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## BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE BAZAAR

April 21st, 2002

## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday 16th April, 2002  
7.30pm

Beaconsfield Community Centre  
Beaconsfield Avenue  
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## FRANCES BISHOP "NINETY YEARS YOUNG"

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## BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



*Photo Left - One of the first Memorial Services held at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph. Right - Member of the 59th Battalion, 1st AIF Historical Group attending this years Memorial Service.*

A service will be held at the cenotaph on the corner of Princes Hwy & Wood St, Beaconsfield at 2.00pm on Sunday the 21st of April 2002.

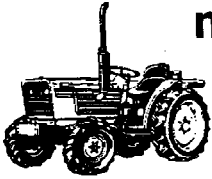
Members of the 59th Battalion, 1st AIF Historical Group will form a honour guard for this event in co operation with the Beaconsfield Progress Association & the Reverend David Morland. Following prayers, a public address & the reading of soldier's names, the honour guard will fire a blank ceremonial volley. Wreaths will then be layed as a piper, Ian Arrell, plays. Members of the Berwick Air League & other community groups will also be in attendance. The last post will be played by Andrew Gordon of Warragul Salvation Army Band.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the official party will march back to the Community Centre in Beaconsfield Avenue, led by the piper. Static displays will be set up by the various groups involved & light refreshments will be available.



*Photo: Ian Arrell who will be leading the march to the Community Centre.*

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"Summer's" over now and it's time to prepare for winter. Winter is the season for house fires, so we encourage you to check your smoke alarms (remember when you change you clocks from daylight savings – check you smoke alarm), prepare

an evacuation plan (review an existing one), clean and service heating units and duct work and check electric blankets.

### **\*\*UP AND COMING EVENTS\*\***

**Beaconsfield CFA  
Bazaar, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
April 8am - 3pm**

Tickets for our Raffle are still available from the Fire Station and members. Just a reminder that the raffle is drawn on the 7th May 2002 at 7pm at the Beaconsfield Fire Station.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Geoff Bliss who was awarded the West Gippsland Cricket Association Best Bowling Average for 'B' Grade.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee

There has been much recent discussion about the commercial development of the old hall site (the land adjoining the medical centre) on Princes Highway in the centre of the town. The Progress Association is keen to see at least part of the land set aside as a town square or focal point.

If that is not possible the Progress Association seeks 1/4 of the proceeds of the sale of the land be put towards development of a town square or the further development of the Bob Burgess Reserve (along Cardinia Creek) enabling the area to be a more accessible for the residents of the town. The balance of the funds will be used to assist the funding of the new Community Centre on O'Neil Road.

Council are keen to inform Beaconsfield's residents of their plans for the development of existing open space in Beaconsfield. A representative from Council will attend the next Progress Association meeting on 16 April 2002 for this purpose. Come along and find out what is happening and what is planned for our town.

Whilst there are many issues affecting Beaconsfield, particularly in this rapid growth phase, the most important issue that needs to be addressed urgently is traffic. The town needs:

1. A safe pedestrian crossing over the Princes highway.
2. to address the school time peak traffic flow particularly affecting Frances Xavier College at the northern end of Beaconsfield Avenue.
3. Kenilworth Avenue west of Station Street and Station Street itself to be

sealed to provide an alternate sealed route to Beaconsfield.

In the coming months we propose to see if we can have these addressed and hopefully given some priority.

You don't need to have a problem to come along to our meetings. There is no lower or upper age limit and you don't need to be a member. If you want to raise a problem or have some input on a current project or even if you just want to come along and find out what's happening you are welcome to attend.

I 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

Tuesday 16th April  
Tuesday 21st May

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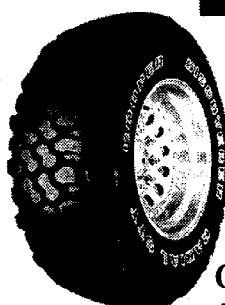
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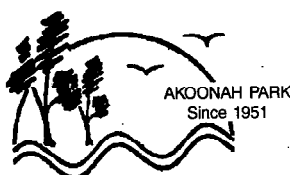
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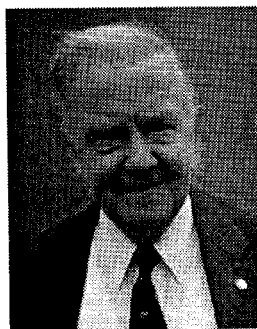
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## BEACONSFIELD DEVELOPMENT ON THE MOVE

When Cardinia Shire Council adopted the Beaconsfield strategy early last year it set in train a series of events directed towards achieving a vision for Beaconsfield. A recent decision by the Council to develop a vacant property in the town is a move to secure two key aspects of the strategy which are to consolidate the retail centre of Beaconsfield and develop a community centre in O'Neil Road.

The strategy identified the vacant land adjacent to existing Beaconsfield Hotel as appropriate for development. Specifically it indicates the development of the land for a supermarket and retail shops and professional services is preferred. This will assist in ensuring a viable retail area to meet the needs of the present local community as well as the needs of the expected future residents.

The land has been in Council ownership since it was transferred to the then Berwick Shire Council in the 1970's as a condition of approval of the residential subdivision of the adjoining land and on consideration for some concessions allowed a part of the subdivision.

The concept for the land, which is being proposed through a joint venture agreement with Parklea, will see development of the site to accommodate a medical centre, chemist, retail shops,

offices with car parking for 148 vehicles and 5 residential lots.

Parklea is substantial developer of both residential and commercial properties in the South East of Melbourne. Projects include an office development, on Princes Highway in Narre Warren, the Heritage Springs Estate in Pakenham and a showroom development on the corner of Wedgewood Road and Princes Highway in Hallam.

In announcing the development proposal, Cr. Keith Ewenson said, "This has been in the planning stage for some time. With recent approval of the Aldi supermarket on the neighbouring property Council had the ideal opportunity to maximise the use of its land that had been sitting vacant for 20 years. The Aldi supermarket will be a stand alone facility and the Council's proposed development will complement this by the addition of the specialty shops and professional suites. It will also allow efficient traffic movements and integrated landscaping by coordination of the overall development concepts".

Development of the new Beaconsfield Community Complex, on a site in O'Neill Road as identified in the strategy as the preferred site, will also be brought at step closer to realisation by injecting the proceeds of this joint development to be in the region of \$900,000 into this new facility.

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The sign at St. Francis Xavier stating that it is no longer a Fire Refuge site prompted us to contact the Cardinia Shire for further information in regard to the current situation.

## FIRE REFUGES UNDER REVUE.

Many of the refuges in Cardinia are not on land that is owned by the Council. The Department of Education and the CFA have indicated they no longer wish to have their schools and fire stations used as a fire refuge in a fire emergency. This has reduced the list of possible sites for refuges considerably.

Cardinia's Chief Executive Officer, Don Welsh said, 'We need to adopt a strategic approach to the provision of fire refuges. Whilst we strongly support the CFA's recommendation to evacuate prior to a fire becoming a threat, we also want to seek funding for a strategic network of refuges in the future.'

A recent report has found that designated fire refuges were unsafe in the context of a very high to extreme bushfire because:

- Residents are encouraged to evacuate at the last minute, which is extremely dangerous

- Many refuges are located so far from their population centre that people would need to drive to them, which is extremely dangerous in a fire.

- Many refuges could not cope with the amount of people wanting to use them.

'The best way to survive a bushfire is to develop a survival plan based on the CFA policy of Stay and Defend or Leave Early,' said Mr Hester (Cardinia Fire Prevention Officer). 'A house that is well prepared and actively defended in a fire has the greatest chance of surviving while the residents can seek shelter from the heat of the fire front inside the house. Residents who do not feel comfortable or do not have the ability to stay with their houses should leave the area early on high fire risk days to avoid being trapped on the road,' he said. Lives are most often lost during unplanned last minute evacuations.

