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### "The Beacon" Ablaze!

the Shire of Pakenham at their re- mote and encourage residents cent Council Meeting.

Berwick/Cranbourne/Pakenham Progress Beaconsfield Serv., n' Association, Make Mingle, Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Narre the local community for the local Warren School Support Centre, community. Why not become in-Planning for Early Retirement Group, volved?....It's amazing how much Beaconsfield Parent Club, and the Beaconsfield neighbours....You have nothing to Maternal and Infant Welfare Centre; lose but a great deal to gain. For of the members Community Group and local residents Hunter...707 1284. met and formed a Committee of Management to be known as "The Beacon" Community Centre.

"The Beacon" will provide:- a facility to allow locals to meet and have a cuppa, Information Services, Mutual Support Groups, Practical Assistance and Skills Development, Individual and Family Support, and Recreational/Educational Activities. Have you ever wanted to find out more about your community?...Have a coffee and a chat .... Need occasional care for children or a dependant adult while the shopping gets done a visit to the doctor is made?...Do you require some type of

"The Beacon" Community Project re- "The Beacon" will cater for all memceived a great deal of support from bers of our local community. To proour neighbouring areas to attend our classes , lectures etc., and to open Together with written and verbal sup- the doors of opportunity for our loport from:- Apex, Birthwise, C.W.A., cal business' to benefit from in-Housing creased patronage.

> This is a community project run by Primary School and fun it can be to get to know your Beaconsfield further information contact Kathy

# Shire of Pakenham Notes:

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE -Crs. Owen and Meeking recently met with members of the Neighbourhood House Committee, together with representatives of the Progress Association, Hall Committee, Guides and Scouts to consider the short term and long term accommodation problems of the Neighbourhood House. Certain options are now being pursued in an effort to ensure the ongoing presence of this important Community as-

retraining after being out of the (Council Notes continue page 3)

# MEETING

set.

Next Meeting.

The next Public Meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be Wednesday 27th June at 7.30p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Squash Centre in Woods Street. Ladies, please bring a plate & Gents a chair or two.

Speaker:

workforce?

Mr. Warwick Bayley, Pakenham Shire Engineer.

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# President's Preamble.

From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.

It was surprising to note how few people turned up at the last Public Meeting of the Progress Association that focused on law and order in our Community. It was a very interesting evening, but attended by only about 15 people. Yet if a public survey was held tomorrow about local concerns, undoubtedly law and order would feature.

Likewise the Progress Association is active in securing land for another park in Beaconsfield. Also, it is supporting the need for a Neighbourhood House in the area.

On the threshold of unprecedented population growth, Beaconsfield will inherit many of the Cranbourne, Noble Park and Dandenong problems of increased crime, lack of care for the aged, few facilities for youth, and poor facilities for your families.

The Progress Association aims to push for improved facilities and community support systems for Beaconsfield before the growth really gets underway.

With so many letters to reply to, so many community needs to try and support, the Banner newspaper to produce and meetings to attend, the Progress Association committee is constantly under pressure to effectively deal with everything efficiently.

In the coming months the Association will need extra help with charity collections, working bees and newspaper printing, amongst other things. If you can help in Community Affairs and have time to spare, please contact us at once. There are many talented people living in Beaconsfield and those talents could contribute to Beaconsfield staying a good place to live in.

Ted Horton.

# Beaconsfield Community Group

introduces "Playtime".

Beaconsfield Community Group Inc. welcome all those who have enrolled in our "Playtime" session for 3 - 4 year olds:

At present we have sufficient numbers to commence one session per week and should we receive further enrolments another session will be arranged. Sessions will commence on the 24th July, 1990 and we hope will run smoothly to enable children to have a most enjoyable time, and mums to feel happy and comfortable with the care-giver and the surroundings.

For any enquiries with regard to future en-

rolments and session times etc. please ring Kathy on 707 1284.

If you are interested in becoming the leader of this session, you are invited to apply for the position of Child Care Worker. At least one year of experience is desired. Apply in writing before the 7th July 1990 and address your application to:

The Co-ordinator, P. O. Box 299, Berwick, 3806.

