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CAROLS BY THE CREEK



Above:- Alyssa Mills.

We were blessed with perfect weather on Sunday 14th December, when the people of Beaconsfield joined to celebrate Carols by the Creek.

Children from Beaconsfield Primary School joined to sing some Christmas songs and Casinia School of Dance delighted us with some Christmas dance items.

We were privileged to have excellent music provided by Cardinia Civic Concert Band and the whole evening was lead by Sean McMahon from Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

Thanks to all who took part and came along to join in the success of the evening. Thanks to the sponsors Akoonah Park Market for the printing of the songsheets. Shire of Cardinia for the candles. Thomas Frame & Co. Laserforme Aust. for supply of candleholders and Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware for supplying and building the stage. Thanks to Beaconsfield Progress Association and Beaconsfield Baptist Church for the organisation and setting up of a great night, which has become a tradition in Beaconsfield.



Above:- Christmas at Carols by the Creek.

NEW PASTOR FOR BEACONSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH.

By David Griffiths



Above:- Gary and Rosemary Piper.

Many Beaconsfield residents were saddened when Rev. Fred Rudd announced his retirement last year and left the Beaconsfield area. However a new pastor has now arrived for Beaconsfield Baptist Church. Gary Piper, his wife Rosemary and children Sam, Elizabeth and Michael have moved to Beaconsfield from Lenah Valley in Tasmania. Previously Gary has been employed as a printer, has done missionary work in Zimbabwe for three years and

in New Guinea for three years as well. For the past five years Gary has been the pastor at Lenah Valley. Gary has also worked as a chaplain in the Army.

In his spare time Gary enjoys pistol shooting, painting, scuba diving and fishing both with a spear and with a line. Beaconsfield is very different to the Tasmanian town that the Pipers have moved from. The first description Gary heard of Beaconsfield was that it was a town of a population of 2500. He believed it was going to be a small country town with a General Store, a Co-Op and couple of hotels. However now he is here he thinks very differently. He now describes Beaconsfield as "green, leafy, prosperous and a nice place to live" however he does find Beaconsfield flat because most of the mountains he is used to in Tasmania are absent.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Beaconsfield Progress Association inc.

Tuesday 24th. February 1998

Commencing at 8.00pm.

At Beaconsfield Community Centre

DRUG TAKING AND ALCOHOL ABUSE IN SOCIETY

INFORMATION NIGHT

Guest speaker Chris Walter from Westernport Drug and Alcohol Services

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK.

Are you interested in helping look after the bushland next to Cardinia Creek in Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve?

If you are, you are most welcome to come along to our first meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm

WHERE: Cricket Clubrooms, Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve.

WHY: Cardinia Creek contains a true remnant of indigenous vegetation in the

heart of a growing urban environment. It acts as a wildlife corridor and is used and enjoyed by many people in the local area. However, the bushland suffers from a serious weed problem, the main offender being Pittosporum. The Friends group wishes to work and assist the land managers of the area with the weeding and restoration of this significant bushland area.

CONTACT: Sue Harris, Environment Management Office, Cardinia Shire Council. 5945 4272

NEW PASTOR FOR BEAconsfield BAPTIST CHURCH.

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Gary and Rosemary's three children are all attending local schools. Sam and Elizabeth are both attending Berwick Secondary College while Sam is at Beaconsfield Primary School.

Gary's induction service will be held at Beaconsfield Baptist Church on Sunday 15th February and we are sure he and his family will enjoy their time in Beaconsfield.

PUBLIC APOLOGY

The letter to the Editor in December 1997 issue of the Banner from "C. Atkins of Beaconsfield" has no connection whatsoever with Mr. Rob. Atkins and Mrs. Julie Atkins of Keith Parade Beaconsfield.

Please accept our apology.

PLEASE NOTE

The Committee publishing The Banner wish it be known that Letters to the Editor in future must be accompanied with full name, address and a contact phone number. The name and address will not be published if requested.

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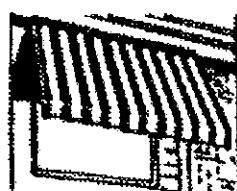
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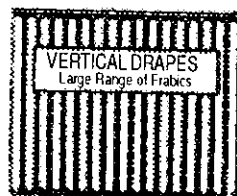
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STORMS HIT BEAconsFIELD.

By David Griffiths.



Above:- David Griffiths who is now writing articles for the Banner.

On the night of the 24th January fierce storms hit Beaconsfield. After a warm

day thunder and lightning set in at about 7.00pm. This was closely followed by heavy rain and hail. The storm lasted right through the night until 6.00am on the 25th. One Beaconsfield property recorded 42mm of rain fell during that period (Victoria's average January rainfall is 47mm !!). At least one car was slightly damaged by hail in Beaconsfield while many gardeners complained that the hail had ruined fruit still on trees and damaged other plants. One Officer resident said that the hail remained on the ground in his backyard for two days. The heavy rain also caused damage to at least three houses.

