

Smart ... and listens

■ What a week it was! The **Socceroos** were ousted from the **World Cup**, **Kevin Rudd** was ousted *Soprano* style from the PM's office and our first female Prime Minister **Julia Gillard** took office.

Who would have thought? Beware the **Ides of June**, history happening in front of our eyes.

I for one am very glad we have **Julia** at the helm, she's smart and she listens. That was **Kevin Rudd's** undoing, he didn't listen

All over the place

■ Began the week at my dear friend **Tedd Dunn's** funeral and finished it with a quick visit to **Sydney** and so glad to be back home in **Melbourne**.

Nothing like coming home, cooked lamb roast Friday night, watched soccer.

I have been keeping a constant eye on the soccer and was looking forward to the game between **Brazil** and **Portugal** and it was a disappointing game with both teams not scoring.

Do see Calendar Girls

■ I was at opening night of *Calendar Girls*. It's very funny. Do go, it's worth it to see **Lorraine Bayly's** fabulous performance.

The after-show party at **Sofi's Lounge, Sofitel Melbourne on Collins**, was fun.

Suzie Howie always puts on a great after-show party and everyone in **Melbourne** was there - great to catch up with the cast afterwards and **Melbourne** journos.

The Comedy Theatre is always good to go to. It has wonderful memories for me. I worked upstairs for years when I was with **Paul Dainty** and have seen some wonderful shows in there.

Calendar Girls is on now at the **Comedy Theatre**. Book tix through **Ticketek**.

Hope and inspiration

■ I had lovely note from **Jonathon Welch** telling me what he has planned for his **Choir of Hope and Inspiration**.

If you are in **Melbourne** this week, it was a wonderful time to go and see the **Choir** in action at their new "home" at **Federation Square!**

There was a "sing around the campfire" at **Fed Square** yesterday (Tues.), and again this Saturday (July 3) at 4pm! This appealed to me as these cold nights just scream out for a campfire!

Or hear the **Choir** speak and sing at a free event - **Melbourne Conversation, BMW Edge Theatre**, this Thursday (July 1) at 6pm.

If you feel inclined to help support the choir and make a donation to keep them singing - all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

They also have a concert at the beautiful **Daylesford Town Hall** on Sunday, July 11, at 2pm, and will be returning to **Sing Sing Studios** in July to start recording their new CD, and have begun planning their tour to **Adelaide** on September 17-20.

The **Choir's** Fourth Birthday concert is coming up on September 8 at **BMW Edge** - more news about that later!



● Jonathon Welch

To Di For



with leading Melbourne publicist DI ROLLE

MELB. BOYS SIGN FOR THE UK

■ Big radio news is that **Hamish and Andy** are to hit the **UK** airwaves.

This adds to their international presence and is off the back of their highly successful *Caravan of Courage 4* trip across **Great Britain** and **Ireland**.

Hamish and Andy will hit the **UK**, presenting a series of shows to be aired on Sunday evenings on the **Absolute Radio Network**.

Currently heard in **Australia**, **New Zealand** and **Dubai**, **Hamish and Andy** will add to their global appeal.

The cheeky duo recently returned from their **Great Britain** and **Ireland** adventures.

During their time abroad the boys made their **UK** TV debut on the *Graham Norton Show* which we will be able to see on cable **UKTV**. I love **Graham Norton**.

Expanding

■ Last year **Hamish and Andy** syndicated their show to **Tasmania**, and overseas for the first time to **New Zealand** and **Dubai**.

They also exported a two-hour **Christmas** special and a three-hour **Australia Day** special to the **BBC** in the **UK**.

The boys are now syndicated to 37 regional stations in **Australia** and regularly heard on a total of 632 stations.

Hamish and Andy's *Caravan of Courage 4* created an overwhelming response from listeners with 800,000 video views and their **Facebook** page reaching more than 750,000 fans.

