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From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, Albie Jones

WE have always lived in a world of change and today is no different from the past.

In this town of ours, which still has that "country town" appeal for most of us who have chosen to live here, there are quite a lot of changes in the offing of which we have only vague information but the committee of the Progress Association is endeavouring to keep abreast of what is, and may, happen in the near future, and we pass our ideas of these changes and how the town may best retain its identity, to the Pakenham Shire Council.

We hope that these ideas reflect those of the majority of the townsfolk and the only way we can be sure of this is if you - yes you - will attend the public meetings of the Association, held on the last Wednesday evening of every second month at 7.30 p.m.

It is in your interests, and that is why we exist. Do try to attend and let us know your views on matters that are raised.

The meetings will be held in future at the Squash Courts in Wood St., through the good graces of Noel Tonks, and will save us the rent of the hall at the school.

See you there, Albie Jones.

NEXT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Next meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be held at 7.30pm, next Wednesday June 28 in the upstairs room of the Beaconsfield Squash Centre in Wood St.

Come along - you are invited!

Planning review for Beaconsfield

FUNDING for a planning review of Beaconsfield township has been set aside by Pakenham Council. Beaconsfield Progress Association has been successful in urging Council to bring up to date its planning for the township in light of the current rapid development in the area.

Council has allocated \$10,000 for the study.

Concern has been expressed by the Progress Association over traffic and parking, particularly in relation to the new shops near the kindergarten.

Also of concern is access to Beaconsfield from the south, especially if the Ministry of Planning agrees to rezoning of a big parcel of land east of Soldiers Rd which would see hundreds more homes built.

In relation to these concerns, Cr

Peter Meeking successfully moved the following motions at Council during May.

1. That officers provide urgent advice on the option of preparing a forward plan for the Beaconsfield township & surrounds due to the extensive development currently underway in the township, particularly in regard to commercial, residential and unit development.

2. a) That in view of concerns recently expressed by the Beaconsfield Association, the Shire Engi-

neer & Shire Planner discuss with the associated officers at Berwick Council the effects on traffic and other matters on the Beaconsfield township should the rezoning on the eastern side of Soldiers Road be authorised by the Minister for Planning.

b) In particular the suitability of the underpass (floodway) at Beaconsfield to manage traffic from this new estate should be reviewed.

c) The Minister for Planning to be so advised.

Did You Know?

Make & Mingle

The Make and Mingle Group meets each Wednesday morning from 10 till 12 and if you would like to make friends and learn craft work you are very welcome. They meet at the Baptist Church on the Highway and more information can be had from Cheryl Reeves on 796 8777. A Free Creche is available for young children.

Kindergarten Sale

The Kindergarten held a linen sale on Wednesday afternoon 31st May and it certainly had all the ladies of the town out and in one place at the one time. A very large assortment of towels, bed linen, etc., was on sale and for a time the kindergarten looked like a Bargain Basement Sale. Congratulations to them.

Paper Collection

Beaconsfield Primary School can dispose of all your unwanted paper and cardboard through their special paper bin.

The community can keep tidy, the country can conserve some forest and the school can receive funds to use on equipment for the children.

Supermarket development

Word has it that a development company has purchased the land behind the Central Hotel and eventually a large supermarket is to be built on the site.

What a line?

Local resident, Ralph Neve is to represent Australia in a fishing contest in Bulgaria in the first week of September.

Ralph has won many contests over the years since he arrived in Australia. The people of Beaconsfield wish you well Ralph in your endeavour to bring in the catch for yourself and Australia.

Nations from both sides of the iron curtain will take place in this contest and it is felt that if Australia comes within the first 8 places, we

will have done brilliantly. Again, Good luck Ralph!

Red Cross birthday

The 75th Birthday celebrations of the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit took place at the Civic Centre, Fountain Gate on 23rd May. It was a happy reunion day for the large crowd in attendance.

The final message of the report contained an appeal to local residents to become active members supporting the unit.

It will be the new members who carry on the Red Cross them 'People helping People - there when needed' through the next decade to the year 2000.

Members needed

Beaconsfield has one only member attending Red Cross meetings. She is the custodian of home nursing equipment - Mrs. Nettie Abeling. Where are the 40 and 50 year olds? Do they all work?

Persons interested in hearing more about the local Red Cross scene please ring Publicity Officer (707 1103).

Mrs. M. Womersley.

