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IRIS LEWIS AWARD



Above:- Emma Menzel and Roy Armitage during the presentation of the Iris Lewis Award

At the Progress Association AGM Roy Armitage (son of Joan Armitage) was pleased to present the Iris Lewis Award to Emma Menzel. An Award presented to a young writer.

Iris Lewis is the pseudonym (pen name) of Joan Armitage (wife of the early printer of the Banner) who produced numerous articles over the past years.

At the age of ten Joan's first poem was accepted by a local newspaper in England. Since then encouraged by the success, it has been a desire to give your writers the opportunity to let them make their voyages of discovery into their own talent that a writer needs and where better than our paper, the Beaconsfield Banner, in which to have them produced.

The Banner published the letter Emma had written to Jessie Martin about her Dreams and Ambitions.

We encourage young people of Beaconsfield to submit articles for publication in the Beaconsfield Banner during the year 2001.

IT HAS ARRIVED



You will have noticed that Beaconsfield now has the distinction of having the only computerised toilet in the Cardinia Shire. It is fully automated and self cleaning. Details were previously published in the Feb/March 2000 Banner but more details of how to use it will be in the next edition of the Banner.

Unfortunately it will not be ready for human usage until after Christmas but the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be holding an official opening. A letter box delivery will inform you of when this will be happening, so don't miss what might look like 'junk mail' during January or you may miss the opening.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Shire Secretary Shire Offices.
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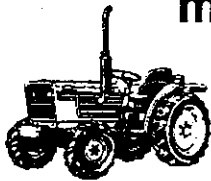
26 April, 1967.

Dear Sir, I have been asked to write to you regarding Public Toilets that the Council propose to build in Beaconsfield. Would you please inform the above Association whether this project will be incorporated in the Town Planning of Beaconsfield or whether they will be built in this years estimates?

Thanking you, I remain yours faithfully,

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NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

The summer season is here again, and while good spring rains have helped to make the country a bit greener this year, the additional grass growth will lead to increased fuel levels and a potentially high fire risk if hot and dry conditions are experienced over the summer period.

Fire restrictions for the summer fire danger period are likely to be imposed by the Country Fire Authority depending on weather patterns. Fire restrictions limit burning off without a permit and place controls on activities which may cause a fire if not properly managed (eg:

barbecues). The introduction of fire restrictions will be promoted through notices in local papers and the erection of fire restriction signs around the locality.

However people should not be complacent about the potential fire risk before fire restrictions are introduced and should take adequate steps to minimise risks especially when burning off. These steps should include adult supervision of the fire, adequate means to control the fire (eg: water supply, cleared break around the fire) and avoiding hot or windy conditions.

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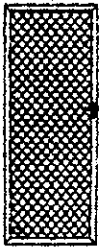
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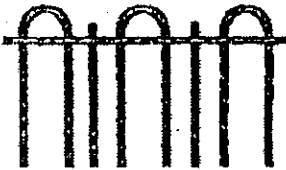


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By - Joy Bishop

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, Inc. I would like to wish each and every member of the Beaconsfield and surrounding community a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all at the "Carols by the Creek" on the 17th December

We are all pleased to see that after so many years Beaconsfield is going to have its own public toilet. Its hard to believe that it has taken so long and so much effort for such an essential public facility.

The Hall/Community Complex is taking a lot of time from a dedicated force from all community groups but at long last it seems we may be getting somewhere. While there is really no concrete plan to tell you of, it appears closer than ever before. At this point in time the most likely outcome appears to be a facility in the vicinity of the O'Neil's Road intersection with Old Princes Highway which will satisfy most groups and a junior football oval with an area of parkland.

While longer term residents had an expectation that a facility would be built on the old hall site it appears that experts believe that taking into account future development of the township we need a larger facility than that which would be able to be accommodated on the old site. I know it sounds impossible, something bigger for Beaconsfield rather than something smaller but as our grandmothers always said "Good things come to he who waits".

As the development continues in the area, the committee is keeping a watchful eye on how the developments are proceeding and putting submissions to Council to ensure that we get the best possible outcomes for our town. If you have any comments or suggestions please let the committee know or better still come along to one of our meetings - remember the third Tuesday of the month (except December and January) 7.30pm. Community Centre. We look forward to seeing you in February.

GRAFFITI

by Glorraine Hardy

It is noted that graffiti has appeared again in our town. Unfortunately some people love to leave their mark when walking from the station up Wood Street to the shops. On behalf of the Helping Hand Team I would like to extend the hand of friendship to the residents of Wood Street who would like some assistance in painting the graffiti from their property. If you do not have the time, energy or ability to rid yourself of this menace please do not hesitate to call me on 9796 1361.

Residents around town who say 'why cannot the graffiti be cleaned off immediately' I say please come and help me sort through some of the issues I have to deal with, for example

1. The graffiti may be on private property and the resident may be an elderly person who cannot for whatever reason do the job themselves.
2. If it is on council property i.e. street signs it just takes a phone call to the council to have it removed.
3. If it is on the concrete underpass along Kenilworth Avenue the railway department needs to be told.

They don't know it is there until you tell them.