A contingency plan should be maintained in the event that you are

caught while a fire is approaching. This should identify a local place of shelter. The most obvious would be a neighbour's home that had been well prepared. Even an unprepared house will offer greater protection from the heat of the fire front than a car or being caught in the open.

Visitors and tourists should avoid travelling to fire prone areas on high-risk days, but if caught in the path of a fire, should make their way to areas of lower risk such as the main shopping areas of townships like Emerald and Gembrook. When the fire has passed residents can still make use of an emergency relief centre, which will be located outside the fire area for safety reasons.

Facilities such as emergency accommodation, registration and food can be obtained at these centres.

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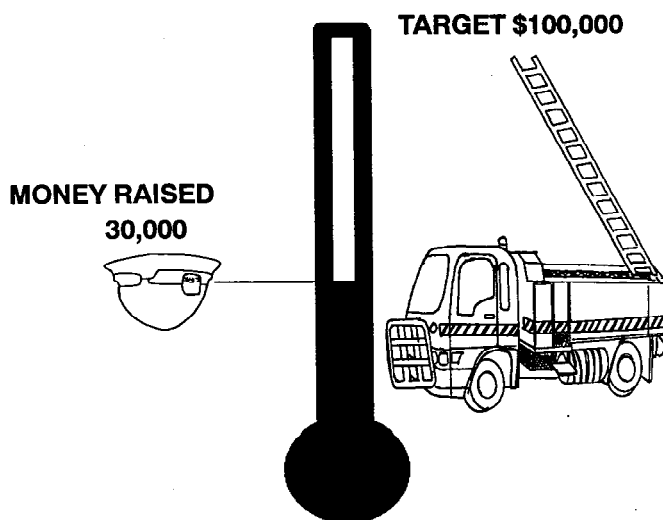
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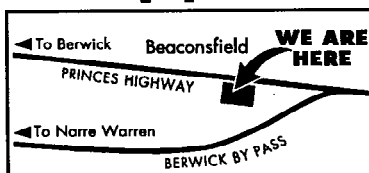
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Cr. Ewenson also said that, "Beaconsfield presently has a population of 1115 people living in 333 household. Over the next decade the township will grow to a population of around 5,500 to 6,300 people living in at least 1800 household. The council must ensure the appropriate, adequate and timely provision of community facilities and the proper planning of the retail centre of the town to ensure its future viability. Council has received a development for public open space in and around the town and will be proceeding to enhance and improve the open spaces available to the local community".

A presentation on the proposed development will be made to the next meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association so that the group is aware of the detail of the proposals.

The proposal will be the subject of an application for a planning permit where residents will have the opportunity to comment on the issues involved and if they are concerned object to the application.

It is noted that a motion to rescind the resolution passed at the Council meeting to proceed with this joint development has been lodged by Cr. Ted Owen and this rescission motion will be debated by the Council at its next meeting.

The major Cr. Graeme Legg said, "the proposed joint venture agreement has the overwhelming support of Councillors however in a health democracy alternative points of view are welcomed".

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kewenson@nex.net.au

Cr. Ted Owens: 0419 524 777



## MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

Frances Bishop has been a regular face at Make and Mingle over the years and we recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## NINETY YEARS YOUNG

Frances Shanks was born in Melbourne on 9th March, 1912 to Mary & John Shanks of North Beaconsfield, later to become Dewhurst. She was their youngest child and only daughter. Frances played an important role in the naming of Dewhurst. When they were deciding the name for the area, she went along with her mother to the local meeting and there was a deadlock between two different choices. As she was the only child there someone suggested she should choose between them, her answer was "I like Dewhurst".

Frances had 3 older

brothers - John who died while still a baby, George who was killed at the First World War in France and Sam who had four children.

She spent her childhood on the family farm, which is now part of the Cardinia Reservoir and went to school at Upper Beaconsfield. She learnt to ride a horse and was seen all over the countryside, and riding through the bush.

She married Robert Bishop, from Midlothian Scotland in 1929. They made their home on the family farm, where Frances continued to help in the Orchard and later the Poultry Farm. They had 4 children Mary, Dorothy, Margaret and

George. Mary lives in Queensland whilst Dorothy, Margaret and George all still reside in the local area. Her family also extends to 12 grand children, 24 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

In addition to her caring for her family, Frances has been involved in many Church groups around the Berwick district. Frances and Robert (Bob) were married for over 60 years before Bob passed away in 1992. Since then she has taken, numerous bus trips all over Australia the most recent only last year to Tasmania. Frances never misses a family wedding, flying to Queensland to attend the

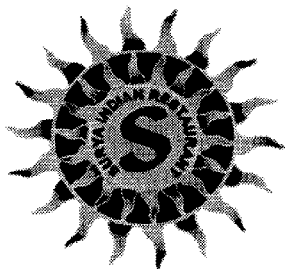
Grandchildren and now the Great Grand Children's weddings. Graduations are another thing she loves attending and has been as far North as Rockhampton to attend a grandson's graduation.

She has retained her love of horses and when she was in her 70's she startled everyone when she came galloping across the paddock on the back of "Mate", her granddaughter's rather frisky young horse. When a few years ago the opportunity arose, she took a much more sedate ride on "Snowy", her great granddaughter's very quiet mare.

Frances lives in Berwick with her dear poodle "Lorillie" and when visiting her home you will see her beautiful tapestries and other handmade craftwork. She loves her garden and can be found still regularly tending to her plants.



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(Thank-you to Warwick Bishop, grandson of Frances and son of George and Joy Bishop for providing the information for this article.)

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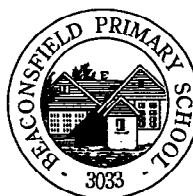
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### What's Happening at Beaconsfield Primary School.

*by Maurice Potter, School Council President*

With student numbers currently standing at 387 we are a little short of anticipated 400 start but never the less, steadily growing. A very smooth start to the year continued on through the term with our many new parents and pupils joining in and continuing the family atmosphere so traditional at our school. Our first working bee on St. Patrick's day saw approximately forty participants sprucing up grounds, weeding our delightful wetlands and generally enjoying one another's company and liquid refreshments from green bottles.

Our school council swells to a full 15 members this year with a welcome to new members Robyn Butler, Leanne Birchmore, Bryan Noble, Julie Smith, Samantha Dorling, Susan Doak and Ian Innes-Wardell. Thank you also to members Chris Rogan, Leonie Wigney, Graham Ryal, Anja Potter who with myself retire after a number of years service to school council and many other activities.

Congratulations also to our student School Captains and Student Representative Council members:

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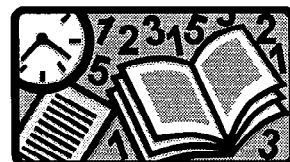
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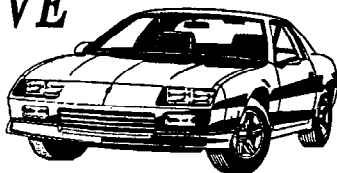
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## WINE & FOOD

*by Keith Goodman*

Recently after many years Stewarding at the Southern Victorian Wine Show I was asked to Judge the amateur wine section at Pakenham Show. Best White wine was a rich chardonnay showing good varietal characters. While the wine seemed a little overdeveloped for a 2001 wine it was a nice mouthful. Best Red Wine and Best Wine in Show was a Pinot Noir. This grape is amongst the easiest to get wrong during the wine making process and it was pleasing to taste the winning wine. All wines tasted were masked.

Congratulations to Len Gerdson of Pakenham who grew and made both wines. Well done Len, a remarkable effort for somebody who planted his first grapes just a few years ago.

The Show Committee is hoping to encourage more local winemakers to support future Shows, so for those of you who make a bottle or two consider entering next year's Show.

