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APPRECIATION FOR LOLLIPOP LADIES



Left to Right- Ellie Dodd and Pam Clark.

Lollipop Week has been set aside for 19th -23rd March to promote road safety. School Crossing Supervisors, or more commonly known as The Lollipop Ladies/Men, play a key role in demonstrating road safety on a daily basis.

We asked both Pam Clark and Ellie Dodd to reflect about the importance of being Crossing Supervisors.

Pam Clark wrote:

Being a crossing supervisor is a very dangerous and responsible job. This is particularly apparent with the increasing amounts of traffic and the every changing weather conditions.

Although the crossing requires a high level of responsibility, I enjoy and continue to enjoy doing my job, which I began at Beaconsfield in 1986 and have spent 11 years on the Beaconsfield crossing since that time.

On the crossing you are

responsible for so many children's lives. Looking after children's safety does not just involve ensuring the children proceed across the road in a safe and appropriate way, but also to ensure you keep an eye out for those children who are picked up late or for the possibility of strangers in the area.

Being a school crossing supervisor is most rewarding. You know that your role is appreciated when the children and parents express their vote of thanks, and demonstrated a respectful manner through their punctuality and use of manners.

Ellie Dodd wrote:

Being a crossing supervisoris thoroughly enjoying, it is very rewarding to watch children grow and become responsible adolescence.

The crossing requires a high level of responsibility because of the increasing amount of



ANZAC DAY SERVICE

An Anzac Day service will be conducted at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph on SUNDAY the 22nd of APRIL commencing at 2pm.

If you wish to lay flowers in memory of a soldier you will be able to during the service.

After the service there will be afternoon tea at the Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

traffic in this area and the unpredictability of young children. You have to make sure that the cars are actually going to stop before you let people across the road (and sometimes the cars do not stop).

lalways let people know what is required on the crossing:

- staying behind the yellow line until two whistles are blown
- no running
- no bouncing of balls
- no bike riding

Punctuality is also very important as we are only on the crossing for a limited time.

I have been a crossing lady for ten years and have been at Beaconsfield for eight of those years. I really appreciate polite well-behaved children and (parents). I thoroughly enjoy it when ex-students come and say hello.

The children of Beaconsfield Primary School compiled a booklet of thank yous and gave flowers to both ladies in appreciation.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday 17th April 2001 7.30pm

Community Centre Beaconsfield Avenue Beaconsfield [next to Scout Hall]

The Association achieves its best results if you the community tell us of your concerns.

Subjects for the next meeting are:

Rural and Residential Living Strategy

Recreational Strategy

By-Laws Officer will be attending to answer your queries

What are your concerns?

Light supper shared after meeting closes at 9pm.

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THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

by Kathleen Clarke

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A Free Open Craft Display is to be held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday 19th April, from 10am - 2pm. Morning and afternoon tea will be available. All welcome to drop in.

We meet at the Masonic Hall, High St., Berwick every 3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm. On the 2nd Tuesday of the month we meet for craft at 30 Adamson Rd., Beaconsfield.

Our yearly subscription is \$25.00, which includes our magazine.

For further enquiries ring our President on 9707 1747 or Secretary on 9796 1551.

PIONEER PROFILES

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc. is asking for interested people to submit pioneer profiles on people that have lived in the Casey-Cardinia area. The group intends to put together a book from the information that we receive.

The closing date for submissions is the 28th February 2002. Forms may be obtained by phoning Leanne on (03) 9704 - 6011, emailing me at casper@vtown.com.au or writing to P.O. Box 149, Narre Warren 3805.