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Beaconsfield Progress Association Notes

JUDGING from lack of attendance at meetings there must be many in the Community that doubt the effectiveness of such an organization as the Progress Association.

Well, you are currently reading the Beaconsfield Banner which we believe is a fair measure of our success in bringing together ideas and communicating them within the community.

The Beaconsfield Community Fair was a success and Beaconsfield was well represented at Yakkerboo.

Traffic signs, roads and pathways are being improved all the time. Unruly motorcyclists are gradually being curbed. New trees are being planted. Much has been learnt about future housing, commercial and transport development in the area. New public seating is being provided.

All of this is due to the effectiveness of the Beaconsfield Progress Association. The Shire Council is continually referring to the Progress Association to help shape its future policies.

The last two months have been busy. After much talk about a public hall we may see some action soon. A site is being considered on the banks of the Cardinia Creek behind the shops. Your input is needed. Come along to our meet-

ings and have your say.

The Association hopes to have two representatives at Dandenong Valley Authority consultative meetings in the future. In time more of the Cardinia Creek should become accessible.

The Progress Association has written to the Minister for Planning and Environment with its concerns about rezoning a parcel of land bounded by Soldiers Road and the Princes Freeway, south of Beaconsfield.

Hooker Corporation has bought the farmland and plan 545 normal density allotments there. The Progress Association do not consider road access into Beaconsfield good enough nor the schools, services and facilities adequate for such a project to go ahead yet.

Requests for more trees along the Princes Highway have been made. The Association is pleased to note the Shire is working hard to see that Beaconsfield can cope with future growth corridor population. In July the Ministry for Planning and Environment will present their proposed plans for rezoning Beaconsfield/Officer to the public for comment.

Much will be happening to Beaconsfield soon.

If your future is here in Beaconsfield, help shape your future and support the Beaconsfield Progress Association.

Out of a child's mouth!

A local dad took his son to Ballarat recently and visited the cemetery to show the six year old where his relatives were buried. The child looked in wonderment and asked, "Is this Heaven?"

"No," said his parent - and at that moment a funeral procession came into view. When junior saw the priest in his white garb he was very awed.

"Is that God?" he tremulously enquired.

"No," replied the dad, "He's one of His workers".

They watched in due solemnity as the coffin was lowered. Absolutely confused the next question staggered the adult -

"How come we go up to Heaven when he's going down there?"

We all wonder perhaps how to explain this!

"Heard on the Grapevine?"

Wine bought in half bottles will mature more quickly than wine bought in regular bottles.

- For red wine the grape is crushed and the skin is left in the fermentation.

For white wine the grape is squeezed and only the juice is fermented.

- Burgundy wines are traditionally bottled in bottles with a hard shoulder.

- To open a champagne bottle do not twist the cork. Hold the cork firm and twist the bottle. Hold at 45° angle and the wine will not spurt out.

Cheers till next time,
from Con Noisseur.

Drop your local news items for our next issue in August into Melva Behr at the Primary School or Noel Tonks at the Squash Centre

Taking the plunge and becoming an Aussie

TWO local well-known couples have decided after many years of residence here that if they can't convert us all to their way of life, it is time to join us and become Aussies. We don't know what's taken them so long to be convinced that this is the good life, but we congratulate them anyway even if they have been a bit slow on the uptake.

Good work, Joan and George and Ralph and Gwen. Here's a report:

At a private ceremony, Joan and George Armitage took the Oath Of Allegiance and became Australian Citizens at their home on May 12.

Joan and George migrated from Birmingham, U.K. in 1955. Ten years later they become one of five families in Victoria chosen by the Immigration Department to represent successful Commonwealth-sponsored migrants.

It was through the encouragement received by the State Government that Joan began writing of their experiences during their pre and post arrival in Australia, which became the basis of the book, "Australia, Here We Come", written under the pen-name of Iris Lewis, her original name at birth.

George is a well known figure and a member of Beaconsfield Progress Association. He was once a partner in a printing works on the St Kilda Road, and later at Springvale.

The comments to the Banner's reporter were typical of the couple:

"When we arrived no-one understood us.

"Now when we meet our newly-arrived friends from the U.K., they

can't understand us, neither are we able to translate their dialects.

"We're true blue dinkum Aussies now."

From Joan came the answer:

"With an Irish Grandmother, a Scots Grandfather, a Welsh father and a 'Black Country' mother, it's all very confusing.

"One thing is for sure, we're still members of the human race, whatever our roots may be."

