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ANZAC DAY SERVICE



Above:- Ian Arrell played the bag pipes during the laying of the wreaths and also lead the march to the Community Centre.

Right:- A large crowd gathered for the service on the 18th. of April.

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PUBLIC MEETING ON ROADS

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 18th May, 7.30pm.
Beaconsfield Community Centre,
Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

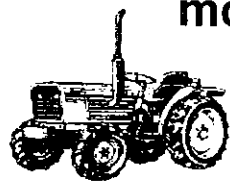
- (1) Horse and/or Bicycle Trails in Beaconsfield and the Cardinia Creek Park. Should this activity be encouraged or banned in the Park?
- (2) Our Public Hall? We have a site, there should be the compensation for the old hall demolished to make way for the divided highway in 1970. Is it time for a new hall? Should we start working towards one?
- (3) Report on Roads and what next!
- (4) Residents comments, problems and concerns.

Come along and voice your concerns, if we don't know about them we can't help you.

Supper will be served and there will be a chance to speak with the committee and we hope all our riding councillors will be in attendance.



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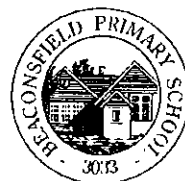


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What's Happening at
Beaconsfield Primary School.
Maurice Potter School Council President.

To emphasise the importance of caring for their environment, Years 1 to 6 participated in Clean Up Australia Week campaign at Akoonah Park. It was pleasing to note the comparative cleanliness of the Park with cigarette butts topping the list of collections. As reported by Benjamin C. "I found heaps of cigarettes. We found 3000 altogether".

The Park is a credit to the Management Committee and a wonderful resource for our community. In preparation for interschool competition, our school holds its annual cross country run within the park. Our winners (and placed girls) this year were:

- Prep**
- 1st Daniel Johnson
 - 2nd Richard Manley
 - 3rd Damien Johnston
 - 10th Alysha Bonell

- Grade 1**
- 1st James Johnston
 - 2nd Daniel Mercier
 - 3rd Tom Burchill
 - 4th Rachel Hore
 - 5th Simone Nicholson
 - 6th Emily Harris

- Grade 2**
- 1st Joel Cracknell
 - 2nd Rhys Dittrich
 - 3rd Kane Hughes
 - 4th Carley Hudson
 - 8th Molly Veltmeyer
 - 9th Stephanie Russell

- 9 & Under**
- 1st Jackson Edwards
 - 2nd Ayden Mills
 - 3rd Mathew Slater
 - 8th Brooke Dillon
 - 12th Natalie Popovits
- 10 & Under**
- 1st Nicholas Zivkovic
 - 2nd Luke Potter
 - 3rd Richard Paton
 - 6th Corrine Mackley
 - 8th Kristie Seath
- 11 & Under**
- 1st Daniel Reid
 - 2nd Jarryd Rogers
 - 3rd Jeffrey Jonas
 - 13th Michelle McMillan
- 12 & Under**
- 1st Kirby Manley
 - 2nd Scott Threlfall
 - 3rd Peter McCormick
 - 10th Amy Hollick

Personal Best
Brett Slater, Kacie Woods, Ashley Christie, Mark Watson, Kristen Van Vliet and Jessica Lispet.

Parking and traffic control remains an issue for our school, however in working with the Shire of Cardinia and Vic Roads they have agreed to implementation of the following: Additional parking restrictions in Lyle Ave and Wallace Street. Removal of No Standing signs on Old Princes Highway. Line marking of parking bays in Wallace Street. We ask that all concerned observe the new arrangements.

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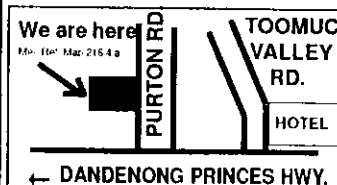
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From the President of the B.P.A. Joy Bishop



A lot of work has been put into the World War 1 Honour Board unveiling (see report).

The Public Meeting on Roads was very well attended and the feeling was that we really have to keep pushing to get improvements. At the next Public Meeting we will be reporting back to the community on the results of the night and hopefully we will have some good news on some of the issues raised.

The next public Meeting will be Tuesday 18th May, 1999. (See Notice). The items to be dealt with are- (1) Horse and/or Bicycle Trails in Beaconsfield and the Cardinia Creek Park.

- (2) Our Public Hall?
- (3) Report on Roads and what next!
- (4) Residents comments, problems and concerns

Please come along to our next meeting to support your association, together we can get lots of improvements for our town and have a great influence on Council policies. We have a great town lets make it greater.

PUBLIC MEETING ON ROADS



main questions were:-

* When the Hallam by-pass is completed traffic will be coming from Melbourne and beyond at a legal speed of 100Kph and it will be unlikely that there will be breaks in the traffic, as there are now, with the traffic lights at Narre Warren.

A Public Meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd March, 1999. The Community Centre was full to capacity so it was clear that this issue had wide community support. We were fortunate in having a good turnout of officials to hear our concerns including, The Hon Neil Lucas MLC, Councillors Graeme Kidd & Ted Owen, John McCaffrey, General Manager Planning, Graeme Tutt, General Manager, Services, all from Cardinia Shire, Dean Zabrieszsch & Steve Brown both from Vic Roads and Trevor Wakefield from the City of Casey.

The questions that we mentioned in the last Banner were raised and it was clear that the meeting felt that they all needed attention. For those who don't have the last Banner the

how will we access the freeway at Pink Hill?
* Should we have Freeway access at Soldiers Road?
* Is Soldiers Road going to continue straight ahead when it comes over the freeway and go through to the highway near Haileybury?
* Should the railway Station be moved slightly eastwards and the level crossing moved to the west so that Wood Street could go straight ahead, over the railway line to join Soldiers Road?
* What will happen with Emerald Road with the extra traffic from the new Estate on the Roche property?
* What will happen to Emerald Road if Inglis Road is closed to through traffic from Upper Beaconsfield as many residents in that part of Berwick are starting to campaigning for?

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The Guides had another term of fun and learning activities which included a movie night, horse riding session, family tree research at Narre Warren library and a visit to Villa Maria nursing home, which was enjoyed by both the girls and the senior citizens. We also had a bring a friend night which encourages new members who are always most welcome.

Beaconsfield Girl Guides is open to Primary School girls aged 6 to 12 years and meet each Monday at 4.30pm in the old hall at Beaconsfield Primary School. If you want to join with us and see what Guides can do for you, feel free to contact District Leader, Anja Potter on 9707 4287.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I would appreciate it if you could include an item (or make mention of it) in the forthcoming Beaconsfield Banner.

