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FIRE BRIGADE AWARDS NIGHT

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade held its annual awards night at the Montuna Golf Club on 13 May 2000. Awards presented on the night included:

David Brewster - David was awarded life membership of the brigade for 30 years of service. David and his wife Toni recently moved to Tasmania, and David's experience as a firefighter will be missed by the brigade.

Bev Burgess - Bev was awarded a 25 year CFA service medal. Whilst being recognised formally for 25 years service, Bev in reality has given approximately 40 years service through her involvement with her husband Bob who was captain of the brigade for many years. Bev is a life

member of the brigade.

Debbie MacPherson - Debbie was awarded a 12 year CFA service medal. Debbie is current the 3rd lieutenant in the brigade.

Rhys Owen - Rhys was awarded a 12 year CFA service medal as well as the Bob Burgess Award for firefighter of the year as recognised by the members of the brigade. Rhys is current the 4th lieutenant in the brigade and had previously been with the Hampton Park Fire Brigade for approximately 10 years.

The contribution of several newer members of the brigade including Emma Johnson, Rebecca Mouy, Brendon Tye and David Woodfine who have recently completed their first twelve months of service was also recognised.



Above:- L-R Rhys Owen, Ron Woodfine, Bev Burgess, David Brewster and Debbie MacPherson.

NEW COMMUNITY COMPLEX

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm. TUESDAY 20th JUNE, 2000
COMMUNITY CENTRE,
BEACONSFIELD AVENUE,
BEACONSFIELD

This meeting will discuss the progress of our ongoing projects-

- * Hall/Community Facility
- * Roads & Traffic Issues
- * Beautification of median strip
- * Public Toilet
- * Permit application for Supermarket complex

Plus

Other issues effecting our community

We do not want to overlook smaller issues so come along and let us know what is effecting you, we need your input particularly to get the smaller problems attended to, if we don't know about it we can't lobby Council or other authorities on your behalf.

All welcome

Call Tony 9707 1765 or Joy 9707 3981 for details or transport.

NEW COMMUNITY COMPLEX

The Advisory Committee met at the Beaconsfield Community Centre on Thursday 18 May at 7.00 pm to identify the range of opportunities and services that could be provided by an innovative development in Beaconsfield. The Community Organisation Survey resulted in comprehensive returns submitted from the Beaconsfield Pistol Club, Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee, Beaconsfield Progress Association, Maternal & Child Health and Midway. Many opportunities and ideas were suggested for further investigation. These included community facilities for groups to meet and conduct a range of activities for all ages. Social functions would include seating for 250-300 people with room for dancing and a kitchen suitable for caterers.

Adult Education and information technology facilities would be developed to ensure access was provided for all ages. Future library services would also be investigated. Access for all would be ensured with suitable facilities being provided. Indoor sports such as table tennis, volleyball and indoor bowls were discussed. Family activities and children's activities were also discussed.

The Advisory Committee now wishes to involve young people and seek their representation at the next committee meeting. We encourage all Community Organisations and Residents to complete questionnaire or make submissions to Vivien Clark c/- PO Box 1638 Geelong, Vic 3220 or clarkphi@geelong.hotkey.net.au.

For those Advisory Committee Members unable to attend we invite you to attend the next meeting to be held on June 22 at 7.45pm. at the Community Centre.

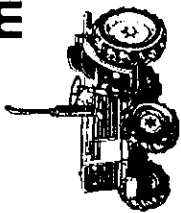
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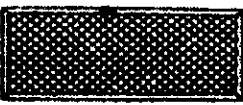
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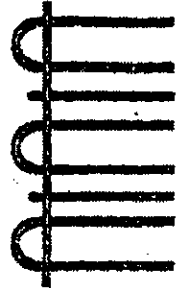
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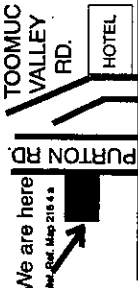
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To avoid possible fines and ensure the safe return of your pet should it wander or become lost, please register your dog or cat immediately it turns 6 months of age.

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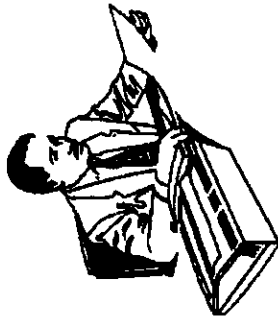
If dog attack - call 5945 4222 John Van Rensch at Shire. If dog attack on week end - call Shire 5945 4222 and follow prompts. If you find a dead animal on the road - call Shire 5945 4222 If you find an injured animal on the road call - call RSPCA 9224 2222

If you see a street light out - call Electricity Company 131 799 If you see phone box damaged - call Telstra 132203 If you see graffiti at railway station - it is checked daily, report submitted and fixed up within 48 hours. If you see graffiti around town - call Giorraine 9796 1361

If you have trees/shrubs disappearing off your nature strip - Call Shire 5945 4222 and ask for Parks and Gardens.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the President of the B.P.A. Joy Bishop



Minister (he wrote a very good letter to the editor Pakenham Gazette). Mr. Don Welsh, C.E.O., Cardinia Council and Mr. Mike Elks, General Manager of Assets and Services, Cardinia Council, understood our problems and were very knowledgeable on projected traffic flow figures regarding the Pink Hill Intersection and are keen to see the problem resolved and are continually holding talks with Vic Roads.

Further to this meeting I was invited to attend a meeting convened by the Berwick Chamber of Commerce. Those attending represented the groups in the area affected by the increased traffic and road congestion and local Members of Parliament. We have agreed to work together and form a united group to tackle this problem. I will keep you informed of what happens.

Since the last Banner the Progress Association has been very active. Our April meeting discussed the issues of traffic and roads in the area. There was a good attendance and we had representatives from Vic Roads, Casey Council and Cardinia Council. The meeting was unanimous in the belief that something had to be done to overcome the traffic congestion we now faced and considering the on-going growth, the problem was only going to get worse.

The meeting discussed many solutions but most people agreed that the best outcome in the immediate future would be to have access to the West bound lane of the By-Pass at Pink Hill. Cardinia Council agreed to undertake a traffic study in conjunction with Vic Roads to have a right turn lane built now, instead of waiting at least 10 years until the Pakenham By-Pass was constructed, as proposed by Vic Roads.

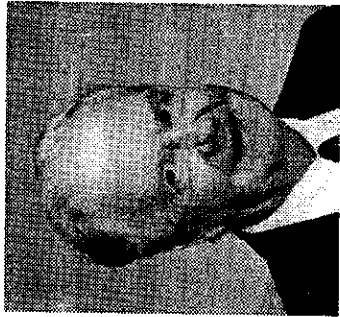
Our May meeting discussed the proposed Supermarket development and from the matters raised at the meeting the Association has lodged a submission with Council.

