Have You Heard?

**The Quiet Achievers.**

In my role of Storey Hall Operations Coordinator I would like to inform P.S. readers of the achievements that the staff of Storey Hall have been responsible for over the years.

Storey Hall has been operating for over 6 years and during this period has been the venue for a range of functions, from public lectures, conferences, formal dinners, international meetings, weddings, product launches and many many more events.

The staff, (Kay Kinder, Matthew Shea and Graham McPherson), have received many written commendations for their efforts in setting up the venue and of making the clients feel welcome.

It was pleasing that we received a plaque and an acknowledgment on the Tree Of Life from the Ronald McDonald House Foundation after a successful Trivia Challenge held at Storey Hall.

Also we have received a Highly Commended plaque from the Convention & Incentive Marketing C.I.M Accolade Awards as Storey Hall was voted by the readers of the C.I.M News magazine as an outstanding conference venue.

I would like to make P.S. staff aware of the efforts of Storey Hall staff – the quiet achievers.

I extend my thanks to AVS and other staff in Property Services for their invaluable role in supporting the work we do.

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Staff Issues

Resignations:

- Colin Williams: Maintenance Operations
- Richard Oliver: Construction
- Scott Allgood: Security

P.S. Have You Heard sends best wishes to everyone who had a Birthday in February - Ted Allen, Levorna Bosco, Janet Burton, Carlo Daru, Nola Du’Lee, David Howard, John King, Phil Manser, Graeme Martin, Nigel Pollard, Ray Portors, John Tarver, Kevin Wright...And anyone we’ve missed.

Property Services Golf Tournament & BBQ

The Property Services’ Annual Golf and BBQ event is on again and all staff are invited to participate. Last year saw a good turn up even though the play extended into the darkening evening. This year, the event will be still under Daylight Savings Hours on Tuesday 25 March teeing off @ 4:00 pm with a BBQ afterwards at 6:00 pm (non-players are welcome just to come along for the barbie).

- Tuesday
- 25 March 2003
- From 4:00 pm
- Yarra Bend Golf Course
- Trophies Awarded
- Free BBQ from 6:00
- (You pay Green Fees only)

All Property Services Staff are invited to participate in either the Golf Tournament or the BBQ or BOTH!

Tuesday, March 25th. Yarra Bend Golf Course

Please contact Mark Gunther (ext 52054) or Chris Box (52797) by 4 March to advise if you will be attending. Green fee = $15. Clubs can be hired from the course.
GROWING FROM GARAGE TO GARDEN .....
The former **Police Garage** has certainly evolved in a dramatic way and, if the Orientation ‘bazaar’ is any indication, the site will prove an extremely valuable venue for the University. The photos on the previous page give only a scant hint of the effort involved in converting the enclosed building that was the garage into the open air facility you see today. Works began in 2000 and some of the more interesting challenges along the way, according to Project Manager Ron Crellin, were the removal of $.25M worth of asbestos, the protection and indeed the enhancement of the many heritage aspects of the site, the safe excavation of a range of archaeological artefacts, including the respectful re-internment to Faulkner Cemetery of the remains of 3 executed prisoners, right down to the successful installation of a huge expanse of lawn in the middle of soaring temperatures whilst strictly adhering to water restrictions. This is on top of all the usual project complexities of juggling the performance of several contractors, adhering to budget and attaining milestone deadlines along the way. Ron says now that the trials of the project were well worth it given the end result.

The site was launched on a glorious summer day during O week with the installation of 70 temporary stalls providing information, entertainment and food and drink to the incoming students for 2003. It was estimated the site enjoyed 3000 visitors on that day including a steady run of curious on-lookers who wandered through the stalls on their lunchtime break.