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During the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983 the Beaconsfield community was left with severely reduced fire protection as the only Beaconsfield unit was out of the area fighting other fires.

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We will be calling on every household, business, organisation and schools in the Beaconsfield and surrounding areas for financial donations for the replacement of this fire fighting appliance, so that our commitment to the town and surrounding areas remain.

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- \* Flooding etc..

### BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday 19th June 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.

Projects we are working on are:

- Wood Street traffic issues
- Traffic lights Brunt Rd & Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd
- School traffic policy
- Pakenham Bypass
- Parking at railway station
- Charity bins at railway station Noel Bates will speak on behalf of contractor.

What are your concerns?

Light supper shared after meeting closes at 9pm.

Any donations will be gratefully accepted and are fully tax deductable. Thank-you for your ongoing support.

For any queries regarding fundraising or donations please feel free to contact the fire station by mail: BEACONSFIELD CFA

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### **GENTLE REMINDER**

With the onset of winter we generally see house fires occurring from such things as chimney not being cleaned out over summer, before use in the winter, electric blankets that have been left folded in cupboards over summer now pulled out to be used. Also a reminder to regularly check smoke detector batteries to make sure they are working. Ducted Heaters may also need cleaning out due to excessive amounts of dust build up.

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#### PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

19th June and 17th July, 2001

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



by Angela McPhee

A' petition commissioned by Gordon Rich-Phillips the Member of Parliament for Eumemmerring Province supporting commencement of the Pakenham

Bypass is available for signing at the Post Office, the licensed grocer and my office in Beaconsfield. This is a vital project for the area which, once completed, will have a significant impact on road safety and improved travel time in the area.

The Hallam Bypass will be completed by 2004. This has significant implications for the residents of the area who regularly travel between Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham. The current volume of traffic

is approximately 26,000 vehicles per day with this projected to increase to 37,500 by 2010. Once the Hallam Bypass is completed there will be no breaks in the traffic flow currently created by traffic lights through Narre Warren. The point where the Berwick Bypass and the Princes Highway merge east of Beaconsfield will be the first intersection traffic comes to and the first set of traffic lights will be the pedestrian lights at Officer. This road currently has 4 times more accidents than the average and will get worse as the traffic volume increases.

The Pakenham Bypass will cost \$200 million dollars with the Federal Government committing \$30 million dollars to the project. The State Government is not prepared to commit the funding to the project and the federal government is not prepared to commit any more so the project is at a stale mate.

Funding issues can be dealt with between State and Federal governments at a later time. The project needs to be commenced as soon as possible.

I implore you to support

I implore you to support this petition.

We anticipate traffic lights at Beaconsfield-Emerald Road by the end of the year and Council have gone back to the drawing board to review the Traffic Strategy,

particularly the Wood Street intersection.

Nothing is happening with the supermarket site but Council are seeking expressions of interest for the old hall site. I believe Council hope to incorporate this site into the commercial development but require the developer to have open space within the site (we could preserve the trees!). We wait with interest!

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

### FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

Working bee in March attended by approx. 8 members and a working party from Correctional Services saw the removal of thistle, solanum, forget-me-nots and a few sycamore maples.

Council has engaged the services of a crew from Ecology Australia to remove a large infestation of wandering jew from the wilderness area north of the powerlines. Ed McNabb has now completed his fauna survey of the sanctuary and will host a special presentation of his findings on Wed 27 June at the Beaconsfield Community Centre at 7.30pm.

If you need any further information please call Judy on 9707 1402.

### **BOB BURGESS PARK**

Keeping you in the picture - It has been stated by a member of the committee responsible for the maintenance of the Bob Burgess Park that the pile of rubbish appearing in the Park is being created by the work team who are cleaning up around the creek bed and will be disposed of by holding regular family barbeques.





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#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**





by Keith Ewenson

### FIVE MILE ROAD TIP

Anyone who has visited the tip lately would say that the condition was less than desirable. The tip will close at the end of June 2001. The operators have been requested to tidy it up prior to the final capping process. It is planned that a privately owned transfer waste station will be established in Pakenham.

The new 2001 Community and Business Directory has been printed and will be progressively distributed.

### RURAL RESIDENTIAL STRATEGY

The Strategy remains on public display till the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Copies of the Strategy are available from the Shire Office or it is possible to down load from the Shire's website.www.cardinia.vic.gov.au Three public meetings have been successfully held.

