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OPINION SPLIT ON NEW BINS

So say many disgruntled residents. Householders are far from happy about their new twin rubbish bins introduced recently by the Shire of Cardinia. From a recent door to door survey, the Banner has heard the following comments.

1. The bin needs to be collected every second week with a reduced rate.

2. The rubbish side is too small for what I am now paying the Shire. I would rather use a private contractor: its cheaper and the bins are bigger.

3. I cannot get all my garden rubbish in. It fell to bits in the first week I had it and only after several telephone calls could I get it fixed.

4. Too small for my rubbish. It took over a week to fix after it broke. They wouldn't empty it when it was broken. Do we get a refund for the week it was broken?

5. Not big enough for rubbish. I will have to get a private contractor to pick up now. I had to fix the bin myself when it fell apart.

6. Not big enough on the rubbish side.

7. My rubbish not emptied when it got stuck in the bin.

Obviously one households useage of a bin may differ to another but residents are clearly saying that the split bins are not able to take enough, the service costs more and the bins are breaking. It must have cost the Council plenty to introduce them. Is the new service saving money for the ratepayers or saving money for the council at the expense of each ratepayer?

For those households south of the creek in Berwicklook out! It is rumoured these bins will soon be introduced there.



FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL



Above:- Jackson says goodbye to his mum Lisa Edwards and sister Jayde at his first day at school.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS EACH THREE YEARS

Community election panel has first meeting.

Cardinia Shire's community election panel held its first meeting last Tuesday 30 January. The panel strongly endorsed triennial elections for future Council elections. The panel members also proposed that the municipal district should be subdivided into wards.

Twenty people representing a range of interests and from all parts of the Shire met at the Council Chambers to consider and make recommendations on the future council electoral system.

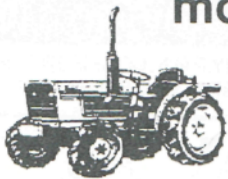
Proceedings were introduced by Chairman of Commissioners.

Bernard Coburn, Commissioner Coburn said, "with elections scheduled for March 1997 we must now develop a system which will facilitate the return of councillors. The panel is from all areas of the shire and I would hope the outcome that is delivered as the result of our consultative process is one

which addresses the needs of all residents - indeed that must be our aim." "This is Cardinia Shire, not old Pakenham, Sherbrooke or Cranbourne - we need to approach this task with an open mind," Commissioner Coburn said.

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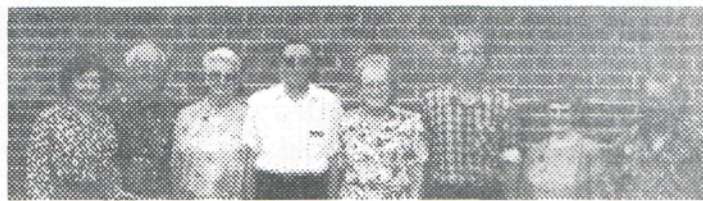
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Above:- L-R Anne Goodman, Keith Goodman, Dorothy Simpson, Roy Simpson, Netta Abeling, Willem Boon, Kath Clarke and Tony Rushton.

YAKKERBOO FESTIVAL IS ON AGAIN.

This very popular Festival on again in March 1996. Starting on Friday 22nd and concluding on Sunday 31st March. The theme this year is SUMMER FUN. Activities include the Art Show, Fireworks, Line Dancing, Childrens activities, Street Parade, Competitions, Displays, Amusements, Stalls, Motor-carna and The Ball and much more. MOST THINGS ARE FREE. The Yakkerboo Personality Competition is being held again. The judging will be held on 20th March and involves an interview. There are great prizes for all entrants plus the fun of participating in the festivities. Conditions are that the entrant must be between the ages of 17 and 26, and reside in the Cardinia Shire. A knowledge of the Cardinia Shire and to have a friendly personality will be an

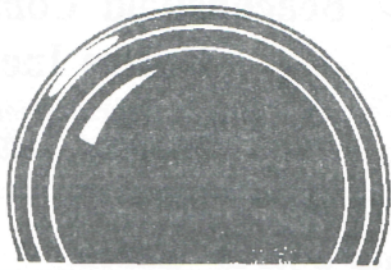
advantage. Young ladies and gentleman wishing to participate should contact Secretary of the Beaconsfield Progress Association Keith Goodman on 9707 5577. For all Community Groups, ie Tennis, Cricket, Football, Guides, Scouts, Youth Groups there is the fun of making up a Float for the Parade on Sunday 31st March. There are prizes for this part of the Festivities also. Last but not least the highlight of the week long Festival is the Ball, held this year on Friday 29th March, 1996 in the Pakenham Public Hall. Ball tickets cost \$30 each and are available from Graham Treloar 059 41 1682 or Pauline Morris on 059 41 1805 Yakkerboo Committee. More information about any of the festivities is available from both these people.

A FIRST NATIONAL TENNIS FUN DAY AT BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB.

With Weather predicted to be patchy showers on the day, a great attendance of members and visitors alike came out to take part in the Tennis Fun Day activities. Coach Robert Keighery was kept busy videoing players and potential players. Andrew Peart and the Tennis Ball Machine had little rest. They were also very popular both with non-players and players. Other courts were kept alive with competitions and plenty of tennis for everyone. Committee members were very relieved and pleased. All the preparation and work both before and on the day paid off with an extremely successful Fun Day for everyone.

Margaret Chatfield.





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NEWS FROM CARDINIA SHIRE

By John White



Local Laws Booklet

The Local Laws booklet is available for perusal at the Shire Offices. If you require your own copy of the booklet it is available for \$8.00.