FROM THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

As the Banner enters its ninth year of production many of us are going back to work and some back to school, a new looking school on the highway. Many of us are hoping to get through summer unscathed by the ravages of fire, especially our C.F.A. Volunteers.

Many will be going to school for the first time, many faced with the challenge of a new job and some looking forward to well earned retirement.

Some of us can look back on sunny relaxed holidays and others with memories of a fun filled Jamboree. Some will have great sporting ambitions others social ambitions and many with business and work ambitions for 1998.

Whoever you are, all the best for a happy, successful and stress free 1998 !



Left:- President of the Progress Association Christina Cooper at the Carols by the Creek.

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We used to live in a quiet law abiding township but no longer say some Beaconsfield Traders. Business after Christmas has been hard enough without the extra costs brought about through mindless vandalism to their premises.

Five Beaconsfield businesses have been 'victimized'. Windows have been repeatedly broken and a shop doorway set alight. In most cases repairs costing up to three thousand dollars or more are not covered by insurance and owners have to pay.

Further to this, hay bales have been set alight in the Haileybury School grounds, home letter boxes destroyed and a car torched in Wood Street. Someone even dismantled a new park bench in broad daylight and drove off with it!

If the culprits could be caught and made to pay, then vandalism might decrease say some residents. Often the damage is done in the early hours of the morning. Some traders are fearful of what might happen next.

Extra police vigilance from Pakenham will concentrate on Beaconsfield. For anyone with information on the matter contact Pakenham Police Station on 5941 1033 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Right:- Shop door damaged by fire.

GRANDPA DOORSTOP LEAVES HOME

On 26th November, 1997 the Grandpa Doorstop was stolen from a house in Beaconsfield.

On 26th January, 1998 he was found, wrapped in plastic at the front door.

Does any one know what happened? Did he go on Holiday? Where did he go? Was he stolen, and the thief relented?

Are there any Sherlock Holmes/Dr. Watsons out there to help us solve this mystery?



Above:- Grandpa Door stop that went missing from 26th. November 1997 till 26th. January 1998.



BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

P.O. Box 2 Beaconsfield 3807.
Ph. 9707 3449

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 1998.

At Beaconsfield Community Centre all our groups and courses will make you feel welcome and offer friendship and support. It doesn't matter where you live - everyone is welcome.

Programmes have been distributed. If you haven't been able to read one, please call the Centre for a programme. Below is a timetable for Term 1.

Enrolments can be made by either calling into the Centre or phoning 9707 3449. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at the Centre.

Remember : There are no strangers here, simply friends you haven't met before.

NEW COURSES

We are planning many new courses for 1998. For Term one we are offering Dance for 5-7 year olds. Jazz, song and dance and classical are covered in this class. Jamie will teach your child in a fun and secure atmosphere.

The tutor for this new course will be Jamie Knol. Jamie is a dancer who has many years experience teaching dance to children. She currently teaches at Community Centres and Academies as well as finding time to dance at Stylus.

Session time:-
March 5th - 26th (4 weeks).
Time :- 5.00 - 5.45pm.
Cost- \$20.

Timetable Term 1 1998

Monday
am Playgroup
pm Midway

Tuesday
am 3 yr old Pre-Kinder
pm Occasional Care
Embroidery

Wednesday
am Playgroup
pm Mums Group

Thursday
am Occasional Care
Intro to Computer
Line Dancing
pm 3 yr old Pre-Kinder
Becky Artist Group
5-7 yrs dance
Calligraphy

Friday
am Pre-School Dance
Toy Library

Weekend
Antique Workshop

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

Margaret Turner of Beaconsfield is the proud recipient of an Australia Day Award from the Cardinia Shire.

Presented for outstanding Community Service Margaret well deserves the accolade for giving 40 years service to Scouting in the district.

Margaret modestly explained that it was a pleasant surprise. She ran the Cubscout Pack in Beaconsfield for 20 years, starting back in 1957. She progressed to Region Commissioner for Cubscouts, her duties taking her throughout Gippsland including the former Toomuc District now Cardinia District for the next 20 years.

Margaret was congratulated for dedicated service to her local community over such a long period of time.

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By Ann Taylor.



Ann Taylor

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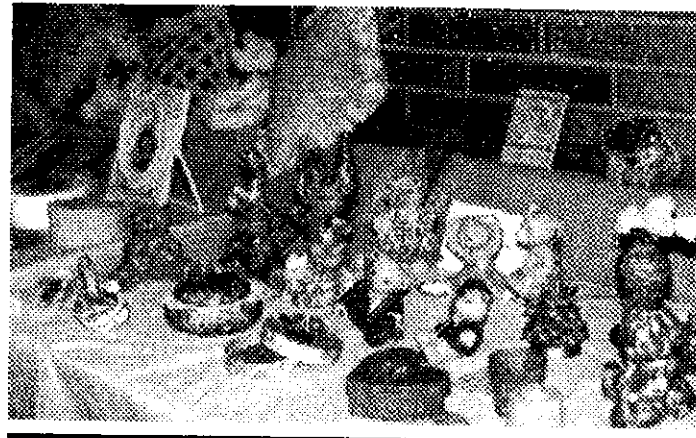
This term we will have a
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9707 1996.

