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Ohhh Yeah!

It is the last edition of 2018 which means summer and the Silly Season is here.

After a series of hard-hitting and challenging productions, Warrandyte Theatre Company have left theatre goers (and our reviewers) laughing, booing, hissing

and singing-along with their festive pantomime *The Festivillain*, stepping us off along the road to Warrandyte Festival 2019.

Check out Hoggy & BB's take on WTC's last offering for 2018 on Page 20. **PHOTO: STEPHEN REYNOLDS**

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but it still remains popular." - Anon.*

OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



Kevin was beginning to doubt whether spring was the ideal time to sell a house in Warrandyte

The more things change...

The *Diary's* researchers have taken a peek into the archives to see what was happening in Warrandyte a century ago and guess what they found?

AMONG THE ORCHARDS
The Leader — Town Edition
December 28 1918

NOTES AT DONCASTER EAST

BY OUR HORTICULTURAL REPORTER

With the exception of cherries, which are now picked, and pears, the fruit crops in this district are all light.

The dry spring, accompanied by frosts and the prevalence of thrip, undoubtedly was unfavourable to a good setting, but it is the general impression that the two previous abnormally wet winters reduced the vitality of the trees, and rendered them more susceptible to this season's conditions.

This view is borne out by the presence of actually dead trees, and others in the last stages, in spots where the drainage is defective or where an ungenial subsoil lies near the surface.

In some parts the soil is of a very uneven character, sudden changes occurring within a small area, with the consequence that stunted or dead trees are met within close proximity to others that are doing well.

Frost damage is mainly confined to low-lying and shut in localities where there is no air drainage.

The greatest sufferers are the growers who are located on Deep Creek, in the winding and narrow valley of which very bad frost pockets are formed, and severe losses, such as occurred this year, are not infrequent.

MIXED PLANTING

The indiscriminate mixing of different varieties of fruit is, of course, inadmissible in a commercial orchard, but the interplanting of two kinds is not uncommon.

In America, where wide planting is the rule, what are called "fillers" are often put in to occupy the ground until the permanent trees require all the room, when the fillers are taken out.

Many Doncaster growers adopt this method, although it is not so common as formerly.

The peach, being an early maturing and short-lived tree, is generally chosen as the filler.

In Mr. Aug. Zerbe's 50-acre orchard, on Blackburn Road, there is a good deal of this kind of interplanting, especially of pears and peaches, the root systems of which appear to interfere with one another scarcely at all.

In his younger orchards Mr. Zerbe has not adopted the plan, but for a young man making a start, or while family expenses are high, he believes in the practice.

It is, of course, a form of intense culture, and

entails more work in cultivation, besides manuring, unless in good new ground.

Not much success can be expected without water, but as irrigation is the rule rather than the exception at Doncaster, and peaches are no good without it, this involves no extra expense.

When pears and peaches are planted together the latter may be expected to give seven or eight good crops before the time comes to remove them, and there are cases in which they have been kept much longer, but generally at the expense of the other trees.

The mixed rows run only one way, in which the trees stand very close, and cross cultivation is impossible almost from the start.

In one part of the orchard old peaches have been interplanted with pears, and the latter instead of being placed midways in the rows are as close as possible to the peaches, looking more like suckers than separate trees.

The vigour of the young pears shows that they are not competing with the peaches for the plant food in the soil and that their roots do not crowd one another, neither is the shade of the larger tree any detriment to its small neighbour.

It will of course be impossible to uproot the peaches and it looks as though there would be some difficulty in chopping them out without injuring the pears.

But Mr. Zerbe is no novice at this game...

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A SPECIAL PLACE

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

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MEMBER 2018

Bridgeworks almost complete

By DAVID HOGG

AFTER ALMOST a year of disruption, and occasional chaos, the bridgeworks are now heading towards completion.

Night works and single lane closures, scheduled for December 1 to 4, to allow the construction team to seal the bridge surface, complete the lane markings and remove the remaining barriers were postponed due to bad weather and have not yet been rescheduled.

A further night of single-lane working on December 8 installed street lighting.

The work is looking very eye-pleasing, with colourful bollards and local stone cairns — sensitively designed echoes of stone end walls — at each of the abutments to the bridge.

Fitting of the green railings each side of the roadway and removal of most of the scaffolding from under the bridge was recently completed.

The further remedial work on the high voltage power cable over the Yarra associated with the bridgework was finally completed in the early hours of Sunday December 9 with a power outage affecting 446 residents.

Further works to be completed include finishing new shared use paths, finalising asphalt and line marking on the bridge, removing all remaining temporary barriers, installing the remaining street lighting, providing power and communications to the traffic lights, further strengthening works underneath the bridge, reinstatement of the *Queen of the Shire* and landscaping works.

The new bus stop works are being delivered by VicRoads on behalf of Public Transport Victoria (PTV) to extend the bus stop, allowing room for articulated buses on the road (see Page 4 for further details).

Traffic light troubles

The traffic lights at the corner of Research-Warrandyte Road and Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road became operational on November 20.

Fatima Mohamed, VicRoads Director Metropolitan Assets, tells us "These new traffic lights have improved traffic flow and boosted safety at the intersection of Research-Warrandyte Road and Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road and we appreciate the community's patience during these important works."

Although the traffic lights have been

operational since November 20 there has been no power or communications laid on to the site, and the traffic lights are running off a generator.

Digital road rage

Last month, the community and road users continued to vent their frustrations on social media, this time directed at the newly activated traffic lights.

Complaints on social media indicated there was too much priority to traffic on Research Road and motorists stuck in traffic on Kangaroo Ground Road were falling back on old habits and speeding along the Blooms Road rat-run.

But it is the evening traffic that caused the most complaints, with the lights stopping northbound traffic across the bridge, and bridge traffic from Ringwood locking out traffic from the village.

Residents and commuters who have taken their complaints directly to VicRoads have told the *Diary* they are being advised "VicRoads is currently liaising with Telstra to get the permanent network connection installed which will allow real time adjustment of the signals and we anticipate that there will be tweaks to the signal timings based on traffic volumes once they are fully operational."

Some adjustment must already be taking place as there has been a substantial improvement in traffic flow during the last week.

Traffic flow

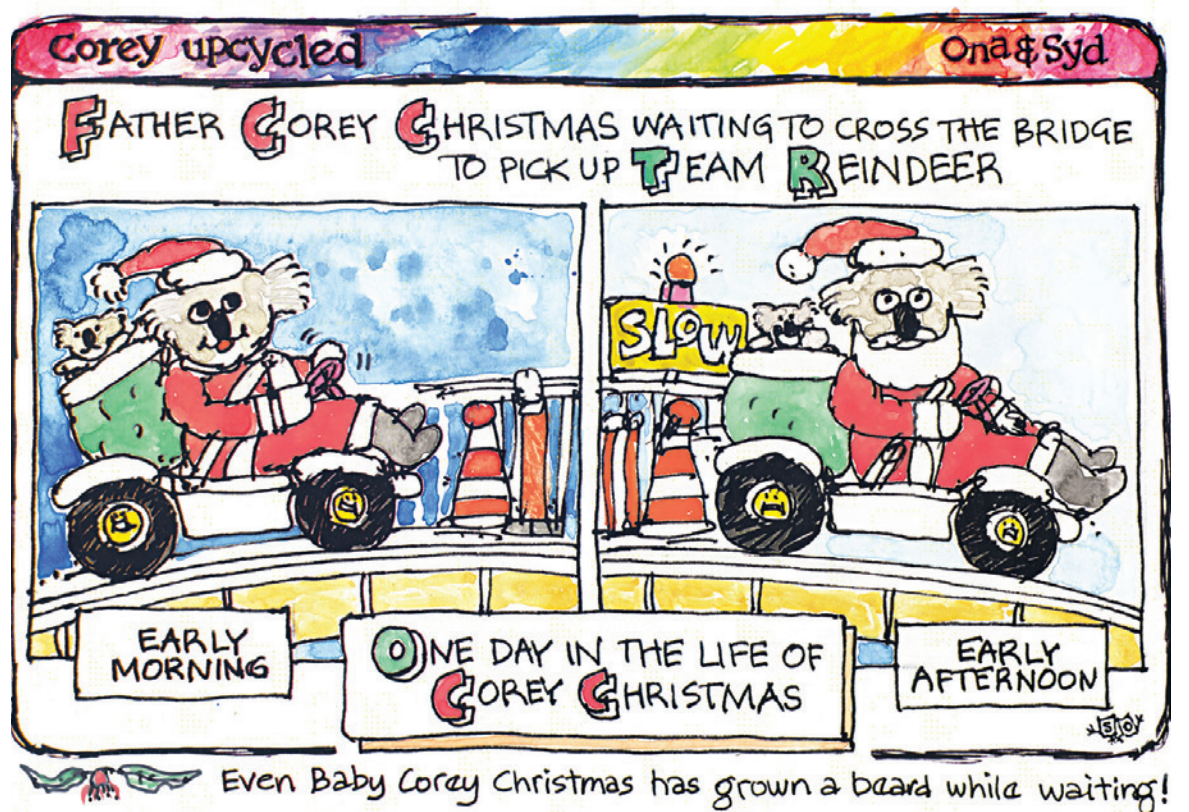
Despite criticism of the peak hour queues through Warrandyte, it must be remembered that the primary objective of the upgrade is in relation to bushfire evacuation, and to that extent the recent Bushfire Insurance Forum (see Page 7) was told that the emergency services have welcomed the works and believe that the bridge upgrade has greatly improved the situation in an emergency.

"Whilst the emergency services believe that the bridge upgrade has improved the situation, it is not a panacea and there will still be huge problems on the roads if an evacuation is required."

The CFA message has always been to leave early and even with two southbound lanes, this message is more important than ever.



New stone cairn at the bridge gateway



Photos: DAVID WIERZBOWSKI



Tipped truck

By JAMES POYNER

LATE LAST month, Facebook was once again alight with photos, gossip and opinion when traffic was delayed around the Warrandyte Bridge only days after traffic lights at the north end of the bridge were switched on.

However the gridlock was due to a truck accident at the intersection.

Leading Senior Constable Kendra Jackson, responded to the *Diary's* request for information regarding the incident:

"Investigators have been told the driver of the tip truck travelling east on Research-Warrandyte Road lost control about 8:20am.

"As the driver travelled downhill and turned onto Kangaroo Ground-Warrandyte Road, the truck rolled onto its side.

"The 52-year-old driver from Woolert was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries."

Fortunately, there were no serious injuries or other vehicles involved in the incident.

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In November, the *Diary* ran a submission from the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) which expressed their views of the C117 planning amendment and its potential impact on the Manningham Green Wedge.

As stated in the introduction to *C117: Green Wedge Tranquillity or Tourist Cluster* (November 2018, P4), the story is an "edited for print" version of *C117: Magical Mystery Tour* — originally published on the *Wedge Tales* blog on October 27 — the website/blog is a collaboration between the Warrandyte Community Association, Friends of Nillumbik and Green Wedge Protection Group.

After an initial complaint from Mr Day regarding the story, the *Diary* invited Mr Day to write a response to the WCA submission to help him "set the record straight".

As we go to print, the original post on the *Wedge Tales* website has not been amended, despite conversations between Mr Day and the WCA regarding the accuracy of the piece.

Green Wedge tranquillity or tourist cluster — response

Dear Diary,

I write with a little frustration about the WCA article regarding C117 which was published in the last edition of the *Diary*.

As my family has been in Warrandyte for nearly 100 years I feel I have the right of reply to the misleading article on my proposal.

Despite the fact that the opinions and articles published may not represent the *Diary's* own nevertheless it was published without asking for comment.

My submission to the C117 Panel is quoted as by the WCA:

"Jamie Day's proposal to build a caravan and camping park on Pound Bend."

This is certainly not what was presented and it can only be taken as misinformation to the readers of the *Diary*.

Below is verbatim what was presented in the submission.

1.3 LAND USE INTENTIONS

1.3.1 Low impact tourist camping facility

Over the past several months our client has been exploring possible alternative land uses for the site that could co-exist with the existing dwelling.

Such a land use would need to be of low intensity and sensitively located and designed to meet the many objectives and provisions of the various Planning Overlays that apply to the land.

Our client's desire is to share his local knowledge of the area with small numbers of tourists via a sensitively designed low impact facility on the site, thus enhancing the appreciation and awareness of this unique area of Warrandyte.

An option that has been explored is an appropriately located eco-friendly low impact tourist facility on part of the site, including:

- 8 - 12 tents mounted on removable footings so the construction is minimal, accommodating 16 to 24 people if all were full.
- Amenities either through an approved septic system or compost toilets with grey water being appropriately treated.
- Solar assisted power for tent lighting where feasible

Initial comments were sought from the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (as the acquiring authority) and Parks Victoria (as the manager of the adjacent crown

land) who gave in principle support to the proposal if appropriately managed.

The proposal was however caught on a technical issue, as outlined below, which has prevented the preparation of a planning application.

The proposal referred to above has been defined as a "Camping and Caravan Park" Land used to allow accommodation in caravans, cabins, tents, or the like.

This land use falls within the broader definition of Accommodation.

Accommodation (except for bed and breakfast, dependent persons unit, dwelling, group accommodation, host farm and residential hotel) is prohibited in the Rural Conservation Zone.

At no stage has there been a plan

to apply for a permit for a caravan park.

Eco Tourism is a growing sustainable industry that can exist within the sensitive overlays in the planning scheme.

I have included a link to help readers visualize what was proposed; <https://ecostructures.com.au/barossa-valley/>

I trust this clarifies the intent of the submission.

I invite anybody that wishes any more information to contact me directly by email jamie.day@me.com or Gabrielle Sesta at Terrain Consulting Gabrielle.S@terrainconsulting.com.au

Regards, Jamie Day
Warrandyte



Works begin on Riverside village

THE SISTER development to Creekside Retirement Village, the aptly named Riverside on West End Road broke ground last week with excavators scooping up the first bucketful of dirt. Word was out and onlookers streamed past the site on the usually quiet West End Road all day.

The local builders, Nathan and Josh from Craft Built Homes met with Riverside representatives, Andrew Yen and Doug Seymour to inspect the foundations.

"We cross our fingers for good

weather over the next few weeks, but with luck we will have the base down for two of the five villas before Christmas," said Nathan.

The residents are hoping to move in by September next year and are very excited about the activity on site.

Future Riverside resident, Cliff Green remarked that he is very proud to live in Warrandyte, where projects like this one epitomised Warrandyte, a place where locals give lots of time and energy to support their community.



Photo: STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Bendy future for 906

By DAVID HOGG

PUBLIC Transport Victoria (PTV) in conjunction with VicRoads is conducting future-proofing works at all bus stops on the Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) network to ensure they will be compatible with longer "bendy" articulated buses, and work is now in progress to extend and improve the Warrandyte Bridge terminal stop.

PTV spokesperson John Lindsay told the *Diary* "We're upgrading the Warrandyte Bridge bus terminal stop at the same time as the bridgeworks to minimise disruptions to the community.

"This bus stop upgrade will improve safety and accessibility for passengers and enable us to introduce articulated buses on this route in the future."

No timeframe has yet been confirmed for the introduction of the longer bendy buses on this route.

These works, alongside the additions of dedicated bus lanes on sections of Blackburn Road and Doncaster Road, as well as increases in service frequency for all DART bus services (*Warrandyte Diary* October 2018, P7) aim to ease public transport congestion for city commuters.

Following the works, the bridge terminus will be a dedicated 906 bus stop.

Commuters wanting to use the 364 and 578/9 services will must use the bus stop outside the Warrandyte Library.

The bus terminus is scheduled to be reopened on Sunday December 16.



Councils busy on Green Wedge planning

By DAVID HOGG

COUNCILS on both sides of the river are busy with the complexities of how to handle Green Wedge management in a rural environment that is rapidly becoming absorbed into suburbia.

In Manningham, *Planning Scheme Amendment C117*, which took submissions from the public in April 2018, was subject to a three-day hearing at Planning Panels Victoria on October 10.

Angelo Kourambas, Director of City Planning and Community at Manningham, told the *Diary* "The Independent Panel for Amendment C117 has advised that the report will be available to Council around December 12.

"Within 28 days of receiving this report, it will be made available on our website.

"It is anticipated that Council will consider Amendment C117 in early 2019."

North of the river, Nillumbik has been considering a *Community Engagement Report* to its *Green Wedge Management*

Plan (GWMP), prepared by a community panel of 39 members.

The report was officially presented to Council at the council meeting on November 27, and council requested officers to prepare a response to all recommendations for consideration at the December 2018 council meeting.

However, the meeting was not without controversy.

Included in the *Engagement Report* was a *Minority Report* emanating from five resident hobby farmer panel members, but because the full panel did not see and was unaware of this content Mayor Cr Karen Egan determined it would not be considered by Council.

At the December 18 council meeting, Nillumbik Shire Council will consider and respond to each recommendation in the Panel's report.

Nillumbik residents will then have to wait until February 2019 to know if council will give the go ahead for broader community consultation on the draft plan.

NBN on target for 2019

By DAVID HOGG

NBN CO HAS confirmed the roll-out of NBN in the area is on track for implementation and delivery in the second half of 2019.

James Kaufman, Public Affairs Manager NBN Co told the *Diary* "The build around Warrandyte is on track with works already having commenced earlier in 2018 in parts of Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, Ringwood and Warranwood.

"Works are also due to commence around Warrandyte South, separate pockets of Warrandyte and Wonga Park in December 2018.

"Croydon Hills, Ringwood and other sections of Warranwood are due to commence around February 2019," he said.

The average copper length on ADSL is 2.5km nationally, much higher in Warrandyte, but the new FTTC (Fibre To The Curb) technology involves taking the fibre to within about 30 metres of most premises which means that much higher speeds are possible than those on the existing ADSL network.

Roots in the community

By JO FRENCH

LABOR'S NEW candidate for the Federal seat of Menzies, Ms Stella Yee, believes in putting your hand up to make a difference in your community and her message to the community is clear:

"It's time Menzies, it's time," says Ms Yee, echoing the 1972 Whitlam campaign theme.

"It is time for a change.

"It is time for Menzies to have better representation."

Born in Malaysia, Ms Yee studied and worked in several countries, until moving with her family to Melbourne in 2001.

Ms Yee and her family have lived in Doncaster for the past 14 years, she has three children aged 28, 25 and 11 and she is actively involved in her local community, visiting elderly Italians through not for profit organisation, Co.As.It. and running an innovative after-school Mandarin extension program at a local primary school.

The *Diary* caught up with Ms Yee, to discuss her journey into politics and her candidacy.

"It started in 2014," said Ms Yee, "I was starting to become a bit more aware of what was going on around me.

"I had been busy with family and doing a bit in the community, when I realised there were issues in the area where we live that I thought we need to go in and do something about."

"I wanted to have a voice in response to some of the things... so I put up my hand," said Ms Yee.

"I never wanted to be a politician... but this is the avenue.

"This way you can meet people and talk to people and see what needs to be better."

Ms Yee became a member of the Australian Labor Party two and a half years ago, after much consideration and says that choosing to align yourself with a political party takes a lot of thought and research.

"It is a big deal to align yourself with something — especially coming from a country like Malaysia.

"To make this decision you have to weigh everything up, and for me it boils down to; 'does the party, when in Government, do things for people that is meaningful, that makes a difference?'

"When I read up on the history, I was quite impressed by successive Labor governments and the things they have put in place, such as Whitlam's free university education reform, Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)."

Ms Yee speaks highly of the Premier, Daniel Andrews and says we should



give credit to him and his government for all they have achieved.

