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## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday 16th October 2001  
7.30pm

Community Centre  
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- ◆ **AGM (7.30pm)**  
All positions vacant.  
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### GENERAL BUSINESS 8PM

- ✓ Update on roads
- ✓ Update on recreational facilities for youth
- ✓ Do you feel Neighbourhood Watch is needed in Beaconsfield.

Light supper shared  
after meeting closes at 9pm.

## EAGLES FLY TO THE TOP IN 2001



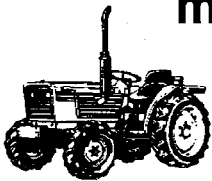
Beaconsfield's A Grade Netballers and Senior Football teams celebrated bringing home premiership titles after finals were played on Saturday 15th September.



Beaconsfield Primary School Parents & Friends President Anja Potter presents a cheque to Beaconsfield Fire Brigade Captain Ron Woodfine, after successful fundraising efforts. Funds raised will support the Fire Brigade campaign to replace the brigade owned tanker.

See page 2 for Project Update.

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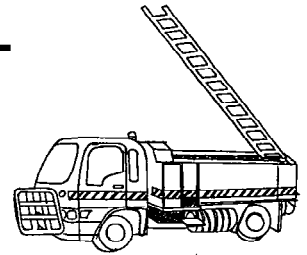


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## BROWNLOW VOTES FOR 2 LOCAL BOYS

Congratulations to Greg Tivendale and Austinn Jones who both received votes in the A.F.L. Brownlow Medal count for 2001. Greg who started playing for R.O.C. (Rythdale, Officer, Cardinia) polled 9 votes and was second in the

teams count for Richmond. Greg's parents live in Beaconsfield.

Austinn Jones a familiar face in Beaconsfield polled well for St.Kilda coming in 3rd with 5 Votes.

Congratulations to both players.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee



To be fair I did get a little carried away in my last report highlighting what we weren't getting rather than what is proposed for the township. Plans for the new community centre are advancing with funds earmarked for the community centre in the next Budget. I have been advised that design of the new community centre is not conditional on the sale of the old hall site. Whilst not much appears to be happening on the commercial development Council is keeping a close eye on this which will prove to be a real focal point if some of the ideas being floated come to fruition.

Council has requested that any "gripes" we have be presented in as "logical strategic arguments that demonstrate a demand". The Beaconsfield Progress Association (and Council) would benefit from the

continued use of the public meetings as a clearinghouse of community concerns and a vehicle of debate and discussion so that developed ideas and issues can be presented in a cohesive manner to the relevant body (not always council). There are many issues affecting the town. Some major like traffic flow and road safety, and some less important (but not unimportant) like the removal of trees, maintenance issues and recreational problems. Traffic issues are currently the subject of a strategy, the features of which are likely to come into effect with each phase of development in the town.

The recent death on Beaconsfield Avenue highlights the need for some form of device to slow traffic down on this piece of road. While we can never take steps to avoid every risk this part of the town appears particularly vulnerable and is in need of some special attention. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of those involved.

I welcome your input. I can be contacted at work on 9707 0590 or email at [bpa@beaconsfield.org.au](mailto:bpa@beaconsfield.org.au)

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

16th October - AGM  
and 20th November, 2001

## BANNER DEADLINE

7th November, 2001

Have your say on local issues, submit anecdotes about Beaconsfield past/present.

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Hall, 17 Langmore Lane,  
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on Tuesday October 16th  
at 7.45pm.

**You are welcome.**

Enquiries, Margaret Cromb.  
Ph - 03 9707 2415



# GOODYEAR

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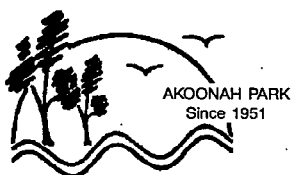
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## IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT BOB BURGESS RESERVE

*The Bob Burgess Reserve in Beaconsfield is being redeveloped through a partnership between Cardinia Shire, the State Government and local community.*

The Cardinia Shire has allocated funds in the budget to carry out landscaping and improvement works in the reserve and surrounding creek environment. Additional funding has been secured from the State Government's Community Jobs Program to employ 13 local jobseekers for a period of 13 weeks to carry out the work. This team is due to commence work in the first week of October.

The Bob Burgess Reserve is located on the Cardinia Creek behind the main shopping precinct on the Old Princes Hwy in Beaconsfield. The reserve is mainly open-space and remnant native creekside vegetation. The area has been the site of many community events in the past such as the cup eve bonfire, outdoor movie events and carols by candlelight.

The Bob Burgess Reserve was so named in recognition of the contributions made by the late Bob Burgess to the Beaconsfield and Officer Communities. Bob was associated with the Officer Primary School, the Scouts, Football and Cricket Clubs, St Francis Xavier School and the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade where he was appointed life member status and held the position

of captain unopposed for 20 years.

The redevelopment of this reserve is to be the first step in implementing an integrated open space strategy for Beaconsfield as identified in the recently adopted Beaconsfield Township Strategy. The location of the Bob Burgess Reserve within the town centre and adjacent to the Cardinia Creek makes it an ideal location to:

- Create user friendly links from the reserve to the shopping precinct;
- Develop passive recreational facilities consistent with the Parks Victoria vision for a linear park, and linear pedestrian/cycling path along Cardinia Creek.

