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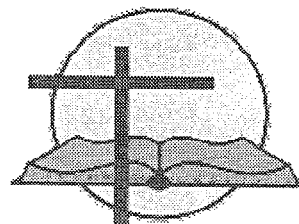


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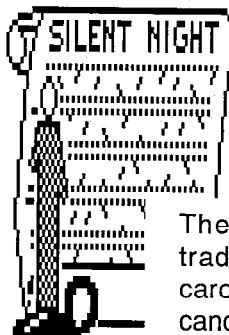
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Over the Christmas holiday break expect to see the Police in force in our area.

We hope over the festive season that if you want to drink during festivities - think carefully - how will you get home safely?

Options could include - designate a non-drinking driver, leave the car home and take a taxi.

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Banner team we wish all the readers of the Beaconsfield Banner a safe and happy festive season.

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HOW IS IT ?

That toasters have a setting for burning bread till its inedible?

That flats are called apartments when they are all stuck together and a stack of flats is called a high rise ?

That if you drive at the speed of sound and press your horn or drive at the speed of light and turn your headlights on, we don't know what happens ?

That all passengers on airline flights have flotation jackets but yet there are no parachutes for them ?

That we believe there are millions of stars in the sky yet when that sign says wet paint we have to touch to make sure ?

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee

As our town continues to grow we can now see and feel the impact of this rapid growth. The paddocks where cattle and a herd of ponies once grazed are now residential homes, and the nearly completed Aldi Supermarket. Hoardings announce a major commercial development on the north side of the Princes Highway opposite Wood Street. Plans are well underway for the new community facility on O'Neil Road. We now have traffic lights on the main street. The town of Beaconsfield as most of us knew it only a few years ago has changed significantly.

It would be futile to try and halt this development but we can have an input into how it may occur. It is up to us as residents to tell council what the town needs, what problems must be addressed and what development is inappropriate. Becoming involved in an organisation like the Beaconsfield Progress Association is one way you can become involved in the evolution of this town. You are all welcome to come along and express your views and concerns at our monthly meetings. Issues are referred to the appropriate authority for consideration and action.

We are currently awaiting the Shire's response to the traffic concerns put forward

as part of our traffic forum. We hope to be in a position to report on this soon. The BPA continues to support BRICAG's push for the Soldiers Road extension to Manuka Road which will be a key to reducing traffic to the south of the town.

For those who would like to know more about the new community facility there is a Community Consultation with the architects on the 8 December at The Beaconsfield Community Centre commencing at 12 noon and will include a presentation by the Architects, a sausage sizzle and entertainment. This is a good opportunity for the community to see what is proposed and for various groups to have a

say in what their particular requirements are.

Please come along to Carols by the Creek at the Bob Burgess Reserve on 22 December to enjoy Beaconsfield's largest annual public event.

Merry Christmas everyone have a happy and safe festive season and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings next year.

I can be contacted at my office (McPhees Solicitors) now located beside Onya Restaurant or on 9707 0590 or by email on bpa@beaconsfield.org.au



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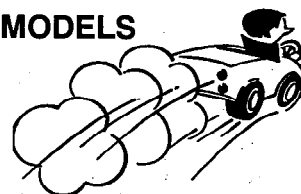
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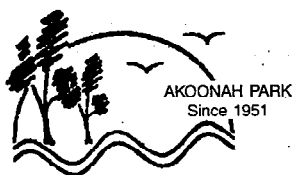
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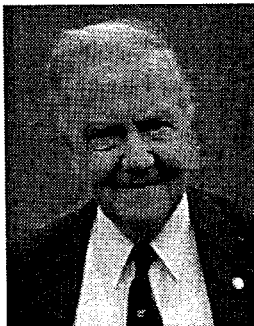
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CARDINIA

by Cr. Keith Ewenson

WHEN IS BEACON HILLS WARD NOT BEACON HILLS WARD?

The answer is it depends where you live. For the next municipal election in March there will be seven wards. Each Ward will elect one councillor.

The wards will be known as:

Beacon Hills

(Beaconsfield, Upper
Beaconsfield & Officer.)

Emerald

(around Emerald township)

Ranges

(around Cockatoo &
Gembrook)

Westernport

(Southern section of Shire)

Bunyip

(Including Maryknoll
Bunyip & south to Bunyip
river road)

Toomuc

(Pakenham Upper &
Pakenham north of
highway)

Pakenham

(Growth corridor Princes
Hwy in the north to Pak
bypass alignment in the
south)

I believe the Shire will circulate each ward with a newsletter to each resident welcoming them to the new ward in the near future.

We still await traffic reports for Beaconsfield town but advice on the Bypass commencing next financial year is great news.

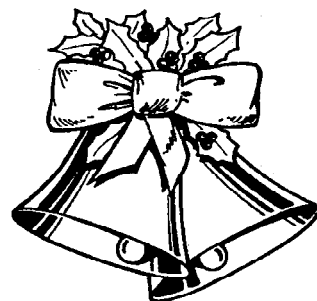
In the not to distant future traffic lights will be installed at Brunt road and the Highway. I would imagine this will have a "pontooning" effect on Highway traffic. Hopefully some benefit will be derived at Officer.

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCILLORS:-

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

Cr. Ted Owens:
Phone - 0419 524 777

The basic reason for restructure is growth. The Act stipulates the votes per ward be of equal value. The development in Beaconsfield & Pakenham created imbalance. We chose single councillor representation in an attempt to bring the representative as close to the voter as possible.





BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

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On 3/11/2002 Beaconsfield's Tanker 1 with a crew of 3 (Debbie Macpherson, Paul Hayes and Glenn Dorning) were deployed to N.S.W. to lend a helping hand to the N.S.W. Fire Service. Not only did they help but they made CFA history when their strike team was moved over into the QLD border. It was a first for CFA crews to work in QLD!

The crew returned all well on the 7/11/2002. Our truck was kept in N.S.W. with crews from other brigades working off it. Tanker 1 arrived home on 22/11/2002.

We have been preparing for the lead up to the fire season in the last couple of months so we haven't been doing any fundraising as such. We plan to have the raffle again next year February-April and the Bizzare again in April. So if you have anything we could sell please don't throw it out!! Closer to the date we will be asking for donations of saleable items.

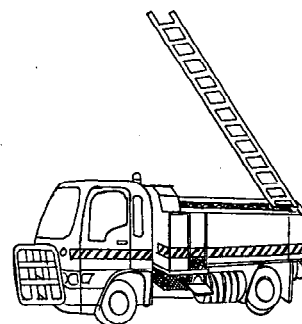
If you require any information about what you can and can't do when fire restrictions are in force don't hesitate to call the fire station on 9707 2121.

The members of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade would like to wish friends, family, and members of the community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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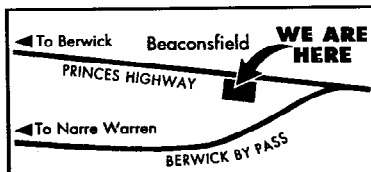
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The Beaconsfield Ward covers the area of Beaconsfield, Guys Hills, Upper Beaconsfield, Officer and Toomuc. I will offer the residents an alternative to the current Councillors. I will offer a new and enthusiastic, community minded person who will act in the best interests of the Ward.

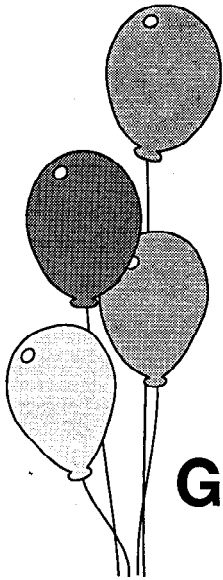
- I am the Secretary of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.
- I am a resident of Beaconsfield.