Recently whilst involved in a working bee with my 2 children at Beaconsfield Primary School on a voluntary basis, I had the misfortune to have an accident which required some emergency medical treatment. I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to all those in attendance for their fast action and caring concern.

The situation was quickly assessed, the wound secured, my concerns were dealt with promptly (children, tools, car...) the local doctor's surgery alerted and I was on my way to treatment in a very short time. Two good ladies supported and entertained me while the wound was stitched and dressed,

keeping me up to date with the children's welfare. The same ladies subsequently saw to it that my medication was obtained from the chemist and I was escorted home safe but somewhat worse for wear.

The care and concern didn't stop there; the following day, having delivered the children to school, I was whisked away to Berwick by a member of the school council for follow-up x-rays and later looked after with a cup of tea and the company of school council and parent and friends members.

Again I would like to commend all the persons involved for their generous support, care and concern. This sort of community spirit is a wonderful aspect of the Beaconsfield Primary School and all those involved with it.

Yours sincerely,
Theresa Van Lambaart

WILD FERRETS AT OFFICER

A well known Officer lady was getting ready early one morning last month to attend a business breakfast. As she had volunteered to drive some of her friends, she popped out to her car to get the street directory to make sure of her directions. It was in the pre-dawn darkness that she opened the door of the car and zoom!, something flew between her legs from under her car, she let out a scream and went tearing for the house screaming for her husband, opened the front door and the offending ferret went straight inside.

Husband, who was still in bed and half asleep, jumped out of bed to see what the commotion was about, sees the ferret in the hall and with no sympathy for traumatised wife just wants to know why she let the ferret into house. After much commotion and chasing, the ferret is finally cornered in laundry. She then had quite a time explaining to her friends why she was late.

FOR THE HOMEMAKER

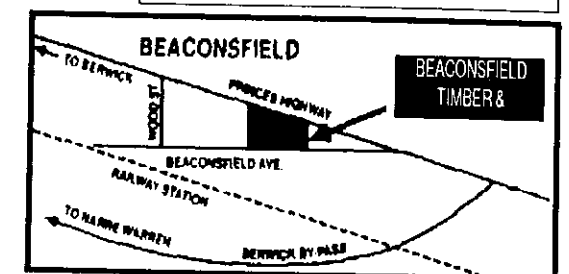
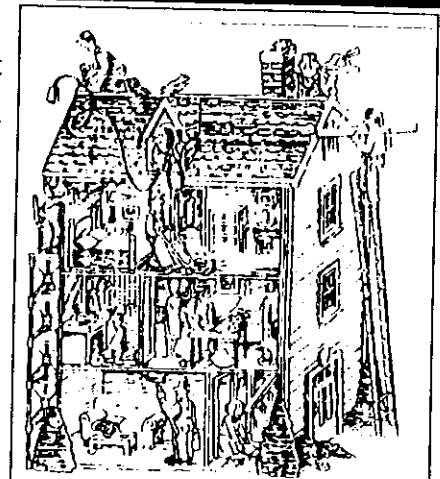
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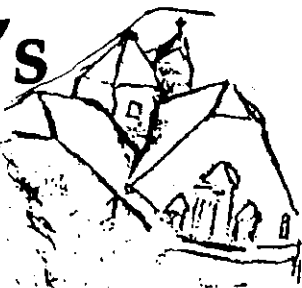
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

By Phil Collins

Do you ever get the feeling that maybe you have killed a Chinaman. For those readers unfamiliar with that expression and those filled with resentment at my slightly racial jibe, permit me to illustrate.

To save time and a good deal of walking I parked my van on the lawn as close as possible to the window which I was renewing for a customer. After several hours of work which ended successfully I was paid \$150 and waved farewell. While reversing out I clipped a tree- damage \$150. Time to earn 6 hours, time to damage - 5 seconds.

There is a thing called a trundle bed - I'd not heard of it until my daughter bought a set of bunk beds with the "trundle bed" which provides space for a sleep over guest. If space for clothes or toys is a bit short the trundle bed can be a great solution. I recently made a trundle slide under a single bed - a light timber box fitted with castors, divisions along and across the box and a triple handle to allow it to slide easily in and out of its hideaway. Just the thing for baby clothes and items - and it can be moved with one free hand.

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SHIRE OF CARDINIA NEWS

The appointment of new Mayor Max Papley at elections on March 22nd was a significant event. He replaces former Mayor Graeme Kidd from Upper Beaconsfield.

Cardinia Shire now offers free pet registration for cats and dogs under 6 months of age as part of its responsible pet ownership program. Please contact the community laws team on 5945 4296.

The Shire is now exhibiting plans on its regional Draft Fire Management policy. They are seeking public comment and discussion. Please contact Environment Management

Officer Sue Harris on 5945 4272 for further information

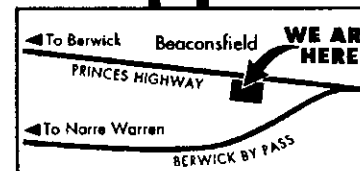
Cardinia Business Development Group are to hold a computer training seminar for small businesses on 12th and 19th May. A Business Breakfast starting at 7 am. at Melaleuca Lodge Motel, Beaconsfield on 12th May will focus on GST Tax Changes. They are also inviting nominations for their Annual Business Awards for presentation on 11th August 1999. For all three of these events please contact Rosemary Kirwin at the Shire Offices on 5945 4303.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

By Ann Taylor



FRIENDSHIP & CRAFT GROUP

RIBBON PANSIES AND ROSES have been really popular during first term. The work has been just beautiful with the flowers used in cards, cushions, pictures,

frames and broaches. We will continue working on these and other **RIBBON FLOWERS** during term 2. We will also be doing glassart using liquid leading and glass paints on various mediums. We will also be learning the technique of **CRAZY PATCHWORK** and will be making a cushion. The **TASSEL LADIES** continue to be popular as well as **GREETING CARD MAKING** and **EMBROIDERY**.

Term 2 commences Wed 21st April. You may join in a class at any time or just pop-in for a cuppa and a chat. We meet at Beaconsfield Baptist Church every Wednesday during school term at 10am to 12 noon. Enquires Ann 9707 1996



Above: Pam Banfield & Monica Bosch concentrating on making their ribbon pansies at Make and Mingle.