#### ROADS

In Upper Beaconsfield a concept plan for the central area of the town released for the first time at a public meeting arranged by the Shire. Stuart Castle spoke to the plan which sought to address the traffic problems,

whilst consolidating the central parkland into one Excessive usable area. of the speed motorist. through the town, was of major concern The possibility of installing effective speed limiting devices controlled by Vic Roads and other options were not acceptable. Comments are continuing to be sought. Maintenance upgrades will now proceed around the perimeter of the central area.

### NEW COMMUNITY COMPLEX

The next stage of the new Community Complex has taken place. The business plan has now been finalized. You will see an advertisement seeking expressions of interest in the original hall site next to the hotel in the near future. It was hoped that a commercial development could be enhanced and a civic feature included. If an acceptable concept was forthcoming the income from the sale would be applied towards the new centre.

Beaconhills Ward Council representatives:-Cr. Ted Owen -

0419 524 777 Cr. Keith Ewenson-0409 149 535

#### LINKS TO THE PAST

(cont. from last Banner) by Charlie Wilson

Luke's success had enabled him to purchase land in Malvem and later in Caulfield

Malvem and later in Caulfield where he built a house with a tower, which can still be seen as one crosses the railway line.

Possibly his country childhood left him with a yearning for open spaces, as at the turn of the century, we find the family using "Pine Lodge" in

Buchanan Road, as a week ender. It must have been a satisfying experience, as in 1906 he purchased 55 acres situated between the Emerald Road and Cardinia Creek. Here, Luke built an attractive country home, which he named "Montuna" – after his two older children – Montague and Una.

Luke then developed a serious interest in agriculture, establishing an orchard and vegetable

gardens and about 1913 building the first water wheel on the Cardinia Creek, hoping to provide water in the summer months, for irrigation.

Unfortunately owing to a design fault, the wheel failed as the water level of the creek dropped in the hot weather.

Montuna soon became a 'centre' for the small local community who began using it as a mail collection point. As there was no local delivery, many people placed their own private mail box on the veranda of

Montuna, enabling the passing mailman to make a single stop and avoiding the necessity for local people to make a trip to the Beaconsfield Post Office.

The Montuna farm also provided some employment for local men and some women who Mrs. Luke needed to help with household chores.

Luke then decided to buy additional land to the north of his farm and subdivide it. The E. T. Luke subdivision, which was declared on 8th November 1915, had 25 blocks of various sizes, and is the basis of the present village structure. He named one street after his son, Victor, and the other became Montuna Grove.

The Luke offspring displayed an extra ordinary diversity of interests and talents. Montague and Kelvey became photographers, like their father. Monty established the premier photographic studio in Sydney, under Royal Patronage. Kelvey tried to establish studio Warmambool, not an ideal place, and sadly this failed and he became a dental mechanic.

About the end of WW1, Lilly built and opened a small store for local people on the comer of the E.T. Luke subdivision. When she married Mr. Ashcroft and moved to Albury her sister Una continued to provide the service. This store, now greatly enlarged and partly rebuilt is known as the Guys Hill Store.

Mr. Luke died aged 74 years and is buried in the Berwick Cemetery. His pall bearers included five sons and a sonin-law, and Messrs. A Harbour and J. Adamson. The editor of "The Leader", the horticultural editor, and several other representative from David Syme and Mr. E. Rouse of Kodak Pty.Ltd. attended the funeral. Mrs. Luke lived to be 98 years, dying in 1960.

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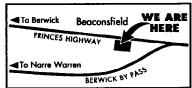


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#### **MAKE AND MINGLE**

by Ann Taylor



We want to welcome all those who came along during first term and to thank the teachers and all those who have contributed to the friendly atmosphere of the group.

We all enjoyed the coffee and dessert evening held at the end of March and besides enjoying delicious food, we were privileged to hear some lovely music and two very interesting speakers.

Second term promises to be full of variety and have something for everyone with a craft shop, bus trip and the celebration of our 14th birthday.

We praise God for his blessings to our group.

This term we will be learning ribbon flowers, i.e. pansies, roses, daffodils etc. and ribbon embroidery. A country folk art class has just started as well as cross-stitch, and fabulous mini- quilts and Joy's beads.

There are always lots of ideas for greeting cards and someone to show you how. You are welcome to come along at anytime or to bring your own craft and sewing to finish off. Many just come for a chat and a cuppa.

Make and Mingle is at Beaconsfield **Baptist** Church 52-62 Old Princes Highway, Souter Street. Wednesdays from 10am-12noon, during school term.

Hope to see you there.

