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## THE OLYMPIC TORCH IN BEACONSFIELD

Day 61, Monday 7th August, at 1.39p.m. the Olympic Torch will leave the Edwin Flack Reserve in Berwick after it's lunch time celebration and enter Manuka Rd. It is scheduled to turn left into the Princes Highway at 1.48pm and continue to the corner of O'Neil Road by 2.03pm. The convoy will continue to KooWee Rup where further Olympic Torch bearers will continue the journey.

This will be a great opportunity for Beaconsfield residents to line Princes Highway to see the Olympic Torch. The Primary school has special activities organised for the children to celebrate the torch coming to town.

The next opportunity the community has to see the torch in close proximity to Beaconsfield will be on Day 64, 10th August where it will travel from Warragul along Princes Highway to Army Rd., Pakenham.

Torch bearers will carry the torch through streets of Pakenham on its way to a lunch time celebration at Worrell Reserve, Emerald and then continue with a ride on Puffing Billy to Belgrave.

Listed among the many torch bearers will be Beaconsfield resident Alan Campbell. Alan has the honour of carrying the Olympic Torch during Day 64 on 10th August in Cockatoo from the main street to the C. F. A. Alan, a keen sportsman, is currently a member of the St.



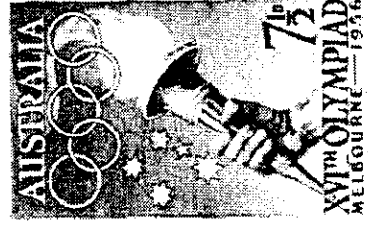
Mary's Dandenong Cricket club. No doubt family and friends will line the street to see Alan run his memorable 500m.



Ebony Knol has been selected to carry the Olympic Torch as part of its journey through Victoria on Mon. 7th Aug. Ebony is the daughter of Denise and George Knol, owners of Dandenong Pest Control, Beaconsfield. Ebony also works at the business but she was a swimming instructor at the Beaconsfield Swim School last year.

It will be great to see the flags waving as the Olympic Torch makes it way

through Beaconsfield on its history making journey to the Sydney Olympics.



Above: -  
7 1/2 postage stamp used during the 1956 Olympics held in Melbourne.

## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

### GENERAL MEETING

TUES. 15TH AUG, 2000  
at 8.00PM

COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
BEACONSFIELD AVE.,  
BEACONSFIELD.

The main purpose of this meeting is to report back from the Hall/Community Complex Committee and to get your further input particularly in regard to the location of the facility.

Other issues to be covered are -

- \* Roads & Traffic
- \* Public Toilet
- \* Permit application for Supermarket complex
- \* Do we want to be part of Casey or Cardinia
- \* Other issues affecting our community

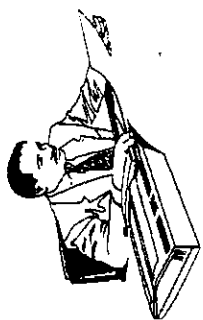
All welcome

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By the President of the B.P.A. - Joy Bishop

studies in the area and so far no decision on the Supermarket and other development has been made.



### HALL/COMMUNITY COMPLEX

The Community Complex/ Hall Advisory Committee has been meeting monthly to put forward the views and needs of the Community. The next meeting is the 24th August and at this meeting further discussions will take place on what is needed within the centre and the location of the Complex. (See notice of meeting please put your views forward)

Since my last report the Progress Association has been working on the existing projects -

### PUBLIC TOILET

After many delays beyond the control of the Progress Association we have now been assured by Mr. Mike Ellis: General Manager Assets and Services, Cardinia Shire Council that work will commence on the new toilet within the next 2 months at the site near the War Memorial.

### SUPERMARKET COMPLEX

The Cardinia Council has been undertaking traffic

annual Township Forum for this area - see separate article.

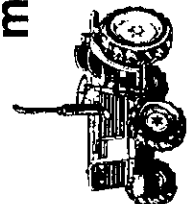
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HALL/COMMUNITY COMPLEX MEETING  
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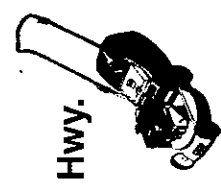


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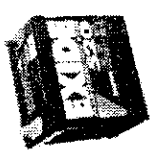
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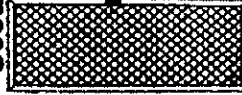
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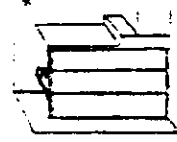
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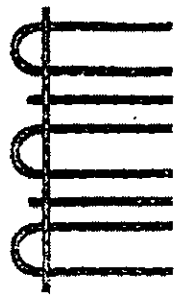
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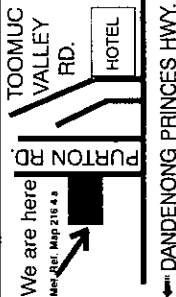
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## BEACONSFIELD HOSTS TOWNSHIP FORUM

issues in the local area.

Mike Ellis spoke about the difficulty of maintaining and sealing the roads in the Shire with the limited budget funds available and the difficulty in getting any additional funds from State and Federal Governments. He also mentioned that the Council is looking at alternative ways of sealing gravel roads.

Don Welsh then asked the group for the 8 most important issues in the area.

