16 at Doncaster Secondary College.

James Hicks, from the Div 1 Men's team, coached the Under 20 Girls to a good win over the previous top-of-the-table Keilor, 36-29.

The score did not reflect the closeness of the game with the gap down to three at one stage and the momentum with Keilor with just over 90 seconds to go.

Warrandyte was able to use possession to eat up time. Keilor fouled and Rachael Watson was able to put one of the two shots away to open up the gap.

It was not until Maddie Hallett hit both her free throws 15 seconds later that the Venom were able to relax for an excellent win, having bounced back from a recent loss to the bottom team. Maddie Hallett top-scored with 16 in another strong game from point guard while Bree Unthank scored 6.

On the adjoining court, the Under VJL1 Girls, coached by Bec McKay, had a good win over Frankston 38-20 to retain top spot in their division.

Emma Adams's Under 12 VJL2 Girls retained their final position with a 33-18 win over Diamond Valley. Top-scorers were Kyla Morrow (15), Alicia Callahan (6) and Caitlin Segrave (6).

The other Under 12 Girls side had an exciting win over Collingwood. With the scores locked at 25-all, both sides had plenty of chances. Amilia Rees was fouled going to the basket with just under 10 seconds to go. The first one missed, while the second rolled around the ring for what seemed an eternity until it fell in to give the Venom the win. Ruby Nicks top scored with 11 for the Venom.

Wins also went to the VJL1 Under 12 Boys (44-38 over Geelong), Under 16 Boys (49-31 over Nunawading) and Under 18 Boys (71-26 over Werribee).

WARRANDYTE BASKETBALL TOP CAT JUSTIN CALLS IT A DAY

By MICHAEL DI PETTA

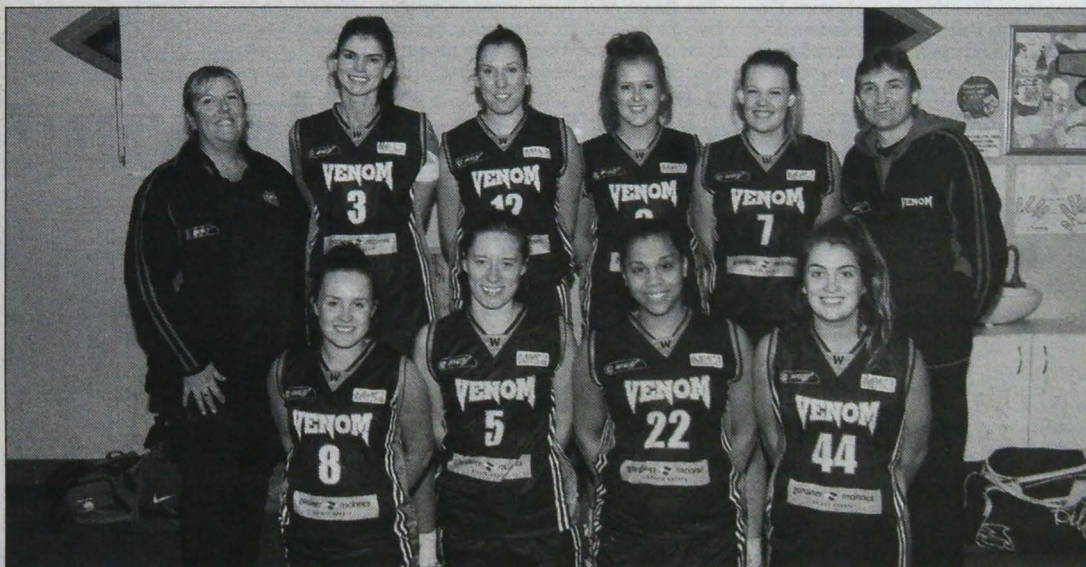
WARRANDYTE Basketball general manager and seniors women's coach Justin Nelson has decided to move on after eight years of service at the end of this month following the upcoming finals series.

Since his arrival, Nelson, a well respected figure in basketball, has helped spearhead a period of success never before seen in Warrandyte's basketball program and, as general manager and with the help of the committee, has helped make Warrandyte a force to be reckoned with.

"One of the best things I can look back on is how rapidly and successfully the club has grown," Nelson says. "There are memories of achievement from every year, and since 2005 the club has tripled in size."

