

Ever heard of Rogaining?

We received a call last Sunday morning, 12th, to say that there was a group in town that we should perhaps talk to. Something called Rogaining.

After a little 'super sleuthing' we met up with the group's Volunteer Recruitment Officer, Ainslie Cummins, in the car park at Crystal Journey.

There was quite a crowd. An estimated 100 or more cars were parked in a cordoned off area along the front roadside of Crystal Journey – the group's weekend headquarters.

After the 200 competitors departed, I met the organisers who were congregated around the hash house tent. They were all wearing navy blue shirts upon which was printed "The Mad Hatter's Rogaine"

TN: The first question must be 'What is Rogaining' Ainslie?

Ainslie: It is the sport of long distance cross country navigation, on foot, in teams of 2 – 5 people. They have to find as many checkpoints as they wish in the bush within a certain time frame. This Marysville event was over 6 hours. Some weekend events go up to 24 hours.

In this event, there were 50 checkpoints available for the contestants to find. You choose your own team and each team member has to punch an electronic tag to prove that they have indeed visited that point. These checkpoints can be located in any order and each has a different point value.

Weeks of planning goes into each event. The co-ordinator and course setter for this weekend was Kath Copland who had a support team of around 40 people who put out the markers and provided admin and catering. This course was set over 50 sq kms, throughout the town and surrounding forest.

For this particular weekend we featured a 'Mad Hatters' day on the Saturday. Many of your readers would have seen a lot of hikers looking very strange due to their crazy hats. Most of the markers for this event were around the town, the bakery and lolly shop to name just 2 and a drink at the pub was another option.

Sunday was a more serious competition day and this weekend actually marked the 30th anniversary of Rogaining. We celebrated with cake and candles.

Rogaining is an International sport which started in Melbourne by the Surrey Thomas Rovers (a Scouting organising) and Melbourne University Mountaineering Club. It grew out of their 24 hour walk.

TN: Where does the name come from?

The name Rogaining comes from the organisers: Rod, Gail and Neil Phillips.

TN: This is a large crowd Ainslie so we can see how popular your sport is.

Ainslie: This is not a large crowd. We have had 400 over this weekend (some come and stay from Friday night - good business for your town - others arrive for a day visit on the

Saturday or Sunday). Now 850 is a large group for us.

TN: And so many young children and teenagers. It looks as if it is a healthy outdoor event for families.

Ainslie: Yes, we have them from babies in backpacks to 80 year olds. The sport caters for all levels of fitness.

And by the way, yesterday's event was

won by 2 of your locals, Dr. Lachlan Fraser and Robin Rishworth.

TN: I have to say that we can hardly be surprised at that! And to summarise Ainslie?

Ainslie: There are 3 elements to doing well, to be a champion:

1. Navigational skills. 2. Route Planning (contestants are given the map 2 hours prior to the event). 3. Physical fitness. The person who runs the hardest may not win the event – they may not find the check-points.

And many people take this sport quite seriously but some others only manage a few hours before returning to hash house for some more food.

For any interested person wanting more information about Rogaining, go to our website <http://vra.rogaine.asn.au> Our next event will be a Metro/ Cyclogaine on Sun 25th February in Geelong.

(this has been a TN feature article and thanks to our local resident for alerting us to this event. Call 5774 7336 if you have something to share or call our attention to).



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Important dates in November

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Saturday 25th - Daryl Hull at the **Crossways Inn**
Tuesday 28th - Mt Cathedral Baptist Craft Afternoon
Thursday 30th - Shopping Bus
- Marysville Fire Brigade

Marysville & District Historical Society Inc

There will be no monthly meetings of the society in November or
December.

Instead we will be holding our Christmas Luncheon & Celebration
on Sunday November 26th
at "The Cumquat Tree"

Maryton Lane off Buxton/Marysville Road
at 12:30pm
at a cost of \$25 per person.

It is important that members indicate their acceptance with
payment by November 18th

Mary Kenealy 5963 3552

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Seniors- Tuesday & Thursday 5pm
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Under 10's- Fridays 3:30pm

Registration Fee's are due NOW!

Marysville Cricket Club memberships are coming....
\$20.00 per person

For enquiries see Dean or Leah.

Next Meeting for MCC

Tuesday 28th November @ 7:30pm
will be held at The Cumberland

Murrindindi Shire Council CEO Visiting Schedule



The CEO, Danny Hogan is available to meet with residents and
ratepayers on an appointment basis at various locations throughout the
Shire on a rotating basis.

