

ARDOCH NEWS



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THE ARDOCH JOURNEY CONTINUES ...

Many Ardochians will have met people who knew of Ardoch in the 1980s as a highly-regarded school for homeless and disadvantaged kids, who would otherwise have been denied an education. The sale of the property by the Education Department was not without controversy.

However this valuable work was not lost but continues under the auspices of the Ardoch Youth Foundation.

The Foundation links schools, families and their communities to develop and resource support programs and learning opportunities for kids.

Programs include provision of emergency food, toiletries and clothing, breakfast, lunch and after-school clubs, access to doctors and dentists, housing, tutor and mentor schemes, bursaries and scholarships.

Jenny Warren and I met with Kathy Hilton, Director of the Ardoch Youth Foundation, a few months ago. Originally a teacher at Ardoch, Kathy is one of those people who seems to have an inexhaustible supply of empathy and love. She is passionate about the mission of the Foundation to help counter the effects of

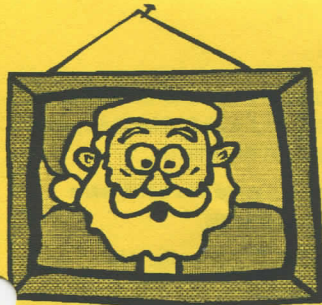


Ardoch Youth Foundation Director Kathy Hilton received the 1999 Australian Humanitarian Award for Education.

increased poverty and family breakdown that leads kids into depression and drugs, and onto the streets.

We at Ardoch have the privilege of living in a unique and wonderful environment. It would be nice to think we could continue the tradition of the various incarnations of Ardoch by contributing back to the kids supported by the Ardoch Youth Foundation.

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**Merry Christmas
to all at Ardoch**



And may we all look forward to a peaceful, supportive and communal new year.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY

It's taken a while but the homework's been done and the optimum method of putting in paved pathways worked out, fortunately at a lower cost than anticipated. Finally, Spocky and the cats will be able to perambulate with dignity in the middle of the paths rather than gingerly keeping to the sides! The work will be carried out between mid January and mid February.

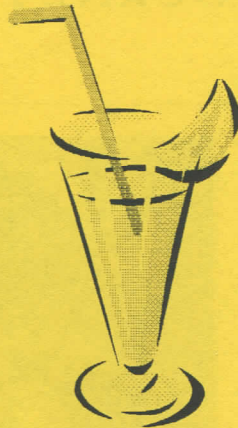
And a place to store bicycles has been made available, in the room to the left of the front of the swimming pool. There's room for about 15 bikes to hang from hooks. If you would like to use this facility, write to Alan Hollibone, Ardoch's Body Corporate Manager, at PO Box 173, South Yarra, 3141, to apply. The only cost will be for a key.

"We trained hard... but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganised... I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation."

(Petronius, 65AD)

ARDOCH LIVING

Looking for something cool and refreshing? Try a Ginger, Lemon & Mint Soother—put 2cm finely sliced ginger, 1/2 cup lemon juice, 2 tblsp honey and 1 tblsp fresh mint leaves in a heatproof jug, cover with 3 cups boiling water and infuse for 2-3 hours. Strain into another jug, chill, and serve in tall glasses over ice.



Or, to take advantage of our gardens, try Lavender & Rose Lemonade—put peel of 2 lemons into heatproof jug with 15g lavender flowers (stripped off their stems) and 1/2 cup sugar. Pour over 2 cups boiling water, cover and infuse for 15 mins. Strain, add the lemon juice and 1/2 tsp rosewater.

A big warm welcome to Julie Petley at no. 2 in Raewood, over from the West and looking for someone to share one of the best apartments in Ardoch—see p 4.

And to Marea Letho at no. 4 in Phoenix, who, like Katrina (also in Phoenix), has a wonderful story of how she ended up buying into Ardoch—it just had to be!

And to Philip Gardiner, who bought no. 5 in Bellbird (that's the one in the corner) a year ago but has just moved in, having returned from Japan and Canada. Philip works with Telstra Marketing.

And to anyone else I have missed ... with 94 apartments and over 150 people, it's hard to keep up with all the new arrivals. If anyone new would like a copy of our internal Ardoch Directory, just give me a call on 9530 2954 (Ed).

BIBLE STORIES RETOLD

- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cynide to get the Ten Commandments.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and his son obeyed him.
- The epistles were the wives of the apostles. One of the opossums was St Matthew, who was by profession a taxi man.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.
- St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. A Christian should only have one wife. This is called monotony.

Contributed by Rev. Ron of Cottonwood.

MORE ON ARDOCH HISTORY

The original Ardoch Village was built close to the site of a Roman camp in Scotland, in the shire of Perth. The Village now lies on the east side of Knaigwater, ten miles north of Stirling, and about two miles from the Greenloaning station of the Caledonian railway. The site guarded the principal inlet into the interior of Caledonia, so the Romans were particularly anxious to fortify it.

Harry Greenberg has a particularly fine drawing of the original Ardoch and would be delighted to show anyone.

Did you know that Red Robin (the red brick building) housed a restaurant until 1938? Upon conversion to flats, the front porch was extended to create an extra bedroom for each of two ground floor flats. In 1951, a caretaker's residence was added, and in 1954 the garages at the rear were extended.

After WW2, Ardoch was purchased by Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, and they also bought three residences along Pillely St in 1969 to complete the estate.



THE ARDOCH JOURNEY CONTINUES ...

