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MAJOR CONCERNS ABOUT MAJOR REZONING IN BEACONSFIELD

The Beaconsfield Progress Association was invited by Mr. Philip Walton, Development Manager of the Cardinia Shire, to make a submission in relation to a planning Amendment L119 to consider a developer's proposal to rezone approx 106.7 hectares of land to the North and East of Beaconsfield from Highway 1 to urban residential 1 to ultimately build 1066 homes.

With possession of the developers submission and site plans, the Progress Association held a big Public Meeting on Tuesday January 14th, to hear public concerns about the proposal. Community submissions in response had to be into Council by the deadline of 31st January '97. The position of the Association executive committee was neither for nor against the rezoning and subsequent development. It was more important however to address community concerns directly and also indirectly as the increase of population would begin to affect the existing amenities and services for the current population of the town. That was the major purpose of the meeting.

The development would clearly double the population of the Beaconsfield 3807 postcode area. But it was acknowledged by most who attended that 1066 new housing lots accommodating over 3000 people would take some five to ten years to complete. The parcel of land bounded by Emerald Road, Holm Park Road and O'Neil

Road was planned for rezoning and development since before the publication of the South Eastern Growth Corridor plans in 1990.

The special public meeting went ahead on the evening of 14th January at the Beaconsfield Community Centre. Over 100 people attended but due to the inadequate size of the Centre many left without being able to get a space inside.

The secretary of the Association read out to the meeting the relevant points of the developer's rezoning proposal to give everyone a clear understanding of it and an area plan was projected onto the Centre's whiteboard.

After questions from the floor, many people raised concerns about the proposal. They included some about unit development, access from the new estate into Sylvia Street and the Central Park Estate, access from the new estate from Glissman Road, further ongoing development of another area of land east of O'Neil Road, extent and timing of new community facilities to be provided by the developers, parking and traffic associated with the existing Primary School, the need for more sports grounds and facilities, densities of housing proposed, traffic lights at the junction of Emerald Road and Princes Highway and whether the meeting was in fact a protest meeting to outright object to the proposal to rezone.

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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE REPORT



Above:- Captain Ron Woodfine

MAJOR FIRE OUTBREAKS FOR BEACONSFIELD BRIGADE.

In 25 days through January there were more than 30 call outs in what has been the driest summer for years. With a number of grass fires, scrub fires and cars igniting this has been a very busy time. Over the time of major fires on 19th, 20th and 21st January Captain Ron Woodfine reports how they went to tackle the outbreaks at Langwarrin, Mt Martha and Arthur's Seat.

With much support from Berwick, Narre North and Narre Warren brigades every crew was on duty through 12 hour shifts.

The generous supply of food and drinks by local residents was magnificent said Ron whose team saved four homes from burning. The appreciation of their efforts was well recorded in the Public Notice section of the Pakenham Gazette newspaper where a Mr. Leo Amezakis thanked Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and Captain Ron Woodfine for protecting their home in Ellerina Road, Mt Martha.

It has been a very tiring time for the members of the Beaconsfield volunteer Fire Brigade and the worst may not be over said Ron at the time of his report on 25th January.

The public are reminded now that the number to call for the fire brigade whether for fire or accident clean up is 000.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Report on Public meeting on Tuesday 18 Feb. See page 14.

Who do you vote for?

The Candidates on page 12 and 13.

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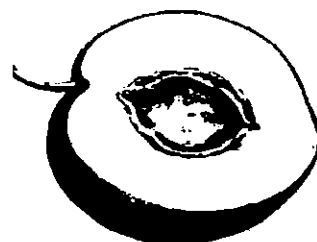
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Tony Rushton



Tony Rushton

1997 has started out to be a very busy year for your Progress Association.

First we had to organise a public meeting as so we could prepare a submission to present to the Council over the rezoning of land behind the Central Park Estate. Thanks to all the people who attended the public meeting on that very hot night. We need a larger venue as everyone could not get in.

I would also like to thank Christina and Bob Cooper for making their house available for the submission group meetings. Ted Horton, Joy Bishop, Glorraine Hardy and all the other members of the group for their efforts. See the Submission on page 16.

This Banner has a slightly different look as we are now trying out printing on a larger size of paper and then folding it. We hope to have a special feature in the centre. What do you think?

Our next public meeting will be over by the time the Banner is out but we hope that everyone was able to have met the people who will be standing for council, six in the Beaconsfield Riding Cardinia Shire and four in Edrington Ward City of Casey.

Some time ago local writer who's pen name is Iris Lewis gave the Progress Association prize money to encourage young writers. We have decided to give achievement awards from time to time to young writers who contribute to the Banner. The award will be known as the Iris Lewis Award. We will let you know when all the finer points have been worked out.

If you would like to become a member of the Progress Association let me know as it only costs \$2.00 a year which helps with the costs of running our public meetings.

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COMMUNITY CAROLS BY THE CREEK AT BOB BURGESS PARK.

The 'message' was brought home on Sunday evening 22nd December, to an audience of 500 to 600 'all seated on the ground'. The community joined together in song to share and acknowledge the historic birth of Baby Jesus as a prelude to their Christmas festivities of the 25th.

The weather was perfect. 'Centre stage' was generously supplied by Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware. At this stage, young singers from Beaconsfield Primary School directed by Denise Harris opened the evening with four junior choir items. Their solo singer Sarah McDonald had a fine strong voice also.

