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INTERSTATE SUCCESS FOR HPV TEAM

A group of dedicated and enthusiastic students, parents and teachers from Beaconsfield Primary School Human Powered Vehicle Team travelled to Adelaide, to compete in their first interstate HPV event - The Australian Human Powered Vehicle Super Series Telstra 200. The 6 hour HPV Race was held on Sunday 26th July utilizing sections of the ex Grand Prix track at Victoria Park.

In only their second year of Human Powered Vehicle competitions, Beaconsfield Primary School had two teams finish a creditable 6th and 14th in the primary school category 1 section.

Beaconsfield and Berwick Primary School represented Victoria, with both schools making a big commitment to taking a combined total of 86 riders and support crew of parents and teachers with 6 HPV bikes across the border for the 4 day trip.

After the race, Beaconsfield Team Manager and teacher, Mark McKelson, couldn't hide his enthusiasm; "We want to do it again."

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST

AND

TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

(Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month)

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INTERSTATE SUCCESS FOR HPV TEAM

Mark continued, " Unfortunately we were too late getting our entry in for the Australian International Pedal Prix at Murray Bridge in September this year, so we are planning two trips to South Australia in 2005" he said. "We had a magnificent time," and went on to add, "Our next race is in Maroondah in late August where we will be chasing our local rivals. With continued practice and new technology we will continue to improve."

The construction team worked tirelessly to build their second HPV bike in time for Adelaide. This proved worthwhile with chief scrutineers in Adelaide making glowing remarks about the quality of the machines.

Financial support of businesses has enabled the school to build their HPV bikes. This has proven a great opportunity for the

business and school community to work together. They welcome any new sponsors to join in the experience.

The Beaconsfield HPV team has been enthusiastically training 2 mornings before school plus engaged in numerous lunchtime activities including aerobics. It was reported that they even continued to train when they had icicles on their eyelashes!

This training will continue as they have entered teams in Maroondah at the end of August and the RACV Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough in November.

Congratulations to Jacinta B, Daniel N, Vanessa B, Ben M, Emma M, James W, Rachel H, Holly R, Josh L, Chris W, William D, Riaha W, Nick F and Jai B on their success in the Interstate HPV race.

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

I hope all of you are well and healthy, especially during these cold winter days!

Since my last President's report, we have had the serious issue relating to the pine trees along Emerald-Beaconsfield Road becoming a safety concern, more new development along the Princes Hwy and increasing problems with car parking and the standard of the facilities at our railway station.

In regards to the pine trees along Emerald Beaconsfield

Rd, a community / resident's meeting was arranged on Saturday the 10th of July at the wetlands reserve in the Berwick View Estate to allow the residents to discuss and decide on the future of the trees. After discussing the issues and having Mayor Gary Runge and a consulting Aborist present to answer questions posed by the residents', it was decided the trees were a safety issue and they have to be removed. A small committee, consisting of residents, Mayor Runge and Wendy (aborist) was

established to work together to decide what sort of trees will be planted to replace the pine trees. We hope that we receive some details in the next issue of the Banner to report to the community.

Furthermore, we have not yet received a formal response from Connex, whom are responsible for the Pakenham Line and the maintenance of the railway stations that run along the line, in regards to our request for maintenance to be conducted on the car parking. Due to the recent rains, residents have reported increased pot holes and insufficient parking spaces created as a result of more commuters using the station. We have sent a follow up letter to ensure that our concerns are heard and addressed.

On a different matter, I would like to encourage fellow residents in our community to take part in a 'Clean Up Burgess Park' day to be held on Saturday

the 14th August at 10.00am at the park. It has been brought to the BPA's attention that the park has not been maintained and is dire need of a clean up.

The BPA with its members have decided, in the true sense of community spirit, to arrange a day where members of the community can give a few hours of their valuable time to maintain this great town of ours and show how much we do care for Beaconsfield! So, bring your tongs, gloves and raincoats and join us on the day! There will also be sausage sizzle for those volunteers at the end of the clean up!