4. If it is on a shop wall [i.e. the shops in front of Bob Burgess Park] the body corporate may be un-cooperative.

If you wish to join our Helping Hand Team please do not hesitate to call me on 9796 1361 and help me to keep Beaconsfield a pleasant place to live.

DID YOU KNOW

There is now 30 minute parking in front of the milk bar set of shops. This has been put in place to help with the traffic congestion in the area.

Please do not give the council your money in the form of fines.

The area will be policed in an effort to have the traffic issue sorted out before the traffic lights at Beaconsfield/Emerald Road and the Princes Highway are installed and the traffic from the proposed supermarket eventuates.



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**COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

By Cr. Keith Ewenson



The Local Laws came into force on the 1st of November after extensive consultation. The most controversial aspect of the environment law appeared to be burning off, and this is understandable in a fire sensitive area. To assist in the understanding of the law a complete copy could be viewed at the Post Office or the Shire web site has copies that can be downloaded (www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) A few relevant clauses are now reproduced.

**PART 8 - OPEN AIR
BURNING AND INCINERATORS**

"38.2 No person may on any land without a permit light, allow to be lit or remain alight any incinerator or fire in the open, other than during the below listed hours on the following days: Burning Days Friday and Saturday Burning Hours Between 8.00am and 5.00pm

And providing that the requirements at with. clause 38.4 are fully complied with.

38.3 In addition to the burning specified at clause 38.2 a person may on any land without a permit light, allow to be lit or re-

main alight any incinerator or fire in the open air, on any day between the hours of 8.00am and 8pm for the period from: 1st October to the commencement of the Country Fire Authority declared Fire Period, and Cessation of the Country Fire Authority declared Fire Danger Period to the 14th of May each year.

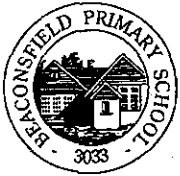
And providing that the requirements at with. clause 38.4 are fully complied with."

38.4 It shall be an offence to light any fire in accordance with clauses 38.2 and 38.3 unless the following requirements are fully complied with: a) the purpose of burning is for fuel reduction or fire prevention b) such burning is appropriately supervised and is under the control of a responsible adult at all times the fire is alight. c) adequate means are readily available for extinguishing the fire.

So you can see we are currently in an amnesty period for preparation of a fire safe period. All the best for the festive season. I trust you will have a happy and safe time.

Kind regards, Keith Ewenson.





BPS CORNER

*What's Happening at
Beaconsfield Primary School.
By Maurice Potter - School Council President*

Ending year 2000 with 278 students, 2001 will see us with 56 preps, 13 grades and over 300 students.

To facilitate our Stage Two building development, the Department of Education have purchased "next door" property at 1 Mahon Avenue to add to our school grounds. While we are fortunate with the diverse extent of our existing grounds, this addition is most welcome. Funding has also been provided by the Department to undertake a number of upgrades - old hall to increase accommodation from one to two classes, conversion of sports room to a class room, external toilet block makeover and canteen improvements.

As the Banner goes to press our trailer raffle will be drawn. Thank you to all those in the community who supported us in this fund raiser and to Akoonah Park, Berwick Craft, Gembrook, Cockatoo markets, Bunnings Fountain Gate and Tattsлото Berwick for facilitating sales.

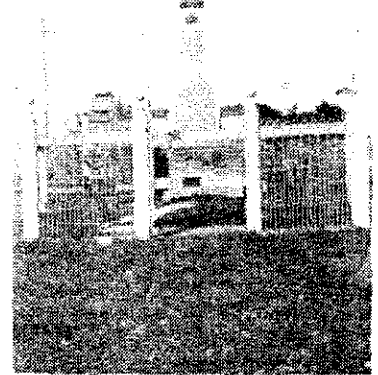
Thank you also to our ever-generous local traders in their support of our recent

Casino evening. A great success for repeat in the new year. While space does not permit listing them, here are some one word clues for each: Fish, News, Keoghs, Steering, RSV, Panjkov, Jet, Beacie, Swim, Boon's, RG & Berwick (potteries), JPS, BfldPizza, Videoland, Talk, Chiropractic, Garden, Mower, Nestle, Squash. First to identify all (in writing to school) will admitted free to our next casino evening. As always, we ask that you support them and shop locally.

Our Junior school recently attended a combined sports day and were complimented on their exemplary behaviour. We are proud of our kids with thanks to their parents for making them so and our teachers for reinforcement. Thanks also to our working bee gardeners following our school being judged a garden award winner. Our award will be collected by mid year grades at a special celebration in Fitzroy Gardens on 1st Dec.

Finally our school community wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

OLD PHOTO



Thankyou to the person who left this photo at the Bakers. The photo is of the War Memorial.

This photo was probably taken between the wars.

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I have copies of many old photos of Beaconsfield.

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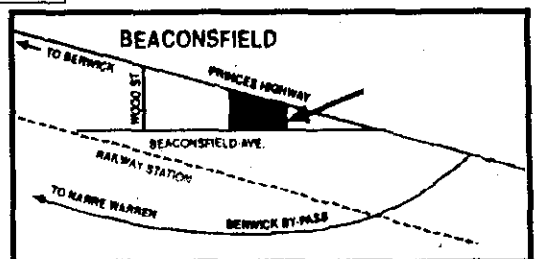


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MAKE AND MINGLE

By Ann Taylor



Ann Taylor

love and rest that has been found at Make and Mingle.

