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## Law and Order in Our Community

This is the subject of the Beaconsfield Progress Association's next Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday May 2nd at the Squash Court upstairs meeting room in Woods Street.

It is an issue that affects everyone of us increasingly in our everyday lives. Our township today has few crime problems compared to perhaps Springvale or Dandenong. But what of the

future when our population has increased fourfold?

Many of us are concerned about drugs in the neighbourhood, blatant disrespect of our by-laws, rowdy street parties, vandalism to our transport, alcohol abuse, child abuse, traffic offenses. It touches people of all ages and we feel so helpless.

The Progress Association will have speakers present on Wednesday

evening May 2nd to answer the many concerns we may have later.

It is obvious that government has fewer funds than ever to curb the rising tide of crime. The Progress Association is keen to play some part in addressing crime problems on a local level.

Come along and join in the discussion. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday May 2nd.

## New Formed VFT Information Group

As a direct result of the Public Meeting held on the 28th February, 1990 in Beaconsfield, the Pakenham & Districts VFT Information Group has been formed.

The aim of the group is to bring about widespread public knowledge in the Shire of Pakenham on the Very Fast Train Concept.

Some of the major concerns of the group are Compulsory Acquisition of Land, Land Value Capture and of course, the Environmental Impacts of the VFT.

The final decision on the route (Gippsland or Inland route) will be made in May 90 and an

increase in concerns expressed by ratepayers will be inevitable.

If you wish to obtain further information with regard to the group and the Very Fast Train concept please contact:

Pakenham Mr. Hugh Kelly - 059 41 3229

Pakenham South Mrs. Ann Aumann 059 42 6280

Beaconsfield Ms. Hellen Kemp - 707 2633

Bunyip Mrs. Patricia Naus 059 29 2845

Berwick Dr. John Counsell - 796 8568

## Next Meeting.

The next Public Meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Squash Centre in Woods Street.

**Subject: Law and Order in our community.**

## WARNING ABOUT FIRES

Fire restrictions have been lifted in the City of Berwick and Shire of Pakenham but be aware that both municipalities have by-laws regarding the lighting of rubbish type fires in the open -- days you may burn, times of light up, and what you must not burn.

While it is still very dry please take care if you decide to carry out any burning.

Not many years ago the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade was often turned out to investigate sightings of heavy smoke in the Fire Danger period, only to find it was an incinerator fire, which was probably quite legal.

These situations seem to have almost disappeared, whether due to the big bins (great things), or the desire to recycle, or compost much of our weeds and rubbish. Whichever is the case, it has taken a lot of pressure off our fire fighter.

Any interested volunteers can contact the local Brigade any Sunday morning at the fire station. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.

## Community Calendar.

*Items of particular interest:*

District Scout Association Annual Meeting--Wednesday 16th May at 8 p.m. in the Senior Citizens' Hall, James Street, Pakenham. All welcome. Branch Commissioner, Dr. C. Silagi will speak on "Motivation". Supper.

Contact Mrs. Joan Horton 707 1313.

Sunday 1st July, Beaconsfield Kindergarten's Fun Run at Akoonah Park. Registration 8 a.m. for a start at 9 a.m. Adults course 8 kilometres, entry fee \$5. Children's course 2 kilometres, entry fee \$2. Sections for Ladies, Men, Veterans, Children. Trophies for major prizes. Certificates for all children who complete the course. More information from 707 1144.

Officer C.W.A. holds its meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Officer Hall. Contact F. Brooke, 059 412926. CWA Craft Day is held on the second Friday of each month at Berwick Masonic Hall more information from Hilda Barry of Woods Street, Beaconsfield, 707 1747.

Term 2 school holidays commence on July 9th and end on the 20th July.

## Brownies and Guides Leaders Needed.

Leaders for both Guides and Brownies are needed now at Beaconsfield. They do not have to be parents of members. Anyone who is interested in the growth and development of children, and has time -- either straight after school or in the evenings -- would be most welcome to help. Contact either Kay Hogben on 707 5747 or Dianne Heafield (A.H. 707 2112) for more information.





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## President's Preamble

*From the President of the  
Beaconsfield Progress  
Association, Ted Horton*

Since the February edition of the Beaconsfield Banner, much water has passed under the Beaconsfield bridge.