This process is to provide advice and resolve issues, as well as providing
information to clarify uncertainty about Council actions or positions taken.

The visiting schedule can be viewed on council's website at
www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au click on the heading Council then
Management. Otherwise details and appointments can be obtained by
calling Tammy Blakeney on 57 720 337

Drought Strategy Committee Update

The Drought Strategy Committee met on the 15th of November. The members discussed a number of items including the new Drought Information brochures. These brochures are available at all of council offices, libraries, general stores, hotels and stock agents.

An Information session on maintaining stock during the drought was held in October and if you would like to receive the information from this session, copies of CD's of the discussions along with the drought brochure can be obtained by contacting the shire or they will be available at the Yea Show.

Goulburn Valley Water have advised council that domestic and stock standpipes will be made available at Alexandra and Yea. Terms and conditions for these standpipes include costs for water and triggers for restrictions. There is an existing commercial standpipe at Alexandra and the committee will work towards the provision of a commercial standpipe for Yea. The capital costs and ongoing maintenance for these standpipes are to be funded by Council.

Discussion has taken place with Goulburn Murray Water to install bores at Kinglake, Yarck and Highlands. If these were provided the water would be for stock and domestic use only and not for drinking water. We will work with Mitchell Shire Council for the possibility of a bore being installed at Highlands. At this stage there is no further word on bores for other areas.

Goulburn Murray Water and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority are working together to provide information and guidelines for access points to the Goulburn River. Suitable filling sites have been located and will be advised. Guidelines are still being finalised. Information regarding river flow, may be accessed by contacting Silvio Fontana of Goulburn Murray Water.

A Shire wide advertising campaign to "Shop locally for Christmas" is underway. Due to grant funding be made available five workshops for businesses will be held in each local area over the coming weeks.

An application for local business forums to discuss drought – retail sector, tourism sector, and aquaculture/horticulture/viticulture is being considered. Further information will be provided on this as it becomes available.

A Rural Financial Counsellor, Ken Slatter, is continuing to consult at Alexandra on a fortnightly basis. For bookings ring Ken direct on 0407 844 558.

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority is looking at a Drought Employment program - fencing, soil erosion, pest plants and animals and stock containment areas. If this program is successful it will be advertised in the coming weeks, so watch out in the employment section.

Berry Street held a Food Share Cooperative meeting on the 16th of November. The idea is similar to a Food Bank – basically creating storage and handling facility for donated foodstuffs.

Watering of the public areas was raised with some members saying they believe we need to have an area where people can sit in green surroundings. Especially our tourists.

We had a query on the risk of Blue Green algae developing in our water systems. Goulburn Murray Water have advised that there is a possibility of this later in the season. If it does occur, there would be concerns about contamination. This is being monitored and will be managed if and when it occurs.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on the 6th of December. If you have any information you would like to pass on or want to know about please do not hesitate to contact us.

Remember, if you would like to find out any updates on the weather and rainfall updates you can look at the Bureau of Meteorology website:
www.bom.gov.au

Regards
Lyn Gunter

Friends of the Marysville Walks
Meeting 7.00 pm 6th December

Venue: In Neutral

Our newly formed group of volunteers, welcome anyone to come along.

Cathy Olive is going to talk to us about the Cathedral Range group which she has been involved with for many years

Inquiries:
Glenys 5963 4474

Murrindindi Shire Council



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Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) specialist rappel fire-
fighters are currently completing an intensive two-week training program at
Mt Buller in preparation for a severe fire season.

DSE rappel crews are often the first form of attack for fires in remote areas of
the state, deploying from helicopters to try and control the spread of fire until
other resources arrive.

The firefighters rappel down ropes from a hovering helicopter to reach the fire
ground, in areas where helicopters cannot land.

DSE North East Manager of Fire, Peter Farrell, said the highly trained fire-
fighters are critical to making an early assessment of the fire.

"DSE rappel and general firefighters are among the best trained firefighters in
the world and play a vital role in preventing and suppressing wildfires in our
parks and forests," he said.

"Once they are on the ground, the firefighters assess the fire's potential and, if
possible, start directly fighting the fire," Mr Farrell said.

"The rappel crew may also prepare a helipad nearby to help transport addi-
tional firefighters and equipment to the fire area."

