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Shire of Pakenham by Councillor Peter Meeking.

Roundabouts.

No.1 priority on the shire list is at the intersection of Emerald Road and Inglis Road. Council is still awaiting the outcome of its funding application to VicRoads.

Street Lights.

Council is writing to the S.E.C. expressing concern at the number of street lights which are not operating. The community also should make the S.E.C. aware of any lights which are out of order.

New By Law.

Council has now adopted a new by-law which will regulate the placement of obstructions on footpaths, such as sandwich boards, etc. these are not prohibited, but they are regulated.

Shire Logo.

All replacement and new street signs will now be printed with the inclusion of the shire logo.

Council Elections.

There will be no elections in the Beaconsfield Area (Beacon Hills Riding) as Councillor Ted Owen (Shire President) has been reelected unopposed for a further 3 year term. Ted is the longest serving Councilor on the Pakenham Shire. Congratulations Ted Owen.

Renting of Crown Land.

The State Government has dreamed up a system which, if implemented, will require reserve committees, such as Beaconsfield, to pay a rental to the Government for the privilege of managing the Reserve on behalf of the Government. Yes absolutely unbelievable! Council will express its total opposition to such a scheme.

Budget.

Already your local Councillors, Ted Owen, Peter Meeking and Keith Ewenson, have met to discuss Riding projects for the next budget year.

The following expenditure items have been proposed:--

- Curb and channelling -- S.E.C. to St. Francis Xavier College.
- 2. Footpath -- Milk Bar to Cardinia Creek Bridge (beside old Highway).
- 3. Raised Pedestrain Crossing (old Princes Highway).
- Possible Renovations on Comunity House (Neighbourhood 4.
- Footpath -- Railway station to St. Francis Xavier College. 5.

PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE.

From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.

It is a busy time for the Beaconsfield's Progress Association. Currently we are tackling the following issues:-

- Points raised in the publication of the Beaconsfield Area Action Plan.
- 2. Support for a Neighbourhood House.
- 3. How to eradicate graffiti and stop it reoccuring.
- 4. Speed ramps for various traffic problems.
- The possible termination of lease in the future for 5. the Pistol Club.
- The forming of a new park by the creek. 6.
- A November 5th. bonfire night in Beaconsfield.

There are more activities as well, such as publishing the Banner, co-ordinating with the Public Hall Committee and attending to Shire correspondence and meetings.

We can proudly say that we have a very active team of committee members who get things done, and have a good turnout of interested people at most meetings.

I am sure there is a silent core of people out there who have strong feelings about Beaconsfield, their home town. I sincerely hope those people will come to our meetings and have their say. Better still, please come to our October annual general meeting and nominate for the committee.

The Shire Council places great value on the opinions of the Progress Association. It is an organization very much needed in this area of rapid development.

See you at our next meeting August 22nd.

Ted Horton.

Next Meeting

The next Public Meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be Wednesday 22nd August at 7.30p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Squash Centre in Woods Street, Ladies a Plate, Gents a Chair please,

SUBJECT: BEACONSFIELD AREA ACTION PLAN

"Our future in public discussion"

Guest Speaker:

Mr John McCaffrey - Area Action Planning Consultant.



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The Beacon...
Community Centre

"The Beacon" Community Centre (Neighbourhood House) now has an Interim Steering Committee. The Committee have had and will be having further discussions with the Shire of Pakenham Council with regard to procuring the Old Railway House and land for the use by "The Beacon" Community Centre (Neighbourhood House) and the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group.

The land is presently owned by the State Government and it is proposed that the Title to the property be transferred to the Shire of Pakenham. The Council will then make the Old Railway House available for us to "The Beacon" Community Centre (Neighbourhood House) and it's associated groups and to allow the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group to permanently occupy it's present location. There are worries that the Scouts would have to vacate their current premises at the expiration of their lease in April, '91.

The Interim Steering Committee for "The Beacon" Community Centre will be meeting again on Wednesday the 29th August, 1990 at 7.30p.m. The venue at this stage is still to be confirmed please watch the Milkbar window for further details.