What I thought we could do is establish an annual event to raise funds for the Foundation. There are so many people with terrific skills at Ardoch—musicians, artists, engineers, designers—I'm sure we could organise something to keep Ardoch friends and family entertained on the Green for an afternoon. Melbourne weather being what is it, probably autumn would be the safest time to put something on. Perhaps we could have an Easter show?

Anyway, I'd like to know what you think. Drop me a line at mdoig@alphalink.com.au or call on 9530 2954 or just have a chat if you see me on the Green. Assuming there's no objection, I'd like to form a working group of three or four to plan the event—if you would be prepared to put in some time and effort for a terrifically worthy cause, please let me know.

Thanks, Ed

How you can help: Ardoch Youth Foundation welcomes volunteers to work with their school-based programs—breakfast clubs, literacy & tutor mentor programs, after school programs. All volunteers are trained to understand homelessness and its origins, and to have the skills to build trust and resiliency, and to deal with challenging behaviours.

They also welcome people who can donate or collect goods like clothing, blankets & bedding, furniture and appliances for flats, toiletries, fresh food for breakfasts, and non-perishable foods. Any donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Contacts: 9527 2999 or check out the website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~ardoch>

*"...moral responsibility
and determination has
guided us and takes us
into the next
millennium"*

*Kathy Hilton, Ardoch
Youth Foundation*

A BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone at Ardoch, a big thank you to Peter and Michael for giving us the pleasure of our beautiful gardens—season in, season out. We do appreciate your hard work and commitment (and we hope Rosie is well on the way to recovery).

And also to Alf, who keeps the estate looking so neat and well-cared for. Your unflinching courtesy and kind good humour is much appreciated. Our sincere condolences on the passing of your father.



We know animals (and their owners) love the Green but we found this scene unusual!

ARDOCH'S BEAUTIFUL TREES

Did you know that the Big Tree outside Cottonwood is actually a Golden Poplar? Or that quite a few trees on the estate are 60-80 years old? Or that the Norfolk Island Pine in the courtyard of Wardell House is highly unsuitable because it will outgrow the site?

All this information and more is contained in a fascinating report by arborologist Roger Greenwood (appropriate name!), commissioned by the Body Corporate and delivered last month. In the course of dialogue with Heritage Victoria, it was clear we needed independent advice about the responsible man-

agement of the trees at Ardoch. Roger conducted a comprehensive review and assessed the health, locational suitability and future viability of all trees on the estate likely to grow more than 3m tall. The resulting report will provide a benchmark for the future safe and responsible management of our beautiful garden trees, as well as an invaluable reference document.

If you want to check out "What tree is that just outside my window?", contact Ian Jay (9510 2519) to have a look at the report.



Got something to say or sell? Let me know and I'll put it in the next edition of Ardoch News:

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For help on Body Corporate administrative matters, call Alan Hollibone on 9866 6167.

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Ian Warren—9510 6979

What's on in Port Phillip

December 19—CEG Triathlon in Elwood Park, 7.15-9.30am. Enquiries: 9696 0095.

Xmas Day—third annual Christmas Day Lunch for isolated local residents. A free, sit down, three course traditional Christmas lunch, plus entertainment and a special children's program. Bookings, volunteer enquiries and donations very welcome—9646 3123.

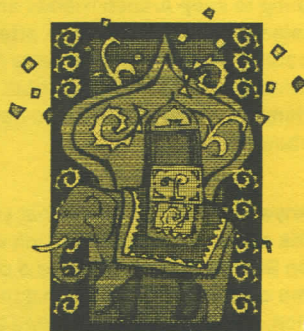
January 8—One Summer Festival. Iron Man, Triathlon, Volleyball and Swim. Elwood Part, 7-9am. Enquiries (02) 9977 7433.

January 30—Midsumma Pride March. Melbourne's premier celebration by the gay and lesbian community. A colourful and entertaining day with marchers showing pride in their sexuality. Fitzroy St down to St Kilda Beach, 4.30-7.30pm Enquiries 9585 2587.

February 6—St Kilda cemetery tour, explaining the historical features of the cemetery. From 2pm (just next door!).

February 13—St Kilda Festival. A hallmark Melbourne and Victorian event, celebrating Port Phillip's diverse and artistic community. A fantastic festival for all ages with a particular focus on family day time entertainment.

February 27—Port Melbourne Festival. Bay St, 9.30am-5pm. Enquiries 9209 6564.



CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent—the Rapunzel apartment is available from mid January—upstairs in the east tower of Lark House (8/10 Ardoch Ave). Two bedrooms, open fire, honey-coloured air, floating amidst the trees. About \$310 a week. Call Tim Hendell on 9419 2404.



To Share—room in 2 bedroom, front apartment in Raewood, with one of the best outlooks over the Green. \$155 a week, contact Julie on 9533 8280.

Website—Is there anyone out there who would be willing to design and produce a website for Ardoch? If so, please contact me on 9530 2954. Ed.

APARTMENT MAINTENANCE

If you have the misfortune to get a visitation from ants, try calling WR Gay Pest Control on 9457 5375. Their treatment works, and they follow up regularly.



Brunswick Green and Clotted Cream are the colours of the outside paintwork of the older style

apartments. If you are wanting to mount a security door, be sure to check with Alan Hollibone first for the acceptable style and order Brunswick Green.

In planning an event on the Green, if you are going to put up a marquee, be sure to check with Peter the gardener to avoid any damage to the sprinkler pipes or power cables. Also, as a matter of courtesy, please let the Body Corporate know of your plans as soon as possible and notify your neighbours a few days before.