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## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

**TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY  
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Community Centre  
Beaconsfield Avenue.  
7.30pm

Most people love the town where they live. If you love this place come on down to the Progress Meetings and join in the lively discussions as we work to improve our community.

This year, among other matters, we will be working on:

1. Beautification of the Entrance to our Town
2. Improvements to the all aspects of our Railway Station
3. Development of our New Community Centre
4. Sporting Grounds.

The Progress Association Meetings  
are open to all  
and you can bank on a warm welcome.

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Secretary: David Morland

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## IT'S ALL SMILES FOR THIS FIVE



*Pictured above: Trent, (Right) year 6, gives his brother Jordan a hand, while Zac gives his sister, Cassie, a quick hug and Rhys lines up as well.*

All five children of the Stewart family attend Beaconsfield Primary School. Twins, Jordan and Zac, who have now started Prep, join their brothers Trent and Rhys and sister Cassie.

"I need to be organised" said Naomi, mum of the enthusiastic five, "We line all the lunchboxes up on the bench and start packing"! See other photos of the Beaconsfield Preps on page 9.

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## PREMIER STEVE BRACKS VISITS BEACONSFIELD

Premier Steve Bracks came to Beaconsfield on Tuesday 3rd February, to announce the governments commitment to the multipurpose Beaconsfield Complex, which will provide a double pre-school, occasional care, consulting rooms, community complex and accomodate the mobile library.

The Government had made a committment to give every child the best possible

start in life by giving access to high-quality children services.

Mr. Bracks spent some time chatting to children and residents during his visit to the existing Beaconsfield Community Centre.

The new Community Complex is being built on O'Neil Road and progress reports will be given during the year ahead.

## YAKKERBOO WRITING COMPETITION

As part of Yakkerboo activities there is a Writing Competition. Th event will be held in two sections; a short story competition and a poetry competition, and prizes will be awarded.

Short stories should not exceed 1500 words and

poems can not exceed 50 lines.

Entries close on Wednesday 10th March. Entry forms are available at Cardinia Shire Offices or at the Pakenham Library.

For more information call 59 414 019.

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## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

I hope all of you, your families and friends have had a great Christmas event though our Annual "Carols by the Creek" had to be cancelled at such short notice due to bad weather! But it is unbelievable that it is already February and Christmas is becoming a distant memory again.

As I write my report, I am pondering all that is happening around us in our community. We were honoured with a visit from the Premier, The Honourable Steve Bracks MP and many other dignitaries, on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February to announce Children's First Capital Assistance for Early Childhood Services funding.

We are also about to have more businesses offering more goods and services in the exciting new shopping Village on the Princes Highway. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the traders and wish them all the best. I believe that they will receive great support from the community.

The Beaconsfield Traffic Strategy is still on our list of priorities and important issues that our community is faced with. By the time this edition of the Banner is received, the BPA will be preparing to meet with the Advisor to the Minister of Transport, Peter Batchelor, our Local Member for State Parliament Tammy Labarto and our local council

member Cr. Garry Runge. We are hoping to highlight the increasing need for the Soldiers Rd extension and overpass to come to fruition now rather than later because of the increased traffic that will be going through the Beaconsfield Township.

We are also looking for members of the community who might be interested in being involved with committees relating to projects such as the O'Neil Road Reserve and Beaconsfield Community Centre. If you or someone you know are interested, I encourage you to attend our next BPA meeting on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community

Centre on Beaconsfield Avenue.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of us in our community to support our new traders. If there is anything relating to our community I can be of assistance with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Regards

Michael Muaremov  
President - BPA  
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### BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

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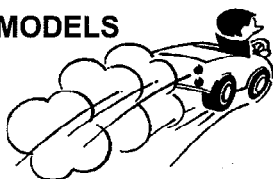
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*by Cr. Garry Runge,  
Beacon Hills Ward*

### Well what a year 2003 was!

I would like to thank everyone in the ward for your interest in community activities and for the support you have given me as your ward Councillor throughout the year. 2004 promises to be a very busy year for the Shire with the completion of the Beaconsfield Community Complex later in the year, the development of the commercial precinct in Beaconsfield, the opening of the new toilet block and rotunda in Upper Beaconsfield and the ongoing development in Officer.

Christmas was a very busy time and I would like to thank all those who assisted with organising the various Christmas functions. Unfortunately the rain put a dampener on Carols by the Creek in Beaconsfield and the event had to be cancelled. Carols in the Keith Ewenson Reserve, Upper Beaconsfield was a magnificent night. The line of kids waiting for lollies from Santa seems to get longer every year. Once again thanks to those who assisted with these functions.

Again I would like to highlight the importance of

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our environment in the ward. The great work done by many individuals and groups assists in prolonging our wonderful bushland and reserves. I encourage all residents to take care of the environment, particularly during the dangerous summer season.

I would like to congratulate Anne McCormick for her award as Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year. Anne is truly deserving of this award for the fine work she has done throughout the ward and the Shire. Well done Anne.

Council meetings return on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2004 and I would like to remind you that the meetings are broadcast live on the internet. So if you can't make it to a meeting, log onto the Council web site at 4pm and watch the action. It really is a good way to find out what your Councillors are doing for you.

I wish everyone well in 2004 and again ask you to get involved with your local community associations, as this is a great way to contribute to your community.

Stay safe throughout the year.

Regards,  
Cr. Garry Runge



## THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF MY SON

Matthew (aged 8) had his almost brand new bike (purchased in October last year) stolen from outside the Beaconsfield Newsagency on 6 January 2004 while he was inside paying for some lollies.

He was absolutely devastated as his bike was his pride and joy, and so started a long (unfruitful) search for his bike and the sticking up of posters all over Beaconsfield, including the Central Hotel.

He was a very sad little boy and spent the next couple of weeks having to run along behind his friends while out playing, as he had no bike to ride.

We received a phone call from the Central Hotel last week informing us that the staff and patrons had seen the notice and had taken up a collection to replace Matthew's bike, however by this time we had resigned ourselves to the fact that the bike would not be found and we had scraped together the funds to purchase another bike only a few days before the phone call!

However, we were blown away by the generosity and community spirit shown by the staff and patrons of the Central Hotel at Beaconsfield and asked that they donate the money to a charity of their choosing.

When we explained to



*Above: Matthew all smiles with the bike that was stolen.*

Matthew what the patrons/staff had done, he was very grateful and made a thank-you card which he took to Sue at the hotel and told them all about his new bike.

