

Ardoch News



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Ardoch Avenue
East St Kilda
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Welcome to the new Ardoch newsletter

Meredith Doig, Ed.

Welcome to the new Ardoch News. We live in one of the most innovative environments in Melbourne and we'd like this newsletter to help build a sense of community and mutual exchange in this lovely place. We'll try to keep people informed and interested and provide a forum for exchange of news and views.

Let us know what's happening
The best way this newsletter can work is if you let us know what's going on – who's joining our community, events coming up, things of interest you'd like others to know about.



Just give me a call
on 9530 2954
and leave a
message if
I'm not there
at the time. I'll
get back to you

and write up your ideas for the newsletter.

There are 94 apartments and over 150 people in our community. Don't forget that if you want to buy or sell something, chances are there may be someone here – or a friend or relative – who just might be the person you're looking for. Give it a go – let me know if you have a Classified Ad. (See p 4) ☺

Body Corporate

Ardoch's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Tivoli Club just down Dandenong Rd (it's easy walking distance) on **Wednesday - 19th August**.

Heritage Victoria speaker

Apart from the necessary formalities (which will include an update on the dispute with the original developers), this year we're having a guest speaker.



David Harris of Heritage Victoria will be our special guest speaker. Ardoch

is registered with Heritage Victoria under the Historic Buildings Act 1981. David will explain why Ardoch is registered, what registration really means (the benefits to residents and the corresponding obligations of owners), and something of the developmental and social history of Ardoch.

So, come along, share some time with your fellow Villagers, and make sure you're well informed about all those issues your Body Corporate committee has been working so hard on (on your behalf) over the last year. To relax and



allow time for casual chat, there'll be champagne, bikkies and cheese, and coffee and tea served after the meeting. Be there! ☺

New Ardochians

With 94 apartments and over 150 residents, there are always people coming and going. One of these is 31 year old David Artini, who now looks out over the Green from the top floor of Kestrel, the pool house. David's from Adelaide and has moved over to take up a promotion with ANZ. True to his SA background, he loves red wine and supports Port Adelaide. You can reach David on 9529 2240. ☺

Your Local Government

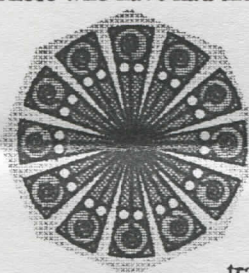
Planning for East St Kilda

Those interested in the look and feel of East St Kilda are welcome to go

along to a 'Planning Forum' on Thursday evening, 20th August. The forum is a chance for local residents to learn about the area in which Ardoch is situated, and to have a say about what should be preserved, what should be improved and how this should be done. The forum will be held at the St Kilda Town Hall from 6.30-9.30pm.

Tibetan Mandalas

Those who have had the good



fortune to see the film 'Kundun' would know of the Tibetan

tradition of sand mandalas. Monks construct these beautiful, multi-coloured

'pictures' from different coloured sands over a period of weeks, laboriously dribbling little trails of sand onto huge geometric circular designs.

There is a group of Tibetan monks working on such a mandala at Gasworks in Pickle St, South Melbourne. You can go to watch their work-in-progress any time between 10 and 4pm.

The thing some might find shocking about this tradition is that once the mandala is complete, the monks deliberately destroy it! This is also part of the tradition; following the destruction, the monks take the sand and return it to where it came from (with great ceremony!). In this case, the sand will be returned to the St Kilda beach.

You can witness the destruction of the mandala and the return of the sand – the ceremony will be held on Sunday 16th August from 2pm at Gasworks.

Friends of the St Kilda Cemetery

Did you know that early Australian Prime Minister Alfred Deakin is buried in our very own neighbourhood cemetery? And Baron von Mueller, architect of the Botanical Gardens? And Mary McKillop's sister? And Mr Felton, the eccentric resident of the Esplanade Hotel whose Bequest enabled the purchase of many valuable paintings now shown in the National Gallery?

If you don't want to watch the destruction of a Tibetan mandala, you could join others at the gates of the St Kilda Cemetery (just up the road) on Sunday 16th August at 2pm. Pearl Donald, from the local historical society, is by all accounts a

Want to change the world?

If you're not content just wondering about the future, how about doing something to change it?

Join the Earthwatch Institute

Earthwatch membership is your chance to help make our world better for tomorrow. The Earthwatch magazine rivals National Geographic in quality and interest and keeps you informed about Earthwatch projects around the world.

Go on an Earthwatch project

Choose one of over 140 expeditions to all parts of the globe. For two weeks, your life will change as you help scientists study life on earth. You don't need any special skills or training – Earthwatch teaches you everything, on site.

The challenges are limitless: marine mammals, rainforests in Kalimantan, lemurs of Madagascar, Mayan origins, the Komodo dragon. Whatever your age, whatever your background, the world is waiting for you.

Do it!

Call the Earthwatch Institute on 9682 6828 or visit the Earthwatch website at <http://www.earthwatch.org/australia.html>

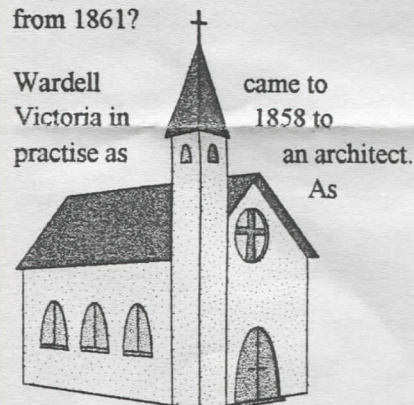
The Earthwatch Institute

— Finding solutions for a sustainable future.

local character herself and tells some wonderful tales about the rogues and revellers who have been laid to rest next door. To put everyone in the right mood, wine and cheese is served to begin with! ☺

Ardoch History

Did you know that Wardell House (the mansion up the front) was the home of William Wardell, Victoria's Inspector General of Public Works from 1861?



