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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday 18th June, 2002 7.30pm

Beaconsfield Community Centre Beaconsfield Avenue [next to Scout Hall]

There will be a forum on traffic problems including:

- * Wood Street
- * The Viaduct & whether it should be closed
- * Improvement (sealing) of
- Kenilworth Avenue and Station Street
- * Railway Parking
- School traffic
- Pedestrian Crossing on Princes Highway

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

Light supper shared after meeting closes at 9pm.

PEGGY'S LOVE FOR ART

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MEMBERS CELEBRATE COMMUNITY CENTRE 10 YEARS



Members of Midway -Iris Ewart. Gwen Neve and Doreen Sanders get into the spirit of the Community Centre 10 years celebration. See inside for more photos.

VILLA WORLD HELPS BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE



Photo: Members of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade accepting a helping hand from the Villa World Sales Team. See report page 26.

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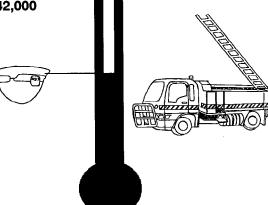


A large crowd gathered on Saturday 25th May, to hear Mayor Keith Ewenson officially congratulate the Beaconsfield Community Centre on its 10th year of operation. The day was well attended with lots of activities for the children, displays and afternoon tea.



BEACONSFIELD NEW FIRE TRUCK APPEAL

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee

Beaconsfield is the sort of place that still has the feeling a country town and a sense of community.

Whilst being a volunteer can sometimes be a thankless task, it can be gratifying to see positive results of a community pulling together to achieve an outcome. I'm not just talking about the Progress Association but community, neighbourhood sporting or action groups working towards a common goal. What we need is an urgent addressing of community safety and amenity (i.e. addressing the many, and increasing, traffic and transport problems about town) and improvement of services (ensuring the needs of the community are met now and in the future). The key is working together and supporting each other.

The Beaconsfield Community Centre has a new committee of

The management. outgoing committee have had what can only be described as exasperating time. A new committee was elected in problems 2001 but associated with the dismissal of the previous coordinator continued to haunt them. No matter how hard they worked they could not break away from the weight of this negative effect. I know they feel disheartened but acknowledge their considerable efforts.

A new committee of enthusiastic volunteers has now taken over the running of the Community Centre. This will be a challenging role for all concerned as the committee of management will not only be overseeing the running of the community centre but will also have a substantial input into the design and ultimately running of the new community centre proposed on O'Neil Road.

I wish the new committee well in their endeavours and encourage you all to support the new committee and the centre's programs. There may well be a need for a wider range of programs to be offered I am sure the committee would welcome any suggestions. It is after all your community centre.

I look forward to seeing you at our next public meeting where we will be discussing a traffic strategy for town. If you have a traffic problem in your street please come and have some input.

I can be contacted at my office (McPhees Solicitors) on 9707 0590 or by email - bpa@beaconsfield.org.ad

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

Tuesday 18th June Tuesday 16th July

I am sad to report the Resignation of Glorraine Hardy as the Progress Association's Secretary. She has given me much support in my time as president. Glorraine has contributed much to Beaconsfield and the Progress Association and I understand that while she will relinquish her public role she will continue to be active about town.

I'd like talk about being a volunteer. Being a volunteer is a great way of becoming involved in your community. Sometimes the reward can be as simple as making new friends or contacts or feeling like you belong to a community.

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15th July, 2002

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MEDIA RELEASE
Date: 4 June 2002

NEW GARBAGE SERVICE FOR CARDINIA TO START IN JULY

Cardinia Shire is introducing a new garbage service from the 1st July 2002.

The current garbage contract expires at the end of June making way for a new service, which according to council, if used properly, will result in a better recycled product.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Keith Ewenson says, 'The biggest difference is that everyone will now have two bins, however we have managed to retain the same collection days and keep any service cost rise to a minimum.'

Manager of Health Services, David Esmore explained that every household will be issued with a new 120 litre wheelie bin to be used for garbage only. This bin will be collected weekly on the same day as people usually put their bins out. It is the same size in volume as half of the old bin, but the shape of the bin makes it easier to hold bulky rubbish items.

'The big 240 litre bin now becomes the recycling bin,' said Mr Esmore. 'The recycling bin will be collected every two weeks on the same day as the garbage bin, but later in the day.'

To ensure the integrity of the recycled product, the contractor will be doing random checks of the recycling bins to make sure they are not being contaminated with garbage. If the bins are found to have garbage in them, residents will have a sticker put on the bin to remind them what is suitable for recycling.

Mr Esmore said delivery of the new 120 litre garbage bins will begin on the 10th June 2002. Delivery teams will be following the garbage trucks around and replacing all the lids on the big bins with single yellow lids and removing the dividers.

'The most important message we need to convey, says Mr Esmore, is that during June, we need everyone to leave their big bins out all day on their collection day so the delivery teams can make the changes. So, if you usually put your bin away immediately after is is emptied, please leave it out until the end of the day,' he said.