The most important issue of all was obviously traffic and roads - some of the points mentioned were - access to the freeway, traffic around the schools, shops, and sports ground, traffic created by Berwick Views Estate, a north south corridor through Upper Beaconsfield, traffic lights at Officer (Tivendale Road/Station Street)

Other issues nominated included the Beaconsfield Hall/Community Complex, flooding, drainage, storm water, particular mention was made of the recent flooding of Emerald Road when the drainage ponds at Berwick Views Estate flooded over the road. At this point Don Welsh referred to an item in the budget, which allows for \$50,000 to be spent on a flood study of the area. Streetscapes, footpaths, and the village feel of the town were mentioned. Planning of the industrial area south of Officer was also mentioned, as there did not appear to be adequate planning going into this area. Street names and the confusion with the naming of some

streets particularly as far as emergency vehicles are concerned and finding an accurate location quickly when names are confusing.

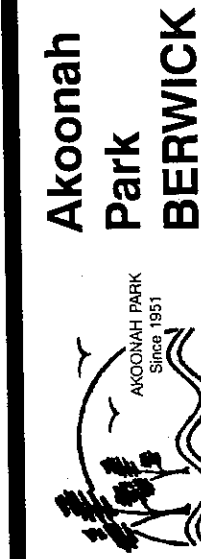
The Council Officers stayed for supper and those present were able to discuss their individual problems. The night was a great success with both the residents learning more about Council and the Council Officers getting a better understanding of the community needs.

Special thanks to Don Welsh, Mike Ellis, David Roth and Geoff Rundell for their time.

## EQUESTRIAN STRATEGIES

The community review forum will be conducted by the study consultants, EDAW and Jeavons Recreation and Tourism Planners. The forum will be held at the Cardinia Shire Chapel Meeting Rooms, Cnr. McGregor Road and Main Street, Pakenham on Thursday 3rd August 2000 at 7.30pm. Interested residents are cordially invited to attend. Copies of the open space strategy and the equestrian strategies are available for inspection at the Shire Offices by contacting Emma Michie on 5945 4222.





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**Beaconsfield Primary School.**  
by **Maurice Potter, School Council President**



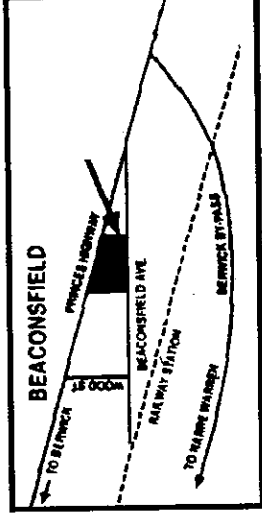
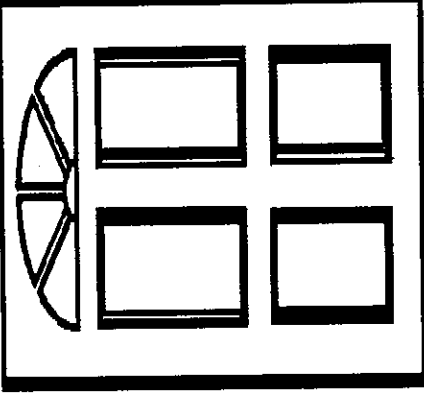
Schooling seems so much more interesting compared to when we mums and dads and grand parents went to school in the "old days" and "ancient days". If you would like to experience the new age in schooling, come along to our Education Week Open Night on Monday 28th August, commencing at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Having a student at our school is not a prerequisite for attending.

Congratulations to our senior students who recently participated in Challenge of the Minds, with the task of designing a better mailbox. So much better than blowing them up with "penny bangers" as was the want in my day. Our designers were Christopher Paton, Casey Stone, Renata Boon, Christian McTighe-Dousha, Lorey Nolan, Lucas Katsanis, Michael Piper and Richard Paton. They even brought home an award - the Most Creative Presentation!

As well as special extra curriculum day time events, a new after school program is being run this term in conjunction with Berwick Lodge, Cranbourne West and Thomas Mitchell Primary Schools. This allows our children to participate in 5 x 75minute special programs covering such things as computer skills, drama, literature, visual arts, ceramics, physics and more. In my day, we rushed home to the Bugs Bunny Show. Finally, thank you to all those in the community who supported our kids in their chocolate drive during June. This raised a healthy \$3,200 which will be used to add to our library.

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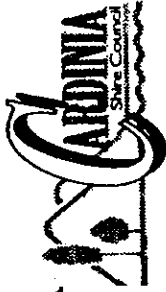
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**CARDINIA SHIRE NEWS**  
By Cr. Keith Ewenson



the centre. The architects Prior Cheney describe the project as follows: "The proposed centre is intended to promote the continued growth of an Australian culture. This should be an open process that encourages as many as possible to contribute and experience culture at the highest level. The intention is to have a facility that vigorously promotes excellence within the arts, while also providing high quality venues for the local community."

Budget consideration has commenced, and may be resolved by the time this is published.

The Council staff list items requested throughout the year, and after consideration the following projects are being approved. \*An extension to the Bob Burgess Park is planned. \*The security issue at the Beaconsfield Preschool will be addressed. \*Investigating alternative pavement treatments for unsealed roads will be continually undertaken across the Shire. \*Assistance with a lighting upgrade at the Beaconsfield Football Club will be achieved. \*Special charge schemes \$1,100,000 this year from Shire where residents are prepared to contribute to road construction.

The advisory representative committee is continuing to plan the elements to be included in the 'Beaconsfield Complex' and it is imperative to draw this phase to a conceptual plan as soon as possible.

This year the Council starts planning for the Cardinia Art & Design Centre. The Council has been briefed on the conceptual plans for people.

The centre has a unique combination of functions including: art/design studio, professional quality gallery space, function room and restaurant and large entry foyer/public gathering space and community arts areas as well as a dedicated 350 seat performance facility.

The function space and meeting facility provides Cardinia with a venue where important community gatherings and formal/informal meetings can take place."

It should be said that this project will be focusing the spotlight on the considerable talent we have in our local artists and craft people.

