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OUR NEWSPAPER

The Warrandyte Diary was established in 1970 as a small local newsletter. Although it has developed over the years, it has retained its strong community character, being produced mostly by volunteers with only one aim: to serve its community. Financed solely through advertising, it guards its not-for-profit, non-commercial status and its independent voice. The Diary carries a strong editorial bias towards the people, environment and character of the place it serves. Its monthly circulation is 4000 copies and it is available in Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park, Warranwood, North Ringwood, Kangaroo Ground and Research.

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.

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Narelle's hooked on books

THE new library was so exciting. Narelle liked the roomettes, the soaring ceilings, the grinning mural and the purple lift to the Neighbourhood House. But mostly she liked the books. Row upon row of brand new, shiny books. It was like being an explorer, reading words no-one has ever seen before.

She sat at a corner window, a stack of virginal volumes before her, devouring the illuminating blurbs on their back covers.

The Wind in The Willows. Ratty and Mole run an antique shop popular amongst locals who prefer the charm of worn-out upholstery and cane in a constant state of unravel to things that are actually comfortable. They go frolicking on the river on their inflatable lilos before returning to the shop to make more antiques.

Murder on the Southern Aurora. Hercule Parrot investigates the suspicious death of a lingerie salesman just outside Violet Town. Police cordon off the entire area and Sydney-bound trains have to go another way. The victim has apparently been clubbed to death with a large fish until Parrot realises it's a red herring. Parrot interrogates the passengers but overlooks the compartment where the murderer is hiding resulting in a missed carriage of justice.

Sherlock Homes. The heart-rending story of a pigeon who becomes lost after hitting the windscreen of a 906 bus to King Street. Dazed and disoriented, with one leg trapped under a wiper blade, Sherlock manages to free himself somewhere near the Eye and Ear Hospital, and with the help of a kindly bag

WARRANDYTE LIBRARY



living with The Trotts

the 7:16 stopping all stations to Flagstaff. Children will especially love Myki, Minnie and the part where their loveable bull terrier Pluto rips their nephews into bite-sized chunks.

Bridesmaids Revisited. A young Monash undergraduate pals up with a wealthy and hedonistic libertine who invites him to spend the hols with his family at Portsea. The plot seethes with unrequited lust, latent homosexuality and Catholic guilt. In which a small bear is stuffed but nothing much else.

Faucet. Goethe's tragedy of a dissatisfied plumber who makes a pact with the devil to trade his S bends, sewer snakes and tapware for a life of VB, lap dancers and Cold Chisel reunions.

Withering Heights. Experts explain why we get shorter as we get older, why hairs start appearing out of nowhere, why veins start travelling along the outside of your legs instead of the inside, why prunes are your best friend, why we start wearing cardigans, why we forget you know what was that I mean it's on the tip of my um what's that pink thing between where my teeth used to be?

Narelle narrowed it down to four and made her way to the self-serve lending screen. She also took a copy of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's*

Kiln, not that she was interested in ceramics but it was the perfect width to balance the coffee table.

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A proper library at last

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

Warrandyte Library, the much anticipated centrepiece in the redevelopment of the Warrandyte Community Centre, opened for business on August 20.

The centre has been under reconstruction since July last year, as part of a plan by Manningham council to revitalise it.

In a media statement Manningham mayor Cr Jennifer Yang said the refurbishment of the centre is an "outstanding result for the local community" and is already providing a real focal point for Warrandyte.

The new facility exists under the umbrella of Whitehorse Manningham regional library service.

Along with Warrandyte, members can borrow or return items at branches located at Blackburn, Box Hill, Bulleen, Doncaster, Nunawading, The Pines, and Vermont South.

The library houses around 8500 pieces for lending, including audio-visual materials and magazines. Other services include internet access, a bank of public computers, plus print, copy and fax facilities.

Warm, light and spacious, a teenage games area complete with a cluster of beanbags helps give the new setup a relaxed feel.

Younger children have their own space where the library plans to offer regular story times and school holiday activities as part of specially designed children's programs.

Borrowers will also appreciate the self-opening entry and exit doors, and lift to the upper car park.

The self-checking service gets a thumbs-up for being user-friendly. According to one new customer, "it was so easy even though I've never used one before, it was a delight to check books out myself!"

Mrs Georgina Earl, Manager Branch Services for Whitehorse Manningham Libraries (WML), told the *Diary* WML has been pleased with the positive community response, which includes 80 new memberships and almost 1000 loans within the first two days of opening.

"People have been counting down the days to opening. The community has been quick to make use of the library's Wi-Fi and fixed Internet facilities, teenage games and children's area," Mrs Earl said.

"The centre's other tenants have also been most welcoming of the library service into the facility and we look forward to the partnership opportunities offered by co-location."

Given its hard-won reality, it is

hoped the new facility will continue to be well used.

Warrandyte did have a library, more than 125 years ago when the Mechanics' Institute was first established, but a fully comprehensive municipal library has never existed in the town.

While trying for many years to secure the real thing, locals have experienced a number of attempts: mobile libraries, a book exchange, and an e-library.

In the 1970s, the Box Hill-Doncaster mobile library service trucked a welcome quantity of books to Warrandyte each Tuesday.

Residents assumed a municipal library would be included in the original development plans for the community centre in 1980, when Doncaster and Templestowe council bought the land. However, council said it was questionable as to whether a small library would be successful given it had to compete with larger local libraries such as the one at The Pines.

In 1991, veteran local campaigner Jean Chapman suggested Warrandyte Neighbourhood House start a community library. This book exchange, staffed by volunteers and stocked with donated books, ran for

almost 10 years.

But was the dream of a real library still alive?

An appeal by local resident Anthea Philippou six years later, confirmed it was.

The former librarian circulated a petition in 1997, calling for library facilities in Warrandyte, especially for the young and elderly. Her petition attracted more than 700 signatures in a few weeks and a national survey of consumer trends later that year certainly added to its weight.

Conducted by the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research and reported in the *Weekend Australian*, the survey found that Warrandyte boasted the greatest number of potential book-buyers per capita in Australia. (The town didn't even have a bookshop, never mind a library!)

In 1998, as part of Manningham's strategic plan to enhance library facilities throughout the municipality, council launched a pilot project that would improve Warrandyte's library services — but not in the traditional sense.

The township acquired a "virtual library without walls", the first of its kind in Victoria, which operated electronically from "web-point kiosks"

located mostly in the community centre.

This "e-library" allowed members to access a catalogue of books via Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation and make a selection that could be collected within a few days.

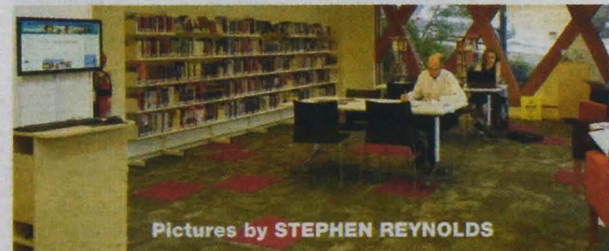
At the time the *Diary* quipped, "A virtual library's a library you get when you're not getting a library", however many users were satisfied with the innovative service, which expanded into larger premises in 2005.

Though it was a virtual success for some, others continued to miss the hands-on experience of browsing through a maze of books that only a proper library can give.

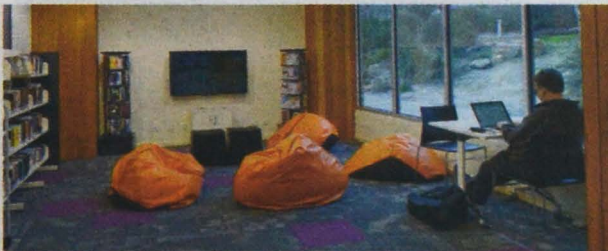
It's been a long wait for the reading faithful but locals can finally enjoy this highly valued pleasure in the heart of their own community!

Happy browsing...

● **Warrandyte Library Centre's opening hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 5.30pm, Thursdays and Fridays between 1pm and 5.30pm and Saturdays from 9am until 1pm.**



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From mining camp to community facility

By VAL POLLEY

FOR over three decades the Warrandyte Community Centre has been at the very centre of the community and not just in location. It has also been central to community debate and activism as well. Even as far back as 1971 agitation had begun in this paper for a community centre but it was not until the Getson site in the centre of the township was put up for sale in 1980 that a real push for a major community complex began.

The Getson site, as it was known around the town in the late 1970s, was situated between Webb Street and Mitchell Avenue and had a rich and varied history. Originally a gully running down to the Yarra River, it was named Specimen Gully after its extensive workings by miners in the mid-1800s. In 1923 a W.D. Moore built a garage on the site as well as shop and café known as the Central Tea Rooms. This was run by Aggie Moore and her father Jack for over 36 years and was well known and loved in the district. The garage, with its distinctive roadside pumps and collection of buildings became Getson Motors in the 1970s and comprised open space at the rear with a row of buildings in various states of repair along the Yarra Street frontage.

Following an adverse reaction by residents to supermarket and rooftop carpark proposals for the site, the Warrandyte Environment League came up with the exciting and bold alternative. They requested Doncaster and Templestowe

Council purchase the site for a village centre serving the community. It proposed the centre could include a home for the Warrandyte Historical Society (WHS), a blacksmith's shop, coffee shop, open air forum and tourist kiosk. The broader community offered enthusiastic support and following community pressure applied by groups and individuals the council purchased the property in November 1980 for \$200,000 after the site had been twice passed in at auction.

The original centre, housed in the old buildings, contained a blacksmiths shop and museum, a community run coffee shop and the Lions Op Shop as well as a community meeting room (which saw the formation of the Friends of Warrandyte State Park). It was all managed by a tenant sub-committee under the auspices of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee (WAC). At the time of purchase the council had made it clear there would be no further funding for 10 years but by 1987 it was apparent the neglected buildings were becoming increasingly dilapidated and that some action was required if the site was to fulfil its potential. The *Diary* and WAC joined forces to lobby for changes and a sub-committee headed by architect Peter Harkin interviewed community groups and organisations to establish their requirements. Concerns were raised the site would be developed for commercial purposes or that the project would be financed by a commercial component but these fears were not realised when no expressions of interest

in commercial space were received. Community views prevailed and by the end of 1988 the council had agreed to build a community centre and planning for a new complex proceeded under a joint WAC/council working party chaired by Cr Vern Denford.

Architects Whitford and Peck drew up plans that evoked the style of earlier buildings in the township with gabled frontage and wide verandahs with wooden trim. The plans allowed for three multi-purpose spaces, a youth activities area, the Lions opportunity shop and offices for the Neighbourhood House and the *Diary* as well as an occasional child care area. WHS and the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) agreed to some other external moves to maximize the spaces with the WHS taking over the Old Post Office for its museum and the CAB moving into the centre. The centre's open foyer was a major design feature and former Warrandyte artist Dale Marsh worked on a major mural which still enjoys pride of place. Garden design was by local landscape designer Bev Hanson with an emphasis on Australian flora and contained a sculpture by celebrated sculptor and local resident Inge King. The completed complex was a tribute to all the hard work and participation of the community to ensure a centre whose design and usage complemented and reinforced the style and character of Warrandyte. The centre was opened by the Mayor Cr John Bridge in 1991 to great acclaim and received further accolades when it was awarded the 1992 Charles

Latrobe Design for Living Award – Residential Environment Category in 1992.

Over the next few years the centre remained at the heart of the community with a number of volunteer user groups providing valuable community service and with casual use of the public rooms and spaces well supported. However, consternation arose in 1999 when the new Manningham City Council, acting within a new "user pays" imperative, called in consultants to look at the financial operation of the centre and possible financial independence.

Management committee members, when informed the centre would have to become financially independent within 12 months did not re-nominate and the committee lapsed. So in 2000 the council resumed management of the centre but this action once again generated a backlash from the community fearing commercialisation of the space. The result of the subsequent agitation was the formation of the Warrandyte Community Centre Supporter's Group (WCCSG) at a well attended public meeting. Its brief was to work towards proposals that would ensure the community centre would be run by the community for the community.

When in 2001 council called for expressions of interest for management of the centre from not-for-profit organisations, the WCCSG committee under the leadership of Jock Macneish put together a successful tender which led to the group assuming management of the centre with an initial five year lease.

However the centre had to pay its way on operating costs and council also set a rental of \$5000 pa. The new group set to work with a will with clean-up days, working bees, gardening and many financial and planning sessions. The tenants were exceptional in accepting higher rentals in the interest of the centre and under the new regime the casual hiring rate also increased. Eventually the centre was operating smoothly with high levels of usage in all areas. Weddings, conferences, workshops, meetings and classes filled the public spaces with the occupancy rate high for most nights of the week and there was also some reorganisation of tenancies. During this time the WCCSG was able to bank funds for future use, let a tender for professional cleaning and hire a part-time manager.

When the lease was renegotiated in 2007 a new committee under the direction of David Dyason and with many enthusiastic members was in place and it produced plans for a number of exciting new ideas and innovations. However over the next few years the task of management became increasingly onerous with rising costs and overheads, building renovation and updating requirements and the battle to raise sufficient funds from tenants and casual users becoming increasingly difficult. By the end of 2010 the council and the management committee agreed to review the business and management model together with key stakeholders and come up with a strategic plan for the centre's future.

The key issues that arose from such consultations included: continued strong opposition to commercialisation; support for refurbishment; in-principle support for council to resume management; strong support for library facilities and unanimous support for the retention of the building at the site and for community purposes. Council resumed management of the facility from January 2011 and plans developed for updating the building with the major addition of a new library. The rest, as we know, is history, the updated and refurbished building together with a new library opened last month to enthusiastic reports. The WCCSG was wound up late in 2011 with a transfer of assets to the Warrandyte Community Association. Thus the period of community management ended and it is the start of a whole new exciting era for our centre.

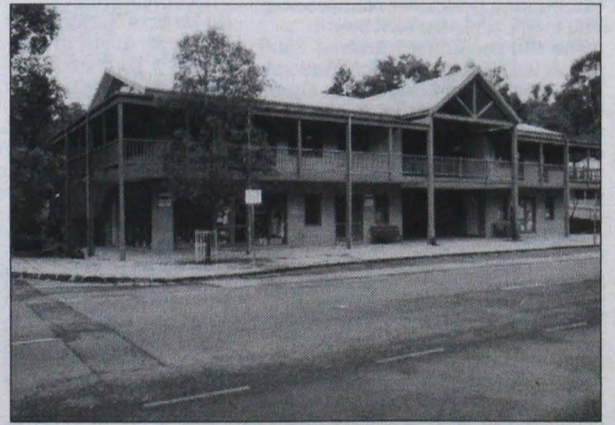
The story of the centre has occupied many pages of the *Warrandyte Diary* over the decades. There have been scores of committed residents who have given freely of their time and expertise to ensure the centre has remained a vital part of community life and while only a few can be mentioned by name here, thanks are due to them all for their effort and energy over the years. History has shown that the Warrandyte Community Centre only survived as a community centre to this time because of the combined efforts of hard working, dedicated and loyal groups and individuals. It is up to the community to ensure it stays thus into the future.



Aggie Moore's tea rooms occupied the site for many years.



Community groups occupied the semi-derelict buildings.



The new community centre as it appeared from the 1990s.



A Holden dealership had the prime corner position.



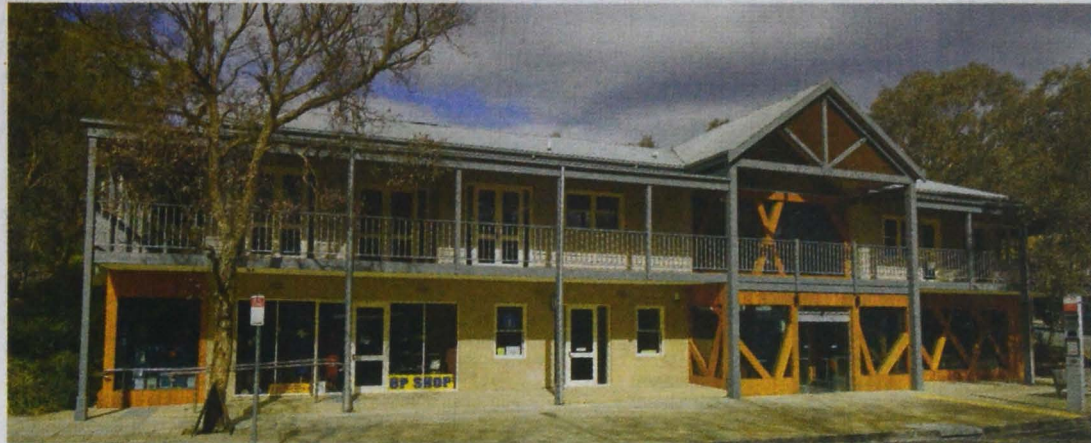
How Jock saw the delay in commencement of the centre.