A booklet with information about the new waste service including; how to recycle, what happens with your hard and green waste,

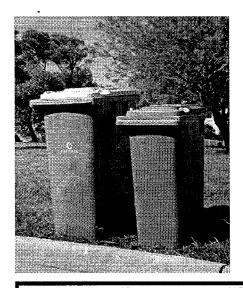
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NEW GARBAGE SERVICE

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where there is a transfer station and composting advice, will come with the

There will also be a fridge magnet calendar with recycling weeks marked on it as well as the phone numbers for the contractor's Customer Service Centre.



'We understand that wheeling two bins to the kerb every second week may be a problem for some people with mobility difficulties and some farmers that tow a bin along a long drive,' say Mayor Ewenson. 'We are however researching towing devices for two bins and are also looking at approaching community groups that might be able to provide help to people who need it to wheel their two bins to the kerb, through a registration system.'

for the council to support it's environmental objectives encouraging people to reduce, re-use and recycle,' the Mayor said.

Cardinia Shire Councillors:-

Cr. Keith Ewenson: Ph 0409 149 535. Email kewenson@nex.net.au Cr. Ted Owens: 0419 524 777

'This is however a great opportunity

TOUGHER SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS IN FORCE

Pool owners may face fines of up to \$5,000 if they don't comply with strict regulations on backyard pools and spas that came into effect late last year.

'The State Government demonstrating how serious it takes the issue of backyard pool and spa safety,' said Council's Municipal Building Surveyor, Graeme Geary.

'Pool and spa owners must keep pool barriers properly maintained, regardless of whether they have children living on the premises or not,' said Mr Geary.

The new regulations include:

An increase in the maximum fine \$1,000 to \$5,000. Councils can also issue a \$200 on the spot fine for certain breaches of regulations.

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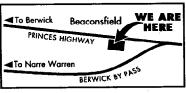
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The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade would like to thank the community for their support over the last few months. The bazaar sale was a big success with people queuing at 7.30 to get in!!, and it didn't stop all day. The goods that weren't sold were donated to the Berwick opportunity shop.

The raffle was also a big success for the brigade. All tickets were sold and the raffle was drawn on the 7th of May at 7 pm by local business holders Len Keogh from the Beaconsfield Chemist and Wayne Degenhard of Marketwise.

1st Prize: Ticket # 2473 2nd Prize: Ticket # 4538 3rd Prize: Ticket # 1460 4Th Prize: Ticket # 0462

Fundraising total \$42,000

ANNUAL AWARDS

The Fire Brigade Annual Awards night was held on the 18th May 2002.

Among special guests were Operations Officer for the Western Port Group Ivan Smith and his wife Gwen and representatives of the adjoining brigades.

Congratulations to those members who received awards.

Glynn Owen - 12 Months Kellie Collins - 5 Years Phil Walton - 5 Years Jill Farley - 5 Years

Glenn Dorning - 20 Years Operations Officer Ivan Smith presented Glen with his 20 years of Service badge.

Paul Hayes -Bob Burgess Award.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor



MAKE AND MINGLE started at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church 15 years ago and Peggy Dundas taught painting there from those early days.

Many people remember her beautiful paintings and her kindness and generosity when teaching.

Peggy has just celebrated her 80th birthday and Make and Mingle together with Beaconsfield join in wishing her Happy Birthday and God's blessing for the coming years.

PEGGY'S LOVE FOR ART

Peggy Irene Smethurst was born on 26.5.1922 at North Carlton, Melbourne.

When she was growing up as a child, life on the farm at Thorpdale was not easy. There was no power, they had only a wood fire, a kerosene tin was used to heat water for the bath, and Peggy often looked after the chickens, calves and weak lambs.

She attended primary school in the country at Trafalgar. For her secondary schooling, she attended Methodist Ladies College in Hawthorn. Peggy later left primary school to do home schooling.

She lived with her nana and . two aunties while going to college, then later went back to the farm in Trafalgar and did an art course via home schooling or more correctly, correspondence.

After a quiet life on the farm, Peggy found M.L.C. a little daunting as she was not used to mixing with a

crowd of people and was a country girl at heart.

She moved North Balwyn in 1941 with her parents where she was able to continue her art course. Peggy's dream was to complete her art course and journey to France, Paris, especially to continue her artistic

adventure, however, war broke out and she ended up working at an aircraft factory at Fisherman's Bend where she assisted with designs of aircraft, including the McAlister.

After the war, the family moved back to the farm in Trafalgar. Peggy met Frank Dundas in Trafalgar



where he was working at the time. He had not been back in Australia long as he was captured by the Japanese, while serving for the army in Burma, where he served three and a half years on the infamous Burma Railway. When he returned he was given the nick-name "Slim" as he was 6'2" and incredibly thin as a result of his experiences.

While back on the farm, her father passed away in 1947. Peggy's mother sold the farm and she and Peggy moved back to Fortuna Avenue, North Balwyn.

Frank Dundas moved to Dandenong when Peggy moved to North Balwyn and he and Peggy were engaged in 1949. Soon after, Peggy accompanied by her mother, went to England to see relations; they stayed there one year. They returned to North Balwyn in 1950.

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PEGGY'S LOVE FOR ART

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Peggy was married to Frank in 1952 and they moved to Beaconsfield where they purchased a house and some land. They adopted Heather in 1956. They sold the weatherboard house in 1965 which, unfortunately, shortly after the sale was burnt down due to an electrical fault in the roof.