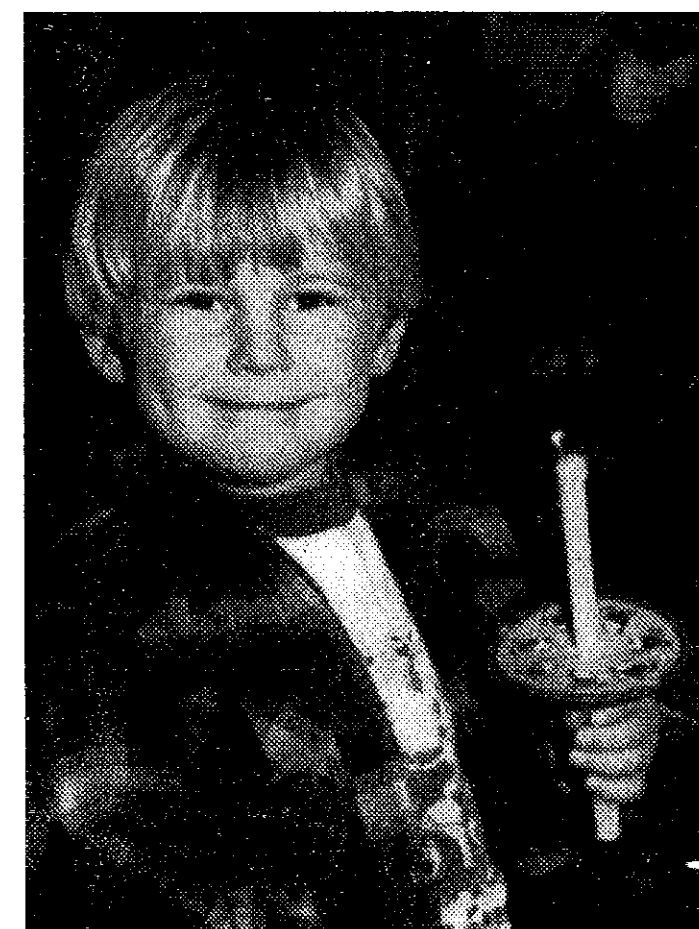
Sean McMahon of Beaconsfield Baptist Church led the main proceedings. He introduced the coming of the Three Wise Men, the Angels and the Shepherds and their baby lambs, all courtesy of the junior Sunday School.

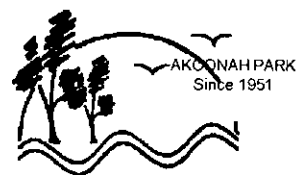
Everyone present joined in by singing popular carols from their song sheets illuminated in the darkness by candles and holders supplied by Eastern Energy, the main sponsor for the occasion.

In addition, the Casinia School of Dance directed by Gillian Partingale gracefully presented three seasonal segments. The last one was an arrangement of their own composing.

Willem Boon from the Beaconsfield Progress Association did the reading from the Scriptures and Warren Van Damme must be congratulated for his great trumpet solo.

It was a memorable evening complimented by the natural ambience of the picturesque Bob Burgess Park by twilight. Tradition continues to flourish thanks to a regular band of loyal volunteers.





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Glenda Fryer

**Beaconsfield Community
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(Written by Glenda Fryer)

The New Year started off with a sparkle, with a visit from "Gabrielle" the Fairy, who entertained children at the centre. The enchanted children eagerly took home "fairy dust" to dream on after a morning of singing and fairy stories. Watch out for news of Gabrielle's next visit to Beaconsfield.

Thankyou to everyone for supporting our fundraising raffle just before Christmas. Approx. \$300 was raised and will help generate funds to

paint the inside of the centre. Thanks must go to the local businesses who generously donated goods. Thanks to centre members who donated hamper goodies.

If you see a course you're interested in, please speak to Glenda in the office, as vacancies may still be available or your name can be put on the waiting list for next term.

Intro to Welding and Home Machinery Maintenance are new to the centre and classes are being taken by local business men, so you can be assured of quality tradesmanship and guidance. Pre-school dance, Calligraphy, Embroidery and Porcelain dolls, these classes and more are available to you.

We have vacancies in Decoupage Eggs. This wasn't advertised in the programme. Wednesday afternoon, 26th March. Ring Glenda for more details.

The office will be open from 10 am to 2.30pm on Mon, Wed. and Thurs., so pop in and say Hi or ring Glenda on 9707 3449.



NEW COURSES FOR C.A.B.

Are you interested in community work? The Citizens Advice Bureau is now inviting people to take up training openings for their Community Information Workers Certificate Course.

This is a 12 week course with sessions once a week which can be done at Frankston TAFE in the evenings or Dandenong during the day.

The Dandenong course commences on Tuesday 11th March from 9.30am - 3.30pm. For further information on the courses contact the Pakenham

C.A.B. for an appointment with the Co-ordinator who will explain the details.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is your information and referral centre which serves all the Cardinia Shire and surrounding areas with pamphlets and files on most subjects and when professional services are required referrals can be arranged.

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NEW OWNER AT AKOONAH PARK GALLERY

Artist Kerry Anne Perryman has come from Bendigo to Berwick to purchase and manage the well established Akoonah Park Gallery.

Since taking over on 10th December, Kerry Anne has dedicated most of her time to the Gallery running it along the same successful lines that former owner Jill Henderson did. With a select few outer suburban galleries maintaining similar high standards, Kerry Anne is very enthusiastic and proud of her 'new' business and the standards it sets.

Five major exhibitions are planned for 1997 to keep interest flowing for regular visitors. There is a wide variety of browsers and buyers she says with people from the city, the country, local and overseas. Kerry Anne may in the future show more of the authentic Australian outback scenes depicted by talented landscape artists. But she is reluctant to change too much till she really settles in.

