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BEACONSFIELD PLANNING STRATEGY

There have been meetings recently and communication with Council about the need for the Community of Beaconsfield to become involved in further planning for the town. After receiving quotes from Planning Consultants Trevor Ludeman and Marc Bartsch, the Progress Association have found out that Cardinia Shire would rather prepare a strategy plan for Beaconsfield Township 'in house'.

Corporate Planning Manager Mr. John McCaffrey assures the Association that full community participation and consultation is essential and that resource input for strategic planning for the area

from the State Government should be explored. Beaconsfield is located in the Government's Urban Growth Corridor.

Meantime the Association is pursuing the best options for preparing a strategic plan, ever mindful of the projected increase of population in the town. The State Government is requiring a Corporate Strategic Municipal Statement from all Councils by the end of June. That will be addressing more general planning issues throughout the Shire.

The Association is also pursuing the retention of \$37,800 to be used in a future

community hall project. This amount has accrued in Council coffers from money given by the Country Roads board back in 1976 after the old hall and hall site was removed to make way for road expansion. The Cardinia Shire Council have been quick to point out however that \$50,000 has been allocated in the 1996/97 budget and a further \$50,000 has been included in the 1997/98 budget to acquire the site for the Beaconsfield Community Centre. Currently the site is only leased.

Always active, the Association is seeking more public support and assistance.

END OF AN ERA

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC MEETING

When:-

Tuesday 24th. June 1997
commencing at 7.30pm.

Where:-

Beaconsfield Community
Centre

PLANNING STRATEGY

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Cardinia Corporate Planning
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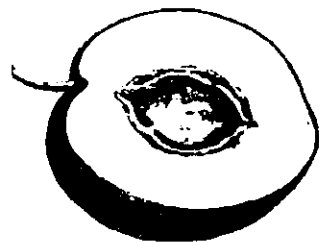
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RAINFALL IN BEAconsFIELD

(By Dr. R.C. Webb)

In my last report in the Beaconsfield Banner, I informed readers that the total rainfall for Beaconsfield in 1996 was only 771.7mm. The average figure for the past 12 years being 821.5mm.

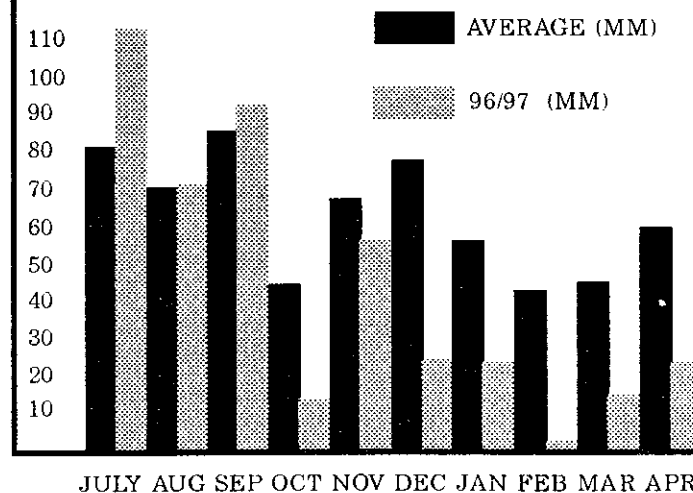
There was useful rain in the Winter months of 1996 (80.5mm in June, 112.6mm in July and 70.9mm in August). Spring started off quite well with 92.5mm in September. However, there was only 14.3mm in October. November produced a reasonable total of 56.6mm (average being 67.7mm).

Since that time the monthly totals have been well below average as the graph illustrates. The total rainfall for Summer was only 51.3mm which is less than the average rainfall for January alone. December 1996 had a total of 24.7mm. January 1997 produced 23.9mm and February 1997 a mere 2.7mm.

Then even Autumn started off with low figures. March was 15.4mm (average 45.4mm) and April with only 24.0mm (average rainfall of 60.0mm)

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MONTHLY RAINFALL BEAconsFIELD



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**CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT
BANNER IS 25th July 97**

JUST IN 'CASEY'

By Councillor Norma McCausland



Councillor Norma McCausland has been keeping us informed about what is happening in the City Council of Casey that

takes in the Southern part of Beaconsfield. The good news is that the unmade stretch of Soldiers Road that winds its way up to the freeway overpass is about to be sealed. It is on the Capital Works Agenda and hopefully will be completed by Christmas.

Also, Melways lists the Kingsmere Estate south of the freeway as being in Beaconsfield. It shares the 3807 postcode. Norma however informs us that because it is in the City of Casey its correct address is Kingsmere Estate, Berwick.

IRIS LEWIS AWARD.

At the last public meeting of the Progress Association on Tuesday 29th April, the newly founded Iris Lewis Award was presented.

home. The Banner has been very much valued by Joan as a means to communicate with everything that is going on in the town.

This award has been generously donated by Mrs. Joan Armitage of Vernon Road, Mount Misery. It is an encouragement award for young people who write in the Banner Newsletter.

This time, Naomi Harris was the proud recipient of the award. Naomi has for many editions been submitting her poetry for 'Poets Corner'. It is a delight for many to read and involves a younger member of our society.

Joan herself is a keen writer and because of certain health problems she is restricted to

Congratulations Naomi and keep up the good work.



Above:- Naomi Harris receives the first Iris Lewis award Presented by Ted Horton Beaconsfield Banner Editor.

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The new proprietor Linda Pettigrew brings to Beaconsfield a wealth of nursing experience. Linda has just recently left the Royal District Nursing Service after 8 years gaining considerable experience in midwifery and maternal and child health.

Linda aims to provide not only high quality child care with qualified staff in a small

homely environment but flexibility to the parents of Beaconsfield and surrounding areas at a reasonable cost. The centre is open 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and provides permanent day care, part time and occasional care plus before and after school hours care.

Both Linda and her husband have been seen working hard throughout the weekends redecorating and performing maintenance to both grounds and building.

