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## FRIENDS REMEMBER

Written by S. Wilson

On Friday 16th October, the two planter boxes at the Beaconsfield station were replanted. This mission was undertaken by a group of fifty-six of Shaun Kermeen's friends. The existing soil was removed and replaced. The plants were kindly donated by Mr. Terry Hendrikx from Tunundra Park Nursery at Officer.

The group of young people displayed exemplary behaviour and the station was left in a neat condition. This group has agreed to maintain the boxes.

After spending two hours at the station I hope that a fence can be erected for safety reasons which should be a major priority.



Above:- Some of Shaun's friends filling the planter boxes. The middle two boys are L-R Ken Kermeen and Travis Wilson.

## IRIS LEWIS AWARD



Photo: Ted Horton (retiring Newsletter Co-ordinator) David Griffiths with the Iris Lewis Award.

The Progress Association was pleased to present, at our AGM, the Iris Lewis Award to David Griffith. An award presented to a young writer.

Iris Lewis is the pseudonym (pen name) of Joan Armitage (wife of the early printer of the Banner) who produced

numerous articles over the past years.

At the age of ten her first poem was accepted by a local newspaper in England. Since then encouraged by the success, it has been a desire to give young writers the opportunity to let them make their voyages of discovery into their own talent that a writer needs and where better than our paper, the Beaconsfield Banner in which to have them produced.

David was the second recipient of this award for his contribution of articles to the Banner during the past year. David is studying for a Diploma of Mass Media Communication and hopes to continue on with a Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing.

## BEACONSFIELD CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Carols by the Creek will be held on Sunday 20th December 8.15pm in the Bob Burgess Park.

It is a very pleasant way to celebrate Christmas with lots of involvement by children from the community, so we hope you will join us. Thankyou to Akoonah Park for sponsoring the carols song sheet inserted in this Banner.

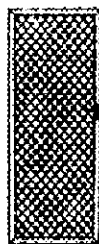


Above:- Alyssa Mills at the 1997 Carols by the Creek.



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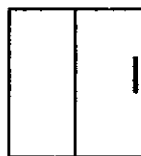
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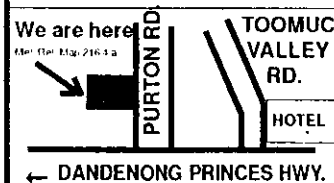
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Our little school is growing! Preparatory school enrolments for 1999 stand at 52, the largest intake ever and will bring total school numbers to around 260. With population increases in and around Beaconsfield we must expect growth despite our feeling from the heart to remain a "country" school. A recent forward planning exercise to estimate the impact of planned estate releases saw the following predicted trends in pupil numbers:

Year	Natural Growth	Estate Development
2000	272	312
2002	302	422
2004	332	532

Frogs are coming to school. Our planned wetland is taking shape and will provide a home for marshland dwellers and small bird life for the enjoyment of our kids and all in Beaconsfield. We have TAFE at Mornington, teachers and the input of a new Prep dad to thank for work so far. Come and have a peek.

Also thank you one and all who supported our Parents and Friends sausage, hamburger and pancake sale at the recent bonfire night. \$400 was raised which will be used to provide extra facilities in the class rooms.

As we go to press, the school will be enjoying their regular billy cart derby family picnic evening and looking forward to joining with the community at Carols by the Creek as their final year end gatherings. The school community wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

Maurice Potter School Council President



Photo Left:  
Amanda Dorbolo (driver) and Danae Bevilacqua (runner) await starters orders at the recent Beaconsfield Primary School Billy Cart Races.

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**CLOSING DATE FOR  
NEXT BANNER IS 21st.  
JANUARY 1999**

We thank all those who contribute articles to the Banner, however due to space available we have had to hold over some articles.

## SUCCESS FOR LOCAL WRITER

Local resident, Jackie Tritt, is looking forward to seeing her first novel in print in early December. Her book, The Burning, is a murder mystery, published by Australian Pocket Press and on sale at newsagents.