Our centre, plus municipal library, is reborn.

Pictures courtesy Warrandyte Historical Society.

Community Centre opens for business



By MICHELLE PINI

After more than 12 months and much suspense surrounding the activity behind the cyclone fencing, the refurbished community centre opened for business last month to a warm reception from the Warrandyte community.

The \$2.6 million overhaul has transformed and extended the complex and now showcases the brand new library facility, updated accommodation for the Lions Club Op Shop, Neighbourhood House and Information Warrandyte as well as a new home for the *Diary*, now located on the first floor. There are also new function and meeting room facilities available for community groups of up to 120 people.

The move into the centre was somewhat problematic for many tenants with assorted power supply, service connection and general construction glitches. *Diary* tenant representative Jock Macneish said, "At the time of moving in, every minor hiccup looms large and people, myself included, look around for someone to blame. But ... I'm pretty sure the community will delight in what they've got by this time next year."

This observation seems to have been fast-tracked as the new library facility opened its doors to an amazing welcome, enjoying 1500 visitors in the first week.

Manningham mayor, Cr Yang described the collaborative project between state and local governments, the Warrandyte Community Bank and user groups, as a "wonderful result for the community", and said in a media statement, "I am very pleased that it has opened its doors and now everyone can benefit from the improved facilities that will enhance the range of programs and services on offer."



Warrandyte Library

The centrepiece of the new-look centre has been extremely well received by the community with almost 1000 loans in the first two days. It provides a wide array of print and electronic collections as well as public internet, computer, printing, copying and fax facilities. There are regular children's programs including school holiday activities and light airy spaces for reading or studying.

Manager Georgina Earl said that they had been "very pleased with the response" from the community since the doors opened, describing it as "wonderfully positive" and referring to the other centre tenants as "most welcoming".

The Warrandyte Library is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 5.30pm, Thursdays and Fri-

days between 1pm and 5.30pm and Saturdays from 9am until 1pm. For more information, phone 9895 4250 or visit www.wml.vic.gov.au



Warrandyte Neighbourhood House

Neighbourhood House Coordinator Emma Edmonds indicated her approval of the new-look premises, improved street access and separate, dedicated spaces which now allow the Neighbourhood House to conduct more than one activity at a time.

Ms Edmonds said: "Having a central place where people come together in Warrandyte is a great asset", and she especially liked the "old bridge-inspired" architecture. Ms Edmonds also said the addition of a library as a focal point gave "renewed vibrancy and increased patronage" to the centre and that she was "very happy with the way it turned out".

Ms Edmonds thanked the "helpful, generous and supportive Warrandyte community" for their help and, in particular, the Warrandyte Community Church: "We simply couldn't have functioned over the past 12 months without them."

The Warrandyte Neighbourhood House is a not-for-profit organisation offering classes, support and self-help groups and social activities. It is open Mondays to Fridays between 10am and 4pm. Contact 9844 1839 or visit www.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au.



Warrandyte Lions Op Shop

The Lions Op Shop is run by volunteers and has raised over \$60,000 for people in need over the last 12 months.

Manager Liz Prewett was happy with the end result and said "everyone loved the new space". She also thought the new library facility was a "very positive" addition to the centre.

Ms Prewett indicated that after a long interim period in temporary premises, large stocks of clothing and assorted bric-a-brac had accumulated and needed to be sold to make way for the "new spring colours".

She encouraged people to take advantage of the Op Shop's newly added, safety-checked electrical items and opening sale of 50 per cent off all winter stock. "We are very positive about the future," she said.

Warrandyte Lions Op Shop is open 10.30 am - 4.30pm Mon-Fri and 11am-5pm Sat and Sun. Volunteers are always needed. Ph 9844 4392 or visit www.lionsclubwarrandyte.org.au



Information Warrandyte

Coordinator Kathy Elliott described the new premises as "lovely, open and fresh". She said having access to the library from Information Warrandyte's office allowed activities to be easily intertwined between the two services, which had obvious advantages.

Ms Elliott believed the new building attracted lots of public curiosity which increased visitors to the centre and said that the teething problems associated with the move, although frustrating, were a by-product of most renovations. Ms Elliott said she was very enthusiastic about the centre's future.

The service is run by volunteers and offers free community information, advice and referrals - help is always needed.

Information Warrandyte is open Mondays to Fridays between 10am and 4pm. Weekend hours are currently being reviewed. Ph 9844 3082 or visit www.informationwarrandyte.org.au for further information.



Warrandyte Diary

Diary editor, Cliff Green is "rapt to be shifting back". He said he "loves the new space on the top floor" describing it as "light and airy".

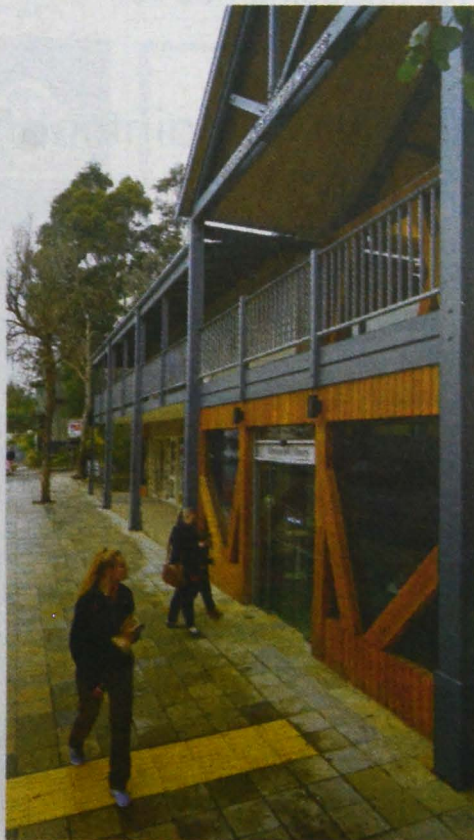
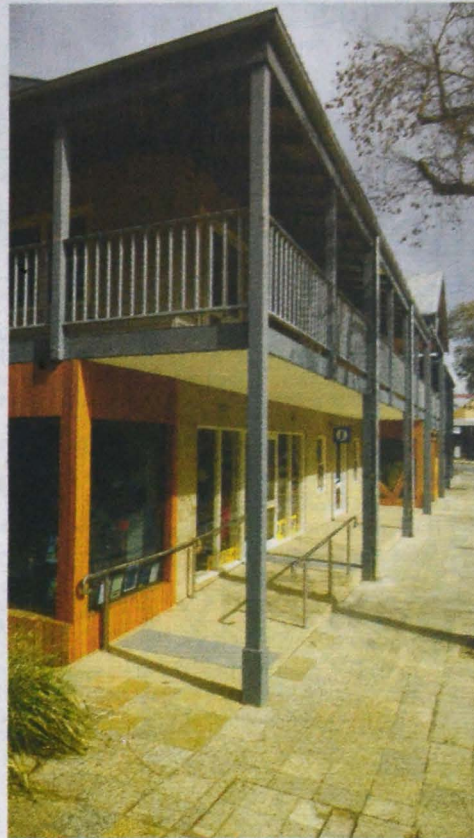
Mr Green referred to the community centre project as a wonderful asset for Warrandyte and said the *Diary* had been instrumental in its support for the development of the centre - playing a major role since the original building's inception; with recent refurbishments and, in particular, with the recent library addition.

He added that the *Diary* is extremely grateful to the Anglican Church for "sheltering us for 12 months".

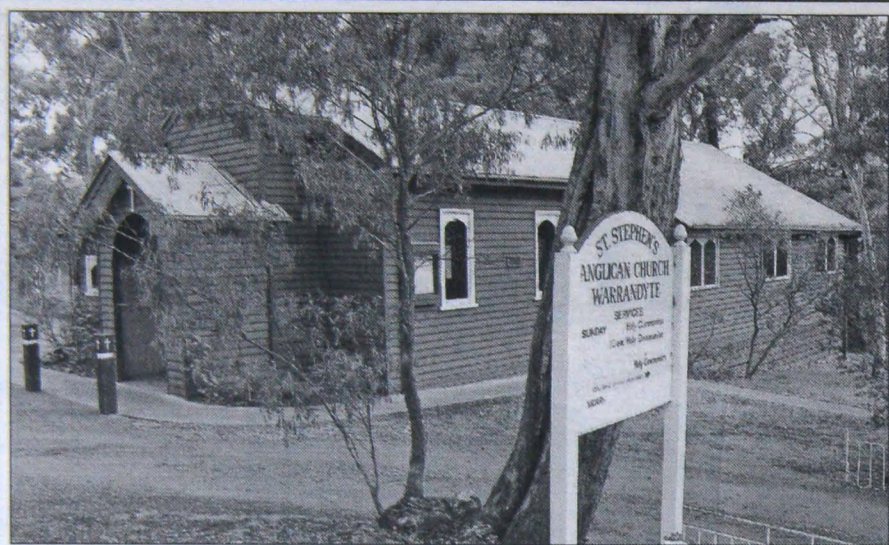
Community Open Day

The Warrandyte Community Centre will be celebrated with a Community Open Day on Saturday, October 19 between 11am and 3pm. A wide array of children's activities, arts and crafts, information displays and local entertainment will be on offer.

For more information visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au



Pictures by STEPHEN REYNOLDS



Our home away from home

Thank you, St Stephen's.

We would like to thank St Stephen's congregation for allowing us to use their hall for the past 12 months. We were very lucky. We fitted in well – and so did our furniture. They made us very welcome. A special thank you to Bill Valentine, who was there in a flash whenever we needed him.

Thank you all so much.

Cliff and Briony
for the *Diary* team

Thank you so much (*Diary*) for your recent residency in our small hall. Also it was good of you to leave us the furniture as it will be handy for the minister's office.

We have been happy to accommodate the *Diary* as you waited for your new home at the Community Centre.

We wish you all the best in your new venue.

Margaret Pepper
Hon Secretary
St Stephen's, Warrandyte

Dog not properly restrained

I was very disappointed last Wednesday to meet a very worried grandfather on the river bank walk. As he and his four-year-old grand-daughter approached a lady and her labra-doodle, the largish dog jumped up at the little girl and kept pawing at her face. The owner made no attempt to restrain the dog or speak,

until the grandfather asked her to restrain her unleashed dog. Apparently the lady then suggested that the riverbank walk was no place for an unrestrained child.

Warrandyte's riverbank walk is one of the few places where we can walk our dogs off lead. Having owned a dog or two in the past, I have always

appreciated and treasured this opportunity to socialise with other dog owners and walkers. However we can only keep this privilege if owners are responsible. Please don't ruin it for better mannered dogs and more responsible owners.

Kass Mulvany
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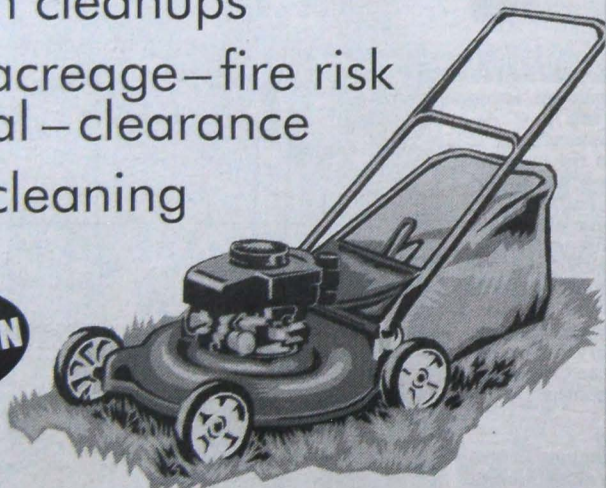
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dear diary

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

Election free zone

The *Diary* has received several letters dealing with the federal election. As this issue has appeared after the election date, these letters have not been published.

Smart bus

The 901 Smart Bus to the airport, which can be caught at The Pines shopping centre, now terminates at a more convenient place at the airport. The bus stop is now outside the Qantas terminal, where as it used to terminate past Tiger Air. The whole route is within Zone 2.

Bev Hanson
Webb Street

CLYDE & OCKER



"Who did you vote for, Ock?"
"Meself!"

Tat-aa, baa-baa

Regarding your roaming sheep letter, "eating its way along the Yarra at the Parks Victoria area at the end of Bradleys Lane".

I believe that as Nillumbik council and Parks Victoria seem unable or unwilling to clean up this disgraceful fire hazard, that either sheep or goats should be released into this area to do the clean-up.

Goats have recently been released into Washington's historical Congressional Cemetery in the US. They will graze there for six days to clear up

poison ivy, vines and weeds and then be moved to another project.

This would be a very "green" way of reducing a very real fire danger. Goats have also been used in this way in some national parks in NSW.

I own a sheep that loves wandering dew and so far he has cleared our block of it and two of our neighbours' as well. He does a wonderful job of reducing fire fuel.

Sue
North Warrandyte



High price for a pee!

It was with horror I read in the *Diary* the cost North Warrandyte was to incur to be sewered. \$10,000 to \$20,000. I don't even have \$5000 and I would be quite happy to retain my septic tank.

To add insult to injury, not long after, I received our rates notice for 2013-2014. \$2,685.95 in my case. A 9.95 per cent increase on last year. 5.40 per cent of this is for superannuation liability, for council employees I presume.

When I go down the list of items council is to spend mon-

ey on, I note once again, that nothing on the list is in North Warrandyte and must again question why council cannot distribute rates more evenly, charging North Warrandyte less and more to areas like Eltham that gain all the benefits.

I have often thought over recent years, it will be the rates that force me out of Warrandyte. However, it may be an expensive pee that does it now!

Briony Bottarelli
North Warrandyte



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Our bank helps drivers

A group of Warrandyte teenagers commenced a special defensive driving course thanks to Warrandyte Community Bank and CGU Insurance.

Four young people selected from Warrandyte High School completed the Greenlight Youth Driver Education Course, an initiative of Bendigo Bank's youth engagement program - Lead On Australia.

The two-day course is targeted at learner or probationary licence holders, aiming to help improve their skills by providing them with access to defensive driver training.

Including theory and practical driving sessions with a qualified DECA driving instructor, the course covers a range of topics such as road laws, defensive driving techniques and what to do in emergency situations.



Warrandyte High School students Jack Orange, Jack Lawrence, Natascha Wirz and Kiara Pianta with instructor Colin and acting bank manager Gavin Costin.

Bank acting manager Gavin Costin said the branch was proud to be supporting the youth education initiative. "This is our second year

offering the program, which just shows the demand for young people keen to increase their own safety on our roads and their commitment to being responsible drivers," Mr

Costin said. "Having a learner driver in my family, I know the importance of ensuring our young people don't hit the road unprepared."

What would you do in a bushfire?

What will you do when a fire breaks out in Warrandyte? If your plan is to go will you *actually* leave early or wait and see? Have all the family talked it through? What if something unexpected happens? Have you a plan B, C ...?

These and other possible situations and questions will be posed to residents at the next Bushfire Scenario Planning Workshop.

The Warrandyte Community Association's "Be Ready Warrandyte" project held a successful pilot workshop earlier in May involving all local emergency

services - all three local CFA fire captains and other CFA officers, council emergency management officers, local police, Parks Victoria and Department of Environment and Primary Industries officers.

"Ninety per cent of participants in the pilot said that their plan helped them through the simulation and advised that, if they couldn't leave early, they now have, or plan to have, a B, C, D ... contingency plan," WCA President Dick Davies told the *Diary*.