Next to me at the Show was the judging of the many varieties of beer, so knowing a couple of the entrants I couldn't help a peek now and again at the results. Willem Boon and Paul Chapman jointly entered a range of beers which the Judge liked; then "jackpot" 40.5 points out of 50, First Place for Stout. Willem was still smiling hours later.

Peaches and nectarines will soon leave us and fruit like figs and quince will replace them. Figs match beautifully with proscuitto and /or blue cheese, like Shadows of Blue or Blu Castello. Serve raw or just warmed either on there own or mixed through a salad. Quinces are not so easy. Essentially quinces respond best to long slow cooking. Honey, lemon juice, vanilla and sugar all have an affinity with the quince. Peel quinces and leave the peel in the cooking mix, remove before serving, the colour of the fruit will be a rich pink to red depending on the variety. A side benefit of the fresh fruit is that the scent of quinces pervade the kitchen and will keep for weeks.

**Wine** - One of the standout wines seen recently was Apsley Gorge Pinot Noir from Tasmania, 2001, \$50 a standout tasted among Australia's best.

Looking over Dan Murphy's advert of 21<sup>st</sup> March revealed many bargains offered by Yarra Valley Vineyards. For example - Yarra Ridge range \$14-16, Yering Station \$18-20, Sticks range \$13-15 and the Lillydale Estate range \$13-17.

Individual wines were - De Bortoli Windy Peak Pinot Noir, 2001, \$10; Richmond Grove Watervall Limited Release Riesling, 2001, \$12 and Tollana Eden Valley/Adelaide Hills Chardonnay, 2000, \$11.

## FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Friends Group participated in Clean-up Australia Day. The target areas were the roadsides of Emerald Rd and the Creek itself. The worst section of the creek was alongside the footbridge at the back of the tennis courts where two engines, a car tyre and numerous beer bottles were pulled out of the water. Some bottles had been there for a very long time and had been buried by sediment making finding them a difficult task.

One of the more unusual items pulled out of the creek was a bathtub. It was impossible to see it from the creek bank and stumbled upon by chance while looking for bottles and other general rubbish.

The clean up along Emerald Rd also turned up some interesting finds, one of which was a complete dashboard out of a car. Again beer bottles were a popular item along with discarded McDonalds wrappers.

The Friends Group would like to thank Parks Victoria for its grant to plant 3000 plants along a degraded section of the creek bank. This section of the creek has been taken over Honeysuckle, Thistles, Winter Cherry and (our old friend) Pittosporum. Over the past four years the group has removed about 5000 *Pittosporum undulatum*.

Although Pittosporum is a native, it is not indigenous to this area and is regarded as a weed. Pittosporum can be easily identified by its dark green glossy leaves, which have a ruffled-

undulating edge and at this time of the year has sticky, orange fruit which are spread by birds. Pittosporums can be removed by cutting them down (depending on size) however, if the stump is left untreated, re-growth will occur.

The 3000 plants will be planted in two stages with 2000 being planted on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> and the other 1000 on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Some of these plants include Manna Gum, Swamp Gum, Silver Wattle, Blackwood Wattle, Tree Violet, Mutton Wood and a variety of grasses, sedges and rushes. (Many of these also make attractive garden plants).

The friends group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at the car park opposite Holm Park Rd. at 9.00am. Morning tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

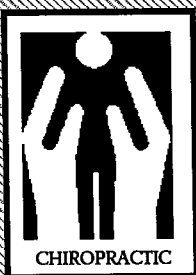
### Diary Dates:

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> - Working Bee

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Planting day

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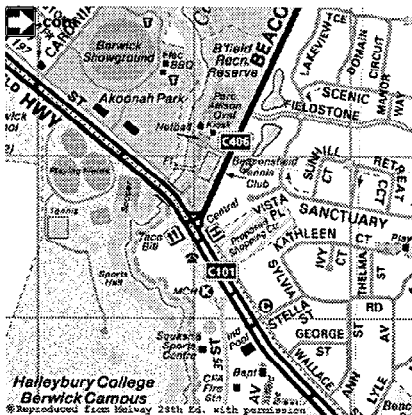
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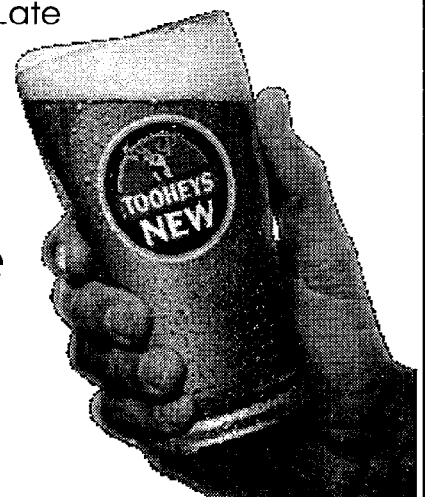
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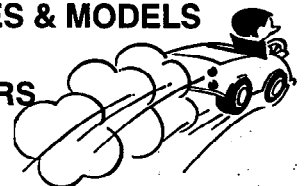
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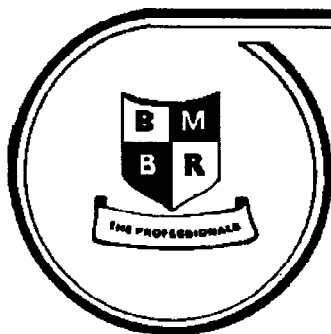
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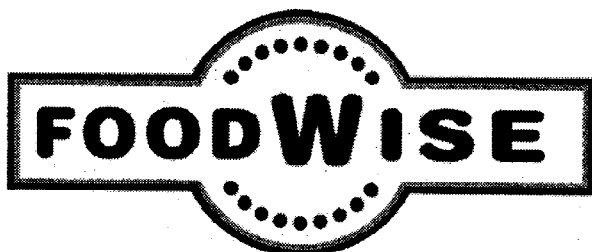
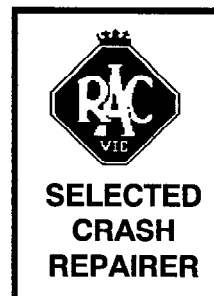
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### FAILURE OF BUSINESSES

In today's economic conditions many businesses are struggling to generate profits to cover operating and administration expenses. Inevitably trading and capital losses diminish equity of businesses until liabilities exceed assets when liquidation or bankruptcy must be considered. The principal reasons for recent collapses are poor management, inadequate accounting information, failure to update plant and equipment, high debt levels, lack of planning. At present many lenders including major banks are seemingly becoming more concerned if they consider their borrowed funds are at

any risk and would prefer to recall the debt rather than manage a doubtful debt.

The impact of collapses of major businesses in the past year including Ansett, HIH Insurance, Harris Scarfe with resulting losses to suppliers and also job losses is in the early stages of filtering through to the economy. It is envisaged therefore that businesses, particularly small businesses will struggle in the foreseeable future. In addition the Australian Taxation Office is taking a more aggressive approach to debt management (i.e. collecting of debts) particularly those businesses with GST and PAYG withholding debts overdue.

All business proprietors should ensure that they have up to date accounting records to assess current operations and cash flow with corrective action taken to maintain profits or

minimise losses. If companies have trouble paying all debts when they are due, then directors can be personally liable for future debts incurred. If businesses need further working capital then this should be organised at the earliest convenience, as attempting to obtain loan funds when creditors demands are being pursued through the courts may be too late to retain your business.

You should regularly consult your Accountant and be pro-active in planning for your business to survive.

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### JAKE OLIVER PERFORMS WITH JEBEDIAH

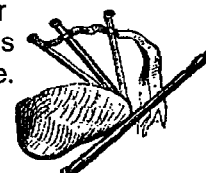
In a world where creative young people find it difficult to gain recognition, Beaconsfield youngster Jake Oliver is proof that hard work and commitment can bring success.