Below:- Some of the Craft
made at Make and Mingle.



LETTERS

Letter to the Editor

As a local resident I have
grave concerns about my
child's safety and, in fact, my
own. It is one thing to be
harassed, chased or even
bitten by a dog roaming the
streets, but it is another to
be bailed up at your own front
door in your own yard.

This is what happened to my
son recently. I know of
several cases of dog owners
being warned about their
dog's wandering habits and
behaviour and have grave
concerns about what might
happen when the kids are
walking to and from school.

Kids love to play around our
small community and we are
proud to say in relative
safety, but it seems we now
have another threat to worry



about. I would like to see all
dog owners respect their dog's
needs in requiring daily
exercise but not at the
expense of our kids safety.

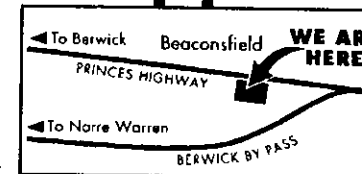
I know several kids who stay
inside because of roaming
dogs. It is also worrying to
see owners letting their dogs
off their leads whilst out for
a walk on the assumption
that nothing will happen. A
small child on a bike is a
temptation for any fun loving
dog but the game may not
have a successful ending, for
either party.

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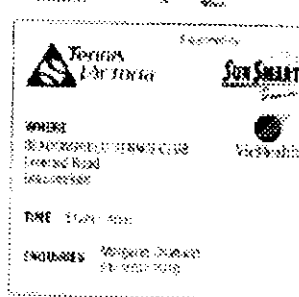
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BEACONSFIELD'S HERITAGE

The Station Masters' residence in Beaconsfield Avenue with its huge Bunya Bunya Pine has important links with the past.

It was built in 1888 by local builder James Adamson for Charles Nott, owner of the nearby Kenilworth Villa. It was known as "Kenilworth Cottage" and used as a Ladies College at first. This use proved unsuccessful and the cottage was let to Mrs. Anderson (formerly Mrs. Jackson of Young & Jackson's), her six children and friends. Among those children was Stanley Melbourne Bruce, later to become Lord Bruce and Prime Minister of Australia. At one stage, the cottage was let to J.C. Hodgson, Shire Secretary and also to a young doctor.

In about 1900, "Kenilworth Cottage" was purchased by the Railways Department for a Station Masters' residence. Some of the early Station Masters included the names of Rees, Wain, Colter, Le

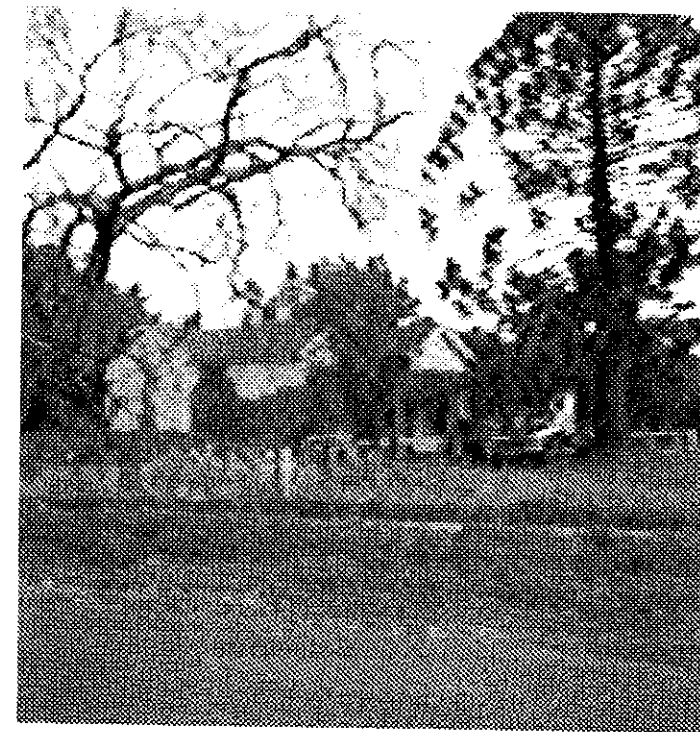
Page, Robertson, Morrison, Dawson, Trustwell, Maudsley and Moore.