Enquiries Ann Taylor 9707 1996.

#### **BEACONSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH --**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

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Full-On is a Youth Group open to anyone from Year 7 to age 21 who would like to come along, hang out with friends and do some fun activities at a minimal cost.

Our programs run during school terms with activities on the first Friday and third Saturday of each month. We

enjoy a wide range of different activities, from All-Night movie marathons, roller skating, swimming nights and beach days to bonfires, water-skiing, camps and games nights. This term kicked off with a bowling night, and everyone who came had a great time.

If you would like more program information, please phone Adam or Helen Bek a call on 9769 9960.

We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **KARATE KIDS**



L to R: Jarrod, Erin and Cameron Beck

**Beaconsfield Auto Electrics owner Geoff Beck** and his wife Helen have had their children excelling in the sport karate. They have been training for 6 years now but have improved immensely after starting up at Pakenham GoJu Kai with instructor Noel McBride 2 years ago. He has helped them develop into becomina Victorian, Australian and World Champions in Kumite (point sparring).

Erin 17 years won the Victorian Championships and placed in the top 10 for the Aussies and Worlds.

Cameron 14 years and Jarrod 12 years competed against the best. Cameron won the Victorian titles with Jarrod placed 2nd. They qualified to complete in the Australian Championships held at the Aquatic Centre in Melbourne. Both of them took out 1st place for their age group.

Next was the World All Styles Championships also held at the Aquatic Centre with 12 countries competing. It was a great experience to just compete against people from all over the world.

The competition was very tough and extremely nerve racking for the parents. Both boys had about 6 fights each to qualify to fight off for 1st or 2nd. It works as an elimination that if you win you keep on going or you could lose your first fight and be out in 2 minutes.

Jarrod and Cameron

both won their fights and were fighting off for the big one. They both fought a South African in the final and were pumped up with adrenalin. It was a very close contest but they controlled their anticipation and won. Jarrod had only one thing on his mind and that was to take the trophy home with him. Their trophies stand very proud in their bedrooms and they are all looking forward to another successful year with the Victorians Championships on next

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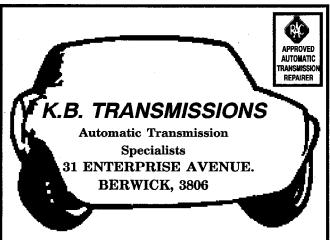
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What's Happening at Beaconsfield Primary School. by Maurice Potter – School Council President

With a forecast of rain, long faces perceived a low hung fog and turned to grimaces as raindrops penetrated the mist. Our Federation Festival (Fete) held on 6<sup>th</sup> May was not looking good weather wise. The support and generosity of our ever-willing Beaconsfield and surround-

Beaconsfield and surrounding business sponsors may have been in vain.

What a great day it turned out to be. Our sponsors, Mother Nature's magnificent sunny day crowds beyond belief made our day our best fete yet. Financially a profit of \$11,000. Add to this profit from recent community supported raffle and casino night and we are able to provide \$17,000 additional facilities to our kids this year. Thank you Beaconsfield and friends for your generous support and please support our sponsors who are listed in our foyer.

But money is not everything to our school. We try to make our fete and other fund raising functions social events that can be enjoyed by our community; any profit is a side benefit but of course much appreciated. We hope you enjoyed our entertainers: Beaconsfield Line Dancers, Beaconsfield CFA car fire demo, Beaconshills College Band, Commando Sky Divers, McDonald girls dancers and singers, Kathleen McAleer Irish Dancers, Downtown Dixieland Jazzband. Casinia School of Dance & Drama, Berwick Woodturners

demo, Scout display, rides, stalls, food and more. The guinea pig race was something to be seen to be believed and even the bogging of poor Thomas the Tank Engine ride provided entertainment.

As our pupil numbers grow, currently sitting at 324 and likely to hit 400 next year, our country school atmosphere is in jeopardy. Our longer serving teachers pride themselves in still being able to name each child and so maintain the family atmosphere and one of belonging. keep this up will be their challenge over the coming vears. We believe our kids are second to none as community members and should you observe any inappropriate behaviour by the "brown & gold" uniform, please pass details to our Principal.

With numbers growing as they are, our school council will be pushing for commencement of Stage 2 building upgrade to include additional classrooms and gymnasium. Would you like to provide input to this planning exercise? If so contact our Principal.

Finally our school athletes performed well in a recent interschool Cardinia Cross Country with Mathew Slater, Jack Willems, Ayden Mills, Bryce Wilkie, Kane Hughes and Carly Williams going on to represent us at Zone Cross Country level.



