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SEMINARS 2003 coming soon...

1. **OPEN SPACE** – getting best value out of developer contributions.
2. **CREATIVE AND ACCESSIBLE** – the new cutting edge in landscape design.
3. **THE GROUNDS BENEATH YOUR FEET** – all about surfaces.
4. **DANGER ZONE** – schools & play & risk.

Mary Jeavons is now ... an Accredited Access Consultant with the Association of Consultants in Access, Australia.

This is the peak national body for access consultancy in Australia. www.access.asn.au/ACA-AUST.htm

Welcome to the Jeavons & Jeavons Pty Ltd winter edition newsletter – with a special focus on **access**.

On the ball ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

Port Melbourne Colts have a new team: **footballers with a disability**. The club said it couldn't be happier: "we want to ensure we make football available to anyone who wants to play Aussie Rules".

The Football Integration Development League (FIDA) now boasts a 15-team, statewide competition. The Colts have worked closely with Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA) to establish this team. For anyone interested in playing or volunteering, please contact Bill Garland on 9809 5006.

There's growing interest in new models for attracting people to sports activities, other than through traditional club teams.

- As part of a **Sports Development Strategy** for Greater Dandenong @leisure will be investigating opportunities for youth at risk to participate in sports using a similar model to the **on-side soccer program** – www.onsidesoccer.infoxchange.net.au

Classified information

The Aust. Sports Commission, the Aust. Paralympic Committee, Athletics Aust. & Queensland Uni are devising a new & scientifically-valid classification system for athletes with a disability that will be fairer and improve opportunities for participants. The research is being conducted as part of CONNECT (Creating Opportunities Nationally through Networks in Education, Classification & Training). It will be trialled first in running & wheelchair racing. www.ausport.gov.au

SETTING A NEW STANDARD

Sally Jeavons has joined the working committee for the new outdoor access standard: Pt 7 of Design for Access & Mobility (AS/NZS 1428). It concerns outdoor recreation facilities eg swimming pools, boating & sports facilities & playgrounds. **Please email us with any suggestions for issues to be addressed.**

Access issues dull?

Some designers see accessible design as a constraint. We find that accessible design tests us & pushes our creative skills on every job. Enabling children with disabilities to play with their peers &, for once, to have choices, play creatively, go anywhere & challenge themselves, gives us immense satisfaction and an opportunity to **make a real difference!** Some exciting accessible playgrounds MJLA are working on include:

- Pooraka Triangle Accessible Regional Playground, City of Salisbury, SA
- Brimbank Park Accessible Playground
- Victoria Park Lake Playgr'nd, Shepparton
- Eureka Stockade playground, Ballarat

Other recent accessible projects in Special Development Schools (SDS) are:

- Bulleen Heights School
- Princess Elizabeth Junior School For Deaf Children, Burwood
- Belmore School, Balwyn
- Bayside SDS, Moorabbin
- Ascot Vale SDS
- Dandenong Valley SDS



The biggest hurdle

A survey of 8000 people in 10 countries has confirmed that community attitudes are still the biggest barrier to inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities in sport. The study, by University of Massachusetts for the Special Olympics, shows 46 % believe that persons with intellectual disabilities are capable of playing on a team with others with intellectual disabilities while only 14 % believe they are capable of playing on a team with other players!

www.specialolympics.org

Around the grounds

Schools are becoming more important providers of outdoor play. Not only the health benefits, but the social, imaginative & creative benefits of play are at stake. We need to maximize the value of the grounds for:

- play & sport
- sensory experiences
- outdoors learning
- circulation & access.

And we make them pleasing & practical multi-functional spaces. Recently projects have included:

- St Catherine's School [Barbreck Junior School] Toorak
- The Grange P-12 School, Hoppers Crossing
- Carey Junior school, Kew
- Camberwell Sth Primary School
- Chatham Primary
- St Josephs Warragul & others.

Current early childhood play area projects include RMIT Child Care Centre Rooftop; Geelong Grammar [Glamorgan Campus Early Learning Centre]; Eltham College ELC & others.



Talking speed

Following a study by **@leisure & funding from SRV**, plans are in the making to develop a speed skating track & other skate facilities at the Docklands. Congratulations Docklands for putting your skates on!

Photo provided by Melbourne Speed Skating Club



TO TOP IT OFF

Caesar, Cato, & other Roman statesman gave spinning tops the seal of approval by recommending them to parents as a more suitable game than dice! After centuries the toy became a Christian pastime & it seems every church in the 14th century had its own top. On Shrove Tuesday top races were held between parishes. A top that stopped or was put away for the year was said to be sleeping - hence the saying "To sleep like a top". This last year tops have appeared again—as giveaways in chip packets.

(Games of the world. FV Grunfeld UNICEF 1982)

Rural news

Rural areas are facing common issues:

- how to sustain quality sports facilities
- halls & playgrounds at the end of their life needing a new approach
- growth in walking & off-road cycling
- demand for more information & smarter planning tools.

Jeavons & Jeavons are finalising a number of rural projects:

- Rural City of Swan Hill Playground Management Strategy
- Bass Coast Shire Coronet Bay Rec Plan
- Ararat Rural City Recreation & Open Space Strategy
- Alpine Shire Recreation Strategy Review.

HOW GREEN?

About 2 million m² of synthetic turf was installed last year in USA.

The first synthetic bowls green in Aust. was installed in 1970, whilst in USA the first was installed in 2001! There are 120 synthetic greens in VIC.

A grass green on a 39° day clocked 41° & the synthetic 62°.

Higher injury rates have seen some major stadia in USA return to turf.

New systems are enabling fields to swap from synthetics to natural turf between seasons.

The new State Soccer Centre will have 2 synthetic pitches.

@leisure is researching the **cost/benefits of synthetic vs natural turf greens** for SRV & VGA.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

In *The Age* 05 May 2003

Australia, US the most overweight

"Professor Zimmet said parents were often unfairly accused of allowing their children to become fat, when the fault lay with a more complex set of societal trends and conditions, including **lack of access to efficient public transport, public parks & exercise venues**"

www.theage.com.au/articles/2003

Environmental Care



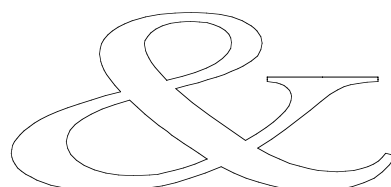
Tree Musketeers

created the **One In A Million** program to empower one million kids in the US to volunteer one million hours to plant one million trees. Founded in 1987 by thirteen third graders, Tree Musketeers was the first environmental non-profit administered by kids. The three-year campaign's objectives were measured quantifiably as environmental improvement, & qualitatively as impact on young lives. 1,013,626 youth have developed personal leadership skills, educated & empowered other kids to take action, & assumed positions of leadership on the road to a healthy future for Earth & themselves.

Source: Drucker Foundation



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