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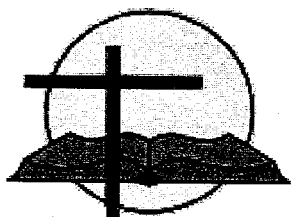
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*Latham Horvath as P.C. Blubber in "Seven Little Penguins"
- a production at Beaconsfield Primary School.*

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*Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas*

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Angela McPhee on being elected as the new President of the Berwick Chamber of Commerce. I am certain that I speak on behalf of many within the Beaconsfield community, that her true commitment and devotion as President of the BPA to our community was apparent during the time she held the position and very much appreciated. Furthermore, I also wish to thank the members and executive committee members of the BPA for welcoming me into the community and for their support over the past several months.

Although my family and I don't reside in Beaconsfield, I feel more part of this community than the one I actually live in. It was over four years ago when I eagerly established my Accounting practice in this town, against all odds, but having a deep belief that it was where I wanted to be. Not Berwick nor Narre Warren, but Beaconsfield. What attracted me to this lovely town was the tranquil surroundings, the friendliness of the community, whom were all happy for an "outsider" to come into their town and give it a shot.

Well, after four years, and many changes to our town, I am so honoured to be given

an opportunity to make a difference within our fantastic community. A difference where, along side members of the community, we can work together to protect what we all hold so dearly. The current issues that Beaconsfield is faced with are the increasing traffic through the township, the Soldiers Rd extension, that forms part of the Traffic Strategy that is currently being finalised, the railway station improvements that are long overdue to name just a few. I would like to re assure you that my objective during my time as your President is to pursue these issues and ensure our voice is heard through local council and state and

federal representatives. I am confident that our ward councillor, Cr Garry Runge is as committed to our community as we all are, and we should support him by any means required.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Carols By the Creek to be held at the Bob Burgess Reserve on Sunday 21st December 2003 at 7.30pm

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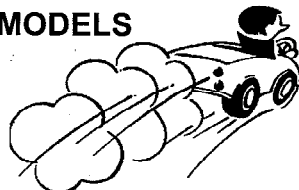
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YOUR LINK WITH COUNCIL



by Cr. Garry Runge,
Beacon Hills Ward

Hello Everyone,
Well what a year of development and progress we have had in the ward. The Beaconsfield Community Complex is really starting to take shape and by the time Christmas comes it is hoped that the slab will be down so we can have a community slab

walk. This complex promises to be a wonderful asset to the community with lots of activities to participate in and plenty of fun and educational programs to enjoy.

The Beaconsfield Township Traffic Strategy has been prepared and released for community comment. This project came from the hard working members of the Beaconsfield Progress Association who spent many hours preparing a submission for Council. The Traffic Group then turned the draft proposal into a definitive strategy with a

number of recommendations. The strategy was created by the community for the community and has a focus on delivering the best traffic strategy available for Beaconsfield. I am very pleased with the amount of input from the community into this strategy and look forward to presenting the final version to Council.

Development in the township is certainly moving ahead and I think it is really important that we, the community, regulate how development occurs. Development for the sake of development is not the answer for Beaconsfield. I firmly believe in community consultation and encourage everyone to get involved in the decisions that will affect our township. So no matter what the issue is, if you have a view about it please let me know so I can represent the best interests of the community in Council.

There are a number of wonderful Carols nights throughout the ward and the Shire in the weeks to come so please enjoy them with your family. Carols by the creek promises to be another great success this year so please come along and celebrate this important time of the year with your family and friends. The great spirit of Christmas will flow around the reserve and give you a real sense of community togetherness.

In closing my wife Sue and I would like to wish every resident of Beaconsfield a very merry and safe Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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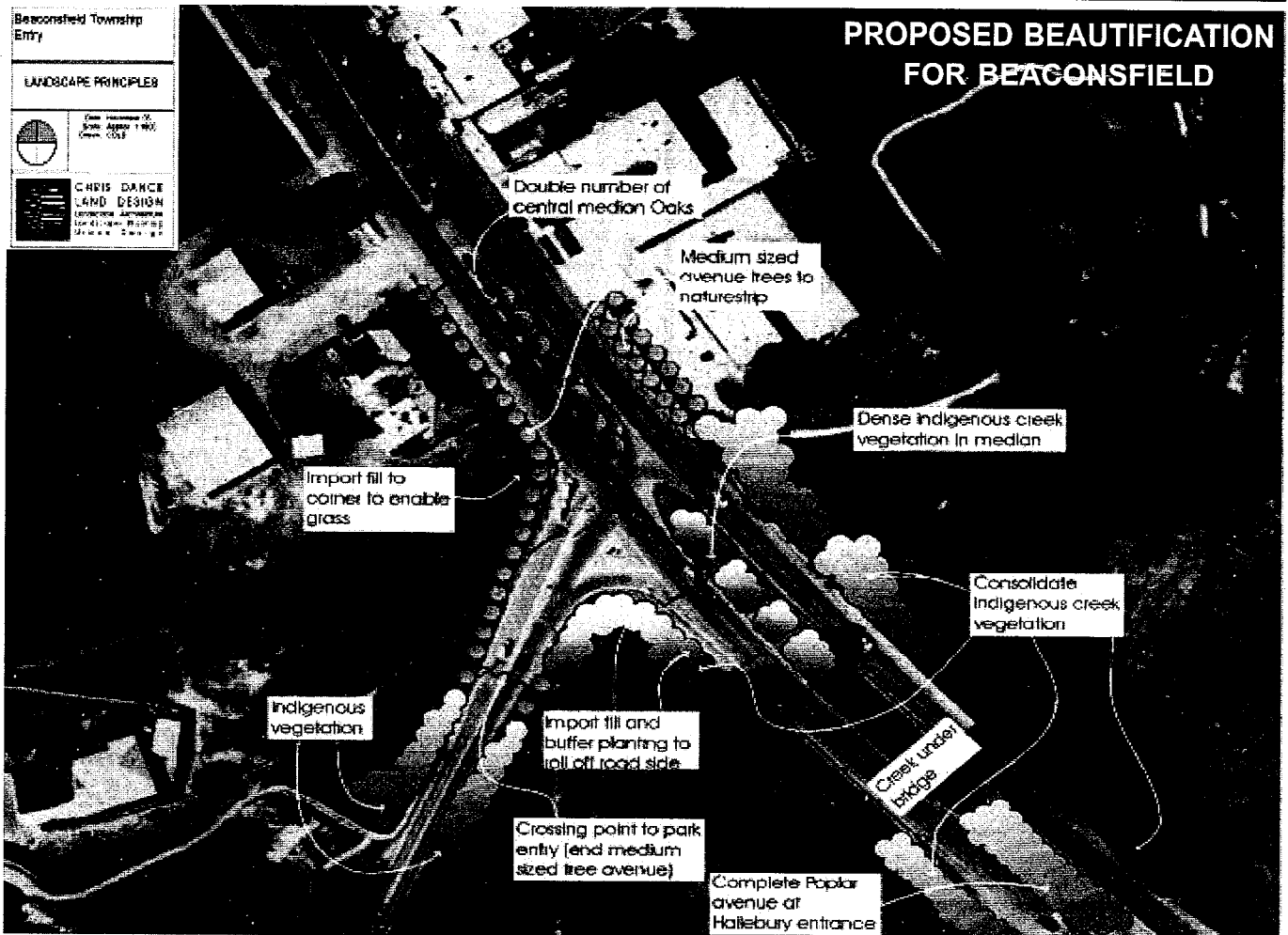
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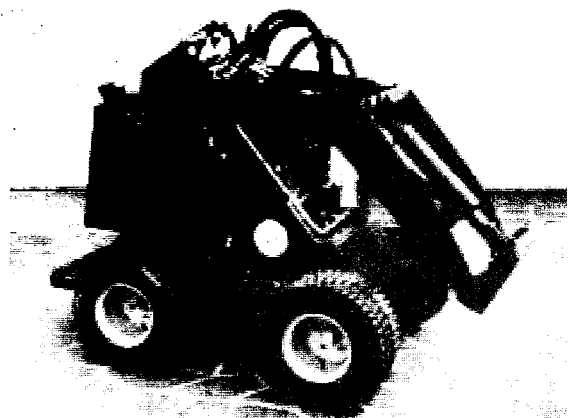
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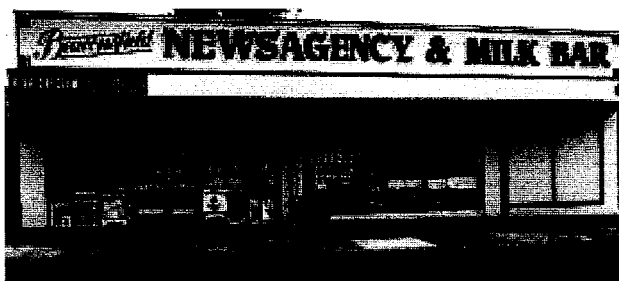
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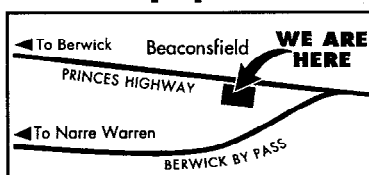
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS



by Philip Walton

New Tanker

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade took delivery of its new brigade owned tanker during October 2003 and following an initial run in period and equipment fit out, the tanker commenced operational use during November 2003. The new tanker cost just over \$160,000 and replaced a tanker which had been in use by the brigade since 1996. The new tanker was purchased with an enormous level of support from the local community and businesses, and major donations from the Berwick Opportunity Shop, Andrews Foundation and TXU.

The new tanker provides for improved crew safety, a more powerful pump unit and a 3000 litre water tank and is in addition to the existing CFA owned tanker. Both tankers provide a strong capacity for the brigade to respond to fires and other emergency incidents, both in the urban and rural areas of Beaconsfield.

Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants are located in roads around the built up areas of Beaconsfield and in some rural areas.

A fire hydrant is normally identified by:

- Either a square lid with white painted concrete surround or a large round black plastic lid with a concrete surround.

- A white post with a red top and blue reflectors on the post.

- A blue reflector on the road if it is a bitumen road.

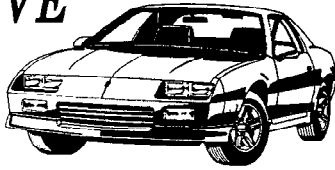


In the event of a fire, the immediate identification of the hydrant and access of water from the hydrant for use by the fire brigade is critical. It may mean the difference between a house and the people in it being saved or lost in a fire.

It is important that people who have a fire hydrant located out the front of their property assist the fire brigade and their neighbouring residents by:

- Keeping the hydrant clear of grass and weeds.
- Not obstructing the hydrant by covering it over with a lawn, building materials, parked car, etc.
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BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN CONTINUES TO GROW

by Deborah Lovett, President.



In the Kinder world big things are definitely happening.

Beaconsfield Kindergarten is very excited to soon have a brand new state of the art facility in our midst. The first sods of earth were recently turned on the Community development complex in O'Neil Road. This will become the home of another Beaconsfield Kindergarten, making the Committee of Management responsible for two kindergartens. Our new centre should be open by third term of 2004.

Our flagship Kindergarten in Wood Street will remain. This coming year we have had to take an extremely innovative approach to housing the 100 families who will be supporting the kindergarten next year. Recognition needs to go to our talented and lateral thinking staff for there undying efforts in catering for the growing needs to Beaconsfield at being able to fit in all these families.

In a single unit kindergarten these amounts of children is unheard of. In fact when we approached the various authorities for some assistance in extending our service to four individual groups of 25 children spread over the week they were unable to offer any solutions. But the team of Jeanette Bartlett, D'arne Fisher, Cathy McMaster, and Sharon Hancock came up with a proposal. This was accepted by all the surprised groups including the Cardinia Council.

To the general Beaconsfield resident this will mean that next year there will be an extremely congested area around the

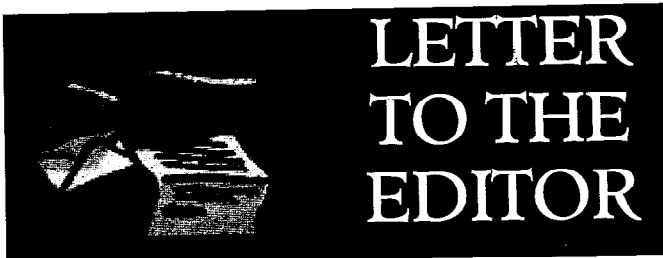
kindergarten every lunchtime from Monday to Thursday as 25 children get picked up and 15 minutes later 25 children get dropped off to centre. This will intensify on Fridays when this quick change over will happen four times in the day as each group attends their final two hours session.

The staff and the committee are very concerned for the safety of pedestrians and shoppers. This area has certainly had its share of challenges over the years and the traffic just keeps on increasing. It can be a very time consuming and dangerous exercise for cars and pedestrians to move from Wood Street into Princes Highway during peak school periods.

On a lighter note, the kinder children have flourished this year and continue to enjoy the extensive range of activities that our kinder has on offer.

I wish to personally thank all the parents, past and future for all the little things that go towards operating the kinder. Whether this be selling chocolates, or buying them, to helping at the working bees, or donating items for us to raffle. A special thank you goes to the parents who have taken a more active role and become committee members. Thank you.

On behalf of the Staff and the Committee of Management I wish you a great Christmas and trust that every child has a great start to their school life thanks to what they learnt at Beaconsfield Kindergarten.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BEACONSFIELD STRATEGIC TRAFFIC REVIEW – MAKE OR BREAK

When this letter is published in the Banner, the time limit for public comment on this review will have long passed. Whatever is adopted by Council from this review could be the make or break of Beaconsfield.

Clearly the railway line divides this town and similarly any proposal to make Kenilworth Avenue and Station Street a main arterial through road will also divide this community. Major safety issues will arise associated with a severe increase of traffic on an already dangerous railway crossing. Traffic will be funnelled into a major school traffic area around St Francis Xavier and further endanger Primary school

pedestrians crossing the Old Princes Highway. Further moves to limit and control access down Kenilworth Avenue to the East under the Freeway overpass and close the Viaduct to motorised traffic will increase angst and resentment from all who live in the area. Let's not kid ourselves! All the time the rail remains, a satisfactory major North South arterial is very hard to plan.

Future policy must be one of freeing up rather than repression and we must accept that the future Soldiers Road – Manuka Road extension and better use of Kenilworth Avenue to the East will certainly help. The viaduct must be kept open to cars at all

costs as it is the best way to separate them from heavy slow moving trucks and away from pedestrians. The viaduct also wins hands down against the railway crossing in terms of efficient traffic flow and safety. There has never been any vehicle to vehicle collision under there in thirty years. If drivers in the past could not have seen a 2.2 Metre low bridge in front of their eyes and crashed into the superstructure are they going to crash into the railway crossing barriers and see the Very Fast Train coming?

Springvale and Clayton used to be like Beaconsfield not so long ago, but their main streets are wider crossing the rail and do not have a flood plain to contend with nearby. Essentially, what I am saying is let's share the increased traffic load, but reduce parking and ban heavy vehicles from using both Beaconsfield Avenue west of Station Street and from Wood Street, excepting buses of course. Strategic placing of

pedestrian crossings, like in Pakenham Main Street, from the Railway Station to Wood Street and across the North end of Station Street for school children would help calm traffic. A give way across Beaconsfield Avenue where traffic comes from the East approaching Wood Street would help. Furthermore I consider that a marked bicycle lane round the Beaconsfield Ave, Princes Hwy and Wood Street block would be a bonus to recreational cyclists and act as a traffic calmer too like on Bemersyde Drive in Berwick.

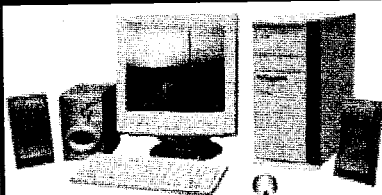
Our local Beaconsfield Ward Councillor has tried to assure us that he is not against the Viaduct closing to vehicles but damning statements like "the majority of the community consider the Viaduct to be unsafe for vehicular traffic" and the "viaduct was constructed in the day of the horse and cart" are a flamboyant exaggeration of the truth.