When asked what was ahead for her, as the date of a federal election draws near, she said, "A steep learning curve.

"It would be great to ... get stuck in and get stuff done because the last five years have been pretty ordinary."

"I get very upset when I watch Parliament during question time, and they start name calling.

"It has gotten worse this week in the Senate.

"I feel we need a circuit breaker, maybe it is time to get rid of a few people that have been there forever," she says.

Menzies is considered a safe Liberal seat, which has been held by MP Kevin Andrews for the last 27 years.

"It has never been put to the test the way it has been in the State Election, where there was a 7.7 per cent swing against the Liberals."

Ms Yee says Federal politics starts in the community and one of her strengths is her ongoing community involvement.

"I am a local, Kevin Andrews is not, I am local and I am involved — it is a big part of what I do."

The *Diary* asked Ms Yee what she thought she could do for the Warrandyte area.

"I actually need to come and talk to the people and find out what they want.

"I do know they are very proud of the Green Wedge and that the environment is a very important issue."

Ms Yee says she wants to listen to the people of the area and learn from them, find out what they want to say.

"It's not that I have all the answers," she says, "I am new to this, I want to know what the issues are that are important to the people of Warrandyte and go from there."



Smith feels the pinch in contest for Warrandyte

By SUSAN FOREMAN

THERE WAS a small field for the coveted position of Member for Warrandyte in the recently held State Election.

Voters turned out in force in the two weeks prior to the November 24 poll with early voting numbers reported by the VEC to be almost double the 2014 pre-poll turnout.

The seat of Warrandyte has been a comfortable Liberal seat for over 30 years, with incumbent Ryan Smith having held the seat for 12 years.

Smith, having spent the last four years in opposition was keen to see a change of government as he fought hard on the Liberal platform of law and order.

It was always going to be a difficult fight for control of the Spring Street government benches, but no one expected the massive swings across

the state that strengthened Labor's hold on power.

Labor put in an out-of-towner in Elizabeth McGrath, clearly not expecting her to make inroads into the Blue Ribbon Liberal seat.

However, despite Smith's personal popularity in the electorate, he was not immune to the tsunami of sentiment away from the conservatives.

His 11 per cent margin was eroded to see him sitting on a frustrating 49.8 per cent, meaning without an absolute majority, a preference distribution was required.

Preferences swung the way of the incumbent, meaning that Ryan Smith was elected for the fourth term as Member of Warrandyte.

The Liberal member's Two Party Preferred majority now sits at around three per cent.

Elizabeth McGrath attracted 35 per cent of the first preference vote for Labor, while Ben Ramcharan garnered a creditable 10 per cent for the Greens, with the Animal Justice Party's Lachlan McGill taking four per cent of first preference votes.

To the North of Warrandyte, the electorate of Eildon, which takes in Kangaroo Ground, Christmas Hills and a large swathe of the Nillumbik Green Wedge, Liberal incumbent also went to preferences to claim victory in the seat.

In an almost carbon copy of the 2014 election result, Sally Brennan took a 35 per cent stake, while The Greens' Ken Deacon took around 10 per cent of first preference votes and Independent Michelle Dunscombe retained her deposit with a five per cent share of the vote.



Do you know this unicorn?

This little one was left behind at a Warrandyte Electorate voting centre during the State Election and the VEC are keen to see her get home.

Contact the *Diary* if you know who she belongs to and can describe the rest of the contents of her purse.

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OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

Forum tackles burning questions

By DAVID HOGG

AROUND 250 people attended the Warrandyte Community Association's (WCA) Bushfire Insurance Forum held on November 15 at Warrandyte Community Church.

The evening was most informative.

Be Ready Warrandyte chairman Dick Davies welcomed everyone and introduced the Warrandyte Fire Watch webpage, which displays real-time information from a suite of reliable sources, including the current fire danger ratings, weather conditions, four-day weather outlook, traffic cameras on Research and Kangaroo-Ground Roads, and links to useful VicRoads and CFA websites.

Mr Davies then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Craig Lapsley, retiring Emergency Management Commissioner, Victoria, in appreciation of his work with WCA and the local Warrandyte Community.

Helen Napier and Dean Graham from Municipal Emergency Management, Manningham Council outlined the Greater Warrandyte risk profile, explained the terms Bushfire Prone Area and Bushfire Management Overlay, Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) ratings for building construction and covered the Council's policies on vegetation clearing on council-managed parks and roads.

Tony Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services Victoria (EMV), gave a very informative overview on the outlook for the 2018/19 bushfire season including worrying slides showing the grassland curing percentages and forecasts of high fire risk for the coming season.

A more reassuring slide showed EMVs readiness for air attack with firefighting aircraft ready for action at Olinda, Coldstream and Essendon, two large air tankers at Avalon, and for the first time an ability to use firefighting aircraft at night.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Denis Nelthorpe AM from Disaster

Legal Help who had us enthralled with his amazing knowledge of insurance, insurance companies, insurance law and a number of interesting anecdotes.

His overriding message was that house and contents insurance is not an option, it is a must; even those in financial difficulties need to maintain their insurance policies.

Nor should one be waiting for the flames and smoke to appear on the horizon before taking out insurance, as many policies now have a waiting period before they become effective.

Mr Nelthorpe stressed the importance of understanding what was included in the policy such as emergency accommodation and getting the insured value in the right ballpark.

He stressed that some insurers worked on an "insured value" whereas others covered "replacement costs".

In the latter case in particular it is essential that home owners have evidence of what the house looked like before the bushfire, and what the contents were.

Extensive photographs should be taken, and stored in a safe place, not in the home of course, together with important documents such as title deeds and valuations.

He also pointed out that the costs of rebuilding a home are significantly higher where an entire area has been wiped out.

Cheryl Meikle, Manager of Warrandyte Community Bank, outlined the bank's house and contents policies.

Then the forum was thrown open to the floor, questions and comments included:

- Concern from a fireguard group coordinator over the need for council to better clear areas of vegetation and make roads more easy for egress.
- Comments from the victim of a recent lightning strike in North Warrandyte suggesting difficulty in

getting action from her insurer.

- Most insurers not covering claims for scorching, smouldering, ember damage or ash unless there is actually a flame involved.
- How to best set the insured value.
- Concern that new planning regulations might prevent rebuilding in some circumstances.

Notable quotes from the panel included:

- "The richness of the Warrandyte community spirit is something of which we should all be very proud."
- "Whilst the emergency services believe that the bridge upgrade has improved the situation, it is not a panacea and there will still be huge problems on the roads if an evacuation is required."
- "If you are relying on some app to tell you when to leave you have missed the point — why are you still there on that kind of a day?"

The forum concluded with tea and coffee as the panel members made themselves available for informal discussion.

WCA has analysed the feedback from 78 respondents who filled in the feedback form.

"It was overwhelmingly positive with the main speaker Denis Nelthorpe attracting universal praise," said Dick Davies.

Nillumbik Council did not have a presence at the forum but were invited, unfortunately the forum clashed with the reorganisation of their Emergency Management team.



Slides from each speaker can be found at:
warrandyte.org.au/be-ready/bushfire-insurance-forum/

The Warrandyte Fire Watch website can be found at warrandyte.org.au/fire-watch/



Craig Lapsley



Denis Nelthorpe AM



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Aaron Farr



Cheryl Meikle



Tony Murphy



Dick Davies

New lease of life for the Old Dairy

By JAMES POYNER

ON A WARM Friday afternoon in late 2017, Melbourne Water, Manningham Council, the Warrandyte Historical Society and the Warrandyte Community Association sat around a table to decide the future of the site of the Old Warrandyte Dairy, a dilapidated cold store on a parcel of land which Melbourne Water needed to sell.

Last month, the plans for the redevelopment of the Old Dairy site into an attractive and usable space, marking the entrance to the old Warrandyte township — with interpretive signs giving visitors the chance to understand the importance of the Old Dairy in the history of Warrandyte — went on public display.

"After advocating action on the Old Dairy building for years, the Warrandyte Historical Society was delighted when a working party was formed to determine its future," said Val Polley on behalf of the Warrandyte Historical Society (WHS).

The Dairy asked Val how she felt the consultation process went.

"The meetings were remarkable for the participants' efforts, cooperation and willingness to reach a consensus and an agreed outcome."

With the task of preserving the history of Warrandyte for current and future generations, the Old Dairy has been on the WHS preservation watch list for some time.

It is known that the building, over the years has become a haven for graffiti and, in its current form, is an eyesore amongst the bushy surroundings.

At the early stages of this process, Melbourne Water were even considering simply demolishing

the structure.

"The Society did not want to see total demolition with just a footprint left, which looked to be the preferred option at one point.

"There had to be compromise, given the derelict state of the building, the presence of asbestos and so forth.

"The decision to retain some wall sections to give a real sense of the building and its use was deemed acceptable," she said.

The consultation process over the past 12 months was to get an agreement on the future of the site for Melbourne Water (the land owners), Manningham Council and local community groups.

While the advertisement of the planning application would indicate this consultation process is now finished, Melbourne Water assured the Dairy it has not.

"From the very beginning, it was important to ensure we developed a co-designed vision and implemented it as agreed by all the stakeholders involved.

"Melbourne Water values working with the community on significant projects such as the preservation of the Old Warrandyte Dairy, and we benefited immensely from the community feedback received."

Once the building is made safe, with as much of the original structure being kept as possible, the next step will be to erect interpretive signage to explain the history and significance of the building.

This is a task which falls under the purview of Manningham Council, who will also maintain the grounds.

Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) President, Carli Lang-Boutle told the Dairy that the WCA are not

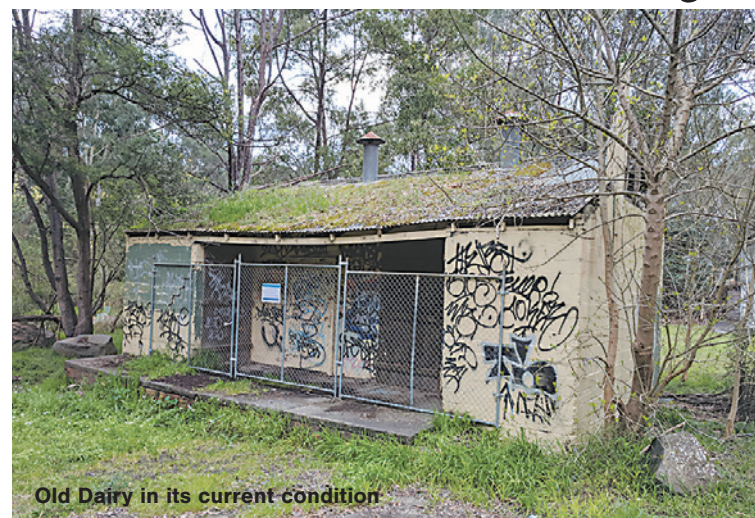
only "delighted" with the final plans but was also looking forward to collaborating on the signage.

"The WHS and WCA are working together with Manningham City Council on the interpretive signage and welcome community knowledge and information.

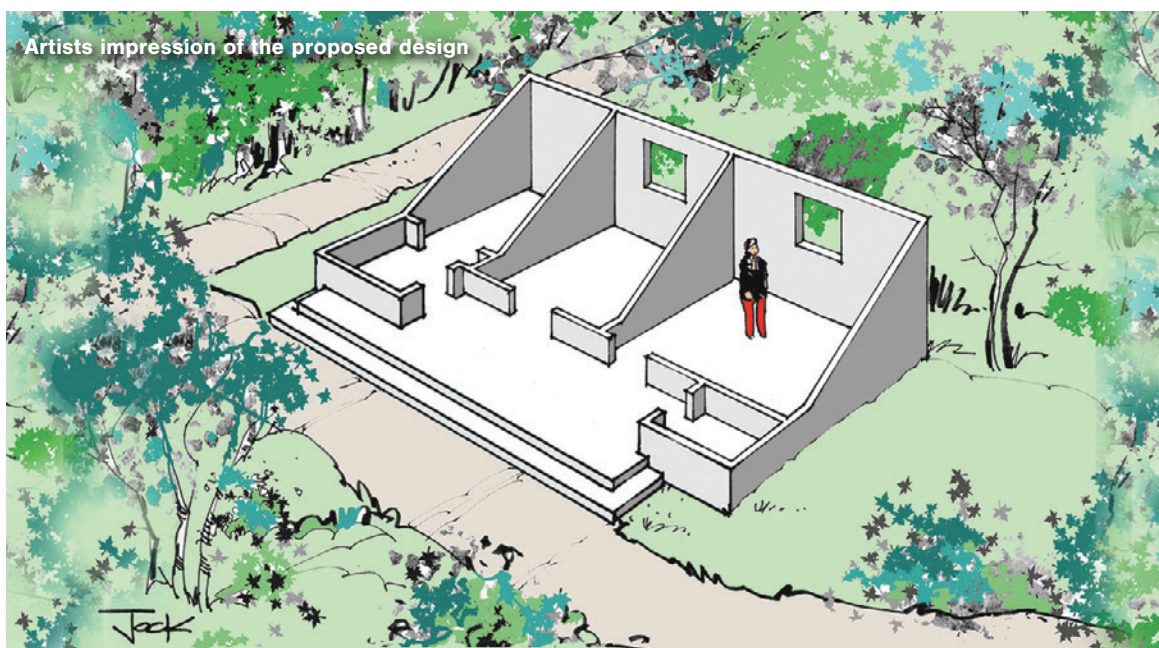
"The WCA look forward to continued amicable proceedings with Melbourne Water and Manningham City Council.

Working together with the WHS to produce an informative and pleasing result for the Warrandyte community in alignment with our wonderful Warrandyte character," she said.

With the planning application now ready for Council to make a decision, hopefully work will commence in the new year.



Old Dairy in its current condition



Artists impression of the proposed design



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By KATRINA BENNETT

A festive jingle from Warrandyte's word wonder

An Ode to JC's Birthday

Paddling through the Yarra
In a holey old canoe
Hitting rocks below
Whilst fighting off a 'roo

Tiger snake swims by
Hissing Christmas songs
It's time for summer holidays
And I'm in my boardies n' thongs

Oh! Jingle bells, my red bin smells
It wasn't picked up last week
It's Christmas time in Warrandyte
40 degrees and my goon-bag's sprung
a leak, hey

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Christmas time is grouse
Oh what fun it is to ride
'cross the bridge to Nanna's house

Asphalt's getting hot
Melts the soles of shoes
An echidna's getting prickly
He deserves a chilled beer too

All the clan is there
Sitting by the river
Christmas Day the Wazza way
Even wombats are ruining their liver.

Oh! Jingle bells, my compost smells
The outdoor table is set
It's Christmas in Warrandyte
And the rain's on its way I bet, hey

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Kookaburras stole the goose
A dozen ales and a few chilled wines
And Granny's getting loose

Come the afternoon
The adults have a doze
The prawn heads start going off
And burn the hairs of my nose

The snoring has slowed down
It's finally time to go
Except Auntie Pain-in-the-arse
Decides we need the annual photo

Oh! Jingle bells, recycling bin smells
The kids have spat the dummy
It's Christmas in Warrandyte
The ham's given us an upset tummy,
hey

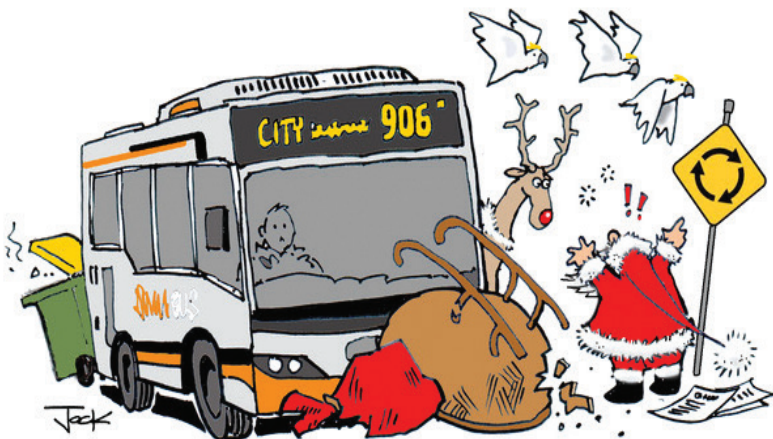
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Christmas time is ace
Oh what fun it is to stagger home
Completely off your face.

Internet's back on line
And the bridge is working fine
Despite Santa losing his sleigh
On the round about

It's the Warrandyte community way
To help the poor fella out
Use my old tin bath for his sleigh
And wrangle a flock of cockies for the flight

Oh! Jingle bells, my septic tank smells
I should have connected the sewer
It's Christmas night in the 'Dyte
Where the sunset's a ripper sight, hey

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Christmas time is worth the fuss
Oh what fun it is to ride
On an uncrowded 906 bus



Helping Victorian children eat up and learn

THE WARRANDYTE Uniting Church recently rolled up their sleeves in support of Eat Up Australia.

In 40 minutes they made 750 sandwiches.

Lyndon Galea, Eat Up Australia's inspiring young founder, said one in eight Victorian children currently go to school without lunch, which severely impacts their ability to concentrate and learn.

These include welfare dependent children, children affected by drug and alcohol abuse, and newly arrived refugees.

Sandwiches (both cheese and vegemite) are made by groups of volunteers and are then delivered by Eat Up to over 250 schools around Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Lyndon's not for profit organisation started with small beginnings when he was a Shepparton teenager and he heard that many local kids didn't have their lunch at school.

He made some sandwiches for the school to freeze and offer to children without lunch.

The teachers were so appreciative and of course kept needing more.

From there the organisation has grown to cover three states and has delivered over quarter of a million sandwiches.

The 750 sandwiches made by the Uniting Church were delivered to schools that have registered for the program and it will cover three weeks' worth of lunch for hungry kids.

By providing a school lunch to some of the most vulnerable children in our community, Eat Up hopes to help children take advantage of learning opportunities, succeed in education and hopefully break the cycle of poverty.



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Investing in a “richer” community experience

By DEE DICKSON

WITH \$400,000 returned to the community this year through grants and sponsorship for a vast array of community projects, Warrandyte Community Bank has now returned a mammoth \$3.2million back to the community as it enters its 15th year of operation.

The bank's commitment to “community” is pretty powerful; its goodness showcased every year via its Community Investment Program which sees up to 80per cent of the Warrandyte Community Bank's profit being directed straight to groups within the community in which we live.

As well as the annual grant and sponsorship program, Community Banks across Australia are committed to funding life saving Automatic External Defibrillators which will be installed in Warrandyte and surrounding suburbs in the coming months.

More than 100 guests were hosted at the bank's AGM last month for the annual Community Investment Program presentation.

Members from local CFA's, kinders and schools, sporting, environmental, arts, and community support groups, expressed words of real gratitude, reminding everyone in the room Warrandyte Community Bank is certainly “the better big bank!”

Projects receiving a share of the

\$400,000 of community investment included:

Greater Warrandyte CFAs

In line with the bank's yearly commitment of \$50,000 to support the Greater Warrandyte Fire Brigades, this year was no exception.

Warrandyte CFA: Black Start Generator — \$39,545

The installation of a Black Start Generator at Warrandyte's CFA station is considered a vital piece of equipment.

In the event of a power outage the station needs to be operational.

Currently the doors to the station are required to be opened manually (involving the removal of security pins) and they are an occupational health and safety hazard, with potential risk of injury to personnel.

In the event of a major emergency in the area, the station would be able to be used as a staging area thanks to the Black Start Generator.

Wonga Park Wizards Junior Football Club: lighting project — \$50,000

The objective of the Wizards lighting project is to allow the community to make greater use of facilities all year round.

The Wonga Park Reserve is the sporting and recreation hub for the Wonga Park community.