Again, I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage and welcome any new resident, trader and member of our community to attend our monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday night at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Centre located on Beaconsfield Avenue, as the purpose of these meetings are for our residents to voice any concerns they may have or even any change they would like see within our community. These meetings are open to everyone!

From myself, family and committee members, take care and keep well.

Warmest Regards
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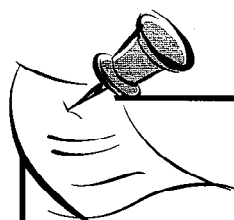
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CARDINIA YOUR LINK WITH COUNCIL

*by Cr. Garry Runge,
Beacon Hills Ward*

Hello all, I thought I would run through a number of issues in the township which have an impact on us all. Firstly, the trees on the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road opposite the tennis courts. I recently called a community consultation morning at the rotunda near the trees to explain the situation. The trees are 80-100 years old and are unfortunately dying at a fast rate. As you know two have already fallen down and they are a real safety threat to traffic and people using the park area.

All present at the meeting agreed that the trees needed to be removed as soon as possible, but they must be replaced by mature trees which in a few years time will create another new entry along the road. The meeting was followed up by another, at which about a dozen concerned residents discussed the species of tree to be selected. Tenders have been called to remove the trees and with community input we will re-plant after they are removed.

I have discussed the issue with the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary group and they are aware of the proposal. Thanks to all who have assisted with this issue and thanks for your advice.

Work has commenced on Connecting Cardinia, the construction and sealing of 50 kilometres of unsealed local roads in the shire. This innovative roads improvement program involves a long term contract with Works Infrastructure P/L to design, construct and maintain 13 local arterial roads at a cost to Council of \$17 million. It is pleasing to see that the following roads have been identified in the first group for construction.

Split Road Road (Leadbetter rd – Beaconsfield Emerald rd) 1.5kms

Brown road (Officer Upper Beaconsfield rd – Toomuc Valley rd) 4.8kms

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Payne rd (From seal on O'Neil rd – seal on Payne rd) 2.8 kms

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield Junior Football club for all the hard work the mums and dads do to make this such a successful club. Both my boys played with the BJFC and I have fond memories of waving the flags on the Upper Beaconsfield Football ground. The sponsors day jumper presentation on 31/07/2004 was great and was a demonstration to the clubs sponsors of how much they are appreciated.

If you are interested in listening to the local radio try 3MDR, 97.1 each Thursday at 1pm. I am doing a radio show, with the presenter, called 'Shire Talk'. For one hour I discuss issues affecting the shire and the community. It seems to be gathering quite some interest.

Don't forget to read the magazine published by the shire called 'Connect Cardinia'. We deliver 20,000 copies to every household in the shire every 6 weeks. If you are not receiving your copy please contact Andrea Ferris 59454258 at the shire.

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Meetings commence at 4.00pm.

You can now view council meetings live on the website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au. Agendas and minutes of council meetings are also available on this website.

WINNERS!!!

On the 3rd of August, **Hair Movement** won the title Best Hairdressing and Beauty Business in Casey Cardinia at the Leader Business Awards. It is a most impressive achievement as the nominations and votes came directly from the public

The awards night was held at the Freccia Azzura Club in Keysborough. Twenty categories of small businesses in the Casey-Cardinia and Greater Dandenong areas were nominated, with the top five businesses from each category becoming finalists.

John (The Boss!!) was very happy that Hair Movement was included in the top five for the category and was of course delighted at being awarded as Best Salon! Darren James presented John and the team with the prestigious award.

"It's pretty stiff competition. It is the loyalty and appreciation from our clients that got us there."



The team spirit and professional exuberance of the Hair Movement staff was evident when they all attended the Gala Awards Night.

Hair Movement has been serving the local community since 1997 and has been in the Hair and Beauty profession since 1976. The team is highly motivated, boasting over 100 years of combined experience. The salon covers all facets of hairdressing and beauty.

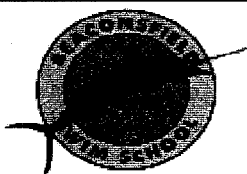
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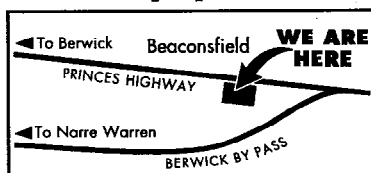
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by Fred Inganzo, B.I.C.R.A.G representative.