"Most participants said that they would recommend this exercise to friends and

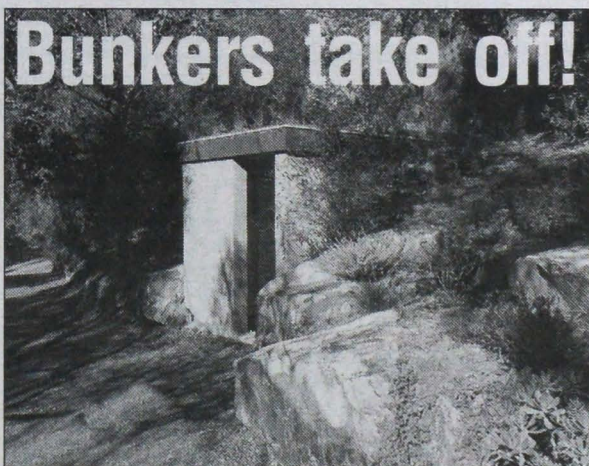
neighbours.

"Based on the pilot, we have refined the program to address real issues that may arise in Warrandyte.

"We encourage all residents to attend to gain a better understanding of their fire plan and how it may be challenged in reality."

The workshop will be held at Andersons Creek Primary School on Thursday, November 28 between 7 and 9pm.

● For further information see www.warrandyte.org.au/fire.



Bunkers take off!

"Be Ready Warrandyte" has been pleasantly surprised by the strong response to the "Bunkers or Bunkum!" Forum.

"Within hours of sending out a preliminary email we had 50 participants registered with the number now at 100 with weeks to go", Warrandyte Community Association president, Dick Davies said.

"The forum has clearly hit a nerve. Residents want to know more about the pros and cons of building a fire bunker."

The forum, part of the WCA "Be Ready Warrandyte - Living with Bushfire Risk" program, will be held on Thursday, September 19, formally between 7 and 9pm at the Warrandyte Community Church in Yarra

Street.

However, participants who have built bunkers are invited to present their designs or photographs on posters or displays before and after the event.

"Participants who come early from 6.30pm or stay afterwards for tea and coffee will be able to discuss their concerns with those presenting displays," Mr Davies said.

Those wishing to present a poster, photos or a display must register with Be Ready Warrandyte a week prior to the event to enable organisation.

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

Clyde's Conundrum

John from Somers Road is standing before a portrait of a man. He says, "Brothers and sisters have I none, but this man's father is my father's son". Who is the man in the picture?

Solution next month.

Solution to last month's puzzle: 10 plates numbered '1'. Example: Warrandyte: 17-11-1-13, Visitors: 15-11-101

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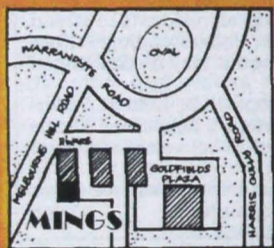
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Sewer job 'on the nose'

By KARLY HICKMAN

Some Warrandyte residents are still battling Yarra Valley Water over connection to the new North Warrandyte sewerage system.

Yarra Valley Water has stated that they currently have no plans to put a price ceiling on the more expensive gravity connections, where houses are above street level.

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

"The design of the system has been based on Yarra Valley Water's 'least community cost' model, which considers both Yarra Valley Water customer costs with determining the best way to provide the service. As a publicly owned company, Yarra Valley Water has a responsibility to ensure projects are delivered in the most cost effective way for the entire community."

Yarra Valley Water expects the cost of the project will be in the tens of millions of dollars. They argue that subsidising connection costs to some residents would translate to a higher water price for customers across Yarra Valley Water's entire district.

As reported in last month's *Diary*, a WCA spokesperson has stated: "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."

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 of the property.

"We recognise that in delivering our sewerage backlog program in the outer urban areas of our service district, that not all properties have the same characteristics, and that some customers may be faced with greater expenses than others."

"We are mindful that our customers across our service district expect us to deliver our services in a fair and equitable way."

Yarra Valley Water says that 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. But building a new on-site water treatment plant on individual properties may also be cost prohibitive to some homeowners.

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.



Local MP Ryan Smith opened the ACPS tribute art show with Jane Annois and Linda Zanatta.

Creek kids top artists

Every year Andersons Creek Grade 6 students create an art piece for the school as a tribute to their schooling.

"This year we have been extremely proud to have undertaken a major art project with artist in residence Jane Annois," a school spokesperson told the *Diary*. "This was only possible because the school received grants from Warrandyte Community Bank and Manningham council."

"Our Grade 6 graduating students spent time sketching at the Yarra in Warrandyte and then worked together in groups to create iconic Warrandyte scenes. The students all made

individual ceramic tiles that tell the Warrandyte story.

"The mural has encapsulated Warrandyte's strong historical and artistic heritage. Our students are dedicated to the preservation of Warrandyte's significance to past, present and future generations," the spokesperson said.

School art teacher Linda Zanatta has been involved in the project from the beginning and has worked with the students to create the mural over the past 20 weeks. She has been particularly impressed by the way the students work together and the enthusiasm and dedication they have shown.

Zone problems emerge

By KARLY HICKMAN

Planning minister Matthew Guy has announced the final step in the state's zone reforms, which include changes to Green Wedge and rural conservation zones.

While the minister says the zones are aimed at strengthening their agricultural credentials, local community groups are concerned that the broadening of allowable uses will lead to inappropriate development in Green Wedge areas.

"About one third of Green Wedge areas are public land, and include National Parks, parks, reserves and closed protection water catchments. They contribute significantly to Melbourne's open spaces network," Minister Guy said in his media release.

The Warrandyte Community Association continues their strong opposition to the proposed zones.

The Green Wedge areas near Warrandyte are classified as the Rural Conservation Zone and therefore the broader allowable uses may impact on Warrandyte and its surrounds.

In early August, WCA, along with several other community groups, met with the Planning Minister and several of his advisors.

WCA claims that during the meeting, the minister stated he did not want service stations and quarries in the Green Wedge Rural Conservation Area.

However, WCA was perplexed when the released final Rural Conservation Zone rules enable such developments to occur.

"Besides opening up the RCZ to an assortment of new types of developments, we are also very concerned that the planning minister has removed all limits on the number of patrons for restaurants, the number of rooms for hotels and the number of dwellings for group accommodation," a WCA spokesperson said.

WCA is concerned that as developments no longer have to be in conjunction with agriculture, "we could have huge Holiday Inns and mega-restaurants popping up throughout the Green Wedge."

WCA lists the new types

of developments allowed in the Green Wedge as including: stone extraction, animal boarding, trash and treasure market, landscape gardening supplies, primary and secondary schools, cemetery, crematorium, display homes, service centre, freeway service centre, funeral parlour and helicopter landing site.

"While the planning minister may say that these developments can only occur subject to council approval, that is not entirely true as developers can just head off to VCAT. The developer will argue, quite correctly, that their proposal was previously prohibited, but now the state government has changed the rules to permit it and VCAT will almost have to approve these proposals no matter what the community or councils have to say - just like the McDonalds in the Dandenongs," WCA said.

State government has maintained that local councils are best placed to make informed decisions on developments in their communities.

The planning minister was unavailable for comment.

New Guides group forms

A new Girl Guides group has been formed in Warrandyte. Guides' eastern region manager, Jill Livingstone is looking for new members—girls and adults—to help forge this new group.

"Girl Guides Victoria is part of the largest volunteer organisation for girls and women in Australia," she told the *Diary*. "With a history of over 100 years of helping change lives, we are a trusted and reputable youth organisation."

"Girl Guides Victoria runs quality programs for girls aged 5-17. Through our unique non-formal education programs we promote citizenship, volunteerism, social awareness and self-reliance. Girl Guides learn by doing."

"We are currently seeking expressions of interest for a Girl Guide group in Warrandyte. We have already received a number of enquiries from a number of girls wishing to join. Other enquiries would be most welcome. Our biggest need is for adults to lead this group. The group

will be commencing their meetings in early September," Ms Livingstone said.

Girl Guides meet regularly, usually once a week, in a group called a "Guide Unit". Guide Units meet for roughly two hours a week. The Guide Unit is made up of girls of similar ages who work together in small groups called a Patrol.

"Each girl develops a range of life skills. Guides learn about themselves as they identify, plan and complete challenges, all while having fun, making friends and enjoying the outdoors," Ms Livingstone said.

"At their meetings Girl Guides: learn skills, play games, work in teams, make friends, get creative and challenge themselves. Girl Guides also have the chance to attend special events and camps regularly."

● All enquiries welcome. Jill Livingstone Ph: 0409 583 847 E: jlivingston@guidesvic.org.au. Website: www.guidesvic.org.au.

Melbourne Hill battle rolls on

By KARLY HICKMAN

The debate is continuing between residents and Manningham council over the proposed Melbourne Hill Road stormwater catchment.

Representatives of the community reference panel have met with councillors Paul McLeish and Sophy Gallaby ahead of an upcoming meeting with councillors and council engineers to discuss the stormwater catchment.

"We have residents who have lived in Melbourne Hill Road for 60 years that know the current proposal put forward by Manningham council won't work," spokesperson for the community panel, Peter Hookey, said.

After Manningham's \$1.9 million proposal was strongly opposed by the community at the last two public meetings, the community reference panel has developed their own proposal.

As proposed in Manningham's plan, residents were expected to contribute \$900,000

to the \$1.9 million project, amounting to \$17,000 per household with council payment plans imposing additional interest.

But the community panel believe their proposal delivers far greater effectiveness at less cost. The new proposal does not use the standard suburban curbing and underground piping that the group believe has no place in the Warrandyte surrounds.

The panel believe their proposal will be more effective in managing stormwater and delivered at a cost at or below the \$1 million council had proposed to invest into the original proposal.

"Council knows that the majority of residents were opposed to their original plans so we are looking forward to presenting our proposal," Mr Hookey said.

The community reference panel will meet formally with ward councillors and council engineers in early September to put forward their proposal.

Festival plans now underway

By CHERIE MOSELEN

Warrandyte Festival Committee invites the local community to buy a sausage this month as part of a fund-raising effort to ensure the return of a festival favourite.

The Dreaming Space - a free activity that provides a great mix of all day circus play, magic acts and story telling - was such a big hit that year, organisers want to bring it back for Festival 2014.

To that end, the committee has organised several sausage sizzles at Quinton's IGA for Saturday, September 21 from 10am to 2pm, and Saturday, December 7 from 10am to 2pm.

"Families loved the Big Top Tent," festival committee president Adie Courtney told the *Diary*.

"It gave children the freedom to experience a range of unique and engaging activities at no cost to parents."

"Mums and Dads could sit down on a hay bale and relax with a coffee, knowing their children were being safely entertained nearby."

Ms Courtney said feedback about the Dreaming Space was so positive, the committee had decided to specifically dedicate the sausage sizzle proceeds to cover the cost of its return.

Regular planning meetings, hosted by the committee president, are well underway towards next year's event.

"Warrandyte festival is a huge extravaganza, put on each year by a talented, tire-

less, professional and chaotic group of volunteers that make up our committee."

"These people handle everything from food and bins, to toilets and craft set up," said Adie.

"They make sense of the dollars, number ducks, erect banners and lights - so many tasks that make the event special."

The annual festival showcases the village of Warrandyte by staging an entire weekend of fun and entertainment. It is an event that moves with the times but also one that retains an authentic connection with the township itself.

"We are so modern now, with our maps, websites, facebook, new signage, QR code... and yet still so old-fashioned," she said.

"We resist jumping castles and merry-go-rounds in favour of events such as the water slide and the billycart race, in an effort to present a fun, sustainable family festival that is non-commercial at its heart."

Adie also acknowledged the work done by the Festival Committee's "honorary" members - community groups, schools, sporting groups, partners, friends and families - who readily jump in to help with various tasks.

"Our committee is fortunate to have so many 'festival friends' and we are truly grateful for their support. We look forward to serving them up a sausage or two later this month!"



Billycart races are still a feature of the Festival.

Changing guard at Warrandyte Diary

By **CLIFF GREEN**

After 43 years—off and on—spent editing this newspaper, I've decided to give someone else a go.

Not that I was actually editor for all those years. For example, noted Age columnist Bob Millington did it for seven years. But I was always hanging around.

Judy and I and our young family had only been living in Warrandyte for about 12 months when I got involved with the Warrandyte Community Youth Club. The committee decided we needed a club newsletter. I volunteered.

I decided to go one better, take in the whole town and make it a local news-sheet. I contacted all the groups and asked them to contribute a newsy piece about their organisation. I got a quote from a printer for 2000 copies of a 12-page quarto-sized publication.

We called it *The Warrandyte Diary*. Firstly because the euphonious sound appealed to us, secondly because it aptly described our modest ambitions for the paper: a "diary of local events".

How to pay for it? It was supposed to be *making* money for the Youth Club. So I drew up a "dummy" and went canvassing local businesses for advertising and signed up almost everyone I approached—and at least one is still with us.

I only got one knockback, from a business a little out of town. "Why should I support you," the proprietor said, "No one from Warrandyte ever comes in here." The logic of his statement still eludes me.

Then I found Jock Macneish. In fact we were, at the time, almost neighbours in North Warrandyte. I had noticed his cartoons around the town, advertising kinder functions. I hunted him down and he agreed to draw cartoons and contribute general artwork.

We published the first issue in December 1970. Originally it was letterboxed by the Youth Club kids, but they soon got sick of that (and we got sick of fishing bundles of papers from the river).

A few issues in, a knock came at the door. (By then we were in Webb Street.) It was Peter Lovett, a neighbour from a couple of doors down. A widely experienced journalist (he was a sub-editor on the evening broadsheet *The Herald* at the time). "Want a hand with that little paper you're doing? Got a few ideas to smarten it up a bit."

So we went chasing "real" news stories, and generally smartened up the layout: "Chucking the type about a bit," as Peter called it. Plus Peter started writing sports reports—under the by-line "Bloodhound".

Then, a few years in, the wonderful Lee Tindale joined us. He worked at the *Herald*, in the next office to Peter, and had recently shifted to Warrandyte. Almost immediately he created his cheeky column "In Red and White" above his notorious by-line "Smokey Joe".

Several other community volunteers came forward, stepped into the breach and valiantly edited the paper during several crises in the

earlier years, learning the "trade" as they progressed. More than once, they saved the *Diary* from collapse.

Lee stayed with the paper right up until his untimely death in February 2006. He was managing editor and co-editor at various times through those years. Smokey Joe continued in top form throughout. We believe it was one of the funniest columns in Melbourne.

So the *Diary* rolled on: from hot metal typesetting and letterpress printing to digitalised production and rotary offset, from quarto to tabloid and then to full colour, from kitchen tables to a fully computerised office in the Community Centre.

The paper remains in splendid hands. Scott Podmore served his cadetship on the *Riverine Herald* in Echuca—later becoming sports editor—so he knows all about community. He has edited our sports pages during the last few years, so is no stranger to the *Diary* and its culture and ethics, forged over the past 43 years by its many volunteer editors, writers, photographers, artists and advertising managers.

I'll miss the paper (but not the ever-present tyranny of its deadlines). Scott has invited me to come back now and then, to contribute the occasional piece, perhaps to wander back through the *Diary* files.

They've created that beautiful library at the bottom of Webb Street, stocked with all those shiny new books. So I'll have plenty to read.

By **BRIANNA PIAZZA**

The *Warrandyte Diary's* long-serving editor, Cliff Green, is retiring 43 years after starting up the iconic local newspaper.

This month's issue will be his last as editor, with sports editor and Warrandyte resident Scott Podmore taking the reins.

Cliff said he would miss the paper but hopes to continue contributing to the *Diary* with an occasional column whilst acting as an advisor for Scott.

"I want to thank the whole community but most particularly those people over all these years who have worked for and supported the *Diary*. I also want to acknowledge our generations of loyal readers," Cliff said.

The talented screenwriter started the *Diary* as a local newsletter in 1970. Over the years he has been instrumental in transforming it into the independent newspaper it is today, telling the stories of



Coming and going: New editor Scott Podmore and departing editor Cliff Green.

individuals across the community.