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES 17 April 2001 and 19 June 2001



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee

The Beaconsfield Progress Association's public meeting of 20 March 2001 was quite an event. Residents affected by the proposed Strategy for Rural & Residential Living (SRRL), and ultimately the rezoning of their land, attending to raise issues with Cardinia Shire representatives present. Many of the people at the meeting indicated they weren't previously aware of the Strategy which has been the subject of advertisement and articles in the Gazette and available from council for some time. ThisStrategy was also one of the topics on the agenda for the Progress Association's February meeting and is also likely to be the topic of discussion for the April meeting

The role of the BPA is to keep residents informed of these types of issues. It is frustrating that a succession of meetings will be taken up with this particular issue when, given that the SRRL will ultimately see specific areas re zoned, it is the Cardinia Shire's responsibility to call public meetings to consult with the residents affected. To have the BPA's public meeting taken up almost entirely by this is disappointing especially when Council made no effort to inform those residents affected that it intended to use the meeting in this manner. It was left to private individuals to inform fellow residents of the impact of the SRRL and claim this issue as the sole topic for discussion at the Progress Associations meeting. It was only possible to give limited time to other important issues affecting the township like traffic and the Draft Beaconsfield Township Strategy.

Other issues currently afoot are inappropriate removal of trees on the Bowman's Track Estate and sealing of Kenilworth Avenue.

We have had a positive response to the objections raised in relation to the Shops/ Offices planned for the corner of Beaconsfield-Emerald Road with Council applying many of the issues raised as conditions to it, s decision to Grant a Permit.

I welcome your input. I can be contacted at work on 9707 0590 or email at bpa.beaconsfield.org.au

DISTRIBUTION AND CONTRIBUTION

The Banner, over its history of 10 years, has grown to being a bi-monthly newsletter consisting of 24 pages and having a circulation, in the year 2000, of 1,500 copies free to every resident in the post code area of 3807.

With the projected residential growth of the post code area of 3807, the Banner recognises that it may need to print 3,500 copies within 5 years. The

Banner Committee is made up of local residents all working on a volunteer basis who produce this most needed 'voice of the people' on a non profit basis together with financial support of the advertising businesses.

Please do not hesitate to forward your 'Letter to the Editor' or 'Community Notice', 'Birth, Death or Marriage Notice' or simply an article about a particular subject dear to your heart i.e. wine, knitting, emu oil, which will be printed free of charge, provided that name and address are supplied.

FEDERATION

Federation was an event that sparked all kinds of responses. It was a time for reflection about purpose and identity within an atmosphere of excitement and optimism. The Shire of Berwick was formed in 1868. This became Pakenham Shire in 1973 and Cardinia Shire Council was formed in 1994.

The township of Beaconsfield has been around for quite a while and the Banner would love to continue its support of obtaining history of our town by publishing photos of Beaconsfield as it was then. Please forward your photos or contact Margaret Boon on 9707 5053.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

by Cr. Keith Ewenson





owners in all precincts, to hold public meetings on the proposed Rural & Residential Living Strategy'.

The Shire's Capital Works Grants applications close 7th April, advisory session has already occurred.

Beaconsfield has worked through the consultative phase with Vivien Clark and now has an Interim Committee working for the establishing of a new Community Complex in O'Neil Road.

Beaconsfield Upper has an important Traffic Meeting on the 10th of April. Every improvement in the Village has been on hold for fear they would be detrimental to the final plan. We should not wait any longer. Come to the meeting.

Cardinia Shire Officers are now conducting regular random checks of properties in the search for unregistered pets.

Don't forget that a lot of information particularly Strategy Plans can be obtained from our website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au



I trust you have all received the first edition of "Connect Cardinia". You will notice a vast upgrade of information. Communication to residents is the most difficult thing to do and I hope this publication like yours, will assist in meeting that need.

Recreational Plan is being reviewed. As a part of the consultative process for the review of the Cardinia Shire Recreation Plan, a meeting was held in Beaconsfield Upper on Wednesday 7th of March and Tuesday, 20th of March at Beaconsfield. Any further comments should be made as soon as possible to Emma Michie at the Shire Office. The process is reviewing the 1997 document.

The new council approach of briefing Monday, council Wednesday has enabled the press to publish details of council matters before they have been considered by council and report on possible determinations. There is mixed reaction to this on council. Councillors have decided to revert to Monday night council meetings.