In the traffic review it notes that new traffic directions will protect residential sections of Wood Street and Beaconsfield Avenue which sounds like a wish list for those residents in both of those major streets.

In the long term many streets will have to share the increased load of traffic because in my view the new suggested arterial is a dangerous proposal full of fault. There's no gain without pain and in this rapidly expanding suburb we've all got to share the burden. I say..... KEEP THE VIADUCT OPEN!

Ted Horton,
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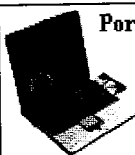
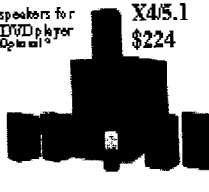
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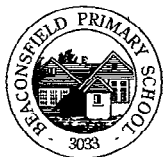
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BPS Corner

What's Happening at Beaconsfield Primary School

Energy Breakthrough

Beaconsfield Primary School was one of around 130 schools represented at the RACV Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough, showcasing how they have used environmentally friendly technology to power their small vehicles.

"Star Raiders" and the "Wizards" represented our school in the pushcart events. The children worked with their parents in constructing the pushcarts over the last 6 months. The children participated in endurance, sprints relay, obstacle course and design and construction categories. Our vehicle "Thunder" was the first Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) ever built by our school. It was the brainchild of teacher Mark McKelson and made possible by the dedication of the children and parents who made up the design and building team.

The RACV Energy Breakthrough is one of the biggest "Technology in Schools" projects in Victoria and we were only able to take part because of the generous sponsorship of Beaconsfield Tractor & Mower, Astoria Honda, Beaconsfield Garden Supplies, LJ Hooker Berwick, Synectix, Berwick Nissan, Bunnings Warehouse Narre Warren,

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The Beaconsfield Primary children trained long and hard for this event, developing high levels of fitness and team spirit. The children secured 25th place "on the road" for the HPV endurance race, an excellent result for a first time effort. The children also had to prepare and present displays and performances explaining their use of technology and how they prepared for the event. This component made up 1/3 of their overall score. For more stories check the website www.bubbha.ims.schools.net.au

Congratulations to all of the students, parents and teachers who made this venture so successful.

*Pictured Right - Olivia Topham as the Little Red Hen.
Below: HPV & Push cart teams*

Stars on Stage

The Grade Prep, One and Two children staged a glittering performance at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Thursday 27th November. The Prep children presented a colourful rendition of the "Little Red Hen" complete with delightful ducks, cute cats and perfectly praiseworthy pigs! Olivia took the lead role, and the singing, dancing and costuming was fabulous.

The Grade One and Two children performed the "Seven Little Penguins". It was the story of a plucky penguin,

Goggles, who manages to track down some naughty, thieving little foxes.

Our children worked so hard to ensure that the production was flawless under the direction of Fiona Lardner, who choreographed the show and brought it all together with the able assistance of Margaret Boon. Our teachers built a terms work around the production, ensuring that the benefits of practice, polish and performance flowed into Literacy and the Arts curriculum. The co-operation of teachers and parents ensured a magnificent show and a wonderful education in collaboration for the children.



SALLY'S GARDEN

Birds in the Garden



To most gardeners, birds in the garden are welcome friends. Not only do birds add life, colour & beauty to the garden, but they do invaluable work in controlling insects, especially the increasing numbers that have gradually built up resistance to insecticides. The presence of birds is evidence of creative gardening.

The Parrots & Rosellas are especially pleasant to see & have in the garden.

With all the noise that goes with building new houses, & the clearing of all the bush land & trees around Beaconsfield & surrounds, the birds are losing their natural habitats & are venturing closer to the established areas.

Birds are not only pest controllers, they help

cross- pollinate plants & they are acrobats, fascinating to watch.

Grow native shrubs in the garden, so they can feed on natural nectar from the flowers.

Always keep the bird-bath full of clean water for them, & if seed is scarce for them to find this summer, fill a bird-feeder with purchased wild-bird or parrot seed.

I also keep a dish of water on the lawn, as I seem to have a family of rabbits that have taken up residence on my property. They are not doing my garden any harm & the baby rabbits are so cute to see when they chase each other around the lawn. With a hot summer predicted we have a need to see to our native birds & animals by leaving fresh water & food out for their use.



MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

MAKE AND MINGLE is a friendship and craft group which meets at Beaconsfield Baptist Church each Wednesday 10 am -12 noon during school term. You are always welcome to come along at anytime whether you are new to this area or have lived here for years.

This term we had lots of lovely crafts ideas each week as well as a bus trip to Tyabb craft village. We were blessed with perfect weather and everyone had a great day. Our regular Craft Fair was a great success, thanks to everyone from the community who supported us. We have been able to make a substantial donation to local missions.

Happy Birthday to Philip Wynne- Yorke who

celebrated his 90th birthday. This group is for young and old and in-between.

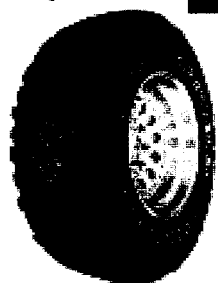
We finish the year with a special day on Wednesday 10th December, with the singing group Swordwords, morning tea and a craft display.

We will resume on Wednesday 4th February 2004 with craft including a range of greeting cards, glassart, patchwork, embroidery and a variety of other crafts. Looking forward to seeing you then!

May you and your families know the Lord's blessing this Christmas season.



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Answers 1. none 2. A shadow.

JOKE

Why couldn't the sailors play cards?
Because the captain was standing on the deck.



WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman



The Southern Victorian Wine Show is over for another year with the usual mix of results. Some truly outstanding wines, a core of Silver and Bronze winners and just too many also rans. I continue to be unable to understand how a professional Winemaker can send off poorly prepared samples to represent their good name and that of their label. All hope of a medal – gone.

The good news though was that the best wines would hold their own anywhere in the world. The standout wine of the 500 odd entered was

a glorious Yering Station Reserve Shiraz (95%) Voignier (5%), 2002. This wine has only been exhibited three times and already won nine Trophies. Fragrant, powerful & elegant – power in a velvet glove. When released around April 2004 will be \$50 plus, and worth every cent. Runner up to this wine for Best exhibit in two shows has been the 2001 version of the same wine – Tom Carson continues to get it right.

Diamond Valley Blue Label Chardonnay, 2002, around \$20, won Top Gold in its class. I loved this wine on

tasting and immediately placed an order. Lo, it went on to win Three Trophies. Diamond Valley Winemaker James Lance also did well with wines made under contract for Evelyn County; the 2002 Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

A 2001 Shiraz from Warramate and a 2003 Pinot noir from Port Phillip Estate impressed. The Pinot is now made by Sandro Mosel of Kooyong Estate and is not yet released.

Other Wines. The following stood out at tastings over the last month.

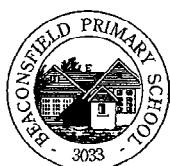
Mount Pleasant Elizabeth, Early Release Semillon, 2001, \$13 under screwcap from Vintage Cellars; an old favourite and will keep for years. Also from Vintage Cellars under their own label is a lovely rich Chardonnay, 2000, from Robe, \$13. This was made as a small batch experimental wine and

Vintage Cellars jumped at the offer of the entire batch. Two Voigniers of very different style stood out. This fragrant white grape is added to Shiraz (see the Yering Station) in the Rhone area of France and is starting to appear in Australia as a straight varietal. The first from Shadowfax made from Adelaide Hills fruit, flavours of peach and apricots with a clean finish, \$18. The Yalumba Eden Valley, 2002, \$25 is a more powerful wine with a nose of fresh crunchy Nashi pear and lingering finish. Banrock Station Chardonnay, 2002 tastes at least \$5 better than its \$8.

Just loved a Leasingham red, the Bin 61, Shiraz of 2001, \$18 beautiful now and will last for years.