THEM PESKY RABBITS

You will have noticed whilst in the vicinity of Desmond Court or along the Cardinia Creek Reserve that Beaconsfield is infested with rabbits. This problem was brought to my attention when a friend of mine's pet rabbits sadly died from myxomatosis. Apparently pet rabbits can be vaccinated for the Colesie Virus but not for myxomatosis.

Melbourne Water are currently conducting a clean up of the rabbits along the creek and placed their lethal cocktail down 90 rabbit holes the other day. Ajoining property owners have

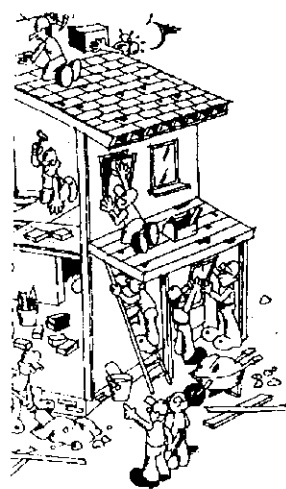
been warned to keep their pets in their property.

To have the rabbits exterminated from your property can be done but at a cost of about \$400 to \$800 depending on the size of your property. Of course they may run to the other side of the creek when you start spraying but anything is worth a try.

If you are one of these property owners who cannot walk around your property for fear of falling into a rabbit hole please contact the Progress Association and maybe we can do some kind of joint project.

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SCOUTING ABOUT

The 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group participated in a Corroborree camp at Carlingal on 2nd to 5th April 1999.

Over the 4 days the young people participated in the usual camping activities which reinforced the team spirit and leadership skills which they are learning through scouting activities.

Hey kids have you noticed that Scouting Australia has its own television program on Channel 9 on Fridays at 3.30pm.

A big thank you to the young people from the scouting movement who helped out at the Anzac Day activity in Beaconsfield on the 18th of April. Well done.

Cubs who are aged 8 to 11 attended a 4 day camp at Gilwell called a Cuboree.



Laurence Hardy reads the Scripture at Anzac Day Service.

There were 700 cubs having 'a whale of a time' in the bush at Gembrook. If you are interested in any of the sections in scouting regardless of age please do not hesitate to contact me on 9707 1871 any time.



FIRE 000 FIRE PREVENTION

News from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

Tim Mosely Award Beaconsfield firefighter Matt Haines has received the Tim Mosely Award for the Pakenham Group of Fire Brigades. The Tim Mosely Award recognises significant achievement by a junior brigade member and is awarded to a member for each of the four groups which make up CFA Region 8. The award was presented to Matt at the Region 8 fire championships at Clyde on 20 March 1999 by CFA Area Manager, Ewan Cameron and Casey Mayor, Janet Halsell.

Matt joined the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade in February 1998 and following completion of his recruit training is now a full active member of the brigade responding to fire and other emergency calls. Beaconsfield Captain Ron Woodfine said Matt is a deserving recipient of the award as he has in a short period of time become a valuable member of the brigade who enthusiastically participates in brigade activities. Matt completed his VCE at Beaconsfield College last year and has commenced a degree in Environmental Science at RMIT University.

Fire prevention at home as of Feb. 99, changes in the

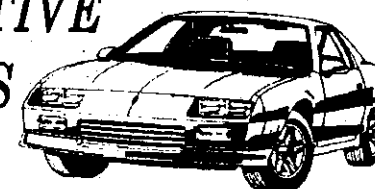
Victorian Building Regulations make it mandatory for all homes to be fitted with smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are a key part of the strategy to reduce the number of lives tragically lost as a result of house fires. Inexpensive battery operated smoke alarms are available from local hardware stores. It is important that smoke alarms are regularly tested and cleaned, and that if battery operated, the batteries are replaced at least once a year.

As the weather starts getting cooler, the incidence of chimney fires increases as residents begin to use open fires and solid fuel heaters in their homes. It is important that chimneys and flues are cleaned to avoid a build up of combustible material which causes chimney fires.



Above: Matt Haines holding his award.

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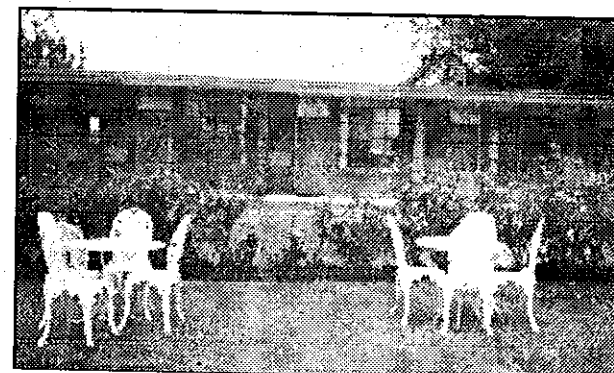


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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

What is wisdom? We hear the word often enough, we all seek it, we admire those we feel have it, but what is it really?

Is it contained in this statement by an 83 year old man. "I've learned that I don't feel my age as long as I focus on my dreams instead of my regrets." Is that wisdom, or just a learned response to life? Is it one in the same? Consider this statement by a seven year old "I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk." Is that wisdom or a learning process based on cunning.

Knowledge is absorbed by our human senses, therefore we know only what our senses tell us. Einstein told us, and taught, that ordinary human perception is confined to mere appearances, therefore we never get at the absolute truth about things, but only at the way they affect our senses. This is certainly not wisdom of philosophers or gurus and doesn't answer our question.

"Wealth may seek us, but wisdom must be sought," so said Edward Young many years ago. Indeed wisdom is not a commodity easily obtained and this is why the truly wise are rare. It is a mission to be undertaken, and to gain it men must expose themselves to many dangers. Be courageous in braving the risks and pitfalls of life to distil the precious essence of life from which this diamond of life is formed.

King Solomon said, "Wisdom resteth in the heart of, of him that hath understanding." The word understanding, is very important as it does not imply just knowledge or impact on our physical senses, but brings an aspect of spirit into the area

we research. To understand, is to bring into play a knowledge beyond words, or human senses. We tap into resources, that are of a "non thinking" type, we just know. This is where wisdom commences. Solomon also said, "wisdom is too high for a fool!" Can we ignore the words of a man regarded by all races and religions as perhaps the wisest man of all. The fool was never wise, but the wiser were sometimes fools. Understanding can come to those who reveal it in the way they conduct their lives and who open their vulnerable selves to the winds of change. This may involve hurt and suffering at times, but to stand still is to stagnate, we advance by moving forward usually into the unknown.

Quoting from a little book called, "The Quiet Mind" - "Wisdom comes to those who are calm and tranquil in spirit, to those who wait upon the Lord. Through an ever-increasing love in the heart you will grow wise."

