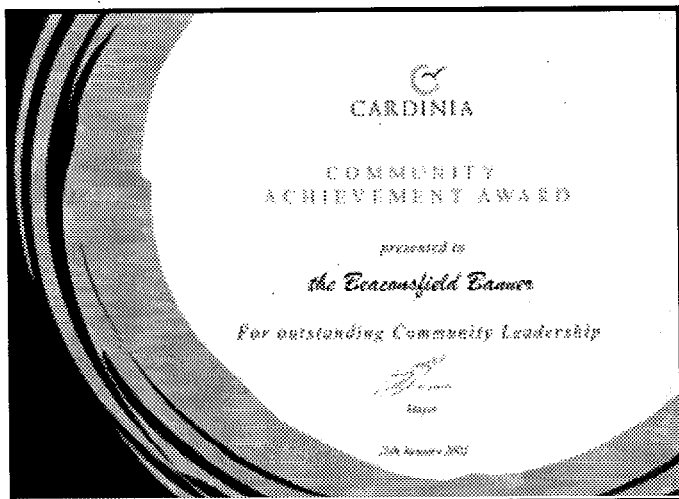


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COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR THE BEACONSFIELD BANNER

Beaconsfield Progress Association invites you to **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

The Beaconsfield Progress Association will hold a **"Meet the Candidates" night** at the **Beaconsfield Community Centre, Beaconsfield Ave, Beaconsfield** on **Tuesday 18th February 2003** commencing at **7.30pm**.

This will give the residents of the Beacon Hills, Pakenham and Edrington Ward an opportunity to meet those who are standing for election at the forthcoming Council Elections in mid March 2003. Election ballot papers will be forwarded by post to residents of the wards in the last week of February and voting closes on 14th March 2003.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves to the community and to discuss local issues with residents. The BPA encourages all residents to attend this important meeting and meet the candidates who seek to be elected to Council.

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"As introduction, this newsheet is hopefully the first of many to record news and views, brickbats and bouquets for the Beaconsfield community. Hopefully it may also become an advertiser"
February 1989

This was the opening paragraph of the very first one page (A4) of the Beaconsfield Banner.

The purpose then, as it is still today, was to be the official newsletter of the Beaconsfield Progress Association. A bi-monthly newsletter to inform the residents of Beaconsfield of what was happening within their town. Articles to record history reflect the views of the community, future developments, conservation and concern for the local environment, traffic, services, facilities and ongoing council information all relevant to Beaconsfield.

On Sunday 26th January at the Australia Day Celebrations at the Pakenham Racecourse we were proud to accept The Cardinia Community Achievement Award on behalf of everyone who has been involved since the first edition in February 1989.

The award is not for any one individual but for the team effort - no matter how small the contribution has been.

During the fourteen years there have been so many people who have contributed to the success of the Banner. A team of people who believe that community newsletters are a vital link in keeping the residents informed of local issues. Volunteers who have been the essential component of why the Beaconsfield Banner has survived and continues to flourish.

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A GREAT START FOR THE BANNER

We certainly have had a joyous start to 2003 with being presented with the Cardinia Achievement Award. I am also thrilled to be able to introduce 3 writers who will be contributing regular articles for the Banner.

We welcome to our writing team Sarah McDonald, a Beaconsfield resident and current year 12 student at Berwick Secondary College.

Last year Sarah received the Fiona Newman Award for excellence in creative writing. Sarah's interests are in the creative arts-theatre, music and writing. She hopes to teach English overseas.

Sean Harvey is a year twelve student at St. Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield. Following what is to be a very busy year ahead, Sean has set his sights on doing a journalism course after

traveling both Australia and through parts of Europe.

Sean interests include playing football for Berwick Football Club and playing the guitar. He is one of five children in his family and resides in the Beaconsfield area. We are delighted that Sean is joining our team.

We are just as pleased to welcome Megan Goodman to our team of writers. Megan has accepted a twelve month position as a Early Childhood English Teacher at China South Ocean Qingdao School. During this time Megan will correspond with the Banner.

I look forward to this year with great excitement as the Banner continues to flourish.

Regards,
Margaret Boon
Banner Co-ordinator

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee

I hope you all had a safe festive season and this issue of the Banner finds you all well. This is a very important time for all of the residents of Beaconsfield. Elections are looming and the next Progress Association meeting will be devoted to giving you the opportunity to meet your candidates. The town is effectively split into three with part of the town being in Casey represented by one ward. The Pakenham ward taking up the south side of Beaconsfield Avenue to the Princes Highway including the South side of Pakenham itself and the Beaconhills ward the balance of the town, Upper Beaconsfield

Dewhurst and Officer (Don't ask me I just live here!)

I sometimes feel like a wind up toy - my spring gets wound up and I am let loose jumping waving my arms and legs until I run out of puff in a futile expending of energy! Sadly being a voluntary representative can be like this some times. The elections are an opportunity for us as a community to elect someone that can make a real difference to our town.

We need someone that has energy, vision, passion and commitment to ensure we have a voice on our council and the people skills to get things done. It may be time for a fresh approach some new blood perhaps?

The needs of our community are changing rapidly as the population grows. I don't believe the Shire is responding quickly enough to many of these needs. Often community requirements are thought of when it is too late to do anything. If only we hadn't sold that piece of land. What if we'd done this instead of that. There are a lot of exciting initiatives that could be given priority but without the support of our elected representatives may come to nothing.

Please make your choice for your representative carefully. Much as I love expending energy for no effect (Not!) there are so many issues affecting our community that need to be addressed urgently.

For example:

- Traffic & Safety Issues
- Youth & Recreational Facilities
- Preservation of Historical Features
- Community Facilities

Please come along to our meeting on 18 February 2003 to hear and meet our candidates so you can make an informed choice as to who should represent your part of our town. See you there.

I have moved my office to 4 Kempson Walk, Berwick (McPhees Solicitors) and can be contacted there or on 9707 0590, or by email on bpa@beaconsfield.org.au



BANNER DEADLINE

17th March, 2003

ARTICLES WELCOME

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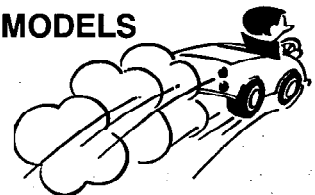
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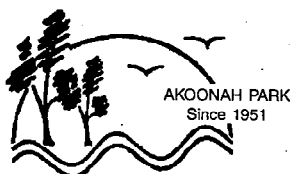
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CARDINIA

by Cr. Keith Ewenson

For the past three years I have been honoured to be one of the two Beacon Hills councilors to represent you. It has been a period of challenge and change. Many significant projects are close to fruition. The Cardinia Cultural Centre is about to be opened. The Council recently chose a tri directional policy, which reflects the desires of the Hills area, the Growth Corridor, and a rural theme for the fertile plains. As an ongoing project we have been working for the improvement of local matters with other levels of government, for example the Pakenham Bypass to mention but one.

During the last year it was my pleasure to represent the Council as Mayor of this municipality. In that capacity I was able to share in the activities of many community organisations, Senior Citizen Groups, Community Centres, Fire Brigades, Schools, and Boy Scouts etc. All these Community Groups represent an amazing contribution by local people.

My other activities included, launching books, opening an agricultural show, reading children's story at the library, declaring the Cardinia Ranges Farmers Market an official event, opening art shows, attending the annual local government conference, welcoming HRH Prince Edward to Cardinia and attendance at Queen's Hall Parliament House for a number of receptions. All this was achieved while maintaining the main role as Chairman of Council and Council committees.

It has been my pleasure to represent you in this period, and I thank you for the opportunity.

I will be offering myself as a candidate in the forthcoming elections in March. As you would be aware the Shire Ward boundaries have been redrawn requiring only one council representative per ward. At this stage I anticipate contesting Toomuc Ward, which will be the eastern part of what is now Beacon Hills.

ASH WEDNESDAY 20TH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 11.30AM

To be held at Keith Ewenson Park (at the rear of the Upper Beaconsfield Hall) Melways Ref: 210 J12

An invitation is extended to, all past and present residents of Upper Beaconsfield, Officer, Guys Hill, Beaconsfield, Dewhurst, Toomuc Valley and Harkaway, past and present CFA volunteers and their families and all helpers who assisted our communities' recovery, to our Ash Wednesday 20th Anniversary Remembrance.

Followed by lunch - Tea, coffee, and sausage sizzle will be provided. BYO rugs/chairs, picnic lunch if desired.

**PLEASE LET OTHERS KNOW OF THIS EVENT AND
EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THEM TO ATTEND.**



BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Emma Johnson

SUMMER! SUMMER! SUMMER

With fires burning all over the state, CFA fire fighters are doing their best to cope with the approach of what we are led to believe will be a long HOT HOT summer.

Beaconsfield have sent numerous crews to Sale, Lysterfield, and Omeo to help with the bushfires these regions are experiencing.

We urge all residents to be prepared and to have a PLAN! Decide well in advance whether you will stay or leave. Make sure you plan what you are going to do if you stay, and if you leave make sure your family and friends know where to contact you.

STICK TO YOUR PLAN!!!
Don't try to get out or come back at the last minute.

If you need any further information in regards to fire restrictions, total fire ban days or ways you can prepare you can contact or call into the fire Station on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm or Sunday Mornings 9.30am - 12.00pm.

UP DATE ON THE NEW TANKER!

We still need YOUR help!

Due to the current fire season the brigade found it necessary to secure the purchase of a tanker. To do this it required the brigade to obtain a short term loan

that needs to be repaid in the near future.