Frank had a brick house built on one of the blocks they had purchased, and the address changed from Railway Avenue, to Souter Street where Peggy still lives. In 1988, her grand-daughter, Naomi was born and in February 1992, just prior to their fortieth wedding anniversary, Frank passed away in The Valley Private Hospital.

Peggy continued with her painting for many years being involved with the McClelland Art Guild and also the local Toomuc Valley Art Group at its inception. She has painted many landscapes, some for pleasure and some for customers, and also numerous portraits, including about thirty variations of a local shearer, Frank Buck, who passed away many years ago. She has never lost her love for art but, unfortunately, failing eyesight has meant she has had to give up her beloved painting. Nonetheless, she is still independent and spends much time in her garden, another favourite pasttime, and walking her dog, Patch.

Peggy has been a regular church-goer all her life and, originally, went to the old Congregational Church. Since the Baptists moved to the area, she has been in regular attendance and is a member of the Baptist Church (the site which was the old "Yellow Rose of Texas" service station come-take-away food place come-restaurant). She also attends Make 'n' Mingle regularly, and alternates between Legacy and the Mid-Way Group depending on clashes.

When Heather was young, Peggy was involved with the Infant Welfare Centre, which was held in the old hall on the highway, she taught Religious Instruction at Beaconsfield Primary and Sunday School at the old church and was also in the Mothers' Club at Pakenham High.

Having lived in the area now fifty years, Peggy has witnessed a lot of changes, and although at first hesitant about moving to Beaconsfield, has certainly settled in well and loves the town and the local community.

Peggy still regularly enjoys going to Make and Mingle, a friendship and craft group, which meets every Wednesday, 10am-12 noon during school term at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

For information about Make and Mingle phone Ann 9707 1996

(Thanks to Heather Young for providing the information about her mother Peggy.)

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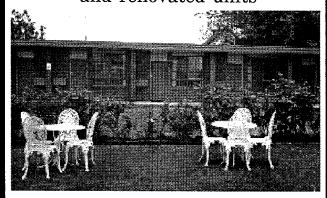


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The purpose of the Centre is to provide a venue and focal point through which a wide variety of community services, activities and information can be provided to the local community and to provide general community support, particularly to youth, children, families and older people in a social, friendly, safe, secure and stimulating environment.

The Centre offers such activities as, Occasional Care, Antique Workshops, Folk Art, Line Dancing, Toy Library, Embroidery & Patchwork, Playgroups and groups for mums and others of all ages.

The Centre is open Monday to Friday and generally between 9am and 3pm. Contact for use of the Centre or to join any of the activities can be made through the Centres Co-ordinator, Tracie Lund on 97073449.

Gary Runge - President

TRACIE WELCOMES COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The Beaconsfield Community Centre has gone through a number of changes in the past 12 months. As the new coordinator I feel I should let everyone know what I will be working towards for the Centre.

I am dedicated to enhancing the service we provide. I feel me primary role is to maintain & develop a program that is interesting, diverse and serves to allow participation from all members of the community. The Centre should be a lively & vibrant meeting place for the community.

My goals for 2002 are to:

- * monitor the impact of the centres service in the area;
- * support new groups to utilises the centre;
- * encourage community feedback;
- * promote community ownership & responsibility for the centre;

- * develop programs in response to community needs;
- * Maintain a stimulating, friendly and safe environment.
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I welcome community feedback concerning the centre. I am looking forward to hearing ideas from the community about their vision for the centre.

What would you like to see running? Are there issues you feel need attention? Do you have a story about the centre .I am actively encouraging communication from the community.

I am available in the office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am – 3pm. I'm inviting everyone to have there say.



WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman

Anne and I spent most of April cruising some 2000kms of the Kimberley Coast of W.A., one of the last true wildernesses. The fish caught and eaten soon after have reinforced my belief in fresh fish. Threadfin Salmon, caught mainly in shallow water and mangrove creeks. Mangrove Jacks and of course Barramundi, to 30lbs (fishermen always use pounds). The Barra cut into 200gm steaks, barbecued and served with a simple sauce and salad will long be remembered. As will Mud Crab caught one hour before and converted from a pile of crabs to a pile of shells. So rich and sweet.

Winter is almost upon us and the last

fruits of autumn are almost gone. Don't forget to try cooking some Quinces. Field Mushrooms are still around and must be one of the best wine and food combinations with Pinot Noir. Try pan frying with a little olive oil and a teaspoon or two of one of my favourite sauces — Kikkomin Teriyaki Marinade with

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The daily specials board is always something to check. Recently for lunch we had a generous helping of Prawns in a light mustard sauce over basmati rice - delicious.

There is a wide range of cakes to be had with excellent coffee. The amount of people meeting for lunch or to sit over their coffee and provided paper indicates there is plenty of local support. A BYO licence has recently been granted which for me is an extra attraction.

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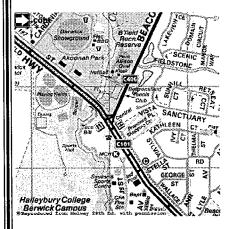
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What's Happening at Beaconsfield Primary School.