Jackie has lived in the area for 30 years. She spent many years as a high school teacher, preschool teacher and recently worked as Project Officer with the Dandenong Vocational Consortium. The Burning will be launched at Chisholm Institute on 2nd February 1999.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By Glorraine Hardy



A successful year for the Progress Association has come to a close and we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

If there is anything which concerns you about the town or any improvements which you feel could be made please do not hesitate to contact one of our committee. The Progress Association is a group of local residents who liaise with council and other authorities to improve and maintain our present standard of living.

Graeme Kidd, Cardinia Shire Mayor, chaired the AGM and the following committee for 1999 was elected. Joy Bishop - President Tony Rushton - Vice - President Glorraine Hardy - Secretary Maurice Potter - Treasurer Mary McGrath Christina Cooper Bob Cooper Willem Boon Kath Clarke Peter Willis

We wish Ted Horton all the best for the future and express our sincere thanks for his diligent and dedicated service to this committee and to our Banner sub-committee over the last 10 or so years.

We would also like to thank Netti Abeling for her time and energy on our committee.

## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Secretary Glorraine Hardy Ph. 9796 1361

## PUTTING THE CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS

In my House the pressure is on already, there are functions to go to, meetings, articles to write, children to consider, holidays to plan, and of course there are presents to buy and cards and letters to organise. Last year I went out nearer to Christmas Day to buy some food, and I took my time watching the people bustling about me, and I was startled to see that nearly every one I watched

was rushing, but what was really disturbing was how few people had even the faintest look of joy or hope. Frantic mothers with fractious children, men wearing gloom like a cloak! "...tis the season to be jolly..."

Statistics from marriage help agencies show that many more break-downs in marriages occur at this time of year than any other! Why, when it should be the time for "...peace on earth and goodwill to all men..."? Why should this particular Christian Festival be so surrounded by stress and silliness?



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The Beaconsfield Community Centre wishes to thank Captain Ron Woodfine from the Beaconsfield CFA for presenting Bushfire Survival. This evening was run to benefit those who live in the urban-bushland fringe area of Beaconsfield. Some new residents and some not so new are now better informed about precautions to take for the coming fire season. With the recent bushfire tragedy in Linton and Ash Wednesday in this area, it is a timely reminder that you should be prepared for the coming Bushfire season. Please register with the Community Centre your interest to repeating this information session on Bushfire Survival. Talking about the fire season reminds us that Christmas is nearly here.

The Committee and the Staff of the Community Centre wish you a peaceful Christmas and happy holidays. Thank you to all

those volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the running of the Centre, we are very proud of your efforts. To those who have supported and benefited from the activities at the Centre, we hope to see you again next year and we welcome new members too. Here is a sneak preview of some new activities we are planning for next year.

Try Musictime for preschoolers or a Needlework group with childcare during first term of 1999. For more information on these and other activities, look for our programme in your letterbox in mid-January, or ring 9707 3449 after January 27th. We look forward to seeing you at the Centre soon.



## MIDWAY NEWS

Written by I. Ewert.

What a good year it has been for Midway members and still our Christmas break-up day to attend.

We are looking forward to another great year next year with several ideas put forward for things to do on Mondays and special days out.

Of course we are expecting our members to return and to bring new friends for us to meet.

Midway wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a very good, safe New Year.



## PUTTING THE CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS

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Some thoughts come to mind: Feasts are supposed to be fun, not competitions in consumption! When I go to a function it is because I want to be with those people, my delight is in the love we share and the gift they are to me. As we eat together the bond of love is cemented, we eat well already and what we really need is not a food feast but a love feast! Also,

we need to be constantly reminded in this season that the word "Christmas" has a meaning - it means Celebration of Christ.

Jesus is Saviour, so Christmas really should be a focus on celebrating Jesus. If we feast let's feast in honour of Jesus, if we give presents let them be in praise of Jesus, let's put the Christ back into Christmas. Perhaps you could begin the process of reversing the stress and pressure of this season by taking a deep breath, two steps back from all the pushing and rushing, and ask yourself: "What is this season really for, and what will be a lasting blessing, happy, lovely, and holy, for my family?" "What gift I can give will remind

myself and the recipient of the love of God given to us in Jesus?" "How can I express my thanks to God for sending Jesus?"

Why not follow God's lead and express "...peace on earth and goodwill..." by showing unmerited kindness to others, giving a smile and a good word even to strangers?

