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THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF BEACONSFIELD

The Beaconsfield Progress Association invites you and your friends to what promises to be a very interesting and rewarding night. Life in Beaconsfield during WW2 and our history back to 1870.

Slipper factory, blacksmith, steam trains, prune minister, founding home, horse racing track, gold mining, exclusive holiday retreats, undertaker, farming, orchards, the list goes on and on; just some of the fascinating past of our town - Beaconsfield.

Many of Melbourne's new suburbs are greenfield towns, previously paddocks, farms or bush. Not so Beaconsfield. Greenfield towns have no sense of having a past, no soul, none of the pride that comes from being able to look over your shoulder to the past and say "that's what our forebears did". Not so Beaconsfield.

Being a relative newcomer (10 years) to Beaconsfield I knew little of its history, a history as a town, which goes back 115 years. Our Railway Station was named around 1880, why Beaconsfield? Where was the slipper factory and when? Did you know we had a horse racing track in the heart of our town, but when and where? What was life like during the war years with respect to shops, school and transport?

What of the interesting story of the property "Kenilworth" located over the railway line from the SEC depot. Constructed in 1889 for land baron Charles Nott, it has had many uses and owners since that time and all that remains is the coach house that often turns the head of passing drivers. It became a lady's college then home to a Shire Secretary, Station Master and the town doctor. Visitors included Stanley Melbourne Bruce who later became our Prime Minister then Lord Bruce. He was a guest of a Miss Anderson of the Young and Jackson family (Hotel & Chloe). The Berry Street Foundling Home took over the property around 1910 and it operated as an outpost of the city office which

Living Treasures

Beaconsfield is blessed with having many "living treasures" who were born in the decades of 1910 or 1920 and between them they know the answers to our unanswered questions. Some twenty of them will be available on our history night to give us a feel for what life was like from the turn of the century to the end of WW2.

Myrtle Wilson who grew up at "Ayrhill" on Soldiers Rd writes in this excerpt of her memories ".....My father had put in an application for electricity to be connected to "Ayrhill" in 1939, but we were too late. Only farms that were milking cows were being connected during the War and we had to go on without it until mid 1951. We had a large, cumbersome wireless that ran off a car battery. Every time it ran down, the battery had to go into the garage in Beaconsfield for some three to four days to charge. On the day the War ended we had no wireless as the battery was in at the garage. It must have been a great disappointment to my parents not to be able to hear the news. Word reached us from Rita Purton, a child at my school, who was home early as the school was given a day off to celebrate. I was home with a bad cold so missed all the fun at school. We did little to celebrate, so far as I can remember. In fact it was not until an episode of "the Sullivans" was shown on TV in the 1970s that I had any idea of the wave of celebration which had gone on in Melbourne when the war ended."

Kath Clarke (nee Whiteside) remembers life on their orchard at Whiteside Rd during WW2. "After years of struggle during the depression of the 1930s the primary producers at last were able to get fair prices for their produce because the armies needed good food. Orchardists like my father were finding a market, and the demand, particularly when the American forces arrived and wanted only top quality fruit, increased greatly. Our apples were sent overseas and interstate



Among others there on the night ' share with us their memorabilia, photos, family histories etc. will be.....

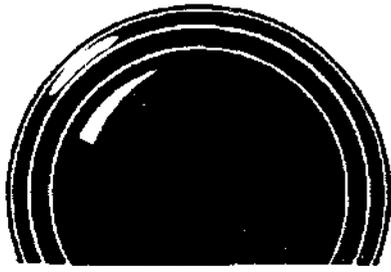
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LIVING TREASURES OF BEACONSFIELD. LIFE AROUND WORLD WAR 2 AND BEFORE.

A rare and special opportunity to hear our living treasures reminisce on the memories of yesteryear. The history of Beaconsfield during the war and back to the last century.

See old newsreels, photos and maps and join us for supper.

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Norma Lovie (nee Witham) whose family lived in what is now the office of Beaconsfield Mowers and Tractors from 1920. Norma and her brothers and sister went to Beaconsfield Primary in the 1930s. Her father worked at the original grocery store.

Maureen Hester (nee Unwin) daughter of Ted Unwin the town baker in 1942.

Darren Souter whose family owned the Beaconsfield Hotel from 1870-1880 and after whom Souter St was named. Darren can talk about the race course and has photos of some of the homes that were flooded by Cardinia Dam.

John Campbell will bring old survey records and maps dating back to the 1890s.

Bill Hudson farmer, garage proprietor (1946 at the Goodyear site), land developer (the Hudson Estate), Mayor etc

So there it is, a night unlikely to be repeated, a rare opportunity to be among those listening and chatting to our twenty or so "living treasures", see the memorabilia, maps, photos, newsreels and hear music of that time played by local musicians. If you can contribute in any way ring the author Keith Goodman 7075577. Its free and supper is provided. See you there.

RULES FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS 1915

- * You will not marry during the term of your contract
- * You are not to keep company with men.
- * You must be home between the hours of 8pm and 6 am unless attending school functions.
- * You may not loiter down town in any of the ice cream bars.
- * You may not travel beyond the limits unless you have permission of the chairman of the board.
- * You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
- * You may not smoke cigarettes.
- * You may not dress in bright colours
- * Your dress must not be shorter than 2 inches above your ankle.
- * To keep the school neat and clean, you must sweep the floor at least once daily, scrub the floor at least once a week with hot soapy water; clean the boards at least once daily and start the fire at 7 am so the school room will be warm by 8am.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

(Written by Tony Rushton)



Tony Rushton

We all have been working very hard to make our History Night on the 23rd. August a night to remember.

I am on the sub-committee for the History Night and we are all contacting a lot of people who will tell many fascinating stories about Beaconsfield in the olden days.

We have included a Questionnaire prepared by one of our

committee members and we would like your views on a number of topics.

The AGM. will be the next public meeting, scheduled for October 24th. So if you would like to join the Progress Association Committee here is your chance.

Another night that is coming up is the annual Bonfire Night which is held on Cup Eve. More about it next issue.

There are many volunteers who put a lot of work into the Banner and I would like to thank them for their effort.

The Banner has grown from a single page newsletter to over 20 pages and it is still growing.

Tony Rushton.



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The Community Centre has been busy with its Term 3 programme. Glenda Fryer the centre's new Community Centre Co-ordinator has been busy meeting the many people who use the centre during the week.