A three-time recipient of the Coach of the Year Award, and after seven trips to the Big V finals, Nelson is also calling time on his successful coaching stint with the Warrandyte Senior Women's team and believes that a victory in this finals series would be the perfect way to end his time at the club.

"We've finished top of the ladder on a 13-game winning streak, and the opportunity to win a championship is a nice way to finish," he says.



Moving on: Warrandyte Basketball general manager and senior women's coach Justin Nelson (far right) with his team.

Nelson's decision to leave Warrandyte is inspired by the desire to explore openings in his life and with the club in such excellent shape he feels that now the time is right.

"Being at Warrandyte Basketball has been my passion, and I've had a lot to do in sport and media in the last 20 years. But I'm at

the stage where there are other opportunities in front of me and I need to go away and explore them with a clean slate."

Although many will be sad to see the end of an era for Warrandyte basketball, Nelson has nothing but positive memories on his mind.

"It's part of who I am and who

I'll always be. I've been fortunate enough to see the development of a lot of young people, not just as basketballers, but also as people I'll remember my time here with a lot of pride, satisfaction and enjoyment because it's a place where young people can strive to be their best."

Warrandyte Basketball presi-

dent Richard Cookes says though the place won't be the same without Nelson visibly there, he knows Warrandyte pumps through his veins and he will always only be a phone call away.

"If you think you have seen Justin Nelson do all the jobs around Warrandyte Basketball then it is probably because he has," says Cookes. "Justin has been president, general manager, Division 1 Women's coach, referee and a long-time VJBL coach. You name it, he has done it."

"After eight years service to the club, which has included overseeing a period of tremendous growth, Justin has decided it is time to leave and take on even bigger challenges."

"On behalf of the WBA committee and our members we would like to thank Justin for his valuable service and leadership over the years and we wish him the best in whichever role he finally chooses."

"Justin has decided not to coach the senior women next year so please, to all of our supporters and families, come and support his team in the finals over the coming weeks."

The club will begin holding talks with candidates for the general manager position and also look for a new coach for the Senior Women's side.

Bloods face relegation

By MICHAEL DI PETTA

THE wheels appeared to have fallen off for Warrandyte in a season defining encounter against the Whitehorse Pioneers at Springfield Park recently, which turned sour for the Bloods after half-time.

Despite welcoming back key players Luke Dunn and Troy Ratcliffe from injury, the Bloods couldn't match Whitehorse physically or mentally in a hard fought slugfest between the two bottom teams, and missed a golden opportunity to record their third win of the season.

Although showing signs of life early in the game, particularly the second quarter, Warrandyte faded in the second half while Whitehorse stepped on the gas and took the game by the scruff of the neck.

A string of five consecutive losses against Wantirna South, Ringwood, The Basin, Templestowe and Whitehorse now sees Warrandyte slump to last position on the EFL ladder with just a round left to play, and the club is in serious danger of being relegated to Division 4.

In blustery conditions that threatened to render foot skills useless, the game began in scrappy fashion with neither side able to produce quality entries inside 50m, with both backlines playing superbly, intercepting every pass and quelling every attack. Warrandyte made a concerted attempt to spread the ball down the wings, and looked strong in the air, taking contested marks around the ground despite the wind.