Jake, 18, has recently been involved in a spate of live shows and TV appearances as the bagpiper with Perth band Jebediah, who last week cracked the Australian top 10 album chart with their new self-titled album. He has recently appeared with the band on *Channel [V]*, *Pepsi Live*, *Cold Live at the Chapel* and *Rove Live*, in support of the band's new single *Fall Down*. He has also been playing live shows with the band, including a sold-out show at the Sydney Metro.

A Bachelor of Music/Arts student at Monash University in Clayton, Jake says that the experience has been both enjoyable and beneficial; 'Playing with the band has been great fun, and I have met tons of interesting and talented people in the industry'.

Jake, who has won numerous Australian and international bagpiping championships, also plays the guitar, has a band of his own, and would one day like a career in musical theatre.

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## BEACONSFIELD FAREWELL THE DE HAMER FAMILY

"Possum Cottage" at No. 6 Adamson Road has been home to the De Hamers for over a quarter of a century. Now with no family at home permanently, Sue and Reni are moving to something smaller in Berwick.

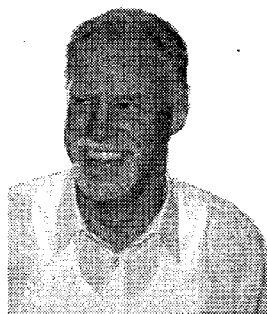
Over 28 years they have raised a family of five and played a big part in the community of Beaconsfield. They will be remembered for their activities in Scouting, in winning Home of the Year, in holding open house to raise money for charities, in tree planting and for their craft stalls at Redhill and other markets.

Their offspring have made their mark wider afield with Nicole going to Bangladesh as a volunteer aid worker, Paul exploring Africa and Europe, Michael on HMAS Kanimbla on a peace mission in the Middle East and

Melanie active in the Navy as well. Chris sadly passed away after a recent road accident but he too will be well remembered for his fishing exploits, his love of nature and hard work in the fencing trade.

The De Hamers have extended their home twice as family and interests grew. They remember the frequent flooding of the creek where most of the family fished and explored at sometime. They remember the horrific bushfires of 1983 when they were evacuated. Throughout they will be remembered for having a happy home with always a welcome for family, friends and neighbours.

The Adamson Road Estate will miss their friendly presence and the many people in Beaconsfield that know them will wish them all the best for their future.



### ANZAC DAY

On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month our town will pay tribute to those who served this country in its armed forces. At 2pm we will quietly meet at the town cenotaph, we will bow our heads and publicly pay our respects. We will remember those who went from this area to fight. Their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

And then on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> the whole nation will pause to pay tribute to those who fought and fell at Gallipoli. It was at dawn on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1915 that the ANZAC forces landed on a foreign shore and scrambled through the water in the face of a murderous hail of bullets. Their stand against shot and shell as they established and held precarious beachheads in the face of overwhelming odds, entitles them to a special place of honour on ANZAC Day as we remember their heroism with admiration and gratitude.

Yet we all know that wars

## THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*by David Morland*

are not profitable. Too many lives are lost to even suggest that. No sane person would chose war as a means of securing peace if there were some other way. History, however, has taught us that we cannot have peace at any price. Peace is a precious jewel and it is purchased at great cost. The cost of our dead soldiers. It must be preserved and protected.

And the Bible tells us that we all have a play a part in preserving peace. "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?" (James 4:1). Here we are informed that fights and quarrels are caused by our desires deep within. In other words we want what we want and we want it so much that we are quite happy to push someone else aside in order to have what we want. The moment you want something that badly you are on your way to starting a quarrel. And if we are the start of a quarrel we have failed to play our part in preserving peace.

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## BEACONSFIELD AVENUE OF HONOUR



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*This Avenue of Black Popars was planted in 1929 in honour of the Beaconsfield (sic) serviceman. Sponsored by Miss Ada Armytage of Holm Park the avenue runs westward from Cardinia Creek on either side of the old Princes Highway towards the Berwick township.*



Above: 'Holm Park' Photo courtesy of J. Chilvers



Photo:-  
Left - Gardens at  
Holm Park 1980

Right- Hand painted  
slate fireplace 1980.

Photo courtesy of J.  
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## TREES A SYMBOL OF HISTORICAL PAST

by Emma Cameron

The drive down the Princes Highway from Beaconsfield to Berwick with its leafy guard of poplars is a pleasant one. What some newer residents to Beaconsfield may not be aware of in the lead up to Anzac Day is the trees are actually an avenue of honor, planted by Ada Armytage to give memorial to World War One soldiers.

Ada came from a society family, best known today as the last owners of Como House in South Yarra. Now in the hands of the National Trust the House is still kept in the original condition it was left in by the last owners, the Armytage sisters. For Ada, Como House was simply a 'town house' with her main home being 'Holm Park' in Beaconsfield.

Charles and Caroline Armytage bought Como House in 1864. About twenty years later Mrs Armytage bought in Beaconsfield. Originally the home of a Melbourne

financier, Mr Ramsden offered the house to the Government as a country seat for the Victorian Government after his only son was killed by a fall from a horse in 1884. When the Government decided on a Macedon base instead, the home was eventually sold to the Armytages and named 'Holm Park'.

While their children Laura, Leila and Constance Armytage lived at Como House for 95 years, Miss Ada Armytage spent most of her time at Holm Park - when she wasn't travelling around the world. She is named as an honorary life member of the Berwick and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society and donated the Boy Scout Hall in Dandenong.

Ada was an early pioneer, never marrying and choosing to live a life of adventure. Her early interest in photography provided the National Trust with the archives they have on the Armytage family today. Ada also joined the Red Cross during World War One and drove an ambulance across the battlefields of France.

It was after the war finished that Ada settled at Holm Park to live the rest of her life. Vowing she could never live through another World War, Ada died at the age of 80 on the very day that World War Two broke out.

\*thanks to the volunteers at Como House for providing assistance with this article.



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ADAMSON John, 10131, Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance.  
 ADAMSON James Randle, 19, Private, 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion. **Military Medal.**  
 ADAMSON Robert Sym, 631, Trooper, 13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment.  
 ARMYTAGE Charles Morell, 543, Trooper, 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment.  
 ARMYTAGE Clive Norman, 551, Trooper, 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment. **Military Cross.**  
 ARMYTAGE E. O. *Not positively identified.*  
 ARMYTAGE Gerald Mostyn, 21992, Gunner, 8<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade. **Military Medal.**  
 ARMYTAGE Neville Fairbairn, 38944, Gunner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Ammunition Column.

BARNETT Thomas Frederick, 10803, Corporal, 22<sup>nd</sup> Company, Army Service Corps.  
 BAUSCH Frederick William, 3016, Trooper, 8<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment.  
 BINKS James, 1703, Gunner, 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) Field Artillery Brigade.  
 BONETTE F. Leonard David, 1890, Private, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion.  
 BRAGG Robert, 2564, Corporal, 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion,  
*Killed in Action 19/7/1916.*  
 BRAIN Albert John, 356, Sapper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer Battalion.  
 BROWN Percy Charles, 7211, Private, 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

CAMERON Richard Bruce, 1522, Private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer Battalion.  
 CAMERON Duncan, 162, Private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer Battalion.  
 CAMERON Hugh Allen, 2648, Corporal, 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Machine Gun Section.  
 CAMERON William Wallace, 1622, Private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer Battalion.  
 CHANDLER Stanley Wilfred, 2860, Private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse Regiment.  
 CHILDS Albert George, 2599, Private, 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade.  
*Died of Wounds 5/8/1917.*  
 CHRISTIE John Leslie, 3054, Private, 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion. *Killed in Action 19/7/1916.*  
 COULSON Timothy, 977, Lance Corporal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tunneling Company.  
 CROWLEY John, 5989, Sapper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer Battalion.