We still have vacancies in the following courses and it's not too late to enrol. Ring Glenda on 9707 3449.

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 Time : 4.00 - 5.00pm
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Day : Thursday 14th & 21st Sept.
 Time : Two separate sessions
 9.30 - 11.30am 7.30 - 9.30pm
 Cost : \$15.00 plus materials
 Learn how to use many different paint finishes - sponging, ragging, crackling etc.

CARDS

Day : Thursday 24th August
 Time : 10.00 - 12.00
 Cost : \$5.00

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Day : Tuesday 15th & 22nd Aug.
 Time : 7.30 - 9.30pm
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Bill Hudson

Born in 1914, Bill started life in Brisbane, Queensland. His mother, originally from Ballarat, could not stand the heat of the North so the family moved south to Geelong, Victoria. Bill did his schooling there where his father worked for Denny's Lascelles in the wool business.

Bill left school when he was 14 and 'went bush' as a gen-

eral farm hand in the districts of Yea, Tongala, Benalla and Moulamein. He finally became a station manager at the age of only 21 on a property at Wagga. Through unlucky circumstances he was forced out of work just at the time of the depression. With no job prospects he 'took to the road' and looked around the Alexandra and Mansfield district in Victoria for work for six months. With no success he then ventured off to Tasmania and found work offshore on Flinders Island where he went 'mutton birding' for a season. Returning to Launceston he found work on the crew of an apple ship, bound for England. Once there, he used England as a stepping off point to other destinations around the world. He travelled right around Africa twice during those years. After that he took to the seas again on a dredger headed for

New Zealand and other ports of call. Life on board was not all plain sailing as Bill reckons they were lucky to survive some of the tempestuous conditions they encountered.

Finally he returned to the normality of his family's 'Split Rock' farm in Upper Beaconsfield. It was there he met his wife Helen and they lived at and managed the place after they married. He was there only six months and the second world war began. He was called to serve his country again on the high seas on the troop carrier 'The HMAS Duntroon'. They sailed to ports in India and Africa, but after one year, the War was nearly over so he was able to return to Upper Beaconsfield. He arrived back only one month before Singapore fell.

Helen and Bill sold the farm soon after and bought another

in Cranbourne in the vicinity of Amstell Golf Club and the cemetery. For two thousand pounds they bought 168 acres 30 cows and a bull. Bill then set about contracting with rotary hoes digging fire breaks around the railway and other places. He also bought a grader.

After a short time, Bill and Helen moved to a home in Berwick and with 3 trucks Bill carted stone from the quarries for the Daniel brothers. At the same time in 1946, he bought the Beaconsfield garage on the corner of Wood Street and Princes Highway. He built the 'new garage' and then sold to Ampol. He bought 23 acres of land in Beaconsfield between the hotel and the school, which for many years he was unable to sell.

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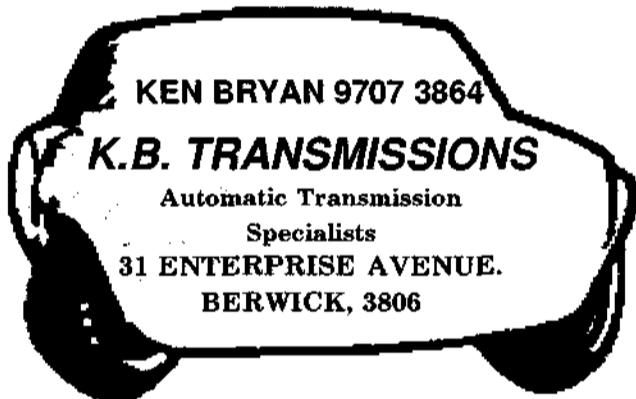
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RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD

(Written by Dr. R.C. Webb)



482.7mm This is the highest reading in recent years.

Year	June Rainfall	Jan-June Rainfall (6 months)
1985	55.8	311.7
1986	74.5	334.7
1987	76.5	335.0
1988	68.9	324.9
1989	111.8	424.7
1990	76.4	329.4
1991	156.8	437.8
1992	88.2	314.2
1993	72.6	324.6
1994	66.2	352.2
1995	95.8	482.7

Since the June 1995 Banner (Vol 7 No.3) when the figures were given to the end of May, Beaconsfield has experienced further useful rainfall.

In June there was 95.8mm with 18 days of rain. The heaviest 24 hour reading was 23.5mm on the 7th June. The June reading gave a 6 monthly total (to 30th June) of

The wet weather has continued throughout July and at the time of writing (24th July) there has been 60.6mm for the month, with rain falling on 17 days. The rain has been persistent rather than heavy. The highest 24 hour reading for July (so far) being 12.5mm on 14th July.

"FISH" at Beaconsfield Primary School

(Written by D. Lockwood, Principal)

Last term was a busy one at Beaconsfield Primary School, as its major focus was the spotlight on "Fish". This amazing musical was performed by the children on June 20th at the Doveton Secondary College Hall.

There was lots of preparation and practice all term-lunch-time rehearsals, parents busy sewing, singing practice, props being made, performers being interviewed and programs published.

The Preps, Ones and Twos, creatively led by Denise Harris, our Assistant Principal and teachers of the Arts, sang and danced their way through three wonderful songs - all with a very fishy theme as the "overture" to the "Fish" production itself.

Children from Grades 3 - 6 made up the cast of "Fish" and were di-

rected by a local teacher Fiona Lardner, who is currently on leave from the DSE. She did a marvellous job, and the children really grew in skills and confidence. The dance routines were very professional indeed!

An event like this pulls the whole school community together, so that the effort really pays off. The large hall at Doveton was filled with proud parents, grandparents and friends, who came to support their excited, talented children.



BEACONSFIELD BUSINESS PICKING UP

Rodney and Lisa Edwards have established themselves well in two years in their tow truck and mechanical repairs business. In partnership with Bruce Clough of NarNarGoon. Rodney and Lisa operate successfully out of factory 2/94 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield trading as RSV Engines and Berwick Towing Service.

Rodney specialises in building and servicing high performance car and marine engines. He has always enjoyed working on powerful motors for street and race track cars. Rodney races cars himself and also owns a speed boat that he and Lisa enjoy when they have the time.

