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Shire of
Pakenham

What's Happening at Council

Shire of Pakenham by Councillor Peter Meeking.



Peter S Meeking,

ROUNABOUT

Construction of the Emerald Road-Payne Road-Ingليس Road Roundabout is presently scheduled to commence in May 1991 subject to appropriate approvals.

PEDESTRIAN REFUGES

In an attempt to create a somewhat safer crossing of the Highway (now referred to officially as the Berwick - Beaconsfield Road) two pedestrian refuges are to be constructed, one in the vicinity of the Commercial area and one in the vicinity of the school.

A concrete footpath will be constructed, also scheduled for May 1991, from the existing milk bar area to the Cardinia Creek Bridge.

BEACONSFIELD OVAL

Council has allocated an amount of \$10,000, on a dollar for dollar basis, to enable improvements to be made to the Beaconsfield Oval. The advice of the Grounds Committee and or the Football Club is awaited.

GROWTH CORRIDOR

Recent Ministerial announcements have indicated only a limited future extended growth for the Beaconsfield Township but expensive growth for both Pakenham and Officer. More detail is available from the Planning Ministry, but it is not expected that there will be any real development in the short term.

STOP PRESS

The Station is to be painted by the Public Transport Corp. We have permission to eradicate any graffiti there after.

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY FAIR MONDAY 11th MARCH 1991

Yes it's on again! After many requests and again in conjunction with Yakkerboo, the Progress Association has decided to hold another Autumn Fair, like the one held back in April, 1989. That occasion was a great success. In 1990 the Fair lapsed due to a joint effort to support the Beaconsfield Primary School Centenary Fair.

It is hoped that this 1991 Fair will be even bigger and better than the one in 1989. It will again be held at the Squash Court Car Park area in Wood Street with the many and varied stalls spread around under the verandahs. A special stage will be set up to host the musical, drama and dance items.

It is planned to have a Devonshire Tea area on the lawns overlooking the creek and farmland beyond. There will be live art demonstrations and an undercover art show. All local artists are invited to contribute. There will be a small commission charged on sales but otherwise entry is free....Please contact Albie Jones on 707 2141 to get your entries in. (Who knows you could become famous!)

There will be no excuse to go hungry as there will be a bevy of food stalls offering fare to suit all tastes. For the children there will be face painting, a slow bicycle race, fire brigade display and Captain Koala....live appearance.

This is one of those rare occasions where the whole of Beaconsfield can get together and have fun. Please make a note in your diary....Labour Day Public Holiday, Monday 11th March from 10.00am onwards. Make it a day out for the whole family. Better still, if you want to participate with any stall or novelty item, please phone organisers Albie Jones on 707 2141 or Ted Horton on 707 1313.

SEE YOU THERE! DON'T MISS IT!

Next Public Meeting.
Wednesday 27th Feb 1991
At Primary School Hall.

7.00pm Video on Danger from House Fires.
7.30pm General Business
Guest Speaker from M.M.B.W.

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LETTERS

Dear Ed,

It is interesting to note the new businesses opening in Beaconsfield are culinary in nature - so much so that we must be the culinary district of Pakenham. It was disturbing to note that our new restaurant Taco Bills is advertising it's address as Berwick instead of Beaconsfield. Are they unaware that they are in Beaconsfield or is it that Berwick is the preferred location?

We are proud of our township and hope that new businesses will give their support to the people who in turn support them.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Editor,

On Sunday the 3rd of February a local man was bitten by a black snake while retrieving a ball that had gone over his back fence

There has been other sightings of snakes in the area of the proposed hall and shopping centre site.

Watch out for snakes in this area.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Editor,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all those people involved with the publishing and distribution of the 'Beaconsfield Banner'. I find it very interesting reading and I'm sure many other residents do also.

Secondly, I would like to take the opportunity of airing my views concerning roaming dogs on the streets of Beaconsfield.

I take my dog for a walk regularly and she is always on a leash. I am finding it more and more frustrating to find that

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.

Residents may have noticed the new pram crossings put in the footpaths near the bus stop, by the shops and at the tyre store corner. These are the result of requests by the Association and there will be more around the town in the future, as well as a new path from the milk bar to the creek bridge. This is one little plus for the Association in the town area.

On a more sombre note, there are a lot of small robberies going on in the town area, petrol from cars, lawn mowers and other garden implements. This is an unfortunate occurrence in what was a very quiet little town, and we can only ask that residents be very careful of their garden tools and cars that are left by the street. We hope the culprits will be caught and the town return to its former safe feeling, but this is a reflection of our economic conditions, and we hope that these will improve in the near future.