I feel that this is a great story about the community spirit alive and well in Beaconsfield.

*Written by a very thankful mother.*

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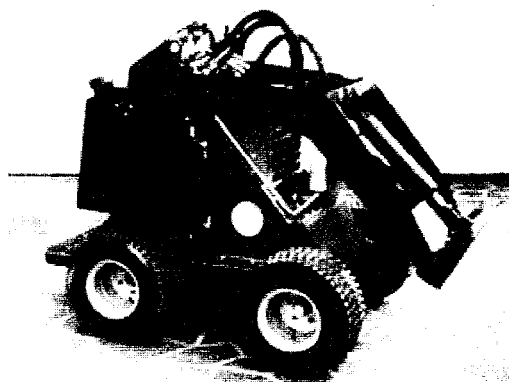
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## FRIENDS OF THE CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

*by Shane Hester*

After revisiting the sites worked on last year and looking back at how they used to look, there is an enthusiastic atmosphere within the group for the coming year knowing that our efforts are making a difference.

The first major event for 2004 will be:

**Clean-up  
Australia Day  
SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
from 9am - 12 noon.**

Morning tea will be provided and sturdy shoes and gloves are recommended.

Previous years have shown how much rubbish accumulates over the 12-month period despite numerous clean-ups over the years.

If you can help please contact Judy or Shane on the number listed below.

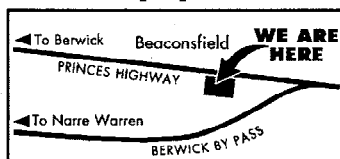
The February working bee will be held on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**, meeting at the car park opposite Holm Park Rd at 9am. New members are always welcome.

For more information contact Judy 97071402 or Shane 0407874143.

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By 4pm on 21st December, we had a Semi-trailer in place alongside two other decent trucks forming a huge stage area. We had a team of men wiring lights and another team working on a sound system. We had people making last minute phone calls to check that all performers were ready to go. We had people ready to hand out hundreds of candles and programs.

And then it happened. It was like someone had turned on a fire hydrant. It did not just rain; water came down like it was coming out of the end of a hose. Within minutes everything was soaked.

Panic. The power was turned off. Lights were pulled down. Sound equipment was rushed away. Wires

were rolled up. A team of soaking wet people dismantled all their good work in less than an hour. The trucks were up and away before the wet grass became mud. The Bob Burgess Reserve was swimming.

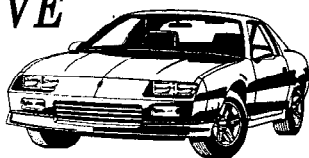
By 7pm it was all over. Everything and every worker was gone. All that was left was the pouring rain and a very wet Reserve.

Thanks to all who put in so much to achieve so little.

This is the nature of outdoor events. When the weather is with you they are brilliant. When the weather is against you they are disasters.

But we do not give up! It will all happen again this Christmas.

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## ANDREW DANCING HIS WAY TO THE TOP

Andrew Nolo, 12, has set an example that many years of practice does pay off, even at such a young age.

Andrew and his partner Sophie Coultis from Templestowe, recently won the under 13 Australian Juvenile Ballroom Dancing Championships held at the Vodaphone Arena. Andrew and Sophie trained solidly during the many months leading up to the very competitive contest.

They were also rewarded with Modern, New Vogue and Latin section trophies – a fantastic effort, considering the championship attracted some 550 competitors from Australia wide.

Andrew's parents, Glenda and Bruno, owners of

Beaconsfield Cardio and Fitness Centre, have seen Andrew's talent develop since he first started classes as a four year old. "He loves it," Bruno proudly states.

As well as Andrews obvious love and talent for dancing he also plays several musical instruments and has a keen interest in Soccer and Tennis. Andrew attends Beaconhills College, Valley campus, and has been selected as 2004 Junior School Captain.

Andrew now has his sights set on the World Championships, which will be held in December at Melbourne's Vodaphone Arena.



*Above: Andrew Nolo with dancing partner Sophie Coultis.*

# PLANS OF ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE UNDERWAY

**SUNDAY 18th APRIL**

**2pm**

**Held at the cenotaph,  
corner of Wood Street and Princes Highway**

Planning for the 2004 Anzac Day Memorial Service has begun.

The Sunday prior to Anzac Day has been set aside for the Beaconsfield Memorial Service to be held at the

cenotaph. More details will be given in the April edition of the Beaconsfield banner.

For further information contact Tony Rushton 9707 1765.



Above: Beaconsfield War Memorial 1920



## THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*by David Morland*

### Thank You

What rewarding words. How good they make us feel. A genuine "thank you" brightens up our day. Just how important those two words are, is very apparent from the effort we put into teaching our children to say them. "What about the magic words" we say to our kids if they should fail to utter the crucial "thank you".

Words are very powerful and have the most remarkable impact on our emotions. Affirming and acknowledging words like "thank you" lift our spirits. Renew our energy. Make us feel significant. They are words that remind us that we are not being taken for granted.

They are words that should be on all our lips day after day. The smallest act of kindness and service needs to be acknowledged. It is not too hard to say "thank you" to the checkout operator, to the "lollypop lady" (man), to the bus driver, the bank teller. I know one person who wrote across his electricity bill "thanks for the power". That would have given some clerk somewhere a smile. And perhaps more importantly than ever we need to say these words at ever opportunity to those we live with. Never take the one who cooked your dinner for granted.

We have just had Australia Day with all the Australia Day Awards. Great stuff. Lots and lots of people being acknowledged and thanked. Each year we too in our area acknowledge people who have put in lots to the community. Every community has its Citizen's Awards. This is our way of saying "thank you". Such awards do a power of good and re-energise these good folk to go on and do more.

