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COMMUNITY COMPLEX UNDERWAY

The residents of Beaconsfield can now start to see the Beaconsfield Community Complex becoming reality as the first signs of the development began in mid October. With a completion date late 2004, this community facility on O'Neil Road will be able to be utilised by all generations of our township.



Celebrating the turning of the sod, picture Left to Right: Gembrook MP - Tammy Lobato with Ashleigh, BPA Secretary - David Morland, Cardinia Mayor - Cr. Kate Lempriere, Beaconsfields Ward - Cr. Garry Runge, Beaconsfield Kindergarten President - Debbie Lovett with Gabrielle and BCC President - Miriam Cormack.

Photo courtesy of Pakenham Gazette.

COMMITTEE EXCITED ABOUT THE YEAR AHEAD

*by Miriam Cormack
(President, Beaconsfield Community Centre)*

The committee and staff of the Beaconsfield Community Centre are looking forward to the new Beaconsfield Community Complex being the focal point for the community activities of Beaconsfield and surrounds.

We are excited about expanding our programme to provide services for the varied population of the area from parents of young children to the older generation. With the opening date rapidly approaching we have just begun our planning for the move and would like to encourage the residents of Beaconsfield to have input

into how the new centre operates and the programmes we run.

Contact the centre on - 9707 3449 or in writing with any ideas you have or come along to one of our meetings, November's meeting will be held at 7.30pm Tuesday 11th at the Community Centre.

We like to keep our meetings brief so the formalities usually finish by 8.30pm and after this month's meeting we'll be having nibbles and drinks.

Everyone's welcome so come along and find out about this exciting new development in our town.

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Beaconsfield Progress Association was held on Tuesday 21st. October.

The Executive committee consists of :-

President

Michael Muaremov

Vice President

Angela McPhee

Secretary

David Morland

Treasurer

Maurice Potter

The Progress Association meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Beaconsfield Community Centre at 7.30pm.

We invite you to attend and share your thoughts and views about Beaconsfield.

TALENTED CHILDREN OF BEACONSFIELD

For the next edition of the Banner we would like to feature articles on the successes the children of Beaconsfield are experiencing.

We know of several children who have received awards for their achievements.

We invite you to write 50-100 words on your child particular interest. Photo's can be included . Please include name and contact details for verification.

The articles can be emailed, left at the Post Office or contact Margaret Boon on 9707 5053 to arrange a suitable drop-off.



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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Angela McPhee

This will be my last president's report. I congratulate Michael Muaremov who has taken over the chair of the Beaconsfield Progress Association. I will remain as a committee member and will continue to be involved with the BPA and local issues.

This is a time for reflection. We have lived in Beaconsfield for 7 years now. We came here for a number of reasons not the least of which was the fact that it was the country. My my, hasn't that changed!

Being involved in the BPA has made me feel like I was part of this community and not just another resident.

Thank you to all those who have made my family and me feel welcome. It is the kind of country hospitality I grew up with and I hope every one of you have experienced the giving and receiving of this community spirit.

I love Beaconsfield, it is a great place to live and work but I worry about its future. So much has changed even in the short time that we have lived here. Residential developments have spread over pastures and all available space is being used for commercial and residential development. This creates a huge dilemma for residents and council alike. None of us like change but the

development is bringing change quickly to our town.

Council's role is to ensure that with the change comes adequate facilities and services to serve the current and future population. This is not an easy task. We, as residents, often become frustrated with the apparently slow bureaucratic process.

Substantial inroads are being made. The proposed sealing of Kenilworth Avenue to Station Street, the Community Complex and the possibility of a dramatic improvement to recreational facilities in the short to mid term are heartening.

The main issue affecting the town however is traffic. I intend to stay with the Soldiers Road extension project, which I am optimistic, will get the green light in the near future.

There is always a need for people to be involved in local organizations like the BPA. I would like to thank all of the members of the BPA but in particular all members (past and present) of the executive committee for their support and fellowship. I would also like to thank Don Welsh and the staff of the Cardinia Shire for their support and assistance, former councillors Ewenson and Owen and current councillor Garry Runge for their commitment to local issues and getting the job done.

Finally thanks and acknowledgement of all those hard working people involved in the production of the Beaconsfield Banner. This is truly a remarkable publication for which you should all be extremely proud.

I know my successor Michael Muaremov feels as strongly as I do about this town and I trust you will all support him in his new role as president. I thank you also for your support and wish you all the best and I will no doubt see you all about.

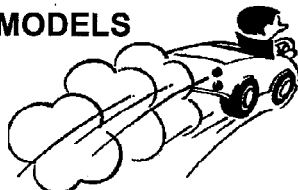
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YOUR LINK WITH COUNCIL

by Cr. Garry Runge,
Beacon Hills Ward



I am very concerned about the environmental vandalism which has occurred recently in the Beacon Hills ward. There seems to be a total disregard by some people about the importance of our beautiful environment. Trees which have lived in this area for many years

have been destroyed without consideration of their importance to the ward and their beauty to the residents. The Council has an extensive community campaign called 'Call before you Cut - Protecting our native vegetation'. This program provides advice on what is native vegetation, why native vegetation is so important and when a permit is/is not required. Please take a moment to inspect the Shire web site for more information. www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

The Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary continue to work hard maintaining this wonderful wetland area. Next time you pass the sanctuary, located near the intersection of Emerald-Beaconsfield Road and Holm Park Road, take the time to walk through this wonderful area and enjoy the beautiful bush and wildlife.

The first sod was turned early in October and construction of the new Beaconsfield Community Complex is now underway. Builders have been appointed and I look forward to the official opening of this great community facility in the second half of 2004. This promises to be a great venue to the community to gather and in conjunction with the recreational space provided by the oval opposite the site, will provide a real sense of community spirit and involvement at the eastern end of our township.

The Executive members of the Upper Beaconsfield Association met other members of the Beaconsfield Progress Association and the Officer Community Association recently at Council. The object was to facilitate a wider exchange of information between the three community groups to better inform residents of what is happening in the

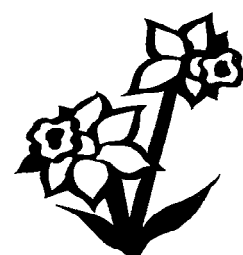
ward. The feedback I have received indicates that this initiative was well accepted. I hope to keep the information flow continuing so residents are best placed to understand ward issues and provide value to community discussions.

I would like to encourage more participation of residents with the BPA. This is your voice to Council through your elected representative and I see it as a great vehicle to exchange information for the benefit of Beaconsfield. Please take the time to attend the monthly meetings and voice your opinions.

Finally, I would like to congratulate a local sports person, Tegan Brown, who has been selected as Vice Captain of the Victoria U/13 Hockey team. She will be representing Victoria in the National Championships. Well done Tegan.

Regards to all.
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Beacon Hills Ward

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The Online Register will offer a comprehensive listing of local businesses categorised in a logical manner, making it user friendly. You will be able to search for a particular business or simply search under a category of choice. Where available, the register will offer information on the types of businesses in the shire, services offered, hours of operation, contact details and much more.

"The register is a great way for businesses to promote themselves on the Internet free of charge and provides the opportunity for those businesses without a website to have a presence on-line," said Business Development Officer Joanna Redmond.

Ms Redmond also commented that online business registers are a great way for a region to showcase the range of products and services offered, whilst presenting businesses and the broader community with a mechanism for sourcing local products and services.

The completed register will be a great mechanism for the community to search for a local restaurant, or to find a place to get the car serviced, or even to find the nearest dry cleaner.

Registrations are currently being sought, and it is anticipated the completed register will be live on-line in the forthcoming months.

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION

BEACONSFIELD TOWNSHIP STRATEGIC TRAFFIC REVIEW

At its meeting on 20th October 2003, Cardinia Shire Council resolved to place the draft Beaconsfield Township Strategic Traffic Review on public exhibition for six weeks. The document can be viewed at Pakenham Library, Mobile Library, Beaconsfield Community Centre, Beaconsfield Post Office and Cardinia Shire Council, also available from the Web Site www.cardinia.vic.gov.au.

The purpose of the draft document is to update the traffic and transport section of the Beaconsfield Township Strategy.