All enquiries/inspections are invited at anytime and Linda can be contacted on 9707 5532 or Mobile 041 951 2243.



Above: L-R Mother Craft Nurse Lynette Geyer with Jacquelyn, Linda Pettigrew with Lorna and Ryan, and student from Central Gippsland Institute Caroline Dent with Daniel.

WHEELY GOOD FUN WITH THE SCOUTS

Another fun filled month is over at the Beaconsfield Scout Hall. Cubs attended the annual Billy Cart Derby

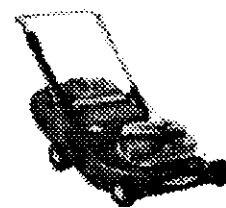
Scouts used only two wheels each in their participation at the Sandown Racecourse Scout Expo weekend. They took part in a bike riding challenge that had their team cycling around the circuit in relay over a period

from 9pm Friday to 3pm Saturday. They managed to keep someone riding for the entire time which was quite some achievement.

If you would like to hear more about the fun that these boys and girls have, and come and join in, then please phone Chris Burns on 9703 2698

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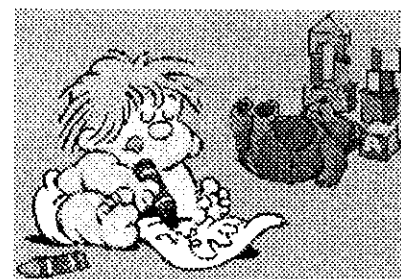
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Bunyip and Officer), and burn-offs that had gone out of control. Even though fire restrictions were no longer in force, extreme care was still needed at the time of burning off. In windy conditions the C.F.A. had numerous calls to attend to, due to the dryness of the area.

Fire restrictions were lifted in the Cardinia Shire on Monday 7th April, after an extremely dry and dangerous summer. But that was not the end of activity for the Beaconsfield C.F.A. This season has been one of the busiest the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has known for many years, and they had a total of 99 turnouts since July 1996 and up to date of this report (May 1997).

The main calls were for car and scrub fires (Mt. Martha, Langwarrin, Arthurs Seat,

WINTER WARNING

Winter is here again and now is the time to check that electric blankets are safe and chimneys are not blocked. Other winter hazards such as clothes drying in front of heaters or open fireplaces and overloaded power points, are just some of the factors that can contribute to a house fire. A reminder that smoke alarms are now compulsory.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

(Written by A. Taylor)

MAKE AND MINGLE Celebrated 10 years of friendship and craft at the beginning of June. Friends from over the past 10 years met to Praise God and renew friendship.

Beautiful craft work made by the ladies was on display, as well as photos documenting the 10 years. There was also a collection of letters and photos from Santhosa, our little girl we sponsor, who lives in India.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday morning during school term from 10am to 12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield. Enquiries Ann 9707 1996

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THE MILES HAVE MOVED

Local identities Bernie and Bushy Miles and family have moved to Upper Pakenham. After 10 enjoyable yet busy years of living in Beaconsfield they have 'gone bush' to live on twenty acres on Twin Creeks Road, Upper Pakenham. Knowing them, life will be no less hectic with a family of four lively boys to raise and two separate businesses to run.

They originally built their own brick home in Mahon Ave and have positively made their mark in so many ways in Beaconsfield. Bushy will be best remembered for the concrete he laid (voluntarily) at the Community Centre, the Scout Hall Shed, the Kindergarten and the Primary School. He was also a Scout leader for 1st Beaconsfield. He has leisure skills as a qualified white water rafting river guide which is an activity Bernie enthusiastically shares. He is also a qualified building inspector with four years experience at the Shire of Pakenham. This has taken him on to his own 'Allied Building Services' business and he now is a Municipal Building Surveyor for the Shire in a private enterprise capacity.

Bernie is also very enterprising. She spent 17 years at the Shire of Pakenham and now runs her own data base design business with special emphasis on the tourism industry. While living in Beaconsfield there was

hardly an organisation that Bernie was not involved in at some time or another. She is proud of her achievements on getting the Community Centre and the Children's Service Centre established in Beaconsfield and has been very active on the committees of the Kindergarten, Primary School and Progress Association. For many years Bernie has been actively delivering the Banner north of the highway and many years attending early morning gym sessions 'south of the highway'.

Born of Dutch parentage Bernie will long be remembered in Beaconsfield for her cheerful participation in so many ways. She even made time to enjoy guitar playing and singing at St Michael's Church. Bushy has been more the 'quiet achiever' having worked many long hours laying the foundations of many of the towns landmark facilities.

With the boys fast growing up, the decision was made to go and actively enjoy the twenty acres of countryside they now call home. Sure they miss Beaconsfield and many friends they have left behind.

Beaconsfield will miss Bernie and Bushy and are much indebted for what they have achieved for the future of Beaconsfield township. We thank them for their friendship and active participation over the years.



Above :- Bernie and Bushy Miles

ACCIDENT REPORT

(Written by Lisa Edwards from R.S.V. Engines/Clough's Towing)

Corolla was merging with traffic onto Princes Highway/ May Rd when it struck another vehicle also heading towards Officer. Both cars blocked the Highway for almost 1 hour while the accident was being cleared. No one was seriously injured. See Photo below.



5th June approx 8pm Holden Ute travelling through Beaconsfield struck a Ford Falcon exiting Beacy-Emerald

Rd. Both drivers received substantial injuries. They were treated at the scene by Ambulance Officers and then transported to Dandenong Hospital. Both vehicles were completely destroyed. See photo bottom right.

7th June approx 7.30pm Road Rage Hits Freeway 2 vehicles travelling towards Dandenong were having a slight disagreement when Road Rage took over and turned into a 3 vehicle nose to tail accident just prior to

Soldiers Rd Overpass. All 3 vehicles required towing but no one was seriously injured in the accident.