Lighting on its top oval will allow

users to continue to train and keep active during the winter months and will benefit the wider community, as the reserve will be able to be used for night time events.

Project spearhead Annette Felicissimo was thrilled upon hearing the news of the group's successful application for funding.

“We were so honoured to be the recipients of a major grant and this will make an enormous difference to our community.”

“Attending the evening was truly heart lifting, to hear about the projects in the community focused on inclusion and wellbeing,” she said.

Spectrum Journeys Inc (SJI): Warrandyte SJI Outreach — \$10,000

Spectrum Journeys aims to equip and empower Carers and Educators as they support children on the autism spectrum, to flourish.

This is achieved via a range of programs and projects including autism carer counselling, mentoring groups, dads' groups, workshops and SJI's very special Blessing Bag project.

Spectrum Journeys is passionate about seeing carers supported in their local area.

The Warrandyte Outreach programs will help local families with a child on the autism spectrum.

Run out of Warrandyte Community Church, services include an advocacy and mentoring program which equips

carers with skills to advocate effectively and wisely in the kindergarten and primary school environment, as well as connect carers with peers who experience similar life circumstances.

Also on offer, will be a Parent Connect program, which works alongside mums who have a child newly diagnosed and to navigate mental health challenges, new routines, accessing support and self-care.

Part of outreach will be accessible and heavily subsidized workshops for carers and educators with leading professionals including Hannah Gamble, a Paediatric Occupational Therapist who lives and practices in the Warrandyte area.

These workshops are a wonderful way to equip many people with strength based strategies for the home and classroom.

Both carer support and education are pillars of this project and are core services at Spectrum Journeys workshops.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc.: Protection of FOWSP Nursery — \$3,549

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) plant nursery, located at the Warrandyte State Park, is dependent on one old cement tank and water from the Yarra River to irrigate 60,000 plants a year, most of which are planted out from Warrandyte State Park to the Kinglake Conservation Link.

Water from the Yarra is pumped up to a concrete tank.

The 30 year old pump continually requires maintenance and when it breaks down it can take two to three days to repair, leaving the nursery without water.

This grant will enable the group to replace its old tank and fit a shade sail over the propagation area, providing a more congenial environment for volunteers all year round.

Following the presentations, Chairman Aaron Farr spoke of his pleasure on hearing about the almost 60 different projects, benefitting members of a very diverse range of community groups.

“This year we are returning \$400,000 in community contributions, representing 80 per cent of our profit.”

“Our full suite of banking products are very competitive, imagine what could be achieved if more locals took them up,” he said.

Thanks to the support of its shareholders, branch staff, company board and most importantly its customers, the Warrandyte Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Australia's 5th largest bank, has been able to grow to be one of the biggest sources of community funding in the local area.

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Warrandyte continues banking for grassroots sport



By JAMES POYNER

THE WARRANDYTE Community Bank continues to award local sporting groups.

At this year's AGM, of the \$400,000 returned to the community, the following local sporting groups received a share.

From much needed lighting projects and equipment purchase/upgrades to club and event sponsorship to uniforms, local clubs can look forward to some much needed financial help.

- Park Orchards BMX Club: Shade and Shelter — \$2,620
- Park Orchards Cricket Club: Ground Marking Equipment and Community BBQ — \$2,399
- Park Orchards Football and Netball Club: TV's and AV equipment — \$5,000
- Park Orchards Netball Club: Club Sponsorship — \$2,000
- Park Orchards North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club: Club Sponsorship — \$5,000
- Park Orchards Sporting and Community Group: Domeney Scoreboard Sponsorship — \$5,000
- Run Warrandyte: Major Sponsor — \$6,000
- South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club: Club Sponsorship — \$3,000
- Warrandyte Basketball Association:

Basketball Goal Upgrade and Program Sponsorship — \$10,000

- Warrandyte Netball Club: Court and Lighting Upgrade — \$15,000
- Warrandyte Sporting Group: CCTV Camera Installation — \$3,440
- Warrandyte Tennis Club: Court Irrigation — \$10,000
- Warrandyte Cricket Club: Club Sponsorship and Welfare Program — \$10,000
- Warrandyte Football Club: Club Sponsorship and Altruistic Endeavour — \$7,500
- Warrandyte Junior Football Club: Match Day Jerseys — \$5,000
- Wonga Park Cricket Club: Club Sponsorship — \$1,800
- Wonga Park Netball Club: Coaching Jackets — \$3,000
- Wonga Park Tennis Club: Shade Sails — \$1,000
- Wonga Park Wizards Junior FC: Keeping the Community Active over Winter Lighting — \$50,000
- Wyena Horse and Pony Club: Cross Country Jumps and Safety Fencing — \$3,085

Totalling \$150,844 that's more than a quarter of the community re-investment going into local sport, it is a testament that sport is at the heart of the community and the bank is on the same page.

Warrandyte Festival keeps on giving

By **CHERIE MOSELEN**

THE WARRANDYTE Festival is the annual celebration that gives families and friends the opportunity to celebrate all that is great about Warrandyte's unique community.

Impressively, volunteers have staged this beloved event for 43 continuous years!

One of the best things about Warrandyte's biggest weekend is its "home-grown" attitude, which gives local talent the chance to shine.

Artists may dance or play music on stage; enter the Film Feast; hang their art in Friday night's Rotary Art Show or sell hand-made crafts at market stalls.

Some perform in events like the Grand Read, which features Warrandyte's literary best.

"Stars of Warrandyte" is the theme for Festival '19, which runs from March 22 – 24.

Warrandyte schools, sports clubs and community associations are just a few groups who will kick off the fun-filled weekend, when they march in colourful costume in Saturday morning's Grand Parade.

Organisers tell the *Diary* there are plans to expand several festival events.

The iconic Battle of the Bands, which gives local youth bands the chance to battle for the prize of spending a day in a recording studio, will move to centre

stage from 4pm on Saturday March 23.

"Previously, the Battle of the Bands has been staged on a Friday night but the committee decided to bring the event into Saturday's music programme to expose the local youth music scene to a wider audience," says festival committee president Jamie Ferguson.

"We will be approaching local schools before Christmas to try and unearth as many of Warrandyte's emerging acts as possible.

"We'd love to hear from any young performers keen to be involved."

As usual, Main Stage performances begin after the 12pm Opening Ceremony.

Sunday's Main Stage programme will start before 11am and continue a little later, finishing around 10pm.

All the good times return: billycart racing; barrelling down the Scouts' giant waterslide; duck racing and dog showing.

Warrandyte Film Feast expects to grow substantially in 2019, because what's not to love about short flicks, a good brew — beer, wine or coffee — and perfect pizza?

The past two events sold out fast and those who lucked in have spread the word, so, co-ordinators are hitching the event to a larger marquee.

The Lounge will start buzzing from 6pm with live music, before the first film screens at 8pm.

Organisers are receiving interest from the filmmaking community already and will put out a formal call to filmmakers over the next few months.

If you want to get your film fix on, Warrandyte Film Feast happens outdoors on the banks of the Yarra on

Friday, March 22, 2019.

Tickets go online early next year.

Be sure and grab some for your mates if you don't want them to miss out.

Keep up to date with festival news by visiting Warrandyte Festival Facebook page.

Further festival details in *Warrandyte Diary* from February 2019.



Photo: STEPHEN REYNOLDS

Festival contacts

Battle of the Bands: If you would like to take part in the Battle of the Bands email: battle@warrandytefestival.org

Film Feast: submission guidelines will be available on the Festival website at a later date, but filmmakers can send links to their films or request more info by emailing: info@strikingproductions.com.au

Art and craft market: Stallholder applications close December 14. Forms can be found on the Festival website.

Volunteer: An inspired group of people of all ages puts Warrandyte Festival together. If you like the thought of planning a big party in a welcoming environment, or have a cracking festival idea please email: contact@warrandytefestival.org

Celebrating local literature

THE FIRST weekend in December marked a celebration of literary achievement from Warrandyte to Geelong as the *Diary* editorial team and writers who entered the Cliff Green Short Story Competition (The Cliffy) met at It's 12 O'Clock Somewhere to toast the art of wordsmithing.

Writers of all ages shared their experience with the event attendees on what it is like being a writer and the challenges they faced writing to a theme and a word limit.

The Cliffy in 2018 had a theme, "home" as well as two categories; Junior and Open.

The Junior category was for writers aged 16 and under who had to write a short story between 500 and 1000 words.

All the judges remarked on the high standard of writing and the difficulty in choosing a winning story.

The top three stories in the Junior category were:

The Merchant by Thomas Curnow
The War that Ruined My Life by Mia Scholes-Robertson
Home by Amelia Drew

Nieta Manser, a teacher at Anderson's Creek Primary School was one of the Judges for the Junior award and announced the winners at the event, Nieta had this to say about 16 year old Thomas's story *The Merchant*.

"There were some very mature words used in this piece and I was very impressed with the wide range of vocabulary the author carefully selected for every sentence.

"A lot of thought and time has clearly gone into refining this piece, which is what all good writers must do.

"The reader is immediately taken to the Arabian desert through the

author's descriptions and we are easily able to conjure up an image of a poor merchant that has had a difficult life.

"This story reads like a fable and the reader is always wondering what the moral of the story will be, drawing conclusions and making predications.

"This makes for an engaging read, the reader is compelled to read to the end to find out the moral."

Jellis Craig was the major sponsor for the 2018 Cliffy competition and Chris Chapman, Director at Jellis Craig presented the winners of the Open category.

11 writers were short-listed for this category, all writing a short story, between 1,500 and 2,000 words.

Of these 11, there were two winners on the Open category:

The River by Jacinta Sanders
The Room on Elm Street by Dani Nethercliff

Judges comments on the Open category winners included:

The Room on Elm Street

This story takes a slightly dark look at love and loss and the effect of grief on our sense of place.

The writer has portrayed the sense of displacement felt when home is no longer home.

The homeless man was a great metaphor for the tenuous nature of home and the yearning to cling onto our spirit of place.

The River

The River deftly captures the Warrandyte that we all know and love.

The author captures the spirit of the theme of "home" while tapping at once into our sense of nostalgia and pride in our collective home.

The feeling of welcome and of community that Warrandyte exudes was captured in this heart-warming piece of prose.

It was interesting to see the variety, and often dark ways the theme of home was interpreted.

You can read the first placed stories in the Open and Junior category on page 16–17 of this month's *Diary* and the runners up in both categories will appear in the February edition.

The *Warrandyte Insyte* podcast team were also present at the event so if you missed the presentation, or want to listen to it again, it is available on the *Warrandyte Diary* website podcast page.

As well as the presentations, the podcast also contains story readings and interviews with some of the writers.



From left: Chris Chapman (Jellis Craig), Open winner Jacinta Sanders and Diary Editor James Poyner.



Diary columnist, Jo French interviews young writer Alistair Rowse



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Commensality — it's as simple as pie

corner of my eye

By JO FRENCH

IT'S THE STUFF of fairy tales, of wicked witches and quaint villages with cobblestone streets and houses with steep roofs and tiny windows with a backdrop of dark, beautiful (or perhaps scary) forests.

The Harz Mountains in Germany are the inspiration for tales and adventures from the Middle Ages to modern day, and recently I read of a new story coming out from their shadows.

A story of true interdependence, of reaching out and supporting others.

Scientists have been deep in the forests of this magical, inspirational place and discovered that individual trees of the same species, in the same area, are connected to one another through their root systems.

They reach out, their roots lying beside one and twisting over another, forming an active support network that

enables them to exchange nutrients and help a neighbour in times of need. On its own, one tree is at the mercy of the weather, but together they work to establish a forest and build a protected environment.

If each tree was only looking out for itself then many would not reach old age and the gaps in the forest canopy would enable storms to reach inside and uproot younger trees, or the sun would reach onto the forest floor and dry it out.

But together, they create an ecosystem that supports one another, they have worked out the advantages of working together, and have created community. Not unlike us.

Although being dependent on others is often seen as a weakness in our society, one that promotes independence, the strength and support gained by two or more working together is immeasurable.

As our children grow and we teach them to do things for themselves and not rely heavily on others, we must also be aware that we teach and model

interdependence, because living life without being helped by others is really not an option.

I haven't met anyone yet that has mastered doing it on their own.

Have you?

I've certainly been on my own before, a few times actually, but mastered it?

Thrived in it?

Not me, and not anyone that has crossed my path.

I know it is about balance, of course, and a little bit of both is probably ideal, but when I think of those trees so connected, nourishing one another, I think back to the hardest times in my life and those who stretched their roots out towards me, nourishing me and providing shelter.

When I was 26 years old, with a small child and a file of divorce papers stacked on the bench, I had no idea that the network around me would play such a vital role.

When my cupboards were bare, and the house empty of joy, I was offered lifelines by friends in the way of invitations to dinner.

These invitations gave purpose to an otherwise empty day and meals shared did more than fill our bellies.

The practice of eating and drinking together, sharing a meal at the same table is known as commensality, and it really is, as simple as pie.

Many of us offer seats at our table, prepare food and open the door in welcome to others without giving it a second thought, but this most basic, social activity is crucial in cementing relationships.

Whether it be a simple meal or a dinner party, the sharing of food around a table creates an environment unlike any other.

Preceding the time together is the thought and planning, preparation and anticipation, all of which can be taken for granted, but each one in itself an important layer.

In homes where we are welcomed with ease and a place is set for us at the table, we find companionship and community, we are bolstered and made stronger.

It was at the table of friends that I

found my place, and as mother and daughter, we found our place.

We found our people.

Being welcome in the homes of friends and sharing at their tables, has ricocheted into my core and now informs how I live my life.

These days it is my door that is always open, my table that has room to pull up an extra chair or two, but I wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for the kindness of others at those times in my life.

Now, as my home is often filled with extra kids, with basketballs bouncing and scooters scooting, or friends over for dinner with a nice bottle of wine, there is always food, and plenty of it.

There is community, and there is connection.

But perhaps because it is December, and everything is sparkling and we are preparing for festivities, or perhaps because a story about trees in a faraway land just crossed my path, I am acutely aware of the need to tune in and see where I should be extending my root system.

Can I encourage you to do the same?

Make 2019 your year to volunteer

HELPING our neighbours, helping our community, helping our sporting clubs and Op Shops — volunteering is already a big part of Warrandyte community life.

Doncare runs free Introduction to Volunteering sessions throughout the year.

"Our free workshops will equip you with all the information you need to know about volunteering in your community," Meredith Bubner, Volunteering in Manningham Coordinator told the *Diary*.

"If you are considering volunteering to build employability skills, improve your language skills or improve social

connections, then these friendly and informal sessions provide a useful introduction to the world of volunteering," she said.

The first session will take place at MC Square on February 7, 2019 from 9:30am and aims to help people find opportunities, educate volunteers about their rights and responsibilities and make recommendations to prospective volunteers shining a light on possible pathways to reach their goals.

But if you want to start now, there may be local opportunities in Op Shops over the festive period.

"We still need people in the New

Year and during the summer period as many regular volunteers take holidays directly after Christmas.

"Organisations providing emergency relief may need extra hands during January and Doncare's Op Shops are inundated with donations in the New Year so you might like to consider volunteering at one of the stores."

Volunteering in Manningham (ViM) is a program of Doncare which acts as a connects people who have the capacity to volunteer with organisations advertising positions in the Manningham area.

For more information or to book a place visit: doncare.org.au



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Batman's second fraudulent treaty

Birraring stories

By JIM POULTER

JIMMY DAWSON was an early settler in Warrandyte who arrived in 1840 and moved to Port Fairy in 1844.

Jimmy became fluent in at least four Aboriginal languages and in 1880 wrote a book titled *Australian Aborigines: the languages and customs of several tribes of Aborigines in the western district of Victoria* which set out many of his understandings of Aboriginal culture.

In 1980, a facsimile edition was produced to celebrate the centenary of its publication and although I was able to photocopy some chapters, I was never able to get my own copy.

However, last month I had a stroke of luck.

A friend was moving into a retirement village and gave me her collection of books on Aboriginal heritage.

I couldn't believe my eyes when it included a copy of Jimmy Dawson's epic book.

As I flipped through the pages I came across a fold-out replica of Batman's "Treaty", but when I read it I was completely gobsmacked.

It was not the treaty for the purported purchase of land in Melbourne, it was a **second** treaty for the purchase of land in the Geelong area.

I had never seen or heard of such a document, so I checked it carefully and compared it to the copy I had of the first treaty.

Sure enough there were key differences in the description of the two tracts of land.

The description of the Melbourne area was much more elaborate, but crowded into the same space occupied by fewer words on the second

document.

The second treaty described the land being purchased as:

"All that tract of country situate and being in the Bay of Port Phillip known by the name Indented Head, but called by us as Geelong extending across from Geelong Harbour about due south for ten miles more or less to the Heads of Port Phillip."

What was immediately apparent was that both documents had been prepared before Batman came to Port Phillip in mid-1835.

Appropriate legal jargon had been used, but spaces had been left to fill in later with descriptions of each particular area of land.

This confirmed what historians such as Rex Harcourt had previously known.

The Port Phillip Syndicate lawyer, Joseph Gellibrand, had in fact prepared the documents before Batman left Tasmania in May 1835, leaving Batman to fill in the blank spaces.

There has since been much controversy over whether the Aboriginal people involved had any concept of selling the land.

After all, their cultural belief was that the land owned **them**, not the other way around, land was simply not a utility that could be bought and sold by individuals.

Universal Aboriginal cultural practice would also have required any visitor to bring gifts.

Batman was therefore seen as simply bringing gifts of scissors, axes, shirts, blankets and suchlike.

Batman had a lifetime of relationship with Aboriginal people and had seven Sydney Blacks with him, acting as guides and interpreters, so he knew Aboriginal protocols well and used his knowledge cynically.

The real point is that in the second

treaty document, Batman purported to have purchased land from the Woiwuring people in Melbourne that actually belonged to the Wathurong people in Geelong, it is an impossible proposition that even Batman recognised by withholding knowledge of the second treaty.

The treaty signing ceremony that Batman described was therefore a masquerade.

The idea of holding such a ceremony had been conceived because Britain had abolished the slave trade and was giving more consideration to the rights of native people facing colonisation.

Batman's syndicate therefore tried to emulate the process employed in 1681, when William Penn had established Pennsylvania by purchasing land from the native people.

Penn had used the medieval ceremony of Feoffment, which involved receiving a sod of earth followed by the ritual of "beating the bounds".

The British Government subsequently approved Penn's purchase, so Batman pretended to conduct a similar ceremony in Melbourne.

The emergence of the second treaty document therefore clearly shows that the claimed land purchases in both Melbourne and Geelong were fraudulent.

In fact Batman could not have taken the documents to the meeting.

They were instead left on his boat moored at Melbourne, to be filled in when he returned.

After doing this he dropped his three men off at Geelong, along with five of his seven Sydney men, before returning to Tasmania with the deeds.

We know this because the same parts of the two documents are written in different handwriting.

Also, the purported signatures of

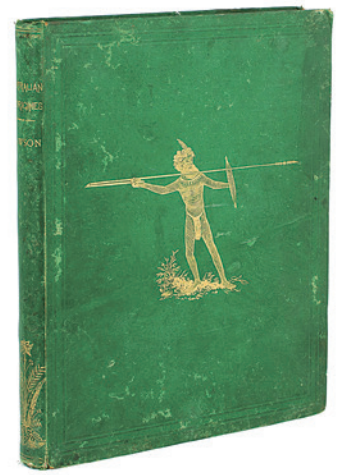
the eight Aboriginal leaders were practised by Batman on his diary cover on the trip over, so had seemingly been given to him by his Sydney men.