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### FRED RUDD 31. 10. 32 - 6. 5. 01

Fred was Pastor at
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for 8 years until 1997. He
was known and loved by
many in the Beaconsfield
Community, because of his
friendliness and genuine
interest in people. Many will
remember him going for
walks or jogging around this
area. Both students and
teachers enjoyed his RE
classes at Beaconsfield
Primary School.

Born in Earlwood, Sydney in 1932 Fred was the second of three children. He attended Undercliff Primary School, was promoted to Grade three from Grade one and became dux in Grade six. He went on to Canterbury Boys High School and at the age of fifteen started as an apprentice in the printing industry as a compositor.

At work, Fred saw a book on a friend's desk, picked it up and upon seeing that it was a Bible dropped it like a hot cake. Later on, this friend invited Fred to hear a Doctor speak on the suffering of Christ and the Crucifixion. Fred came to a knowledge of the claims of Christ on his own life.

Fred became involved in the local church and soon enrolled at the Sydney Bible night school as he had a hunger for God's word. Here he was encouraged to serve and consequently sought out the Superintendent of the Baptist Union who suggested Fred experience service in ministry. He was appointed to the Raymond Terrace church for ten months during which time

he applied to the Baptist Theological College of N. S. W. for four years full-time study which involved agreeing to and signing that he would not marry during this time.

Before starting the course, he met Joyce and wished to marry her. Fortunately, a number of other students were in a similar position, so a successful deputation saw the marriage rules relaxed. Fred and Joyce were married in Dungog in 1958.

Fred's first church out of college was a fairly new church at Alstonville, N. S. W. where they met in a tin agricultural hall.

A church building was begun. Peanuts were grown on land lent by farmers and harvested by many hands with all proceeds going towards the new building and organ.

At the opening of the new church, attended by many officials, Fred's ordination took place at the church members' request. Fred and Joyce's first child Peter was born at Alstonville.

The move to Armidale bought along with it an additional aspect of ministering to University and College students who attended from the surrounding regions. As a Regional Pastorate many miles had to be covered and life was certainly busy; especially with the addition of two more children, Jillian and Jennifer, not to mention the "motel" role the Manse took on to the many visitors to the area.

Fred was then called to the Brisbane City Tabernacle, where he assisted the

#### FRED RUDD (cont,)

Rev. F. T. Smith for two and a half years. Although it was only for a brief time, Fred felt it was such a privilege to work alongside such a man.

Whilst ministering at the 'The Tab' the Mortdale Church in Sydney asked Fred to consider this

Pastorate. Believing this to be a call from God, Fred accepted and ministered there for eleven and a half years. It was during this time he became involved as a Chaplain in the Army Reserve.

The decision to move to Mornington was a difficult one as it meant the breaking of the family unit as by this time Peter was a student at Sydney University.

During his ministry there, he sought to establish an outreach at Westernport. Later on, a church was also planted at Mt. Eliza. After eight and a half years at Mornington, a call to the Pastorate at Beaconsfield was accepted. Towards the end of his time there, an outreach at Pakenham was established. Upon retiring Fred was Interim Pastor for Pakenham until the new Pastor could

Fred often expressed his appreciation of Joyce's love and support throughout his ministry and life. He was proud of his three children and loved to spend time with them whether it was at home, the beach and other

various outings, cheering

them on at sporting

arrive.

events or going away for that treasured family holiday.

Fred was always grateful to the Lord for upholding him in ministry and for all that, he had been able to do and experience. He displayed faithfulness, integrity and openness that reached out to others. He loved to expound the scriptures and this was the basis of his preaching and teaching. He loved to engage in pastoral visitation.

Fred enjoyed relating to and was always interested in people of various walks of life and found others enriched his own experiences and outlook. He also gained much through reading as widely as possible as well as getting outdoors and appreciating nature; the bush, rocks, birds, shells

and towards the end of his life, extended holidays in the Australian outback.

Retirement meant moving into a home, in Mornington and having more time to do these other things. Despite ill health during the last three years due to a sustained cardiac arrest, he remained 'Fred': enjoying getting out on long walks or in natural appreciating surrounds. family, which now included four grandchildren, friends, a good laugh, good food and loving to read the scriptures and

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### THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Some seven years ago, a cousin of mine was working for a political organisation in South Australia. At the time he was on holidays in Melbourne with his family. As part of their trip they stayed over night with my wife and I. That very day the Minister for Industrial Affairs made an announcement on some issue. Paul, my cousin had a lot to say on the matter.

