

## DESPATCHES FROM THE GREEN MEADOWS COMMUNITY

**A New Leaf.** There are whispers on the grapevines growing in the Green Meadows community located in the south eastern corridor of Melbourne. The community financial controller has found a novel way of beating the Tax man and depriving the economy of much needed funds.

It has been "rumored" that since the changeover of financial controllers, two sets of books have been kept. One that was kept by the previous financial controller detailing how funds were distributed and the "new book" now maintained by the new financial controller hiding the distribution of funds. This fact was corroborated by three members of the management committee who stated that "yes, two sets of financial books were being kept". When questioned further, one member stated that "it was for the good of the community". The interesting point here is that the new financial controller is not an elected official under the conditions of the Green Meadows constitution but has been seconded to the Management Committee.

It has now been rumored that a copy of the first book was photocopied and placed in a safe location to ensure the credibility and integrity of the first financial controller. In addition, photocopied documents detailing transactions and other matters that were dealt by the first financial controller are in his possession to ensure his credibility and honesty remains intact against any subversive attacks by recalcitrant elements of the community.

**Church Funds.** Further investigations into the distribution of funds revealed the following: Funds collected at the church from amongst the parishioners were counted into two lots. One lot was put aside into various envelopes and given to the local priest to be distributed to his "church employees". The priest on receipt of the money distributed the funds to the "church employees" including the additional funds to the local bishop for his services upon visiting the local parish.

**Paid salary for not working.** The other funds were deposited into the local bank on behalf of the community. In this manner, the church was being paid, the "church employees" were happy as it did not affect their income tax and it provided them with additional funds. This anomaly was brought to the attention of the management committee by the senior manager at the time who advised them that there was a provision within the Taxation Act that allowed the "church employees" to accumulate such funds without their income tax being affected. This advice unfortunately fell on deaf ears.

The Priest in this case was also confronted by the senior manager about the salary of one of his employees and the fact that this so called "church employee's" salary was not doing the job nor was he ever seen at the church undertaking his duties. The Priest also admitted that the employee was not working for the church and that the funds were in fact going to another "church employee" The "church employee" also admitted to the senior manager that he was not working and that his salary was being paid to one of his relatives. The President of the Green Meadows community response to this anomaly was that the "church employee's" salary was not an issue. It would be relevant to interested government agencies to find that this is only the tip of the iceberg.

No wonder that the new financial controller (who has a shady past in his dealings with a previous sports organisation); would take the steps to create a new financial book that hides all the other transactions. This will lead him to no good and does not bring any credit to a fine community. Peter Adamis