The main objectives of the review are to prepare a functional road hierarchy for Beaconsfield to assist the council to establish policies relating to:

1. Funding and management responsibilities for roads
2. The appropriate land use access characteristics and traffic levels on the various road types for the purpose of planning, management and traffic control
3. The assessment of local area traffic management issues

The recommendations from the traffic study are detailed in section 11.

Submissions can be made up until 28th November 2003, in writing to Cardinia Shire Council, PO Box 7, Pakenham, 3810 or email to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au. General enquiries can be made to the Engineering section on 5945 4310.

NEVER TOO YOUNG TO START



Peter Hutchinson is pictured being involved in this road side planting at Clyde North to support remnant vegetation along roads.

For article about Cardinia Catchment Landcare Inc.

See page 29.

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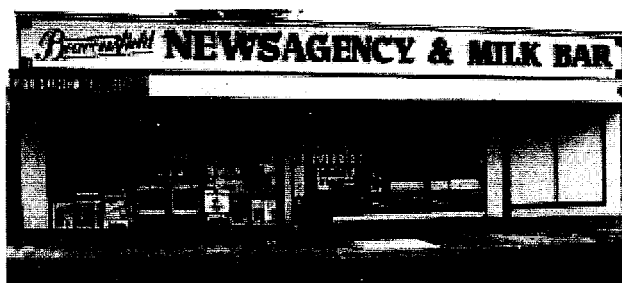
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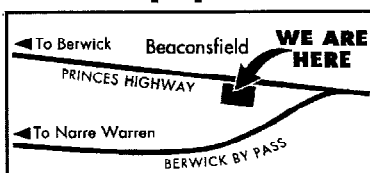
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS



by Philip Walton

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade took delivery of its new brigade owned tanker on 15 October 2003 which has been purchased with an enormous level of support from the local community. It is anticipated that the new tanker will be operational by mid November improving the capacity of the brigade to respond to fires and other emergency incidents. More information on the new tanker will be provided in the next edition of the Beaconsfield Banner.

Once again the year has flown by and the summer season is fast approaching. Now is the time for residents living in the more fire prone areas to the north of Beaconsfield to be preparing for the summer fire danger period. If you live in a fire prone area, you can expect several days on which you, your family and your house may be threatened by fire. You need to know exactly what you will do on these days.

Some important questions to be asking yourself are:

- ❖ Do you have a plan in the event of a fire in the area?
- ❖ Will you stay and actively defend your property or leave early before a fire starts?
- ❖ Have you prepared for a fire including cleaning up leaves and flammable material in your gutters and around your home, and having the right clothing and equipment to fight a fire?

If you are not sure about the answers to these key questions, it is important that you seek further information from the CFA's brochure "Living in the Bush" which is available on the CFA website -

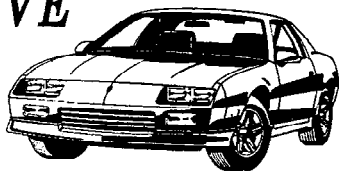
www.cfa.vic.gov.au
from the Cardinia Shire Council, or from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.

TAKE CARE AROUND TOWN

A little more care needs to be taken on our unsealed roads around Beaconsfield. Kenilworth Avenue, Station Street, Glismann Road and top end of Holm Park Road are all in need of repair and we indeed hope that this will be undertaken soon. Until then please drive carefully.

With the urgent need for boom gates at the pedestrian crossing at the railway station, please take care when crossing the railway line. We hope that the appropriate authorities will listen to our plea and install gates for the safety of all.

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Steve graduated from Melbourne University in 1994 and has worked in several practices since then, ranging from a Veterinary Hospital in the Melbourne suburbs to a practice based in Mansfield dealing with mainly cattle and horses. Steve has a keen interest in surgery.

Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre will provide service for both small and large animals. Steve will provide treatment to wildlife free of charge and wildlife carers will rehabilitate them.

Future plans include developing a puppy play school, conducted by a trainer currently completing his PHD in dog training. This service will be free to clients.

For the dog owners who like to wash their own dogs the Centre will have a hydro bath available in the future for a nominal charge.

Consultations are by appointment only and the first consultation fee will receive a 10% discount.

You can contact Dr. Steve Wait at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre on 9769 8777 to discuss your veterinary needs.

The clinic is located at 14 Wood Street, opposite the Gym and on the same street as the Post Office (Mel. Ref. 111 J11-12).

The Centre will be open from 8am – 7pm Monday to Friday, 9am – 12 noon Saturdays. An after hours emergency service is available by ringing the centre phone number 24 hours a day.



New Veterinary Centre located in Wood Street, Beaconsfield



BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Beaconsfield Ave. 9707 3449



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

by Tracie Lund, Centre Co-ordinator

Well we are drawing close to the end of the year all ready. The Centre's programs are winding up for Christmas.

We have our playgroup Christmas party on the 10th December. If you are considering attending our playgroups next year, then why not pop along to the Christmas party from 10am – 12pm. Mrs Clause will be attending & it promises to be fun packed morning.

OCCASIONAL CARE 2004

If you wish to book a place in our Occasional Care for 2004. Now is the time to do that. Bookings can be taken over the phone; cash or cheque can be taken for deposits. Places are limited so be Quick!!!

CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

I will be returning from Maternity Leave on Monday 3rd November. I am really looking forward to returning to my life as 'Centre Coordinator'. My time off has gone so quickly & I cannot believe that my baby girl is already 3 1/2 months old.

A BIG THANKYOU, to Heather Atwell for holding down the fort in my absence. Best Of luck for your future Ventures, Heather!!

TUTORS WANTED

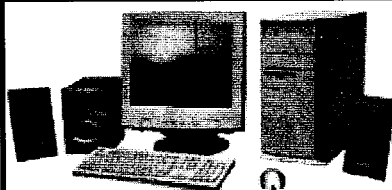
We are still looking for more Tutors for 2004. If you have a skill you can share or know someone who does please give us a call. The hours are flexible & the pay is more than reasonable.

If you have any suggestions for next years program, or you would like to volunteer at our Centre or join the committee pop in and let me know.



Pictured above: Beaconsfield Midway members celebrating Melbourne Cup at their luncheon last year.

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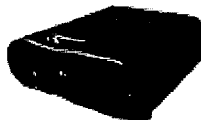
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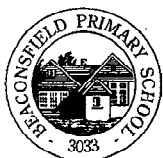


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What's Happening at
Beaconsfield Primary School.

READY FOR SCHOOL - HAVE YOU ENROLLED?

Did you know that kinder placement **does not** automatically ensure enrolment at School?

If you know of a friend or neighbour who intends sending their child to Beaconsfield, but hasn't enrolled, please give them a reminder that places are filling fast. Parents need to have their children placed to ensure that we have enough teachers for them next year!

Enrolments have exceeded our earlier expectations driven by the new housing and huge "word of mouth" support from our happy school community.

We have a fantastic transition program happening with lots of interesting activities for the children, maths activity packs for our new preps and information sessions for our parents.

We are very proud of our children. Nurtured in our welcoming, friendly classrooms they thrive as a community of learners. Our personal approach to the care, support and welfare of each child, encourages the development of the whole child.

When you walk through our playgrounds or enter our classrooms you cannot help but notice that our children

are well behaved, full of fun and keen to learn.

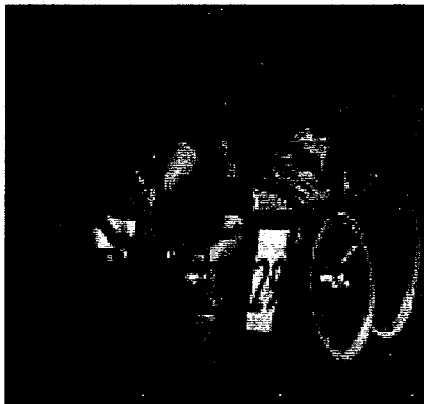
We work with parents to build a caring and supportive environment for our children and create a strong sense of "belonging" to our school community.

We are proud of our teachers. Their ability to connect with the children, support them in their learning, and care for them, creates in each classroom a feeling of safety and security. Our teachers work hard, continuing their professional development, to build upon our Charter and our curriculum; however, it is their ability to develop in our children a sense of direction and optimism that makes our classrooms very special.