The Community Jobs Program will be initially focusing on the area behind Taco Bills and Beaconsfield Pizza with the possible extension of these works at later stages. Works for this area will include:

- Control and/or eradication of noxious and environment weeds and revegetation of local native species along the creek.
- Bank stabilisation, landscaping and strategic tree planting.
- Upgrading of open space for recreation purposes.
- Construction of walking paths linking to strategic Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve.

## IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT BOB BURGESS RESERVE (Continued)

Participants in the project will be paid award wages and also receive approximately 110 hours of training through the Central Gippsland Institute of Technical and Further Education, which will contribute to the attainment of Certificate 1 in Horticulture (Landscape). Funding for this training is also provided through the Community Jobs Program.

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade as a tribute to their former leader has already undertaken some weed removal and improvement works in the reserve. It is envisaged that council's redevelopment plans will enhance this preliminary work and extend the scope to the overall creek environment. Cardinia Shire would like to thank the brigade for their efforts.

This project is seen as providing multiple community benefits in providing opportunities for training and employment, facilities and infrastructure for the people of Beaconsfield and surrounding areas and rehabilitation of the natural environment. As sense of community ownership over the project will ensure the long-term viability of the facilities created.

A steering committee has been established to oversee the project and includes groups such as the Progress Association and the Fire Brigade however comments or ideas from the public are welcome. Further information can be obtained from Anthony Hester at Cardinia Shire Council on 5945 4238.

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2002

The Cardinia Shire's Australia Day Planning Committee has convened under the leadership of Councillor Keith Ewenson. This committee has representative from across the Shire and takes responsibility for the planning of the Shire's Australia Day Activities.

In 2002 this will again take the form of ceremonies and activities in Pakenham and Lang Lang. The Lang Lang committee will conduct their ceremony at the Lang Lang Hall between 8.30am and 10.00 am and the Pakenham activities will commence with the Australia Day march to the Pakenham Racecourse where the ceremony will

begin at 12.00 noon. This will be followed by a free sausage sizzle, entertainment and free rides for children.

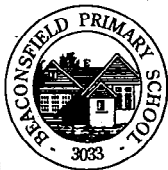
An important part of the Shire's planning centres around the selection of awards for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and the Community Event of the Year. Nomination for these awards close on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Application forms can be obtained by contacting John White on (03) 59 454 345 or Sheila Barnett on (03) 59 454 332 or by visiting the Shire's website on [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au).

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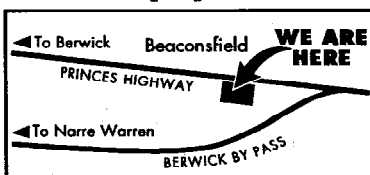


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## BEACONSFIELD CFA

by Emma Johnson

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These businesses include;

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- \* Cardinia Hotel
- \* Reflections Hair design
- \* Beaconsfield Milk Bar
- \* Melaleuca Lodge
- \* Peet Developers
- \* Berwick CWA
- \* Beaconsfield Swim School
- \* Pitch & Put/Driving Range
- \* Casey Council

We would also like to thank all the residents in the area who have supported us, we are yet to finish our door-knocking but plan to complete the residential door knock over the next few months.

At approx 6:45 am Saturday 15th September the brigade was called to a structure fire at the Beaconsfield Primary School. The brigade found that the area commonly

known as the old hall was involved in fire and with the assistance of Berwick, Pakenham and Officer Brigades the fire was swiftly brought under control and was contained to the area of the old school hall. This was a significant save as the adjoining portables were a potential exposure to the fire. The captain wishes to commend fire fighters for their efforts in containing the fire to the original school hall. Upon leaving, the scene was then handed over to the police and arson squad investigators.

Also a big thank-you to the Beaconsfield Primary school for their generous donations at a time of significant loss.

### A FRIENDLY REMINDER

As you know the warm weather is approaching and we are urging residents to clean up around their properties as a 'PRE-SUMMER' clean up, of excess grass & leaves etc. This will help you be prepared for the summer season.

Once again thank you for your support!



Above: Fire Brigade members assist Di Lockwood (left) at the Beaconsfield Primary School Football Finals Fundraising Day in aid of the brigade.



# MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

One of our regulars at Make and Mingle is Mrs. Olga Wynn. Olga sews well and makes many of her own clothes. She is noted for her beautiful cross-stitch cards, which she designs herself and works for a special occasion gift. She has tried many crafts and at present is working on glass painting with lovely results.

Olga was born in Saigon in Indo-China (now Vietnam) where she grew up speaking French. In 1932, the family moved to Penang, where she learnt English.

The family moved a few years later to Singapore, where Olga started her first job in a library but then she and her family experienced the horrors of WWII, while living in Singapore and virtually lost everything and had to start again. Olga was looking for a job once more and was offered a position in

typing shorthand at the local prison. She was very unsure about taking a job in such a place as she had seen such misery during the war, but was persuaded to try the job.

She was thankful for the kindness she was shown by one of the prison officers, James Wynn, who later invited her to go out with him and they were married not long after.

They came to Australia in 1959 and lived in Salisbury House in Upper Beaconsfield. They always thanked God for the move, as there was public transport and they met an Australian family, Kath and Rosemary Savage and their two sons. After three years the Wynns built a house on a block nearby.

Olga and Jimmy were blessed with two children Solange and James.