I have lived in Berwick, Upper Beaconsfield and Beaconsfield. I am committed to representing the residents of this Ward. I believe in providing a Ward which is safe for all residents to enjoy, a Ward that retains the natural aspects of the countryside and a Ward that is truly represented by your elected Councillor.

- I am a current serving member of the Victoria Police Force.
- I am the President of the Beaconsfield Community Centre.
- I am a member of the Steering Committee for the new Beaconsfield Community Centre Complex.

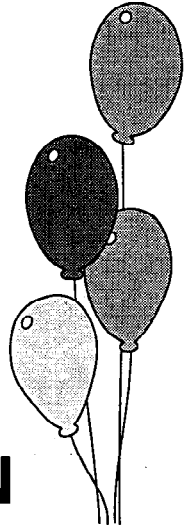
I ask you to support me at the next Council Elections in March 2003 and make a change by electing someone who will represent you, the resident of the Beaconsfield Ward.





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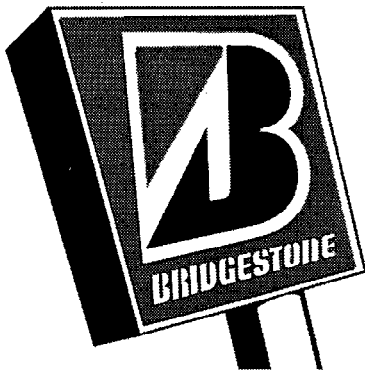
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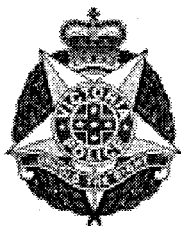
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Victoria Police Column.

by Senior Constable
Dave Smith

HOLIDAY SECURITY

In Victoria every year, over 40,000 homes are broken into. This equates to approximately one every twelve minutes. Many of these burglaries occur when the home owners are away on holidays. As we approach the festive season, many people forget the importance of home security. During the Christmas period a house left unattended for some time might become a target for potential intruders.

There are, however, simple things that can be done to substantially reduce the risk of your home being broken into and give you piece of mind while away.

- Ensure all doors and windows are locked.
- Let a neighbour know you'll be away and leave a contact number if possible.
- Ask your neighbour to watch out for visitors and collect junk mail.
- Cancel all deliveries.
- Consider installing automatic timing devices for lights and appliances. ie. A timer to turn the radio on to a talk back program.
- Disconnect electricity supply to electronic garage doors and engage manual lock instead.
- Advise local police of your absence and provide contact details. Ensure you notify police on your return, especially if returning early.
- Secure cars left at home and leave keys with a trusted friend or neighbour.

• Don't leave concealed keys inside or outside the house.

• Turn down the volume on your telephone.

• Arrange for someone to cut your lawn and water garden.

• Consider asking your neighbour to park their car in your driveway.

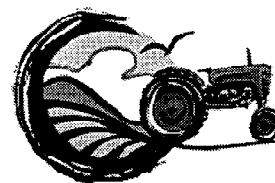
• Lock away garden tools, ladders and other items which could be used to break into your home.

Finally, remember that a good neighbour can be as effective as a police patrol in protecting your home while you are away.

If you are unfortunate enough to return and find your home has been broken into or someone is in your house:

Do not enter; do not touch anything, go to a nearby phone/mobile and call 000.

I would like to wish all readers and their families a happy and safe Christmas.



Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market.

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Wondering what to cook this Christmas? The Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market has all the answers. With 2 Christmas markets set for **Saturday 14th December** and **Sunday 22nd December**, you'll find everything for the festive season... including the **Christmas Tree!**

For a sublime Christmas lunch consider a delicious **free-range chicken** or **free-range pork** served up with a selection of **local vegetables?** Don't forget a bottle of **local wine!**

With deserts you are spoilt for choice. We have **Christmas puddings**, an assortment of **fudge** and mouth watering **shortbread's!**

Our **pestos** and pates make entertaining a breeze and be sure to try our **marinated feta goat's cheese.**

Don't forget about our jars of **local jams** or **honey** and our selection of **fruit trees** and **ornamental plants.** We have beautiful **Christmas hampers** full of delights and a selection of **fruit liqueurs** that are simply die for.

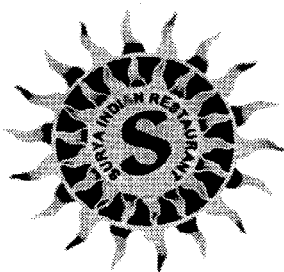
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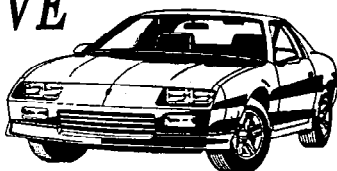
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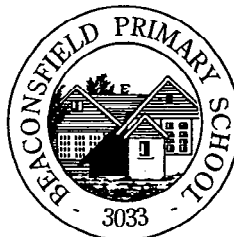


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BPS Corner

What's Happening at
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Beaconsfield Primary School Stage 2 Building Program.

by Gary Methven, Principal

The Department of Education and Training (DE&T) intends to commence planning for us for the development of Stage 2. This means that we shall have the opportunity to develop a "Master Plan" with the Department for the construction of the building to take us to the 22nd century! It may take us two or three years before we move in, but the journey has started.

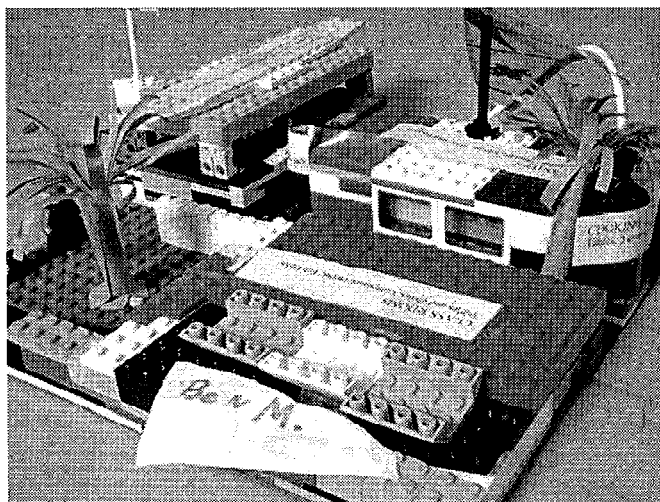
Stage 2 will see us equipped with a further nine permanent classrooms. We shall have a new music room, art room and PE room, canteen and basketball stadium. The children have already started thinking about the type of facilities they would like to see built here. Here are two letters that I have received this week, reproduced by permission of the authors:

*Dear Mr. M,
I have a few opinions for Stage 2! I think we should have a stage built with microphones, curtains and everything else. Lots of children like to do plays and I think it would be better than a little stage of carpet and tables because people come to our school.
From Emilie Gr 3.*

*Dear Mr. M,
For Stage 2 I want to have a canteen, art room, cooking area, Gr. 3/4/5/6 classrooms joined together, a sports facility and a lot of shade. I picked this so we can get more exercise and more shade around our school.
From Ben.*

If your family has ideas they would like to share with us, please write the ideas down and send them into our office. Our S.R.C. will award prizes to the best ideas submitted.

**It takes a team to build
a dream!**



Above: Ben's construction of B.P.S. Stage 2.



MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

We had a beautiful day for our craft fair, with lots of people from the town coming to Lighthouse in the old antique shop at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, to see the crafts and craft supplies and enjoy the sausage sizzle.

The Full-on Youth group, who look after Lighthouse, provided the food and drinks which were very popular.

We were able to buy many Craft supplies -ceramics, ribbons, woodware, flowers, and prints. There

were also lovely handmade items, cushions, pincushions, coathangers, beadwork and greeting cards.