## GREAT DEALS

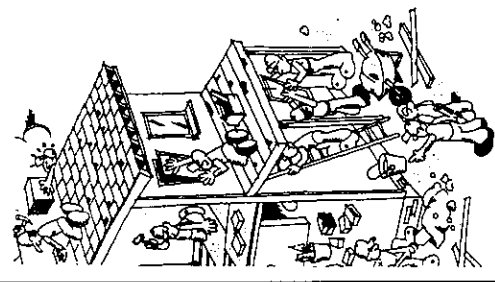
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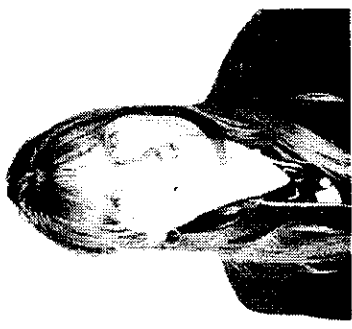
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## MAKE AND MINGLE

By Ann Taylor

Adelaide. Jenny and Tolly pastured our church over 12 years ago and had the vision for starting Make and Mingle based on a group they had seen in Adelaide called Chat and Choose. Since leaving Beaconsfield they have worked in Belarus, Minsk, Russia and then to Kiev where they established a seminary; Kiev Christian University.



Ann Taylor

After our visit to Mobile Mission Maintenance in May (see article in previous Banner) many of our group have been making craft items for fundraising for MMM. We were really excited to have Julie and Simon Langer come and visit us. They are from our church family and are currently working with MMM in Brisbane. We learnt of the work they have been doing at schools and churches recently.

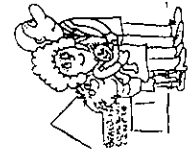
Make and Mingle is planning another bus trip in September, this time to the Stitches and Craft Show at Caulfield Racecourse. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us on this trip.

This term we are making some beautiful embroidered greeting cards, painting glassart items, doing patchwork, tassel ladies, ribbon flowers, candle wicking, decoupage and boxes. Many girls still bring their own embroidery to work on and others come just for the cuppa and chat. You are always welcome to join us at any time.

We meet at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr Souter Street, Old Princes Hwy Beaconsfield, every Wednesday 10am - 12 noon during school term. For information contact Ann at 9707 1996

### CHURCH TIMES

Beaconsfield Baptist Church. Enquiries 9707 5483  
 Sunday Services:- "Happenings" (Sunday School) 9am.  
 Church Morning - 10.30am. Evening - 7.00pm.  
 Make & Mingle Craft Group Wednesday 10am - 12pm.  
 Ladies Bible Study Thursday 10.30am.  
 Youth Group Junior - Alternate Friday 7 - 9pm.  
 Contact Darrell 9700 7775  
 Senior - Alternate Friday 7 - 10.30pm.



## BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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There are no strangers here, simply friends you haven't met before.

Although it is the winter season you will be warmly welcomed at any of our regular groups or courses.

creasing your computer knowledge the Beginners Computers course is a great way to start. For dates, times and cost ring Jeanette for details.

Midway, Playgroup, Occasional Care, Toylibrary, Line dancing, Childrens dance classes, Walking group meet weekly at the centre.

For further information, enrolments or to be included on the Mailing List ring 9707 3449.

During August Scrap booking and Ribbon Roses are scheduled. If you are interested in joining us...

Remember there are no strangers here just friends you haven't met before.

## WHO DO YOU CALL



If dog or cat lost over weekend - call Boarding Kennels at 9707 2405 between 8am and 12pm Sat & Sun.

If dog attack - call 5945 4222 John Van Rensch at Shire.  
 If dog attack on week end - call Shire 5945 4222 and follow prompts.

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If you find an injured animal on the road - 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.

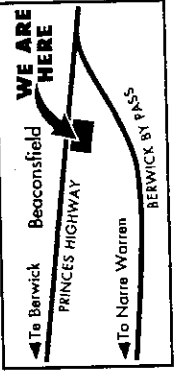
If you see graffiti at railway station - It is checked daily, report submitted and fixed up within 48 hours. If you see graffiti around town - call Gloraine 9796 1361.

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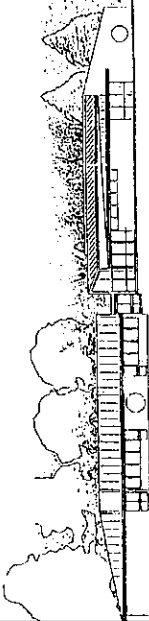
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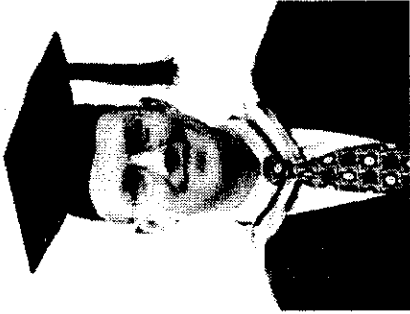
## MASTERS DEGREE FOR FORMER RESIDENT

Bachelor of Engineering Degree (Honours). He is a member of The Institute of Engineers Australia and a committee member of their Water Resources Branch.

Warwick is employed by a consultancy in Melbourne and works on many projects throughout Australia mainly dealing with flooding, drainage and the environmental issues of pollution of our waterways.

Earlier this year he spent time in Delft (Holland) studying flood control methods.

Warwick now lives at East Bentleigh with his wife but regularly returns to Beaconsfield to visit his parents.



Warwick Bishop younger son of George and Joy Bishop was recently awarded a Master of Engineering Science Degree at a graduation ceremony held at Monash University.