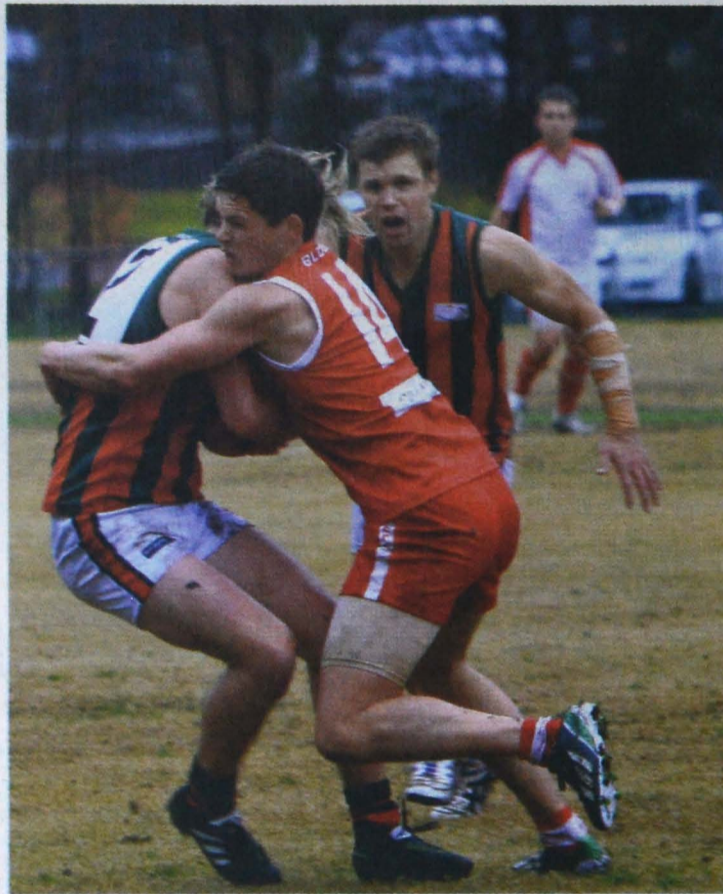
With the quarter almost over and with neither team yet to record a major, it was Whitehorse who were the first to notch a goal on the back of a strong mark inside their forward 50, and when the first siren sounded the Bloods trailed by 11, despite great efforts from reliable contributors Daniel Large and Ben Taylor.

Whitehorse came out in the second term in fiery fashion, totally controlling the ball and used effective run and carry to boot three early majors. Under pressure, the Bloods were scrappy in possession and couldn't give their forwards a sniff.

However, the Warrandyte midfielders slowly began to win the battle in the centre and started to turn the tables. Tim Hookey and Luke Saunders were instrumental, providing gut-busting run and the latter kicked a superb running goal to give Warrandyte a jump start.

With tackling pressure and general intensity improving with every minute, the Bloods looked energized, and a goal after the half-time siren by Luke Dunn looked to give Warrandyte the momentum going into the second half, trailing 3.4.22 to Whitehorse 5.7.37.

However, as so often has been the case with Warrandyte's season, the



Gotcha: Michael Chimenton lays a solid tackle on an opponent.

Bloods couldn't maintain the level of quality that got them back into the game. Whitehorse seized the initiative, winning all the contested ball and clearances. They rattled off seven unanswered goals to leave Warrandyte in a daze.

Highlights were few and far between for the Bloods as players missed targets and were under constant pressure trapped in Whitehorse's forward half. The game became marred by fouls and stoppages, which played to Whitehorse's advantage, and Warrandyte limped into the final change trailing by 58 points.

The final term saw much of the same as Whitehorse continued to do most of the attacking, although the Bloods defenders were able to stop the flow, limiting the home team to just two goals for the quarter. Midfielders made renewed efforts to pressure the ball and trap it at stoppages, but it was too late to make an impact.

Lee Evans was able to add a major for Warrandyte, but the usually dangerous Bloods forwards were disappointing with Morello, Evans and Dunn managing only two between

them as Whitehorse recorded a decisive victory 14.11.95 to Warrandyte 4.7.31.

In previous weeks, the Bloods tasted defeat at the hands of Wantirna South, Ringwood and The Basin, and also suffered a heartbreaking one-point loss against Templestowe despite leading at every change, showcasing Warrandyte's inability to play their damaging football for a full four quarters.

Unlike the seniors, the Warrandyte Reserves managed to record a hard-fought win against the Basin, but this was sandwiched between losses to Wantirna South and Ringwood, and Templestowe and Whitehorse respectively. Sitting in 11th place, the Reserves have fared little better than the seniors in season 2013.

Despite showing solid signs and sitting mid table in seventh position before Round 12, the Warrandyte Under 19s were unable to build upon their reasonable start to the season and suffered harsh losses at the hands of Wantirna South, Ringwood, The Basin and Templestowe, with a bye in Round 16. The poor results now leave the Under 19s in ninth



Man on a mission: Popular trainer Ian "Woody" Wood can manage a smile despite the Bloods' poor form late in the season. Below: An electronic scoreboard was borrowed from Croydon and trialled at Warrandyte recently.



place with four wins to their name.