To achieve the repayments we are again running a raffle (see details below), Bazaar sale in April (Date to be advised) and various other fundraising events that will be advised as the time draws nearer.

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Tractors for the donation of the Chainsaw and to Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware for the donation of the drill. Thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The brigade would like to congratulate their member Aaron Johnson, who graduated from the CFA Fiskville training college as a Career Fire Fighter on January 10th 2003. Congratulations AJ!!

Aaron is currently stationed at Frankston, which has allowed him to respond to many calls already, main calls being The Frankston fires (on his first 2 days!) to the Omeo region, Cerberus Navy Base and beyond.

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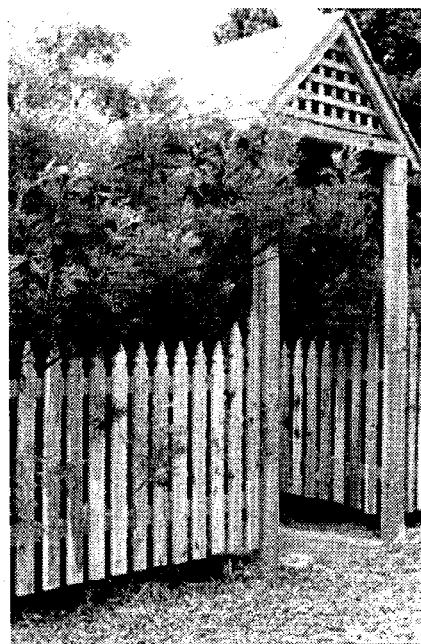
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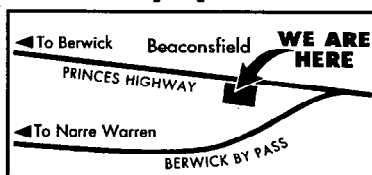
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As we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Banner in 1999, Ted Horton wrote "... With the enormous growth in population happening in the area it will be interesting to see how the Banner does develop or whether it does get swallowed up by commercial interests"

The township is rapidly growing and the characteristics of the community are changing. However a newsletter like the 'Banner' is of upmost importance to help keep the Beaconsfield residents informed. A common link - support system, to help 'mould' the community together - old with the new.

From those humble beginnings, fourteen years ago, when the first one page newsletter was distributed, to the current 40 pages, every Banner produced has been bought about by a willing and dedicated team.

No sooner a Banner 'hits the letterboxes' work begins on the next edition. This involves a sequence of events - discussion of possible feature articles, contact advertisers and contact writers from various sources eg. Sporting clubs, local organisations and local identities. Our efforts are supported by our local councillors with a contribution of up to date information relevant to Beaconsfield.

After our writers have completed their task the typist and typesetter set to work - placing articles, photographs, advertising and adding 'local humour and chatter' about the people of town, which all highlight the importance of variety and local content.

At this point the proofreaders 'swing into action', as timing with the printer is at a premium. Our printer requires time to print and fold the 2000 copies, now in A3 format, in time for the next enthusiastic group of volunteers. Anything up to 15 pairs of willing hands, young and not so young, help collate the individual pages to accomplish the final product - the Beaconsfield Banner.

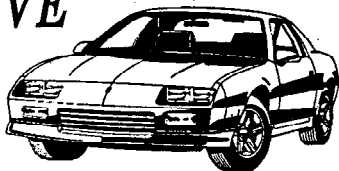
Distribution of the Banner is mainly via 'leg walkers', to not only the township, but to outer lying areas such as Mt Misery.

If it were not for the tireless contribution of a lot of volunteers and the financial support received from our local advertisers, it would not be possible to maintain the high standard that we have set ourselves. It would not have been possible to continually, over the 14 years, to improve the quality of our newsy publication or to reach the homes of so many Beaconsfield residents. Well done on a great achievement.



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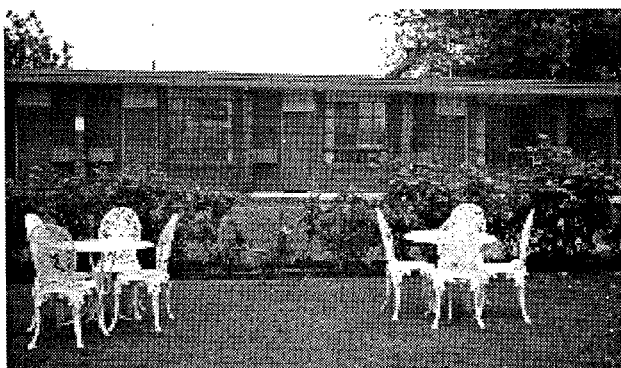
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YOUTH STUFF...

by Sean Harvey

Its that time again...

Its that time of year again where we see everyone heading back to school. This comes as a new and sometimes daunting experience for not only some kids but also their parents. For those kids starting year seven either at the new St. Francis Xavier campus or the new Beacon Hills campus we wish you all luck and hope you take full advantage of your new facilities. For the younger kids starting grade prep we also wish you all the luck in the world.

In this weeks Herald Sun some people may have seen local boy and the newest Port Adelaide draftee, Steven Salopek has started at his new school, Adelaide's Mount Carmel College. Steven will be studying over two years and we wish him, along with all his peers here at St. Francis Xavier College Beaconsfield good luck.

The year has just begun, but before we know it, preps will be grade ones and year twelve's will be sitting end of year exams.

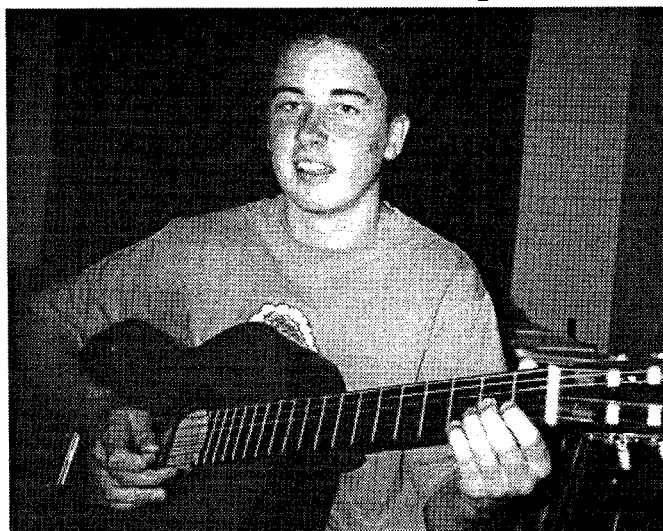
Between now and then however, all our local schools promise to be full of wonderful and exciting opportunities and events.

Local Students represent Australia...

During the week ending January 30th, Simon Van Dam, Jennifer Randle, Amanda Peters and Sean Harvey, all year twelve students from St. Francis Xavier College, received letters in the mail inviting them to take part in a Global Youth Conference in the United States.

They will join four hundred other students from around the world and discuss several different issues. The whole conference is led by the United Nations and workshops will be held in places as prestigious as The White House.

This is a very exciting event for all those involved and they will not doubt be calling on our community to support fundraisers that will hopefully gather funds sufficient enough to send them to Washington D.C this coming June.



Sean Harvey relaxes before starting his Year 12 studies.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

BEACONSFIELD DIVIDED INTO THREE WARDS

Three wards will encompass parts of Beaconsfield. BeaconHills and PakenhamWards as part of Cardinia Shire and Edrington Ward in the Shire of Casey.

The western end of the Pakenham Ward starts at the viaduct, then everything south of Beaconsfield Ave.,

continuing to Princes Highway and up to Brunt road, along Brunt road to Rix Rd onto Pakenham.

Therefore the Beaconsfield Community Centre, St. Francis Xavier, Kenilworth Ave., Desmond Court area and Panorama Estate are all now within the Pakenham Ward.

Nominations officially open on 6th February and close on 11th February for the forthcoming council elections. Election ballot papers will be forwarded by post to residents of the wards in the last week of February and postal voting closes on 14th March 2003.

The Banner is a non-politically aligned or biased

newsletter however we will continue to be politically informative.

The Banner contacted those people that had already indicated their intentions of standing for election, as at 1/02/03, and offered them the opportunity to write to the Beaconsfield residents.

BEACON HILLS WARD

CHERYL BILLING SMITH

I have lived in the Cardinia Shire for 18 years and I am standing in the Beaconhills Ward. I am keen to provide fresh, fair, balanced and open leadership to the changes that are occurring in our Shire. The Beaconhills Ward has unique and sensitive environments, I believe that together we can have a say as to how future development occurs.

I am committed to -

1. Real, open, meaningful community consultation,
2. A better road repair strategy,
3. Improved maintenance in our parks and gardens,
4. A genuine rethink to community & youth services delivery,
5. Ensuring that needs of ratepayers are reflected in Council Policies,
6. Ensuring Staff carry through on Council Policies,
7. Linking bicycle tracks throughout the whole shire,
8. Development of a community farm to provide work, educational & recreational opportunities for all residents.

I have diverse personal experiences and an acute understanding of community development with over 20 years commitment to

community in disability services, local government, Aged Health Care, and Tertiary Education. I support strengthening community infrastructure, business & tourism groups and expanding landcare.

I want local jobs for local people. I am a strong advocate for local businesses, always shopping locally. I am employed locally supervising a work for the dole programme, I also provide community consultancy & research.

I support the establishment of Neighbourhood Centres in new residential developments. I have involvement in Council's Disability Advisory & Issues Group, Cardinia Community Arts, Yakkerboo and the Save the Beaconsfield Reservoir Group. I have significant qualifications - a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and Media), with studies in community development.