DINELEY Edward Bernard, 1152A, Private, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion,  
*Died of Wounds 2/9/1917.*

FERGUSEN H. *Not positively identified.*  
 FOX R. *Not positively identified.*

GILBERT John Hand, 606, Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Company.  
 GLEDHILL R. *Not positively identified.*  
 GORDON Richard Samuel Stewart, 6270, Private, 59<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.  
 GRANT Cecil Henry Bell, 3398, Private, 57<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.  
 GRANT George Thomas, 2187, Veterinary Hospitals.

HARBOUR Herbert Joel, 3337, Driver, 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) Field Artillery Brigade,  
*Killed in Action 27/2/1917.*  
 HARBOUR William, 5112, Private, 58<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.  
 HILL Clarence Juan, 550, Lance Corporal, 4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion.  
 HOUSE B. *Not Positively identified.*

The Original Nameplates for the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour have been located in the City of Casey's Store in Vesper Drive, Narre Warren. The 65 nameplates were stored under the counter in Arthur Adamson Hardware Store, Beaconsfield, for many years. They were never erected because they thought they would be pulled out and the wooden stacks be burnt by the 'swaggy's'.

T. COUL  
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**HUTTON Henry James**, 5358, Private, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

**LAMB Harold Kent**, 6447, Private, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion.

**LAWRENCE G.D.** Not positively identified.

**LUKE Victor Mason**, 2399, Private, Australian Mechanical Transport Service.

**MADDOCKS A.L.** Not positively identified.

**MANNING George William Harold**, 219, Private, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion,  
*Died of Wounds 8/8/1915.*

**MARSDEN Edgar John**, Lieutenant, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Artillery.

**MAY Alec Leslie**, 5926, Private, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion.

**McALPINE A.** Not positively identified.

**McNAUGHTON Hugh**, 3869B, Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Training Battalion,  
*Died after discharge 15/5/1918.*

**McNAUGHTON William Charles**, 4020, Driver, 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade  
(Late 204, 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion).

**NIXON Henry**, 286, Sapper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneer Battalion.

**OSBORNE James Patrick**, 2733, Private, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion,  
*Killed in Action 9/8/1916.*

**PETTIT Thomas John**, 64548, Driver, 1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse Field Ambulance.

**RIX James Henry**, 10918, Driver, 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisional Train, Army Service Corps  
22<sup>nd</sup> Company.

**ROBERTS Herman**, 1276, Sergeant, 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

**ROBERTS Leslie Alfred**, Lieutenant, 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion. ***Military Medal.***

**SCOTT W.** Not positively identified.

**STERRY Thomas William Fell**, 6411, Gunner, 4<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade.

**STEVENS W.C.** Not positively identified.

**THOMAS A.G.** Not positively identified.

**TUCKER John Frederick**, 2795, Private, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion,  
*Killed in Action 3/9/1916.*

**TULK T.** Not positively identified.

**WARMBRUNN Alfred Ernest**, 2014, Private, 59<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

**WHITE Sydney Pleno**, 3638, Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Bakery.

**WHITESIDE Thomas Clair**, 2821, Corporal, 59<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

**WILLIAMS Frederick John**, 61018, Private, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

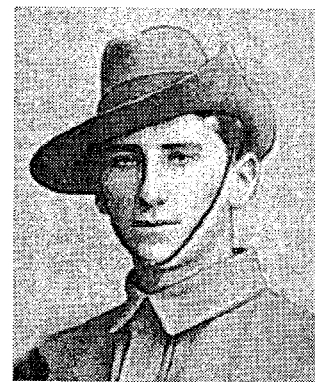
**WILLIAMS Rupert Ernest**, 37552, Gunner, 12<sup>th</sup> (Army) Field Artillery Brigade.

**WITHAM James Albert**, 4208A, Private, 5<sup>th</sup> Divisional Ammunition Column, ***Military Medal.***

Soldiers Unit is last recorded on soldiers records.



Pte. H. McNaughton



Sig. G. H. Manning



Pte. J. Osborne



Pte. J. H. Tucker

All Military information has been researched and collated by Bob Sutherland, Military Historian. Many thanks Bob for the many voluntary hours involved in this project. If anyone has any addition information please contact Tony Rushton or Bob Sutherland (5964 7083).



## 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> AIF Historical Group

The 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion Historical Group is a Melbourne based First World War living history group. We aim to authentically recreate the drill, uniforms & equipment of ordinary diggers who fought on the Western Front between 1916 & 1918. The focus of our group is on the daily lives of our troops at home & overseas. Through living history displays, parades & public events we hope to recreate some of the camaraderie of life in the AIF & give the general public a better understanding of the important role played by Australia in what became known as the *Great War*.

The 59<sup>th</sup> was an infantry battalion made up of volunteer soldiers recruited from all over Victoria. After

training at home & then in Egypt, they were sent to the Western Front. Here our troops soon earned a reputation for reliability & toughness in battle equal to that earned by the original ANZACs at Gallipoli. These men now carried that same fighting spirit onto the battlefields of Fromelles, Bullecourt, Polygon Wood, Villers Bretonneaux, Hammel & Peronne. In 1918 they pushed the Germans in France all the way back to the Hindenburg Line & helped to turn the tide of war in favour of the Allies. They endured the futile death & destruction of trench warfare amid the mud, gas & barbed wire in the belief that they fought for freedom & what was right.

We are not a battle re-

enactment society. It is not our intention to glorify war but to commemorate the lives of ordinary men in an extraordinary time. The Great War saw our loss of innocence as a nation but also the birth of our national identity & the Anzac tradition. Our involvement in this conflict marked a coming of age & had repercussions in almost every household in Australia. The names on the memorials in each country town stand to remind us of the extent of this sacrifice. Through our activities as an historical group we hope to help preserve their memory into a new century & ensure that the lessons of the past are not forgotten.

Our members assist RSL sub-branches, Veteran Affairs, Legacy, Melbourne

Museum & local historical societies in public events, parades & static displays. They each purchase their own uniforms & equipment and are instructed in their use from the original First World War training manuals. We operate as a non-profit making incorporated association and practical research group. Many members are ex-service personnel or have relatives who served in the AIF. We are always keen to attract new members who share our interest in this period & have the desire to keep our history alive. If you feel you have what it takes, then why not give us a call.

Sam McCurdy  
President  
59<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> AIF  
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## BERWICK SQUADRONS STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Over the Labour Day weekend the Berwick Girls and Boys Squadrons of the Australian Air League participated in the annual Victorian Group Review in Ballarat.

The Cadets of both Squadrons were very successful in returning to Berwick with 28 trophies which they gained from participating in various events such as Drill, Physical activities, Education, Model making and ball games.

This past month has been an exceptionally busy one for both the Girls and Boys Squadron; they have assisted the City of Casey at a Citizenship ceremony and participated in the Red Cross calling door knock appeal.

All has not been work for this busy group of Cadets, they have also attended a camp and street march in the Begonia Festival in Ballarat. Cadet attended the groups' Annual Easter camp at Mangalore. The Girls

Squadron had a bowling night at Narre Warren and the Boys a rock climbing night.

The month of April will also see the Cadets helping others in the community. Look out for the distinctive blue uniforms at Fountain gate on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April as they assist Berwick RSL with Anzac token selling.

The Cadets will also be at Beaconsfield on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April for the Anzac Day Commemorative Service, Berwick on the 25<sup>th</sup> for Anzac Day and approximately 12 of the Senior members will be in the city, assisting R.A.A.F.

Europe Association by carrying their banners on Anzac Day.

The Berwick Girls and Boys Squadrons, although very successful units, are always on the look out for any boy or girl from the age of 8 upwards that would be interested in joining as a Cadet. Adults from 18 years plus are always welcomed as leaders with full training being given.

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The revised edition contains a list and details of the 65 men represented in the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour planted in 1929.

Autographed copies of the book can be obtained from the author Elizabeth Whiteside who will attend this year Anzac Day Memorial Service.



