



Christmas Letter

EDWARDS' FAMILY NEWS

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Comings and goings.....

This will be a short note to our friends and relations before we disappear totally down the vortex.

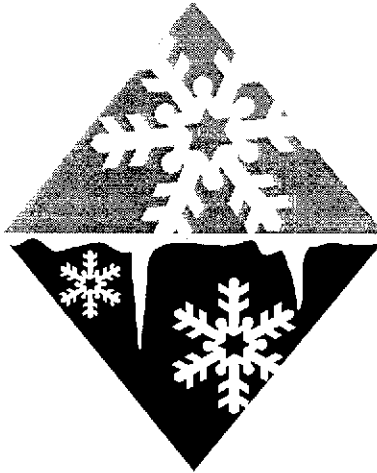
Firstly, we must tell you about our latest arrivals: the cat, the morrie and the blue Pug. A visit up north took us via nephew Simon's place, where a 3 month old Manx cat captured us and took us home. We named him Douglas and he quickly reorganised our lives for us. Despite a very close encounter with a car in June, Douglas has survived Sandy Bay well.

The morrie is intended to be Alex's set of wheels, well, most of the time anyway, when David doesn't covet the genuine Morrie smell of oil and leather, and its ease of parking. Alex got his licence first go.

The blue Pug arrived only briefly before the old Pug departed, after 22 years of faithful service. Also departed was another bit of Kerry's anatomy, having served almost twice the life of the old Pug but with less satisfactory performance. The op was done within days of

Douglas' accident, so the miserable pair retired to the shack to recover in peace. Neither have recuperated totally, but wear their scars proudly.

David's achievements during the year have been many. At



work he survived the reshuffle and now is the Project Engineer, meaning, hopefully, less time away, and fewer responsibilities. David was made a Fellow of the Institute of Radio and Electronic Engineers and elected National President, a great honour. He is also the President of the Battery Point Progress Association and within weeks had two controversial harbourside developments to contend with. He coached his last soccer match with Albuera St.

Kerry was pleased with the Sandy Bay local history

conference she organised in May. The day was a great success financially and in terms of what was achieved. David and Kerry edited the conference papers and the publication is selling well. Also published this year was research that Kerry did on Waverly Quarry. The first of a series of conferences organised by the Professional Historians, of whom Kerry is Chair, was also a great success.

Kerry's machine knitting club's entry to the Show took out first prize and looked fantastic. Hand knitting is still a great favourite for quiet times, with numerous garments inspired by Celtic art successfully completed. Alas, there will be fewer of those in 98 as Kerry was offered a job to start in February, working as a Research Officer for a training board.

Alex did well at school this year, both in his studies and as President of the Student Union. He looks forward to university with confidence, where he will be doing Geology. Alex kept his kitchenhand job and the job has kept him, much to his parent's relief. In soccer, he won the Best and Fairest

Award and Top Goal Scorer in his division. Well, done Alex, that's a hard act to follow.

For Chris, this was the year of the body board. Every weekend, Chris hit the surf with vigour and a winter weight wet suit. The week he turned 15, he started his kitchenhand job and works alternate shifts to Alex. While he enjoys the work and especially the money, he has changed his mind about being a chef and at this stage has chosen subjects for his college years that will lead to a Bachelor of Business degree. Chris completed Year 10 at Tarooma with excellent results.

Phillipa took several giant leaps in basketball this year and was selected for the Southern Satellite program, which took her to national competition in Alice Springs. She played school, club and representative levels and has been awarded a basketball scholarship. This will provide extra training and support leading to the State team in 98. In January, Phillipa is off to Albury NSW to play in the Australian Country Cup and will then holiday in Sydney. Phil has established a successful babysitting service and has an active social life, and still manages excellent school results.

Victoria's completion of Grade 6 marks the end of 12 years of involvement with Albuera St by the family. David was honoured by being asked to give a farewell

address at the annual prize night. Great excitement for Tory this year was being a zone finalist in a writing competition and winning a first at an eisteddford playing the cello. She represented her school in athletics and swimming this year and enjoyed her last year of junior soccer. Tory is off to Tarooma High School next year where she has a promising academic, musical and sporting future.

Travel features in our 98 calendar with sporting events and work committments. Kerry has a "knitting retreat" planned for harassed knit-deprived friends in January, followed by a week in Sydney with Phillipa. Then it's back to work...hopefully to save enough for an even bigger trip in 99...but shhhh! It's still a secret.

David

Kerry

Alexander

Christopher

Phillipa

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