B.I.C.R.A.G has continued to push for action and results on several issues that effect environmental, transport and safety matters in our area. The two most pressing issues since B.I.C.R.A.G's inception have been:-

1/ The urgent need for appropriate Sound/Safety Barriers along the Soldiers Road/Brookvale Estate sector of the Berwick By Pass;

2/ The prioritising of funds for the building of a vehicular railway overpass in Brwyn Marr Boulevard.

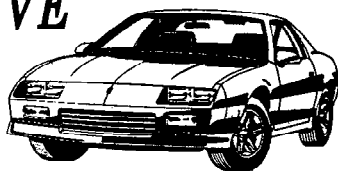
The long standing push for sound/safety barriers realised some hope, on Monday the 12th July 2004, when two VicRoads representatives, James KERNER and John FITZ, inspected the Berwick By Pass with B.I.C.R.A.G spokesperson Ray FLEMING and fellow representative Peter NEALE. The many damaged sections of cyclone fencing, the constant traffic noise and emissions, and the overall unsatisfactory portions of original fencing, were all inspected by the VicRoads reps. It became clear to the VicRoads reps that a minimum of twelve foot high modern fencing system was required along the critical area effected by daily pedestrian crossing of the freeway and where the high and unacceptable level of traffic noise and emissions have rendered some local residents quite ill (medical documentation available re these residents' claims). B.I.C.R.A.G will settle for nothing less than a modern sound/safety barrier system similar to what one sees along the Hallam By Pass. We await updates from VicRoads and will certainly

keep readers informed of any developments. If any reader has suffered a health problem related to the traffic noise/emissions from the Berwick By Pass (medically documented preferably) please feel free to contact B.I.C.R.A.G spokesperson Ray FLEMING on 0407 530 037.

Perhaps B.I.C.R.A.G's most disappointing moment to date was finally getting an audience with Transport Minister Peter BATCHELOR regarding a submission to obtain urgent funding to help build the Brwyn Marr Boulevard railway overpass. After almost 18 months of promises of this meeting eventuating, we were informed by the Minister that such funding was not a State responsibility but a Federal one! What frustrated B.I.C.R.A.G even more was the realization that this ruling was apparently known some time before our eventual meeting, thus wasting B.I.C.R.A.G's valuable time and effort which would have been better directed at pushing for funding at the appropriate governmental level. B.I.C.R.A.G continues to push for funding to ensure that the Brwyn Marr Boulevard Railway Overpass is given the utmost urgency, as all residents, businesses and other organizations living and using our roadways would gladly welcome a new road WITH A RAILWAY OVERPASS to take traffic to and from the Princes Highway and the Soldiers Road / Kangan Drive roundabout.

For further information and any inquiries, please contact B.I.C.R.A.G spokesperson Ray FLEMING on Mobile Ph No -0407 530 037.

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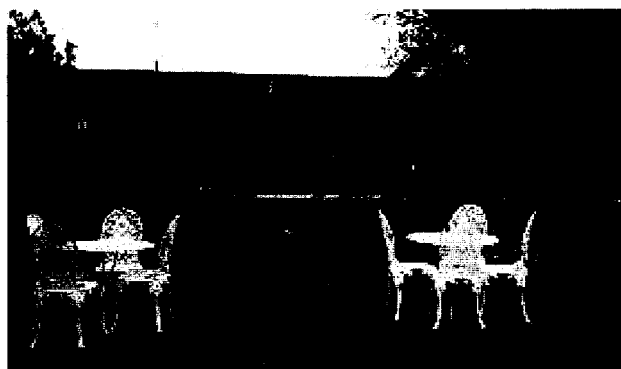
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BEACONSFIELD ON THE MAP

by Ann Taylor

Residents of Beaconsfield are invited to participate in an exciting community arts project.