At council meeting on 21 March it was resolved 'to extend the closing date for submissions by 60 days, to direct mail to all potentially affected land

LINKS TO THE PAST



Photographs of World War 1 soldiers on the first Beaconsfield WW1Honour Board were taken about 1915 by Edmund Thomas Luke who was the official photographer of the Age newspaper. A reproduction

of this Honour Board is on display in the Beaconsfield Community Centre. Edmund's son, Victor Luke, is one of the many photographed soldiers. The following article submitted by Charlie Wilson is the first part of a story about the Luke's of Montuna.

Luke's of Montuna.

The attractive village of Guys Hill would have been a very different place had it not been for Edmund Thomas Luke and his family. E. T. Luke was born at Heathcote, Victoria in 1864. At the age of twenty he married Ida Florence Pearson who, over the next sixteen years, provided him with eight children - in order Montague, Una, Ernest, Victor, Lilly,

Kelvey, Herbert and Ida Vera known as Vera.

Edmund Luke was a born artist who worked hard to become an able photographer. In 1893, this combined ability enabled him to join the staff of The Age and The Leader as the first artist and photographer appointed by the Syme Company.

In 1894 in company with Mr. Julian Thomas (The Vagabond) a brillant descriptive writer whom The Age had head-hunted from the Argus, Luke was was sent to the goldfields of Western Australia to cover the opening of the Cue Railway Line. On his return The Age published a special book, which included a photograph of a Miner Manager, who was later to become President Hoover of the USA.

The book was well received resulting in Luke being commissioned to visit New Zealand and photograph its splendid scenery. Whilst in New Zealand Luke submitted several designs for stamps issued by the New Zealand government - some of these were accepted.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor



We have had a wonderful start to the year with some new people coming along and many regulars as well. There have been some beautiful craft created with a range of greeting cards of varied techniques and designs, some new crossstitch patterns gorgeous mini- quilts. The glass painting continues to be popular, many people are bringing their own projects of embroidery, and

quilting, others just come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

Next term we will be learning ribbon flowers, candlewicking, country folkart, ribbon embroidery and greeting cards.

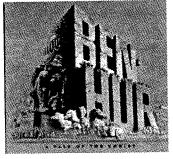
You are always welcome to come along and try a new craft at any time during term as well as for friendship and a cuppa.

Hope you can come along. We meet every Wednesday 10am -12noon during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist, Cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy.

Enquiries Ann Taylor. 9707 1996



L to R, Lesly, Janette, Irene, Cynthia, Edith, Cheryl who is explaining the patchwork and baby Morgan who is being held by mother June.



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You may like to

- Learn to use equipment better
- Understand technical terms
- Improve your photos
- Learn creative techniques, or Meet with other enthusiasts.

Your thoughts and ideas are important to us too. Maybe you have a special talent, experience or contacts to share.

Come along to one of our monthly meetings where practical workshops and guest speakers regularly feature. Club competitions covering various topics and conducted on a regular basis with experienced judges providing encouraging comments.

A display of members' work can be seen at Yakkerboo and the Pakenham Show each year.

Following an interesting and successful night shoot in February the next club outing will be held on Sunday 20th May to either Healesville or Marysville.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month in the Uniting Church, Main Street, Pakenham starting at 7.30pm. Further details may be obtained from Laurelei Vincent on 9707 5481 or Jenny Trotter (Secretary) on 5941 3733.

EUROPEAN WASPS

Many of you may be suffering from an infestation of European Wasps for the first time this year. According to Cardinia Shire Officer this occurs in March each year. We are assured that in May most nests die off and the queens begin to hibemate. Unfortunately the cycle begins again in November after the queen has found a new home and workers begin to build the nest again.

Some suggestions for keeping wasps away from your garden are keep compost heaps and rubbish bins covered at all times; remove old and damaged fruit from fruit trees; clean up dog bones from the yard; cover or remove pet food when not being eaten by your pets; cover bird baths, fish ponds and swimming pools; remove ivy from the garden [wasps love it] and use screens on windows and doors.