Tip Vouchers

Each household is entitled to one refuse disposal voucher each year for the cost of \$1.00. This is a charge which is levied by the Environmental Protection Agency, not the Cardinia Shire Council.

These passes are available at the Shire Offices and are valid for depositing up to one single axle car trailer (approx 1.8 x 1.3 m) load of rubbish the Shire Rubbish Tip. Five mile Road, Nar Nar Goon.

Hours of operation:

Mon. - Fri. 8.00 am - 4.30 pm

Sat. & Sun. - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Public H - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Community Information

Directory

The Cardinia Shire's Community Information Directory will be delivered by Australia Post to residents across the Shire by the end of February. Spare copies will be left with Post Offices.

The Directory contains information about aspects of the Shire's operations which affect residents, information about a variety of community resources, emergency numbers and procedures and advertisements from traders

across the Shire.

On Page 41 there is a form that can be returned to us to help to "Keep our Directory Up to Date", please do not hesitate to use this.

Gembrook Country Fair

A Country Fair is to be held at Gembrook on Saturday 17th February, 1996. Stalls, food, displays, craft, alternative medicine - will all be on display. The activities will conclude with a bush dance in the community centre. All proceeds will go to the Gembrook Riding club. Stall holders are being sought. For enquiries contact Leonora Cox, telephone (059) 427 729.

Yakkerboo Festival 1996

Events planned for 1996.

Yakkerboo Art Show - Opening Night Friday March 22nd. Public viewing Saturday and Sunday March 23rd and 24th. Yakkerboo Baby Show - Thursday March 28th. Yakkerboo Ball and Personality Quest - Friday March 29th Yakkerboo Motor Kana - Saturday March 30th Fantastic Fireworks, Carnival, C & W Band with Line Dancing, - Saturday March 30th Yakkerboo Street parade - Sunday March 31st Yakkerboo Street Market and Craft Fair - Sunday March 31st Festival Fun Fair and Mr Yakkerboo's Birthday Party - Sunday March 31st

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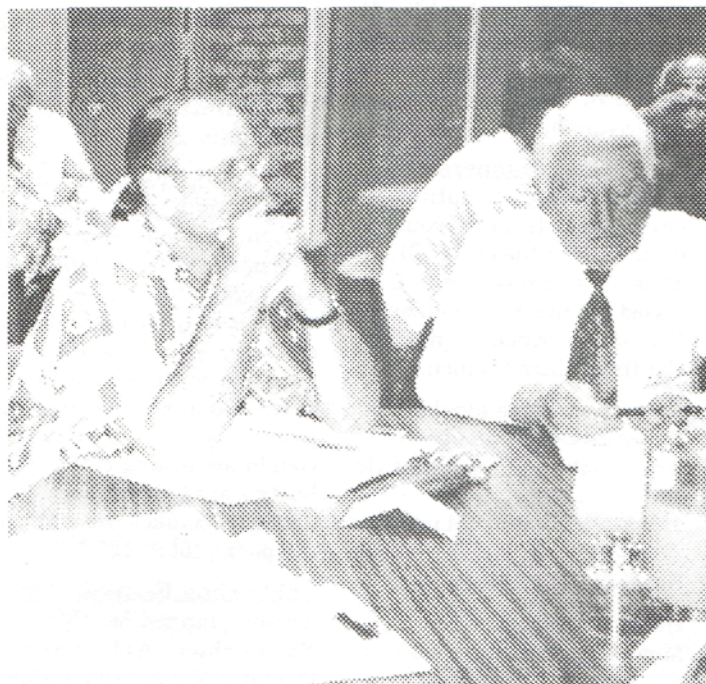
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COUNCIL ELECTIONS EACH THREE YEARS

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Above:- Brian Zimbirski (Upper Beaconsfield) Chairman of Commissioners Bernard Coburn And Keith Goodman behind Bernie Coburn.

The first major issue was triennial versus annual elections. With annual elections, one third of the councillors face the voters every year. With the triennial system, the whole council faces the voters each three years. Healthy debate took place on the advantages and disadvantages of each system. In favor of triennials the panel considered there would be cost savings, stability, continuity, greater elector interest, and improved longer term planning.

The community is used to electing governments for three or four years at the Federal and State level. The next choice facing the panel was whether to have a subdivided (i.e. with wards) or an unsubdivided municipality. Advantages cited in favour of an unsubdivided area include that councillors are accountable to the whole district, rather than a particular area, and have an overall view and appreciation of the issues. However the panel members (almost without dissent) considered

that subdividing the municipality in wards would ensure the best representation for residents.

Given the size and diversity of the area, wards would ensure that councillors were accountable to a particular area. Residents would have a local councillor or councillors to raise issues with. There would be less costs to candidates in campaigning, which hopefully would encourage more candidates, and choice for voters. Urban interests would not override those of rural and outlying areas.

Given the choice of triennial elections in a subdivided municipality the panel had discretion as to the number of councillors to be elected for each ward. Options included single member wards, or two or three or four councillors per ward. The allowable number of councillors is between five and twelve. For example there could be nine single member wards, five two member wards, four three member wards, or a combination of single and multi-member wards.



Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

PO. Box 2 Beaconsfield. 3807.
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Happy New Year to you all and what better way to start the year than to visit your local Community Centre.

We have new courses for you to try this term and all our regular groups will resume their activities. If you have never been to the Centre before, please come down for a cuppa and a chat, you are always most welcome.

FEBRUARY.

