

# The Bend of Islands

## Association Newsletter

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### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Association will be held on Sunday March 25th at the home of Peter and Felicity Paris, Henley Road, at 2.00pm. Bring plate, mug and seat.

#### AGENDA:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM and business arising.
3. Secretary/Treasurers Report.
4. Election of Office Bearers.
5. Subscriptions.
6. General Business:
  - a) MMBW Land Sales - Report on disposal of land within ELZ.
  - b) CFA - Report from the brigade.
  - c) ELZ - A talk by a guest speaker on what it means living day-to-day within the Zone.

#### NOMINATIONS:

The Offices of the President, Vice-President, and Committee are to be filled at this meeting. It would be preferred if anyone wishing to stand, could have nominations to the Secretary, Rod Shield (7120396) by March 18th 1979.

### Editorial

We felt a newsletter would be a nice way to communicate to members about a wider range of community happenings and issues and hope you will find this both informative and educational.

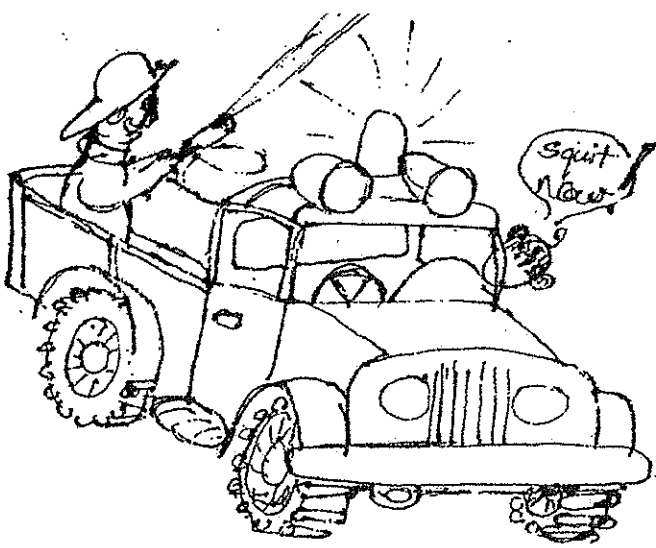
The present Editorial Committee, is: Ray Howell, Jenny Bayly, and Eilish Cooke. If you have skills or time to offer, and would like to join our committee, please ring Jenny 7120355.

We welcome suggestions for future newsletters, eg. what should we call the newsletter? Please give us details of any meetings, or other local happenings, births, marriages, deaths, etc.

The newsletter will appear quarterly.

### Thanks and Goodluck

Mal McLure has purchased land in N.S.W. and will be giving our Association a considerable challenge in replacing his talents, which have been invaluable on many occasions. "Yarrabrae cesspool" a now famous song was written by Mal, & this was one of the turning points in the Campaign against the project.



The Christmas Hills Rural Fire Brigade has been revamped, and now has 2 trucks.

SPECIAL THANKS and congratulations to all the people who helped to bring about the Toyota which is now garaged in the Bend of Islands, and has already attended its first fire.

Volunteers - and we need reliable ones - contact Dave Herd 7120392

John McCallum 7120319

There are training sessions every Sunday morning. Women welcome.

The Firemen's Ball 17<sup>th</sup> March  
is on again to raise funds for the CHCFA,  
with those frantic, chaotic reels & jigs to  
the Moon Dance Band. Don't miss it!  
It was loads of fun last time & tickets are  
in heavy demand. \$8 per head.  
Tickets from Felicity Faris 712.04.22

### Sugarloaf Dam Road Proposals:

The MMBW final proposals relating to tourist access to Sugarloaf Dam have been resolved satisfactorily in that traffic will not be able to exit via Skyline Rd. and thus through the ELZ. Suitable signs will discourage traffic seeking Dam access, from entering Skyline or Henley Rd.

### MMBW land sales:

The Board has indicated its intention to dispose of land both within the ELZ and buffer areas. The first sales have taken place, but to date no information is available as to when further land will be on the market.

### Wonga Park Subdivision

Our campaign to ensure that the riverbank opposite the Bend of Islands is safeguarded against unsuitable subdivision has gone well so far. Efforts will now be made to see whether an appropriate authority can purchase the land, thus ensuring proper management.

## Recycling

Your bottles and paper will be recycled if you deliver them to one of these nearby depots:

1. Panton Hill - next to the CFA on the Main Rd
2. Research - on Main Rd & Reynolds Rd
3. Warrandyte - Yarra St
4. Yarra Glen - near the station
5. Kangaroo Ground - State School (Papers only)

In a recent Conservation Council of Victoria circular to the Association, a bulletin was enclosed dealing with SAVE THE BARRIER REEF CAMPAIGN setting out details of the issue. The Qld. Govt. is advocating oil drilling in offshore waters which include the Barrier Reef.