The Church Service included a children's spot, a sharing about Make and Mingle and its history and a message from the Associate Pastor's wife Marcia Bennetts. The morning was a special blessing to all who came.

Many people from the local community shared in fellowship at our Friday Night Craft Fair and Sausage Sizzle in November.

As well as seeing examples of the beautiful crafts, many were able to do some Christmas Shopping and enjoy sausages and muffins for their tea.

A number of quilts were on display including Make and Mingle's friendship quilt. This quilt has blocks made by ladies from Make and Mingle and signed with their names. The quilt was first presented and displayed at our recent Make and Mingle Church Service. It carries the verse "Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28, which expresses God's

Make and Mingle finishes for the year on Wednesday 6th December with a special Christmas morning. We resume for 2001 on Wednesday 7th February, when a range of crafts will be available along with fellowship and morning tea.

Make and Mingle is at Beaconsfield Baptist Church and you are welcome to join us every Wednesday from 10am-12noon during school term. We are at 52-62 Old Princes Highway next to the swim school.

Inquiries
 Ann Taylor 9707 1996.

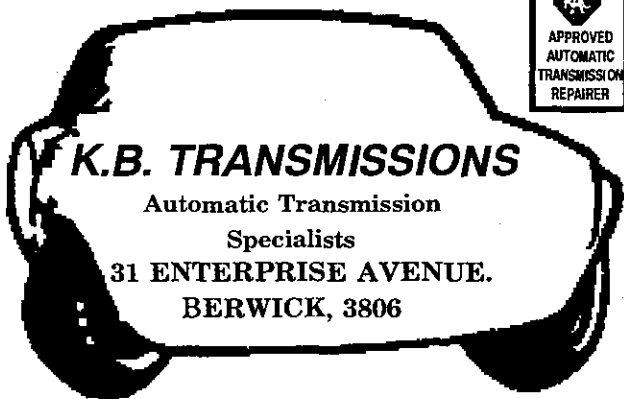
We pray you may know a special blessing this Christmas Season as we celebrate the birth of a Savior The Lord Jesus Christ.

POSTAGE DELAYS

It is noted with dismay that residents of Beaconsfield are having such dreadful trouble in relation to the delivery of their mail.

On discussing the matter with Mary at the Post Office she assured me that it was nothing to do with the Beaconsfield Post Office but the sorting centre at Narre Warren. I hope you will join me in writing a

quick note to the appropriate person to state our anger at not being provided a better service. Not only is the mail being delivered late but also mail is just not getting through. Ron at the Narre Warren Sorting Centre at 37-39 Vesper Drive advises me he will be monitoring the situation for me but if you have any problems please feel free to contact him on 9796 6602.



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RETIREMENT FOR CLIFF & MARCIA BENNETTS

Written by Peggy Dundas on behalf of the Baptist Church community.

The Rev. Cliff and Marcia Bennetts of Vermont, joined us at Beaconsfield Baptist fourteen years ago. They first visited us with some of their friends from Sunshine Baptist where Cliff was involved with ministry. After prayerful consideration, and as our then current Pastor Anatoly (Tolly) Jaloshin was moving to an overseas ministry, Cliff took on the role of senior pastor at Beaconsfield. He has capably fulfilled that role and at many intervals, altho' not being the senior pastor but an assistant pastor, has continued to maintain a dedicated service to the congregation.

In the time they have been associated with the Baptist Church they have made

many friends through their interest and compassion despite the fact that they lead busy lives apart from the church at Beaconsfield.

They have lead several trips to Israel and the Holy land, and Cliff has been able to share their experiences with us through showing slides which provided an insight into the Biblical History of these regions.

A pastor's role is manifold, the key being a shepherd which doesn't just mean preaching and/or teaching but also much prayer, listening and caring. Cliff has covered countless kilometres visiting those who are ill, in hospital or at home, those who grieve, the lonely or those who

need spiritual guidance. He has regularly attended Make 'n' Mingle (one of the few but valued men) over the past twelve years and was around at its inception.

Despite periods of failing health, Cliff has worked tirelessly alongside our previous two pastors as well, Fred Rudd and Gary Piper. Since Gary's departure, he has run meetings, preached regularly and continued in his quiet way and although at times feeling weary, he give all the credit to the Lord for sustaining him.

Marcia, Cliff's wife, has likewise been a faithful servant, stalwart in prayer and has preached on special occasions such as Mother's Day Services

and more recently, our Make'n' Mingle Service.

When tendering his resignation, Cliff said that he and Marcia thought of many of the congregation as their sons and daughters. Both will be sadly missed as members of our church community and we wish them God's blessing in their future plans. They will, however be leaving behind many happy memories of their ministry here in Beaconsfield. At almost 80, according to Cliff their departure from Beaconsfield does not mean retirement from the Lord's work. We send them off on their next journey with our love and best wishes, knowing they will always hold a special place in our hearts.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



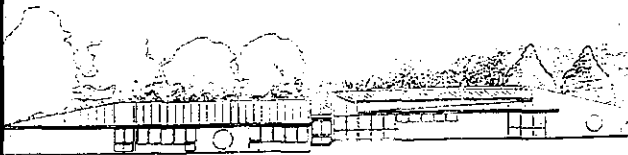


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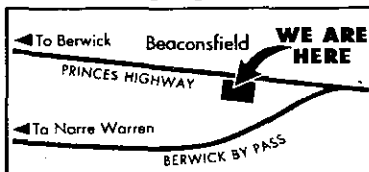
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CAT OWNERS OUTRAGE

As a cat owner, I feel harassed from continual letters from the council and articles about cats killing everything.