Intro to Computers, Dried flowers, Car Maintenance, Exercises for over 50's, Bicycle Maintenance, Quilling, Calligraphy.

MARCH.

"Craft Ideas" Swapshop, Paediatric Resuscitation, Antique Workshop, Shiatsu information night, "Euchre" Card Morning. Look out for our "Flyers" advertising our Old Time Dance on March 16th.

Our regular Groups, Midway, Gi Gong, Artist, Walking, Patchwork, and our Children's Services Sessions, Playgroup, Occasional Care, Toy Library and Pre-Kinder are all happy to welcome new members. The office will be open Monday - Friday from 10.00am - 12.30pm or phone Glenda on (03) 9707 3449.

The panel expressed a preference for a combination of single and multi-member wards; but wanted to be presented with a range of options at the next meeting. With a single-member ward a councillor would be accountable and accessible to the community in a discreet area. In the case of the largest township (Pakenham) two councillors might be elected for that ward. In all case the principle of equality of representation (based on the number of voters) would be followed - for example 8,000 voters in Pakenham might elect two councillors, while 4,000 voters in another area would elect one councillor. The panel is again set to meet on 27 February. It will consider a range of options of ward proposals (including names), and the number of councillors representing each ward. A select number of these options will be released for public comment.

It is hoped the panel will make some recommendations on the role and functions of councillors, and appropriate local training and promotion to encourage the best possible

field of candidates. The Council is expected to consider the panel recommendation on triennial elections, at its next meeting. If the Council decides to follow this course, a formal public consultation process will commence. All members of the public would have the right to make submissions on the proposal following public advertising.



NEWS FROM CARDINIA SHIRE

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Yakkerboo Personality Quest

Nominations are invited for the Personality Quest which is available to persons between the ages of 16 and 26.

Entry forms are available from Pauline Morris on (059) 411 806 or Graham Treloar (059) 411 682.

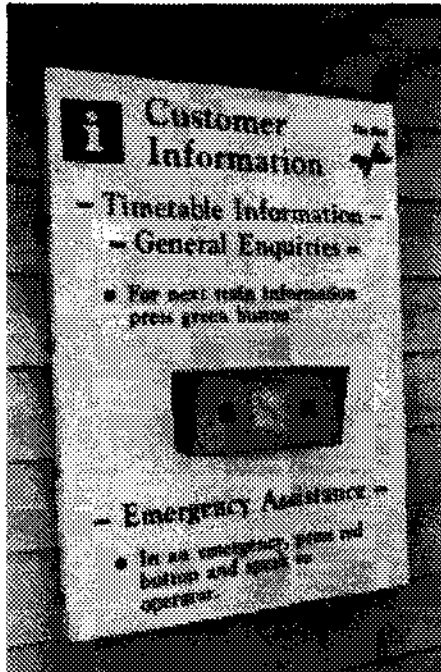
RAILWAY STATION PROGRESS

Improvements are still being carried out at the Beaconsfield Railway station. It is interesting to note that from the last report, the customer information boards still do not work. The Progress Association have followed this up.

On the 9th. February the President of Progress Association contacted Michael Lindsay of the Met and asked him about the Customer Information Boards, he advised that they would be in service by the 14th of February. The security camera's are already working, and the information board and camera work to the Pakenham control centre which is manned from the first train to the last train each day. The

Beaconsfield Station is to be manned in the mornings to 10am.

As from the 18th of February Sunday trains will run every 60 min. and weekdays off peak will run every 30 minutes.



BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

FIRE DANGER PERIOD has been declared from 29th of January until 1st May 1996.

Can I have a BARBEQUE?
Yes, provided:-

1. An adult attends the fire at all times.
2. An area of 3 metres all around and above the barbeque is completely cleared of all flammable material.
3. The wind speed must be less than 10 kilometres an hour. It is important to have sufficient water on hand in case of emergency. All barbeques which use wood, heat beads, charcoal, or briquettes are banned on "total fire ban" days.

Can I use an INCINERATOR?
Yes, the same rules as for a BARBEQUE; But your incinerator must be in good

condition with an effective lid that completely contains the fire. Cardinia Shire laws allow incinerators only on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, between 10am. and 4pm. Incinerators are banned on "smog alert" and "total fire ban" days.

Can I light a FIRE IN THE OPEN AIR for burning off grass, wood and rubbish?

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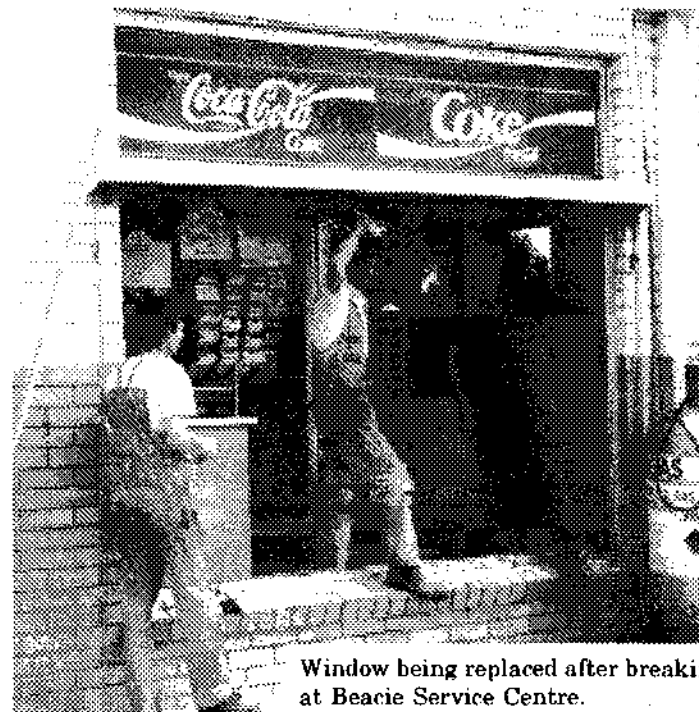
October - January.

