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## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Tuesday 19th February 2002  
7.30pm**

Community Centre  
Beaconsfield Avenue  
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[next to Scout Hall]

### Subjects for discussion

- \* **Aldi Supermarket**
- \* **Junior Football Oval**

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tell us of your concerns.**

Light supper shared  
after meeting closes at 9pm.

## FIRE BRIGADE BAZAAR

**April 21st 2002**

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## TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR BEACONSFIELD

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## FIREFIGHTERS TO NSW BUSHFIRES

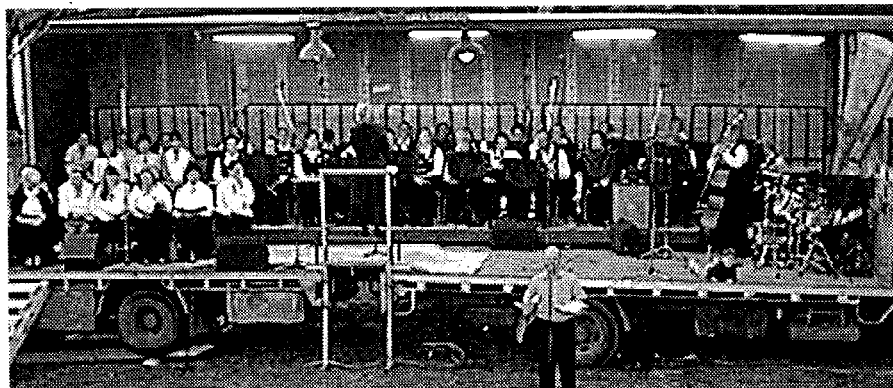
Local members of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade had a strong presence at the recent NSW bushfire crisis. Initially the Beaconsfield CFA had a crew of 5 people working in NSW for the first 3 day shift. A further 3 people went on the second shift and 1 person on the third shift.

They had one person virtually working full time here, to receive information about the health and location of the crews, to pass on information to the fire fighters families, also organising the next crews to go up and to ensure we had sufficient qualified people in Beaconsfield to provide the required local protection.

It is a show of strength of our fire brigade that they can have up to 8 fire fighters away and still have sufficient numbers back at home to maintain full fire protection.

One of the fire fighters comments were "we got the call on Boxing Day, you don't even question whether to go or stay, the call comes through from people in need and you go". Another said "it was a great learning experience to be given to opportunity to work with other fire agencies, you get to see how they operate, get to look over their trucks and equipment and bring those ideas back home".

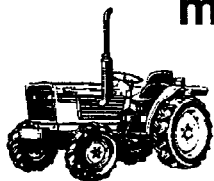
While there is a lot of focus on the fire fighters who actually go up to the fires, recognition should also be extenuated to the fire fighters that ensured they were around the local area. And most importantly thanks needs to go to the families and friends of all involved. Most people sacrificed their entire Christmas break and things like taking their family to the beach or going to the city because they were on stand-by for NSW and the local area.



## CAROLS BY THE CREEK

The band ( pictured left) played carols, traditional and modern, to a large crowd which gathered on the 23rd December in the Bob Burgess Reserve. The Beaconsfield Baptist Church organised this wonderful free annual event for the community of Beaconsfield and was supported by Beaconsfield Progress Association. Beaconsfield Primary School children sang to the delight of the crowd.

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It is with the deepest regret that we announce the passing of Dr. Ronald 'Dick' Webb. Dick has been a valued member of the Beaconsfield community for many years following a long and distinguished career.

Dick started work in general practice in the Melbourne area in 1951, and has since spent many years in postings in the Northern Territory for the N.T. Medical Service including Tennant Creek

and Alice Springs. Dick was later promoted to Acting Director of the Department of Health in Darwin, Chief Medical Officer to Australia House, London and later to Commonwealth Director of Health for Victoria.

The Beaconsfield Banner fondly remembers his contributions to these pages for his detailed data collection and commentary of our local weather and rainfall.

Dick is sadly missed by all who knew him; colleges, friends and neighbours alike.

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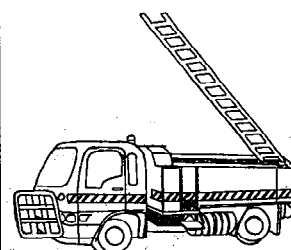


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee

The New Year is well and truly upon us. It is time to address one of the major issues facing our town this year.

There is considerable commercial development planned for the north of the highway being the office and shop complex on the corner of Beaconsfield Emerald Road and the supermarket development on the vacant commercial site which will also include shops and offices. I suspect these projects have been delayed due to a lack of demand for commercial buildings.

There are rumours about town that sale and further commercial development is planned for the Old Hall

Site on the highway. Now Beaconsfield is a fairly small town, and even though it is growing quickly, further commercial development of the centre of town is not necessary or desirable. Council sees this tract of land as a valuable asset which is to be sold to fund other Council projects including the new community centre on O'Neil Road. I don't oppose the sale of Council assets and would certainly not like to see the construction of the new community centre delayed for want of funding. However, the value of open space in such a location should not be assessed on just a financial basis.