As we don't want to forget the little problems which are often of greatest concern, our next meeting Tuesday 20th June, will attempt to tackle these. Please come along and bring your ideas and problems, we are all working to make Beaconsfield a better town.

Most residents at the meeting felt that an overpass would be required. The Hon. Neil Lucas, Member for Eumemmerring was at the meeting and was most helpful offering to take the matter up with the

NOTES FROM COUNCIL

By Cr. Keith Ewenson



the panel consists of Councillors Legge, Nickell and myself. The group has had their first meeting to plan our approach. We realise the difficulty in designing an environmentally acceptable law that is appropriate in suburbia and the country. At the point of writing this article, the draft law had not been published on the Cardinia Shire web site, but it should be in the near future. There is still time for public input. What is important is that the final product will be of benefit to the residents of the Shire.

The Council has been briefed by a Vic Roads representative on the Monash Freeway (M1) Hallam Bypass project. (Plan supplied.)

On the subject of the Shire Office location an open letter is being prepared to explain the process. The letter will go to the Associations and Town Committees for their information. Public comment will be considered prior to the final determination.

My sincere thanks for the support you gave in returning me to the Cardinia Council. I am happy to act as your representative. In keeping with a policy of open government would you note my mobile phone number is 0409 149535, fax number is 5944 4926, and my council email address is kewenson@nex.net.au

Council has been considering the next stage of preparing the draft of Local Law No.4 (with ref. to burning off) You will recall that over a thousand people objected to the first draft. Revisions were made and objectors were advised. A small number of concerns were raised from this revision. At the council meeting of the 3rd of April it was resolved that :- "A panel of three Councillors be appointed to conduct a preliminary hearing of submissions received. That this panel determines appropriate public consultation, which could include exhibition on the web page, further hearings and further advertising. That final submissions be received no later than 1st June for determination by 30th June."

The Council resolved that

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undertake Olympic celebration projects, our junior school parents have created an Olympic theme garden using recycled tyres and minimal expense. Money is not everything if you have the will and dedication as our parents continually demonstrate in supporting our school.

With 274 pupils we still pride ourself in being a small intermit school - "one big family". We are proud of each and every one of our kids and also of those that guide them each day, the teaching staff.

One very special teacher, Carolyn Johnson recently celebrated 40 years dedication to the profession, 15 of those years at Beaconsfield Primary. There would not be one student or parent, past or present who does not have fond memories and respect for her devotion to our kids. Congratulations Carolyn from all at BPS and the Beaconsfield community in general.

Not to be outdone by a number of Casey Shire domiciled schools who share in a grant to

Maurice Potter School Council President

SCOUTING ABOUT

Cyclones in the Northern Territory caused the trip to Kakadu to be postponed until late June. "Be prepared" is our motto and so scouts, over the Easter week end, went on a 4 day camp coming home with Silver and Bronze pennants. You will have noticed a car wash at Goodyear, which is raising money for scouts who wish to attend the Jamboree in Sydney in January 2001. Your support is much appreciated.

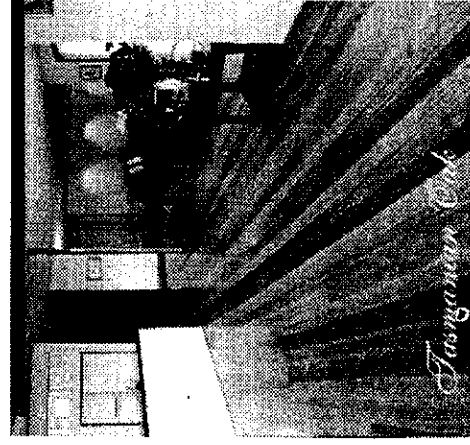
I have been encouraged to receive enquiries from parents with 6 to 8 year old children who would like to join our group. Joeys are taught about sharing, about nature and about the world around them. Joeys are given a sense of belonging and learn ways for creative expression. Joeys are taught to HOP in and help. The Joey Scout Motto is "Help other People".

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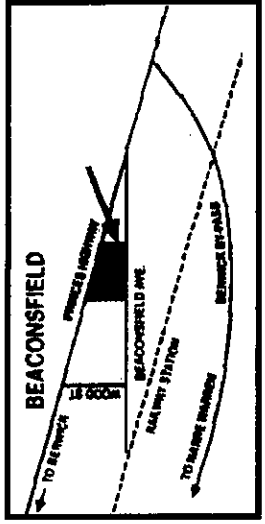
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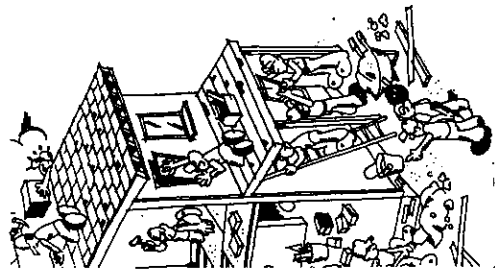
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By Ann Taylor

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Ann Taylor

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You can join the classes at any time. We meet every Wednesday 10am - 12 noon, during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr. Souter Street and Old Princes Highway, Beaconsfield. Inquiries Ann Taylor 9707 1996

BUS TRIP

by Ann Taylor

The Make and Mingle group and their friends recently had a lovely day winding through the hills of the Yarra Valley to Whittlesea, where they visited Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM)

We were warmly welcomed by Nola and Alan Baker who served us a beautiful Devonshire tea.

We learned of the work of MMM from a short video and some sharing of their work and enjoyed beautiful singing.

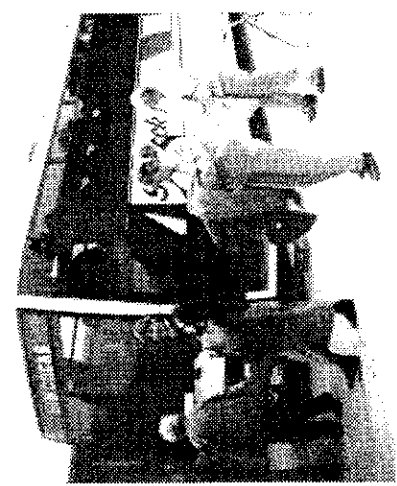
We were taken on a short tour of the administration block and grounds and admired the spectacular views. We heard about 81

year old Auntie Marge and her love for gardening. She tends to all the 40 odd flower beds in the grounds and pots up plants for sale and gifts.