Burglary, garage.	Horner St.
Burglary, theft of ride-on mower.	Princes H'way
Burglary, supermarket.	Old Princes H'way
Theft, house.	Sylvia Rd
Theft, motor vehicle & horse float.	O'Neil Rd
Unlawful assault.	Old Princes H'way
Wilful damage to property.	Hudson St
Theft of boat parts, house.	Old Princes H'way
Theft of trailer from driveway.	Ferncroft Crt
Unlawful Assault.	Souter St
Theft of motor vehicle.	Beac'd- Emerald Rd
Obtain property by deceit, Flat	Souter St
Theft, criminal damage.	Souter St
Burglary/theft, various items.	Lyle Ave
Burglary/theft, house.	Mahon St
Burglary/theft, electrical items.	Soldiers Rd
Wilful damage/injure property.	Souter St
Burglary/theft, clothing, household goods.	Sylvia Rd
Theft of motor vehicle. Hotel carpark.	Old Princes H'way
Theft from motor vele. front yard.	Warrawee Ave
Theft of bicycle, house.	Railway Ave
Burglary/theft. Stereo, VCR etc.	Sylvia Rd
Attempted burglary. Service station.	Old Princes H'way.
Obtain financial advantage. Motel.	Old Princes H'way
Burglary/theft, house hold goods.	Wood St
Wilful damage, window smashed.	Old Princes H'way
Burglary & criminal damage.	Wood St
Criminal damage to car.	Beac'd- Emerald Rd

The frightening increase in burglary and theft from our homes should be of deep concern to each and every one of us.

To return home to find your home invaded and your valuables and memories stolen from you must burn a fear into your mind which surfaces every time on returning home.

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HIGH BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL FOR 1995.

(Written by Dr. R.C. Webb)

In December 1995 the monthly rainfall recorded was 81.2mm. November 1995 totalled 74.2mm. The Annual rainfall for 1995 was 933.4mm, considerably higher than normal. In fact only the reading of 939.9mm in 1992 exceeded the 1995 figure. Annual figures for the past 11 years are:-

1985	823.7
1986	756.2
1987	722.1
1988	812.
1989	886.3
1990	826.0
1991	896.1
1992	939.9
1993	878.1
1994	612.1
1995	933.4

It is of interest to note that the annual rainfall for 1994 of 612.1mm was less than two thirds of the 1995 total.

The January 1996 rainfall (up to 28th January) has been a

little below average, at 46.8mm.



Dr. R. C. Webb

NO ACCIDENT REPORT

Rodney and Lisa Edwards would like to thank all drivers for taking care on the roads.

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G.Sago Vice-president Wilson Park SGAP.

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During this time many plants have been discovered that are now regarded as standard plants in many gardens. As Australia's population increases water will become a rarer commodity. Most Australian plants can survive on a fraction of the water needed to keep exotic Northern Hemisphere plants alive.

A local group of SGAP was formed three years ago, (Wilson Park Branch), and meets at Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick on the third Tuesday of every month. At these meetings we have plant sales at reasonable prices, a flower display, generally a speaker, and a supper. The flowers on display are discussed regarding growing conditions and means of propagation. At present the group's project is the garden surrounding the car park at Wilson Park. It is about two years old and is a good example

of an Australian plant garden, as, except for planting time, it has not had any watering. It is well worth a visit.

The next meeting is on Tues. 20th February at Wilson Park, commencing at 8pm. Guest speaker is Neil Marriott, probably the world's foremost authority on Grevilleas. He is co-author of the recently released three volume set of "The Grevillea Book". This is the most complete work on grevilleas ever compiled. The Wilson Park group extend an invitation to anybody wishing to come to this meeting or the following months meeting which will be held on 19th March. They can be assured of an excellent talk and slide show from an expert. Please come and bring a friend.

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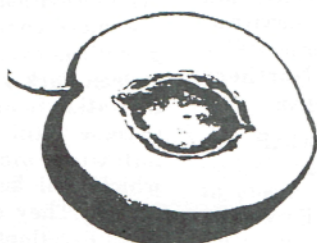
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Born in Albury N.S.W. Naomi is a relative new comer to Beaconsfield. Arriving in January 1994 she moved here with her family. They lived for two years in Mavis Avenue (Mt. Misery) before moving to Kenilworth Avenue. In Albury Naomi attended Xavier High School and then Berwick

Secondary College when they moved to Beaconsfield. One of her main hobbies is writing where she shows her talents regularly in the Banner "Poets Corner". She reads a lot also. Naomi's other hobbies include badminton, netball, and basketball. The Banner Sub-Committee is very grateful for her regular contributions.

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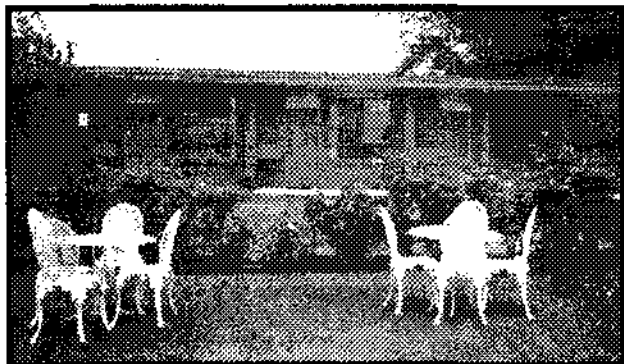


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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

Plants figure largely in myth, and many were regarded as having magical properties. Our distant ancestors were somewhat in awe of the flora of their world. Necessity made them diligent students of the plant kingdom, as they furnished foods, medicines, clothing and shelter for survival.