My prayer for you all is a joyful Christmas full to overflowing with the lasting and holy blessing of Jesus.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent His Son...

Rev. Gary Piper  
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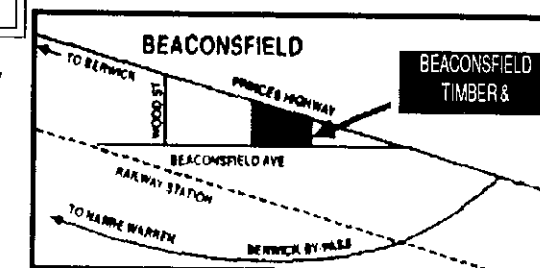
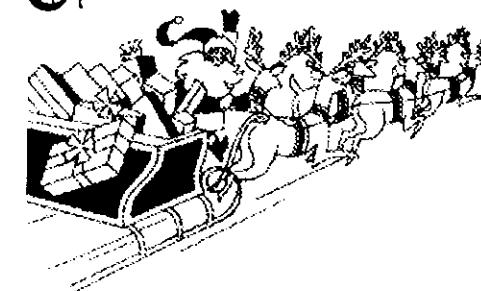
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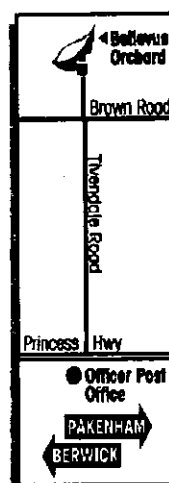
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The annual Bonfire Night held on Cup Eve, Monday 2nd November was once again a great success. The crowd of approx. 2,000 people enjoyed a very pleasant evening and were entertained by the Beaconsfield Community Centre Line Dancers and music by OdSox. Catering was by the Beaconsfield Primary School Parents and Friends.

The Bonfire itself, was one of the biggest ever and anyone who contributed to it with rubbish is to be congratulated for keeping the heap tidy.

Without the help of our local CFA Brigade and

Police, a night like this is not possible and we thank them for their assistance. Thanks also to John Campbell for the lend of his truck for the stage and Tony Rushton for electrical equipment and lighting. We appreciate the time given by those people who helped clean the site the following day.

The night was made complete by a display of Fireworks by Southern Cross Fireworks, made possible by the generous donations of Beaconsfield traders listed below. We look forward to another great Bonfire evening in 1999.

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We take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Safe 1999.

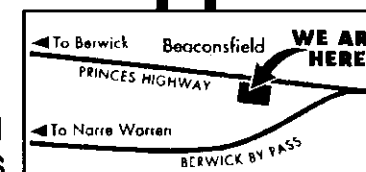
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Action was recently initiated by Beaconsfield Primary School Council in running a forum with parents and residents of Lyle Avenue and Wallace Street to consider possible solutions to parking and traffic flow problems at school drop off and pick up times. Being an issue identified within the Beaconsfield Strategy document, support was provided by Cardinia Shire by attendance of their Planning Department representative who viewed problems at first hand prior to, and participated later at the forum. A number of possible solutions were brought

forward and will be taken by the Shire for consideration and possible development. Regretfully all agreed that problems would not exist but for the few with their own self interest at heart.

Beaconsfield Progress Association supports the school in their efforts and as part of their 1999 activities plans to drive this and other initiatives outlined within the Strategy document. These include Wood Street Old Highway intersection controls, median strip beautification, parking problems in general, bylaws enforcement and public toilet provisions.

## PREMIER SCOUTING AWARD FOR LOCAL SCOUTER

Local scouter Laurence Hardy was recently presented with the Premier Scouting Award (highest award achievable at scouting level and compares with the Queens Scout Badge for Venturers) and would like to sincerely thank all his leaders for their support.

To achieve this award, Laurence participated in many hours of organising, attending and completing set tasks and activities.

Laurence commenced his scouting with the 1st Beaconsfield Scouting Group.