Photos of the 59th Battalion, 1st AIF Historical Group. See article page 20.



The original Honour Board is presently at the Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L. club rooms and a copy sponsored by the Akoonah Park Committee is at the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

## KURT ALBERT HELSINGER

13/5/1916 - 18/2/2002

Kurt Helsinger passed away peacefully on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, aged 85 years.

Kurt made many a good friend, who with his family, wife Irma, children Chris and Gabrielle, 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren are more than saddened by his death.

Kurt and Irma Helsinger were married in Germany in 1951 and they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last year.



On Monday 11 February 2002 the passing of an era occurred with the death of well known local identity Mr Martin Alberni.

Marty, as he was known to most people, was probably best known to most local people as the manager of the well known weekly Sunday

## Vale Martin ALBERNI

26/11/ 1923 to 11 /2/ 2002

Akoonah Park Market in Berwick. Marty took on the job of Market Manager about 12 years ago when there was only a handful of stalls and stallholders. Under Marty's guidance the market has gone from strength to strength. If visitors to the market did not know him by sight

they would certainly have known him as *the voice over the public address system*, giving out the stallholders specials, birthdays, items of local news as well as some of Marty's unique brand of *social comment*.

However the Akoonah Park Market was only one thing in a very full life of service to the community.

The Alberni family cleared land for market gardening in the Rowville/Lysterfield area. Marty went to Lysterfield Primary and then to Dandenong High School; riding 9 miles on his bike after he had milked 3 cows. Marty's entrepreneurial spirit must have emerged at this time because he used to rear day old calves bought for him by Mr Tom Carrol at the Dandenong Market and later sold at about 6 weeks and the money invested in further paddy calves. Whilst at Rowville/Lysterfield Marty met and married Ivy in 1943.

The family moved to Ferntree Gully market gardening and raising stud cattle. In the 1940's Marty was successfully showing stud cattle at the Royal Melbourne Show. This time also marked Marty's

involvement with the Ferntree Gully Football club; for which he was later awarded a Life Membership.

Marty and family left Ferntree Gully in about 1964 and bought a property in Narre Warren Cranbourne Rd NarreWarren South where he again market gardened and raised stud cattle. He was Victorian President of the Beef Shorthorn Society for four years and Australian President for 6 years. In 1966 he was presented with an award by the Stud Breeders Association in appreciation of his work. Whilst at Narre Warren Marty was involved in the Narre Hallam Football Club for which he was also awarded a Life Membership.

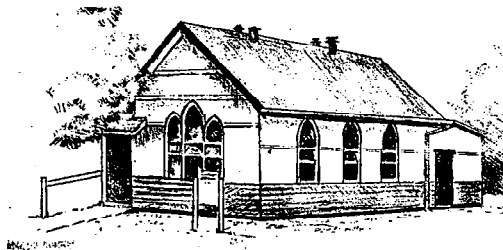
In the early 1980's Marty & Ivy sold the farm and after a short time came to live in Berwick. At about this time Marty started fruit and vegetable stalls at both Frankston and Caribbean Gardens Markets.

Marty was an active member of both the Berwick & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society and Akoonah Park Committee of Management both of which he was awarded Life Memberships and the Akoonah Park representative on the Berwick Village Chamber of Commerce. At the 2001 Royal Melbourne Show Marty was also awarded the President's Medal for Services to the Society.

Ivy predeceased Marty on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2001.

Marty was survived by 2 sons, 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

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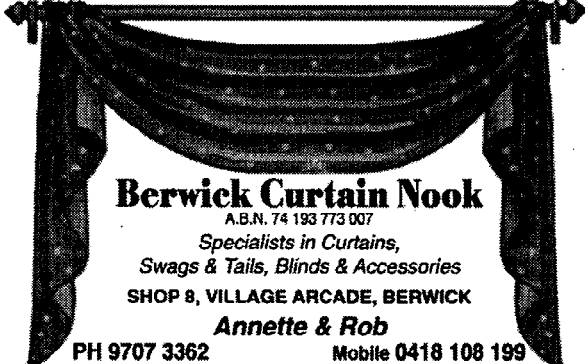
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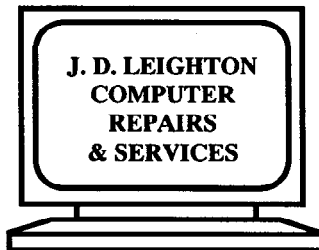
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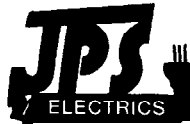
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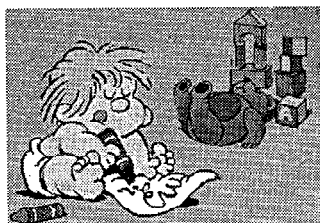
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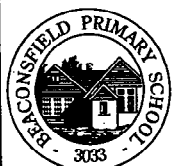
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,  
Dear Sir/Mrs.,  
I do not wish to enter into a long and protracted letter writing; in reply to Mr. Gary McGuigan of Koo wee rup, although I sympathise with his concern.

I would like to point out, that, prior to purchasing a motor cycle for a child, it would be prudent to consider where a safe place may be found to ride and not to depend on the

unlikely scenario of riding tracks to be provided with tax payers and/or rate payers money.

However, the real problem, which seems to be ignored here is allowing unlicensed children on unregistered machines to ride on any road, as this illegal on both counts, and not exactly sending a good message to the younger generation.

*Name and address supplied*

### Letter to the Editor,

I am the "anonymous" person who received a brickbat in the last issue of the Beaconsfield banner. The Article in mention (and included to you) was printed in the Berwick News 15<sup>th</sup> November. I photocopied it and signed 12 copies "Jan early morning walker".

I also live, walk and work in the Cardinia Shire. We receive and read the Berwick News in the Cardinia Shire. It does not matter which Shire people live in the problem is universal.

The person who gave me my Brickbat obviously does not walk on the footpaths, or is less than 155cm tall. I have not noticed any improvements along my route after delivering the notes in December. I have now contacted the Cardinia Shire and I have given them a list of the properties, as they requested.

*Name, address, and the referred to article of the Berwick News supplied.\* The article refers to "...overhanging branches which may impede pedestrians"*

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## CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

### REAL LIFE ISSUES

Just recently I heard a very interesting discussion about films on radio. It started with them talking about "Heroes' Mountain", the film about Stuart Diver's rescue during the Thredbo tragedy. People started ringing in saying they thought it was disgusting that film makers had cashed in on the grief of the relatives of the victims. A caller then said they wouldn't be surprised if a film about the events of September 11 didn't appear in the next couple of years, writers were probably writing scripts as it happened.

I think that its a bit premature for a Sept. 11 film to appear... even if scripts have been written no film company would put it into production. Give it twenty years though and I agree that a film will surface... is it a bad thing though?

I believe that films based on real life events are good, they can be used as educational tools. There are reality films that cannot be solely trusted. "Ali" clearly demonstrates this. While the film shows aspects of Ali's life it leaves serious pieces out...pieces that are important to the man's history.

However films such as "Saving Private Ryan" and "Schindler's List" can teach people about world events. "Saving Private Ryan" looks so realistic that it had many

war veterans in tears when they watched it. My high school also used "Schindler's List" as a way of teaching just how poorly treated the Jews were during World War II.

Having just seen "Black Hawk Down" I must admit that I learnt from it. I was much younger when the Somali uprising occurred and couldn't remember it properly. After seeing "Black Hawk Down" I was able to learn exactly what the US soldiers went through. As a film it graphically shows the occurrence during one of the most violent skirmishes during the uprising. The acting of Josh Hartnett (let's just hope he doesn't get type cast in war films after also doing "Pearl Harbour") and Eric Bana is sensational. It is also interesting to see Ewen McGregor and Ewen

Bremmer in a film together again after their performances in "Trainspotting".