Our guests at this meeting will be Ms. Jacqui Marshall - Community Network Field Worker and John Murrell - Shire of Pakenham, Community Services Manager. Jacqui will be giving us further insight as to what a Neighbourhood House is, how it can operate etc. John will hopefully have some good news on the negotiations with the State Government.

This is a Community project and all meetings are open to the community to attend. Please feel free to come along and give us your ideas or to just have a chat. See you there......

A Community Project for Beaconsfield.

WHAT IS AT THE END OF A RAINBOW?

Certainly not the elusive pot of gold!

About 10 years ago Alan Wilson was working on a farm out of Beaconsfield when he saw his cattle begin to change color. He noticed trees, fences and pastures also were going pink, and thought he was taking ill.

Then everything changed to another color, and he realised he was standing in a rainbow. Later he described it as "an eerie experience" with each different colour moving slowly across him, significantly changing the appearance of the landscape.

As the rainbow moved on, he looked up at the great arch high above him in the sky, and sought the far end. It was hidden beyond trees on the next-door property and was about a kilometre away.

Suddenly a burst of spring sunshine gave way to a very wetting shower, and sent him running for cover.

LEISURE PLAN FOR THE SHIRE OF PAKENHAM

Jan Bruce, Recreation Planning Consultant, is well on her way organising the Leisure Plan for the Shire of Pakenham. A great deal of community involvement is a high priority and Jan has already visited local areas to look at community facilities.

The aim of the Leisure Plan is to promote better use of existing sporting facilities and to look at other needs the communities require for leisure. This may include Neighbourhood Houses, Over 50's (plus) Clubs, Gardening Clubs etc.

If you would like to have some input in planning leisure facilities for your area, then this is your opportunity to do so. Jan will be holding further community meetings which you are encouraged to attend. If you have any ideas which you wish to discuss about leisure facilities in the Shire, please contact Recreation Officer, Miriam Gillespie, who will be happy to listen to your suggestions.

Just some folks jokes or jokes about folks.

- Q. What goes Ha Ha Plonk? A. Someone laughing his head off.
- Q. What goes Boo Hoo Splat? A. Someone crying his eyes out.
- Q. Why do people laugh up their sleeves?
- A. Because that's where their funny bones are.

RED CROSS CAMP CHALLENGE

Camp Challenge and Camp Can Teen are camps organised each year by the Red Cross in conjuction with the Royal Children's Hospital. Those who qualify for Camp Challenge are primary school age children who are suffering from some form of cancer.

Camp Can Teen accommodates teenagers who also are cancer sufferers. The Red Cross Youth Department and the Challenge Committee arrange an abundance of activities and events. It is the first holiday some of these young people have ever had. Sadly, for some, it is also their last.

This has proved to be a very rewarding service for all involved.

Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross Unit is still searching for new members, and some additional drivers willing to have their names added to our transport roster. This service has been particularly busy lately taking patients to appointments in the Dandenong area and also to central Melbourne.

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Then a nursing home of 30 beds will be built in Gibb Street, Berwick, opposite the hospital to cater for the growing number of elderly citizens.

We all remember the selfless work of doctors, nurses, hospital staff and volunteers at the time of the Ash Wednesday bush fires. They gave the community everything they could to alleviate suffering and to comfort relatives.

Now it is their turn to ask us to help their voluntary Appeal Committee to make possible the extensions to cater for our community's future needs. Donations are tax deductible.

The Appeal Chairman is Mr. Peter Norris, AO, OBE, and further information is available on 707 1900.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU CAN **HELP YOU**

The Citizens' Advice Bureau has a collection of pamphlets from the Arthritis Foundation which may help you cope with the winter and spring. There is also a leaflet of safe exercises for the mature person which can be done at home and help you keep fit and limber until the weather picks up and you can return to your usual outdoor activities.

The Ministry for the Ageing has compiled a comprehensive collection of information regarding health, shopping, day centres, cooking and enjoying meals, education, choosing where to live and much more. These folders are available now.

Did you know that people with complaints about health care can get help from Victoria's Health Ombudsman by contacting the Health Services Commissioner? He will help people to resolve their complaints quickly

and fairly. Country people can ring a toll free number!

