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BEACONSFIELD PLAYER IN FOOTBALL GRANDFINAL.



Austinn (Aussie) Jones played a significant role for St Kilda in the recent 1997 A.F.L. Grand Final. Son of Margaret and Greg Jones of Hudson Street, Beaconsfield. Austinn attended Berwick Secondary College up to Year 12. For some while (till 1993) he was a valued player for Beaconsfield Football Club. It was then he joined the Southern Stingrays and was later drafted to St Kilda in 1994.

Living away from home now he is closer to the Moorabbin Ground for regular training sessions. As a wingman for St Kilda he won possession of the ball many times in the Grand Final against the "Crows" and kicked a goal too. Renowned for his speed and agility he showed off his skills well in the match against Adelaide. Although St Kilda did not win on the day, Austinn played a big part in getting his team to the M.C.G. on Saturday September 27th their second only Grand Final appearance ever.

Sunday 28th was a double celebration for Austinn and his family. It was his 21st birthday and "the day after the big one". During the Family Fun Day at Moorabbin after the match his fellow team mates and hundreds of loyal supporters remembered his 21st with a birthday celebration cake.

PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

DRAFT PAPER OF BEACONSFIELD STRATEGIC PLAN

Presentation by James Noy &
John McCaffrey of Cardinia Shire
START: 7.30pm.

Also: Annual General Meeting
of the
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Full Committee to be elected.

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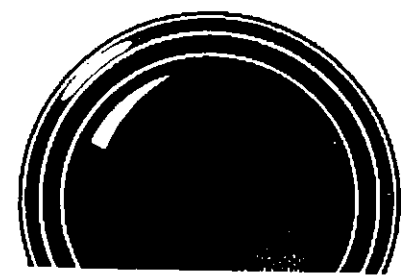
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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Tony Rushton



Tony Rushton

What a very busy year we have had since the last AGM. First there was the applications for the rezoning of the Roche property, then the application of the rezoning of the property at Pink Hill. I would like to say thank you to all who helped with the submission to council.

Thank you to Joy Bishop who attended both hearings representing the Beaconsfield Progress Association.

Next we had meetings with all the people who were standing for Council in the Beaconsfields ward (Cardinia Shire) and Edrington ward (City of Casey) Meet the Candidates which was well attended.

We then looked at how to prepare a Strategic plan for Beaconsfield, and a meeting with Trevor Luderman and associates explained how to

go about it.

Then we asked the Cardinia Shire for funds to get a Strategic plan prepared for Beaconsfield but the Shire had not budgeted for Beaconsfield's plan so a alternative was looked into.

Mr. John McCaffrey addressed a public meeting of the progress association where a sub committee was formed to prepare a strategic plan for Beaconsfield.

On the 28th of October at the AGM. of the Progress Association Mr. James Noy will present the first draft plan for Beaconsfield which will look at how Beaconsfield will develop in the next few years.

We have addressed many other problems in the area and we have seen some progress made.

I would like to say thank you to all the committee who have helped in many ways, also to the people who have worked and supported the Banner.

All positions will become vacant at our AGM. so if you would like to join us please come on the 28th. of October to the AGM.

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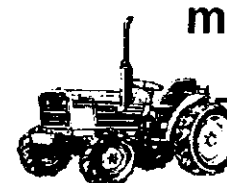
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

By Captain Ron Woodfine



Captain Ron Woodfine

Since my last article the calls for the brigade have slowed somewhat, but the calls still come. Some serious, some not so serious.

We still train regularly every Sunday plus every third Tuesday of the month to teach new skills and hone old ones in preparation for the expected bad fire season due the El Nino.

What is El Nino? El Nino is the name for a big change in the normal weather pattern right across the tropical Pacific.

El Nino - It affects millions including Australians. El Nino is blamed for destructive flooding rains in the Southern United States and Peru and in the Western Pacific, drought, poor harvests and the bushfires in South-East Australia.

Usually there is heavy rain over the western side of the Pacific but El Nino moves the rain area eastward from Australia.

El Nino - Now According to the Bureau of Meteorology,

Australia is under the spell of the strongest El Nino since the 1982 drought. From October 1996 to mid 1997 rainfall has been well below average throughout Victoria. In the Wimmera, Central, West and West Gippsland (Beaconsfield area) rainfalls have been the lowest on record.

If the El Nino "Dry" continues as predicted, Victorians face conditions like the 1982-3 summer that saw the Ash Wednesday fires in February 1983 with the loss of 47 lives and 2090 homes. The El Nino makes the outlook ominous.

Getting Ready - Fires Can Be Prevented. I take this opportunity to remind the community that it is time to eliminate or minimize risks of fire. Clean up fuels around homes, check pumps and water supplies etc. Plan ahead to survive if a bushfire comes your way. Don't forget to check your Smoke Alarms. Are they in good working order?

INVITATION

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade invites residents to attend the Fire Station on Sundays 2nd and 9th November between 9.30am and 12 (Noon) for advice on fire prevention, and action that should be taken. There will also be general information on minimising risks.

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Above:- Jeanette Cunningham

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Toy Library is a very popular group which operates out of the Community Centre every Friday morning at ten o'clock. Lots of lucky children are able to borrow some fantastic toys every couple of weeks. A large collection of 'big' toys is not usually possible for individual families, but it is if you join our Toy Library. Imagine all the fun your kids can have with ride-in-cars, see-saws, cubby-houses and basketball rings. These large toys are particularly attractive to children and their mums, and every week many of these are returned and leave again with a different family.

There is a 'Party-Pak' deal going at the toy library. With the Party-Pak you can book 5 large and popular toys to use for a birthday party at home or at the Centre. Contact Denise Watkins at the Centre on Friday mornings for details or to book your Pak. Membership of the Toy Library is open to

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

everyone. If you're family is not a member of the Community Centre, just pay your membership fees when you join Toy Library.