They often go water skiing together. Rodney has lived most of his life in Berwick and Lisa comes from Hampton Park, so they are most definitely a local business run by local people. Knowledge of the area helps Lisa in her work as the tow truck driver which makes up the other half of the business. Rodney and Lisa oper-

ate a tilt tray truck and a tow hook truck. They are equipped to tackle all sorts of jobs from accidents, to towing out bogged vehicles, and picking up and delivering vehicles that just refuse to go anymore. The accident call out business is very competitive says Lisa. Its an unusual occupation and even more so for a woman. She does not know of any other female towie' in the area. On call outs, the accident victims are often shocked to be approached by a female tow truck operator. In some instances drivers are pleasantly reassured by the caring female attention.

Whichever way, Lisa maintains a very competitive attitude toward her work and prides herself on turning out quickly. Her allotted area stretches from Narre Warren to the Bunyip River in the East. She enjoys her work and somehow manages to combine it with bringing up two children. With another one on the way Lisa will have to hand the keys over temporarily to Rodney fairly soon! The sin-

gle car accidents are more common than multiple ones and Lisa has noticed that the majority involve either the younger drivers or the senior citizen driver. In between, the mothers that rush to school and back with their offspring are often involved in minor accidents which goes to show that raising children can be a high pressure business too! Lisa enjoys a good working relationship with the emergency services. Their income fluctuates according to both the volume of business and the type of tow job. Earnings from picking up insured cars is better than picking up uninsured vehicles as often the drivers want to haggle over the tow truck rates if they are having to pay themselves.

The types of jobs vary greatly. Lisa has had to tow

broken down ambulances and even police divvy vans. The most unusual tow that the business has had to contend with was an aeroplane from Casey aerodrome to Tyabb, without wings. At 26 years old both Lisa and Rodney have a bright future ahead of them. Its great to see such a business operating well in the town. Both of them enjoy living and working in Beaconsfield and with their positive attitudes one can only expect to see their pick up business picking up. May they both enjoy a happy and prosperous future together in Beaconsfield.



Above: Lisa Edwards female tow truck operator.

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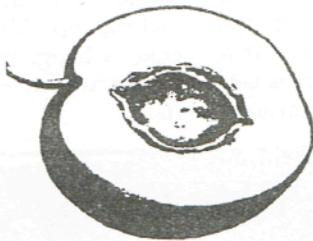
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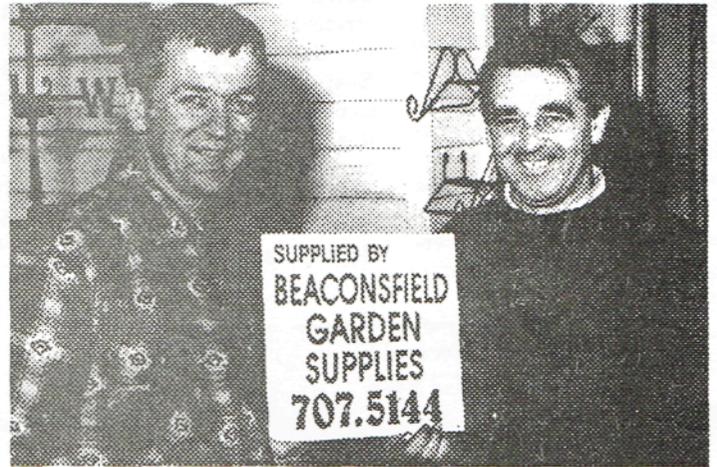
No newcomers to hard work, they have both had previous businesses of their own and are related through marriage. John lives in Cranbourne and Geoff in Berwick. They should make a good team.

Plans are underway to improve the operating plant and John has already introduced a new delivery truck. Anyone contemplating some landscaping must remember that they have a hire out bob cat service.

With all the new development going on south of the freeway and in Berwick they have a rosy future ahead of them. They hope to attract customers from near and far and with Spring coming soon, their down to earth approach should pay handsome dividends.

Please call in and see for yourselves and remember you will save time and petrol by using the local businessman first.

Below:- L-R Geoff Anderson and John Hollow



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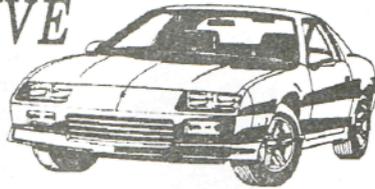
Dear Editor,

As a very occasional user of public transport, and in particular the local bus service I have written to you

on display in our town. How can we support public transport when times of operation are not readily available?

Maybe the Progress Association could take appropriate steps to rectify this situation - a noticeboard in a central position, displaying both bus and train timetables. It would need to be quite secure and covered with clear perspex.

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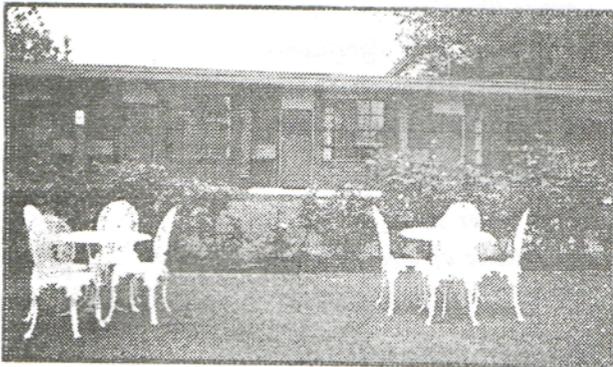


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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

Winter time. Days of rain, cold winds, freezing mornings, scudding clouds, people wrapped up and hurrying home to a warm house and a hot meal to make them feel warm inside and out. Does that sound right? Well most of it is but the only part that is not quite correct is the part about the hot food to make you feel warm.

In actual fact cooked, heavy and hot food is not as warming as you think. The food will cause temporary warmth to the stomach wall, but little heat will continue into the blood stream and circulate round the whole body where warmth is really required. Also, once the internal body heat aligns with the food temperature, they simply match each other with no movement of temperature one way or another.

For food to be really warming it needs to be artificially spiced or seasoned (ie.- curry, chilli etc), and then it's still not the food that heats, but the spices themselves.

Remove the curry from a casserole and all you have is a casserole

Another way for food to be warming (and this time genuinely warming) is to eat food as raw or near raw, as possible. We are talking about the fruits and vegetable families here, not meat. "Live" food, full of enzymic action swiftly disperses its nutrients into the bloodstream where the vari-

Look at cows and horses in the paddocks, eating cold grass, a "live" food, in the middle of winter and marvel at the body heat these remarkable animals generate. If they ate our winter foods everyday, they would never see another winter!