We were able to purchase gift items and plants and then enjoyed delicious homemade soup for lunch.

We all had a lovely relaxing day and are thankful to MMM for their hospitality.

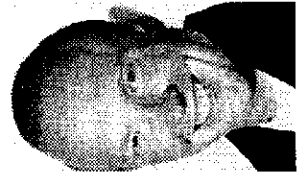
Mobile Mission Maintenance is a voluntary, international mission organisation established to help other Christian groups, including mission centres, youth camps, Bible colleges and healthcare facilities. MMM provides extensive building support service. Each worker is a volunteer, who is willing to use their skills and abilities in a practical faith ministry. Mobile Mission Maintenance - Serving those who serve.



Left: Some of the people leaving the bus.

CROSSWIRED

By David Griffiths



David Griffiths

AUSSIE FILM'S DEFENCE

It's time for me to hop up on my soapbox. I recently read an article, which slammed Australian, films and Australian actors. Among other things the item claimed there had never been a good Australian film and that the 'so-called Australian actors' had no right to claim their fame from Australia.

The two actors named were Russell Crowe and Nicole Kidman. The author was correct neither of them were born in Australia. Russell Crowe was born in New Zealand and Nicole Kidman was born in Hawaii. However both actors do owe something to the Australian film industry. Apart from Australian television Nicole started her film-acting career in 'BMX Bandits'. Nicole then shone in 'Dead Calm', and the world was her oyster. Over the years she has proved she is not just Mrs. Cruise, but is a great actress in any role she plays, from beautiful doctor ('Days of Thunder') to chilling killer ('To Die For'). Nicole best ever acting comes in 'Far and Away' and 'Eyes Wide Shut'. During the past year Nicole has also wowed critics as she tries her hand at theatre.

Russell Crowe who is now the talk of Hollywood also owes some of his fame to the Australian Film Industry. Crowe appeared in 'Blood Oath' and then won an A.F.I.

award for his role in 'Proof'. He won another A.F.I. for his role in 'Romper Stomper'. It was this film that started his rise in Hollywood. Sharon Stone saw his performance in 'Romper Stomper' and this led to him being her co-star in 'The Quick In The Dead'. This then led to his role in 'L.A. Confidential' which cemented his name on the Hollywood A-List. Crowe was then nominated for an Oscar for his role in 'The Insider' and impressed the film elite so much that his role in 'Gladiator' was written especially for him.

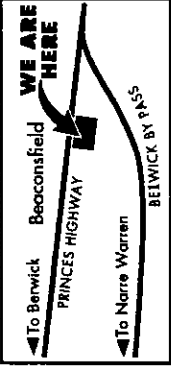
Among others these few Aussie actors prove our acting crop is growing nicely (or has done in the past). Errol Flynn, Jack Thompson, Guy Pearce, Toni Collette, Ben Mendelson and Rachel Griffiths.

Now let's defend Australian Films. The author of the article stated that there has never been a good Australian film. Let's stop right there. I believe one of the best films ever made is 'Picnic At Hanging Rock'. This Australian masterpiece shows one of Australia's best gifts to the world of movies at his best. Peter Weir proved with this film that he is one of the world's best directors.

In many ways the Australian Film Industry proves itself by the fact it can produce quality films at a fraction of the cost to the Hollywood blockbusters. Films such as 'Police Rescue: The Movie' could easily have made it an as an action blockbuster had they not been tied down to Australian Television.

Some of my other favourite Aussie films include 'To Kiss Or Kill' (one of the first films that got me interested in screenplay writing) and 'Two Hands', which I consider one of the best films of the year

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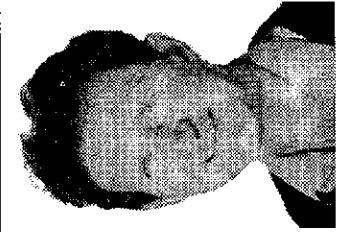


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DO YOU HAVE YOUR ABN?

By Graeme J. Taylor, CA

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-Alternatively spreadsheets or manually written cash books currently used can be expanded to record GST transactions.

-All businesses should preferably undertake their own recording of transactions noted above instead of handing shoeboxes full of receipts, invoices, etc to their Accountants to save themselves fees.

-Ensure that you have revised your prices as at 1st July 2000 to take into account reductions in input costs and removal of wholesale sales tax. Businesses cannot merely increase prices by

10% for GST and are accountable to the ACCC otherwise substantial penalties can be applied for unjustified prices.

-Your ABN will be your business reference in the future and must be shown on all stationery from 1st July 2000. Businesses must ensure their Sales Invoices comply with legislation requirements including the ABN and the terminology TAX INVOICE.

-Businesses must keep all Tax invoices supporting payments/business expenses (Other than purchases of less than \$50) as these must be produced to the Australian Taxation Office during an audit or on request.

-Tax Office Compliance Checks and Audits will increase with the new GST system.

claimable. This will necessitate log books to be kept for vehicles and a record kept for a typical 4 week period for expenses such as telephone, power and heating.

-Do a full stocktake at 30th June, 2000 detailing each item and identifying any wholesale sales tax paid as this can be refunded in your first quarters' Business Activity statement.

It is recommended that you carefully appraise your accounting procedures and ensure they will be adequate to record all your transactions on a timely basis so that Statutory returns can be lodged on time. Businesses should monitor their cash flow as most business will be holding GST monies until paid each quarter or month. Involve your Accountant with this planning.

GRAEME J. TAYLOR CA

OUR NATURAL WORLD

By Peter Hansen



Peter Hansen

the body will be instructed to bring it about, as the body will make bio-chemical adjustment, automatically causing the desired effects to be locked in to the body's life force. The "will" of the mind is incredibly powerful, and is totally responsible for everything that happens to its charge, the body.

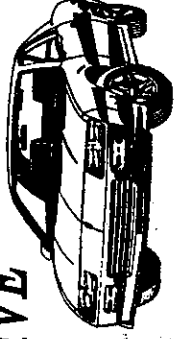
There is considerable focus these days on the aging process in human beings, particularly as people generally live longer, with numbers on the increase. Our consciousness as a society is being raised to accept that our life span can be increased with the additional expectation that the quality of these years can be part of a new shift towards a longer and healthier life.

There are several existing societies on our planet where normal (not exceptional) life spans vary from 100 to 150 years. The mere fact that they exist, points to the obvious conclusion of a human life span really geared upwards and not down, as has been the accepted paradigm for many centuries in western civilization.