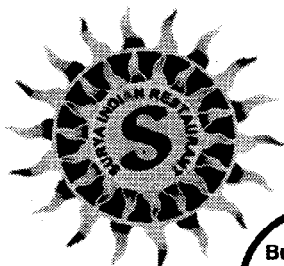
Sadly, Jimmy passed away not long after his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 1987. This was

a real shock to Olga and she felt she did not want to go on, but she had a wonderful friend in Kath Roberts (previous postmistress in Beaconsfield). Kath knew exactly what she had gone through as she had experienced this herself. She told her about Make and Mingle, but she was not interested, she was hurting so much. Kath persevered and she weakened, Heather Young collected her and was very kind. When she arrived she was met by Carol Ronalds who put her at her ease with her warmth and friendliness and she was introduced to everyone. Olga was a very shy person, when put into a room full of strangers and yet a certain peace came over her and she knew that God had sent her a lifeline she so badly needed. Although only for two hours a week, she so looked forward to going.

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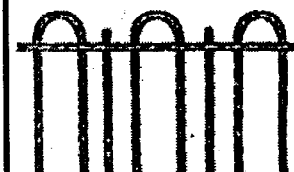


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## MAKE AND MINGLE (Cont)

She always blesses Cheryl Reeves for starting Make and Mingle and all the people who give up so much of their time.

Olga still lives in the family home in Beaconsfield and enjoys working in her beautiful garden. She praises God for guiding and blessing her life.

Congratulations to Olga who will be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in November.



Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday 10am-12noon, during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church. Inquiries Ann Taylor. Ph. 9707 1996.

## RIDE THE HOWITT TRAIL



On Saturday and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November there is a Bike Ride being held from Sale to Lakes Entrance and back to Sale again. Overall the distance is some 350 kilometres but all on bitumen without very many challenging hill climbs. It's an annual event held by Gippsland Base Hospital.

This year, locals Ralph Smith and Ted Horton are going to ride the two-day event. It may be ridden in total or, together with a support car, may be ridden in relay. Ralph and Ted are looking for more riders from this area to join them. It is a very sociable event riding this scenic trail and the Saturday is spent together with other riders at a Camping Ground at the Golf Course end of Lakes Entrance. It is not a race and can be ridden at one's own pace.

The route this year takes riders north of the main highway on the Saturday to Briagalong and Lindenow outside Bairnsdale then north of Nicholson and through to Tambo River. Finally riding down the steep hill into Lakes Entrance a hearty evening meal awaits.

Returning the next day, the route takes riders south of the main highway to Paynesville and then further south parallel to the Princes Highway. It will finish before dark on the Sunday. The distance will require riders to ride an average of 22 to 25 km's per hour but as with all these group events, drafting pulls you along at a greater speed with less effort.

Costing only \$36 per team member and \$26 for students, the event is reasonably priced. This covers insurance, evening meal, breakfast and souvenir mug. Bunkhouse accommodation is available at \$4 each or tent sites at \$1 each in Lakes Entrance.

Are there any local riders that would enjoy this challenge with Ralph and Ted? (We are not teenagers anymore and easy to keep up with!) If this activity interests you, please enquire further with Ralph on 9707 1402 or Ted on 9707 1313.



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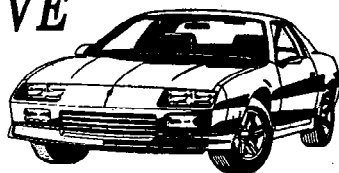
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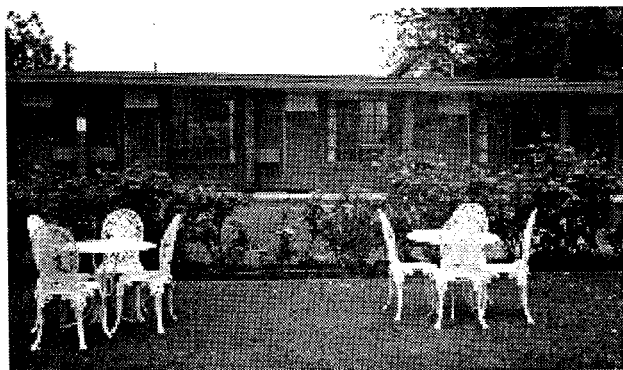


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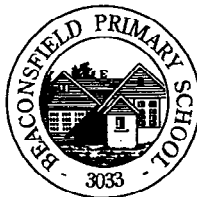


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## BPS Corner

### What's Happening at Beaconsfield Primary School.

*by Maurice Potter  
School Council President*

#### Principal Appointment

Beaconsfield Primary School is pleased to announce that Mr. Gary Methven has been appointed Principal, succeeding Di Lockwood who retires on the last day of the current term. Gary has been our Assistant Principal since 1997 and was selected from a strong field of applicants for the Principal position. School Council is confident Gary will continue to guide and grow our school along the strong lines of the past. This will not be an easy job with our ever-increasing population estimated to be over 400 next year. Congratulations Gary from the Beaconsfield community.

#### Fund Raising for CFA

Our school prides itself on its strong family and community based ethos. Our school is committed to supporting the current Beaconsfield CFA fund raising effort for a tanker replacement.

Our Parents and Friends Group recently conducted a most successful disco night for our students in aid of the Beaconsfield CFA. Just under 260 of our kids attended which

enables us to donate \$500 to the Brigade.

