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KINDERGARTEN 25 YEARS

The Beaconsfield Kindergarten celebrated 25 years of service to the community on 12th October 1996.

Over the years it has seen 2000 local children pass through its gates.

The first committee was formed in 1971 with President Jane Poulton, Secretary Winifred Peart and Treasurer Jeanette Smythe.

The first ten years of teaching was handled by Mrs Vincent. The kindergarten in the early days held two sessions with 10 children in each. From those early days the kindergarten now caters for 50 children plus. Each group consists of 25 children, each child coming 10 hours per week.

1981 saw the 10th anniversary. To

commemorate this, the kindergarten purchased an outdoor climbing setting from money raised from an Easter raffle, Trash and Treasure and Street Stalls. 1981 also saw the arrival of a new Directress Miss Julie Marwick. Then in 1983, Kaye Fielder and 1984 Janet Hallam (Sugden). 1986 saw much growth in Beaconsfield that prompted the committee to increase the group size at the Centre to accommodate all the local children. The capacity grew to 75 children.

Janet Hallam left to begin a family in mid 1986 and Tracy Wallen took over the third group.

Jeanette Bartlett took over as Directress of the other two groups.

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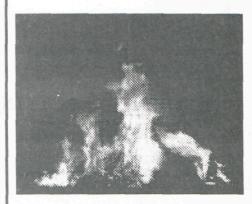
Above:- Standing L-R Maurice Potter, Ted Owen, Jessica Mills, Andrew Bartlett. Gaylene, Kerry & Matt Owen, Vaughan & Tyler White, (ex students underlined.) Seated L-R Jeanette Bartlett. Mrs. Vincent, Janet Hallam & Cathy Mills.

BEACONSFIELD BONFIRE NIGHT. BOB BURGESS RESERVE BEHIND TACO BILL'S AND THE PIZZA SHOP.

YES ITS ON AGAIN ON MONDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 4th (CUP EVE)

Entertainment and food will include live music on stage. Bill the balloon man. Sausage sizzle and hamburgers stall. Giant bonfire to be lit at approx 8.15 pm And..... Fireworks to light the night sky!!!

RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ADD TO THE FIRE WITH UNWANTED TIMBER AND BRANCHES (ONLY) FROM THEIR GARDENS. PLACE CAREFULLY ON THE FIRE AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE. NO OTHER RUBBISH PLEASE!



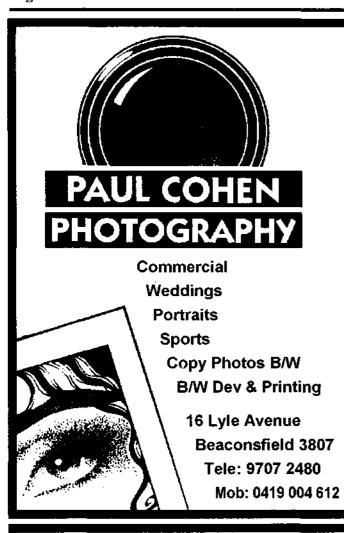
Above:- 1994 Bonfire was a great night.



LOCAL HISTORY WITH JOHN WELLS, OCT. 29TH.

Well known local writer and Gippsland historian John Wells will be the guest speaker at the Progress Association AGM. He will speak on the history of this area, some of the books he has written are GIPPSLAND and a number of others. The meeting will be held at the Beaconsfield Community Centre Commencing at 7.30 pm. John has agreed to sign any of the books that he has written and he will also have some of his books available on the night.

Pictured left our Photographer Paul Cohen caught John Wells working at his computer.





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NEWS FROM CARDINIA SHIRE

By John White



Above:- John White

SHIRE TO STAGE CAROLS

Following the success of last years presentation, the Cardinia Shire will again present Carols by Candlelight on Saturday December, 14th 1996.

It is expected that over 4000 people will be at the gardens by Lilypond House to see McDonalds Melbourne Youth Band, the Australian Childrens Choir, Piper Iain Berry and Soloist Di Faulkner.

Local resident Di Faulkner is the soloist. Di, one of Melbourne's most popular performers heads her 5 piece band. Di, over the years has been a regular TV performer, sang for Prince Charles and Princess Diane at the Lord Mayors Ball, the Pope at the MCG and has performed as support artist for many international acts. Singer, entertainer and television actor Lindsay Edwards will compere the evening. Santa will be there, and a fireworks display will provide a spectacular start to the Christmas season.

Cardinia Shire invites all residents and their friends and families to this important community event. For Christians, Christmas is a time of celebration, joy, thanksgiving and hope and the Shire is offering the Carols for people to join together with a sense of belonging in their own community. Everyone will have a chance to support the Shire's Christmas tree and brighten up the festive season for other children, by placing a new present at the base of the tree. The program begins at 6.30 pm with picnics by the pond and community performing groups entertaining the crowd prior to the carols. No need to take food; community groups will provide sausages, hamburgers, drinks and other goodies for the whole family, with all proceeds going back to the community.

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BOWMAN'S TRACK THROUGH THE BUSH.

By John Wells



Above: - John Wells

When the Woods Point goldfields were discovered our government was very worried about the difficulties of access. Gold was vital to Victoria and that meant that supply routes to the diggings were critically important. The government offered rewards to people who cut tracks through the bush to supply the miners winning our most successful export.

The Wood's Point field was opened up from the north in 1861, when William Gooley discovered Gooley's Creek in 1861, following finds on the Upper Goulburn in 1854, the Big River in 1857 and Gaffney's Creek in 1859. The prospectors worked their way south down through the Jordan, Red and Blue Jacket Creeks, BB Creek, Aberfeldy, Walhalla and the Toombon.