We are planning another craft fair in November 2003

Make and Mingle has recently celebrated several birthdays. Congratulations to Betty Bryl - 80, Philip Wynne-Yorke - 89 and Olga Wynn - 81. Happy Birthday and may the Lord bless you all.

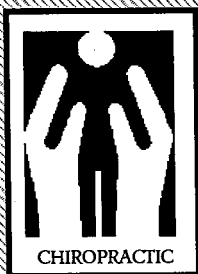
Make and Mingle has people from all ages coming, and you are always welcome to come along.

We finish with a special day of fellowship and craft display on Wed 11th December.

We resume Wed 5th February 2003, when we plan to have a good range of crafts available including ribbon flowers, little footstalls, stamping, floral art, embroidery, patchwork and applique, scrapbooking and candlewicking.

Make and Mingle is at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy, every Wednesday from 10am-12 noon during school term and you are always welcome to come along.

Ann Taylor (Ph. 9707 1996)



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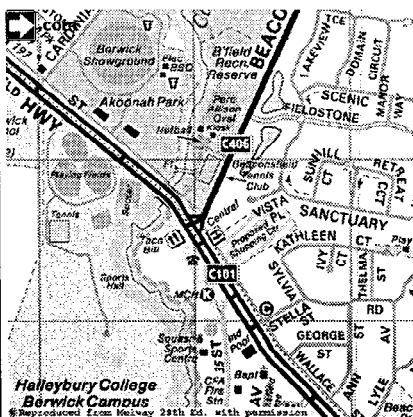
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by Tracie Lund
Centre Co-ordinator

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

It is December already! I can't believe how the year has flown. 2002 has been an extraordinarily productive year for the BCC. From the successful Open Day to the restructuring of our playgroups, to Midways Melbourne Cup Lunch. Many happy people have come through the BCC doors.

I would like to wind up the year by sending a big **thankyou** to the community for its continued support of the Centre and for making my

first year at the BCC the most memorable and exciting one I have had.

My first impressions of Beaconsfield was of a tight knit community that is supportive & friendly to those who call it home. I am proud and fortunate to be working with such a community.

Your support of my position in the Centre has helped make my job easy and made it a pleasure to do. I have forged strong friendships and networks in the Community. These I hope will remain for life.

Tracie Lund

The Committee and Staff of the Centre wishes all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Occasional Care By Shalini Lata Pillay

I am delighted to be given an opportunity to contribute to the Beaconsfield Banner as part of Beaconsfield Community Centre column.

Apart from Playgroup and other beneficial courses Beaconsfield Community Centre also operates Take a break/ Occasional Care twice a week.

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by Garry Rungè, President

The Beaconsfield Community Centre has had a very interesting and progressive year in 2002. A change in the Committee of Management has seen a new and dedicated group of people committed to providing community service to the residents of Beaconsfield.

The Co-ordinator, Tracie Lund, has continued to liaise with members of the community in providing a wide range of activities.

The Committee of Management, through the Co-ordinator strives to introduce new and exciting programs each term, however the types of activities at the Centre is driven by community interest and need. We expect with the increasing population in Beaconsfield and the new Centre opening that more new and interesting groups will develop. Groups such as computer classes,

karate, fitness class and the like are all possible in the future.

The Director of Occasional Care, Shalini Pillay, has bought new and exciting ideas to the Centre. Her previous primary school teaching background has shown through in the way she has developed the program in Occasional Care. The Committee of Management looks forward to building a strong and expanded Occasional Care group in the future.

The new Beaconsfield Community Centre is well underway now that funding has been approved. The steering committee has been working hard with Council and the Architects to design a state of the art Centre for the use by all residents of Beaconsfield. We look forward to seeing construction commence in mid 2003.

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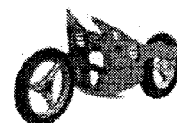
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After the elections of Saturday 30th November, Labor have two new MP's for Gembrook and Eumemering.

The seat of Gembrook which encompasses Beaconsfield, was formally a Liberal seat. After the demise of former candidate Mr. Robert Dean, Mr. Neil Lucas (then sitting member for the Upper House) took over the contest.

Tammy Lobato (although unofficial at time of press) is keen to start her new role as representative for Gembrook and we look forward to her contribution in the Beaconsfield Banner. Adem Somyerek will be the representative for the Eumemering Province.

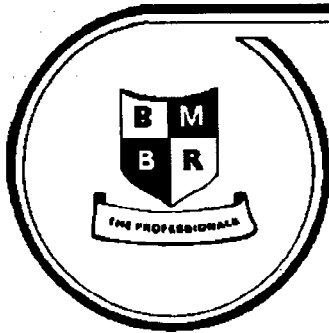
TAMMY LOBATO



As the polls have not officially been declared, I have not moved into an office yet.

For the moment I can be contacted by email t_lobato@optusnet.com.au.

When I am advised of the office details I will let you know and be a regular contributor to your most informative publication.



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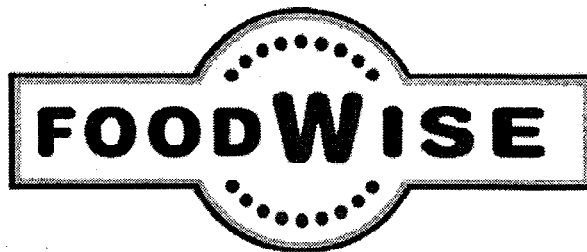
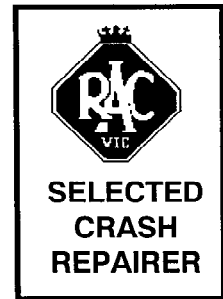
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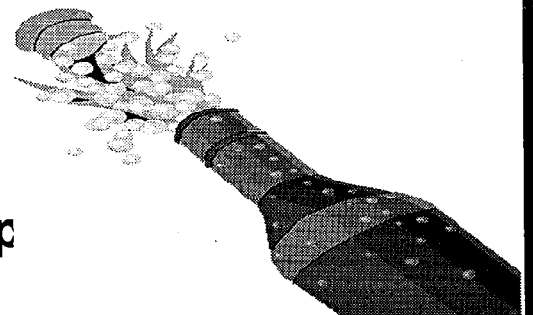
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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman

It's that time of the year again; the Southern Victorian Wine Show was held early November and Christmas is nigh.

One of the largest Shows ever saw a strong class of 82, year 2001 and older Chardonnays. Best Chardonnay in Show came from this class; De Bortoli Vineyard. Standout wines though were the reds. Best Pinot Noirs in a number of age classes were Port Phillip Estate, rich complex wines with plenty of that mushroom, fungal, slightly wild character that Pinot makers seek. Shiraz went to Paringa Estate and Best wine in Show went to a glorious 2000 Reserve Cabernet from Coldstream Hills, this wine was also best wine last year. One Judge who has previously made a Jimmy Watson Trophy Winner said, "I would love a case of this wine" without at that stage knowing what it was.

Three vineyards were very successful with entries in many classes of extremely high standard. These were Port Phillip Estate, Diamond Valley Vineyards and Punt Road Wines.

Punt Road Wines are made in the Yarra Valley by talented Winemaker Kate Goodman (no relation) and are the premium wines of the Yarra Hills group, the other wine in the group is made under the Sticks

label by Rob Dolan, previously Wine maker at Yarra Ridge. Kate previously worked at Seppelts making premium wines and has made a Jimmy Watson Trophy winner – a most sought after award. Kate won a medal with every wine she entered but one, a remarkable strike rate. I particularly liked a 2002 Cabernet (as did the Judges) that was bottled recently and will retail around \$25 or less, look for it, you will not be disappointed with this seductive wine. Punt Road Wines are recent entrants to the market and you might have to ask for them; persist.