Plant behaviour must have greatly puzzled them too; like why the Sunflower blossom turned to track the sun moving across the sky and why did the Morning Glories' trumpet only open at daybreak.

Unable to find acceptable reasons for such behaviour, they populated the countryside with Nymphs, Gnomes, Guardian Spirits and assorted Nature Spirits, using imagination to explain the unexplainable. Human beings turned naturally to the plant kingdom for aid in the daunting struggle to achieve mastery over their environment and fate.

Garlic is a plant long regarded as having "white magic" (good magic) and was believed to turn back the dark forces (or evil spirits). It was eaten widely for its' innate health giving properties, and also hung over doorways, or windows if they had any, as a bar to entry of evil into the home.

Another plant, Belladonna, had the opposite reputation and often served as agents for Man's wickedness. Its' juices, both toxic and sedative, were

frequently used in murderers' potions and brews. As a result, it became known as Deadly Nightshade, Witches Berry and Sorcerers-Cherry, among others.

Another myth concerns "The Vegetable Lamb Tree" of Scythia in Asia-Minor. Herodotus, the Greek Historian of the Fifth Century wrote of this tree in his account "Histories" reporting that the tree "carried fleeces with which the natives clothe themselves in cloth made therefrom". Eventually it turned out to be the cotton plant, but the legend persisted into the 19th Century before being laid to rest.

The Mandrake plant intrigued our forebears too. A member of the Nightshade family, the root of this plant resembled a small human being which created many strong superstitions, especially as it often glows in the dark due to chemical reactions with moonlight. Even today it has a reputation of evil in some parts of Europe.

The Ancient Egyptians revered the blue and white Lotuses of the Nile as symbols of Great Fertility and Papyrus was their symbol of freshness, youth and vigor, and was their paper as well. They regarded the Onion as a divine symbol of the Universe seeing the layers as representing earth and the planes of existence. They also took their oath on an Onion, as we would use the Bible, and Onions were presented to their Gods as sacrificial offerings.

Other Beliefs include:- Thunder causes truffles to grow. Cucumbers creep towards water, but away from oil. Grapevines abhor radishes and must never be planted near them. And finally, according to Pliny, turnips provoke lust! Yours in Health.

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Basil with tomato or made into pesto and used over pasta or small boiled potatoes or slice a bread roll on the diagonal, toast and brush on some good olive oil and top with pesto. Apple cucumbers are lovely and crunchy at the moment; try cucumber sandwiches, currently popular for lunch at our house.

Nectarines, peaches and plums: either fresh or stewed as dessert or made into pies or over cereal for breakfast. We have previously given the recipe for clafoutis, so easy to make and adaptable to most of the fruit around now - look up the recipe and try it, you will not be disappointed. Use some of your overripe fruit or the good bits cut from the

bird attacked fruit to make Anne's fruit mousse which is easy to make and ice cream like in texture. Try with a half bottle of Brown Brothers Late Harvest Orange Muscat & Flora 95, \$13-\$15.

Berries are still around (just), make a summer pudding, easy and memorable. Helen and Peter Gay of Pakenham Upper have just the best raspberries at \$4.50 picked.

At the height of their season now are three fish; whiting, garfish and small snapper. Grill some on the BBQ and serve with a fresh salad; delicious and healthy.

WINE At a recent gathering of friends where we all brought along a bottle or two three wines stood out. The Seaview Chardonnay 95, around \$7; the Seaview Pinot Chardonnay bubbly 93, \$11 the Blanc de Blanc by the same maker was not as good and an outstanding red, Leconfield Coonawarra Cabernet 93, \$18- \$20. Other recommendations are Mt Langi Ghiran Shiraz 93, \$20. I find myself drinking more and more shiraz, there are so many good versions around. Pikes Clare Riesling 95, \$13 fresh and zingy drink now or keep for five years.

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Bowl 2: Beat 300ml thickened cream 'till stiff.

Bowl 3: Beat 2 egg whites 'till stiff.

Next: Stir Bowl 2 into Bowl 1, mix thoroughly. Fold in Bowl 3 until whites fully incorporated. Pour mousse into 2 litre freezer bowl with lid, freeze 4 hours minimum. Use as ice-cream. Will keep several weeks if ice-cream is not your weakness.

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BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES.

Beaconsfield Football Club are currently conducting pre-season training in preparation for a challenging 1996 season ahead in the West Gippsland Football League. This season the competition has been expanded to 12 teams with the inclusion of Phillip Island and Kilcunda-Bass from the now defunct Bass Valley League. Beaconsfield will be looking to build on their efforts in 1995 when Senior, Reserves and U/17's all made it through to the Grand Finals.

Training is on Wednesday & Fridays, and every second Monday commencing at 6pm at the football ground under coaches Doug Koop (Seniors) and Peter Smith (Reserves). The U/17's are also most welcome to come along. Their coach Ron Norton has been very pleased with the turn out so far. They will revert to training separately on Tuesday 12th March, commencing at 5pm.

U/15's training will commence on Monday 26th February at 4:30pm and coach Peter Goodes can be

contacted on 03 9796 2284 by interested players or parents.