Could not get over the extra dimensions in a fresh pack of Star Anise recently bought at an Asian Supermarket. When compared to the few remaining from our stock bought at least 10 years ago; the old stock smelt flat and dull. Lesson – don't keep herbs and spices too long.

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*by Tracie Lund,
Centre Co-ordinator*

Well, its year end already. What can I say? The BCC has thrived in 2003.

We have had a successful year by all accounts. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of people accessing the centre for courses, referrals, child care or just drop ins. Our members are happier than ever and speak of the centre in a most flattering manner.

Behind the scenes the Committee Of Management have diligently worked together to provide the Centre with strong support and guidance. They willing give of their time and expertise to the Centre. A big thankyou must go to all Committee Members!

Finally, construction has started on our new complex. It has been a long road to this point. I will be photographing the site at various times to follow the construction. The photos will be on our notice board under the 'Watch us grow' sign.

You are all welcome to pop in and see the pictures, view the plans or the colour scheme, anytime!!

For those Community Groups involved in the initial proposal of the Community Complex. Look out for your invitation to a special information night. Date to be confirmed for February 2004.

We have opened our books for Enrolment in Occasional Care for 2004. The Centre will be offering 3 sessions.

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Be quick as places fill fast!! Keep an eye out for a program for 2004. It will be delivered late January and some new exciting activities are promised.

Merry Christmas and have a safe New Year. See you in 2004!



VIC ROADS LOOK AT BEACONSFIELD

by Tammy Labato, MP, Member for Gembrook

First, a quick update on some important road issues. I recently took the Regional Manager of VicRoads, Brian Negus, for a tour of some locations in Beaconsfield to point out the concerns of residents.

The three particular issues I raised were: the speed limit on the Old Princes Hwy through Beaconsfield; the speed limit at the start of the Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd up to the entrance to the Berwick Views estate; and the traffic lights control and the concerns about u-turns at the intersection of the two roads. He could see immediately the problems that residents were experiencing and has agreed to investigate these issues thoroughly and

determine how they can be fixed. Residents can expect remedies to be in place early in the new year.

On 4th December, the Minister for the Environment and for Water, John Thwaites MP, visited the Beaconsfield reservoir at my request. It was an opportunity to show the Minister at first hand what a unique place it is and to discuss options for its future, now that it is guaranteed to remain in public ownership.

As we come to the close of 2003, we all tend to reflect on the year that has been and assess where we are going and what we have achieved. For me, as for most people, it has been a

busy and hectic year, juggling work and family commitments. However, something that has helped keep everything in perspective is my sponsorship of two children through World Vision.

Lucky Mthuki and Nonsikelelo Promise Madlazi are both from desperately poor communities in Swaziland. Sponsoring them helps their communities through health care programs, education programs, development of agriculture and provision of housing and water. With the festive season, as many of us enjoy the company and generosity of family and friends, it is pertinent to remember that many people in the world are still

struggling to get access to clean water and adequate food.

I wish all Beaconsfield residents a happy and safe Christmas and wonderful 2004. My office will be closed from 22 December and will reopen on 5 January. Seasons Greetings!



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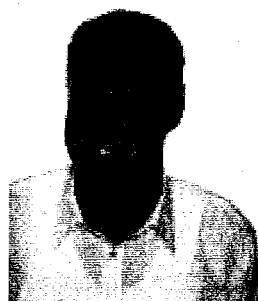
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

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On a boiling hot day, a police officer stops a kid on a bike. The offence? Not wearing a helmet. Pretty straightforward every day event. On the surface, yes. But there is more.

The kid happens to live in a Caravan Park. He is as poor as they come. After his mum's grog, smokes, drugs, rent on the van and food (last on the list) there is about \$30 left for the week. It is no wonder that there is no helmet.

Where was the kid going? To the swimming pool. He had been given a pass by a welfare agency to the Maitland (NSW) Council Swimming Pool. Because of the kid's address it was assumed the pass was stolen. It was confiscated. Not much fun for that kid that day.

A kid on a bike without a helmet. A lawbreaker. Yes, but there was "more" to the kid's story. But who knew?

There was in fact someone who knew a bit "more" about that kid and who put in some hard yards to help (Bulletin Mag P26. 25/11/03). But the help was offered only after getting to know that kid and his life. And the Good Samaritan only got to know the kid after getting involved in the kid's local community. How we need folk who will get active in the neighbourhood. People who will take an interest in what is going on. People who will do their bit to help.

This helping stuff is a two way street. There is nothing more satisfying than helping some. TV is about entertainment, but it cannot deliver the buzz that a night spent helping at the local youth club can.

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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
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COMMENCING A NEW BUSINESS

If you are acquiring an existing business or setting up a new business there are many matters that need to be attended to. It is important that these issues be attended to before the new business is commenced so that you are adequately prepared for the record keeping compliance procedures. Some key items to be considered are:

1. Business Structure

Consider whether to operate the business as a Company, Trust (Discretionary or Unit), Partnership or as a Sole Trader. The main benefits of companies include low tax rate on profits (30%) and limited liability in certain instances if the Company is insolvent. However, a Company costs more to set-up and to operate, including compulsory superannuation and workcover.

2. Business Plan

Prepare a Business Plan to set goals and performance indicators for the business operations. The Plan will detail projections of the business in the future and usually include Budget and Cash Flow forecasts. Business operations should be regularly monitored against the Plan and adjustments made to the Business Plan. The Business Plan should identify funding required for

the business commencement together with ongoing cash flow requirements.

3. ABN and GST Registrations

All business entities must have their own Australian Business Number (ABN), which cannot transfer from the previous proprietor of the business. When registering for an ABN you must also decide whether to register for Goods & Services Tax (GST). The registration for GST is compulsory if annual turnover exceeds \$50,000. The main benefit of registering for GST is that GST paid on purchases are refundable, however the main disadvantages include charging GST, which results in your services costing 10% higher and the need to lodge BAS Returns each quarter within 28 days.

4. Other Registrations

Check for other Commonwealth, State or Local Government registrations needed eg. Business Name, Secondhand Dealers, Health/Food Licences, Shop registrations etc etc. The Sale of a business generally requires a Section 52 Statement from the Vendor providing operating results for the past three years, business premises particulars etc.



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COMMENCING A NEW BUSINESS

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5. Insurances

Seek advice from an Insurance Broker on a insuring business assets, liability protection for loss of profit, public and product/ services liability. In addition, WorkCover is required where there are employees including working proprietors if there is an employer/employee relationship through a Company or Trust.

6. Accounting Records

It is vital to record the accounting transactions regularly so that the financial position can be monitored and necessary returns prepared eg. BAS and Income Tax, otherwise significant late lodgement penalties may apply plus general interest charges. Most businesses use computerised ledger systems designed for GST including MYOB,

Quickbooks or Erecord from the Australian Taxation Office (provided free). Alternatively, spreadsheets or manually written cash books may suffice for your Accountant.

7. Agreements

You should consult your Solicitor for Agreements on the sale/purchase of a business, property lease and other Agreements eg. Sales Territories and Commission rates. It is much easier to enforce written contract than rely on a verbal agreement.

You should ensure that you consult professional advisors prior to purchasing or setting-up a business and continue to utilise these services whilst in business to enable you to concentrate on managing the business.

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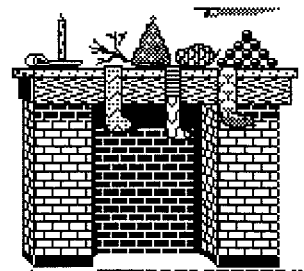
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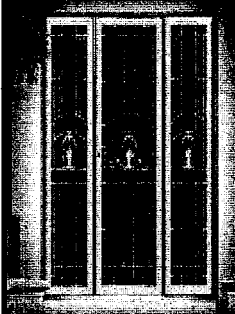
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OUR ORCHARD HOME

by Bob Baker

Childhood memories of the 1930's come back to me, of those years spent with my family.

Walter, George and Thomas – three brothers. Each were given ten acres of adjoining land from their mother, Agnes, and the three men worked their properties independently of each other. Grandfather George had the centre ten acres and I lived there from 1926 until 1950.