MAURICE POTTER RETIRES AS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

When Maurie came to us from the Beaconsfield Kindergarten Committee, there was great excitement, because Maurie had a reputation for bringing out the best in people, and working hard for the children, in short, just the type of person we encourage onto our School Council. Maurice Potter has been on the School Council at Beaconsfield Primary School since 1996. For the last four of those vears he served as President.

In the late 1990s, the

development of a new school building completely dominated the School Council landscape. When Maurice took on the Presidency, he shifted the focus of the School Council from the physical buildings to the building of teaching. and learning environments. Developing two School Charters and working with two Principals, Maurice worked with the "Planning for Growth" team to define our mission and articulate the beliefs and values that we hold. Maurice contributed so much to

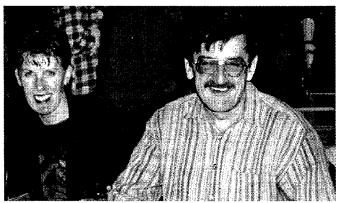


Photo: Anja and Maurice Potter .

Beaconsfield Primary School by his willingness to get involved, work hard and have lots of fun.

Maurice did more than just attended meetings, he contributed selflessly to the fete committee, working bees and countless other activities. Maurie was a great ambassador for our school, representing us as a firm, friendly leader, with the ability to steer a steady course in a sea of constant change. The staff have truly appreciated Maurie's unstinting support for the work they do, and the parents were immensely pleased that Maurice paid such close attention to the needs of their children.

On behalf of Beaconsfield Primary School, I would like to thank you Maurice for enriching all of us with your contributions. You have helped us build a better school, but you have also built lifelong friendships and a strong sense of community.

Gary Methven, (Principal)
On behalf of the
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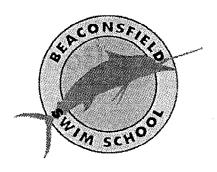
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CROSS-COUNTRY SQUAD.

We had 15 students participating in the South East Zone Cross-Country run. We were so pleased to have so many of our children participating with hundreds of others from across the region. We are very proud of this, the largest group to reach this level of excellence for some time and they represented our school brilliantly.

Their names and places are as follows: Carly Williams -

6th, Matthew Slater-6th, Bryce Wilkie - 8th, Rachel Hore-14th, Troy McDermott - 16th, Jessica Dunstan - 16th, Emily Harris - 20th, Hayley Orlic - 28th, Daniel Mercier - 33rd, Ayden Mills - 34th, Kane Hughes - 40th, Tom Burchill - 49th, Rhys Dittrich - 51st, Jacob Paligrorov - 63rd and Brittanie Geoffry - 67th.

Carly Williams and Mathew Slater will progress to State Level cross-country.



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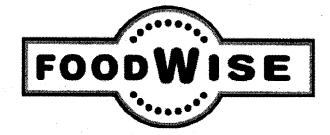
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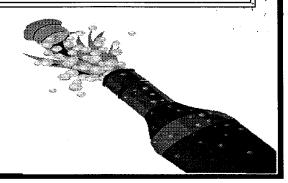
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TOUGHER SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS IN FORCE

Cont. from page 15.

-All swimming pools and spas over 300mm deep must have a childproof safety barrier.

-A building permit is required for installing a swimming pool or spa, safety fence or barriers. Even if swimming pool safety fence is being renewed, a building permit is needed before work begins.

-Childproof safety barriers must be completed within six months of building work starting on spas and pools.

-Any spa or pool fence, gate or door must be maintained in good working order.

·It is an offence to prop open any gate or door providing access to a pool or spa.

-All gates and doors providing access to a pool or spa must have selfclosing and self-latching devices - even those built before laws were introduced in 1991 to make barriers compulsory.

-For pools and spas built before 8 April 1991, a grace period to 30 June 2002 is provided for pool owners to

install self-closing devices.

Mr Geary said many people have questions relating to fencing above ground pools. 'The walls of an above ground swimming pool or spa provide a barrier if they are at least 1.2m in height and do not have a surface which enables a child to gain a foothold and climb into the pool or spa. Any objects that a child could climb on, such as a pool ladder, pool filter and pump equipment should be properly fenced,' he said.

'The new owner of a house is responsible for ensuring that safety barriers are provided. Even an inflatable pool, which is capable of containing a depth of water greater than 300mm. requires a safety barrier. A cover or lid over the pool or spa does not comply with the law and is not acceptable,' he said.

Anyone wanting to know more about pool and spa safety should contact the council on 5945 4222.

SCRATCHING YOUR HEAD...?

Head lice - the word that most children's parents dread hearing. However it is a problem that seems to keep occurring. The good news is that with the correct treatment you can eliminate and control head lice.

Head lice have been around for thousands of years and they move from head to head easily.

They are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitishbrown to reddish-brown and they only survive on humans. If taken off the head they usually die within 24 hours.

Anyone can get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with someone who also has head lice. They do not jump, fly or swim, they can only crawl. Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed, the eggs are laid within 1.5cm of the scalp and are attached firmly to the hair.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair and scalp should be treated entirely. Nothing kills all of the eggs so treatment

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involve must applications seven days apart. The purpose of the first treatment is to kill all the lice, the second treatment is to kill young lice hatched over the next six days.