Beaconsfield Primary School is a community school, we have cultivated a strong partnership between the teachers, parents and students of our school. If you aspire for your child to be part of our exciting future and wish to develop the "whole child" in a safe secure learning environment, then I urge you to enrol your child with us as soon as possible. Looking forward to meeting you.

*Gary Methven,
Principal*

H.P.V.? PUSHCART? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



This is the first time Beaconsfield Primary School has attempted the HPV Challenge and the Pushcart section. It has been a school community effort, involving teachers, pupils, parents, as well as the generosity of local businesses.

Human Powered Vehicles (HPV) and Pushcarts are both categories in the 2003 R.A.C.V. Energy Breaththrough Event being held in Maryborough on 20th - 23rd November. Entrants design, build and compete using a vehicles powered solely by human power.

The eight children in each of our HPV and two pushcart teams have engage in all aspects of the designing, building, presentation, training and racing.

Follow along with the Beaconsfield Primary School as they strive to succeed in the 2003 HPV Challenge by visiting the website <http://www.bubbha.ims.schools.net.au>.



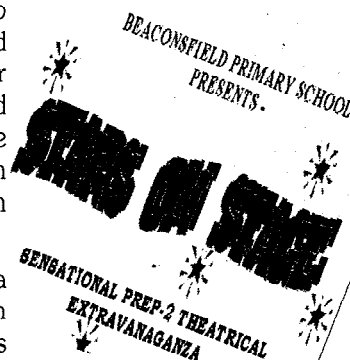
On Sunday 21st of September The HPV team competed at Maroondah. The children performed brilliantly, attaining the position of 4th in the primary school division. This was a great effort for the first event for the team. Many lessons were learned by the team and support crew, including the knowledge that it is best NOT to have the brakes locked on to one of the wheels!

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THEATRICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Prep, Year One and two students are very excited about performing their production of Little Red Hen and Seven Little Penguins at the Pakenham Cultural Centre on the 27th November.

One can only image a packed house with hundreds of proud parents watching their children performing on stage.



SALLY'S GARDEN



There are many orchids that can be grown outside under trees & in shade houses. Orchids are usually thought of as hot house pampered plants, but they are really quite hardy plants.

The Rock Orchids are very hardy & can be grown directly into the ground in a sunny spot, or on a suitable barky tree or fern tree, and in between rocks as their name suggests. The pseudobulbs vary in length from 8cm to more than a metre, while the leathery leaves last for several years. The flower stems grow from the centre of the leaves & can grow to 20cm long with many rich creamy flowers along the stem.

One bulb planted soon multiplies into many bulbs with pale to rich creamy flowers.

Dendrobium Orchids can also be grown in the same conditions as the Rock orchid.

Dendrobiums come in many colours & sizes & are usually smaller daintier flowers. These can also be grown in hanging baskets.

Cymbidiums have larger bulbs & are more suitable for pots although they too can be grown in the ground.

These bulbs flower only once & the bulb then becomes what is called a back bulb. This bulb can be cut away from the main plant & replanted, but it can take 2 or 3 years to flower.

Orchids make a lovely colorful show in the garden or shade house & the flowers last for quite a while.



Braised Star Anise Chicken

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1/3 cup brown sugar
2 or 3 star anise
2 tablespoons sherry
2 cloves crushed whole garlic
2 of 20 cent sized slices of ginger
1 size 20 chicken

Preheat oven to 150c.

Except chicken, mix all ingredients in a casserole dish with lid and bring to the boil on stove top. Add whole chicken or can be pre-cut into serving pieces, bring back to boil. Lid on and into oven for 40 minutes, turn chicken and cook a further 40 minutes. Let sit for 20 minutes or so. Cut into serving pieces if cooked whole.

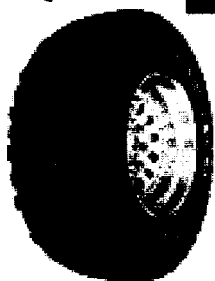
Serve over boiled rice surrounded by steamed asparagus cut into 25mm pieces and some of the sauce over - looks fantastic.



Freeze remaining sauce for the next time.

A perfect combination would be a Pinot Noir like Gembrook Hill or Cannibal Creek.

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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman

Somebody once said, "Nothing is new". Consider. A cake, pastry, biscuit or pie mould (tin) which doesn't need to be greased, doesn't stick, preparation can be done in the mould (less washing) and even the most complex flan or cake shape just falls out of the mould at end of baking and they are easy to wash. Foods frozen in the mould can go straight into the hottest oven. They can be used to make fancy shapes for icecream, frozen mousses or iceblocks. At first look and feel of this floppy bit of 'plastic' you just

know that it cannot work. Believe me it will.

Made from alimentary silicone, Wonderflex moulds are not inexpensive but clearly outperform traditional tins and trays and are guaranteed to last for a longer period. They are available locally at Cooks Kitchen, High St, Berwick.

Anne and I recently visited old friends at their Glenburn farm for lunch and were served a tasty salad of local smoked trout, vegetable quiche and greens. To accompany it was a perfectly mature example of

a classic Riesling; a Jacobs Creek, 1996 and bought 5 or 6 years ago for \$5-6, a bargain. This was another example of the benefit of putting wines down for a few years. This wine had transformed from what many consider a 'basic' wine to something that was a pleasure to drink. Thankyou Bev and Jim.

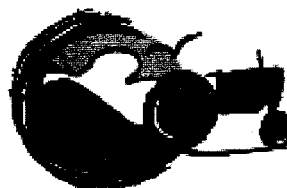
Asparagus is at its best at the moment, see recipe on page 10.

Any 2002 Clare or 2003 Eden Valley Riesling can be put down with confidence and at fear of repeating previous recommendations the Peter Lehmann, Semillon, 2002, \$8 will make a lovely food wine in 2-5 years. Our Current house white is the Zilzie Buloke Reserve Chardonnay, 2002, \$8 at Dan Murphy.

Recently tasted and recommended wines are:

Kingston Estate 'Echelon' Shiraz, 2001, \$15-18 a new flagship wine for Kingston voted in the top 10 of the Top 100 Australian Shiraz Competition. Gibson's Barossa Vale Shiraz, \$28 stylish and restrained, will develop; at Nicks. Sandalford Cab/Merlot/Cab Franc, Margaret River, 2001, \$20. Leconfield Coonawarra Cab, 2001, \$22 which at a recent tasting looked like being the wine of the night until we tasted the Seppelt St Peters, Great Western Shiraz, 1998, \$30 approx - try Boccaccio Cellars, Balwyn. This is a special wine, velvety and rich, for that special occasion or as a gift and will last for 20 years.

A very special thankyou to all of our friends who have supported Anne following her recent kidney transplant. She is doing remarkably well and has that old sparkle in the eye and chuckle in the voice. Once she gets over the daily visits to Royal Melbourne you can expect to see her out and about again.



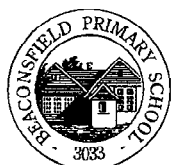
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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

Make and Mingle will be having their Craft Fair on Friday 21st November from 3.30pm. -7.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to purchase craft and Christmas gifts as well as food, flowers and craft supplies.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am to 12noon.

We have lots of crafts you can learn or you can bring along your own craft, you are working on or just come for a chat.

This term we are doing Christmas crafts, parchment, patchwork, embroidery, glass painting, greeting cards, scrap booking, floral art and stamping. You are welcome to come along at any time.

We will have a special Christmas break-up with Swordwords group singing on Wed 10th December.

For any more details
Contact - Ann 9707 1996



PERPETUAL TROPHY GIVEN IN HONOUR OF JOAN ROWLEY

The Country Women's Association - Berwick Branch was saddened at the loss of Mrs. Joan Rowley of Adamson Road, Beaconsfield on 24th June at Waverley Valley Nursing Home.

Joan moved to Beaconsfield with her husband in 1986 from Keysborough. Her husband passed away in 1993.

As an active member of the Country Women's Association in Berwick, Joan joined our Association after she moved here until she passed away. Joan loved her garden and entered in our Group Exhibition with many plants and flowers. Also, she was a talented lady and entered her pieces of needlework in the Exhibition too.

During her time at Berwick she held many positions

including President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch. Joan was elected to the position of Group President of West Gippsland until she became ill and could not continue in that position.