They could not be supplied from the north at all well. Merchants in Gippsland clamoured for a route from Sale or Rosedale (and were eventually successful) but Melbourne merchants pressed for routes from the west.

The Melbourne newspaper "The Argus" carried an advertisement on 3 April 1863 which called for "Persons who have any CLAIMS to COMPENSATION for OPENING UP ROUTES to the JORDAN DIGGINGS" to apply by letter or appear personally at the Crown Lands Office. The advertisement was over the name of C.W. Ligar, Surveyor-General.

Bowman, a lady whose name should be better-known. She was responsible for Bowman's Track, signposted at the western end as a Bicentennial project by the Shire of Pakenham. Her track was cut to make it easier for diggers to reach the Jordan River and the chain of gold finds that spread southward from it.

Later in this story you will see why Janet Bowman claimed to have spent 1500 pounds building the track. She had been widowed in 1860 and her husband's estate was valued at 2000 pounds, so 1500 pounds was a huge sum to risk.

Janet put three men and her older sons to work. In evidence for her claim (in 1876) she said that she started the track in 1861 or 1862. The belief that she cut the track only to bring business to her hotel might be unfair. William Brisbane, in evidence to a Select Committee determining Bowman's claim for compensation said "Every one said it was a courageous thing for her to do...It was a most extraordinary thing. A great many people were under the impression that she was slightly deranged in doing it. but she has the head of a businessman...

Though the track was cut to provide access to the goldfields it also provided access to tin leases at William Wallace Creek and on the Latrobe, leases which, it was claimed, would not have been discovered without the track. It was also a means of opening up thousands of acres to the selectors.

Bowman's Track ran from near the Central Hotel in Beaconsfield, along a few miles of existing dray track up O'Neil Road and Sugarloaf Roads to Emerald Road, across through Gembrook and the East Beenak Road. It then followed the watershed between the Yarra River catchment and the Great Swamp catchment northeast to a point north of the headwaters of the Latrobe River.

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Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

P.O. Box 2 Beaconsfield. Ph. 9707 3449



Glenda Fryer

The sun is out (sometimes), the birds are singing and everyone is getting in the mood for fine weather and the festive season. The Community Centre has a lot of creative activities to offer this Term including Creative Embroidery, Make Your Own Soap, Christmas Cake Decorating and Specialty Dried Flower Arrangements. Do you have someone in your circle of friends that you would like to give just a little something? Well we can give you some

practical and creative ideas for things that you can make for under \$5.

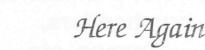
For those who have been touched by adoption, Family Links-Adoption Information Evening will be of great benefit. This is an ideal opportunity to meet with others within the district who all have this unique connection. There will be a guest speaker and representatives from the Pakenham Group Family Links who will be happy to speak to you.

Our Committee of Management invites all members to join us for a B.B.Q. to be held at the Centre on Saturday 16th November at 12 noon. Bring your own meat, drinks and a salad to share and we will enjoy each others company for our big Social Occasion for the year.

All this information and more is included in our Term 4

POETS CORNER

By Naomi Harris



Sweetness fills The springtime air,
The scent of flowers Everywhere.
Honey - eaters Flying to and fro
Feeding from The buds that show.
Between the branches Of the gums,
Filtered light Gently comes.
As the children Play their game
We see that spring Is here again.

programme which has been delivered to your letterbox. For further information about any of our many Centre activities please call Glenda on 9707 3449. We look for to seeing you soon.



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Instead of a 1/4 acre block the new site occupies 1 acre with eight times more under cover. The showroom is better, the servicing area is better and storage of new stock enlarged. As well as being much more prominent, customer parking is the best improvement over the old site. Still offering good old fashioned service, their range is bigger than ever with everything from brush cutters, push and ride-on mowers, chain saws, mulchers, post hole diggers etc.

In farm machinery they stock ISEKI machines from Japan and Massey Ferguson from Europe with anything from 2HP to 200HP. They are also in the process of stocking STIHL products and keep spare parts for many other brands as well.

Trevor Burton is in charge of Farm Machinery and Tractor Sales, Betty Lukas in Office and Administration and Kelly Talbot and Michael Willis in the workshop.

They will be happy to show old customers around their new premises and are open 8am till 5.30 pm Monday to Friday and 8.am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Telephone 9707 5368 or Fax. 9769 9233. Watch out for their official public open day in November with a sausage sizzle for all visitors.



Above:- Beaconsfield Mower and Tractor Centre Old Princes Highway near Beaconsfield Ave.



JOEY SCOUTS COME TO BEACONSFIELD.

A very exciting experience is happening at the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group. Joey Scouts, the youngest section of the Scout movement has arrived.

This section is just some six years old in Victoria and is for both girls and boys aged six years and seven years old; for one hour a week, either after school or on Saturday morning. They do not wear a uniform except for a special tee-shirt and their Group Scarf. The emphasis is on having fun in activities, games and stories aimed at helping others in a sharing and caring atmosphere, at the same time learning the Principles of Scouting. Progressing on to the Cubscout Pack about a month before their eighth birthday to further their scouting career.

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LOCAL RADIO STATION 3 SER EXPANDS



Above:- Manager David Lentin
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South Eastern Community Radio 3 SER brings you up to the minute local news and events by simply dialling 97.7 FM on your radio. Operating every day around the clock, the station began broadcasting back in 1991 and offers a wealth of entertaining programs.