The Old Hall Site is an attractive piece of land that provides residents with easy access to the centre of the town. Its location would prove ideal for a park, picnic or play area located close to the shops,

the bus stop and toilet. Unfortunately it is not big enough for the proposed community centre. It would also be an ideal site for the War Memorial, which will need to be relocated when the proposed realignment of the Wood Street and Princes Highway intersection occurs. As it is a large piece of land there may be some scope to permit part of the land to be used for some other purpose and part to be retained for public use. To allow the whole of the land to be sold for commercial purposes would be a sell out of this intrinsically valuable piece of land to commercialism.

It is time we stood united and not allow council to sell off a valuable community asset for commercial purposes. We need to tell Council and Councillors what we want to happen in our town and fight to ensure the amenity of

Beaconsfield is preserved for now and the future by retaining such assets for us all to enjoy.

I welcome your input and can be contacted at my office (McPhees Solicitors) beside the Milk Bar or on 9707 0590 or by email on [bpa@beaconsfield.org.au](mailto:bpa@beaconsfield.org.au)

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

19th February  
19th March

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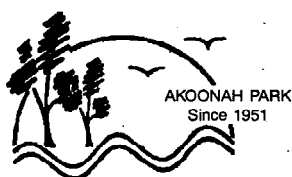


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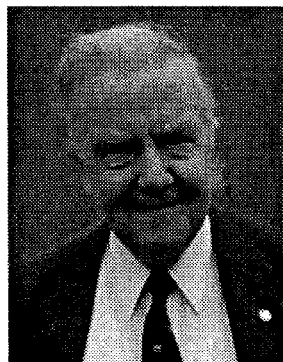
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*by Cr.Keith Ewenson*

You may recall that I mentioned the discussion of the speed limit at Guys Hill in the last Banner edition..

### **SPEED LIMIT GUYS HILL**

"I have had a request to reduce the speed at Emerald Road Guys Hill to 50KM.

The recommendation will be passed on to Vicroads. It will be interesting to see how they respond. We know they do not like to impede arterial road traffic but surely the residential section of Guys Hill should be protected."

Well discussion took place with Vicroads and they readily agreed to 70km, but the council officer felt there was justification for a greater reduction and subsequently raised the matter again on a later occasion and they approved of 60km.

The signs have not yet been erected but be warned as you drive through Guy Hill they soon will appear.

### **OLD PRINCES HWY**

If you travel on the Emerald Beaconsfield Road at peak periods and try to enter the Old Princes Hwy you

would have experienced problems. A solution is at hand.

One of the "Berwick Views" development conditions was for them to install traffic lights at this intersection. The lights are scheduled to be installed in March with addition of appropriate traffic lanes.

### **HOME & COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

I have heard of some elderly people being disadvantaged by service providers in recent times. The service providers are at this stage funded by the Government.

If you have experienced problems and haven't spoken to me about them well please do so; this will enable a case to be presented to the department.

### **BOB BURGESS PARK.**

What a great improvement. Whilst I am on that subject congratulations to the organisers of Carols by Candlelight, it went well in the improved location.

Cr. Keith Ewenson:- Ph  
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kewenson@.nex.net.au





## NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

As most of you will know we are fundraising for the replacement of our second tanker. At present we are having a raffle and a Bazaar.

The Bazaar will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the fire station. So we are asking if you have any saleable items that you wish to donate to the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade that you contact us to arrange a time to pick up or drop off the goods. You can contact us by phone - 9707 2121 or drop in Sundays 9.30 - 12pm or Tuesday evenings 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. We appreciate your support.

Tickets for the Raffle are \$2 each and prizes are as follows:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1,000 Westfield Shopping Voucher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$ 450 Swann Wireless Baby Monitor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$ 275 STIHL SS 36 Brush Cutter
- 4<sup>th</sup> - \$ 200 Outdoor Setting

A Special thanks goes out to the business's that donated the above prizes, Swann Communication for the baby monitor, The Beaconsfield Mower and Tractor Centre for the Brush cutter, Bunnings-Narre Warren for the Outdoor Setting. Thankyou to Wayne Decenhardt from Market Wise Pty Ltd for arranging for the printing of the tickets.

Tickets will be available from 02/02/2002 until 01/05/2002 and the raffle

will be drawn at the monthly meeting of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at 7pm

Tickets can be purchased from members of the brigade, from the fire station on Wood Street (Sundays 9.30am - 12 pm, Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm), The Berwick Show (23<sup>rd</sup> + 24<sup>th</sup> February), The Swap Meet ( 2<sup>nd</sup> February) and The Bazaar ( 21<sup>st</sup> April).