However, a third point is the most telling.

Neither of the documents had a single smudge, ink spot, fingerprint or raindrop on them.

They were in pristine condition and so had not been carried by Batman on any jaunt through the Australian bush.

Right: James Dawson's book, *Australian Aborigines: the languages and customs of several tribes of Aborigines in the western district of Victoria*



Wurundjeri Stories

Indigenous Interpretive Signage
Trail at Pound Bend

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To learn more about local Indigenous history, visit The Pound and follow the 1km riverside path near the Tunnel and read Wurundjeri stories and learn about their culture through the interpretive signs.

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Ding dong merrily on high

By RICK GORDON

THERE ARE not many sleeps until Christmas now, and to help everyone get into the Christmas spirit, the combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards will present the Warrandyte Community Carols at Stiggants Reserve on Saturday, December 15 commencing at 7:30pm.

There will be something for everyone in the program, with a wide variety of music styles and performers.

One of the featured artists will be Levi McGrath, a Melbourne based singer/songwriter who has toured all around the world and released many original songs.

The program will also feature Renae Mockler, an outstanding gospel/soul/blues singer from the Warrandyte Community Church.

Warrandyte legend, Kevin O'Mara also returns this year with the Warrandyte Primary School Bush Band to open the show with some good old Aussie carols.

Singer, songwriter and entertainer, Mark Nunis, has travelled the world entertaining crowds, and he'll bring some of that magic to the Stiggants Reserve stage.

Warrandyte local Sarah Valentine will also be appearing again.

She has proved herself as a seasoned performer winning through to the live rounds of *The Voice*.

Joining us for their Warrandyte Carols debut will be Stephen Coutts and Samantha Robertson.

They are a local professional vocal duo, Amore Duet, whose credits include performances with the CitiOpera, Whitehorse City Orchestra, Victorian Concert Orchestra, and Diamond Valley Brass.

They will be joined by our local tenor, Raymond Khong, accompanied by his wife May Gavin on the piano.

He will perform a duet with Agnieszka Markwell, a talented young soloist with the Australian Girls' Choir. The Bellbird Singers will be featured

throughout the evening as well as leading the singing of the traditional carols favourites, accompanied by the 40 piece Eltham Concert Band.

Enchoir will also be singing, along with students from Warrandyte and Andersons Creek Primary Schools.

Bring your picnic tea, or food and drinks can be purchased onsite from food vans including pizza's, baked potatoes, hot food, coffee and ice-cream.

Candles will be available for purchase, with all proceeds going to the Flicker of Hope Foundation.

Donations will also be accepted during the performance for the annual Christmas Bowl Appeal.

If it is raining during the day, and bad weather is forecast for the evening, the program will be held the following evening, Sunday December 16.

Enquiries can be made through the Warrandyte Community Church on 9844 4148.



Sarah Valentine



Renae Mockler



Raymond Khong



Levi McGrath



Mark Nunis

Sharing snags and good will

QUINTON'S IGA, with the help of Warrandyte Rotary Op Shop and Warrandyte Lions Club, will be holding a super sausage sizzle at the Goldfields Plaza between December 20 and 24 to raise money for local families struggling this Christmas.

"100 per cent of the proceeds will

be going towards food vouchers and presents for local families in need," said Hayley Farrugia of Quinton's IGA.

As well as featuring stories about the families they are helping, there will also be a daily tally so that shoppers know just how far their sausage-in-bread-dollar is going.



THE SHARP END by Robert Black. It's gently twisted.



"I love what you've done with the decorations this year!
Are they anyone I know?"

Enjoying the colours of Christmas

gardening

By KATHY GARDINER

TRADITIONALLY the colours of Christmas are the green, red and gold.

The green of holly and mistletoe. The "Paradise Tree" represents the garden of Eden and was commonly depicted as a pine tree with red apples tied to it.

Red represents the holly berries and red is the colour of the bishops robes worn by St. Nicholas which evolved into the usual garb of our friend Santa.

Gold represents sun and light to warm cold winters and gold was also a gift presented to the baby Jesus.

The colours of Christmas can be seen everywhere in Warrandyte.

The pop of colour of the kangaroo paws just starting to flower, the red and green heads of the leucadendrons (one of the protea family members), the drooping bell-like flowers of the Christmas bells (*blandfordia*), the poinsettias in the nurseries, the red of the Japanese lanterns (*abutilons*) just finishing flowering now, the red of the cotoneaster, the grevilleas, the green of the gums (of course), the holly (a bit of a weedy plant in this area so take care), the scrappy green leaves of the dianella, the flaxes, the berries — crops of strawberries, raspberries, tayberries — red seeds bursting from the fetid iris.

On driving out to Pantan Hill, across the new bridge, to pick up bulbs from a kind soul sharing her bountiful supply, I reached the KG Road roundabout and gasped at the mass planting of the billy buttons (*craspedia globosa*).

The golden flowers of December.

They are Australian natives and are thriving in the parched earth of the roundabout.

They do like moisture and well drained soils though.

They are long flowering and once settled require little care other than deadheading.

The masses of heads swaying in the breeze of cars passing the roundabout are hypnotic.

There is nothing nicer than a Christmas table with the centre strewn with fresh eucalyptus and bay leaves and the bright red heads of proteas.

A few candles and you have epitomised the Australian floral Christmas.

The red beetroot is a great crop for the veggie garden, especially in the summer months.

It is full of nutrients, easy to grow, high in fibre and low in fat.

It is such a versatile vegetable but for summer salads it is yummy baked in its skin.

Once cooled remove the skin, cut into cubes and toss onto the top a spinach salad with crumbled goats cheese.

A lovely summer salad.

Maybe try to grow some Malabar spinach as a spicy alternative to your cos or iceberg lettuce.

It can be eaten cooked or raw.

And it climbs.

Oh and don't forget the beautiful red seeds of the pomegranates which can also be added to salads.

Remember to cut pomegranates like they are mandarins.

Cut off the top and then slice down the side of the pomegranate along the vertical ridges.

The wedges should then be easily pulled away and the seeds scooped out.

Pomegranates are well worth planting in the Warrandyte garden though the bush itself is pretty unimpressive.

They are deciduous and have pretty flowers, but the fruit is the jewel.

The Wollemi pine is a great live Australian Christmas tree if you are looking for something to bring into the house year after year.

The Wollemi pine is one of the world's

oldest and rarest trees.

It is available in local nurseries.

They make beautiful gifts as well.

Just keep them in their pots though as if they are planted into the ground they might eventually reach their 40m height.

Consider giving your loved ones this Christmas a jar of home-made tomato sauce, a flowering chilli plant in a pot, a bottle of local olive oil, a basket of herbs, native plant tubes from FOWSP, a bee hotel, preserved lemons, a basket of gardening gloves, new hose watering head, gardening stakes, a book on the local area.

All great gifts from the garden.

Or maybe make a batch of **CHILLI SPRAY**.

This is thought to deter some animals and insects from eating our crops and prize roses and fruit.

**4 large onions,
2 garlic cloves,
4 hot chillies,
1 litre warm water and a few drops of dishwashing detergent.**

Chop up all the ingredients and cover with warm soapy water.

Leave overnight and strain off the liquid.

Dilute the concentrate in 5 litres of water and decant into a spray bottle.

It can only be worth a try.

Maybe this is the year to venture down and buy a cherry tree or maybe you already bought a bare rooted one earlier in the year.

I never get fruit from my cherry trees as they are a smorgasbord for the birds, possums and bats.

Be sure you have netting over them if you want to protect your precious crop.

Make sure you research cherries before you go and buy one as they need another nearby to pollinate their flowers.

They like a sunny site, with good air

circulation, and deep soil which is hard to find in Warrandyte.

Pick the fruit with the stem attached. The best news about cherries is they like frost but not cold air.

The ripe cherries hanging down always remind me of Christmas baubles.

They make me smile.

Don't forget if you leave your gardening gloves outside or in the shed that you secure the ends of them with elastic bands so they are less likely

to be an attractive hangout for red back or white tail spiders.

Christmas is a colourful time of the year.

It is a special time of family and friends.

And remembering those who are not here to share the colour.

Wishing you all a red (the colour of the heart and love), green (the colour for calm) and gold (to represent true friendship and goodwill to others) Christmas.



Christmas Market

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Warrandyte's wonder

Winning entries from the 2018

The River

By JACINTA SANDERS

She never dreamed she would live in Warrandyte.

Early on, it was a special place to visit. Later, home to her sisters, with vistas across wide paddocks or peering through eucalypts out to distant blue hills.

Bellbirds were the sound of Warrandyte then.

She vividly recalls pushing her first niece in her stroller, the family's gentle, eager Rottweiler attached, down to the old milk bar—and struggling back up the daunting Drysdale Road hill.

As the years went by, she attended successive nieces and nephews' first days at Anderson's Creek Primary School, marking these small milestones towards independent lives.

Now, all are adults and the eldest is a mother herself—and the old milk bar has long since mutated through a succession of cafes and bars.

The hill is still a killer.

Warrandyte was on the periphery of her growing up in nearby suburbia.

It felt like a different world.

Childhood forays to Pound Bend, where she could never quite reconcile how the old tunnel, so tranquil on one side, morphed into a cascade at the other.

"Can we go see the Blowhole," she'd beg her parents, before allowing them to relax at the picnic tables with thermos and sandwiches, where her Dad would hold a transistor radio to his ear to catch the football score.

At the end of the long path, they would watch the water roaring out over the rocks, before merging into the sedate brown river.

Summer might bring an occasional pilgrimage to cool off.

Paddling amidst the drooping willow trees that then lined the banks, she admired the intrepid laughing teenagers swinging out over the river, dropping with mighty splashes into its murky depths.

Much later, the Blowhole was one of two places where she and her family gathered to scatter her father's ashes, remembering those picnics.

She still recalls the infamous one on Grand Final Day in September 1980, when, strolling back along the river towards the car park, she thoughtlessly gloated at the Tigers' thrashing of her Dad's beloved premiership-starved Pies.

He never forgot it, and possibly never fully forgave.

As his family assembled at the Blowhole amidst a chill wind on that bleak day in 2011, they watched his remaining ashes fan out across the water before eddying swiftly into the current.

It was fitting that some essence of him would remain here in this profoundly special place.

Though, her brother observed, some might also flit near to Collingwood as the river made its long journey out to sea.

Later, her own child came along.

Suddenly, their settled life interstate didn't feel right anymore.

Arriving in Melbourne after a scorching day's drive with a two-week old baby, they found themselves enfolded in the warmth of her mother's care and a visiting army of doting aunts, uncles and cousins, come to meet the newest family member.

Her husband, who had never warmed to Melbourne, soon turned to her and said "I think we need to move down here."

"But," he added, "only if we live in Warrandyte."

No sooner was this plan mooted than his in-laws frog-marched him out for a drive past Warrandyte properties for sale and pressed his nose against the local real estate agency windows—tacking on, by way of mild appeasement, coffee at the riverside bakery.

Still, finding a home in Warrandyte was easier said than done.

There weren't many for sale in their range.

People didn't seem to leave Warrandyte ...

The first time she crunched down the gravel driveway and stepped into their new house they already owned it.

Her husband had flown down for a viewing and liked what he'd seen.

Weary of waiting, she agreed to buy.

Maybe it was just the fog of exhaustion, but to her the house felt unwelcoming, the white walls and stark wooden blinds emanating no warmth.

Not really belonging to her, or her to it.

Even so, the beautiful view of silvery gums pillared across the back yard, echoed inside by the large bunch of native flowers her mother had brought them, held out the glimmer of future promise.

Their two cats arrived by courier, hesitant and bewildered by their new surrounds.

Yet, like her now-toddling son, keen to explore.

Slowly, they all cobbled together a new life.

For her especially, finding work was a grinding process.

But new jobs came in time, and new routines.

Their son thrived at his childcare centre.

There was always a cup of tea at Nanna's, not far away now, to lift the day.

And gradually they imbued colour into the house, yellows, blues and greens, with help from a local painter and curtains artfully crafted by a local business.

Her husband busily planted flowers around the garden, aided by numerous potted offerings from family members.

By spring, it bloomed with salvia, lavender, Japanese maple and geraniums.

Hesitantly, she approached the local river running group and was greeted with reassuring smiles and encouraging cheers of "Good work!" as they passed on their laps along the river path.

Did she just imagine that the cheers were heartiest when she was struggling most?

Before long, her husband would walk their son down in his stroller to meet her at the run's end.

In time, his short legs would race to meet her before turning back to "win" as he crossed the line, always just ahead of her.

A treasured photo, snapped by a thoughtful river runner, shows her red faced but grinning on the final stretch, hand in hand with her impishly smiling boy.

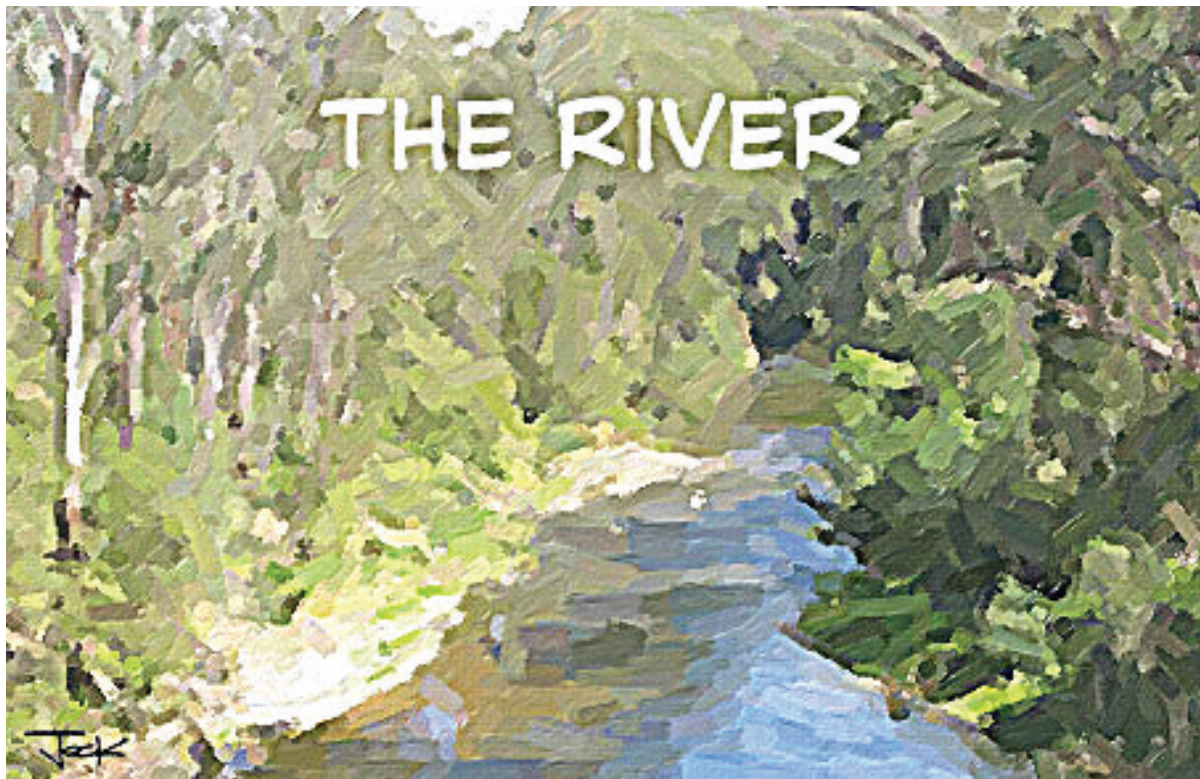
Whatever the week held, Saturday mornings promised an exhilarating run along the river, buoyed by its magnificent views, with friendly chat and coffee afterwards.

It strikes her still how unchanged that view is from a century ago, when Clara Southern captured its impressionistic essence in 1918's *A Cool Corner* muted browns flecked with kingfisher blue, bursting into luminous wattle.

Slowly they began to feel part of this community, welcomed by neighbours and finding familiar faces at the supermarket, cafes and parks.

Accumulating small reminders of their immense fortune in living here.

Driving past the crossing man who still waves to her sister years after her last child graduated from Warrandyte High.



From left: Highly Commended Dani Netherclift, Judge Chris Chapman (Jellis Craig) and Open Winner Jacinta Sanders

Listening for the nightly bursts of kookaburra glee that marked her son's summer bedtime.

Seeing his eyes light up when he spied an aunt, uncle or cousin at the IGA, launching at them like an Exocet missile.

Even now, travelling in car or bus back along Warrandyte Road after work, the gum tree-lined ochre and pink-hued rock banks offer a soothing contrast to the city's noise, concrete and angles.

At least, that is, when the evening traffic caterpillar wending back from the bridge doesn't stretch too far up Warrandyte Road—rendering it faster, as Bertie Wooster might say, to decant oneself from the bus and walk.

She smiles now on Saturdays when her son, climbing into their bed, reminds them that it's River Run today and hopes his buddy Max the dog will be there to chase the ball.

Or when he opines from the back seat as they approach the township that "It's all happening at The Grand," witnessing the afternoon flocks of laughing friends

dotting the pavement.

His quiet delight as a visiting pair of glorious green and orange king parrots eat proffered muesli out of his hands.

Hearing him relate tales of spying Sammy the Snake sprawled by the river, or sighting an elusive swimming platypus.

Or his begging to ride his scooter at the skate park or the paths of Anderson's Creek Primary, a triumphant "Did you see that, Mummy?" following any particularly nimble manoeuvre.

One day soon, she must take him down to the Blowhole.

She's grown to savour runs along the river and around the local streets, especially the river view along Everard Drive.

Only once was the serenity of this route jarred, when an instinctive split-second jump averted her trampling a long, gleaming, but evidently somnolent and replete, tiger snake—perhaps more shocked than she at the interruption to its basking in the spring sunshine.

Shuffling up Webb Street on a still,

early Sunday morning she thinks of her grand aunt, holidaying there at a B&B in the early 1960s, when Warrandyte was truly a trip out to the country, and wonders what she would make of it now, with the bustle of weekend visitors and encroachment of suburbia.

The river landscape, though, perhaps not much altered.

Gazing out one morning, perched on Buddy's rock on Everard Drive, she muses on the river's sense of timelessness.

Its meandering paths might have changed here and there, but this river has flowed through all her life and far back beyond.

It has been life to other peoples, gone but their existence not forgotten.

And it will ripple past long after she too is gone.

But for her, little by little, it has become home.

"You'd have loved this, Dad," she smiles, thinking how he would have treasured their living here, and to have known the last of his grandchildren.

Wonderful wordsmiths

Cliffy Short Story Competition

The 2018 Cliff Green Short Story Competition a.k.a. “The Cliffy” has closed, following a writers celebration and prize presentation event at It’s 12 O’Clock Somewhere on December 2 (see Page 11). Over the next two editions, the *Diary* will be publishing the winning short stories in the Open and Junior competition categories. Published here are the Open and Junior winners Jacinta Sanders and Thomas Curnow.

The competition was a huge success and we are looking forward to the 2019 competition which we will announce in May next year.



The Warrandyte Insyte podcasting team were also at the event and have produced a podcast featuring the presentation

ceremony plus interviews with some of the writers and short story readings.

You can find the podcast on Podcast page on the Warrandyte Diary website.