Manned by volunteers and administered by an Incorporated Committee it exists through sponsors and membership. The new Manager Mr. David Lentin is very enthusiastic about its new headquarters at Suite 5, 418 - 420 Princes Highway. Narre Warren (behind Faceys Real Estate and the Lighting Leaders shop on the Northwest corner of Webb Street). "It ranks as one of the best Community Radio Stations in existence" says David who previously worked for several well known commercial stations.

All tastes and interests are very well catered for. Music ranging from Heavy Metal to Country and Western, Rock and Roll to Classics pleases all types. Many ethnic interest programmes bring together our multi cultural population with items from Dutch, Mauritian, Sri Lankan, Spanish, Greek and Croation groups. The overnight show from the British Broadcasting Corporation keep those from the 'Old Country' informed.

Special interests are catered for with gardening, fishing, computers, arts, health and Neighbourhood Watch segments. A Crime Fighters report is presented by the Station Manager David Lentin. Sports fans can feast on news of their local basketball, cricket, football, soccer or softball teams, much of it "live".

On the light side you can listen to some great comedy both recorded and live on air. Robbo and Clarky on drive time will keep you laughing all the way home. Graeme Lewis from 6 am on Sundays with 'Daybreak' has a lot of comical interaction with 'Cyril the Truckie' coming live over the airwaves! Well worth listening to.

As well as the broadcasting studio in Narre Warren, 3 SER will have an outside broadcast van covering the Dandenong Show, the Cranbourne Cup and other local events as they happen.

Enquiries and community input are most welcome. You may contact the Station on 9796 6543: for Business, 9796 7977: General and 9796 7745 Fax. Contact them for a free programme listing and membership application form. For the enthusiast, they are always looking for more announcers and can organise training courses in radio broadcasting.

Reaching out to some 15,000 people the radio provides a very worthwhile service for listeners in Springvale through to Frankston and Dandenong to Pakenham plus rural outlying areas. Its an excellent medium for local businesses to promote themselves and community groups to announce their activities. Its like the local newspaper but brings the news every hour as it happens and entertains as well.

Remember to tune in on 97.7 FM Radio 3 SER

ACCIDENT REPORT

By Lisa Edwards R.S.V. Engines / Clough's Towing.

5th. Sept. 2 cars collided at Princes Hwy. / Beaconsfield Ave. intersection at approx 7.45am. Drivers of both cars were unhurt.

8th. Sept. Single male driver lost control of vehicle in Bemersyde Drive ending up crashing into another vehicle. Driver was unhurt.

25th. Sept. Single female driver lost control after another vehicle pulled out in front of her at Bermersyde Drive / Clyde Road intersection. Car ended up skidding over the grass area & landed in small drain. Driver was shaken but unhurt.

2nd Oct. Local lads decided to test out their 4WD's swimming ability at the railway underpass. The first lap was O.K. but on the re-run it died. The boys were submerged with their vehicle until help arived. Rumor has it that they squelched for a week afterwards. See Photo below.

8th. Oct. Single female driver was lucky to escape uninjured after losing control of her Barina in loose gravel on Pound Rd. Car rolled & ended up in ditch.

All accidents were attended by RSV Engines / Clough's Towing. Your local community tow trucks. It pays (\$\$) to ring!.



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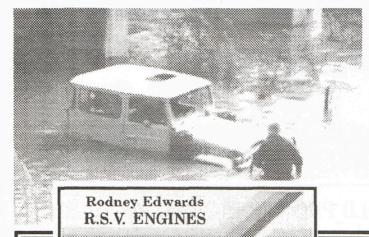
When looking for information, make the C.A.B. your "First Stop Spot". Save the time and hassle of going from one place to another to get the answers

you need.

Pamphlets on most subjects are available to take away or just peruse at your leisure and if we haven't what you need on hand we will do our utmost to obtain the information you require and pass it on to you as soon as it becomes available.

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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE REPORT



Above:- Captain Ron Woodfine The Brigade has been busy over the last few weeks with calls to Motor Vehicle Accidents with persons trapped. The most serious being the call to a vehicle which ran into a tree near May Road on the Highway. On Sunday 29th just before 1pm the Brigade was on the scene for over 2 hours. Other calls out involved fires in bins at the Railway Station and behind the shops, corner Souter Street. We have also supported the Berwick Brigade on two occasions

At this time I remind the community to start planning and doing their pre summer works to make their homes safe from any on coming fire. It is also appropriate to remind the Community to have their homes fitted with SMOKE ALARMS They are a cheap device to warn of smoke in the house. If you do have smoke alarms fitted: How long is it since the device has been tested? Smoke Alarms should be tested regularly. For the Brigade to continue to provide service to the Beaconsfield Community we need volunteers to join us.

Please give this some serious thought. If you want to join or to know more please ring the Fire Brigade Captain, Ron Woodfine on 9707 1572 after 4.30pm Weekdays or any time over the weekends.

WEST BOUND LANES BLOCKED FOR THE AMBULANCE HELECOPTER



Early afternoon on Sunday 29th. September a early model Holden panel van hit a tree near May Rd. Both driver and passenger (both males approx. 70 years old) were taken to hospital with serious injures. The east bound lanes of the freeway was blocked for the helecopter.



BOOK SIGNING AT MEETING ON OCT. 29th.

Guest Speaker John Wells at the Annual General Meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be available to sign

copies of hisbooks. He will also have with him copies of his most recent books which may be purchased the night.





JOEY SCOUTS COME TO BEACONSFIELD.