The Community Centre has many other activities for families with young children including Playgroups, Mums groups, Pre-Kinder, Occasional Care and Pre-School Dance. Some families use occasional care while they attend classes at the centre. Popular classes offered this term include Creative Embroidery, Calligraphy, Introduction to Computers, and Antique Workshop. Besides classes there are special interest groups. Midway group, Beaconsfield Artist Group, Line Dancing and Walking Group are offered each term.

MIDWAY

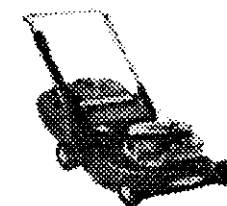


Above:- Gwen Neve from Midway Group

Midway treated themselves to a presentation of clothes from Blumes Fashions just a few days before a luncheon at Clover Cottage. At a BBQ luncheon friends from the Upper Beaconsfield Midway were entertained with accordion music and lively conversation. The group has also been visiting the Show. Coming up soon is the fantastic fun day on Nov 4th. Preparation is in full swing with Peter Aurisch making wooden horses for the race. Come and join in the fun on Nov 4 (instead of the usual Monday meeting on Nov 3).

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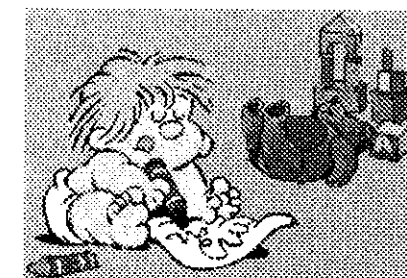
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STRATEGY PLAN FOR BEACONSFIELD TAKING SHAPE.



Above:- Ted Horton

A further meeting with Shire Officers and community representatives took place on Wednesday 24th September. A draft strategy plan will be presented at the Beaconsfield Progress Associations Annual Meeting on Tuesday 28th October.

To date the meetings considered that Kerb and Channelling be completed in Beaconsfield Avenue and that Wood St traffic be better controlled. Railway Station parking should be improved and Roundabouts be planned for Wood St., Emerald Road and Glisman junctions with the Old Princes Highway. It was considered that many unmade roads should be sealed and recognised that the Freeway By-pass of Officer will be built, eventually. Shop parking should be improved also.

In infrastructure, it was established that the Authorities have made satisfactory provision for Water, Sewerage and Drainage in line with future population growth. In Urban design, building plans, business signage, street

furniture and Welfare Bins were all up for discussion.

Many local buildings and landscapes were considered for heritage listing, mostly in line with Council's Heritage Study Sites.

It was agreed that commercial developments be shaped to provide a focal business centre for Beaconsfield.

Recreation needs have to provide for current and future growth needs as well community facilities in the way of Halls, Public Toilets, Childcare, Maternal Care and Elderly Citizen centres.

Industry will never grow too large in Beaconsfield but it was recognized that existing schools should be enlarged and more added. There are significant traffic and parking problems to be solved associated with existing schools.

Housing development needs to be well planned with as high a standard as possible maintained on new estates. There needs to be a variety of housing built to provide for all segments of the community.

It is now with the Corporate Planners of Cardinia Shire to formulate initial strategy plans for Beaconsfield. It is hoped that a final draft will be completed by Christmas to include as much consensus of local opinion as possible.

Please assist by considering the preliminary draft at our next Progress Association meeting on Tuesday 28th October, 1997.

CAROLS BY THE CREEK

SUNDAY EVENING 14TH DECEMBER 1997

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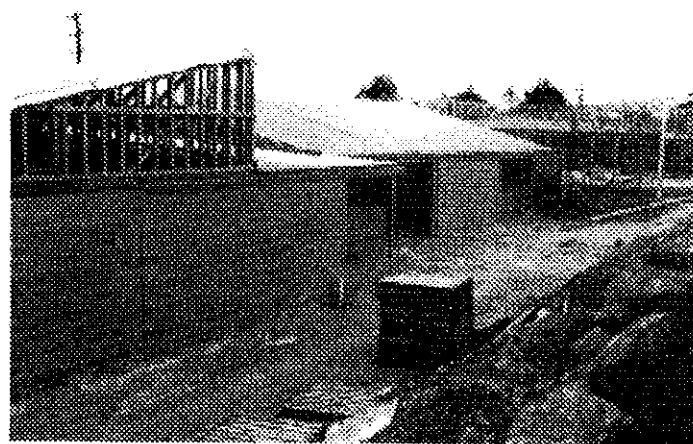
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SCHOOL BUILDINGS PROGRESS



Ross Chudleigh, President of the Beaconsfield Primary School, says that progress is well on schedule in the building of seven new classrooms.

Having overcome early foundation problems construction has proceeded quickly with very few days out for wet weather.

It is expected to have the new

buildings ready for occupation in January next year. This will allow students to start the new term in new improved buildings. There will also be a new library and new staff rooms and amenities

The extra facilities will be of great benefit and update the school into a new technological era.

THE CHALLENGE.

Laurence Hardy.

Choosing the "Holocaust" as their theme for the 1997 Rock Eisteddfod Challenge was a challenge within itself for the 120 students from St Francis Xavier College who are still celebrating their outstanding State Final win at the event held at the National Tennis Centre on Friday 5th September 1997.

As one of the participants I can say we spent almost 7 months preparing for the

1997 Rock Eisteddfod Challenge backed up with the great support of teachers and parents.

We had seven minutes to weave our magic into the hearts of the audience and the Judges. Making lots of friends was easily done with 1500 students on the premises to meet, and chat with too.

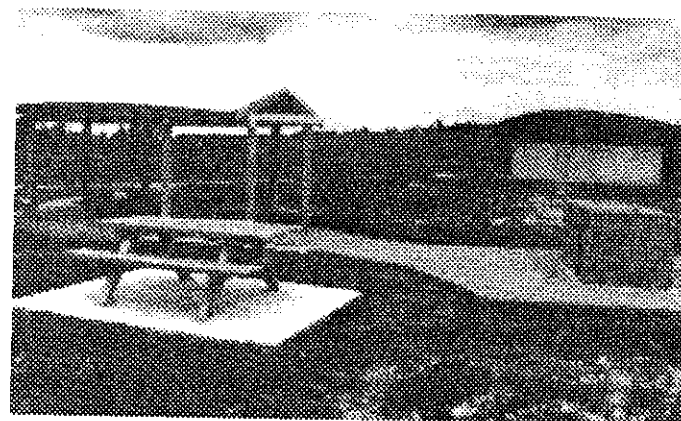
I highly recommend getting involved in school activities.