"I am proud of the *Diary*—it has worked well and it has been a part of Warrandyte now for so long that there would be people who have grown up not knowing any other genuine local paper. There would be third generation kids reading it now," Cliff said.

"It's quite unique because it's supported by the community and by advertising and it's largely produced by volunteers. There are other independent community papers in other places, but this is the only one that has lived this long."

While Cliff found it hard to pinpoint any specific highlights as editor, he said one of the *Diary's* greatest mile-

stones was when it went digital, upon moving into the Warrandyte Community Centre in the early 1990s.

Scott Podmore, who has been sports editor for more than three years, will be taking over as editor, starting with the October edition.

Scott said he felt honoured and was looking forward to serving the Warrandyte community in his new position.

"[Cliff] is an icon and a legend of Warrandyte who really has provided this paper with its heartbeat," Scott said.

"While people say I have big shoes to fill, I don't see it that way because I could never possibly fill them. All I can do is strive to continue his great work and fly the *Diary* flag as best I can with such a great team."

CLYDE & OCKER

"Did you put in for the Diary editor's job, Ock?"
"They said I wasn't dressed for it!"

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Delivery of the 2013/14 rate notices by Australia Post will commence this week and all ratepayers should receive their rates notice within the next two weeks. Detailed information on payment options is included with the rates notice. Please note that the first instalment is due for payment on 30 September 2013. The initial instalment for ratepayers paying by monthly direct debit instalments will be the 16 September 2013.

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Making wine in Warrandyte

VINEYARDS and wine-making have always had a seductive and romantic charm. Their product has a powerful ability to allow the consumer to put life's problems aside and enjoy life for that moment. Wine has a history as old as civilisations and the more research into wine-making, the greater the enchantment.

The general perception is that wine was introduced to Australia by southern European migrants, but in fact, this relates more to the post-war (II) renaissance of Australian wine-making. It was the English settlers who planted the first vines in the early 1800s. A Royal Navy officer, Watkin Tench, has been accredited with planting the first successful vineyard in 1791 with cuttings he obtained at the Cape of Good Hope on the voyage to Australia. Subsequent vineyards were planted in the Hunter Valley (oldest), McLaren Valley, the Barossa Valley, north-eastern and western Victoria and at our own Yering Station in the Yarra Valley during the 1830s. Some of these vineyards are still producing grapes.

The turn of the century (20th and 21st) was not kind to the industry with the unfortunate advent of Phylloxera, which has all but wiped out the industry in Victoria, excepting the Yarra Valley region. This, plus the depression of pre-war years saw a decline in production early in the century.

When World War II ended and an influx of new migrants arrived whose traditional dinner table wine culture renewed a reason for increased viticulture.

Consequently, many of them settled in the fertile districts of southern Australia and initiated the renaissance of the wine industry.

New vineyards started to appear in all parts of Victoria conducive to viticulture, such as Pyrenees, Murray Valley basin, Bendigo-Heathcote, Rutherglen, King Valley, Strathbogie Ranges, Mornington Peninsula, Yarra-Diamond valleys and many others.

During the last 40 years, the industry has developed in leaps and bounds with the help of CSIRO research and the South Australian Institute of Wine Research. Experts such as Dr Bryce Rankine, a leading researcher and educator in Oenology and Viticulture, have helped the Australian wine industry gain world-wide recognition. Australian wine-making knowledge and wines are now exported all over the world, winning medals at the highest levels.

Spring is now approaching and

the vignerons are gearing up for the daily nurturing of the grape vines. In the Diamond and Yarra valleys, budding is occurring along with the fear of a similar frost to that which wiped off 40 per cent of the yield 10 years ago.

Soon the storm season will begin - last Christmas, 35 per cent of crops were stripped off the vine in the Diamond Valley/Kangaroo Ground area. Three years ago, a humid, late spring resulted in a sudden and devastating outbreak of downy mildew, wiping out 60 per cent of crops in Victoria.

After all these heartbreaks, the winemakers still provide us with those wonderful, bottled experiences. So, when you open one of these gems, think of what the vigneron goes through to provide your table wine. If you visit a cellar door, talk

to the wine-maker and share his passion and experience, and you may leave wanting to make wine yourself, and you can!

On Sunday, November 17, The Eltham and District Wine Guild is holding its annual 44th Annual Wine Show at the Eltham Community Centre between 11am and 3pm. There will be over 400 exhibits on offer, ranging from whites, reds, sparkling, fortified, liqueurs and country (fruit) wines.

Eltham Wine Guild is regarded as one of the leading amateur exponents of wine-making in Australia, and its show attracts exhibitors from all over Victoria. Many of the Diamond and Yarra Valley wine makers have begun their wine-making careers with the guild. One such notable winemaker is Ken King of Kings of Kangaroo Ground.

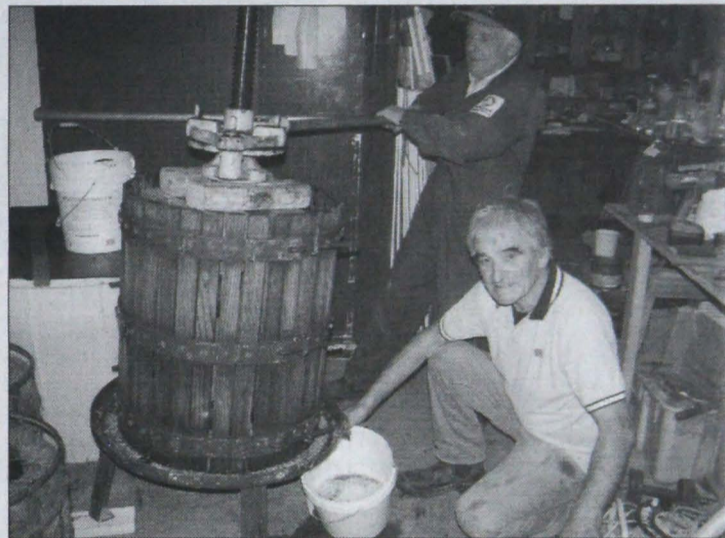
Ken is a past president of the guild and also a life member.

Warrandyte's own Geoff Neagle and Danny Cappellani are both long-time members of the Guild - Geoff as a grower and owner of Abingdon Estate, and Danny as a winemaker. Geoff has a vineyard off Warrandyte/Research Road while Danny specialises in alternative varieties. Together they make a "fine drop" (quoting Geoff!).

● If anyone is considering joining the Guild or finding out more, they meet every last Friday of the month, 7.30pm, at the Eltham Living and Learning Centre (opposite the Eltham Hotel). All are welcome. Further information is available at amateurwine.org.au or phone Danny on 0408 322 143 or Geoff on 0407 176 347.



Geoff Neagle in his vineyard.



Danny Cappellani making wine.

The Big Sing comes to town...



Bellbird Singers



The Honeytones



Ruth Schoenheimer

Pictures by Steve Nethercote

By BRIONY BOTTARELLI

Each year around the end of August, several choirs get together to entertain each other with the latest songs they have learned. It is a great fun night in the Mechanics Hall, with much frivolity, laughs and good company, not to mention excellent singing. The musical director of Women of Notes, Ruth Schoenheimer, started this gig around six years ago. They have always been joined by the Bellbird Singers as several women, including Bellbirds' musical director, Lise Moran, are in both choirs.

Women of Notes sing acappella. Their lovely voices and harmonies become the orchestra. They sang several numbers including Here Comes the Sun, Moon River and The Water is Wide. Ruth, with the backing of her choir sang a haunting solo, Meet Me in the Middle of the Air, by Paul Kelly and a duet with another choir member, Stars Fell on Alabama. Just delightful.

Jo Pearson, a member of Woman of Notes also performed a solo. She is a local favourite and is always a joy to listen to.

The Bellbirds started with dulcet tones, Can't Help Falling in Love,

As Time Goes By, and finished with a colourful and fun rendition of Razzle Dazzle. Their singing has the support of pianist Maureen Johnson.

This year, these choirs were joined by two new groups. The Honeytones, a group of five young women, sang a song composed by one of them, some contemporary songs as well as some golden oldies. They performed the most wonderful rendition of Unforgettable I have heard; such slow and sublime tones. Some of the girls didn't only sing, but played several instruments also; a very

talented bunch.

For something very different, the choirs were joined by a new group, Both Sides of the River, also acappella, except for the occasional drum. They sang a variety of folk songs from around the world including a traditional South African song in Xhosa, an Albanian folk song, Blood and Gold and Celebrate the Rain by Alice di Miele. Like the Bellbirds, Both Sides of the River have men participating, giving extra dimensions to their wonderful sound.

Anyone is welcome to join these choirs and they can be contacted:

● Women of Note - Julie Dawes 9844 3501 - rehearsals on Thursday mornings at the Baptist Retirement Village in Templestowe;

● The Honeytones - Julie Dawes 9844 3501 - rehearsals on Wednesday night in Richmond;

● Bellbird Singers - Lise Moran 0403 310 857 - rehearsals at the Uniting Church, Tarroona Avenue, Warrandyte on Monday evenings;

● Both Sides of the River - Kass Mulvaney 0406 739 147 - rehearsals held in Gongfleurs Land, The Bend of Isles on Monday nights.

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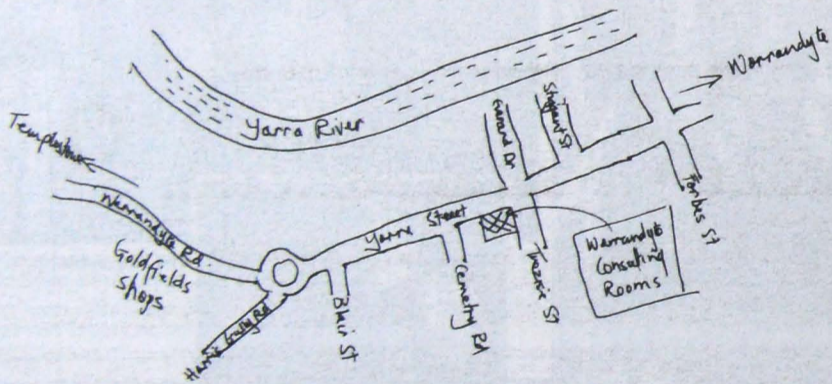
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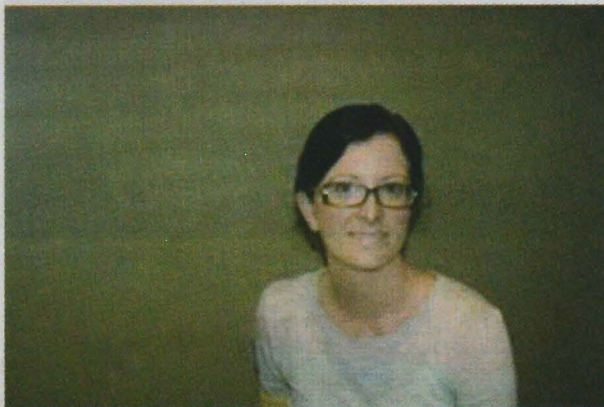
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Prue
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Phone 95237688

Frankies started out as a Pop Up shop but local girl Prue likes it so much she decided to stay! They have an array of designer fashion items and accessories at affordable prices. Recently Frankies has introduced baby wear as well as unique giftware. New stock arrives every fortnight. The shop caters for 16- 80 year olds and has plus sizes up to size 20. Prue enjoys the local support she gets as well as the tranquility of having the river and the bush across the road. You are invited to Like Frankies on facebook. Watch for the new website which will be launched very soon at www.frankies295.com.au. They are also about to introduce Frankies Fashion Parties - where in your own home you and some friends can be styled while sipping champagne.



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Correction
Whoops! We got the name wrong -
Steve is at Yarra Cottage books
Phone 9844 1744.



Father's Day frolics

The crowds hit town when Warrandyte celebrated Father's Day earlier this month. Musicians serenaded diners in our cafes and restaurants and a fairytale horsedrawn carriage shuttled visitors up and down Yarra Street.

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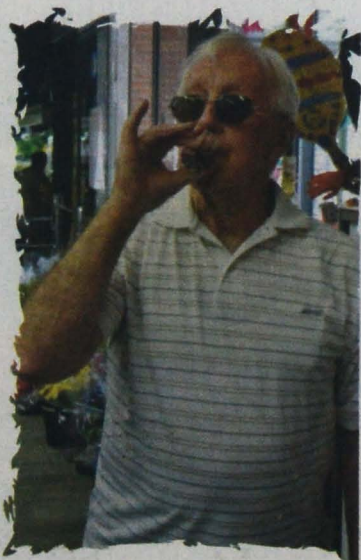
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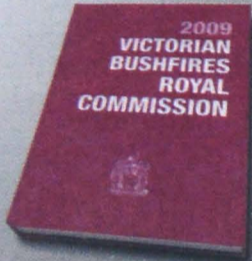
On 1 July 2013, as recommended by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, the Victorian Government is replacing the old fire services levy with a fairer system.

Rather than being added to insurance premiums, the levy will now be collected with council rates. This means all property owners contribute a fair share to the Country Fire Authority or the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

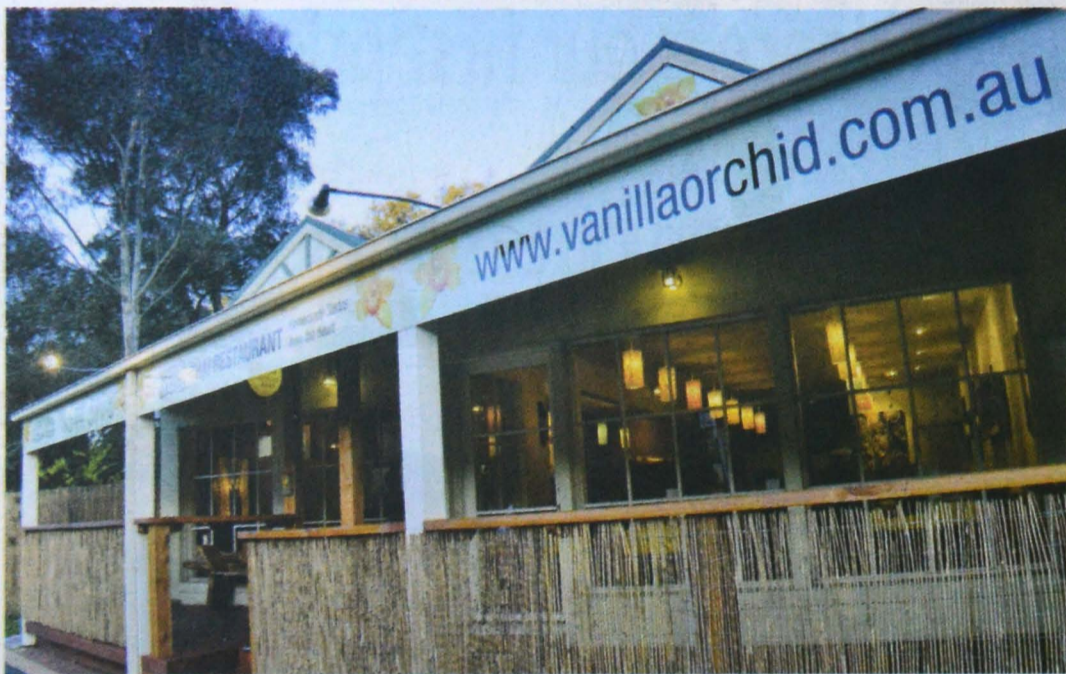
The levy is a fixed charge of \$100 for residential properties and \$200 for non-residential properties, plus a variable charge based on the property's capital improved value.

All funds will go towards supporting Victoria's fire services.

GST and stamp duty charged on the old levy have been removed and, for the first time, eligible pensioners and veterans will receive a \$50 concession. These reforms will save households and business around \$100 million a year.