A talented 'wild life' artist herself in pastels, oils and pencil, Kerry Anne has

travelled extensively here and overseas and sold much of her work through well known Melbourne galleries and in solo exhibitions she held in her former gallery in Bendigo.

The buying public is much better educated about art nowadays and recognise the quality and long term investment values she says. They are often interest in the career and standing of the artists themselves before buying. She has been happy with the sales to date. The range is immense with some superb water colours, oils, pastels and other objets d'art.

Being brought up on the land and living in rural towns all her life Kerry Anne likens Berwick to being similar to Bendigo. She sees much scenic beauty in this area and also looks forward to making some new friends in the district.

With an independent grown up family she is devoting her time now to the success of the business and locals and outsiders will continue to enjoy viewing and purchasing works of art of a high standard of excellence.

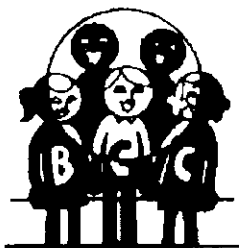
JAZZ AND WRITERS FESTIVAL AT BERWICK

Your local TAFE Institute at Casey Berwick have decided to have a party and you are all invited. On Saturday March 22 Casey TAFE will resound to the beat of some of Melbourne's top jazz performers including pianist Bob Sedergreen, vocalist Margaret Morrison, and renowned guitarist Doug De Vries.

On the literary side Casey have attracted some outstanding writers. Barry Dickins, playwright, journalist and raconteur will read some of his humorous and serious pieces. Noted actor, Maggie Millar performs the (in)famous monologue of Molly Bloom from Joyce's Ulysses (a late St Patrick Day offering).

Fine cuisine will be served in a tranquil courtyard setting and beverages will be available at reasonable prices. Performances start at 11am and continue through to 11.30pm. All day performances are free. There will be a charge of \$10 (\$8 concession) for the evening event. The fabulous 18 piece women's big band SWISH will perform from 7pm, followed by Bob Sedergreen's Blues Band with three guest artists including blues singer Jackie Gaudion.

So if you want to ease your way into Spring and enjoy listening to music under the stars, then this might be the event for you. More details can be obtained by contacting Michelle on 92125300.



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**JACK WHITEHEAD,
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The Banner Community newsletter notes with some sadness that former resident Jack Whitehead has died after a long illness.

He came to Beaconsfield in 1935 from Malvern and took an active part in many interests over the years.

During the Second World War he served five and a half months in the 13th Light Horse Regiment. Then he joined the airforce and became a gunner and radio operator.

Returning from war he was one of the founders of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and in 1944 was known as a 'fire scout'. He was a member of the Dandenong Motor Cycle Club in the early 50's and was also a member of the Beaconsfield Pistol Club in the

early days. He was well known as a glider pilot at Casey Aerodrome and followed that interest through to powered flight and becoming a tow pilot. He was a member of the Royal Victorian Aero Club.

He lived in Beaconsfield in the farmhouse due West over the creek from the Beaconsfield Squash and Sports Centre. The farm now belongs to Haileybury Junior School.

Jack ran a herd of dairy cows and was known through the district for his door to door deliveries of milk. He and his brother Jeff previously attended Caulfield Technical School and then Agricultural College.

Jack was a quiet 'gentleman' who could always be relied upon. He gave many years service to the Fire Brigade, some of those as Captain. For several years before illness overtook his life, he bred Rottweiler dogs and sold them to people all over Australia. Living over the creek from the fire station in Wood Street, his dogs barked at the times that the fire siren sounded which added to the excitement!

Beaconsfield has lost another solid citizen with a quiet yet reliable nature.

MAKE AND MINGLE

(Written by P. Dundas)

Make and Mingle is now in full swing with interesting crafts to make.

This term we are learning to make hanky boxes from used greeting cards. The boxes can be used for other purposes too.

We are also making needle cases with thimble holders which are decorated with rose buds in ribbon embroidery - a nice gift for anyone who likes sewing.

Ann and Bev can show you how to make necklaces and earrings. The earrings can be made for either pierced ears or as clip-ons. You supply your own choice of beads.

One-step decoupage, spinning and card designing are still going, blank cards of different sizes are available.

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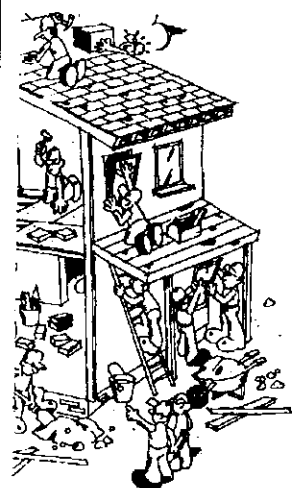
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PREPPIES OFF TO A GREAT START AT BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL.

(Written by Di Lockwood, Principal, Beaconsfield Primary School.)

Thirty small smiling faces in brand new brown and gold uniforms arrived at our school this week. The Preps are so excited about being at school, so keen to learn. We certainly don't want to lose this amazing positive attitude. What can we do to keep this First Day enthusiasm for learning in all our students?

Schools need to be able to challenge and motivate whilst ensuring that each child has success with each new learning experience. Primary school, especially in the early years, is when the foundations of learning can make such a difference to their success at school.

Changes in society have impacted on the support many parents feel they can give to their children. Working parents, single parent responsibilities, unemployment, the influence of T.V. and computer games may all impact on the amount of support a family can give. We see more and more children coming to school

without the support they really need to thrive at school. This becomes quite evident in their first years at school with reading and writing difficulties, extreme tiredness, repeated lateness or absenteeism being common factors.

