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Observer Melbourne People

It's your money, Ralph

Who remembers the State Bank of Victoria's powerful advertising campaign of the 1980s: "It's your money, Ralph."

Ratepayers on the Mornington Peninsula are making the same judgement as Mayor Anne Shaw continues her refusal to release an Obudsman's report of the re-appointment of Council CEO Michael Kennedy.

Mr Kennedy was re-appointed to his position in 2004 and 2008 without the job being advertised.

He is one of those business types who rejoices in wearing bow-ties. I recall reading a business leader's handbook which said: "There are five people in the world who should wear bow-ties to work, you are not one of them."



● Michael Kennedy

Court fight

At least six ex-Councillors of Brimbank City Council are taking legal action against the Brumby Government. They have launched a Supreme Court writ in a bid to clear their names.

Short Shots

Senator Kim Carr is advertising for a Senior Media Adviser who will be paid up to \$121,638, plus a \$18,900 overtime allowance.

Geelong Taxi Network's Peter Valentine has introduced penalties for driver misbehaviour.

Tasmanian rock lobster fisherman have agreed to cut catches by up to 20 per cent, reports the *King Island Courier*.

Len in NZ

Our harness racing columnist Len Baker is on leave this week as he tours New Zealand. His column will return soon.

Long Shots



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with Ash Long, Editor

*"For the cause that lacks assistance,
'Gainst the wrongs that need resistance
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do"*



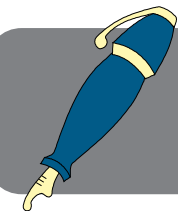
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Plans for summer camp

Larry Noye of Altona writes: "Presbyterian Youth Victoria is arranging a six-day Summer Camp for youth at Adventure Resort at Phillip Island. Cost is \$55, the less for a gift from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria to celebrate its 150th anniversary."

"The camp runs from Sunday, December 27 to January 1." The Rev Peter Olwen is main speaker on Freedom in Christ. Details and registration are at pyv.orgt.au



Observer Treasury

Thoughts For The Week

- A blis is one thing that can't be counterfeited.
- A memorandum is written not to inform the reader but to protect the writer
- We have not lost faith, but we have transferred it from God to the medical profession.

Observer Curmudgeon

■ If you wish to understand a philosopher, do not ask what he says, but find out what he wants.

Text For The Week

■ "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

- St Matthew

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Forgotten Fortunes

■ A corrected list of unclaimed money owed by the Commonwealth and Westpac Banks was released last week by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, in a special edition of the *ASIC Gazette*.

An extract of unclaimed money from the Commonwealth Bank follows. To claim funds, approach your local branch of the Bank, in order to lodge a claim to recover funds.

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- AGN Enterprises Pty Ltd. Hartmann Family Trust. 113-632 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. \$1386.73.
- ACE Venture Holdings Pty Ltd. Unit 1, 18 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn. \$4299.26.
- ACN 080 182 529 Pty Ltd. Ground Floor, 330 Collins St, Melbourne. \$8987.55.
- Adamart Pty Ltd Staff Superannation Fund. PO Box 25, St Andrews. \$12,976.70.
- Adams, Susan Louvain. Barristers and Solicitors, 421 Bell St, Pascoe Vale. \$1257.31.
- Adult Community Education Sale Inc. Po Box 15, Sale. \$1189.39.
- A J & H A Moore Family Trust. 46 Steiglitz St, Ballan. \$792.65.
- Alexander, Matilda Madden. 293 Barkly St, St Kilda. \$7778.91.
- Allen, Lawrence Frank. 30 Malvern Gr, Caulfield North. \$2455.44.
- Allen, Nancy May. 19A Berry St, Coburg. \$839.10.
- Amatruda, Quincy. 24 The Esplanade, St Kilda. \$14,847.47.
- Amzalak, Albert. Crosbie House. Crosbie Rd, Murrumbena. \$5061.35.
- Anderson, Fiona Elizabeth. 19 Wattletree Rd, Drumcondra. \$1180.24.
- Anderson, Rex William. 250A Spencer St, Sebastopol. \$607.80.
- Andriotis, Maria. 5629 Barkly St, West Footscray. \$1558.51.
- Angel, Hugo Addiberto. Unit 3, 42-44 Percy St, Newport. \$655.11.
- Aolin Incorporated. Mr J gardner. 14 Bradford St, Bentleigh East. \$3644.21.
- Aravopoulos, Anastasias. Aravopoulos, Vasilios. 54 Swanston St, Bulleen. \$769.38.
- Archer, Mary Leanne. 88 White St, Kilmore. \$575.72.
- Argipoulos, Vaios. 2 Murphy Rd, Doncaster East. \$28,032.40.
- Argyle Street Day Care Nursery. 71 Argyle St, St Kilda. \$4345.37.
- Arrowsmith, Bernard Larkin. Chippendale Lodge, 279 Moreland Rd, Coburg. \$622.73.
- Assaad, Mona. Assaad, Saad. 60 Gillies St, Fairfield. \$3606.17.
- Atkins, Kenneth Neil. Goldies Rd, Port Fairy. \$673.24.
- Atmadja, Katharina. Unit 402, 101 River St, South Yarra. \$538.94.
- Attard, Joseph Dominic. 120 Martins La, Viewbank. \$534.70.
- Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch. 24 Cratloe St, Mount Waverley. \$724.77.
- Australasian Christian Legal Convnet. PO Box 340, Box Hill. \$10,068.98.
- Australian Association of Trauma and Disociat. Inc. 6 Cassels Rd, Brunswick. \$2369.56.
- Australian Democarts Bendigo Branch. 5 Douglas St, Kangaroo Flat. \$528.13.
- Australian Sanjak Co-Operat. Society of Victoria Ltd. 435 High St, Northcote. \$8784.39.
- Ayres, Margaret. Unit 13, 2-12 Temple St, Ashwood. \$967.14.
- B30 Area Neighbourhood Watch Committee. 2 Unley Gr, Ascot Vale. \$818.45.
- Badow, Stan. 58 Cape St, Heidelberg. \$2947.57.
- Bailey, Judith Alma. Bailey, William Robert. Heather Lodge. 14 Lamach St, Baxter. \$1444.23.
- Bainbridge, Edward James. 4 Moffat St, Avondale Heights. \$554.68.
- Bainbridge, James Peter. 24 The Esplanade, St Kilda. \$501.58.
- Bakogiannis, Ritza. 46 Macedon Rd, Templestowe Lower. \$2764.78.
- Balgen, Dulci Josephine. Balgen, Jan Lacques. 2 Emerald St, Dallas. \$886.12.
- Ballarat High School Association Ex Students. Ballarat High School. Sturt St, Ballarat. \$2502.18.
- Banicevich, Anthony. 219 Main Rd West, St Albans. \$941.41.
- Banyule Festival Inc. 7 Berkeley Ave, Heidelberg. \$1560.81.

More details at www.asic.gov.au