Special Report: Winter is here. Over the last 2 months our Tow Truck has been called out to an alarming amount of accidents within a 10km radius of Beaconsfield.

The majority of accidents involve 2 vehicles with rear end collisions. These weather conditions put excess demands on tyres, brakes, drivers ability and most of all keeping a safe distance behind the vehicle you are following.



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Our records show that the local road "Black Spots" tend to be entering and exiting the freeway near May Rd, the entire length of Beaconsfield - Emerald Road and the dirt roads - Soldiers Road & O'Shea Rd.

Taking note of these statistics, local residents should take care when travelling along these road or nearing these intersections. As the old saying goes "it is better to be safe than sorry."

Wishing all our Banner readers a safe motoring winter.

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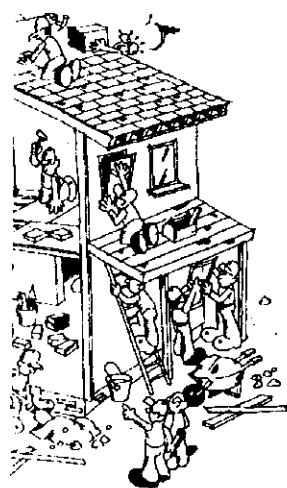
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My motto 'Have Tools will

Travel' was coined and requests for work took me to Glen Iris, Parkdale, Mentone, Doncaster, Middle Park, South Melbourne and Toorak.

Last March we moved from Berwick to Beaconsfield and I now enjoy a larger workshop. I have never had a more enjoyable job. Swing a door, change a lock, build shelves, paint a room, fix a cupboard, a boat or trailer - only once have I worked on an aeroplane!

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Above:- Phil Collins who can be contacted on 9707 4225.

FAREWELL TO BRUCE ADAMSON

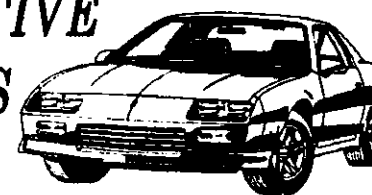
An informal evening is to be held at the Beaconsfield Community Centre for the people of Beaconsfield to say goodbye to Bruce Adamson who has lived in Beaconsfield for many years.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

As human beings we all have pre-conceived notions, unique to the individual, regarding what we consider to be our main purposes in life.

Some will say that life is about the continuation of the species, keeping the human race going, others will say that work and service is what it's all about. Some will say that we are here to make money and look after our families, providing for them as much pleasure and fun from life as a priority, and that tomorrow will take care of itself. In other words, everyone probably has his or her own ideas as to what life is about.

Now the above reasons all have some credence for many people, but they fall short of the mark when it comes to the real and abiding reason for man's search for sense, in this sometimes harsh and confusing world we live in.

The definitive literature on that which we are approaching is contained in a remarkable little book, written by a Jewish psychiatrist called Victor E. Frankl who spent the war years in Nazi concentration camps, eventually surviving.

The title of his book, "Man's Search For Meaning" actually answers the all pervading question. Frankl became the architect after the war, of what is known as the third Viennese school of psychotherapy. It was named Logotherapy!

Victor Frankl, largely due to his terrible experiences, gradually came to understand that man's whole journey is a search for some meaning to his life. It is one of the basic tenets of logotherapy that man's main concern is not to gain pleasure, or to avoid pain, but rather to see a meaning in his life.

Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life to carry out a concrete assignment which demands fulfilment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated. Thus, everyone's task is as unique as his specific opportunity to implement it.

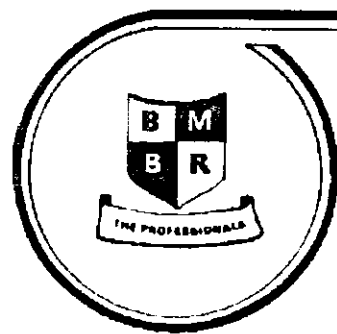
According to Logotherapy, discovering the meaning of life comes in three ways. 1. By creating a work or doing a deed. 2. By experiencing something or encountering someone. 3. By the attitude we take toward unavoidable suffering.

Frankl found that suffering ceases to be suffering, at the moment it finds a meaning, such as the meaning of a sacrifice.

Whatever our journey in life brings us, we all share the same primary desire, and that is to find the meaning for our individual lives.

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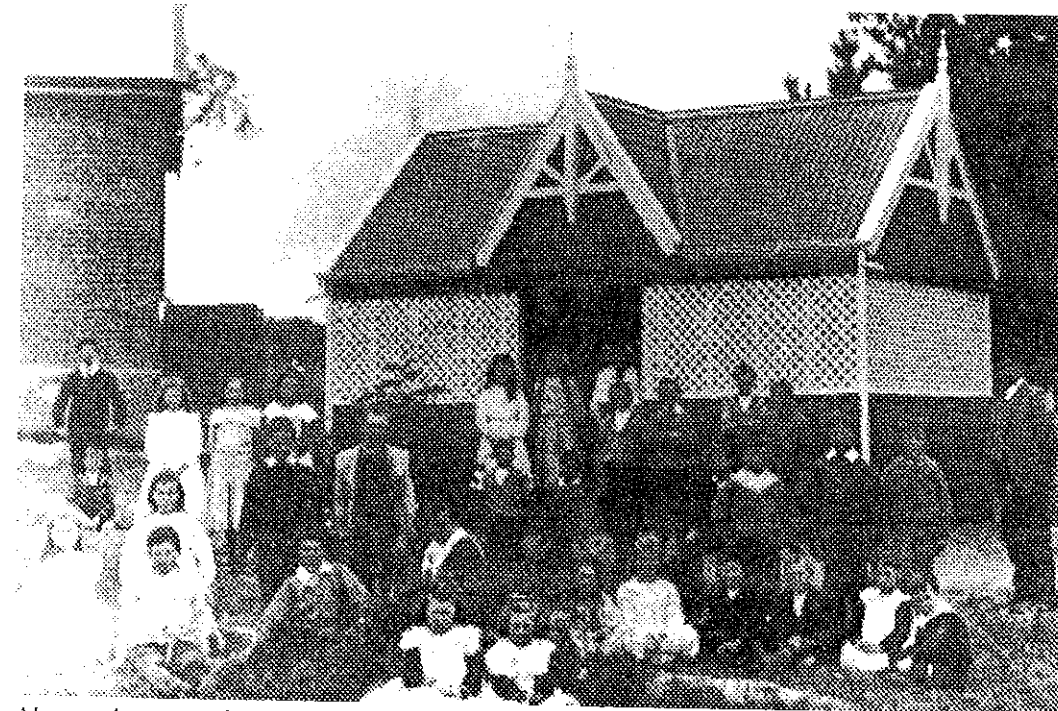
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BEACONSFIELD RAILWAY STATION SCHOOL NO. 3033

