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From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, Albie Jones

BEING President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association has some pleasurable opportunities and one of them is being able to let the residents of Beaconsfield know what we hope to attain for the town as it continues to grow which it is doing very rapidly.

One of the big problems will relate to traffic increasing and we hope to influence Council on some alterations to corners and lower speed limits being imposed in some street.

We have a creek which will be beautified by the Dandenong Valley Authority and we hope to have some influence in this direction.

Great interest in the Association has been shown by our three Ward Councillors, Meeking, Owen and Ewenson and they attend many of our meetings, thus being able to more easily learn of the needs of the town and thus express them at Council meetings.

Our biggest effort to date in our short life since being reformed last year is in organising the recent Fair Day held at the grounds of the local Squash Courts. A great deal of work was put in by our committee and they are to be commended for it.

Try to attend some of our Public meetings, held bi-monthly in the school hall, and express your views on topics that are discussed. I sincerely hope to see you there.

Albie Jones

NEXT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

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Successful Community Fair augurs well

IN THE past Beaconsfield was traditionally famous for its sports day held each year on the race track at 'old' Beaconsfield (in the approximate area between the Central Hotel and the new Central Park Estate). Held each Easter Monday, people came from far and wide.

On Saturday, April 1, 1989 people again came from far and wide to enjoy Beaconsfield's very first Community Fair, held by the Progress Association in conjunction with Yakkerboo at the Wood Street Squash Centre.

Although attendance was not huge it is hoped that a new tradition has been borne in Beaconsfield where local people of all ages can entertain and be entertained and community organisations can promote and raise funds for themselves and have fun.

The forecasters initially predicted a fine day then gradually they changed from warm, still and fine, to wet, windy and dull! By Friday our worst fears were confirmed — it looked even worse than the bad forecast! Come Saturday morning at 7am when the first stall holders arrived, it was realised that the Meteorological office were playing April Fool. The sun was out and it remained a fine sunny day throughout.

Much hard work, preparation and promotion went into the fair —

very much by Noel Tonks, owner of the Squash Court Centre where the fair was held. Few people realised how ideal the setting could be.

The whole site was well laid out with hot food stalls at the northern end of the car park. History followed with a Progress Association stall featuring local history. City of Berwick Councillor John Byron at the last moment brought along a trailer full of memorabilia. The interest created was enormous and maybe this stall may become a bigger feature of future fairs.

Craft and Art stalls, cakes and plants then occupied the whole long length of the verandahs around the perimeter of the building.

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Did You Know?



BEACONSFIELD Primary School is to celebrate it's Centenary in 1990!!

Beaconsfield State School No. 3033 was first opened in June 1890.

Centenary celebrations will be held on the weekend commencing Friday, March 30th, 1990.

To make arrangements possible we are asking all former students, teachers and interested persons to contact the school at an early date. (Attention Mrs. A. Dodson).

Please give your present address and if possible the years you attended the school. If you have any old photos which you could lend for copying or display we would be very pleased to receive them or if you have any slides, movies, old school books (pre 1960) or relevant documents please let us know, so that we can make the occasion really memorable.

Catholic College

We have a catholic college in Beaconsfield Avenue, St. Francis Xavier College, and it started here in 1978 with 72 students in 3 rooms. Now in 1989 it has 749 students in 2 Campuses - Beaconsfield caters for yrs. 7 to 12 and Cranbourne for years 7 to 9. Next year Cranbourne students (its first year) will transfer to Beaconsfield for Yr. 10.

Beaconsfield Playgroup

Beaconsfield has two play groups which meet each Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Infant Welfare Centre.

Vacancies exist for the Tuesday morning group and if you are interested, more information can be obtained from Margaret Boon 707 5033 or Kathy Hunter 707 1284.

Our play groups are lots of fun with activities run by the mothers. A piece of fruit to share plus \$1 each session together with a desire for your child to have a fun, learning experience is all that is required.

Come along and meet other happy Beaconsfield parents!

Brownies

The Beaconsfield Brownies meet each Monday evening from 6.30-8.00pm in the Beaconsfield Primary School Hall.

Make & Mingle

A Group (men and women) meet at the Baptist Church each Wednesday morning from 10am to 12 noon for Craft and a social time together. There is a free Creche available for those ladies with small children. The Church is on the Highway, just past Wood Street. A warm welcome awaits you. For details ring Cheryl Reeves on 796 8777.