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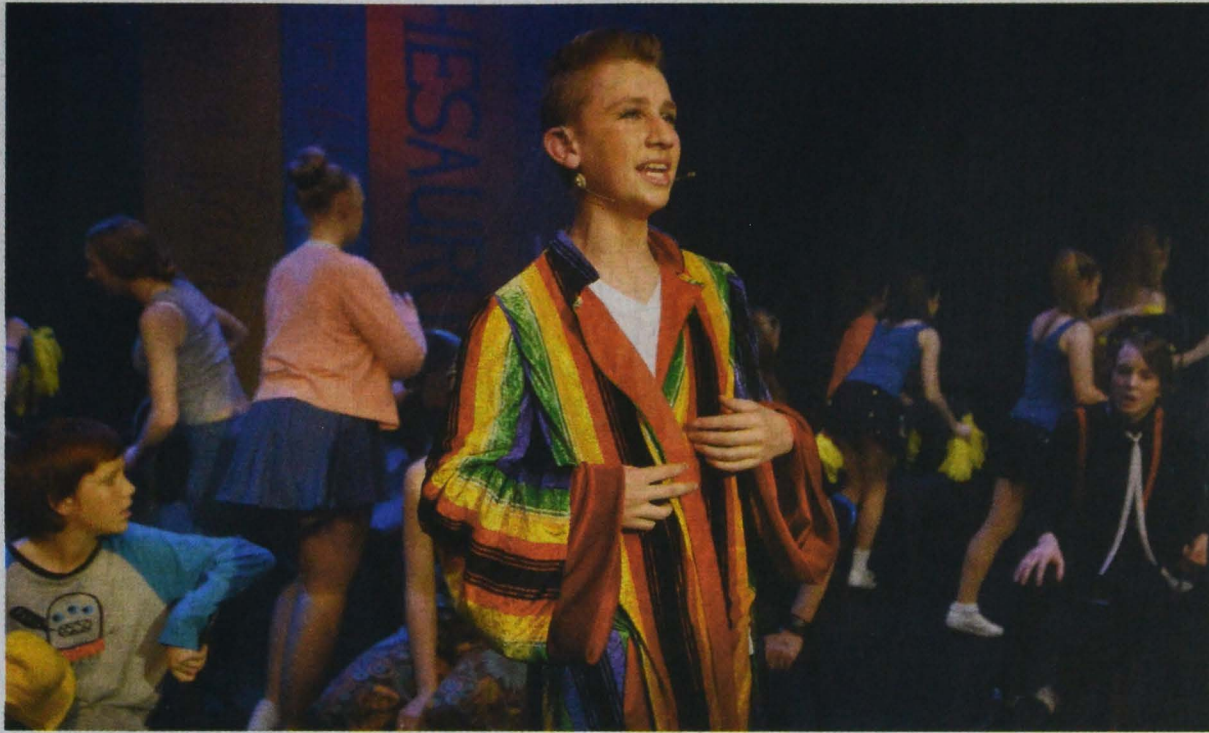
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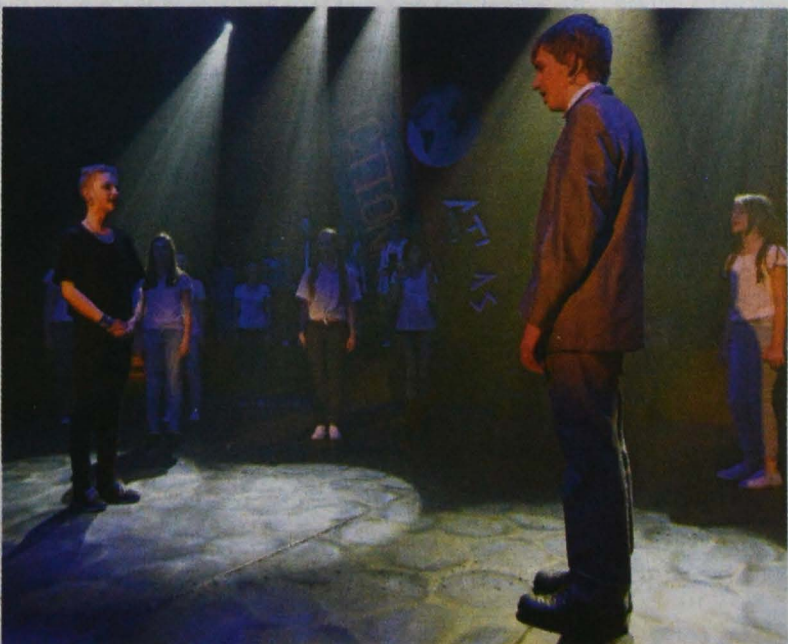
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Joseph treads the boards

Famous for its fabulous stage musicals, Warrandyte High School recently presented *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. This "concert" version featured non-stop singing and dancing and played to enthusiastic audiences



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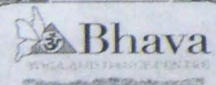


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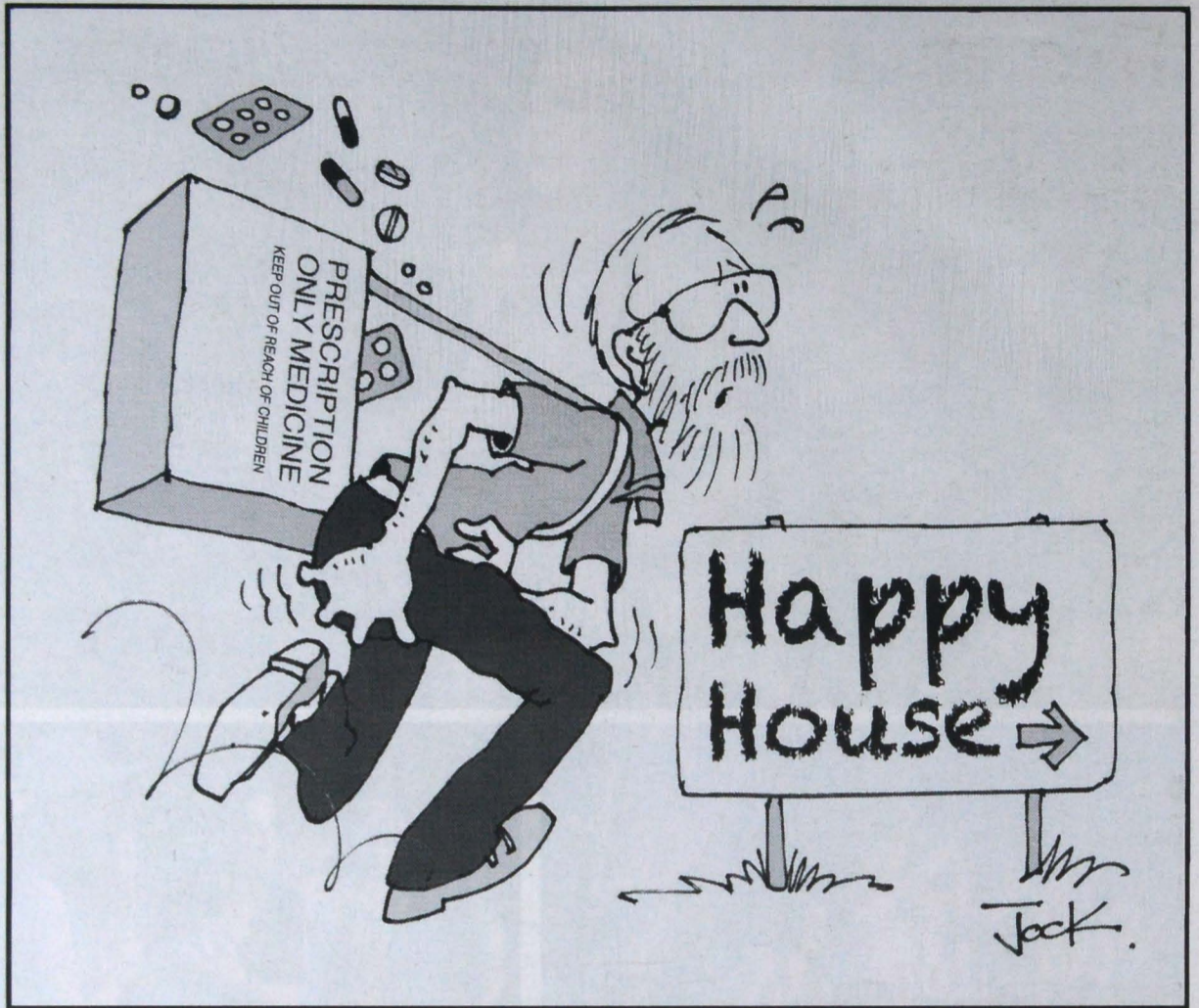
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Hurry to the Happy House before the world explodes

A FEW days before we set off, the argument began. "Yes we do need to take them all. And you'll carry them on board. They can't get lost. If that happens we'll have to get the next plane home."

"But if I have to take all that medication plus all the chargers, adaptors, Kindles and the laptop in my back pack, I won't be able to move."

"Well I'm not prepared for us to risk it. You'll manage."

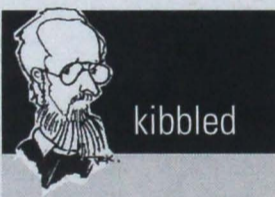
End of the discussion.

As we get older, the pile of prescription tablets seems to expand exponentially. I remember a time when we went away with no more than a tube of sunscreen a few Band Aids and The Pill. Nowadays, there are few bits of us that don't need pharmaceutical assistance. Add to that mountain of tablets the anti-malarial, anti-diarrhoea, anti-vomiting and pro-biotic medication specific to a trip in the tropics and you can understand why the knapsack full of medicine was a concern.

"You'll be grateful for all of these. Just you see!"

Well, much as it is galling to admit it, she was right.

I thought we had been super vigilant. We used anti-bacterial gel not only before meals but after touching anything that may have been touched by another human being. I was careful about not eating anything with too much chilli and I was reasonably abstemious with the grog.



"As we get older the pile of prescription tablets seem to expand exponentially..."

The first sign was a gripping pain in my guts.

"I told you you'd be grateful for the Imodium!"

After the first packet had been used, I was more desperate than grateful. I began to wonder whether I had a serious "man dose" unlike the inferior version Herself sometimes gets. Would I need to be air lifted out of the Cambodian jungle or would I hang on until we reached Laos, at which time I would be left outside on a bamboo bench to meet my maker.

"Don't be pathetic. They have pharmacists here. Just go and see what they say."

There is a term I want to introduce into our community and that is "Happy House". We have used the term "Comfort Station" but it doesn't have nearly the same appropriateness as Happy House. After a desperate need followed by a desperate search, "happy" is an understatement for how you feel when you sit down. Even squatting has its measure of happiness. So having gone via the Happy House, I arrived at the pharmacy. Fortunately, it was directly opposite a children's hospital so I felt reassured that it would be kosher.

My Cambodian is non-existent whilst his English was minimal. It's amazing, however, how easy it is to mime diarrhoea. His smile indicated he understood and it was at that stage that I showed him the empty Imodium blister pack. He scowled and shook his head but on examining the packet and its list of ingredients, he pointed to what, obviously, was the equivalent. He took out a blister pack of twelve, handed it to me and said "One dollar."

Overnight, during one of my seated moments, I decided to get some supplies for future holidays so I went to see my pharmacist the following day. Herself would say my "mean gene" took over but I prefer to say that it was my "be prepared" gene that made me to decide to get, not just some more anti-diarrhoea tablets but also some antibiotics.

He didn't blink when I asked for two more sheets of "Imo-

dium" plus some Keflex. Once again he indicated that he didn't have Keflex but he did have the equivalent. I nodded assent and happily paid the total of three dollars.

Now, despite the common assumption that tablets bought like this are no more than inert white powder, they worked. It might have been a placebo effect or the bug may just have run its course but the Cambodian Happy Houses were decidedly less happy for not needing my custom.

Until Laos, when a disquieting niggle started again. I thought positively and ate only steamed rice and a few steamed vegetables. This worked until gluttony got the better of me and I succumbed to the culinary delights offered to us. I made my way from one Happy House to the next. This approach works in known areas but one section of our holiday involved an ox cart ride to the boat on the Mekong.

The trip was quite idyllic, through rice fields and picturesque villages. We were in a procession of about 20 ox carts and we ambled along at an ox pace. This is the desired pace given normal conditions but progressively conditions were getting less than normal. The distance between me and the boat's Happy House seemed interminable. My walk from the ox cart on to the boat was strangely hobbled but my arrival at our Happy House was ecstatic.

ROGER KIBELL

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This little possum needs help

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By JOAN BROADBERRY

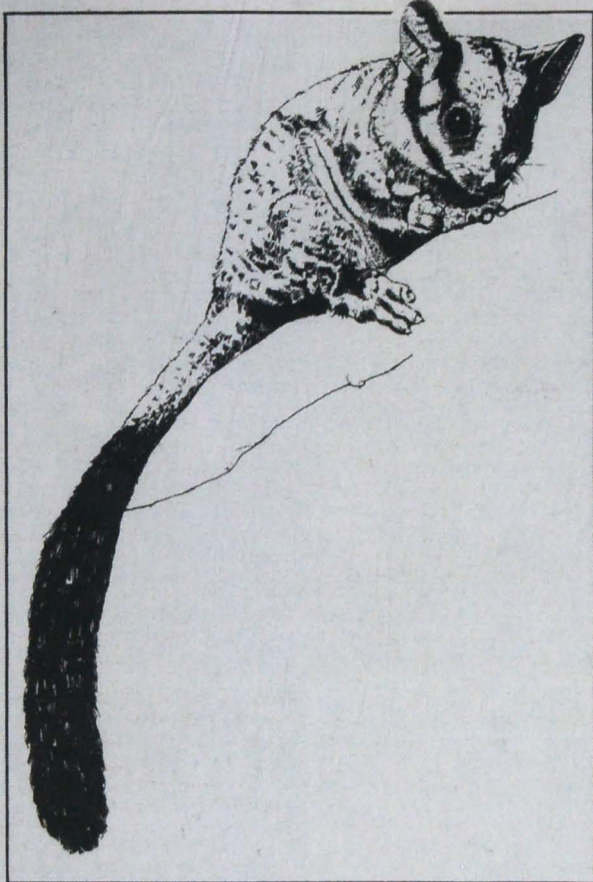
HOW'S this for a profile? This creature is one of a very exclusive club of Australian marsupials that have been rediscovered after having been considered extinct. It is the only marsupial endemic to the state of Victoria and has been adopted as one of Victoria's faunal emblems. I might add it has the good looks of a furry supermodel, the females are in charge and it is listed as an endangered species. The animal is Leadbeater's Possum.

This rare, arboreal marsupial measures only 15-17 cm, with the addition of a club-shaped tail slightly longer than its body. Its fur is grey above and paler below. It has a dark stripe running along its back and dark markings on its head. It has no gliding membranes but is very agile. I count myself fortunate to have seen Leadbeater's Possum in the wild while spotlighting with the Field Naturalist Club of Victoria.

Leadbeater's Possum's remaining home range in the old-growth forests of Victoria's central highlands is one of the smallest of any animal in Australia. They share much of this area with the timber industry.

Leadbeater's Possums are nocturnal, their diet consisting of sap, gum, honeydew and invertebrates, particularly Tree Crickets. They require living eucalypts, or dead stags, with hollows suitable for their dens.

It takes over 100 years for appropriate nesting hollows to develop in trees such as Mountain Ash or Shining Gum, but as most logging is done on a 30-40 year rotation,



Leadbeater's Possum

this issue is at the heart of their conservation.

Unlike most marsupials, the social structure of Leadbeater's Possum colonies is matriarchal. Females defend a territory of 1-3 hectares from other females. The species lives in groups of from two to ten individuals, consisting of a monogamous breeding pair, their offspring and unrelated adult males.

The animals spend the day cuddled together inside a hollow in a nest made of shredded bark. They emerge

at dusk to feed in the shrubs and wattles that make up the forest understorey. Females produce one or two young per litter and nurture them within a pouch.

The rediscovery of Leadbeater's Possum is quite a story. They were not recognised as a separate species until 1867 and were originally known only from five specimens.