We would also like to thank Williams Stevens Real Estate for donating and erecting the fundraising sign that was displayed on the vacant property next to the Doctors surgery.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Beaconsfield Banner

The problem with children riding unregistered motor bikes (Re: last issue of Beaconsfield Banner), is the fact that these kids have no where to ride their bikes! Casey Shire has provided funding and help to horse riders and baseballers' and many other sport areas but has done little or nothing about supplying an area for off road riding. Maybe 2002 will see an area set aside for these children as they are legitimate sports enthusiasts too.

Gary Mc Guigan  
Kooweerup Motor Cycle Club  
11th December, 2001

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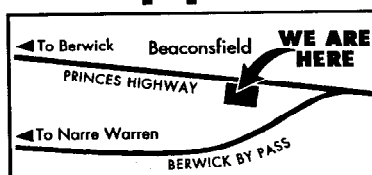
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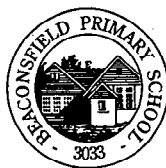
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## BPS Corner

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

*by Maurice Potter, School Council President*

#### End of 2001 Activities.

The end of school year saw our grade fives and sixes complete their eight-week biennial bike education program culminating in a train trip to the city and ride along the Yarra River bike tracks. Approx 60 children successfully encountered the wilds of the Yarra over two trips. Capably (and bravely) lead by teacher Jenny Andersen for a number of years now, the program teaches bike skills, maintenance and road safety to all participants.

In early December pupils Abbie Burns and Hannah and Richard Manley represented our school in the Victorian Primary School Equestrian Challenge. Not only did they have fun but were placed 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in their events.

These events demonstrate the diversity of our school program today.

The whole school finalised the year with a picnic at Wilson Botanic Park; Berwick, followed by presentations to families leaving the school. Of these we acknowledge significant contribution in many ways

Wonder if the  
Roulettes will be  
at the Berwick  
Show this year?

**Berwick Show -  
February  
23rd & 24th.**

over many years by the Jagiello, Seath, Steele and Van den Akker families.

#### Towards 2002.

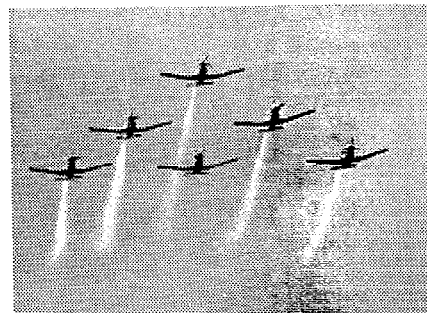
For the New Year we give a big welcome to our new Assistant Principal, Andrea Hillbrick, formerly of Brentwood Park PS (in 2000) and currently Snr Project Officer with the Department of Education. She will also be joined by new teachers Toby Daniels, Sarah Meixner, Janette Collins and Mark McKelson.

Starting the new year with approx 400 distributed over 17 classes, our low class policy will be maintained with class sizes being planned as follows: Prep, 1-2 at 22 max. 3-4 at 24 max. and 5-6 at 26 max.

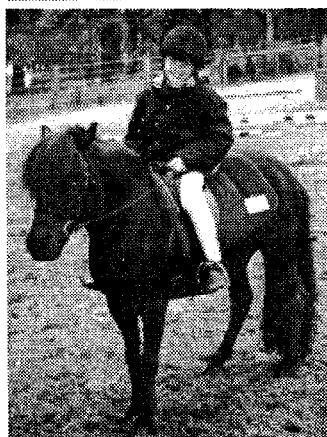
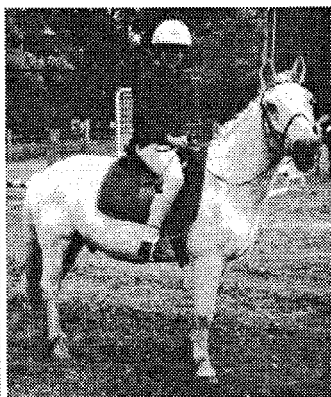
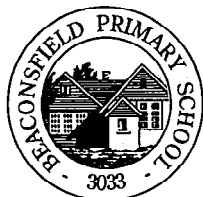
#### Carpet needed

We are still looking for old carpet to use as weed control in our wetlands. Do you have any? If so give the school a ring on 9707 1510.

Finally a **Thank You** to our local CFA brigade who over the holiday period burnt an accumulation of dead branches and made our grounds fire safe for the coming hot weather (if it arrives).



## VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE



Top Left: Hannah Manley  
Left: Richard Manley  
Above: Abbie Burns riding Uran.

See story on page 6.



### FEBRUARY 14TH.

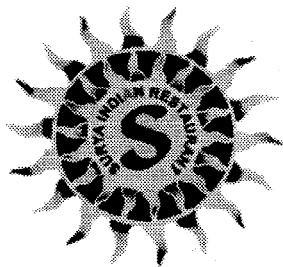
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## MAKE AND MINGLE

*by Ann Taylor*

The New Year is a good time to meet new friends and catch up with old friends at the Make and Mingle friendship and craft group.