With 330 children attending our school this shows a strong community support of which we are proud. Thank you also to the group of Brigade members who assisted with security, "crowd control" and even cleaning up on the night.

The school is also running a football finals fund raising event in aid of the Brigade. See photo with CFA report.

#### Flag Centenary

Our school participated in Australian Flag centenary celebrations on 4th of September, listening to the history of its development. This included the fact that students Jack and Madelaine Schinner are related to one of joint design winners of the 1901 competition, Annie Whistler-Dorrington a graphic artist from Perth.

#### Thank you Di!

Finally, on behalf of the community of Beaconsfield we thank Di Lockwood for her many years dedication to education, for her guidance and leadership to our school but most of all her friendship and love given to our children. We wish her a long and healthy retirement.

## FRIENDS OF THE CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

Spring is an exciting time in the reserve with many of the wild flowers in full display such as the Twining Glycine and the Common Apple Berry. It is also a good time to remove many weed species before they start to set seed. Pittosporum at this time of year has bright lime-green new growth and is easily spotted from a distance through the bush. Other weeds being targeted include For-Get-Me-Not, Winter Cherry, Spanish Heath, Broom plus a range of introduced grasses such as Kikuyu, Couch, Yorkshire Fog, Wild Oat and Panic Veldt...

Parks Victoria has allocated the Friends Group two grants to help with current activities. The first grant is for \$1500.00 to assist in the

construction of a boardwalk in Allen St. Reserve over the particularly wet patch near the swimming hole. The second grant is for \$4750.00 to assist in revegetation works in the sanctuary.

Recent storms have caused several large trees and numerous wattles to fall across the tracks so please be careful when walking through the park. In other news, Work for the Dole will begin working late September, supporting the hard work done by corrective services. Also a student from Deakin University will begin recording the spread of Wandering Jew through the reserve.

Despite signs clearly displaying that horse and

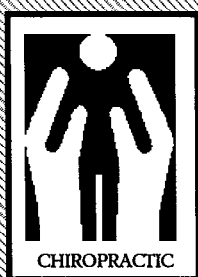
trail bike riders are not permitted in the reserve, a small number of people appear persistent to break to rules. Trail bikes are a threat to public safety and cause damage to the track and surrounding environment. Horses also cause soil disturbance, which leads to erosion, but the main problem with horses is the weeds that they spread through droppings and soil disturbance. Some of the worst areas in the reserve for weed invasion are along the track margins. My intention for making this point was not to blame anyone or any particular group but to make these individuals aware of the damage that their actions are causing.

The next working bee will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October starting at 9.00am, meeting at the car park opposite Holm Park Rd. Morning tea will be provided and everyone is welcome.

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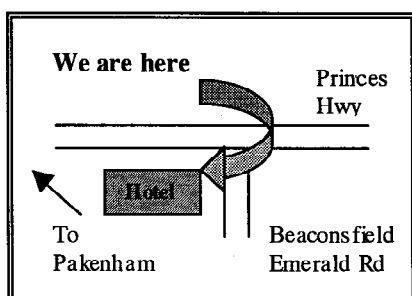
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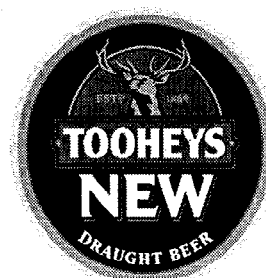
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## Wine & Food

*by Keith Goodman*

Spring among the wildflowers of northern W.A. is indeed a special experience. At times Anne and I would just shake our heads at the enormity of the scene.

Just a simple slip and a tumble forward among the wildflowers and Anne's right leg is broken in two places. X-rays, Hospital, wheelchairs and an early flight home.

When you are a keen cook it is easy to fall into the trap of de-valuing the effort that goes into planning and preparing interesting and varying meals over 34 years (in our case). Four weeks in the chair and another four or so to go and my limited repertoire is indeed stretched and becoming boring. I take my hat off to all those out there who carry out the role of providing for their family on a day to day basis.

Asparagus in coming into season and will be available till around Christmas. We are great fans of asparagus and for this struggling cook it has been a great boon.

Bring the steamer to full steam, drop in the asparagus and three minutes later it can be used in so many ways. On its own with a simple sauce, cut into a warm chicken salad or in a noodle soup; sheer bliss. Our current favourite and simple way is to toss in quality olive oil and a little balsamic vinegar and scatter three crushed cashews per five spears (approx).

**Wine.** With Spring nearly with us our meals change and we tend to move outside to eat or share a glass of wine. Riesling comes into its own in this situation. The current stand-out bargain is Jacob's Creek Riesling 2001, around \$7. Taylors Clare Valley Riesling 2001, around \$12, has done well at shows. The best top end Riesling has a contender in Petaluma Riesling, 2001, around \$18-20.

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**Brickbats:** to the residents who are leaving their hard rubbish on the nature strip several weeks before the official collection week.