# Shire of Pakenham Notes:

FORWARD PLAN FOR BEACONSFIELD -Yes! at long last Council has rethe final report from ceived Town Planning Consultant, Mr. John Mc Caffrey, on the Forward Planning for Beaconsfield. It will be examined by officers, and handed to the Progress Association for comment. The timing excellent and will enable Council to consider any funding requirements at budget time. LAND IN BEACONSFIELD TOWNSHIP -Land bounded by the new shops on Prince's Hwy. and the Cardinia Creek comprising some 2.7 acres is generally within the ownership and/or control of the Shire of Pakenham. Council has advised the Progress Association that the land will remain for long term passive recreational purposes, with some future possibility that it may be included within a Regional Park as has been tentatively suggested by State Govern-

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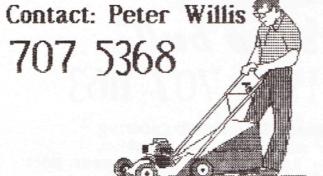
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Items of particular interest:-Sunday 1st July,

Beaconsfield Kindergarten's Fun Run at Akoonah Park; registration 8.00a.m. - start time 9.00a.m. Further info. 707 1144.

Term 2 school holidays

commence on July 9th and end on July 20th.

Monday 5th November,

Beaconsfield Progress Association's Bonfire beside the creek. Watch for further information.

# Warning About House Fires.

Winter brings another type of fire risk. The continuous use of clothes driers, open fires, solid fuel and other heating units, electric blankets, heavy loads on electric wiring, all require common sense use and nance.

Children and animals always need supervision when near heating devices. The drying of clothes in front of the fire needs close supervision. Remember to use a screen for open fires when unattended.

Chimneys need an occasional check for cracks or deterioration. Solid fuel heaters need correct flue installa-

Remember to turn off all heaters when your house is unattended. Don't leave home with the clothes drier still run-

Electric blankets need an annual check up. Use only approved electric leads and adaptors. Don't overload them.

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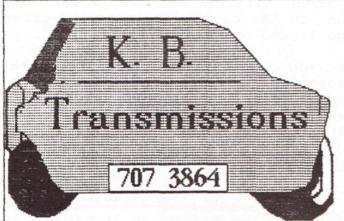
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# Policeman Spoke at Meeting.

Senior Constable Peter Kelly gave us an interesting talk at the Progress Association's Public Meeting on May 2nd.

He stressed the need for people to report crimes as quickly as possible. The sooner the police know what is happening, or has happened, the better chance they have of apprehending the offenders.

If you see an offence being committed try to get the registration number of the alleged criminals' vehicle. This is the biggest help we can give the police force in its battle to protect us and our property.

The quickest way to contact police is by ringing 11 444.

This enables police headquarters to radio a message to the nearest police vehicle and send it straight to your assistance.

How about writing that number beside your telephone now so you can always find it without any waste of time in an emergency? 11 444.

Senior Constable Kelly told us the Berwick Police Station is manned now 24 hours a day at weekends, but it will be necessary for the State Government to make more money available so it can become a full time station right through the week. This will be essential as the population increases, and with it, a corresponding increase in the number of offences in our community.

Perhaps residents may care to let our local member of State Parliament know of concern about funding for police stations?

# It's a Girl.

Welcome to Megan Jane Parkes, and congratulations on her safe arrival to proud parents Bryan and Janette.



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# Beaconsfield Playgroup Has Vacancies.

The Beaconsfield Playgroup is operating in the Infant Welfare Centre every Thursday from 10am to 11.30am.

The Playgroup has been successfully running at this venue for 15 years. It offers any pre-school child a large variety of activities, including painting, drawing, play-doh, pasting and outdoor play.

We celebrate each child's birthday with a gift from Playgroup. Christmas and Easter is also an exciting time for the children. Santa pays us a visit bearing gifts for all children, and the Easter bunny leaves eggs for the children to find.

Outings are also an enjoyable event, not only for the children, but for the parents as well.

We recently had a visit from members of the Police Force. The children enjoyed sitting on the motor bike and in the car and hearing the siren and lights operating.