Albie Jones, President.

ED. Perhaps the Council will put footpaths along Beaconsfield Avenue in the future. This is often spoken of by residents to me.

**ROUNDAABOUT - INGLIS ROAD/PAYNE ROAD/
EMERALD-BEACONSFIELD ROAD.**

Our Councillors have advised that a Roundabout at the above intersection is high priority. Let's hope that it becomes a reality

before any lives are lost. The new bitumen on the Emerald-Beaconsfield Road from this intersection is most appreciated.

with extra people moving into the area, there is an increasing number of roaming dogs. I particularly refer to the larger size dogs which appear to have a free run of the town. There is one German Shepherd whose owner allows it to run along behind him whilst he is on a bike. It falls behind its owner at times, making a nuisance of itself with other dogs through fences and generally threatening passers by. This is not an isolated case as there are many other dogs on the loose also.

Having previously been attacked and bitten on two occasions, I believe it is time that some action was taken. There are Council Laws concerning dogs roaming the streets when not on a leash and offenders face heavy fines, but unfortunately, the Council Officers are not around during the evenings. I am becoming very wary about taking my dog for a walk and I don't believe this should be so. I enjoy walking around the streets

and surrounds of Beaconsfield, but I certainly don't enjoy having to be constantly on the alert for other dogs, whose owners don't take the time and effort to have their so-called 'best friend' properly under control and this means on a lead.

Through the 'Banner' I'm sure there would be other people who have the same experience and feelings that I have and it would be interesting to hear from them. There is a small band of residents working on the Progress Association endeavouring to make our town a better place in which to live. Surely having to encounter menacing dogs en route discourages residents, who like walking, from enjoying our pleasant surroundings.

As residents of Beaconsfield, please do your bit towards your neighbours and their pets well-being by keeping your dog under proper control. Thank you.

Name and Address supplied.

BEWARE OF POSSUMS

A friend of mine recently returned home to find a mother possum and junior in her drive. The young one without waiting for inspection scrambled up the nearest tall tree. The parent was obviously hurt.

With great care and caution it was picked up and carried into the shed, which had often been used to house sick wild life, so this latest victim was placed into a large cage and a phone call was made to the local "Sanctuary", who advised on the attention, aid and feeding required. It was a dicey situation whether the pathetic looking patient would survive the night or not.

Next morning the "nurse" was somewhat disappointed and upset to find the poor animal not breathing and stretched out dismally on the cage floor. Other duties called so the poor remains were left there for a later burial.

In fact, it was late evening when a grave was dug in the "memorial garden" and the friend went to fetch the possum. There it was, quite contented, fully recovered and ready for battle as it was picked out for releasing.

The moral of this is: Never destroy or bury a possum until plenty of time elapses, just to make sure it's not "acting possum".

J. Armitage

BEACONSFIELD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE PLANNING GROUP

For some time now this committee has been meeting together in an attempt to put together a submission to gain some facilities for our town of Beaconsfield.

The committee is made up of the many and varied groups which currently operate within Beaconsfield and have now almost completed a submission to put to the Government groups which may be able to offer some assistance with funding for a Community Centre/Neighbourhood house which would be able to house all the groups within our town who are currently experiencing accommodation problems. (Which is just about every group within Beaconsfield).

We have been working closely with Council and will soon be calling a public meeting for those of you who may be interested in viewing the submission prior to its completion.

If you have any further enquiries, or may be interested in using a facility if it becomes available, please contact

Bernie Miles on 707 2946.

Stage One of our Centre will incorporate - Meeting Rooms, Child Care Facilities, Class One and Class Two, Foyer, Office Space, Information Centre and a Kitchen and Toilets.

Stage Two will be the future Kindergarten, and Community Health Service including Maternal and Child Health.

It is hoped to house all these facilities on one piece of land and keep the community groups together.

Bernie Miles

Ed. Thanks Bernie for keeping us informed.



After reading about the Steam Train in the Oct. Banner, Jim Drysdale rode his motor bike along the road beside the Steam Train to Traralgon and back to Berwick.

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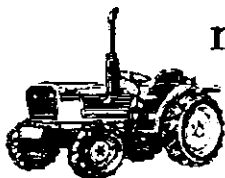
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We are a community group, and because of the large space available we operate from the Old Baptist Church Hall, Railway Avenue, Beaconsfield on

Mondays 10 - 11.30 am
Thursday 10 - 11.30 am

Cost is \$1.00 per session per family.

It is hard to write all the great things about playgroup, so why not come and see playgroup for yourself. Even though the term has started we welcome new members anytime during the year.