There are numerous and varied physical reasons for this upward movement, and includes factors such as medical treatments, better housing, plentiful foods, less grinding physical labour, with machines doing most of the work. The comforts and conveniences of our modern world have certainly contributed much to this lengthening of the average life span.

There is another reason for this situation too, and just as important as the foregoing. That is the mental shift, which ties in very strongly with a growing understanding of how the mind works to support the possibility of actually achieving a longer life. In other words if the mind considers it is possible, then

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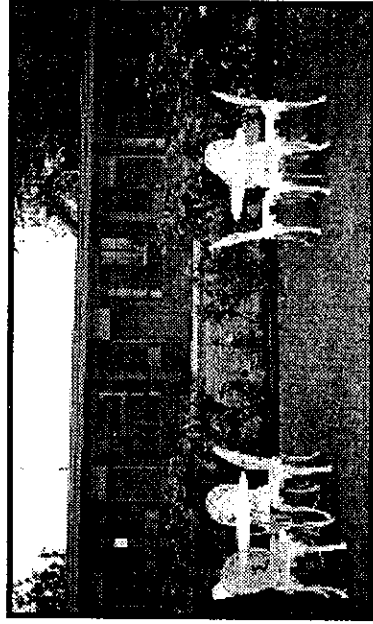
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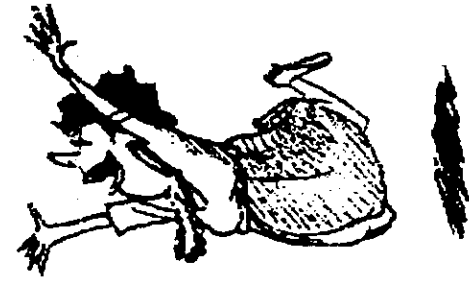
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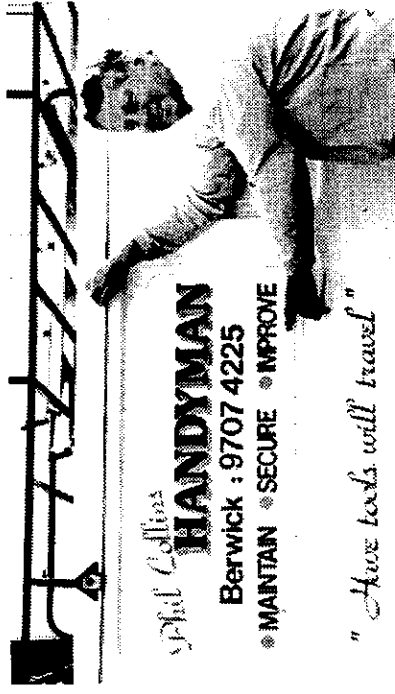
By Phil Collins

Cubby houses are a great pleasure for little home-makers. They are a child's retreat, somewhere for them to be boss - not unlike a mans shed. In cubbies the imagination can be unlimited, and all those toys which Mum and Dad describe as untidy in the house can be stored in the cubby. Everything is child size and not the least bit dangerous.

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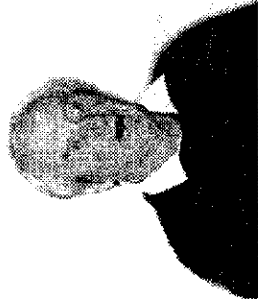
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BEACONSFIELD HISTORY AFTERNOON A GREAT SUCCESS

was able to show how Beaconsfield grew over the years. The afternoon also proved a great chance for residents to ask a variety of questions and for older residents to pass down their knowledge to the younger generation.



Dr. Charles Wilson.

A number of Beaconsfield residents, both past and present were treated to an interesting History afternoon after the Anzac Ceremony. The afternoon, which was hosted by Dr Charles Wilson, was enjoyed by all who attended.

Dr. Wilson discussed many interesting topics and dispelled many of the myths about Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield's history, including how it got its name. Through the use of slides Dr Wilson

This is a copy of the thank you letter forwarded from Mrs. Vivien Stagg, who attended the Anzac Ceremony and the "Talking History Afternoon".

"Thank you so much for inviting us to the Anzac Ceremony last Sunday. Dad and Uncle Bill really enjoyed the service and then later on meeting everybody back at the hall. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole day and the gentleman who did the talk (Doctor Wilson) was extremely interesting." Editors Note:

The Progress Association would like to thank everyone who helped with the Anzac Day Service. Thanks also to the many people who attended the service.