There will be many crafts to try including greeting cards, bread dough broaches, painted ceramics, calligraphy, embroidery, candlewicking, glass art, tiny bead knitting, patchwork and applique and many more craft ideas. You can bring along your own sewing and craft to work on or just come along for a chat and a cuppa.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we will be hosting a coffee and

dessert night at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church, time 7.20-9.30pm. The guest speaker is Michele Dawson and her topic is 'Drug proofing your kids'. This evening is held in conjunction with Victorian Women's Christian Conventions and tickets need to be booked by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2002, cost is \$5.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday morning 10am-12noon during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Souter St and Old Princes Hwy.

For details contact Ann Taylor 97071996.

## COFFEE AND DESSERT EVENING

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Contact Ann Taylor

9707 1996

Elsie Wheatland

9700 1405

Bookings essential by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2002

**MAKE AND MINGLE with**  
**VICTORIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN CONVENTIONS**

**Brickbats** for the anonymous note left in my Letter Box. Please note : my residence is in the Shire of Cardinia, not Casey. The Council maintains the trees on the nature strip. Perhaps, next time you could ring the Council? (Name and address supplied)

**Brickbats** to the people who park cars, trailers etc., on easements, nature strips and public land.



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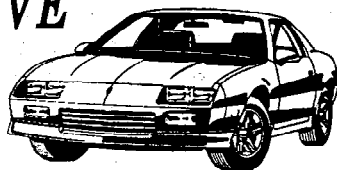
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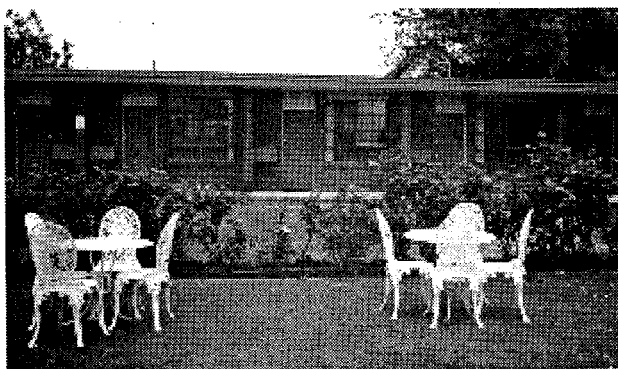


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## WINE & FOOD

*by Keith Goodman*

For me the two most prominent issues of 2001 which will effect us in 2002 are the difficulty of finding red wines of quality under the \$15 price barrier and the penetration of the Stelvin cap as a replacement for the familiar cork; particularly used with Riesling wines.

Wines recommended 2-3 years ago at \$15-30 are now found at \$30-50 and in some cases \$75, with little more than an artwork change on the label. Wines we bought around \$8-12 are now \$15 to more than \$20. For we consumers the much referred to glut of grapes and resultant lower price per tonne at the winery have not translated into lower bottle prices. Farmers know all about this – we can only hope.

Recent vintages of Riesling have been among the best seen for years, the 2001 wines from the Clare Valley are particularly good. Many of the makers of these wines no longer use corks, which may be daunting for those unfamiliar with the Stelvin cap. Basic, low quality white wines of the 70s and 80s used a seemingly similar screw cap which may lead us to pre-suppose that a current wine sealed using a Stelvin cap is of a basic standard. These new caps mean no longer do we risk opening a Riesling to find a dull, flat or corked wine. The Stelvin

cap retains freshness and eliminates cork taint, which has attracted their use by our specialist Riesling makers. Enjoy with confidence.

Summer (as it was) is coming to an end and soon berries, peaches, nectarines and mangoes etc., will disappear from our table. Fresh fruit either whole or as fruit salad is one of lifes pleasures during hot weather – do not miss the end of the season.

Last February I attended an adult education course on building a wood fired oven, my oven was completed in time for New Years festivities, so long slow cooked lamb roasts, pizzas and bread have been the order of the day. Feb 2002 offers a class of firing the oven and cooking using the age old methods of our mediteranean forebears. I look forward to using the oven and gaining confidence with the dishes and methods of the course and sharing the results with friends.

**Wines** Lawson Dry Hills, Sauvignon Blanc, NZ, 2001 around \$18 is a lovely rich wine quite opposite to the dry mouth puckering acidic Sauv Blancs we too often see. Rieslings of 2001 from Chrismont, King Valley, \$12-15, made by the Pizzini Bros, tends to the limey style and will keep. Leasingham Bin 7, Clare Valley, \$12. All will reward.

## FOOD & WINE

(continued)

Galli Shiraz, 2000 from Rockbank, outside Melbourne is a sumptuous mouthful which concentrates on fruit with a low to medium tannin finish. I have seen this wine twice now and think it is delicious. Reportedly the 2001 is an even better wine. Contact the vineyard or try Nicks wines. A red under \$10 that I would happily have in the cellar is Leasingham Bastion 1999, A blend of Shiraz and Cabernet, around \$9.