She will be sadly missed by all at Berwick Country Women's Association of Berwick and the residents of Beaconsfield.

A perpetual trophy has been donated by the family to the Berwick Branch, for the Best Flower held each month at their meeting. This was presented to Marlies Heath by Joan's daughter Susan Smith for the most number of points over the past 12 months.

Joan is survived by her children Lynne, Susan and Wayne and ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

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by Tammy Labato, MP,
Member for Gembrook

On 15 October I attended a water forum in Pakenham run by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). This forum was one of many being held around the state to discuss the water reform Green Paper, "Securing our Water Future".

This Green Paper grew out of the realisation that in order to achieve a sustainable supply of water, all sectors of our community need to make changes about how they use water. The paper proposes 80 initiatives for water reform, covering six main policy themes. These are: water resources and their allocation; smarter water use

in cities and towns; smarter use of irrigation water; dealing with stressed rivers; pricing for sustainability; and an accountable and innovative water sector.

A key strategy in the Green Paper is to substitute drinking water with alternatives such as recycled water, greywater, stormwater runoff and rainwater collected in tanks.

Community feedback is vital to guide the development of water policy and I encourage all interested to make submissions until the deadline on 30 November. Copies of the Green Paper are available through my office. Other ways to save water are by purchasing water-

efficient appliances around the home. Until 1 December, all Victorians can obtain a range of rebates from the Bracks Government. These are:

- \$150 rebate on AAAA rated washing machines;
- \$100 rebate on AAA rated dishwashers;
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- \$10 rebate for AAA - rated shower rose;
- \$30 rebate for water conservation home audits; and
- \$30 rebate for every \$100 or more spent on a range of water-saving products such as tap timers, compost bins and trigger nozzles.

The Rebate Application Form is available from water retailers, from DSE on Tel: 136 186 or by downloading from the website at - www.dse.vic.gov.au, where there are also more details on the rebate scheme. Free Water Saver kits are also available by ringing DSE.

I encourage all residents to take the opportunity to do their bit to save water at home.

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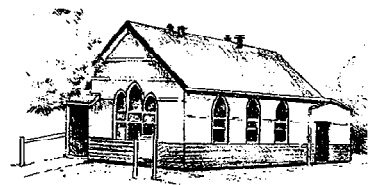
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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
C.A.

Recent announcements by the Australian Taxation Office and the Treasurers' Office continue at a furious pace. The changes affect the broad community of taxpayers and include the following:

Cash Economy

The Tax Office has announced that it is targeting industries operating predominately in the cash economy in 2003/4 including building and construction, hotels and clubs, business services, restaurants, cafes and take-aways, hairdressers, cleaning services, scrap metal dealers and computer retailers.

Bartering

The Tax Office is aware of the operations of barter trading and expects that all barter transactions are assessable and deductible for income tax purposes to the same extent as other cash or credit transactions. In addition there is also a liability for GST on taxable supplies between members of a trade exchange.

Superannuation

The Government has announced that it has negotiated an agreement with the Australian Democrats under which maximum superannuation surcharge rate will be reduced from 15% to 12.5% over 3 years. It was originally proposed for a reduction to 10.5%.

Under the co-contribution measure superannuation contributions will be matched by government payments of up to \$1,000

annually for those on incomes up to \$27,500 and cutting out at \$40,000.

The Government is legislating to enable single income couples to split superannuation contributions with access to two ETP low-rate thresholds and two reasonable benefits limits. This split is proposed to take effect from 1st July 2004 and will be done each year but existing superannuation benefits will not be eligible for splitting.

Family Tax Benefit

The current system requires you to lodge within 12 months otherwise FTB top-up is not available. New proposed legislation will give families 2 years to receive top-up payments or to claim a lump sum payment for FBT and their Child Care benefit.

\$100 write-off rule

Expenditure of up to \$100 (including GST) incurred to acquire a depreciable asset in the course of carrying on a business can be written off in the year of expenditure. An example for a tradesperson is small tools costing \$100 or less, including hammers, screwdrivers, drill bits etc.

The Australian Taxation Office recognizes that tax-agents play a critical roll in the efficient operation of the tax system. Most compliance issues involve working with tax agents as they lodge 75% of individual tax returns, 97% of business returns and 55% of activity statements. Consult your registered tax-agent for advice and assistance to help in your taxation and personal financial affairs.

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by Shane Hester

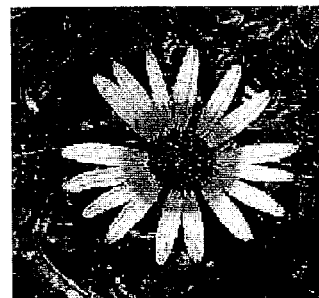
I don't recall the last time I saw so many different plants in flower at the same time in the sanctuary.

One of the most prominent at the moment is the Gray Parrot-pea (*Dillwynia cinerascens*). It has bright orange and red pea like flowers in clusters at the tips of its branches.



Gray Parrot-pea

Once again it's that time of the year when every weed that has been hiding over winter has decided to spring up and show itself. Thistles are once again emerging in the usual places and hopefully will be kept under control or possibly eradicated before they start to flower. Other flat weeds such as Cape Weed have the potential to become a problem with seeds being blown into the sanctuary from neighbouring housing estates.



Cape weed flower

Another is the Kangaroo Apple (*Solanum aviculare*) which is a member of the Nightshade family. It grows to a tall shrub about 3m and has violet-purple petals with a yellow centre followed by tomato-like, orange-red, egg shaped fruit.



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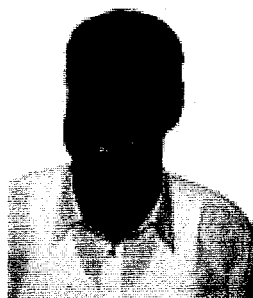
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Ripping off the System.

As I write the papers are full of stories concerning people who have rorted the First Home Owners Grant. The First Home Owners Grant is a generous initiative of the Federal Government in which folk purchasing their very first home are given a grant of \$7,000. The grant has been the means whereby many a young couple has got into their first home. I have no doubt that many of our new neighbours on the surrounding Estates have benefited.

However it has come to light that some 40 kids one as young as 4 months have obtained the Grant. Some unscrupulous folk have bought their "second" home using the name of their child to pretend they are "first home buyers". Over a quarter of a million has been drained from the Grant fund in this way.

The response of the Government? The only response there can be. A new law to stop anyone under 18 years from obtaining a Grant.

But my question is; Why do we need laws to make us do the right thing? Would you not think that anyone with a conscience would know that to use a "First Home Owners Grant" to buy a *second* home is wrong?

Another question; between 1981 and 2001 the percentage of Australians who claim no religion rose from 22.16% to 27.1% meanwhile in the same period the number of Australians affected by serious crime rose from 26.1% to 30%, any connection? (The Bulletin. 21 Oct 03. P27).

The conscience is a fascinating phenomenon. It is our guide to right and wrong. But it needs to be educated. For all its faults the church certainly does its best do to so.

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THE BEACONSFIELD POST OFFICE 1936 – 1956

by Pat Reid

My father Herman (Mac) Roberts, having been a long time resident of Beaconsfield had written to the Post Masters General Department with a request if the Post Office was ever up for sale he was interested in buying.

The Misses Craven, Mattie, Brenda and Alice had been there for a number of years and in 1936 we took over the Post Office in November, while still carrying on the general store on the Princes Highway. We were unable to live at the Post Office till major renovations were done to the premises. Bill Watts ran the Post Office, sleeping by the switchboard at night, as it was a 24 hour exchange.

What changes have taken place? In one day, we had two mails in per day from Melbourne and two mails out per day by rail. The first mail arrived about 8.30am brought from the station by the mail contractor/bus driver who also

took the mail to Beaconsfield Upper. He waited while mail was sorted for Guys Hill and the private bags which he delivered on the way to Beaconsfield Upper. 11.30am saw the first mail out to Melbourne carried to the station by my father. 5.30pm another mail from Melbourne and 8pm another to Melbourne, taken to the station by my father who had to wait for the train and get the guards signature for the mail bag. The night train was almost always late so it made a long day.