You only need to treat those people in the family who have head lice. Any lice found on chairs, clothing or bedding are usually injured or dying and so normal household cleaning is all that is required. However wash pillow cases in very hot water or use a clothes dryer on the hot setting.

There is nothing available that prevents head lice. However there are a number of. products available to treat them. Insecticide resistance is common, so it is important to test if the lice are dead. If they are, treat again in seven days using the same product. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and another product should be used with a different active compound. The best treatment is thorough regular weekly inspections of the hair. Use a comb to find any head lice and tie back long hair to prevent their spread.

Children with head lice are required under the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations to be kept away from school, day care or crèche until treatment has commenced. A child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school the next day, even if there are still some eggs present.

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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

by David Morland

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The town was letterboxed, the pews moved out on to

the bitumen, the band set up and at 9am it all started.

What happened? Well, about 120 people turned up, the rain held off, just, the regulars fussed about making visitors welcome, and everyone settled down to church in the open air. The crowd aided by the band and song leader sang with some energy songs

proclaiming the fact that Jesus had died for us. The song leader sang a moving solo "Were you there when they crucified my Lord". A group of the church young people sang a bracket of Christian songs all written in the last few years. The bible was read and the pastor spoke for about 10 minutes on the significance of Jesus' death.

The service lasted just over half an hour and was followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns that were given away freely at the close of the service.

Christian worship is both simple and profound. There is nothing very complicated in a group of very ordinary people gathering together, singing some songs and listening to a speaker. But there is equally something very profound in the words that they sing and the message that the speaker brings. For thousand years two Christians have done this every week. They sing and speak of Jesus. A Jesus who died but who was raised from the dead and who meets them in their worship. The spiritual nourishment Christians find in their worship services is rich.

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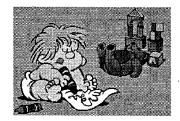
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Some main advantages of being an STS taxpayer are: 1. The cash basis of accounting is used ie. income is based on monies received and deductions allowable when paid. This benefits taxpayers where Debtorsexceed Creditors. A non STS taxpayer must use accruals or cash basis as appropriate.

2.Depreciating assets including software costing less then \$1,000 are fully deductible in the year of purchase. Assets costing in excess of \$1,000 are allocated to the general pool or long life pool and depreciated over their effective life. A non STS taxpayer cannot write-off small value purchases eq: \$10 hammer and depreciation claims are generally higher under STS. The STS allows small

business taxpayers to

continue to claim upfront deductions for prepayments including rent, leases. interest and insurance. A non STS taxpaver must usually apportion the deduction on a time basisexcept for amounts less then \$1,000, salaries and wages and pre 21st September 1999 contracted obligations.

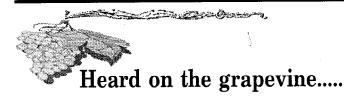
4.A STS taxpayer will have simplified treatment of trading stock whereby eligible businesses can choose not to account for stock movements if less than \$5,000. It may not therefore be necessary to undertake an annual stock take.

If a taxpayer changes from an accruals basis to become a STS taxpayer there are transistional rules to ensure that income is only taxed once and expenses allowed as a deduction once only.

There are many factors including the abovementioned to consider whether a business taxpayer is eligible and wants to elect to become a Simplified Tax System (STS) taxpayer commencing on 1st July 2001.

You should seek your Accountants' advice as the decision must be made when preparing the 2001/ 2002 tax return for the business taxpayer which will have long term effects on your taxation and cash flow position.

GRAEME J TAYLOR C.A.



It has been stated that the long awaited traffic lights will be underway on Tuesday after the long weekend.

For Ann Morland's 50th birthday she accomplished her goal to climb to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Beaconsfield Videoland has been open in Beaconsfield for 13 years.

David Griffiths won 2 awards at the 'Trop Fest'. A first for his sound track and a third for his film. Well done David.

Former Beaconsfield resident, Marion Crawley, is now a resident at Salisbury House, Upper Beaconsfield and she would like any friends to call and see her.



It sounds more dramatic if you get attacked by a crocodile than a Oyster shell!!, but Keith Goodman can show you his 14cm scar on his leg.



BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE WELL ATTENDED





Above: Berwick Air League stand guard at the cenotaph during the ceremony.

Left: Ian Arrell as the piper, leads the march from the cenotaph to the Community Centre.

Far left: 59th Battalion Reinactment Group with their display at the Community Centre.

Right: Berwick Air League together with community members marching along Souter Street.



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when roasting the meat. A marinade of rosemary, olive oil & black pepper can be used on fish, lamb & eggplant. Small sprigs can be placed in a bottle of oil & used on salads. Rosemary in a bottle of vinegar is also nice over salads. Sprigs of rosemary



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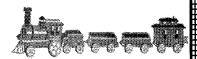
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Yours sincerely, Mr. M. Baker P.O. Box 42 Upper Beaconsfield. 3808

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION. KIDS. CAN. DO.

A recent initiative of the Education Foundation is to hold a Back to School Day in September for public schools.

Monday 2nd September has been set aside for schools to invite ex-students to speak about their achievements.

This person could be a community leader, celebrity artist or local hero. The aim is to have a positive impact on students.

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Their Vision is that the public education system inspires every young person to achieve their best.