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If you would like your son or daughter to be a part of this very exciting scouting section, or any other section in scouting at 1st Beaconsfield, be it Cubscouts, Scouts or

Venturers please ring the Group Leader, Anna Mason-Blake. Phone 059 95 1275.

Written by Cardinia District Joey Scout Leader. Barbara Weeks, 9707 1342.

OLD PRINCES HIGHWAY BLOCKED



Above:- Ambulance runs into back of truck with trailer on it Below:- West bound lanes of Old Princes Highway





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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

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Until recent years this has been the way most people thought and acted. But there are better ways which work with nature and don't harm our fragile environment. What is this wonderful new way you ask? I'm speaking about essential oils.

They've been around for thousands of years. Cleopatra used them in a cosmetic and perfumery sense, to snare Mark Anthony.

But back to our garden. Are ants a problem? If so, then drop 2 or 3 drops of neat peppermint oil directly on the nest and watch the exodus. Mice hate peppermint too, and will leave the area where it is placed.

To protect vegetables plant thyme or lavender with them, or use their oil in a watering can.

If the white butterfly is bothering your cabbages. plant peppermint nearby (or spray the oil on them) and see them leave. Sage can also be used in the same way. If mosquitoes are in great number use lemongrass. citronella or lavender oils to drive them away. If you have a pond (which will attract mossies) put a couple of neat drops of lemongrass or citronella on an artificial flower or water lily and float it on the surface. For aphids, use spearmint, peppermint, cedarwood or hyssop. Use 4 -8 drops of this individual

essential oil in 4 litres of water and spray Caterpillars do not like spearmint, pennyroyal and peppermint. Strong oils repulse them and they'll either die or leave home. Cutworms can be eradicated by thyme or sage. Flies won't settle where rue, lavender. citronella, peppermint or tansy is sprayed. Lice react to spearmint, peppermint. cedarwood, pennyroyal and rue. For moths use spearmint, lavender, Hyssop, citronella and peppermint. Slugs can be controlled with the oils of garlic, cedarwood, hyssop, sassafras and pine. Snails are cleared by using a spray of cedarwood, sassafrass, pine, garlic and patchouli. If moulds and fungi are growing on trees, plants and flowers, a spray of patchouli, tea tree, cinnamon and niaouli will cause them to gradually disappear. Use 10 drops to every 4 litres of water.

If you have sick plants they can often be led to recovery with a spray of chamomile essential oil. When laying out a garden and before planting use hyssop oil as a general spray over the bed area to protect against any unforeseen bacterial invasions.

To deter cats and dogs from your favourite garden bury a margarine container in the ground so that its top is level with the ground. Put a few drops of essential oil in the container and renew as needed. Use peppermint, spearmint, thyme or eucalyptus. Cats and dogs dislike a powerful aroma because it puts them off the scent. Don't use lavender as dogs are attracted to it.

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WINE AND FOOD

By Keith Goodman



Keith Goodman

Asparagus is back, its season is considered to be from Show Day through to Christmas Day, give or take the uncertainties of the season. Dalmore, some 20 mins drive Beaconsfield is from Australia's main Asparagus growing area and a 7kg box bought direct from one of the processors will currently cost \$20 or less. At \$2.85 per kilo for a fabulous product one hour out of the ground, it represents top value. As the season warms up the price will drop to around \$12-15 per box. Don't miss out. See Anne's recipe. My wine preference for asparagus is Riesling (Rhine) and two superb examples currently available are both from the 1996 vintage of the Clare Valley. Tim Adams and Paulett's Polish Hill are among the most impressive rieslings released in the 90's.

We recently celebrated a family birthday over lunch at The Spruce Goose and sat at a window table in the warmth of the sun on what was a windy chilly day. Our lunch confirmed my write up in a recent edition of the Banner. We look forward to a warm spring day over lunch on the front verandah.

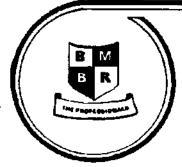
Upwey is not the first town which springs to mind when one is thinking of which favourity restaurant to visit. well Les Amis of Main Rd Upwey should change that mindset. Owned by Jean-Noel Langlet and partner Kathy Heffernan and Kathy's son Joey and his wife Fjorn. Jean-Claude would be a familiar face to patrons of France Soir the epitome of a quality neighbourhood French bistro. Les Amis emulates France Soir producing the kind of food

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Recently I have attended a couple of trade wine tastings and among the 90-100 wines presented were a number of stand out wines. A new label is Ashwood Grove vineyard of Swan Hill. Their Lady Hamilton Chardonnay 1995 is certainly a wine to consider. The Peace family have produced a complex wine using techniques usually seen in only the most expensive wines. The grapes were picked in three lots. The first early pick aiming for crisp high acid. the middle component was picked at the 'normal' optimum time then fermented in new oak and the final third left to ripen to produce richer than normal flavours. After blending the wine was matured in new oak casks. End result is a Gold Medal in the open class at Melbourne Royal Show. Priced around the \$12 range, it is a bargain.

Other wines of note were: Richard Hamilton Coonawarra Cabernet Merlot 1994, \$28 only 300 dozen made but sheer class; Richard Hamilton Grenache Shiraz 1994, \$14 fruity soft and delicious; Best's Great Western Shiraz 1994, \$18, richer than recent years, some what like the 1990 and will keep for years, repaying the wait. And to finish, three wines under the Massoni label of Grand Ridge, Mornington Peninsula.