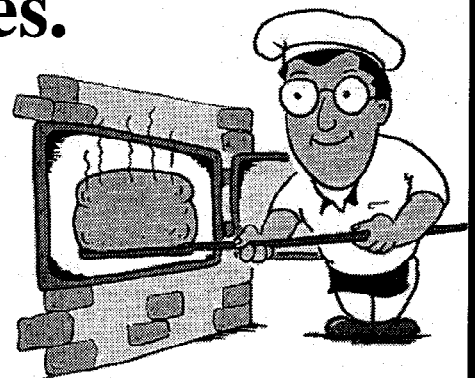
Therefore I have no problems with writers writing scripts about September 11. At least if they were writing the scripts during the actual events they should be accurate. People should also remember that writers are fascinated about human's reactions to certain events. It's hard to write for a character suffering from grief if you haven't watched someone go through it. When the September 11 films do appear, just remember in a way it is a tribute to those who died as it is a way for their memory to be passed down to many generations.

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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Aromatherapy is a very modern and increasingly popular form of therapy for people with emotional disharmony, and physical problems brought on by everything from stress to ailments of the body. But is it so modern? Not really, as in actual fact it has a history going back many thousands of years. The Ancient Egyptians were thought to be the pioneers of Aromatherapy, although the name by which we know it today was coined in the 1920's, to describe the usage of Essential Oils for therapeutic purposes.

The first form of Aromatherapy was "smoking"; whereby the person/patient would lay down near a fire which was burning aromatic gum. The Ancient Egyptians also placed plant parts into hot oils, sealed them and heated them. These oils which were infused by the Aromatic Essential Oils were used in healing, cosmetics, and also for Religious purposes. The Babylonian Kings of 2000 BC used them also for mainly sensual purposes, considering they had aphrodisiac properties.

Egyptian men also wore hard combs of animal fat on top of their heads. These combs were impregnated with Essential Oils, and during the course of the day the fats would melt and cover their bodies with aromatic fragrances. They would also burn their essential oils in the form of incense, inhaling the air borne scents.

The Greeks later refined aromatherapy. The famous Greek Herbalist, Dioscorides, developed the first Herbal text,

which was used for a thousand years after his death, and is still referred to by Herbalists today. This was the first definitive information recorded, relating to Essential Oils and their uses.

The Persians discovered "Distillation" in the late 10<sup>th</sup> century. Distillation meant that alcohol could be produced also at that time. Alcoholic perfumes reached Europe in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, and became very popular, as an alternative to bathing. During the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, people came to have "stillrooms" within their homes in order to produce perfumes for household use. It was more popular at that time to have stillrooms instead of bathrooms, and it was the habit of Upper and Middle classes to douse themselves in perfumes to cover the odour of their unwashed bodies. Large wigs worn by the Nobility of the times, used to powder their wigs with a mixture of perfumed essential oils, believing it killed lice and other vermin inhabiting their heads.

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a famous Parisian Doctor, Jean Valnet, who had re-discovered the age-old healing properties of Essential Oils, used this therapy to treat injured soldiers in World War 1. From this point on Aromatherapy really came into it's own identity, and gradually spread worldwide. In the 1920's a Cosmetic Chemist called Gattefosse, did a lot of Chemical work with oils, and wrote the first book on Aromatherapy. Today this ancient art with perfumed oils is an honoured therapy, giving help and healing to millions. Truly, "oils ain't oils".

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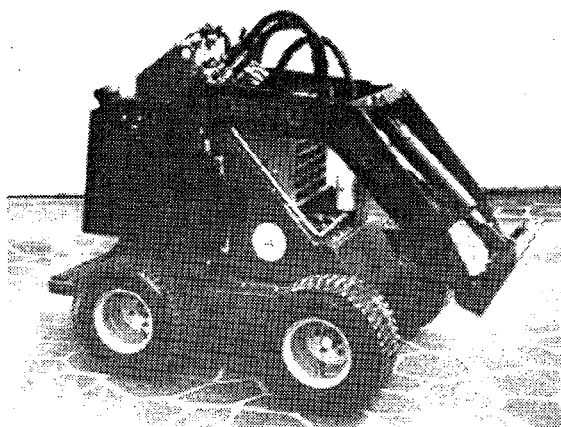
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## BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN



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In spite of the record number of new homes under construction, the renovation of old homes continues unabated. Our niece recently paid telephone numbers for an inner city house. Renovated to meet the modern standards of luxury and extended to provide spacious living areas. The front section was left largely original with its lovely period fireplaces with mantels and hearths.

An electrician came to install a security system and while he had the ladder up the manhole, our niece took a peek. Imagine her surprise when she discovered that the chimney for one of her lovely fireplaces only extended to the ceiling.

During the renovation the builder dismantled the chimney stack and conveniently left it that way. One shudders to think of the new owners setting a fire in the decorative grate. That would have been some house warming.

When our shocked relative took the matter to her local council – there was nothing they could do but refer her to the builder or perhaps the previous owner or anyone who could get her off their agenda.

By the time you read this issue of the "Banner", I should again be available to carry out your repairs or renovations after a nasty accident with my saw bench.

Phil Collins - Handyman - 07074225



## BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Beaconsfield Ave. Ph. 97073449

There are no strangers here, simply friends you haven't met.

### THE ART OF WATERCOLOURS

Local hobby artist Ted Horton is soon to enrol people to begin Term 2 of 'The Art of Watercolours' at the Beaconsfield Community Centre in Beaconsfield Ave., Wednesday nights 7.30 to 9.30pm for 7 lessons.

Whether you want to brush up on your skills or come as a complete novice doesn't matter. In previous term Ted has enjoyed teaching all levels with success. As long as you can enjoy positive results is most important in this rewarding hobby. Don't expect immediate masterpieces. You are encouraged to experiment and develop your own style after mastering the basics about watercolours. It can be both spontaneous and relaxing and will clearly improve your awareness of beauty in nature. Good paintings make wonderful gifts for friends.

Part of Ted's philosophy is to put away the camera and interpret what you see in your own way on paper. There's much to look at and enjoy with colour, composition, and tone. Pick a nice scene and enhance it even more with watercolour in your own way.

The term of 7 lessons will cover basic materials needed, colour appreciation, composition, sketching to scale, colour washes and glazing. Subject painting will include still life, landscapes, seascapes, architecture and life. Ted has learnt in lessons from several well known local artists and his own level of expertise has evolved after many years of painting excursions. Some of his favourite haunts have been the Western District, The Victorian Alps, Tasmania, the rugged Victorian coastline and along the Murray River. He currently has paintings in Art Galleries in Mansfield and Echuca and has won awards in local art shows and also for his backdrop paintings in theatre productions.

We never stop learning, says Ted. He has found that teaching art to others is very satisfying and the experience has sharpened his own awareness about quality and style. Ultimately Ted aims to develop his teaching further within the community and firmly believes in how therapeutic it can be to both young and old. *Come and share in Ted's passion for art and further develop your skills.* Ring the Co-ordinator, Tracie, to enrol - 9707 3449

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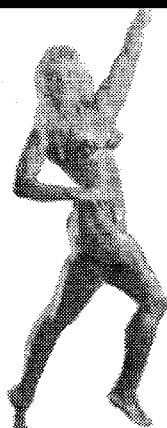
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## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe McMaster

Beaconsfield Cricket Club Report. The club enjoyed another great cricket season, 135 players participated, 82 seniors 5 senior teams and a Masters team, 28 under 12's including two girls, 14 under 14's, 11 under 16's.

Special thanks to our major sponsor Trade Brake & Clutch Springvale, Hungry Jacks of Berwick, The Pine Grove Hotel Upper Beaconsfield.