According to an Adamson descendent the former station masters residence was substantially altered in 1939 because of a problem with white ants. It is described as being gabled and weatherboarded with cement brick Victorian era chimneys. A skillion verandah is on the side elevation which appears to be an alteration to the original.

Not only is it associated with some notable men of that time but its size is evidence of the importance of the rail transport network in the Nineteenth Century.

The Bunya Bunya Pine tree is significant for its association with the earliest history of the property owned by Charles Nott. It is a rare example of its type.

(Extract from Volume 3 Cardinia Shire Heritage Study)



Above:- Railway House in Beaconsfield Avenue next to the Scout Hall. Note the Bunya Bunya Pine to the right of the house.

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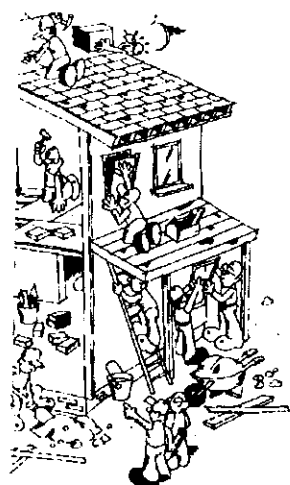
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

By Phil Collins

I suppose bubble packs are a modern packaging miracle but if you buy nails and there are 47 in the pack, what if you need fifty for the fence? So many items are sold in a beautiful package but they are disassembled.

If you buy an entertainment unit, a wheelbarrow or a garden shed, chances are it will be delivered to you in a neat parcel.

We opened a package recently and inside was an 8 x 7 garden shed.

Problem 1. I couldn't lift the package.

Problem 2. The instructions for assembly began "The assembly of your garden shed is a two man job." "Your garden shed

is a long term investment and the time it takes to assemble is not important."

Fine, fine as long as you know this before you bought it. Once this shed was up and completed it proved that those instructions were accurate but the cost to the client was more than double the original purchase price of the shed.

This type of metal shed also has these disadvantages:- 1. You can't hang things on the walls or from the roof. 2. You can't easily extend them. 3. They damage fairly easily.

Before you buy the packaged garden shed check the cost of erecting the old fashioned timber framed type built on site - I would.



Above:- Phil Collins who can be contacted on 9707 4225.

POETS CORNER

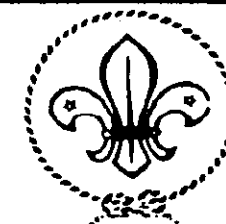
" FRIENDS"

J.L. Armitage.

*Where would we be without a pal ?
A sorry plight, indeed.
It's good to have a friendly chat
And help someone in need.
How often have we sat alone
And wished for a cheering word,
Then in will burst a neighbour
With the magic "Have you heard?"
Once again the world is right
You're in the swing once more.
Thank goodness for our friends who care
And make our spirits soar.*



SCOUTING IN BEACONSFIELD



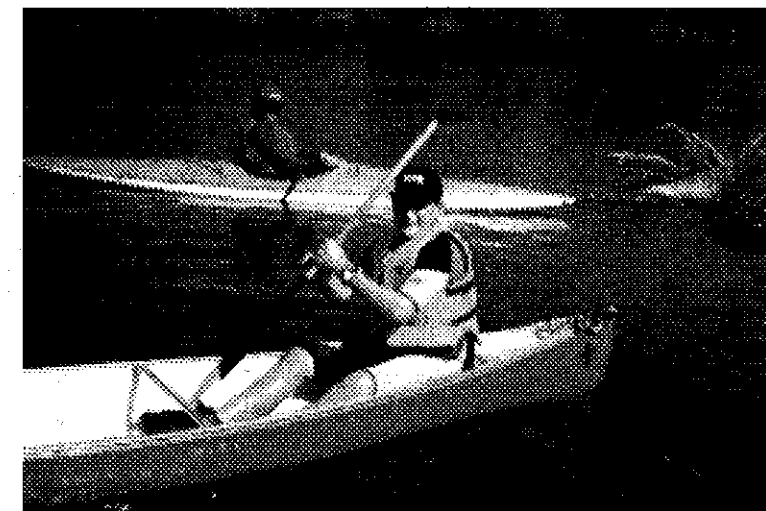
The First Beaconsfield Scout Group was formed 40 years ago and each week there is an exciting program for boys and girls of all ages.

Joeys, aged 6 to 8 years play games to teach teammanship and the weekly program includes self expression activities, handcrafts and an awareness of their community. Visits to the zoo are also on their agenda.

Cubs, aged 8 to 10½ years have a more intense program with annual events such as the billy cart derby and swimming competitions well attended. Challenges, at all levels of the scouting movement i.e. Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, which are met by the young people are rewarded with badges. The young people take great pride in their badges and these can be collected and sewn onto a blanket which they can look back on throughout their life with fond memories.