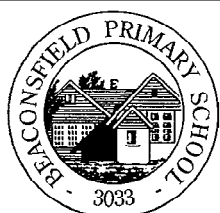
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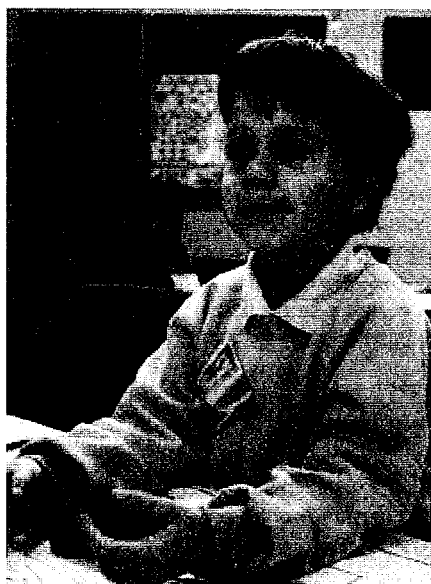


## BPS Corner

What's  
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Photos  
by Tim  
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### First Day Reflections

*Karla: I had lots of fun playing with the puzzles.*

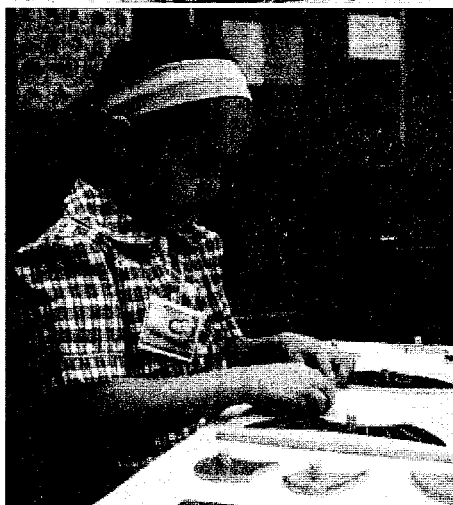
*Ryan: I like playing with the Lego. I am very excited about school.*

*Emily: My first day was happy, I like playing with the puzzles and drawing.*

*Ethan: I like drawing. My friends are Calan and Cameron.*

*Cassy: I was excited to come to school. I love playing with the play-doh. I like playing outside.*

**Preps first day at Beaconsfield Primary School.**



We had a very busy start to the school year with 40 new children from other schools and 88 preps starting their school life at Beaconsfield Primary School. This gives us a total of 530 children. We look forward to sharing our successes with the community during the year.



## MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

Greetings to you for the New Year 2004, from Make and Mingle, Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

We resume on **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** for friendship and craft, every Wednesday 10-12noon during school term.

This term we will have a range of crafts including patchwork, embroidery, glass painting, stamping, greeting cards and a few new crafts and ideas.

Please let us know if there are any crafts you would like to try and we will endeavor to help you.

During the year we hope to have a bus trip to a craft show and some special outings as well as our craft fair and some other days planned.

We look forward to seeing you in 2004, if you have any enquires or would like more details, phone Ann Taylor on 9707 1996.

### WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF .....

- \* people considered the residents of the street before riding motorbikes continually up and down the street.
- \* we had a pedestrian crossing in the main shopping area to make access of the many shops on both sides of the Highway.
- \* everyone considered all road users and didn't believe that they had the right to abuse others.

## SALLY'S GARDEN



### The Glory Lily: (Gloriosa Rothschildiana)

The Glory lily is a native of tropical Africa, but is easily grown here in warm sheltered positions. This lily needs full sun and rich well drained soil. Water freely in summer and liquid feed every 2 weeks. It is a frost tender plant.

The strong slender stems put forth tendril climbers, so needs support as it grows. When fed well this growth is prolific and needs a trellis or wire support for its tendrils to cling to. Slender stems produce scattered, broadly lance-shaped dark green leaves. In summer, upper leaf axils carry large, yellow and red flowers, each with six sharply reflexed, wavy edged petals, changing to dark orange or deep red. The yellow

stamens protrude prominently.

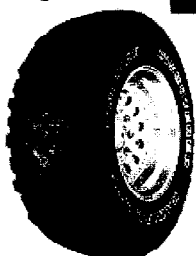
The buds hang down as an upside down closed umbrella, but as it grows and opens up the petals curl backwards and the yellow stamens protrude in a bright yellow colour. The flowers can grow to a width of 12cm.in diameter. These are spectacular flowers and last for quite a time on the plant.

This lily grows from a tuber & when the plant has died completely down the tubers are then lifted and stored in a cool dry place. I wrap mine in newspaper & keep in a box in the garage until they begin to become white or purplish on the ends of the tuber & then plant them in a good rich soil. The tubers, when planted, are reasonably straight, but when they have grown, flowered and died down they will have become a horse shoe shape. These tubers when lifted are to be broken in half before storing for the winter.

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# WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman

Beaconsfield has taken another step away from being a semi quiet, even folksy rural town. Aldi have been joined by a host of new shops and businesses. Eight of them are associated with food of some description. Together with our Post Office and Chemist leaving their old sites the whole dynamics of our town will change and will take some time adjusting to; the bend in Wood St may even become less of a hazard.

At the time of writing I was not able to speak to all of the eight new food operators

so the following is a limited overview.

Shop 2 is **Flakey Jakes** operated by Jim Findikakis. Jim has been in the 'fish and chip' business for 15 years at Frankston and offers fresh fish cooked while you wait, hamburgers and souvlaki.

Shop 3 is **Asian Feast, Sushi and Noodle Bar and Chinese Takeaway**.

Shop 4 is a **Subway** outlet.

Shop 5 is **OH Yes! Charcoal Chicken, Plus** operated by Michael Christophorou offering

charcoal chicken, pork and lamb chops, souvlaki, kebabs, fish and hokkien noodles, plus to takeaway.

Shop 6 is **Café Rendezvous** operated by Effie Atkins and Dr Tony Atkins. Effie is well known as the original operator of Berwick Chicken followed by Delphini Café in 1998 and has been in the industry some 25 years. Breakfast, lunch, coffee and cake served in a quiet, invitingly comfortable atmosphere is their aim. I can recommend the coffee.

Shop 7 is **Dwyer Fresh Seafood** operated by Gary and Lois Dwyer. Gary has operated the fresh fish van at Officer Weigh Station siding for the past 17 years. Gary proudly tells of early customers who are now friends and of now serving their children. Gary is a qualified Chef.

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Shop 10 is **The Healthology Shop** providing a range of healthfoods, etc.

While visiting the **Officer Organics, Fruit & Veggie Cafe/Juice Bar**, operated

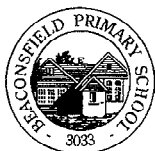
by Kristina Morgan within the Wood St, Gym complex I noticed that the old Butchers Shop is carrying a sign '**Bulls Raw Sushi & Steak Bar**' – more next issue.

Twenty three food related sites now exist in Beaconsfield; shopping or eating in/from every site could take years for the average family. While it may be exciting to see all of this new activity we should not forget all our old faithfuls who have worked hard to serve us for many years – they deserve our continued support.