Alan Sauvarin was voted Best Club Person. Alan is secretary, a life member, this year ran our Bar, and also coached the Under 12's. Russell Vincent was the treasurer, D Grade Captain and U16's Assistant Coach. The other hard working committee members are John Andrews, Geoff Bliss, Don Kerslake, Andrew Mercier. The club would also like to thank all of our coaches, this is a very demanding and time consuming role. Michael McMahon senior club coach and A Grade Captain, Kris Fletcher U16's Coach, Podge Stacey U 14's Coach, Alan Sauvarin, Neville Stone, John Martin, and Greg Butler U 12's Coaches. The other great helpers around the club are Clive our groundsman and curator, Chris Read scorer, Anna Goodes and Leanne Bliss for making the afternoon teas.

Award winners for the year were:



### U12

Special Awards -Lachlan Stone, Bradman Pitcher, Peter Sofra, Madison Andrews, Brad Hollick, Ayden Mills, Jack Benbow, Tim Harris  
Coach's Award - Gold  
- Peter Sofra

### Coach's Award-Black

- Jack Benbow  
Hat Trick - Thomas Warburton  
**U14**

Batting - Daniel Reid  
Bowling - Adam Reid  
Coach's Award -

### U16

Batting- Cale Popovits  
Bowling- Scott O'Donnell  
Coach's Award-Nathan Boon

### A grade

Batting - Robert Read  
Bowling- Michael McMahon  
Coach's award- Jason Dodd

### B grade

Batting - Grant Hillman,  
Bowling- Geoff Bliss  
Coach's Award - Rodney Zlonzak & Kym Jones

### C grade

Batting - Jesse Douma  
Bowling - Brendan Ewert  
Coach's Award - Matthew Ravenhall & Scott Murdock

### D grade

Batting - Ben Hansen  
Bowling - Rob Cuthbertson  
Coach's Award - Scott O'Donnell

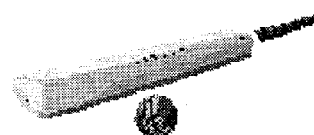
### F grade

Batting Craig Jolliffe,  
Bowling Don Brown,  
Captains award - Matthew Dodd

The club Champion Trophy was won by Robert Read

Invitation to attend our A.G.M will be held at the clubrooms Wednesday 22nd May 8.00 PM. We need new ideas and new faces on the committee. If you want to be involved and participate in the running of the club come along and get involved.

The services of a Senior Coach is required for next season - enquires to Joe McMaster, President.





## BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

by Margaret Chatfield

Approximately 120 members and visitors attended on the day. President Ian Ayre and wife Jenny did a great job cooking and keeping up with the demand for sausages.

### Radar Gun Fast Serve Competition

Winners :-

Seniors - Andrew Neilson - 161 km serve. Carol Godham serve 92.

Juniors- Ben White serve 147, Lauren Amer serve 120.

### Round Robin Competition

Winners :-

Adults - Mark Osbourne, 'A' Grade - Chris O'Rourke, 'B' Grade - Janan Chandunanth, 'C' Grade - Madison Andrews, Meera Chandunanth, Riley Heddles, Teagna Amer.

Prizes were donated by Not Just Tennis and Taco Bills. Coach Warrick MacGowan donated a tennis racquet as a major prize.

The club is travelling well in 2002, and is re-applying for council grants to upgrade courts 5/6, also lighting for courts 7/8. A number of maintenance works are being organized, clubhouse exterior to be painted, pathing and covered seating between porous courts and a new lock system on gates.

Summer competitions entering finals, Juniors and Seniors, a number of teams are participating. Whilst also organizing Winter competitions. Social Event - Open Club Day was a successful day.

### SATURDAY JUNIORS SUMMER 2001 - 2002

With 21 teams participating this season, 11 teams have qualified. Teams playing finals are Sections: 1 Gold, 2 Gold, 4,5,6,11,13,14,15 Blue, 15 Gold and 19.

Due to weather conditions some teams were washed out in the semi finals. The following Saturday some teams had to play their semi final and Preliminary final on the same day. Results of finals in the next Banner. Good Luck to all.

Orientation day for new Juniors - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

New season commences Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Junior enquiries to Lynn Day on 9707 4662 or Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

Saturday Seniors : Results next Banner.

### SOCIAL NIGHT COMPETITIONS

Tuesday Night Unisex Doubles - New season commences Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Enquiries to Margaret Chatfield 9707 2016.

Thursday Night A/B Singles/Doubles new season - 18<sup>th</sup> April. Enquiries to Ian Craig on 9707 4057.

### NEW SOCIAL TENNIS

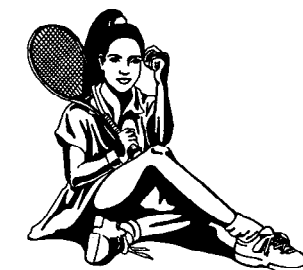
Monday morning for members and non members suitable for people who can't commit to competition tennis. Starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. If interested contact Margaret Chatfield 9707 2016.

### SOCIAL EVENT - CLOVER COTTAGE DINNER

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, the date set for our Annual Clover Cottage Dinner this year. Cost \$38.00 per person. A superb meal and lots of prizes to be won, are good incentives to come along. Make up tables with family and friends or come alone. Enquiries to Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016 or Dawn Snelson on 9704 6852.

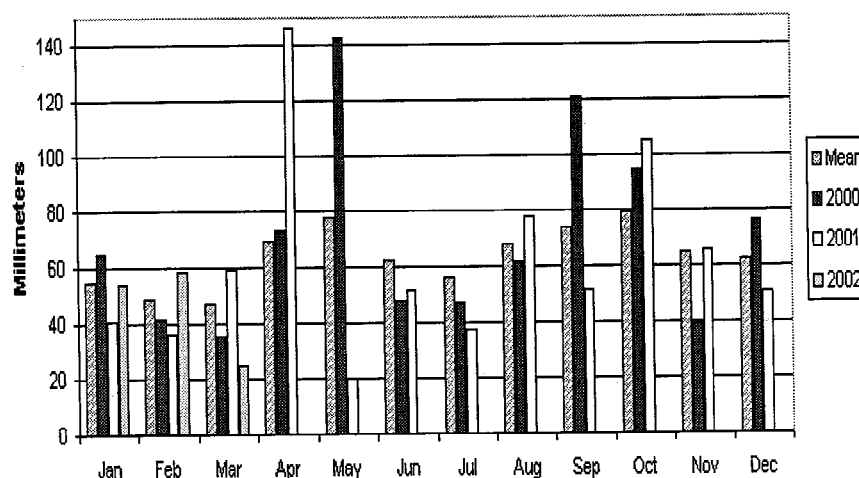
### OPEN CLUB DAY Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

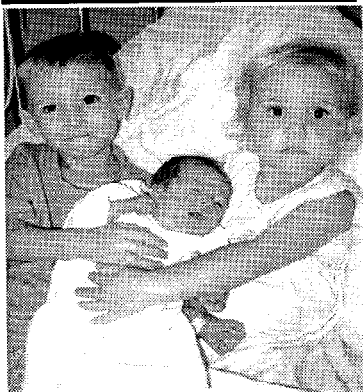
After the overcast and drizzle cleared in the morning, the sky opened up to a clear sunny day, making the condition perfect for the BBQ sausage sizzle, Round Robin and Radar Gun Fast Serve competition.



**COURT HIRE**  
Contact Margaret Chatfield  
on 9707 2016.

## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL



**BIRTHS**

**RUSHTON, Lachlan James.**  
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**THANKYOU**

**Thankyou** to the people who donated carpet to the Beaconsfield Primary School. It was much appreciated.

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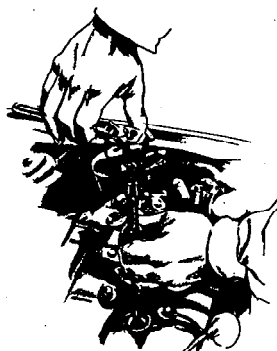
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