By Audrey Dodson



Above:- A group of students in front of new shelter shed 1908. (for names of students refer to the Beaconsfield Primary School Book 1890 - 1990)

Beaconsfield Railway Station School No. 3033 was officially opened on June 5th 1880, with about 40 children enrolled. The 24 feet by 18 feet brick school building (bricks made in officer) must have been rather cramped four years later when fifty children were in attendance.

The first Head Teacher was Patrick Lohan who quickly applied to the Education Department for the erection of a large residence of at least five rooms, bathroom and pantry for his household of six people (parents, 3 children and nurse girl). Two years later a four roomed residence was erected by J. Priestly for £200. This survived until 1965 (although two rooms were added in 1907) when it was sold for £10, and replaced by a new residence situated in Lyle Avenue. This was sold for removal in about 1990.

The depression of the 1890's caused the Education Department to investigate means of saving money, and to this end, only pupils in grades 1,2, & 3 remained at Beaconsfield in the care of a pupil teachers

whilst grades 4 to 8 travelled to Berwick from March 1895 until March 1902.

Mr. Rankine headmaster of Berwick also had oversight of Beaconsfield during that period.

In the early 1900's epidemics such as diphtheria, measles, whooping cough ravaged the school. On occasions it was closed, fumigated and disinfected. In 1933 a weather-board room, formerly part of Narre Warren school, was added to the original brick structure, and in 1955 a new office and classroom were built with a corridor linking all rooms. A fourth classroom and staffroom were added in 1970 south of the main building. The school dropped the Railway Station part of its name in 1951. Since then all the changes in classrooms and building have been too many to enumerate, but two are worthy of mention. The first was the purchase in 1974 of the site office from the Cardinia Dam to be used as a hall, gymnasium, canteen, storage area etc, and secondly the erection of the new hall in 1993.

As with building changes, the rate of staff changes has increased. In the 77 years to 1967 there has been ten head teachers, and in the last thirty years sixteen.

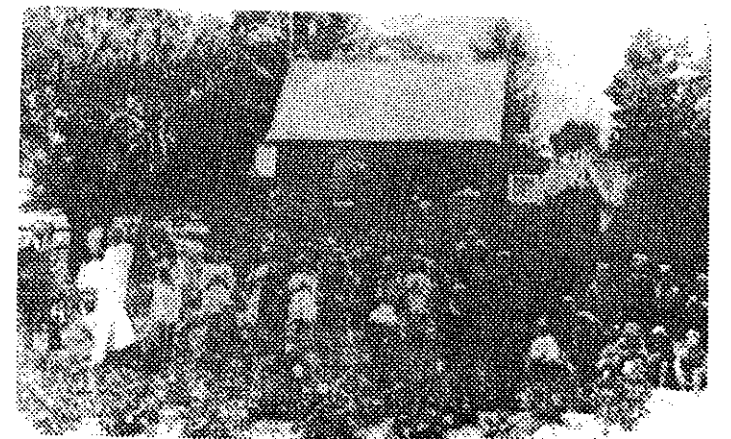
The school yard has changed also. Originally lots 7 and 8 (about 1 acre) Main Gippsland Road were purchased from Mr. Lyle for £110 and in 1910 a further ½ acre was leased from a Mrs. Lyle for 25 Shillings per annum. The children had already been playing on this block of land which is presumably the corner of

Lyle Avenue and Princes Highway.

In 1938 the C.R.B. decided to cut out a chain of land from the highway frontage for the duplication of the road. This was sold to them in 1944 for £1. The C.R.B. paid the cost of transfer of the land and for the new fence. Behind the original lots 7,8,9,10 and extending further east were lots 11 & 12 (about 5 acres). These were purchased in 1956 for £1,800.

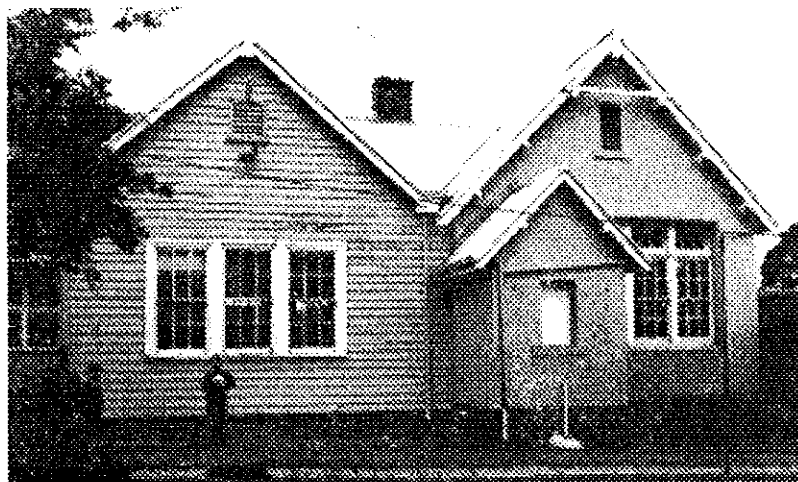
At the time of the purchase of this land, the Inspector of Works stated that these lots were suitable and no problem with drainage would be experienced. This was the understatement of all times as in 1987 when the school oval was developed 120 loads of topsoil were required as well as much earth moving to create the A.J. Barker Oval.