Open Category

Winner:

Jacinta Sanders — *The River*

Highly Commended:

Dani Netherclift — *The Room on Elm Street*

Junior Category

Winner:

Thomas Curnow — *The Merchant*

Finalist:

Mia Scholes-Roberston — *The War That Ruined My Life*

Finalist:

Amelia Drew — *Home*

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From left: Junior Winner Thomas Curnow, Judge Nieta Manser and Junior Finalist Mia Scholes-Robertson

The Merchant

By THOMAS CURNOW

The merchant had no home. Many of his frequent customers believed that the barren dunes of the Arabian Desert and the hamlets he hopped between counted towards his residence, but he thought otherwise.

He had a dark complexion - no doubt due to the battering the Middle Eastern sun had given him - pockmarked with wrinkles and creases.

Stringy grey hair hung on to the sides of his head, deserting the top years ago. His turban ensured this would seldom be seen.

An alarmingly crooked nose sat in the middle of dark hazel eyes that were still sparkling with intelligence.

Cracked, dry lips provided the entrance to a toothless mouth which was the start of his overgrown beard.

The dishevelled septuagenarian made an excuse of a living by selling eggs he picked up from the market each month.

His philosophy was to buy cheap and sell cheap.

It didn't earn him much, but it kept him a clean businessman and his conscience clear.

The merchant was considerably poor. The merchant had grown up in a war-torn country riddled with theft and distrust.

Having seen these traumas and threats to business first hand, he preferred not to mingle with his customers.

Escaping from bombs and bullets on a rotting boat does something to a man.

Most described him as introverted. He described himself as efficient.

One day, the merchant was going from door to door in the relatively large town of Afif trying to sell his eggs.

He came across the sturdy, whitewashed hut of his best customer.

He tapped his fist on the oak door. Almost immediately it flung open and the merchant was flooded with the sound of Arabian folk music and the aroma of cooking chicken.

"Ah, if it isn't for my favourite salesman!" bellowed the big-bellied man who opened the door.

He wore a white robe with gold seams. Despite his age, he still had a young face and bubbling personality.

"How many eggs today, Abdullah?" grumbled the merchant.

"Always cutting straight to business, aren't we?" muttered Abdullah, the smile disappearing from his face.

"How many eggs?" repeated the

merchant.

"You know what, how about you come in and celebrate with my family?"

"I'll buy two dozen of your eggs if you join us."

As if on cue, two giggling children appeared in the doorway, before being shooed away by Abdullah.

He contemplated the invitation.

The merchant had never sold more than half a dozen eggs at once, and the new proposal would pay his wages for days to come.

But he had other customers.

Two dozen eggs was the extent of his supply, and he could possibly lose expectant purchasers when he told them he was out of stock.

Besides, he had no time to celebrate.

"I can only sell you six eggs,"

Abdullah frowned, "Ok, fine."

"I will buy six of your eggs if you come and celebrate with me."

"No deal," the merchant walked off.

He visited several of his best customers' houses and tried to sell eggs.

But each time, they either refused the offer or would only purchase if he celebrated with their families.

After the fifth refusal, he realised that it was the first day of the Janadriyah festival.

The merchant cursed the town's hospitality.

He didn't have the time —or desire for that matter —to celebrate with rich Arabian families —or poor ones either.

How unprofessional.

However, it was losing him money.

The merchant trudged out of the town. He was prepared for a long trek across the desert to find even a low paying customer.

Suddenly, a savage wind whipped at the merchant's face and tore at his turban.

The hot gale grabbed at his knapsack and emptied it of its contents.

Eggs splattered on the merchant's sandals and onto the hardened dirt road.

There wasn't time to mourn though.

On the horizon, an enormous sand storm was barrelling across the dunes towards the town — and the merchant.

Having experienced the tsunami of sand before, he knew what to do.

Firstly, protection.

The merchant calmly used the discarded handkerchief from his knapsack to create a makeshift bandanna.

Secondly, shelter.

The town was too far to reach in time. The merchant contemplated the thought of burying himself in the sand but quickly classified it as a death wish.

He surveyed his surroundings and was taken aback with surprise.

Further down the road, a well built,

colourfully painted house stood like an oasis.

But even from here he could tell it belonged to poor owners.

The wind was nearly unbearable now.

It threatened to blow him away if he didn't maintain a point of contact with the ground.

The merchant made a split-second decision to try and reach the house.

In a crouched run, he made his way towards the shelter.

The residents saw the approaching figure and went to the doorway to make their presence known.

The merchant stopped suddenly in his tracks.

The house belonged to a family.

They were dressed in rags and had filthy hair — the most destitute mob he had ever seen.

He looked at them waiting in the doorway with disdain.

If anyone found out that he — a fully capable man — had to seek shelter with the impoverished it would tear up his reputation.

He couldn't allow it.

He couldn't.

The wave had nearly reached him now

and sand stung his eyes and face. It was either death or seeking refuge with the lower-class.

The merchant decided that the lesser of two evils was unclear.

Very unclear.

And then the sand hit.

The strength of the wave literally swept the merchant off his feet.

His head hit the road and riddled itself of his beloved turban.

He righted himself into a crouch and looked around desperately for other shelter, but to no avail.

The merchant swallowed his pride and sprinted to the house.



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Event: Manningham Carols by Candlelight

When: Friday, December 14, 6pm – 10pm

Where: Ruffey Lake Park, 267 George Street, Doncaster

Info: Free admission. www.manningham.vic.gov.au/carols

Event: Warrandyte Carols

When: Saturday, December 15, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: Stiggants Reserve

Event: Carols in Croydon Hills

When: Sunday, December 16, 4:30pm

Where: Croydon Hills Baptist Church

Event: Diamond Creek Community Carols

When: Sunday, December 16, 6pm – 9:30pm

Where: Coventry Oval, Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek

Event: Yarra Glen Carols by Candlelight

When: Sunday, December 16, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: 45 Bell Street, McKenzie Reserve, Yarra Glen

Event: Healesville Community Carols

When: Saturday, December 22, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: Queen's Park, Healesville

Music and theatre

Event: James Marc

When: Friday, December 14, 7pm

Where: The Night Owl, Goldfields Plaza

Info: To book: 9844 5124. Food and music. Eat gnocchi while listening to live music.

Event: Sunday Sessions – Ginger Pony

When: Sunday, December 16, 1pm – 4pm

Where: Kellybrook Winery, Fulford Road, Wonga Park

Info: 9722 1304. Free entry and family friendly. Great Christmas specials. Grazing plates and hot chips available.

Event: BackBeat

When: Friday, December 21, 8pm

Where: Grand Hotel Warrandyte

Info: Night of fun with early Beatles and 60s numbers.

Event: Sarah Valentine

When: Friday, December 21, 7pm

Where: The Night Owl, Goldfields Plaza

Info: To book: 9844 5124. Food and music. A Christmas Feast and live music, what could be better?

Event: A Midsummer Night's Dream

When: Sunday, January 27, 5:30pm for 6:30pm start

Where: Kellybrook Winery, Fulford Road, Wonga Park

Info: 9722 1304. Tickets \$35-\$50. Bring a picnic and enjoy Shakespeare underneath the 140-year-old oak tree.

Buzz About Town

Event: Friends of Warrandyte State Park Nursery — Propagation

When: Every Thursday, 9:30am

Where: Pound Bend Rd, Warrandyte State Park

Info: Everyone is welcome to come and help, no prior experience necessary – there is always someone available to show you the ropes. Call 0408 317 327 for more details.

Event: Yarra Valley VIEW Club Lunch

When: Tuesday, February 26, 12pm

Where: Chirnside Park Country Club

Info: Wendy 0438 625 556 Bookings essential. Speaker Mary Anne Bennie on "Keeping Historical Records".

Event: Introduction to Volunteering

When: Tuesday, February 7, 9:30am – 12pm

Where: Doncare,

MC2 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Info: www.doncare.org.au.

Out and About

Event: Advance Screening — Mary Poppins Returns

When: Friday, December 21, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: Reading Cinemas Chirnside Park,

Info: For info and booking — www.readingcinemas.com.au

Event: ART ROCKS – The Big Art Drop

When: Sunday, December 23

Where: Yarra Ranges, various locations

Info: As part of the Art Drop Movement, over 250 art rocks will be hidden in super secret locations in the Yarra Ranges on the morning of December 23. Once dropped the location will be revealed on social media. Then the race is on! www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Lists/Events/Art-Rocks

Event: Grand Opening – Bramleigh Estate

When: Sunday, January 6, 10am – 3pm

Where: Bramleigh Estate — Warrandyte, 420 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road,

Info: The original grand opening event was postponed due to ongoing renovation works. This is your chance to take a sneak peek at this beautiful venue.



Warrandyte Riverside Christmas Market

Saturday, December 15, 8am – 1pm

Stiggants Reserve

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Park Orchards Market

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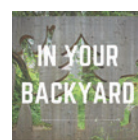
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The Teskey Brothers go global

By BRIDIE OAK FRANCIS

IT WAS A WARM and sunny day at the Lost Lands Music Festival when I sat under a lofty tree with Liam and Brendon of the Teskey Brothers to chat about how the brothers from Warrandyte had become the globe-trotting international success they are today.

The Teskey Brothers, with Josh's signature smoky voice, Sam's sweet as sugar guitar riffs, Brendon's soul buzzing bass notes, and Liam's foot-tapping (and hand clapping) drum beats, have grown immensely as a band over the past two years.

Their album *Half Mile Harvest* has been making a hit with blues and souls fans all over the world, as well as having all their fellow Warrandytians cheering them on.

The Teskey Brothers have all lived in Warrandyte since they were kids, their favourite thing to do together on weekends was playing music.

It's the same now except it's not just the weekends.

"We just started off because we loved playing music and we were all friends," said Liam.

Sam and Josh first got into older blues and soul music fossicking through their parents' record collection, blooming many of their inspirations.

Sam took a liking to Peter Green and Pink Floyd, while Josh is an Otis Redding man.

Liam finds inspiration in R&B, 50s and 60s rocker legends like Joe Cocker, and the British Blues Invasion artists, while Brendon is a fan of Marvin Gay and Sam Cook.

All the members of the band's music tastes and inspirations bring different elements and unique influences into the sound of the band.

The guys started off playing everything from reggae to R&B but have now evolved their own personal sound.

They hope that people see them more as 'genre-spanning' than one particular type. And they believe this variety is a key to their popularity.

"The thing I love about playing the music we do is the variety of music always keeps it fresh and interesting," says Liam.

Brendon's first gig was on the main stage at the Warrandyte Festival when he was just nine years old.

He continued playing there for the next 20 years, so you shouldn't be surprised if you recognise his face.

The Teskey Brothers had their start playing as a band at cafés in Warrandyte.

Brendon recognises the important role that the community culture of Warrandyte has had on the growth of the band, saying that they "definitely grew up in a good community climate where it fostered music and things like that."

"The community made space for these people to get up and play whatever they wanted.

"I don't think every town has that sort of spirit, I think we're really lucky," he said.

Busy Brothers

The Teskey Brothers have been busy the last two years.

Apart from releasing *Half Mile Harvest* in 2017, they've nestled into the Top 20 on the ARIA album chart and hit #1 on the AIR Independent Album chart.

In a matter of months, the guys went from playing at the St. Andrews pub to playing at big venues and festivals on the other side of the world.

When I asked them if this was a bit daunting, Liam said, "Sometimes, like Meredith Music Festival it is very



emotional, and I found that quite daunting.

"I get a bit of butterflies before big shows."

However the band's relaxed attitude has also helped them on their journey.

"After 10 years of gigs and shows and having to 'wing it and make it work', it's just not too stressful."

Brendon put it another way.

"You put the work in leading up to the event or performance, and you practice, and practice, and practice."

"You get to the point where you literally have nothing to worry about."

"There's no point getting stressed on stage because you can't really change it so you just kind of have to be present."

"You just have to trust that you've done enough work in the process."

So, when you walk on stage you just go 'I know the songs, we've rehearsed, we've put the effort in, we know how to do this.'"

"We're all on stage with our best friends and I guess I just feel comfortable," he said.

Venue envy

The Teskey Brothers have toured some pretty cool places, and they're not all overseas, or even too far from home.

Liam said that playing the Forum in downtown Melbourne had always been a dream of his, and also turned out to be one of their biggest shows.

"It was pretty special."

"Meredith Music festival also had a pretty amazing ambience, and Kellybrook Winery was really nice."

"There's some really cool little ones [venues] overseas because we're still developing there."

"They have a really nice vibe and good sense of intimacy."

"A few more of their favourites (the ones we're most excited about!) are The Mechanics' Hall, Stiggants Reserve, The Warrandyte RSL, and of course Yarra Warra Pre School."

"There's a lot of venues that we'd love to go back to and kind of show our appreciation for and play gigs and help support them, it can be tricky to set things like that up but if we can figure something out we'd love to one day," said Liam.

Half Mile Harvest

When I asked the guys if there was a certain environment they liked to be in when writing or making songs, Brendon responded with "Eltham North."

Receiving an incredulous look from me, he grinned and said, "Nah just kidding,

Warrandyte of course."

The Teskey Brothers recorded their album, *Half Mile Harvest* at their home studio in Warrandyte.

"We're influenced a lot by nature and our surrounds, and when in Warrandyte we just sort of feel at home."

They recorded the whole album on tape to keep that beautiful natural sound in their music.

The guys love the limitations on how you can work that format, they said having those restrictions can really help shape things and restrict their options, so they don't over-polish and still have the kind of raw and live feeling to it.

"It's part of the working process we've grown to love, and part of our sound," said Liam.

The deluxe version of *Half Mile Harvest* which includes two new banger songs, *I Get Up* and *Say You'll Do*, was released on October 26.

The next album

The guys said the next album is "all up in the air", and they're just starting pre-production on it now.

"Next year is taken up mostly by touring overseas, so we've got a big schedule already."

"I think we're only gonna' be home for two to three months next year."

During which time they will be cramming in an Australian tour.

"We're home for the longest we've been in quite a while at the moment though and working on the new album."

"The local cafés that we frequent are always asking 'how's the album coming?' and that sort of thing."

"It's taking the same shape as the last album."

"We're hoping sort of in the first half of next year, but we'll see."

As soon as the Teskey Brothers took their place on the Lost Lands main stage, people seemed to swarm in from all corners of Werribee Park, not wanting to miss the legendary Teskeys.

The band from Warrandyte captivated the crowd with their wholesome bluesy sound.

After seeing how far the Warrandyte guys have come, I think I can say that we're all pretty proud to share their journey, which began from our gorgeous town of Warrandyte.

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A pleasing playhouse pantomime

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review

By BRIONY BOTTARELLI

TOTAL NONSENSE, absolute stupidity, outrageous silliness and so ridiculously hilarious!

The best thing about comedy at the WTC, is that it brings back all the familiar names and faces.

It is always a joy to see Noelene and Simone being funny, in fact it is an expectation!

And again we got to hear Simone sing, along with the beautiful voices of Michelle Reeves (as Bronsky Awfley), Flora Terrens (as Alpha Sweetly) and Lisa Upson (as Sandra Crump).

I overheard that some audience members were surprised to discover after the performance that the Festivillain, Bronsky, had in fact, been played by a girl.

I guess that is convincing acting — or eyesight on its way out!

I have to admit, in contrast, that when the Twanky Sisters made their entrance, I was initially so focussed on Martha (Noelene Cooper) that when her sister Agnes (Grant Purdy) spoke, I got quite a jolt as I hadn't realised she was a he!

Although these sisters were delightful with their occasional little synchronised hop, they did remind me a bit of *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

The show was a fun send-up of the Warrandyte Festival with our ever controversial ducks making an appearance throughout the show, constantly wacky quacking, along with their side gig of rearranging the sets.

Although extremely organised, they were exceptional in giving the impression that they were as disorganised as the plastic ducks themselves.

Jock Macneish's set design was very effective in its simplicity, as always.

And what a treat having Jack Stringer and Alan Cornell collaborating once again with music and lyrics.

Bronky's *He's Behind It* came appropriately into play when the power went out just into the second half of the production on closing night, with Bronsky taking credit for that also.

However, this turned out to be a plus with the audience turning their mobile phone lights on so the show could go on.

A wonderful, special, unexpected addition.

I cannot imagine what any out-of-towners watching this production would make of it, but a local on our table, who had not been to a production for many years, was particularly taken by the colloquialism.

It was pleasing to see Adrian (a stunned duck) back in his own underpants.

It was also very interesting to note that he trained in classical ballet, or is that a joke?

If not, how about bringing that into a production?

What is light hearted and fun for an audience clearly required an enormous amount of work from all concerned.

And while it is hard enough to learn a song you are familiar with, there is an extra art to learning an original song.

Well written by Keryn Wood and directed by David Tynan and Renata Levin-Buckland.

However, David was greatly missed on stage.

I am not a very good critic of the WTC productions, I think everyone is wonderful.

The thought of getting up on stage, doing anything, terrifies me.

Well done all and here's to a wonderful 2019 at the old Mechanics' Hall.

By DAVID HOGG

WAS IT BRILLIANT? "Oh Yes it was!"

A true pantomime from the brilliance of Keryn Wood tells the story of a local villain who is intent on wreaking havoc with the Warrandyte Festival, in a plot which reminds us of *The Grinch* or *Scrooge*.

In fact so good was the plot that in the final performance the villain managed to turn off the power to Warrandyte in the second act (yes really), but in true theatre tradition the performance continued by mobile-phone-torchlight.

All the elements of a true pantomime were there; ladies dressed up as men, men as ladies, audience participation in the form of boos, hisses and "He's behind you", silly songs we could sing along to, two hilarious ugly Twanky sisters, a king and queen, and finally, in place of the traditional pantomime horse, a line of wacky ducks wi' a brow bricht Scottish duck-herder.

And in a clever twist just as the villain has made good and is about to team up with our heroine, he finds out that she is a lesbian!

What fantastic acting.

I won't even start to name the stars or I'll go through the full cast, but suffice to say that the acting talent was breathtaking, a delight to see many of the old faces, and the newer faces can no longer be described as "up and coming"; they have well and truly arrived.

And the music, because this was truly a musical.

The geniuses of Jack Stringer and Alan Cornell, Warrandyte's answer to Rogers and Hammerstein, together produced a smorgasbord of scandalous songs.

Congratulations to Directors David Tynan and Renata Levin-Buckland for a wonderful



Willie the Duck herder (Eric Purdie)

evening of entertainment.

We are so lucky to have such a diversity of talent in our community.

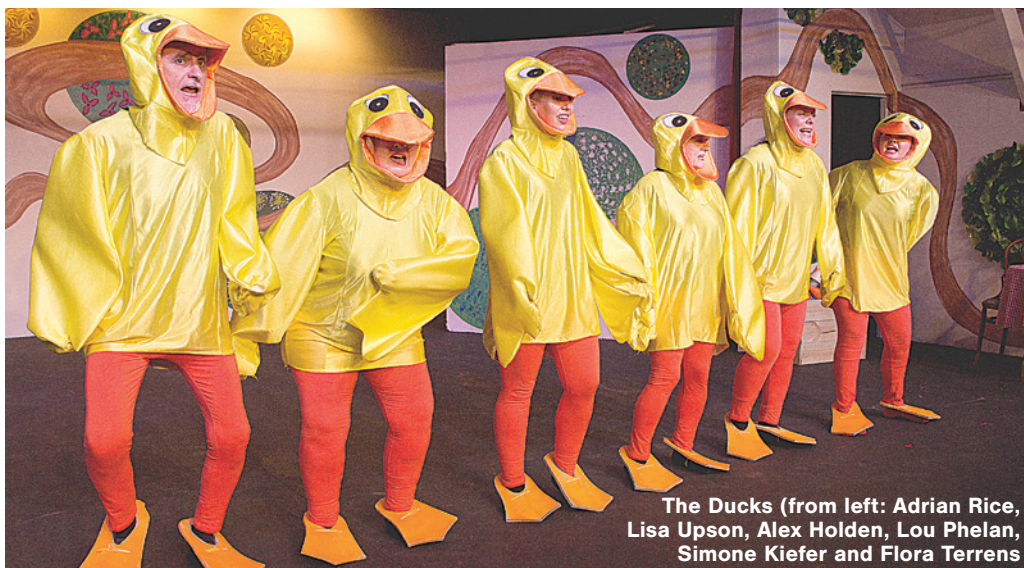
Don't miss Warrandyte Theatre Company's upcoming productions:

Animal Farm by George Orwell in March – a Warrandyte Youth Theatre Production

All My Sons by Arthur Miller in June

The Lady from the Sea by Henrik Ibsen in September.

