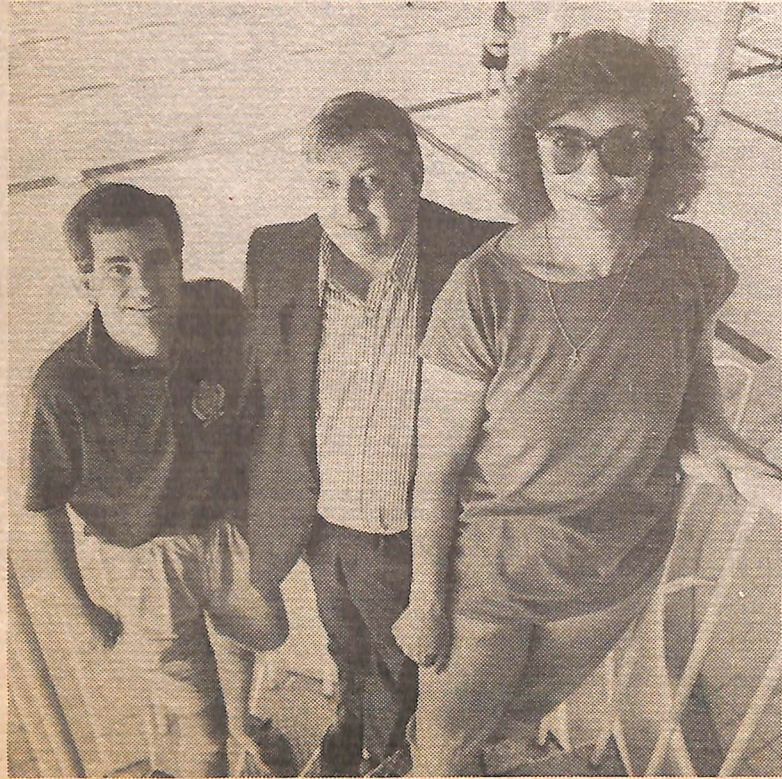


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-Fun for 'Chernobyl kids'-



THE Chernobyl children will enjoy an afternoon at the Dandenong Oasis on Sunday 14 April, courtesy of manager John Rapp (left), who is pictured with the organiser of the day, David Grant, and the Dandenong representative of the Russian House Victims of Chernobyl National Relief Fund, Ms Ludmilla Bondarcev.

ENTERTAINMENT, a meal, and a swim. . . these are just a few of the activities lined up in Dandenong on Sunday 14 April for the group of children affectionately dubbed "the Chernobyl kids."

The children, many of whom are being billeted in Dandenong during their four-week stay, will be given a day to remember, courtesy of local business houses, the Dandenong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and community groups.

The day will also raise money for the Russian House Victims of Chernobyl National Relief Fund, the group which brought the youngsters to Australia. The children have been affected by radioactive fall-out following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and the fund hopes that their stay in Dandenong will help improve their health.

The day, organised by David Grant, the proprietor of the Dandenong Music Centre in Clow St and an executive member of the chamber of commerce and industry, will begin with a welcome by the Mayor of Dandenong, Cr Ian McDonald, in Palm Plaza (McCrae St), followed by a fun auction, the proceeds from which will aid the Russian House Victims of Chernobyl National Relief Fund (goods are being sought for the auction and can be left with Mr Grant). Entertainment will be provided by the bands of Dandenong and Koo-wee-rup High Schools and at 12.45 the Russian children will lunch at the Pancake Par-

lor, courtesy of proprietor Peter Gordon, and will be entertained by the Chilean dancing group Amancay and the Dandenong Choral Society.

Then it will be off to a free afternoon of fun at the Dandenong Oasis, where the youngsters will be entertained by the Dandenong Choral Society, organist Robert Grant and the Half Past Band. There will also be free pony and merry-go-round rides for the Soviets, courtesy of Darryl Comfort, of Camel Country.