Tranquility and love then, are important in the gaining of wisdom. Are the truly wise not possessors of these attributes. It would not make much sense to say that someone possessing the opposite qualities could be wise and understanding. Wisdom is usually a "quiet achiever" in the world, generally something precious that passes between individuals at times of trauma, despair or one person seeking the better pathway in life, to avoid traps and pitfalls that would be harmful. Wisdom alone and unused is useless. It must be placed in circulation (like money) to be working for the good of someone or something. We only recognise the wise, when they voice their wisdom, then we, if we be wise use their wisdom as a goal we aspire to.

This rare jewel is kept forever shining and will always be at the service of mankind. There is pain in wisdom, but also joy to the seeker.

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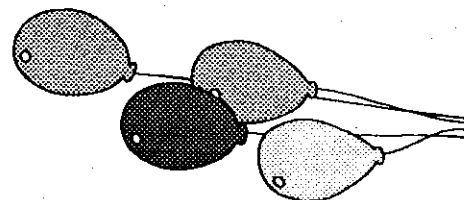
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If you can figure this out you are better than a lot of adults and you deserve a prize. Be the first correct entry opened and you win. Send your entries to PO Box 217, Beaconsfield 3807.

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THUMBS UP FOR BEACONSFIELD

(Written by David Griffiths)

The German exchange students who recently spent a month in Beaconsfield gave a big thumbs up to Beaconsfield before they left. The students were taking part in the "Berwick Secondary College - A.V.H. Gymnasium Sister School Exchange Programme."

The programme allowed the German students to stay with host families while in Beaconsfield and will allow some Berwick Secondary College students to spend a month in Germany later on in the year.

I spoke to Nina Hetzer who spent her time with Sam Piper who is a Year 10 student at Berwick Secondary College. During her stay in Australia Nina saw such sites as Uluru (Ayers Rock), The Olgas, King Canyon, Ballarat, Healesville Sanctuary, Gumbuya Park as well as other tours around Melbourne.

Nina who comes from Lauterbach (Hessen) in Germany said that

Beaconsfield, like the rest of Australia is very different from her home town. "It is very spreaded, it is very hard to find the streets, they all look the similar, it is very different and has bigger houses." She said she thought Australia was great, "It is a very different country with very different culture."

Nina is looking forward to returning to Australia in the future and she enjoyed the programme. Nina said, "However some of the classes were a bit boring, and it would have been nice to spend some more time with my host family."

The highlight of the trip for Nina was her trip to the outback especially Kings Canyon. Other students to take part in the programme were Manwell Cramer who stayed with Ryan Vincent and Tina Heinemann who stayed with Ashley Wilson.

TALENT REWARDED

Sarah Crockett, Michelle Rogers and Maureen Finlay of St. Francis Xavier School have been rewarded for their talent by having their photographs printed in the South East Region phone book. As a reader of the phone book from cover to cover I noticed their photographs and telephoned Sarah to ask her how this came about. She said that her art teacher had mentioned it to the girls and they thought it was a good idea so they submitted their entries and were very proud to see them published.

Visions of Your Community photo competition is running again this year and Sarah says she may enter again. See the local phone book for details, and if your photo is published on the front cover, you can win a \$500 Kodak photographic package.

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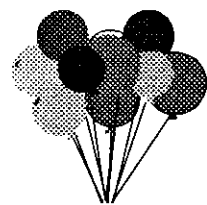
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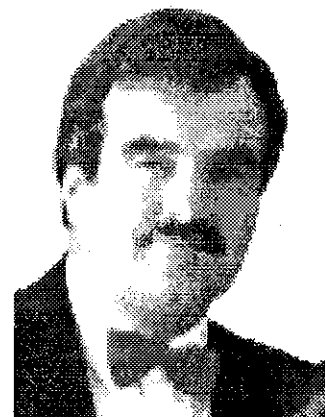


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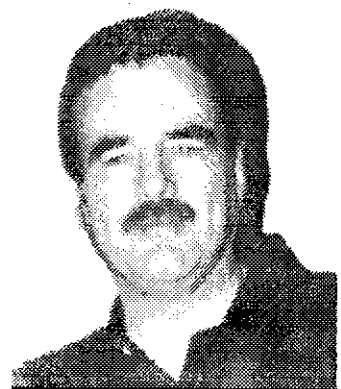
BANNER COMES OF AGE

(or Banner still Flying)

Written by Ted Horton.



For ten years the Beaconsfield Banner Newsletter has faithfully served the local community. Starting out as a single page news sheet to announce public meetings for the Beaconsfield Progress Association, it has grown 'like topsy' into a 28 page bi-monthly paper with a circulation of nearly 1500. Outstripped in age by the Upper Beaconsfield Village Bell, many other local communities are envious of the current standard of the Beaconsfield Banner. This is due mainly to the untiring nucleus of enthusiastic volunteers who produce a publication that comprehensively serves the needs of the Beaconsfield people.



The ingredients for its success has been continuity in layout and presentation, creative advertising at competitive rates and accurate reporting of local issues and events. There is also a focus on social happenings such as anniversaries, births, deaths and marriages etc., plus some very good feature articles.

There have been three 'co-ordinators' over ten years with a production committee of five or six that include a photographer, printer, proof readers, and advertising co-ordinator. The collating evenings have traditionally been jovial "social events" with anything up to 12 pairs of willing hands compiling up to 1500 copies with 24 pages plus, involving up to 19,500 sheets of printed paper. All this takes up to two and a half hours with time out after for cups of tea, scrummy cakes and much lively chatter. Townsfolk over the years have looked forward to getting their bi monthly Banner due mainly to good variety and local content. Peter Hansen has written 'Our Natural World' for almost every issue over ten years.. Almost all articles are contributed from residents like Peter within the township and unlike most commercial newspapers, little is edited or cut. It is this factor that keeps the Banner on a local personal level and ensures ongoing popularity.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MANY PHOTOS OF TED USED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS OF THE BANNER



Beaconsfield township is without a public hall, without a central focal shopping centre, with much of its population travelling away to work, has many young newcomers and many aged residents. Its housing areas are divided by highways, hills and creeks. Beaconsfield needs a publication like the Banner to bind the community together. The Banner is clearly of service to local traders with its advertisements proving most popular. Being a free publication, the ratio of half news and half 'paid' advertising makes it break even, after some help from an annual Shire Community Grant. There are plans to go onto the Internet.