Suggestions for preventing stings are cover opened drink cans and bottles; wear shoes in the garden especially when using hose; don't wear heavy perfumes; don't swat at or annoy wasps that are hovering around [although difficult, the best way to avoid being stung is to sit still]; warn children of the dangers.

Information can be obtain from council officers. To rid yourself of this pest you have to find the nest during the day as the nest is quite at night and then call a pest control expert if the nest is on your property. It is a council problem if the nest is found on council property.

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Over the past few months the amount of vandalism aroundBeaconsfield has worsened. The vandalism has stepped up from graffit to actual serious damage of buildings.

It is a worry that people have so little feelings for our town they will set out

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

to wilfully damage other people's property. Maybe they should be reminded that what they damage has to be repaired and paid for by somebody else.

What is even more disturbing is the fact that in some of the more recent cases people have witnessed the vandalism happening and have been reluctant to report it, or the people involved in it.

Let's take some time to actual care about our town.

Béaconsfield Resident (name and address supplied)

GRAFFITI

There is more and more graffiti appearing in our town and unfortunately on private property which makes it very hard for our 'Helping Hand Team' to clean it off. We are very proud of our town and would appreciate any assistance you can give.

I received a call from a concerned resident about graffiti on children's play equipment in a park. It was reported to the appropriate people and removed straight away.

I would like to thank Mark Jenkins of "Enviro-Pure" for removing the graffiti from the Community Centre free of charge.

Mark is a professional graffiti removalist and states that it could cost as little as \$30 to remove the graffiti from a fence. Well worth it considering it may cost more than that to buy a whole can of paint. Please do not hesitate to contact Glorraine on 9796 1361 for any further info.

The reporting of the events also helps with working out a pattern and hopefully lead to the offenders.

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BPS CORNER

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

We at Beaconsfield Primary are indeed blessed with wonderful support from our community. Our dedicated school crossing supervisors Pam Clark and Ellie Dodd have served us through the proverbial rain hail and shine. To honour their dedication our students recently presented them with flowers, card and a book of "Thank You's". We trust that all motorists will continue to respect their important role and the authority they must command in doing their job.

As our school fete draws near we again ask for the community to support us on the day, Sunday 6th May, 2001. As is our tradition, we attempt to provide a day of entertainment as a means of thanking those that attend. Hope to see you there sometime between 9:00 am and 4:00pm even if it rains.

Support from our community of parents and friends is we believe, second to none. Time is given free in many ways, one being by school councillors who are responsible for setting key direction of our school. As such we thank outgoing councillors, Theresa Dyke, Helena van den Akker, Bryan Noble, and Jenny Andersen and welcome new councillors Paul Hayes, Ross Mills, Janice Oates and Chris Rogan.

Finally congratulations to our student School Captains and Student Representative Council members:

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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN by Phil

by Phil Collins

Replacing a door with a half glass door makes a tremendous difference. The extra light can give the laundry or the rear entry a safer more cheerful look. It is quite practicable to glaze the existing door as I have just completed one at a building in Dandenong. I actually did two in the day but there was some wood machining in preparation. Our own back door was the trial.

At a school, I was asked to open a desk drawer which was well stuck. Drawers can be fragile these days - the old solid dove tailed variety aren't used in modern school furniture. I pulled as hard as I dared, no movement. I leaned over to my tool box to



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For many in today's world, the search for happiness is much like that social game. All around them, they see men and women who seem to have found something, who seemed to have found the key to enjoying life. However, for the searching person, life appears to be a cruel game of insiders and outsiders, fortunate and unfortunate. The more they search, the more obscure the mystery becomes.

This generation has been called "the me generation."
They have been raised on the promise of instant ecstasy. A pleasure - centred searching society has been offered immediate fulfillment through sex, drugs or material things. The credo of many today is "If it feels good, do it".

If any or all of these roads lead to happiness then what's the problem? The Bible reminds us that "There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12) Happiness is not simply improving my lot and surrounding myself with pleasure today. In order to be genuine, today's happiness must not result in tomorrow's disappointment.