The only children nearest to my age were my cousins, who lived on the property next door. We roamed about the area on foot together with the dog. Life was healthy and free.

My responsibilities on arrival at home after school were – cleaning my boots, collecting kindling wood for the next mornings fire, feeding the horses, the chooks, the pigs and any jobs that a young fellow was asked to and capable of doing.

I went to the local Boys Club, going camping once to Warburton. Football and cricket took up my time at weekends.

My best pal Bob was a brown curly retriever and we went everywhere together. He was a hunter and killed several snakes. On Saturday mornings I would go down to collect the mail at the store and many's the

time he got into some beautiful battles with other dogs and won them all. Never lost a fight! Well, hardly ever. One day when I made Pop really furious, I got a few hard whacks from him. Bob became upset and immediately pounced on him and tore his arm.

Grandma, when she got angry with me, whacked me with a butter pat, but it didn't hurt. It made a loud noise, but I felt no pain.

I kept canaries in an aviary beside the house. Their whistling was a delight. Each of my uncles had them in turn and when they developed other interests,

the responsibility fell to the next in line. I inherited them when they left home. When I began work in the later 1930's, a few good whistlers were purchased from a stall at the Camberwell market.

I shared the same bedroom with my uncles. At one time, they began wrestling on the bed and the metal framed bed bent! I sat on the other bed, barracking and cheering them on. Grandma came in to see what all the noise was about and went and got the broom to try and stop them! They then took the broom off her, chased her out of the room and continued their frolicking.

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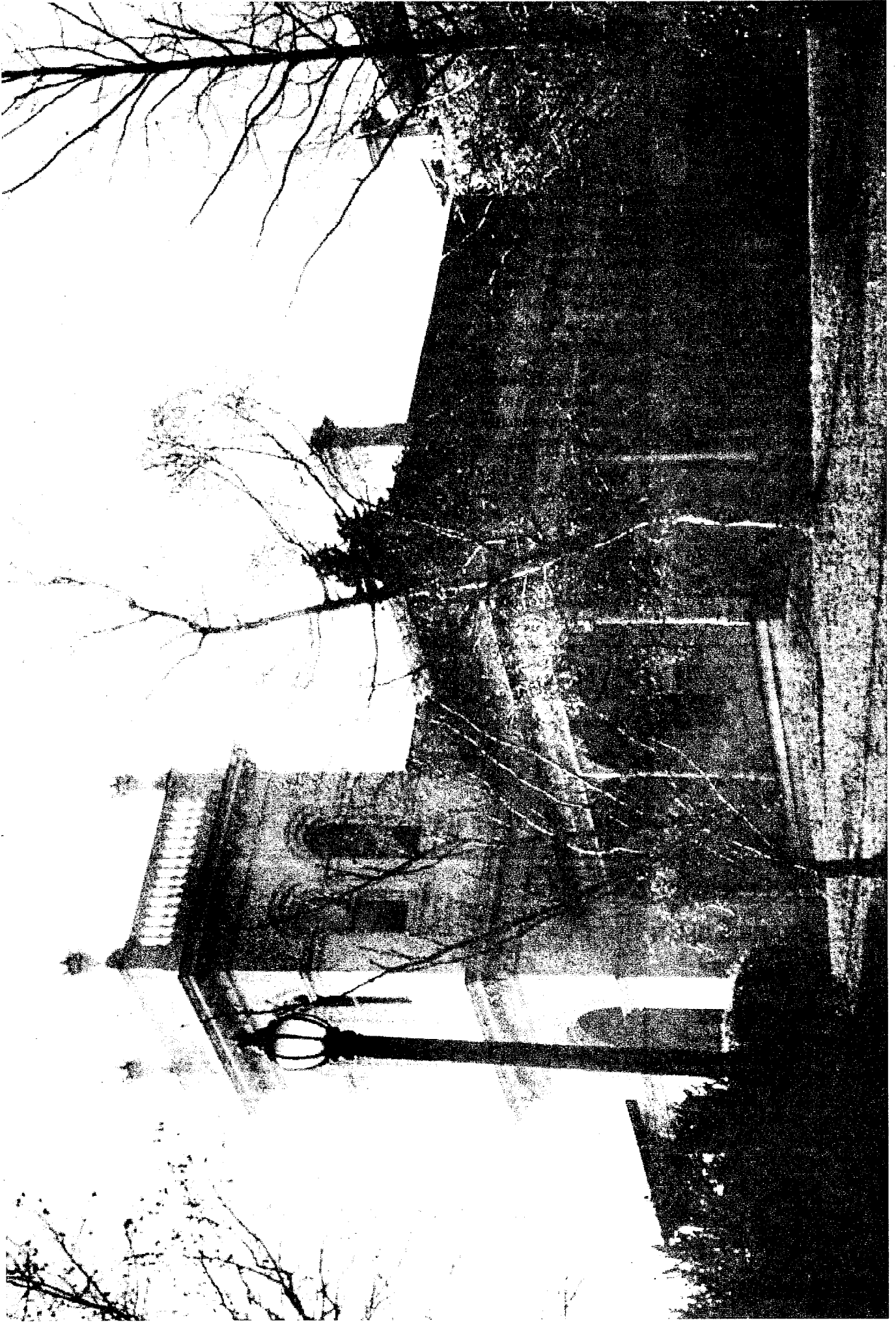
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OUR ORCHARD HOME

by Bob Baker

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My cousin Evelyn, daughter of my Auntie Dot, was a lovely little baby and when I went to Mitcham in 1939 and stayed with them, I was allowed to push the large wicker pram along the foot-path. I was always tempted to let go of the handle and run at a really fast pace alongside it down the sloping street, but I wasn't that game to do it. However, we always returned safely after each outing without any mishaps.

All my Uncles and Aunts seemed very grown up but, on reflection they would have been quite young some merely teenagers, Uncle Tom being just six years older than me.

In March 1933, when I was almost nine years old, my Aunt Evelyn passed away. Like my mother Edna, she suffered for some time from tuberculosis, a distressing and debilitating disease of the lungs, incurable at the time. Her coffin was brought to the house via the side door and taken to the front room. I was forbidden to enter during this time and didn't attend her funeral or burial. This front room was used only for special occasions, such as weddings or when visitors and the minister called. It contained a piano, lounge suite and several other items, ornaments, photos, pictures and various vases. It may have had more use before my time when the family members were younger.

Electricity and telephone were already installed. There was one large yard light and one smaller one into the shed. Hurricane lamps were carried outside when the horses were fed their supper at 10.00pm.

Main water was installed to the property in the early thirties. I remember seeing the large pipes being laid.

The orchard house in the 1930's was much different to what it became ten years later. In 1940, due to a severe housing shortage, several extensions were made to temporarily accommodate Uncle Fred and his bride and vast alterations and improvements in 1941, by making two dwellings under the one roof when Uncle Bert and his wife moved in. A section of the front verandah was converted into a bedroom for me. It had fly-wire walls and a canvas awning.

When we sold the cow about 1940, milk deliveries began. It came in one pint glass bottles with cardboard lids.

There were never any mail or paper deliveries. There was no cellar under the house. It is difficult to remember exact times. The only important dates for a child were birthdays and Christmas Day.

Grandpa grew beautiful roses, which were sold to Irelands the florist. A grey bush hedge grew in a row alongside the driveway. Empty fruit cases were stored under the large pine tree.

Tanks collected rainwater for the house and the run-off fed the trees. Brick paths in the form of spoon drains carried excess water away from the house toward the trees. The well was never used in my time, but was held as a reserve. A wire crate containing bottles of soft drink and home made ginger beer was

lowered into it, keeping them cool in summer.

"Roan" a former baker's horse was sold after the war, when tractors and trucks became available from the sale of surplus war materials.

Grandpa bred special breeds of poultry as a hobby and had many successes at the Royal Melbourne Show. Silver and White Wyandotte, Silver Hamburg and several other breeds were his specialty. Many settings of eggs – 15 to the dozen – were sold to fanciers all over Victoria.