First off, the Progress Association and Shire of Pakenham's concerns were heeded when the City of Berwick approved permits for the development of 527 lots at 130 Soldiers Road. A condition to the granting was that no construction or supply vehicle access the site from an easterly direction through the town of Beaconsfield, and that all such construction vehicles use the Freeway, Clyde Road and O'Shea Road. Thank you Berwick.

In the town on Sunday 18th February, a proud yet humble Jim Parkes spoke about Beaconsfield's past on the occasion of the naming of the Jim Parkes Reserve in Souter Street. Few could have served on so many committees as has Jim. Well done Jim.

By the time of printing more Beaconsfield history will have been made with the Primary School Centenary Celebration weekend. Beaconsfield has a notable past as well as a bright future.

New shops are nearly completed now to the west of the milk bar. Wouldn't it be great to see a

further face lift to our small High Street with more improved parking and maybe a municipal park adjoining these shops, sweeping down to the bank of the creek with timber seats under shady trees? The creek area is perhaps our most valuable natural asset and if developed well for both passive and active recreation could well become the envy of many other development towns.

The Very Fast Train pulled over 150 people into the Primary School Hall on Wednesday 28th February. With speakers for and against, it was a very informative meeting held by the Progress Association. People were left very concerned about the wider implications of this controversial project. Little more is known about its association with the Multi Function Polis.

With the passing of the Federal Election now we have a Liberal member of Parliament in Mr. Bob Charles. It will be interesting to see if he can do any better in improving services for Beaconsfield in light of the projected population growth.

Finally, please support our Banner with all your news, views and gossip of what's happening out there in our growing community. I am confident the Banner will grow too.

Ted Horton.

## Linen Party at Fire Station

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a linen party following their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday 9th May, to commence around 8.30 p.m. at the Fire Station in Woods Street.

Normally the Ladies Auxiliary hold their meetings in the afternoons, but a number of members

have returned to the workforce, so the May meeting will give the evening a trial run.

Other residents are invited to this party, where it is known linen goods will be available at very reasonable prices. Anyone requiring information about the Ladies Auxiliary or the party is asked to ring Bev. Burgess on 707 1389.

**JUST SOME  
FOLKS JOKES  
OR JOKES  
ABOUT FOLKS**

**What is an adult?**  
A person who has  
stopped growing at both  
ends and started  
growing in the middle.



# Beaconsfield Primary School's History Published

Have you seen the excellent book published for the celebration of Beaconsfield Primary School's Centenary?

It is a great credit to Mrs Audrey Dodson, a teacher with many years experience at schools in this district, who compiled it over some five years.

"Beaconsfield -- The School and its District 1890 -- 1990" was partly the result of research in which the History Branch of the Education Department established when the first moves had been made for the formation of Beaconsfield Railway Station School, and Audrey's thorough

research of letters written to the Department from various Head Teachers at Beaconsfield school.

This is no dry as dust history. It is a lively and very enjoyable account of highlights in the school's first 100 years. It also includes many interesting pieces of history about the Beaconsfield district

Audrey Dodson and the Beaconsfield Primary School Council are to be congratulated on turning out such a beautiful looking book with its splendid collection of photographs from various decades, published on good firm paper in very clear type.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Lila and John Purchase recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes for the next 25 years.

If you have trouble from possums in your roof, cages are available for hire from the Shire of Pakenham Municipal offices.

Pakenham Shire has just published its 1990 Services Directory. This useful guide is available, free of cost, at the Beaconsfield Post Office. It covers contact numbers and information about a wide range of groups within our local community, as well as Council functions, emergency telephone numbers and other items of interest.

Congratulations to Miss Beaconsfield, Tara Crawley, on being judged Queen of Yackerboo, and best wishes for a wonderful year's reign.

## Notes From Birthwise

Members of Birthwise travelled to Nar Nar Goon on April 2nd and held their meeting at the home of Elisabeth James.

Birthwise is a consumer based self help group offering support and information on childbirth. Birthwise believe that a satisfying birth experience is a fundamental right and encourage active birth and support birthing alternatives including Homebirth.