My mother, Kath Roberts, learnt the office routine, was in charge when Bill Watts joined the Army when war came. I left school in 1942 and worked with my mother in the office, also an agency for the Commonwealth Bank, till I left for overseas in 1951.

Petrol tickets had to be collected from the Post Office when petrol rationing

came in, pensions were paid fortnightly and many people were having the phone connected. Our area of subscribers stretched from beyond the end of Soldiers Road to almost Officer on the Highway, Manuka road, well up the Upper Beaconsfield and of course the local township.

My father died in 1953 and my mother was appointed Post Mistress and continued in that role till the Post Office was sold in 1956.

Others who worked in the office at different times were Alice Daniel (Berwick), Mary Holohan and Valerie Doherty (both Beaconsfield girls) and Betty Edwards from Upper Beaconsfield.

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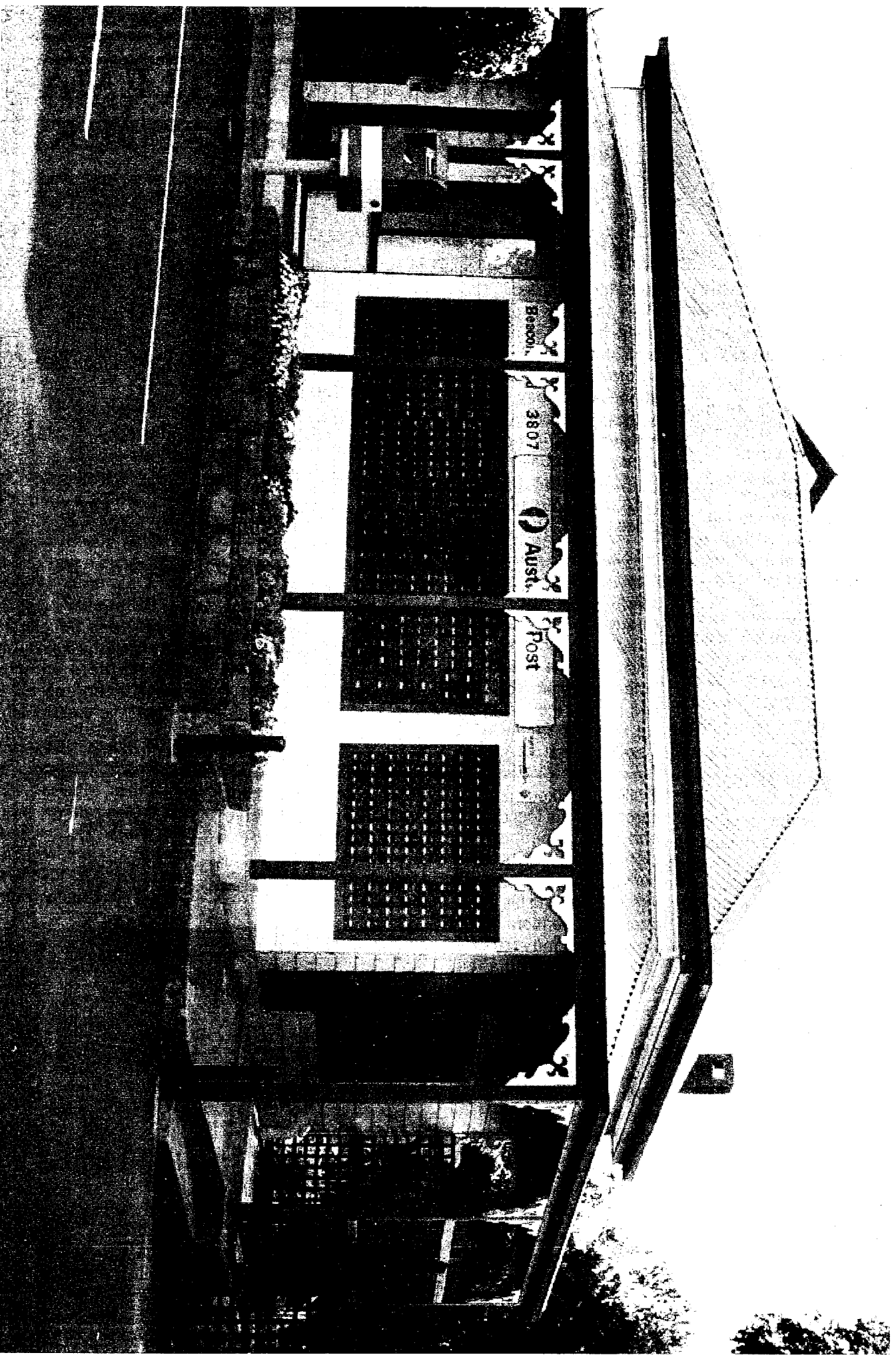
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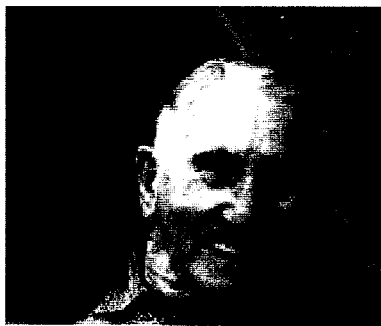
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PHILIP WYNNE-YORKE, a descendant of Philip Yorke, the Earl of Hardwick, will be celebrating his 90th birthday this November.

Philip was born in 1913 in Duffryn Aled, Nth Wales. He was the eldest of 4 children and his family moved to Christchurch New Zealand, when his father was asked to manage his wife's family sheep farm of 4,000 acres.

Philip's father had been educated at Cambridge and after a number of years on the farm, he was asked to teach at Christ College, Christchurch, where Philip was educated.

Philip loved singing at Cathedral Square and regularly on the radio. He is an excellent self-taught pianist playing mostly by ear and he has always enjoyed playing for family and friends.

After Philip left school he began training as a chemist, but when the depression hit he had to go out to work. He worked at sheep farming like his father, breeding stud sheep at Gisborne and later moved to Kaikoura where he bred Romney Marsh sheep. Philip loved his Border collie sheepdogs and became very proficient in dog trials and entering competitions which he enjoyed.

He met a beautiful Australian girl Daphne Elizabeth Wood, and in

1939 they married. They lived in Governors Bay where he worked on a fruit farm and later worked with wholesale woollen garments. Today, he still has one of the woven plaid woollen rugs, an enduring legacy of the quality of New Zealand wool and the craftsmanship of those times.

In 1949, Philip and his wife Daphne and their son and daughter moved to Australia. They went to Yallourn, Victoria and worked for the S.E.C. first in the transport workshop and later in the tool store. He and the family were there for a total of 13 years.

Philip embarked on a new career and his friendliness and love of people was evident in his work at a milk bar in Richmond. After 5 years, Philip and his family decided to be more 'out of town' and moved to a business in Mordialloc, which in those days was a seaside place for holidays and day trippers-very different from today. His soda fountains at his café were very popular and this was an enjoyable time for them.

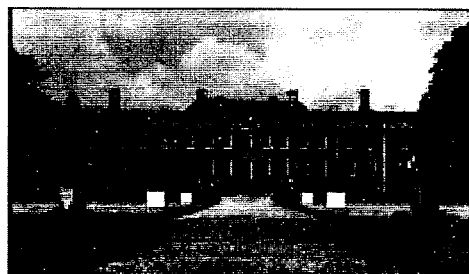
He then moved further south again to Frankston in a brand new milk bar in a new housing area and built up the business again. He and Daphne finally retired to their own home in Frankston and then to Rosebud where they lived

for 23 years and enjoyed bowls. Philip loved gardening and had a glass house and shade house where he propagated flowers and vegetables.

In 1995, they moved to a unit in Berwick to be nearer their families and sadly a year later Daphne passed away.

The name Wynne-Yorke is a Welsh name and the family has been able to trace the family tree back to the 7th century. Philip Yorke born in 1764 was Earl of Hardwick. Whilst he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Yorke Peninsula was named after him as was Hardwick Bay nearby.

Previous generations had a family home in Wales; 'Erddig' built 1684-1687. It is now owned by the National Trust and open to the public today.