Scouts, aged 10½ to 15 years naturally require a lot more challenging activities on a weekly basis and these are achieved by competition camps and aqua camps i.e. usually two camps per term. Knowledge of their community is also part of their program including tree planting and the Clean Up Australia program. They participate in abseiling, canoeing, hiking, biking and showing Cubs what they can expect to be doing when they become Scouts.

The main theme throughout a Scouts life in the movement is FUN. There is always at least one fun night where the whole family joins in. Parents participation in the group is essential for the smooth running of activities and their assistance with transport and being parent helpers on camps is most appreciated by the young people.



Venturers, aged 15 to 18 years are very adventurous and engage in progressively challenging activities such as car rallies, snow skiing, camping and lots of other great stuff.

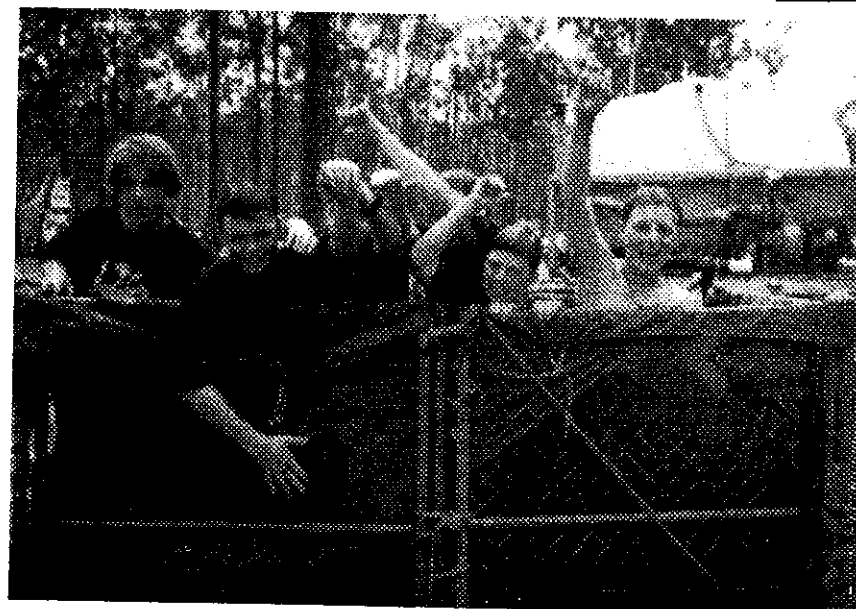
Top left:- Scouts do a car wash at Goodyear service station to raise funds.

Middle right:- Scouts Canoeing on the Mitchell River.

Bottom left:- A Group of Scouts at Dallas Brookes Park at Beaconsfield Upper.



19TH ASIAN PACIFIC/18TH AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE



LOGISTICS * The motto for the Jamboree was "I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE" * A four page camp newspaper was produced daily. * By Day 5 each scout had eaten 234 peas; 128 pieces of corn; 6 pieces of steak; 4,536 cornflakes and Coca Cola had sold 79,345 cans of coke by Day 4. * There were 402 birthday cakes eaten. * This event injected \$1.4m into the Queensland economy over the 10 days.

Weather was predominantly hot and dry with temperatures hovering around 30 -35 degrees Celsius. Dry and dusty conditions were damped down with daily site spraying by water cart (and water pistols.)

The huge site (150 acres) earmarked for a future shopping centre site, was very well equipped with Post Office, kiosks, cafes, and telephones all located in a temporary shopping mall. A notable feature

of the event was that trading was encouraged by "Smart Cards" only and the use of cash was discouraged.

Another notable feature of this popular event was badge swapping which encouraged all to make new national and international friends.

Very few of the Scouts had time to be home sick over the 10 days. A number of our travellers arrived back at AFL Park on Monday 12th.. The others returning later with their families who had also holidayed in Queensland. Our intrepid bus travellers returned tired with rucksacks full of dirty clothes and memories full of new experiences and diaries full of new acquaintances. They will long remember this remarkable event, and no doubt some are already looking forward to the next one in New Zealand, in January 1999. The leaders thoroughly enjoyed the challenging responsibility of chaperoning their charges over the 10 days but needed an extended rest period on their return!!!!

If you wish more information about local Scouting please contact Glorraine Hardy on 9796 1361..



This event which involved 16,000 overseas and Australian Scouts was held from 1st to 10th January 1998 at Springfield, Ipswich, Queensland.

Ten Scouts and Leaders who are residents of Beaconsfield, took the 24 hour, 2,000 kilometre bus journey to attend this special triennial event.

Leaders that went included Darcy De Kort and Joan Horton. Scouts that went included Ashley and Clinton Wilson, Crispin Irvine, Mark Seath, Laurence Hardy, Joshua Steele, Stacey Pettifer and Melissa Robinson. They all proudly represented their troops.