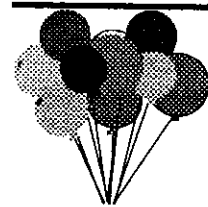


The future of the Banner is firmly linked to the future of the community. It will develop further. There's always a need for 'new faces' on the production committee.

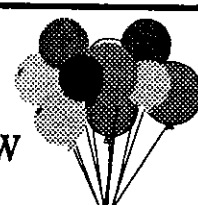
There has been some thought about publishing monthly, fortnightly, or even weekly, but considering the current workload for volunteers, that may be impractical. It would have to be commercialised to come out more frequently and that would detract from its style and popularity. There would probably be far less local input and contributions.



With the enormous growth in population happening in the area, it will be interesting to see how the Banner does develop, or whether it does get swallowed up by commercial interests.



10th. ANNIVERSARY OF THE BANNER



Looking back over the last 10 years of April Banners, it is clear to see that we have regularly reported on particular events. For example, the Beaconsfield entrants in Yakkerboo Personality Quest, Beaconsfield Country Fair, Beaconsfield Primary School Fetes. A collage of photo's tells these stories of success and a sense of community.

For a future article we would like to feature past Yakerboo entrants. We are interested in information on their whereabouts.

Other notable events include:

April 1992 - Gwen Neve retires from Beaconsfield Primary School as head-cleaner after 24 years of service.

April 1994 - Bob Burgess Park officially opened on 27th March, 1994.

April 1997 - Graeme Kidd and Ted Owen, Shire of Cardinia and Norma McCausland, Edrington ward, were elected as councillors to their respective shires.

April 1998 - Official Opening of the new Beaconsfield Primary School building by Bob Charles.



Above: Cr. Norma McCausland elected to Edrington ward, which encompasses areas of Beaconsfield.

BEACONSFIELD COUNTRY FAIR



A Beaconsfield Country Fair was held in April 1989 and co-ordinated by Beaconsfield Progress Association. The fair was held at the Squash Court Car Park area in Wood Street with many varied stalls under the verandahs and a special stage set up for musical, drama and dance items.

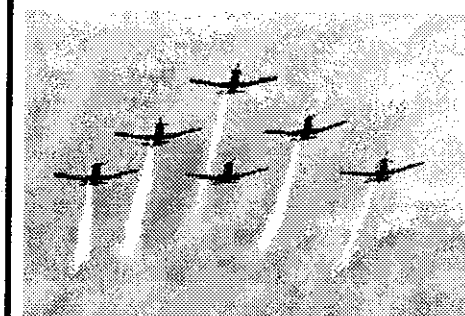
No Country Fair was held in 1990 due to the combined effort to support the Beaconsfield Primary School Centenary Fair.

The rain fortunately did not dampen the enthusiasm of stall holders for the 1991 Country Fair and the highlight of the day was a Slow Bicycle Race.



Above: - Fling Quartet with Sally Peart on harp.

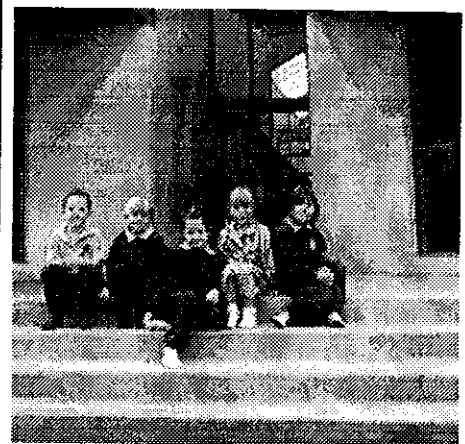
BERWICK SHOW



Above: Roulettes as they appeared at the 1998 Berwick show.



Above: Kelly Mentiplay, granddaughter of Mary and Ron McGrath, who featured in the April 1998 Banner.



Above: 1998 Prep children sitting on the steps of the new school building just prior to the official opening in May 1998.

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

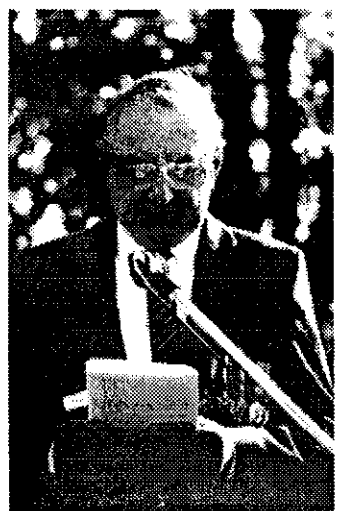


Above: Cleaning of the cenotaph by a group of volunteers.



Above Left: Pastor Gary Piper, Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

Above Right: Joy Bishop, President of Beaconsfield Progress Association.



Left: Peter Adamson reads the Soldiers prayer.

Right: Ken Newitt, lays the Laurel wreath on behalf of the RSL Headquarters while Berwick Air League member stands guard.

The Australian flag flew proudly as a large crowd, of some 200 people, gathered for the Anzac Day Memorial service held at the Beaconsfield cenotaph on Sunday 18th April, 1999.

For the duration of the memorial service representatives from Berwick Air League, Beaconsfield Scouts and Beaconsfield Guides stood guard at the corners of the cenotaph.

The Beaconsfield cenotaph was unveiled by Brigadier-General Brand on Saturday 13th March, 1920, and bears the names of nine fallen WWI and three WWII soldiers from the Beaconsfield district.

Pastor Gary Piper, from Beaconsfield Baptist Church, conducted the memorial service and assisted with readings by Joy Bishop, Laurence Hardy, Ken Newitt and Peter Adamson. After a large number of families and friends took the opportunity to lay wreaths and flowers in memory of soldiers, the bugler, Jarrod Dunscombe, sounded the last post. The flag raising was attended to by Laura and Emma Canning, granddaughters of Jim Parkes who had been caretaker of the flag for many years.

After the conclusion of the memorial service, the bagpiper, Ian Arrell, led a large group who walked to the Beaconsfield Community centre for the continuation of the days events.



ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



Above:- The procession ready to leave for the Community Centre.



Above:- Beaconsfield C.F.A. assisted with traffic control for the march.



Above :- Marcel Fahkry, a representative of Akoonah Park Committee and a WW2 Fighter pilot, who unveiled the board.



Above:
Left:- John Hughes (Past President of Berwick R.S.L.)
Right:- June Epstein, OAM (music educator and writer)

The proceedings for the unveiling of the reproduction of the Beaconsfield World War I Honour Board started with Joy Bishop, President of Beaconsfield Progress Association, reflecting on the way Beaconsfield was during the period when these WWI men enlisted, followed by the events that led to Paul Cohen being commissioned to reproduce the Honour Board and the gaining of sponsorship by Akoonah Park Committee. Joy introduced Marcel Fahkry, a representative of Akoonah Park Committee and a WW2 Fighter pilot, who unveiled the board.