This is only a brief history of a school which has seen many changes, and will see many more - for change is synonymous with our area and time. There is no room here for the personalities which shaped the development of the school, or of the successes of the pupils who attended Beaconsfield. More detail is contained in the 98 page book produced for the Centenary, Beaconsfield 1890 - 1990 - the School and its District.



Above:- Beaconsfield School the original building approx 1907

REPORT FROM THE BEACONSFIELD SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our school building has been getting some bad press in the local paper this fortnight over the decision made to demolish the old Beaconsfield School Building

This decision was not made lightly, and the school council is also saddened at its loss, but we feel this was the best decision that could have been made in the circumstances. We had to consider future enrolments (estimated to peak at 720) and the logistics of building a new school while the existing school continued to operate on the same site, costs and future maintenance of renovations, the soundness of existing buildings, classrooms and safety issues.

It seems the greatest outcry has come from the few people who, after the tender had been let, were advised that the building was sound. This advice appears to have come from local and personal opinion, some misinformation and a lack of awareness of the overall picture. Our advice came from the Building Advice Agency, who completed an audit and made recommendations to the Department of Education. We were then advised that our original Master Plan retaining the old school house was not acceptable because of reasons stated earlier.

The consultation process began within the local community in 1995 when the first Master Plan was completed and has continued through all the changes and modifications. Regular updates in our school newsletter, reports in both the Beaconsfield Banner and the Pakenham Gazette, displays at the school and discussions at the Progress Association, have all helped to inform the immediate and broader school community.

Comments and advice have been sought and many good ideas have been incorporated into the final plans. A commemorative wall will be built at the front of the school using the bricks from the old school building. All the bluestones have been saved, the sills to be incorporated into the new entrance and the step to be used with a plaque that acknowledges the history of the old building. Timber has been saved to make a table for the foyer and the original door will be used as a feature in the administration area of the new school.

The School Council is hopeful that we will have enough other bricks with which to undertake another project from the many other ideas suggested.

It is now time to look ahead and feel proud that our efforts will be rewarded. Parents have saved or relocated most of the adventure playground equipment, constructed a temporary car park and two new level playing areas and linked the new temporary buildings with pathways. School Council has financed the removal of the pine trees which limit side access to the school.

Until Thursday 29th May we still had one more project ahead of us. Last week we were informed that the oak tree at the front of the school could be successfully relocated to another site. School Council was delighted with this news and put \$2,500 towards this ambitious project. We had previously believed that the tree was too close to the proposed building to survive and had not known that relocation was an option.

On close liaison with the Shire of Cardinia, who was willing to finance the project, this proposal was investigated in great detail.

Sadly, we now hear that the total cost for relocation would exceed \$10,000. Not only is this far beyond the budget of both groups, but we could only be given a maximum 50% chance of survival for the tree once it had been removed.

We therefore have to agree with the Shire that the project is no longer viable. However, money earmarked for this proposal by the school can now be put back into the mass planting of trees in the school grounds and the financing of a suitable project for the oak timber. Already a local wood turner and TAFE have shown interest in a worthwhile project like this and Council will be seeking ideas from the community.

This is a time for us all to work together. We will remain a united school community, providing a positive learning environment for all our children.

Ross Chudleigh and Di Lockwood for the Beaconsfield Primary School Council 30/5/97

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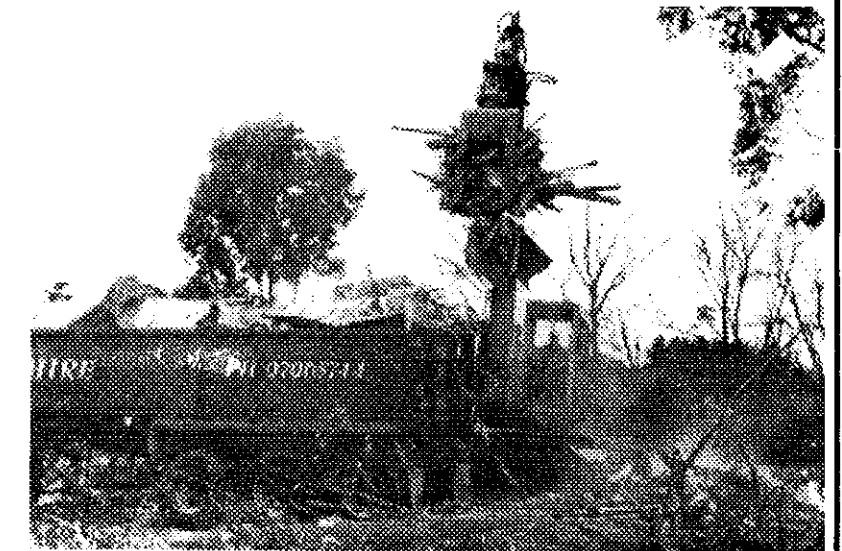
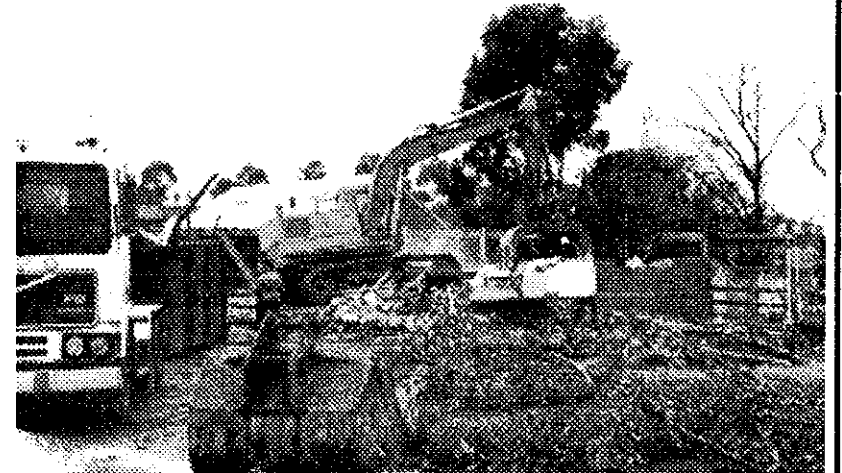
4th June. School Oak Tree

The tree was felled 'this morning'. We discovered that a large infestation of white ants had rendered the base of the tree useless for preservation.