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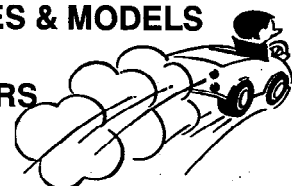
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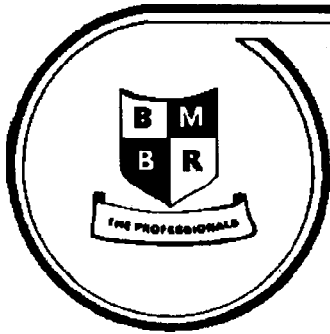
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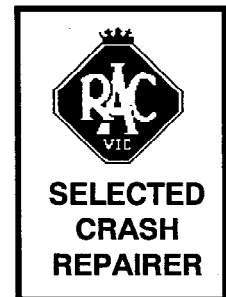
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## THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*by David Morland*

That the twenty first century opens with a devastating attack on America should deeply disturb us but should not surprise us. Jesus Himself said there would always be war and rumours of war (Mat 24:6). The bible is under no allusions as to the depth of depravity within the human heart (James 4:1). Humans are capable of the most terrible atrocities.

But could not a God of love have stopped the carnage of the 11<sup>th</sup> September? The obvious answer is "yes". So why didn't He? By way of an answerer let me say, I am not perfect, therefore is God supposed to step in and stop me every time I go

to do something wrong? If I start to take my car up above the speed limit should God stop my foot from pressing the accelerator? Well He could, but then we would have a world full, not of perfect people, but of perfect robots. God did not created robots.

That God allows evil does not mean for one second that He is disinterested in it. In fact God has promised that He will judge every act of evil ever committed (Rom 2:6, Rom 14:12, 2Cor 5:10, Rev 20:12&13). That God does not judge all evil in this life should never ever be seen as a sign that God does not judge.

Should we then forgive those who have perpetrated such evil? Yes and no. 'Yes' in the sense that we must not hold bitterness in our hearts. Jesus tells us to love our enemies (Mat 5:44). We are to be those that feed our enemies if they are hungry (Rom 12:20). But 'no' in the sense that God has given authority to the state to restrict, restrain and punish evil doers (Rom 13:1-4). So we must be careful as individuals not to become full of anger and set out and attack our enemies, but at the same time the legitimate authorities be they police or army must act to arrest and bring to justice all who have done wrong.

Lastly we need to hear the words that Jesus spoke when some people came to talk to Him about a mass murder (Luke 13:1). Jesus simply pointed out that we are all going to die. So the real issue is not whether one dies at the hands of evil or whether one dies peacefully at home or whether one dies early in life or late in life, the real issue is are you ready to die? Are you ready to face the judgement seat of God?

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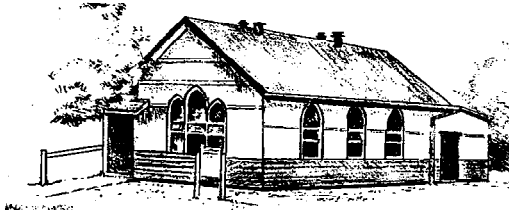
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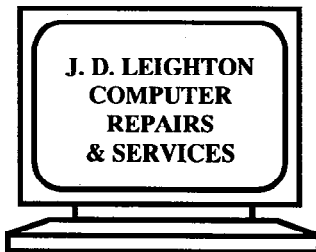
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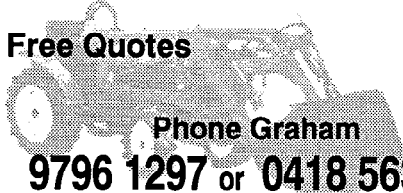
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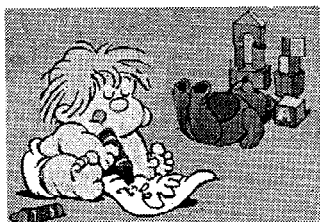
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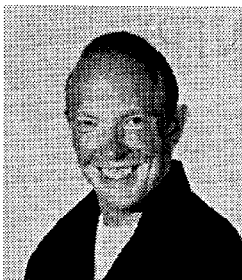
2. Under the "Partial Upfront" option the student receives a 25% discount on any upfront payment of \$500 or more made before the census date.

3. Under the "Voluntary Payment Bonus" option the student receives a 15% discount on any payment of \$500 or more against their HECS debt. e.g. reduce HECS debt by \$1,000 if you make a payment of \$850.

As you can see from the above, there are strong financial incentives to pay wholly or partially upfront or make voluntary bonus payments. Alternatively, payment of HECS through the tax system can take 10-15 years to repay a debt of \$15,000 to \$20,000 after allowing for CPI increases.

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## CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

Many of you have had the pleasure of watching Network Ten's "The Secret Life of Us" will be aware of what a great actress Claudia Karvan is. She shines in the role of Alex, and the industry is starting to take notice as she is already a Logie favourite for next year.

But what many of you may not realise is that Claudia has been around Australia's film industry for a while now. Let me let you in on some of her best films.

One of my favourite Karvan films is "Dating The Enemy". Had this film have been done in the U.S. it would have been a huge success, and it is definitely one of Australia's best romantic comedies. Karvan stars as Tash, a

woman who believes that men aren't just attracted to her. Then she starts dating the good looking, Brett (played by Guy Pierce). Then they break up and wake up in each others body, the result is a learning curve for both men and women.

But by far the best Karvan film is the "Heartbreak Kid". Made up of a stellar Australian cast, including Alex Dimitriades and

William McInnes. The film explores touchy topics as forbidden love and multiculturalism.

All up these films will show just what a talent Claudia Karvan is... now let's hope Hollywood realises that.

Some other films to check out "Almost Famous" and "Dude - Where's My Car". That just happened to be two of the best comedies to come out in the last twelve months.

