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Welcome to the spring edition of Ampers&nd, the official newsletter of Jeavons and Jeavons Pty Ltd. The days are slowly becoming longer and warmer which means summer is just around the corner.

Rescue 2006

From the 10th to 26th of February 2006, Geelong and Lorne will come alive for Rescue 2006, the World Lifesaving Championships. The event expects to attract 4000 competitors from over 30 countries, which provides the sport of life saving in Victoria a unique opportunity to be promoted and further developed. @leisure have recently completed a Strategic Marketing Strategy for Life Saving Victoria which identifies strategies to consolidate on the event's international significance.

Touching the Senses

Aurora is a new school catering for children who are deaf or deaf-blind. MJLA have designed the grounds for this school (play areas are virtually complete) which is a combination of the former Princess Elizabeth School for the Deaf, Mornington and Carronbank schools.



The All Abilities Playground designed for the City of Greater Shepparton in association with

Paul Gardiner Architects is now open. The major playground for Shepparton is situated on the banks of Victoria Lake. Additions will be made as budgets permit.

"This is the first time that I can actually play with my 4 year old son in a playground."

David Harcoan Aust. Wheelchair Basketball Athlete.



Treated Pine Ban

It has recently been decided (Jan 2005) by the AVPMA that "no new structures should be built of CCA treated timber."

MJLA recommends that as old timber play structures age, Councils, schools and preschools should think strategically about their play structures. MJLA are writing a CCA strategy for the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

Award Received

@leisure recently received a major industry award with Maroondah City Council recognising the collaborative approach that was undertaken to complete the Maroondah Open Space Strategy. "Council used its knowledge of open space, current issues, the community and its mapping expertise in conjunction with @leisure's expertise in terms of global knowledge, methodology, analytical rigor and strategic thinking," said Councillor Joe Cossari. @Leisure was very proud to receive the prestigious Parks and Leisure Australia Planning award, for the Victorian/Tasmanian region.

Skate Safer

The Monash Accident Research Centre's 2003-04 skate and BMX injury statistics suggest that there has been an overall decrease in injuries from the previous year.

- In 2003-04, 1133 people were injured, decreasing from 1621 in 2002-03.
- People aged 5-19 yrs accounted for 77% of all injuries.
- The most injuries were from 10-14 age group (41% in 03-04 increasing from 39% in 02-03).
- Males accounted for 78% of all injuries which is unchanged from 02-03
- Most injuries were at home (26%) and on the road (25%) significantly more in these places than previously.
- Fractures accounted for 40% of all reported injuries (decreased from 51% in 02-03), a further 28% of injuries were sprains/ strains.
- 28% of injuries were to the wrist.

The demand for risk assessments of skate and BMX facilities has increased with the rise in purpose built facilities. @leisure follows the Australian Standards for assessing risk and have recently completed risk assessments for Boroondara (Hill & Dale BMX Track), Canberra Urban Parks & Places (Belconnen Bowl), Moorabool (Darley BMX) and Bayside (Beaumaris Skate Park). A variety of Skate/ BMX strategies and plans have recently been conducted for Casey, Bayside, Maroondah, and Mornington Peninsula.

Investing in Schools

Recently the commonwealth government announced funding grants to schools. Many chose to apply for grants for improvements to the school grounds. Because the submissions required three quotes, the projects had to be fully documented in advance. MJLA had a frenetic time completing seven detailed projects in a very tight time frame.

The grants will continue next year so we encourage schools to think sooner rather than later about the process and get in early!

@leisure at Leisure

Employees Jake and Stuart (below) have recently finished their respective football seasons, Jake in the Goulburn Valley Football League and Stuart in the Amateurs. As football season nears its completion the common problem of organising the hand over of grounds from football to cricket clubs swings into motion. @leisure are about to undertake a Cricket and Football Strategy for the City of Whittlesea which, among other things, investigates the above mentioned issue.



Jake kicks for goal!



Stuart training before a match

SEMINARS 2005 Coming soon...



WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Managing various youth subcultures and behaviours in open space.