**Wine** The holiday period has been a quiet time for seeing new wines. So lets revisit some 2003 favourites. Vintage Cellars Robe Chardonnay around \$14 is a very classy wine and of a quality way above its asking price. I have enjoyed every mouthful.

McWilliams Hanwood Chardonnay, 2002, \$8-10 is an excellent house white as is Chrismont King Valley Riesling, 2003, \$14. Chrismont is also my favourite vineyard for 2003. Yalumba Barossa Shiraz, 2001, \$14, just slips down. My favourite available is Gembrook Hills Pinot Noir, 2001, \$28 at the cellardoor. One of the best wines ever seen but unavailable until April, 2004 is the Yering Station Reserve Shiraz, around \$55 and worth every dollar and will be in short supply.



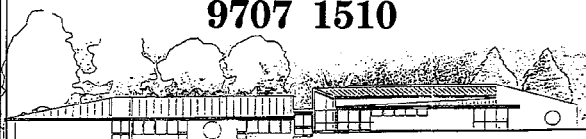
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*Photo taken c.1950. Photo E. Whiteside Collection.*

*This photo shows a section being laid as it went through Whiteside's orchard at Officer.*

The original pipe-line carrying water from the Beaconsfield reservoir to the Mornington Peninsula and naval base was laid down between the years 1914 - 1921. Most seaside towns on the peninsula were reticulated by then and parts of Berwick, lower level, had been connected by 1924. The concrete pipes were made by the Hume brothers of Officer (the firm

later moved to Beaconsfield). Almost 1300 pipes were required to cover 2 miles.

The line was replaced, with larger pipes, after some 30 years of use, and it was installed alongside the old pipeline.

*For more stories on the Beaconsfield Reservoir see page 19.*

## BEACONSFIELD HISTORY DAYS

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## MEETING THE NEEDS OF POPULATION GROWTH

by Tammy Labato, MP, Member for Gembrook

With projections for the population of Beaconsfield to grow at an annual rate of 20% until at least 2006, with a subsequent growth rate of 9.5% after that, this area presents a challenge in terms of meeting the needs of a burgeoning population and ensuring they have the services and facilities necessary.

One way that the State Government is meeting this challenge was through its establishment of the Beaconsfield Ambulance Service in 2001. From July 2001 until January 2003, the crews at Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield responded to 483 cases. The volume of cases in the Shire of Cardinia has increased by more than 45% since 1999.

Another impact of local growth on the community is

at the local primary school. Beaconsfield Primary School is experiencing a huge increase in student numbers to meet the needs of new residents. The school was advised in December 2003 that they are able to move to the Master Planning Stage. This allows the school to appoint an architectural firm to complete a school master plan. The additional facilities and classrooms that are planned for the school will ensure that high quality education will continue to be delivered in the local area.

With my background in Community Development, I am also very conscious of the need to create communities, not estates. Simple things like walking, instead of driving the car, creates an opportunity to get

to know your neighbours. When residents belong to local organisations such as the Beaconsfield Progress Association, the CFA or any one of the sports, service or activities clubs in the area, they are helping create a community just by being involved. When they shop locally and visit the playground or reserve they do the same.

When the Minister for Victorian Communities, John Thwaites MP, and I drove through the Beaconsfield estates last December, we talked about how communities can be more workable and functional. The construction of the Beaconsfield Community Complex provides the area with an opportunity to reach out to new residents and involve them so that the

community spirit that has thrived for so many years can encompass newcomers.

I would be interested in any ideas from local residents and business people that could be developed with the assistance of the Department of Victorian Communities. I can be contacted regarding all State Government issues at my office at 1/5 Gloucester Ave, Berwick, 3806. Tel: 9796 1987 Fax: 9796 1891.



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*by Tracie Lund,  
Centre Co-ordinator*

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We will be running a playgroup just for Dad's & Tots on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. This will provide an unique opportunity for dads & tots to spend some quality, structured time together. Great way to meet other dads in the area.

Our occasional Sessions are almost full. The introduction of a second

morning session has proven very popular. All courses are subject to numbers so ensure you phone ahead & book in to your course.

The BCC is a focal point & meeting place for the whole community. We provide a social, friendly safe environment that encourages community based learning & sharing. All our activities groups & courses are designed to reflect this.

With such a big move ahead of us there is a need for community input. We welcome new Committee of Management Members all the time. New tutors & ideas for courses are regularly sort. This is your centre, so let us know your ideas to improve our service.

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## FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR  
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### TAX AUDITS AND PENALTIES

With the introduction of self-assessment some years ago, the Australian Tax Office (ATO) is better able to use its resources to audit more tax returns than previously. The most common forms of audit are:

1. Data matching of information from Banks, Public Companies, Other Financial Institutions and Centrelink to amounts disclosed in Income tax returns eg. Interest, Dividends

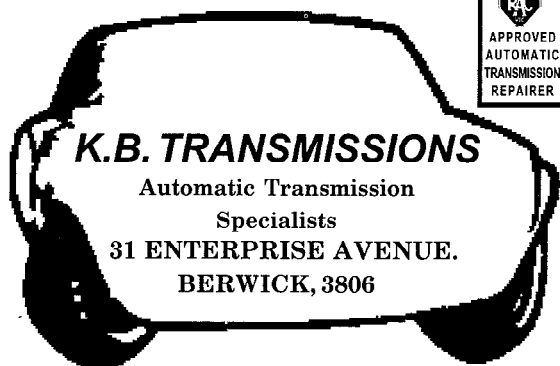
2. Substantiation of Expenses for employees claiming in excess of \$300 for work related expenses. This may require the completion of a Questionnaire with detailed information of expenses claimed. Questionnaires are also extensively used for property rental returns. Taxpayers are normally made aware of these audits prior to their income tax returns being prepared.

3. Desk Audits similar to 2. above except that the audit is carried out at the Australian Taxation Office and supporting documentation usually must be provided.

4. Business Audits may cover specific areas or industries e.g. Cash economy in the building and construction industry, fringe benefits tax, tax schemes, losses from non-commercial activities or merely a review of accounting or tax records.

Australian Taxation Office authorized staff have access to all books and documents of taxpayers including computer records necessary to carry out an audit. The extent of the audit to be conducted is normally notified in advance by ATO authorized staff to the taxpayer as well as their tax-agent and appointments are made at a mutually convenient time at the taxpayer's business premises or residence.