Birthwise will be holding an information stand at the forthcoming celebration of International Earth Day at Emerald Lake Park on April 22nd, so anyone wishing to find out more can also talk to members and browse through the birthing related material that will be available.

For further directions to the next meeting of Birthwise, inquiries about the support group Birthwise or information on birthing or birthing related resources, contact either Michele on (03)707 5664 or Elisabeth on (059)42 8262.

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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

many with fascinating histories. One is surely "Angelica" which belongs to the Parsley family. Angelica would be best known to professional cake decorators as this confection application gives icing its unique flavour. Angelica Candy was a delicious sweetmeat, better known to earlier generations than present ones.

Commonly found in Anglo-Saxon Europe, Northern Asia and North America, Angelica thrives in damp soils, in or near watery places. It can grow to a height of 6 to 9 feet, and constantly attracts the insect world.

In the Middle Ages Angelica was thought to have supernatural powers against contagious diseases, and because it flowered on 8th May each year (St Michael's the Archangel's Day) it became known as "the root or herb of the Holy Ghost". It was used in rituals as a protection against witches and their spells.

It was introduced into England in the 1550's and was regarded as an antidote to the plague, but this turned out to be quite erroneous. Under the rule of Charles II a Royal prescription called Angelica Water was endorsed by the College of Surgeons in 1665, the year of London's great plague, and

ple. Later it was used in another mixture, Carmelite Water which was taken by distinguished people to ensure long life.

Until the end of the 17th Century Angelica was taken for everything -- from the bite of mad dogs to expelling afterbirth in women.

From this point its main uses descended to the treatment of flatulence, or "corrupt air", and taken as a tea for this malady.

In more modern times Angelica's tender stems have been chopped up and added to salads. In Norway it is used for bread making being powdered and the roots dried.

Seeds and roots of Angelica are rich in essential oils, and has a calming effect on the stomach and respiratory system. It stimulates the appetite and reduces colic, also helping to ease the effects of Anorexia Nervosa in its more serious forms. The Finns regard the young stems baked in ashes as a great delicacy.

Angelica is often used in perfume formulations, and in the preparation of liqueurs; also in hop bittens. Equally, taken in medicinal form Angelica is said to cause a disgust for spirituous liquors. That's versatility for you!

## RED CROSS REPORT

What a relief to get through January and February without bush fires in our area.

Thank you to those residents of Beaconsfield who assisted Mrs Nettie Abeling with the March "Red Cross Calling". Without the help of these volunteers Red Cross could not hope to cover all areas. We are indeed grateful to all those who donated money. Throughout Victoria this appeal is our largest fund raiser each year.

We were sorry other commitments stopped us preparing a stall at your School Centenary Fair

and hope everyone enjoyed the weekend very much.

We are still seeking new members to join the Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield unit of Red Cross. Meetings are held at the Church of England hall, Berwick, at 1.30 p.m. on the second Friday each month.

Please contact me regarding any Red Cross matters.

Marie Womersley,  
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## SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION

I noticed very orderly people each handing out their own party's How To Vote cards at our local school on election day. It made me think of the morning in the 1950s when we found one man sitting alone outside the old public hall, on a seat whisked out of the hall, handing out How To Vote for three different parties.

He explained his two rivals' absence thus -- "So-And-So's nicked off for a few minutes to run his missus up to the doctor's" (in Berwick), "And the other one's fighting his way through the spiders to get into the Little House" (behind the hall),

"And he's likely to take longer than the first bloke. So I said, 'Leave your cards with me and I'll hand them all out.'"

May Beaconsfield never lose its spirit of co-operation!

A few years later voting was moved to the Buffalo Hall. Again those handing out cards made themselves comfortable, sitting side by side on chairs from the hall, and were deep in conversation when we arrived. They leapt to their feet as we approached, greeted us and handed out the cards, then quickly resumed their seats and their yarns.

## Beaconsfield Netball Club is Doing Well

Netball is one of the most popular women's sports, and males are beginning to play it too now! Beaconsfield Netball Club is happy for any boys or men to join.

Beaconsfield has six junior teams (under 16 years) and one senior ladies team playing regularly in competition at the Frawley Road Netball Complex in Doveton. Last year four teams from Beaconsfield reached the finals, and there is keen enthusiasm to do even better this year.