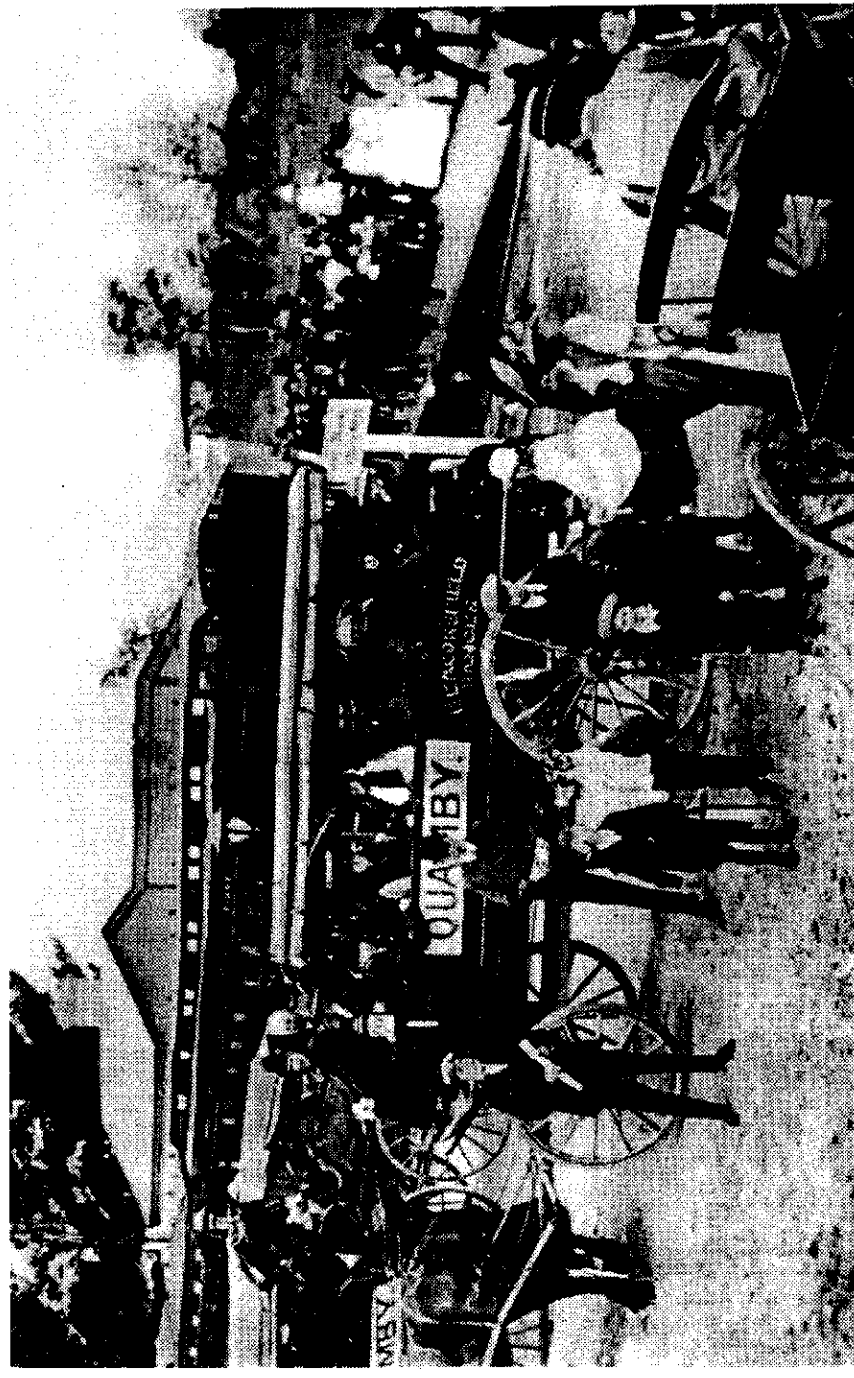


Photos:-
Top left:- Blake Laurie and Jodie Owen lay a rose.

Top right:- Pastor Gary Piper and Mr. Bill Harbour.

Right:- Ken Newitt and Pastor Gary Piper.

Below:- Early picture of Beaconsfield Railway Station

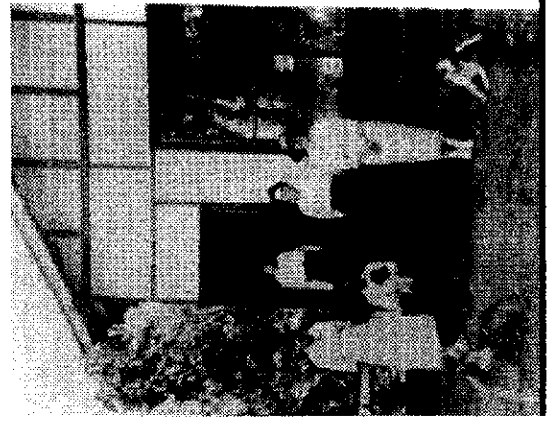


GUY'S HILL- BYWAYS OF HISTORY

By Charles Wilson

In 1880 Charles Williams an English draper, came to Australia bringing his family with him. Whilst on the ship he became friendly with a Mr. Angel, who had been invited by the South Australian Government to come to Adelaide, to take charge of the Bellair Inebriate Retreat. Angel must have been impressed by Williams, and offered him a job at the retreat, despite his total lack of experience. Williams was grateful and accepted. A few years later Melbourne decided to build a retreat for male alcoholics. As the project would take time to build, the Government decided as an interim measure to rent a boarding house, which was available in Beaconsfield. It was situated on the eastern side of Emerald Road opposite the present day Montuna Golf Course. This temporary retreat would require a Manager, Secretary, and a Superintendent to run it legally, as it was under the control of the "Department of Hospitals for the Insane".

Williams must have done well at his work in Adelaide, as on the 17th August 1889, he received a telegram from the Victorian Treasury Buildings which read "Will you accept 200 pounds a year without rations to take charge of a small inebriate retreat. What accommodation would you require for yourself and family." Williams accepted immediately and five days later, the 22nd August 1889, the Department of Hospitals for the Insane, recommended that he be made Secretary and Manager of the Temporary Inebriate Retreat at Beaconsfield. This appointment was confirmed in Government Gazette 107, signed by Alfred Deakin, then Chief Secretary of Victoria, who was to become Prime Minister of Australia in 1903. Dr Elmes of Berwick was appointed the Superintendent of the retreat. The number of rooms required for the patients would leave only two rooms for Williams and his family, which he stated, was quite inadequate. The Government then increased his salary to £250 per year, but without rations or accommodation, the extra money allowing him to rent accommodation locally.



Left:- This Photo shows the initial store which was built by the Lukes ©1920. The photo was taken in the early 20's. The two ladies in the long black skirts are thought to be Una and Lillian Luke.

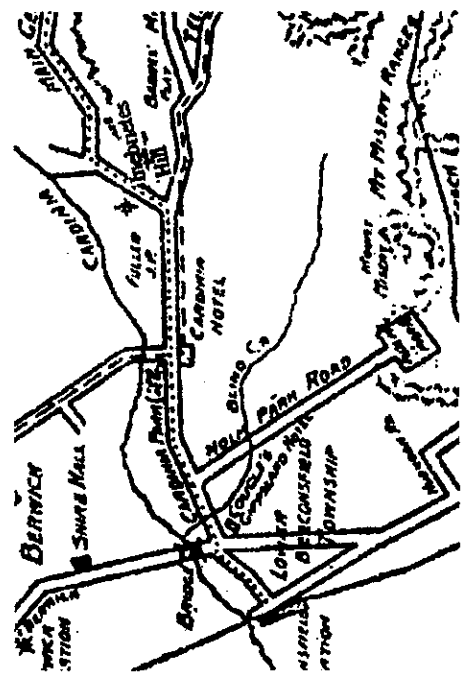
This retreat was open for about two years until the permanent retreat became habitable. Williams continued his work in the socio-medical field, later becoming the visiting officer of the Neglected Children Department.

Left:- Guys Hill store © 1950 showing the old petrol bowlers and additions made by Herb Guy.



As shown on the early map, the locals knew Guys Hill as Inebriate Hill in 1899, and later as "Nibs Hill". It became Luke's Hill, after the Montuna Park Subdivision in 1915, when Edmund Luke subdivided Crown Allotment 71 into the 25 lots immediately north of the golf course. About 1920 the Lukes built a skillion, fibro, lockup shop on Lot 1 of their subdivision. At first it was managed by Lilly until she married, then by Una Luke until 1936, when Mrs. Edith E Guy bought the shop, and became the shopkeeper.