November, December are two of my favourite food months: mangoes, stone fruits, berries, asparagus and spring lamb. What more could you want? Summer pudding is one of the most delicious desserts you could ever eat. Easy to make and looks great on the plate and can be used as an alternative to Xmas Pudding. Try with a half bottle of McWilliams Riverina Botrytis 1999, \$22-25 or finish the meal with a refreshing bottle of Moscato, a slightly sweet and slightly fizzy white. Has the added benefit of low alcohol and a price around \$15, try Browns, T'Gallant or one from Italy.

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RE CYCLING AROUND BEACONSFIELD

by Ted Horton.

It is becoming increasingly popular to ride the circuit around Beaconsfield Ave, Princes Highway and Woods Street. There are young and old like myself 'stretching our legs' around the block each day on their bicycles.

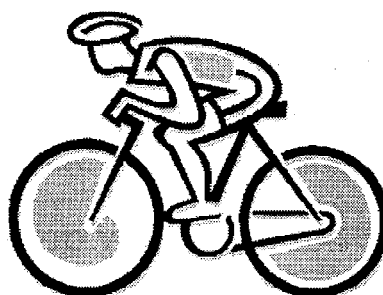
As a cycling enthusiast I can report that it each lap is exactly 2 Kilometres, nice and flat and quite free from irksome motorists, especially late in the day. In an anti clockwise rotation there is no need to cross the paths of anyone else and you can hug the kerb or shoulder of the road all the way. At most times there are few if any motorists parking on Beaconsfield Ave and then you have an extra wide parking 'shoulder' down the Highway to enjoy. Coming back up Wood Street is quite traffic free and very safe to ride.

straights. It's quite possible to ride up to 40 kms/ph. especially if you are in a group with others. The muscular and aerobic benefits are enormous if you cycle regularly. Now is the time to dust off those cobwebs between the spokes and join us cyclists clocking up the laps. Remember always to wear a colourful jacket and helmet of course.

We are lucky in this town to have a very good gymnasium and swimming school and even luckier to have a decent road circuit to cycle around. While I encourage others to join me keeping fit I also encourage residents to be aware of cyclists on the road and remind them that it is a safe non polluting sport that virtually all the community can get out and enjoy.

Maybe the Shire could assist in recognising this natural attraction to the many cyclists that use the circuit to ride each day. A few signs would be appreciated. Hope to see you out there soon!

Between 5.30 and 7.30 or 8pm in the summer is the best time to ride with car doors being the only menace to watch out for. An easterly, west or north wind can make things interesting and speed up progress down the long



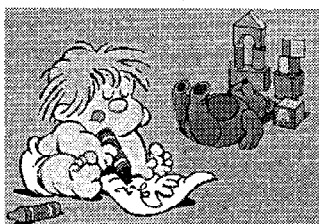
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SUPERANNUATION - IMPORTANT CHANGES

There have been many legislative changes affecting employees and personal Superannuation benefits and contributions effective from 1st July 2002. These changes include:

Government Co-Contribution

Whilst not yet legislated the Government has committed itself to replacing the existing tax offset (currently maximum of \$100) with matching of personal undeducted Superannuation contributions of up to \$1,000 pa. The maximum rebate amount applies to an income below \$20,001 with reduced amounts for incomes over \$20,000 with no entitlement if incomes are over \$32,500.

This benefit is most attractive if people are able to afford contributing up to the maximum of \$1,000 into their Superannuation Fund. The claim for the Government Co-contribution is made in an income tax return.

Increase in Age Limit for Contributions

Working people aged 70 or over but less than 75 are able to make personal contributions to Superannuation. People can contribute if they are

working at least 10 hours per week but the contributions are generally not tax deductible or eligible for the governments' co-contribution.

Increase in tax deductible contribution

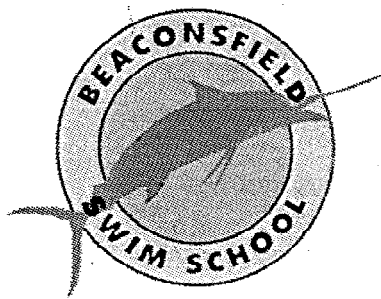
The fully deductible amount for superannuation contributions by self employed and other eligible persons has increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Superannuation and Divorce

Changes introduced in the Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Act 2001, provide that a Superannuation interest can be divided by agreement or a court order on marriage break-down. The Act commences on 28th December 2002 and may also apply in certain circumstances to marriages dissolved before that date. Parties can enter into an Agreement specifying how the superannuation interest is to be divided without an actual split occurring. The SIS Regulations 1994 allows for a split of benefits between the member and non-member spouse.

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contribute to superannuation on behalf of children under 18 years of age. Contributions of up to \$3,000 can be made each 3 year period. Contributions are not eligible for a tax deduction or tax offset.

Choice of Fund

This initiative has not yet been legislated however, it is proposed that from 1st July 2004 employees will be given greater choice over which fund will receive compulsory employer Superannuation Contributions made on their behalf.

Overseas

Superannuation Funds

A provision not well known relates to persons who have emigrated to Australia and become Australian residents and move their overseas superannuation into Australia at a later stage. In most cases the part of the payment that represents earnings accrued in the fund during the period of Australian residency are taxed (at the individuals marginal tax rate). There is a six month period in which benefits can be transferred without incurring a tax. Accordingly, new residents should act quickly to transfer their superannuation benefits.

Superannuation is becoming a major issue for income tax planning and as a personal wealth accumulator for employees and self-employed persons. Care should be taken to regularly review your Superannuation to ensure that it meets your goals and that the best benefits are being obtained, which you should discuss with your Accountant.

GRAEME J TAYLOR
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WINE AND FOOD

by Keith Goodman
(Continued from page 15)

WINE

Hearing good reports of Primo La Biondina Colombard 2002, \$14. One comment of "best value, most refreshing white wine in Australia". A great wine for the porch or with a salad. Make sure you add some mango to the salad. Deutz Sparkling at \$17 or so is good value for a quality wine. Banrock Station Sparkling Shiraz, \$9 served lightly chilled is another interesting starter.

Also Banrock Station Reserve Shiraz 2001, \$12-13. Stepping Stone Coonawarra Cabernet either 2000 or 2001 are two quality wines at a good price of \$12-13.

A special Christmas present for a red wine drinker is Dowie Doole McLaren Vale Shiraz, 2001, \$40. One of the best new wines I have ever tasted.

Merry Christmas and keep safe.

SUMMER PUDDING

A berry – bright pudding that celebrates the height of summer and cuts like a cake. Serve with fresh cream, or with a crème anglaise custard.

1 loaf of stale brown bread
450g raspberries
250g redcurrants
125g blackcurrants
125g of blackberries, loganberries or any other berry fruit
1 generous cup castor sugar

Line a 22 to 24cm cake tin with plastic wrap, letting it hang over the sides. Place all fruit in a saucepan with the sugar, and gently heat it until it comes to the boil. Remove from heat.

Cut the crusts from the bread, and line the bottom and sides of the cake tin. The bottom works well with triangles, and the sides with overlapping rectangles.

Fill the lined cake tin with the fruit, and cover the fruit with a lid of bread. Pull the over hanging plastic wrap up and over the pudding to enclose it. Place a plate on top and weight it with a can. Leave it in the refrigerator overnight.

To serve, turn pudding out on to a plate, checking that it is completely red from berry juices. Save any extra juice to pour onto any bread that has not absorbed liquid.

** Hints**

- * Strawberries not recommended – they go mushy!!
- * Some frozen berry fruit are OK to use.
- * A steamed pudding bowl can be used instead of a cake tin.

HISTORICAL BEAconsFIELD

In October a group of about 30 interested local historians gathered at the Beaconsfield Community Centre to discuss the history of Beaconsfield. This was the second session of what appears to be a very popular activity in the area. There was a great deal of discussion about the families who founded Beaconsfield and the need to centralize as much of the historical information held in the area into the one location.