Organisations which have promised to support the day are Dandenong Music Centre, Dandy Lotto, Favorite Flowers, Middendorps Electrical, AC Trophies, Fender Australia, Pancake Parlor, Dandenong Oasis, Dandenong Bowl, Cooldream Airconditioning Service, The Best Shop, Ultimate Menswear, Hairstyle By Maree, Marka-Tell, Ian Brown Cycles, Kingsize Male Fashion, Bob French Sports Store, Australasian Music Sales, Dandenong Hub Music Centre, Mind Games, Plaster Magicland, Maria Teresa Skin and Beauty Clinic, Tree Art, Hub Cards and Gifts, Pricemania, Moore's Hub Pharmacy, Butterscotch Castle, Mind Games, Kellet's Top Carat Jewellers, Golf City, Phonetronics, Golf City Pro Shop, Kite's Restaurant (Golf City) and Myer Dandenong.

Any businesses or individuals wishing to support the project can contact Mr Grant on 706 8875.

'Chernobyl kids' to enjoy goodwill day 8-4-91

DANDENONG will come alive in a day of goodwill next Sunday when a group of Russian children will be entertained as a highlight of their four-week holiday in Australia.

The children, from the nuclear disaster area of Chernobyl, will spend a whole day being entertained by community groups, as well as enjoying lunch courtesy of the Pancake Parlor and an afternoon at the Dandenong Oasis.

The day, which has been organised by Dandenong businessman David Grant, with the support of Dandenong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will begin with a fun auction in Palm Plaza which will raise funds for the Russian House Victims of Chernobyl National Relief Fund, the group which brought the youngsters to Australia — the children have all been affected by radio-active fall-out from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and the fund hopes their stay in Dandenong will help improve their health.

Three Collingwood footballers will attend the auction for which local businesses have provided a wide range of goods (see list below).

During the auction, which will run between 9.30am and

10.30 and 11am to noon (donations can be left with Mr Grant at the Dandenong Music Centre, 5-7 Clow St), entertainment will be provided by the bands of Dandenong and Koo-wee-rup High Schools. At 12.45 the Russian children, affectionately dubbed "the Chernobyl kids", will lunch at the Pancake Parlor, courtesy of proprietor Peter Gordon, and will be entertained by the Chilean dancing group Amancay and the Dandenong Choral Society.

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The Dandenong Community Youth Movement has supported the day as part of its yearly allocation of funds to worthy local causes and has donated \$500 to buy food to be sent back with the Chernobyl children.

Businesses which are providing items for Sunday's auction are Dandenong Music Centre (gift food hamper), Dandy Lotto (toy), Favorite Flowers (toy), Mid-

dendorps Electrical (electric fan), AC Trophies (tray), Collingwood Football Club (autographed football), Fender Australia (\$400 guitar), Dandenong Oasis (\$300 voucher), Dandenong Bowl (bowling bag), Cooldream Airconditioning Service (\$200 voucher), The Best Shop (\$100 voucher), Ultimate Menswear (clothing), Hairstyle By Maree (gift voucher), Ian Brown Cycles (cycle helmet), Kingsize Male Fashion (shirt), Bob French Sports Store (carry-bag), Australasian Music Sales (foot pedal), Dandenong Hub Music Centre (T-shirts and book), Maria Teresa Skin and Beauty Clinic (gift voucher), Golf City (\$300 membership voucher, 10 \$60 vouchers), Phonotronics (\$300 answering machine), Golf City Pro Shop (putter), Kite's Restaurant at Golf City (gift voucher), Central Musical Instruments (\$300 guitar), Old Thumper (budgie and bird cage), and surprise packages from Myer Dandenong, Mind Games, Plaster Magicland, Hub Cards and Gifts, Price-mania, Tree Art, Moore's Hub Pharmacy, Butter-scotch Castle, Mind Games and Kellet's Top Carat Jewellers.

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'Pie stars join in

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THREE Collingwood footballers will be part of the big day next Sunday for the "Chernobyl kids."

The Magpie players will attend an auction in Palm Plaza in Dandenong to raise funds for the holidaying Russian children who have a busy day ahead of them on Sunday, including entertainment by community groups, lunch at the Pancake Parlor and a visit to the Dandenong Oasis.

The day has been arranged by David Grant, proprietor of the Dandenong Music Centre, and an executive member of the Dandenong Chamber of Commerce and Industry which is supporting the