New players in all grades can be assured of a warm welcome and those requiring further information can contact the secretary Wendy Norton 03 9702 1976 or come along on one of the training nights.

Practice matches have so far been finalized for Saturday 30th March: away to Devon Meadows; and on Thursday evening 4th April against Cranbourne under lights at their ground. The season commences with an away Sunday game against Pakenham on the 14th April.

The Beaconsfield Junior body of the club provides teams ranging in age from Dewkickers up to U/14's. Juniors play and train at the Upper Beaconsfield Reserve. Games are held on Sundays with training conducted on Friday nights.

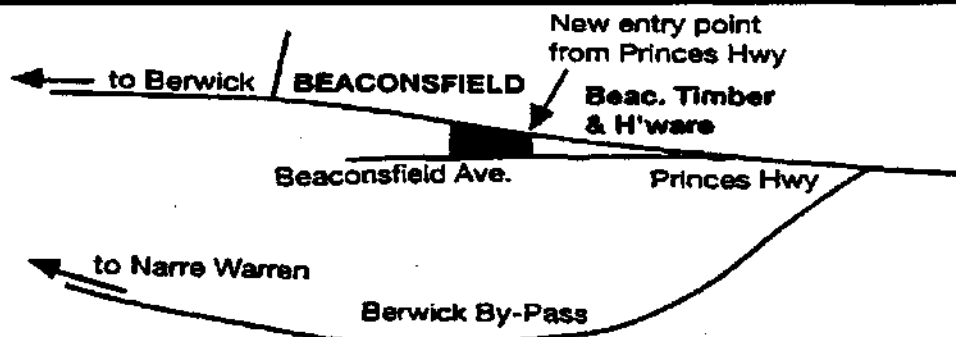
The club is also seeking field assistance from locals wishing to become involved with their community football club. Positions as Team Managers, Timekeepers and other important roles need to be filled. Our secretary Wendy would be very pleased to hear from

anyone interested in helping in this way. The support of local businesses also plays a major role in putting our teams on the field. If you would like to be involved in sponsorship, award donations or as a member of the Supporters Group, Club President Lyn Studham (059 44 3637) would be delighted to hear from you.

SOCIAL: The Club is staging a Hoe Down at the Berwick Leisure Centre on Saturday 30th March and details regarding bands appearing will be notified through the local press.

The Club would like to extend an invitation to all Beaconsfield residents to come along on Saturday afternoons, enjoy the excellent facilities now available and support your local football team.

The Beaconsfield Football Club is very grateful to Beaconsfield Timber & Hardware for their support to local sport and to their community newsletter.



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BOUQUETS to the City of Casey who have finally come around to tidy up the pathway through the "triangle reserve" on the corner of Adamson/Soldiers Road. The area is looking good now and a delight to walk through on a fine sunny summer afternoon.

BRICKBATS to the people who let their trees grow over footpaths. There is a on the spot penalty of \$100 if your trees hang lower than 3 meters over a footpath.

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Above:- Pakenham Uniting Church Youth Band "Infinity" L-R Daniel Skinner, Sharon Leach, Samuel Ventura, Angela Crow and Troy Ventura.

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Held at the old Church hall in Railway Avenue, an enthusiastic bunch of young people from Beaconsfield Baptist youth group plan the programme and run the coffee shop and drop-in centre. They

hope to meet the needs of young people in our community in an environment free of the pressure of drugs and alcohol and based on simply having fun.

It starts up again this year on Friday 23rd February at 7.30 p.m.

We've certainly been encouraged by the response we had since starting in September 1995, and are hoping to extend the programme this year.

If you are interested, come along and check us out. It would be great to have you there - and - It's all FREE!

Left:- Ryan Sheldod TAKES HIS CUE.



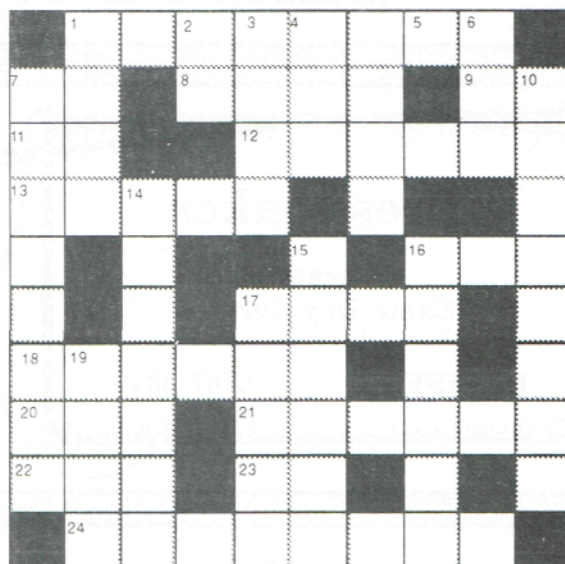
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BANNER CROSSWORD NO 4

By Dr. R. C. Webb



ACROSS

1. Put tea into pores to see what surgeon does (8)
7. Indian Plant (2)
8. You may look a goat in this cloak (4)
9. Current (2)
11. Civil Engineer (2)
12. Do a gap construction in a temple (6)
13. You gore the scoundrel (5)
16. Tar this rodent? (3)
17. Luce becomes a hint (4)
18. Ann drinks ale to temper (6)
20. Oriental fish (3)
21. Rue ten helpings from the soup dish? (6)
22. Drunkard (3)
23. Hesitate (2)
24. Sly visitors from Crete keep their views privately (8)