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

West Gippsland's Group Annual Show of plants, flowers, cakes, jams and preserves will be on display on Thursday 30th October from 2 pm to 8 pm and Friday 31st October from 10am till 3.30 pm AT: Pakenham Public Hall. Corner John Street and Henry Street. Admission \$2 Everyone welcome.

LINEAR PARK DEVELOPMENT.



Above:- Beaconsfield's new linear park takes shape.

Public are advised that the new Park south of Cardinia Creek is open for use. There are seats and tables and a roofed shelter. Parking is easy, as is the access off Soldiers Road.

Two electrically operated barbeques have been installed and are free for general use at the push of the button.

Around the park there are dry level walking areas along the picturesque Cardinia Creek. There are also well defined wet areas that are constantly used by Ibis.

Newly planted native trees and bushes now compliment the large Eucalyptus trees along the creek banks. Planted recently, many have now outgrown their protective plastic sleeves. With so much moisture from floodings and being close to the creek they

are in ideal growing conditions. South of the Park a wire fence border defines the area well. Along this, authorities are going to plant more trees which will shield the area from the Freeway.

The modern designed toilets will be opened for use at the time of the Ministerial opening ceremony which will happen soon.

It is also intended to give the Park a name. Because it is an important integral link in the chain of linear park development, a local identity's name will not necessarily be chosen. It will most likely be named after early aboriginal tribes (who frequented the area before settlement), or after local Flora or Fauna. Well worth visiting, it is a great spot for walking the dog, just strolling or family 'get togethers'.



FIRST BEACONSFIELD SCOUTS

1st Beaconsfield Scouts have again been active this Term with week end camps, hikes, swimming competitions, roller skating and other outings. If you are a person who thrives on a challenge maybe

Scouting is for you. We have a section to cater for all age groups starting from age 6 - Joeys to 16 - Venturers.

For more information please contact Chris Burns on 03 9703 2698

JAPANESE STUDENT 'AT HOME' IN BEACONSFIELD.

During August the de Hamer family of Beaconsfield were privileged to host a Japanese student for a week.

Her name was Aya Ando and she came from the town of Tambara on the island of Shikoku. This island is situated South of Honshu Island, the mainland. Aya lives with her mother, father and brother and also has grandparents who live nearby.

Aya arrived in Australia with a group of other students. They all attended Pakenham Secondary College. Although the stay in Australia was very short, Aya enjoyed every minute of it. She attended school every day, where four morning periods were devoted to English Language. The afternoons were spent either at a special activity, or the students participated in various other classes. Aya managed to see the beautiful forest of Olinda, (temperature on that day was 8 degrees) and the freezing seas of Philip Island to watch the Penguin Parade.

On the way to Philip Island Aya saw Koalas, wallabies, Kangaroos and Joeys, dingoes and emu at a Native Park. She fell in love with the Koalas. She went shopping at the local Supermarket and

was fascinated with reading the labels on each product. She was also went to the Queen Victoria Market. Aya was also a guest at the Anniversary celebration at the Beaconsfield Scout Hall.

She was sad to go home and has since corresponded with the de Hamer family, thanking them for their hospitality, and indicating that "I want to stay in Australia". She was very taken with our "nature", which I am sure meant the open spaces, paddocks and hills that surround Beaconsfield.

She has a vastly different school system to ours. Students take many more subjects than we do, study extremely long hours and no-one but the teacher speaks in the classroom. Aya was required to sit an exam to be chosen to come to Australia, and since returning to Japan has been sitting further end of term exams.

If she does really well at her studies she will possibly go to University and would like to be an Interpreter.

The de Hamer Family enjoyed having Aya with them and found it difficult to say goodbye. They hope one day to see Aya again.



Above:- Melanie de Hamer Aya Ando in Melbourne

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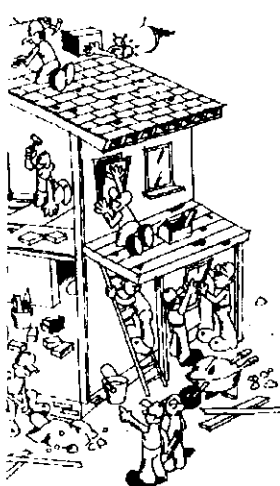
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

By Phil Collins

Why choose a "handyman" when there is work to be done? How can one man span every trade concerning your home?

Answer:- well as a handyman I too have a house and believe me there are many jobs for which I call a specialist. I need a plumber, an electrician, a carpenter, a mechanic just as the average householder.

Typical calls that a Handyman can answer, and assure a customer of a quality job at a moderate price, are to fit a clothes dryer to the laundry wall, hang a gate and fix the latch, repaint a couple of rooms, or refit some tiles that have become loose in the shower recess.

Handymen are quite often

senior citizens who have enjoyed a long working life, gained experience and skills in many area. They probably work less than 8 hours a day.

Recently I was asked to fit out a four wheel drive for a couple to travel around Australia. This involved making a storage tray to securely store camping gear, a water tank, fridge and gas bottles. We worked out a design and the owners removed and stored the rear seats. When the job was complete they set off on their 20,000 Km holiday. When they returned they rated the design and job a great success - of course the good weather made the difference. For all your handyman needs ring Phil Collins 9707 4225



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

STREET NUMBERS IN BEACONSFIELD

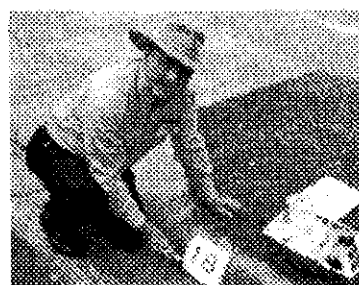
In the past few weeks you may have noticed that many homes in the Beaconsfield area have had their house numbers painted on the kurb. This saves time when emergency services need to locate a house.