We all want to give our children the best opportunities in life to allow them to become happy, healthy and independent adults. Parents, working with their children's school, ensure their children have these opportunities. How? By getting involved with their child's learning, encouraging each new step, praising success and helping them to learn from their mistakes, enjoying their company and sharing experiences.

Our primary schools value parents' input and the children love to see their parents at school, being part of their Monday to Friday world. Your school will have lots of ideas on how to do this. Remember, it's your child who will benefit.

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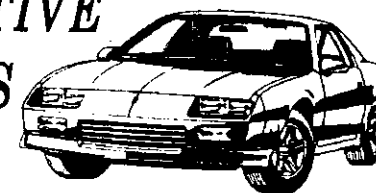
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

Once again a new year, 1997, looms upon us, and is already well under way. We look back at the changes wrought in 1996, some we cherish, some we happily wave, goodbye to. We have survived another year!

The key word is 'change' of course. We either adapt to it or resist it and in the outcome we can see to a large degree what the future will be for us. The world has ever been thus and ever will be. Remember the old saying "the more things change, the more they stay the same".

The ancient Chinese encompassed change very well in the words, "no man can step in the same river twice." (unquote). Think about it, the water flows, and changes every second, the sand or gravel moves continually, water plants grow and die, or are swept away, the mud is in the continual swirl and shift, even the sunlight entering the water is never at the same degree of angle or refraction at any given moment. Here we have never ceasing change, and yet out of this seeming chaos we have balance, harmony and tranquillity.

Is there not a lesson for us here, in our daily and sometimes anxious lives. If the river permits change and is at peace can we not do the same, after all we are as much a part of nature as a river. We all must flow into the sea, so to speak, in time. Perhaps if we accepted change as naturally as the river, our lives and those of our loved

ones could be more tranquil and productive. Nature doesn't struggle only man struggles and the quicksand of life will very quickly engulf you as you squirm and twist attempting to escape, the secret is to embrace the quicksand by lying prone upon it and being 'one' with it, not separate.

Change involves fear of failure, or loss of financial security. The ego trembles and the shutters go up sealing you into a cocoon of fear, which allows no entry of anything new.

Thomas Edison struggled most of his life to develop a light globe. He said at one stage, "I have not failed 10,000 times, I have discovered 10,000 ways that will not work." How positive can you be, and he, as we all know, did succeed.

These words refer to change. "life is like a ripe fruit that hangs upon the bough, reach out and it will fall into your hands, hesitate and it will wither."

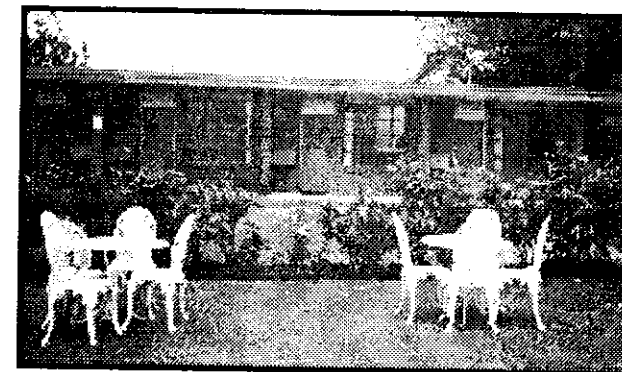
It's human to resist change, looking for excuses as to why it's not possible to do so. It's the comfort of the known, as against the mystery of the unknown. Even the bible has mentioned it many times, the best known example is JOB, (in JOB Chapter 10), who rails against his god, saying in his black despair, "changes and war are against me." Poor JOB defeated by fear.

Change is reality and in today's world, tintured with confusion. But if we can allow ourselves to "go with the flow" instead of trying to swim against the current, our lives will obey the laws of nature which clearly state that submission to it, will ensure our part in the larger scheme of things and will be made available to us.

Having found our place, we will then look upon change with different eyes.