Round 12: Warrandyte 7.11.53 lost to Wantirna South 20.20.140. Goals: L. Brewis 3, J. Hale, N. Prelorenzo, J. Vendramini, M. Morello. Best: M. Morello, D. Hand, L. Brewis, T. Beasley, D. Large, J. Prelorenzo.

Round 13: Ringwood 13.26.104 d Warrandyte 9.11.65. Goals: L. Saunders 2, J. Prelorenzo, N. Prelorenzo, D. Hand, B. Taylor, J. Eyre, R. Exon, T. Beasley. Best: R. Exon, J. Vendramini, J. Eyre, S. Beasley, M. Munro, M. Chimenton

Round 14: Warrandyte 9.4.58 lost to The Basin 13.22.100. Goals: T. Naughtin 2, D. Large 2, J. Bentley, B. Taylor, L. Saunders, J. Hale, N. Prelorenzo. Best: M. Chimenton, T. Naughtin, D. Large, J. Hale, T. Hookey, N. Clapham.

Round 15: Warrandyte 14.7.91 lost to Templestowe 14.8.92. Goals: N. Clapham 3, M. Morello 2, L. Evans 2, J. Prelorenzo, T. Hookey, T. Naughtin, T. Beasley, J. Vendramini, N. Prelorenzo, B. Taylor. Best: B. Taylor, N. Clapham, L. Evans, T. Ratcliffe, M. Chimenton, T. Hookey.

Round 16: Whitehorse Pioneers 14.11.95 d Warrandyte 4.7.31. Goals: T. Holman, L. Evans, L. Saunders, L. Dunn. Best: T. Hookey, D. Large, L. Saunders, B. Taylor, J. Eyre, T. Holman.



Cycling for a good cause

MICKY'S Fitness in Research held a cycle challenge (eight hours of riding) to raise money for Beyond Blue last month.

Owner Micky White said the atmosphere on Saturday "was amazing with many people donating their time to ride, instruct, massage and cook, as well as hold many awesome raffles".

About \$9200 was raised for Beyond Blue.

Hawks cricketers ready to rumble

By FRANS BROUWER

UNDER grey skies and with the mercury in single figures, football is king and the papers are rightly filled with it, but meanwhile newly elected cricket committees everywhere have been busy planning indoor training, hiring coaches, purchasing equipment and sprucing up clubrooms.

This correspondent can happily report that the South Warrandyte Hawks preparations for season 2013/14 are well advanced.

A senior pre-season kick-off meeting in late July outlined the training program and drills that will be employed over the coming season. Indoor training sessions have started and are being held at Saxon Sports, 64 Cave Hill Rd, Lilydale, on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm until the end of September. Outdoor sessions will also be run on a Sunday morning.

Junior registration days will be held on Friday, August 23, from 5.30pm-7pm and on Saturday, August 24, from 9.30am-11am. Pre-season indoor training will run from Sunday, September 1 for four weeks, from 11am-noon at Saxon Sports.

The club intends to field similar teams to last season - U16, U14, U12, U10, Milo (at Warranwood Primary School), five senior teams, two Over 40s and an Over 50s team. Anyone interested in joining the Hawks can phone or text junior co-ordinator Andrew Walker on 0417 002 461, or me on 0408 222 365. Otherwise we'll see you at indoor training.

Warrandyte pavilion in full swing

WORK on the \$2.3 million Warrandyte Reserve Pavilion is on track after demolition work and the bulk excavation, footings and services excavation work now complete as cement was poured last week.

Manningham Mayor Cr Jennifer Yang said she was pleased to see good progress being made on what will be the new home for co-tenants the Warrandyte Football Club, Warrandyte Junior Football Club, Warrandyte Cricket Club, and the Warrandyte Netball Club.

"It wasn't that long ago that we turned the first sod, so it is good to see the first tangible signs that the development of a new sporting pavilion at Warrandyte is underway," Cr Yang said.

"Over the coming weeks we will see reinforcement and concrete works to the lower level taking place and ongoing preparation works for the first floor."