The preparing of hot food in winter is an exercise in psychology, rather than an exercise in good nutrition, as we simply "feel better" with a hot meal. Now, our culture and social structures make it unlikely that dramatic changes will take place in this area, but even small changes help.

At breakfast have some fruit with whatever else you have. A grapefruit, peach, apricot, banana some grated apple on your cereal or porridge (delicious) and use honey not sugar. For lunch a nice salad sandwich with a piece of fruit. For dinner, salad vegetables, or lightly cooked vegetable (still left a little crunchy) with your main course, whatever it may be. A fresh fruit desert (or plain fruit) to follow and you will find these simple changes will in fact warm you up internally, much more than you realise. You will feel less heavy, less sleepy, and less in need of heavy clothing which stifles the breathing of our skin, making us feel worse than we should be.

Try it, feeling warmer is not that hard.

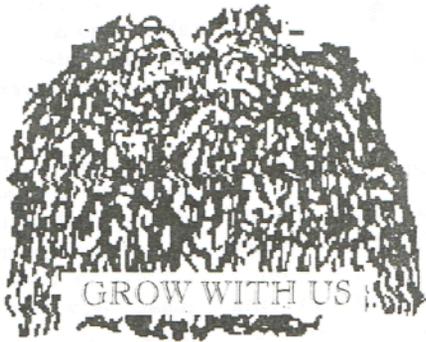
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DID YOU KNOW ?

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WINE AND FOOD

By Keith Goodman



Keith Goodman

WINE & FOOD

Its started. Previous issues of the Banner warned of the effects of the decrease in volume of the 1995 vintage. Promise has become reality. Many red wine casks are now unavailable from suppliers such as Browns, Yalumba, Morris, Renmano etc.

Some casks now carry the label "Wine Made in France" and soon Chile. The 1996 Vintage is at least 10 months away, so relief is not at hand.

Enough doom and gloom. A definite trend is occurring with the re-emergence of

wines based in the Grenache grape. Most examples are perfumed on the nose, soft and plummy in the mouth with hints of spice and low tannins. These easy drinking flavour-some wines which have been well accepted at recent tastings and go well with Italian food like Risotto, pasta and chicken in a tomato and red wine sauce or perfect with our recipe of the month.

Recommended are : Tim Adams Fergus, \$14.95; Basedows Oscars Heritage, \$9.45; Tatachilla Keystone, \$12.95 and Yalumba Bush Vines Grenache, \$10.95.

Other wines to look for: Richard Hamilton Hutt Block Cabernet \$13.95 and Redbank Long Paddock Shiraz and Emily Brut both \$7.95.

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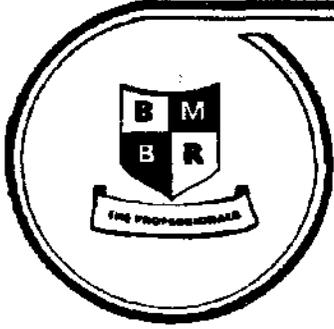
By Naomi Harris Beaconsfield

*Love is like a rose
Its Beauty marks significance,
No-one can tell, nobody knows
when that rose will blossom.*

*Yet love is like a thorn,
Hidden under petals of deceit
and because of love we'll mourn
For all those times of goodness.*

*Handle your rose with care,
Handle it very gently my dear
For the slightest wind that is to bear
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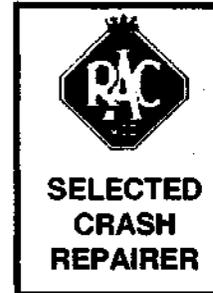
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Progress Assoc. History night.
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- Saturday 26th August
Beaconsfield Scouts Karaoke Night
(see report)
- Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th September
Antique Workshop
(see Community Centre report)
- September School Holidays commence 22nd
September. Term 3 begins - October 9th
- September 22nd
Coffee Shop for young people opens.
(see report on Youth Activities)
- September 26th
Closing Date for Banner Articles.
- October 24th
Progress Assoc. A.G.M.

** N.B. If you have dates to remember to be included in this column, please leave written note at post office.

RECIPE CORNER

SATAY CHICKEN

This is a very easy to prepare, tasty dish for the busy cook that will impress every hungry gourmet!

Brown 4 chicken pieces.

In a bowl mix together ¼ bottle each of Hermans Satay sauce and Peanut Satay. Add 150 ml sour cream.

Place chicken in casserole dish, pour over sauce, cover with lid.

Cook in oven at 350oF or 180oC for 30 minutes.

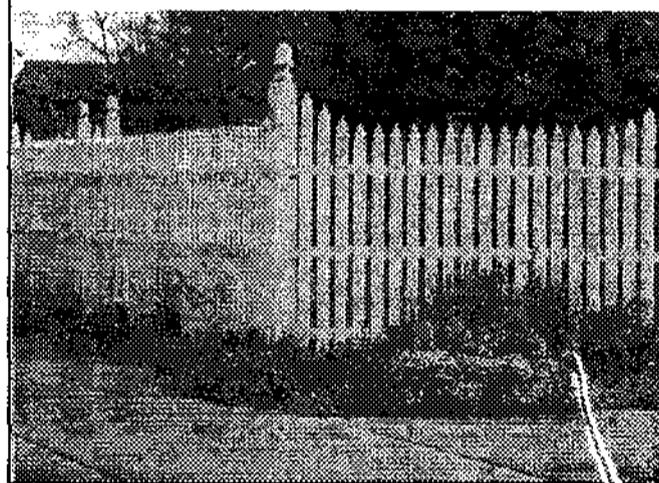
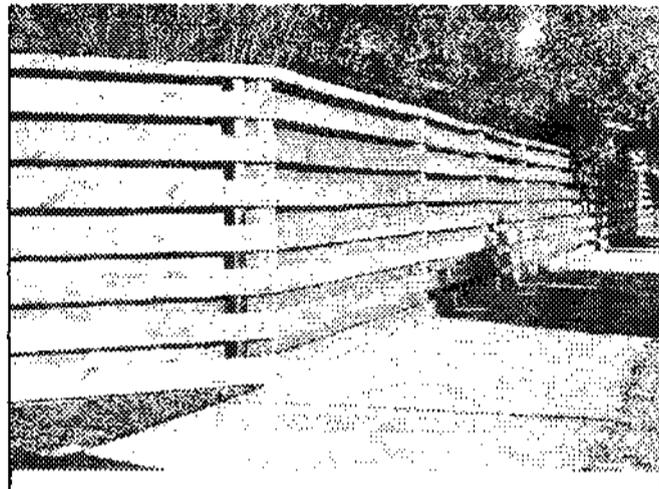
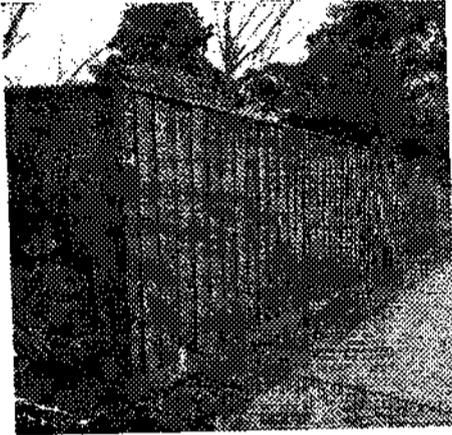
Serve over boiled rice with a side serve of colourful, interesting vegetables.