A booklet with history (service and family) of each of the 33 men pictured on the Honour Board was distributed to all who attended. Copies are still available from Beaconsfield Post Office and Berwick Library.

To conclude the afternoons programme, Joy introduced John Hughes (Past President of Berwick R.S.L.), John Wells (writer and historian) and June Epstein,

OAM (music educator and writer) who all paid tribute to the book "A Valley in France", compiled and edited by Elizabeth Whiteside. Following the launching, Elizabeth Whiteside took the opportunity to reflect on the culmination of 3 years work, from a single statement of " we don't seem to have much history on your father", to the printing of 200 letters written by her father, T.C. Whiteside, during war-time and the story of his return and involvement in the local community.

The community interest was obviously high as Elizabeth Whiteside sold and autographed many copies of her book. For further information write to:-

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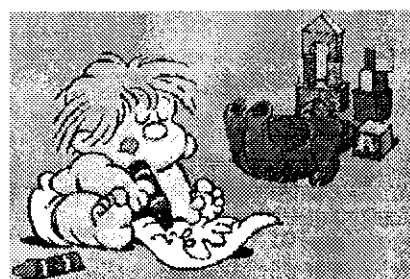
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Many people stayed for afternoon tea, organised by the Beaconsfield Community Centre Midway club and had the opportunity to view a display of military memorabilia as well as old Beaconsfield photo's by Paul Cohen.



Above:
Left:- John Wells (local writer and historian).
Right:- Elizabeth Whiteside who compiled and edited the book "A Valley in France"

It has been suggested that a Beaconsfield history group be formed to gather and preserve history both on families and places associated with Beaconsfield. If you are interested, or have history and photo's (which can be copied) please contact Tony Rushton, 9707 1765.



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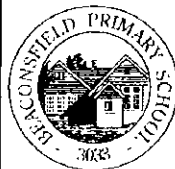
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Below:- Young lad tries out the Cox mower at the Berwick Show.





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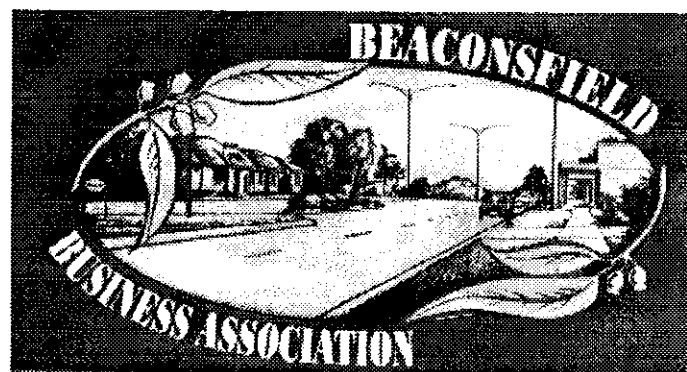
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BEACONSFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

by Linda Pettigrew



The Beaconsfield Business Association held its first Business Breakfast at the Central Hotel on Tuesday 16th March 1999 at 07.00 am. The guest speakers were Mr Bob Teague, the Chairman of Lang Lang's Business Association and Mr Des Wynne, Business Development Officer, Cardinia Shire Council. The breakfast was supported by 15 of the local businesses in Beaconsfield with both speakers providing informative information on the survival of local businesses and promotional activities undertaken within neighbouring townships.

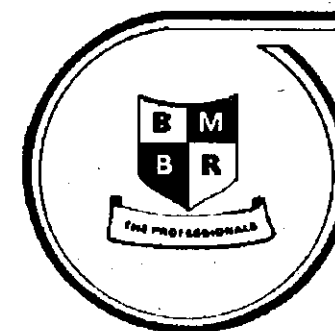
A reminder that the Beaconsfield Business Association Calendar numbers will be drawn again on Mother's day. The winning numbers will be displayed in the windows of those business's advertised

in the calendar. As outlined in our previous article the prizes are in the form of vouchers valued at \$50, \$30 & \$20 for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. These vouchers can be obtained from Linda Pettigrew, Secretary/Treasurer [at Beaconsfield Child Care and E.L.C] on presentation of the winning calendar with the amount redeemable at any of the Beaconsfield Business's advertised on the calendar. Over the next few weeks the association aims to survey and talk to all of the local businesses in its aim to be proactive within Beaconsfield.

Meetings to date have been held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Beaconsfield Fitness & Personal Training Centre, at 6.30 pm- next meeting scheduled for the Tuesday 4th May 1999.

New members are always welcomed. Any agenda items can be forwarded to Robert Shreeve, Chairperson on 9796-1155 or Linda Pettigrew, Secretary/Treasurer on 9707-5532.

Left:- Chairperson Robert Shreeve,



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PUBLIC MEETING ON ROADS

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Further questions and requests were made by people present including the following:-

* Traffic lights at Officer
* Our Country roads now need to be upgraded to cope with the new city traffic that we now have.

* The Kindergarten representative stated that there was an urgent need for upgrading of the parking around the kindergarten and a problem with traffic accessing the shops.

* Increased traffic on Kenilworth Avenue was also a problem

* O'Neil Road was also pointed out as a problem area and it was suggested that it should be sealed from the Princes Highway to Payne Road. There was also a suggestion that May Road be connected to O'Neil Road inland so as to avoid the dangerous and difficult Princes Highway intersection.

* It was suggested that something needed to be done to slow the traffic in Beaconsfield Ave and Wood Street as they had become a speedway, and that cars were doing wheelies in the Station Car Park at night.

* Semi-trailers were a problem in some side streets.

* School parking was another problem, one participant suggested it was the responsibility of the school to supply parking and deal with its own problems. The President of the Beaconsfield School Committee commented that the committee was working with the Council to deal with the problem.

* A Soldiers Road resident commented that if the O'Shea Rd. extension was to go ahead it would certainly make traffic lights in Officer a necessity.

In Reply -John McCaffrey, Cardinia Shire

(a) recommendations to solve many of the problems are outlined in the Beaconsfield Strategy Plan (b) The recommendation in the Strategy Plan will be considered when council starts to look at the next budget and will be given consideration over the next few months.

(c) Access to freeway needs priority.
(d) Emerald Road needs attention.

(e) Sealing of O'Neil Road will take place as development occurs as this is part of the permits for development on both sides of O'Neil Road.