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Recent rains have been more than welcome to our very dry gardens. Unfortunately the winds that came with the rain tend to dry the soil very quickly.

It is now that we need to prepare for the forthcoming dry summer. Mulching is essential for the long dry periods to conserve moisture.

When it rains (hopefully) in summer, water can be caught in containers for use on other sections of the garden. Water from the laundry rinse cycle & the bathroom could also be collected.

Place a bucket under the bathroom, laundry & kitchen taps to catch the water which usually runs down the plugholes while waiting for the hot water to run through.

Weeds take moisture from shallow rooted plants, so remove them & use them as a mulch material. Many plants provide their own mulch with fallen leaves, which compact around their base.

Do not mulch material right up against the trunk of the plants as some materials can cause burning of the bark and kill the plant.



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## MIDWAY NEWS



by Gwen Neve

Congratulations to Allison Incoll, one of the founding members of Midway who will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Apart from the usual Monday gathering of Midway members, outings are organized. On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the group toured the Caulfield Museum and other parts of the races venue. This was followed by an enjoyable luncheon. A group trip to Colonial Stadium has been organized for October.

If you would like some more information about this fun loving, young (over the age of 55) group, call Gwen on 9707 2904.

## PATHWAYS TO CREATIVE WRITING

Beaconsfield Community Centre is so much a part of the local scene readers may be surprised to learn that the Centre is approaching its 10th year in the present location.

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The Centre has secured the services of a widely published author in the above categories. She has recently relocated to Cardinia Shire from Mount Waverley, having taught adult learners for many years in that area. Her writing experience covers a period of almost 30 years.

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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

The Ancient City of Jericho, famous in Biblical history, is the world's oldest known settlement. It is located in the Jordan valley, north of the Dead sea and west of the Jordan river, and is about 244 m { about 800 feet } below sea level, making it the lowest City on earth. Its climate is hot and dry in summer and mild in winter, supporting the growth of such crops as dates, bananas and citrus fruits. The mound that is the remains of that ancient city is now known as Tell es-Sultan, beside a spring known as Elisha's fountain. The location of that spring is thought to be the reason why the first settlers camped there, eventually leading to the eventual establishment of the city, we know as Jericho.

The original walls of Jericho are the result of seismographic activity producing a great rift extending from the Sea of Galilee, to northern Africa. These natural defences made the site an ideal locale for trade, apart from her beauty and good water supply from wells, later extended into very effective irrigation systems, indicating a shift from prehistoric nomadic life, to settled forms of life.

These attributes made her the source of envy and a coveted possession for invaders of ancient Palestine. As a sea of green in an otherwise barren desert landscape, and her importance as the trade route entrance to the western cities, Jericho was of major importance to invaders and traders alike.

The City fell to many invaders over the centuries, including the Persians, Alexander the Great, Herod the Great, various Arab invaders, the

Crusaders, who were eventually defeated by the great Muslim leader, Salidan. In 1840 the Egyptian General Ibrahim Pasha razed the City when he withdrew his Army to Egypt.

Points of interest in Jericho include a 6<sup>th</sup> century Synagogue, Hisham's Palace, and St. George's Monastery. Located nearby are the Mount of Temptation, which according to New Testament tradition, is the place where the Devil tempted Christ, and the caves of Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered in 1947.

Archeologists have, very heavily investigated the famous Biblical epic of the destruction of the walls of Jericho, over the last 2 centuries, and modern methods including carbon dating, have found no hard evidence of such events. The attack by Joshua and the children of Israel, was, according to conventional dating, supposed to have taken place at the end of the Early Bronze Age, ending about 2100 BC. Thus the evidence was 700 years too early for it to have been destroyed by Joshua, and in fact although there was a late Bronze Age city in the 14th Century, nothing survives to illustrate the Biblical account.

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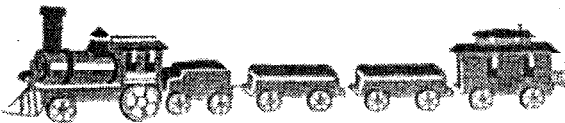
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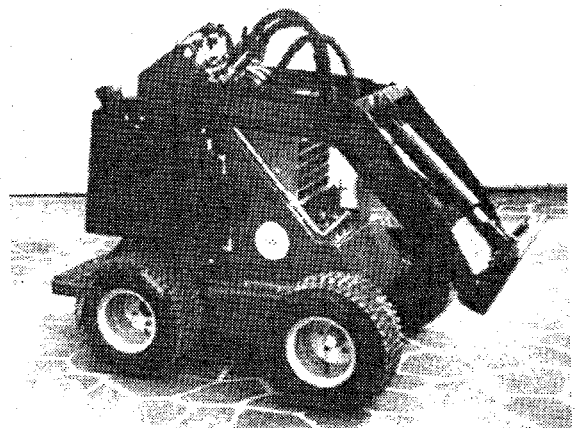
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Died tragically as a result of an accident, aged 22.

As well as his immediate family, Chris left behind numerous close friends, neighbours, workmates and relatives. The large attendance at his funeral service on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September was testimony to his popularity.