Playgroup Coordinator Rowena Mulligan 707 5151



TOYLIBRARY

Enrolments are now being accepted for a second group of children to commence in July 1991 for Terms 3 & 4. Numbers are limited and early enrolment is advisable.

For enrolment forms and more information please contact Kathy 707 1284 or Margaret 707 5053.

Yes, Beaconsfield will have a ToyLibrary in 1991. We intend making available to borrow - toys, tapes, puzzles and other similar equipment which can be used by young children (0-6 yrs.).

We are currently finalising details and we will advertise these soon.

Keep ToyLibrary in mind the next time you spring clean the toy cupboard - we would welcome any good pre-loved toys.

You can register your interest for membership to the ToyLibrary with the Coordinator, Margaret on 707 5053.

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WRITING ON THE WALL FOR BEACY GRAFFITI?

by Ted Horton

The Beaconsfield Anti-Graffiti Group which is a branch of the Progress Association is still trying to get something done about the appalling state that the railway station is in.

Having held four meetings since its inception in August 1990 the group is closer to getting the station cleaned up. It has negotiated with the Public Transport Corporation to get permission to paint the station. It has sought support from other similar organisations along the railway line. It has handed out about 200 questionnaires to train travellers seeking support. It has closely consulted with the local police and schools as well.

Frustrated by the lack of attention to Berwick Railway Station, Berwick Rotary wrote a letter to the Public Transport Corporation requesting their station to be cleaned up or they would visit the station one weekend and paint it themselves. This prompted an angry response from the PTC but it was notable that Berwick Station was painted soon after. Where Berwick failed, we believe, is by not having an effective volunteer force to keep painting over recurring graffiti. The battle was quickly lost and graffiti has returned.

The Beaconsfield Anti-Graffiti

Group is now urging the P.T.C. to repaint Beaconsfield Station fully and then hand over graffiti elimination to the Community volunteer squad thereafter.

Nunawading and Mont Albert rail stations were actually painted by Service and Traders Groups, but the P.T.C.'s evaluation of the community exercise showed up flaws in quality and safety standards.

The Aim now in Beaconsfield is:-

- 1. To get the Rail authority to paint the station.
2. Get approval for volunteers to clean and paint on week ends over any recurring graffiti.
3. To get sponsorship for any materials needed that the PTC will not provide.
4. BEAT the problem with PERSISTENCE.

It is painfully obvious that the Railways do not have the resources to beat graffiti. It is therefore up to the will of the Community to overcome it.

The Beaconsfield Anti-Graffiti Group will need all the support it can get...both moral and physical.

Voluntary Questionnaire - return to box in the post office.

Question 1. Are you fed up with the graffiti in Beaconsfield and would you be agreeable to give up some time on Saturdays to be part of the clean up team?

Yes/No

Question 2. Have you had experience of cleaning down, preparing and painting weatherboard surfaces?

Yes/No

Question 3. Are you agreeable to BYO paint brush? (We have sponsors to provide the paint.)

Yes/No

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Telephone No: _____

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Thank you.

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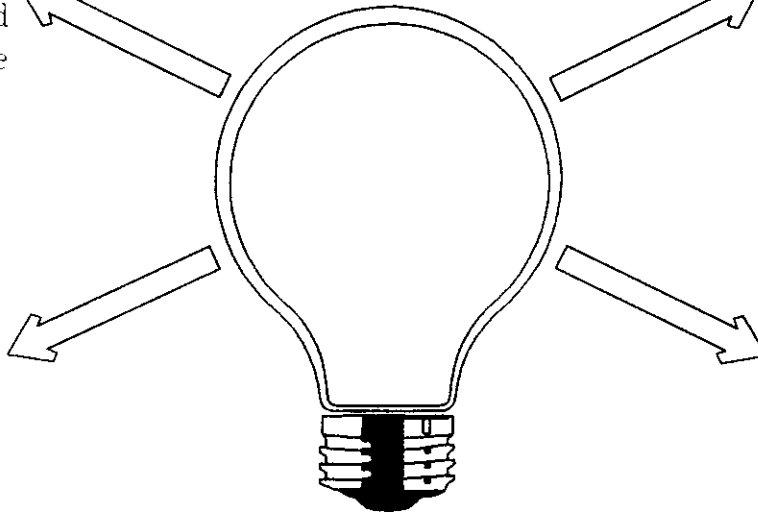
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AUSTRALIA DAY FAMILY BARBECUE

The weather was excellent, the park had been mown by the Council and all in all the conditions were great for our Australia Day Family Barbecue, Saturday, 26th January.