Jesus Christ Himself offers Himself as the key to happiness. He says to modern man- to you and me- "If you're prepared to rethink your priorities to change your mind and take another road, then I'll let you in on the secret of happiness."

Happiness can start for you with a new kind of honesty with God. Happiness is coming to God, admitting

to him that you've tried to pull your own strings, run your own life and failed. Get it all out before Him, the bitterness, the disappointment, the hurt. As you do you can find the forgiveness that Jesus died to give you. Trust Him as your Saviour and Leader in life and you'll discover with the Psalmist "Happy is the people whose God is the Lord!"

Rev Norman Pell Interim Pastor Beaconsfield Baptist Church



THE EMU

by Sylvia Bence

The emu is considered by many scientists to be an improbable bird: it cherishes water, carried twenty pounds of fat and lives in the rugged outback. Adult emus have



incredible recuperative abilities from shock and wounds not normally observed in nature.

The origin of the use of emu oil is believed to have begun when the emu fat was collected by aborigines. They hung the emu skin from a tree and collected the oil, or alternately they wrapped the skin around a sufferer and left them in the sun, allowing the oil to liquefy and penetrate the skin.

Early settlers corroborated this by using it on themselves, their animals and riding tackle. The Australian Aboriginal people ascribe great medical powers to emu oil's body fat as:

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CHANGES TO GST AND PAYG



government The announced a series of changes aimed at reducing the GST compliance burden of small business owners and payers of PAYG tax. These new arrangements promise relief from actual calculations and not having to provide statistical information and have extended lodgment and payment dates. The changes effect businesses that are GST registered where annual turnover is below \$20 million but mostly apply where annual turnover is below \$2 million.

A summary of the changes is as follows:

- 1. GST changes turnover under \$20 million
- Statistical information on BAS statements will be significantly reduced
- Quarterly payments are extended by 7 days to the 28th day after the end of each quarter.
- Annual information sheets detailing exports, other GST sales, capital and other purchases to be lodged no later than 28th February commencing with the 2000/2001 income tax year.
- 2. GST changes turnover under \$2 million
- Can choose the above approach; or
- Pay GST instalments based on 25% of the previous years GST amount adjusted by GDP factor
- Quarterly payments are extended by 7 days to the 28th day after the end of each

quarter

-Submit a GST return annually with the annual income tax return. This must be lodged no later than 28th February. The GST statement will require details of exports, other GST sales, Capital and other purchases, plus annual sales and actual GST payable.

3. PAYG changes

- The following taxpayers who are registered for GST will be given the option to have their Quarterly PAYG instalments calculated by the Tax Office using their last available years income adjusted to GDP
- Sole traders
- -Partners
- -Companies and Superannuation funds with a tumover of less than \$1 million.
- -Taxpayers with net tax of less than \$250 using their last available year's income to be excluded from the PAYG instalment system and will pay tax based on tax returns lodged.

While the compliance burden and the time needed to provide calculations and statistical information on the **Business Activity Statements** is reduced, there is still the need to ascertain and pay GST amounts extended by 7 days. These changes apply to the next Quarterly BAS GST registered return. businesses will need to carefully review their individual circumstances and decide if they will utilize streamlined reporting with or without annual information statements or pay quarterly instalments as calculated by the Taxation Office and Lodge Annual Statements.

GRAEME J. TAYLOR. CA.



Well what a great time to be hiring and watching videos. The cream of last years films all seem to be arriving on video right now, and whether or not other critics agree there was some fabulous films on the end of last year.

First mention must go to The Cell. Although there was little hype about this film, it was one of the best thrillers since 'Silence of The Lambs'. In some senses it was a lot scarier than 'Silence of the Lambs'. Jennifer Lopez shines in her role as a psychologist that has worked out a way of travelling into the mind of people. So far she has used to help people but things take a dark twist when she asked to go into the mind of a comatose serial killer in a bid to save a woman's life.