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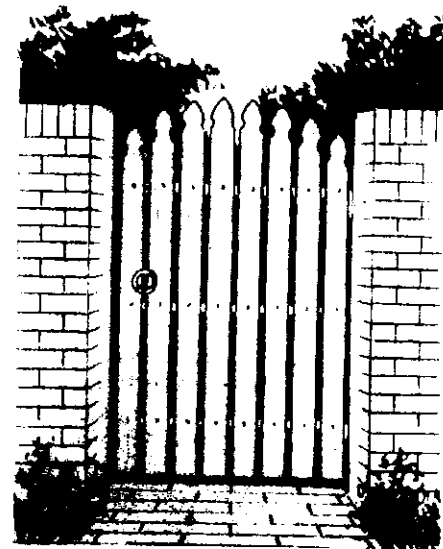
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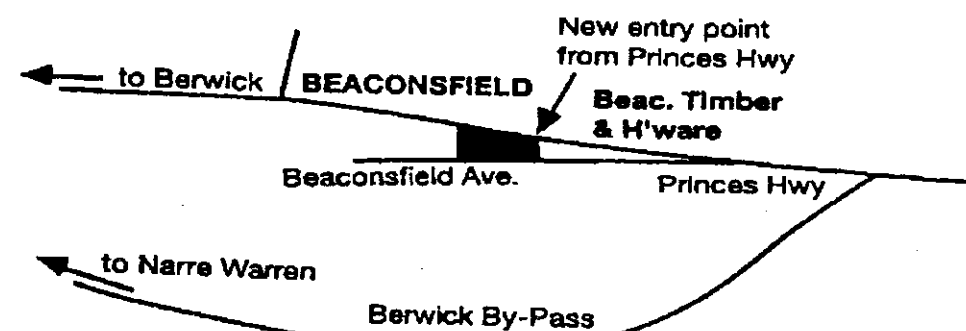
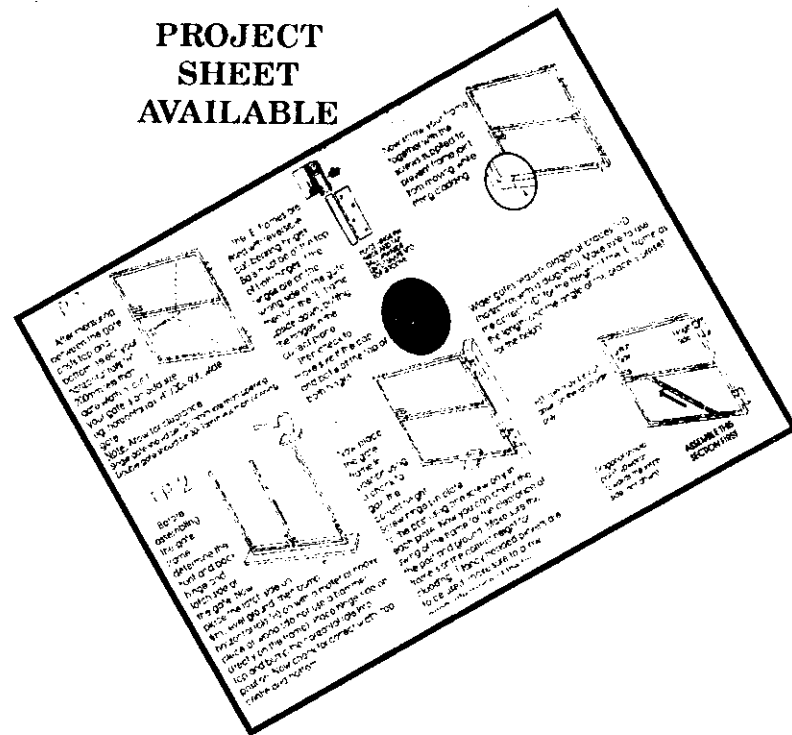
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EDRINGTON WARD CITY OF CASEY

DEBBIE KINDER



As a resident of Casey since 1986 and being a Self Employed, Wife and Mother of 2 Primary School children I have seen many changes. The Change to Un-Elected Business Commissioners caused a loss of Vision, Direction and Responsibility to the Ratepayers, Families and Businesses in our Community.

Since the appointment of the Business Commissioners our City and its Residents have suffered due to cutbacks in Community Services, have seen Fee Increases and Poor Lobbying of both State and Federal Governments for improvement of our Major Infrastructure i.e. The Hallam/Narre Warren Bypass.

Our local services and assets have continued to deteriorate due to the actions of the current commissioners:

* Our Parks and Gardens are in need of upgrading and ongoing maintenance to encourage families, their children and social groups within our community to use them. * An ongoing problem within the City of Casey is still the disposal of Hard Garbage and Green Collections. This is provided in other Municipalities as a Council Service. Here in the City of Casey we have seen increased dumping due to the closure of local Tips together with Fee Increases and our local Council has not seen fit to introduce or offer a similar service.

* Another area of concern is the ever increasing Traffic Flow around the Berwick Village and Local Housing Estates. With the expansion of the University, Growth in Schools, Increasing Housing Estates and the Establishment of a 120 bed Hospital, road planning, parking facilities and road safety measures must be a long term planning priority. This includes the urgent lobbying to Government by Council for the building of the Hallam/Narre Warren Bypass.

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NORMA McCAUSLAND



Norma McCausland, experienced, accountable and conscientious. A familiar face to residents, Norma McCausland has a long association with the area and as a past mayor of the City of Berwick (1993 - 1994) she knows what it takes to get the job done. Norma has nominated for Edrington Ward in the Casey council elections.

Having owned and operated the Berwick Newsagency and Berwick Tattslotto and raised a family of four, she has built up a rapport with many of the residents and a familiarity with the issues faced by the community.

"My experience has taught me that community consultation and communication is essential for effective management of the City."

"I am responsible, reliable and realistic with a record for getting things done" she said.

Promoting a safe and beautiful Berwick Village while protecting the interest of the established residential community is foremost on Mrs McCausland's agenda.

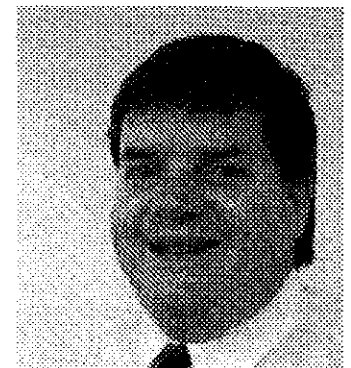
Facilitating a public/private hospital, a railway station upgrade and the preservation of Wilson Park are top priorities in the future direction of Edrington, according to Mrs McCausland.

Her extended vision for Casey is to revive plans for the aquatic centre, pursue construction of the Narre Warren Bypass and other major road projects, and make Council more accountable to the ratepayers.

GORDON FYFE

No report or photo was received from Gordon Fyfe.

PETER WILLIAMSON



Married with a four year old daughter and living in Berwick Peter is nominating for Council for the following reasons and concerns.

I have grave concerns for the future of child and maternal welfare and I have seen it recently go through a merging process by the Commissioners of Casey 'in the guise of expediency and efficiency' he says.

Road safety, especially around the blackspots. The Brentwood Estate where it meets Clyde Road, the intersection of Parkhill Drive, Mansfield Street and Princes Highway where an accident occurs every other day, he says.

I believe Beaconsfield to Berwick is the gateway to the Gippsland Gourmet precinct and we need to harness the prospect of future festivities for tourist dollars, he says. Handled appropriately this could be a viable proposition.