More new Aussies!

Ralph and Gwen Neve became Australian Citizens on June 5th at a ceremony at the Council Chambers in Pakenham.

Ralph and Gwen (as they are known by most of the Beacy residents) have lived in Beaconsfield for 25 years and have many friends in the area.

Mrs Neve is loved and respected by the Beaconsfield Primary School community where she has worked for 21 years and where her children were educated and one of their seven grandchildren, Kellie, now attends.

Congratulations to you both. We are proud to have you as our newest Aussies!

Letter... Letter... Letter...

The Editor

Congratulations on your April Issue of Beaconsfield Banner - "Great Local Stuff"

We read with interest the Tribute to Beaconsfield page 4 where the local resident found refuge in the tranquil shopping area of Beaconsfield after experiencing the hustle and bustle of the "big Smoke".

We hope that this enthusiasm inspires many more locals to Shop In Beaconsfield.

Did you know that:

SHELL SHOCK was what Humpty Dumpty died of.

DEBATE is what attracts De fish. MEATBALL is a dance at the Meatworks.

COINCIDE is where people go when it rains.

PILLOW is the Headquarters.

HIPPIES are the things that hold your legs on.

IG is an eskimo house without a loo.

TWIP is a ride on a Twain.

MINIMUM a very small mum.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin & Anne Sheean

Births

The Beaconsfield Banner has pleasure in announcing the arrival of new Beaconsfield Babies -

To Anne & John Tiberi - a daughter Jenelle Tiberi.

To Lyn & Andrew Kingston - a son Leland Kingston.

To Dr Loretto & Bill Maxwell - a daughter Elizabeth Maxwell.

To Katrina & Peter Groombridge - a son Christopher Groombridge.

We would love to pass on to the residents of Beaconsfield the name of any other new arrivals - so give us a call and share your good news with your neighbours!

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Local lass weds Beaconsfield of the 1920's

"Well, that's two down and one to go".

That's what Leslie and Gabi Conkie probably said when their daughter Fiona married Russell Clacy on Saturday 29th April at Doveton Baptist Church.

Susan Conkie married Richard Exley last year, also at Doveton Baptist Church, which is also where Leslie and Gabi were married, leading the list of marriages, at what was at that time the newly-opened Church.

Fiona was attended by her sister Susan Exley, her long time friend Sharyn Damen and her youngest sister Elke Conkie (10).

Fiona looked a picture dressed in a full length white satin gown with long train and veil, richly embroidered with sequins.

Susan and Sharyn wore cocktail length red dresses and Elke nearly stole the limelight dressed in a long white lace dress trimmed with little red roses, partnered by ex-Beaconsfield resident Ricky Green (now 13) dressed in black tails.

The groom was attended by his two older brothers, Peter and David Clacy. They also wore black tails with red accessories.

Following the service 140 guests enjoyed a reception at the Narre Warren North Hall.

After a honeymoon in the not so sunny Queensland, Fiona and Russell moved into their new house at Pakenham, which also happened to be the same day Susan and Richard moved into their new house at Pakenham. And they all lived happily ever after!

P.S. All were born at Dandenong & District Hospital.

The guys grew up together at Doveton, living only a couple of streets apart, attending the same Sunday School and Primary School. Susan met Richard at a youth group holiday on a houseboat on the Murray.

Fiona met Russell due to their keen interest in tennis (which is the only game where LOVE means nothing), but it was still a perfect match.

IT IS delightful to talk with Mrs. Kath Roberts who is now in her eighties and who, in 1924, came to Beaconsfield with her husband to take over the General Store in Woods St., near the corner of Beaconsfield Ave.

She lived next door to the store on the corner till just recent times, when she moved to Berwick.

Did you know that the Beaconsfield Railway Station was then the busiest between Dandenong and Pakenham being the forwarding station for milk to Melbourne and apples for export?

Sand was also sent by rail, imagine horse and drays carting it to the rail yards! Sand pits were near the hotel on the corner of Emerald Rd., and the Princes Highway.

There was another store at the other end of Wood St. and the Post

Office had 2, yes 2, deliveries and clearances each day. There was also a bakers shop in the street and a large boarding house. The same 2 hotels were there in the 1920's.

As you may have read, there was a babies foundling home near the railway crossing on the creek side of the line from the present SEC. It was there for many years and was quite a large establishment.

Kath Roberts had the honor of having a reserve in the area north of the State School named after her and a ceremony was held there several months ago.