This year DSE is training nine "rookies", who have joined the specialist unit
after prior general firefighter duties with DSE. Each rappel crew comprises a
crew leader, rappel dispatcher and five crew members.

The training will see the firefighters rappel from various heights up to a maxi-
mum of 100 metres.

DSE currently has four rappel crews in training for the 2006-07 fire season.
The crews are based at Heyfield and Ovens for operations in the forest areas
of Gippsland and north east Victoria.

Mr Farrell said before being considered for a rappel position, firefighters must
first satisfy an intensive aerobic fitness and muscular endurance evaluation.

"The importance of DSE's rappel crews reaching the fire quickly and com-
mencing suppression works cannot be underestimated," he said.

Marysville Golf Report

It has been a memorable week for golf at Marysville.

From rain, hail and snow on Wednesday to three almost perfect days for our Annual Tournament over the weekend.

Seven players faced the elements on Wednesday and Adam Littlejohn was the clear winner with a net 68. Bernie Culhane was next best with 75. Adam also won the nearest the pin.

The seven players on Thursday were almost as hardy, with a win to Bob Emblin on +4 from Perry McKenzie one shot back. Max Parker won nearest the pin.

Friday was the first day of the tournament with 44 players for the Veterans comp, playing for the John Bentley Memorial Trophy. For the first time we had joint winners. Fae Sharp scored 41 points in the ladies section, followed by Bev Bellman on 38 points.

The mens section winner was Cedric Dirckze from Tirhatuan Lakes, also with 41 points. The runner up was his club mate Roger Thomas on 38 points.

Saturday saw 56 players compete in a Mixed Canadian Foursomes Scratch winners were Peter Phillips and Bev Bellman on a count back from V Laurito and T Renier, visitors from Yarrowonga and Eastwood. Scores were even and the result decided on a count back.

Handicap winners were Robbie and Jenny Coleman on 69. 78.

Runners up were Adam Littlejohn and Helen Howard on 72.

The mens comp on Sunday saw 56 players from as far away as Clifton Springs, Trentham, Kingston Heath, Patterson River and several local courses.

In total 18 clubs were represented.

First highlight of the day came when Phil Cox had a hole in one on the 18th.

Brief results were:

Junior 27-hole won by J Wendel of Yea with a great score of 105.5

C grade: 27 holes: Billy Williams in a count back from Ray Jones on 106

18 holes: Ray Jones 68

9 holes: Ian Amos 33

B grade: 27 holes: R Coleman 109.5

18 holes: R Kidd 74

9 holes: J Stirling

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Marysville Cricket Club News

Marysville Under 10,s

We travelled to Healesville this week. Luke won the toss he sent them in . Healesville started at a blistering pace, but some good steady bowling slowed them right down.

They finished with 5/82. A. Maguire, K. Hodson and H. Kaempkes all got a wicket each. Luckily Healesville dropped 5 catches or we would have been in real trouble.

Everyone tried hard but Healesville's score was just too big.

We made 5/74 with everyone giving their best. B. Hoskin 8, L. Nils-son 7 (in his first game) and H. Bates 4. Next Sunday we are home to Mt Evelyn.

Well done team, a very close game, keep up the good work!

Senior E grade

After dismissing Kinglake for 127 last week Marysville continued its innings. Kinglake made us work hard to get runs but we finally passed their total. Andrew Stanton continued his innings to finish with a fine 86 not out. We finished with a total of 144 to take the first innings points. With 45 overs left in the day Kinglake had another bat. Their intention was to bat out the day to avoid an out-right defeat. They finished 124 all out in their 2nd innings with the best of our bowlers being Kellan Fiske with 3 for 14 and Andrew Stanton 2 for 5. Others also bowled well with little luck. Time ran out for Marysville to have a 2nd bat. It was encouraging to defeat a team that we lost to earlier in the season. Next weeks game is home versus Hoddles Creek.

Representative cricket.

Caleb Tiller played for the Yarra Valley under 16 team against West Gippsland. Yarra Valley batted first to score 193 runs. Caleb contributed with 22 not out. Gippsland struggled early but a couple of excellent fighting innings really made a game of it. They needed 4 off the last bowl to win.....and managed 3leaving Yarra Valley the winners by 1 run!!! great cricket.

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Locals enjoying the "Sally Ford & the Pachuco Playboys" show last Friday night at Keppels.