Several varieties of apples kept fresh under the pines at home until required. These were many pie apples which had a natural coating that helped preserve them. Other lesser fruits were stored in a shed built on the boundary between Uncle Walter's and Grandpa's. They were left there until requested by the buyers at the market. In 1934, after the severe floods damaged our peach crop this shed was demolished and rows of apples were planted in its place. The blossom encouraged the bees for pollination of the other trees. Fruit growers were always concerned at the amount of damage and bruising done to fruit during the picking season, particularly with fingernails cracking the peel.

Orchardists belonged to a co-operative and members had use of the local Cool Store. It was administered by a committee and the engineer had sole control over the running and maintenance of it. It was the meeting place for all the local growers. There were no privately owned stores on any of the properties at this time. The perishable fruit such as Jonathan were

stored at a controlled temperature, run by two donkey engines in the centre of the store, fuelled by power kerosene. They were reliable and practical and they chug-chugged away, never stopping. The co-op didn't rely on electricity for two main reasons; it was too expensive and the supply was weak and unreliable due to occasional power failures and the distance from the poles. There were about ten or twelve chambers each holding 1000 cases. Because pears ripened quickly, they were stored at near freezing temperatures. I went there occasionally, but couldn't help much as the fruit cases were far too heavy for me to carry.

The township consisted of a post office store, a garage, a butcher shop, church, football and cricket oval, a hall where dances, films and card nights were held. It was close-knit community.

Folk from this era survived two world wars and depression.

Our orchard home was well built, large, comfortable, homely and warm.

I was part of a large, caring family and never worried where my next meal would come from.

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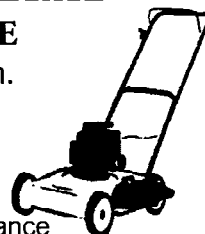
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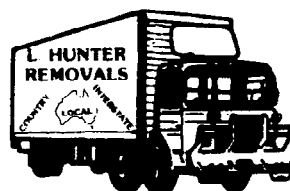


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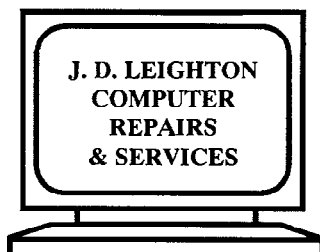
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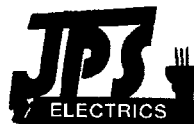
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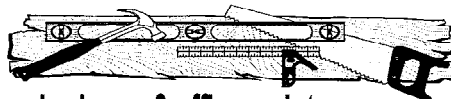
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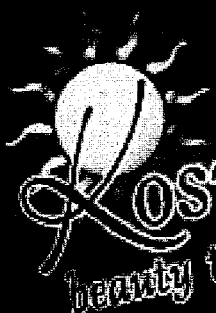
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CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

THE YEAR THAT WAS...

Well another year has drawn to a close, and it only seems like yesterday when 2003 was starting out.

So what happened in the world of film in 2003? Well I have to admit it was a year that was light on the mega-blockbuster release film. Of course 'Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King' is due for release just after Christmas, but despite that will most likely take in more money in 2003 than any other film.

But is the lack of blockbusters such a bad thing...not really. The most hyped film this year was

'The Hulk', and it was probably one of the few films I saw this year where I felt I had just wasted two hours of my life watching it. 'X-Men 2', 'Charlie's Angel's 2' and further instalments in 'The Matrix' series were also released, but none of them makes my list of top films this year.

My top films for this year are:

1. 28 Days Later
2. The Rules Of Attraction
3. The Safety Of Objects
4. Phone Booth
5. 8 Mile

As I look back over these five films I realise that all of them were made on very small budgets...maybe that is

something that Hollywood should take note of.

I do have to admit that '28 Days Later' was the stand out for the year. Danny Boyle has become one of my favourite directors, and in my opinion better than George Lucas and Steven Spielberg put together. Like two of his other films 'Trainspotting' and 'The Beach', '28 Days Later' is a film that speaks volumes about society and the way it is today. The film is daunting and contains images that will be etched on your mind for ages afterwards. However I feel that all the films in my Top 5 were worthy of 10 out of 10.

So where does 2003 see the Australian Film Industry? Suddenly we find our own industry under threat, in a time when it should be blossoming. We should be celebrating the fact that international film stars like Orlando Bloom will travel to Australia to do an Australian produced film like 'Ned Kelly'. We should also be celebrating that actors such as Heath Ledger and Naomi Watts are being noticed overseas, and that international films such as 'The Matrix' are being shot in Australia.

We can be proud that Australian can produce a masterpiece like 'Japanese Story'. Instead our film Industry is waiting with baited breath to see exactly if the free trade agreement comes into play.

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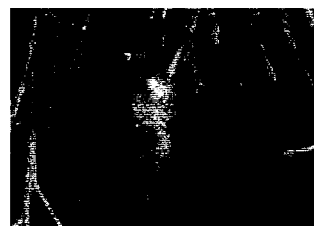
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by Shane Hester

The Sanctuary is alive with birds of all kinds feeding on the abundant seeds and fruits. The small red berries of the Cherry Ballart are almost ripe and provide a tasty treat for all kinds of animals, (including me).



Cherry Ballart

Native grasses are a standout in the Sanctuary at the moment especially in the ecological burn site behind the sports oval. Three species are dominant in abundance and they are Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*), Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*) and Red Veined Spear Grass (*Stipa rudis*). Emerging from among the grasses are young Wattle and Eucalyptus seedlings which is very encouraging and the main reason for the ecological burn.

Weeds are also growing well in the Sanctuary and also around town. I've recently seen some Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*) in the car park behind the pub and again along side Inglis Rd. Thistles are always a concern as is the badly degraded area between the sports oval and the creek. We are however slowly getting on top of the weeds and winning the fight.

There will be no December working bee but we will be back working in January.

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Paterson's Curse

THE YEAR THAT WAS...

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Anybody who recently watched the AFI Awards will have seen that many award winners used the night to protest against the agreement. Many people don't realise that if it is introduced our film and TV screens will be flooded with cheap American products, thus spelling the end of the Australian Film Industry. It is harder enough for Australian films to compete with Hollywood and this will only make it worse. Do we

really want to see an end to films like 'The Castle', 'Phar Lap' or 'Picnic At Hanging Rock'. In a way it would not be only killing off the film industry but also a huge chunk of Australian culture.

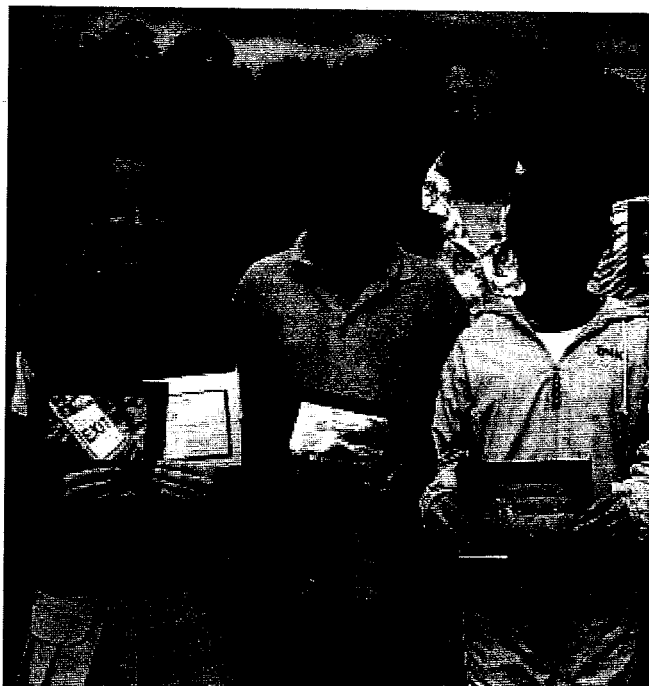
With that said I want to wish all the Banner readers a Merry Christmas and Happy Film Going in 2004. Most of the films mentioned in this article should be available from Beaconsfield Family Videoland, if not now then in the near future.



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DOES WELL AT EXHIBITION AND DANDENONG SHOW

Country Women's Association of Vic. Inc. Berwick Branch have been busy recently.