Warwick graduated from The University of Melbourne in 1993 with a

## OFFICER REPORT

By Carol Porter

As always traffic through the middle of Officer and residents getting on and off the Princes Highway is causing great concern.

A letter from Mr. Colin Jordan the Chief Executive of Vic Roads has informed us as follows - He has acknowledged our concerns on the matter and says "The provision of signals at the intersection of the Princes Highway/Tivendale Road/Station Street will be submitted for consideration by the Government for possible inclusion in a future program, however the works are unlikely to be funded in the short term because of more urgent sites else-

where in the State. As an interim measure, queue detection loops in Tivendale Road & Station Street could be installed to activate the adjacent pedestrian signals. This would enable traffic to access or cross the highway while the pedestrian signals are displaying a red signal to highway traffic. Works of this nature have been found to be very effective and will also be considered by the Government for funding in the 2000/01 works program. A decision on this matter could be expected within the next two months." Contact Rob Porter on 5943 2351 for meeting details.

## THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE.

The Australian Air League is a youth organisation whose aim is to foster an interest in aviation, and promote good citizenship.

athletics and attend camps and outings.

Whilst the Australian Air League has been around for over 60 years, unfortunately it is still little known in the community. Today, the League like other youth organizations is struggling to attract adults as leaders. If it is to continue for another 60 years the League needs more interested adults to help within the squadrons. No experience is necessary just an interest in aviation, three or four hours of your time a week and a willingness to help young people in our community to become good citizens.

A Squadron consists of Adult leaders - Male and Female [Officers] and [Cadets] Boys and Girls from 9 to 18 years of age.

Each squadron parades once a week for two hours and subjects covered are, basic aviation knowledge, physical activities, drill, discipline, community service, model making and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Squadrons also compete against one another annually in swimming and

Training is provided and you are guaranteed plenty of satisfaction in knowing you can make a difference.

For more information please contact Judy Owen 9704-8376.

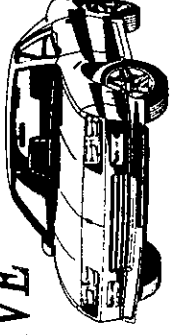


Above:- Members of the local Air League Squadron at Beaconsfield's Anzac Day Service.

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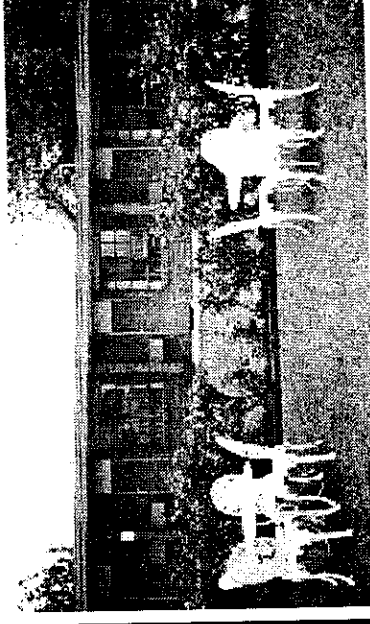
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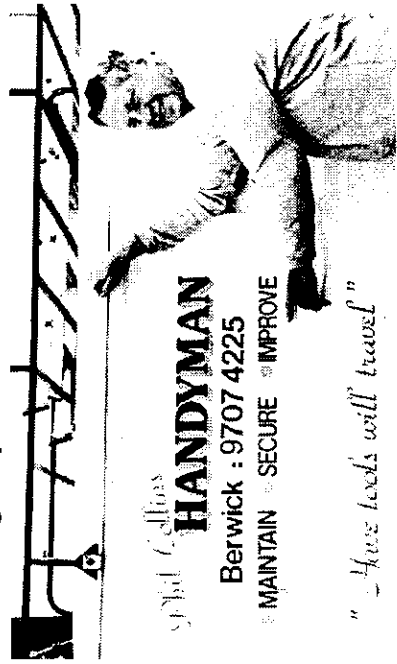
By Phil Collins

I find that more and more drivers are shaking their heads at me and tuit tuting as they pass me. Sometimes I don't feel like driving at or above the speed limit. Can't I look around a bit as I drive? Can't I search the poles at the intersections for road names?

Recently I drove the Hume Highway from

June was shaping as a quiet month so we went on a holiday for 2 weeks. On return I did some maintenance at one of "my" schools, made some clothes racks, some picture frames, repaired a ride on mower and patched some plaster. Indoor jobs are preferable at present. I wish the vandals would give a thought to the handyman who has to repair their damage in the cold wind.

The G.S.T. presents no real problems. I have an ABN and the necessary paper work. Materials will cost



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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

By Peter Hansen

this moment be enjoyable, but this is not good enough for man. He is much more concerned to have enjoyable memories and expectations - especially the latter. With these assured, he can put up with an extremely miserable present. Without this assurance he can be extremely miserable in the midst of immediate physical pleasure. We've all seen them at happy gatherings, looking as if they had to attend a sudden and unexpected funeral. Modern man seems to lose the sense of joy in direct proportion as his knowledge and learning increases, and a quick look at simple native people who laugh at things we in the west consider stupid, is a point in question.

It is generally agreed that in "Medical" language, we have allowed brain thinking to develop and dominate our lives out of all proportion to "instinctual wisdom", which we are allowing to sink into atrophy. As a consequence we are at war with ourselves - the brain desiring things which the body does not want, and the body desiring things which the brain does not allow; the brain giving directions which the body does not follow, and the body giving impulses which the brain cannot understand. St. Francis must have understood this very well, when he called the body "Brother Ass". Truly a practitioner of Reverse Effort, with his deep understanding of the instinctual world of animals.