The animal was named after John Leadbeater, taxidermist at the National Museum of Victoria. From then on the

possum was not sighted for over 50 years and was listed as "probably extinct". Eric Wilkinson as a boy of eight read an article, written by the museum's curator of mammals, Charles Brazenor, who was passionate in his search for Leadbeater's Possum. The quest also gripped the youngster's imagination.

On April 3, 1961 Eric spotlighted and photographed two Leadbeater's Possums in the Cumberland Valley, eleven miles east of Marysville. A specimen was soon collected and lodged in the museum. Eric was just 19.

Leadbeater's Possum numbers are in sharp decline. Major reasons are fragmentation of their habitat and in particular, a shortage of hollow-bearing trees. Clear-fell logging, including salvage logging after bushfires, is a continuing threat. Other threats come from fire, predation and climate change.

The population of Leadbeater's Possums, prior to the catastrophic 2009 Black Saturday firestorm was estimated at only about 2000-2500 individuals. As over 40 per cent of their range was burnt, post-fire estimates are less than half that. To date, the response of governments and their agencies to the protection of their habitat from logging has been very weak.

Strong support from the public is critical in the battle to save our unique faunal emblem from extinction. Friends of Leadbeater's Possum was formed in 2004.

Recently the leading authority on Leadbeater's Possum, Professor David Lindenmayer of the ANU, has called for a new national park to be established in the Victorian central highlands to give the animal the area it needs for long-term survival.

The situation is urgent, and this time there will be no second chance.

She brings too much baggage

CATCHING a plane home means that you have to squeeze all your purchases into one check-in bag that weighs no more than 23 kilograms, plus one carry-on bag that looks as if it weighs no more than seven.

I like to travel light, but it's amazing how much stuff one acquires en route. Most of the ephemera are way too good to throw away - maps, books, designer admission tickets, a new bottle of hair shampoo to replace the mingy one that didn't quite last the distance, ditto for toothpaste, even a large fluffy whale won at a side-show.

Then there's all the special things that you collect along the way because you never see them at home - fig and truffle balsam; volcanic mud soap; Pynegana cheese; Christmas candles redolent with the fragrance of orange, nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves; bargain-priced handmade stoneware salad bowls; and all sorts of interesting buttons, handcrafted linen, lacework and silks. Getting the travel bag zipped

up becomes more and more of an art form as the journey progresses. But on the last couple of trips I really outdid myself.

"You'll never get that home!" said my beloved in an antique shop recently. This most attractive and historic sandstone shop was in Richmond, Tasmania.

Generally I treat antique shops (most shops in fact) as art galleries or museums. They are for looking and admiring. We really don't need any more stuff. But we did need a bookcase to put some of our existing paraphernalia in - piano books and CDs that have been piling up on the lounge room floor for the past 30 years, for example. And this was a really nice bookcase. Quite old, rich red cedar, only a bit scratched and with a few stray nail holes, it looked well-loved, friendly and eminently useable. I immediately fell in love with it.

"You'll never get it home," repeated my beloved.

"But do you like it?"

"It doesn't matter whether I like it or not, you'll never get it home."

"But it's perfect!"

our place

By MARILYN MOORE

"Well it is nice, but how would you get it home?"

"It's only a bookcase - people have been carting things like this around the world for hundreds of years." But I had to admit that it would be a challenge. Over the past 50-odd years, the biggest thing I'd bought at an antique shop - in fact probably the only thing I'd ever bought at an antique shop - was a little sat-in-lined box of elegant dessert spoons. That was less than three months ago. 2013 was turning out to be a big year.

"Why can't you just buy one in Melbourne?"

A very fair point. I supposed I've never noticed one that was just right.

"You've got to buy these things when you see them."

The man in the shop had heard it all before. "It'll be easy to transport," he offered helpfully. "The bookcase separates into two quite manageable parts. Red cedar is quite a

light timber." He detected a slight waver on the part of the customer and quickly slipped in with the clincher. "I'll ship it for free if you like. And I'll fix the broken lock."

Bliss. The bookcase was mine.

The free shipping arrangement ended at the transport company's warehouse in Tottenham. A minor hiccup evolved when we realised nobody had a large enough vehicle to carry the two halves, so I collared number one son, hired a ute and the two of us had an adventurous morning in the wilds of Freight Terminal Land, eventually emerging onto the Eastern Freeway unscathed and with our glorious new purchase safely cocooned and securely strapped onto the tray behind us. Easy peasy.

Last weekend the same beloved husband looked in dismay at the growing collection of produce to be carried home from the Hunter Valley. In short, 14 bottles, amongst other things.

"You'll never get that home!"

Now where have I heard that before?



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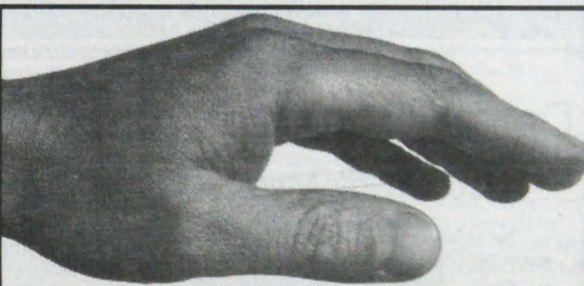
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Community quilt launched

Warrandyte Neighbourhood House invite you to the unveiling of their community quilt wall hanging on Thursday, September 19 from 2pm to 4pm in their new premises in the community centre. Co-ordinated by the House following an idea by Jean Chapman, the quilt is a collaborative work by the people of Warrandyte. The original graphics by Jock Macneish have been interpreted in a myriad of ways for a beautiful art piece. Light afternoon tea and bubbly will be served. RSVP is essential by September 13 by calling 9844 1839 or go to info@warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au.



Directory

The Warrandyte Cricket Club business directory is in the process of being produced for 2014. If you are not already on the directory and would like to be, please contact Briony on 9844 3924. Cut-off date is September 30.

Theatre

The Warrandyte Theatre Company Youth Theatre is presenting "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard on September 13, 14, 20 and 21 at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Yarra Street.

Sale

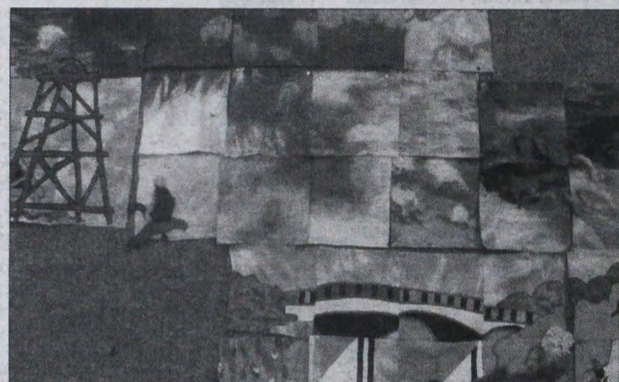
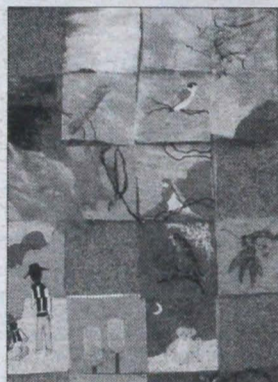
There will be a Monster Garage Sale on Saturday, October 12 at the Warrandyte Uniting Church in Tarroona Avenue, Warrandyte. It will run from 9am to 2pm. Books, toys, furniture house lots, hardware, clothes, retro – you name it! It will be there. Details from Ken on 0407 839 718 or go to www.warrandyte.unitingchurch.org.au.

Gardens

A community working bee will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 9am to midday to help restore the garden around the upgraded community centre and library. Jobs will include planting, mulching and cutting back. Please bring appropriate tools e.g. barrow, spade, fork, bucket etc. All are welcome, including children; even if you can only come for just a short time. Enquiries to co-ordinator Bev Hanson on 9844 3906.

Anglican

St Stephen's Anglican Church is open daily from 9.30am to



The Neighbourhood House quilt in production. Now it's finished!

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.

4.30pm for personal prayer and meditation. Sunday services continue with a prayer and meditation group on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Mainly Music, a program for under fives, is held every Thursday from 10am. The church is in Stiggant Street, opposite Stiggants Reserve. Further enquiries to Ann Ley on 9844 3543.

Music

Young Warrandyte talent will be performing at Warrandyte's Grand Hotel in September. Sarah Valentine will be playing on Sunday, September 22 from 3pm in the Public Bar. On Grand Final Eve, Friday September 27, Indigo Paw will be playing upstairs in the Balcony Bar from 8pm.

Watch

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

Care

September 8 to 14 is Foster Care Week. Anglicare Victoria is looking for people to become foster carers and help brighten a child's life. Full

training and support is provided. For details of the next info session in your area call Anglicare Victoria on 1300 889 335 or visit www.anglicarevic.org.au/foster-care.

Run

The Yarra Valley Grape Run will take place on Saturday, September 14 in the Yarra Glen-Healesville area with courses of 30kms, 13kms and 5.2 kms. For registration or further information go to www.starttofinish.com.au.

artyfacts

THE SHARP END...

By ROBERT BLACK



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Exhibition

An exhibition of ceramics, paintings and sculptures by Chinese Professor Ye Chijian is currently running at East & West Art, 665 High Street, Kew. It will finish on September 28.

Colour

Stonehouse gallery September Exhibition: Botanical watercolour paintings by local well known artists Terry Napier and Mary Hare are contrasted with Liz Verco's vibrant floral paintings. To complement the wall works a number of local potters follow the floral theme on their decorative ceramic works. Stonehouse Gallery, 103 Yarra St Warrandyte - 9844 3629.

Arts

The Artyfacts column is designed to carry news of exhibitions and other arts events happening in Warrandyte and surrounding areas. Send your details—free of charge—to Briony Bottarelli; email: info@warrandytediary.com.au.



HENRY FRENCHAM AND THE EUREKA REBELS



By RICHARD MORTON

ON Tuesday, December 5 1854, the mayor—publican and theatrical entrepreneur, J. T. Smith—and members of the Legislative Council convened a public meeting of Melbourne's concerned citizens. Over the previous weekend they had been alarmed by news from the goldfields. On the Saturday night, police and troops sent from Melbourne had attacked the sleeping camp of protesting miners camped on Ballarat's Eureka Lead; five troopers and up to 30 miners had been killed.

Much of European society suffered the apprehension of world revolution at this time and it seemed to many Melbourne residents that such a cataclysm was about to befall Victoria; they flocked to the mayor's meeting to support the government's action in putting down the rebellion. However an equal number deplored the resort to military violence and saw some justice in the miners' cause, ensuring a capacity crowd at the meeting.

The meeting did not turn out as the mayor had hoped and after securing resolutions in favour of the government, Smith declared it closed. The chair was then taken by Dr Embling who called for support of the miners' cause, a call taken up by Henry Frencham. Headlined by the newly published *Age* as a "forthright orator and defender of diggers rights", Frencham told his listeners that they "must go forward with their brother diggers to conquer or die. They have been goaded to madness and desperation by ruthless vagabonds sent to Ballarat by the Government".

Irish-born Frencham was eminently qualified to speak on behalf of the miners. He had arrived in Melbourne in 1840 and was first employed as an auctioneer and later as a reporter for the *Port*

Phillip Gazette. In June 1851, in response to an offer of a reward for the discovery of a payable goldfield in Victoria, he set out to search for gold in the Plenty Ranges. On June 14 Melbourne papers carried a report of Frencham's claim to have discovered gold near Queenstown (St Andrews) and his application for the reward. However, assays of his samples did not support his claim, although a goldfield was later worked very near the site, and the reward was eventually awarded to Louis Michel's party for their discovery at Anderson's Creek.

In November 1851 Frencham resigned from the *Gazette* to go prospecting on some of the newer fields in central Victoria, first to Ballarat and Castlemaine. Described by historian Geoffrey Blainey as "a journalist in red shirt and knee boots", he then followed rumours to Bendigo where he saw two women washing for gold. He announced his find in the *Argus* on December 13 and called for troopers to be sent to protect the new field. The Bendigo goldfield quickly became the most populous in the colony as miners flocked to the new find. They brought with them the growing sense of dissatisfaction with government policy then being followed in the administration of the goldfields and some of the radical political solutions proposed to remedy their mismanagement.

Frencham joined a group of organised and articulate dissidents campaigning for the redress of their grievances. Chief among these was the gold licence fee, or tax as many saw it, of 30 shillings per month, whether or not they found gold.

The dissident group formed an Anti-Gold-Licence Association and extended their campaign to neighbouring goldfields. In June 1853 they collected a huge petition with all the miners' grievances listed,

which a deputation then conveyed to Governor La Trobe asking for the reduction of the licence fee to 10 shillings per month. The meeting of the deputation with the governor did not go well and La Trobe rejected their request and closed the meeting.

The failure of the deputation to extract concessions from the government on the fees issue or even to elicit a response to other grievances detailed in the petition, prompted the miners to take the next step of disobedience. This was to offer only 10 shillings for the next monthly renewal of their licences. When Commissioner Panton rejected the amounts tendered, the miners advertised the fact by wearing red ribbons in their hats.

This was an indication of the strong influence of Chartist ideas on the goldfields. Chartism originated in Britain as a parliamentary reform movement. Chartists hoped to reform corrupt political practices by the adoption of a "Peoples Charter". The charter manifesto called for: universal adult suffrage; the secret ballot; payment of members of parliament; no property qualification for members of parliament; annual elections for parliament; parliamentary constituencies of equal size.

The tactics used to achieve Chartist aims were divided between those who advocated physical force and proponents of moral persuasion. Some Chartists resorted to criminal acts. More than 100 Chartists, mostly physical force advocates, were transported to Van Dieman's Land between 1840 and 1850. Chartism is considered to have had a profound influence on social and political activism on the Victorian goldfields.

The sporting of red ribbons by protesting miners can be seen as an echo of Chartists tactics in England where red rosettes

were worn by striking workers. The monster petition was also a borrowing from Chartist activism in the United Kingdom. Between 1839 and 1848 three mass petitions were presented to the British parliament demanding political reform.

Large gatherings of diggers took place in Bendigo during August 1853. Over 2300 miners signed the petition sent to La Trobe and more than 10,000 welcomed the petition representatives back to the diggings on August 13. The Red Ribbon rebellion achieved some temporary success for the Bendigo miners with the government agreeing to a reduction of the licence fee in September, but legislative solutions to their grievances would not be attained until after the Eureka rising the following year.

Frencham appears to have been moderately successful in winning gold at Bendigo. In 1854 he returned to Melbourne and purchased property in Windsor and Richmond. He also leased a "dairy farm" on the river at Warrandyte once known as Dawson's Cattle Station but now held as freehold under a pre-emptive right. However the dairy farm was on auriferous land and Frencham had to defend it against claim jumpers.

He relinquished his lease and bought another property further up the river at Blue Tongue Bend at the confluence of the river and Pigeon Bank Creek. In the early 20th century this holding was extended with the acquisition by Henry's son Percy of land downstream on Pigeon Bank Road next to the Blue Tongue Bend block.

Henry Frencham and his wife Alicia had eight children to bring up in Warrandyte and Richmond, where he retained a house until the end of his life. Three generations of the family continued to

farm the North Warrandyte properties growing fruit and cereals until the 1962 bushfires destroyed almost all evidence of the Frencham residence there.

During his life in Warrandyte, Henry Frencham was active in the community, supporting the establishment of the primary school and the Anglican Church at which two of his daughters played the piano. He opposed state aid to religion, supported free and compulsory secular education and was a lifetime temperance advocate. He did not give up his interest in gold mining but remained a shareholder in several local mines.

Towards the end of his life, Henry Frencham made a claim on the Victorian government to be recognised as the founder of the Bendigo goldfield and to be paid a reward for his discovery. In 1891 a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly found that although Frencham was the first to publish news of the Bendigo find his claim to be the discoverer of the field could not be confirmed. Although discredited by the legislature, Frencham retained the confidence of the citizens of Bendigo. He returned to Bendigo in 1893 and was given a civic reception and is still regarded today as one of the goldfield pioneers. He died in 1897 at his house at 18 Berry Street, Richmond, which has heritage protection because of its association with him.