He explained to me in some depth what was wrong with the Minister's line yet also he noted the benefits in the Minister's proposal. That night the ABC phoned Paul and asked for a comment.

The following morning on the ABC radio news they put to air just 10 seconds of all that Paul had to express on the matter. The contrast between what I heard on the news as I was eating my breakfast and what I had heard from Paul over a leisurely supper the night before staggered There was no way that 10 seconds could convey the depth of his arguments on the matter. Those that heard those 10 seconds may have thought that they now knew all that Paul had to say, but in fact they only knew a tiny bit. If they were ever to really find out what he thought they were going to have to go to the trouble of following him up.

Like wise if we are ever going to find out what God has to say rather than what we think he has to say, we are going to have to go to the trouble of doing some serious reading of our bibles. But that is not as hard as you may think. In fact it can be the most rewarding of experiences.

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by Peter Hansen

Our last article finished at the beginnings of Biblical Jericho and it's earliest history. The original structure dates to about 8,000 BC and it was erected (and founded) at the site of a sacred spring, and has been identified as a shrine to a local spirit.

Towns may come and go, but the well remains where it always was, thus explaining the phenomenon of successive towns built around the same sacred place, the spirit of which became the foundation society. The foundation deity received the sacrifices offered in expiation of the crime of settlement and giving the law by which the city was governed. It was regarded as a contract between Man and God, and this law was well understood by the founding fathers of ancient cities.

But as these cities expanded, often layers upon earlier layers, the contract between Man and Spirit becomes forgotten, and in the colourful phrases of the Bible, "the Holy City becomes Babylon, the parasitic whore who proceeds to destruction". Today we would simply speak of the generation, and social collapse of cities, and plenty of 'good' examples are easy to find on our troubled globe.

Imperial Rome presents an ancient example in this

context, as it's expansion beyond the original city boundaries was considered a serious breach of 'the contract', and the protesting counsels of the spiritually wise were ignored.

The results are well known historically, as Rome fell, and these events were well documented in the epic "The Rise & Decline of the Roman Empire".

All this is very well, as they say, but what can Modern Man make of it. How does one marry tradition and commercialism, and still be true to the earth and self? The difference between a modern industrialized landscape and the landscape of our ancestors, creates quite traumatic emotions in today's people. Look at the exodus from cities during holidays breaks. Where do they go? Mostly to the country, to nature, to 'get away from it all', as is commonly stated. Does this not imply that something is terribly wrong with our civilization. Why are people happier camping on a river bank than back in their 3 B.R. brick home with all the 'conveniences', so called?

Civilization is not all bad, of course, and whilst the 'body' can be subjected to it, the spirit, in most cases, seems quite unable to accept it. Thus we toil in the workplace to make enough to periodically get away from the workplace. Where then does our heart truly lie? Do country folk come to live in a city other than for economic reasons? questions, fewer answers, but civilization enslaves the body and disquiets the spirit of man. Understand, and be as content as possible. Spirit lives, the body dies.

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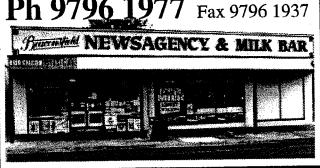
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- \* Refunding of excess dividend imputation tax credits where the credits exceed tax payable on taxable income.
- \*Consider the alternative methods of calculating net capital gains particularly maximising the benefits of the 50% discounts for individuals where appropriate.
- \* If you are claiming a loss from an activity which the ATO may consider to be 'non- commercial', then various rules and tests apply. If in doubt write to the ATO for the Commissioners' Opinion.
- \* New ATO ruling on the effective life of depreciable assets for work related

- and rental property assets. \* Entities other than individuals in receipt of Contracting Personal Services income predominately from one source (in excess of 80%) must be carefully analyzed and if appropriate attribution rules be applied. In addition spouse wages and some superannuation contributions may be disallowed and penalties applied if the Contractor has not paid PAYG on their personal services income.
  - Be wary of tax schemes e.g. forestry plantations. Check that a Product Ruling specific to the investment has been issued by the ATO other wise you run the risk of losing the tax benefit of deductions claimed and be subject to tax penalties.
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#### **CROSSWIRED**

by David Griffiths

DIRECTORS! Can't work with them, but can't make a film without them. As I write this a cinema poster from the film 'Titanic' stands in front of me. Who gets top billing? Leonardo DiCaprio? Kate Winslet? No, it's Director James Cameron. So how come Directors get such treatment. Surely it's the actors that make a film.