Despite ill health, Philip still leads a busy life. He meets with his friends at Senior Citizens and the Low Vision clinic. He is a regular at Make and Mingle where he has many friends young and old. He has a real love for the Lord and attends Beaconsfield Baptist Church each Sunday. He also enjoys the outings and get togethers with the church's retirees group 'Evergreens' each month.

When you meet Philip you are warmly greeted by a real gentleman, who is loving and kind and always asking after 'you'. He just loves spending time with his family and 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



Pictured above: Philip Wynne-Yorke with his grandchildren.

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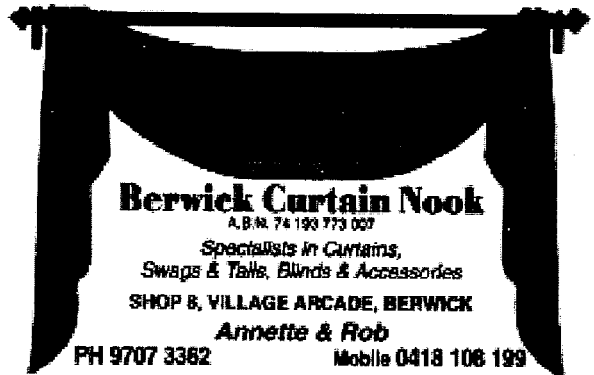
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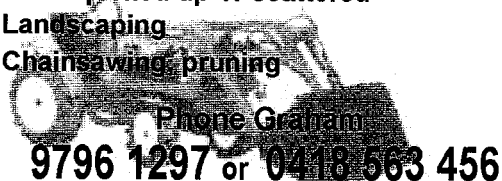
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by David Griffiths

THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN!

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Apart from Sean Connery the film also stars Stuart Townsend as Gray. It seems he is also making a habit of playing literacy immortals as he also played Lestat in 'The Queen Of The Damned'.

There is also an Aussie flavour amongst the cast with Peta Wilson (more famous as Nikita in TV's 'La Femme Nikita') brilliantly playing Mina Harker, and Richard Roxburgh playing M.

Just a hint if you have read the novels these characters are in, then you should be able to pick who the turn bad guys are early on in the film.

All up this film is a must for science fiction fans such as myself.

These films should be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland in the near future.

I'll be honest I was looking forward to seeing this film ever since I heard about it's conception a while ago. Somehow the idea of bringing together a few of literature's greatest characters and putting them together in one group, seemed like something that would make a great film. I wasn't disappointed.

I heard one film goer recently say it wasn't bad for a silly little film, she then openly admitted that she didn't read literature and had no idea who any of the characters were.

Don't get me wrong, you can enjoy the film without having

read the books they are from, but it is a lot more fun for those who have. It's great to see these characters alive in front of you.

The main character is Alan Quartermain (from 'King Solomon's Mines'), and his companions are vampire Mina Harker, the immortal Dorian Gray, American agent Thomas Sawyer, Rodney Skinner who has the ability to make himself invisible, the pirate Captain Nemo and scientist Dr Henry Jekyll (with his alter ego Mr Hyde).

It is irony that Sean Connery plays Alan Quartermain. Remember

Indiana Jones was based on Quartermain, now remember Connery has previously played Indiana Jones father.

The hardest thing to accept with this film is the characters have access to such high tech technology when the film is set in turn-of-the-century England, but that is easily forgotten amongst the amazing action and good storyline.

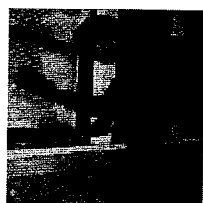
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AROUND THE BAY IN A DAY

by Willem Boon



After talking about the ride for months and training for as many months the big day finally arrived - October 19, - cycling around Port Phillip Bay in a Day, a distance of 210km.

Our starting point - Albert Park Lake - where we met with a group of like-minded cycling enthusiasts. A final check - bike, food, tickets, money and rain jacket. It was time to leave. 5 a.m. and still dark.

After a few kilometers we reached the West Gate Bridge. It was truly an amazing sight. Hundreds of bikes crawling up the bridge. The weather was still perfect, very mild and hardly any wind.

This soon changed when the wind picked up to near gale force.

A quick stop at Werribee then onto the Geelong Freeway into the wind which only seemed to get stronger. Another stop at Little River where we had something to eat and drink. We have now ridden 50kilometres and its still only 7am.

The stretch between Little River and Geelong was some of the hardest cycling I have done, gale force wind and driving rain. You couldn't see much and it took every bit of concentration. From Geelong we turned towards Queenscliff, the rain had eased and the wind was a little behind us. By 10am we were in Queenscliff. Half way - 110km in 5 hours.

Our ferry didn't leave till 11am. The hardest part now was to find shelter and stay warm. At this point lunch packs were provided. By 12 noon we set riding from Sorrento. It took a little time to get warm but the weather was on the improve, with only light rain and the wind was on our backs. With 100kms still to go we needed every bit of advantage.

The hour from Sorrento all was fine but the hills near Mt. Eliza were hard, for me anyway, the legs were hurting. Once at the top it was a fantastic downhill! A few more smaller hills and before we knew it we could see Frankston from the top of Oliver's Hill.

A beautiful descent, 63 km per hour, Wow!!

The weather by this stage had greatly improved. The sun was trying to shine through and the gale was long gone. With a quick stop in Frankston and only 40km further, it was through to Mordialloc and 20 kms to go. The legs at this stage are very tired and the small hills on Beach Road seem like mountains.

We can now see the city buildings and the speedo verifies it - 210kms. Spectators on the roadside applaud which is nice and a glance at the watch confirms 4pm. The final ride into Catani Garden in St. Kilda to the Official Start and Finish. We succeeded. We were very tired but satisfied that we had completed the whole 210km in a day, together with 8,000 cyclist from across Victoria and interstate.

Thankyou to the volunteers who also withstood the adverse conditions in the coldest and wettest 'Around the Bay in a Day' ever, to support us at check points.

FORMATION OF CARDINIA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CRRA)

At a public meeting at Maryknoll on 9th August, a steering committee was formed to work towards establishing an association of ratepayers and residents in Cardinia Shire. The steering committee received encouragement and considerable interest was expressed in the formation of such a body.

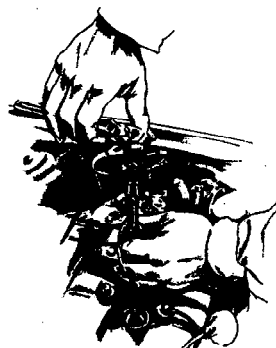
Following its second meeting, with welcome input from various local town community groups and individual, the steering committee has prepared a draft charter for the proposed association. If this meets with approval, the final process for setting up CRRA Inc. can be undertaken at the next meeting.

it is important to note that the major task of this association will be to work for the best interest of all ratepayers and residents in the Cardinia Shire and, being independent and unaligned to Council, such an association would not replicate the function of township groups or councillors, but will communicate and work co-operatively towards achieving improved democratic process in local government and equity for ratepayers and residents in local communities throughout the Shire.

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by Margaret Cromb

As we approach spring the bright yellow of wattles and the diversity of local shrubs and flowers in bloom is a joy to behold. Our winter rains have been substantial so we are looking forward to a good planting season this spring. The 3,300 plants we planted onto properties in last autumn are doing well – it is good to see them rising above their plastic guards.

The Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery is full of small plants waiting for some warmth before taking off. The demand for indigenous plants is increasing all the time as there is a growing awareness of their importance – in spite of continuous clearing, particularly of understorey, by many landowners. The nursery is open to all – on

Fridays from 12md- 5pm – or by appointment (97072415). It is situated in Halford Rd, Upper Beaconsfield. For large orders a lead time of 6 months is required.

The Landcare network has begun a mammal survey of properties using hairtubes. These contain food which attracts the animal to the tube where they leave hair samples which can be sent away for analysis. If anyone is interested in having this done on their property please let us know. There is a charge to cover the hair analysis.

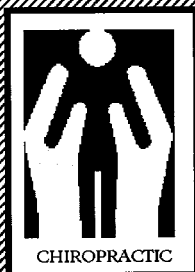
The information gathered is sent to a central authority and is important in determining the extent and range of our native animals.

By the time this goes to print we will have planted 3,400 plants during October and November into 5 properties from Clyde North to Upper Beaconsfield, Berwick and Harkaway. We have been assisted by the Pakenham Greencorp team in achieving this.