**Bouquet** to the residents of Holm Park Road who removed the fallen tree off the road to allow traffic to get through after trying to contact Council to no avail.

**Brickbats** to those pet owners who do not lock up their cats at night and Dog Owners who do not remove their dogs dropping from other people's nature strip.

*Ed Note* : Cat Trap is available from Gloraine Hardy contact - 9796 1361

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Contact Shane 0407874143



## SALLY'S GARDEN

Lawns will need a regular soaking. If the lawn needs feeding, moisten soil before applying fertilizer & water it in well. Do not cut lawns very low while the weather is hot.

Roses will be sending up new buds, feed with an all-purpose plant food. Petunias can be cut back & will bloom again during late autumn.

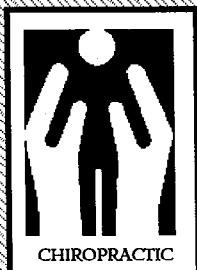
If lemon trees look a bit yellow, be sure they get enough water & the soil drains properly.

Inside plants can be fed, using the plant food at half strength as recommended for other plants. Use the atomizer 2 or 3 times a week to create a moister atmosphere.

### March:

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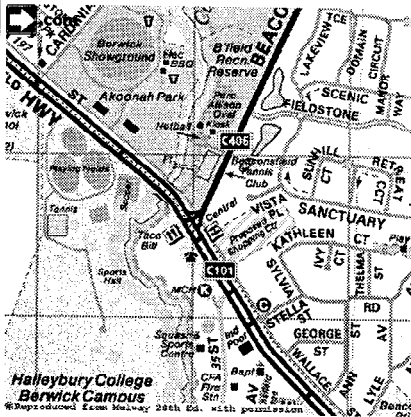
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by David Morland

Over the holidays I read Walter Mikac's book, "To Have And To Hold "

(Macmillan, Sydney 1997). The book is both an account of the terrible grief that Walter experienced following the death of his wife Nanette and his two daughters, 6 year old, Alannah and 3 year old Madeline. It is also a tribute to the lives of his wife and daughters.

They all died on Sunday afternoon 28 April 1996. They were victims of the terrible massacre that took place at Port Arthur. They were shot dead along with 32 other innocent people. The actions of the deranged gunman were evil personified. The description of the way he shot little Alannah left me feeling numb (P 206).

It is a moving book. Walter takes his readers deep into his grief. There are places in the book where one is so affected by the sheer agony of Walter's loss that one feels drained. As you make your way through the book you cannot but ache for the man.

Walter's suffering is far beyond anything I have ever tasted. I feel very uncomfortable referring to him. And indeed I would not but for the fact that he himself has put his story in the public arena.

At about the half way mark in the book he deals with the matter of faith (P150-152). He tells us that, 'spiritually he feels bankrupt and alone'. He has some doubts about God,

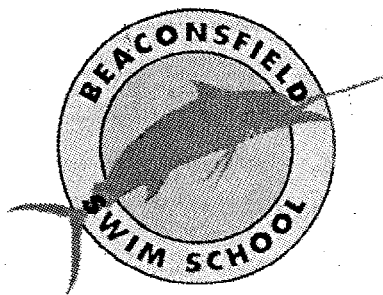
God may even be nothing more than 'a guiding force'.

But Walter is not the only one who has suffered terribly. Let me mention Horatio Spafford. Horatio was a lawyer. He lived with his wife and four children in Chicago. He was 46 years old in 1874 and that year his wife and children went on a holiday to France. They travelled on the large French steamer, the Ville de Havre. In the mid Atlantic the ship collided with a sailing ship. Within 30 minutes the ship went under. Horatio's wife survived, but that day all four of his children drowned.

Goodness knows what anguish this man suffered. In his grief he did not write a book but a hymn. Part of the first verse of his hymn says 'When sorrows like sea billows roll, what ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul'.

So for the one man God is distant and, it would seem, unhelpful in the midst of his agony. For the other man God is the primary source of comfort. What does Horatio know of God that Walter does not seem to know? This is a hard question. But one that we would be wise to consider, for the day will come when we too will suffer. And even though our suffering may not be in the league of Mikac's or Spafford's the thought of being without God's presence is not a nice one.





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New curb and channelling around the corner of Woods Street near the station is an improvement.