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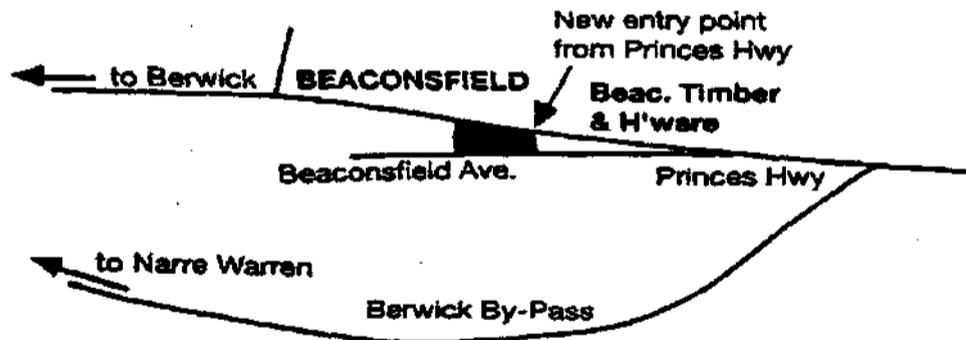


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Brickbats to the person/s who took a boys mountain bike from the bike shed at the primary school on July 21st.

Bouquets to the Pakenham Ambulance service that attended to a man who had recently collapsed in the shopping area of Beaconsfield. Similarly, bouquets to the police force who often get called out to some quite gruesome accidents.

Bouquets to the Berwick/Pakenham Historical Society, Cardinia Shire, and residents past and present for their support and contribution of photos and memorabilia to be used for the Progress Assoc. History Night.



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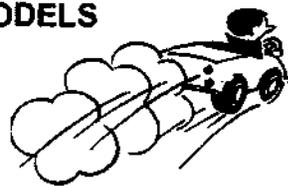
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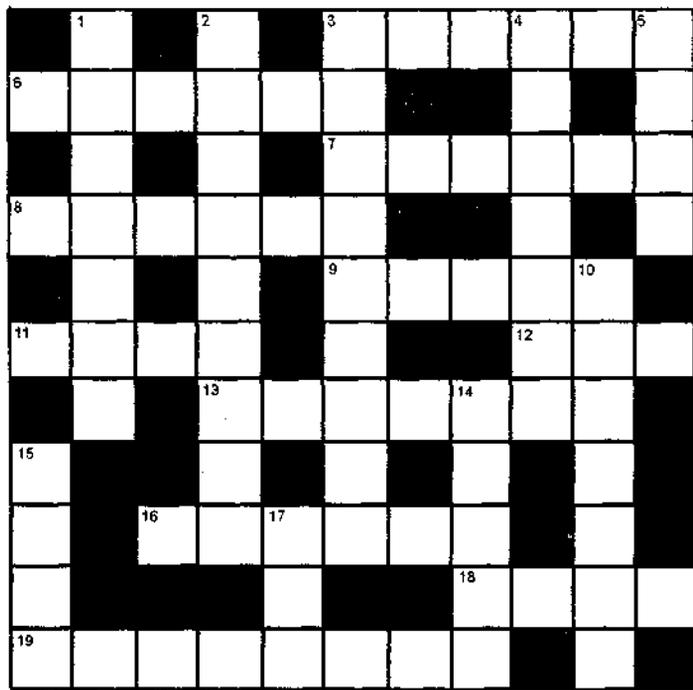
by Dr. R.C. Webb

ACROSS

3. We need to run to get there quickly. (6)
6. We rave about the NT and the pub (6)
7. Can you wear red to the social event? (6)
8. Are you mean if you are short of food? (6)
9. Go to the orb to be automatic! (5)
11. Men have a way of being niggardly. (4)
12. Will the price of gas fall down? (3)
13. She felt a dab and was confounded. (7)
16. A leper has a way to annul it. (6)
18. He didn't want to slap his mates. (4)
19. Was Stan seen to be tidy? (8)

DOWN

1. A sad game may produce results in court. (7)
2. Name the sort of tea to be signed for. (9)
3. Its rude to be taken as a way to engage in it. (9)
4. Les has a cone to contain it. (7)
5. Learning by rote may cause a rip. (4)
10. Will the top lead to an amphibious larva? (7)
14. She assists with an LP. (5)
15. Nuts may bewilder you ! (4)
17. This nip can join together (3)



CROSSWORDS

(Written by Dr. R.C. Webb)

Crosswords have been with us for over 80 years. The first one appeared on Sunday 21st December 1913 in the New York "World" (called a Word-Cross Puzzle). It was a diamond shape block of 72 white squares with 13 central black squares. The creator was an Arthur Wynne born in Liverpool, England, who migrated

puzzles for over 10 years. In 1920 they hired a young college graduate named Margaret Petherbridge to do their crosswords. In 1924 a newly established firm of Publishers, Simon and Schuster (under the name of Plaza Publishing Company) published "The Cross Word Puzzle Book" of 50 puzzles. The Co-editors were Prosper Buranelli, F. Gregory Hartswick and Margaret Petherbridge. Despite the relatively high price

FRESH IN THE BUSINESS, PLANS TO GROW.

Formerly the Colonial Nursery in Emerald Road Beaconsfield, this business is now under new ownership and management since the 24th July. Renamed 'The Green Patch', locals Nick and Daniella Weiler are now enthusiastically revitalising the place and have far reaching plans to improve the service and selection available.