Almost lying about cat facts, where mankind has been a bigger problem, - man builds estates by destroying reptiles environment with earth moving equipment, - trees being ripped down, taking bird nests with them, - possums are effected by this also, - just look at the side of the road. what we do with our cars. It seems that we as humans play a more destructive roll in endangering these animals than the household cat. It almost seems like brainwashing.

But what about the good the cat does. They kill rats and mice which are disease carrying animals that eat and live off ratsac these days, 1 pair of mice give birth after 3 weeks, after 7 weeks those babies are ready to breed, after 21

weeks one pair of mice create up to 500. Now this only happens when there is nothing stopping them, like the household cat.

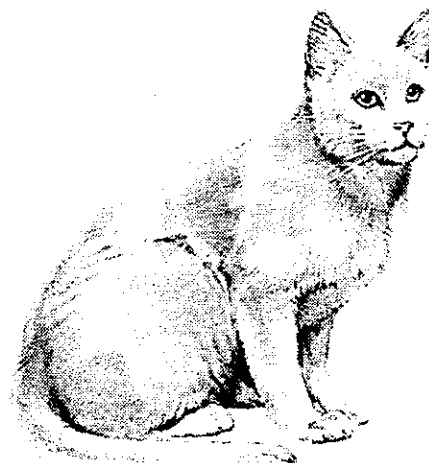
The pharoahs who were intelligent people knew this and praised the cat, making monuments for them. The cat to them stopped disease spreading and saved their crops. If we keep cats inside, how can they catch rats and mice. The household cat doesn't kill reptiles, man does, that is why there are lizard around, man took their home away.

I would like to see a cat try and catch a possum, with those claws a cat could die. As for birds, the only birds I see in suburbia is pest birds, like sparrows, blackbirds and minors. They take native birds homes, push them out of their environment. Mankind introduced them also. In the end, the suburban household cat protects the environment, stops the spread of disease and their company has been proven to reduce stroke and heart attacks in older people. It seems we

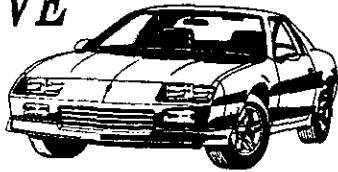
should put bans on what humans do instead of always trying to blame something that can't fight back.

From a cat owner.

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BERWICK VIEWS

Welcome to the new residents of Berwick Views. When delivering the last edition of the Banner I noted that there were 142 houses in the estate with 68 houses occupied.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association welcomes you. I thank you sincerely for the forethought of the people constructing the letter boxes in that they have made provision for delivery of newspapers and thus avoiding the un-

sightly look of paper flying everywhere.

Our committee had constant discussions with the Cardinia Shire Council regarding the development of this estate and are continuing to monitor the progress. If you have any concerns you would like to voice please feel free to attend our regular monthly meetings, write an article for the Banner or call Glorraine Hardy on 9796 1361 any time.

FAREWELL



Above:- Paul Cohen

Beaconsfield Progress Association would like to say a sad farewell to Kaye and Paul Cohen who have now taken up residents in another part of Melbourne. Both Kaye and Paul took photo's published in the Banner and Kaye helped with the proof reading and distribution of the Banner.

We would like to wholeheartedly thank them for their support through the years in relation to the production of the Beaconsfield Banner.

THANKYOU



Above:- Tony Rushton

The Beaconsfield Progress Association would like to thank wholeheartedly Tony Rushton for his as-

sistance in the production of the Beaconsfield Banner over the past 10 years. Tony has contributed many hours towards the typesetting and printing which has enabled the Banner to grow to the size it is today. Words cannot say how much we appreciate his generous and tireless efforts. Sadly Tony has decided to leave our production team to allow more time for his family.

BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

Steaming wallpaper from walls is not a pleasant job - all the sticky little fragments stick to your shoes and you find them from the front porch to the clothes line. We have definitely moved on from those bold geometric designs in orange, brown and beige.

Some wall papers stay on in spite of every effort to unstick them. Why not paint over

them? There is nothing like the change from garish paper designs to a wall or room freshly painted in soft pastel colour.

Why do we keep all of those cardboard boxes? The stereo box, the microwave box, the sewing machine box. When it does come time to move house, will you really pack it in its original box? Of course you should keep

those boxes but have some shelves built in the garage to store them off the floor.

Should we have a drain hole in the laundry floor? If the machine pumps out on the floor think of the towels saved by having a neat little drain that takes the water away - minimising damage to floor coverings.

Sunblinds versus a pergola - well the blinds win every time, if shade is the first priority. They enhance the house and are a lasting asset. The pergola is really for outdoor living and provides a dry area, a breezeway and a place to kick off your dirty boots.