People from each township in the Shire of Cardinia will be working on a panel that will depict local features of their area. These panels will be assembled on backing fabric to produce THE CARDINIAN EMBROIDERY a three dimensional artwork made of thread, fabric and other suitable materials and will be put on public display.

We are looking for those interested in working on all aspects from design through to handwork and construction. We hope as many people as possible can be involved from schools, community groups, historical groups and sporting groups, and individual residents, artists and craftspeople.

At present a design group has been formed overseen by Eleanor Taylor and decisions made regarding overall design, size, and fabrics. We are collecting ideas of local features to be incorporated in each panel and making scale drawings.

We are hoping to hear from people with ideas for our Beaconsfield panel and also artists and craftspeople interested in being involved.

Regular reports on the project will be made at the Beaconsfield Progress Association meetings and in the Banner and I will be contacting schools and groups in the area.

If you have ideas or would like to be involved you may contact me on 9707 1996

CHANTAL AND HALEY GOING FOR GOLD AT ATHENS

Two of the Olympic athletes that know exactly where Beaconsfield is on the world map are Haley McGregor and Chantal Meek.

Haley McGregor is an ex-student of Beaconsfield Primary School and visited the students before she left for Athens.

Chantal Meek has lived in the Pakenham Upper area. Chantal's mother, Merrill, is a teacher at Beaconsfield Primary School and obviously is very proud of her daughter and keeps the children and staff up to date with Chantal's progress.

Haleys Personal best in the 10,000m is 31:43.4. The finals of the Womens 10,000m is scheduled for 9.30pm (4.30am Aust. time) on 27th August.

Chantal is a member of the K4 500m and has a heat scheduled for August 23rd at 9.20am (4.20pm Aust. time).

A great website to visit to keep up to date with race heats time etc. is www.Olympics.com.au, which include personal profiles on all the athletes and race schedules.



PLEASE SIR, I WANT SOME MORE...

This famous line will be delivered by Paige Lack-Powell as Oliver when Fabulous Feet Dance Academy Performing Arts presents Oliver on September 19th at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

With only several weeks now until the cast of 39 performers presents Oliver there is great excitement and anticipation after the many months of rehearsals. Performing Arts Teacher, Carmen Powell is proud of the talented young performers from the ages 6 to 16 who are aiming to produce a polished and professional performance.

Tickets are on sale now -
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The Fabulous Feet Dance Academy is now in its 12th year, and prides itself on providing a friendly atmosphere for all students and their families. The performing Arts was originally developed as an extension of FFDA students dance classes to improve performance skills. The popularity of this class has grown to offering also non-dance students the opportunity to experience theatrical performance. Fabulous Feet Dance Academy is situated in Enterprise Ave., Berwick. For further information contact Michelle Camp on 9796 2120.

Pictured above, these Beaconsfield children took time out during dress rehearsal. Back L to R: Vanessa Boon, Mitchell and Paige Lack-Powell. Front L to R: Ryland Lack-Powell and Talya Bennett-Hullen.

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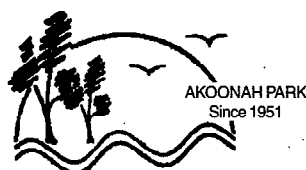
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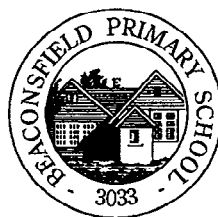
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by Andrea Hillbrick and Janette Collins

On Friday 16th July, grades prep, one and two celebrated our 100th day at school for 2004 in so many ways! There is so much to be learnt about 100. These are some of the activities that we did at our school:

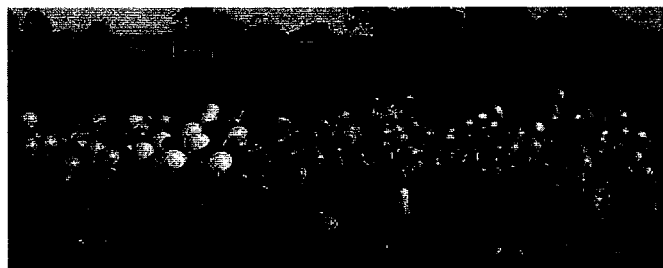
- ✓ Made a quilt out of 100 squares;
- ✓ Made necklaces by threading 100 items;
- ✓ Made 100 headbands and hats;
- ✓ Counted to 100 using things in our room;
- ✓ Made a 100 cake;
- ✓ Traced and cut out 100 foot prints to measure distances;
- ✓ Made things out of 100 icy pole sticks;

- ✓ 1/2P worked in groups to solve 100 piece puzzles;
- ✓ Timed ourselves counting to 100 in as many ways as possible;
- ✓ Measured 100 metres and timed our individual attempts.