Their *Mission* is to work with public schools and the community to give young people the opportunity to unlock their potential.

BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are aware of ex-student Hailey McGregor's recent inclusion in the Australian Athletic squad to compete in the Commonwealth Games later this term in Manchester, England. Another successful past student is Elizabeth Bourke, who is at present studying in Europe. Some of her Artwork has been internationally acclaimed.

There must be other inspiring students with similar success stories. We would be very appreciative if their names, a little about their exploits and a contact number could be given to us in order to get in touch with them. Even if they were not in a position to speak to the present school children we would love to acknowledge them in our newletters.

Please contact Merril Meek at Beaconsfield Primary School – 9707 1510.



ATTACK OF THE CRITICS

It what is becoming an all too familiar occurrence in the media industry, once again a film has been hyped up and then criticised by reviewers. This time it was "Star Wars: Episode II-Attack of the Clones" turn. In what is a bit of an about face, one reviewer gave the film four stars and then spent their whole article criticising the film. Is there a real reason to bag the film? In a word...no.

Most of the criticism has revolved around the romantic

CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

scenes containing Anakin (Hayden Skywalker Christensen) and Amidala (Natalie Portman). Most feel that romance has no place in Star Wars...but does anyone remember the romance between Leia and Hans? The stupid thing about criticising the Anakin/ Amidala romance is that a true Star Wars fan knew it had to happen, without it the conception of Leia and Luke would never have happened. I will admit that the style of the romance scenes would look more at home in "Titanic", but given that the romance is so important in the Star Wars world, it deserves to be shot differently.

Reviewers have also criticised Hayden Christensen acting skills. Let's just say...he holds his own, I've seen worse, and apparently he is quite good in his new film "Life As A House". Christensen's downfall in Star Wars is that he has some woeful lines.

On a whole I feel Star Wars is quite good...better than The Phantom Menace, but perhaps story wise not as good as the original trilogy. Don't get me wrong...I loved it. Especially the way it is able to bring everything together and head toward the direction of the other Star Wars films. A highlight is Obi-Wan Kenobi's (Ewan McGregor) line to Anakin, "You'll be the death of me". Any Star Wars fan will know...How true!

While watching Star Wars try and spot the Australiasian actors. Joel Edgerton, Jack Thompson, Jay La'gia and Temuera Morrison are just some of a few that appear.

I also recently had the pleasure of visiting the Astor Theatre. For anybody who is a true film fan, you just have to see a film at the Astor. The film is completely restored and has kept it early 1900's feel. The Astor is renown for showing classic films from over the years. I had the pleasure of seeing David Lynch's "Blue Velvet". It is a dark, disturbing film, but anyone who loves surreal films or thrillers (In the style of "Cape Fear"), it's a gem. It stars Kyle MacLaclan, Laura Dem, Isabella Rossellini and Dennis Hopper. Well worth a look.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Palmistry is an old and fascinating art, which involves the study of the hands to tell the past, present and future history of the individual. Whilst the modern image of Palmistry is that of a "mystic" holding your hand and

" reading " your life history to you, there is much more to it than first meets the eye. The most famous scientific development from this ancient art, is the result of the work carried out by Sir Charles Bell in the 19th century when he discovered that each individual human being had corpuscular markings on the tips of their fingers which were unique to them, and them alone. From this came the bane of all criminals. the certain conviction arising from fingerprints left at the crime scene. Every Enforcement Agency on earth has countless thousands of prints on record that can identify one criminal out of millions. Truly Palmistry's greatest gift to mankind!

The study of hands can be traced back to the earliest known civilisations such as India, China, Persia, Egypt and Rome. The universally acknowledged greatest exponent of Palmistry was a man simply known as Cheiro, who practised his art in England and Europe in the 19th century. He was in great demand from the Royal houses of Europe, to the poorest of the poor. He learnt the most sacred secrets of Palmistry from the Brahmans of India, descendants of the ancient Joshi Caste, who possessed knowledge on ancient occult matters not then available in the west. He became a trusted intimate of these people who revealed extracts from books on the subject, that were regarded as holy by the Brahmans, and which belonged to the great past of Hindustan.

The Greek civilisation was the greatest among the ancients for their use of this art, and many famous names are associated with it, such as the Philosopher Anaxagoras. who taught Palmistry as well as practised it, Alexander the Great, Aristotle, Pliny, Paracelsus. Cardimas. Albertus Magnus, and the Emperor Augustus, and many others of note. Alexander the Great was presented with a book written in Gold lettering on Palmistry by Anaxagoras, and is regarded as a factor in his (Alexanders) world conquering exploits.

The early Christian Church was very jealous of Palmistry and bitterly denounced it and persecuted it at every opportunity, calling the practitioners "pagans and heathens ". It was called sorcery and witchcraft, and eventually laws were passed outlawing it. This ancient science then fell into the hands of vagrants, tramps and gipsies, where it survived until more enlightened times arrived and it was given back it's rightful place in the science of the world.

An interesting fact of history is that the first book printed in the "modern" era, was one on Palmistry called "Die Kunst Ciromantia", at Augsburg in 1475. Palmistry appears to even get a mention in the original Hebrew in the Book of Job, Chap.37, Verse 7; "God caused signs or seals on the hands of all the sons of men, that the sons of men might know their works".