It was lovely to see family members come together for a casual bbq - one family came from as far as Warrigal to join the fun.

Both adults and children "laughed and played" when the frizbie throwing took place - the champion of this event - just for the pure fun of it must have been Simone Rushton.

Our thanks to Paul Rushton for providing his "fun bike" so that the children could have rides around the concreted area. It was amazing how skillful the youngsters became in both riding and steering this interesting bike. Thanks again Paul.

Two little girls found the perfect cubby under one of the old trees. They played for hours with their dolls and prams, perfectly protected from the sun and wind.

Conversation flowed between the groups of adults, some sitting at their tables, others relaxing on the grass.

It is said that from humble beginnings great traditions grow so we look forward to an even bigger social event next year.

BEACONSFIELD CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Do donkeys like music? It's hard to tell. The Jerusalem donkey who was part of the Manger scene at the Beaconsfield Carols by Candlelight seemed contented enough as a good crowd of local people and many visitors sang Christmas Carols in the delightful rural setting of Town Park. The black sheep, a Behr family pet who also lent atmosphere to the occasion.

Karen and Brett Boag played the part of Mary and Joseph and the donkey proved so calm and docile that baby Leich was allowed to ride along for a while with his mother. An excited band of little girl "angels" and boy "shepherds" were part of the procession led by Archangel Gabriel (Andrew Walker).

A number of instrumentalists backed by a choral group led the singing. Music was arranged by the Beaconsfield Baptist church and compere Sean McMahon wove a varied program into a pleasing pattern. The support and response was encouraging. Our thanks to all who came.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association provided the spark to get it all started and its members gave valuable practical help with lighting, stage props etc. Let's hope we can do it all again next Christmas.

Rev Fred Rudd.

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS?

1991! The years roll by and we've already broken resolutions made just a few weeks ago and have long forgotten those made the year before.

A recent survey showed the most popular promises were "give up smoking", "wake up when the alarm goes off" and "try to save some money", all such good ideas which are seldom fulfilled.

It's strange that we rarely think of such projects as "I'll try to help others" or "try to smile however miserable I feel"; "have patience"; "listen instead of talk", yet what a difference these actions would make. Meet people and what generally happens - health problems crop up, "my back's been so bad", "Drs. changed my tablets". "I could hardly move etc." Occasionally we give the other person a chance to tell of their troubles but are we truly interested?

Even in a rapidly growing suburbanised township like Beaconsfield, it can happen that close neighbours can be rushed to hospital - often without anyone to visit them; unwanted marauders can break into the house. (Oh that's why the dog barked!) or someone can be just lonely - which is an indescribable "empty" state, when just an occasional "phone call could keep in touch". To be neighbourly does not need to become responsible or a means of trespassing on privacy but can be a great comfort.

There has been a couple of gatherings of the neighbours of Coonda Estate where one was able to contact people old and new to the district. It brought together a much needed Community spirit which was previously enjoyed over ten years by Beaconsfield Friendship Club which, owing to commitments was disbanded.

Beaconsfield is our town. How many people are interested in its development? We are all neighbours who can be contacted through attending meetings, social gatherings and by contributing articles in this our "Banner".

Don't let's be isolated and constricted. Let's be able to greet one another with a smile or a 'G'day'. So you're feeling down no money, kids to feed and clothe but we're ALIVE! All the best things in life are free if we can spare a moment to appreciate them.

The Progress Association needs you, we need you and you need us. Let the resolution be 'I'm going to be a friendly Beaconsfield neighbour'.

Contributed by "A friendly
Beaconsfield Neighbour"

Editors note: Thank you for your wonderful contribution to our Banner. I thoroughly enjoy each article you contribute and I'm sure they "hit home" with the neighbours of Beaconsfield.

LETTERS

TACO BILL RESTAURANT

Dear Ed,

I wish to bring to your attention a rather objectionable piece of misleading advertising happening right now (at time of writing) in our town Beaconsfield.

I refer to the new Taco Bill res-

taurant project. I congratulate them on such an extensive advertising campaign. Why however do they address it as being in Berwick? I would like to question their reason for doing so.