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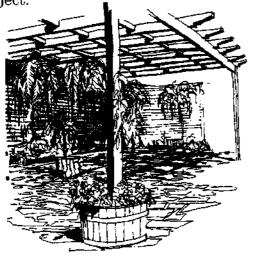
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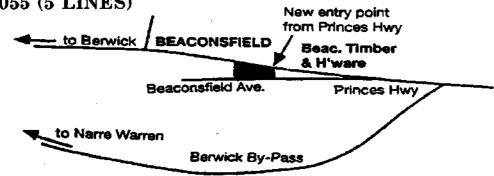
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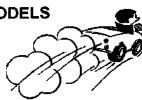
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KINDERGARTEN 25 YEARS.

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In 1990 the third group at the Centre lost the government subsidy to operate due to a decline in child numbers in the area. Sandra Ewyck, Jacqui Butler (Martin) and Heather Jenkins became the teachers of the third group over this period.

Over the years there have been many Kindergarten Assistants who have been of invaluable support to the teachers. The first assistant was Mrs Ann Fogarty. Others to mention were Mrs Shirley Sandles, Mrs Maureen Timms (Keyzer), Mrs Kathryn McMaster and currently Mrs. Catherine Mills who, for ten years, is now the longest serving assistant.

The Beaconsfield Kindergarten has stood the test of time mainly due to the dedicated community which has always given support. Committees

have been very professional and hard working. Working Bees have always been very actively supported. Fund raisers have helped the Centre survive the many changes in early childhood education. Current times are probably one of the hardest financially but once again parents and the community have rallied to continue to provide a good early childhood experience for local children at the centre.

To celebrate our 25 years, a new much needed store room. that has been many years in the planning, is to be opened.

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BANNER NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR'S END OF TERM REPORT.



Above:- Ted Horton

Recent questionnaires and public opinion tells us that the Banner Newsletter is a very popular publication. Although it only appears every two months, it is still very sought after.

Originally conceived as a single page newsletter to announce forthcoming Progress Association public meetings, that purpose is less relevant now as fewer public meetings have been called. Instead, the Banner has blossomed into 24 pages full of interesting local news, views, special features and advertising.

The popularity with local business advertising ensures that a 50% news and 50% advertising mix can be achieved. The income from ads contributes towards production costs. The rest of the hard work in putting the paper together is done by volunteers. The cost is high in terms of time and effort put in by those volunteers. It is therefore important to publicly thank Paul and Kaye Cohen for their enthusiastic input with photography. Willem Boon who organises advertising and collects the payments, Margaret Boon for attending all production meetings, Joan Horton for assistance and P.A. President Tony Rushton for his constant flow of ideas to fill each page. There are, of course, many others to thank especially the faithful, good humoured band of collators who regularly turn up at a moments notice to put the pages together and staple. Also thanks to the team of voluntary deliverers.

With the Annual General Meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association nearly upon us, the position of Newsletter Co-ordinator of the Banner comes up for re election for the next twelve months. Also a new Banner sub committee has to be formed. You do not necessarily have to be a member of the Progress Association to be on it. It is very important to bring new people onto the production team to introduce new ideas and maintain enthusiasm .

At times this last twelve months, the production schedule has fallen behind due to articles arriving late and no public Progress Association Meeting being held. We cannot allow apathy to creep in as that may be the death of the Banner. However, its progress to date is very much due to regular contributors with popular articles such as wine and food, Our Natural World, The Crossword, Poets Corner, The Tennis reports etc..

Deadlines for incoming articles are very important and it must be noted that all material has to be in by the first week of each month that the newsletter is to be printed.

There have been some very special stories told in the Banner over the last twelve months and personally it has given me great pleasure to write up many of them. I would like to thank all people that have supported us in so many ways. Also thanks to the Shire Council.

I ask all readers to consider playing an active part in the production of the Banner to make it an even better publication for the next twelve months. Let us know of your skills and talents Please come along to the Annual General Meeting or register your interest in becoming involved by phoning Ted Horton on 9707 1313 or Tony Rushton on 9707 1765.

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BOWMAN'S TRACK THROUGH THE BUSH.

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Here it met Hughes' Track. which led up to the source of the Red Jacket Creek, From this junction, Hughes' Track headed due south to the Tagaro (Tarween) River and west to 'Buneep'. Incidentally, on my map the Tarago is called the 'Drauin' River; this could be a clue to the source of the name of Drouin. something which has never been properly explained.

Thomas Giblin, one of the men Janet Bowman employed, also gave evidence to the committee. He said that the track had taken two or three years to cut, with up to six men and the Bowman boys carrying provisions and packing. The vines and scrub had to be cut away and some trees felled. Large logs lying across the track were 'notched' ta piece was cut out so a packhorse could walk through or over the log) but there were no earthworks at all. The track was surveyed in 1864 but this was at Mrs Bowman's expense and not paid for by the government.

There was much argument about the value of the track. It was claimed that it was overgrown again before any real use was made of it, but the same was true of McDonald's Track, and no-one doubts the value of the original survey in that case.

Janet Bowman was born

WINE AND FOOD

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The 95 Chardonnay and 95 Pinot Noir, and the non vintage sparkling Lectus none are cheap being around the \$30 mark but all are quality. A great value red is the Seaview Cabernet 94 around \$9-10 on discount

Seen Discounted: Killawara Premier 1993 Sparkling, \$8.95 at Philip Murphy, RRP \$14.95 Best in show at Sydney Royal and winner of 5 gold medals. Buy for Christmas. WINE & FOOD Keith Goodman

Janet Watt in Scotland in 1810. At the age of eighteen she married David Bowman. a weaver. The couple had three children before they migrated to Australia in 1840. For a short time Bowman worked as a baker but he opened the Darebin Creek Inn, then moved onto the Monbolk (Monbulk) Run at Lysterfield. Early in 1851 the Bowman family moved onto the Panty Gurn Gurn Run. covering the area east of the Cardinia Creek now occupied by the Beaconsfield township.