Have a happy, healthy Christmas and pause a moment or remember what it is really about.

Phil Collins - Handyman - 9707 4225

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Term 4 has been busy with all groups participating in Christmas activities. Planning is well underway for the Term 1 programme which will be distributed during January. We would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the community centre when we recommence on 5th February, 2001.

MAKE MONEY

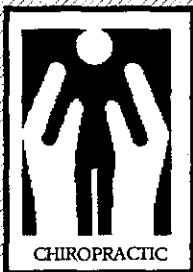
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by Ian Arrell

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The Union Jack is a Navel term for the Union Flag worn at a Jackstaff in the Bows of a Ship. The Ensign traditionally placed at the Stern.

Colonial Navel Defence Acts of 1865, British Colonies were authorised to fly their own Flag. In February 1870 all vessels belonging to or permanently in service of the Government of Victoria where authorised to wear the Blue Ensign with the distinctive Badge of the Colony in the Fly of the Flag. First flown on board H.M.V.S. Nelson, Victoria's first War Ship. Followed by Western Australia 1875, New South Wales February 1876, Tasmania September 1876, Queensland November 1876, South Australia 1904.

Australian National Flag day, 3rd September 1901, initiated with a Flag Competition in 1900, the contest attracted 32,823 entries. The design chosen was typical of flags of British colonies, A Blue Ensign as the state flags. Other examples, Fiji, New Zealand. The U.S.A. flag originated from a Red Ensign. The Australian Army is the protector of the Australian National

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ROSES to Bob Charles & his office staff for arranging a replacement flag for the one that was stolen on Melbourne Cup Day.

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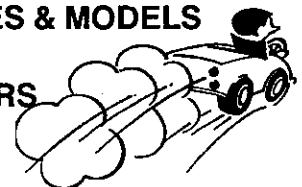
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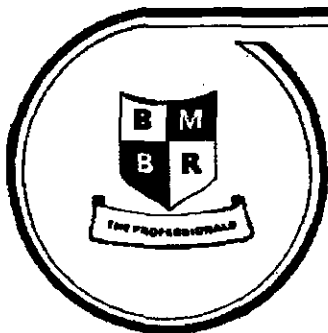
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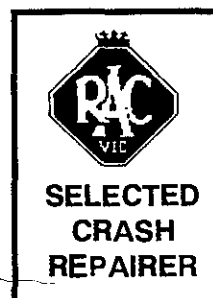
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A LETTER FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

by Roy Armitage

I love Christmas.

I love the noise, the sparkle, the sense of appreciation, even the tenseness. Most of all I love the kids. Last year I asked an eight year old girl where she was going for Christmas dinner "I don't know" she replied. "Haven't your family decided yet?" I replied. "Well I'm having open heart surgery tomorrow and I don't know what will happen". It was a wonderful opportunity to share her fears and what might happen. The following week I made a visit to the Royal Children's Hospital as 'me' but with a 'get well' letter from Santa and a special present from him which the shopping centre gave to me to give to her. Because of the skill of men and women who had studied long hours in

their youth she received a new life, the best Christmas present she and her family could have received.

On the other side of life I often ask school aged children what they are going to give before I ask what they want. There is usually a pause, a blank expression and a dumb founded response such as "Ah?" or "What?" I then give them a short explanation that Christmas is a time of giving, so what can they give. Nearly every kid resorts to material things such as "I haven't got any money for presents" or "I haven't thought about it", I then go on to explain that they don't have to buy anything. Maybe giving their family a full day of their life to help out. Maybe making something or painting a picture, or to write a story



as a special 'thank you' is all their family wants : some sort of recognition that love is a two way thing.

I hope this Christmas you get what you want and I hope your wishes go beyond the material things in life. Take time out after that big Christmas dinner as you fight off sleep (or slowly fall into it) and remember the special gift that is yours free of charge. Life can be good when we come to understand and respect it better.

(Roy is the Minister of the Avonsleigh Church of Christ and 'Father Christmas' at the Warringal Shopping Centre in Heidelberg)



MT. MISERY

Many stories have been written and told of Mt. Misery of how it got its name. For instance a snippet from an article dated 1950 about a hut on a hill called Mt. Misery, where stockman kept watching Westernport for straying ships. "When a ship was sighted one man rode to the coast and gave a warning by smoke from a fire; another rode to Melbourne to tell the news; the third stayed to carry on the far, work".

Planning for articles for the Banner 2001 is already underway and interest has been shown to 'run' a story on Mt. Misery. We are interested in any stories, articles, photo's etc. in regard to Mt. Misery. Copies can be sent to Glorraine Hardy, Banner Co-ordinator to Box 217 Beaconsfield or ring Glorraine on 9796 1361.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

by Glorraine Hardy

On behalf of the Progress Association I would sincerely like to thank Joy Bishop for all her 'get up and go' but unfortunately she has decided to step down as president.

Sincere thanks to all members of the committee for their hard work over the past year. We now wish the new committee all the best for this year. President-vacant Secretary-Glorraine Hardy, Vice President-Bob Cooper, Treasurer-Maurice Potter, Members- Susan Brewer, Jan Irvine, Robert Shreeve, Kath Clarke, Joy Bishop Tony Rushton, Willem Boon and Angela McPhee. The Banner sub-

committee will consist of Glorraine Hardy, Margaret Boon, Joan Horton, Tony Rushton, David Griffiths, Willem Boon, Bob Cooper and Sylvia Bence.