Only the rim which is about 4cm remained solid.

Further up the trunk is intact however, so we will be seeking ideas as to the best way to use this lovely timber in some way.

Di Lockwood



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSE BUILT 1890 DESTROYED 1997

The recent destruction of this beautiful old building has upset many of the past and present students, their parents and local residents too. The building itself measured approximately 18 x 24 feet and the area will become a basketball court in the future. The building, the oldest in the area, was used as a school logo and was very precious to the community. The historic bricks were hand made in Officer and the solid walls were three bricks deep. The School was supposed to sell them to raise revenue but most were dumped. A few were retained for a feature wall in future plans.

It was reported in the newsletter that the building was unsound, the foundations were 'gone' and rising damp and termites had taken hold. As demolition began, there appeared to be very little evi-

dence of this and photos taken during stages of the demolition back this up. Inside, all and flooring were made of Baltic Pine and sold off privately for an uncertain amount. I believe the timber materials which were of great value should have been sold publicly to the highest bidder. It is common knowledge who got the materials. If the school can waste money on this scale then they should be able to afford regular maintenance by contractors, plus capital works and vital school equipment.

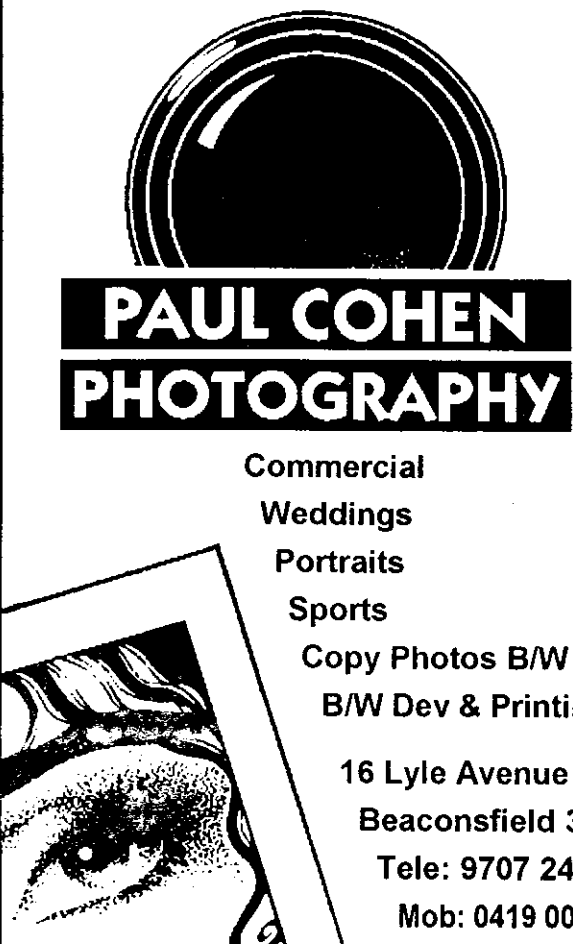
Because the building was reported to be in such poor condition by the Principal and School Council President in the 'newsletter', no one moved to save it. There was little opportunity for people to raise their own opinions in that newsletter. The fact that the poor state of the old building was so emphasised in the

newsletter suggests there had been some concern within the community. The School Principal referred to the actions of those concerned in the community as an 11th hour demonstration and we were accused of divisive behaviour. We feel the Principal and the School Council have been divisive by their actions. Demolition personnel on site confirmed our thoughts about the building by saying that with a new floor and other minor repairs, the building could have lasted another 100 years.

There has been a lot of news coverage about these comments in the Gazette and school newsletter. It has been quoted that many untruths were told which is how so many of us accepted what we were told and had read. Much money has been spent to preserve this building for many more years.

According to statements from official sources, the retention of the old school building within the planning of the 'new school' was entirely up to the School Principal and the School Council. It is strange how the architect said he could not include it in plans. Many will be aware that a delegation from the community went to the Shire of Cardinia and gained their support. The Shire then contacted the Education Department to have demolition halted. On the Tuesday morning, the demolition crew were unable to go ahead because services had not been disconnected. The halt in proceedings were to have remained in place until the whole situation was reassessed. A FAX, according to the builder, was sent by the Education Department requesting the building be demolished as fast as possible.

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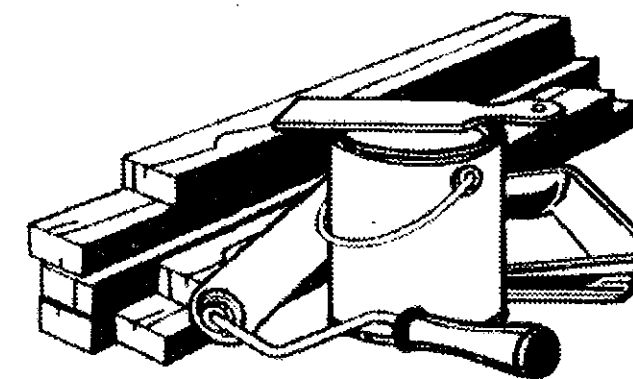
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cont. from page 14.