She is still very interested in all doings in the town in which she served in the Progress Association, Guides and other activities over many years.

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Families will pay only \$35.

If you enjoy squash, come along and take part in a squash round robin competition. There'll also be aerobics and karate demonstrations.

As well, there will be a sausage sizzle so there'll be no need to be hungry.

T-shirts will be available for \$10.

So make it a date, Sunday July 26th.

A question for Beacy residents?

ARE you PART of Beaconsfield? Do you work FOR Beaconsfield?

To merely reside in a township is different from being part of the community.

We all know how relaxingly easy it is to enjoy television or the video after a hard day's work, but we can become totally unaware that without any objectives or interest of our surroundings our whole life-style may be shattered by fast trains and a growth of population. This could endanger our children's safety with traffic problems.

Our privacy may be encroached upon by double storey dwellings, or we may be choked into tight suburban constriction, as has already happened in other areas.

Beaconsfield needs your comments at every Progress Association meeting. Become part of the discussions. Write to 'The Banner', which, incidentally can only succeed by your efforts in contributing articles and news.

Let's communicate by written word; all articles are welcome, just drop them in to the Primary School, Post Office and the Squash Court. Let's know your opinions.

Apathy (or the 'blow-you-Joe-I'm-O.K. attitude'), is the easy way out. Without action our desired plans for the future of this still pleasant area cannot be strived for. We are facing annihilation of our green, open spaces. We face instead, congested, dangerous roads, noise and pollution, which without your voice will become a reality.

Do you want this, or do you want to live here and be part of Beaconsfield?

The next Public Meeting of Beaconsfield Progress Association will begin at 7.30 p.m. on June 28th at the Squash Courts (upstairs - entry around the corner from the Pizza shop). Help those who sacrifice their leisure hours to aid every resident. Meet them... one day you may need them.

New sign shop in Beaconsfield

AMONG the many new shops in Beaconsfield these days, have you noticed the new sign shop?

Owned by Lynne and Andrew Kingston (locals for 10 years), Marjory and Rolf Baum of Narre Warren, and Bill Forbes, the shop is next door to the Esso service station on the south side of the highway.

They have introduced a new concept in the sign industry with a plastic lettering process to make production of signs faster and cheaper.

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also possible to make logos and all kinds of lettering to order.

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In addition special additives can produce effects such as glitter, copper, brass, metallic, marble and luminous lettering.

Of course, Add-vance Signs do other types as sign writing as well, but Andrew believes the plastic lettering will become increasingly popular as it becomes better known.

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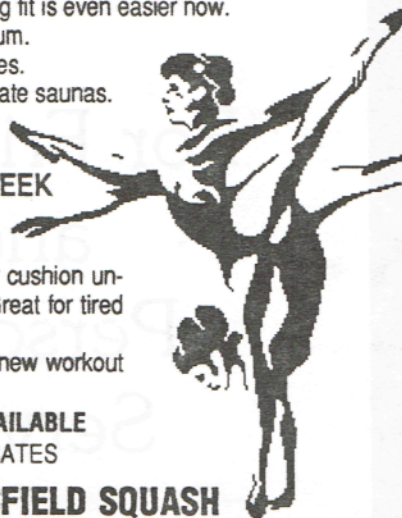
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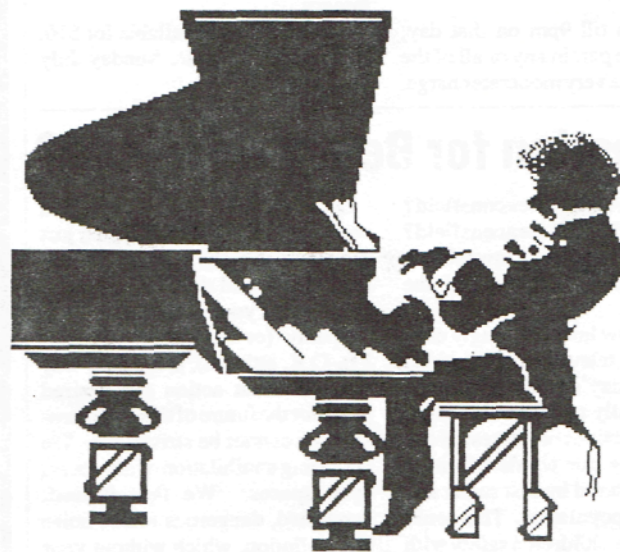
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