Nick and Daniella have lived in Beaconsfield for 8 years and are well known to many through their ownership and management of the Muddy Creek Restaurant. As Nick explains, he already spends three mornings a week going to the fruit and vegetable market in Footscray for the restaurant. Over the years he has built up many good contacts to provide him with the best and freshest of produce. They will also be buying from many local growers and intend to stock a supply of organically grown fruit and vegetables too. With their extensive knowledge of the restaurant business, they will be keeping a few of the exotic varieties. Their policy to

begin with is to buy in small quantities and keep the stock fresh.

With the nursery side, they have a six month plan to develop the selection of flowers, plants and trees. Already they have a good stock of young fruit trees and ornamental weepers. In the future they will also be offering pottery items for sale.

Overall, they want to combine quality with affordability for local residents. As a further service to the community, they do have some paddocks behind the business that they have available for agistment.

With an extensive stretch of land they have ambitious plans for the future. No doubt with their energy and enthusiasm, this business will blossom.

Please call in and say hello to the friendly Nick and Daniella Weiler at "The Green Patch".



under the editorship of Miss Petherbridge, with total sales of over 400,000 copies.

In 1970 Simon and Schuster published Crossword Puzzle Book No.100. Like the previous 99, it was edited by Marg Petherbridge (married name Marg Farrar).

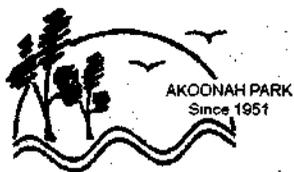
The first newspaper crossword in Great Britain was published in the Sunday Express in 1924. It was a square puzzle of 49 squares (41 white and 8 black). The clues consisted of 18x3 letter words and 4x7 letter words (1 across and 11 down).

The first daily crossword of The Times of London appeared on 1st February 1930. During the mid 1920's there was a slight fall in popularity and composers began to run out of obvious words and produced exotic and unfamiliar words.

Angeles, working on it in his spare time. It had 3,185 down clues and 3,149 across clues. Whilst 125,000 copies were distributed, none were returned completely or partially worked out.

Probably the New York Times and the The Times of London did the most to widen the scope of the crossword puzzle. The New York paper had innovations such as phrases instead of single words, quotations and the use of proper nouns and topical references. The Times of London developed ever more involved puzzles with anagrams (disguised), puns, inversions, divisions of words and bizarre allusions to history, geography, literature, music etc.

The record time for completion of the Times crossword, under test conditions was 3 min 45 secs. by Roy Dean of Bromley, Kent.



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Barry who is from Mentone chose to set up in Beaconsfield because he has friends in the area and is closer in time to where his wife works, in the Latrobe Valley. Ultimately, Barry says, they want to set up home in Bunyip.

The electronic service is but a small part of the future of this venture. Barry has for a long time enjoyed the hobbies of radio controlled model cars and aeroplanes. He will soon be incorporating these into retail sales here in Beaconsfield. In time he plans to start a radio control car club from his shop. Away from work Barry flies model aircraft at club level. Very soon now hobby kites will be on sale in kit form and other model kits will be available from stock. For those that are aiming higher, model hobby rockets will be on sale too. What Barry and Peter will specialise in



Above:- Barry Nugent services a T.V. set.

will be well in reach of the average pocket with affordable kits from \$10 to \$50.

Barry is an interesting newcomer to our town. Other hobbies of his include collecting antique radios, riding his 1990 Harley Davidson and driving around in his restored American vintage hearse.

He already has plenty of work from many Beaconsfield households. With retailing many different hobby items as well he should attract a lot of business from the surrounding areas.

Whilst being of service to every home that has a TV or radio, his business should appeal especially to younger people in the town who have an interest in models or may want start a new hobby. Barry and Peter deserve to do well with this interesting new concept. We wish them success.

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KARAOKE NIGHT IN BEACONSFIELD

On Saturday 26th August 1995 the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group are holding a special Karaoke night at the Scout Hall at 7pm. All members of the public are welcome and entry is \$10.00, BYO Drinks and nibbles.

Music will be provided by professionals and the more talented may record and keep a memento of their vocal skills for the low price of \$4. Raffles will be run through the night and some very special prizes will be awarded.

Beaconsfield Sport

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS



(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

MIDWEEK LADIES AUTUMN SEASON "PREMIERS"- TRIFECTA FOR TUESDAY LADIES.

Four of the six teams entered finished in the top four. Some teams managed to play their Semi Finals in spite of very bad weather conditions.

SECTION 2 Ladies finished 1st, playing their Semi Finals in an indoor Tennis complex, won and went on to win the Grand Final. Team members:- Joan Mcpherson, Heather Saunders, Pat Schelling, Corrie Van Dieman, Dianne Goodear.

SECTION 6 Ladies finished 1st, losing in their Semi Final, had to do it the hard way by playing in the Preliminary and on to having another chance in the Grand Final. Which they won. Team members:- Glenda Gorton, Teresa Stutsel, Lorraine Manson, Judy Grattidge, Brenda Douma. Brenda Douma has had the privilege of winning back to back - section 7 last season.

SECTION 12 Ladies finished

ing together. Team members:- Joanne Baker, Dianne Howell, Barbara Abraham, Helen Kresojevic, Kathryn Kemperman.

Section 9 Ladies finished 2nd. Winning their Semi Finals, played off in the Grand Final and became Runners Up. Team members:- Lorraine Penglase, Anne Johnston, Joan Horton, Yvonne Thompson, Lorraine Chapman.

WEDNESDAY LADIES received a Runners Up Flag for the season.

THURSDAY LADIES also came Runners Up. Six flag won out of a possible nine teams entered. Great effort for Midweek Ladies.

SATURDAY SENIORS AND JUNIORS Summer Season commences New Season on 14th October.

FRIDAY Social starts at 1.30pm - Non Members Welcome. Any enquires contact, Helen Kresojevic on 9707 5259. Coach Robert Keighery has a new Phone Number - 9722 2265. Contact Robert for Private & Group Tuition for Adults and Juniors.

B.A.G. COMMITTEE

One hundred and fifty club members, families and friends enjoyed the Roast Spit Dinner catered by the B.A.G. Committee. The Kareoke D.J. kept everyone entertained with a variety of sixties and seventies music for dancing. A number of seniors and juniors volunteered to show their talent throughout the evening.