He would like to see the residents participate in areas such as security, tourism and development.

I ask you to consider the candidates carefully he says. Do you want to be represented by fresh faces and ideas or do you want to be returned to the old guard?

It is time to be progressive, proactive and innovative. I believe I have those qualities, he says.

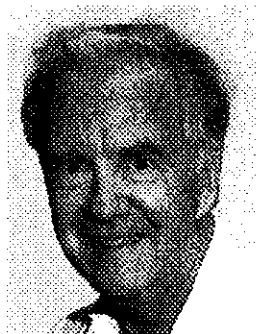
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**BEACONHILLS WARD
CARDINIA SHIRE**

BEACONHILLS WARD CARDINIA SHIRE

KEITH EWENSON



Keiths background enables him to offer the experience to assess the future directions this municipality will be taking.

He served continuously on the Pakenham Shire Council, and was elected Shire President twice. He has had extensive finance, and forward planning experience.

He continues to act as Chairman of the Australia Day Committee, Vice President of the Citizen's Advice Committee, and Chairman of Cardinia District Scouting Association, all these organisations have an immense component of voluntary workers for which he has the greatest admiration.

Keith has been an Honorary Justice of the Peace since 1979.

Some of his efforts will involve -

- * Strong leadership in Council.
- * Attention to Efficient, Effective, Relevant service.
- * Municipality should meet the needs of Customer satisfaction.
- * Support for Youth work.
- * The need to plan wisely for Beaconsfield's and Cardinia's future.
- * Encouragement of Community pride.
- * Provision of future vital needs, for the Growth Corridor whilst protecting the natural assets we now have.

His close association with residents over long period heightens his awareness of listening to their needs, to assess what is considered important.

Keith would like to work with you to create the Community you desire.

"My theme for this election is, as it has been in the past, Personal representation."

"I would like to be your Advocate, when you decide to vote." EWENSON 1.

Authorised by V.M. Ewenson.

GRAEME KIDD



The challenge for the new Councillors is to retain the essential rural and semi-rural character of Cardinia Shire while managing growth within it.

Communications must have a much greater say in deciding how they will develop. An important means of achieving this will be through "township advisory groups" to liaise with Council. I will work hard to ensure that this process works effectively.

Township plans must be completed for Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield and Officer and their surrounds. Coupled with the major revision of the Shire's Planning Scheme, these will provide a more certain and stable planning environment.

The Shire's Strategic Plan, which sets for example financial, service and planning strategies, will need to be reviewed and refined. It will be important to question constantly how the Shire, its officers and its contractors are meeting their performance targets.

The new Council will require Councillors having business skills and broad vision, while being sensitive to community interests. I believe I have those attributes. Among other activities, I was a member of the Upper Beaconsfield Hall committee for 15 years; a founding editor of the community newsletter, the "Village Bell"; a committee member and past President of the UBA; and a Berwick Secondary College councillor. I am a volunteer driver for Mountain District Care for the Aged and the local Care Group.

I have been heavily involved for 20 years with the Quarry Impact Association and its goal of protecting land of significant botanical value near Officer from unwarranted quarrying.

As a community representative I participated in the formulation of the Shire's Environment Management Strategy, and am currently a member of the steering committee responsible for its implementation.

Until 1983 I worked for Telstra as a Senior Manager responsible for planning the introduction of optical fibre systems and as a product manager for an advanced packet switching service. As a consequence I have extensive experience in strategic planning and business management.

I am now running my own business in Upper Beaconsfield designing and making contemporary furniture.

Please contact me on (03) 5944 3400 to discuss this issue.

VIV HYLAND



With the reconstitution of the council we all have an opportunity to make a choice of what type of council we want.

Do we return to the past and elect past councillors or do we seek a dynamic new style of council?

I believe it's time to seek new blood to continue the changes we put in place, to have a new efficient cost effective council, and to that end to seek out councillors who can offer the experience of running a large organisation.

As the managing director of my own business for the last 16 years in the security field dealing with government contract and also with the public and as a retired professional Fire Brigade Officer with a continuing interest in fire prevention, I believe I can offer a broad range of experience to a new council.

With married children in the shire I have a vested interest to ensure that rates are kept under tight control, that fire prevention is a priority consideration in our fire prone shire, that roads are improved and quality of other supplies such as water be maintained to the highest standards possible.

There are of course many other issues that a council has to consider and to give priority to but any increase in services sometimes can result in rate increases and as a ratepayer I want to see those increases kept to a minimum. To that end I seek your vote in the coming council elections.

TED OWEN



Dear Readers, I was privileged and happy to have represented you on Council for the past twenty three years prior to Council amalgamations, and I write to inform you that I will be re-nominating for the position of Councillor for the newly created Beaconhills Ward of the Cardinia Shire. If elected again I will continue to ensure that the best interests of the majority of the Beaconhills residents will be attended to. I am married with four children who have grown up in this area, and as a small landholder I am concerned with the future development of this area as it has a direct affect on many families as well as my own. I am fifty four years of age and have obtained further local Government experience being employed for many years as an Environmental Health Officer in a large neighbouring Council.

I was a major team player in many of the Shire of Pakenham's achievements in which I obtained extensive experience which included two terms as Shire President. During this time I served on a variety of different Shire committees and have the background knowledge of Shire finance, welfare administration, planning and corporate objectives.

I have had contact with many residents and understand their problems and aspirations, my residence is centrally located in the Beaconhills ward.