This run was taken over from another Bowman, but he appears not to have been a relative. Eventually David and Janet bought 200 acres under the pre-emptive right provisions which allowed licenced squatters to buy a part of the freehold. This 200 acres was between the Cardinia Creek and Mount Misery.

One son, John Nicol Bowman, drowned in the Cardinia Creek soon after they arrived. The nine-year-old was tending sheep with his brother when he slipped into the water. Seven-year-old Peter could not save him and ran for help, but help arrived too late. It was a tragic start for a family that would do more than anyone else to give the Beaconsfield area a future.

Their house was apparently northeast of the present Central Hotel. At this time there was no real road into Gippsland but as the 1850s rolled by the Gipps Land Track became more needed and busier. Travellers would often camp at the Cardinia Creek crossing. People called into the house for various reasons and it gradually became something of a hotel.

The Bowmans decided they might as well capitalise on this and built the Gippsland Hotel, where the Central Hotel now stands. In 1869 Prince Alfred, the Duke of Edinburgh, stayed in the hotel for a few days on his second visit to Victoria. The government built two extra rooms for his stay and the hotel was closed to the public for the period, and staffed by crewmen from the Prince's ship, HMS Galatea.

The hotel might have been the reason for Bowman's Track. If travellers to the goldfields could be persuaded to pass by the hotel business would perhaps increase. dramatically. This might be why Hughes' Track ran north from the Bunyip River crossing, where there was another hotel. After all, if you could bring in extra business

through an investment that the government would probably refund anyway, what was there to lose?

Bowman's Gippsland Hotel was also a coaching stop on the Gippsland route and there were extensive stables at the rear. Even today, the layout of the hotel suggests that the rear was always more important than the front.

David Bowman died at the hotel in 1860 and Janet carried it on until 1868, when she sold up and moved into Dandenong, where her sons became prominent businessmen. Janet Bowman died in 1904 and her obituary in the local newspaper described her as having led "a useful life as a wife and mother, and a good colonist." I think she deserved a little better than that.

Whatever the value of Bowman's Track, finding it and clearing it as a pack track was a major achievement.

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On Sunday October 13th there was an all day introduction to Bowls with coaches and members providing information and free lessons on this very friendly game.

Our Club has been operating for over 65 years and is still situated at the same address 11 Lyall Road, Berwick. Club phone 03 9707 1524. Chairman

Mr. Ern Green 03 9796 1328. Secretary 03 9796 2834 for any further detail.



Above:- Daniel and Brendan learn from Ken Graeme at Berwick Bowling Club open day.



NEWS FROM CARDINIA SHIRE

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The Cardinia Commissioners will officially welcome everyone at 8.30 pm for the start of the Carols, and after the singing the fireworks will light up the sky at 10.00 pm.

Candles will be for sale at 50 cents, with proceeds to the Scouts.

Now for a little more about the guest performers. The McDonalds Melbourne Youth Band is highly acclaimed across Victoria, playing everywhere from the MCG to concert halls. It consists of young musicians aged 13 to 25, who treat the audience to spectacular displays of marching and musical excellence. The Australian Childrens Choir was formed in 1976 to provide talented

choir performs in Australia and overseas, and since 1982 they have travelled to Hong Kong, Wales and the United States. They helped launch the Australian Olympic teams theme song in 1988. The choir's patron John Farnham has used the choir as backing on three recent albums.

Ample car parking space is available at the site, and no alcohol is allowed. Pakenham Police, the State Emergency Service and the Country Fire Authority will offer their services to ensure everything runs smoothly and safely.

A lift out feature in the Pakenham Gazette on December 11th will contain full details of the program.

Beaconsfield Sport

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)

BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS



Margaret Chatfield

Congratulations to all the teams making it through to the finals in the Berwick & District Tennis Assoc. Saturday and the V.T.A. Pennant Winter Comps. Junior Winter Comp. Results Finalists were:

Section 3: "Premiers" Scot McPherson, Simon Wearne, Dean Hore, Daniel Kozaris, Andrew Jenkins.

Section 16: Blue "Premiers" Matthew Goldsworthy, Brooke Powell, Brendan Miles, Matthew Taylor, Cassie Williams.

Section 4: Runners Up, Phillip Cahill, Peter Burns, Warren Pearson, Abe Roden, Matt Fineran.

Section 15: Runners up Naomi Harris, Alisha Parsons, Kate Slemp, Nicole Stevenson, Catherine Shields.

Junior Practice Friday afternoons 4pm - 6pm. Senior Winter Competition 1996 results.

Section 1 Runners up Lyn Day, Dianne Griffey, Judy Fox-Smith, Russell Clacy, Ken McKay, Gavin Baltruschaitias. Berwick & District Association, Saturday competition commences again on Saturday 12th October both for Senior and Juniors. Enquiries for Junior players to Heather Saunders, 9707 2081 Enquiries for Senior players to Dawn Snelson, 9704 6852

WINTER PENNANT COMP Grade 2: Runners up: Greg Menzel, Paul Osborne, Andrew Peart, Warrick MacGowan Pennant Grade Trophy: Greg Menzel was named the winner of this trophy for 1996.