If there is income tax payable as a result of an audit or review then penalties are usually payable on the tax shortfall. In addition a general interest charge is applied to all debts calculated on a daily basis. The general interest rate is currently approximately 13.5%p.a. Penalties are normally 25%, 50% or 75% of the tax shortfall. The penalties payable depend on various factors including amount of tax shortfall, whether the taxpayer has taken reasonable care or has a reasonably arguable position, is reckless or alternatively if there is intentional disregard for income tax laws or blatant tax avoidance. In addition, the extent of co-operation with the ATO and voluntary disclosures made before or during an audit may reduce penalties.

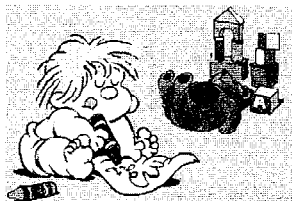


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## TAX AUDITS AND PENALTIES

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There are various administrative penalties and non-lodgment penalties which in some cases can result in prosecution of taxpayers.

It is important to lodge all returns by due dates. In the event of understating income or over claiming deductions voluntary disclosures to ATO should be made as

soon as you become aware thereof. If you are audited by the ATO you should assist and not hinder the ATO otherwise penalties will be more severe. You should seek the advice of an accountant who has experience in these circumstances.

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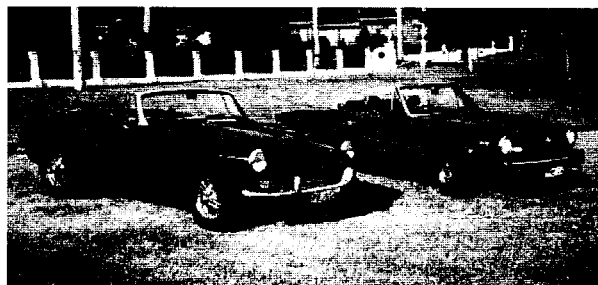
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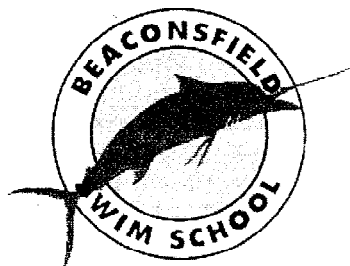
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## ANNE MC CORMICK RECEIVES AWARD

Anne McCormick received an Upper Beaconsfield Citizens of the Year Award in recognition of her many years of community commitment and involvement.

Although Anne lives at Upper Beaconsfield she was an active member of the Beaconsfield Community Group Playgroup and the steering committee for the existing Beaconsfield Community Centre in the early 1990's.

Anne is Manager of disability services development at Minibah. She was one the key organisers of the recent Minibah Inaugural Deb Ball held at Cardinia Cultural Centre.

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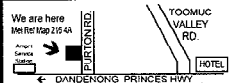


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# Beaconsfield Reservoir, Early Days - 2003

by Charles Wilson

In the early years of World War 1 it became apparent an adequate water supply for Flinders Naval Base was a necessity. The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, the responsible authority, chose Toomuc Creek as the water source, and Haunted Gully as the site for the storage reservoir. In 1916 a weir was built on the Toomuc and the water brought by open channel to the reservoir.

Haunted Gully was quite famous, having first come to public attention in 1869 when Prince Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's second son, whilst staying at Bowman's Inn, was taken by Geordie Craik and a group of men on

a very successful kangaroo hunt in Haunted Gully.

Soon after, in 1872, gold was discovered in the gully by H.J. Valentine, the Haunted Gully diggings becoming a recognised goldfield. An early history states that as many as 200 men were working on the diggings at one stage. Mining records show that quite a lot of alluvial gold was recovered.

The establishment of this goldfield enabled the Victorian Government in 1876 and 1877 to use the provisions of Section 49, the "goldfield" section of the 1869 Land Act to survey, subdivide, and offer for selection all the previously

unselected land on the southern slopes of the Beaconsfield Range. At least 190 blocks of 20 acres or less were made available for selection - the Parish map looked like a spider's web.

A license to occupy these 20 acres properties, cost £1 - after improvements were made the selector could purchase his land for £1 per acre. Not surprisingly within 12 months all were taken up.

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Beaconsfield Reservoir July 1917

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## Beaconsfield Reservoir, Early Days - 2003

by Charles Wilson (Continued from page 19)

In 1877 all of Haunted Gully was in 20 acre lots except for an area at the southern end of the gully which the surveyors designated "Water Conservation," a wetlands region of some 30 plus acres, resulting from a small creek which ran down the gully.

This was the area that the Commission selected for the reservoir, at the same time acquiring seventeen of the 20 acre blocks surrounding the reservoir site as a buffer. The reservoir was formed by the sides of the gully, and blocked at the southern end by a large brick based earth levy bank, which was built during 1917. (photo on page 19)

Once the land was cleared, large horse drawn scoops widened and deepened the gully, using the earth obtained to build the levy bank. These scoop operators were very skilled and had to be very careful, if the scoop dug too deeply or struck a root, they could be thrown over the scoop resulting in serious injury. The finished reservoir had an area of 13 ha, and a capacity of 200 million gallons.

Within a short time the demands on the reservoir were more than Toomuc Creek could supply. In 1925-1926 the Commission introduced the natural flow of the Upper Bunyip River by an aqueduct, providing 1,700 million gallons per annum to the reservoir. The Toomuc Creek source was then discontinued.

After the second World War a weir was made on the Tarago River near Jindivik, and a 16 mile aqueduct built

to convey 2,600 million gallons per annum into the existing Bunyip-Beaconsfield Race which was enlarged to cope with this extra supply. A second stage of this project, a storage reservoir on the Tarago, provided an additional 7,500 million gallons annually.

The reservoir now supplied the Hallam Valley, Berwick, Cranbourne and other smaller inland towns, the Port Phillip Bay towns from Frankston to Portsea, the Westernport Bay area (Hastings, Bittern, Flinders Naval Base) and the high level area of Dandenong and Springvale. A tunnel was built through Mt. Misery, at first an open cut, but after several collapses, concrete pipes were pushed through and well packed with rock, allowing some of the water to flow to the Lysterfield Reservoir.

The catchment area of the Tarago River contains 86 sq km of State Forest, and 28 sq km of privately owned farmland. The water derived from the State forest area is of good quality, but the runoff from the farmland contains soil, fertiliser, and organic matter, which goes into the eastern branch of the Tarago. This water is poorer in both quality and colour than the main stream. Alarm was caused in April 1991 when a blue-green algal bloom occurred on the Tarago.