I am willing, keen and eager to listen to all ratepayers' concerns and approaches about Beaconhills issues.

**COUNCIL MUST LISTEN &
RESPOND TO THE NEEDS
OF THEIR BEACONHILLS
COMMUNITY**

BEACON HILLS WARD

GLORRAINE HARDY

Hi, my name is Glorraine Hardy. A few of you may know me from my association with the Beaconsfield Scouts for 10 years, Secretary of Beaconsfield Progress Association for 5 years, Co-ordinator of the Beaconsfield Banner and President of the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

I have been, and will continue to be, a lobbyist in relation to a wide range of issues important to the community. I have thoroughly enjoyed living in Beaconsfield with my son for the last 14 years.

I believe in:-

1. Volunteerism
2. One person can make a difference
3. Speaking out even though you may think it will not make a difference
4. Good Governance
5. Families

I have been working in the legal profession for 30 years and as my 19 year old son lives in Geelong, attending university, I now have more time to commit to issues that concern my family and the community and therefore intend standing for election as a Councillor at the elections in March 2003.

I ask you to consider where you believe your local council will use its resources for the betterment of its residents.

Glorraine Hardy
Phone 9796 1361

**Beaconsfield Progress Association
invites you to
MEET THE CANDIDATES
at Beaconsfield Community Centre
18th February, 2003
7.30pm**



BEACON HILLS WARD

TED OWEN

Dear Readers,

I have been privileged and happy to have represented you on Council for many years, and I write to inform you that I will be renominating for the position of councillor for the Beaconsfield Ward of the Cardinia Shire.

If elected again I will continue to ensure that the best interest of the majority of the Beaconsfield residents will be attended to. I am married with four children who have grown up in this area, and I am concerned

with the future development of the Shire as it has a direct affect on many families as well as my own.

I was a major team player in many of the Shire of Pakenham's, and later Cardinia Shire's achievements. I have obtained extensive experience which included two terms as Shire President. During this time I served on a variety of different shire committees and have the background knowledge of shire finance, welfare administration, planning and corporate objectives.

I have had contact with many residents and understand their problems and aspirations. My residence is centrally located in the Beaconsfield Ward.

If I am re-elected I will continue to support individual people with problems, organisations and businesses within the Shire and I ask readers to contact me if they have any specific problems or proposals which will assist me in forming objectives and policies that will be effective in helping me help you if I am re-elected.

Some of my policies and objectives for Beaconsfield include:

1. Local road improvement plan including support to seal O'Neil Road and Kenilworth Avenue; Support for the Pakenham bypass; Intersection improvement at Princess Highway and; traffic lights at Brunt Road.
2. Sensible planning to protect the environment, and to ensure that Beaconsfield's

growth is controlled so necessary infrastructure is provided.

3. Support for Beaconsfield strategy plan to ensure that it maintains its village character with a rural interface.

4. Continued support for Beaconsfield's small businesses, organisations and sporting groups.

5. A second full size oval for Beaconsfield and completion of the new Community complex.

Finally, I believe that it is important that an experienced councillor is returned to ensure that rate payers expectations of council are preserved and that our rights as rate payers are not eroded. I thank you for your past and continuing support of me. For any advice or personal interview I can be contacted by phone on 59432374 or 0419 524 777.

Yours faithfully,
Ted Owen.

BEACON HILLS WARD

GARRY RUNGE

As I indicated in December, I have been a member of the Victoria Police for 26 years during which time I have served the community on a daily basis. As a Detective Senior Sergeant in the Ethical Standards Department, I investigate the professional behaviour of police officers. My current position is one which requires the highest level of integrity in the Victoria Police. My professional background in the management of staff and resources has provided me with a unique understanding in how to deal with people and this is one of the greatest attributes I will be able to bring to Council.

I have lived in Upper Beaconsfield, Berwick and now Beaconsfield, where my wife Sue and I enjoy the atmosphere of a rural township. My two boys went

to school at Upper Beaconsfield Primary and Beaconsfield College, where my eldest son was the School Captain in his final year. The boys were involved in Cubs and Scouts at Upper Beaconsfield and were also actively involved in both junior and senior cricket and football in the area.

I am active in the local community and as I am the current President of the Beaconsfield Community Centre and the Secretary of the Beaconsfield Progress Association. The two positions have given me a unique opportunity to meet with residents of the ward and to become familiar with the issues that impact on us all.

The Beacon Hills ward has a wonderful feeling about it and I believe it is important to maintain that rural feeling throughout the area which

covers Beaconsfield, Guys Hills, Upper Beaconsfield, Officer, Dewhurst and Toomuc. Development is important to the ward but not at the expense of destroying the sense of community safety and rural atmosphere.

My greatest concerns for the ward are those of safety, development and maintaining that rural feeling. I will strive to develop safe roads, bike paths and recreational areas for the use of the families in the area. I will work towards developing and planning the ward for the benefit of the residents, not just the developers. I will also work towards retaining that important rural feeling that we all cherish so much.

I believe that elected local officials have a responsibility to those who elect them and are required to maintain the highest levels of integrity. As a local

Councillor I intend representing each and every resident in the ward and provide leadership for the Community.

These next elections come at a vital time for the Cardinia Shire. The construction of the Pakenham By-Pass, the Beaconsfield Community Complex and the need for recreational grounds means that many important decisions have to be made in the best interests of the ward. I look forward to representing the residents of the Beacon Hills ward and to develop the ward for the benefit of everyone.



PAKENHAM WARD

BILL RONALD

Bill Ronald is passionate about his community, a third generation Pakenham resident, he has shown his commitment to the Beaconsfield and Officer area over the last three years as a Cardinia Shire Councillor.

He has continually worked hard for ratepayers and residents responding to their needs and addressing future requirements. His community involvement extends across all age groups, however being married with two young children, he particularly appreciates the difficulties facing young families, and is committed to giving all residents a voice at the council table.

He strives to return local governments powers and functions and responsibilities to the community it purports to represent.

The reason bill was elected back onto council in march 2000, was so he could put the community back into local government with a strong experienced voice and presence at the council table, effectively auditing the council administration.

Bill has always been prepared to tackle the smallest concerns of residents, right through to the most major issues in a thorough and determined manner.

For strong, energetic, experienced and personal representation, Vote 1 Bill Ronald.

EDRINGTON WARD

NEIL LUCAS

Neil Lucas, candidate for the Edrington Ward of the City of Casey has had a long association with Local Government and the community in the Berwick/Beaconsfield area.

Neil and his family have lived in Berwick for more than 30 years, from the time Neil was appointed to an executive position at the Shire Offices in Pakenham. Neil holds tertiary qualifications in Local Government and studied management at the University of Canberra. Neil rose through the ranks to become Chief Executive of the former City of Berwick and Victorian President of the Institute of Municipal Management. He was awarded the Order of Australia Public Service Medal on Australia Day 1995

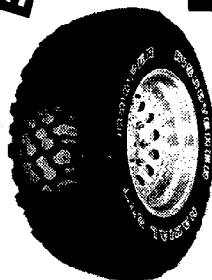
for his work in Local Government and the community.

Neil has served in a wide range of positions including board/council member Berwick Primary School, St. Margarets School, and Casey (now Chisom) TAFE. Neil has chaired and been a member of a number of local committees including Arch Brown Reserve Committee, Edwin Flack Memorial Committee, Berwick-Pakenham Police Community Committee, Southern Health Community Advisory Committee. He is the Deputy Chairman of South East Palliative Care, member of Rotary, the National Trust Fundraising Committee for retaining Berwick Primary site as a Park and Friends of Wilson Botanic Park.

Neil was a member of Parliament for nearly 7 years but is a strong believer that politics should not get involved in local government – he is standing as an independent candidate. Neil has worked for the Beaconsfield area in supporting the Pakenham By Pass, improving the intersection of Beaconsfield – Berwick Rd, with the Princes Highway and seeking action from Police and Council regarding speeding traffic in town.

Neil has the time and energy to devote to serving as a Councillor and seeks support for his election to the Edrington Ward.

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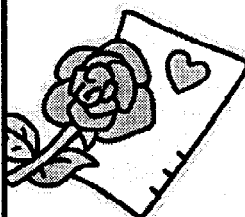
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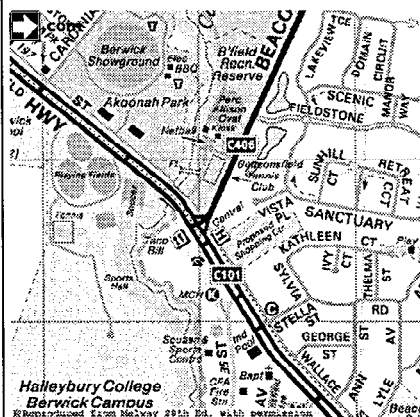
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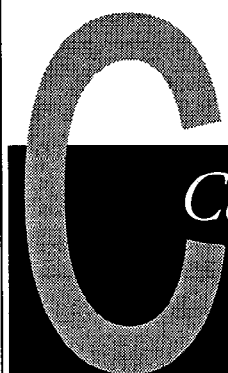
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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

Do you enjoy collecting and trying new recipes and wonder what is the recipe for something really delicious you have tried?

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We have recipes for preserves, confectionery, biscuits, slices, muffins, donuts, teacakes, cakes, desserts, dips, savouries, salads, sauce, soups, vegetarian delights, fish, chicken meals and meat meals. As you will note, we have a wide range of recipes to suit all tastes.