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When the next resident buys new release land at Bowmans Track or Berwick Views in Beaconsfield, they won't just be ensuring clean air for their family, they will be helping the local volunteer Fire Brigade to breathe a little easier too.

Villa World Land, the developers of Bowman's Track and Berwick Views Estates, have agreed to donate part of the proceeds of sales of their stage 5 Bowman's Track Estate release, "Hidden Valley", and stage 15 of Berwick Views, to the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.

The donations will be used to purchased 2 Sabre Centurion Compressed Air Breathing Apparatii, (CABA) which are greatly needed by the Brigade. The CABA is a state-of the-art self contained unit which provides maximum respiratory protection in highly toxic atmospheres.

As the front line of protection against ravages of bushfires and other firerelated threats. the Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade is frequently exposed to dangerous and even deadly smoke or chemical filled environments. The new units will be carried on the Brigade Tanker and will allow fire fighters to operate safely and successfully in environments where there is a lack of oxygen or contains a poisonous or irritant gas.

As Villa World Land Sales Manager for Victoria, Stephen Farrington knows the value of fresh, clean air. According to Stephen, it's one of the key reasons that people buy larger lots in Beaconsfield in the first instance.

"People move to the area to enjoy a pure lifestyle among the green rolling hills of Beaconsfield. It's in everyone's best interest to protect and maintain the integrity of this beautiful region," Stephen said.

"Stage 15 would have to the best blocks in Berwick Views, and "Hidden Valley" at Bowmans Track, with its protective covenants and 360 degrees elevated views, would easily be the best release of homesites over 1000m2. It's the latest stage in our vision of a unique, environmentally safe, natural bushland community," Stephen added. "We're here for the long term and so is our dedication to contributiong to the Beaconsfield community in any way we can."

The donation is further evidence of Villa World Land's commitment to fostering a better Icoal environment, having funded and developed the Bowman's Track Junior Sports Field in 2001.

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Les was born in Birchip, Victoria. He married Betty in 1963.

Les and Betty Sinclair made their home in Beaconsfield and subsequently had 3 children, Robyn, Glen and Alan. Who have in turn blessed Les and Betty with 5 grandchildren, Kris, Antony, Mollie, Cameron and Jerrod.

Les always provided well for his family of which he was very proud. Her was not one for showing his emotions but he loved them dearly. Les was keen on sport and played in the local Beaconsfield Cricket Team. Whenever the opportunity arose he would take the boys to watch Australia and the West Indies in Melbourne. The West Indies usually won whenever he went!

Les liked Cowboy books and movies, Country Music and until recently he would attend the Music Muster at Gympie.

Les was diagnosed with cancer 12 months ago and during the year his family who are all in Victoria have visited and spent time with him. This was quality time that he enjoyed even though his health was failing.

Les will be missed by all those who knew him, especially Betty his wife whose personal tribute to him was in these words, "Les was a very private person, but he was a lovely man and I never met anyone else who I wanted to spend my life with."

FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

by Shane Hester

On Sunday 26th of May, the members of the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctury held a tree planting day.

The event was attended by a number of volunteers and their assistance was greatly appreciated. 2000 trees were planted throughout the morning and a BBQ lunch was provided. On Sunday the 16th June a further 1000 trees will be planted in the same area along the creek bank.

This was once full of weeds, which were sprayed and then burnt to enable the planting to take place. This might seem like a lot of trees for the one area however, it is important to plant out the area densely in order to out compete and smother new weeds that start to germinate.

Some of the species planted include Manna Gum, Swamp Gum, Silver Wattle, Blackwood Wattle, Tall sedge, Kangaroo Apple and the Common Tussock Poa.

Having recently driven through the new estates around Beaconsfield, I was disappointed to see so few natives being planted in gardens and public spaces. I believe that too many exotic species are being planted in nature strips and median strips in new estates. In most cases a native alternative can be found for almost any situation. Even more disappointing was to see that one resident has taken it upon themselves to plant agapanthus in the wetlands at Berwick Views. It is because of these attitudes that I am worried about the protection for the remnant vegetation in these estates.

Next working bee July 28th 9.00am at Holmpark Road.

Contact: Shane 0407874143 or Judy 97071402

SUCCESSFUL TREE PLANTING DAY



Members of the Friends of Cardinia Creek were assisted by many volunteers at a successful tree planting day.

BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN



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I replace a lot of doors. Internal doors are by no means robust and if, as many are, exposed to the weather than 10 years is a fair life. They cost about \$35. each but add \$90. to fit them, using existing lockset and hinges. I checked with a door specialist who contracts the fitting work for \$154. for a single door reducing to \$258 for two.

The solid timber door costs just under \$100 each and are better for outside exposure. They are fearfully heavy and are better fitted with a centre hinge To ensure maximum life from any door it is necessary to paint (or varnish) the edges as well as the faces.

External doors should not be painted a dark colour. A light colour will reflect heat and

heat is the enemy of long life. With one side of the door facing the cool interior and the outer side facing the sun, imagine the stresses imposed on the structure of the poor old door.

If your home faces East or West and you have a security door it would preferable to paint your door rather than stain/varnish it. The pattern of shadow thrown by the security door mesh will bleach the stain and leave the varnish door with a permanent pattern.