Congratulations to a very worthy person. Greg has been the recipient of this honour on two previous occasions in Grades 6 and 3. Enquiries for Pennant play should contact Russell Clacy on 059 413 200

NIGHT TENNIS COMP. Tuesday Night UNISEX,

Beginners to "B" Grade. After another trying winter we were fortunate to be able to play the Grand Final on 16th Sept. Winning team "The Vikings' Lisa Pearson-Gills, Rob Kirkham, Geof and Robyn Silcock. Runners up: "The Hit & Run". Glen Boyse, David Hutchenson, Sue Jones, Kerryn Maher. Next Night Comp. will start again on 8th October. People interested in playing should contact Margaret Charfield, 9707 2016 Thursday Night: Mens 'A' & "B" competition will start on 10th October. Enquiries for this comp. contact Ian Craig, 9707 4507

NEW COMPETITION. WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES.

Singles/Doubles. Enquiries should be directed to Cathy Briant on 9792 9798

MIDWEEK LADIES.

There will be a meeting at the Club House on Tuesday 22nd October at 2pm for all Ladies playing Midweek Tennis. Competitions are available for

After a very successful last season on and off the field, all looked set for the start of another good year until the rains came, and washed out the first day of cricket for the year. As is the case with many seasons, the first Saturday was called off due to the wet weather, and work continues to get all the grounds ready for the start of play.

Peter Henderson remains the Senior Captain/Coach this year, with Glenn Jose taking

Ladies on Tuesday. Wednesday & Thursday. For the Autumn Season 1997 ladies are requested to place their names on a list in the Clubhouse before 12th November. Contact for Midweek Ladies comp. is Pat. Schelling 9707 1839. BAG Committee. Coming social functions and fund raisers for the Club. Trivia Quiz and Presentation. Saturday 19th October, Cost. \$10 per person. \$25 family (2A2C) Contact Greg Menzel for tickets, 9707

Shopping Spree by bus. October 27th. \$30 includes a 2 course lunch. Leave Tennis Club at 8 am - return 6pm..NON MEMBERS most welcome. Street Stall Berwick, up the job as B Grade Captain. Steve Clydesdale, Russell Vincent and "Toddy" are in charge of the "C", "D" and "E' Grade respectively. As always it is a battle to get players at this time of the year, and anyone keen for a game of competitive cricket mixed with a good social atmosphere is most welcome. Training is at the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 5.00pm.

Over the winter the U/16 Premiers from last year were presented with their Premiership Caps, kindly donated by Terry Mast. We have also laid a new playing surface on the St. Francis Xavier College ground, and worked hard on improving the condition of all the three grounds. Stephen Keam has taken on the role of President again, and some new faces on the committee should help to keep the club rolling along through 1996/97. If there are queries anv about Beaconsfield Cricket Club, please ring Stephen Keam of 9707 2235 or Greg Tomamichel on 9707 2380.

Friday 8th November. Donations of cakes, slices, preserves plants, crafts will be appreciated. Contact Marg. Chatfield 9707 2016 for both these activities. Christmas Break Up will be held on Sunday 1st December at NOON. Sausage & Coleslaw Luncheon. Contact Rusell & Fiona Clacy 059 413 200.

Congratulations to Greg Menzel and Justine Clough. They have announced their engagement. We wish them continued happiness together.



THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON MY LIFE

This was the topic of an essay competition arranged by a City newspaper some time ago. What would you say?

Some entrants wrote of a particular event, or circumstance that shaped their life. Looking back, the greatest influences in my life have been people.

One of these was Dr. Schonzeler. Dr. Schonzeler was the nearest to a genius I have met. A German Doctor of Engineering; an inventor; a one-time trainee for the priesthood at the Vatican in Rome; an artist; a prisoner of war in Russia during World War 1 (escaping by hiding under the carriage of a goods train that serviced the camp); a member of a German diplomatic mission in the early days of the Soviet regime, and a boyhood playmate in Germany of Pucelli, who later became Pope Pius VI. He showed me letters from correspondence he had with Albert Einstein on the question of war and peace.

He emigrated from Germany to Australia in 1938 because he was opposed to what Hitler was doing - only to be interned in an Australian prison when hostilities began with Hitler in 1939!

When I met him I was a young student in my early twenties training for the ministry. Most Wednesday evenings would find me sharing an evening meal at his home. He would have been about sixty-seven, lived alone, and loved an audience. I was content to listen

Naturally with such diverse interests his conversation was wide-ranging, from modern education, to the importance of light and shade in art, to flying saucers, to atomic structures and why heavy water was needed to split the atom in early experiments, to impressions of communist Russia, to a forecast that man would land on the moon in his

lifetime. In 1958 this sounded like a bit of science fiction but before the end of the next decade his prediction was realised.

He once confided that one of his goals in life was to live to be a hundred. Another was to travel to the moon. He achieved neither, dying in his late eighties. But they showed the exuberance of his questing

I would gladly share some of his insights on various subjects but space prevents. Suffice to say those weekly conversations proved to be one of the most formative influences in my life - giving me a breadth of view I would never have otherwise had.

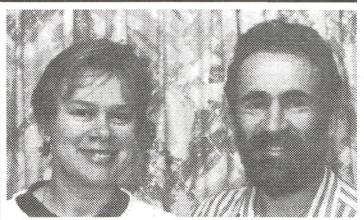
But really the biggest influence in my life was the result of a friendship with a work mate. He invited me along to a Christian youth rally. I was sixteen at the time, and had never been to church in my life (apart from the occasional family wedding), I went along out of curiosity. Also, it must be admitted, because it didn't cost anything and I was broke, having been to a race meeting at Canterbury race course the week before.