The main purpose of the sessions is to gather all available information and start writing a local history book about Beaconsfield. Clare Sambell the Casey Council Local History Officer, attended the meeting and provided

some good ideas about how to get started and where to look for information held at both the Casey and Cardinia Council archives.

The group has made some really good headway towards starting the local history project and needs the support from anyone with information to contribute to the project. Two more sessions are being planned for 2003 with guest speakers attending. So please support this project and come along to discuss the history of Beaconsfield.

For further information please contact Garry Runge 97075566 or Tony Rushton 97071765.

BEAconsFIELD GENERAL STORE



Beaconsfield General Store in the early 1900's.

The General Store was next to C.C. Rodger Bulk Grain Store, on Princes Highway.

Note how Beaconsfield is misspelt. The N is written back to front - one theory for this is that the name could have been written on the negative at the time of photo being taken.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Botanical Gardens have always been a source of pleasure to those who desire to partake of the peace and beauty of nature, albeit arranged by man. What is the history of these places? Have they always been, or are they of recent invention?

Botanical Gardens originated in Italy, in the first half of the 16th century, when a Professor of Medicine at Padua University, Francesco Bonafede, persuaded the Venetian Senate to establish a chair of "Lectura Simplicum", (instruction on the simples). This refers to the Herbs of the day, which were called "simples". This was established in 1533 and thus the first Botanical Garden was dedicated to

Herbs for the extraction of Medicine.

As time went on the range widened to include all manner of plants and trees etc. The following year Padua's example was followed by the University of Bologna, where Luca Ghini was appointed as head of the new Garden. Almost immediately one was established in the City of Florence as well.

The great German poet Goethe visited the Padua garden in 1786 and a palm tree he saw there inspired his theory of Metamorphoses. Goethe's palm is still there today. The appointment of Professors to teach Botany, and the proliferation of Botanic Gardens became regarded as part of the more general cultural awakening known as the

Renaissance, and slowly the science of Botany became more known to the wider population.

The development of printing with written information came to enjoy unprecedented popularity, fuelling the expansion of the science and the establishment of more gardens across Europe.

The eventual illustration of plants led to a change in art as well, with many well known painters of the day establishing a new genre of painting known as the "Naturalism" school. Botticelli's "Spring" is a good example, where he displayed 190 flowering plants.

The Botanical Gardens at Chelsea, in England, were established in 1673, for the purpose of the therapeutic use of plants

in treating the sick, with a heated Conservatory added to it 11 years later. This was quite a novelty at the time, although the first one had been established in Heidelberg, Germany, in 1619 in order to grow orange trees. Chelsea's decline began in 1759 when the Kew Gardens started to grow in influence, mainly due to the favour displayed by the British Royal family of the day. Kew gardens covered a whopping 300 acres and were once divided in two; Queen Caroline living on one half, whilst her son Prince Frederick lived on the other half. The queen regarded her son "as the greatest liar, the greatest ass, and the greatest beast in the whole world," and wanted as much distance as possible between them.

Some twenty buildings were eventually built in Kew, some quite exotic; some bizarre, but today only six survive. King George III eventually transformed the Gardens into one single property.

Whereas Botanical Gardens were established for Commercial reasons, today they are mainly there for recreational purposes; to induce peace and harmony in the soul of man through the love of nature.

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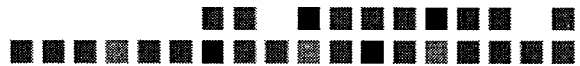
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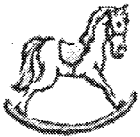
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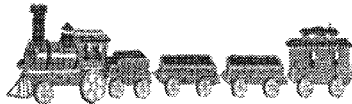
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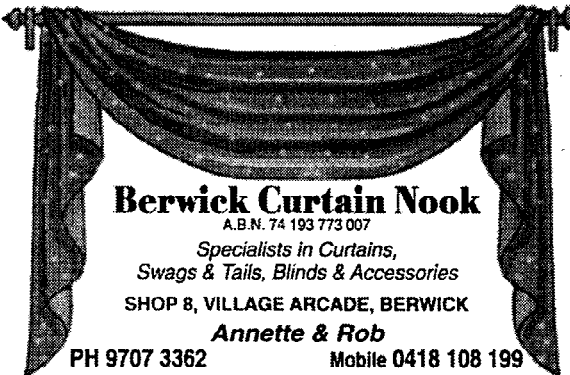
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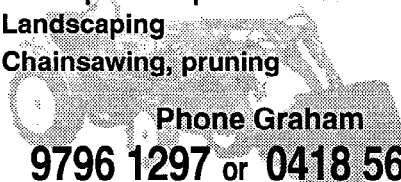
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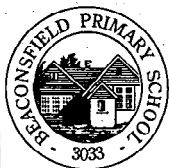
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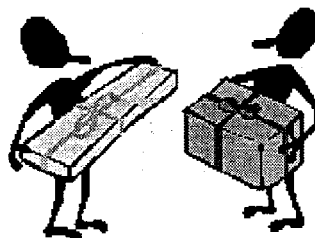


THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

These days buying a present for someone is only half the job. Having found the right article and having paid for it, you then have to turn around and wrap it. This is now a fine art. At most of the big shopping centres they have professionals do to the job for you, and what a marvellous job they do. Of course the wrapping does not increase the value of the present but it does make the gift look considerably more expensive.

I read the other day of a man who was given a gift that was wrapped so exquisitely that that he did not open it until January. He was very reluctant to spoil the pretty parcel. The thought of ripping apart what was such a beautiful looking arrangement was more than he could bring himself to do. So for over two weeks he simply left the picturesque box on display.



The Christmas festival is a very important and rewarding time of the year. In our culture it is also coupled in with the end of the year celebrations. It is a time for parties and having fun. It is a time for special events. It is a time for winding down. It is a time for family gatherings.

However the festival of Christmas is like the wrapping. It is very pretty, we love it. It means lots of parties and break ups, it means holidays and trips away. It means the end of work for another year. But no matter how nice the wrapping on a present we need to rip it off and get inside to the gift. The wrapping may bring us pleasure but it is the present that we are meant to enjoy not simply the wrapping.

So too we must penetrate through the Christmas festival and get to the reason behind it. In every town in Australia there will be church services this Christmas morning.

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by David Griffiths

QUEEN OF THE DAMNED

For me *Queen Of The Damned* was one of the films of the year, but I should warn you; you are either going to see this film and completely love it or really hate it. So don't shoot the messenger, you have been warned.

I saw this film with three friends, two of us loved it and two of us hated. It is one of those kind of films, what some will find interesting others will be annoyed by. *'Queen Of The Damned'* is the follow up of *Interview With The Vampire* (which starred Tom Cruise). In my view it is better than it's predecessor.

The film tells of the story of the vampire Lestat awakening after spending a century asleep. He is in fact awakened by the sound of modern music, and then when we returns to the human world he becomes a rock star.

In doing so Lestat breaks the ancient vampire rule of keeping his identity secret (not that it really matters most of his fans think it's just a gimmick), and the Vampire Ministry come looking for him. Add that to a vampire researcher who becomes obsessed by Lestat and the fact that Lestat's music manages to awaken Akasha (who is the mother of all



vampires and is hell bent on destroying the earth), you have the making of a very good film.

Stuart Townsend is brilliant in his portrayal of Lestat, and it is worth noting that this was the last film singer turned actor Aaliyah (who plays Akasha) made before her untimely death in a plane crash.

'Queen Of The Damned' was filmed in Melbourne, so many popular landmarks can be seen throughout the film. In some ways this is good, and in some ways it is bad. While it is nice to know that Hollywood considers Melbourne picturesque enough to shoot a Gothic film,

it can ruin the feel of the film when you realise that Big Ben is fact Flinders Street Station.