Inspector General of Public Works, he was responsible for supervising the design and construction of every hospital, railway station, courthouse, asylum and other government building in the colony.

As a man of power and influence, Wardell had his enemies. In an early example of a case of discrimination, an aggrieved superintendent of works accused Wardell of giving employment preference to fellow Catholics. He was cleared of the charge but later compensation was paid.

Wardell designed a new Church of England in Toorak and the new and magnificent Government House. Melbourne's population at the time was only 200,000 people.

His style was expensive and extravagant. He wrote to a client, "You are about to build not for this

generation only, but for those who will exist in centuries yet removed from us." Others said of him, "If you want to be ruined, put yourself in Wardell's hands."

Before he came to Australia (for health reasons – he had TB) at the age of 35, Wardell had designed nearly 30 churches in his native England. Among his works here are the ANZ Gothic Bank at the corner of Queen and Elizabeth Streets, Government House in Melbourne – the largest vice-regal residence in the whole of the British empire – and the St Mary's Church in East St Kilda.

In a private capacity, Wardell also worked on the design of Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral and St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. ☺

Ardoch Living

Good Reading

Can't get away this year? Why not just settle for a good book –

- ¶ For a trip to India and beyond - "A God of Small Things", by Arundathi Roy.



- ¶ Follow up on "Angela's Ashes" (McCourt) with "Are You Somebody?" (Nuala O'Faolain).
- ¶ Feeling *past it*? Don't. Try "The Toucher" (Dorothy Hewett).
- ¶ Cross-cultural voyeurism - "The Colour of Water" (James McBride).

A good book, a beautiful day, under a tree on the green is just fine! ☺

Good Eating

Here's a warm and cuddly recipe to share with neighbours and friends, from Marge –

Marge's Poppy Seed Cake

Soak a third of a cup of poppy seeds in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk for an hour. Then mix with –

185 gr. butter or margarine

3 eggs

2 tspns vanilla essence

1 cup caster sugar

2 cups self-raising flour

Place in a mixer or blender and beat on low speed to mix, then on medium speed until thick and smooth. Pour into a well-buttered cake tin and bake for an hour on about 180 degrees.



Half an hour before ready, ring at least three neighbours and invite over to share with a cup of tea.

Fun and Fitness

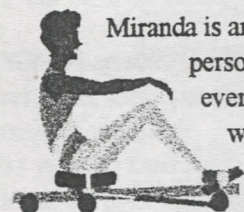
The swimming pool, gymnasium and sauna are there for all residents of Ardoch to use and enjoy.



Some residents can be seen regularly at the gym with their personal trainers (*let's see if it continues!* – Ed)

If you think you would benefit by exercising under professional guidance and motivation,

contact Miranda Warren on 0418 800 408.



Miranda is an accredited personal trainer, and even has her father working out at 6.00am, three days a

week. Please note that only residents of Ardoch can use these facilities. ☼

Ideas Corner



Do you think we should have a notice board somewhere, to put up notices about forthcoming events, for sale and wanted to buy, etc etc. We could put it in the Pool Room ...

If you think it's a good idea, let the someone on your Body Corporate committee know.

Current members are –

Ian Warren (9510 6979)

Ian Jay (9510 2519)

Barry French (9510 9108)

David Clark (9525 0295)

Judelle Scheer (9525 0996)

Tom Jackson (9525 0813)

Tom Huberts (9521 1996).

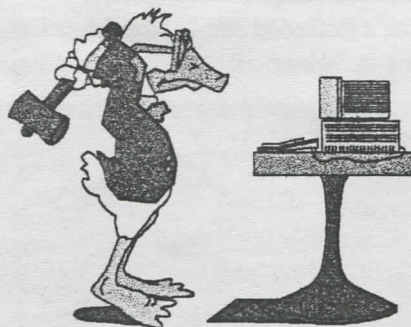
Classifieds

For Sale

- ¶ Fabulous large antique brass blanket box or wood box, \$500.
- ¶ Very solid antique fire set – three implements with horizontal holders, \$400.
- ¶ Long and low footstool seat, with embroidered top and pretty legs, \$100.
- For details of any of the above, ring Judelle on 9525 0996.

For Sale

- ☛ Laptop, IBM 386, 80 meg hard disk, with Windows, \$400. Ring Walter on 9525 0996.



For Rent

- ☛ No 8, 10 Ardoch Ave. Beautiful top floor 2 bedroom apartment, in the corner tower of Lark House. Available from end August. Ring Meredith on 9530 2954. ☎

Useful Contacts

For most inquiries about the operation of the **Body Corporate**, call Alan Hollibone, General Manager of Strata Title Flat Management, our Body Corporate management firm, on 9866 6167.

For matters to do with Port Phillip City Council (rubbish collection, stray dogs, community services etc), call 9209 6777. Or check them out on the Net at assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au

If you're interested in local government matters (strategic planning, heritage, environment etc), call our local councillor, Freda Erlich, on 9534 9192. ☎

Feedback

What would you like to see in the Ardoch Newsletter? Any comments?

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Drop in letterbox of Apartment 1/6
Pilley St (that's the Cottonwood
building, under the big tree), or give
me a call – 9530 2954. Ed.