When we compare human with animal desire we find

our life today and allow the future to unfold as it may. The truth of life is revealed by removing things that stand in its light, like sculpture, in which the artist creates, not by building, but by hacking away, eventually revealing a perfect creation.

Remember the old saying, "A Rose is a Rose is a Rose". Let's apply that to ourselves, and just "be" what we are. A tree doesn't try to be anything else but a tree. He only desires sunshine and rain, and doesn't think of the future. Take anything in nature and the same applies to "all things great and small". As Buddha said, "all that we are is the result of what we have thought". Be like the sponge. Remain stable and absorb.

## SCOUTING ABOUT

It is encouraging to know that young people still enjoy the simple pleasures. Camping equipment has been borrowed from their local scout group so that a couple of ex-scouts, now 16 years old, are going to help their friends experience the joys of the great outdoors.

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David Griffiths

# CROSSWIRED

By David Griffiths

Wog Boy' I was full of nothing but praise for it. Instead of a large ugly elephant Nick Giannopoulos had created an excellent film which in my view was funnier than 'The Castle'. In the cinema that I was in, the crowd was in stitches within minutes of the film starting.

Amazingly enough the laughs kept coming. There was never a dull moment and for a comedy it had a wonderful storyline. Everybody will recognise the characters as somebody they know (and if that politician wasn't supposed to be a send up of Pauline Hanson then I don't know.)

Nick Giannopoulos and Vince Colosimo play the

workers and for those who find the streets home. It is a film that has the power to open your eyes up to some of Melbourne's problems while reducing you to tears.

Don't let the fact 'The Inner Sanctuary' didn't get a cinema release put you off. Many I know who have seen it loved it. It recently left one of my screenwriting classes breathless (even my lecturer was full of praise. The dramatic and emotional performances of Brett Climo and Kym Wilson will leave you in awe.

Most of these films should be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland (some will not be released until later this year).

Add the excellent story and unique humour to the brilliant acting and then stir in a great soundtrack (featuring Deni Hines, Vanessa Amorosi, Ilanda & Joanne BZ, Sonic Animation, Patrick Hernandez and Jimmy Christo) and you've got one of the best Australian films to be released in a while.

Also check out 'Cut', 'Final Destination', 'The Hurricane' and 'Scream 3' (all should be released soon). Another brilliant film I've recently discovered is a little beauty called 'The Inner Sanctuary'. Starring Lisa McCune, Brett Climo and Kym Wilson, the film has a seemingly boring plot (an accountant sent in to audit a church), but the film goes so much further. Filmed in St. Kilda, the film shows what life is like for Melbourne's social

## ROSES AND THORNS

Roses to the businesses who painted out so quickly the graffiti which has once again appeared in our town. Our community does not accept graffiti.

Thorns to the 'hoons' who insist on using our streets as their private racetrack.

Roses to the people who use the correct path when crossing the median strip of those who walk through the new garden beds.

Thorns to the Shire and TXU for not be helping with a resident's problem when trees [between Wallace St., and Old Princes Highway] caused an electric fault.

Roses to all the servicepeople and volunteers who spent many hours helping residents in need after recent storms.



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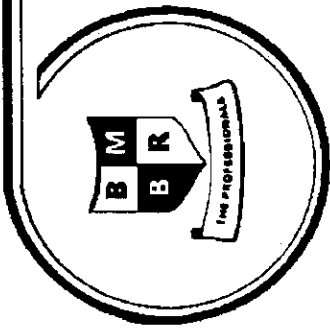
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Erin 16 years, Cameron 13 years both attend Beaconsfields College and Jarrod 12 years attends Upper Beaconsfield Primary School. All three have just competed in the Victorian Karate Championships with Erin and Cameron being placed

Geoff and his wife Helen moved to the area almost 17 years ago and have bought up their 4 children locally. Their eldest daughter Jessica (19 years) has competed in 3 separate world championships in kayaking being placed in the top 10 in each event. She will be volunteering her services for the Olympics at the sprint course at Penrith. Jessica completed year 12 at Beaconsfields College last year and has taken up an A.F.L. Traineeship at North Melbourne Football Club. The other Beck children

first in their age groups while Jarrod was placed 2nd in his. Their next big competition will be the Australian titles, which will be held at the Melbourne Aquatic Centre at the end of July. They are all hoping for top placing and selection for the world titles to be held in October.



Above: Craig and Geoff outside Beaconsfield Auto Electrics

## NEW DINING DELIGHT FOR BEACONSFIELD

By Ted Horton

Tucked away in the town's new shopping complex directly over the road from the Hotel is Beaconsfield's newest restaurant, Bronte's.

It may be a secret to many but it's narrow front entry facade opening onto multiple car parking bays at the front belies the spacious, tastefully designed room inside. The warm ochre walls, matching tones of furniture and flooring with subdued recessed lighting all tastefully combine to provide an intimate setting for fine dining. The L shape dining area seating up to 100 is well suited to divide and accommodate larger group bookings. All diners can enjoy panoramic views onto a canopy covered terrace that promises to be a winner for summer time. A central curved bar with dark laminated fascia is a notable feature of Bronte's. It stocks a good range of bottled beers and fine wines including Chardonnays and Semillons from New Zealand and red wine hailing from Brands of South Australia.

Chef David Martin brings a wealth of experience with him from fine international South Bank eateries. The new menu is 'modern style' and dishes beautifully presented. From \$18 to \$22 main courses, servings are generous. With a wok burner in the line up of David's sparkling new kitchen, Char Kuai Teau is a particularly favourite Asian style dish. Vegetarians are well catered for and also the special grain fed Angus beef Porterhouse

Steak at \$24 is getting rave reviews from many. The desserts are popular with home made icecream and citron tart just to mention a couple.