ACTIVITIES Just a few of the many activities that Scouts immensely enjoyed and participated in were abseiling, canoeing, sailing, flying, bush bash biking, jelly wrestling, Internet communication, karaoke and generally mixing with other troops from as far away as Mongolia, USA, England, South Africa, Japan and many other countries world wide.

OUTINGS Day trips were very interesting and included going to Brisbane City, visiting the Science Museum, Police Museum, and Southbank attractions. Gold Coast visits included Theme Parks Movie World, Wet N Wild and Sea World, ten pin bowling, tennis and skating. These trips were included in the overall cost of attending the Jamboree.

Transportation necessitated using 220 buses daily. Such was the huge scale of this event that local Queensland bus services could not supply enough buses. Transport was supplemented by the use of many buses used from the interstate contingents.

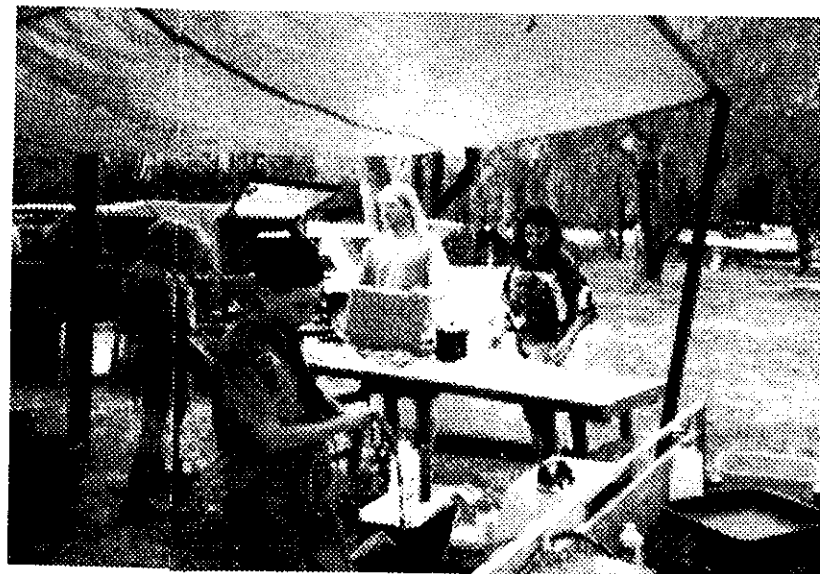


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Top left:- Unpacking at Jamboree.

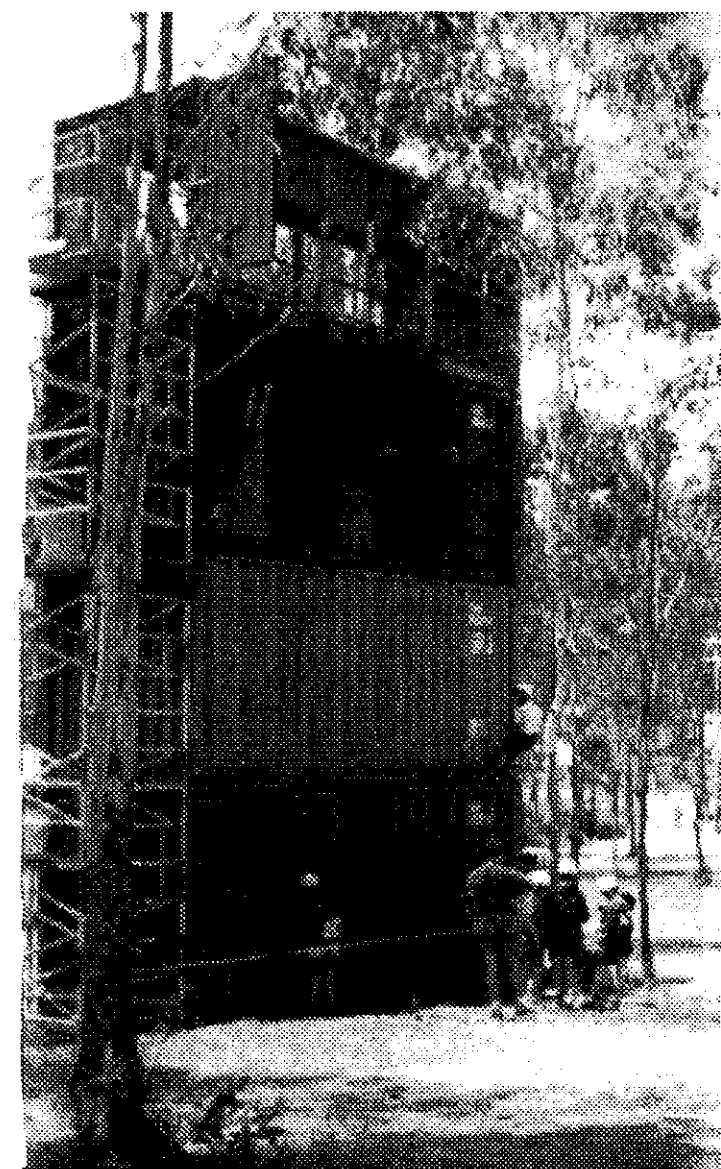
Top right:- Making friends at Jamboree

Middle:- Scouts on Wheels!