You can also do a fair bit of 'Aussie Actor' spotting in the film. Tarel Mora, Claudia Black and Matthew Newton (worth noting that some American's thought he was Leonardo DiCaprio doing a cameo) are all very easy to spot, but see if you can find, Pip Mush in (the cameraman Jase from *'Frontline'*), Becky Thomas (the female vocalist of Melbourne group *'the mavis's'*) and John Farnham' son.

One of the things that stuck in my mind from the film was the soundtrack. Music plays an important part in the film, and it contains some of the best concert scenes I've seen in the film. The soundtrack was written by KORN's lead singer Fred Durst. *'Queen Of The Damned'* is available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland.

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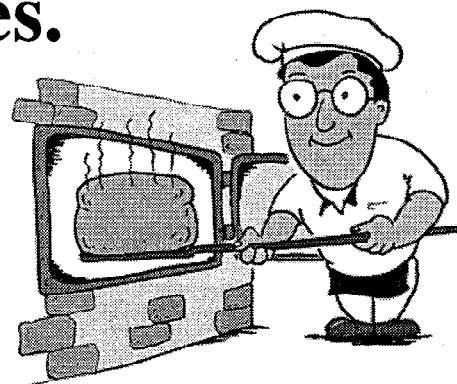
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THE FALLS TO THE RESERVOIR

by John Wells

In 1919, when plans were drawn up to take water from the Bunyip River down to the Mornington peninsula there was great optimism about the flows of the river. In 1919 the flow was measured at 10 million gallons per day (near enough to 45 million litres) and even during the drought of 1914 the flow was never less than 5 million gallons daily. This was at The Falls, where the aqueduct was to start. An open race with syphons to cross the deeper gullies, ran from The Falls to the Beaconsfield reservoir.

The enthusiasm was a little overdone. The water was expected to be enough to supply "Mornington, Frankston and thence all towns along the seaboard as far as Mentone. Supplies will also be taken off... to connect with Dromana and all towns along the seaboard to point Nepean, including Sorrento, Portsea and the Quarantine Stations... It is also proposed to supply all towns from Bunyip to Berwick on the Main Gippsland railway line, also taking in Cranbourne, Langwarrin, Somerville and Tyabb... It is proposed to make the supply pipes large enough to give limited supplies for irrigation of market garden land and small orchards..."

Narre Warren, Hallam, Noble Park, Springvale, Clayton and even Dandenong were to be included. It was a brilliant scheme in its day, and the supply is still critically important, but events have left the original plans far behind.

The Beaconsfield reservoir held 200 million gallons (do your own conversion!) and the new Frankston Reservoir was to hold 180 million gallons more. About 20 million gallons could be stored outside Mornington.

Another 80 million gallons was to be stored near the naval base (I gather this became the Devil Bend Reservoir, but I'm not sure) so there would be a chance to store winter water for summer use.

There were plans to extend the aqueduct system to tap into the Tarago, too, long before the Blue Rock Dam was contemplated. The supply pipes started from Beaconsfield at 600mm diameter and gradually became smaller, to 300mm at the supply ends.

The Toomuc Creek was tapped first, by aqueduct to the Beaconsfield reservoir, to give a temporary supply. This water was reaching the Flinders naval base by mid-1919.

We didn't know as much about water then as we do now. We thought that we could keep on taking more and more water from country rivers to the urban areas. It is only now that we are realising the damage we have done and the changes we have wrought. There is, at the end of the day, only a certain amount of water available. If it is used up in one place, it cannot be used elsewhere as well.

The Murray is a classic. We are now putting water back into the Snowy instead of letting it down the Murray, but the Murray cannot now maintain enough flow to guarantee Adelaide's water supplies or to even keep its own mouth to the sea open. However, that is another story.

In 1919 we were confident we could change the land to suit our needs, and why not? We'd never even heard of salination back then, and the current demands on

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irrigation and domestic water supplies were unimaginable in those days.

It was in that spirit of confidence that a large group of dignitaries went off on 31 January 1919 to inspect the catchment area. Frank Groves, MLA, organised the trip and councillors from Cranbourne, Dandenong, Frankston, Hastings, Mornington and Moorabbin Shires made up most the crew. The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission sent three officers, the Dandenong Water Trust Commissioners came and a few members of Progress associations managed to tag along. There were about seventy on what became quite an expedition.

They all met at the Dandenong Town Hall at 9.00am and drove to Stacey's Hotel in Bunyip

along the Gippsland Road – it was not yet the Princes Highway and it was not yet sealed. "The cars sped along miles of dust roads and bush tracks in the State Forest of 29 square miles, which has been reserved and is to be the catchment area."

"The cars got over some rough tracks but all answered the test and the party was conveyed to the sawmill tram line."

Things got a little more awkward at this point. Timber trolleys were taken by the officials up to The Falls, but only one trolley arrived, and that could hold only about ten people. However, "a number of the excursionists set off on foot along the tram line, but the heat of the day and the long tramp of five miles was responsible for many 'harsh' expressions. Eventually they

all got to The Falls "thoroughly fagged out, but a cup of refreshing tea, and a sampling of the sparkling water available, with fruit and sandwiches, soon put all in a good humour again."

Mr Shaw, of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, presented a talk on the scheme, with a map, and everyone felt very optimistic. Their good humour was reinforced when enough timber trolleys were found from them not to have to walk back. When the cars were reached they all tucked into the hampers again, improving their spirits even further for the fifty-mile journey back to Dandenong.

It had been planned to visit the Beaconsfield Reservoir on the way back but time did not allow and everyone was back in Dandenong at about 8.30pm. After their walk and a few hours in the 'mountain air' of the Bunyip headwaters they were all going to sleep very well.

There was already some good thinking about the standard of the water supply. Melbourne has always had one of the world's best water supplies, in terms of quality if not in terms of quantity. The delegates expressed concern that there was an operating sawmill in the catchment, and this would be detrimental. Of course, it had been handy as a way of getting a ride back, but that is another matter.

The area was properly reserved. The scheme was completed. Millions of gallons of the Bunyip River flows went down to the summer-parched Peninsula year after year, and the Great Swamp water table began to drop steadily further from the surface. Now the scheme has been augmented by other supplies, but some of the environmental impacts are still being felt in summer on the Koo Wee Rup flatlands.

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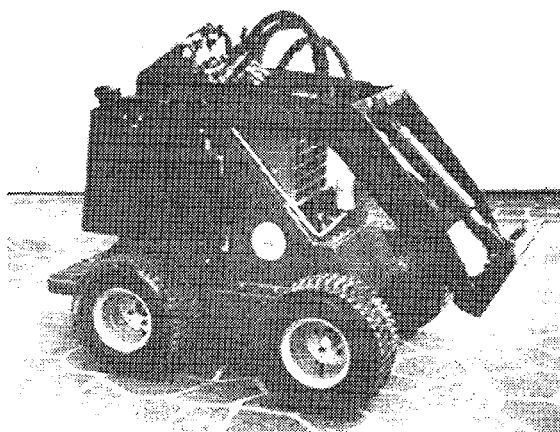
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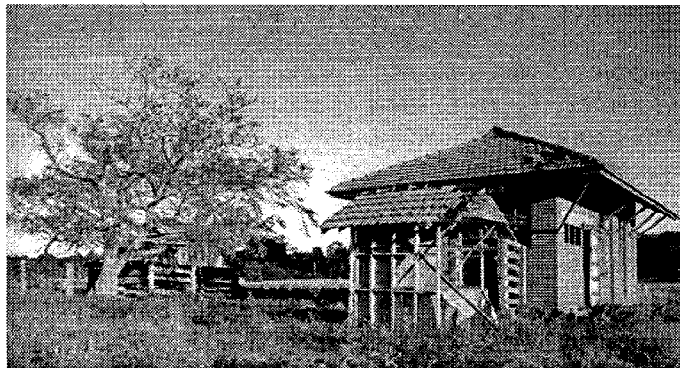
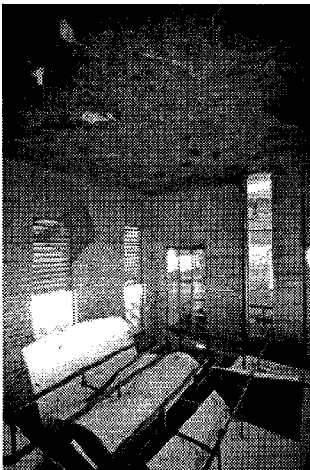
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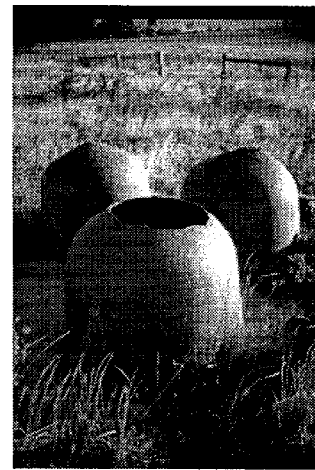