(f) The requirements for both O'Neil Rd. and May Road are noted in the Strategy Plan.
(g) The connection between Manuka Road and Soldiers Road - this idea should not be dismissed.

(h) It was noted that part

of Kenilworth Avenue will be sealed from Brunt Road to Soldiers Road when the Pink Hill development proceeds and contributions are obtained from the developer.

Mr. McCaffrey then went on to say that many of the comments had been outlined in the strategy Plan and a few new ideas had been outlined and we all need to get down to the task of prioritizing. He added that our Strategy Plan area included the area from the Cardinia Creek to Whiteside Road and it is anticipated that 10,000 -12,000 residents will be living in this area in 10-15 years from now. There were a few detailed questions from the floor which were answered. Mr. McCaffrey stated that if changing access to May Road can be justified he will have it looked into.

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PUBLIC MEETING ON ROADS

Cont. From Page 19.

Councillor Graeme Kidd then told us that he had noted all the ideas and matters raised and would bring them up at Council's budget meetings over the next few months.

Graeme Tutt commented that Goff Street, Beaconsfield Avenue and Wood Street would all need to be part of a local traffic plan.

Trevor Wakefield from City of Casey said that Soldiers Road was mentioned in the Casey Strategy Plan. He felt that On/Off ramps may worsen the problems. Eventually Kangan Drive would be linked to Soldiers Road. O'Shea Road would eventually be sealed as development proceeded and developers paid the cost.

Mr. Steve Brown stated that Vic Roads was responsible for the by-pass and highways. He noted that issues had been identified in relation to the freeway and that community consultation will happen. He commented that there is a need to work

within both Councils Strategy Plans, and when the Councils advise Vic Roads of their requirements then they will take this to the Government.

Neil Lucas MLC told us that the Pakenham by-pass will follow the Hallam by-pass and that the Government had made no announcement on the Hallam as yet. It is now stated that the Hallam by-pass will cost \$175m and the Pakenham by-pass \$180m. Cardinia Shire have put up a good argument, and the community needs to keep pushing.

The President then thanked all the speakers and all present for their attendance. There will be reports back to the community at future Public Meetings to keep everyone informed and to stay focused on the issues.

Supper was served and many people took the opportunity to discuss informally, their particular concerns with the guests.

SHIRE OF CARDINIA NEWS

Cont. from page 6.

Puffing Billy Tourism Inc. is the name of a new regional tourist association. They will spearhead the development and marketing of many tourist related businesses in the area. With a recent meeting held on Tues 20th April, further information can be obtained through Marnie Wylde on 5945 4214.

DOES EVERY EVENT HAPPEN IN APRIL

Whilst researching Past History of the Banners recently it was noticed that the Horton family have a particular preference for appearing in April Banners. 1992 - Engagement notice of Susan Horton and Michael Desailly. 1994 - Announcement notice for Susan and Michael Desailly's Wedding on April 9th.

and now in 1999- Congratulations to Susan and Michael Desailly on the safe arrival of Lucinda Jane born on April 6th, 1999. Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, Joan and Ted Horton.



BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

Bouquets: To those responsible for removal of the very rusty trolley from the creek on clean up day. From a resident in Beaconsfield.

Bouquets: To Eastern Energy for their quick response, when a tree smashed through our power lines during the heavy winds that resulted after the Western Australian cyclone. From the Griffith family.

Bouquets: To Brett at Eastern Energy for promptly attending to radio interference.

Brickbats: to those people who feel compelled to take garden gnomes and ornamental frogs from someone else's front yard. It would be appreciated if they were returned.

Brickbats: to the people who dump rubbish on the dirt roads in our township. Currently there are 4 loads of rubbish dumped on O'Neil Rd. (Did you know that the council officers who pick this rubbish up also check for evidence of where it has come from. Very often convictions result!) Also to the 4WD who dumped glass wrapped up in fish'n'chip paper near the community centre on Sunday 18th April. Your registration number was noted.

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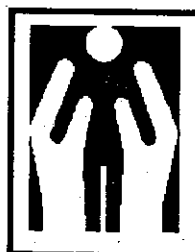
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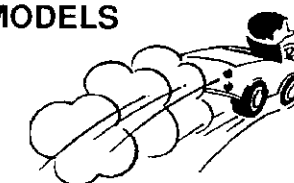
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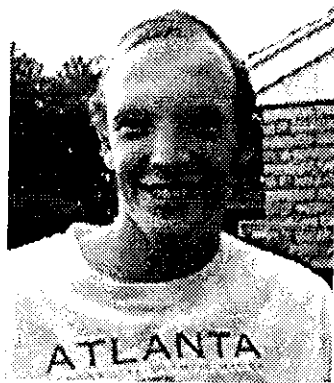
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Welcome to the Beaconsfield Banner's first ever Video Vibes. In each edition of the Banner from now on I will be reviewing the latest videos available from "Beaconsfield Family Videoland".

For all of us who have become huge fans of the television series "Buffy, The Vampire Slayer" starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, the last few months have become a drag while it is currently off air. But you can now feed your addiction by hiring the two "Buffy" videos which are available from "Beaconsfield Family Videoland".

The first video is the original movie length episode in which Buffy arrives at the Hellmouth and meets Giles, Xander, Willow and the rest of the gang. It involves her learning the town's horrific past and being taught her responsibilities as a slayer. The second video contains two early episode titled ("Witches" & "Don't Kill A Boy On Your First Date"). In "Witches" the contest for spots on the school cheerleading squad turns nasty when a teen witch's nose is put out of joint. The result leaves Buffy battling for her life, while "Don't Kill A Boy On Your First Date" shows Buffy learning you can't live a normal teenage girl's life when you are living your life as a Slayer under the guarding eyes of a Watcher as strict as Giles.

Rating: 5 out of 5 (A don't miss for Buffy fans or anybody who wants to be a Buffy fan.)



PAKENHAM AGED CARE

Jeni Mathieson, Co-ordinator of Volunteers

Pakenham Aged care is currently in the process of enlisting volunteers from the community to be involved with it's residents. If you have time on your hands - WE NEED YOU!! We need people to go for walks with our residents, play scrabble, play cards, play an organ, read newspapers, sit and talk, garden, go on outings, watch a video and lots of other activities, either on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

One of the aims of Pakenham Aged Care is to have the community actively

involved in the life of their residents, and to provide opportunities for residents to be involved in as many normal, fun, everyday activities as possible. In doing this we hope to retain a sense of purpose and enjoyments for residents as well as providing an environment which offers the best possible quality of life for them.