Further information and copies of the bulletin are available from :

SAVE THE BARRIER REEF CAMPAIGN VICTORIA,  
ENVIRONMENT ACTION CENTRE,  
118 ERROL ST.,  
NTH. MELBOURNE 3051

Ph. 329 5519

## RUBBISH AWARD

The Victorian Conservation Prize was recently awarded to the Victorian Field and Games Association. The Association won it through good work to save wetlands, carrying out a Wildlife Study, and bringing about informed responsible shooting. Dave Herd is a member of the Field and Games Association, and Neil Douglas annually donates a painting for the award.



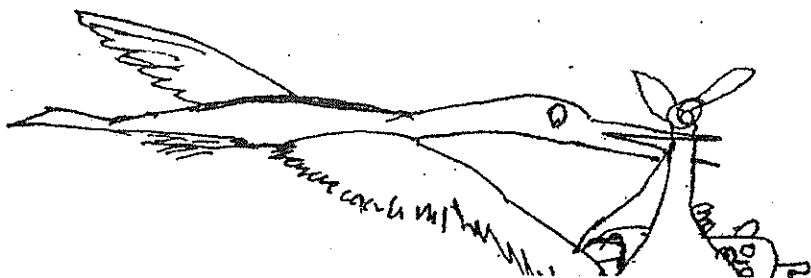
## Birds

It has been noticed, with some considerable concern, that over the past few weeks a number of birds have lost a leg. It is a mystery & it troubles us. If anyone has any idea as to how this could be happening, please contact the Association.

A warm welcome for two new members of our community:

Yoland Pelling born on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Dee & Michael

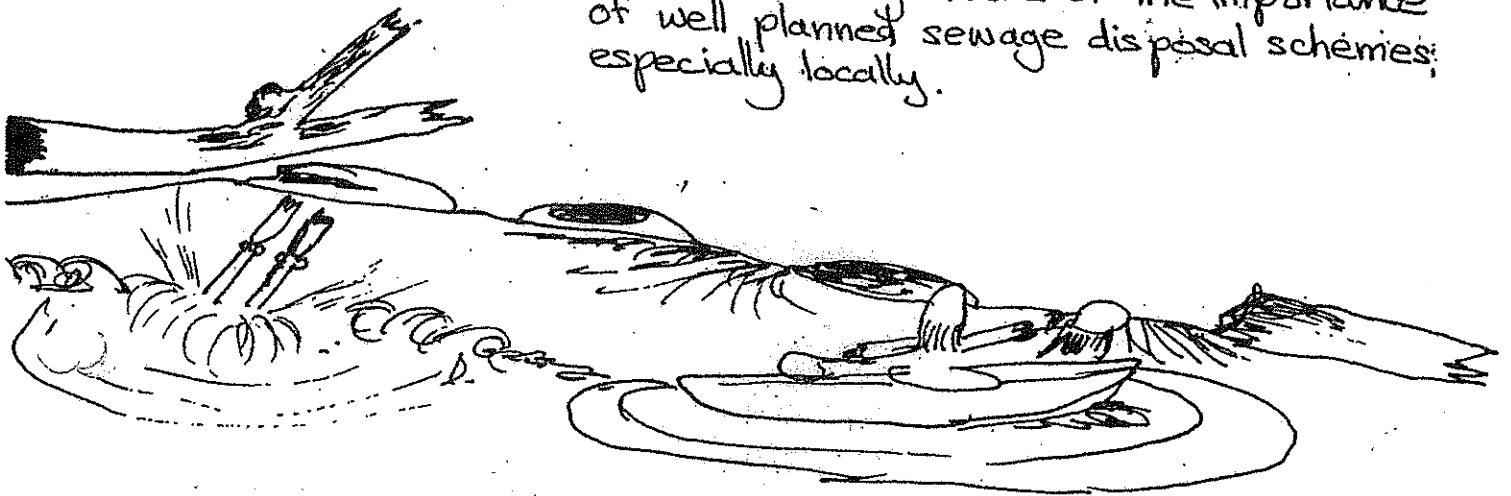
David Leach born on December 28<sup>th</sup> 1978. Congratulations Pam & Ian  
Miller Leach



# A Sense of Community<sup>4</sup>

A really nice sense of community is developing in the Bend of Isles. Some of the community things people are joining together to do include:

1. A Food Co-operative
2. Playgroup on Tuesday mornings
3. Yoga
4. CFA
5. Babysitting club
6. Intermittent running & walking (injuries permitting).
7. Local Planning - from time to time informal groups of residents get together to discuss local planning issues.
8. Summer Swimming - which we enjoy sometimes at our peril as the septic effluent problem worsens in summer with the river's reduced flow. It makes us very aware of the importance of well planned sewage disposal schemes, especially locally.



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BEND OF ISLES CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

I enclose \$..... (\$5 per person) for 1979 membership of B.I.C.A. for the following persons: (please include addresses and phone numbers).

Names.....  
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