Work proceeded before 7 am which coincided with the Pakenham Gazette being distributed that same morning. I am sure this would have raised more support for our cause. Why was there such a rush to go ahead without a reassessment?

When Tony Ross was Principal, the old building was to be kept and restored and money was allocated for that. The school Council and the Principal were even offered a brand new school for Beaconsfield on a different location. The old site would have been preserved as a community centre and for sporting grounds. This was rejected by them at the time and not fully published. The School Newsletter stated that the community had been well informed of what was proceeding. Many residents contradicted that, yet the school Council say everyone was properly informed. The School Council were asked to hold a Public Meeting on the subject but did not do so. I believe the majority on the School Council are of very good character and decent community members but from what I have been told did not have a lot of say in the matter. I have always found the teachers to be very good.

It was mentioned in the School Newsletter that a photographic history be kept. This will be no substitute for the living history of the 'Old School Building'. With everyone trying to be preserve our History it was a disgrace for our school children to witness the destruction of one of the Shire's listed significant buildings. There were two Time Capsules in the building one of which should not have unearthed until the year 2000. These were not recovered and someone should be made responsible to retrieve them.

I was one of the founding members of the Community Centre and have given my time there as I have at the School with Working Bees and Fetes. I currently have three children attending the school.

It also has to be noted that the current School Principal back in 1996 told a Parents and Friends meeting 'that the old school building would be retained within their future plans'. If this is the case, it must have deteriorated a lot within 12 months.

I ask that given the opportunity to preserve our heritage for future generations, why did demolition go ahead? Most people have been disgusted with what has happened and I feel the whole issue should be investigated. No doubt the new school facilities will be very good for the children but I believe the inclusion of the 'old' could have been a major feature. The old oak tree with or without termites was going to be destroyed. If termites were discovered previously in the building, the nest should have been found and destroyed.

The information above I believe to be true, as collected from various sources. It is a real shame this letter has to be written.

Ross Doherty 9707 5816

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Dear Mr. Horton,

I noticed your article in the Beaconsfield Banner on the passing of long time resident of Beaconsfield, Jack Whitehead.

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John Hudson.



Above:- Jack Whitehead.

The day began quite cool and misty but fined up by 10.30 am. The 6 collectors in Beaconsfield had a pleasant day collecting and a total of \$430 was collected. Captain for the Beaconsfield team was Dawn Beattie once again.

The Salvation Army is always a good cause to collect for because they do such a wonderful job in supporting those less fortunate than us in society.

It was rewarding to hear how some residents regularly give \$20 a month to the Salvos. Others who had fought for their country in the last world war remember vividly how the Salvation Army bravely came to feed them on the battlefield when their own armed forces could not.

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BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

BRICKBATS To a group of youths that set about wanton destruction of the entrance way to the Beaconsfield Railway Station. Cement sheet was broken and weatherboard forcibly removed.

BOUQUETS To the members of the community that phoned the police when youths allegedly set about damaging the entry to the Beaconsfield Railway Station. The police van arrived very quickly and the alleged perpetrators were caught on the platform and appeared to be escorted off by uniformed police. Q: Who ultimately pays for this destruction ???

BOUQUETS To all those residents that opened their doors, their hearts and their wallets for the collectors on the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

BRICKBATS To the drivers who use Beaconsfield Ave. as a speedway.

BOUQUETS To Eva Tanke for over 20 years service to Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. Well done, one of the quiet achievers. R.M.



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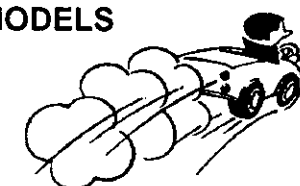
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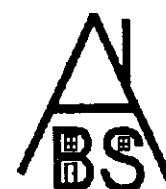
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AWARD NIGHT BEACONSFIELD C.F.A.

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Presentations of service plaques and C.F.A. badges were made by Ewen Cameron, Region 8 Area Manager and

Paul Potter, Regional Officer, Ballarat, to the following members: Tony Lukas (30 yrs), Brian Unwin (30 yrs), David Brewster (25 yrs), Murray Johnson (22 years), Ron Woodfine (21 yrs), Bev Burgess (18 yrs), Glen Dorning (16 yrs), Noel Seabrook (14 yrs), Paul Smith (12 yrs), Matt Di Carlo (12 yrs), Don Tye (11 yrs), Harry Sullivan (10 yrs), Debbie MacPherson (10 yrs), Michael Ott (8 yrs), Bob MacPherson (8 yrs), Ben Lammerts Van Burren (8 yrs), Robyn Murray (6 yrs).

Service awards were also presented to Neil Houghton, Stuart Johnson, Glenys Howard, Stuart Booth and Richard Hayward.

Michael Ott was presented with the Bob Burgess Fire Fighter of the Year Award, a special award made in the

memory of Bob Burgess while Bev Burgess and Tony Lukas were made Life Members of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade: an honour which took them both by surprise.

The highlight of the proceedings was the presentation of a plaque and gold watch from the Brigade and a 50 year pin from the C.F.A. to Bruce Adamson in recognition of his outstanding loyalty and support to the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. The Brigade was formed in 1944 and Bruce became a member in February 1947. Since that time he has seen many changes to the C.F.A. but the backbone of the organisation is still the same - men and women who volunteer their time and efforts for the benefit of the community.

The total amount of voluntary service recognised that night was in excess of 310 years, a remarkable achievement and something for the town and the Brigade to be proud of.

The Brigade currently has seven new members who are undergoing their training. We welcome them and hope their stay will be long and rewarding and this will enable the Brigade to continue to provide a fire service to the Beaconsfield community.



Above:- Bruce Adamson

NEWS FROM BEACONSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Thirty eight people from Beaconsfield and Pakenham joined us on a four-day coach tour in May to Swan Hill. Our thanks to Lionel Ball for the efficient organisation that made the trip so enjoyable.