Melbourne Water was created in September that year, and from that time the Mornington Peninsula has been supplied with water from the Cardinia Reservoir. A pipeline was built from the Tarago Reservoir joining with

the Cardinia Reservoir pipeline, enabling intermediate towns to be supplied from either reservoir if necessary.

In 1997 Melbourne Water decided that the Bunyip Main Race, stretching from the Beaconsfield Reservoir to Cannibal Creek, some 26 km long and 50 metres wide at least, as well as the Beaconsfield Reservoir were surplus to its requirements, offering them to Cardinia Council in July 1998. At one time the Council contemplated subdivision and sale of some of the reservoir land to cover management expenses, but the suggestion of such a sale brought fierce local opposition, and resulted in the formation of a Friends of Beaconsfield Reservoir Committee.

The fact that the site was fenced, and had been maintained in a relatively pristine state for a long time resulting in very little weed intrusion, plus the diversity of wildlife on the land and its stable water supply from its own catchment, made it a very valuable conservation area. The following year the Council proposed the preservation of the reservoir and the main race in public ownership.

The Friends opinion of its conservation value was confirmed in 2003 when Melbourne Water commissioned BIOSIS to undertake a flora and fauna study - the results indicate the site is of State conservation significance and possibly of national interest.

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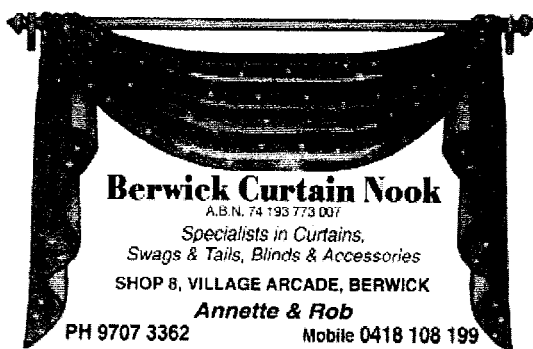
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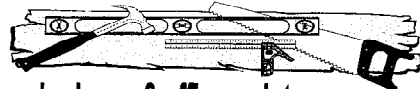
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# CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

## NEW RELEASE FILMS AND DVD'S

Welcome to Crosswired for 2004. This year Crosswired will be a little different, as we will not only look at the best of the best when it comes to new release films but also what is hot in the world of DVD.

Over the past few years there have been a number of good dance inspired films released. 'Save The Last Dance' and 'Centre Stage' quickly come to mind, and last month we saw the release of 'Honey'.

Unlike the other two 'Honey' stands out straight away as it's cast boasts actual known talent including

Jessica Alba (from TV's 'Dark Angel'), Mekhi Phifer (also seen in '8 Mile') and singer Missy Elliott.

'Honey' may not be the best film of all time, and while it's clichéd story and characters may make some nauseous, it is still good fun for the whole family. I think the reason why it is so easy to overlook the film's imperfections is because of the brilliant dance routines, they are simply faultless and allow Jessica Alba to show off a side of herself that few knew existed.

In DVD news we take a look at the Collector's Edition of

'The Beach'. I maybe a little biased toward this film because for me it's one of my all time favourites. 'The Beach' is based on Alex Garland's novel of the same name, and while the film sometimes drifts away from the plot in the novel, it doesn't lose any of it's drama.

Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Richard, a backpacker who arrives in Thailand looking for adventure. Instead he finds paradise in the form of an island. The film delves deep into human nature and explores how the island paradise soon turns into a living hell.

DiCaprio is brilliantly backed up by French actress Virginie Ledoyen, who by now should have really made a name for herself in Hollywood. As with most Danny Boyle directed films 'The Beach' speaks volumes about human nature, and his style of directing will leave you breathless.

The Collector's Edition has some amazing features (on DVD only) with an excellent Director's Commentary that can be played over the film. The DVD also includes all the scenes that were deleted from the final cut (including the Alternate Opening and Endings), with notes from Danny Boyle on why he thought they should have been included in the film. All up it's a complete DVD package that won't leave you disappointed.

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## IF WE ARE WHAT WE EAT, WHAT IS TO BECOME OF US

Hi my name is Kristina Morgan, 7 years ago I asked the question, what am I eating and what is it doing for my health. The answer to that question lead me along the path to opening a small shop in Beaconsfield selling what I like to describe as REAL FOOD.

There is know doubt that it is easier to be unhealthy than healthy when it comes to buying food. Fast Food is in our face, supermarkets have made it just too easy to buy everything in the one shop, no matter how tasteless it is, and with the increasing pressures we juggle of family, time, and budgets is the extra effort really worth it. Well in this article I hope to give you information for you to be able to make that decision In previous generations sitting down to have a home cooked meal

created a time for the family to be together and talk and maybe pick up on stresses affecting each other, having a healthy laugh or a dam good argument, it gave families a chance to communicate. So often now teen agers come home grab something over processed out of the freezer, babies and toddlers have their jars and meals that "At least we know they will eat" forgetting about introducing them to foods they should eat and parents just eat what and when they can. Maybe it is time to think about food and the Kitchen table being the centre of our homes again rather than the Television set.

In this column I would like to introduce some of the local producers of Certified Organic Foods and other people who are helping us to live a more healthy Life.

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### Something to try from Kristina

#### Kids and Adults alike love a stir-Fry

Many kids love noodles and stir-fried vegetables. Cut all vegetables into sticks or bite size pieces before starting cooking. To make stir-frying easier, green vegetables like beans, broccoli, asparagus, celery and other hard vegetables like carrots can be softened by boiling for 3 - 4 minutes then add to stir-fry.

To stir-fry, heat wok well, add little oil then stir in vegetables. Start cooking the hard vegetables first, like carrots and celery, after few minutes add softer vegetables, like broccoli or cauliflower. Keep stirring, then lastly add very soft vegetables like beansprouts and spinach.

If vegetables start to burn add 2 tbsp water down side of the wok. Stir and finish cooking by adding lid and steaming vegetables until cooked. Cook noodles according to directions drain and mix together.

Stir -Fry Flavour - Add chopped garlic, ginger or a spice like cumin, at the beginning of the cooking. Flavoursome sauces like soy sauce, mushroom or oyster sauce can be added at the end as well as herbs like coriander and parsley.