Photo:- L-R Darcy DeKort, Gloraine Hardy and Laurence Hardy. Courtesy Pakenham Gazette



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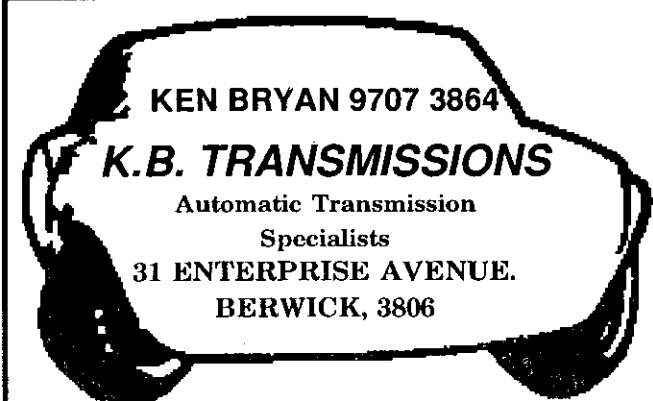
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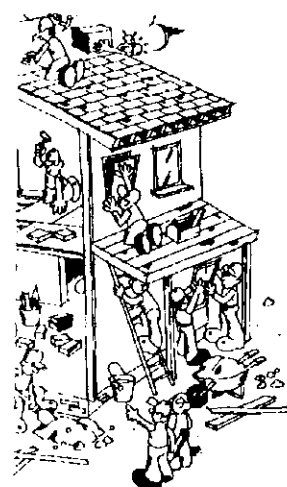
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By Phil Collins

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Many pergolas these days are roofed with Laserlite and other similar materials. It keeps the outdoor living area dry but it can be quite warm on sunny days particularly if there isn't a draught of air. Faced with this situation recently I

made and fitted a shade cloth blind on the underside of the pergola roof. This lowered the temperature immediately and provided a nice shaded area. In Winter it slides back on wires and parks at either side in neat folds. The 7 metre long pergola was "shaded" for \$240, including materials all purchased at Loveridges.

Clothes dryers emit moisture and clothes fluff which can be messy. I have fitted ducting to one dryer through the brick wall; another was ducted through the plaster into the wall cavity. I don't fancy too much wetness in the wall but the fluff is harmless.

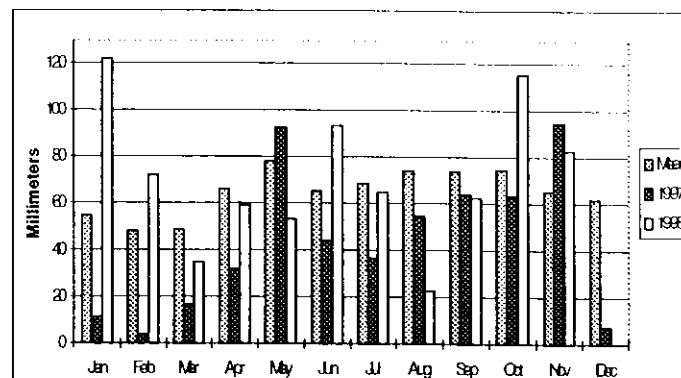
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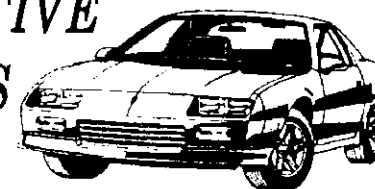
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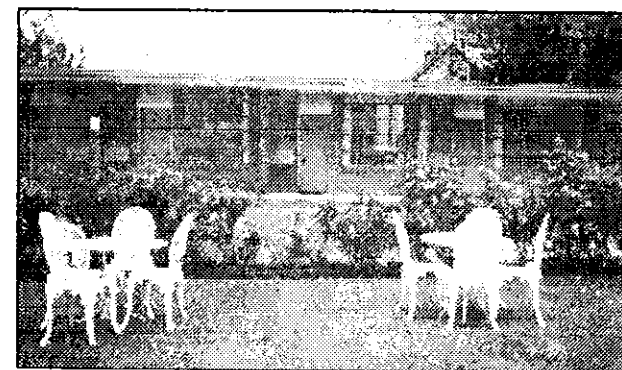


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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

Christmas is coming and brings good times to many, sad times to others. It is the most widely celebrated festival in the world, and still has many images of the Victorian era about it, log fires, snow, hot food, Christmas pudding, stockings and other trappings of this yearly celebration.

Unique expressions of Christmas by different peoples throughout the world have been lost or diverted by commercial interest and stripped of their true meanings.