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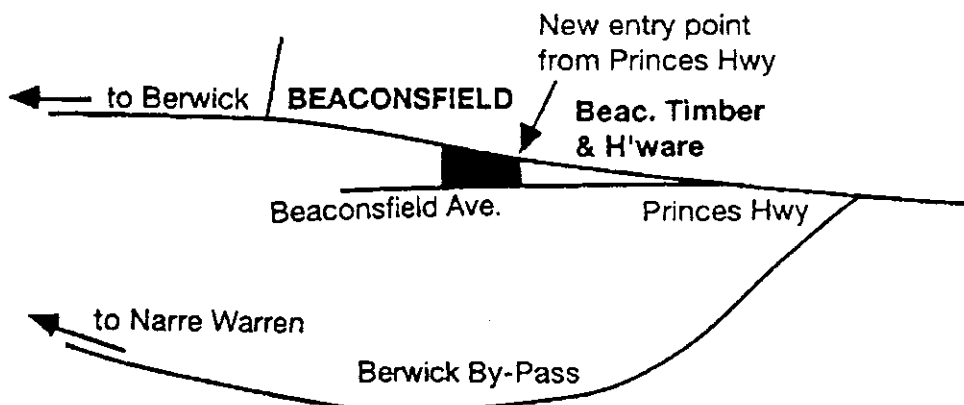
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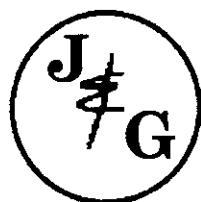
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Red Cross Report - February.

As we move into 1991 I would like to bring you a quote from an American Red Cross magazine.

Quote: Somewhere a child lies crying
Somewhere an old man shivers in the dark
Somewhere a family's dreams burn to the ground
Somewhere somebody needs help.
Support the Red Cross because somewhere is closer
than you think.

This quote is very relevant as Red Cross Units and local Appeal Committees prepare during February for Red Cross Calling - otherwise termed the Door Knock which will take place from the 1st to the 10th March.

The area organiser for Beaconsfield is Mrs. Nettie Abeling. Phone 707 1413. She will be planning to "Door Knock" every home in your area. To do this she will need a number of volunteer Callers. These people give their services free of charge. Most people are expecting their Caller. Please give these people a smiling welcome. They will be displaying a 1991 badge stating their name and will offer a receipt for all donations.

M. Womersley
Publicity Officer
Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield
Red Cross Unit

COASTWALK UPDATE

On October 28th Ross Machar set off from Portsea Surf Beach to begin his walk around the entire coastline of Australia.

He is sponsored by families all over Australia who for \$20 per annum receive 6 reports the first of which covers the area Portsea to Ocean Grove.

Those who received this initial report have been most enthusiastic in their praise for the information contained - covering such topics as The Walk, Climate, Topography, Health and Fitness, Safety and Survival, Pollution, Flora and Fauna, Historical Places, Beachcombing, Fishing, Safe Walking Guide, Rock Walking for Adults, etc.

Ross has met some fascinating people, such as a lady from Portsea who is the only surviving member of a team who fed the lepers at the quarantine station. Although now quite elderly this lady recollected her younger days with great clarity as do most of our senior residents. Their tales are so interesting, so informative and packed

with knowledge that will be lost for ever with their passing - something Ross is more than aware of and therefore anxious to collect.

On February 8th Ross walked into Adelaide, quite a few weeks ahead of his schedule. His second report from Ocean Grove to Robe will be published during February. More interesting facts and finds, like the fact that there are slipways hand carved into the rocky cliffs at Mt. Martha, and the find of a wallet belonging to an Ocean Grove boat builder lost in the bay more than 7 weeks previously. Ross had the pleasure of returning this wallet, money and credit cards intact. Imagine finding a beach with fossilized sharks teeth. These are just a sample of the information obtained from these reports.

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NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 27th February 91
At Primary School Hall,
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Prior to our next meeting on Wednesday 27th February, we will be showing a special video on how to educate young families on the danger of house fires. This video uses well known cartoon characters to "GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS" to youngsters as well as parents.

Because of its importance we will be showing this video at 7pm. so families can attend. (It only takes approx 25 mins.)

Officers from Beaconsfield Fire Brigade will attend to answer any questions you may have.

7.30pm. General business to discuss plans for Yakkerboo and the community fair. Report on the anti graffiti campaign.

Special Guest Speaker....
Mr Kaz Grzankowski, Public Relations Officer for the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works, to speak on the future rating policies and wiser use of water in the household.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT BANNER IS APRIL 2nd 1991.

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TACO BILL RESAURANT

Cont. from P 7.

Is there something wrong with Beaconsfield and has Pakenham Shire gone out of fashion? Maybe this new entrepreneur does not know where he is at! Most readers are probably quite proud that they live in Beaconsfield in the Shire of Pakenham. The President of the Shire of Pakenham would be most displeased to hear of Beaconsfield being in Berwick.

My message to Bill from Mexico is that his advertising is tacky. We hope that his food will be more tasteful.

Name and address supplied.

Ed. I think you got your message across!



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