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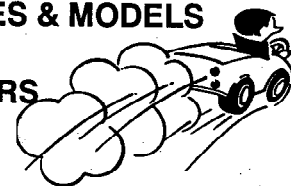
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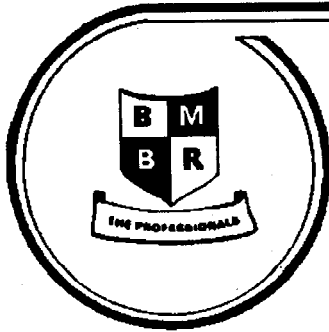
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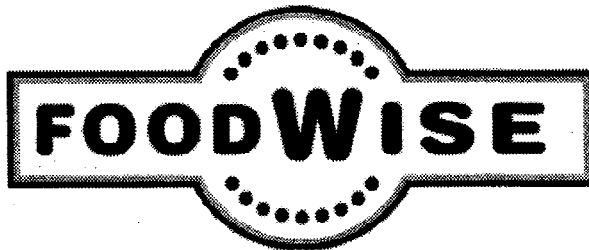
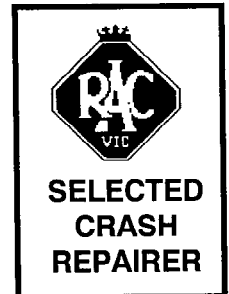
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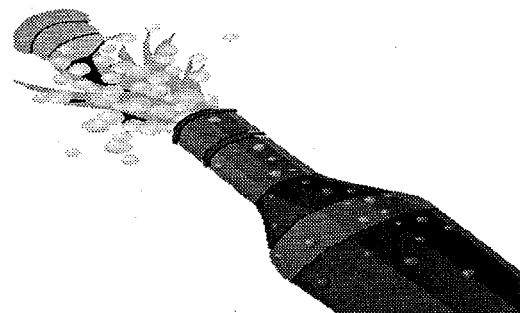
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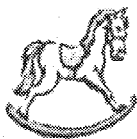
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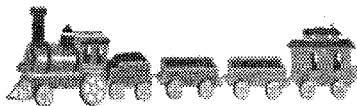
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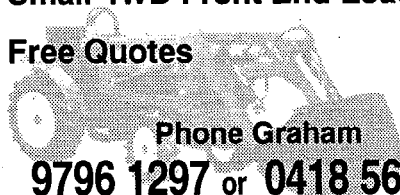
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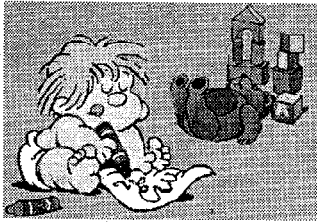


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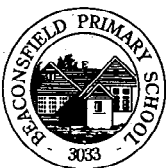
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The Federal Government has been active in reviewing and pursuing further changes in superannuation laws. Some possible changes and the proposed dates are as follows:

**From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002**

- The current superannuation deduction for self-employed persons of \$3000 plus 75% of the excess is to be increased to \$5000 plus 75% of the excess.

- The current 15% surcharge rate will reduce by 1.5% each year during the next three years to 10.5%

- Age at which working Australians can make personal superannuation contributions will be increased from 70 to 75

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- Deductible contributions of up to \$1000 p.a. can be made for children.

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4. Reviewing ways the Government can help funds that suffer big losses.

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# CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths



## HARRY POTTER & FRODO... THE WAIT WAS WORTH IT

Well 2001 has come and gone, yet it was the final weeks of it that provided the film going public with two of its biggest highlights.

It was hard year for any film maker who had a film released early on in the year. Because they knew that at the end of the year there were two films to be released that were guaranteed to stampede over the top of theirs at the box

office. But the wait was worth it.

First to come was 'Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone'. There was a lot of talk about this film before it's official release. Every child wanted to see it (as well as many adults), while a small minority tried to have it black banned. This raised an interesting topic in film circles.

Harry Potter is pure fantasy, a time when the audience can relax and let their imagination run wide. The mysticism in the film is no different to the mysticism in other fantasy films such as 'Indiana Jones' or 'Tomb Raider'. The idea that a child will dabble in magic because it was on the big screen is just ludicrous. As one of the film's creators said, 'Kids are mature enough to know it's not real...perhaps some adults aren't.'

The film itself is excellent all round (however maybe it's cinematographer should have been shot, there are some alarming mistakes that slipped through). Great acting, great directing and above all a story line that keeps you guessing.

The second film out was 'Lord of The Rings: Fellowship of the Ring'. This is the first of the trilogy. And despite some negativity from some critics I saw nothing wrong with it. It is unusual, as in the novel. It is a film you have to think about, and try to remember which character is which. Do both and the rewards are worth it. The visual effects and scenery are stunning, and it is interesting to see actors such as Hugo Weaving, Liv Tyler and Cate Blanchett playing such different characters. Speaking of actors Elijah

Woods certainly brings Frodo to life. He was exactly what I imagined when I read the books.

Here are my favourite films of the year.

1. **Moulin Rouge** - There can never be enough said about this film.
2. **Lord of The Rings: Fellowship of the Ring** - Three years in the making and worth it.
3. **Harry Potter and The Philosophers Stone** - Get ready for the next one.
4. **Envy** - Aussie film. Little publicity, little budget but Abi Tucker and five stars.
5. **Shrek / Tomb Raider** - Can't split them. Shrek was an adult kiddie flick, and Angelina showed that a good actor can be an action hero.

Most of the films mentioned above should be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland, if not now then in the near future.