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Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group and we meet every Wednesday 10am-12 noon during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy.

Everyone is welcome to come along. We resume Wed. 5th February and we have some lovely crafts planned, including embroidery, candlewicking, stamping, scrapbooking, ribbon flowers, glass art and floral art. A special highlight will be a footstool pincushion with Maggie.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Details from Ann 9707 1996

As a taste treat, we provide a biscuit recipe:

MILK CHOCOLATE COCONUT DREAMS

125g butter melted
1 tsp. vanilla essence
½ cup castor sugar
1 egg
11/2 cups SR flour
2tbsp cocoa
½ cup coconut
125g milk melts
1 cup coconut extra

- Cream butter, essence, sugar and egg
- Stir in sifted flour, cocoa, then coconut.

- Roll 2 level teaspoons of dough into a ball and place onto a greased oven tray
- Repeat with remaining mixture, allowing about 5 cm between biscuits.
- Bake in a mod. Oven for 15 mins, or until lightly browned.
- Cool on a cake rack.
- Dip tops of biscuits into Milk Melts then extra coconut, stand until set.

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BEACONSFIELD IN CASEY RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP (B.I.C.R.A.G.)

by Ray Fleming, Spokesperson.

As we all know the Manuka-Soldiers Road extension is urgently needed now. The present access via the viaduct and Soldiers Road with heavy vehicles using unsealed Kenilworth Avenue has been hopelessly inadequate for the development already in our area. With future development such as schools, hospitals and increase in housing currently underway adding to an already chaotic traffic situation, this highlights the urgent need to have this Manuka-Soldiers Road extension built now.

The bridge over the railway is the big hurdle. Estimates from Casey Council put the cost of the bridge at \$5,000,000. We need a grant from the State Government to help towards the cost. Dale Wilson, State Lower house member for Narre Warren South with Tammy Lobato, Lower House Member for Gembrook is giving us full support. B.P.A. and B.I.C.R.A.G. will form a delegation from both groups and prepare a submission to be presented to Peter Batchelor, Minister of Transport at a meeting to be arranged by Dale Wilson. We think the meeting will be sometime in March. We also have support from Eumemmering Upper House members Gordon Rich-Phillips and Adam Somyuek. With our submission we invite all residents to get

in touch with us with your views and ideas about the extension. This will help us to put in a thorough submission.

With the sound barriers on freeway, Vic Roads has acknowledged that the barriers through noise testing are needed. We have been told that we are high on the priority list and we have in our campaign highlighted the safety, privacy and noise issues, we will continue to push for immediate funding as the safety issue alone with children crossing the freeway warrants the barriers to be built now.

With the speeding problem in Soldiers Road we would like residents (in Soldiers Road) to get in touch with B.I.C.R.A.G. and give us their views on whether the action Casey Council has done in regards to speeding has had an impact or not. We will take this matter further if it is proven that the speeding problem still exists. The ultimate solution is to have Manuka Road-Soldiers Road extension take all through traffic away and leave the viaduct and Soldiers Road (in Beaconsfield) to local residents.

B.I.C.R.A.G. extends an invitation to residents living in Casey area of Beaconsfield to join our group.
Ray Fleming, 0407 530 037

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBER FOR GEMBROOK

Thank you to all those who have sent me their congratulations since my election to Parliament as the Member for Gembrook. There was an overwhelming vote for the Bracks Government, and I am thrilled and privileged to be representing the people of this area. There are many important issues that need to be addressed and that I am currently working on. Any feedback is welcome and can be directed to me at:

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The search is on for an office within my electorate and I will let you know as soon as I have a new address. Best wishes for a safe and happy 2003.

Tammy Lobato MP



FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

by Shane Hester

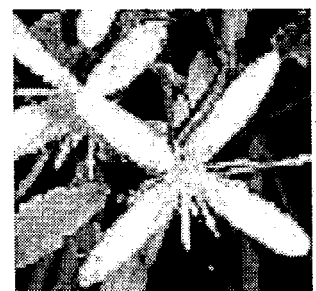
The Flora and Fauna Sanctuary, like most gardens are showing signs of stress due to this record breaking dry spell. Some of the trees are starting to drop limbs and shed more bark than usual, small saplings are beginning to wilt and even the Bracken is beginning to brown off. The plants from last years planting projects are also beginning to struggle due to lack of water. The water level in the creek is very low at the moment, lower than I've seen in my lifetime.

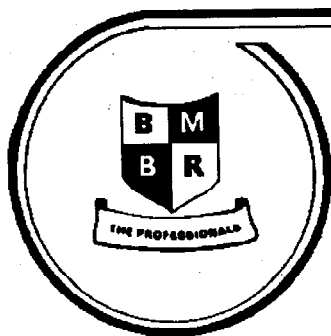
Despite the lack to rain, nature continues to throw up surprises. The Clematis is in full flower at the moment. The Clematis is a vigorous climber that attaches it to shrubs and trees to support it as it grows. The flowers are produced in masses along the stems and are a star shaped creamy white. Following the flowers are the feathery seed heads that gives it its other name of Old Man's Beard.

In the home garden, Clematis looks great planted on the back fence or trained to a single wire over the verandah or garden arch.

Sunday the 2nd of March is Clean up Australia Day. Anyone interested in participating can join us at the car park on Sunday morning around 9.00am. We will be concentrating on the roadsides and the creek itself. Contact Shane on 0407874143 for more information.

The Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary meet on the 4th Sunday of each month at the car park at Holm Park Rd at 9.00am. Anyone is welcome and morning tea is provided.





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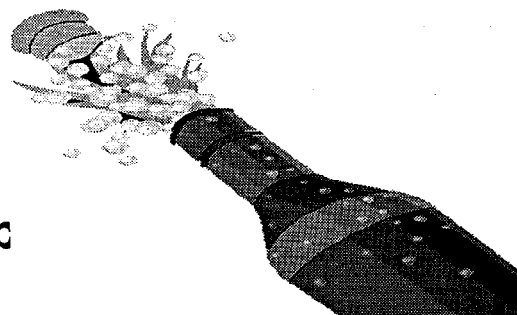
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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman

Mangoes, marvelous mangoes, alas soon to disappear from our Greengrocers shelves. They must be one of our top ten fruits. Recently we were served a delicious mango and chinese black bean salad, an unusual and delicious combination. The shinny black and gold appearance just lifted our expectations to a high point and we were not disappointed - wet, cool and flavoursome (see recipe). A perfect foil to our bbq'd chicken. The preserved chinese black beans are available at most asian grocers and come in a small plastic bag and require washing to remove the packaging salt. About \$1.00 for 250gm. Anne and I have now tried this several times and look for an excuse to try again.

Strangers Corridor in Parliament House is now open to members of the public on non -sitting days for lunch or high tea, ring 9651 8944 or 9651 8287 for reservations. It is a lovely olde world setting.

Up at Sassafras local Berwick girl Carlyne Deutcher has opened Ripe Café at 376 Mt Dandenong Rd, ph 9755 2100. Don't be disappointed, ring before going. Two of Melbournes well known chefs are preparing innovative and interesting casual dishes, baguettes, cakes and slices.

My salad of ox cheek and coleslaw wrapped in a cold crepe was delicious, as was the panforte and coffee. Go Carlyne.

March is almost upon us and Melbourne just hums with wine and food for the whole month, look for the two course lunches with a glass of wine at over 30 restruants and cafes, around \$20. The list will appear in our daily papers on a Tuesday early March or maybe late Feb. Book early as the best locations go within days.

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See page 19 for Mango and Black Bean Salad.

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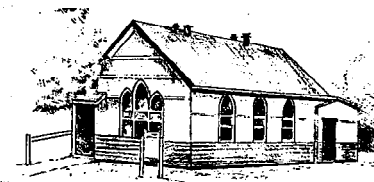
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EXPERIENCE CHINA

by Megan Goodman

"How come I've never heard of it?" is a question I hear a lot when I tell people I'm going to live in a city, in China, of over 7 million people. Qingdao, in North East China is a beautiful port city on the Yellow Sea, famous for its Tsingtao brewery and German architecture. By the time you read this article I will have made it my home for the next 12 months.

I'm going to China for two reasons. Firstly, to work as an English teacher, and secondly to fulfill a dream to traveling in this amazing country. I am the new Oral English teacher at the South Ocean School in Qingdao. I'll be teaching 3 to 6 year old children at a private boarding school that is, apparently, the only Chinese private school recognized by the Chinese Government. Teaching in Qingdao will consist of 16 to 20 lessons a week. Each lesson only runs for 40 minutes so fortunately, for me, I will have plenty of time to explore the surrounding areas and make huge improvements with my very basic grasp of Mandarin. In addition to this, students return to their homes once a month for 5 days allowing the foreign teachers at the school, of which I am one of seven, to travel. My aim is to not only see the famous landmarks such as the Great Wall and the Terracotta Soldiers in Xi'an, but to also get onto the back roads and see things

that the privilege of an extended stay in a country allows.

Qingdao is situated in the province of Shandong, and is considered to be one of the most beautiful parts of China. Well-loved by the Chinese for its golden beaches and mild climate, Qingdao has an interesting recent history. In the late 19th century the Germans occupied Qingdao. During their short stay of 17 years they dramatically influenced the look of the city with the building of European style houses and government offices. Later, the Japanese forces moved in and controlled the city, on and off, until 1949 when liberation came at the hands of the Chinese Liberation Army.

So I head off with the promise of living 100 metres from the beach, the chance to learn a new language and the opportunity to experience a culture that dates back 6000 years. I look forward to sharing with you the sights, smells and sounds of this country as it continues to open its doors to the world.





