

News in brief

Lovell to touch on research

MINISTER for Children and Early Childhood Development, Wendy Lovell is coming to Mansfield as guest speaker at a dinner at the Mansfield Golf Club on September 9.

An open invitation for all interested residents to attend the evening function has been issued by the Mansfield branch of the Liberal Party.

Ms Lovell last week officially launched the world-leading 'smalltalk' research project, which is already helping 500 families engage 0-3 year olds in early learning.

She is expected to touch on this important research during her talk at the golf club.

The dinner will commence at 7.45pm with drinks starting from 7pm and the cost will be \$45 per person with proceeds going to the Harry and Claire Friday Foundation, supporting the Mansfield District Hospital.

To book a seat at this dinner table call Dick and Kaye Wood on 5775 2895 or 0400 642 522.

What's on this week at the movies

WITH two new movies this week there is something for everyone at the cinema.

Red Dog (PG) (92min) is a fantastic Australian movie based on the legendary true story of the Red Dog who united a disparate local community while roaming the Australian outback in search of his long lost master.

Starring Josh Lucas, Rachael Taylor and the late Bill Hunter

Bad Teacher (M) (92min) is a comedy centered around a foul-mouthed, junior high teacher (Cameron Diaz) who, after being dumped by her sugar daddy, begins to woo a colleague - a move that pits her against a well-loved teacher.

Also starring Jason Segal and Justin Timberlake

Don't miss out on the last chance to see **Rise of the Apes** (M) (115mins) where



man's own experiments with genetic engineering lead to the development of intelligence in apes and the onset of a war for supremacy.

Also continuing is **Captain America** (PG) (124mins) - after being deemed unfit for military service, Steve Rogers volunteers for a top secret research project that turns him into Captain America, a superhero dedicated to defending America's ideals.

Chris Evans, Hugo Weaving and Samuel L. Jacks all star.

Bridesmaids (MA) (125mins) continues as well.

Movies for everyone - look forward to seeing you all at the cinema.

Director apology, with consolation

SORRY to all the Harry Potter fans who spent their hard earned money a few weeks ago to be treated to the World Premiere midnight screening of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2.

I can only imagine how disappointed you would have been to discover that the film you were expecting to see was not able to be screened - and at that hour of the night.

As I am sure you know, Mansfield was not the only cinema whose midnight screening had to be cancelled, and we have now discovered that the problem arose because the hard drive we were supplied, contained a super high level of security for this final Harry Potter film.

We were only provided the "key" to unlock the film just 10 minutes before midnight which gave us no opportunity to install the system upgrade required.

That has now been done, but that does not solve the issue.

No doubt you enjoyed seeing Part 1 again on that night, and by now you will have made use of the admission ticket provided for a regular session of Harry Potter over the following days, but we do not think that is good enough.

After working with Roadshow (the film's distributor) we are very pleased to offer you something special by way of apology - a special screening of Warner Bros latest release, the Green Lantern.

It will be a free private screening just for those who attended the midnight event, so call or drop into the cinema to reserve your place.

You never know, if you are quick, there may also be a something a little extra to let you know how much we appreciate your understanding.

James Wilson,
Director,
Mansfield
Armchair Cinemas

Your chance to have a say on high country trail

MANSFIELD Shire Council will hold a public information session to gain feedback on the proposed Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail management plan on Thursday, August 25 at MACE.

To be held at MACE and commencing at 7pm community members with an interest in the Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail (GRH-CRT) are invited to attend and make comment and provide feedback on the draft management plan.

The draft management plan for the rail trail was developed in cooperation with the Mitchell, Murrindindi and Mansfield Shire councils, government agencies, emergency services, indigenous community and commu-

nity interest groups.

The plan provides guidelines for the management of the rail trail to help facilitate a safe and enjoyable user experience as well as the protection and enhancement of environmental assets and ensure consistent management of the trail through the three municipalities.

A comprehensive range of topics including governance, environment and cultural heritage, asset maintenance, emergency management, risks, tourism and marketing are covered in the plan, which will enable the rail trail to be managed and promoted consistently across the three shires.

The rail trail construction is on track for com-

pletion by December.

Other meetings will be held at Yea council chambers, the semi-circle on Monday, August 22 at 7pm and at Alexandra Shire Hall, Grant Street on Tuesday, August 23 at 7pm.

The draft plan can be viewed and downloaded from council's website at www.mansfield.vic.gov.au and hard copies can also be obtained from the council offices.

If you are unable to attend any of the meetings you can provide your feedback via email to: rdc.office@regionaldevelopment.com.au.

After the consultation period closes on August 29, the plan will be updated before final approval is sought at each council's September meeting.

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MANY THANKS: At the cheque presentation at the cycle club AGM at the Mansfield Produce Store last week were Andy Setchell (MMBCC), Janene Ridley (Mansfield and District Hospital) and Euan Friday (The Friday Foundation).

Hospital gets \$12,278 boost

Foundation backs Murray to Moyne

By PETER HUNT

THE Mansfield Mt Buller Cycling Club (MMBCC) held a cheque presentation last week before their annual general meeting.

The club presented to Janene Ridley, chief executive officer of Mansfield and District Hospital, a cheque for \$12,278 on behalf of the riders in the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride and the Harry and Claire Friday Foundation.

"The club has plenty of willing volunteers each year prepared to ride from Echuca to Port Fairy," club spokesperson, Andy Setchell, said.

"They have raised plenty of money over the years and the hospital is a great institution to raise money for."

Mr Setchell joked that the MMBCC members have had plenty of use of the hospital's facilities over time.

He also thanked all who rode in the event for such a

great effort, the fundraisers and the volunteers who travel the route with the riders.

Euan Friday from the Harry and Claire Friday Foundation announced that the foundation had matched the money raised on a one-for-one basis.

"We are happy to come on board such a great fundraiser," he said.

"The hospital is pivotal to this community."

On accepting the cheque, Ms Ridley thanked all involved on behalf of the board and staff of the hospital.

"This year the hospital has a number of desperately needed items," she said.

"Usually donors want to support some sexy item."

"However, I hope you approve of this donation going to a non-sexy item - replacing the dishwasher in the kitchen."

Ms Ridley noted some 99,000 meals are served each year and since she had been at the hospital,

more than 18 years, the current dishwasher has been there.

"Replacing the appliance is an OH&S issue - a food safety issue and a patient safety issue," she added.

The Murray to Moyne cycle relay had a humble beginning in 1987 when Graham Woodrup of Port Fairy challenged a similar group from Mildura to ride the 524km in 24 hours, saw the potential for the event's future.

Tragically, Woody's life ended while on a training ride, but the "Graham Woodrup Memorial Cycle Relay" or "Woody's Murray to Moyne" continues.

The annual relay has grown each year from 1987, when the teams raised \$10,000, to now where more than 1400 riders representing 150 organisations collectively raising more than \$1.25 million each year for hospitals and health related organisations.