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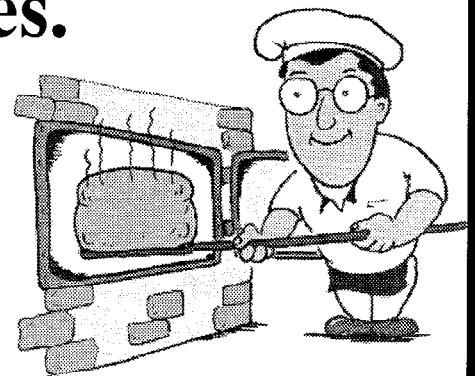
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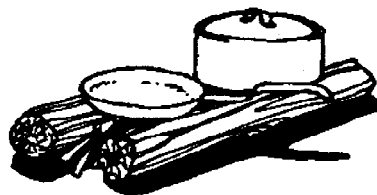
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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

One of the vital indicators for human behavior norms, would without much doubt have to be Morality. What is Morality, and why is it so important in our lives?

To me, it is a standard of behavior, which we set up or which is set up for us, in respect of all our actions. Without a set of self-rule in regard to our actions we diminish our image to others, and invite judgments, which can harm us in many ways. Sadly there are many people on this earth that miss the point here, and they suffer needlessly, and by the ripple effect, effect those who are close to them.

In cruder, earlier civilizations, standards were rigid and punishments were harsh. You could be hung for stealing a sheep, and if your interests were in witchcraft, science or medicine, you were liable to be burnt at the stake. Morality also had many variations depending on race, religion and culture, so what was totally desirable and acceptable for one place, could bring about a death sentence in another.

There are however some fundamentals, rock bottom moral standards which are essentially the same all over the world, wherever an advanced state of development exists. One is the commandment common to all Religions. "Do unto others as others do unto you." Another is "Thou shall love thy God

with all thy heart and with all thy mind and with all thy soul." If all humans obeyed these two commands, then a veritable paradise would exist on earth.

"Man know thyself", is probably the oldest command of all, and if we in fact did know ourselves, then peace would reign supreme. In the sexual arena, we could quite literally fill many books with the utter destruction of moral behavior; such is the license actively pursued by millions across the globe.

"One man, one wife", has been consigned to the moral trashcan long ago. The cost of this development is plain to see in the world, and its affect has touched everyone.

In breaking moral laws, the only person deceived in oneself, the inner self being made unhappy. A statement by Christ so long ago, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he", is the seat of moral practice for all of us, and governs the desire or aversion for moral laws (which we all know anyway ), so where does fault, if it be present, lay?

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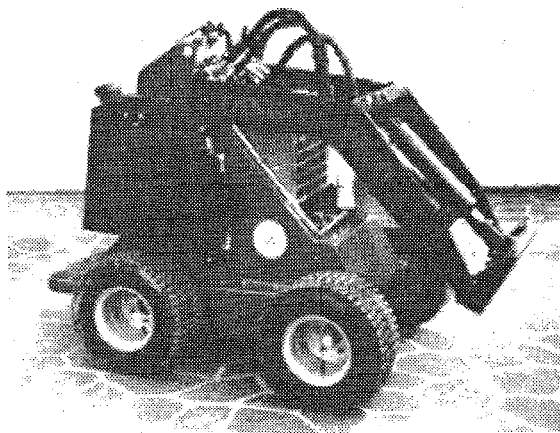
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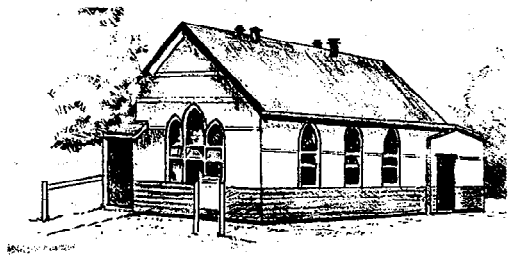
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*by Gabi Conki*

A Holm Park Road Christmas gathering was successfully held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Les and Gabi Conki's, residents of Holm Park Road for the last 25 years.

Santa arrived at 4pm seated comfortably on the carryall of a tractor much to the delight of more than 20

young ones and twice as many adults. Santa's visit was followed by a BBQ tea and enjoyed by the residents reminiscing of how the area used to be and of what's to come.

There were no committees or sponsors just plain old-fashioned friendship.



## BBQ IN THE PARK

A get-together of some residents of Souter Street and Horner Street was held in the Jim Parkes Reserve on Friday 11th January. Although a breezy evening,

the group enjoyed a social evening to farewell Peter and Marg Aurisch, welcome Yvonne and just 'catch up' with neighbours.



*Left: Peg Dundas and Marg Aurisch.*

*Below: Heather Young, Tony Rushton and Graham Baker.*

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Vandalism costs us all an enormous sum as do so many so called social diseases. I stopped at traffic lights last week to find that vandals had removed part of the lights and I could not see their colour. I rebuilt three gazebo's that day – the materials alone cost over \$300 – again the result of vandalism. This damage was done at night by people too young to be out of parental control; I wonder if their parents are aware of these activities and of the cost to the community.