You might be interested to know that an audit has been completed of Landcare works since the first 3 Landcare groups were formed in 1999 in the Shire of Cardinia. 187 projects have been completed. \$822,000 has been spent, this money coming from the Shire of Cardinia, Melbourne Water, the EPA and from NHT funding. The Shire of Cardinia gives \$20,000 annually which is particularly noteworthy as

they do not stipulate where it is to be spent. The City of Casey also helps with funding in its area of responsibility. At least 200 hectares have been protected and 170,000 indigenous plants planted. The 3 original groups have grown to 9. Some landowners have 25% of their property set aside for indigenous vegetation which has actually increased the productivity of their land. The Cardinia Catchment Landcare group is a recent addition to this network and is unusual in that it covers two local government areas.

We thank all the landowners who have participated and who are helping to restore the indigenous bushland which makes this area a very special place. Especially we thank the volunteers who make it happen. If you would like to be involved in any way please get in touch. Margaret Cromb. (hon secretary) 9707 2415.



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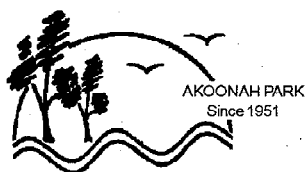
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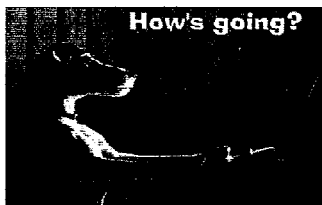


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He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveller asked.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill,

he came to a dirt road which led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there".

The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate. "Come on in."

"How about my friend here?" the traveller gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump." They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it.

The traveller filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them.

"What do you call this place?" the traveller asked.

This is Heaven," he answered.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveller said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No. I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out the folks who'll leave their best friends behind."

Wall Tiles do get shabby unless the grout is kept clean. Wall tiles can lose their grip on the wall and have to be removed (without dropping them) cleaned and relayed. I have recently seen two alternatives to tiles which certainly look great.

One is the use of the "marble trend" design of shower, which has a shiny smooth surface and is installed by gluing it to cement sheet and sealing around the base. No more cracked tiles or grotty grout.

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by Phil Collins



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been taught to drive by a distant cousin who is also a road hog and mobile menace. He or she has taught you all of the bad habits. So while your car is being stretch to its original shape after that drunken tree leapt out at it, why not do a safe driving course to pass the time?

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

It has often been said by many that life is like a journey and we learn as we undergo it. This is indeed true and few would seriously dispute it. The philosophic base of this attitude is brought home very strongly when an actual physical journey is undertaken and in hindsight many analogies are clearly magnified. Having just completed a long tour of the "top end" of our country on a Coach, certain aspects of the tour relate so much to our life's journey and are worthy of note.

Firstly our travelling companions were a real mix of personalities, ages, career backgrounds, states of health etc. However we all shared one common purpose and that was to enjoy the journey together, and being in close proximity

to each other everyone made special efforts to be friendly, and sociable. This in turn created a sense of comradeship, and personal idiosyncrasities were overlooked as being a source of irritation.

Clearly the lesson here is that in life we must mix with all kinds of people and by making a little extra effort, everyone can enjoy the moment, and extract the most from the journey's purpose.

There were occasions when we drove hundreds of kilometres seeing nothing but flat scrubby desert and this could be regarded as boring and uninteresting to some. However at the end of such sections we found something that was amazing or extremely interesting and the long

drive to reach there was quickly forgotten in the delight of a special moment. Is this not like life when long periods of our lives can seem to be repetitious and boring, when suddenly out of the blue a magic moment arises and our patience and endurance is unexpectedly rewarded. Years of seemingly endless toil disappear in a flash and we revel in the special moment which revitalizes us.

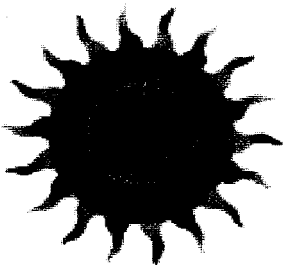
There was another lesson here too. Many long and arduous walks were available on tour, some over very rough ground, up steep mountains, along valleys, undertaken in severe heat conditions. Temperatures at the lowest point was 33 degrees, and up to 43 degrees, with many consecutive days 40 degrees and upward.

Alone, many would probably have declined these special opportunities due to the heat and roughness of terrain, but when someone in obvious ill-health took it on, one would have felt rather "chicken" not to have had a go, and almost everyone forgot about the heat and enjoyed the special adventure.

Clearly a group of like minded people will undertake something arduous together, whereas on their own may have had second thoughts. Good humour prevailed at these times further adding to the enjoyment of the special effort put into the physical activity. We must not forget the spiritual upliftment received at these moments which made the trip worthwhile, as special satisfaction comes from personal effort to achieve something desirable.

Sometimes we need to extend our horizons to further our gleanings of what it is that creates values in our lives. So much knowledge is to be had from everyday events. All we need to be is observant.

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RAILWAY HOUSE MUSINGS

I stand or have stood for the last 115 years near the Beaconsfield railway Station with my old friend "Woody" the Buna Buna pine out front.

Until last year I was really feeling my age with rotting stumps, uneven floor, leaking roof and boy could I tell you some stories about my plumbing since at one time or another half of Beaconsfield has lived in me ... maybe in another issue.

On the 23.11.02, SALVATION occurred because Yvonne and Ian purchased me from under the nose of the developers who were going to do nasty things to me.

My new owners aim is to restore me to my former glory and already I feel like I am on steroids. New concrete stumps have that side effect on us old houses.

My leadlight entrance now sparkles, the chimneys have been restored, I have a new roof and my floor is now level.

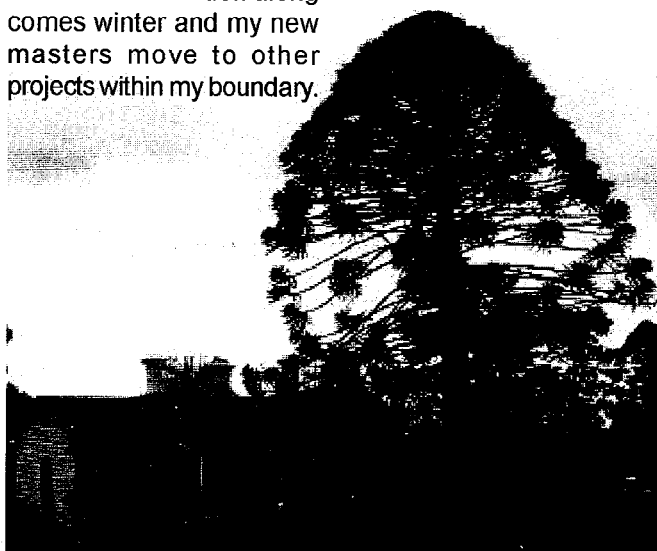
Just when I start to enjoy all this new attention along comes winter and my new masters move to other projects within my boundary.

Being born in 1888 in the steam age, it came as no surprise when a modern diesel 4wd tractor driven by my good neighbour Graham, sunk in my paddock in October. I claim sunk because the tractor was mired in the mud many times deeper than mere bogging could achieve.

Woody and I tried to redirect all the surface water into that area but alas we failed and the sinking only reached halfway up the infernal modern machine. The sucking mud held firm against the power of the tractor. Give me steam any day. Those 20 imperial ton monsters never stop and Woody would always donate a few branches to keep the boiler up.

Almost the whole street turned out to watch the recovery of the infernal machine. It was a good time for my master to meet the neighbours and make new friends. We did our best to sink the tractor. Maybe next time SO WATCHOUT Graham.

Now back to pondering my rosy future.....



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WHAT GENDER IS 'COMPUTER'?

A language teacher was explaining to her class that nouns in French are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine. One puzzled student asked 'What gender is computer?' The teacher didn't know, the word wasn't in her French dictionary. So for fun, she split the class into two groups, by gender approximately enough, and asked them to decide whether 'computer' should be a masculine or feminine noun. Both groups were required to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The men's group decided that computers should

definitely be of the feminine gender (la computer) because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic
2. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for possible later retrieval
3. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay cheque on accessories for it.