## IF WE ARE WHAT WE EAT, WHAT IS TO BECOME OF US.

by Kristina Morgan, (Continued from page 28)

One of these producers is Andrew Powell who supplies my shop with deliciously fresh picked salad and other vegies has a property in Bayles since December 2002. Andrew had previously been farming at Pearcedale on the Mornington Peninsula between 1991 and 1999 until the farm was sold. He had attained A Grade Organic Certification with BFA when the farm was sold due to divorce. This property had been untenanted for 2 years and many trees/shrubs overgrown with ivy growing over many tank stands.

Much work has been done to clean up the farm and open up around the house area. Old and dying large Cypress trees at the very rear of the house were removed in March 2003 before they fell on the

house. The teardrop shaped garden and clothes line are where the trees stood.

An organic inspection/audit was carried out in May 2003 and more soil and tissue tests taken. The property received 'Conversion to Organic' certification with NASAA and would expect to be A Grade certified within 3 years.

The first crops were planted in early June 2003 (onions, carrots, snow peas, sugar snap peas, lettuce, coriander, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, turnips, beetroot and parsley) and commenced some harvesting in September. Crops are direct seeded every fortnight to ensure a continuous supply and

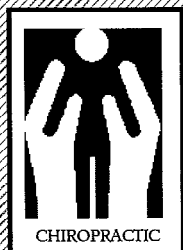
also seeded up into cell trays where required. Until the end of the year there will be limited quantities of some produce due to poor germination, weeds and more weeds. Everything is sown and picked by hand together with the weeding.

Companion planting methods are used to help control bugs and indigenous trees are being planted in windbreaks to attract the birds. The lady birds are multiplying everyday and doing their job whilst the worms are plentiful in the ground doing their job too!

Andrew is running the farm single-handed. His brother-in-law (Mark) works one day a week. Andrew's mother (Pauline) and Aunt (Barb) help out every fortnight. But the results are worth it for Taste, Health and Environment and you can purchase it locally at Officer Organics located in the Beaconsfield Gym Complex on Wood Street.



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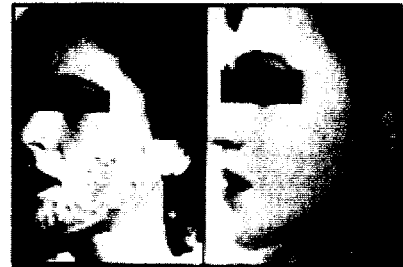
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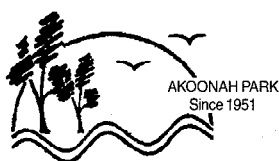
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These days are very satisfying and enjoyable. We now start to see the results of earlier plantings and how quickly indigenous plants grow and transform previously cleared areas. It is good to hear of the return of small birds and other wildlife.

This season we are planting into five properties located in Upper Beaconsfield, Harkaway and Officer. Our group is active in Casey and Cardinia and receives some funding from both councils as well as from state and federal governments.

As a group we are involved in water quality monitoring along Cardinia Creek. We also intend to do more mammal surveys on private property using hair tubes. This is an effective way to discover which small animals live on your property and the health of habitat. These activities are possible because of the larger Landcare network supported by the Cardinia Environment Coalition. Meetings are held regularly with representatives from each Landcare group and other Friends groups active in the area. It is encouraging working with like-minded people who share a love of the natural bushland and its

creatures and who are prepared to work to protect them – especially as the rampant spread of suburban Melbourne impacts on us all.

You may be interested in attending some of the courses offered by Peppermint Ridge Farm in Tynong North – just past Mill Valley Ranch. These include Small Property Management skills workshops covering small property design, farm animal care, weed management and bushland and waterways. Diploma of Conservation and Land Management and Farm Business approved courses are also offered. If you are a Cardinia Shire resident you would probably be eligible for a subsidy. For more details the web site is [peppermintridgefarm.com.au](http://peppermintridgefarm.com.au) or email [prfarm@sympac.com.au](mailto:prfarm@sympac.com.au).

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## BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

Is there no rest for Handymen, doesn't the Christmas break extend to the poor humble souls, with their well worn tool kits, travel from situation to situation without so much as a short respite? Do I hear a chorus of "who cares anyway?"

It has been a bit hectic and not helped at all by the ever present vandals who get a set on a certain type of school building and want to dismantle it in the dead of night.

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# OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

## OUR NATURAL WORLD

Another Christmas and New Year has been and gone and we must all face up to what 2004 will bring to us. Hoping for good things, but also aware that life is full of surprises, some we would prefer to do without. It reminds me of that saying by Bob Phillips, "There are three stages of man, he believes in Santa Claus, he does not believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus." A humorous way of saying that we must travel the road continually evolving in our mental and emotional attitudes to this journey we call life. We can't tarry by the wayside for to do so would be against the laws of nature where all is in

continual motion and activity.

The old ideas that humanity was above nature, not a part of it, is gradually being seen for what it is; the superego of men who considered the earth and all its life must be subordinated to the will of man who considered himself the all controlling pinnacle of creation. His efforts to apply this doctrine can be seen by all and sundry, and recoiling in horror and disgust the far sighted and moderate thinkers wonder how the desire for wealth and power can so distort the perceptions of those to whom we look for a better behaviour in their dealings with our ravaged planet. The great American humorist Will Rogers was once asked by a friend what he should invest his money in. Rogers replied, "Land."

When his friend asked him why he suggested land, Rogers said simply, "Because they ain't making any more." The analogy here is clear, we have one earth, "and they ain't making another one."

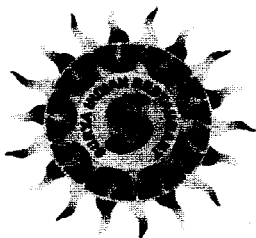
The American Indians were living examples of love of nature and caring for the planet. These are the words Chief Luther Standing Bear, a Lakota Indian.

"The Lakota was a true naturalist – a lover of nature. He loved the earth and all the things of the earth, the attachment growing with age. The old people came literally to love the soil and they sat or reclined on the ground with a feeling of being close to a mothering power. It was good for the skin to touch the earth and the old people liked to remove their moccasins

and walk with bare feet on the sacred earth. The tipis were built upon the earth and their altars were made of earth. The birds that flew in the air came to rest upon the earth and it was the final abiding place of all things that lived and grew. The soil was soothing, strengthening, cleansing and healing. The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart away from nature becomes hard; he knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon led to lack of respect for humans too. So he kept his youth close to its softening influence."

Those words were written two centuries ago. Have we really advanced all that far? The earth really is our mother, and we all only get one mother! May the year be kind to you all.