A Big Thankyou to members

BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL

The Beaconsfield Football Club has had its best start to a season since 1981 and is presently sitting on top of the ladder, unbeaten after 14 games. With only 4 games to go before the final series begin, its pleasing to know that 3 of their 4 sides will certainly participate in this years final series.

The last Home and Away game on Sunday 20th August should create plenty of local interest with the top sides, Beaconsfield and ROC battling for a finals edge at the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve.

With the substantial amount of recent rains, all grounds in the competition have taken a battering. Substantial works over the past few years however have seen the Recreation Reserve come up better than most.

The recent connection of the Reserve to sewerage and extensions to Social Rooms facilities have been most welcomed and long due. The Reserve now has a facility that

should be attractive for a variety of community activities. With further extensions and renovations planned the potential will be greatly broadened.

A number of very successful social activities have been held in the new club facilities with more in the planning.

The Football Club is also planning more works on the ground surface at the completion of the year and with proposed increased lighting, the members of the club and the residents of Beaconsfield will soon have a recreation reserve with pleasant facilities for the enjoyment of all.

The club extends an open invitation to any interested persons to call in and have a look.

Further information etc. can be obtained by contacting the Secretary-John Andrews on (03) 9707 3338(home) or (03) 9707 1707 (club rooms)

"Go Eagles"

Squash & Fitness Centre, Beaconsfield Tractor & Mower Service, John & Brenda Dials-Berwick Pizza, Robert Keighery, Melissa Nouza for her painting for a door prize which was won by Brendan Janetzki. To Lyn & Arthur Thorpe for donating Flower show pots for the tables.

Congratulations to Fiona and Russell Clacy being the recipients of the Peart Trophy for

their time and contribution to the club and in which they have conducted themselves over many years playing in competition and committee involvement.

Anyone holding Club flags could they be returned to be hung in club rooms.

Court Hire - Contact Margaret Chatfield - 9707 2016.



Left:- Tuesday Midweek Premiers Section 6. L-R Glenda Gorton, Teresa Stutsel, Judy Grattidge and Brenda Douma. Absent Lorraine

Sep 22nd : Coffee Shop!



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particularly the computer sales, owners Paul and Kaye Chapman decided it was necessary to make some changes in order to continue to provide customers with quality service.

Roman Computer Systems have acquired the computer sales and service side of Platypus.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Organised by the Baptist Youth Fellowship. Open to ALL young people.
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AUGUST 26th SNOW TRIP

- Time : 5.30am at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church
- Cost : \$15.00 approx.
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CONGRATULATIONS

To Matthew Dawson and Nicole De Hamer who proudly announced their engagement on 9th June 1995

CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT BANNER IS THE 26TH. SEPT. 1995

CROSSWORDS

Cont from Page 16.

A play on words is the essence of the Cryptic Crossword. This can appear in many forms in the clues and one kind is -Anagrams. Anagrams ie. a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. In the early days of crosswords they were labelled as such. eg Caned (anag). Answer- dance. However, these days anagrams are indicated much more subtly eg. 'when a male is mangled no wonder you have a feeling of sickness. Answer- malaise. ie.- to change the phrase 'a male is'.

There are very many words that act as signals that an anagram is present eg. - alter, change, chopped up, disturb, rebuilt, rewritten, scattered, upset etc.

Instead of mixing all different types of clues into the crossword that I have made up, I have only used one component on this occasion - Anagrams. See how you get on with the Crossword on page 16.

way. Much of the 'good' development of Beaconsfield however can be attributed to the genial businessman and strong community leader, Mr Bill Hudson.

*Please come along to the History Night of the Beaconsfield Progress Association on Wednesday 23rd of August at 7.30pm where Bill will be...

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD ON PAGE 16

17. Pin
5. Tore, 10. Tadpole, 15. Stun.
mate, 3. Undertake, 4. Enclose.
DOWN 1. Damages, 2. Design, 18. Pals, 19. Neatness.
Abashed, 14. helps, 16. Repeat.
bot, 11. Mean, 12. Sag, 13.
7. Dancer, 8. Famine, 9. Ro-
ACROSS 3. Urgent, 6. Tavern.

SCHOOL CHILDREN COLLECTING REV/SUN HERALD TOKENS.

Beaconsfield Primary School children are participating in the Rev/Herald Sun Ball Bonanza promotion to increase its Physical Education resources.

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The school children would appreciate your help collecting the tokens. You can leave your tokens at either the Beaconsfield Milkbar or Guys Hill Milkbar.

PERSONALITY FOR AUGUST BILL HUDSON

Cont. from Page 5

He also bought land near the railway station and 8 acres in the Adamson Road area. That subdivision, south of the railway line and creek, became known as the 'Hudson Estate'.

With his dealings in property, Bill's business of contracting was falling away. His Dad had seven lots of land to sell in Upper Beaconsfield and it was then that it occurred to Bill that estate agents in the area were in a good 'cash flow business'. A Berwick Agent by the name of Ron Kemp was the only one in the area at the time. Bill took up a license to sell real estate in 1950. With a sound knowledge of land prices and dealing with property, Bill made a success of things till his semi retirement in 1970. He handed over the Hudson Real

Society which grew enormously under his guidance until he finally 'retired' in 1978.

Throughout his life Bill has never stayed still for long. In business dealings he has been most successful over the years. He has been actively involved in community affairs throughout his time in Beaconsfield and Berwick. He has served on Rotary, been on Council and served as Mayor, captained the Fire Brigade, been President of the Berwick Hospital Board of Management and President of the RSL amongst many other things! Many residents of Beaconsfield will know Bill well through their business and social dealings. He believes very strongly in the township but is always mystified why Berwick and

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PLATYPUS TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED

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Mark Roman is the principal of Roman Computer Systems and has opened a premises at 86 High Street, Berwick. Berwick was probably overdue for a computer outlet and Mark's new business provides a retail outlet well stocked with products to suit both professional and home customers. Mark has extensive experience with education and corporate customers and has recently completed a Certified Network Engineer (CNE) course which is regarded as one of the highest qualifications in the industry. Mark is ably assisted with four staff. Platypus Technology is pleased to have the qualified team at Roman Computer Systems continue the tradition of quality service, something which is sadly lacking in much of the computer industry. Paul, Kaye and Tim would like to thank their loyal customers for the past support. Platypus Technology will still be operating from their premises in Beaconsfield and have some exciting projects planned as an expansion to the industrial side of the business.

Roman Computer Systems can be contacted on Ph. 9796 2302 and Fax 9707 5376.