We had a great finish to the Café Concert Series with Sally Ford & The Pachuco Playboys winning the crowd over with their irresistible Cuban style dance music. With only three songs into their repertoire, Patrick Cronin (trumpet) was impressed to discover a conga line, initiated by the kids in the audience, weaving it's way across the stage and around the room. He declared the achievement as a world first and said it was very inspiring.

It was indeed an energetic and fitting end to the year with wonderful rhythms and music filling the room and enticing most people from the chairs and onto the dance floor.

Patrick was also obviously impressed with the "Marysville drum roll" which he insisted be incorporated into the conga solo. Locals should be proud of their performance. All that practising at home eventually paid off!

Congratulations to Paul Tirant who won the Christmas hamper. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket the money raised will help pay for our annual public liability insurance. The winner of the Free

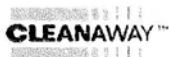
Raffle was young Georgia Pearce from Healesville who won an Irish music played on the wire strung harp CD. And after a couple of false starts in the "That's Blotto" draw congratulations to David Alleway who won the bottle Rochford wine. (Again we suffered from the harsh call of the audience who would not allow anyone without their ticket to claim their prize! I'm sure it must have been the Jans) Mind you, there didn't seem to be much retaliation about the fact that Claire Alleway had drawn out her dad's ticket as the eventual winner. Maybe it's a sign that the Seasons Ticket holders are finally mellowing?

The program for the 2007 Café Concert Series was launched and earlybird discounted Seasons Tickets were offered. Remember to be entitled to your \$ 65 Seasons Ticket, you must pay for your ticket by Friday, December 1st 2006. There will be no extensions. Tickets are available at Marysville Auto and Hardware. The program for 2007 offers another wonderfully diverse range of music to enjoy. In February we start the year with "Bohemian Nights" who perform a

repertoire that includes French, Italian, Gypsy, Klezmer and Arabic music. May brings a stunning female vocalist "Zulya" accompanied by her 5 piece band "The Children of the Underground". Zulya performs Russian original and traditional music and is an international multi award winning singer. In October we have "Sanfona" meaning accordion featuring George Butrumlis, arguably one of Australia's finest accordion players. He and his trio will be playing a mixture of his favourite styles of music which include Brazilian and Zydeco. Then we finish the year with another danceable 6 piece genuine authentic jug band called The Gutbucket Jug Band. (There really is a jug player in this band.)

The Marysville Cultural Community committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the 2006 Café Concert Series and look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and hopefully some new ones at next year's shows. Seasons Tickets will be on sale from now until the start the Season from Marysville Auto & Hardware and the Fig Leaf Café in Alexandra. Until next year, just whistle a happy tune.

New Garbage Service to Commence in January 2007



From January 2007, the Murrindindi Shire will commence its new kerbside garbage collection service with our new service provider Cleanaway.

The garbage collection service will introduce 120 litre mobile garbage bins, replacing the current 140 litre mobile garbage bins. The change to the new 120 litre bin is in line with industry best practice guidelines

"Murrindindi Shire Council is committed to managing waste in a way that protects and preserves our natural environment and by replacing the current 140 litre mobile garbage bins with 120 litre mobile garbage bins, we will be reducing the amount of waste being disposed of at Council's landfill" said Danny Hogan, Chief Executive Officer.

In mid January 2007, Council will be delivering the new 120 litre mobile garbage bins to all properties eligible for a kerbside garbage collection service. The bins will have a dark green body and a red lid, which reflect the colours being adopted across the State. As with your recycling bin, the new garbage bins must remain with the property if it is sold, as they are owned by Council. However, the occupier of the property is responsible for looking after their bin.

As the 140 litre mobile garbage bins currently in use have been purchased by property owners, they do not need to be returned to Council. If you do not wish to retain your 140 litre garbage bin, you can contact Council to discuss the possible alternatives available to you.

However, please remember that your 140 litre bin cannot be used for your household collection service after the delivery of your 120 litre bin.

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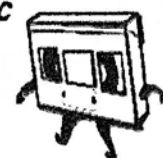
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Mayor's Chair

On Monday the 13th of November the first Murrindindi Shire AusIndustry Business Awards were held. We would like to congratulate all of the businesses that entered all the various categories in these Awards. To be part of such an award shows what winning businesses we have in our shire and we congratulate all the Category winners. The Business Awards will be held every second year with the Tourism Awards held in the alternate years. The support for the awards was fantastic and we wish all of our businesses the very best.