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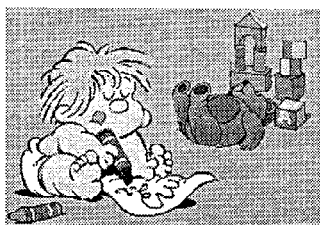
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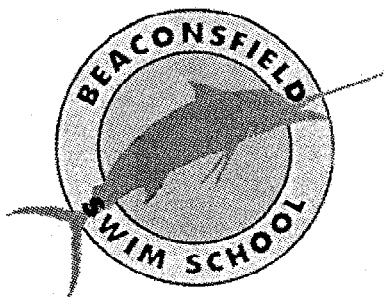
Proposed government reforms to be effective from 1st July 2003 will simplify document lodgement and compliance procedures for proprietary limited companies. The reforms are part of the Government's Corporations Law Economic Reform Program Bill No 7 (CLERP 7). Key features of the reforms are:

1. Annual returns will be abolished (20002 Annual Returns must still be lodged)
2. The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) will give each company an Annual Statement based on the date of registration. It will include a "statement of details" to review and changes to be notified within 28 days of the review date.
3. An annual review fee will be payable within 2 months of the review date. It is anticipated that this annual review fee will be the same as for a company at present i.e. approx. \$200
4. Changes to company details must be notified to ASIC throughout the year as they occur, otherwise late lodgement fees will apply.
5. The notification period for most changes will increase from 14 to 28 days.
6. One form (Form 484) must be used to notify a wide range of changes including:
 - registered office and principal place of business
 - officeholder details
 - members
 - share structure
 - ultimate holding company.
7. Proprietary companies will have new reporting requirements for issued shares, members and ultimate holding details.

Whilst these long awaited changes relieve the lodgement of Annual Returns has extended the time period to notify changes and simplified the reporting of changes, the responsibility for promptly notifying changes and the payment of fees and late lodgement penalties are substantially the same as previously.

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SALLY'S GARDEN

Let us all start the new year of 2003 with new & fresh ideas for our gardens.

Autumn is the time to plan & prepare for the rose garden. Roses like at least 5 hours of full sun to ensure plentiful blooms. Enrich poor soils with good garden compost & manure, & work it all well into the soil. Fresh manure needs a couple of months to rot down before the roses are planted to prevent damage to the new root systems as they develop.

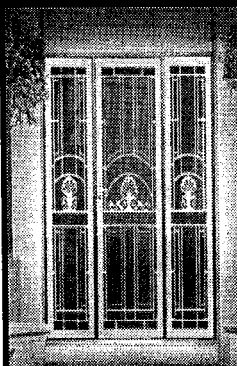
Autumn is an ideal time to take cuttings. Place cuttings in a pot of potting mixture to ensure a strong growth before planting them in the garden. If you know the name of the rose, name the cutting so you can identify the cutting & know where to plant it when ready.

There are so many magnificent roses to grow, so be adventuresome & try growing some that have a different appearance & appeal.

The "Wingthorn Rose" (*Rosa serica pteracantha*) is a tall angular shrub rose which becomes stiff & rugged with age. Its older wood is brown, with numerous fawny vicious thorns, & will reach a height of 3m., if left unpruned. Kept to much lower proportions, its most ornamental features which are displayed in the new cherry-red shoots with wing like thorns along their length. The fern-like small dark green leaves are hairy on their undersides. The flowers are about 4cm across and compose of only four white petals grown on the stem and at the base of the leaves, appearing in late Spring and flowering through summer.

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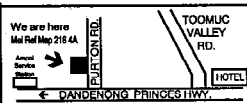
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JOAN ARMITAGE ENCOURAGES YOUNG WRITERS

by Sarah McDonald

Iris Lewis is the pseudonym (pen name) of Joan Armitage (wife of the early printer of the Beacy Banner) who produced numerous articles over the past years. Having lived in Beaconsfield for nearly 40 years, she and her husband, George, have made a valuable contribution to community.

When they first moved to the town, some 37 years ago, Beaconsfield was no more than open paddocks, a small post office and butcher, general store, grocers, a plant shop and newsagent. There weren't any take-away shops and the Baptist Church was actually the Yellow Rose of Texas café.

Joan has been an actress, editor, teacher, musician, callisthenics instructor, artist, author, podiatrist and mother in her 86 years. A struggling family, they lived through World War 2 - bombing of Britain (a landmine dropped into their backyard in

Birmingham) and they travelled to Australia with their two sons in 1955 on the Strathnavar.

1965 saw Joan's greatest loss (her son Antony died in a tragic road accident, aged 17) and her greatest achievement (finding her sister after 48 years). Having been orphaned at the age of one and living in orphanages and foster care for the early part of her life, Joan had never really known her family.

Joan recalls the harder times with fondness 'As long as you've got love, that's everything'. For their first years in Beaconsfield Joan and George lived off the meagre income of her paintings, which she sold at the local hotel each month. Joan now paints for enjoyment; her Vernon Road home adorned with paintings and tapestries of English cottages. Although Joan has lived in Australia for over half her life, England will always be her true home, 'My heart will ever be there.'

Since buying their 2 acre block in 1966, Joan has grown to love the native wildlife; often sitting on her porch and watching the wallabies and echidnas, feeding over 20 species of native bird life or telling stories of the blue tongue lizard that lives in her backyard.

Joan and her husband found the quiet town of Beaconsfield to be fairly isolated so they started a friendship club. Now Joan claims she has many friends, but can no longer stop and chat in the local grocery store. Joan suffers from a bone disease and has been physically inactive for 12 years. She can walk to the kitchen and on a good day can walk to the letterbox to collect her mail. She has found ways to keep busy with writing to pen pals the world over, knitting for charities, publishing two of her own books, and painting.

After having her first poem published in the Birmingham mail, aged 10, Joan loves to encourage young writers and gives the Iris Lewis award each year. Still being young at heart herself, Joan believes 'It's not how old you are, it's how old you feel.'

Joan has had many highlights in her life; passing with honours in Podiatry at 42, having her own art exhibition, singing with John Farnham, seeing her husband's business 'Lithocraft' flourish, meeting relatives she never knew existed, raising her own family and bringing happiness to others through her writing.



Joan and George Armitage on their Golden Wedding Anniversary - July 1988.



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black beans

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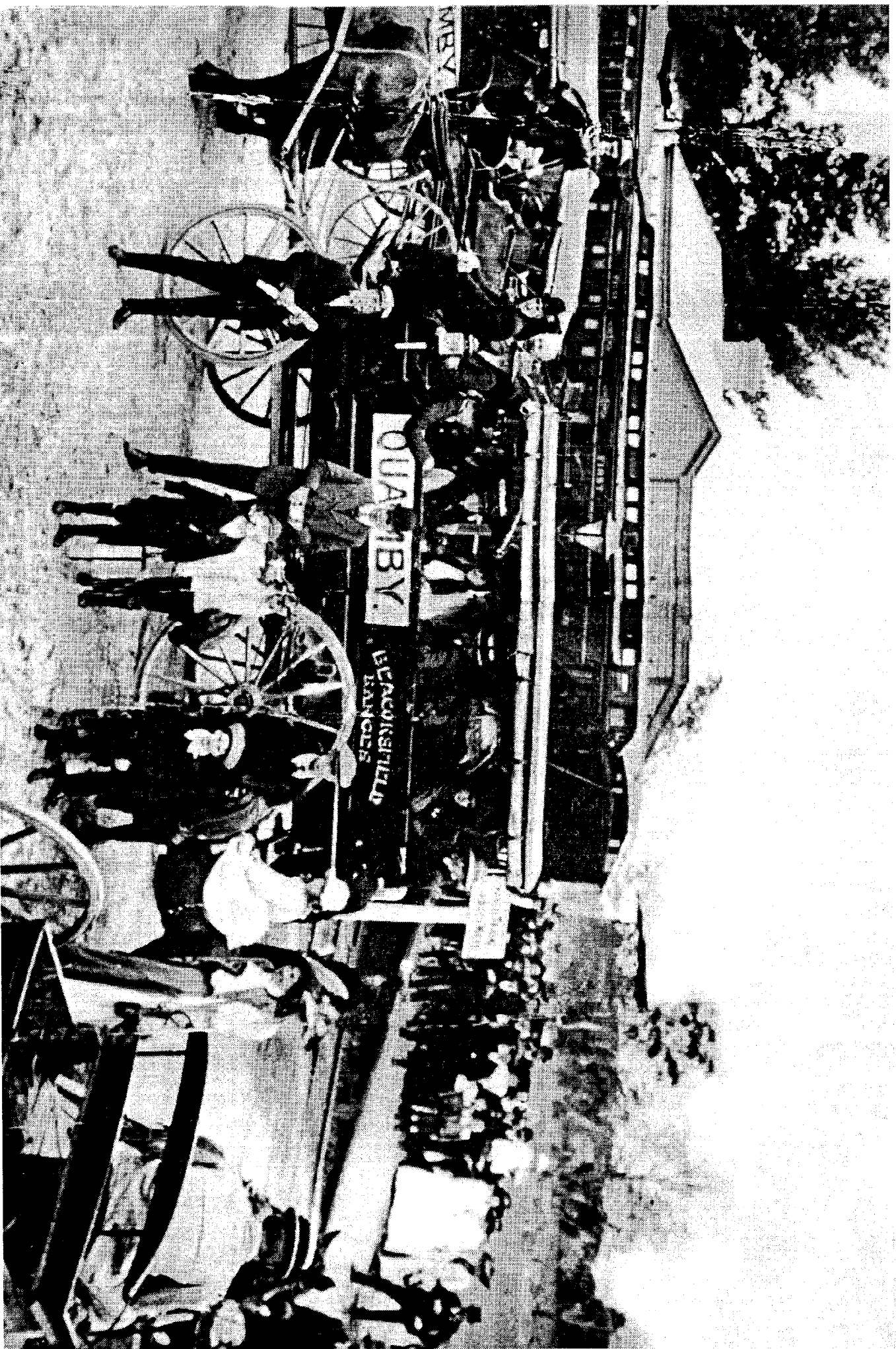
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In Loving Memory of Diane Jean Hair

27th September, 1951 - 24th December, 2002

Diane Jean Aurisch was born at Warrigul, Victoria on the 27th September 1951 to Margery and Peter Aurisch. One of four children, Di grew up on dairy farms in several districts. As a child she had beautiful blond curls and an enormous cheeky grin. She was a joy to have around but was quite a chatter box. On one occasion her frustrated mother implored her "For heaven sake Diane will you dry up!" Then moments later, turned to find her with a tea towel in hand still nattering away.