Director Tarsem Singh has made this film visually brilliant. The opening scenes with the sand dunes and horse are stunning as are the scenes that are filmed in the serial killer's mind. As Jennifer Lopez slips from good to evil it shows what a versatile actor she has become.

The good films don't stop there. One of my favourite

CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

films from last year was Gossip, starring Joshua Jackson (starring in the sense he's the most well known actor in it). Gossip shows how far a lie can be spread, in this case a lie started for a university assignment and leads to a man being blamed for a serious crime.

Other good films include Chopper which gave Eric Bana his Aria-award winning performance as Mark 'Chopper' Reid, Centre Stage which I mentioned in the last Crosswired and Scary Movie. 'Scary Movie' is brilliant if you have seen such films as 'Scream' and 'I Know What You Did Last Summer'.

All the films mentioned above should be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland.

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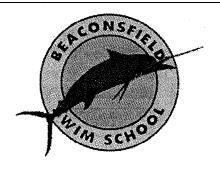
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IN THE YEAR 1931

by Phil Collins

People born in 1931 are this year celebrating or lamenting their 70th birthday. The year 1931 was tough, the Great Depression was biting and there were many families plunged into poverty because the bread winner was unemployed, businesses were failing and there seemed to be no hope.

With all that, babies were born, in my case my parents were deeply in debt and my father was struggling to carry on a business, working at night in a job that would at least feed his young family.

At a recent 70th birthday dinner at Casey's Restaurant seven men and their wives met in a combined celebration all grateful to have been spared.

They were asked to answer a simple quiz.

Q1. Who escorted you to school on your first day?

Q2. Who was your first teacher?

Q3. Recalling your first kiss, knowing what you know now, would you have handled the situation differently?

Q4. Can you recall laughing at people who read the obituary before the sports page?

Q5. Do you still vote as your parents did?

Q6. Have you in recent years adopted a more tolerant attitude to people who fall asleep in front of TV?

Q7. Are most reports of snoring exaggerated?

Q8. Do you feel that your birth contributed to the depression? If so, should you say sorry?

Q9. Are you computer literate? Q10. Assuming that you are not at all racist, do you find Sydney people "different"?

What was life like in 1931? To be continued in May/June edition of the Banner.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

When did civilization start? Why did it start? Before it did, we know that the races of man were basically nomadic, living in harmony with nature and their various GODS. They followed the migratory paths of their ancestors, vitally concerned with the cycles of animal, plant life and the progress of the seasons. The more astute also followed the guidance of the heavenly sign posts, movement of planets and various heavenly bodies.

There is of course, no specific record of the beginning of civilization, as we are talking of pre-history. The only source of assistance is the "Sacred History" or "Writings" to which we turn. Mythology and Legend are our only spring of refreshment here.

The 'Golden Age' of Greece, was presided over by Cronus, otherwise Saturn, and the Godly rule gave way to Zens, when the wandering tribes under 'new' Gods began settlement and adopted a pastoral, agricultural economy. Crude technology in the form of fire and permanent dwellings came about. Water supplies were sought and crudely tapped to supply the settlements needs.

The settlement of tributes however involved the loss of contact with the 'Nature Gods' that had ruled for ages past. This removal of life's deepest reality and certainty caused a deep frustration in human nature, which survives to this very day in our 'modern' settlements, the cities. Remove man from nature and he truly takes giant steps backwards.

The philosophy of the wandering man was 'all is in the flow', the great river of life.

The settlement man was bound to the opposite i.e. 'there is no more flow'. 'Stagnation' was his unhappy philosophy. His territory was confined to his neighbourhood and in compensation for his loss, he tried to reproduce on a small scale the sacred landscape of his ancestors. These are represented in our suburban gardens of today.

In 1889, a sturdy English radical, Edward Carpenter, published a book with the provocative title 'Civilization: Its Cause and Cure' which in its opening paragraph referred to civilization 'as a kind of disease which the various races of man have to pass through'. This greatly upset merchants industrialists of the day (making fortunes out of industry and science).