I would like to thank Cr Keith Ewenson and Cr. Ted Owen for their attendance at quite a few of our meetings during the year and also the Council Officers for their attendance at Progress meetings. I would sincerely like to thank the staff at the council for keeping communications open to the public and to always giving me an answer to my many queries.

A CHRISTMAS POEM

There was a manger standing there,
A mother bent in maternal care;
The tiny babe swathed in linen bright....
'twas the foretold holy night.

Last night a mother stood amazed
As on her precious babe she gazed.
A mobile hanging on the cot
To later amuse the growing tot.

We differ from those distant days,
Life has taught us different ways.
Temptation flaunts us here and there,
We're rushing fast to - who knows where?

But a mother's love is just the same,
No matter what the baby's name,
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In thanking God for love divine.

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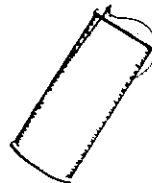
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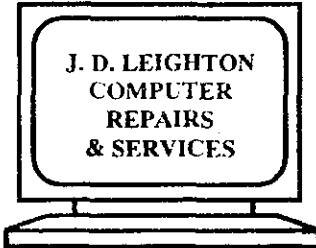


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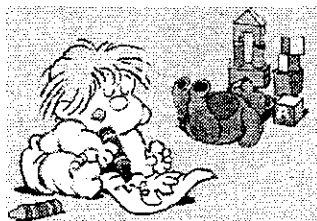


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There are proposed changes to capital gains tax including the loss of 50% discount on capital gains made on assets acquired after 23rd Dec 1999.

The new regulations will not apply to "fixed trusts" which include publicly listed trusts e.g. General Property Trust, Westfield Trust and Stockland Trust or to most unit trusts where entitlement to capital and income are already determined by the Trust Deed.

Whilst not yet legislated the impact on these proposed changes should be carefully reviewed for all Non- fixed trusts prior to the introduction date (1st July 2001). You should seek advice to ensure that you are not adversely affected by these new complicated laws which have effectively produced a new system of tax for certain trusts.

GRAEME J. TAYLOR
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As part of the massive tax reform, an exposure draft has been tabled in Parliament on the taxation treatment of trusts.

The proposed introduction date is 1st July 2001 and the legislation is designed to tax non- fixed trusts under a similar regime to companies.

Some key aspects of the new system include the following:

Non- fixed trusts (NFT) defined as discretionary hybrid or class Trusts where some or all of the income or capital may be distributed at the discretion of a trustee, are to be taxed like companies (i.e. pay 30% tax on their taxable income)

Distribution to trust members will be taxed like company dividends. Restrictions apply on distribution of non- income benefits (such as non- commercial loans and use of trust property to its members).

Non- Commercial loans



CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths



When I watch a film I like to analyse down to it's final piece. From screenwriter, to director and especially actor. Most actors will admit they have made one bad film. However there is one young female actor whom I believe can claim she hasn't.

Most people know Katie Holmes as Joey Potter on TV's 'Dawson's Creek'. However she also has a very impressive filmography.

Katie first started her film acting career in 'The Ice Storm' (which starred Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver). Just to make all inspiring actresses jealous; this was Katie's first ever audition, and it was while she was in high school.

She then won her role on 'Dawson's Creek' (and told it's producers they would have to wait until she finished acting in her high school play). Since then she has acted in 'Wonder Boys', 'Killing Mrs. Tingle', 'Go!' and 'Disturbing Behaviour'.

The two films she shines in are 'Go!' and 'Disturbing Behaviour.' These films also show her gift of playing very different characters. In 'Go!' she plays Claire Montgomery, a prudish kind of girl who is about to have weekend that will really surprise her

and open her eyes. While in 'Disturbing Behaviour' she plays the Gothic Rachel Wagner, a girl with a no-care-attitude and loose morals. Although she is supposed to be playing second fiddle to James Marsden, Katie steals the show from him with her great character.

As I write this a huge cardboard cut-out Katie Holmes (from 'Disturbing Behaviour') over looks my desk...and even from that she looks scary (although she's not the horror in the film).

'Go!' and 'Disturbing Behaviour' should be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland

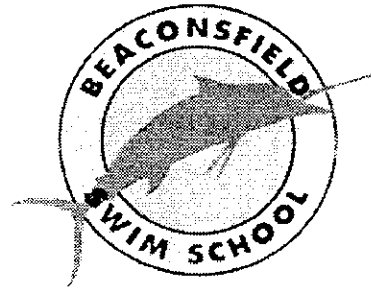
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SELF HELP SUPPORT GROUP

There has been a lot of publicity about mental illness and the sufferers of mental illnesses, this year.

At some time during the past year, I realised that I am one of those people. One of the mentally ill, that is! You see, I have depression and anxiety.

Depression/anxiety, is a horrible illness. It has effected the way I think and it has effected me physically. Panic attacks, migraines, vague aches & pains, irrational thoughts, irrational feelings, feelings of disconnection to reality, flash backs, anger, confusion, memory loss (long & short term), insomnia, feelings of exhaustion, a feeling of going mad.