FOCUS WILL BE ON: **safety of parks at night, need for female inclusions and ethnic groups.**

Email any questions about our seminars to jake@jeavons.com.au or email your details to the above address to register your interest for the above seminar.

Stockyard Theme Playground Emerging

A major playground designed by MJLA for Stockland Developers is under construction at Mernda in the City of Whittlesea. Designed along a farmyard/stockyard theme, the playground is prominently located in this new development. It is expected to be opened in late October, weather permitting.



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FOOTBALL Not as you know it

The Homeless World Cup staged recently in Edinburgh with Australia finishing 7th out of the 32 countries, a great result considering it is the first time we have sent a team to the games. The international street soccer event utilises the positive power of sport to provide direction, and solutions for homelessness and poverty. Four months after the 2004 event, of the 204 participants 16 had signed with professional/semi-professional clubs, 78 had found regular employment and 95 had improved their living conditions.

As a part of the Active Sports Strategy for the Mornington Peninsula Shire @leisure found soccer is kicking goals by offering the Goal Kick program to children over 10 years old and to young women with children!

@leisure has also been investigating soccer issues as part of its Sport and Recreation Plan and a Sports Policy Review for the City of Newcastle.

Emerging Sports

The first race of the 2005 World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships in Slovakia (September 6) produced two Top 10 performances from the



Along with mountain boards, street orienteering, geocaching and floorball, mountain biking is hitting the suburbs. Urban Councils are getting a piece of the action. Whitehorse City Council have initiated suburban Melbourne's first formal mountain bike track at East Burwood Reserve. @leisure completed the track design for this site which is now up and running. So go check it out.

Michael Bodman says: The definition for an emerging sport is one that at least 1 person in the office knows someone that has done it once!



**Comedy
Corner**

Local Playgrounds MJLA provides an inexpensive way to achieve more interesting small designs.

Local parks and playgrounds are probably the most important level in the playground hierarchy, because these parks can be used on an everyday basis by local families.

Avoiding repetition of the same designs and the same play activities, especially between parks in the same catchment, is important but can be difficult with the standard model of installing playgrounds. Typically this involves asking 3 or 4 manufacturers to provide full 3D designs for their playground products. This design process is often an expensive option for the suppliers, who also have to cram in extra features (which are often not ideal) in order to win the contract. This process does not allow a lot of scope to provide interest in the surrounding landscape, and typically does not favour designs which make local spaces as accessible as possible to children and adults with disabilities. These are typically not easy from a standard catalogue approach.



MJLA and the City of Boroondara have trialled a different approach on a series of reserves, each of which required its own unique solution. MJLA has provided a simple sketch design for each whole space, addressing paths, entry and access, location of furniture, shelters if required, play equipment, planting and landscape elements. The City of B sought quotes from suppliers, and invited them to customize the play structures to suit their own system. The beauty of this approach is that:

- Manufacturers all compete on the same basis, established from our sketch design
- The successful supplier can be chosen from plan view drawings submitted in the first round; only one company needs to produce 3d images, and only once they know they have won the contract.
- Landscape elements and disabled access can be built into a separate contract but are integrated into the design.

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Around the Grounds



MJLA has been active in country playgrounds:
Albury -The Patricia Gould playground is under construction in West Albury.
MJLA completed a master plan for
Noreuil Park -We are now documenting a major playground here, on a river theme.
Kinglake - Following planning work by @leisure, MJLA staff have further developed a delightful concept initiated by the local community for a playground on the theme of the children's book Bollygum.
Warragul Special School - MJLA has been commissioned to design the outdoor spaces.
Swan Hill Special School - is a country school where we have worked closely with staff on a fully documented play space design.

2005 Concept2

The 2005 Concept2 Australia Rowing Championships will be held on Sunday 16th October 2005. For more information or to register visit:
www.concept2.com.au
Entries close 7th October.

Animals

The junior play area at Alma Park in the City of Port Phillip nears completion. This unique play structure provides wheelchair access underneath to an interesting cubby space, and has many intriguing and playful art works including lots of animal sculptures.