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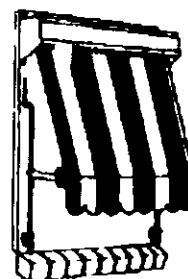
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Many of the cottage perennials perform well over the autumn as well, and a visit to your local IGCV nursery will show you what is on offer. Of course, it is also time to plant new seasons seedlings such as pansies, primulas, cinerarias and polyanthus, and spring flowering bulbs. Check out our autumn catalogue for some suggestions and inspiration including camellias, cyclamen (this year available in a punnet), daphne, the new Red Flower Carpet Rose, as well as other seasonal favourites.

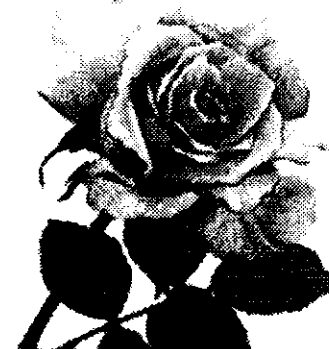
Autumn is the perfect time to plant everything but the most frost tender plants, which could suffer over the winter. The soil is warm, there should be ample rain and the weather is still good enough to promote strong growth. When planted in autumn, things have time to settle in and put on some growth ready to perform even better in the following Spring.

A highlight of the autumn season in Melbourne is the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show.

Again to be held at the Exhibition Buildings and surrounding Carlton Gardens, this year from the 14 to the 18 April, the show theme of "Reflections" promises some great displays.

Roses have performed extremely well this season and many varieties will continue to flower well over the autumn months. Remember to keep pruning and feeding your roses to promote new healthy growth and flowers, and to watch out for insect pests and fungal problems such as aphids, black spot and downy mildew. Treat appropriately at the first sign of pests or diseases for perfect roses over many months.

Our fabulous Rose Catalogue will be available mid to late March. If you do not receive one in your letterbox, call into the nursery to collect your copy. Remember that this catalogue is for bare rooted stock that arrives from May to July each year. Order early to ensure you don't miss out on your favourites. We have also produced a catalogue for pre-ordering of fruit and ornamental deciduous plants, look for this one too.



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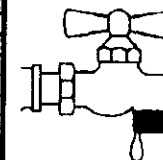
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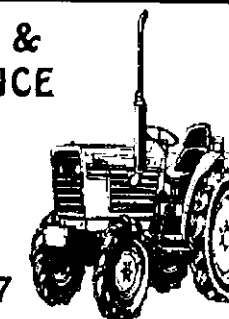
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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

(Written by M. Chatfield)

Jolliffe, Simon Day. Section 18: Runner Up. Team members:- Robert Kemperman, Nathan Talbot, Daniel Shinnars, Matthew Manning, Dominique Smith, Jodie Birrell.

Saturday Juniors Winter Competition 1999 starts Saturday 24th April. New starting time 8am. Our Juniors members are growing, we kicking off this season with 15 teams. Single sections :- 1, 3, 5, 6 gold, 6 blue, 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12 Doubles: 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20.

PENNANT 1999

Commences Saturday 17th April and Sunday 18th April, with 2 Saturday teams and 3 Sunday teams. Pennant enquires Adam Hurst on 9796 1364

FRIDAY SOCIAL

A group of mums with toddlers meet each Friday between 9am - 12 for social tennis. Anyone interested in joining this group, you will be very

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NIGHT COMPETITION

Tuesday night Unisex Beginners to B Grade. Finalists:- A Grade. Team members:- "3 men and a lady." Matthew Gray, Paul Wogan, Robert Amer, Ruth Guims. A Grade Team members:- "Potentials" - Peter Scalzo, Eril Buchler, Bev Daniels, Margaret Chatfield, Finalists:- B Grade. Team members "Tosses" - Greg Chrisfield, Graham Brown, Kelly Rich, Narelle Legg. B Grade Team members :- "Marty's Monsters" - Marty Felber, Craig Godham, Anne Nouza, Rob Kirkham.

Tuesday night Winter competition starts again on the 20th April. Enquires contact Margaret Chatfield on 97072016

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NEWS UPDATE

The 2 porous courts will be ready to play on after the Easter Break. An opening day still to be set.

Thursday Night Men's A & B Singles/ Doubles. Premiers - A Grade- 'Mash'. Team members - Wes Jame, David Jame, Les Donaldson. Runner Up:- A Grade - 'Top Guns'. Team members - Theo Van Roy, Richard Royce, Murray Castle. Results 28pts - 24pts.

Premiers 'B' Grade - 'Gunnabeens' Team members:- Terry Stanton, Bruce Habid, Doug Nicholl. Runner Ups 'B' Grade - 'Slap Shots'. Team members :- David Bell, Graham Howarth, Gordon Begent. Results - 25pts - 11pts.

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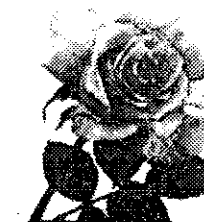
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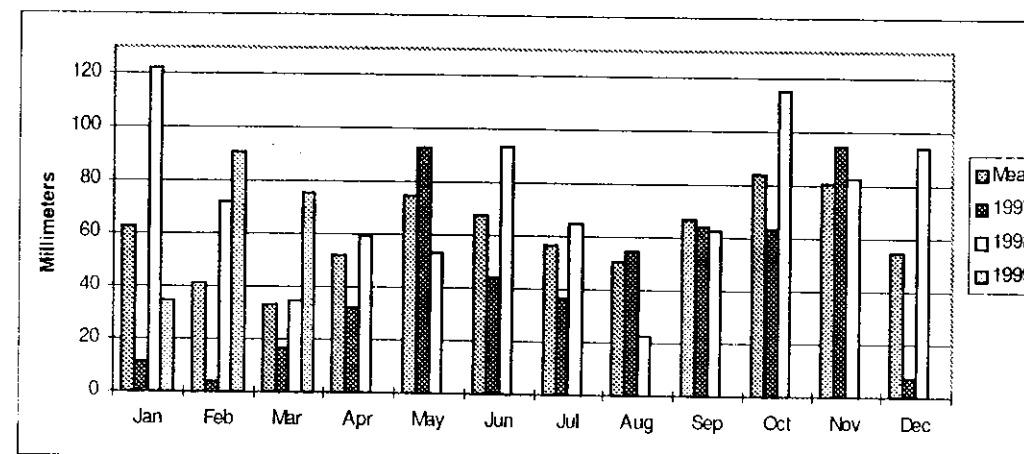
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