

Observer Breaking News

\$52 MIL OWED TO CREDITORS

Briefs

Let us pray

The pendulum swings ... **Nillumbik Shire Council** has re-introduced a prayer at the start of its meetings. Prayers are also recited in **State and Federal Parliamentary** sessions.

To Birchip

Geoffrey Edelsten will return to **Birchip** for the first time in 40 years this Saturday (Mar 13) for the local quarter horse race meeting. He first practised there as a GP after his internship at **Royal Melbourne**.



● **Geoffrey Edelsten**

BUILDER BANNED FOR 5 YEARS

The **Australian Securities and Investments Commission** has disqualified **Melbourne** builder and property developer **Anthony Peter Kelly**, 53, of Parkville, from managing corporations for a maximum period of five years.

Kelly was disqualified following his involvement in two failed companies, **Linc Construction Group Pty Ltd** and **AML Construction Pty Ltd**.

At the time of liquidation, **Linc Construction** owed \$10,691,141 to 199 secured and unsecured creditors and **AML Construction** owed \$42,025,887 to 131 unsecured creditors.

ASIC found that between 2005 and 2008, **Kelly**, as sole director, company secretary and shareholder of **Linc Construction** improperly used his position on a number of occasions to gain an advantage for himself or someone else to the detriment of the company.

ASIC found that **Kelly** may have permitted both **Linc Construction** and **AML Construction** to trade while insolvent incurring debts that they were unable to pay and failing to satisfy their statutory liabilities.

These included making superannuation contributions on behalf of employees and making payments to the **Australian Taxation Office** and **State Revenue Office**.

Kelly has the right to appeal to the **Administrative Appeals Tribunal** for a review of **ASIC's** decision.



Sounds of Autumn

● **Cast members from PREMMLE Players Theatre** enjoy rehearsing in the atmospheric historic **Barn at Sages Cottage Farm, Baxter** for their entertaining **Sounds of Autumn** concerts being presented on **March 13 and 27 at 12 noon**. Pictured at back from left are **Roger Hately-Barter, Daniel Justin, and Erik Donnison**. Front row front from left are **Laurie Davis, Bev Swift, Esther Yann, Paula Chambers and Elspeth Vines**.

Photo: Erik Donnison

ABALONE THIEVES CAUGHT

A father and his 11-year-old son have been apprehended by fishery officers for allegedly stealing abalone in the **Mordialloc** area.

The 33-year-old **Clayton South** man was observed wearing a mask and snorkel 'duck diving' over a known abalone area.

After diving for about 1½ hours,

it is alleged the man handed a catchbag containing 238 shucked (shell removed) abalone to his son.

When the pair was apprehended, **Fisheries Officers** found the shucked abalone appeared to be grossly undersize.

Department of Primary Industries Senior Fisheries Officer, **Dane**

Robinson, said the catch limit was five, although the day of the alleged offence was closed to abalone collection.

The man was arrested and taken to the **Mordialloc Police Station**. His family station wagon and diving equipment were seized. He will be charged on summons.

Statewide

News From Around Victoria

'Aker' signed for radio

Western Bulldogs footballer **Jason Akermanis** has been signed for the new **Melbourne** news-talk radio station to broadcast on the **3MP 1377** frequency.

Steve Price has confirmed that he will head the 6am-10am shift. Others believed to have signed with the station are **Andrew Bolt** and **Sam Newman**.



● **Jason Akermanis**

The station is reported to be launching in May. It has struck an alliance with the **Herald Sun** which ran a supporting editorial in its Sunday edition.

RSL sub-branch closes

Maribyrnong-Maidstone RSL sub-branch is expected to close at the end of next month after calculations were made, revealing it is \$57,000 in debt. Members may be asked to meet the shortfall. **RSL** headquarters are investigating if a substantial sum is missing from the club's patriotic welfare funds. One of those members, who may have to help fund \$33,000 for a bank overdraft, has only been involved in the club for less than a month.

90 mine staff lose jobs

The last 90 workers at **Ballarat Goldfields** lost their jobs on Friday, after **Lihir Gold** announced it had sold the mine to **Castlemaine Goldfields**. Of those workers, 45 left immediately, while 40 will leave in two weeks.

The **Ballarat Courier** reports the remaining five, believed to be in senior roles, will work under **Castlemaine Goldfields** in "care and maintenance".

Observer Your Stars

with Christina La Cross



Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Making time for new faces can show you how big a place the world is, and what you've been missing out on. The written word is more important than usual. Re read all texts and letters.



Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)

Your ruling planet Venus, the planet of love, has made you a sucker for a sob story, but thankfully today you reach a turning point. From here on in, you recognize the takers from the givers.



Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

You are thinking more about your appearance, and some of you may even make the effort today to keep up some sort of a personal fitness regime. Rumours regarding love aren't true. Ignore them.



Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

A close ones wants more of your time, and you're struggling to give it to them. At least make the time to explain what you are trying to achieve. Doing so can make a big difference.



Leo (July 24 - Aug 23)

A sense of humour is your key tool to have at your side in today's dramas and confrontations. Taking time out for a personal matter puts a large smile on your face, so don't deny yourself.



Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

You no longer seem to be too sure if you are coming or going as far as a certain relationship in your life is concerned. What you do know is you need to talk.



Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You're making friends in new places, and your life is offering you more opportunity than it has in years. A personal ambition meets disapproval from family. Push through with it, if it's what you want.



Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Time is of the essence in love affairs. If there's something you know needs to be said, do it sooner rather than later please. Animals link to the person who knows what really happened last night.



Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Love and hate come very close together for you, don't they Sagittarius? Give yourself time before you make a decision, or it will feel like the wrong answer, even if it is right. Tomorrow brings clarity.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

You know Capricorn; you can't help someone who doesn't want to help themselves. What you can do is give them your advice, which you have probably already done. And get on with your own life!



Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

If you don't think you are important enough to care about then why should others? It's time to give yourself a confidence boost, and you can start by thinking again about the way you're dressing Aquarius!



Pisces (Feb 20 - March 20)

There are hidden messages being given, so this is one weekend where you can actually afford to read in-between the lines. Promises to family must be honoured. Why? You're about to find out, my friend.

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