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BEACONSFIELD SCOUTING NEWS

This youth activity is as popular as ever at 1st Beaconsfield Group in Beaconsfield Avenue. The Cub Pack is having a Fathers Day Craft Night on 24th August. On 31st August they plan a disco night. On 21st September they will be holding a 'dress up as a footballer night'. During July they attended a swimming carnival on the 28th, at Cranbourne Pool.

The Scout group is busy organising outdoor camping activities now that Spring is on the way. On the 20th October they will attend a District Camp. In November they plan to go away on an Alpine Hike. During July they have been busy raising money with car wash activities. Look out for them on the third Saturday each month.

CARDBOARD ACCEPTED AT MINIBAH RECYCLING DEPOT

Minibah Recycling Depot wishes to advise its customers that it is now able to accept clean cardboard once again, as well as phone books, magazines, newspapers, packing paper and advertising materials.

Mr Steve Fryer, Manager of the Recycling Depot, mentioned that disposal of cardboard was free. However, wax coated cardboard, such as milk cartons and fruit and vegetable boxes cannot be accepted.

The depot welcomes free disposal of fridges, washing machines, clothes dryers, hot water services, all types of metal, car engines, gear boxes and panels.

Minibah Recycling Depot is open seven days a week - 8.am - 4.pm. at Berwick Tip, Quarry Rd., Narre Warren.

Enquiries can be directed to Steve Fryer.

PH. 9707 5725.

Beaconsfield Progress Association

BEACONSFIELD HISTORY NIGHT

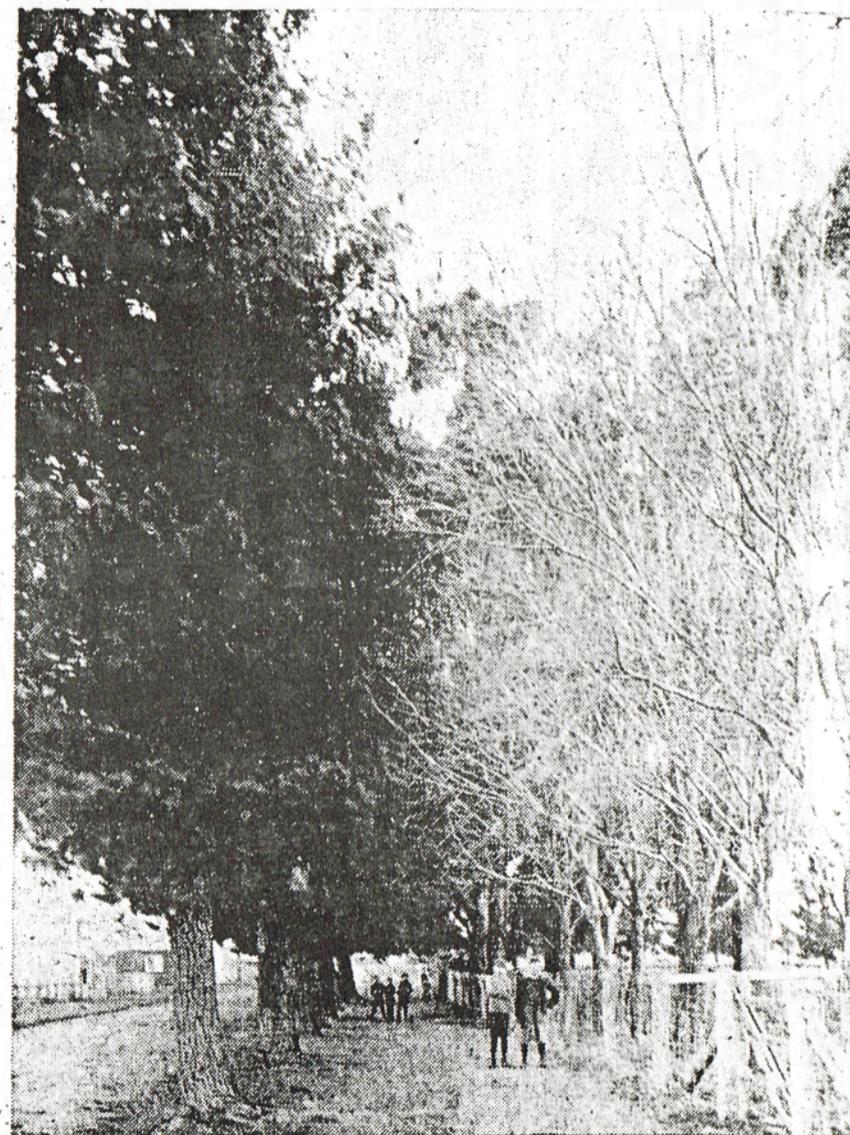
Wednesday, August 23rd at 7.30pm
Beaconsfield Community Centre.

- *See old photos, maps, memorabilia
- *Hear our "living treasures" reminisce
- *View newsreels from 1930s and 40s
- *Learn about our colourful history, 1870 onwards
- *Live music of the era
- *Meet old friends

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Wood Street Avenue of Yesteryear



This photo. of the beautiful avenue in Wood Street, Beaconsfield (now gone) was taken many years ago.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. SURVEY

The Progress Association Committee is conducting a survey into the needs and concerns of Beaconsfield residents. You are invited to complete the survey and return it to the Secretary Beaconsfield Progress Association, P.O. Box 217, Beaconsfield 3807. or leave it in the box provided at the Beaconsfield Post Office.

Thankyou in anticipation.

1. What services are required by the town, which is does not have. Please state.

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2. What existing services require improvement or duplication. Please state.

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3. What functions or activities do you think should be available in this town. Please state.

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4. What contribution can you/are you willing to make.
(please supply name and contact number and your contribution.

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5. What structural problem/issues affect your place of residence. Please tick.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Harassment by others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestrained Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Noxious weeds |

Please name street where these problems occur.....

6. Please make any further comments, covering any area/issue which you feel may have been overlooked by this survey.

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THE BANNER

The Banner is published by the Beaconsfield Progress Association bi-monthly.

1. What articles do you enjoy reading?

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2. List any improvements or additions that you would like to see included in the Banner.

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3. Would you like to be involved with the publishing of the Banner?
Listed below are several ways of helping. Tick the area which you are interested in.
Please provide a contact phone number.

- Planning committee
- Writing articles
- Proof reading
- Collating
- Distribution

4. Any other comments

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** Thankyou for taking the time to complete this survey.