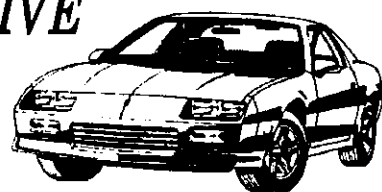
Bottom left:- Aqua Camp -Inverloch.

Below:- Packing up at Jamboree.

Far right:- Abseiling at the Jamboree



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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

AGEING. In a world that worships youth and people who "look" young, what is the place of those who, in obedience to the dictates of nature, grow old? They are a growing band of people who it may be said, exist "in the after glow" of life. For them "things are changing", as this quietly humorous article (author unknown) states. "Everything is further away now than it used to be, twice as far, to the corner and they have added a hill I notice. I have given up running for the bus, it leaves faster than it used to. It seems to me they're making steps steeper than in the old days. Have you noticed how much smaller the print is they are using in the newspapers? There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud, everyone speaks in such a low voice, I can hardly hear them. The material in clothing is getting very skimpy, around the waist and hips. Even people are changing, they are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age; on the other hand, people my age are so much older than I am. I ran into a friend the other day, and she had changed so much she didn't even recognise me. I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so glanced in the mirror at my reflection, and confound it,

they don't even make good mirrors like they used to!"

"One of the gifts that comes to the ageing is the relish for quiet, an appreciation for being alone. The aged realize, more fully, what is important, and what is not important at all. We cease, for instance to accumulate things.

We take time to think. "It is equally to be expected that we should front our trials and rise above them. That is, if we are not merely aged, but grown up"

So wrote J.R. Scott.

The old are great dreamers, perhaps because they are drawing nearer to a world of greater knowledge, where dreams are reality, not just a shadow of that which we yearn for during our physical years. The American Red Indians used to say, "Our old men shall dream dreams". And these revered elders governed wisely and well, based solely on dreams. It is a sad commentary on our world that the old, and often wise, are disposed of in different ways thereby leaving the yet growing, to live alone and often without the time-nurtured counsel being given freely to those smart enough to listen.

We should all remember that twilight must fall for us all, and none are spared this process of life. For the old there is the afterglow, when the brilliance and activity of the day have gone.

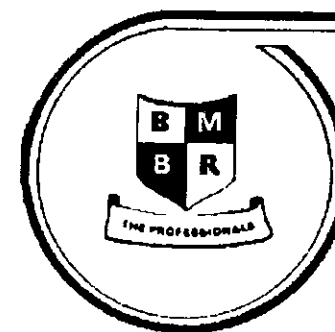
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- 2 onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 3/4 cup cheese, grated
- 2 tablesp. Butter
- 2 tablesp. Cornflour
- 5 apples (sliced)
- 450g Noodles
- 1 cup Dry biscuits (optional)



Boil noodles in a lot of water till soft. Drain.
Lightly fry onions in butter.
Add the undrained tuna, stir.
Add cheese, stir and remove from heat.
Mix the cornflour to a smooth paste with the lemon juice.
Add to the tuna mixture and return to heat.
Stir well till it boils.
Add sliced apples, stir until hot through.
Serve with noodles and dry biscuits sprinkled on top.

Does Your Business Have the Support of the Local Community?

In this day and age of the Internet and global communities, what is happening at the local level?

Are businesses (usually family run, small to medium-sized enterprises) which are centred in local communities doing enough for the people that support them? Generally the answer is no! Consider the last time a community rallied behind a local business that was finding the going a bit tough. It really doesn't happen that often. The reason probably being that the business in question wasn't really regarded as an asset to the community. Not in the league with, say, the local hospital which is regarded by the community as something definitely worth fighting for.

In a sense, the time has arrived for smaller businesses centred in our suburbs to start supporting our local communities. The loyalty which is expected of local customers also needs to be reciprocated.

Yes, that's right: it's time to start giving back to the community that supports these businesses. Now I'm not suggesting that businesses simply start giving their money away in a benevolent fashion, as this is not the point to being in business. The point of business is to return a profit and create employment whilst producing goods or services that are in demand within the marketplace. This can be achieved by a business whilst creating a strong sense of community.