A prominent Christian Doctor, Dr. Fred Schwartz, spoke on what Jesus Christ went through on the Cross from a medical point of view. I didn't understand a lot of what was said, but I knew one thing: I was being brought face to face with the reality of God. I had my youthful ambition, but I began to realise that no matter what I achieved, if I missed out on relating to God. nothing else would amount to much. I'd be missing the main point of living.

That led me to a life-change decision, and in due course into the ministry.

I wonder what the biggest influence has been in your life? It may have been a

LOCALS WIN TENDER FOR BUILDING CONTROL SERVICES AT CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL



Above: - Bernie and Bushy Miles

Local Government has undertaken a number of changes with the realignment of boundaries. Councillors being replaced by Commissioners and departments being tendered out to the private sector. This tendering process has caused dramatic changes to the Councils' Building Control Section.

A Beaconsfield couple, Bernie and Bushy Miles, established a Building Consultancy and Permit Issuing business as an alternative to the Council building services in 1994. The business called Allied Building Services, has developed over its two years of operation with Bushy giving technical advice as a qualified Building Surveyor, and Bernie managing the administration functions using her extensive computer skills.

traumatic experience; a handicap that you've turned to good account; a friend; a schoolteacher. Somebody in that essay competition I mentioned earlier wrote about a birthmark and the change brought into their life through medical intervention. What's your story? Why not write about it in some future edition of "The Banner".

Contributions may be left in the "Banner Box" at the Post Office

Contributed by Fred Rudd.

Allied Building Services were the successful tenderers for control of the Councils' Building Control Section, due to their local knowledge and excellent service that their established business was able to provide. This is a first in Victoria where the entire Municipal Building function is managed by a private contractor. The friendly and professional staff can offer advice and assistance about all building facets from plan preparation to issuing the building permit. Local knowledge is a great strength among the Allied staff who pride themselves on their acquired knowledge of the area.

At Allied they do not deal exclusively with local building needs, their services have been used by domestic and commercial organisations across the state. Any building project in Victoria can be dealt with locally. Big or small your building needs are the number one priority at Allied Building Services. Building permits can be issued within 24 hours if the building adheres to the Regulations.

Enquiries regarding building approvals, permits and related advice about Building Control Services should be directed to Allied Building Services Pty Ltd located at 76 Main Street, Pakenham, and can be reached on (059) 414 355. They are open Monday-Friday 8.30 am to 5.00 pm or other times by appointment.

CARDI COUNTRY ORCHARDS

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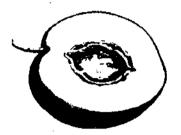
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NEW UPPER BEACONSFIELD REAL ESTATE AGENT

Stockdale and Leggo, one of Victoria's oldest and most successful real estate agents has just opened for business in Upper Beaconsfield with a new branch. This is a first for Upper Beaconsfield which reflects the rapid residential growth in the area.

With offices already in Narre Warren. Cranbourne. Pakenham and Emerald, Stockdale and Leggo are confident this new office will serve the area efficiently. It will extend the services that the other offices already offer.

Richard Cook, a resident of Officer is the Branch Manager and Roland Betheras who now lives in Upper Beaconsfield will supervise sales.

Roland says that the Stockdale & Leggo objective will be to offer existing and prospective Upper Beaconsfield residents and those of nearby areas a thoroughly professional and more personal Real Estate

service than has hitherto been offered from outside the area. He further stated that Stockdale & Leggo is a recognized market leader throughout many parts of Metropolitan Melbourne, Victorian Country areas and Interstate. Thus the ability to have clients referred to or from other localities is seen as a major advantage Stockdale and Leggo are keen to hear from all those who have a Real Estate query whether it be in relation to buying, selling, developing. leasing residential properties, commercial or propositions. Inquiries should be directed to the office on 059 44 3789. Roland Betheras on 059 44 4340 or 059 44 3565 and Richard Cook on 059 43 2344 or 018 37 8553.

The new office is situated at Shop 6, The Village Shopping Centre, Upper Beaconsfield, next door to Roger and Margaret's supermarket. Call in, they'll be happy to help

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

AGM 7.30pm. Oct. 29th. 1996. At Beaconsfield Community Centre.

All positions	on	the	Committee	become
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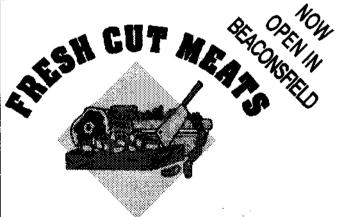
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Dulcie and Tony of Beaconsfield together with Mary and David of Swan Hill have great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Bruce and Kathy Happiness always to you both.

DEATHS

It is with sadness that the Banner Newsletter production team note the deaths of two locals. Wayne Bence and Kirsten Martin. Condolences to both families, relations and close friends.

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SUPRISE PARTY FOR JAN IRVINE.

On Friday evening 14th September a surprise birthday party was held for Jan Irvine who turned 50 a few days earlier.

Having planned to celebrate with family members and an old school friend at the Central Hotel, Beaconsfield, Jan was expecting a quiet low key celebration. However, sons Darcy & Crispin and sister "Lexi" had secretly organised a larger gathering by inviting many more of her close friends.

On arrival at 7.30pm. Jan was stunned by the many smiling faces that greeted her when she walked in the door. The evening was a very sociable occasion, capped off by the presentation of a birthday cake, blowing out of candles and singing Happy Birthday.

Jan will remember the occasion for some while. Many photos were taken and a good time was had by one and all.

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