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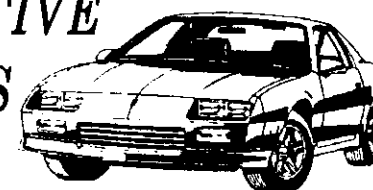
This work has been done by Joe Puglia who was a carpet layer but due to

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Below:- Joe paints a new number on the kurb.



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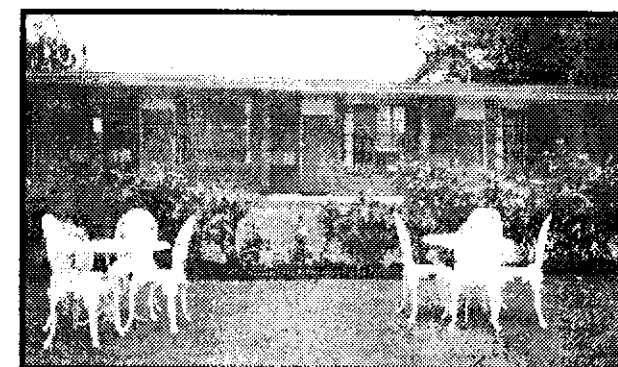


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OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

We are used to thinking we live in a world where magic and mystery no longer exist, but this is far from true. Strange and inexplicable things do happen but are usually ignored, or mentioned on the bottom of page 57 of the newspaper in a ten line box paragraph.

If we know where to look (old or recent records) we can find a history we thought belonged to the realm of fiction

Armies of animals and birds Battling? In 1970 in Northern Malaysia a pitch battle between two rival species of giant bullfrogs took place. Their total number exceeded two thousand, and they fought it out in a swampy valley near the town of Ipoh. Many were killed but the battle was inconclusive, and approximately eight weeks later they resumed their bloody warfare, leaving hundreds dead out of four thousand combatants.

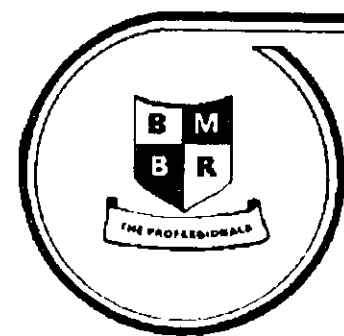
Going back in history to the 12th and 14th of October 1621, the famous Battle of the Starlings took place over the City of Cork in Ireland. The full documented history of this event is held by the British Library, which was witnessed by thousands of people in and around Cork. The sky was black with birds who faced each other and at a curious signal struck at each other. The sound of collision and battle amazed the people of Cork and countless multitudes died (birds that is...)

The Battle raged for 3 days extending at times as far as the Thames Estuary East of London. Groups of "Negotiator Birds" eventually brought a halt to the slaughter.

Cats with Wings? Don't scoff, as there have been many such animals, all authenticated, catalogued and photographed. The Oxford Zoo in England had one in captivity in 1933, and it was given to them by a local citizen. The cat could not fly, but used the wings to jump higher than normal cats making escape easier.

In 1966 however, two flying cats were shot at a town called Alfred, in Ontario, as they swooped down on terrified pets and farm animals. The Police were called and verified that they were indeed cats with peculiar long growths on thick matted black fur protruding from their hindquarters. They finished up in a veterinarian laboratory at the Kemptville Agricultural School. Raining cats and dogs? An old well known saying not entirely without foundation. Showers of animals from clear skies have been reported through recorded history and include, rats, snakes, shrimps, snails, lizards, mussels, toads, frogs. In 1969 multitudes of rats fell into ricefields outside the town of Bajudjai (Indonesia), and ate the farmers crops. They fell in bunches of six or seven at a time. A full report was contained in the Ultra-Conservative "Wall Street Journal" of 25th August, 1969.

These are just a few of such events reported over various time spans, and while we may take such things with a grain of salt, truth is usually stranger than fiction, and the world still holds many secrets.