If you would like to come to our Playgroup, please come along, or phone Chris on 707 1530 for further information. We hope to see some new faces soon.

G. Hobden.

# Letter to the Editor.

With the approach of long, winter nights it has become apparent that car park lighting is necessary at the chemist and bakery shops in Beaconsfield.

Would the Progress Association be able to bring this to the attention of the Pakenham Shire for possible allocations on this year's street lighting program?

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# "Rad" Activities

Cub Scouts (8 to 11 years) spent an exciting evening at the District Swimming Carnival at Cranbourne. They took part in "Wheelbarrow" races, "Chair" races, Scrambles and other fun events. All the events were aimed at teaching the Cub Scouts self reliance and teamwork whilst having fun.

The same weekend the Scout Troop (11 to 14 years) hiked and camped for two days and nights around Waratah Bay.

All Scouts, including leaders Roly and Ken, had a "Rad" time whilst accepting new challenges, such as leadership and teamwork.

Our Venturer Unit (15 to 18 years) have the distinction of having four Queen's Scout Award members in their group. These prestigious awards were all won within the past two years and were a great credit to the Unit and the leader Jeff.

Recently a team of Venturers (both male and female) organized an "Expedition", cycling from Swan Hill to Cobram, camping along the way. The participants were responsible for organizing the entire journey themselves. They had to carry all the equipment necessary - food, cooking and camping - for the expedition to qualify as a Queen's Scout challenge.

If you would be interested in joining this energetic and enthusiastic group of young people, particularly if you are female, please contact J. Horton on 707 1313.

# Successful Red Shield Appeal.

The Community of Beaconsfield raised \$761.40 on Sunday 27th May for the Red Shield Appeal. This was a great effort, and the Salvation Army is most grateful for the generosity of all residents.

### Source Of Knowledge Handy

Citizens Advice Bureau at Street, Pakenham, is storehouse of knowledge on a wide like a range of everyday subjects which can may contact trouble any of us. Their advice on Bureau any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday whom to contact for help is very car- or Friday, between 10.30a.m. ing and the service is free! They are trained volunteers who are good listeners and can make the time to There is also W.I.R.E. (Women's Inforhelp you.

They subjects as "Health Effects of Ozone all types of matters, a 008 number Depletion", Adult Literacy, Layer Regulations, Repetitive Scout's Recycled Paper on Hold. Child-Care Injury Suffering, Sexual Abuse. a booklet about papers by There is even understanding the Gay community.

people aged 50 and over - "A Guide shed at present. to Victorian Services for Older People", "Safe Exercise for the Older "Straight Australian", Facts About the Back". These make very worthwhile reading.

24 If you have a problem and need somea one to lend you their ear, or would copy of a free booklet, you the Citizens Advice 2.30p.m. by ringing 059 41 2377.

mation and Referral have publications covering such which gives telephone assistance on is available from the C.A.B. office.

Due to excessive collection the pulp manufacturers, the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group is The latest free publications are for unable to take any more paper in our

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# Our Natural World.

(genus) is "Salvia", derived from the Latin "Savere" (to be saved), referring to the curative properties terms of a 3 to 1 ratio. of the plant.

Long before the birth of Christ, Sage was well established as a healing medicinal herb and used by the ancient peoples to bring health to all.

Its uses seem endless, but it is of particular use as a blood purifier and infection fighter, covering most organs of the body. It is reputed to be able to form new brain cells when used in conjunction with another herb.

Ancient Romans used it as an aid to conception, calling it "Sage the Saviour". Another tradition said that when sage grew vigorously in the garden, the wife ruled the home. Interesting - but difficult to verify!



There would be few homes that do not The Chinese were said to prefer sage have sage growing. The official name tea to their own product, and would trade with the Dutch merchants, keen to obtain it even on the uneconomic

> Sage tea is readily available now from Health Food shops, and restores alertness, particularly at times of mental exhaustion, such as examinations. It also tonifies the lung structure.