DOWN

1. Margarine (4)
2. Extraterrestrial (2)
3. Don't pore over this cord (4)
4. Moslem Commander (3)
5. This stag has labels (4)
6. Depressed (3)
7. Circus performers use boars act (8)
10. Perhaps teens can use flasks (8)
14. I ran out to get some rock (7)
15. La rule has charm (6)
16. A leper has a way to annul it (6)
17. Provide for a broken crate (5)
19. Temple (4)

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Above:- Shop Manager, John Tweddle

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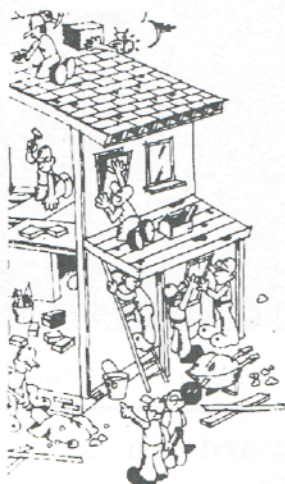
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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

This season after 7 rounds Beaconsfield Cricket Club is going along very nicely. The A Grade have not lost a game and are sitting 2nd on the ladder. The B Grade are doing nicely sitting in third position with the C Grade undefeated on top of the ladder. D Grade are in 2nd position having lost only 2 games, each by only 2 runs. The E Grade are trying hard but have only managed one win this season. Three Junior Teams play with U/16's, U/14's and U/12's. The U/16's

boast some very talented boys and are sitting well in the four after round 7. The U/14's are also in the four and playing very well. The U/12's, who don't play for points and at any stage could have up to 16 players on a Saturday, have not lost a game this season. Social Games were held on Sunday Feb. 4th and Feb. 17th. Starting at 11.00am. Many supporters were encouraging in their attendance.

MURRAY RIVER MARATHON



Above:- The winning Beaconsfield A Team. Rodney Moseley, Bradley Rauber, Keith Colomb, Clint Leaver & Ben Knight. Front row. Andrew Bartlett & Haley McGregor.

The 1995 Red Cross Murray River Marathon was contested between 27th - 31st of December 1996. The marathon is run over a distance of 403 kms. during daylight, beginning at Yarrwonga and concluding at Swan Hill. In the Murray Schools Relay Division, Beaconsfield Christian College mixed boys "A" team, came in first, over an hour ahead of their nearest rivals, Albury North High School. Andrew Bartlett was

a member of this Beaconsfield College winning relay team. Andrew was introduced to kayaking at Beaconsfield Christian College and had been paddling for six months prior to the event. Under the direction of the teams' coach Chris Leaver, (a parent) Andrew quickly acquired the necessary skills to enjoy this exciting strenuous sport. Written by kayaking partner:- Ben Knight /Andrew Bartlett and Warren McGregor "ground crew".

TO ALL READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS OF NEWS

Ted Horton, the current newsletter coordinator, has caught up

Beaconsfield Sport

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

Beaconsfield Tennis Club News Welcome back to what is expected to be a bigger and better year for our Club in 1996. With our Club participating in the National Tennis Fun Day Program we are hoping this will generate new interest in tennis and in our Club.

All competitions have recommenced after the Christmas Break Night Competitions:- Tuesday (Mixed play) and Thursday (Men only). Midweek Ladies, Autumn Season:- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (am) Saturday Competitions. Juniors in the morning. Seniors (Mixed) in the afternoon. Midweek Ladies Comp. for 1995 Spring. Congratulations to Section 5 "Premiers". Team members were Glenda Gorton, Teresa Stutsel, Joy Palmer, Brenda Douma, Lorraine Manson. Enquiries about playing midweek tennis to Pat Schelling on 9707 1839.

JUNIOR PRACTICE: Juniors finals are only a few weeks away and any practice you can get will help greatly. Practice time at the courts is Friday 4pm to 6pm. Introduction to Tennis: Children between the ages of 8 years and 18 years in the community who think they might like to play tennis are also welcome to come along to

the courts of Friday afternoons between 4pm and 6pm. Enquiries should be directed to Margaret Chatfield 9707 2016.

PENNANT COMPETITION This year in April we will have a possible 7 teams entered to play on Saturday and Sunday. Inquiries directed to Russell Clacy on 059 41 3200.

B.A.G. COMMITTEE are organizing the Senior Club Championships:- Times & Dates of events. Singles: 18th and 25th February at 11.30am. Mens & Ladies Doubles. 3rd March at 12.00pm. Round Robin BBQ Lunch & Drinks. Mixed Doubles: 17th March at 12.00pm. Round Robin Tournament BBQ Lunch & Drinks. Finals: 24th March 10.00am start.

During the Holiday Period Shade Cloth was erected on the fence of the porous courts. This will assist with the maintenance, and protect these courts from the North wind. Membership inquiries please contact Jenny Shinnars on 9707 2575. Court Hire: contact Margaret Chatfield. 9707 2016.

BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB

The 1996 season will kick off with the start of training on 8th February.

Juniors 13&U - 4.30pm:
15&U - 5.00pm:
17&U - 5.30pm.

Seniors - 7.00pm. The first game of the season will be on Sunday the 14th April, against Pakenham, at Pakenham. With the inclusion of two new teams into the W.G.N.A., namely Phillip Island and Kilcunda-Bass, it will be an interesting season, with a bit more travelling. We have had a busy summer with some major works happening at the court. A large expansion of the

court playing surface and greatly improved off-court facilities (hot & cold water & change area) for the players will make playing netball at Beaconsfield a much more enjoyable experience. Many thanks must go to Russell Vincent and Grant for their building skills. Rob Clydesdale for running water and Roy Pryor, Ron Norton, John Andrews and Alan Tomamichel for their work in re-locating the play-ground. With the improvements in facilities we look forward to a happy and successful season both on and off the court.