Settlements lead to the establishment of social hierarchies, to specialization, the development of arts and

sciences, the building of temples (high rise?) and houses. The very heart and purpose of cities is economic with it's attendant greed and exploitation of man, without reliance on nature or seasons.

Plato believed that 'civil life has been going on for a vast and incredible length of time, during which many thousands of cities have come into being and the same number have come to an end'. This view supposes that cities rise and fall through the folly and arrogance of their inhabitants or through natural disaster (visited by the Gods as a cleansing action).

The earliest town known to Archaelogy is the biblical Jericho and it's history is fascinating indeed. The original structure dates to about 8000 BC and the reason for it's erection will make interesting reading in the May/June Banner as we pursue our topic.

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WINE AND FOOD

by Keith Goodman

A sad day. Yeringberg Vineyard has decided that with all of the new vineyard plantings (25 acres in 2000 and 30 acres next spring) all picking in future will be done by contract. 1974 was our first year and without fail (except for our transplant year of 1994) we have not missed a pick or a crushing. Some memories will endure, like cresting one of Yarra Valley's highest hills at 7.30am to see the fog lifting out of the valley and from the ripe grapes of the days pick, and there was the sun rising over the hills behind Healesville which from experience would soon warm the busy band of workers. Morning tea, out of the back of a station wagon - hot tea and hot cross buns. The chat and back chat across vines to the point of good natured insult. The tractor rolling between rows as full bins are collected and empty ones left for pickers eager to get on with the job.

Washing of the bins was never anybody's favourite job but again everyone lent a hand as lunch would be waiting. Tired workers would retire to the house garden to sample some of last years wine and all would give their opinion expert or not- try and stop them. With a plate of Katherine de Pury's hearty food and a glass of older wine we would settle down on the grass gaze down on the valley and know that life was good.

On Monday the 13th March a farewell luncheon was held to help us put some old memories to bed - a sad and happy day at the same time.

Tried a very tasty pizza or more so a flan based on figs which are in season at the moment. The base was butter puff pastry with tomato puree over then a mix of sliced very ripe fig, torn prosciutto, shredded mozzarella and a handful of rocket. 15 mins at 225c. Try with one of those Semillons put away for a few years like Peter Lehmann or Basedow.

Wine - Try the Chrismont Riesling 2000 from Arnie Pizzini of Whitfield, \$12 at Boccaccio Cellars, one of my current favourites. Chateau Tahbilk Riesling 2000, \$12 at Vintage Cellars won the Trophy for best Riesling at the National Wine show.

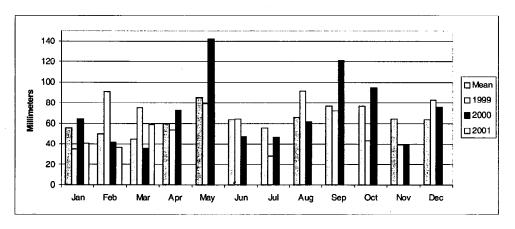
There are still some 1998 red wines around so seek them out as on the whole the 1999 reds are not as good. Look for the Mitchelton Goulburn Valley Shiraz, \$13; the Maglieri Shiraz, \$14 and the Wynns Coonawarra Shiraz, \$12-14, the 1999 is also a quality wine. Yering Station will soon release their 1999 Reserve Chardonnay which won the Trophy at The Southern Victorian Wine Show for Best White Wine, likely to be in the \$30 range and worth every penny.

For Easter with a chocolate dessert, try a half bottle of Miranda Botrytis Semillon 1999, around \$12. Happy Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday 27th March the Clark family attended a graduation ceremony to see Paula Clarke presented with her Bachelor Of Arts and Bachelor of Education. Paula is currently teaching at Timbarra Primary School. Congratulations Paula.

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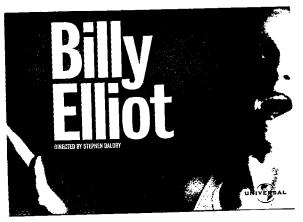
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