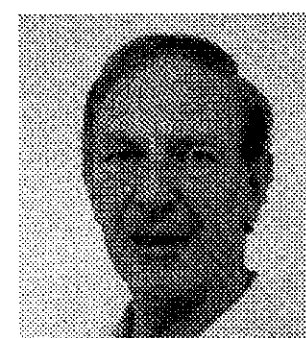
If I am re-elected I will continue to support individual people with problems, organisations and businesses within the Shire and I ask readers to contact me if they have any specific problems or proposals which will assist me in forming objectives and policies that will be effective in helping me help you if I am re-elected.

Some of my policies and objectives include:

- 1) Prevent a fire sale of community assets for short term gain
- 2) Return of the hard rubbish collection
- 3) Support for small town businesses to ensure their viability
- 4) Road improvement program
- 5) Sensible planning to protect the environment

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BRIAN ROCHE



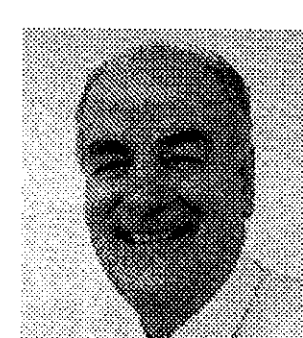
The commissioners are about to retire and we, the new councillors will have the task ahead to keep up the service and improvements needed to maintain or improve the quality of life for the shire.

As a resident of Beaconsfield since 1979 I can see much work in the Beaconhills area that needs attention. Some of the more important jobs are the ongoing road maintenance and improvement. The population has increased in recent years but the same old roads are not much better. Fire access needs to be improved at the same time. I am still mystified about what happen to the Beaconsfield Hall proposal. The old hall vanished when Princes Highway was widened and now the compensation money seems to have vanished too!

Small Business needs to be encouraged. This will provide further jobs for our people and serve the community better, eg: Where is our bank, where do you find a green grocer?

There is a lot of work to be done in the next three years and I believe that if you're going to do a job do it well!

GEOFF SUMMERVILLE



IF YOU VOTE 1 FOR GEOFF SUMMERVILLE AS YOUR COUNCILLOR YOU WILL ELECT A GOOD LISTENER WHO IS EMPATHETIC AND COMMUNITY FOCUSED.

My National and International business success give me the knowledge to invigorate the current business opportunities and increase employment opportunities by inducing new industry into Cardinia Shire.

My passion and enthusiasm for customer service should see Cardinia Shire win a National Quality Service award within the life of the next Council.

Building a sound rational communication from Council to all citizens of the community and from all citizens and groups to the Council, is a priority in my thinking.

To better understand and focus our resources, to build a better future for our citizens of tomorrow I would energetically work with the community to establish a Youth Forum.

Documented proof of my Strategic planning skills and Budget Management skills of revenues equivalent to the revenues of Cardinia Shire are skills and knowledge I can effectively use to meet the governance requirements of a Councillor.

As a resident of 12 years and committed to remain so I have a deep appreciation of the uniqueness and diversity of this electorate. Reality alerts me to the difficulties and problems to be constantly encountered.

Should you choose Geoff Summerville as your No. 1, lets do together whatever is necessary to make Cardinia first and best

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HOT MEETING FOR COUNCIL CANDIDATES.

Beaconsfield Progress Association held its meeting on Tuesday night 18th February at the Community Centre for residents to meet and assess prospective new candidates nominating to become Councilors.

Five standing for the Beaconsfield Ward of the Cardinia Shire attended and three for the Edrington Ward in the City of Casey. Disappointingly only twenty residents turned up to hear them speak.

It was a rewarding exercise for all who attended however with each of the eight giving a

different and individual message in their run up to the election. Underlying this was a clear choice for voters to pick candidates who would continue the old 'personal ways' of Councilors, as prior to Council amalgamation, or pick candidates who would adopt 'modern business principles' in running Council as established by the outgoing Commissioners that they will now replace.

Whatever the choice, eight very determined candidates addressed what was a very informative evening despite near record overnight temperatures.

TED OWEN

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- 6) Ensure rate money is spent wisely on essentials hence minimising rate increases
- 7) Continued opposition to extractive industry in conservation zones.

Finally, I believe it is important that experienced Councillors are returned to ensure that rate payers expectations of Council are preserved and that our rights as rate payers are not eroded. In conclusion, I thank you for your past and continuing support of me. For any advice or personal interview I can be contacted by phone on 059 432374.

Yours faithfully, Ted Owen

DEBBIE KINDER

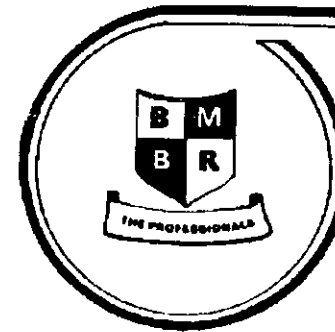
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* I would like to see our Council active in developing a program which would support local business by promoting Berwick as a tourist area. This in turn would create employment and business opportunities.

* Other priorities include: Lobbying for a Shuttle Bus Service, Establishing programs to involve and access our Senior Citizens skills, Lobbying of Government to establish Timbarra, Edrington and Ernst Wanke Primary

Schools while retaining Berwick Primary School. Council must also be responsible for the control and running of Maternal Health and Childcare Services, Crèches and our Free Library Services.

For the value of the rates paid by residents to the newly elected council, it is their right and expectation to be provided with these basic services and programs which, in turn, will benefit our city as a whole community.



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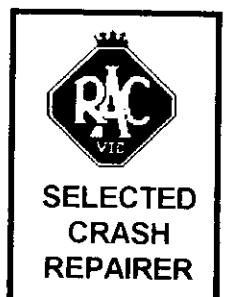
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UNITING:

Berwick. High Street.
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SCOUTING IN BEACONSFIELD.