Owner/Manager Judy Melrose confidently oversees everything with a charming easy going manner. She lives in Upper Beaconsfield and from her previous jobs brings people handling skills, marketing expertise and business management. She has always had ambitions to open her own restaurant in the area and Bronte's certainly occupies an excellent position. With the warm atmosphere of relaxed sophistication teamed with an excellent chef she should do well. Already after one month much of her business is with repeat customers.

They are open for lunch and dinner from Tuesday to Sunday and can be phoned on 9707 0091. A 10% discount is given to Senior Citizens at lunch times.

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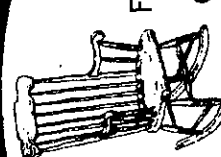
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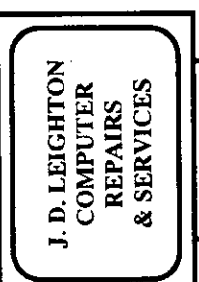
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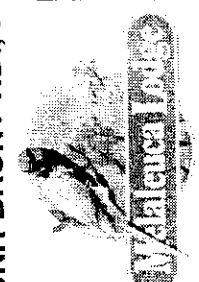
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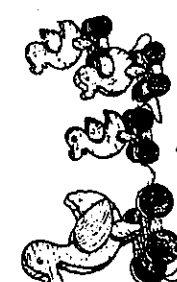


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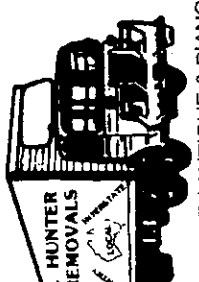
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## AUSTRALIAN QUILTERS TOUR U.S.A. - 2000

By Roslyn Robinson

Tennessee, here we began three weeks of beautiful countryside and amazing people. Starting in Indiana, the Amish village of Shipshewana, here we observed the simple way of life these people maintain, using horse and buggy for transport, farming all done by hand and no electricity connected to their homes. They dress in plain dark colours, ladies all wear black bonnets and younger girls white prayer caps, whilst the men wear black hats and braces. Quilting is a very big part of their lives and also a source of income. This lovely village had sixty five shops all selling some type of craft work. It snowed while we were there, such a pretty sight.



Quilting has been my hobby for over twenty years now. During this period of time I have read many books on the history of Quilting in America and the traditions of the Amish people.

In March this year my dream came true when I left on this wonderful tour along with ten other Australian Quilters.

Starting in San Francisco, we visited Fisherman's Wharf, the Golden Gate Bridge and Britex Fabrics and were hosted for lunch and a wonderful "show and tell" by members of the Santa Clara Valley Quilters. This very kind and friendly hospitality was shown to us in every city we visited. On reaching Seattle, we took a conducted tour of the Patchwork Place Publishing Company (Book Heaven), then to many Patchwork shops with the most amazing range of fabrics, we didn't know where to start, shopping that is!

Portland, Oregon surrounded by snow capped mountains treated us with a shop named 'Daisy Kingdom'. 1 1/2 acres of fabric and notions. We flew to Chicago, were met by a coach and driver from

Being early Spring, as we travelled East we noticed the trees sprouting new leaves, Cherry Blossom and Dogwoods were in bloom. Niagara Falls, a spectacular sight, the roar of water cannot be described. In Pennsylvania, we stayed at Inter-course. This Amish village is where the movie "Witness" was filmed. Washington D.C. with the White House, Capital Hill, Supreme Court and the Smithsonian Institute, all such huge white buildings surrounded by gardens displaying Tulips and Pansies. We were able to study the history of American Quilting at the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Smithsonian Institute. At both of these museums we viewed very old quilts dating back to 1730, they are all beautifully preserved in climate controlled rooms.

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## FAREWELL TO THE PIPERS



Left Rosemary and Rev. Gary Piper - Feb 1998.  
Right Rev. Gary Piper at The Anzac Day Service 1999.

A farewell to Beaconsfield Baptist Church's pastor Rev. Gary Piper. Gary, his wife Rosemary and children Samuel, Elizabeth and Michael have made Beaconsfield their home for the past two and half years. Gary has accepted a position as an army chaplain.

The Piper family are moving to Puckapunyal to further enhance Gary's knowledge as chaplain before taking up a full time position in Brisbane.

The Pipers have been involved in the many church activities such as Sunday School and Bible studies and the community. Samuel and Elizabeth attended Berwick High School while Michael attended Beaconsfield Primary School. Gary was involved with the Beaconsfield Anzac Day Services.

A farewell service and luncheon will be held on Sunday 13th August.

Associate Pastor Chris Bennetts will be the acting Pastor until future appointments are made.

## AUSTRALIAN QUILTERS TOUR U.S.A. - 2000

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On arrival in Virginia, The Colonial Piecemakers greeted us, and showed how much they love to have Australian visitors. We headed south to Tennessee, did lots of shopping at Factory Outlets and spent a day in Gatlinburg. The Smoky Mountains. The Grand Finale of our tour was the very prestigious American Quilters Society, Annual Quilt Show in Paducah, Kentucky. The standard of workmanship, design techniques and

great use of colour was breathtaking. I took part in workshops and lectures with tutors who have written books on various methods of Applique. On our final day, a visit to Graceland in Memphis was a highlight. During this whole tour, I continually had to remind myself that I was in the U.S.A. at all these well-known destinations. After five weeks, we struggled home with very heavy suitcases, lots of photos and great memories. I have our very organised tour guide Maureen to thank for a truly unforgettable experience.



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# BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

By M. Chatfield

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Section 8 Team members :- Ailsa Johnson, Robyn McKay, Patsy Mayse, Jacqui Manning, Lynda Drummond, Kerry Volders.