Portrait of Henry Frencham supplied by Mrs Carol Frencham of Bundaberg, Queensland to the Warrandyte Historical Society.



Once was a police paddock...

Spring is here, and down by the riverbank at the Warrandyte Community Garden, the fruit trees are in blossom, the water tank is full and gardeners are busy preparing their plots for the spring-summer season.

The garden has 24 individual plots, a glass-house and a well-equipped tool shed. There are areas reserved for community plantings and these are maintained at the monthly working bees where gardeners can also get together for a chat and a cup of tea.

"At the Warrandyte Festival the garden holds its annual fundraising effort selling jams, chutneys, etc along with a guessing-the-weight competition for the largest giant pumpkin grown in the garden each year," a garden spokesperson said.

● While there are no available plots at the moment there is also no one currently on the waiting list, so it would be a good time to register if you are interested. Just call Barbara on 9844 4544.



Everything is ominous

The long wet grass by the water
full of surprises between your toes—
then the blood.

The silky brown river
where the red-bellied black snakes
also swim.

Like *Picnic at Hanging Rock*—
too much serenity has
an edge.

The occasional gravel-rumble of a distant car.

She reminds me to always check
my shoes before I slip my feet
into them.

The idea that absence
can be so tangible—
and portentous.

In the otherwise quiet
the click and rattle of the trees
slowly shedding, dropping.

The sound of a car approaching in the empty night.

Strange lumps on your body housing
small bloodsuckers.
At least ticks leave no mess.

That temperamental river:
one large downpour
and we're stranded.

The ideal that absence
can feel
so menacing.

Listening through the bird clamour for car rumble,
gate creak.

The enormous Lace Monitor
who's just "just after
the chickens".

The scurrying rats in the roof
over the bed—
I wouldn't mind if they were possums.

The scanning of silence for the sound of a car and

conversation that stops
till you hear it
keep going.

KAREN THROSSELL

New tennis membership

By TRICIA BARRETT

WARRANDYTE Tennis Club has introduced a new social membership category for those keen to have a social hit with friends or family, or kids who want to practise the skills they are developing in a coaching program. The new 12-month WTC social membership is \$65 for an individual (adult or junior) or \$180 per family. The cost of court hire locally is \$28 during the day or \$36 after 5pm, so, effectively, you get value for money after just a couple of sessions with a social membership.

As a club member you can also

purchase a court key so you can access the courts at your leisure. If you are hitting with children aged 7 and under you are also welcome to use the mini-nets located at both the Taroona Ave and South Warrandyte venues.

For more information contact warrandytetc@gmail.com, visit the new website www.warrandytetennisclub.org.au, or call WTC head coach Craig Haslam on 0488 722 538.

Rockwiz in October

A trivia night with a twist will be held on Saturday, October 19 - a fun night of musical trivia, prizes and

laughs. The tennis club encourages you to come dressed as a rock star. Entry is \$10 and for tickets contact Tamsin on 0400 340 940 or email warrandytetc@gmail.com

Club championships

The Warrandyte Tennis Club's junior and senior club championships will be held on Sunday, October 20.

Those who aren't members of the tennis club are welcome to participate. There are singles and doubles events for all ages and entry is free for club members. The WTC believes it may even be the first club to ever offer a 10/U Orange Ball

section in its club championships. Junior events hit off at 8.30am, the 10/U Orange Ball event begins at 11am and senior events hit off from Noon.

Applications close Wednesday, October 16. Entry forms are available from warrandytetc@gmail.com and www.warrandytetennisclub.org.au

Hot Shots running hot

There are now 80 junior tennis players competing in the Hot Shots and inter-club competitions at WTC, but the club says "there is always a place for new players - we can get you started any time".

Hot Shots competitions take place on Fridays at 4.45pm, Saturdays at 9.30am and 10.30am, while inter-club comps are held on Fridays at 6pm, Saturdays 8.30am and Sundays 9am.

School holiday programs

Children from Warrandyte and surrounds are welcome to take part in the WTC's school holiday tennis programs at the Warrandyte Tennis Club on September 24, 25 and 26, and October 1, 2 and 3. Morning clinics are for ages 5 to 18, afternoon comps for ages 7 to 18, and full day clinic and comps are open to ages 7 to 18.

Warrandyte's super six reach netball grand finals



Warrandyte Open A Tigers

AFTER a terrific season by our netball contingent in season 2013, the Warrandyte Netball Club entered Grand Final day with six teams making it through to the big day at the Templestowe courts last month.

All teams fought it out to the final siren in front of their proud coaches, family and friends.

Warrandyte managed to bring home four grand final wins which president Sue Rodwell said was an extremely good result.

GRAND FINAL RESULTS:

- U15/1:** Warrandyte Pythons 30 defeated Deep Creek Gems 27
- U15/2:** Warrandyte Cobras 17 defeated Donvale Dynamitez 13
- U17/1:** Warrandyte Jaguars 25 defeated Warrandyte Eagles 23
- Open A:** Warrandyte Tigers 32 defeated Eltham Hearts 25
- Open B:** Deep Creek Jewels 46 defeated Warrandyte Toucans 12



Warrandyte U15/1 Pythons



Warrandyte Open B Toucans



Warrandyte U15/2 Cobras



Warrandyte U17/1 Eagles



Warrandyte U17/1 Jaguars

Bloods relegated to D4

By MICHAEL DI PETTA

It was a day of mixed emotions at Warrandyte Reserve last month as the Bloods faced off against the Glen Waverly Hawks in a game that carried extra importance for several reasons.

Firstly, as Warrandyte had struggled for much of the season, the game was a must-win if the Bloods were to avoid relegation to Division 4 but also relied on Heathmont defeating Whitehorse.

Furthermore, the fixture was John O'Brien's last in charge of the Bloods as senior coach after three years of service. He announced last month he would be standing down at the season's end and was planning a major knee operation on November 13 with rehabilitation expected to take as long as seven months.

With this in mind, the players were determined and motivated, and with the backing of a passionate crowd were able to record an emphatic 35-point win to give O'Brien the perfect send off in what he called "the best performance of the year and just reward for the guys who have persevered and worked their socks off".

In a tightly contested and thrilling affair, the two sides were inseparable until the beginning of the final term when an emotionally charged Warrandyte found an extra gear, peppering the goals with seven majors. Finally playing the fast, efficient and exciting football the side had been trying to achieve all year, the Bloods were slick by foot and razor sharp by hand, enabling them to run the ball through the middle of the ground with ease.

Luke Dunn and Mick Morello starred up forward, booting nine goals between them, and tireless efforts from David Hand, Troy Ratcliffe and skipper Tom Naughtin ensured that the points went Warrandyte's



Fond farewell: John O'Brien has stepped down from coaching Warrandyte. The Bloods play Division 4 next year.

way. But in a cruel twist of fate, the joyous occasion was somewhat soured by the news coming in from Whitehorse, who had won by over 60 points and in doing so meant Warrandyte has been relegated into EFL's Division 4 after seven years in Division 3. It was a bitter note on which to end season 2013, a campaign that promised much and yet delivered little, an assessment O'Brien expanded

upon in his view of the game and the season as a whole.

"The season has just been a bit disappointing, we haven't been able to get our best 22 on the field very often, but when we have we've been quite competitive, so I guess it's just fate. But to go out on a win was just great," he said.

Despite the news of relegation, the mood around the ground from

fans and players was positive as Warrandyte seized upon the chance to celebrate a hard-earned victory and bid farewell to one of their own, showing the type of qualities that gives O'Brien happy memories.

"While it's hard for me to go right now, it will be better in the long term. But I've got some great memories," O'Brien said. "Beating Doncaster was my highlight as a coach, but overall

it's not about the wins, it's about the mateship and the environment, and it's been a really great place to be."

With the club now setting its sights on a quick return to Division 3, preparation for season 2014 begins with the search for a new senior head coach. However, O'Brien has already demonstrated interest in a return to the job permitting a successful recovery period, saying "I'll be keen to load up again after season 2014".

Finishing the year with a record of three wins and 15 losses, and in last place on the EFL ladder, relegation was an unfortunate but expected outcome for Warrandyte. However, optimism still remains, as the new clubrooms near completion, and if the team's quality of play continues on in the same vein as the final game of the 2013 EFL season, Warrandyte will be very hard to beat next year.

Next Biggs thing

Young Sydney Swans player Shane Biggs made his debut against Hawthorn in the last round of the AFL home and away season, just three years after playing footy at Warrandyte for the Colts and the senior team.

In an exciting career moment for the 22-year-old midfielder, Biggs displayed glimpses of the quality football that saw him voted as the Bloods best first year player in 2010, before moving to Division 1 side Bendigo Bombers.

Drafted onto the Swans rookie list in 2011, Biggs played most his junior footy locally, for Mulgrave and Warrandyte, and was quoted as saying the clubs were welcoming places in which he was able to develop.

Tipped as one of the best young talents to come out of the EFL, many believe Biggs has the ability to become a genuine senior level player in AFL.

No flags, but junior Bloods prepare for season 2014

THE curtain has drawn on another exciting season of football for the Warrandyte Junior Football Club in 2013.

"Resplendent in new jumpers thanks to major sponsors Quintons Supa IGA and the Warrandyte Community Bank," according to president Ross Snowball, he said the club was thrilled with the level of participation across all age groups, with about 200 local junior footballers donning the red and white Bloods guernsey each weekend.

With the regular season concluding last month, the club was proud to have four teams progress to the finals. Unfortunately the Under 10s and Colts were knocked out in the first week, however the Under 12s advanced through to the preliminary final while the Under 13s powered through to the Grand Final, losing a hard-fought encounter against Richmond by 17 points.

Several of the club's players were recognised at the YJFL Best & Fairest vote count for their performances throughout the season, with Callum Bowers (Under 12s, fourth B&F), Quinn Clarke (Under 13s, fourth B&F), Ari Kakris (Under 14s, fifth B&F), Deanne Weller (Youth Girls, third B&F) and James Appleby (Colts, second B&F) all achieving Top 5 results.

James Appleby was also named in the Colts Team of the Year, which capped off a great season for him personally, having also passed the 150-game milestone — one of only a handful of juniors to have achieved such a feat in the history of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club.

"The club also enjoyed several fabulous family nights throughout the season in conjunction with the Warrandyte Netball Club and held at the Warrandyte Tennis Club, emphasising the camaraderie of the local sporting community," Snowball said. "With the new clubroom redevelopment well underway, the junior football club adapted very



Brave Bloods: Darcy Poole takes a hanger in the grand final, while (inset) Oliver Bell breaks clear from his Richmond opponent. Pictures: Gareth Dickson

well to life in temporary facilities (including a mobile canteen), and were well supported throughout the season by the Tennis Club and the Warrandyte Senior Citizens.

"The club wishes to thank its many volunteers for giving up their time throughout the season and also acknowledges the tremendous support from its magnificent group

of sponsors, in particular major sponsors Warrandyte Community Bank and Quinton's Supa IGA, along with Yarra Valley Toyota, Castagna Steel, Keep Smiling Dentures, Marvel Bookbinding, Geschke Plumbing, Rutledge AV, Ruby Tuesday, Furniture Galore, A1 Office Fitouts, Diamond Painting Services, Resicon and Solid Rock Bricklaying."

In other news, the WJFC announced Steve Ballard as a Life Member following his 10 years of dedication to junior football in Warrandyte.

Peter O'Reilly was also presented with the Club Person of the Year award for season 2013.

"Not only did Peter offer fantastic financial support of the club in

the form of his sponsorship of the combined Family Nights through his company A1 Office Fitouts, he was also a tireless worker for the club throughout the year," Snowball said.

The club's presentation day was held last weekend and the AGM and Registration Day will be held on Sunday, October 6.

Murrays power on

By BRIANNA PIAZZA

THEY have ran through deserts, mountains, storms and wild tropical weather but Warrandyte's Alan and Janette are still going strong on their 2013 run around Australia.

On August 31 Alan Murray and wife Janette completed marathon No.243 in their extraordinary charity run around the country.

The Warrandyte couple, aged in their sixties, are two thirds of the way through their year-long journey.

They have crossed into Western Australia from the Northern Territory after spending three months in the desert. They were scheduled to reach Perth on September 4.

"We are in good shape physically and can manage the heat well ... we are getting fitter by the day," Alan told the *Diary*.

Alan and Janette began planning and training for their run more than two years ago.

They hope their achievement will raise awareness and money for

four key charities – the Australian Paralympic Committee, the Gawler Foundation, Animals Australia and Kids Under Cover.

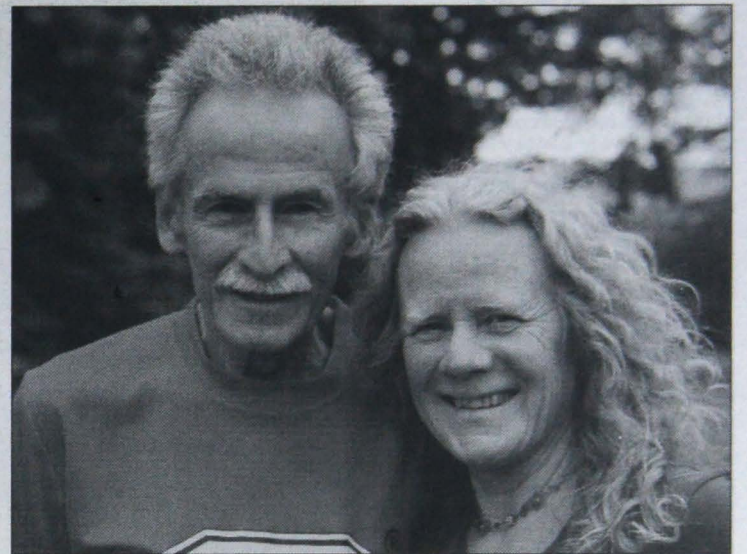
They are running on a diet consisting solely of raw fruit and vegetables in an attempt to inspire people to lead more healthy and conscious lifestyles.

Their 15,500km run is yet to take them through South Australia and Tasmania.

The couple will run their final marathon from the Spirit of Tasmania Ferry to Federation Square on December 31, when they will break a world record to become the oldest couple to run 365 consecutive marathons.

They said they were looking forward to running from Federation Square to Warrandyte on January 1, where members of the public can join them along the Yarra Trail.

You can keep up to date with their progress and hear about their daily encounters on their Facebook page 'Running Raw around Australia'.



Alan and Janette Murray are on the way to completing 365 marathons.



Abbey captains state team

WARRANDYTE'S Under 12 top gun athlete Abbey Caldwell (above) was selected as captain of the 10-12 years Victorian SSV team that competed in the National Cross Country championships in Launceston recently and also ran the race of her life to finish a career-best fourth position.

Abbey was the best of the Victorian girls who won the teams silver medal.

The East Doncaster Athletics Club summer season is only weeks away from beginning and registration day will be held on September 14 between 9am and noon at Rieschieks Reserve, George St, Doncaster.

Registration is open to children of all abilities aged 5 to 15 and for those who can't make it on the day can register online at the Little Aths Victoria website at <http://bit.ly/1cwgCas> – choose Doncaster Center first, then East Doncaster Club before entering details. Or visit the DLAC website at www.doncasterlac.org.au or contact Margaret Kelly on 0447 693 561.