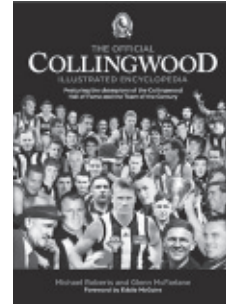
Very clever, very



● Hamish and Andy

funny boys. Home-spun and bright! And **Hamish's** Mum is in my book club!

New book



■ There is a lot happening this week.

There are more **World Cup** Soccer matches to watch and locally tomorrow (Thurs., July 1) will see the announcement of the **Victorian of the Year**.

Thursday, July 1 will also see *The Off-*

Dale Thomas and **Steele Sidebottom**, will visit **Angus & Robertson**, 360 Bourke Street, **Melbourne**, 12.30pm to 1.30pm to face-off in a handball competition followed by a signing of the book.

This is a must for all **Collingwood** supporters and for any football tragics who love collecting football memorabilia.

Fans who have their books signed will also have the opportunity to have a photo taken with the players.

Great story

■ **Eddie McGuire**, Club President, summed up beautifully the significance of the encyclopedia to the club.

"*The Official Collingwood Illustrated Encyclopedia* is all about the culture that makes this great club.

"It has gathered all the reasons why we exist: a champion club, created by champion supporters, creating champion teams, made up of champion

players. We have a great story to tell, and this book tells that story brilliantly."

Written and collated by **Glenn McFarlane** and **Michael Roberts**, *The Official Collingwood Illustrated Encyclopedia* is published by the **Slattery Media Group**, official publishers of the **AFL**, and is available from Thursday at all bookstores and **AFL** stores. RRP \$59.95 A true collectors item.

Big event

■ It's going to be a great event, free **Collingwood** themed balloons will be handed out to fans and school children attending the signing on their **Term 2** break, will be provided with details on how to enter a **Collingwood** colouring competition - which could see them winning their very own-signed copy of *The Official Collingwood Illustrated Encyclopedia* as well as **AFL** photo vouchers.

Top numbers for Eddie

■ Speaking of **Eddie**, credit where credit is due. **Eddie McGuire** had great result in the last radio ratings out last week.

The Hot Breakfast with **Eddie McGuire** increased from 3.2 at lowest point last year to 5.6 points.

Ben Amarfo, General Manager, **Austereo Melbourne** said on hearing the results: "This survey **Triple M** delivers outstanding results, with an increase of all demographics for people under 55.

"**Triple M** has attracted 66,000 more listeners to the station. *The Hot Breakfast* with **Eddie McGuire** has achieved massive success in this survey with 5.6 gaining 30,000 new listeners. "We are also excited about **Triple M** being the only footy station to deliver gains in every session. **Triple M** delivers double and often triple its competitors share for all people under 55.

"For this demo we have also won a staggering 93 consecutive football survey sessions (Friday night, Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon)".

They all have reason to be happy at **Triple M** and I believe **Eddie** is thrilled!



● Eddie McGuire

Briefs

Free ads

■ Place your 'For Sale' ads for free in our **Melbourne Trader** section, starting on Page 15. There is a coupon, or go to the www.melbourne-trader.com.au site.

Convicted

■ **Feris Amro**, 31, of **Patterson Lakes**, has been convicted of drug trafficking following a **Police** raid on his **Gladesville Blvd** home. He had amphetamines, cannabis and ecstasy.

To sue

■ **Bayford Group Pty Ltd** is making allegations against **Panel House (Vic) Pty Ltd** in a civil case due to be heard at a Registrars' Hearing at **Dandenong Magistrates' Court** on Monday (July 5) at 2.15pm. **Bayford** is making the claim over alleged "goopds sold and delivered".

Sex ban

■ A 24-hour brothel planned for **Wyndham's** industrial precinct has been rejected by the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal**. **Basic Instincts** planned to have 14 sexual service providers on site.

'Due'

■ The **Police Association Credit Co-Op Ltd** is claiming alleged "monies due" from **John Oswald Beaver** at **Heidelberg Court** tomorrow (Thurs.).