

Welcome to the autumn edition of **Ampers&nd 2004**, the official newsletter of Jeavons & Jeavons Pty Ltd.

Bowls surface again

@leisure recently completed a project on bowls surfaces for Sport & Recreation Victoria & the Victorian Greenkeepers Association. 300 lawn bowlers were interviewed.

- ❑ 13% of all greens in Country Victoria are synthetic while 23% of all greens in metro Melbourne are synthetic.
- ❑ 85% of bowlers preferred grass. The preference for grass increases with age.
- ❑ 75% of bowlers agreed that synthetic greens increase green speed.
- ❑ Most clubs with one green, that is synthetic have less than 70 members.
- ❑ 67% of bowlers said that synthetics require less maintenance than grass.
- ❑ 41% of people agreed that synthetics make bowling more accessible for people with a disability, while 21% disagreed.

Minister for Sport & Rec, the Hon. Justin Madden launched the report at Bentleigh Bowls Club with 60 interested onlookers.



From left to right: Doug Agnew (president of Victorian Greenkeepers Association), Tom Forsell (Sport & Recreation Victoria), Sally Jeavons (@leisure) & Justin Madden (Minister for Sport & Recreation Victoria)

Go wild

Club Wild is Victoria's leading disability-friendly nightclub featuring a number of performers from the burgeoning disability music & performance scene. Events run by Club Wild attract more than 300 people per show. Club Wild runs an annual program including dance parties, workshops & training.

New pet service

In response to strong demand @leisure has launched a new service that will source fund for your pet project, and write the applications. **Ask us how.**

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Coming soon...



(BOOK NOW)– Management of skate parks. Thursday 27th of May. Chapel Off Chapel – Prahran. Sponsored by City of Stonnington



Redesigning & Retrofitting Playgrounds for Access & Inclusion of People with a Disability.

(NEW) 14th of July 2004
Clock Tower Centre, Moonee Ponds
Sponsored by City of Moonee Valley

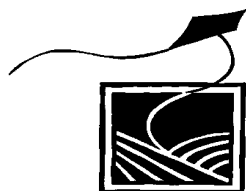
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Email your any questions about any seminar to jake@jeavons.com.au, or email your details to the above address to register at the above seminars.

Successful spaces

The **Making Space** seminar held by @leisure with the Maroondah Council focussed on Development Contributions. Over 80 planners attended. Speakers represented the Department of Sustainability & Environment, Parks Victoria, the Urban Development Institute of Australia, Deacons Law Firm & Geelong and Melton Councils. The industry argued for consistency in contributions, DSE said good design and siting is essential. Key messages included good planning pays off; there is need for more open space than the 5% being provided; open space contributions are just that – a funding source. We need to work out how much space is required in different developments & where, before how much developers should provide/ pay.

Ampersand (&): A handy typographical device used to connect ideas, concepts & things.



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Want to know more about anything here ?????

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for further information
or if you have any
comments.

Personal injuries from recreational services

The law relating to liability for personal injury whilst using recreational services has undergone significant change due to amendments to The Trade Practices Act, The Goods Act & to State tort law. The significant shift seems to be around the 'voluntary assumption of risk'. The changes are complex & differ between states.

Interestingly 'Recreational services' are defined as services that consist of participation in a sporting activity or a similar leisure-time pursuit, or any other activity that involves a significant degree of physical exertion or physical risk and is undertaken for the purposes of recreation, enjoyment or leisure. Our thoughts are this definition could prove problematic- should a plaintiff be exercising for fitness, for example, not leisure! No doubt something similar will be tested in due course.

This segment should not be relied upon as legal advice. Please seek independent advice should you require specific assistance with any issues raised.



Funny dunnies

Toilets are such a big issue!! @leisure is undertaking several toilet assessments to produce guidelines for location and provision.

Photo Source: www.butlerwebs.com



Female toilets Wemen Vic. Photo @leisure

Around the grounds

MJLA Concept Designs in progress include: public playgrounds in Albury, Kevin Bartlett Reserve (City of Yarra), Lilydale Lake Reserve (Shire of Yarra Ranges), & a water play area in Bright.

Documentation of public playgrounds currently include: Pooraka Triangle (S.A), Princes Park, Caulfield (City of Glen Eira), Elwood Beach Café Upgrade, Brimbank Park (Parks Vic), Mount Martha Eco Park, (Mornington Shire) & Victoria Lake Park Shepparton.

MJLA has a major **Playground Strategy** underway for the City of Boroondara.

Master Plans for Swan Hill Special School, Buckley Park Secondary College, Aitken College, Middle Park Primary & Footscray City Primary are progressing to improve play, amenity circulation, & function of grounds.

A series of master plans for public reserves in the Alpine Shire are nearing completion.

Early Childhood

Work is underway building the new playground at Caulfield Grammar Wheelers Hill, Armadale E.L.C. & a number of City of Yarra sites are being designed. A new Centre at Puckapunyal, for Defence Housing, (with SKM) has just been tendered.

Open Space Plans @leisure is now completing open space strategies for Hobsons Bay, Swan Hill Rural City & Maroondah City Council.

Access for All projects

An Access for All Abilities Playground Plan (Moonee Valley) & an Accessible Tourism Plan (Tourism Victoria) are in progress.

Sport Sports development plans have been prepared for Fencing (VAFA) Gymnastics (City of Warrnambool) & for City of Dandenong. A marketing Plan for Life Saving Victoria has just commenced.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT
A web site is coming...
 Watch this space

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Ph: (07) 38441951



Girls get the boot

The Minister for Sport & Recreation has launched Australia's first female youth football league in Melbourne. The competition (the Footy Pak Cup) provides an avenue for girls to continue in Aussie Rules after the Under 13 mixed competition. There are now 150 registered players aged 13 to 17yrs.

Source: The Australian Newspaper 8 May 2004

According to a WomenSport West report on teenage girls' participation in sport, **girls play sport to:**

- keep slim & fit
- socialise & have fun
- belong to a team
- feel good
- relax
- learn new skills.

Sport is a major 'turnoff' when...

- it's repetitive & boring
- its too serious & competitive
- playing with the boys
- boys watch girls play
- girls are being treated differently
- girls are made to feel inadequate due to a lack of skills.

Girls want

- more community sport for teenage girls – especially non-traditional
- a wider variety of sports & activities in PE classes
- better skill development in primary school
- more female PE teachers & other sporting roles models
- single-sex sport classes when necessary.