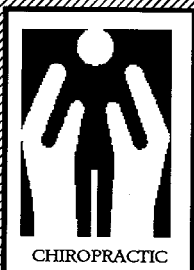
They took part in West Gippsland Group Handicrafts and Home Industries Exhibition and Flower Show at Old Cheese Factory in Berwick. In the branch entries they were 3rd in Colles Cup and 1st in Beryl Trophy. Margaret Michel received the Bev Allan Trophy for best piece of Folk Art and Marlies Heath received the Mae/Scadden Trophy for best article in Canvas Work. Many members received prizes for individual entries.



The Beaconsfield Primary School was invited to enter for the first time in a special Photography section for school children. The judges were very impressed with the high standard of work. Congratulations to the very talented children from Years 5 and 6. Teachers and Staff supported us by buying C.W.A. Cookbooks.

Mary McGrath pictured at back with Beaconsfield Primary school students pictured L to R - Carly Hudson, Leroy De Mello and Aivey Chew, holding their entries from the Photographic section.

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COUNTRY WOMEN ASSOCIATION

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L to R :- Hilda Barry - Vice President, Dawn Dorning - Secretary and Diedre Stephenson - member.

For the first time the Country Women's Association, West Gippsland Group were invited to enter in the Dandenong Show in their "Make, Bake and Grow" C.W.A. Exhibit. Five branches from the Group entered. Each Branch was asked to put in 4 articles of craftwork, 3 of home baking and 3 of home grown articles. Prizes were awarded to 1st place Berwick, 2nd place Dandenong and 3rd place Noble Park in a very close contest. Show President John Follet presented the Perpetual trophy donated by "Albion on Lonsdale" to Alison Cooper and Mary

McGrath of Berwick Branch and also cash prizes for first three placegetters.

Members sent knitted teddies, crocheted and knitted rugs to our State International and Community Committee to distribute to needy organizations in Melbourne and overseas.

Our Branch had their Christmas break up with lunch at Westernport Hotel, at Hastings where we all enjoyed a lovely meal and exchange of gifts. President Margaret Howard wished all Members best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

For further information ring Secretary - Dawn Dorning 9707 1187.



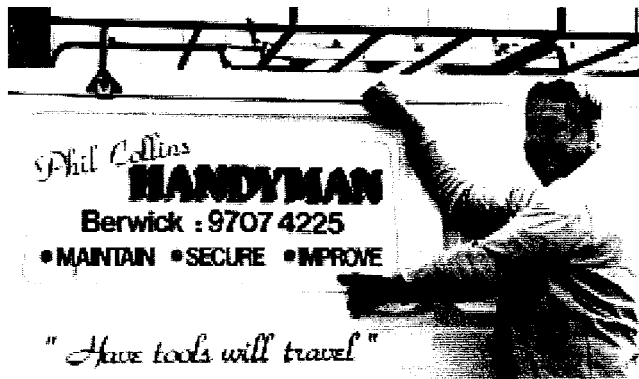
L to R :- Alison Cooper, Mary McGrath and Mr. John Follet - Show President.

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by Phil Collins

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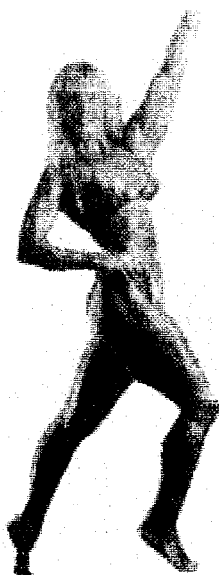
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

As we enter into another period of time that is the Christian Religion celebrations, thoughts can turn to the innumerable Religions of our planet and certainly not all of them have their Religious Festivals at the same time, or are even similar to Christians. To even begin to understand what may be termed The Dawn of Belief, we have to look at the wider expanse of Comparative Religion for some answers.

Firstly, it can be truly said that mankind has always had a belief system of one kind or another. The exact moment is forever lost in the mists of a great expanse of time. The people of the stone age ritually buried their dead, placing food, flowers, and personal artefacts in the graves and then covered the

site with large rocks and stones, not so much to protect from animals but in the belief that this would ensure the spirit would continue on and not return to haunt the living. The afterlife was very real to these peoples, and they had strongly held emotions regarding birth and death.

Leaping ahead, in 1724 a Jesuit Scholar, Joseph Lafitua, who had served as a missionary in Canada wrote the first voluminous account of Comparative Religion. This book was a veritable landmark in the study of Religion as Lafitua noted similarities in the religion of the American savages, the ancient Cult of Bacchus, Cybele and Isis and Osiris, and Catholic Christianity. These similarities seemed to him to point back to a common

origin. Many other books with similar themes followed in the 18th century. These attempts to rationalize the complex phenomena of the Religious ideas and practises of mankind, prepared the way for the more scientific approach of later times

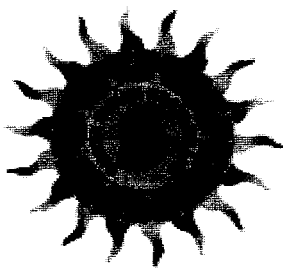
The comparative study of Religion in the 19th and 20th centuries was characterised by the rise and decline of various "schools" of thought, which sought to explain the essential nature of Religion according to some preconceived principle of interpretation. Friedrich Max Muller (1823-1900) is justly regarded as the pioneer of the scientific study of Religion, and he argued that language analysis would often provide the key to the origin of a

deity. He traced Religion itself back ultimately to "an ineradicable feeling of dependence upon some higher power that was innate in the human mind".

Anthropology soon concerned itself with the question of the origin of Religion, in the study of the beliefs and ritual practises of the so-called primitive peoples of the world. Out of this new science came one of the most notable theories of the origin of Religion, namely "animism", as propounded by Sir Edward Tyler. To some extent this theory still holds great sway today.

Belief when it comes down to it is a very personal thing, and our view of the world governs it. If we can understand that a greater intelligence than ours is running the Universe, then whatever we believe is absorbed into a greater reality even if we can't understand it. What will be will be if you like? Relax and enjoy the ride!

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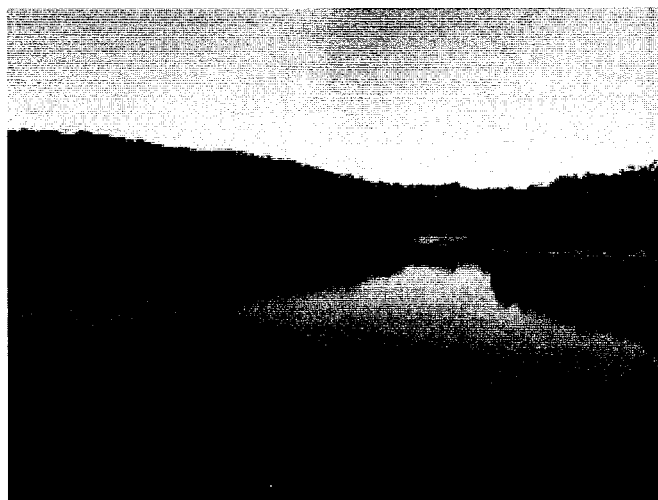
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BEACONSFIELD RESERVOIR

The Beaconsfield Progress Association is maintaining a careful watch on the Beaconsfield Reservoir and Melbourne Water's bid to keep the Reservoir in Public ownership. This reservoir is surplus to Melbourne Waters requirements but they are still maintaining the roads and firebreaks.

It is not open to the public but a delegation of members of the Beaconsfield Progress Association were guests of Melbourne Water and were able to visit the beautiful area. Hopefully together both groups will be able to ensure that this land is kept for future generations.



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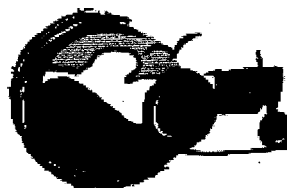
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Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market.

A taste of the country on the city's doorstep

Saturday 10th January 8.00am - 12 noon

The release of the Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market Cookbook - with all the recipes you need to cook all the fresh fruit and vegetables from the market. Including tips on keeping flowers fresh, how to cook sweet corn and tips on keeping chooks. Ideal present for young and old alike.