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Robert comes from Doveton and appears happy with progress to date. He has lifted the business by about 50% and attributes that to raising the

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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

With the first few busy months passed, teams are settling into their various competitions except for Midweek Ladies who are in the midst of their Autumn Season Finals.

MIDWEEK LADIES AUTUMN SEASON 1997

At the finish of season: Tuesday Section 2 and 8 finished in 3rd position. Section 4 and 6 finished in 4th

position. Wednesday Section 1 and 11 made the finals. Thursday Section 2 made the finals.

Tuesday Section 2 Team Members - Pat Schelling, Joan McPherson, Dianne Goodear, Corrie Van Deiman, Joy Palmer. Section 4 team members- Glenda Gorton, Teresa Geutzel, Joan Horton, Terry Shieth, Carol Ronalds. Section 6 - Julie Atkins, Melissa Nouza, Lyn Thorpe, Margaret Appleyard, Lorraine Chapman. Section 8 - Anne Johnson, Robyn Baker, Kris Poulton, Joe Baker, Yveonne Thompson. Good Luck Ladies.

Spring season commences Tuesday 22nd July, Wednesday 23rd July and Thursday 24th July. Contact for Midweek Ladies - Pat Schelling on 9707 1839 - Glenda Gorton on 9707 2906

BAG COMMITTEE

Clover Cottage Luncheon on Wednesday 21st May. The day was a great success, 120

ladies and 1 gentleman attended and enjoyed a wonderful three course meal. A vast number of the ladies from the club brought along family and firends. Midweek Ladies from other clubs also joined us on the day and some people from the community.

Our Raffle, Dinner for two at Clover Cottage, was won by Linda Tilbut who was present at the Luncheon. Thankyou to John Baker from Willows Nursery for doanting a plant for Lucky Number Prize. Fiona Clacy thanked everyone for coming and supporting this function for the club. We will be making another booking in June 1998.

Coming Events:-Trots Night. Saturday 9th August. Nightout cost include bus travel, Dinner and betting vouchers. For more details contact Fiona Clacy on 0359 413 200 or Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD

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Dr. R. C. Webb

The five month period, 1st December to 30th April recorded only 90.7mm. In so far as May is concerned, up to the time of writing 22nd May, 47.9 mm. have been recorded. Rain fell on 7 of the first 9 days, with two useful daily falls of 13.5mm and 22.6mm. Then followed a 12 day period when only 0.2mm was recorded.

MURRAY TO MOYNE 1997 CYCLING RELAY

For the sixth year in succession, local riders participated in the Murray to Moyne relay event. The riders chose to leave from Mildura at 12.15pm. The weather was beautiful and this allowed for the team average 31km/hr over the first 300km.

The team arrived in Hamilton at 3am and were able to have a few well earned hours rest before leaving at 7.15am

The last 90km were taken a little easier and all team members were safely in Port Fairy by Middyay.

For several of the riders it was their first time participating in the Murray to Moyne, 18 year old Robbie Shore. (pictured) who collected the medals on behalf of the team rode over 400km of the 520km ride. After a Grand Parade of Cyclists and a presentation to participating teams, riders were on their way back to Beaconsfield - not by bike but a comfortable bus! Even though very tired and satisfied riders were already making plans for next years event.

Money's raised by sponsorship will again go to Camp Quality



Above:- Robbie Shore

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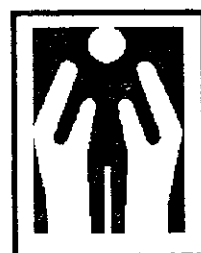
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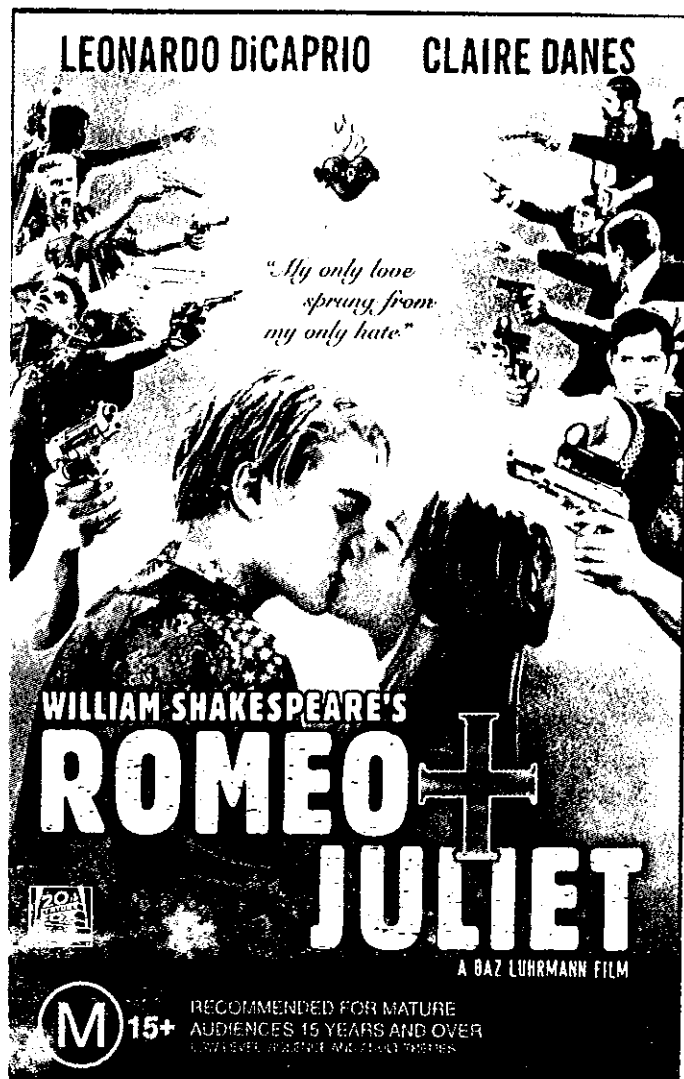
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