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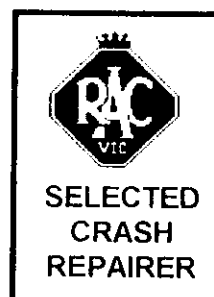
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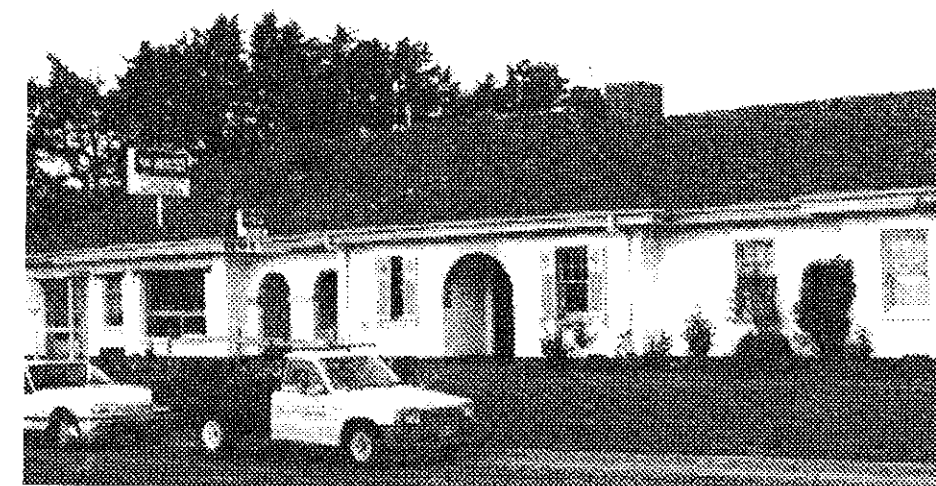
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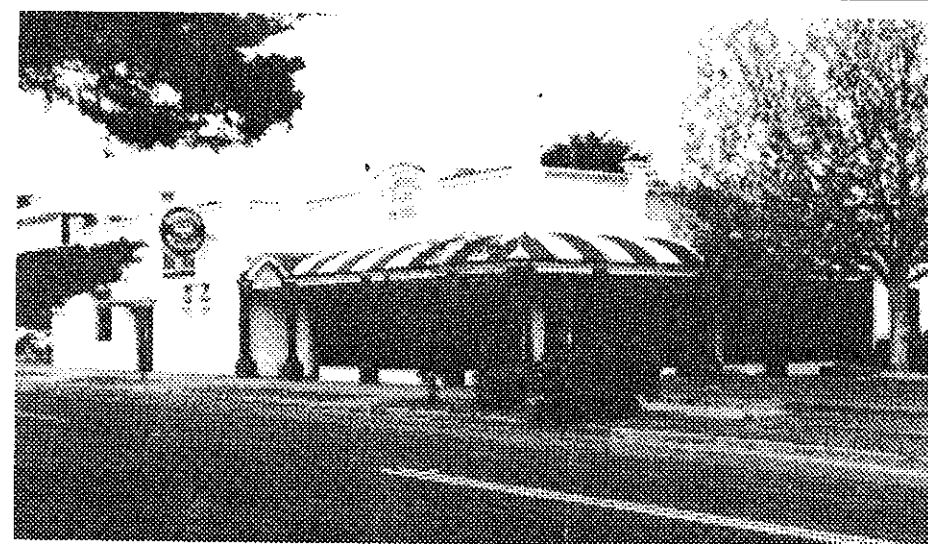
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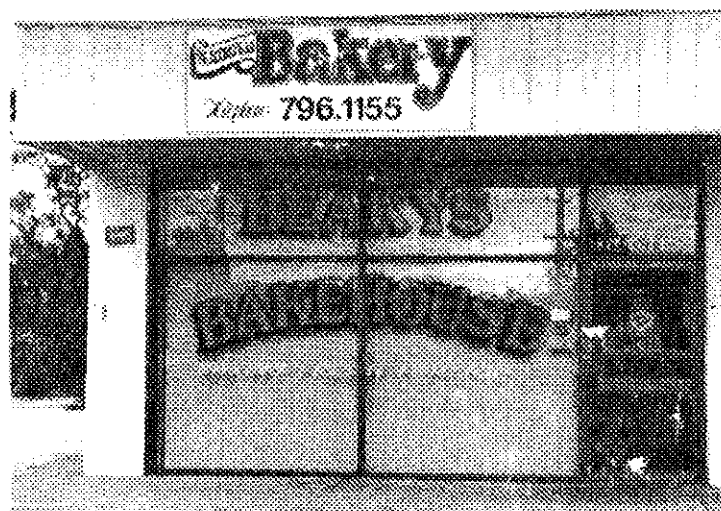
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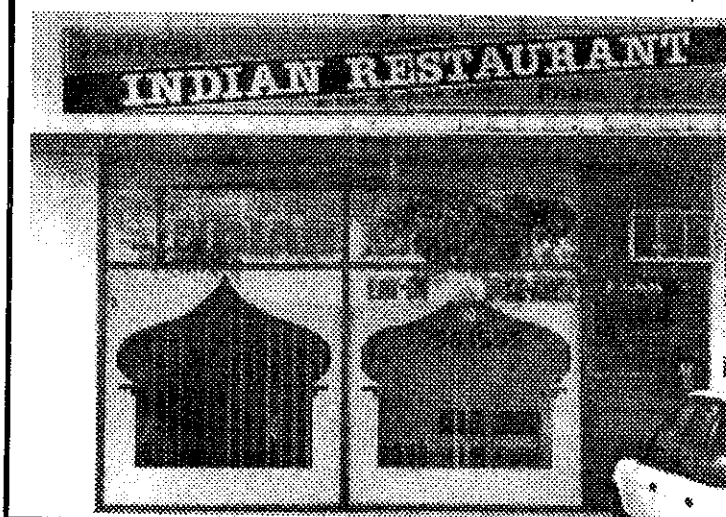
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Extracts from out of the Pakenham Gazette dated 19th March 1920 we note the following :-

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"The Memorial is made of polished granite. It bears the names of nine fallen soldiers"

"Mr. W. Nixon, President of the Memorial Committee, acted as chairman. On behalf of the committee and the public he extended a hearty welcome to General Brand, Beaconsfield, he said, was proud of the fact that 33 men had enlisted from the area. All regretted that nine of these had been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice"

"The memorial had been raised by loving and affectionate friends to the memory of those that had fallen and to those that had fought and returned. It would serve to perpetuate the memory of those men that had fallen for future generations."

"Cr Geo Martin felt honored to have to say a few words. He felt the ground on which they were standing was holy ground. The fallen soldiers had preserved to us our hearths and homes. They did not seek glory or gain, but liberty and freedom." He hoped later to see the memorial surrounded by green turf, bordered with forget-me-nots.