She had many interests growing-up, she was an enthusiastic Girl Guide for ten years from brownies to group leader. Hockey was her favourite sport with many

bruised shins and one memorable smack in face causing two beautiful shiners lasting many weeks. It may surprise many to learn she was excellent at Judo, winning trophies etc. It certainly came as a surprise to John, who found himself flat on his back many years later.

Diane's school years were happy times. She matriculated in 1967, her favourite subjects being English and Biology. She was completely undecided as to what her career might be, until one day she flew into the kitchen and announced "Mum, I'm going to be a nurse!"

Diane's dear friends Sheena Hammond (nee Hair) and Cheryl Green told us a little of this time in her life. They started their nursing training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1969 becoming firm friends. In their second year they moved into a, slightly wild, shared accommodation, with six other nurses (you can use your imagination). After graduating and completing Midwifery they found

themselves in England with numerous other Aussies.

Back in Melbourne, after the adventure of a life time, Cheryl, Sheena and Di were housemates again and as usual Sheena's numerous cousins attended the House-Warming Party. One of these cousins was John. Di opened the door to John in a particularly groovy caftan. John thought he must have been early and that she was still in her nightie!

Married in Albury Gardens on the 4th of February 1978. John and Di bought a caravan and soon decided to move north looking for opportunities and adventure. Soon after settling in Mackay, Di and John were thrilled with the birth of Adrian. After enjoying a few months of new parenthood amongst the sugar cane they moved to the gem fields at Rubyvale, Queensland, 300km west of Rockhampton and settled quickly into the mining community. Whilst living there Katrina, Ryan and Liam were born. The

role of Motherhood was extremely important to Di. At which she excelled. Diane also at this time was doing some part-time general nursing at Emerald Rural Base Hospital. Towards the end of her years at the gem fields she worked with St Vincent De Paul, visiting clients in their homes. She also worked at the newly built Health Centre. Her expertise as a nurse was highly valued and lasting friendships were formed.

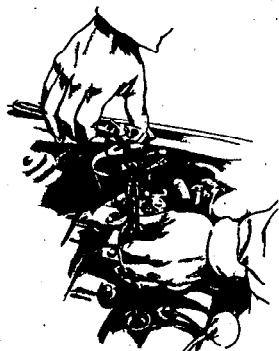
After seventeen years at Rubyvale, with the decline of the Sapphire prices, the decision was made to move to Lightning Ridge. Di started work at the Accident and Emergency Centre and they bought a camp on the mining fields. Di later went on to become the Early Childhood and Family Nurse. From Melbourne to Mackay she bought many new lives into the world. At Lightning Ridge, being so isolated many parents have relied on Di's help in caring and raising their children.

As family, friends and colleagues, we all have our special memories of Diane. But some that we will all share, are;-admiration for the courage she showed throughout her illness, her tenacity in facing her hurdles head-on, and finally her compassion towards us, in that she always spoke of this experience in a positive way and encouraged us not to grieve, but to celebrate our relationship as family and friends.

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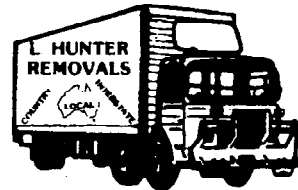


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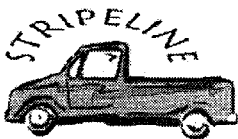
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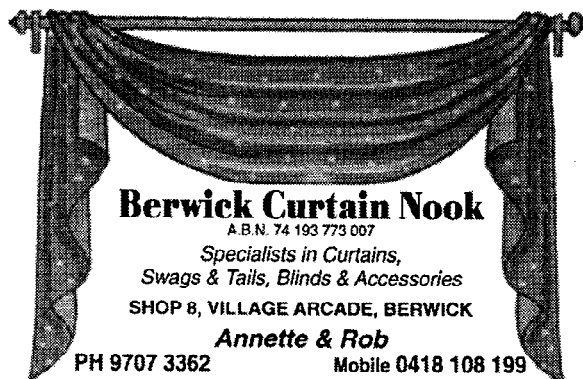
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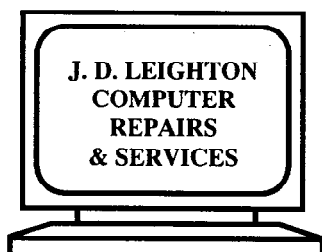
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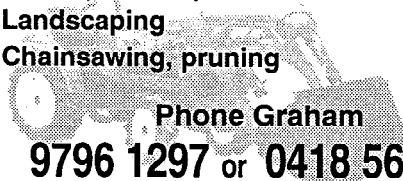
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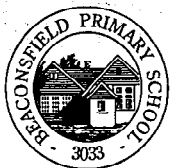
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CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

It's not often that one of the best films of the year comes out in January, but that's exactly what has happened in 2003.

When I was asked to attend the first screening of '8 Mile' I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. I've always been a fan of Eminem and knew that both as an artist and as a person in general is nearly always surrounded by controversy. Would the film follow in that tradition?

The other question I was asking myself was can this guy act or is he like a lot of the other singers who have tried to turn actor. One of the worst acting performances I have ever seen was by Mariah Carey in 'Glitter', and

unfortunately singers have a habit of following in her tradition.

Strangely, Eminem is brilliant in the role of Jimmy 'Rabbit' Smith Jr, a character that is loosely based on him. He is so good that production companies are currently fighting over who will sign him for a new film.

Rabbit is a young white rapper desperately trying to break into Detroit's black rap culture. The film explores reverse racism and also shows as Rabbit tries to break away from his alcoholic mother and trailer park life.

Kim Basinger stars as Rabbit's mother and her



name has already been whispered around Hollywood as a chance for an Oscar for this role. Also brilliant is newcomer Brittany Murphy and seasoned actor Mekhi Phifer.

What makes '8 Mile' stand out is its brilliant storyline and director Curtis Hanson's great shot selection which leaves you engrossed with the film. It's one of the few occasions where you will actually care what happens to the characters.

As expected '8 Mile' has a killer soundtrack made up of all original songs from Eminem and some of his other hip hop/rap buddies.

However I will offer you a warning. As I warned you with 'Bully' in a past Crosswired, due to '8 Mile's' setting and storyline the film is hardcore. The high level of coarse language is easily forgotten about and it allows the film to flow more freely and seem more realistic.

So if you feel that you won't be easily offended by the film I encourage you to all see it. This is a film that will be talked about for a while.

'8 Mile' and 'Glitter' (well maybe you want to punish yourself with 'Glitter') will be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland in the near future.

****Also apologies for the last Crosswired it was Jonathan Davies (from KORN) who wrote the soundtrack for 'Queen Of The Damned'. Fred Durst (from Limp Bizkit) only worked on one song.*

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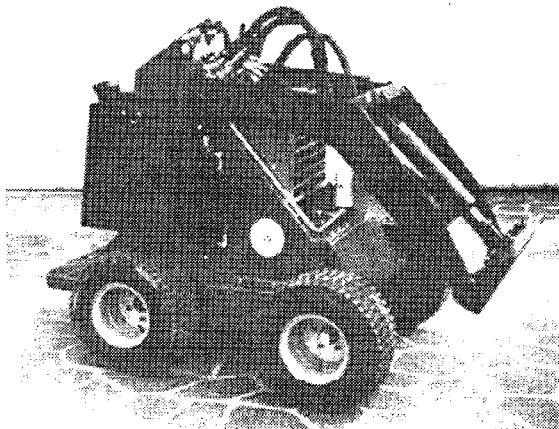
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by Paul Madden

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I would also like to thank all the cubs and parents who helped on the night cooking and serving and selling glow sticks. I would especially like to thank Kim for all her hard work getting everything together for the night and the sponsors and suppliers such as Tip Top,

the Central Hotel and the Cardinia Hotel for their generous supplies.

Finally I would like to thank all the people and families who supported us on the night by purchasing sausages, drinks and glow sticks. We hope to see you all later at this years Carols where we will be bigger and better organised.

We now have 16 cubs with at least a further two starting when we return on Wednesday 5th February. We also have enough leaders to support up to 24 cubs so if others are interested in joining please feel free to come along with your child and have a look on one of the Wednesdays.