> In England of the 1560's a variety of Sage (called Clary) was used as a substitute for hops in beer making, and apparently made the beer very potent indeed. To quote the records of the time, "Those who dranke it, became either dead drunke, foolish drunke, or mad drunke". This use of Sage did not care about the health of the population, only the healthy state of the publicans' finances.

> Sage was a herb that was reputed to mitigate grief, bodily and mentally, and particularly in France and England during the middle ages, it was customary to sow it on the graves in church yards. Sage is used in treatment of nervous troubles, and the lingering odours of the plant may have had a beneficial effect on the mourners.

> It has many culinary uses too. Sage can be added to a large range of dishes as flavouring, especially in the stuffing of poultry. The essential oil when extracted is used commercially in foodstuffs, soap and perfumes.

> Italian peasants believe there is no better way of using sage than their custom of eating its leaves with bread and butter. There is a phrase taken · from Latin saying "Why should man die whilst Sage grows in his garden?"

Peter Hansen.

# Scout Supporters Pin

Supporters pins for outstanding contributions to Scouting in this district were presented on May 16th at given for many years. Annual Meeting of the Toomuc District Scout Association.

Warren and Brenda Mc Gregor were each awarded a pin. Warren was at various times Treasurer, Secretary, President, and was well supported by Brenda on the Group Committee, actively fund raising for over 12

Mary Mc Grath and Roslyn Robinson have both been Committee Members and actively involved in fund raising for many, many years. In 1988 Mary's husband Ron was awarded the esteemed "For Service Badge", an award based good service rather than the length of service.

Roslyn's husband Rob has just recently retired as Assistant Leader with the Scout Troop.

Quartermaster Martin De Vos was also recognized as having been a great Presented to Local Residents supporter of the Group. Martin has maintained the equipment, especially the canoes, in an excellent condition. His service has been freely

# Beautician in Beaconsfield.

Another new shop has opened in the Squash Centre, Woods Street.

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arrival in Singapore we were es- down to the pool corted through Customs and taken to "Steam-boat Supper". the "Duty Free" area and to change "Take a plate and help yourself", some money. (Joe had a wheel-chair the young attendant said, and we did to make it easy for him as he has so after finding a nice table beside trouble negotiating stairs or stand- the pool. On returning with our ing in queues.) The Indian lady who plates, we found the girls had only pushed his chair was delightful and salad and a few dry biscuits on helpful, and Singapore Airport was their plates. huge and beautiful. Because we were "Aren't you eating?" I asked. "No, given such wonderful treatment, we we haven't eaten raw fish before," missed our bus to the hotel, but the they said. "You don't eat it raw. taxi ride was wonderful, along a You cook it at the table", I said, wide, shady avenue; so clean and well like velvet in the moonlight.

The Ramada where we stayed is being refurbished and the foyer and reception areas were lovely. Our room was very large with everything necessary large with everything necessary for a 3 day stopover.

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across the aisle on our plane. We de cided to have dinner together and at ter showers met in the hall and went area for a

and with a laugh and a sigh of remanicured, the lawns looked lief, they returned to fill their

# Red Cross Door Knock a Great Success.

The local Red Cross Unit, known as Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield, was most successful in organising sufficient volunteer callers to almost completely cover the collection area in March. Thanks to these callers and the generosity of so many residents, the total amount checked in through the local Unit reached \$16,354. This showed an increase of more than \$2,000.00 on last year.

Thanks go to your area organiser, Mrs. Nettie Abeling, who is always busy with home nursing equipment loans, but still find time during March to get together her team of callers.

One item of interest - when watching a Ray Martin Show recently, it was good to see an Australian invention which has won an award in Geneva. It was the Platypus Wheel Chair, made from P.V.C. tubing, which folds up completely for transport. When assembled it can be pushed into the water to give a patient therapeutic treatment.

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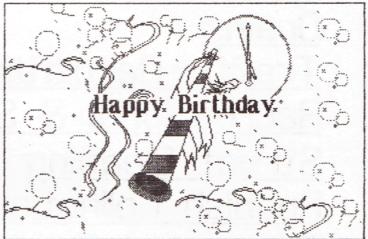
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