Fresh, fresh, fresh cheeses, local wines, olive oil, freshest fruit and vegetables, biscuits, cookies, bread, assortment of cut flowers, potted plants and you can even purchase a pet duck - these are just a few of the things you can discover when you attend the Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market.

Farmers Market held 2nd Saturday of each month.

8am - Midday at the Pakenham racecourse.

Belinda Brennan

Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market Coordinator

Cardinia Shire

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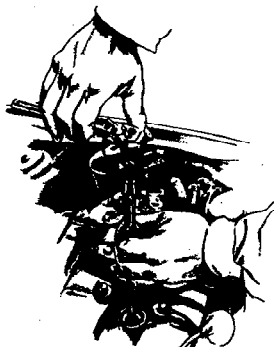
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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe McMaster, President

The cricket season is well under way, the club is fielding 5 senior teams and an Over '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. With the number of junior players wanting to play cricket, we are struggling to find grounds to play on within the shire, we have been forced to play on school grounds and jump the creek into Casey Shire to secure Akoonah Park.

Our Club has been well represented at the West Gippsland Cricket Association Interleague games, our representatives have been for U14's Jack Benbow, Troy Mc Dermott, Bill and Tom Carlyle Under 16's Daniel Reid, Dale Akerman all have done the club proud and performed well.

PAST PLAYERS REUNION

Saturday 6th March 2004 at Beaconsfield from 1.30 pm till late.

Please contact and advise anyone who has played or been associated with the club over the years this will be the re-union of the century, everyone welcome. Call in to hear some tall tales and true from our past legends, bring along any photos or memorabilia.

For further details contact Peter Goodes 0407342660 or 9796 2284

Kevin Rankin 9702 1672

Club Rooms 9707 1707

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.

Joe Master
joe.mcmaster@cardinal.com

THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT!

"Live every day like it's your last, and never look back. Just remember the people you meet and the lessons you learn along the way..."



BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

Beaconsfield Tennis Club wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2004. For those at a loose end over the holiday season why not give tennis a shot? The club's coaching team Rob and Paul will be on hand during January to provide coaching clinics at various levels. Sessions from beginners to those for experienced players wanting to hone their skills or learn that new little technique. Rob & Paul can be contacted on 0412 409 488 or 0412 682 569.

On the other hand just come down for a hit with a friend. Casual court hire for non-members is \$5.00 per person per hour (hard courts only) payable at Swim, Gym & Tennis Etc. (Not Just Tennis), 6 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield (next to Taco Bills) 9796 2767 or contact Lynne Day 9707 4662. En tous cas courts (the red ones!) are limited to member use only.

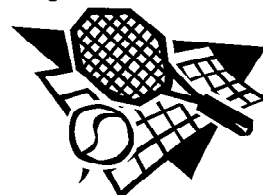
Beaconsfield is the largest club within Cardinia Shire and is keen to promote the game to our young people as an excellent sporting and social outlet. The committee of management plan to map out the future direction and development of the club as part of their 2005 and activities. Feel free to attend committee meetings in the coming year which will be held on the second Wednesday of the month commencing at 7:30pm.

Junior Club Championships were held in November when the weather was kind to us and a great day was had by all. Winners & runners up were:

A Grade: Boys singles - Leigh Day & Matthew Davidson. Girls singles – Montana Grenfell & Gillian Goldsworthy.
Doubles – Leigh Day/Matthew Leonard & Janan Chandrananth/Matthew Davidson.

B Grade: Boys singles – Luke Potter & Scott Stanley. Girls singles – Meera Chandrananth & Laura McKell.
Doubles – Stephen Young / Scott Stanley & Nathan van der Koogh / Ben van der Koogh.

C Grade: Doubles – Rachael Day/Casey Day & Roslyn Wyngaard/Samanatha Owen



Junior Tennis	Midweek Ladies	Tuesday/Thursday Night	Handyman Wanted
<p>We are currently half way through the Summer season with 15 of our 19 fielded teams sitting in top four positions.</p> <p>Any junior player interested in joining our Friday twilight competition, please contact Lynne Day on 9707 4662.</p>	<p>Summer Season finals have been played with congratulations to the following finalists although none achieved the ultimate grand finalist result:</p> <p>Tuesday Section 5 Red 3rd and Section 8 4th. Wednesday Section 1 2nd, and Section 3 3rd. Thursday Section 1 achieved 3rd. 12 teams will be fielded in the coming Autumn season. Contact Dawn Snelson (9704 6852).</p>	<p>Both Tuesday and Thursday night competition are in the early stages of their Summer competition. Players will be pleased to learn that hard court lighting upgrades will be undertaken early in the new year if not achieved before Christmas. Much detective work has been needed to determine the underlying cause of dimming lights.</p>	<p>The club is looking for someone with a spare minute or two undertake adhoc general maintenance items that crop up from time to time and possibly some regular items. Maybe suitable to a retired person looking for a small income supplement. If interested contact any of the below numbers.</p>
Club Contacts: President: 5940 1186 Secretary: 9707 4287 Treasurer: 9707 2575			

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DEATH NOTICE

ARMITAGE - George passed away on November 19th at Berwick Private Nursing Home, Husband of Joan, Father of Roy. Special thanks to our friends and all the help from Dr. Kerry Dyer.

BOON, Ryan Daniel passed away peacefully on December 7th. Aged 12 years. Precious son of Eric and Wendy and brother of Jessica and Brenden. 'A heart of gold stopped beating...'

George Armitage lived in Beaconsfield nearly 40 years and made a valuable contribution to our community. George was the original printer of the Beaconsfield Banner, and had printing businesses in Melbourne and Springvale.

George was a life member and former secretary of Berwick Senior Citizens and was a member of the Dandenong Choral Society. George was college mate to Joan - then sweetheart and husband.

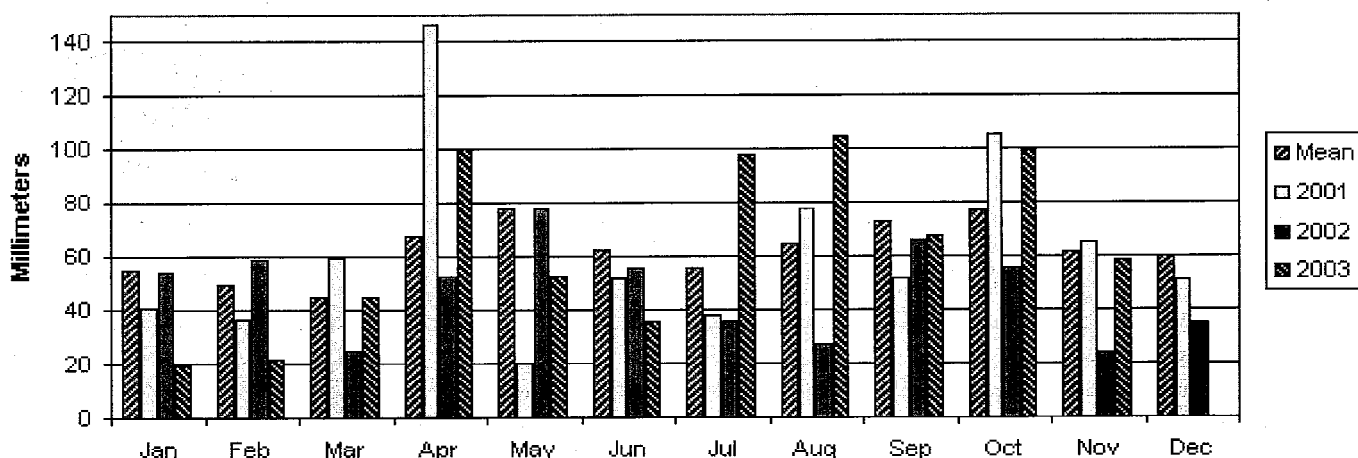
The last 6 years George has been living in the Berwick Private Nursing Home.



George and his family, wife Joan, sons Roy and Anthony (deceased) came to Australia in 1955 on the Strathnavar from Birmingham, England.

George and Joan pictured on their Golden Wedding Anniversary in July 1988.

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