

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## - Martin Dixon

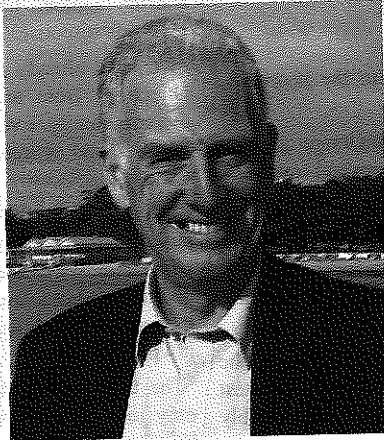
I hope this month's column finds you well and enjoying our beautiful autumn weather. By the time you read this Easter will have been and gone and we finally get to enjoy a quieter Peninsula until November.

Congratulations to all those involved in the Nepean Bushfire Concert in March. The actual concert raised over \$50,000 and was a great event with great weather. It was a privilege too to help local resident

Rob Hince who organised a 'Day at the Beach' for students from fire affected Wandong Primary School. The children were treated to surfing lessons, horse riding, the cinema, food and a brilliant gift bag as well as coach transport all donated by generous local businesses and individuals. I know the children really loved and appreciated the day. Another local initiative to help those affected by the bushfires is an ongoing relationship being developed between residents of the Peninsula and the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council with the people and Shire of Murrindindi. Watch out for opportunities to be part of this venture.

The recent Aging Forum in Rosebud was a great success. The most popular item at my stall was a poster illustrating Victoria's past history which we soon ran out of! If you missed out or would like one, just call in at my office at 853 Point Nepean Road, Rosebud to pick one up.

Tenders have been called at long last for repairs to Rosebud Pier. I have been promised work will be complete by the end of the year but I will



be watching progress very carefully.

Greek National Day was celebrated on 25th March with a church service at Red Hill, a flag raising at the Mornington Peninsula Shire offices and then a wreath laying ceremony and lunch on the Rye Foreshore. Congratulations to all those involved and it was good to see eight bus loads of visitors come down from Melbourne for the celebrations.

Red Hill Show was another great local event with perfect weather. This is an incredibly well organised and diverse event which we are lucky to have. I presented the photography awards which were of a brilliant standard.

Local student, April Jacobs has just completed a week of work experience at my office. April visited Parliament, wrote a media release and helped out in the office. We are always happy to host work experience students.

Finally, it has been a busy time in the Dixon household. We survived my son's 21st birthday and on 26th April my daughter Julia marries Lucas at Holy Redeemer Church, Surrey Hills. I am a very excited and proud father of the bride and we are really looking forward to the big day!

Every best wish.

Yours sincerely,

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