In 1941 wartime rationing made a post office at the shop desirable, enabling food and petrol rationing tickets to be issued locally. The Postal Department agreed to this, and asked Mrs. Kath Roberts who was the postmistress at Beaconsfield, to suggest a name for the post office. She suggested only one name - "Guys Hill", which the Department accepted. Mrs. Guy worked in the shop until the 5th March 1943, when she sold the shop and land for £650. Whilst they were there, Mrs. Guy's husband Herbert, who was a local builder turned the skillion shop into a gable, increasing its size and providing sleeping quarters, he also added a verandah, long since gone. The name Guys Hill for the district was confirmed by the Council in 1981.



Above:-A section of the early Map is from "The Illustrated Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges" published in 1899.

OFFICER REPORT

By Carol Porter

Officer has many similar problems and objectives to Beaconsfield particularly concerns over traffic and the construction of the Pakenham By-Pass. The residents are keen to see traffic lights installed at the Station Street/Tivendale Road intersection with the Princes Highway as this intersection is extremely dangerous and numerous accidents have been reported and it is only a matter of time until a serious accident occurs.

Officer is hoping to have a proper strategy plan for the town drawn up soon, so as every one is clear as to what development will occur where.

Residents are pleased to see the extension of the

right-hand turn lane into Beaconsfield and sealing of the shoulders of the Princes Highway and they hope the work will continue to Bayview Road.

The Officer Progress Association meets on 2nd Wednesday quarterly. The meeting dates for this year are 9th August and 8th November. The meetings are held in the Officer Hall, Tivendale Road, Officer at 8.00p.m. All new members will be made most welcome and the committee would love to see some of the newer residents coming along to the meetings. Any enquires can be directed to Robert Porter, President on 5943 2351 or Meredith Van Dongen, Secretary on 5943 2426

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Children aged between 8 and high school age are welcome to attend the Junior Youth Group, which runs on alternate Friday nights.

The competition should prove to be great fun and is a great opportunity to meet new people. There will also be a N.B.L. basketball in attendance.

Remember 'Full On' Youth Group regularly runs events (such as the recent 'Karaoke Night') and meets at the Beaconsfield Baptist

"But Jessie, like you, ambitions and dreams can come true if you put your mind to it. I could have given up but I have too much to live for."

These words are part of the letter that 13 year old Emma Menzels of Beaconsfield wrote to Jesse Martin for the Australia Post competition for School Students. There were 16,000 entries - Emma won a prize of \$50.00. In Emma's age group only 3 children had the honour to receive this award.

Emma's story is one of courage and determination together with frustration and emotional hurdles. During December 1997 Emma suffered a stroke. Emma had achieved so much since that time only to become ill at school in December 1999. What was initially diagnosed as a "migraine" turned out to be much more serious which consequently ended up with Emma having another operation in March 2000. During this operation the neurologist found an 'abnormal' blood vessel in Emma's brain the size of 3 grapes - this 'abnormal' blood vessel was what initially caused Emma's stroke in 1997. Luckily this time they were able to remove the problem before the vessel bled. The operation took 8 hours and Emma once again had to endure not knowing how paralysed she would be after she came out of recovery. Mr. Jeffrey Rosenfeld (neurosurgeon at Royal Children's Hospital) expected that Emma would have to have extensive physiotherapy and occupational therapy because she would be a lot weaker down her right side. This she has every Friday for 2 hours.

Emma is a lot weaker down the right side and has to do

A YOUNG GIRLS DREAMS AND AMBITIONS.

a lot of work to regain movement in her right arm/hand and right leg. For the competition Emma typed her letter with her left hand. This in itself was a big achievement because it took her much longer to complete.

For parents Sue and Malcolm Menzel it is every parents nightmare. To see their daughter not only have to face a stroke once but to have to endure a second. Emma's recovery is helped by the strength of the family unit. Sue reflects: Emma is an inspiration to many people she has met. She is a wonderful, loving and caring little girl who was struck down as a 10 year old with something us adults think only appears to the 'older' generation. It is very hard for her to cope with having a shaved head and people continually staring at her wherever she goes whether it is shopping or going out to dinner. She has had many depressing days where she asks 'why me?' She has cried and she has laughed. Emma is strong - sometimes we forget she has even been sick - she has such an amazing outlook on life. She has a strong supportive group of friends at school who help her in her daily tasks - she gets frustrated because she cannot write fast (she had to learn to write with her left hand) - she gets frustrated because she cannot remember (a very common symptom for people who have suffered strokes.)

Emma is now 13 and is an honour to have her as our daughter. We are so blessed and so proud of her.

See the next Banner for a copy of Emma's letter.

ROSES AND THORNS

Roses to the Scouts for having flag flying on Anzac Day.

Roses to Don Tye for flying the Australian Flag every weekend.

Roses to the Shire for road marking Wood Street & Beaconsfield Avenue Corner.

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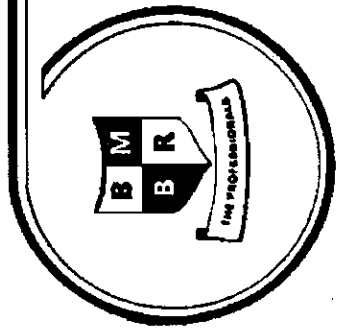
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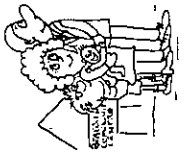
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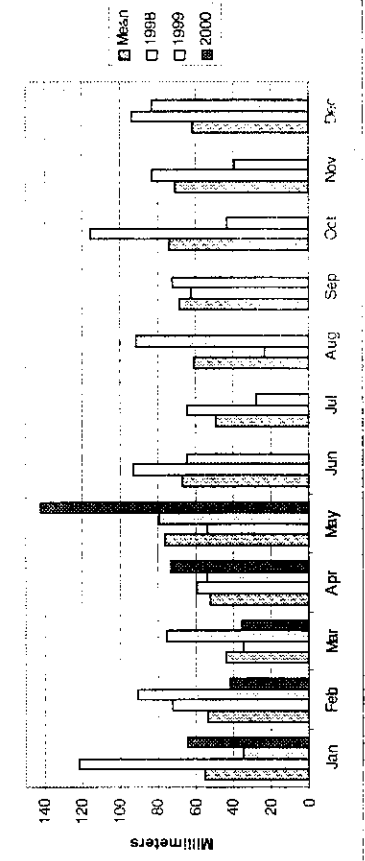
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Above L to R: Geoff Hudson and Rob Robinson.