Midweek Ladies Spring season commences again on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July. Enquiries for Midweek Ladies contact Glenda Gorton on 9707 2906.



At our Annual Clover-Cottage Presentation function this year [changing to an evening instead of the luncheon] 120 members and friends enjoyed the well presented meal in the splendour that surrounded us at Clover Cottage.

We had two official duties to carry out during the evening. Firstly we have been successful with our Wednesday Midweek Ladies Competition bringing home 3 Premiership Flags. Congratulations to our winners section 4,7 and 8. Section 4 have the honour of being back to back Premiers, winning Section 5 last season. Well down team.

Next on the Agenda was a great raffle with lots of prizes. We would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity and please remember to support them whenever possible. Local sponsors were Berwick Travel, Clover Cottage, Beaconsfield Squash and Sports Centre, Beaconsfield Family Videoland, Beaconsfield Massage Therapy, Not Just Tennis, Jade Princess Restaurant, Hair Movement, Keogh Pharmacy, Carolines Beauty Salon, Beaconsfield Newsagency and Milkbar, Beaconsfield I.G.A., Berwick Pizza [Brenda and John Douma] Mitre 10 Alkone Store.

For another enjoyable meal and evening note 18th August 2001 in your diaries.

Court Hire enquiries contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

## SHIRE BLITZ ON UNREGISTERED DOGS & CATS.

Cardinia Shire Community Laws officers have been conducting random inspections in Beaconsfield and issuing \$200 fines for each dog and cat, above the age of 6 months, which is found to be unregistered. Maximum penalty for non-registration is \$500.

Make sure you have registered your pets immediately they turn 6 months of age.

# BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Junior cricket will commence in September at the grounds (weather permitting) with a date to be fixed, further notification will appear in the Pakenham Gazette. New junior players are required as the Club endeavours to field 3 teams again (U12,U14, & U16).

Beaconsfield Cricket Club has appointed Michael McMahon as senior Captain/Coach for the new season 2000/2001. Michael is well known within the cricketing circle and will be striving very hard to achieve as many

flags as he can through both senior and junior sides. David Lennon has been appointed as Assistant Coach.

The Club will again be entering 5 senior teams in the competition and it would be greatly appreciated if you could let the Club know whether you are playing or not as soon as possible, or if you have changed address, phone numbers etc.

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Besides the fact that cats kill thousands of native animals and birds each year, roaming cats are also at risk of being hit by a car or hurt in fights with other animals. I personally put in a call at least once per week to the Shire to report dead animals on the Beaconsfield/Emerald Road, Princes Highway and Princes Freeway to Pakenham.

I believe pets are an important part of family life and we should all consider how we can better protect and care for our treasured pets.

I have heard of a business which has developed a Moggy Minder Enclosure. The galvanised steel mesh structures are a practical and innovative way of letting cats have fresh air and exercise while keeping them safe. They are custom made for backyards and are an excellent alter-

## MINDING THE MOGGY

By Glorraine Hardy

Enterprising persons have started up local businesses that cater for your need to have your pet minded in their own home while you are away. Dog walking businesses are also springing up all over the place. If you wish to know more please call 9796 1361.



# ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES

The Progress Association believes the responsible control of animals is an important issue and accordingly would like to take this opportunity to offer you a cat trap for use by residents in the area and thereby reducing the inconvenience of travelling to the Shire office to borrow one. The idea is to rid the area of any feral cats. Our town has a lot of natural bush and it has been brought to our attention that feral cats are becoming a problem along the creek areas and in behind the scout hall. The trap can only be set at night and the council collect the trapped animal early the next morning.

It can also be used for ridding yourself of that pesky cat which continually appears in your back yard and leaves his shit behind or calling under your bedroom window. The cage must be in your yard and only set at night.

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# THOUGHTS.

By Iris Lewis

*Thoughts are passing wisps of life,  
A nebulous of joy and strife.  
Memories of days long gone,  
Hopes that battles can be won.  
In painful times they dawdle on  
Filling silence with a din.  
Who is the man that dare to say  
"your head is empty, anyway".  
For thoughts precede a job to do,  
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# EMMA'S LETTER

In the June/July Banner we printed an article titled "A Young Girls Dreams and Ambitions." Unfortunately we didn't have enough space available to print her letter which 13 year old, Emma Menzels wrote to Jesse Martin for the Australia Post Competition for School Students. Well done Emma.

Dear Jesse,  
I am writing to you about my Dreams and Ambitions.

I was 10 years old when I suffered a massive brain haemorrhage, (9 days before my 11th birthday) which caused me to have a stroke. The stroke paralysed me down the right side of my body - I could not talk - I could not walk - I lost the use of my right arm and hand. I did not know what had happened - I had never heard of a "stroke" before.

When we talk of dreams and ambitions - mine was to walk again. This I achieved after long hours of physio- it took many months but I did it. Next I had to learn to talk again - once again I finally succeeded - I had a Speech Therapist at the Children's Hospital who helped me learn - she also helped me spell and remember (I had lost my memory). I have been going to the Children's Hospital now for 2 years and I am still having ongoing treatment.

The only thing that we could not get working was my arm - the stroke had affected my movement too much. I am still having therapy for this from my occupational therapist and it is a long process - my arm has improved a bit but I do not have the full function and use of it.

Jesse, I never thought that I would get this far but I was so determined not to remain in a wheelchair all my life. I had the support of my family by my side telling me "come on Emma - you can do it". How many times I heard these words I cannot tell you - but I did get bloody sick of everyone saying them. I knew they were only trying to help but sometimes you just want to be left alone.