The need for "draught stop" is probably because the door is not filled correctly. It is advisable to have the fit of the door checked before adding another item.

Phil Collins - Handyman -9707 4225

WINE AND FOOD

by Keith Goodman (Continued)

Wine

The release of The Age's Uncorked magazine always causes a flurry around the trade or with those looking for a bargain or a tip on what to buy. In this winter edition over 130 of the seasons best were reviewed.

The Tatachilla Partners Cabernet Shiraz 2001 seen as low as \$9.90 (Dan's) was seen as the 'Best Budget Wine'. At the release price of \$15 is still good value but at \$9.90 is an absolute bargain. Fruit driven with soft tannins, drink now to 2 years. Best Red was Orlando St Hugo Cabernet 1998, \$35 but was \$15 a year ago. Worth the money.

A favourite of mine is the Richmond Grove Clare or Watervale Riesling, in this case the 2001 Watervale was chosen as Best Budget White - \$12- 13. This wine



stands out in any price range.

Recently I saw a bottle of Stoney Rise, Cotes du Robe, Shiraz 2000, \$18-20. A new young wine made in the Rhone style (hence Cotes du), spicy and full of flavour. One to follow. Diamond Valley Estate Chardonnay 1999, \$30. Seen last year at the Victorian Wine Show and described as one for those who like French White Burgundys. It has grown in complexity and is rich and long in the mouth. For that special occasion.

Another wine tasted at the Show which attracted attention and a High Silver Medal was a Shiraz from Jinks Creek Vineyard, near Bunyip. The fruit was grown at Longford near Sale and has produced a wine of great style. Reds made by Andrew Clarke at Jinks Creek have received attention around the trade. The Longford Shiraz is \$28 at Winery, the Yarra Valley Shiraz, \$24 and the Pinot Noir \$22. Ring Andrew on 5629 8502.

One of the standout wines seen at our Wine Club last year was the Sanguine Shiraz, 2000 from Heathcote, it sold out in four days. The 2001 is to be released in June and is available for pre—release tasting at Nick's Malvern Store. \$35.



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SAILS SET FOR AUSTRALIA

by Claire Johnston

Recently I had the opportunity to represent Australia for sailing in New Zealand during the Interdominion 420 Team Racing Championship. I was invited to be a member of the Melbourne High/Sorrento Yacht Club Team, due to my experience as a 420 crew.

The closely fought competition was held on the 4th & 5th May in Auckland. I was part of one of the three teams from Australia, who raced against four New Zealand teams. Competition was tough and after two days sailing, a New Zealand team won.

However despite the result of not winning, I certainly won out by making new friends and great



memories. I can clearly say the sailing was unforgettable and Auckland – The City of Sails – lived up to its name.

I would like to thank all the people who made this trip possible and sailing — a sport that has allowed me to do amazing things and to make heaps of friends while doing a fun & active sport.



Photo: Claire Johnston picture 2nd from right, with team members of the Australian Crew.

Footnote: Claire Johnston of Beaconsfield is currently studying year 12 at Beaconhills College and pursues sailing with great skill and passion.



Ultimately you can't weigh or measure anything about yourself that really matters - your

about yourself that really matters - your integrity, vision, intelligence, passion and kindness will not register on the bathroom scales.



BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

by Margaret Chatfield

MID WEEK LADIES

As Glenda Gorton, Secretary of the Midweek Ladies, has stood down we would like to express our thanks and appreciation for Glenda's time and effort she has contributed over the past three years as Secretary and also the prior time by assisting past secretary Pat Schelling.

Midweek Ladies Spring Season commences Tuesday 23rd, 24th and 25th July. For information contact Dawn Snelson on 9704 6852.

SOCIAL EVENT – CLOVER COTTAGE DINNER WEDNESDAY 7th 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. Presentations to Midweek Ladies and Saturday Afternoon competitions will be made.

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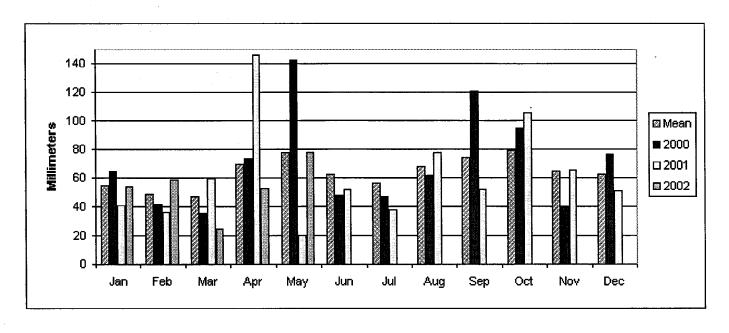


FACE PAINTING A BIG HIT FOR ALL AGES

Right: Gwen Neve is just a kid at heart and joined in with all the fun at the C o m m u n i t y Centre 10th Anniversary celebrations.



BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

McPhee Solicitors have moved just around the corner to Shop 5, Princes Highway.

Neilma and Graeme Toy of Melaleuca Lodge have recently sold their business with the new business proprietor scheduled to take over in June.

As long term advertisers of the Beaconsfield Banner. we wish Neilma and Graeme well in their future ventures.

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