Last year we had visits to the CFA, Ambulance, Police Station and SES. We also went ten pin bowling, to the movies, had a swimming night at Casey ARC, did a bike ride and treasure hunt, cooked a special dinner for mum to celebrate mothers day and had a camp at Shoreham as well as some of us going to the 5 day Cuboree at Gilwell Park. We learnt about things like first aid, fishing, snake bite, how to use a compass and follow a trail.

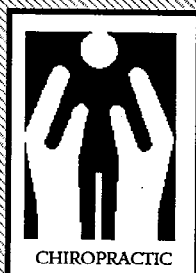
This year we will be doing all these things again as well as new things. We will go on another camp or two, go in the billy cart derby, formula bike at Sandown racecourse, District swimming

carnival, involved in Australia Day celebrations, Jamboree of the Air, be a part of the Anzac day parade and have another sleepover/movie night at the hall.

Of course this year we will have a whole lot more games and fun and we will see if we can out do our Christmas breakup from this year with a bigger party and a bigger pinyata with even more lollies.

We are also ready to start the Scouts for this year with leaders ready to go. Unfortunately we only have two children ready to start scouts at the moment so if any children aged between 10 and 14 want to join as Scouts, we will be pleased to take them on board so we can start up the scouts as soon as possible.

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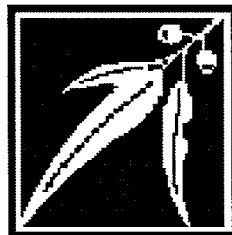
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by Ruth Crofts, President

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In March 2002, the National Trust launched the Casey/Cardinia Branch of the National Trust. Since then the Branch has progressed rapidly. Membership has more than doubled, with now over 350 adult members. An enthusiastic Committee has organised many enjoyable and varied activities every month of the year.

The Branch has been active in a variety of heritage issues. Established a Significant Trees group. Acting as "watchdogs" they have contacted both the Local Councils a number of times, and Casey Council was approached to complete a much needed heritage study.

The Branch aims to promote appreciation of our local heritage by some of the following activities.

February 16th 2003. Berwick Cemetery Tour and Picnic Lunch.

Cool drinks on arrival then a Special Tour with Claire Sandell, expert local historian, to tell the fascinating story of the early days of the Berwick district. For more details and bookings phone Ruth Crofts 9707 1518.

March 16th 2003. Berwick Region Heritage Tour

Visit a number of heritage properties built in 1860's and 1880's. The property owners have generously agreed to allow the Casey/Cardinia Branch to conduct a guided heritage tour of their properties. For more details and bookings phone Margaret Rossell 9707 1750.

March 26th 2003. First Annual Dinner at Clover Cottage

Savour a delicious three-course meal served in the delightful heritage setting of Clover Cottage with its beautiful old garden. Enjoy our guest speaker Brenda Niall, talking about her latest book "The Boyds" a fascinating family biography of the famous artistic family. Focusing on the Boyds at "The Grange", Harkaway. For more details and bookings phone Ailsa Good on 9707 5160.

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BEAONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

We have just enjoyed the flurry of the painting season and it was indeed a flurry, mostly interiors away from the burning sun.

The New Year will see a fresh lot of fascia repairs – they do rot at the corners. My new 3-metre step ladder has been very helpful and you feel safe on it. It is no good working on a springy ladder. The fascia timber used to be Oregon which is prone to rot from its ends. The new fascia I see is treated against rot and should last longer.

Another interesting new product that I tried recently is a spray on bleeder sealer. When you have walls stained with marker pen and things of that

nature, the paint will not cover it. Once you have tried and failed to remove the stain, apply the spray sealer and it works, hooray.

We bought paint for walls and I specified top quality washable acrylic. It did not cover the old finish completely, so we gave it a second coat. When we

bought the next lot I asked if there was a better quality and they sold me "Premium Quality" Scrubable. It covered in one coat.

For the little extra cost we saved the time of second coating and got a more durable finish. Always buy the best paint, cheap paint is false economy.

I made a set of timber steps to replace rotted ones. I used the angle iron and bolt method of assembling them and not my usual method of checking in the steps. I think it maybe a more durable job.

*For those jobs you don't have time for ring me –
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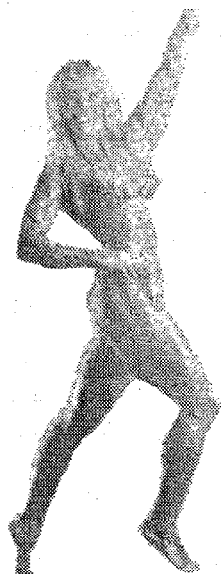
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

The mystery of prayer has teased the minds of men since people first started praying. What is it? Who do we address? How should we frame the words? Can we expect results? Is it right to ask for things? Is one Religion better than another for prayer? Many questions with conflicting answers, depending on who you ask. Does the Creator of all things listen more carefully to a Pope than an average person? One thing is certain, anyone can pray without having to get permission off any other individual, whoever they may be.

The famous musician, Duke Ellington, put it well when he said, "Everyone prays in their own language and there is no language that God does not understand."

A well known author and authority on prayer was giving a Seminar on Prayer when he was asked by a member of the audience, "Doctor, how should I pray? The answer was immediate, It's very simple, ask God." Many experimental studies have been carried out which suggest that prayer is effective, but the precise method of communicating with the absolute is almost never controlled or specified. As Dom Chapman put it, "Pray as you can, not as you can't".

Harvard Medical School carried out research on the benefits of prayer and meditation some years ago, particularly where the use of mantras was used, and these by people of many faiths. The purpose of the study was to ascertain whether there were health benefits in

prayer. All the mantras worked, and all were equally effective in stimulating the healthful physiological changes in the body. Blood pressures lowered, heart rate slowed with lower metabolic rates. In other words the individual became calmer and coped better with daily stress.

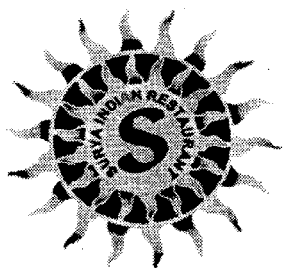
The Spindrift Organization in Oregon, U.S.A. has performed simple laboratory tests showing prayer does work. They made distinctions between "directed" and "undirected prayer", finding that the two types of prayer worked equally well. Directed prayer was specific as to the end result desired, such as the curing of a cancer or heart problem to be relieved. Undirected prayer was an open ended approach which had no specific results in mind on

a personal level, but was more of a "group" approach. The full story can be read in the book by Larry Dossey M.D., called "Healing Words".

Many times people feel that prayer has gone unanswered, say in the case of someone suffering from an illness that is horribly painful and clearly beyond cure, and for which pain medication is no longer working. In such a case what is sometimes best for the individual may be the death of the person to remove them from an intolerable situation involving pain and suffering. It could be rightly said that God has answered the prayer and "healed" the person by taking them away from the body, the source of the pain and distress. How often have we spoke of our relief when someone desperately ill has succumbed to the passage we call death, and we offer up a prayer of thanks for the end of the suffering.

The words of St. Augustine (a.d. 400) are worth remembering here, "Seek not abroad, turn back into thyself for in the inner man dwells the truth".

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JASON BARGWANNA MOVES TO BEACONSFIELD

We heard that V8 Supercar star Jason Bargwanna and his family recently moved into the Beaconsfield area.

The Beaconsfield Banner welcomed them and asked Jason a few tricky questions:



Q. Jason, where have you moved from and what made you move to Beaconsfield?

A. We used to live in Blackburn which was great but my wife and I felt we wanted the kids to grow up with more space.

Q. How many kids do you have Jason?

A. Deb and I have two kids - Jake is 8 years old and Ben is 20 months.

Q. How have you all managed the move - do you think it was the right decision?

A. Absolutely....Beaconsfield is a wonderful area and Jake was really the only one who had trouble leaving his school and having to make new friends. We have everything we want here and the kids spend all their time outside which is what we were looking for.

Q. Are you involved in any local organisations/clubs etc?

A. I've been away most of the year and have only just started to settle in. We do have a commercial association with Beaconsfield Mower and Tractor Centre and we are currently pursuing a few other prospects in that area.

I'm not really home enough to get involved in too many community type organisations but I'm sure my wife Deb will get involved with the school. Jake goes to Beaconsfield Primary.

Q. You're certainly one of the more well known V8 drivers, who do you drive for and what have you achieved in your sport?

A. The past five years I have driven a Holden for Garry Rogers Motorsport but have just moved over to Ford to drive for the Queensland based Larkham Motorsport. I have won multiple rounds of the championship and won the prestigious Bathurst in 2000.

Q. What are your goals for the future?

To win a championship or two, to win Bathurst again.

Q. What do you and your family do in your spare time?

At the moment Jake is in squad at the local swimming pool, we all have motorbikes (except Ben of course), Jake and I belong to the Boronia remote control car club and Deb is spending her time riding other people's horses - when we have time we'll look for one of our own.

Definitions

Is an Octopus a cat with eight lives ?
When you go shopping and don't know what to buy , are you listless ?
Cantaloupe ...The inability to run off with your lover
CrustaceanAn aficionado of stale bread.
A pessimistOne who looks both ways crossing a one way street.

FORMER BEACY RESIDENTS REVISITED

by Ted Horton

On Wednesday 15th January I had great pleasure in visiting David and Toni Brewster (ex Holm Park Road) at their home in Tasmania.

I was a team leader in the Great Tasmanian Bike Ride driving a refrigerated food support van. Following the riders each day, it was my job to collect volunteers' lunches from a lunch spot along the way. The route went down the East Coast of Tasmania, down the Tasman Highway past the Brewster's front gate at Chain of Lagoons. The precise location is between Falmouth and Bicheno.