Well as Directors like to point out, the actors would be lost without Directors. But as Directors tend to forget they'd also be lost without costume, sound, a cinematographer, hey and let's not forget that without a screenwriter there would be no damn film in the first Don't get me wrong I'm right behind Directors. I'd be first to give credit to James Cameron. He made Titanic a masterpiece, he

made sure every little piece of the film went together perfectly. So much so that half the crew were seen wearing T-Shirts boasting 'I worked with James Cameron and survived'.

But like most professions these days Directors are finding themselves having to multi skill or create a niche market for themselves. James Cameron is proving he can write by penning and producing the 'Spiderman' film (which will start filming when the law suits stop). He is also rumoured to have written a 'Titanic 2', but don't quote me on when it's being made. Some say soon, others say never.

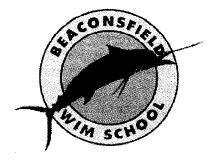
In the niche market area are directors such Danny Boyle, his films 'Trainspotting', Life Less Ordinary' and 'The Beach', are all visually similar while their soundtracks are also similar (not surprisingly Boyle has a huge say over them as well). Another Director who falls in this category is Australia's Baz Luhrmann. 'Strictly Ballroom', 'Romeo + Juliet' and 'Moulin Rouge' certainly all feel the same. While another Australian, a Melbourne boy in fact, Jamie Blanks is making a niche for himself in horror films (his latest being 'Valentine'). The only problem with this is if horror films suddenly bomb in Hollywood, I can't see Blanks being asked to direct the new Julia Roberts romantic comedy.

Perhaps the Director who has played it the safest is Kevin Williamson. Do a little bit of directing but also write screenplays (wrote 'I Know What You Did Last Summer') and keep your name as a creator of a television series.

That's all for now, but if you really want to see a film that is a pleasant surprise, check out 'Reindeer Games'.

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### SO WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE IN 1931?

by Phil Collins

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V. Leyshon of Ripponlea stated in Melbourne's "Truth" on 19th September 1931 that he had kicked the smoking habit in 3 days – from six packets of Capstons to zero using a safe simple method.

In the same issue the editorial heads "Cut out this waste" referred to the waste of taxpayers money by State and Federal Governments and I quote:

"With finances in their present condition, it is time the Commonwealth and States got together to devise immediate means to unify the Australian education systems and the police forces.

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by Dr. R. C. Webb

Some of the older readers of the Banner may recall that I did write articles on Beaconsfield's rainfall, but a few years ago I passed this over to Robert Cooper and I am quite happy for this to continue. However I thought some readers might be interested in the rainfall in the second half of April 2001 and how this compared with other heavy falls in previous years in Beaconsfield.

It is unusual for the monthly rainfall to exceed 150mm in Beaconsfield. From my records this has only happened on 3 occasions i.e. September 1984 — 162.9mm; June 1991 — 156.8mm; September 1992—151.3mm.

In April 2001 the pattern was quite different in that we had experienced a very pleasant Easter and only 10.3mm of rain up to 21st April, then we experienced the 3 heaviest days of rain since I have kept records i.e. 22 April – 48.5mm; 23 April – 31.0mm; 24 April – 41.1mm maki120.6mm for 3 days then 25 April –

8.2m; 28 April – 7.0mm making a total for the month of April 2001–146.1mm.

The previous highest total for 3 days was for the 18,19 & 20 September 1984 when 83.1mm were recorded. The highest total I have recorded for the 24 hour period was 57.3mm on 11 February 1994.

The interesting feature about the rainfall recorded at 9am on 22 April 2001 was that whilst heavy rain, fork and sheet lightning were recorded in central Melbourne on the afternoon of the 21st rain did not commence at Beaconsfield until 7pm.

The Cardinia Reservoir is currently holding 148,301 megalitres which is 51.7 percent of its capacity.



### BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

Water and air are the basic necessities of mankind but mankind has not fully adjusted his senses to them.

Technology is all very well but how come our two year old grandson can work the sound system without the instruction book?

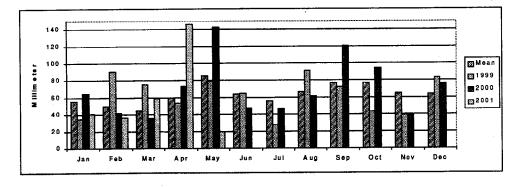
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