Beaconsfield Kinder

Are having a tour to Kyellan Creations on Wednesday, 26th April. Meet at the kindergarten at 7.30pm. All travel to the factory at Pakenham. Clothes available at reasonable prices.

Positions Vacant - Several full-time positions available for kindergarten aged children. For more details phone 707 1144.

Community Fair Report, from page 1.

Many 'hands on' displays were evident as in spinning and weaving, leadlighting and oil and water colour painting which was very interesting.

Children were well catered for with ice creams, free balloons, face painting, slow bike races, wet sponge throwing, barbecued snags and tractor and trailer rides. People were most impressed by the fire brigade demonstration.

There was much home-grown talent there playing bag pipes, busking, band music, theatre, dancing and even harp music ably supplied by Miss Sally Peart. It's amazing the depth of talent within our community and a fair is just the place to see it and show it.

Our Girl Guides, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Venturers are richer for the experience. They very efficiently provided a barbecue and a wonderful Devonshire teas area at the back lawns overlooking the creek and paddocks beyond.

Entry for the Art Show was good and several paintings sold. Mr Albie Jones kindly donated a coffee table that he made for the raffle and proceeds went to defray costs.

Cr Ted Owen kindly came and officially opened the fair and also introduced Beaconsfield's very own Yakkerboo Princess, Miss Samantha de Vos.

Most people agreed the fair was a success. Stall holders sold plenty and the entertainment was continuous and of very high standard.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association hopes that they have now created a new tradition for Beaconsfield that will be repeated in future years and will grow apace with the immediate area's growth and development.

Many thanks have to be publicly recorded for those who contributed to the success of the day. We apologise for any we may have missed.

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Mr Ray Roberts, Beaconsfield
Susan Horton & Jodie Landy
Cr John Byron
Miss Sally Peart
Cr Ted Owen
Beaconsfield Scouts, Guides, Brownies & Venturers
Mrs Jill Henderson, Akoonah Park Gallery
Miss Mandy Neave
Samantha de Vos
Martin de Vos

For anybody who might have missed the fair — bad luck! It was great fun. But don't forget to come next year!

Editor's Note: The report on the fair was written by Ted Horton and Ted you did slip up because you did not mention a couple of key names.

Special thanks goes to Ted himself as the driving force behind the fair and another special thanks to George Armitage for the great banners and signs that he produced.

Thankyou gentlemen.

Winner of the raffle at the fair:
Stuart Kelsey of Pakenham.

Letter

To the Editor

A BIG thank you to the Committee and members of the Beaconsfield Progress Association for giving the Community a joyful and friendly day at the Fair held at the Squash Centre on April 1.

Let's hope it is the beginning of an annual event.

Because of the attitude, happy smiles and general air of goodwill, it gives great hopes for the future.

Once communication takes place between residents, then surely this can be spread to wider horizons.

I am proud to belong to Beaconsfield! Let's keep on making progress.

Signed

A stallholder at the fair.

1st Beaconsfield Girl Guides

Meet Monday 7-9pm. Beaconsfield Scout hall. Girls from ages 10 1/2 - 15yrs, Fun, camping, etc.

We require leaders, helpers or any interested person.

Contacts - Guide Leader - Nell Seltman - 707 1658, Ass. Leader - Mary Perks - 707 4553, Local Association Pres - Anne Day.

Thank you to P.A. for very successful fair, 1st April.



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Seventy-five continuous years of operation in this district by the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit (1914-89) will be celebrated with a function on May 23.

The unit is one of the very few throughout Victoria that did not disband at the end of World War 1.

Did you know that 'Kenilworth' in Beaconsfield was, in the early days, run by the Berry Street Foundling Home? Some of the Red Cross members used to visit to sew articles for the babies there. If there are any residents with any information concerning Red Cross prior to the Second World War, please contact me on 707 1103.

Mrs Marie Womersley, Unit Publicity Officer.

Congratulations—Beaconsfield Progress Association:

—on the great day arranged by you on April 1st.

For us it was a day of smiles and friendly faces. Those of us from Red Cross who were present thank you on behalf of all our members for the invitation to participate. The venue and the atmosphere were both

so pleasant.

I personally wish you great success with your news;letter.

Marie Womersley

Red Cross Medical Equipment Loans

Did you know Red Cross loans many vital pieces of medical equipment?

Mrs Nettie Abing and her husband John of Hudson Street, Beaconsfield, have for many years been custodians of equipment such as walking frames, crutches, wheel and commode chairs, etc, for the surrounding area.