We visited mid morning and found their gateway easily as David was parked in the front paddock of their property on the coast road. The location is idyllic overlooking the Ocean with Bicheno and Freycinet National Park in the misty yonder. David is looking very fit and well with no change in weight!? Toni obviously enjoys the lifestyle here and appears well despite former health problems she has endured. Their 'bush' home is set back about 300 metres off the road with no other home in site.

In the short time I visited I was shown around their comfortable abode. It is best described as open plan constructed from local timber. My co driver and I enjoyed a leisurely cup of coffee and biscuit with them under the eaves of their extensive front verandah. They caught up with my gossip on Beaconsfield the town and its people. They expressed the view that they had no desire to revisit their old home in Holm Park Road nor come back to view the extensive new development of Beaconsfield both commercial and residential.

Our visit was cut short by the need to keep up with the riders. I could have stayed all day chatting about old times. Their Sea Change has worked well for them and I would encourage any of their former friends to call by and visit if ever you go that way. Please contact me on 9 7071313 if you would like their telephone number to call.

If you are anything like me, you will come away very envious of their new lifestyle environment. I hope to revisit one day.

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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe McMaster, President

The season is well under way and all teams are focusing on the finals, which will be played in March. As you walk through the reserve or drive past you will agree the ground is in great shape and we look forward to hosting some finals games.

Our six senior teams are all competitive and all the players are enjoying their cricket. The 4 Junior teams are all going well and it is great to see their skills develop each week. It is also pleasing to see the juniors come through and play senior cricket in the afternoons and perform very well.

We congratulate the following players who have been selected to represent the West Gippsland Cricket Association, James Daly, Brett and Daniel Reid, Brad Miles, Jason Dodd and Tom Brown.

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 sponsors 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 abilities are invited to come down for a game.

The Club strives to provide an enjoyable atmosphere and host competitive cricket for the enjoyment of our Beaconsfield community.

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established (and there is some office space available to rent).

I will be available by appointment only at my old address Being Shop 1, 6-10 Princes Highway Beaconsfield. My contact numbers will remain the same. I hope to see you at my new offices.

Angela McPhee



BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

by Margaret Chatfield

Welcome back to tennis in 2003.

Due to water restrictions porous courts 5 and 6 were unable to be upgraded. A procedure of watering and rolling is required to settle porous, before they are in a playable condition. Upgrading has been rescheduled to mid-year.

MIDWEEK LADIES SPRING SEASON 2002

TUESDAY LADIES RESULTS:

Premiers: Section 5 Red. Team members – Sue Barker, Lorraine McCreadie, Julie Mason, Glenda Dubois, Jo Underwood.

Section 2 Red and 8 were put out in their Preliminary Final.

WEDNESDAY LADIES RESULTS

Premiers: Section 1 Red. Winners for the third consecutive season. Team Members - Dee Holmgren,

Rosemary Osborne, Dawn Snelson, Lynne Day and Judy Fox-Smith.

Premiers: Section 4. Team members - Patsy Mayes, Robyn McKay, Kerrie Volders, Lynne Drummond and Thea Bradford.

Section 2 went out in their Semi Final.

Congratulations to Premier teams and other finalists teams on their efforts. Midweek Ladies enquiries to Dawn Snelson - 9704 6852.

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

Completed Championships results as follows:

A GRADE GIRLS SINGLES Winner - Jessica Hanson Runner up- Sarah Corrigan

B GRADE GIRLS SINGLES Winner - Emily Potter Runner up - Jessica Powell

B GRADE BOYS SINGLES Winner - Richard Mein Runner up - Madison Andrews.

A sausage sizzle brunch was made available for the players competing. Presentation trophies were presented to Winners and Runner ups on completion on their events on the day.

MONDAY MORNING SOCIAL HITTERS

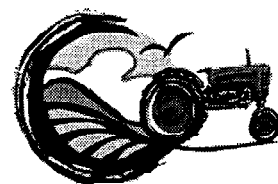
Monday morning social is open to members and non-members. This is a flexible morning for ladies whom can't play every week. Everyone is made welcome, so come along and join the group for some fun and exercise. Starting time 9.30a.m. If interested call Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

COURT HIRE

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club Incorporated provides you with the facilities to play tennis with pride. The Beaconsfield Tennis Club belongs to the community of Beaconsfield and its members who pay a membership fee to have this privilege. Court Hire, a fee of \$10.00 per court per hour is charged for non-members. Court Hire fee and memberships contribute to the high cost of maintaining this facility.

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One of the aims of the Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market is to provide the public direct access to what's grown and produced around them, and according to the farmers' market coordinator, Sophie O'Neil, in Cardinia we are spoilt for choice.

"I have seen plenty of markets in Victoria, NSW and even Queensland and I am so proud of the quality and variety of products we have at our farmers' market," said O'Neil.

O'Neil goes on to add that buying produce at the farmers' market ensures consumers are eating the most seasonal, fresh produce available.

She goes on to add, "And what better way to discover what's in season than at a farmers' market? For example, local asparagus might now be finished, but we can look forward to locally grown super sweet corn instead."

Dates for 2003

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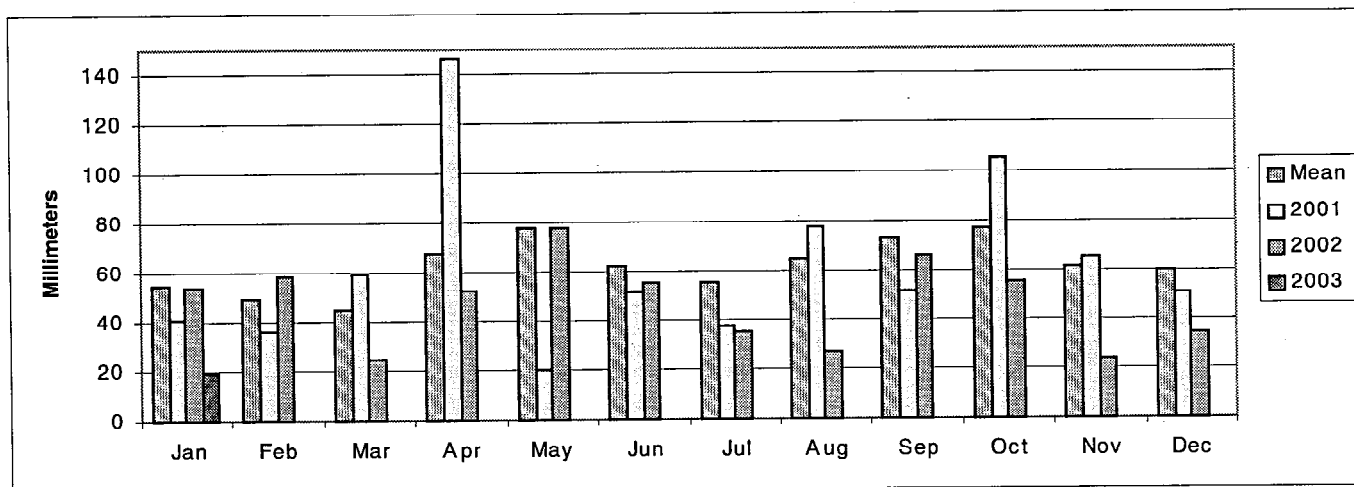
WELCOME

We welcome a new family in Kathleen Court, Susan and David Kent with sons Noah 31/2 and Mathew 15 months. David will teach at Hailebury while Susan a former Ansett Flight Attendant and herself a Primary teacher will establish their 'new' home.

David has already met the Sunday morning tennis group at Beaconsfield Tennis Club and has played a round or two of golf at Pakenham and Beacon Hills.

David and Susan have strong ties with the area having married at Clover Cottage. Susan is the daughter of Elaine and Phil Collins of Glismann Road.

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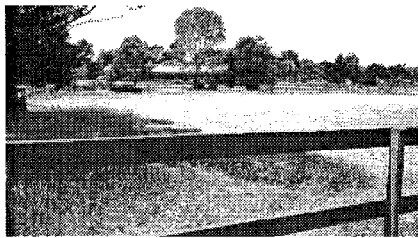
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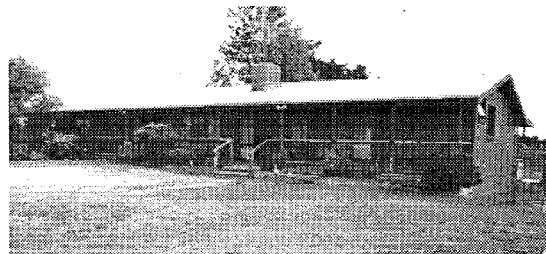
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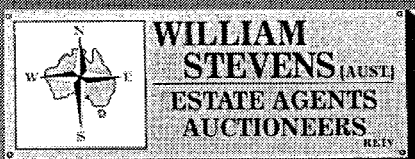
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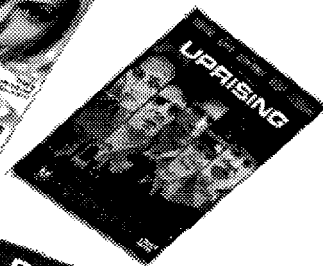
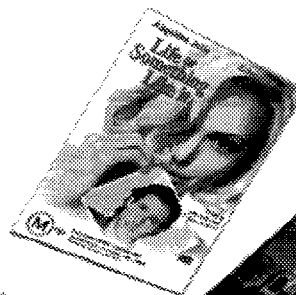
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