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Adelaide Loser

Two men tried to pull the front of an A.T.M. machine in Adelaide's Henley Street by running a chain from the machine to the bumper of their Toyota Land Cruiser, but instead of pulling the front panel off the machine they pulled the bumper off their 4WD. Scared off attracting attention from other traffic, they left the scene and drove home, with the chain still attached to the machine. Their bumper still attached to the chaine and the number plate attached to the bumper. No, the car wan't stolen!

BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

People often ask "What exactly do you do?" I often wonder myself; I have to think of what I or we have done in the last week or so. Doors are a specialty, fascia repairs often happen because oregon fascia boards rot at the corners. Windows rot and can be repaired. It is the painting season and we begin in earnest in December with two full interior repaints. We completed one just prior to my two week absence.

Usually at this time I am busy mowing the grass at home but this year the dryness is very worrying. I want to sell my big tractor mower because it is now too big for the job. It is an Iseki 320 4-wheel drive,

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In its foundation year the new Beaconhills Village Campus will offer a range of sporting and arts facilities to the local community of Berwick, including two all-weather ovals, in addition, the Village Campus will have a Performing Arts Centre, capable of seating up to 500 people, and a community Chapel. The Chapel has been designed as a small, intimate and sacred space for about 80 people. The Headmaster Mr Tony Sheumack explained that part of the plans for the community

chapel included "developing a Church or Faith Community which has its roots in the Beaconhills community". Both the Performing Arts Centre and the Chapel will have full multi-media capabilities including on-line access to the internet.

"We feel very proud and pleased to be able to contribute in this way to the Berwick community and look forward to welcoming various groups to Beaconhills College in our foundation year" Mr Sheumack said.

The Village Campus property, located on Kangan Drive, is bordered by the railway line and the Princes Freeway, and is located approximately 1.3km from the Berwick Railway Station and 0.8km from Beaconsfield Station. The Campus will commence in 2003 with Preparatory to Year 7 and will be a full Preparatory to Year 12 College by 2008.

Construction of the Campus is well underway with Stage 1 of the building program including:

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Head of the Junior School at the Village Campus, Mrs Jenny Williams, has been

with Beaconhills College for four years as a classroom teacher and Deputy Head of the Junior School at the College's Valley Campus in Pakenham. Mrs Williams has a passion for teaching and learning, having over 20 years experience in both the classroom and educational administration. She has a very keen interest in curriculum development and sees the opening of the Village Campus as an exciting new era in Beaconhills education.

Places are available in Year 7 at the Village Campus for 2003. For more information, call Kerrie Perry, Registrar on Telephone 5941 2655 or contact -

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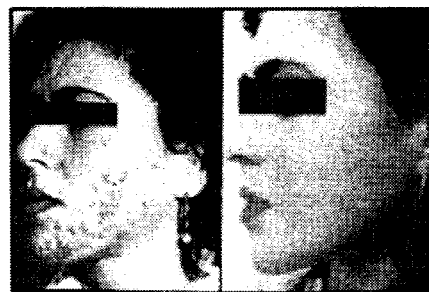


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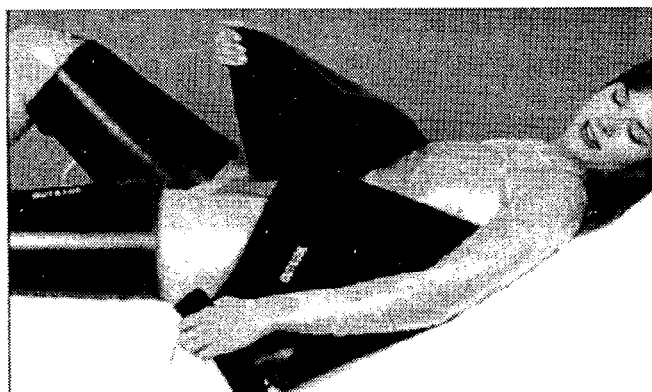
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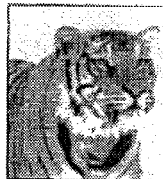
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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe McMaster, President

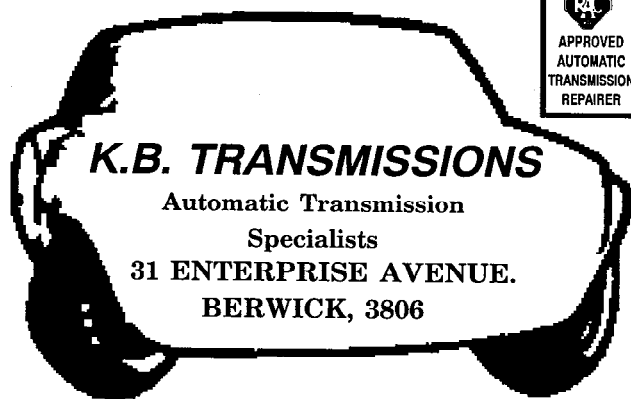
The season is well under way the club is fielding 5 senior teams A, B, C, E, F and a Masters team. Training is held Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The Juniors are going well and enjoying their cricket, there are two under 12's teams and they play Friday nights. The under 14's & 16's play Saturday mornings. Training is Wednesday nights at 4.30pm

Local businesses are invited to associate themselves with the club and benefit from its focus on the community by becoming sponsors.

Benefits are negotiable and sponsorship offers "in kind" are also more than welcome. The club encourages its members to support those who support the club, and can provide naming rights and other sponsorship options. For details contact Andrew Mercier on 9702 2350

We are a family based club, and new players are always welcomed, and players of all ages and levels are invited to come down for a game. The club hopes to provide an enjoyable atmosphere and host competitive cricket for the community of Beaconsfield.



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BERWICK BOWLING CLUB

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Berwick 1 men won their first away match of the season by four shots at Keilor and Berwick ladies held on to top position by downing Dandenong Club by a convincing 37 shots.

All but one of Berwick's 12 pennant sides tasted victory this past week with only the loss of Berwick 4 men preventing a perfect result.

Kay Burns skipped a great victory over former Commonwealth Games gold medallist, Marion Stevens (Dandenong Club) in her pennant match but lowered her colours to Jette Jans in the final of the

Ladies Singles Championship. Jette in only her third season is a comparative newcomer to lawn bowls as is Millie Murphy who defeated Doris Christoffersen in the final of The Minor Championship.

*New members always
welcome.*

Contact 9707 1524





BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

by Margaret Chatfield

I would like to wish everyone on behalf of the Beaconsfield Tennis Club a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

It's been a very productive year for the club with the club house painted, lights connected to the new courts 7 and 8, upgrading interior grounds with pathways, shrubs planted and numerous small jobs completed. Courts 5 and 6 to be reconstructed before Christmas.