Girls and boys may join as young as age eight. Those under 12 years practice on Monday

evenings; the under 14s on Tuesday evenings; the under 16 and Open Age practice on Wednesday evenings.

Some young people have to drop out in their senior school years for study and other interests, but the young women tend to join in again after they marry. There is no age limit on how long anyone can play. It is a game of skill as much as speed, which enables the more mature players to compete very favourably beside the younger ones.

As the population grows in Beaconsfield there is going to be a need for facilities for as many types of sport as possible, both indoors and the outdoor playing fields.

Anyone interested to know more about the netball club is welcome to ring its secretary, Pam Clarke, on 707 5618.

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### More Memories of old Beaconsfield

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There is a stuffed bird on display in Como House which was caught by a Mr George Bould of this district.

Station 3DB ran mystery hikes some years ago and went to various unknown mystery destinations, one of which was Beaconsfield, where the hike was held before the group took a train back to Melbourne.

A 3DB announcer of a few years ago, John Eden, now with the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, was born in Beaconsfield, along with his twin brother, and lived in a small cottage that stood next to Adamson's old hardware store in Woods St. The cottage has now gone and only a block of land is there.

The Post Office, in its present position, was run by three sisters, Mattie, Brenda and Alice Craven, until taken over by Kath Roberts and her husband. Alice Craven taught music at the Post Office.

Did you know?

That the first white settler in the Beaconsfield area is believed to have been an Irishman, one Terrence O'Connor.

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Bournville is the original home of Cadbury's chocolates. The lovely village belongs to a Trust begun by Mr, George Cadbury. The school celebrated its 60th birthday two years ago. I was proud to have contributed an article published in their celebration book.

It was during my time as a student that a friend's father, Mr. Poole, opened the Tasmanian branch of Cadbury's works.

Bournville school is a beautiful building housing a carillon in its tower, recently added to and rebuilt.

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Joan Armitage,

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Of course there is a social side to Apex and there are always things on the go :- car rallies, family B.B.Q.'s, Progressive Dinner to name a few.

Although not based in Beaconsfield the Pakenham Apex Club have members who live in Beaconsfield and neighbouring towns. We currently have vacancies for males between 18 - 40 years of age.

Would you want to know more? Why not come along to a meeting. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Pakenham Highway Inn in Pakenham. Or why not ring the President Willem Boon - 707 5053 and find out more information.

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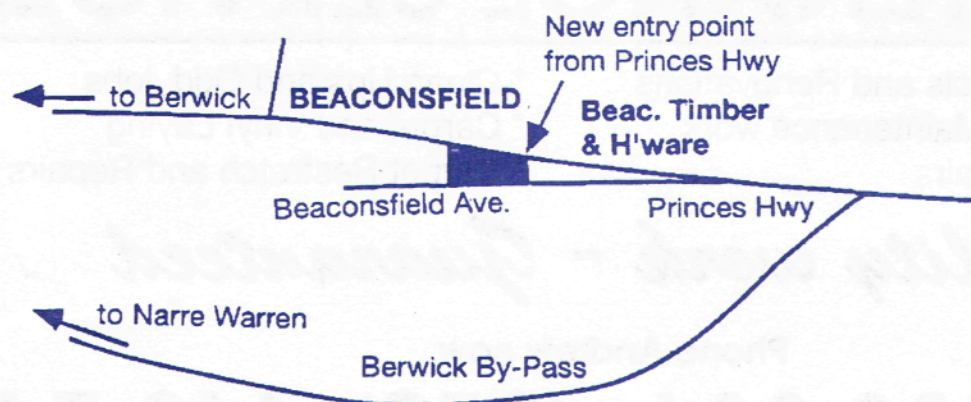
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Wed. 2nd May, 1990.

**"LAW AND ORDER  
IN OUR  
COMMUNITY"**

Speakers:

Vic. Police Spokesperson  
- Public Relations

Ray Canobie  
Shire of Pakenham  
- Shire Secretary

Venue: Beaconsfield Squash Centre,  
Meeting Room.

Time: 7.30p.m.

Gents bring a folding chair, Ladies  
a plate for supper.

Extensive car theft racket broken

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outside hotel

FAMILY VIOLENCE

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target

Slaughter

Beaconsfield

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