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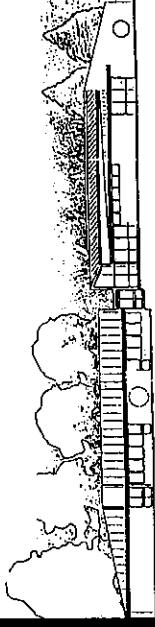
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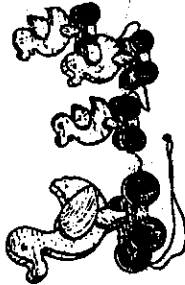
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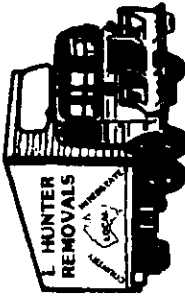
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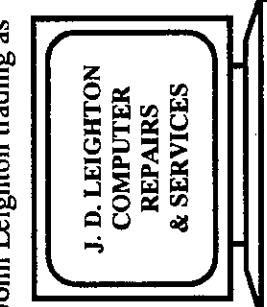
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last year and had great performances from two young actors Heath Ledger and Rose Byrne). So far this year Australia has also produced some good films with 'Looking for Alibrandi' (from the popular novel 'Sample People' (the Aussie version of 'Trainspotting'), 'The Wog Boy' (best go at Pauline Hanson, yet) and 'Cut' (proving that Australian horror films are alive and well, don't ever mention 'House Boat of Horrors'). 'Cut' also showed that Jessica Napier, Sarah Knats and Stephen Curry could be added to the

COFFEE AND DESSERT EVENING

By Peggy Dundas

On Friday March 31st the Victorian Women's Christian Convention, together with Make and Mingle, held a very successful Coffee and Dessert Night at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church. About 160 people attended and were entertained with musical items as well as enjoying luscious desserts.

The evening began with Vera and Vita Adams playing violins, which helped start the mood of the evening. Meanwhile, guests were enjoying platters of fruit and savouries.

A member of Make and Mingle gave a very moving account of how the Lord has worked in her life bringing her to a greater understanding of His love and compassion. It was an inspiration to all that were present.

Rhonda Hohmann and Genevieve Shellard continued the musical entertainment, singing several songs. Everyone enjoyed listening to the items and the mood was further enhanced.

The desserts were not forgotten with a number to choose from. Those on diets conveniently forgot about them when they saw the various temptations offered.

The speaker for the evening was Sharyne Stanley a counsellor for the Prison Network Ministry. She is also involved with disabled and wheelchair sports. She spoke of the difficult and challenging work of trying to make a difference in the lives of the prisoners who have many needs, and find themselves immersed in an unhappy environment.

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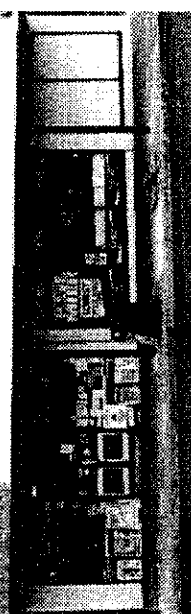
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COFFEE AND DESSERT EVENING

By Peggy Dundas

On Friday March 31st the Victorian Women's Christian Convention, together with Make and Mingle, held a very successful Coffee and Dessert Night at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church. About 160 people attended and were entertained with musical items as well as enjoying luscious desserts.

The evening began with Vera and Vita Adams playing violins, which helped start the mood of the evening. Meanwhile, guests were enjoying platters of fruit and savouries.

A member of Make and Mingle gave a very moving account of how the Lord has worked in her life bringing her to a greater understanding of His love and compassion. It was an inspiration to all that were present.

Rhonda Hohmann and Genevieve Shellard continued the musical entertainment, singing several songs. Everyone enjoyed listening to the items and the mood was further enhanced.

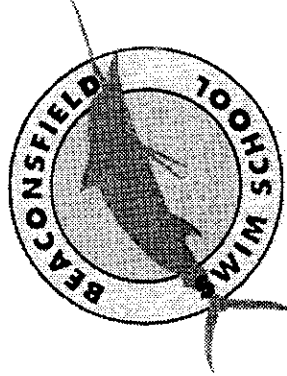
The desserts were not forgotten with a number to choose from. Those on diets conveniently forgot about them when they saw the various temptations offered.

The speaker for the evening was Sharyne Stanley a counsellor for the Prison Network Ministry. She is also involved with disabled and wheelchair sports. She spoke of the difficult and challenging work of trying to make a difference in the lives of the prisoners who have many needs, and find themselves immersed in an unhappy environment.

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list of Aussie talent. To check out the cream of Australia's talent, check out these other Aussie Movies 'Ground Zero', 'Muriel's Wedding', 'Idiot Box', 'The Year My Voice Broke', 'Emma', 'Black Rock', 'The Man From Snowy River', 'Turtle Beach', 'The Shiralee', 'The Castle', 'Road To Nowhere' and 'Hotel de Love'. Most of these films should be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland some will not be released to later this year. Next time you're looking for a video to rent for that miserable winter's night. Remember to support the Australian Film Industry like we do our great sports teams.



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WINE AND FOOD

by Keith Goodman



winter menu. Wild Oaks Chef, Dieder Bell has been in the kitchen by two chefs recently of The Stokehouse: we look forward to some exciting new dishes. If you enjoy Trad Jazz try the last Sunday in each month.

The Greengrocers Association of Victoria must have read The Banner. Pursell's Greengrocers of Berwick have been chosen by the industry as "Best Greengrocer" in Victoria. Well done.

Winter is upon us, warm fires, woolen socks red wines and hearty food. Restaurants like Wild Oak a favorite of ours for lunch, an early evening meal or just coffee and cake, have released their

Mushrooms & Vegetables was superb. We also hear good reports of the new Chef/owners at Surya Indian Restaurant. Will that make 10 food outlets in Beaconsfield including the Hotel and our excellent Fish & Chip Shop?

As wine prices continue to escalate it is a pleasure to be able to recommend some more reasonably priced wines.

WHITES
Wynns Coonawarra Chardonnay 98 around \$10. Hardys Nottage Hill Riesling 99 \$7-8 made from Clare & Padthaway fruit; Wynns Coonawarra Riesling 99 \$7-8, the quality of these wines belie their price. All of the above have won Gold Medals.

REDS

Haselgrove Picture Series McLaren Vale Shiraz 98 \$13-15, a very attractive current drinking red. Annie Lane Shiraz 98 around \$15, a Gold Medal at Melbourne for current drinking or keep-available at \$4 per glass at Dantes Berwick (love their special Focaccia).