MIDWEEK LADIES SPRING SEASON 2002

Lucky finalists are:

Tuesdays section - 2 red, 5 red and 8

Wednesday section - 1 red 3 and 4

Good luck ladies in your finals. Midweek Ladies Contact: Dawn Snelson on 9704 6852.

CLUB CHAMPIONS

Junior champions were held on the 10th November Results as follows:

A Grade Singles

Winner - Daniel Green

Runner Up - Chris O' Rouke

A Grade Doubles

Winner - Daniel Green and

Chris O' Rouke

Runners Up - Leigh Day and Ben White

B Grade Doubles

Winners - Montana

Grenfell and Jessica

Powell

Runners Up - Emily and

Luke Potter

C Grade Doubles

Winners - Anthony Potter

and Harley Crozier.

Runners Up - Meera Chandrananth and Michelle Reid.

With perfect weather conditions an enjoyable day was had by all. Unfinished championship: Boys and Girls singles and A Grade girl's singles. Results next year.

MONDAY MORNING SOCIAL HITTERS

We will start back on Monday 3rd of February 2003 at 9.30am. This is a flexible morning for ladies whom can't play every week. Members and Non-members welcome. Cost \$5.00 non-members only. If interested call Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

PENNANT WINTER 2003

Inquires contact: Adam Hurst on 9707 0562

Tuesday night unisex Doubles: contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

Thursday Night Mens A/B Singles / Doubles contact Ian Craig on 97074507.

Saturday Juniors enquiries to Lynne Day on 97074662 or Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

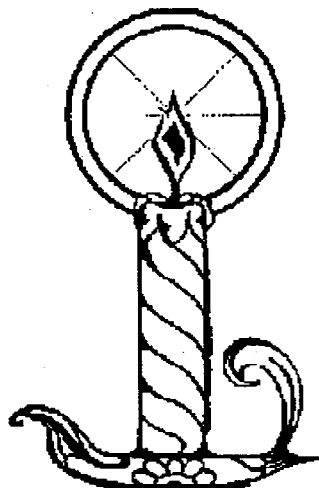
COURT HIRE enquiries contact: Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016

COACHING CLINICS

The B.T.C. is offering a range of programs over the Christmas/New Year break to everyone and every standard. They include:

- * Full Time Holiday Program
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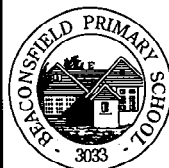
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Christmas Day	5 pm - 9pm
Boxin Day	2pm - 9pm

New Year Trading

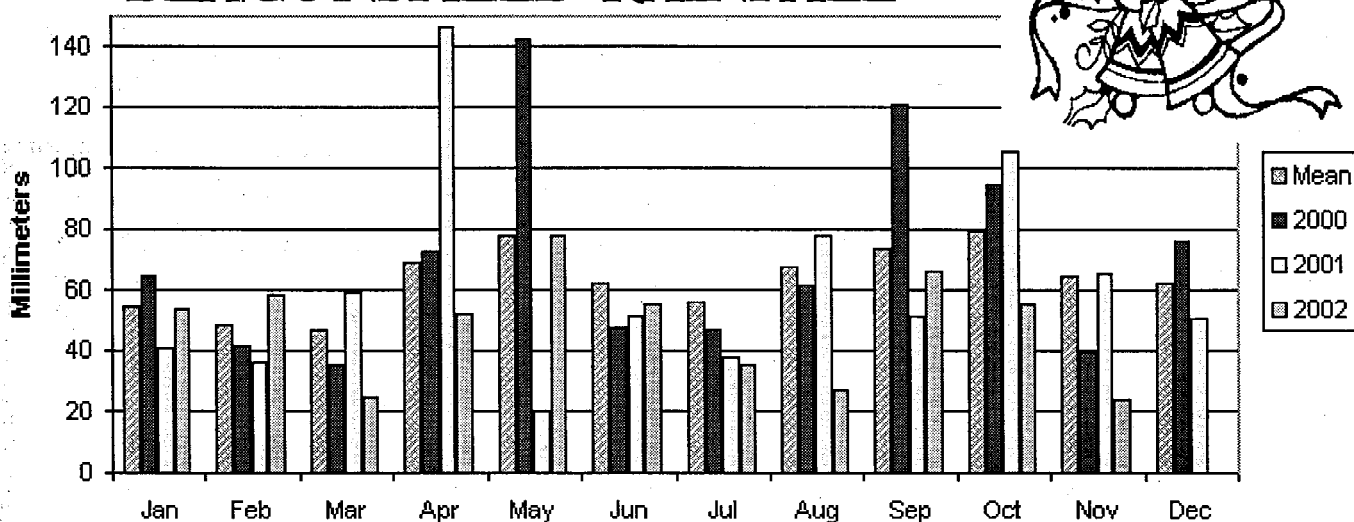
New Years Eve	12noon - 9pm
New Years Day	12 noon - 9pm

All other Days Normal trading 12noon - 9pm

We wish all our customers and friends a very Merry Christmas. Have a safe and happy New Year. All the best for the year 2003.

Margaret and Tom.

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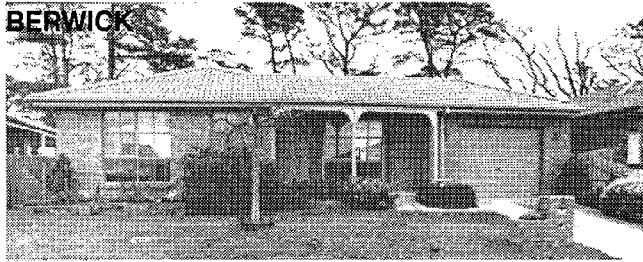
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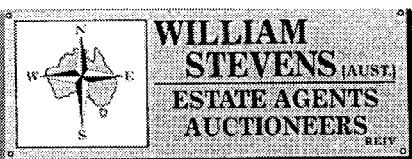


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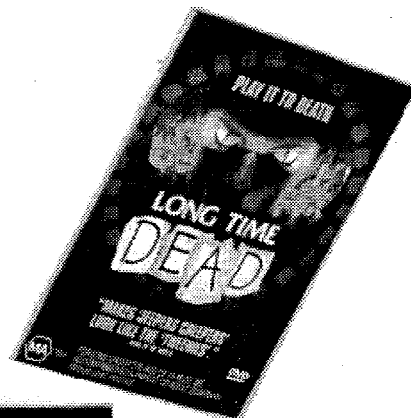
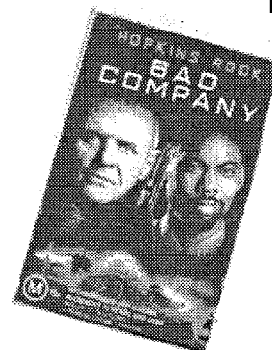
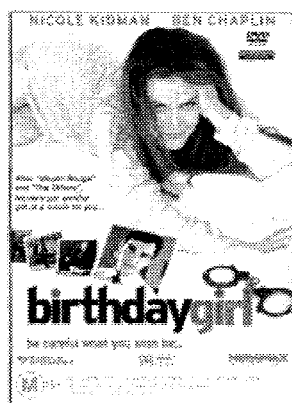
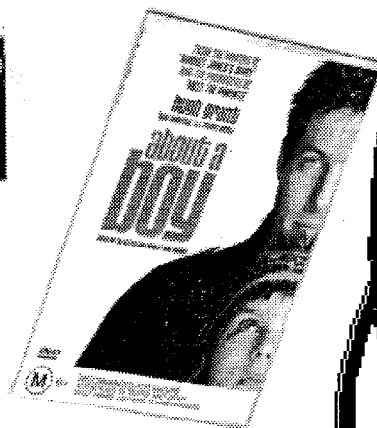
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