Born at Berwick hospital to Reni and Sue De Hamer, Chris was raised at the family home in Adamson Road, Beaconsfield with his two brothers and two sisters. Educated at St. Michael's Primary School, his childhood interests were mostly outdoor, exploring the school's big cypress trees, fishing and fossicking

along the Cardinia Creek near home and camping. These interests extended into his years as a Cub and Boy Scout where he revelled in hiking and exploring. Chris excelled at Softball and Baseball and was a loyal member in both team sports.

Throughout his many leisure and working pursuits Chris made many friends and touch a lot of hearts with his gentle and courteous ways. In his trade as a fencer he was highly regarded as 'top gun' of the South East – a credit at his age.

A special note of appreciation must go to Reni and Sue and his brothers and sisters who bravely shared in their time of grief. Treatment and tests that Chris had in intensive care at Dandenong Hospital were in vain despite the valiant efforts of the Surgeons and nursing staff.

He will be sadly missed by so many that knew him. May he rest in peace.

## BEACONSFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT FOR SEASON 2001

*Extracts from report given by David Van Lambaart  
President - Beaconsfield Junior Football Club*

The annual club registration day was held at the Senior Club, with an attendance that surprised many of us. Some 190 children were registered, with the message loud and clear the future of the club would be sound.

Unfortunately the use of the Upper Beaconsfield reserve as a home base continued to present obstacles. The Akoonah Park Committees on going support for junior sport is much appreciated by the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club.

As with the growth of any sporting club, there were many challenges for the committee, the coaches and team managers, particularly those that were new to the task, however the season saw success present itself in a number of ways such as :

### VMFL U14 Squad Nomination

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U12 Div. Two Best Conducted Club  
U14 Garraleigh R/up Best & Fairest

### DDJFL Finals Series

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U12 Premier Division  
U14 Garraleigh

### Dandenong Stingrays Under 15

- Jarrold Cox

### Development Squad

- Tobius

- Dean Van Lambaart

The club has established a sub-committee to plan for the development of the O'Neil's Road facility, that will see the club have it's own ground, change rooms and pavilion for the commencement of Season 2003.

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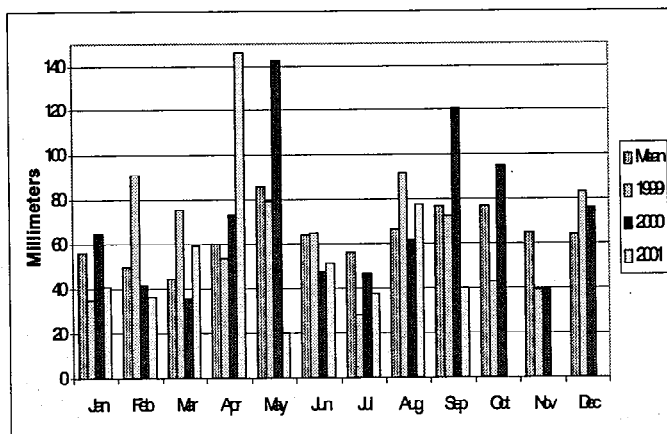
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## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL



# GOODBYE TO A GREAT TEACHER

by Sarah McDonald

I first attended Beaconsfield Primary School in 1996, coincidentally the same year as their new principal Di Lockwood. Coming from a fairly large school in the middle of Dandenong, I was surprised at the friendliness of everyone in this tiny town with a school of only 260 students. I think that one of the main reasons for us moving here was so that we could experience the 'country lifestyle'.

I'm sure that you all know the stereotype; everyone knows everyone, they all get along really well, you only have a few friends but you keep them for life, everyone walks their dogs of an evening and nod their hat and say hello. No chequered shirts and Utes are needed in this little stereotype, although I'm sad to say my father does drive a Ute and wears chequered shirts all the time.

This was exactly as it was when we first moved here. Di was such a friendly teacher and she did a marvellous job as principal.



Above: Di Lockwood

It seemed that here in Beaconsfield, you didn't just blend into the crowd. Here your talents were recognised and nurtured, you felt like you belonged, and your knowledge was expanded in a friendly environment. I loved my four years at the school. Mrs. Lockwood and I could call each child in the school by name by about half way through the year. I wouldn't even attempt to do this at my current school with 1800 students last time I checked.

Beaconsfield Primary has improved so much through the few years that I was there and at the moment while my sister is still attending. The old school building has been replaced, there are some great new facilities and some wonderful things are happening. 'Beacy' Primary has grown to 340 students and I'm sure that Di can still name every one by heart. 'By heart' seems to be the theme of this town and Di has been a great principal and a great role model. The students at Beacy Primary would be the first to stand up and say this.

Beaconsfield has grown a lot since I first came to live here. During these last few years we have given ourselves a name and now with our new estate we will have more names to learn, but I just hope that it doesn't lose that special something, which is the reason that so many have stayed and the reason that so many have come.

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Above: Beaconsfield Cub Scouts and Leader.

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power away. I now take full  
responsibility for my life.

\* Today I will remember  
that all challenges are  
really opportunities cleverly  
disguised.

## BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

by Margaret Chatfield



August has been a very busy time in the club, starting off with Junior Club Championships, Clover Cottage Dinner, Saturday Junior and Senior Finals.

### JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Club Championships were held on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to rain championships were stopped to be continued the following Sunday. Players still got to enjoy a BBQ sausage sizzle lunch, cooked by junior Travis Carey before going home. Thank you Travis.