Red Cross loans this equipment for up to three months and for those who can afford it, donations are appreciated.

Now with the football/netball season in full swing, no doubt Mrs Abing will once again be busy helping the people of Beacy and Berwick.

If you are in need, give Red Cross' "quiet achiever" a call on 707 1413. Thanks Nettie and John for your continued service.

Hey Ho! We went to the Fair

The sun was a shining to welcome the day,
Buntings were streaming, balloons flew away.

Stalls were erected, each one in it's place

Behind it were vendors with a smile on their face.

And so at the end of a bustling day
We can sit back and think what a wonderful way

Of mingling together...to discover that we

Are combining our efforts for our own unity.

J. L. Armitage

The Guides were kept busy with Devonshire teas;

There was plenty of honey from Beaconsfield bees

There were steak rolls and pizzas all piping hot;

Unpronounceable "fritters" with apples, or not.

Amusements were there, "Hit your pal with a 'spat'",

or ride around the forecourt, the children loved that.

The artists' exhibits made a handsome decor

While another with spray paint coloured hair streaks galore.

There was pageant and music displays and delight

Beaconsfield own, what a wonderful sight

The performers each gave of their talents with skill

Everyone worked with progressive goodwill.

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The Secretary of the Recreation Reserve Committee, Mrs Joan Horton, will be speaking at the meeting regarding the future of the lovely bush area adjacent to the Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd.

Remember your input is vital to ensure the environment of Beaconsfield remains a beautiful one.

Shire Councillors attend these meetings and can take your suggestions, or complaints, direct to the Council.

Please make an effort to attend.

The next edition of the Beaconsfield Banner will be on June 21st.

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Hints from Mother Nature's Corner

ALL gardens grow weeds! They need no planting, become pests, yet provide the basis for the most important requirement for a future garden: the compost supply.

Special bins are available but an easy to build loose brick 'hold' can be made quite easily. Sizes vary according to material but a moderate, easy to handle heap can be made in an area of a metre square, approx. 80cm high on three sides allowing the front to give access for a monthly forking over. It is also advisable to build a similar bin next to it where refuse can be dumped as the full one matures — thus in only a few months the waste is turned to valuable food for plants.

Any refuse which has grown — vegetable peelings, stalks, tea or coffee grounds, even shredded paper — can be thrown away on the compost. When weeds are used, it is best not to put in seedling heads, although with constant regular "turnings" with a garden fork, seedlings become compost. Pelargo-

nium or other soft stalks can be cut into short lengths to rot and lawn cuttings are a must for pliable compost soils.

Flat dwellers — impatient gardeners — will find any nursery has bags of compost available, but even an old plastic bucket (covered with a wet sack) will soon provide a small supply which can be used to make a soil-less garden. We will have instructions for that in another edition.

Happy gardening!

Riddle

Q. What is the difference between a flea and an elephant?

A. Fleas do not have elephants. (From an English school magazine).

A tribute to Beaconsfield

A FEW weeks ago we witnessed the opening of a new extension to a large shopping centre.

It was like a bewildering circus of illuminations, sounds and sights. People crushed to grab bargains; children yelled to attract attention of frustrated parents. The more aged sat as if in a stupor watching the spectacle of modern shopping. Canned music vied with unintelligible announcements over the various stores. Everyone jostled, became irritated and impatient and it was with a sigh of great relief that I escaped to the parking area, found the car and was able to turn away into the stream of traffic towards the quiet haven of Beaconsfield.

It really bears no comparison... into the Post office to be greeted by a smiling Mary, who found time enough to enquire how things were going. Next to be met with "G'Day" from Darren in the friendly butcher's shop... Yes, of course he'd cut the meat up... Thick sausages or thin? Chops? For bar-

becue or dinner? All interspersed with a few wisecracks, plus the knowledge the meat would be fresh and tender. The pall of earlier glitter and cacophony of noises were receding as I entered the small self-serve grocery store. How lovely to be able to slowly amble around the shelves with no impatient trolley pusher jostling the heels. Next a thoughtful choice of a 'Special' card for a loved one and papers from the milk bar. I can't wait to discover what the new shops will be like, but next week will find me being beautified (if that's possible) at "Reflections"... a good name because one can reflect on the value of having a township with individual care and attention; a place where it is a pleasure to receive a smile, say 'Hi', or maybe spare time for those extra few words of cheer.

Preserve us humans from becoming computers on the check-out queue. Keep up the 'village' atmosphere of Beaconsfield.

Submitted by a resident

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