CROSS THE STATE IN 24 HOURS ON A BICYCLE - TO RAISE MONEY.

Yes it's true, 15 energetic locals will be wheeling their way across Victoria from Swan Hill to Port Fairy on the weekend of 20th & 21st of April. Most will be on the road at regular intervals, participating in the relay ride. Start time will be 12 Noon on Saturday after first having dipped their back cycle wheel in the Mighty Murray River

first of these rides. The finish will be after 12 Noon on Sunday at the Moyne River, Port Fairy. The Berwick BUG Group (Bicycle Users Group) has been riding in this event for the last three years. As is usual they raise money for health related charities by way of sponsorship for kilometres ridden or sponsorship for those completing the whole distance.

This is a tradition which started 10 years ago with the

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There will be three or four members of the team attempting the total distance of 523kms. The support team of two buses and four helpers will be doing their best to attend to their needs along the way. We wish them well. There are many teams from all over the State to taking part in this special ride. Many of the other teams will be starting from Mildura and Echuca. Raffle tickets will be on sale before the weekend throughout the Berwick Beaconsfield District at \$2. a ticket. There are fabulous prizes including a Five night Holiday for two people on the Gold Coast value \$1,000. A Shogun Mountain Bike as second prize and third prize

Crystal valued as \$200. This year the proceeds of the raffle will be donated to Camp Quality, a non-profit volunteer organisation providing a camping experience and much more for children with cancer. They do a fantastic job in bringing quality to their fragile tenure on life by way of camps and outings in country areas. Many people are giving their time to help voluntarily but they also need considerable help financially to maintain the many programmes that are put on for these unfortunate young people. Please give generously if you can. Contact telephone numbers are 9707 1313 or 9707 1402 for Raffle tickets and/or Sponsorship.

WANTED

Old excouncil garbage bins (Sulo/Otto) Will Collect Ph. 9768 9200 B.H.

FOR SALE

Typewriter Brother AX-25 Electronic, edit memory, word spell, correction etc. \$150 ONO 9707 2480

COFFEE SHOP DELI

For Sale is this new business in Beaconsfield freshly set up and equipped. Caters for passing trade to Gymnasium and for local shop, office and factory owners and staff. Selling for value of set up cost only. Choose your own hours to suit. Presents well with good parking outside. Heaps of potential for the right operator with creative ideas. Further details phone Karen on BH 03 9796 2811 or AH 03 707 1945

Fowlers Bottling Outfit, Complete Working Order. Instruction book, 5doz Jars, 3 sizes, lids, clips \$120. Phone 9707 1839.

Windsurfer, Hi-fly Corona 300cs. Suit Beginner \$120 Phone 9707 1839

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual presentation of reports for the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group is to be held on Tuesday, 19th March 1996 in the Scout Hall (next to the Community Centre in Beaconsfield Avenue). The meeting is to commence at 8pm and is followed by a light supper at 8.25pm. This is an opportunity for you to speak to your leaders and District Commissioner, Olive Elston, or as an interested parent a chance to find out what scouting is all about.

**CLOSING DATE
FOR APRIL
BANNER IS 29th.
MARCH 1996**

BIRTHS

McLean (Barry)
To Stuart and Sue, a son, Angus James, born 15.1.96 (at Townsville)

Considine
To Chris and Brian, a daughter, Lily Christine, born 11.12.95, a sister for Gemma and Alex.

Mentiplay (McGrath)
To Patricia and Andrew, a daughter Alicia Monique, Born 11.1.96, a sister for Kelly.

Edwards
To Lisa and Rodney, a son Brock, born 2.1.96, a brother for Jackson and Jayde. (First child born at Berwick Hospital for 1996.)



Above:- Lisa and Rodney Edwards with their new born son Brock.



AN INVITATION FROM C.W.A.

Bored with watching television? Sitting there twiddling your thumbs? Feeling creative? Want to put more into your Community? Just moved into our township and looking for new friends? I'm sure we've all experienced these feelings at times. Where do you go to to satisfy these needs? Would you like to join a friendly group of ladies of the Berwick Country Women's Association?

The Country Women's Association have been holding Branch meetings and Creative Craft sessions in the Beaconsfield/Berwick area for many years (over 60 years in fact). We meet at the Berwick Masonic Lodge Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 1.30pm

Our meetings cover a wide range of interests as well as work for charities, i.e. Berwick Nursing Home. Membership of C.W.A. is \$12.00 per year which makes it as very reasonably priced group to belong to. You would also be

able to learn a number of crafts, needlework etc. at our craft days which are held on the second Tuesday, monthly starting at 10.00am.

Craft days are also held on the second Friday, monthly starting at the same time. Costs involved are very reasonable. (\$2.00 for members & \$3.00 for non-members) plus materials. These sessions are available to everybody, in all age groups. These craft sessions are held locally in Beaconsfield in informal comfortable surroundings and close to Public transport. For more information about your local Branch please phone Mrs. Dalman 9707 3724 (Secretary)

SPOT THE MISTAKE SEGMENT !

Did you know that the last (Christmas) edition of the Banner Vol. 7 No 6 was incorrectly dated October 1995. There's no prize for those who picked the mistake. Please hang on to your copy, it could be worth a lot of money in years to come! ED.

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