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## AVENUE OF HONOUR

Many community groups joined together to voice their objection to the removal of one of the poplar trees in the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour. Kath Clarke represented the Beaconsfield Progress Association in the absence of Tony Rushton.

Vic Roads proposed to remove the poplar tree to enable a left turning lane as part of the Manuka Road Extension.

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Then you must do what must be done  
For this last battle can't be won.

You will be sad, I understand,  
But don't let grief then stay your hand;  
For this day, more than all the rest,  
Your Love and Friendship stand the test.

We've had so many happy years,  
What is to come will hold no fears.  
You'd not want me to suffer ...so,  
When it is time, please let me go.

Take me where my needs they'll tend,  
But stay with me until the end;  
And hold me firm and speak to me,  
Until my eyes no longer see.

I know in time you too will see  
It is a kindness you do for me;  
Although my tail its last has waved,  
From pain and suffering I've been saved.

Do not grieve that it should be you  
Who must decide this thing to do.  
We've been so close, we two, these years,  
Don't let your heart hold any tears.

We walked together for a while,  
I hope those memories make you smile;  
And though it's time for us to part,  
I'll always live inside your heart.

## YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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Telephone 9769 8152

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E-mail: g.runge@cardinia.vic.gov.au

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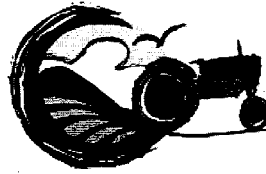
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**Saturday 13th March 2004**

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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.

**Farmers Market held 2nd Saturday of each month.**

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Belinda Brennan

Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market Coordinator

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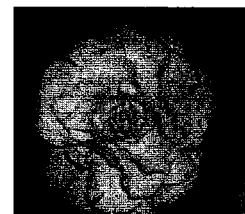
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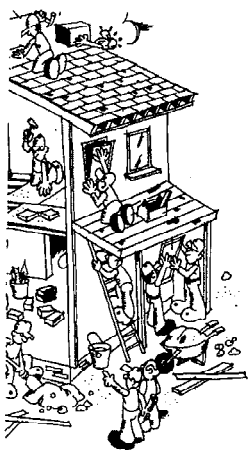
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## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe McMaster, President

The club is travelling very well for this stage of the season all of our teams are well placed on the ladder and we are looking forward to competing in the finals. Follow the Gazette for details.

**Semi Finals** are played Sat.13th and Sun 14th March **Grand Finals** Sat 20th & Sun 21st March

During the Berwick Show weekend we will host the Dog Show on Saturday 28th February and on Sunday 29th the traditional game of COPS & ROBBERS will be played. This is a one day game of cricket between the local police and the Beaconsfield past legends, call in for an entertaining afternoon of cricket.

**Presentation Night** 27th March at the Pine grove Hotel.

**Trivia Night** at the clubrooms 21st February 8.00 pm

Our Tractor motor died just prior to Xmas and thanks to our major sponsor Alan Tomamichael of Springvale Trade Brake and Clutch the tractor is up and running with a shiny new paint job and a smiling face on the radiator grill.

Club legend Kevin Rankin has been busy visiting the state library and researching the clubs history, noting highlights and century makers over the years he has provided three beautifully framed plaques of bowling and batting club records.

## PAST PLAYERS REUNION

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

Sunday 7th March 12.00 for a family BBQ lunch

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 every one welcome. Call in to hear some tall tales and true from our past legends, bring along any photos or memorabilia, old trophies, scorebooks or scrap books.

For further details contact Peter Goodes 0407342660 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 Mc Master



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## Some of our Junior Competitors.

Winter competition starts after the Easter school holiday break. If interested in joining this great sport and under 18 years, contact Lynne Day 9707 4662 or come and have a hit at our Friday evening practice sessions between 4:30 - 6:30pm.

## Courts Hire

Courts are available for use by non club members but due to public liability issues must be on a hire basis. Cost \$5 per player per hour available from Swim, Gym & Tennis or contact Lynne Day on 9707 4662

## Club Contacts:

Pres: 5940 1186 Sec: 9707 4287  
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They chose Beaconsfield to be closer to their daughter Leanne and their grandchildren who live at Upper Beaconsfield.

Brian is a retired Major from the British Army and was awarded the Order of Australia in the 2004 Australia Day Honors. The award was given for 20 years plus service with Vision Australia.

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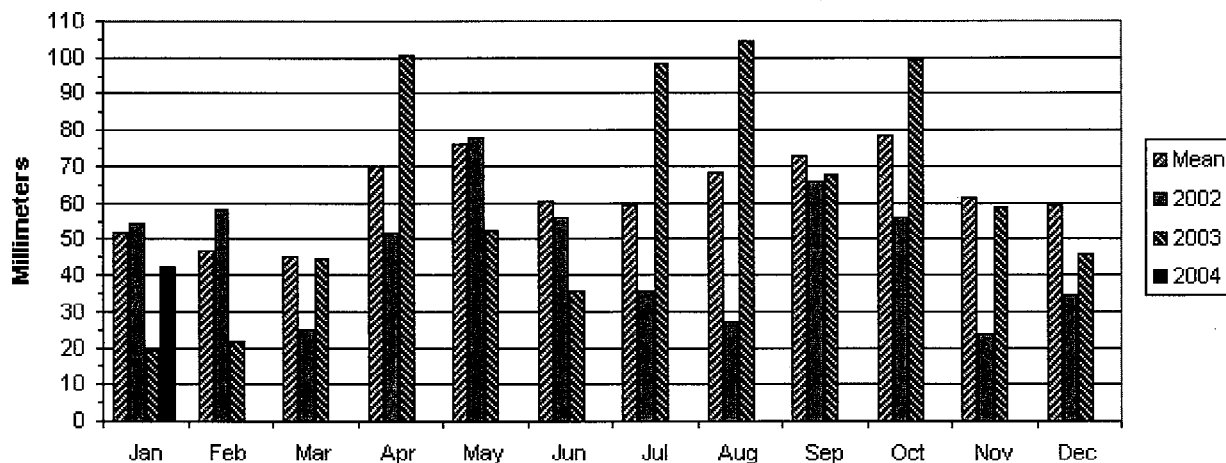
Great news for the New Year, Family Videoland Group has joined forces with Top Leading Edge Video. Combined, this should make us the largest group across the whole market dealing solely with Independent Video Stores.

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We wish all the Beaconsfield Banner readers and our customers a great a safe 2004 and sincerely thank you for your support over the past 14½ years.

Margaret and Tom

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