Top photo from left: Martha (Noelene Cooper), Agnes (Grant Purdy), Jill Gently (Pat Alcock), Festival Queen Sandra Crump (Lisa Upson) and Festival King Keith Crump (Ian Craig)



The Ducks (from left: Adrian Rice, Lisa Upson, Alex Holden, Lou Phelan, Simone Kiefer and Flora Terrens)



Alpha Sweetly (Flora Terrens)



Jill Gently (Pat Alcock) Bronsky Awfley (Michelle Reeves)

Insurance Part 6: Income Protection

The Silly Season is here...are you covered?

finance

By WARREN STRYBOSCH

INCOME PROTECTION (IP) can offer financial security if the main income earner in your family is forced to take time off work due to illness or injury and most IP claims are made as a result of an accident that occurs whilst being away from work e.g. on holidays.

With the Silly Season upon us and families all over the country planning summer get-aways, now is a good time to make sure you have IP, just in case.

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Who is your local hero?

AS RESIDENTS of the greater Warrandyte area, we embrace volunteering and supporting one another.

Manningham Council's annual Civic Awards is a chance to publicly recognise the good works of someone in our local community and nominations are now open for the 2019 awards — it's time to shine a light on a local hero.

Nominations for the Civic Awards officially opened on Saturday December 1, with five categories, including:

Citizen of the Year

Recognising the outstanding, long term commitment of a resident to improve lives in our community through community service, innovation, philanthropy or volunteer work.

Young Citizen of the Year

Recognising a Manningham resident, 25 years or younger, for their work in improving our local community through works in the same vein as Citizen of the Year or through demonstrable leadership qualities and/or inspiring others as a role model through positive action.

Volunteer of the Year

Aimed to recognise the quiet achievers, often working behind the scenes.

Sports Achiever of the Year

Recognising individuals who demonstrate excellence in the sporting arena and/or display exemplary leadership in the Manningham sporting community.

This award is for people who inspire others, encourage participation and embody the principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

This award is open to not only sportspersons, but anyone involved in the sporting community.

If you'd like to nominate someone for an achievement made through a paid role, please demonstrate how they've contributed to the Manningham community in addition to their expected duties.

Community Achievement Award

This award recognises community organisations, clubs or groups who have gone above and beyond to improve the lives of the community.

Nominees must be not-for-profit community organisations who've made a tangible difference to diversity, acceptance and tolerance, community spirit and social connectedness in the Manningham community.

Community groups may be nominated for a specific project undertaken in the last 12 months that demonstrates a positive impact.

"This is our chance to say thank you and to celebrate them."

Manningham Mayor, Cr Paula Piccinini, said the awards provide the perfect platform to recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to our local community.

"Every day, there are people volunteering in our local sporting clubs, community groups and other programs, who make a huge difference to the lives of others."

Last year's Sports Achiever of the Year, Fiona Huber, says if someone knows a local hero, she would encourage them to make a nomination.

"It's great to be recognized for the work you do and it makes all those early mornings, sacrifices and things like standing in the rain even more worth it," Fiona said.

For more information or to nominate, visit manningham.vic.gov.au/civicawards
Nominations close Tuesday, April 30 at 4pm.

Opportunities for businesses

Open Farm Day

Whether it is alpacas, cows, vineyards, olives, horses or orchards, there's always a lot to see and experience on Open Farm Day. The next Open Farm Day will be held on Sunday 7 April 2019. If you would like your farm to participate, complete the online form by 14 December 2018. Visit

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday

International Women's Day

If you would like to express your interest in being involved in the local women's business traders expo at the event, complete the online form at

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/iwd

Rural Advisory Committee position vacant

Council is seeking expressions of interest for a volunteer to join the Recreation Trails Advisory Committee (RTAC). The role of RTAC is to provide Council with specialist advice on the development and review of new and existing recreation trails, as well as supporting infrastructure within the Shire of Nillumbik.

RTAC meet every three months with additional special meetings scheduled as required. The position is voluntary and held until July 2019. The position vacant is for a suitable person who lives in and can represent their rural community in relation to trails.

Applications close Friday 14 December at 5pm. For information and to apply visit

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rtac

Christmas events

Keep an eye out for a variety of community-driven events and bespoke nature-inspired Christmas decorations throughout the Shire. Support our traders and shop local this festive season.

Eltham Twilight Market

Thursday 13 December 4pm-9pm
Eltham Town Square

elthamtwillightmarket.com

Diamond Creek community carols

Sunday 16 December 6pm-9.30pm
Coventry Oval, Diamond Creek

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/events

Panton Hill community carols

Sunday 16 December 6.30pm-8.30pm
Panton Hill Firefighters Memorial Park

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Eltham Town Christmas Cabaret

Wednesday 19 December 11am
Eltham Town Square

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Yarrambat movie night

under the stars – Elf

Sunday 23 December
5.30pm-8pm
Yarrambat Park Golf Club

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2019 Nillumbik Prize

Entries open Monday 25 February
Celebrating contemporary artworks with a Nillumbik connection. Submit your entry online at

nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Renewal – Black Saturday Memorial Exhibition

24 January – 25 February
Eltham Library Community Gallery and Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre
Special memorial exhibition to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Black Saturday.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

International Women's Day

Thursday 7 March 2019 6pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre

The dinner is a local event designed to inspire, motivate and support residents, business owners and the broader community in championing equality. Keep an eye out for program and ticket details at

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/iwd

Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Saturday 26 January 2019
10am-12pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre

Join us for Nillumbik's Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony – Council's biggest annual civic event.

Help us to welcome our newest Australian Citizens and celebrate the winners of the 2019 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards.

The festivities will begin at 10am with a Flag Raising ceremony, followed by the official program and will conclude around 11.30am with a barbecue brunch.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ausday

Nature's beauty through local lenses

Warrandyte Calendar

Denise Illing



I GREW UP IN the UK and came to Australia in 1980, moving into Warrandyte in 1987

I love the wildlife and can often be seen wandering along the river with my camera and dogs.

I did two *Canine Characters of Warrandyte* books, showing some of the dogs that get walked along the river having fun, and still keep up a *Canine Characters of Warrandyte* Facebook page.

Warrandyte Calendar also has its own Facebook page where I regularly put some of the photos I have taken.

I also take part in the platypus count run by the Australian Platypus Conservancy, and take numerous photos of platypus along the river.

I often travel overseas to photograph wildlife, and also help with coral reef surveys in the Philippines on a regular basis.

I now have a grandson and have done a book for him called *Grandma's Alphabet Book* which has photos of animals I have taken around the world.

There is a copy at the Warrandyte Library.

Warrandyte Calendar is now eight years old.

All photos in it were taken in Warrandyte, of wildlife, scenery, buildings etc.

While I love taking photos of the wildlife I want the calendar to reflect changes around Warrandyte, and to show ex-Warrandyte people what has been happening — hence the calendar for 2019 includes a photo of the bridge under scaffolding.

I make sure the calendar has a balance of wildlife and other things, after all one person might like the birds and another the buildings.

Picking the big photos for each month can be

a challenge so I have a group of people I canvas each year.

My daughters are usually the most critical, they are the ones who say "it's too dull" or "that picture isn't lined up".

The calendar costs \$19.95, and has done since its inception, that includes an envelope.

The calendar is printed by Thinking Printing, a business owned by a Warrandyte resident, but the printing business runs from Ringwood, I wanted to keep the calendar as local as possible.

It is available for purchase from Warrandyte Post Office, Warrandyte Berry Farm, RivvaPT and Made Locally, North Ringwood.

Also Warrandyte Tennis Club, Manningham Concert Band and Eltham Concert Band use it as a fundraiser.

I take photos for these three groups and for the Clarinet and Saxophone Society of Victoria.

I usually get the calendar out by Melbourne Cup Day, and have it for sale until the end of January, unless I run out.

One year I asked people to let me know where they sent it, and it went to over 20 different countries.

Of course it also goes interstate and many local people keep it for themselves.

It also tells you when Victorian public holidays are, when the Warrandyte Market is on, and new for 2019 the publication dates for the *Warrandyte Diary*!

At present I intend to keep on doing the *Warrandyte Calendar* for a while longer.

Below: Tawny frogmouths (March)



nature

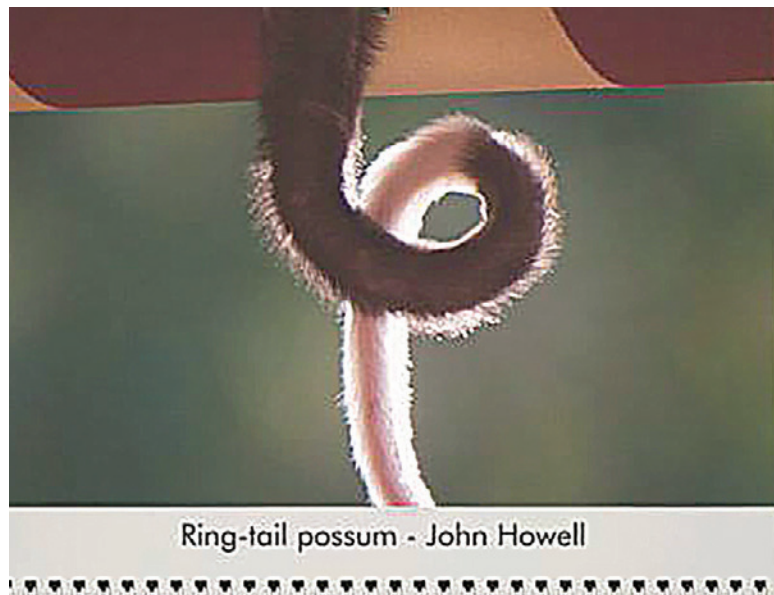


The bush, the river, the kangaroos and the kookaburras — when it comes to snapping our superb scenery, photographers around Warrandyte are spoilt for choice.

Two calendars featuring the work of local photographers have just been published and as we sweat through the final weeks of 2018, the *Diary's* editorial team thought this would be a great opportunity to showcase the contents of these calendars and tell our readers a little bit about the people behind them.

Warrandyte Nature

Warrandyte Nature Facebook group



Ring-tail possum - John Howell

WARRANDYTE Nature is a Facebook page with over 800 members posting their own pictures of "everything wild" around Warrandyte, and this year they have put together

their very first calendar!

The group started with a desire to, very simply, allow people to share and view pictures of the living landscape of Warrandyte.

There are no text-only posts, no humans and no advertising allowed on the page — just lots and lots of pictures of anything living wild in Warrandyte, whether it be native or non-native.

There is no agenda: political, environmental or otherwise — just nature pictures.

Members contributed nearly 200 entries for the calendar "competition" this year.

Included pictures were selected largely (but not entirely) based on the Likes of members on different pictures.

After the initial cut of 40 or so pictures, the extremely difficult task of selecting just 12 photographs for inclusion in the calendar began.

The monthly pictures were selected based on picture quality and resolution first of all, and then ensuring that there was a balanced and interesting representation of local birds, animals, flora and landscapes.

Pictures are broadly themed according to season as well, so that as you turn to each month you will be guided through a progression of the seasons around our gorgeous little town.

Contributors for this year's calendar are John Howell, Andrew Francis, Jordan Canham, Daryll Mitchell, Yasemin Maxwell, Sondra Vlasic, Jillian Garvey, Imogene Magilton, Bill Pheasant, Suzanne Bryson, Shirley Bendle and Renny Koerner-Brown.

The calendar is being made available just to members this year, at-cost, for about \$10.

Orders will have closed by the time you are reading this, but if you are keen check with the admin for the Warrandyte Nature page to see if there are any left for sale.

It is planned that this will become a yearly event, with sales being offered more broadly and any funds in excess of costs going to a good nature-care charity.

You don't need to be a "good photographer" or have a fancy camera to contribute to Warrandyte Nature — in fact most photo's are snapped with people's phones, which are generally pretty good these days.

If you'd like to join the page and get regular pictures of local nature in your Facebook feed, just search for us and click to join.

We would love to see your pictures or comments on the page.

**Below: Cockatoo (June) by Sondra Vlasic
Bottom: River (April) by Daryll Mitchell**



The elephant in the boardroom

green edge

By JEFF CRANSTON
WarrandyteCAN

AFTER THE stunning defeat suffered by the Liberals in the recent Victorian election, Federal Liberal MP Tim Wilson said voters had cited the federal leadership spill and climate change as factors that influenced their votes against his party.

Scott Morrison's minority government is now in a precarious situation, and the conservative coalition parties cannot afford to ignore climate change as a major federal election issue.

The time has come for them to review their position on climate change.

One of the key reasons why politically conservative Australians have opposed urgent climate action is their perception that it poses a threat to sound economic growth and the legitimate exploitation of our natural resources.

However, this view ignores not only the great prospects for economic growth arising from investment in renewable energy, but also the ongoing changes occurring in Australia's traditionally conservative business sector with regard to climate change.

There is growing recognition that climate change and measures to address it need to be factored into responsible corporate governance.

For example, the CEO of Woodside Petroleum has recently joined with BHP and Rio Tinto in supporting a price on carbon to help with emissions reductions targets and the transition to renewable energy (as reported by *The*

Guardian on November 14 this year, with other articles about the CEO's call for climate action being published in *Australian Mining* and the *Australian Financial Review* on the same date).

The AICD survey of company directors

In October this year, an ABC online news article titled *Why Australian company directors have started caring about climate change* reported that for the first time Australian company directors have nominated climate change as the number one issue they want the Federal Government to address in the long term.

The article refers to a survey of some 1,252 private and public company directors conducted by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) in September 2018.

Of the directors surveyed, 39 per cent identified climate change as the top long-term issue (i.e. over the next 10 – 20 years).

The ageing population came in second with 38 per cent nominating it as the top issue, followed by energy policy (35 per cent), taxation reform (35 per cent), and infrastructure (34 per cent).

The AICD's survey took place after a speech given on June 18 this year by John Price, a Commissioner of ASIC [Australia's corporate regulator], in which he said that company directors would "do well to carefully consider" a 2016 legal opinion provided by [Sydney barristers] Noel Hutley SC and Sebastian Harford-Davis on climate change and directors' duties.

The Hutley advice

This landmark advice (which is readily available on the internet)

was provided to the Centre for Policy Development and the Future Business Council.

It focuses on the "duty of care and diligence" owed by directors to their companies imposed by section 180(1) the *Commonwealth Corporations Act 2001*.

The advice explains how a director may face legal liability for breaching that duty (which I note may include heavy civil monetary penalties) if he or she fails to exercise the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise in the circumstances in addressing the "climate change risks" facing the company.

These risks are identified as:

- The physical risks (of harm to the company's business, assets etc.) due to rising global temperatures and more frequent and severe weather events, including flooding and rising sea levels, which have the capacity to damage property and disrupt trade.
- Transition risks — the indirect financial risks to the company that could arise from the transition to a lower-carbon economy in an effort to limit the increase in global temperatures in accordance with the Paris Agreement (e.g. changes in regulatory policy, technological innovations such as improved energy storage or efficiency, and changes in consumer preferences).

In conclusion, the authors state: "... It is likely to be only a matter of time before we see litigation against a director who has failed to perceive, disclose or take steps in relation to a foreseeable climate-related risk that can be demonstrated to have caused

harm to a company (including, perhaps, reputational harm)."

The Summerhayes speech

The Hutley advice was also referred to with approval in a speech in February 2017 by Geoff Summerhayes, Executive Member of APRA, to the Insurance Council of Australia Annual Forum.

APRA is a Commonwealth agency responsible for the supervision of the banking, insurance and superannuation industries.

He said that climate risks were becoming an "important and explicit part of our thinking", consistent with the approach of regulators overseas, and called for companies' internal risk management processes to start including climate risks as something that had to be considered.



He further suggested that investors (such as shareholders) should start asking whether the companies they were investing in were properly addressing the climate risks.

The developments taking place in the Australian corporate sector like those outlined above demonstrate the growing concern about climate change and its impacts among those who have traditionally supported the conservative parties.

WarrandyteCAN believes that these developments highlight the pressing need for commitment by all political parties to a planned program of urgent climate action.



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School Report

ACPS remembers the centenary of Armistice

THIS YEAR'S Remembrance Day marked the one hundred years that have passed since the guns fell silent on the Western Front in World War I on November 11, 1918.

The students at Anderson's Creek Primary School honoured the significant day with a ceremony organised and run by the Junior School Council (JSC).

The students learned the significance of this commemorative day in class before creating poppies to add to a Wall of Remembrance and participating in a special ceremony.

They learned the importance of observing the minute's silence on the 11th day of the 11th month each year to mark the day peace finally came after a long and brutal war.

The JSC created a Remembrance Wall, where each grade was able to contribute decorating the wall with poppies, poems, letters and pictures.

"The poppies and the Wall of Remembrance were a way of demonstrating their respect for those that served in World War I and those who gave their lives so that they may have the freedoms they now enjoy," says teacher and JSC Coordinator, Tamara Brown.

A technical glitch during the ceremony saw the JSC think on their feet and one of the young girls in Grade 6 sang, unaccompanied, so the anthem could continue.

"It was a lovely display of leadership

and demonstrated the type of resilience and respect that ACPS tries to instil in its students," says Ms Brown who was proud of the way the students persevered despite the technical difficulties and created an even more moving ceremony in doing so.

The ceremony was held at the school's flag pole.

Erin, who sang the anthem was proud to see her fellow students observe the one minute's silence so well.

"It was so nice to see the whole school being quiet and respectful.

"You could see that they were really thinking about what the day means," says Erin.

The one minute's silence is traditionally held to remember the people who have died and served for their country.



The Year 12 Warrandyte High School Valedictory

By JOSEPH CARUANA

I HAD THE privilege to host the 2018 Warrandyte High School Year 12 Valedictory dinner which took place at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood on November 20.

It was a wonderful night and a great way to celebrate the exciting milestone achieved by the Class of 2018.

The school captains, Jasmine Grisold and Callum Khaw spoke wonderfully

as did Dr Steve Parkin, Principal and Judy Steel, the Head of English and Humanities.

Judy offered a Year Level Leader insight on behalf of Sarah Boodle, our Year 12 Level Leader who was busy flying out to Vietnam as part of the 2018 World Challenge student opportunity.

The night was enjoyed by all.

What an exciting future awaits the Class of 2018.



Warrandyte high in Vietnam!

By JOSEPH CARUANA

CURRENTLY, until the end of December, a host of Warrandyte High Students are in Vietnam, along with two of teachers, participating in the World Challenge Experience.

The students and teachers will, amongst other things, be exploring parts of Hanoi, and participating in a host of community engagement activities.

During their month long stay, students will have the chance to learn about and experience a culture and lifestyle that greatly contrasts to their own.

They will get firsthand experience working alongside the locals, contributing solutions to local



developmental and environmental priorities.

What a life changing experience these students from Warrandyte High School are currently encountering.