Tax Return Time is coming up soon. Four of the Bureau's staff at Pakenham Community House, 24 Main Street, Pakenham, have met the Taxation Office requirements and are officially accredited "Tax Help" members. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance if you are struggling to complete your return.

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Our Travels in Singapore

by Melva Behr. (continued from last issue)

The following day Joe and I decided to walk to "Raffles Hotel" whereupon a rickshaw man asked if we would like a ride. "Eight dollars," he said, "Take you to Raffles."

A taxi only costs \$3 for miles, and Rafiles was just around the corner or we wouldn't have tried to walk there. "Six Dollars," said the rickshaw man, but we replied "No." He was annoying us so much we stopped a young man passing and asked him the quickest way back to our hotel.

"Through St. Joseph's Churchyard here," he said. "I will walk with you."

Just then a car pulled in behind us in the churchyard and a man spoke in a native tongue, "Where do they want to go to? I will take them in my car. "When the young man translated to us we were very wary, but he told us, "This is a very good man, you can trust." We decided to take the lift and began one of our most wonderful adventures.

"Arthur" was indeed a wonderful Christian man, of Phillipino descent, who asked if he could show us Singapore. He had finished work for the day and was free until 8 p.m. It was 3.30 p.m. We said okay and for the following three and a half hours were given a guided tour from Raffles to a little street cafe (for locals only we were told) where we had a wonderful meal for \$2 Australian. Over the toilet door was a sign, "Failure to flush -- Penalty \$150."

On saying our farewells to Arthur, we exchanged names and addresses with an invitation for himself and his wife to visit us anytime. Maybe if Melbourne is successful with the Olympic Games bid? On many occasions we felt someone was travelling with us, and this was one of those times.

We enjoyed our time in Singapore, the wonderful courteous people, the clean streets, and our bus tours to such places as Changie Prison, a crocodile farm and the tropical botanical gardens, but the high pressure sales techniques were something we had never experienced before and a bit wearying. It's nice to go into K-Mart and Myers without being pressured to buy.

In Singapore no one gets paid unless they work, so unemployment is very low. Street cleaning, gardening and maintenance of public shelters are carried out by the young and old who are "in between" jobs.

Between the hours of 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. the inner city area can only be entered by car by paying for a pass. This means people don't drive to work and therefore the underground railway is paying its way. I think Australian Government could learn a few things from Singapore Government.

When we were to depart from Singapore, much to our horror we were confronted with a departure fee. We only had \$5 Singapore and it was more than that. An English couple who lived in Bahrain, but were on their way home to England, said "Not to fear, we will help you out. We've been caught ourselves and know how it feels."

So through their generosity we were able to board our plane to travel on. In the departure lounge we saw a special book their son wanted, so we were able to buy it for him and repay our debt, and he was thrilled.

We flew from Singapore to Bahrain, where the crew changed. On came the crew we had had Australia-to-Singapore three days earlier.

"Did you enjoy Singapore, Joe?" asked a stewardess Julie, who had given him special treatment. "Let's know if you want anything."

It was like being with friends having the same crew all the way to England.

(to be continued next issue.)



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Violet is a humble, little flower that became the favourite of Napoleon Bonaparte. In order to please her husband, Josephine wore a chain of violets in her hair for their marriage. Napoleon, in gratitude, presented her with a posy of violets for each wedding anniversary. As a result the French people called him "Corporal La Viollette."

When Napoleon returned to France from Exile and started his triumphant march through the country, he was welcomed everywhere by ladies dressed in violet gowns with violets in their hair. And the steps of the palace were strewn with violets. Henceforth the flower was adopted as the offical emblem of the Imperial Napoleonic Party.

In Roman times the citizens enhanced the fragrance of their gardens by planting garlic and onions between the violets, just as the Rumanian rose growers do today to make the roses more fragrant.

Pliny advised his fellow Romans to drink violet tea to cure headaches and hangovers. It is still used today for headach and to treat disorders of the respiratory tract.

Violets can be eaten too. There is a recipe for violet soup using stock, rice, lemon juice and half a cup of freshly picked violets. A salad using 30 violets and other ingredients is said to be nourishing.