Many of the practices and rituals of the Christian season are so old that their true significance can only be guessed at. The customs of evergreens and fire, feasting and present giving had origins going back long before the birth of Christ, and were eventually incorporated into the new Christian religion, and thus losing their pagan origins. The year and date of Christ's birth are uncertain and after four centuries of bickering, the 25th December was selected as the official church approved date by Pope Julius I, after an appeal by St. Cyril of Jerusalem to settle the matter once and for all.

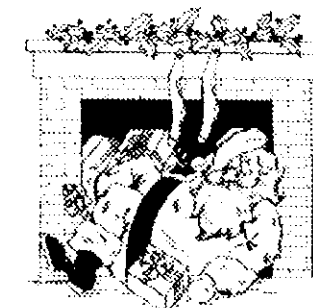
The dispute did not end there however, as Russia and most European countries only accepted this date in 1918 - the longest on going row in Christianity. In Germany an 8th century missionary, St. Boniface dedicated the fir tree to the holy child in place of the sacred Oak of Odin, which he chopped down. That is why the Pine or Fir tree is the world wide symbol of Christmas.

Holly came to represent Christ's crown of thorns. In the middle ages many strange practices were introduced by the all powerful Christian Church leaders. This included Kings and Lords throwing their castles open to all and sundry, with banquets for any who came. Disorderly revels by uneducated lower clergy took place, they dressing as animals or women and burlesqued senior churchmen and mocked senior rites.

St. Stephens Day (26th December) was devoted to horses. They were bled for luck, or ridden into church and blessed by the priest, or fed consecrated salt, bread or corn. This day we call Boxing Day, and was so called because that was when servants and tradesmen called for their annual tips which were put into little earthenware boxes that had to be broken to release the money.

Holly Innocents Day (28th December) commemorates Herods massacres of the infant and was considered unlucky the no one would wish starting a business or getting married on that day.

Whatever it's strange and chequered history, Christmas is really a celebration of the basic goodness resident in the heart of man. The birth of Christ, (what matter the date) and the beauty of his philosophy given in his short ministry, is that which is the springboard from where we all that we hold dear emanates from. All power to Christmas!







## BEACONSFIELD SCOUT NEWS

A sunny weekend allowed the 1st Beaconsfield Scouts to enjoy their annual Gilweroo Camp at Gilwell on the 26-27 Oct. 600 other Scouts from all over the district competed in activities such as canoeing, air rifle competitions, BMX race, pioneering etc.

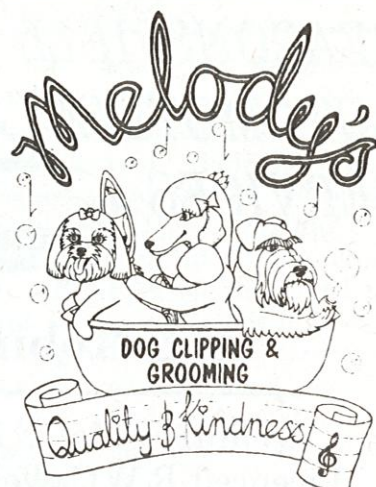
Ashley retained his dominance in the mud fight while running the 'gauntlet'.



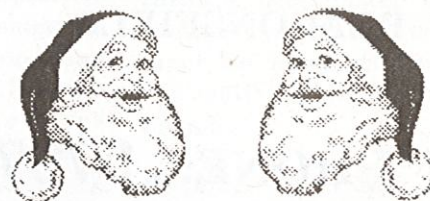
Fundraising has been very limited this year but a very very successful sausage sizzle was run at Bunnings recently thanks to everyone who helped.

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers would like to thank leaders, parents and group committee for their support during the year and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

If you enjoyed the introduction to scouting activities at your school recently and would like more information please contact Rob at Beaky Bakehouse.



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*For God So Loved the world,  
that He gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in Him  
should not perish,  
but have Everlasting Life  
John 3: 16*

1.

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary  
And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on Earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Immanuel.

3.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns  
Let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love.

## CAROLS BY THE CREEK SONG SHEET



2.

Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh,  
O'er the fields we go,  
Laughing all the way.  
Bells on bobtail ring,  
Making spirits bright,  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way.  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

4.