SHEER CLASS

Highfield Chardonnay from NZ 97 around \$19-20. This is better than many wines around at double the price. Be warned this is a big wine, not due to over extraction but fruit quality combined I suspect with a proportion of botrytis effected fruit. This is one mouthful of flavour demanding a full flavoured dish like seafood stew.

Stylish and innovative



The eye fillet tower at Jason's Terrace in Beaconsfield bursts with exciting flavour

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If you thought Jason's Terrace couldn't get much better, think again.

The outstanding new menu implemented this week will blow your mind with a dazzling array of innovative dishes guaranteed to cement your love of quality international cuisine.

A mecca for local lovers of fine food, Jason's Terrace boasts a regular clientele with a genuine appreciation of fine dining. Many patrons find that travel into inner Melbourne for an upmarket meal and setting simply isn't necessary with Jason's Terrace right on their doorstep. The new menu must be experienced to be fully appreciated. It features an extensive range of seafood, steak, pasta and risotto dishes like the crisp duck confit with warm potato and shallot salad and the pumpkin ravioli as well as a divine selection of homemade desserts. "Making desserts has always been a passion," said Jason. "I poach my own fruits on the premises and hand make everything myself. This guarantee freshness and superior flavour." In fact, Jason's dessert menu is just as popular as the main menu and includes decadent treats like lemon tart, raspberry cream broulet and toberone chocolate mousse.

"The toberone chocolate mousse is served with drizzled honey and vanilla bean ice cream," said Jason. "It's a real favourite with our regulars." With more than 10 years experience in the hospitality industry, Jason delivers a first class standard of excellent cuisine and personal service missing in many upmarket, contemporary restaurants. Jason thrives on creative flair and flexibility when it comes to cooking and aims to meet the demands and desires of his patrons. "I try to change my menu every now and then because what I cook is dictated by my customers," he said. Patrons who purchase a bottle of wine at Berwick Village Cellars will not be charged a corkage fee when dining at Jason's Terrace (proof of purchase). Bookings are essential.

By Mona Esmaty

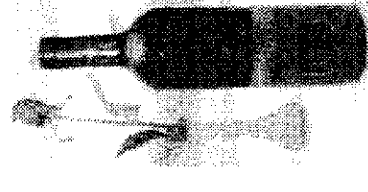
Courtesy of Indulge Magazine / Pakenham Gazette.

INGREDIENTS

- Potato Rosti
- 2 medium potatoes
- 2 teaspoons seeded mustard salt and pepper
- Boil potatoes, peel and mash. Add the other ingredients to the mashed potato and fry.
- French Vegetable Crepe**
- Fine selection of vegetables of your choice.
- 170ml milk
- 1 egg
- 20g plain flour
- Whisk egg and milk together.
- Sift plain flour into the mixture. Place a spoonful of the mixture into a pan and cook until ready. Place pre-blanching vegetables into the centre of the crepe and fold into a parcel.
- Mint Pesto**
- 1/2 bunch mint
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons vinegar salt and pepper
- Blend together in food processor until emulsified.
- 300g eye fillet mignon. Snow pea sprouts to garnish.

Wine of the week

The Green Vineyards 1997 Cabernets



This deeply coloured wine has dusty tones with black berry fruits and classy French oak characters.

The palate has a concentrated cassis and red and black fruit flavours with earthy tones. It finishes dry with excellent firm round tannins and good length.

The Green Vineyards at Upper Beaconsfield is located in the cool rolling hills of the southern Blue Dandenongs in the Port Phillip Region of Victoria.

Eye Fillet Tower

and French vegetable crepe on potato rosti

Method


Pan fry eye fillet on both sides in a hot pan for 10 minutes. Finish cooking in an oven of about 180 degrees to your liking.

Drizzle plate with mint pesto and place potato rosti in the centre. Place the French vegetable crepe on top followed by the eye fillet. Garnish with snow pea sprouts.

CHEF'S COMMENTS

Jason says the mint pesto and French vegetable crepe enhance this steak dish which has been a popular addition to his menu in the last six months.

"The good thing about making this dish at home is that it's easy to prepare particularly for dinner parties," said Jason. "The rosti, crepe and mint pesto can all be prepared a day earlier which leaves you with the task of cooking the steak prior to serving the meal."

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<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Pat Schelling who has moved to the flatter land of the township! Pat has lived on Mt. Misery for many many years, overlooking Beaconsfield village and with magnificent views to the Bays. We hope you get used to the neighbours being so close.</p>		<p>CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT BANNER IS 7th July 2000</p>	

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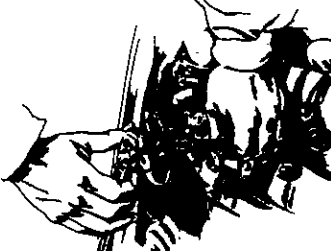
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YOUR SACROILIAC
By Dr. Craig Carter & Dr. Steve Pratt

The vital spine - pelvis connection

Having trouble getting out of a chair? That's often a telltale sign of a sacroiliac (SI) problem. Getting up from a chair 'stress tests' that vital joint.

Your SI joint acts as a connector - transferring body weight from your trunk through your hips to the ground. SI problems are usually mechanical; where one or both joints are too loose (late in pregnancy), too stiff (muscular men with overly tight thigh muscles) or a mix of both (one joint stiff, the other loose).

Generally the pain is felt around the small bony bumps each side of the base of your back. Sometimes SI pain may be felt into the groin on that side, travel into the buttock and down the back, or even the front of the thigh to the knee. Your leg might feel heavy.

Over the years SI problems have been controversial. The traditional surgical view was that the joint does not move or cause pain. However those professions who deal with hands on treatment for spinal, pelvic and hip problems are certain that the SI's can become locked to your sacroiliac.

THANKYOU

Thankyou to all those who generously donated to the Red Shield Appeal during the week of May 22nd - 28th. A sum of approx. \$700 was given from Beaconsfield residents.

This year donations were less than previous years. However this was contributed to the extremely cold/bleak weather that Victorians experienced during this week.


BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB
By M. Chatfield

Thursday Night Mens singles/doubles competition.

SATURDAY - JUNIORS - SUMMER 1999/2000

The Junior Finals were a drawn out event this season, with some teams being washed out in the semi-final and the Labour Day Holiday weekend. The Grandfinalists all played on Saturday 25th March, with presentations afterwards. A record number of Beaconsfield teams played off in the finals. 12 out of a possible 16 teams played in the finals with 9 of that 12 being in the Grandfinals. Pennant winners were Sections 7, 11, 12, 19, and 20.

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MAKE MONEY

Thank you to all the young people who applied for the job of Banner delivery in