In January residents will see a change to the garbage collection service. The most significant will be the introduction of 120-litre mobile garbage bins, replacing the current 140-litre mobile garbage bins. The change to the new 120-litre bin has been introduced to bring Council's collection services into line with current industry best practice guidelines and to assist in reducing the amount of waste being disposed of at Council's landfill.

The Minister for Agriculture, Bob Cameron visited the shire last week to find out how the drought is affecting our area. Minister Cameron was keen to know how we are going and what plans could be put in place to assist with the drought.

The Drought Committee met last week and I would refer you to the media release on what planning and discussions are taking place. Brochures and information from the departments will be available at the Yea Show to be held on the 25th of November. We would like to impress on the community whenever possible to shop locally and support our local businesses, not only for Christmas, but throughout the year.

We are thankful for the rain over the past week but it has had little impact on the current dry conditions.

The Chair of Goulburn Valley Water, Jenny Houghton, last week said they would rather see voluntary restrictions occur than imposed ones. Let's all take a part in how we are using water wisely.

Having been asked some months ago about programs for head lice in schools and kindergarten we contacted our Local MP Ben Hardman who has now provided information on this from the Minister for Education Services, Jacinta Allan. The department assists in managing head lice through a Head Lice Management Toolkit. All schools were sent a Scratching for Answers information kit at the start of 2005.

The responsibility for checking and treating head lice rests with the parents and practical advice and support is provided. Thank you to the Kinglake West residents who raised this topic. We hope this information will assist everyone in the community.

With the fire season upon us we would encourage communities to clean up around their homes. This coming weekend, the 25th & 26th of November the shire is providing another free weekend to take your green waste to the transfer stations. Please take advantage of this offer.

If you see any problems with roads, branches of trees etc then please fill in a Customer Request Form which are available at all of our shire offices or phone your local office and they will take down the details for you.

Councillors have attended the following events/meetings over the past week – Vegetation, Hon Fran Bailey Minister for Small Business and Tourism, Murrindindi Business Awards, Opening Yea High School Careers Day, presentation from Lake Eildon National Park, Workshop, Yea Pioneer Reserve, Murchison Gap, Drought Strategy Committee, PCCC, Community Building Initiative, Flowerdale Hall Committee, Goulburn Valley Water, Highlands Theatre Group, Yarra Ranges Benefit and the Annual Alexandra Officers Dinner.

Thought for the Week – "Who is right is of no importance. The greatest importance is "What is Right".

Lyn Gunter
Mayor, Murrindindi Shire Council

Marysville Bowls Report

The Bowls Club finally had their first win of the season at the expense of Warburton's third side on November 11th, winning by 13 shots.

On November 18th, we played Yarra Junction's second side at Yarra Junction, and whilst winning on one rink, it was not enough to cover the loss by the other two rinks. A loss by 5 shots resulted.

On a brighter note our President, Mark Simmons and son Ben, won the final of the Yarra Valley section of the RVBA Pairs, by one shot at Yarra Junction green on Sunday 19th November. They now compete at Group 7 level and if successful, play off for the State Titles against fifteen other groups.

Reminder: 2 Bowl Handicap matches must be played very soon.

Don't forget Social Bowls each Wednesday at 4.00pm

Bill Nevin



Letter to the Editor

Over the years I have travelled far and wide experiencing the Spirit of Christmas.

This year has been no exception, right here in the Triangle area at "The Marysville Christmas Expo"!

What a wonderful concept for the entire community of the Triangle to engage in the true Spirit of Christmas.

The setting was exquisite with a team of tireless workers creating craft and demonstrations for not only our locals, but a vast array of welcomed visitors to the town.

I wish to congratulate all of those involved for this most innovative event and sharing their talents with the community.

The Triangle area is a special spot (Santa knows all), and his heart goes out once again to those who made this event so very, very special.

God bless you all, and a very Happy Christmas from

A Retired Santa
(address supplied but not to be revealed).

Your Health and Well-Being

From Community Health

GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE TIPS TO COMBAT GASTRO

A surge in gastrointestinal cases has prompted a reminder about the need to practice good personal hygiene as a way of preventing the spread of unwanted illnesses, Victoria's Chief Health Officer Dr Robert Hall said last week.

"Most gastro is caused by the common and highly contagious Norovirus," Dr Hall said.

"This is easily spread from person to person, initially in household settings, but it can find its way into hospitals, aged care facilities and child care centres from the general community.