The first Nowell the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.  
Born is the King of Israel!**

They looked up and saw a star,  
Shining in the East, beyond them far.  
And to the earth it gave great light.  
And so it continued both day and night.

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full reverently on bended knee.  
And offered there, in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our  
heavenly Lord.  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought.  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.  
Born is the King of Israel.**



5.

HARK! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.  
Peace on Earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

**Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King!**

Christ by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus our Immanuel.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail, the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings,  
Mild, He lays his glory by;  
Born that man no more may die:  
Born to raise the sons of earth;  
Born to give them second birth

7.

O come all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels.

**O come let us adore Him (repeat 3 times)  
Christ the Lord.**

Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation.  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, Glory in the highest!

Yea Lord, we greet thee  
Born this happy morning.  
Jesus to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

6.

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle-shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to Earth from Heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all;  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above.  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where he has gone.

8.

It came upon a midnight clear  
That glorious song of old.  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold.  
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men  
From heaven's all gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its babble sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold.  
And with the ever circling years  
Comes round the age of gold.  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

9.

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from Heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

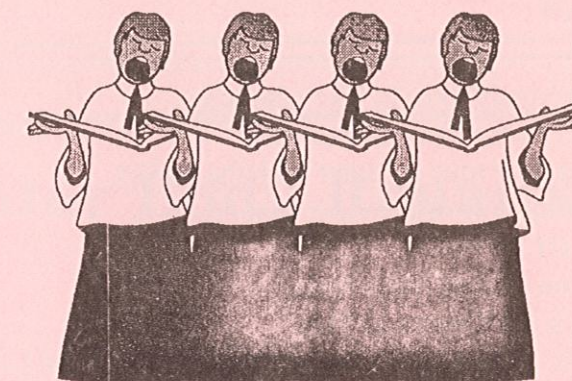
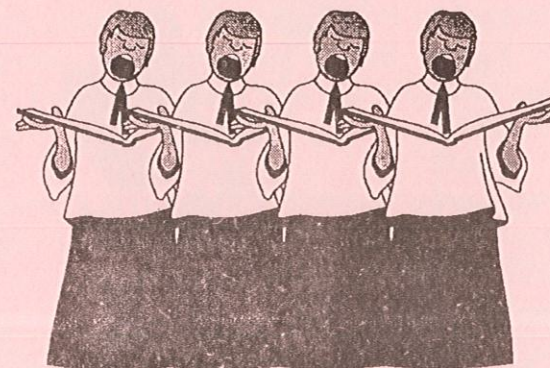
Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

11.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay.  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing - the baby awakes.  
But little Lord Jesus - no crying He makes.  
I love thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky.  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.



10.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All  
seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone  
around.

Fear not! said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind)  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day Is born, of  
David's line,  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord: And this shall  
be the sign.

All glory be to God on high  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men, Begin  
and never cease.

12.

We three kings of orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star:  
O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy  
perfect light.

Glorious now, behold Him arise,  
King, and God, and sacrifice!  
Heaven sings alleluia,  
Alleluia the Earth replies;  
O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.



13.

Everybody likes to take a holiday,  
Everybody likes to take a rest.  
Spending time together with the family,  
Sharing lots of love and happiness.

Come on ring those bells,  
Light the Christmas Tree.  
Jesus is the King, born for you and me.  
Come on, ring those bells,  
Everybody say,  
Jesus we remember this your birthday.

Celebrations come because of something good  
Celebrations we like to recall  
Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem,  
The greatest celebration of them all.

14.

We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,

And a Happy New Year.



### What Christmas really means ...

Christmas shows God's love in action.