Promoting a business is an essential these days to ensure survival. Through promotional techniques, the business can support the local community as well as increase its business. Public relations is the term broadly associated to this type of promotion. Small businesses can support all types of community based resources, schools, parks, hospitals, sporting clubs, etcetera. Public relations does not infer that you simply throw money at these causes,

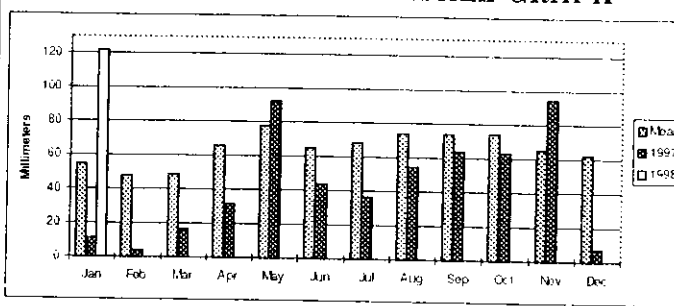
but rather the business develops a means by which both the community and the business mutually benefit. Or, put simply, the classic Win / Win situation. An example may be Mum and Dad who always buy at the local hardware store. They notice the store supports their children by way of sponsoring their school's newsletter.

If you as a business owner put your mind to it, you can achieve a number of ways to both promote your business whilst benefiting the community. Small businesses are always

keen to look for support from their customers. Now is the time to return the favour. Just think ... one day we may all rally behind a small family run business that we truly regard as an invaluable asset to our local community.

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BOUQUETS: To Cardinia Shire for getting the local Pest Control Officer to eliminate Bull Ant nests from the Reserve before the "Carols by the Creek" Concert.

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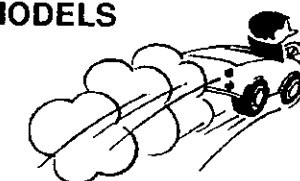
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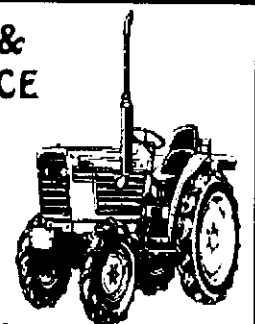
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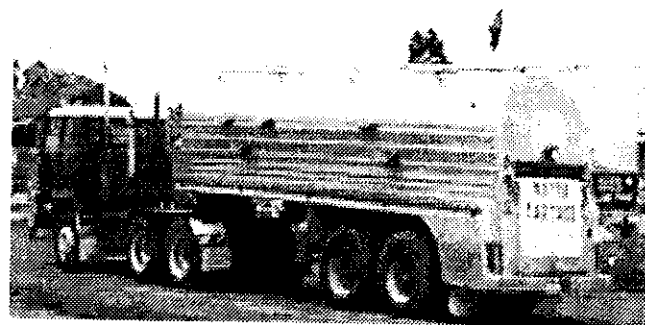
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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

1998 The club has a hive of programs and competition tennis to kick off the new year. One social event to the Australian Open was very successful. Midweek Ladies Autumn Season starts in February. National Tennis Fun Day Sunday 22nd February. Senior Club Championships through March and April. Two new porous courts to be constructed, starting at the end of March and hopefully completed before the winter competition commences. Tree planting Program in the Autumn. Amphilite sheets to be placed on club house in conjunction with the Sun Smart Program, to protect the clubhouse and patrons from the sun.

MIDWEEK LADIES. Update from the Spring season. Congratulations to Wednesday Section 8 on your Premiership win. A new team in the club and now to play in Section 7 this season. The Autumn season starts in February in the D.D.T.A. and Tuesday teams will be playing in the following sections. 1. 3. 5. 7. 9. 11. Wednesday playing in sections 1. 3. 7. And 2 teams in Section 10. Thursday 1 in Section 1 and 1 W.D.T.A. Team.

SHIRE ENHANCEMENT PLAN. The Tennis club has been successful with an application to improve the surrounds of the tennis courts. The Shire of Cardinia is offering financial assistance and advice on suitable plantings for the area. We have been recommended to delay planting until the Autumn. This program is being carried out by the Junior Committee and the Junior members of the Club. If members of the community would like to participate in this activity please contact Margaret Chatfield (9707 2016) for more information.

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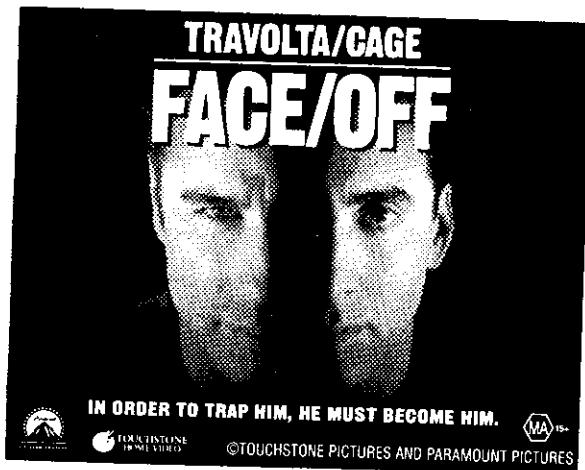
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