Peter Hansen.

Just some more folks jokes or jokes about folks.

- Q. What is a complete waste of time?
- A. Telling a bald man hairraising stories.
- Q. Why was the Egyptian child so confused?
- A. Because his Daddy was a Mummy.

THE FUTURE.

I gaze around and wonder at people passing by.

Are they all to blame for conditions, as well as you and I?

Will the children in their strollers, little sinners be?

Will the youth so full of energy become like you and me?

The world is full of hatred, the single minded self,

What matters if they greedily grab the last loaf on the shelf,

Does anyone that's passing bypause to give a smile,

Or do they think a cheerful glance is just a waste of time?

Oh, selfishly we fill our day with doing what we do,

Forgetting in our worries and shrouded misty view.

Will man ever in the future, change his attitude for life,

Or we doomed for ever, to a bitter enduring strife?

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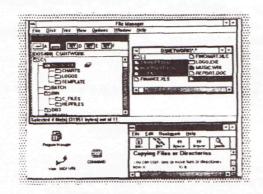
22 Aug.	Beaconsfield Progress Association Public
	Meeting.
25 Aug.	Beaconsfield Scouts Street Stall.
3-7 Sept.	Beaconsfield State School Education
i kara	Week. Including:- Grandparents Day &
	Prospective Parents Information Day
21 Sept.	School finishes term 3.
30 Sept.	Closing date for reports for Oct. Banner.
8 Oct.	School commences term 4.
20 Oct.	Scouts Trivial Pursuit Night.
24 Oct.	Beaconsfield Progress Association
	Annual General Meeting.

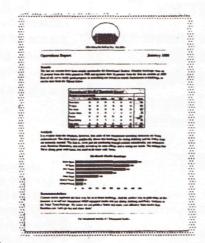
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1st. BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP.

The Scout Group are currently experiencing steady growth and now have a full compliment of boys in the cubscout section.

The cubscouts and their families recently enjoyed the District Mystery Train Trek, and Cycling Hike along the Yarra River - rumour has it that some mum's and dad's may have been left saddle sore.

The District Swimming Carnival in Cranbourne also proved to be fun filled and very exciting for those who attended.

Our Scout section has been busy with various inhouse tasks. They recently welcomed some new boys going up into scouts, by building a Shanghi which catapulted the new scouts into their new unit. A Cooking Night showed the scouts just



what can be done with an old tin can and a candle - the Pikelets were delicious (?)!!!!

Coming up is the "Father's Day" Camp - a Weekend away for father and son which promises many surprises for the uninitiated dad.

Our Scout Leaders are also busy organising the "Toomuc Expedition" District Water Activity Camp. This camp is being held during the school holidays for scouts and their families providing activities like canoeing, hiking, caving and possibly ab-

seiling.

The Venturer Unit have spent the last few months raising funds to send four of their unit as our representatives to Tasmania for the "Venturer 90" gathering. Again many activities are opened up for the young to experience. Venturers is not only open to boys but girls also participation the many adventurous activities offered. It's a great way to meet the youth from neighbouring groups throughout the local area. The opportunity also exists for representatives to

visit with other groups in other states of Australia and other countries of the world.

Would you like to speak with people from Japan, South Africa....... the "Jamboree of the Air" is coming in October. Again this is open to all scouters and their families.

Fundraising events coming up are: a street stall in Beaconsfield on the 25th August and a Trivial Pursuit Night on the 20th October.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group either as a Cubscout, Scout, Venturer, or Leader, or perhaps to come along and join the fun at our Trivial Pursuit Night, please contact Joan Horton on 707 1313.

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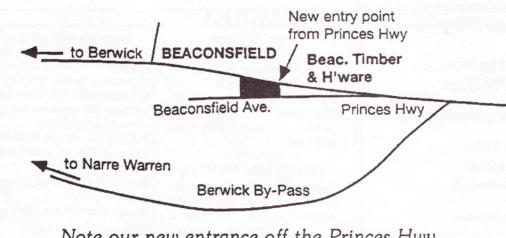
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