"God loved the world so much that He gave to it His only Son".  
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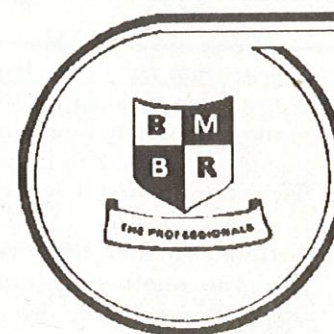
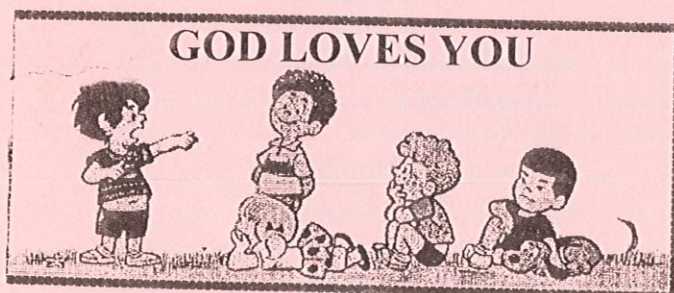
In giving Jesus Christ to live and die for a lost world, God was giving Himself. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself".  
Our giving to others at Christmas, our expressions of love, reflect what God did at the first Christmas. A gift of love is received with joy. May we receive Christ in our hearts in simple gratitude and trust. The Bible tells us,  
"To all who received Him, who believed on His Name, He gave the right to become children of God".

.....  
If you have no other place of regular worship we'd be glad to see you!

**Christmas Day service at Beaconsfield Baptist church is at 9:30 am.**

*Our thanks to all who have taken part, The children from Beaconsfield Primary School, the young people from the Casinia School of Dance, our compere, musicians, vocalists and not least to yourselves for coming along.*

*Our thanks to the Akoonah Park Market Committee for sponsoring the printing of the song sheets, Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware for suppling the stage, the Shire of Cardinia for the supply of candles, Framepack Australia Pty. Ltd. & Laserforme Australia for the supply of the candle holders.*



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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



## GARDENERS PAGE FROM BERWICK GREENERY

Written by Berwick Greenery

With Christmas fast approaching, and all activities this time of year brings, time to garden is often hard to find. Yet we want our outdoor areas looking good for the friends and family who inevitably call over the festive season. Don't despair, there are plenty of colourful selections available to brighten your garden.

Summer brings some delightful treats including bougainvilleas, hibiscus, roses, geraniums, pelargoniums, fuchsias and hydrangeas. Now is the ideal time to select these and other summer flowering plants to brighten your garden. Pots of flowering annuals such as Petunias and Impatiens are also looking good.

Plants and garden products make ideal gifts. Whether you plan ahead and plant your own baskets or pots

with colourful flowering plants or herbs or leave it to the last minute and purchase something in flower, plants are always well received and a constant reminder of your best wishes. Traditional favourites like Poinsettias and Christmas lilies are also great to decorate the Christmas table.

Potted living Christmas trees, which can be enjoyed outside all year and brought inside for a few weeks at Christmas, are a good alternative to the cut ones, and can be purchased in various sizes. When taking your potted tree back outside, acclimatise it in the shade first and gradually move back into full sun over a two to three week period.

African Violets, Gerberas, mini roses and pots of colour all make affordable gifts for

teachers, work colleagues and the like. We will gift wrap your selection free of charge at any time of the year.

Now is the time to prepare for the hot weather ahead. Check hoses and watering systems to ensure they are working correctly. Mulch garden beds to preserve moisture. Apply Decco Saturaid to garden beds and lawns to help get the water to the root system and cut down the watering requirements. Water is taken up by the root systems of plants, so remember that a good thorough watering less often is much better than an occasional sprinkling.

You may still need to spray for black spot on roses, and watch for caterpillars on vegetables and ornamentals. And after wet weather, snails and slugs will still

appear from nowhere. It is a good idea to keep up the liquid fertiliser to flowering plants. Petunias can be cut back after the first flowering (usually January) and fertilised so that they will give you another autumn flush. Roses should also be cut back late January and fed to encourage new growth and therefore more flowers.

We have just about completed our extended area and hope to see you all at the "Official Opening" on Saturday 9th January 1999. We have lots of activities and specials that day, and are delighted that Jane Edmanson will be doing the honours at 1.30pm.

May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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Bouquets : To the council workers who removed the charity bins for not complying to the regulations.

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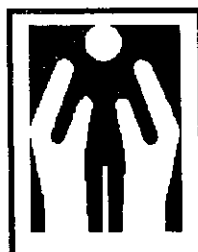
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their property will be cleared by council's contractors at the property owners expense.

With the risk of each bushfire season, it is important that you maintain your preparedness. Where you feel that you may not be in a position to safely stay during an emergency, then you should turn your mind to 'evacuation'.