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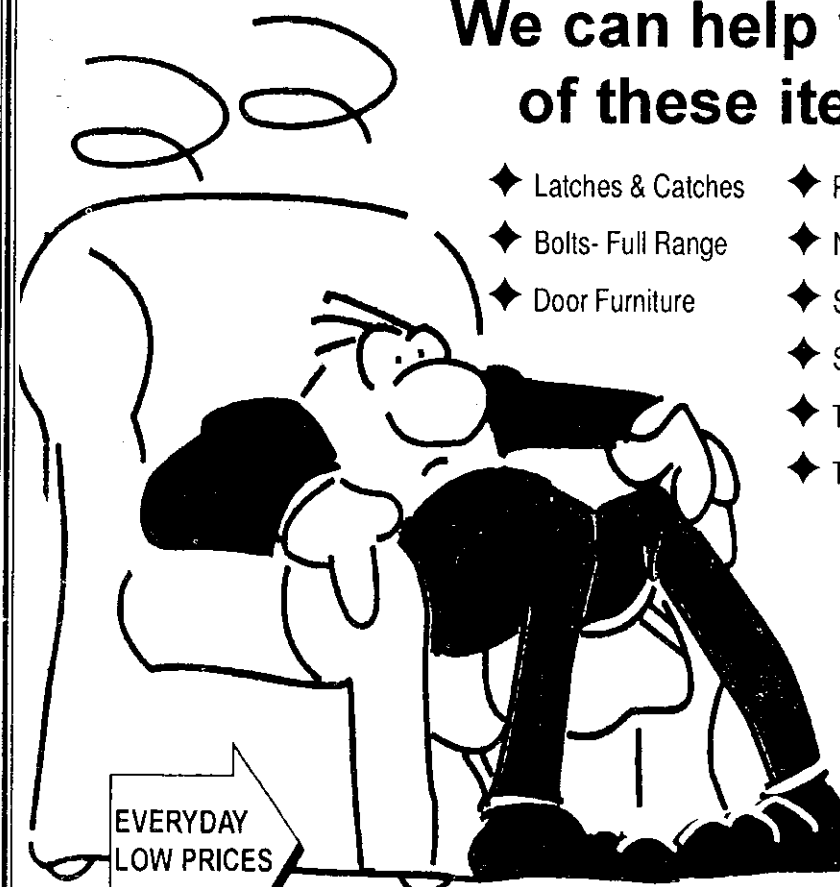
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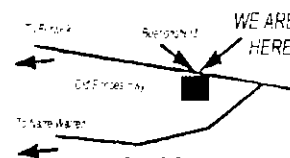
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RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD

By Robert Cooper

Continuing on from the work of Dr. Webb in previous editions of The Banner, the following graph is an accurate indicator of the rainfall we have all experienced and measured in Beaconsfield during 1997.

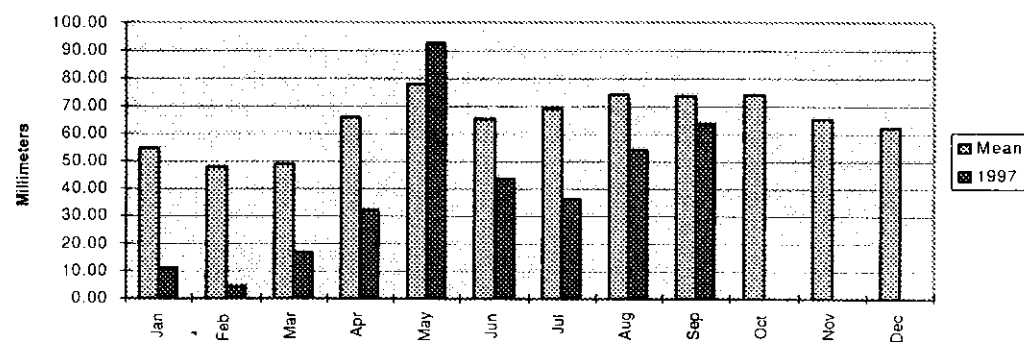
Figures taken from the Bureau of Meteorology (<http://amdisa.ho.bom.gov.au/>) have been used to show the monthly averages measured at our closest weather station in Dandenong. These figures represent readings from the past thirty three years.

For those who are interested, the Bureau offers far more information than just mean rainfall data including Mean Daily Max Temps, Mean Air Temps, Mean Wet-bulb Temps, Mean Dew Point

Temps, Mean Relative Humidity, Highest Monthly Rainfall, Lowest Monthly Rainfall, Highest Recorded Daily Rain, Mean no. of Clear Days, Mean no. of Cloudy Days, etc. etc. So if you are a nut for statistics (with Web access) you'll find the Dandenong data at; http://amdisa.ho.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw_086224.shtml

This information is of great interest to many people, and more so now than ever with what could be the worst drought on record coming upon us very soon. It is my intention to update this graph each month in The Banner and develop a yearly comparison as time goes on.

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Bouquet: To our resident "Bee-man" for removing a swarming hive at the Tennis Courts at very short notice

Brickbats. To 'Parks Victoria' who have erected yet another sign outside their new 'linear park' south of Cardinia Creek in Beaconsfield. This makes a total of three signs now. When they name the park, perhaps a fourth will appear!!! Surely, parks are for trees not signs?

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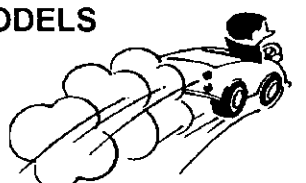
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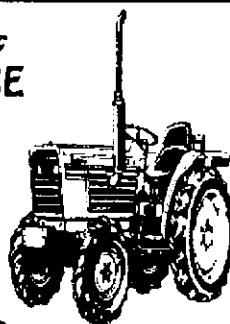
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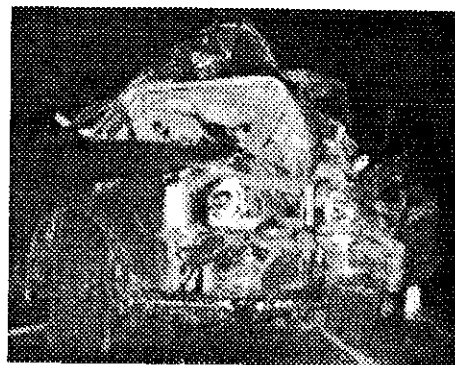
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ACCIDENT REPORT

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

The following photos are just a few of the many accidents attended to by our tow trucks.

Thankfully the occupants of these vehicles all escaped relatively uninjured, but as you can see the car's didn't fare quite as well.



With the few late spring showers we are now getting may we remind everybody to please take that little bit of extra care out on the road. We wouldn't like to meet by accident.

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BEACONSFIELD DEBUTANT

Peta Cohen of Beaconsfield made her debut on 27th September at the Pakenham Rotary Club Debutant Ball.

Peta Cohen & partner Wayne Osbourne at Berwick Cheese Factory. Photo taken by her father Paul Cohen.