C Grade Doubles:-  
Winners: Melanie and Tim Appleyard  
Runners Up: Rhyanon Lee and Montana Grenfell  
Weather condition were fine the following Sunday to enable the championships to finish. Another sausage sizzle for lunch was provided with Hayden Wright showing us he is a very capable BBQ cook. Thank you Hayden. Congratulations to all. Results as follows.

A Grade Singles Boys :-  
Winner - Daniel Dutt  
Runner Up - Chris O'Rourke

A Grade Singles Girls:  
Winner - Lauren Amer  
Runner Up - Alex Ward

B Grade Singles Boys:  
Winner - David Manning  
Runner Up - Simon Day

B Grade Singles Girls :  
Winner - Gillian Goldsworthy  
Runner Up - Kate Taylor

A Grade Doubles:  
Winners - Ben White and Chris O'Rourke  
Runners Up - Andrew Neilson and Elio Scarton

B Grade Doubles :  
Winners - David Manning and Simon Day  
Runners Up - Erin Mason and Lauren Amer

### SATURDAY JUNIOR FINALS - WINTER 2001

#### Finalists

Once again our juniors excel, 10 teams qualified to play off in the finals. Well done, Section 3,4,7 Blue, 8, 9,10,13,16 Gold, 18 and 19. Grand Finalists :- Section 3, 7 Blue, 9, 13, 16 Gold.

Results as follows.

Section 3 "Premiers" - Team members - David Castricum, Chris Amer, Chris O'Rourke, Chris Chudleigh, Kate Somers.

Section 7 "Premiers"- Team members - Erin Mason, David Manning, Simon Day, Sarah Corrigan, Madaleine Tate.



Above: Back L to R - Elio Scarton, Chris O'Rourke, Ben White, Andrew Neilson, Daniel Dutt, David Manning, Kate Taylor. Front L to R - Gillian Goldsworthy, Simon Day, Erin Mason.

Section 9 "Premiers" - Team members- Daniel Noonan, Hayden Wright, Andrew Le Busque, Paul and Chris Zahar.

Section 16 Gold Premiers- Team members - Josh and Harley Osborne, Montana Grenfell, Rhyanon Lee, Tegan Proctor.

Section 13 "Runners Up" - Team members - Melanie and Tim Appleyard, Dominique and Bernard Smith, Samuel White.

*Congratulations to all the above.*

Saturday Juniors Summer Competition starts on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October with 21 teams entered. Contact Lynne Day on 9707 4662 or Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016 for Junior enquiries.

### SOCIAL FUNCTION

Our Annual Clover Cottage Dinner, not only is it an opportunity to have a wonderful meal and evening with club members and friends, the function is a fundraiser for the club, this year making over \$1300.00. Ian Ayre our new President was spokesperson on the evening. Presentations were made to Midweek Ladies and Saturday Seniors "Premiers" teams,

followed on by door prize and raffle draw, which was generously supported by our local community and friends.

Raffle Donations acknowledgments to:

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Beaconsfield Tennis Club Inc. wish to thank our sponsors for their generosity.

### NEW COACH

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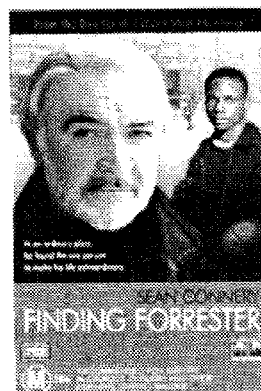
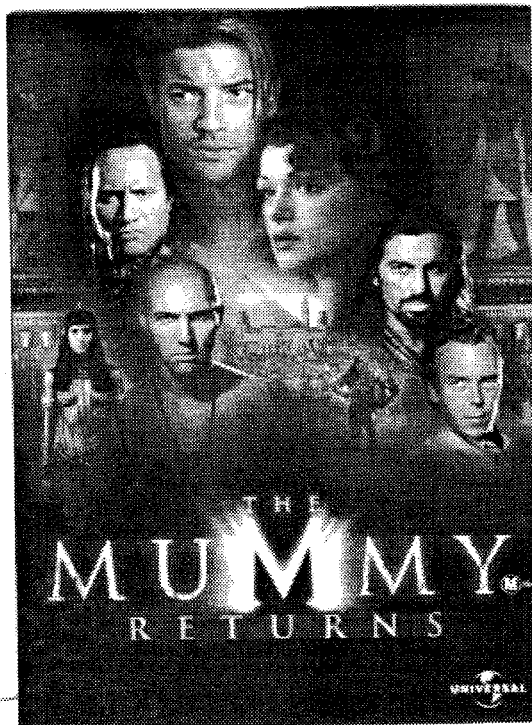
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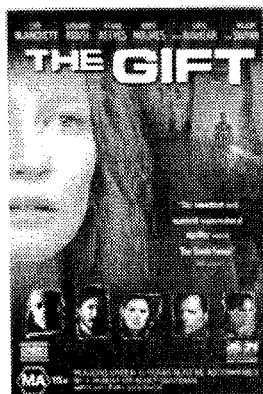
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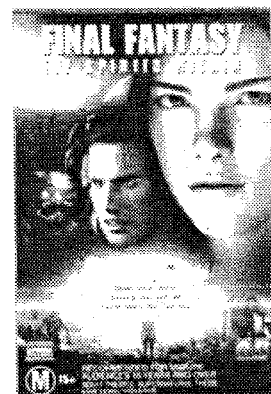
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