Anne Marie masters the Rockies

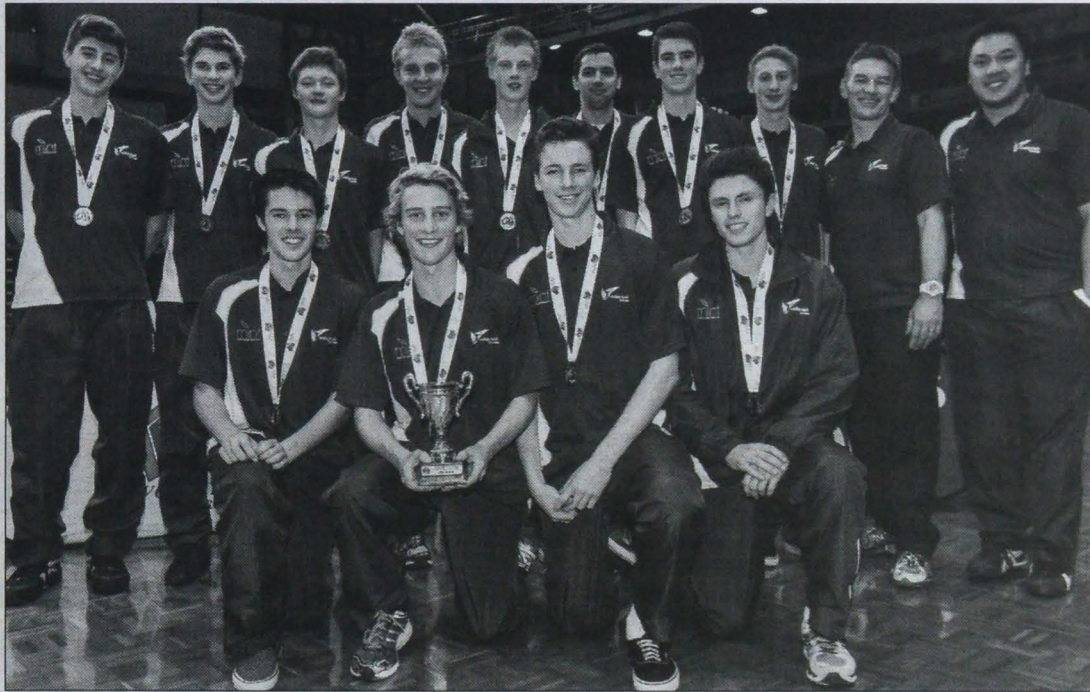
WELL known Warrandyte identity, Anne Marie Reed (above), has just returned from Canada after successfully completing another Ultra Marathon – The Canadian Death Race.

Elite racers from around the world head to the Canadian Rockies each year to compete in one of the world's toughest adventure races. The 125km course begins at Grande Cache on a 1280m elevation and a major river crossing at spectacular Hell's Gate Canyon. These extreme athletes push themselves to the limit of their endurance.

Not all complete the course or meet the time limit of 24 hours. This year 371 started, but only 148 finished.

Anne Marie finished 16th of the 93 women and eighth in her age group.

Zac scores gold in volleyball championships



True blues: The U17 Blue volleyball team with Zachary Stevenson centre in the back row.

NORTH Warrandyte's Zachary Stevenson was part of the triumphant Victorian State Volleyball blue team that recently played at the Australian Junior Volleyball Cup at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

The boys, some of whom came from Mildura, Inverloch and Bendigo, spent 10 Sundays training at Dandenong and had a weekend in Ballarat in preparation for the tournament.

During the week in Canberra they played against the other states and only lost one game to Western Australia, but scored revenge when they won gold against Western Australia in the grand final in five sets.

Zac received an Elite Travel Grant from the Department of Planning and Local Infrastructure to help pay for his travel and accommodation. He also plays for Luther College, who won gold in the U17 Boys Division 1 in the three-day schools cup competition.

Blood brothers united



One for all and all for one: Warrandyte Football Club's senior footballers teamed up with our Auskickers recently.



School holiday program returns

COBY the horse (above) is put through his paces on one of the new cross country jumps Tandivale Equestrian Centre bought earlier in the year to provide more variety and challenges for its students.

The centre is running its school holiday program again each week-day from Monday, September 23 to Friday, October 4. The program is suitable for children six years and up and no riding experience is required. The day runs from 9am-4pm with a BBQ lunch supplied at a cost of \$110 per child (discount is offered for groups of four or more).

For more information visit www.tandivale.com

Two titles the perfect send-off

WARRANDYTE Basketball is celebrating its most successful season in a 48-year history that has seen many star players progress through the popular club, however, as has been the case in previous years, outstanding juniors are now playing senior basketball at their home club and that has resulted in two Big V titles.

With a senior/youth program in only its seventh season, the Venom snared the Youth League Women and Division One Women's championships, highlighting enormous growth at the club and the rise of many juniors. All up, of the 21 championship-winning players, 15 have come via the club's junior program, an achievement not lost on retiring senior coach Justin Nelson.

The first title came in mid-August when the 'Porter Davis' Youth Women defeated Hawthorn by 20 points in front of a massive home crowd at Warrandyte Sports Complex, capping a brilliant season by the team under coach Nicole Howard.

"Nicole is an exceptionally talented coach, she has been with the club for about six years now and totally understands the process," said Nelson.

"Winning these sorts of titles take patience and development over a period of time, it's about players buying into the system, working hard and adjusting to a more physical style of basketball, and to that end Nicole prepared these girls really well."

With the Youth League title in their keeping, the club then set about winning the Senior Division 1 championship, a result that would prove to be the perfect send off to Nelson after his impending retirement was announced just a few weeks earlier.

After getting past Whittlesea in the semi finals with ease, the Venom stitched up the title with a 2-0 win against Geelong in their best-of-three Grand Final series, the second and deciding win at Warrandyte in front of another big crowd. The championship victory also marked an amazing run of 18 straight wins for Nelson's team.

"Winning the title is something I'll remember for the rest of my life, but it was the way in which we did it that really impresses me," said Nelson.

After winning just two of their first five games to start the season, the team never looked back and swept all before them, never dropping another game on their way to the title.

With his decision to step away from coaching in the State League, topped with the biggest win of his coaching career, Nelson also heaped praise on everyone around him and the support they have shown over the years.

"Playing and coaching at this level is about more than just the coach and players. I can't thank the likes of Jenni O'Brien (team manager), Jacqui Howes (trainer), Peter Anderson (venue manager), the committee and our game staff enough. Also, a massive thanks to Gardiner McInnes Real Estate for sponsoring this team since 2007. To Vicki, Russell and the team at Gardiner McInnes, thank you for backing us."

"To all the players, families and supporters, what we have achieved and continue to achieve is about you. It's your club, it will always be what you make of it, but for me there is no better feeling than being part of a sporting club that you have, can and always will call home."

"You won't always win, you may not always agree with a decision that needs to be made, but I've always said that if you embrace Warrandyte Basketball it will embrace you back ten-fold."

There is no anti-Venom



By TONY OLIVER

WARRANDYTE Venom's senior women gave coach Justin Nelson the perfect send-off with the 2013 Big V Division 1 title thanks to a 59-47 win over Geelong last month.

The victory capped a superb season that yielded 18 straight wins all the way to the championship, a fitting finale that has the Venom celebrating two Big V titles following a title win by the Youth Women as well.

While the final score and a 2-0 sweep of the final series might suggest that Warrandyte won easily, the Geelong Supercats were sensational in pushing Warrandyte to the limit.

With a vocal home crowd on hand to cheer the Venom on, it was a tight first period with the Geelong Supercats doing well in the opening minutes while the Venom came back late to take a three-point lead into the first break. The Supercats had a big second period, outscoring the home side 16-7 to take a six-point lead into the main break, leaving many wondering whether we would be returning for Game 3 on the Sunday.

The third period started and it soon became obvious that any Venom nerves were soon swept under the carpet as they clicked up a gear. A 17-6 run, along with forcing six turnovers, saw the momentum swing dramatically in Venom's favour.

Geelong had nothing left in the tank, and Stefany Thomas starred for Warrandyte in the fourth, as did Casey Taylor who hit a dagger three-point bomb that all but sealed the win for the Venom. Thomas had 20 points, eight boards, five steals and four assists. Rachael Wansbrough scored 11 points and 15 boards including a great last period to help Warrandyte take home the title.

On the Saturday night in front of a full house at WSC, the Youth Women's Venom team were taking on reigning premiers Hawthorn.

The Venom's opening quarter was quick to demonstrate our girls had every intention of blowing this game apart. Nerves weren't even a factor as they jumped to a 20-12 start. Three banked shots from behind the arc (Bree Waugh and Maddison Taylor) came at pivotal times for the Venom as they kept themselves ahead in the quarter.

The Venom didn't slow down in the second with shot after shot dropping. But once the five minute mark came around, the Venom were

as Justin's girls triumph

Three big signings for WBA in '13-14

Pictures: Jenny Trewella



ON the back of winning two Big V titles in addition to 14 Venom junior teams and more than 30 Redbacks teams in finals, Warrandyte Basketball is pleased to announce three key recruitments.

Following the recent decision by Justin Nelson to pursue other opportunities, the club is delighted to announce that Di Trenfield will start on Monday September 2 as administration manager.

"Di has all the professional qualities to play a valuable and vital role at the club," said president Richard Cookes. "Additionally, Di has a thorough understanding of all programs at the club, she is well respected in the community and above all she is well known at the club."

Following three successful seasons in the roles as Venom coaching directors, both Gerard Leonard and Tiff Hodgson have decided not to re-apply.

"These roles require a lot of hours outside of one's normal working life - it's not something you can do lightly and the job both Gerard and Tiff have done comes with much dedication and we thank them for that," Cookes said.

The club has announced Nicole Howard (girls) and Ross Charles (boys) as the Venom coaching directors for the 2013-14 season.

"Nicole is a highly respected coach, she knows every part of the junior program and is constantly working with and looking at our junior girls. Her communication skills, ability to develop players and work with coaches is exceptional. We are very pleased to see Nicole move into this important role and look forward to the continued success that will come with her appointment," Cookes said.

Charles joins the club after a successful career as a player, a Big V coach and previous experience as a coaching director. His work with Ringwood's Youth Men in the Big V for the best part of a decade yielded much success and has seen him become a sought-after coach, his last stint being with Mornington's senior men in the Big V (2012).

"Ross has enjoyed a fantastic playing and coaching career, he is very easy to talk to, has a real passion for basketball and a proven track record as a coaching director in representative basketball. Ross isn't new to Venom, his son Brenton plays in the senior men's team, so we are really excited to bring Ross into the club in an official role," Cookes said.

Both Howard and Charles have started their new roles and plan to work quickly to finalise the Venom's junior coaching line-up for season 2013/14 ahead of team tryouts starting on Sunday, October 6.

stopped in their tracks. The Magic's defence stepped up and their shots started to drop. They crawled back for the last part of the quarter and cut the margin back to 31-22 by half-time.

The Magic continued their hot form into the third and reduced the margin to only four with 3.30 left on the clock.

The Venom made some important shots to kick the margin back out to 10 to finish out the third quarter strong.

A Waugh three-pointer opened up the final quarter and set the stage for the Venom. They went on a 12 to 2 roll to cap off their season with an incredible finish to the game and take out the title of Youth League One Women's Champions for 2013.

Saturday basketball

There have been several high standard games during semi-final time at Warrandyte Community Sports Centre for the domestic basketball competition.

The Redbacks Under 17 Boys won

through to the Grand Final with a hard-fought 45-35 win over Eltham. Little separated the sides in the first half with Warrandyte taking a one-point lead into the half-time break after Eltham scored on the buzzer.

Warrandyte's outside game was not working and coach Ryan Holloway changed tactics.

The game started to flow Warrandyte's way with greater attack on the basket and an improved defence.

The Redbacks then closed out the game to go straight into the Grand Final.

Zac Stevenson with 14 and brother Max with 10 were the Redbacks' key contributors.

With almost the same scoreline but with a different outcome, Warrandyte's second U17 A grade side went down 44-31 to Eltham 2.

Liam Evans top-scored for the Redbacks with 12 with good support from Julian Moss (11).

The Under 15A Boys team had a good 42-35 win over Bulleen. It was Warrandyte charging ahead and at the long break held a 22-10 lead. Late

in the game Bulleen surged, cutting the lead to five.

Free throws were letting Warrandyte down, but Jackson Blake hit one to extend the margin to six with 35.6 seconds to go and it was enough to give the Beau Bentley-coached team a win and a place in the preliminary final.

For Warrandyte Nick Fellar top-scored with 14 while Conor McGrath scored 11 and Bailey Gay scored six.

Coach Alysia Buzzini was quietly confident before the game, and the Redback girls started well.

However Collingwood were doing that little better and Warrandyte ran out of legs late in the game, with most having played the previous night.

"We will get another chance at them," said the coach after the game. "You all really played a great game. An excellent game."

Scoring for the Redbacks was shared around with Sophie Cookes with 8, and 4 each to Ellie Caruana, Katia Dodds and Phoebe Joy.

Warrandyte's Under 9 B1 Girls went

into the Grand Final with a good 21-8 win over Bulleen.

Friday Night Update

After the home and away season for representative basketball Warrandyte Venom were well represented in the finals with 15 teams (out of a total of 33) taking part.

At the time the *Diary* went to print nine teams made their way through to the first round, including the Metro 1 teams, Under 16 Boys, Under 18s and Under 20s along with the Under 18 Girls.

Both Venom VC sides, Under 14 Boys and Under 20 Girls, were still in contention.

"It will be good to have a strong Venom presence at the finals," said U16s coach Beau Bentley.

While the 2013 season is coming to a close, tryouts for 2014 have just begun. Warrandyte prides itself on a strong family-friendly culture and open communication.

This has formed the foundation of a strong player pathway from juniors into a successful senior program.



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WONGA PARK

Breathtaking views in the heart of Wonga Park

Situated in a prime Wonga Park location within easy walk of Wonga Park Primary School and local eateries, this near-acre property boasts breathtaking views from almost every room. Includes lounge/dining, kitchen/meals, 3 BRs, central bathroom, downstairs rumpus, and laundry with shower room. Outside, boasts a covered alfresco, private IG pool and large garden. Features elevated balcony, gas heating, air con, garage/workshop, double carport, circular driveway, and plans drawn for future extension (STCA).

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Style, Space, Views in Abundance!

Immediately appealing—solid drinker, approx 1100m2. Panoramic Mt Dandenong/Yarra Valley views, quality court, entertain family and friends by the impressive lounge/dining, OFF, wide balcony reveals magnificent outlook! Well equipped Blackwood kitchen/meals/family area. Study, 3 robed bedrooms including main/modern ensuite/WIR, bathroom, 2 powder rooms. Down stairs independent accommodation, living room/2nd main bedroom-ensuite. Quality inclusions. Near Goldfields Plaza, schools, National Park.

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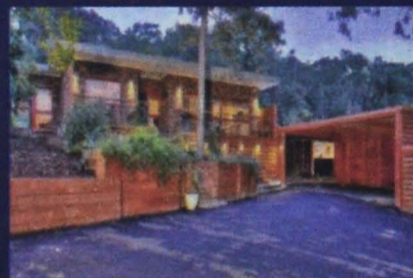


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Bright Interiors, Alfresco Delights

Fabulous family home complemented by outstanding alfresco living. Everything completed, comprising multi-function open living room, contemporary cooks kitchen-dining, zoned master suite/retreat/WIR/upgraded ensuite, refurbished bathroom, office, rumpus/5th bedroom. Private entertaining area, large IG pool/spa/decking, storage, GDH, Ilve appliances, Tas oak floors. Bamboo terrace, S/S balustrades, workshop, new fencing, roof sprinklers and pump, bitumen OSP. Useable allotment approx 2005m2.

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WARRANDYTE

Interior – Alfresco Haven

This home is all about enjoyment—relaxation—unwinding. Welcoming interior, generous living-dining room, well designed kitchen-dining area, main/ensuite, spa bathroom. Downstairs you'll discover the large rumpus room (B.I. bar) integrating with the huge covered alfresco retreat enclosed by bistro blinds overlooking the private garden. (Attractive elevated allotment approx 925m2). Appointments: GDH, B.I air conditioners, underhouse storage. Walk to Anderson Creek Primary, Goldfields Plaza.

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WARRANDYTE

Amazing Space!

Careful consideration has gone into every aspect of this substantial impressive home – designed to offer the finest of family lifestyles. Bright interior, views, multiple living-entertaining zones. Upstairs: large family room opening onto verandah, generous dining-living room, kitchen-meals, 3 robed bedrooms including main/retreat-WIR-BIRs-ensuite, study (BIRs)/bedroom option, bathroom. Downstairs rumpus (gas log fire), 2BRs, modern bathroom. Northerly alfresco-tranquil back garden (833m2). Walk to village.

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