I have struggled for the past two years trying to come to terms with 'why me'. I have struggled to learn to write with my left hand (I am getting better all the time) - I have struggled emotionally and still now sometimes I have real "downers". But Jesse, 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.

I used to be the best athletic (long distance runner) at school - this has all stopped now but I still compete in all my school sports no matter where I come. At least I have got out there and tried.

My ambition now in life is to live every day as it comes. My biggest dream is to get 'full use' of my right arm and I know that I am the only one who can work hard to do this.

I have to go into hospital again on the 21st March for another operation - the doctors have found another two abnormal blood vessels in my brain - they have to cut out - I am not looking forward to this and am scared. They have told me that I could be paralysed again - I don't want this to happen - now I have a bigger dream ahead of me and that is to get through this with all my strength. I will walk out of that hospital. I am 13 now so I am able to understand all the things that have been happening to me a lot more.

I saw you at the Starlight Foundation Xmas party and my mum got a photo taken with you - I supposed I looked at you and thought you were so young to sail around the world but Jesse, you achieved your dreams and ambitions and now I have to fulfil mine.

Emma Menzel.

# FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

By J. Smith

The Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary (Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve) are holding their monthly working bee on the 4th Sunday of the month, meeting at the corner of the Holm Park and Emerald Rd., at 9am or ring Judy Smith, 9707 1402 if you can help later.

The Friends group have removed over 4,000 sweet pittosporums since the group formed in March 1998. Native grasses and indigenous plants are regrowing where the ground was bare under the sweet pittosporums. The Friends have helped the community service group working in the sanctuary to plant 2,000 indigenous plants to regenerate the sanctuary.

Environmental weeds: - alter the landscape character of the Australian environment and cause extinction of local plant species. - reduce the available habitat for our local wildlife - can easily dominate natural vegetation and prevent regeneration of indigenous trees and shrubs - increase fuel loads and make areas more fire prone - change water cycles and affect erosion. - change nutrient levels of the soil.

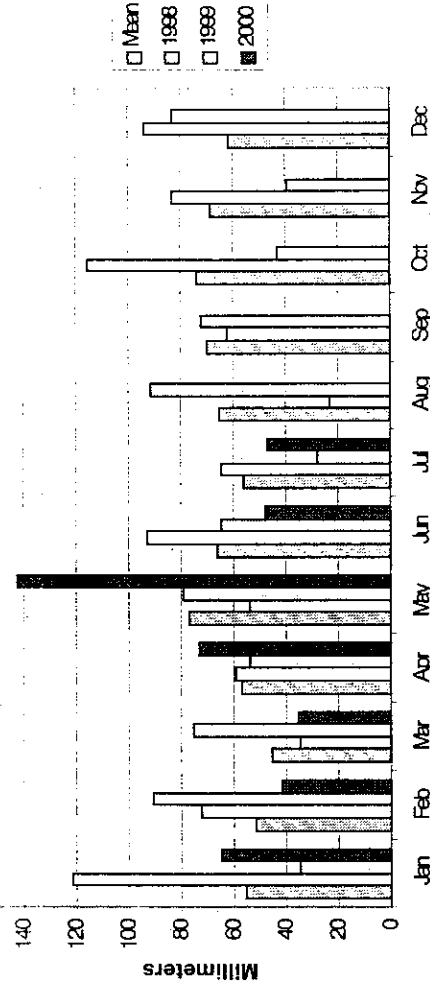
The Friends ask people not to dump their garden rubbish in the sanctuary now it is pruning time. Every month the Friends pick up rubbish and paper along Emerald Rd.

The Friends would like to thank the Shire of Cardinia for the new information board in the sanctuary.

The Friends would welcome anyone who has an hour or two to spare to remove environmental weeds. We are very fortunate to have this special piece of bush in the midst of the houses and we need to preserve it.



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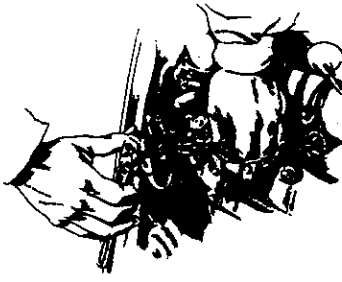


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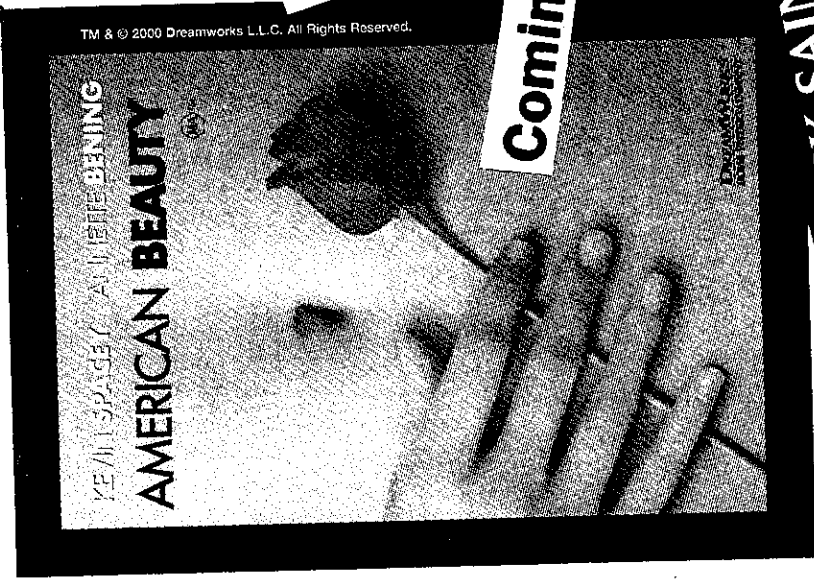
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