1st Beaconsfield Scout Group has plenty of vacancies in all sections right now...Joeys, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers.

Joey Scouts from 6 - 8 years old meet on Saturday mornings for 1 hour. Fun is their main activity and from this, learning comes easily. The simple uniform is a tan coloured tee shirt which is teamed with a Group scarf. They play lots of games and have plenty of craft activities. In the next two weeks they are going on the Cardinia District Joey Scout excursion to Bayles Fauna Park. This part of the 6th birthday celebration for the Joey Scout movement and a good time is guaranteed.

Cub Scouts from 8 - 11 years meet on Thursday nights for one and a half hours. They have fun sessions learning first aid, knots and even how to iron a scarf, sew on buttons and how to cook. They learn other things too and occasionally go on weekend camps. They wear a khaki/green uniform and earn lots of age based

badges. A lot of their learning is through game playing and have fun doing so.

Scouts from 11 - 14 years meet on Tuesday nights for 2 hours and wear the same uniform as Cub Scouts. Their activities are more advanced and there are week end hikes and camps that all Scouts love to go on. They may even be lucky enough to go on a Jamboree where they get the opportunity to meet fellow Scouts from all over Australia and the rest of the world. Many lasting friendships are formed at these.

Venturers aged 14 - 18 top the list and this is where it all happens. Venturer awards and the coveted Queen Scout award are the highest goal a Scout can achieve. They wear a uniform and have a lot of fun on Friday nights and weekends. 1st Beaconsfield has four Queen Scouts at this present time.

Yes, Scouting is for every boy and girl. Girls are accepted into

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CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL - PLANNING AMENDMENT L119

SUBMISSION FROM BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

Before we can give full and informed consideration to the proposed rezoning we request that a detailed local structure plan be prepared to address our concerns which in summary can be listed as follows:-

PLAN OF SUB-DIVISION

We believe that the plan of subdivision for the whole estate should be considered concurrently with the rezoning application. The developer's submission is too vague, not defined and contains nothing specific.

We need to know how the development will address requirements of the Victorian Code for Residential Development (subdivision and single dwellings April, 1992) and the objectives of the Good Design Guide 1995.

The local residents are particularly concerned with the density of the proposed subdivision and believe that a more realistic number of allotments to retain the amenity of the area would be a maximum of 800 allotments with a minimum size of 700 sq. metres.

The land, the subject of this rezoning application, whilst in control of the Roche family is on four different titles - 3 in the name of Villawood Pty. Ltd. and one in the name of Roche. These titles should all be consolidated before any rezoning goes ahead so as to ensure that the development is not sold off in a piecemeal fashion after rezoning.

That all qualitative building controls (i.e. building size, construction materials etc.) placed on the development are able to be enforced by Council.

There is enormous concern amongst the existing residents about the possibility of unit development which may be built on this estate, which could increase the dwelling density even further than 800 dwellings. We request that the developed allotments have a covenant on the title which

allows for a single dwelling only and that the developed lots cannot be sub-divided, only consolidated.

It was generally agreed that blocks abutting Holm Park Road should face the road and should be amongst the larger of those within the estate.

FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT LEVY

We request details of the Development Contributions Plan proposed for the sub-division and that it be placed on exhibition prior to rezoning, for public comment.

Residents were particularly concerned about the provision of community and sporting facilities:-

Sporting Facilities:-The current sporting facilities are used to their full capacity and so there is a need for the developer to allow for a similar amount of extra facilities to cope with the approximate doubling of our population, the preferred site for these facilities is adjacent to, or as close as possible to, existing facilities.

Community Facilities:-A development of this size would need a Community Facility with room to accommodate a

pre-school, play ground, child and maternal health centre, senior citizens club rooms, meeting rooms, landscaping and car parking on a site of a minimum size of 5000 sq. metres.

OPEN SPACE

We request further details of the proposed open space contributions and how that contribution will meet the needs of the community.

We are of the view that the wet lands area along Beaconsfield-Emerald Road which may be acquired by Melbourne Water should not be calculated as open space attributable to this subdivision, moreover the open space should be provided in strategic locations throughout the balance of the subdivision to assist in the protection of the amenity of the area and the creation of usable sporting and recreational facilities

TRAFFIC

We request that a detailed traffic report be prepared outlining a primary transport network, calculating full traffic generation estimates and the effect that the proposed development will have on the existing road network. Such traffic study should also dem-

onstrate effective integration with pedestrian and bicycle paths, and equestrian trails.

We require further details on how the proposed development will address the recommendations to realign the Beaconsfield - Emerald Road eastwards to protect the remnant bush land and wet lands as outlined in the Cardinia Creek proposed Regional Park discussion paper March 1993 (Recommendation No. 8).

The general feeling in the community is that a roundabout would be preferable at the intersection of Old Princes Highway and Beaconsfield-Emerald Road rather than traffic lights.

During the construction stage all construction vehicles must be banned from all existing residential streets, and only be allowed to access the development from Beaconsfield-Emerald Road. The Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. recognizes that this was of great concern to the residents of the Central Park estate, the overwhelming majority of whom, object to any vehicular access to the proposed new development from Sylvia Road.

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Brickbat to the company who is putting all the red clothing bins around the town. Lets be fair and one to each group. The one at the station looks out of place.

Boquets to all the people who turned out for the recent public meetings on two very hot nights.



MAKE AND MINGLE

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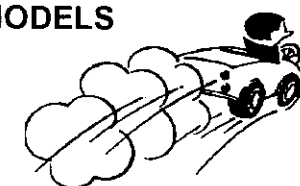
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