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The politics of primary school

By TRACEY MAILE

GRADE 5 AND 6 students at Warrandyte Primary School have been immersed in politics and government lately, following their five day school camp to Canberra.

"This is an important trip for Australian students to make at some stage during their school years," senior teacher, Rick Griffiths told the *Diary*.

"To be able to visit the significant places in our National capital, and start learning about Australian democracy, the election process and our parliamentary system is essential to becoming informed citizens."

"Our students had guided tours of Parliament House, the Electoral Education Centre, the Museum of Australian Democracy and the Australian War Memorial, which always leaves a lasting impression."

"The War Memorial is a truly impressive place to visit," he said.

11-year-old Trixie was particularly taken with the tour of Parliament House.

"Our guide was very knowledgeable about how our country is run."

"The way she presented the information was very suitable to our age group, so we could understand what she was explaining," she said.

Students made the most of their time in Canberra, visiting many interesting places including the Australian Institute of Sport, the Mount Ainslie Lookout, the Royal Australian Mint, the Royal Institute of Sport and the National Gallery of Australia.

However, the highlight of the camp for most students was a trip to Questacon, The National Science and Technology Museum.

"We had such a great time there," 12 year old Ella said.

"I went on the free fall drop slide so many times."

"Questacon was fantastic," Mr.

Griffiths added.

"It proves that science can be really engaging if it's presented well — and honestly the teachers enjoyed it as much as the kids."

"But really the main purpose of the Canberra camp is to provide students with personal experiences about our Australian Government system, as we devote a whole term to this unit."

"There was so much information to absorb about democracy, elections, political parties and government procedures."

"The staff and tour guides who attended the camp were very impressed with our students' previous knowledge and how engaged they were with it all," he said.

Since returning from Canberra, students have completed several projects about the different levels of government in Australia, Parliament House and the various roles involved in politics.

This included building models of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and then transforming classrooms into a parliamentary sitting.

Students wrote speeches to apply for various parliamentary roles and then used preferential voting to decide who would be successful in each position.

This was a tense process as students watched the classroom elections unfold and candidates tried to secure 51 per cent or more of the vote.

"It was a great way to demonstrate how preferential voting works in Australia," Mr. Griffiths explained.

"There are a good many adults in this country who don't really know how party preferences work when it comes to elections, so this is a very practical way for students to gain an understanding of the voting process."

"They've actually come to realize the value of tactical allocation of preferences between candidates."



Australia-Japan bridge building

By TRACEY MAILE

THIS MONTH, a group of students from Warrandyte Primary School represented their school in an international Skype exchange with Aso Elementary School in Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, building some cross-cultural bridges in the language being studied at each school.

The Grade 6 Japanese students introduced themselves and asked questions in English, while the Australian students from Grade 4 to Grade 6 only spoke in Japanese during the session.

Maddie (age 10) had been practising her self introduction sentences for several days and was nervous coming into the Skype session.

Nevertheless, she spoke confidently and was able to include plenty of additional information, including talking about her family members, pets, likes and dislikes, all in Japanese.

Holly (age 12) got plenty of surprised laughter from the Japanese students watching the session, when she described her own younger sister as "wanpaku" or "naughty".

Mr. Tomita, from Aso Elementary said afterwards that he was impressed at how much the Australian students were able to say in Japanese, and the way they were able to respond to questions "without notice" from the Japanese students.

"One of my students asked if the Australian students knew the Melbourne Victory soccer team, and some of them did."

"Keisuke Honda is a Japanese player who has recently signed with Melbourne Victory, so my students were curious if the Australian students knew him, but I don't think he has played enough games to be famous in Australia yet."

"Sophie in Australia asked my students if they play Pokemon games, which she loves."

"Of course, Pokemon was invented in Japan, so my students were excited to be asked about it."

After their own turn to speak in Japanese on camera, Maddie, Holly and Sophie, along with Zara (age 10) and Max (age 11) gave the suggested game of Rock Paper Scissors a go,

despite the unexpected one-to-two-second delay in Skype video and audio.

Known as Janken in Japan, and used in everyday life by adults and children alike to decide everything from who gets the last piece of sushi to who has to take out the rubbish, the game turned out to be a "really funny fail" in the words of one Warrandyte student watching the session.

"No matter how slowly the students tried to do Janken, we couldn't get it to go at the same time," said Mr. Tomita. "We hadn't considered the slight delay in Skype."

"Next time we will play a different game."

"This Skype session was a very big success for us, it makes learning the target language worthwhile for all the students."

"My students could speak with other children in English for the first time."

"Where we live in Ibaraki, there are not many English speakers."

"Next year we hope to do regular Skype sessions with Warrandyte Primary School," he said.



The great white north



Diary contributor **Cherie Moselen** has just returned from Vancouver.

If her detailed account of a fantastic trip doesn't have you calling into Warrandyte Travel & Cruise to book a trip very, very, very north, then nothing will.

CANADIANS love the outdoors and having been to Vancouver before, I can tell you this city ticks along to the click of multiple gear changes.

Its inhabitants carve up their vast (400km) network of bike lanes huge chunks at a time and if they're not riding, they're walking.

Due to British Columbia's changeable oceanic climate, locals uniformly wear wet-weather-gear and we too, join the umbrella brigade.

We walk the seawall, the world's longest unbroken waterfront path, which neatly separates cyclists from pedestrians and spend a rainy day poking around pockets of Stanley Park — Vancouver's pride — 1,000 acres of well kept, well mapped, green urban spaces.

Deep purple, low-hanging clouds contrast with whitened peaks, while bouts of rumbling thunder only increase the dramatic presence of these mist-shrouded mountains surrounding the harbour.

I follow some Canadian geese around with my camera and marvel at the backdrop.

Greenpeace was founded here and it is not hard to see why.

Jimi was here

Downtown, the restaurant scene is distinctly cosmopolitan and there's an avalanche of culinary choice.

However, although its food industry welcomes the principle of "local and sustainable", compared to Melbourne, I believe Vancouver still has a way to go.

Grocery chain Urban Fare, which

sells kombucha so top-heavy with ginger it could kick-start a Harley, is a great go-to for organics.

A regular on the Economist Intelligence Unit's list of world's top 10 most "liveable" cities, Vancouver's vibe is "cool", especially if you enjoy art, theatre and music.

We take our friends to Gas Town, where we rub shoulders with hipsters and heritage-lovers on lamp-lit, cobblestoned streets.

Everyone waits for the whistle that signals the suburb's major attraction — a two-ton steam clock — is working well.

Yep — just on the hour.

That woosh of steam never gets old.

However, upon driving to the edge of China Town to revisit Shrine To Jimi Hendrix, (a whacky little shack where my son once posed with a Fender and feather boa next to a cardboard cut-out of the great guitarist) we find it prematurely closed.

Once, long-time home to Hendrix' grandmother, whom he loved to visit, Vancouver cherishes its link to Jimi.

But, with residents using words like "rezoning" and "rat-bastards", the shrine may be doomed.

I imagine myself the architect of some choice graffiti, condemning the price of progress. Thankfully, Alaska beckons.

We stow this potentially crushing news and sail away from one of my all-time (still), favourite cities.

Cruising the Inside Passage

This is a first-time cruise for hubby and I and two travel buddies.

Outside, starved of activity save the odd gull, the Pacific stretches endlessly.

Looking around inside, however, everyone seems to be eating.

Rolling around in the chocolate pudding from the "all you can eat, all hours" bistro is fun — until the buttons on my shirt threaten to mutiny.

If the ship's internet charges weren't so outrageous, I would hash-tag-describe the trip so far as #bluefordays and #where'sthejennycraiglounge?

Fortunately, forested islands of enormous spruce soon rear into view. Floating logs drift past.

Above them, white mist coils around dense greenery — home to bears, moose, wolves and the world's largest population of bald eagles, the effect is incredible.

We wrap ourselves in blankets and huddle on deck chairs for hours.

In the dying light, Alaska's living canvas turns a moody blue.

My tip, if you cruise the Inside

Passage, is to carry a pair of high-powered binoculars.

We do see bears walking the shoreline, but, unfortunately, not "up close".

The Iditarod Trail

Ashore, in Juneau, the men test the malt content of some of Alaskan Brewing's finest, while Liz and I visit a dog mushers' training camp.

Alaska has a long history of dog mushing; it is the State's national sport and its Iditarod — a 1,000-mile sled dog race — is basically Alaska's answer to the Olympics.

By chance, we take the sled of musher Robert Redington, grandson of Joe Redington Sr. who started the iconic race.

A little from the Iditarod Trail Committee (idatrod.com/about):

The Iditarod Trail, now a National Historic Trail, had its beginnings as a mail and supply route from the coastal towns of Seward and Knik to the interior mining camps at Flat, Ophir, Ruby and beyond to the west coast communities of Unalakleet, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain and Nome. Mail and supplies went in, Gold came out — all via dog sled.

In 1925, part of the Iditarod Trail became a life saving highway for epidemic-stricken Nome.

Diphtheria threatened and serum had to be brought in; again by intrepid dog mushers and their faithful, hard-driving dogs.

...Redington had two reasons for organising the long-distance race: to save the sled dog culture and Alaskan huskies, which were being phased out of existence due to the introduction of snowmobiles in Alaska, and to preserve the historical Iditarod Trail between Seward and Nome.

Robert has braved three Iditarod runs and gives us insider info on his family legacy.

Once Alaskan husky, today's racing sled dogs are crossbred to combine strength with speed and endurance.

We learn that preparation takes the best part of a year; that, at night, competitors can nod off and miss the reflectors in the trees marking the trail because the toughest part about running a 1,000-mile sled dog race is the sleep deprivation.

The young musher talks about staying awake for 20 hours daily for nine days or more; of making sure his dogs are well fed, and their plastic "booties" changed every few hours so they won't get ice splinters.



Ice might be a hazard for dogs, but I suspect mushers need it in their veins.

The race is somewhat controversial; dogs die, prompting harsh criticism from animal rights groups.

My biggest takeaway is Robert's uncompromising love for his canine family.

John Hopkins Glacier

Days later, our ship slips into the narrow arms of Glacier Bay.

Park Rangers and a cultural interpreter impart the wonders of John Hopkins Glacier, as we inch closer to the 4,000-year-old monolith.

The photographers among us jostle for a position at the rail.

Voices hush.

We are inside nature's cathedral.

Suddenly, there is a thunderous crack! And a satisfying "click" from my camera...

The column of spray in my viewfinder betrays the breakaway of a massive sheet of ice.

Almost immediately, the glacier jettisons another load and a passenger points to a flash of brown disturbing the pristine glacial melt below — an otter!

Sometimes you win in life's lottery.

Anchored downtown in Anchorage

Back on land, "luck" is a lady in the form of former-Miss Anchorage-turned tour guide, Alice Welling,

whose gift with a microphone screams amateur thespian.

Alice chats about marriage material, as we leave Anchorage's log-cabin visitor centre, for some sightseeing.

Apparently, "the odds are good" of her finding a husband — Alaska has the highest ratio of men to women in the US — but also "iffy" because "the goods are odd".

One guy typically went "all Alaskan" and took her on a major camping trip as a first date.

"Three days smelling of fish and no shower... he ain't gettin' no flower!", our guide is pretty funny.

However, Alice knows her onions and reveals her hometown history with care.

She lays bare the tragedy of Alaska's Good Friday earthquake, which claimed 139 people in 1964.

Many landslides occurred in Anchorage, which was close to the epicentre of the mega-quake, now on record as the second largest ever.

Had it not been for the Good Friday holiday, hundreds of children would have died at Government Hill School.

While we survey jigsaws of reformed, earthquake-affected land, Alice paints a heartbreaking picture of neighbours attempting to pull each other, hand over hand, from the fracturing earth.

Next — proving she's at least a double threat — Miss Versatility hammers home her loyalty with a soulful

rendition of *Alaska's Flag* before casually moving on to "road-kill".

We SO get our money's worth.

A moose can feed a family for a year and Anchorage has a roster of residents who are contacted in the event of a mishap on the highway.

Impressively, if the meat is not collected, it goes to the homeless.

Moose are hunted for sport in Alaska, but materially prized for their food value.

Consequently, if hunters shoot one out of season, or leave a moose to rot, then it's "off to see the judge".

Penalties include \$5-10,000 fines and lengthy stays in the "stoney lonesome".

We see these magnificent creatures standing knee-deep in swamps on the way to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre, where I get close enough to "Harry" — who is hanging out in a barn getting some meds — to fully admire his shaggy beauty.

To appreciate the splendour of Alaska's diverse flora, I recommend taking the White Pass and Yukon Route from Skagway: a narrow-gauge railway trip that climbs to almost 3,000 feet from sea level in just 20 miles. Spectacular!

America's 49th State proclaims itself "the last frontier".

Truly, it is a wild frontier.

If you want to connect with the raw power of nature, get thee to Alaska.

Carolyn's Travel Tips

Six botanical inspired travel destinations

As the world's green patches grow smaller and smaller, garden vacations grow in popularity.

Here are some of the world's most flower-powerful destinations:

Japan Cherry Blossom Festival

When the early spring warmth breaks across Japan, the breathtaking country rewards visitors with the visual splendour of the national Cherry Blossom festival.

Soak up art and cultural displays amidst some of the world's most stunning botanical backdrops.

Cape Town

Head to Cape Town year round to revel in South Africa's stunning flora and fauna, including the famous protea blossom.

From jaw-dropping floral displays in private gardens such as Kirstenbosch Garden and the historic gardens in the Cape's Dutch tradition, Cape Town will delight the botanist in us all!

An amazing contrast is to visit the private gardens and game reserves for the spectacular wildflower displays.

Amsterdam

Few European capitals can rival Amsterdam, home to the Kreukenhof Gardens, the largest flower garden in the world.

It is also surrounded by stunning flower farms of tulips in almost any colour you could desire.

This picturesque city is steeped in history, culture, music and art.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's frangipani and spice scented island paradise is abundant with splendid gardens.

Cultivated by royalty during the colonial era, Bawa Gardens is an exciting example of the mix of European design with lush tropical flowers and foliage.

This luxuriant environment fills the countryside with beautiful spice and tea plants, which can be viewed from stunning train journeys that traverse this wild countryside.

The Caribbean

Martinique, itself called "the garden of the Caribbean," is home to one of the world's most sensually lush tropical gardens, the Jardin de Balata.

The rich volcanic soil of Martinique has nurtured distinctly fragrant and visually stunning flora, and it is on vivid display here.

Blooming Britain

The UK is the destination for avid floral fans.

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Netballers Grand Final glory

By JOSH HUNTLY

WARRANDYTE Netball Clubs U13 and Open A squads tasted the ultimate success in their respective Grand Finals while 13 out of 15 finals sides progressed through to Semi Finals as the club rounded out a successful year on the court.

It was another season and another thrilling finish for the WNC as the U13 Tadpoles and EDNC decider was sent to overtime where Warrandyte found its second wind to prevail in a nail-biting 30 - 27 victory.

The Open A Raptors match against Eltham came to a more decisive conclusion as the rampaging Warrandyte outfit piled on 57 goals against Eltham's 28 to secure a well-deserved win.

Six sides progressed to their respective Grand Finals in a strong showing for the club at the pointy end of the Doncaster and District Netball Association season.

The Under 13 Frogs, Under 17 Dingoes, Open A Falcons and Open B Wolves all fought hard to come away with runners-up titles.

A growing number of players and the club's efforts to retain them across all age groups paved the foundation for a successful season, beginning with the NetSetGo program that nurtures young Netballers during their introduction to competitive Saturday Netball.

"The program teaches netball skills for 5 - 7 year olds and leads onto under nines playing in Saturday competition," said Suzy O'Rourke.

"The club is proud to have five Open age teams (over 17s) with the girls loving their netball, for their fitness, the challenge and for the social side of catching up with friends.

"The club is very proud to be part of a community encouraging girls to enjoy sport and to keep on playing sport," she said.



Open A Premiership winners



Photos: SUZY O'ROURKE

Under 13 Premiership winners

What does trivia have to do with irrigation?



By ARIEL PATERSON

EN-tout-cas in English means "in any case".

In the context of tennis, it is a type of red clay, made from crushed brick, with a coarser layer on top to improve water drainage.

It is also the surface of choice for the French Open and our Warrandyte Tennis Club.

En-tout-cas (pronounced 'on-tu-ka') courts are typically cooler under a hot sun than hard courts are, which has something to do with their water content.

Just as sand castles hold their form better with a bit of water mixed into the sand, water helps clay courts keep their premium surface.

As a result, en-tout-cas courts must be frequently watered.

At most facilities, the courts are watered overnight and before a round of tennis.

If there is no irrigation system, then the courts degrade faster and the players must put more energy into regularly watering the courts before and after play.

The Warrandyte Tennis Club, which currently does not have an operational sprinkler system, hopes to install a new irrigation system.

Naturally, the club's annual trivia night this year raised money for the project.

A Head tennis bag and a bottle of Svalbaroi Polar Iceberg Water were among the many prizes.

Congratulations to the winning table including Tamsin Miles, Craig Robison, John and Meagan Bumpstead, Ralph

and Renee Garth, John and Ann Lynch and Chris Symonds.

The water-themed trivia night was a great success and raised over \$3000.

For readers who missed the event on November 17, here is a sample by the quiz master, Tony Honeybourne:

"I am sure you are all familiar with the expression 'water under the bridge' — what has happened in the past is in the past.

Question: In the 306 days since work commenced on the Warrandyte Bridge on January 15, 2018, how much water is estimated to have flowed underneath?

Answer: Based on Melbourne Water records, it is estimated to be over 175 gigalitres of water.

At 1.57 gigalitres per fill, that's over 110 MCG's full!

fitness

By CHRIS SHARP



WHILE MANY of us might spend the weeks or months leading up to a beach holiday at the gym and carefully monitoring every calorie and carb that passes our lips, once we're in our bathers lying on the beach any thought of exercise is usually brushed aside.

But, should we be working out when we're away and is it as hard as we think to squeeze it in?

Well the simple answer is YES... and NO.

But the full answer is and always will be up to the individual.

So let's just say that some form of physical activity at least three times per week will have you feeling and looking better.

If you're a hardcore fitness fanatic like me then it's hard not to do something most days but this is not for everyone. You can do as little as a brisk walk, a

leisurely swim or a bike ride.

This is great and will keep your body and mind feeling good while you're perhaps eating and drinking more alcohol.

I know I drink more.

So, for those of you who would like to keep fit whilst away this summer here are 10 ways I'd recommend.

1. Start early

Get your exercise done in the morning, so you can enjoy the rest of the day.

Train immediately after you wake up. I'm a big advocate of doing different activities from what you would do in your routine at home.

For example, if you're someone that tends to do more weight training at home, on holidays go for a run, do a bodyweight HiIT session, a hike or a bike ride.

I think the change in activity is mentally and physically good for the body.

Then you can finish with a swim or a shower, preferably both and then sit down to a beautiful healthy breakfast, after that the day is yours to do as you please.

I like to then pretty much skip lunch, perhaps a light veggie or fruit salad, lots of water and then look forward to a hearty dinner after a great day at the beach.

Let's do it all again tomorrow!

2. Pack light

For a weekend or a few days away, for me it's my runners and a couple of things I can wear to the gym or train in.

There may not be a gym, but I'll find a park, playground or similar where I can do some exercises.

Hire equipment, like a surfboard, bike or stand-up paddle board, you'll be working out without knowing it!

3. Discover the area on foot or by bike

Swap shoes or thongs for trainers and see the sights.

You can get up a bit earlier or take time during the afternoon to walk the city.

Explore the sights, the shopping, the restaurants.