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CRAFT MORNINGS

By Ann Taylor



Ann Taylor

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Looking forward to seeing you there. Enquires Ann 9707 1996.

TURNING TALENT INTO NEW HOBBY.

Michelle Mauko of Beaconsfield is quickly earning a reputation in the art of Wood Turning. Well known in the district for cultivating and selling flowers Michelle took up turning by accident when her son Martin bought a lathe about two years ago.

With strong artistic talent, in music and painting she experimented with wood on the lathe and became deeply engrossed with it. Virtually self taught, her work shows individual creativity in design rarely found in others finished pieces.

Working with Blackwood, Mahogany, Red Gum, Cherry, Walnut, Sassafras and Cedar everything has unique style whether it is a bowl, lamp stand, fruit, eggs or round plates.

She was honoured recently when invited to demonstrate her craft at the recent Rotary Club Art Show at Casey Tafe in Berwick. She did well when someone bought a novel wooden excavator toy from her. She was

even asked to make another!

The garden shed has become her new work place where she invests many hours. Her acute artistic perceptivity turns characterless forms of timber into treasured, sought after artifacts.

Merchandising in many shops, shows and markets Michelle's craft makes wonderful gifts for birthdays and Christmas.

Always on the look out for good base material Michelle's favourite woods are Red Gum and Blackwood.

Below:- Michelle turning another piece of wood.

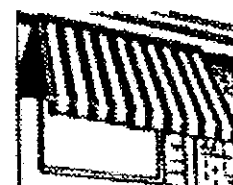


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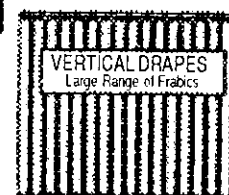
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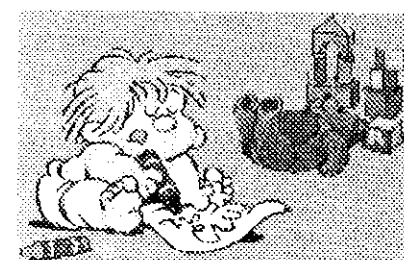
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A very big thank you to everyone who entered the colouring in competition.

The decision was quite a difficult one in view of the amount of entries recieved and also the age groups.

The presentation of prizes took place on Friday 19th Sept at the Beaconsfield Primary School assembly and were awarded to:

- 1st. Prize Kristin Campbell age 6
- 2nd. Prize Anthony Potter age 6
- 3rd. Prize Rachel Kresojevic age 7

Once again thank you to everyone who entered the competition.

LINDA PETTIGREW
PROPRIETOR

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

Club members have performed very well in the Winter Competitions which have just been completed.

Pennant: Saturday and/or Sunday The Club competed in the Pennant Association with teams entered Grades 4, 5, and 7 and a Ladies Grade 5. All teams "made it" to the finals.

The Berwick & District Tennis Association. Junior Competition. Saturday am.

Congratulations to Section 5 and Section 11 Blue who won Premiership Pennants. Another good season for the Juniors.

Farewell to the Miles and Gleason families. We wish them well in their new communities.

Summer season started on the 11th October Enquiries regarding Junior play should be directed to Heather Saunders 9707 2081.

Senior Comp. Saturday pm. Congratulations to Section 2 and Section 3. Both teams winning Premiership Pennants. Summer Season started on the 11th October.

NIGHT TENNIS. Tuesday and Thursday. 7.30pm - A very successful and most enjoyable season has just been completed. With names like "Top Gun" "Rookies" "The Energizers," "The Bold &

Beautiful" and "The Gruuagators" it must be a wonderful atmosphere at the Club on these nights.

Summer Season started on Tuesday 7th October for Unisex to "B" Grade Players and on Thursday 9th October for Mens' "A" & "B" Grade, Singles/Doubles. There are places for new players so please phone Ian Craig on 9707 4507 for the Thursday competition.

MIDWEEK LADIES: Club Members wishing to play Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings please contact Pat. Schelling, 9707 1839 before 13th November 1997.

COMING EVENTS. Presidents Shield Sunday 26th October, Juniors start at 9am. Seniors at 1pm. Round Robin type comp. Cost \$5 Lunch available. Names on List in Clubhouse please.

Street Stall Friday 14th October 8.45 - 1pm. High Street Berwick, Sponges, slices jams and other saleable items needed. Goods may be left with Marg. Chatfield. 9707 2016 Christmas Break Up "Family Day" Sunday 30th November. Starts at 11am. Please put your name on list in Clubhouse. Fantastic Day, Family Fun, Tennis & Games and Food!!!!

If you are interested in playing tennis with the Beaconsfield Club either at the weekend or on Tuesday Evening or wish to Hire the Courts please phone Margaret Chatfield 9707 2016.



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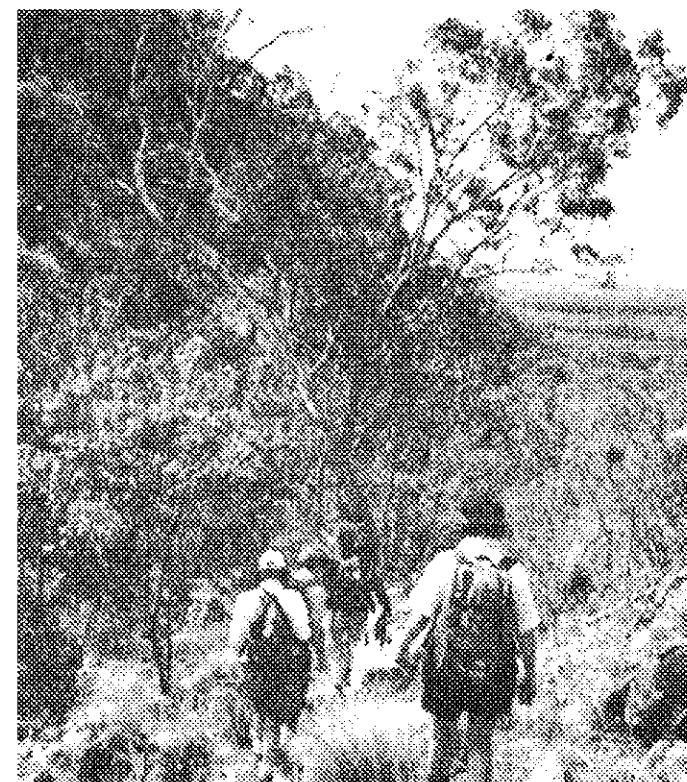
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COME AND JOIN US.