I am lucky, I seem to be coming out of it, I didn't think I ever would. Which is also a blessing for the

people around me, the people who have supported me.

Why am I writing this? Well, I have discovered that there are some self help support groups around. The ones I know of are: Hampton Park, Hallam, Brighton and Bunyip. There is also a depression internet site based in Victoria. They have a chat room. I had a look at the chatroom a couple of weeks ago. There was a 16 year old girl on it. Each person has a different story, a different set of circumstances.

What I have found, is that depression/anxiety, effects both genders, of all ages and for a variety of reasons, but there is help out there.

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K.D.G.

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Beaconsfield Avenue and also the car park next door to the Community Centre. They are Callistemons [red bottlebrush] which is in keeping with the theme of other trees planted in our local streets.

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Two old cobbers enjoy a glass of Christmas cheer under a shady tree. It's a scene from a bush Christmas which will no doubt be repeated often in the next few weeks. Their bullock team waits patiently in the shade while its masters knock back a couple of cold drinks to celebrate Christmas.

The picture was first published in *The Leader* in 1927. On the left is Mr. Jack Harbour of Guys Hill, who was known as "Bullocky Jack". On the right is Mr. Ern Luke, father of Vic Luke who took the photograph.

And how do we know it's Christmas? Part of the load they were carrying is a box of Christmas puddings destined for a Christmas dinner somewhere "up country".

Our Natural World

Once again, Christmas is nearly upon us, and the yearly frenzy is about to start. With these thoughts in mind it's nice to read about a legend of long ago, when life was simpler.

Remember the story in St. Luke's Gospel when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there were shepherds watching in the fields by night, and the Angel of the Lord came upon them and brought them glad tidings of great joy. The Shepherds went into Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger.

Legend tells us that among the Shepherds was a lad called Ephraim, and that when the Shepherds set out to find Jesus he took a lantern and went along with them. In their eagerness they hurried into the little town and crowded into the stable. When they fell down to worship the new-born King, Ephraim dropped to his knees also. But when the Shepherds left the stable to spread the news, Ephraim remained behind.

He had noticed something the others had missed - Mary wrapping her cloak

about the child, as the air was very chill just before dawn. So without a word, Ephraim reverently drew near holding up his lantern, so that the small flame might warm the air, even a little, about the Babe. For two hours he stood there, his arms aching and throbbing all the time, but his heart full of love and adoration. When the sun came up he crept away on tiptoe.

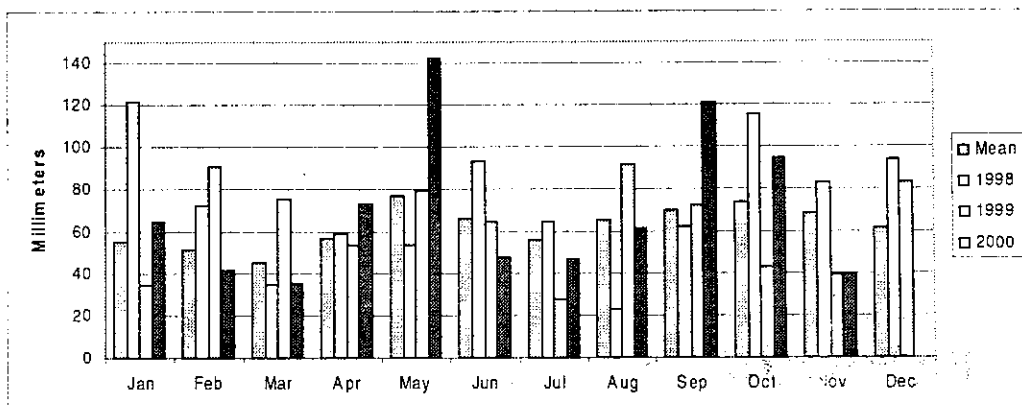
Then a miracle occurred, for although he tried to blow out the flame of his lantern, he could not. All that day it burned and into the next night, and day and night from that point on, steadily with a soft clear light which could not be extinguished. Ephraim grew to be a man, loved by all for his gentleness and sweetness, and still the lantern shone its pure light upon all things; and so it continued to burn until Ephraim was old and lay dying.

The legend says that death was kind to Ephraim; and that towards nightfall the lamplight grew brighter and brighter, till it shone like the sun itself, and a voice said, "Behold now Ephraim, your lamp had never gone out because your love has never wavered. Lo, I am the Light of the World. Come, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

A Legend from the age of Miracles perhaps; but legends always contain a basis of truth. Let it stand, we all need them to enrich our lives, and without beliefs we are poor indeed. May your Christmas be a blessed one.

Peter Hansen

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL



"NEWS AROUND TOWN"

Welcome to the new owners of the Fish N Chip Shop who have taken over the business from Helen, John and Toni.

Have you noticed the Application for permit for an Ambulance station next to Goodyear on Princes Highway. This was required because of the response time to Upper Beaconsfield area.

Welcome to Mark

Bedwell - new manager of Goodyear.

Welcome to the newly opened businesses on Princes Highway, the beauty salon and the flower shop.