The best way to get a feel for the place you are staying is to discover it on foot or by bicycle.

4. Use core workouts or bodyweight sessions

Here is an example of a workout that the only equipment needed is you:

Quick walk or jog followed by a superset of 25 push-ups, 25 crunches, 25 triceps dips and 25 sumo squats, 25 hip touch planks, 25 walking forward lunges, 25 each side of Russian twists. Complete that three times and finish with three stretches; for example, downward dog, lying hamstring stretch and lying quad stretch.

5. Pack some suspension straps

These are great to take on trips of four days or more and it ensures you can train on the spot for just 15 minutes a day, or longer combined with cardio.

They are light to pack and always come with instructions if you've never used them.

6. Skip your way fit

Lightweight and super easy to pack, a skipping rope will roll up and fit in your shoe.

Skip as a warm-up and cool-down at different tempos, then add your

core work and body weight exercises in between.

You'll be surprised how effective skipping is for agility and cardio condition.

7. Use nature as your gym

Embrace the surroundings.

If you are on an island or beach holiday, head to the water for your workouts.

In the countryside or even in a city that has amazing parks, head out and explore by hiking, running, walking, biking or even look at horse riding for a more adventurous twist.

Try surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, snorkelling, windsurfing or kite surfing to get some fresh air and wake up some muscles you may never have known you had.

8. Use the gym or hotel pool

Research where you are staying and what facilities they have on site, pack your swim goggles and squeeze in a few laps before breakfast.

Swimming is a refreshing way to get fit if you are not into running and great if you are dealing with nagging injuries, to provide rehab and toning.

9. If you are a gym junkie

Look at getting a 10-pass session for a local gym, spin or Pilates class — it's an amazing way to meet new people and be inspired by different instructors and places to work out.

Most holiday destinations have facilities that offer this type of membership.

Going shopping in a cool, new city? Chances are they have incredible boutique gyms and studios with single entry passes.

Do your research, ask people who may live in the area.

10. Save articles and workouts

All articles that feature bodyweight exercises are perfect takeaway fitness solutions.

Load up your iPad with exercise videos you've downloaded or take a snapshot of the exercises on your phone if you can't take the iPad with you.

Also get back to basics and go for some functional fitness while you are away.

Download exercise or yoga videos or apps that have a variety of exercises.

They are everywhere, you can also ask your PT, he or she will be happy to set you up with a holiday program you can do while you're enjoying the summer holidays.

Don't forget to relax

Finally, listen to your body.

If you are tired, rest, relax and eat healthily to recharge and rejuvenate.

Find exercise while you are away that seamlessly fits into your day, creates a moment to switch off and helps you to explore your new environment — whether it's cityscapes, seascapes or stunning landscapes.

Remember: regular short, quality exercise sessions also create lasting change.

Health and fitness is a lifestyle and a daily practice no matter where you may be.

Finally, I hope everyone has a safe, happy and healthy festive season and 2019 is a prosperous one.

Yours in good health.

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Running strong

By ED MUNKS

THE ATHLETIC season is well underway with the first of the major competitions, the Eastern Metropolitan Region Relay Championships, being held at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track in Doncaster East.

Congratulations to local girls Macey Hansen, Chloe Baldock, Karlie Van Zyl and Emily Whitmarsh representing the Doncaster Little Athletics Club and coached by Martin Baldock.

For the first time running together as a team after a few training sessions and lots of hard work and determination the girls won their 4x100 metre race in a nail biting finish and went home very happy with their first gold medal in relays.

Patrick Ward competing in his first relay competition in the U16s also got 4th in the 4x100m mixed and is through to the State Championships.

In the lead up relay competition event at Box Hill, local Under 7 young gun Archie Pelosi ran at his first ever relay race in the 4x100m and came away with a well-deserved medal.

In the Athletics Victoria Senior competition in November, local Warrandyte athlete, Nicole Reynolds, competing in the Victorian Relay Championships, won a gold medal in the open women's 1600 Sprint Medley Open (200m, 200m 400m & 800m legs) in a time of 4:05.48, Nicole led the team off in the 200m followed by Stephanie Larkin, Katherine Katsanevakis and Connor Gist.

In the Women's 4x400m Open Relay event, the team was joined by Joanna O'Connell and in a time of 4:02.83 qualified 5th for a place in the Zatopek finals which will be run on Thursday December 13 at the Lakeside Stadium.

In the VAL competitions at the inaugural Hastings Gift, Zoe Glassborow came 3rd in the girls U18 120m and a 7th place in the 70m final.

Olivia Ryan also made the final of the 120m where she finished 8th behind Australian representative Maddie Coates.

Harrison Kerr, having his first run of the season in the 120m and 300m — with the handicapper not being kind — finished 6th in a fast run heat.

In the 300m Masters event Ricky Dunbar easing into the competition ran 8th in his heat.

In the Meadowglen Gift finalist in events included Darcy Ireland with an 8th in the Open 70m, Olivia Ryan 5th in 100m, Cam Dunbar 7th in 300m Masters, Zoe Glasborow 5th and Darcy Ireland 10th in the 400m.

Little Athletics is open for ages 6 – 16 of all abilities and everyone is welcome, for more information on East Doncaster Little Athletics Club please contact club President Jacqui Ward at: jacqui@thewardfamily.id.au

East Doncaster Little Athletics Club is sponsored by the Warrandyte Bendigo Community Bank.



Macey Hansen U8s regional relay



Nicole Reynolds (second from left)



Patrick Ward: receiving baton in Regional relay — now off to States



U7 Archie Pelosi at his first relay



Chloe Baldock (first on left) and Macey Hansen (first on right)

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Warrandyte's Skipper leading the way

By **RYAN HOIBERG**

WARRANDYTE HAS finished its first two months of the season with a strong display across the club, ensuring all teams are in a very competitive position come the Christmas break.

One of the main highlights for the club has been the form of 1st XI skipper Ayrton Dehmel, who batted two centuries and accumulated over 400 runs in the first six rounds.

Remarkably, Dehmel has scored over a quarter of the team's total runs for the season and Warrandyte are currently sitting in the top four of the Bill Wilkins Cup.

1st XI

ROUND 4:

Warrandyte 7/164
(Dehmel 61, B Bowyer 22)
def by Templeton 2/166
(Handley 1/25)

ROUND 5:

Warrandyte 7/316
(Dehmel 92, Mooney 54)
def Croydon Ranges 222
(Killey 6/63)

With Round 4 a One Day game and Round 5 a Two Day game, it is becoming clear Warrandyte are stronger in the longer format game.

Facing Templeton in the One Day format, Warrandyte had its total chased down in the final few overs of the match, despite a strong performance from Dehmel at the top of the order.

In the next round, Warrandyte was sent into bat by Croydon Ranges, a decision the opposition would quickly regret with 316 posted by Warrandyte on the first day with only the loss of seven wickets.

This was largely due to the 147 run partnership of Dave Mooney (54) and Dehmel.

Croydon threatened to give Warrandyte

some scares with their run chase, but a sensational bowling effort by Vice-Captain Luke Killey (6/63) delivered Warrandyte the win.

2nd XI

ROUND 4:

Warrandyte 146
(White 34)
def by Warranwood 8/220
(White 3/48)

ROUND 5:

Warrandyte 234
(Coutts 62, Spence 33)
def by Croydon Ranges 6/236
(Stafford 2/40)

Warrandyte sits just two points out of the top four after losing both games in November in very close circumstances, which could have seen them rocket up the ladder in the Pat Meehan Shield.

Adam White made Warrandyte very competitive against Warranwood, both with the ball and bat, but found little support around him.

In the following Two Day game, Alex Coutts had cemented his spot both with the gloves and bat in the 2nd XI which has seen his form continue to develop over the past three seasons.

Coutt's 62 at the top of the order helped Warrandyte post a competitive 234, but failing to finish off their overs Warrandyte had their total chased down with four wickets left.

3rd XI

ROUND 4:

Warrandyte 207
(Jackson 78, Croft 31)
def by Montrose 225
(Simpson 3/29, Hoiberg 1/0)

ROUND 5:

Warrandyte 160
(Rakuscek 41, Jackson)
def by Lilydale 7/194
(Huntly 3/32)

In the Don Smith Shield, Warrandyte have — remarkably — scored the most runs for the entire competition.

However, having the second most runs scored against them means they sit on the bottom of the ladder in a fairly competitive grade.

Warrandyte fell short of Montrose by 18 runs in Round 4, on a small oval that saw Montrose post a more than run a ball total.

Warrandyte came close thanks to Chris Jackson (78) but fell short despite some late hitting.

The following week, Warrandyte's batting order let themselves down, with five ducks scattered amongst their innings and a significant tail wag.

4th XI

ROUND 4:

Warrandyte 8/176
(Hanson 57, Kline 52)
def South Warrandyte 9/175
(Gidley 2/20, Appleby 2/27)

ROUND 5:

Warrandyte 4/221
(Bowyer 127 n.o., Croft 44 n.o.)
def Templeton 219
(Prangley 3/27)

The 4th XI are currently sitting top of the Neil Tull Shield, undefeated after their first two months of play.

In their last two games they have successfully chased down totals posted by the opposition, including a 4 from Dean Gidley in the final over to win their One Day match in Round 4.

John Prangley did the damage with the ball (4/22) before a strong performance from Peter Hanson (57) and Brett Kline (52) with the bat put Warrandyte in a position to win the game.

The following week, Warrandyte comfortably chased down 219 with 20 overs and 6 wickets to spare, thanks to some domination by Simon Bowyer (127 n.o.) and Nathan Croft (44 n.o.).

5th XI

ROUND 4:

Warrandyte 136
(El Moussalli 34)
def by Wonga Park 141
(Coutts 5/11)

ROUND 5:

Warrandyte 157
(Haslam 25)
def by Scoresby 213
(Bansal 2/33)

The 5th XI are currently sitting just outside the top four, with only a single win from their first five games, but due to their highly competitive efforts, sit with a very strong percentage.

Warrandyte unfortunately lost both games in November, but with a bit of luck that could have been completely reversed.

In Round 4, Warrandyte fell short by five runs, thanks largely to a player of the club performance by Max Coutts, with a remarkable 5/11 from his seven overs with the ball.

Coutts, wiped out the opposition batting order, allowing only three batters to make it into double figures, but unfortunately Warrandyte's batting order had similar issues.

Warrandyte hosted Scoresby in Round 5, and thanks to a very strong performance from Warrandyte's lower order, including Craig Haslam and Kyle Appleby, they were put into a competitive, but ultimately unsuccessful position.

6th XI

ROUND 4:

Warrandyte 3/149
(N Mooney 50 n.o.)
def by Montrose 0/166

ROUND 5:

Warrandyte 141
(Warr 48)
def by St Andrews 9/253
(Gidley 2/25)

Warrandyte's 6th XI are still looking for their first win of the year in a very strong grade due to the common father and son teams.

Warrandyte have also debuted several sets of fathers and sons, able to play together for the first time in very proud circumstances for local families.

Round 4 was highlighted by the first Senior half century by Ned Mooney, retiring on his 50 at the top of the order highlighting some of the youth in the club.

In their next game, Dean Gidley played his 250th game for the Warrandyte Cricket Club, alongside his son, playing their first game together as well to mark the special occasion.

7th XI

ROUND 4:

Warrandyte 67
(M Rakuscek 15 n.o.)
def by Chirnside Park 3/97
(I Rakuscek 1/16)

ROUND 5:

Warrandyte 8/232
(Fyfe 58, T Heffernan 52 n.o.)
def by Norwood 330
(Whetters 3/69)

In their debut season, the 7th XI sit in the middle of the ladder for the J Grade Shield, with an even split on the win/lose tally.

Despite a lacklustre "total" runs for the year, Warrandyte's effort with the ball has seen the second most wickets taken and a very low amount of runs against, showing their all-round efforts in the matches.

The team has been split with a mixture of young and older talent, again seeing the introduction of some excellent young talent into the Senior ranks, well mentored by some senior players.

Flynn Whetters, Robert Fyfe and Tom Heffernan have ensured the team was very competitive in their last set of outings.



From left: 4th XI Brett Kline and Peter Hanson both hit half centuries to take Round 4



From left: 4th XI Nathan Croft and Simon Bowyer after their match-winning partnership

Running in the sun

By **JAMES POYNER**

IN LESS than 16 weeks, the 2019 edition of Warrandyte's annual fun run is set to begin.

Once again, runners from Warrandyte and beyond will take to the streets around Taroona Avenue and West End Road to run through our enticing Warrandyte bush.

This year, with thanks to major sponsor Warrandyte Community Bank, the Warrandyte Community Bank Run Warrandyte is happy to announce a great opportunity for Primary School aged children to take part in the fun run and potentially win \$1,000 for their school.

Last year's course was a huge success with runners and Run Warrandyte are looking forward to running the same course again.

With scenic views of the river on course, whether you choose to plod up Everard Drive to The Pound one,

two or three times, the chance to run through our natural environment is well worth it.

Registration is now open and if you choose to fundraise, there is a 10% discount on the entry fee.

Whether you are a seasoned runner or just starting out, Warrandyte's annual fun run is a great way to stretch your legs and maybe set a new 5, 10 or 15K Personal Best for 2019.

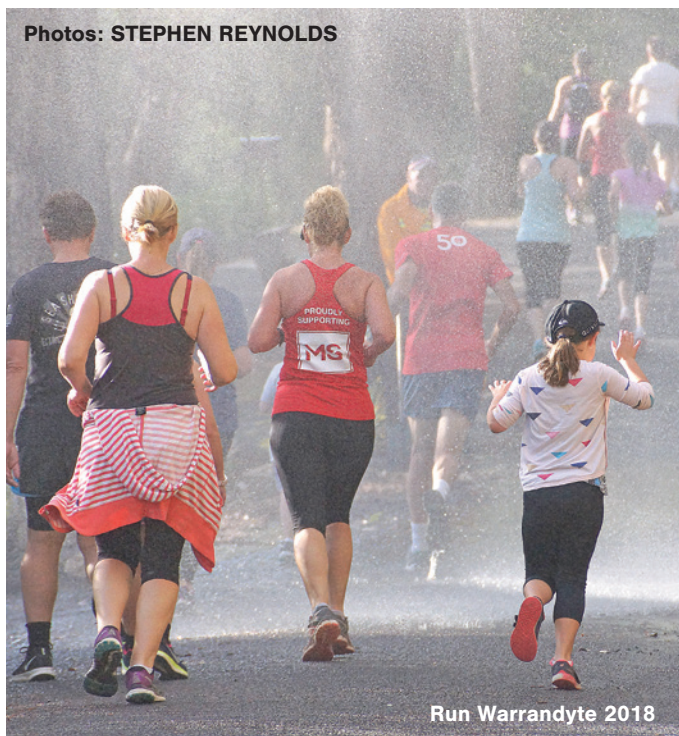
If you are inspired to start training but are after some company, also check out the Facebook Group Runners in Warrandyte who will be able to give you some advice on local running routes or find someone to keep you company as you pound the roads in trails through the hot months.



www.runwarrandyte.com



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Run Warrandyte 2018

Bloods show promise, despite T20 defeats

By JOSH HUNTLY

WARRANDYTE endured a winless T20 campaign, but a host of young guns showed off their skills in the short-form competition.

ROUND 1:
Warrandyte 9/156
(Dehmel 46, Holland 30)
def by Norwood 6/190
(Killey 2/20, J Ellis 2/31)

The Bloods opening fixture against Norwood was a high-scoring affair, with nearly 350 runs scored at Warrandyte Reserve.

Norwood opened the batting and were well-held in the early stages of the innings, with Luke Killey finding the early breakthrough.

Costly errors in the field hurt Warrandyte mid-innings as the Vikings batsmen turned on the afterburners.

Tom and Jack Ellis both took crucial wickets while Killey sent the stumps tumbling for the sixth.

Norwood arrested the mini batting collapse however and piled on the

runs to end their innings with an imposing total of 190.

Ayrton Dehmel and Ellis (Jack) opened the Bloods batting and the pair started emphatically, racing to 35 off three with Dehmel driving the run rate.

Ellis was dismissed for 11, bringing Campbell Holland to the crease who put an exclamation point on his innings with a crunching pull shot into the stands where a waiting spectator put down the all-important crowd catch, eliciting a disappointed groan from all supporters.

Holland's boisterous innings came to an end on 30 off 13 deliveries and Dehmel followed soon after, his quick-fire innings coming to an end with 46 off 26 and leaving Warrandyte 3/97 off with nine overs gone and still in with a chance.

Tom Ellis and Killey staged a lower order charge with 15 runs each but it wasn't enough to topple Norwoods total and Warrandyte fell to a 34-run defeat.

ROUND 2:
Warrandyte 124 (Handley 27)
def by Wonga Park 7/131
(Holland 2/22, Killey 2/24)

Round 2 saw youthful Warrandyte and Wonga sides clash at the main oval.

The return of young guns Ben Jackson and Brady Poole along with the short-form debut of Chris Rakuscek seemed to reinvigorate Warrandyte as Wonga Park opened the batting.

Jackson struck first, finding the edge of McDonnell for a straight-forward catch by Michael Burgess behind the stumps.

Wonga steadied to 1/61 in the eighth until Holland broke the burgeoning partnership, dismissing Matthews for 19.

Brady Poole struck in the next over for his first wicket after Luke Killey snared an important catch.

Fresh off a six-wicket haul in the Wilkins Cup, Killey again spearheaded the Bloods short-form bowling attack against Wonga Park.

The Warrandyte Vice-Captain struck

twice in the last three overs to restrict Wonga Park to 131, a reasonable target to chase on the expanses of the WCG.

Wickets fell quickly early however, with Ellis falling victim to a stumping and Holland departing for one run shortly after.

Dehmel continued his good form with the bat but was dismissed for 22.

Brady Poole and Dave Mooney fought hard to keep the runs flowing and staged a middle order resistance until Poole was run out, leaving Warrandyte 5/75.

Senior coach Scott Handley added 27 in his first T20 match, finding the boundary four times.

Burgess and Killey both fell within a few balls of each other and Warrandyte suffered a disappointing 7-run defeat.

ROUND 3:
Warrandyte 6/159 (Mooney 60 n.o.)
def by Templeton 9/160
(B Poole 3/38)

The fixture against Templeton was rescheduled due to wet weather but onlookers were treated to a thriller when the two sides eventually clashed.

Opening the batting, Dehmel and Burgess got off to a flying start before both were dismissed quickly with Warrandyte in early trouble at 2/22.

Ben Taylor and Campbell Holland kept the score ticking over as Holland hit four boundaries, two sailing over the fence.

Dave Mooney came to the crease and proceeded to hit a fine 60, including six 4s and two 6s to propel the Bloods to 5/159.

Brady Poole took 3/38 in a solid bowling performance and was well assisted by Burgess who took three catches behind the stumps.

The side benefitted from a sharper performance in the field, affecting two runouts.

The match came down to the last over, Templeton needing three runs and Warrandyte needing two wickets.

Campbell Holland bowled the last over, taking the much needed ninth wicket to give Warrandyte a chance.

Templeton passed the total with three balls to spare however, drawing Warrandyte's T20 to a close for another year.



Dynamic duos

FATHER AND son partnerships are the flavour of the season at the Warrandyte Cricket Club.

The 6th and 7th XI have sported no less than six of these dynamic duos during this season.

Pictured here from left:
Dean Gidley with son Ned
Dave Malley and son Max,
Steve Warr with son Toby,
Travis Jackson and his son Lucas

From the Warrandyte Cricket Club, wishing all our members, their families, our supporters and sponsors a safe and merry Christmas

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Kind regards,

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