"These viruses can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, muscle aches and pains and fever. The illness can last for 24 to 48 hours, but those who fall ill are regarded as contagious for 48 hours after symptoms stop.

"Personal hygiene is a very effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause viral gastroenteritis. Hand washing should be second nature to everyone, especially at key times such as before eating, after going to the toilet, after handling pets and changing nappies," Dr Hall said.

Hand washing is a simple step-by-step process:

- Wet hands with warm water and apply soap;
- Lather for 10 to 15 seconds;
- During the lather, pay particular attention to the backs of hands and fingers, fingernails, fingertips and the webbing between fingers;
- Rinse hands under running water;
- Dry hands with a clean towel.

Washing down contaminated surfaces with hot, soapy water followed by appropriate disinfectants will further reduce the risk of spread of infection.

People suffering from gastro should stay home from work, school or child care until 48 hours after their symptoms have ceased.

Dr Hall said all the eastern states were experiencing similar problems.

(Information from Dept. of Human Services Media Unit)

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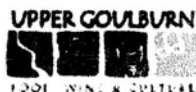
Businesses will be invited to assess their business objectively, resulting in a renewed understanding of their business per se which extends far beyond the scope of exhibitions exclusively.

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The workshop will focus on strategies to encourage visitors into the stand, gaining an appreciation of the psychology of exhibition visitors and defining screening methods to ensure exhibitors spend the right amount of time with the right people. The Workshop will also explore customer service issues associated with exhibitions inc:

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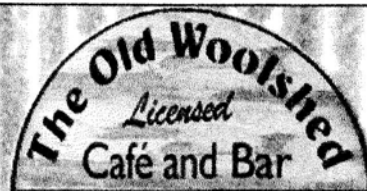
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However, there is still December through to March to come and the ground, grass and forests are dry. So to every resident in Murrindindi I would urge that you prepare your fire plan. If you do not have a written one – you should do so. I was amazed when I started mine at what it entailed, how much preparation is required and how much has to be done prior to a fire.

Whether you intend to stay or go it is still worth the time and effort to consider a fire plan. So during a free few moments whilst the advertisements are running on the TV, use pen and paper to jot down your ideas and thoughts on what you must do beginning with outside the house and what needs to be done to make it a little safer.

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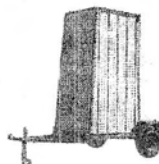
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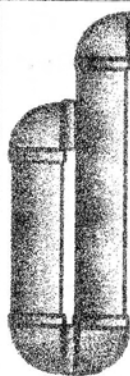
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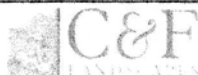
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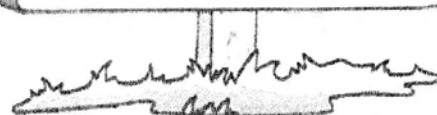


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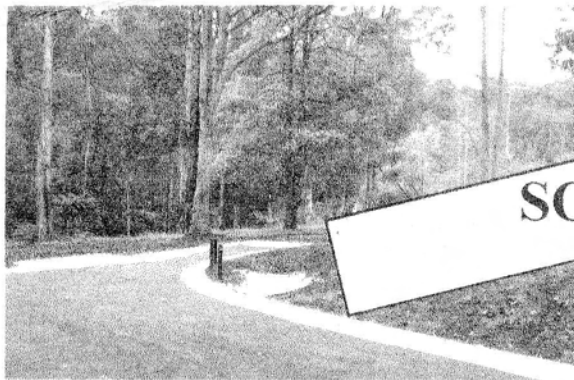
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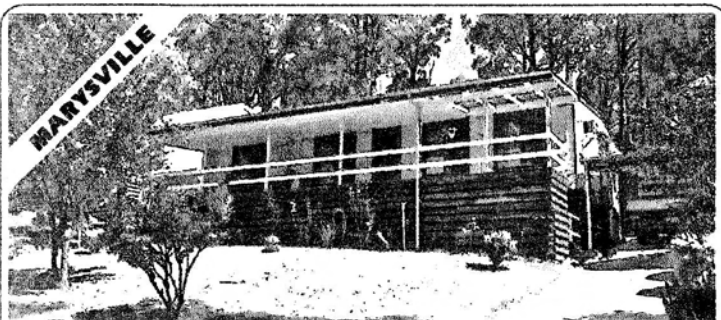
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