The new pavilion will include change rooms and amenities, first aid and umpires rooms and club storage on the ground floor, as well as a multipurpose space, kitchen/canteen,



Team effort: Cr Meg Downie, David Dyason from the Warrandyte Netball Club, Cr Sophy Galbally, Matthew Chapman from the Warrandyte Cricket Club (Chairman of Warrandyte SG), Cr Paul McLeish and Dee Dickson from the Warrandyte Junior Football Club. Right: concrete was poured last week by Gateway as the works start to take shape.

netball locker room and netball club storage on the second level.

The \$2.3 million project is being funded by Manningham Council (\$1.2 million), with support from the Victorian Government (\$800,000),

the Warrandyte Sporting Group incorporating the Warrandyte Junior Football Club and Warrandyte Netball Club (totalling \$320,000), which includes funding assistance from the Warrandyte Community Bank.



Little Aths rego day next month

BUDDING athletes from Warrandyte and surrounds have the chance to compete against others and learn new skills at East Doncaster Little Athletics throughout summer at Rieschiecks Reserve in George St, Doncaster.

EDLA will hold its registration day on September 14 from 9am to noon and is open for children of all abilities and aged between 5 and 15.

Registrations can also be made online at the Little Aths Victoria website at <http://bit.ly/1cwGcas> where you simply choose the option "Doncaster Center", followed by "East Doncaster Club".

For more info contact Margaret Kelly on 0447 693 561 or Peter Sharpe on 0413 777 107.

Junior footy finals fever

FINALS fever has swept over the Warrandyte Junior Football Club in what has been a season of mixed fortunes for the Bloods with half the teams making the cut and the other half missing out.

The Colts finished third on the ladder in the home and away season and entered the finals on the weekend (after the *Diary* went to print) determined to finish their season on a high with 13 members of the team being top age and about to finish playing in junior ranks.

One of the Colts' shining lights, James Appleby, a 10-year player with the WJFC, recently passed the 150 game milestone in what is a significant achievement for a junior footballer and is a testament to the youngster's dedication, persistence and loyalty to the club.

James lists playing in the Under 11s Grand Final as his most significant achievement, though the club's hierarchy tells the *Diary* he sells his own individual achievements short, having won multiple Best and Fairest awards with the club.

"James is a stalwart of the club, having turned his back on opportunities to play elsewhere and instead he decided to stick with his beloved Bloods," coach Steve Rowarth said.

"James is a natural leader both on and off the field with very real potential to one day take on a coaching role. He is passionate about his footy and plays a tough, uncompromising brand of football similar in style to the Sydney Swans' Ryan O'Keefe.

"We thank James for his service to the club over his 150 games, and wish him well for the remainder of the season. Let's hope James can play a big part in the Colts' premiership aspirations."

Other top-age Colts include Astan Ure (club captain), Michael Bilos (club vice-captain), Octavian Power-Priede (Colts captain), Jason, Castagna, James Appleby, Sidney Philip-Owen, Mitchell Todd, Scott Ternes, Ryan Paul, Sean Bowers, Hewitt Murray, Matt Nagel, Kieran Robertson and Alexander Coutts.

Tackers triumph

While some Bloods players finish their days as juniors, others have only just begun. The youngest of the Bloods had a terrific year, according to coach Travis Reddaway, with many completing their first year of competitive football.

"While there is no scoring and no ladder, I can assure everyone we would have finished on top and won the flag if there was," Travis said. "Some of my highlights of the year included the incredible improvement of skill and confidence from all players. I also enjoyed some humorous moments throughout the season.

"I witnessed Troy Morley trying to tackle an opponent with magic powers (shaking his outstretched



Colts farewell: Sean Bowers, Mitchell Todd, Octavian Power-Priede, Scott Ternes and Astan Ure, (middle) Ryan Paul, James Appleby, Matthew Nagel, Michael Bilos, (front) Kieran Robertson, Sidney Philip-Owen. Below: Under 14s and Under 11s in action. (Pictures: Jen Trewella, Scott Podmore and David Ure)



hands at the opposition player running past), Adam Papez using one ski glove to keep his hand warm, and I watched the kids pick ice from their studs on a freezing morning in Heidelberg.

"It has been a fun season and I hope all the kids come back next year to do it all again."