The women's group however concluded that computers

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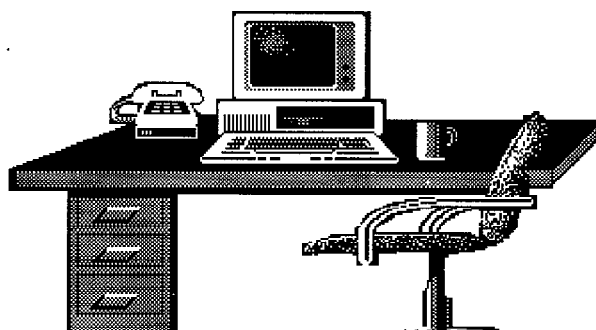
should be masculine (le computer) because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but they are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems but

half the time they ARE the problem.

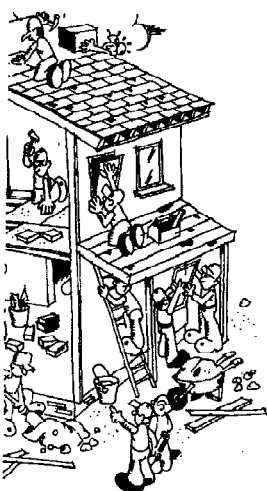
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you'd waited a little longer you could have obtained a better model.

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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe McMaster, President

The cricket season is well under way the club is fielding 5 senior teams and an O'35's Masters team which plays 6 Sunday games a season on turf wickets.

New players are wanted and always made to feel welcome. Senior training is Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The Juniors are going gang busters we are fielding 6 teams, 3 U'12's, 2 U 14's, 1 U16's the installation of a new wide pitch at St Francis Xavier College is now a first rate venue for cricket.

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

We are a family based club and welcome players of all ages and ability to come down for a game. The club provides an enjoyable atmosphere and hosts competitive cricket for the community of Beaconsfield.

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Berwick bowls have excellent facilities with their new club rooms including fantastic greens. The location is at the Edwin Flack Reserve in Manuka Road, Berwick.



THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT!

"If you can imagine it, you can create it.
If you can dream it, you can become it."
William Arthur Ward



TENNIS NEWS

HEY KIDS do you want to **HAVE A GO at TENNIS?** Then come along on any Friday evenings at 4:30 to about 6:00pm to the Beaconsfield Tennis Club courts in Beaconsfield Emerald Road and find out if like the game. The evenings are designed for real beginners, but we are happy for those that are new to the game and those that just like it to also join in. For beginners, just bring yourself, no racket needed and join in with other beginners and play real games of tennis. Our resident coach Warrick MacGowan will be on hand to advise on any aspects of the game.

Tennis is one of a few games where you always get to touch the ball and have a hit, unlike some other team games where the real beginners often sit on the sidelines watching those more proficient etc. So come along and join us any time.

Our club will be conducting Junior Club Championships on Sunday 16th November open to club members only.

Junior Tennis	Midweek Ladies	Tuesday/Thursday Night	Saturday Seniors
<p>Four teams played in the winter grand finals with two premierships being won. Premiers were Section 3 – Montana Grenfell, Josh Osborne, Ben Schreurs, Matthew Davidson and Mark Sheafe. Section 13 Blue – Rachel Wallace, Natasha Duncan, Roslyn Wyngaard, Kasey Day and Rachael Day. Section 4 and Section 10 were runners up.</p> <p>A BBQ was recently held at the club house to celebrate their wins and present club trophies.</p>	<p>The mid week ladies Spring season has only 3 rounds left to play, and we look like having three Tuesday teams in the finals, two Wednesday teams and one Thursday team.</p> <p>Our mid week ladies competition welcomes new members, and any interested players can contact Dawn Snelson (9704 6852).</p>	<p>Tuesday Night Unisex "A" grade Tuesday Night mixed was won by "The Team" who defeated "The Young Ones". "B" grade was won by "BMW" with runners-up being "Try Hards". The new season is now underway with 14 teams playing.</p> <p>Thursday Night Men's Thursday night mens "A" grade winners were "MASH" with "Top Guns" runners-up. "B" grade winners were "Night Stalkers" defeating "Slap Shots". Thursday nights new season has also started with 12 teams.</p>	<p>Congratulations to the Ladies "B" Special 1 team who were premiers winning the final by one game. We have four teams entered in the Summer competition. One ladies doubles, one mens singles and two mixed doubles.</p> 
<p>Club Contacts: President: 5940 1186 Secretary: 9707 4287 Treasurer: 9707 2575</p>			



Left : Our Winter Premiers & Runners Up. Pictured Right: Junior premiers.

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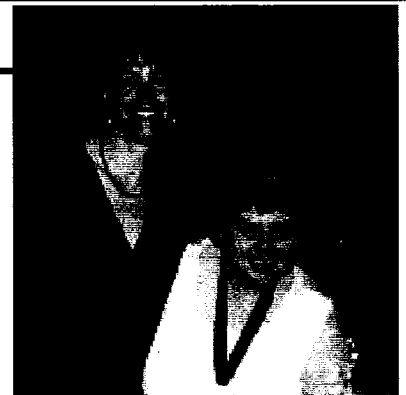
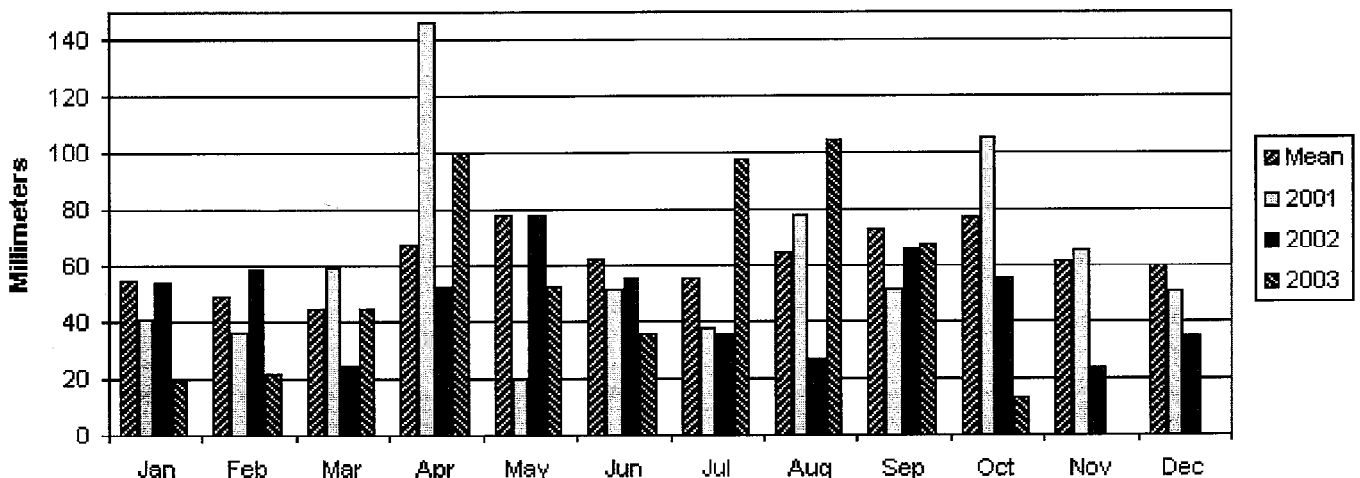
BABY NEWS

Born to Edward and Sarah McNally, a son Thomas Edward on 1/10/03. New Grandparents Pat and Linda and Auntie's Lisa, Dana and Kathryn, both congratulate and wish them well.

DEBUTANTE BALL

Two Beaconsfield girls made their Debut at the inaugural Deb Ball organized by Minibah Services. Simone Rushton and Debbie Taylor were presented to Marion Watson (life member of Minibah) and Kate Lempriere (Cardinia Mayor) and their families at the Pakenham Cultural Centre on Saturday 25th October.

*Top Right : Simone Rushton pictured with Minibah Staff member Louise Bailey.
Right: Debbie Taylor.*

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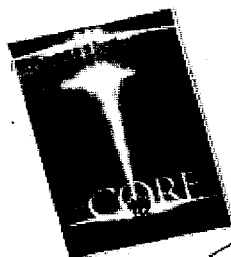
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