For further information on these and other topics, obtain yourself a copy of the Community Laws and You brochure produced by the Cardinia Shire Council or talk to your local volunteer fire brigade. The local brigade always welcome enquiries regarding becoming a volunteer member.

## MAKE AND MINGLE

By Ann Taylor

Make and Mingle has had a great year, with old friendships renewed and many new friends. We have made a variety of crafts, including Victorian Tassel ladies, which have been so popular and in so many variations. We have also done hardanger and crochet and tatting and embroidery, Christmas decorations, greeting cards, quilling and paper tole, glassart, crocheted picture boxes and teddy bears.

We will have a break over Christmas and recommence on Wed 3rd February, 1999. Next year our new crafts will be ribbon pansies and roses, crazy patchwork, papermaking and marbling as well as our usual range of crafts.



We praise God for His blessings this year and answered prayer.

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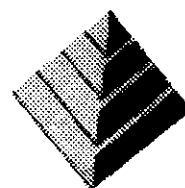
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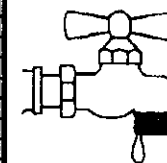


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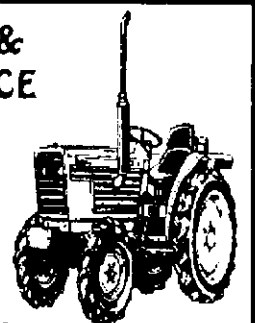
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# BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

## MIDWEEK LADIES - SPRING SEASON 1998 SUCCESSFUL TEAM IN FINALS.

Tuesday Sections - 2 Red, 2 Blue, 7 and 11  
Wednesday Sections - 2 and 9  
Thursday Sections - 2  
Good luck to all in finals.  
Midweek ladies Autumn seasons starts in February

1999. Midweek ladies contact - Pat Schelling, for enquiries on 9707 1839.

## SATURDAY JUNIORS AND SENIORS

With 14 teams enlisted in the B&DTA, Juniors have settled in well. Seniors have Section 1. W.G.T.A. (B&DTA & DDTA) Sections 4, 5 and 7. Juniors recommence on the 30th January, 1999. Friday Night Practise - 29th January, 1999

## PENNANT WINTER ONLY

Interested in playing pennant Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Contact Adam Hurst on 97961364 before January 1999. New season starts mid April.

## NIGHT

## COMPETITIONS - PLAYERS WANTED

Tuesday Unisex - contact Margaret on 9707 2016 and Thursday Mens Singles/ Doubles - contact Ian on 9707 4507.

## SOCIAL MORNING FOR MUMS WITH SMALL CHILDREN

In the New Year, on Friday at 9.30am. Contact Margaret Chatfield for further information.

## COURT HIRE

contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

With 1998 year nearly finished, committee members will be having a well deserved break. Recharging their batteries, as 1999 will be a special year for the club, the two

new porous courts completed an opening day will be arranged. Also the club has a birthday 70 years of service to its members and community. The club will be celebrating this occasion also, watch for further information. I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Beaconsfield Tennis Club to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.



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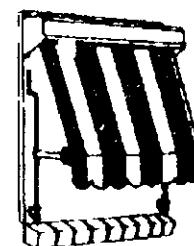
The Banner is bi-monthly newsletter distributed throughout Beaconsfield and we would like to thank the many volunteers such as writers, proof readers, photographers, deliverers, and collators. Thankyou.

To the Advertisers who have contributed to the Banner we thankyou, this

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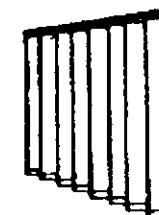
We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe New Year and look forward to the 10th Anniversary year of the Banner in 1999.

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## A NOTE OF SPECIAL THANKS

On the 6th. of November our dog was hit by a truck on the Princes Highway. Sadly he died from his injuries. The Piper family want to publicly thank every one who helped. Lovely people stopped to help, and to support our children who were with the dog. Delightful people called my wife and I. Generous people helped us take the dog to the vet.

Compassionate people stayed with me at the vet's surgery, and took me back. Your kind hearted actions blessed us in a difficult situation, and a friend in need is a friend indeed! Thank you all.

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