A skillful golfer putts the ball just far enough to reach the cup, a tennis player must hit over the net but inside the service line. It's called "weighting the shot". A tradesman skills is in the "weighting" his tools; when

drilling through a wall the trick is not to drill right through to the next room. When using a spanner to tighten, not to over tighten so as to break the nut clean off. I wonder if the skill of "weighting" will disappear in the next generation as power tools take over from hand tools.

Oh, well, holidays over, back to fixing dry rot, patching plaster, matching the paint, making shelves, hanging up clothes dryers. I like swinging doors, you get quite practiced at fitting hinges and locks.

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## BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

by Margaret Chatfield

Welcome back to another year of tennis. Our Midweek Ladies Spring Season finished on a high in 2001 with Wednesday Section 1 winning the Kath Hemstock Shield. The first time for our club, this honour is bestowed upon the Top Team of the Midweek Ladies Competition.

### MIDWEEK LADIES SPRING SEASON 2001

Midweek Ladies results: Tuesday Section 2, 5 Blue 6 and 8 played off in the finals.

### WEDNESDAY SECTION 1 PREMIERS - THE KATH

#### HEMSTOCK SHIELD WINNERS.

Team members: Dawn Snelson, Lynne Day, Judy Fox-Smith, Rosemary Osborne, Dee Holmgren. Due to one team member being injured all five members got to play in the Grand Final "Team Effort".

### WEDNESDAY SECTION 2 RUNNERS UP

Section 2 were unfortunate to loose by 1 point in the preliminary final then loosing by 1 point in the Grand Final to the same team. Team Members : Sharon Powell, Jill Hannon, Carol Godham, Sharon Prain, Deb Saunders.

### WEDNESDAY SECTION 6 PREMIERS.

Team members : Patsy Mayes, Robyn McKay, Thea Bradford, Lynda Drummond, Kerrie Volders. After a number of seasons being the bridesmaids, this team have finally became a very excited Premiership Team

### THURSDAY SECTION 2 RUNNERS UP.

Team members: Joan McPherson, Heather Saudners, Di Buttegieg, Di Goodear, Corrie Van Diemen.

Presentation to "Premier" Teams will be made at Clover Cottage Dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2002. Contact Glenda Gorton on 9707 2906 for Midweek Ladies enquiries.

### SOCIAL NIGHT COMPETITIONS

Night competition are open to members and non members. New players always welcome. Tuesday Night Unisex Doubles - contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016 Thursday Mens A/B Singles / Doubles- contact Ian Craig on 9707 4057.

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## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB



by Joe McMaster

The club is travelling well with our top 3 sides all positioned well on the ladder and will participate in the finals during March.

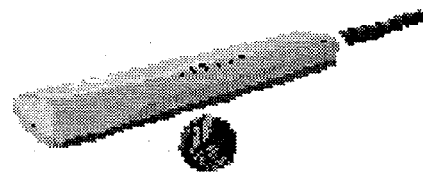
The Junior teams are all enjoying the season and both U16's and U14's will also compete in the finals. Our two U12's teams are really enjoying their cricket and improving their skills each week.

We would like to acknowledge the support from our sponsors.

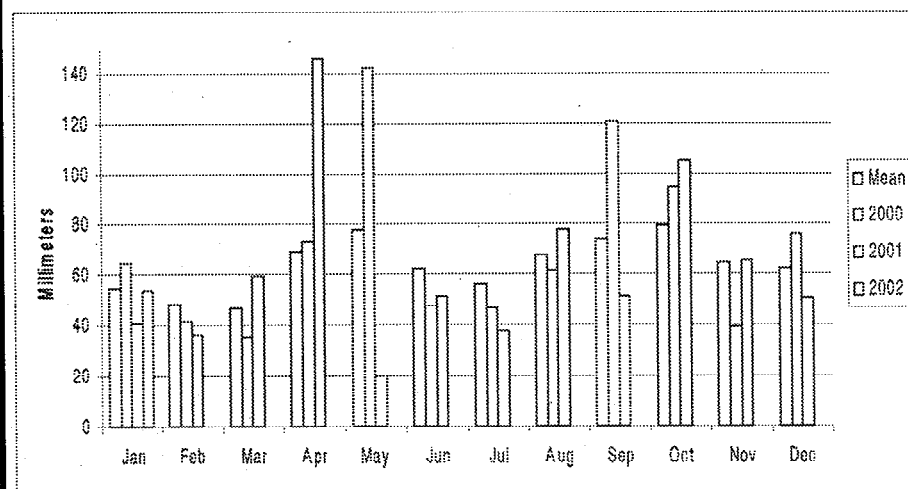
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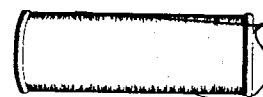
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