WELCOME

New residents in Adamson Road -Kay & Ryan King New resident in Lyle Avenue -Robert Shreeve [Beakie's Bakery]

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

by M. Chatfield



section 3 finished 2nd, section 6 finished 2nd section 7 finished top. Good luck ladies.

Enquires for Midweek Ladies contact Glenda Gorton on 9707 2906 Competition starts back February 6th, 7th and 8th 2001.

Saturday Juniors - enquires to Lynn Day on 9707 4662 or M. Chatfield on 9707 2016. Saturday Seniors - enquires to Dawn Snelson on 9704 6852. Tuesday Night Beginners .. 'B' Grade - contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016 Thursday Night Mens A/B - contact Ian Craig on 9707 4507. Pennant Winter - contact Adam Hurst on 9769 1364. Coaching enquires - contact Robert Keighery on 9802 0820.

Court Hire enquires contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Tennis Club I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

As our community is growing, so is our club membership, keeping committee members very busy organising the various competitions required by members. I'd like to acknowledge the committee for their time and effort they put in to make it all happen.

MIDWEEK LADIES SPRING SEASON 2000 Midweek ladies have had another successful season, congratulations to the teams making it to the finals.

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Planning a party, especially for young people, raises a number of issues. By working with local police, potential problems such as uninvited guests [gatecrashers], excess noise and damage to property can be avoided or at least kept to a minimum. By registering your party, local police can undertake to, without being intrusive, patrol the vicinity of your party regularly throughout its duration and give priority to any call to attend. Other helpful hints are to have parental supervision, ensure food [i.e. pizza] is available during party, personally hand out invitations and discourage people from bringing extra friends, ensure your invitation has a definite start and finish time, encourage parents to pick up their children at the end of the party, advise neighbours about the party and seek their support. If alcohol is to be permitted at the party, discourage guests from bringing their own. This will enable you to have greater control over who it is distributed to and how much they can have. If you need more suggestions the matter can be discussed with your local council or police.

If booking a hall to hold the party the crowd management techniques that follows will make the party a lot more enjoyable not only for you but your guests. 1. Have only one entrance or exist to make it easier to control who comes into your party. 2. Try to keep the party to a confined area. 3. Have visible supervision / licensed security personnel. Better still just hire a room at a pub and all these issues will not be a problem [this suggestion only for 18 year olds].

The object of a party is to have fun. Parents who involve their children in the discussion and planning of the party are well on their way to having a hassle free, fun party.





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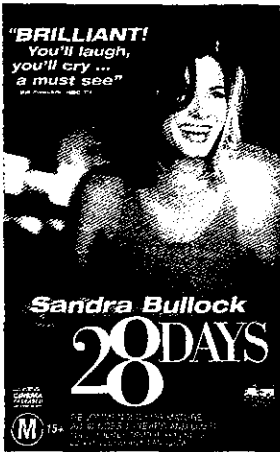
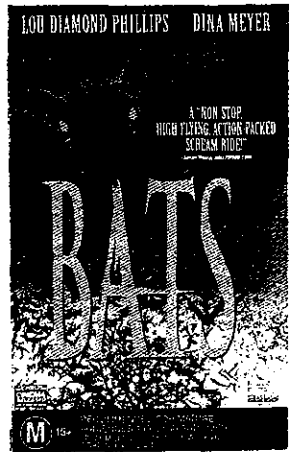
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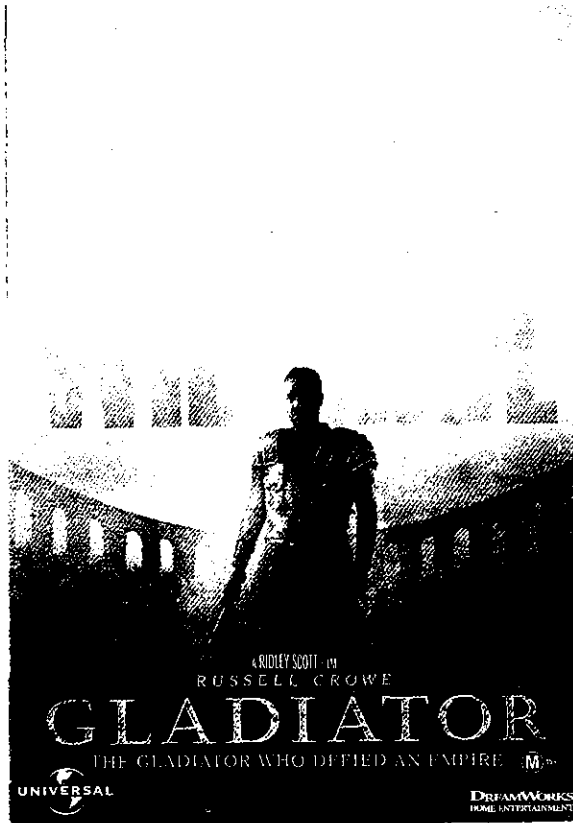
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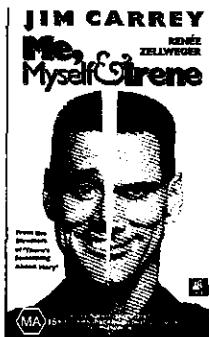
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