Under 10s

THE Under 10s Bloods made great improvement throughout season 2013 and reached the finals finishing fourth with nine wins, five losses and one draw. They were up against Ashburton in a semi final on the weekend.

Under 11s

THE Under 11s went up a division and performed admirably with seven wins and eight losses to just miss out

on finals, according to coach Owen Humphris.

"Inconsistency of attack on the ball has been the Under 11s Bloods' nemesis this season," Owen said. "We found with greater intensity at training it all started to flow into a better on field performance. The team's record has been steady this year with a pretty even win-loss ratio, but we have no doubt that on any given day we could beat any team in the competition.

"A strong list overall has helped the boys step up into the higher division and perform at the higher level. The team has been bolstered by six new players who have all contributed well and become part of our tight-knit team."

Under 12s

WARRANDYTE'S Under 12s had a

big season in the very competition Brown Division and finished the year off in third place with eight wins and six losses. They played a final on the weekend against Balwyn and were favoured to win. Fitzroy is the team to beat after going through the season undefeated.

Under 13s

COACHES say there were no expectations at the start of the season for the Under 13s, but it's finals time and "we find ourselves sitting on top of the ladder", says head coach Rohan Clark.

"The team have had some big percentage wins this year, and as a whole have steadily improved throughout the season, with defensive discipline during a game being a major focal point. Our first final will be against second on the ladder

Richmond, all going well, we could find ourselves going straight into the grand final with a week off in between. If not then we will get a second chance the following week playing the winner of third versus fourth. Destiny awaits, and the team knows it's in their hands for them to shape. Go Bloods."

Under 14s

THE Under 14s season provided some scintillating football with a big win against the top side and two near misses against the second-placed team, combined with two wins over 20 goals, according to the club.

"The boys grew as a football side earning themselves respect from opposition coaches," coach Mark Trewella said. "I hope the boys stay together for next season and get the success that their improvement deserves. In the end, players making themselves unavailable regularly throughout the season and a high injury count took its toll and we dropped games that we should have won to miss the finals by a game.

"But it has been an honour to have the opportunity of being involved with a group that prides itself on self respect and comradeship."

Under 15s

THIS season the Under 15s merged with Doncaster Heights as both clubs were struggling with numbers and the boys had their first training session together only a week before the opening round.

Julian Toppi and Luke Killey were part of the leadership group and with seven of the players in their first year of competitive football, it was always going to be a tough gig.

"But all the boys had the willingness to learn," coach James Yoffa said. "One of the team's highlights was our Round 3 win. Although it was a tough season, it was enjoyable. The improvement through the year was a pleasure to witness and the hard work was paying off."

James also said the team started the season losing by big margins but finished the season by challenging all the finals contenders.

"It was pleasing to hear the opposition coaches' comments after the game about how much the boys have improved in just a short time," he said. "The group had worked hard to achieve this and should all be proud of their efforts and can build on this next season."

Youth Girls

WARRANDYTE'S Youth Girls team had a tough season up against some bigger, stronger clubs but managed to achieve two victories for the year.

● To keep track of all finals results and the progress of the Warrandyte teams still remaining in their quest for grand final glory visit www.warrandytejfc.org.

Creekers on top of their game

ANDERSONS Creek Primary School has had a "sensational winter season on the sports field", according to PE teacher Meredith Thornton with grades 5 and 6 students competing every week throughout Term 2 and achieving some great results.

The school's netball team first won the Templestowe District competition, then the Manningham Division competition, and is all set to give it their all in the Regional competition on August 21. Meanwhile, the mixed netball team won the Templestowe District comp and is also competing in the Regional event.

The Creekers' footy squad has also produced some top form to be a force on the football field. "Our footballers have had a great season and reached

Regionals and were only just pipped in moving to the State grand final on percentage only," Meredith said.

The football team (pictured right) played against Templestowe Park in the Templestowe District finals and had a strong win, then had a convincing victory over St Gregory's in the Manningham Division Finals. They endured three tough contests last Monday for one win, a loss and a draw.

In other school sports news, grade 3 and 4 students participated in Basketball Victoria's Hooptime competition. The All Stars Boys and All Stars Girls teams had a win and continue onto the Regionals.

"The team spirit and good sportsmanship shown by the players has been fantastic," Meredith said.



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