Now that Winter is over, maybe you are thinking that you should get some exercise or see more of our wonderful country or try to make some new friends. Well you can do all of these things by joining the Dandenong Valley Bushwalking Club (a member of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs). We are a well established, friendly group with members from the City of Casey and beyond.

On the program for November are walks to Dight's Falls.

Pyrites Creek and Mount Toorongo (day walks). Monkey Top and Mount Torbeck are overnight walks and Brisbane Ranges National Park is a Base Camp with various activities (including walking, bike riding and bird watching) and a day Bike ride on the Warburton Trail to Lilydale. Other activities include skiing (in winter!) canoeing and social gatherings. If you would like to know more please contact Marjorie 03 9707 2970 or Heather 03 9704 8137.



Above:- DVBW members in the Warby Ranges.

BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS.

Cricket season is upon us again, and Beaconsfield started cricket on the 4th October, under our new coach Glenn Marinic. Steve Keam is our President (for his third year) and he has a strong committee behind him.

New players are most

welcome and any old players who have not been at training yet, WHERE ARE YOU?

Beaconsfield is looking forward to a good season with five senior teams and Under 16's, 14's and 12's so hopefully we will bring home a few premierships this year.

LOCALS TO PLAY GOOD, BAD AND MAD IN EMERALD MELODRAMA SHOW SEASON.

Gemco Theatre Company, one of the most progressive and active amateur theatre Companies in the district, is close to the grand opening of a Christmas season of 'Melodrama Madness'. Better than any Panto and slightly more adult too "The Fair, The Fearless and the Frightful" is directed by the talented Peter Thatcher.

To be staged on Friday Nights and Saturday Nights from 21st November to 13th December the price of \$ 22.50 includes a sumptuous three course meal (BYO drinks). Sunday afternoons is \$ 8.00 - no meal.

The hilarious plot sees Lord Salacious, played by Beaconsfield local Ted Horton, falling on hard times and having to sell his dilapidated stately home to a former servant Horatio Hogwash, made good (he always was a stable lad !!!). Son Cedric, the baddy, mistakenly gets stuck in the bog when brushed aside by the youthful 'Horatio' who woos the

beautiful heroine 'Angeline'. Voluptuous maiden 'Vera' is never far off stealing back the hero and ultimately evil Cedric goes to the dogs (literally) and turns into a (not so) gracious fairy.

We won't give much more away except to say its a fantastic fun night out for couples or parties with group bookings of 10 or more at \$20 a ticket.

Come and see Ted perform as Lord Salacious along with Steve Cooper from Berwick and Paul Oke from Upper Beaconsfield who play the parts of Cedric and country Yokel, respectively.

OPENING 21ST NOV. BOOKINGS SECRETARY MARG GEMMELL CAN BE CONTACTED (03)59 684108 TO BE PERFORMED AT GEMCO THEATRE HALL (BETWEEN POLICE STATION AND PUFFING BILLY LINE, KILVINGTON DRIVE, EMERALD)

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BEREAVEMENT

It is with regret that we note the passing on September 12th of Mrs. Viva Roche of Coronel Farm, Emerald Road, Beaconsfield. She is survived by her five children, Fred, Brian, Helen (Kloester), Carmel (Hails) and Margaret (Hall) who resides at the farm.

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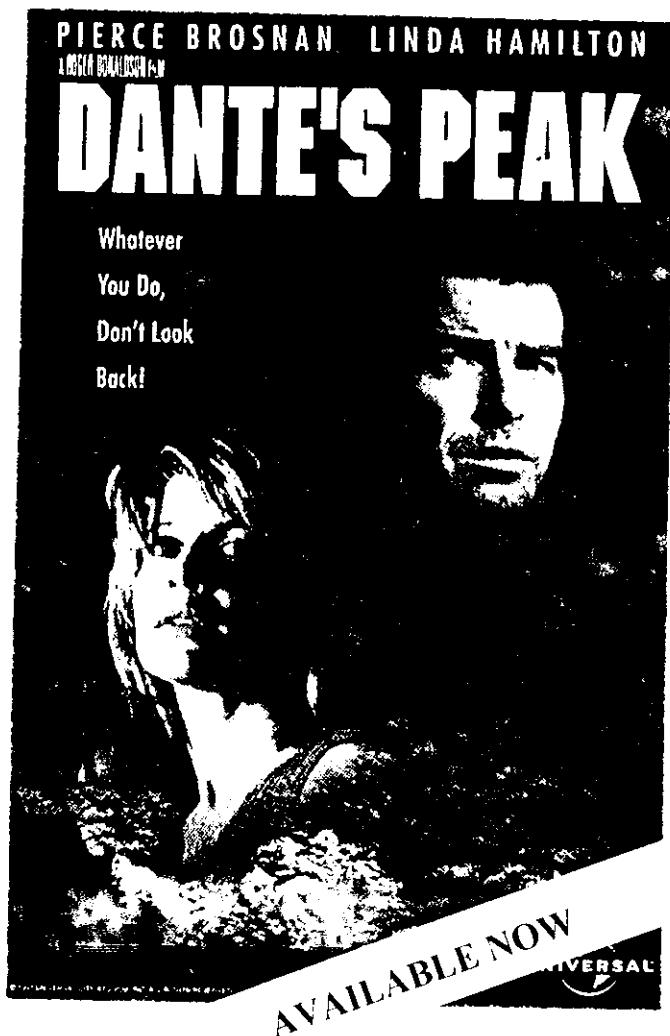
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