We celebrated our learning at school assembly and we took a great certificate home.

Parents came along to our 100th Day of School workshops. The focus was to support children learning 2 and 3-digit numbers.

The 100th day of school is celebrated in many countries around the world - including Beaconsfield Primary School!



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The BCC Committee has appointed Mim Gillespie as the new Centre Co-ordinator, following the resignation of Tracie Lund in June.

Mim takes up her new role as we are looking forward to moving all our activities to the new Community Centre building in O'Neil road in October (builder's progress permitting), and it is a very busy time for everyone connected with the Centre.

The new venue will give us greater space for our current programs and will provide us with an opportunity to run more activities next year.

During August and September we will be seeking community input to help with planning our programs for 2005, so please do not hesitate to let us know about any ideas you have for new activities.

Our Occasional Care programs run by Shilani and her staff currently provide quality permanent and casual childcare for children aged 12 months to 5 years on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are vacancies in some programs, so if you need childcare you are welcome to ring or visit the Centre with your child and talk to Shilani.

At this time of year BCC is also a venue for the Tax Help program offered by the Australian Taxation Office. If you want to complete your own tax return but think you may need some assistance, then Tax Help may be the answer. A network of community volunteers are trained and supported by the ATO to help taxpayers. Tax Help is a free and confidential service for people on low incomes.

A big thankyou to the many local residents who have supported our fundraisers so far this year. The money raised has gone towards new equipment, and every dollar raised will be used to improve the equipment and programs for our new centre.

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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman



To give an unqualified recommendation to a bottle of wine is one thing but to do the same for a restaurant is really "sticking your neck out". Only Shannon Bennett's Vue de Monde over a period of time gets an unqualified recommendation, whether for the sheer quality and tantalising flavours of the a la carte dishes or the amazing value and quality of the fixed price lunch. Against Vue de Monde, for us fringe dwellers, is the fight with nearby Lygon St patrons for a parking spot and the one hour each way drive.

Until recently, within a 30 minute drive we have not had a location where a talented chef has been able to give his full attention to a style of food for which he

has a passion. BullsRaw and Chef Jason Bradford backed by Sarah James are that combination. It is too early to rate after two visits but we were very impressed and of course a one km drive and no parking problems coupled with BYO sweetens the package.

The menu is in two sections. The first mainly concentrates on the finest quality seafood (WA Scampi, WA Leader Prawns and Barramundi) mixed with duckling, kangaroo and chicken. Japanese flavours, methods and ingredients are to the fore.

The second section or char grill features some of the finest steak available. Cooked on an intensely hot grill and presented with a smoky char on the outside

and pink inside with a Japanese pepper sauce was my choice of main on our second visit.

Must mention an appetiser combination Anne and I shared; called "Four Tastes" @ \$6 per person, it was as described, each taste arriving on its own small dish. Char grilled baby octopus, marinated mushrooms (to die for), mixed vegetables somewhat like ratatouille and four biscuit shaped pieces of deep fried belly pork. A fabulous start. Anne followed with a dish of Duckling Stir-fry. Delicious was the verdict.

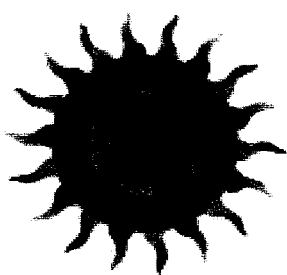
BullsRaw is somewhere to take that special wine which can be supplemented with an extra glass of red or white

from the list. Phone enquiries related to daily specials are welcome to assist your wine choice. Ring 9707 4999. Just go.

Wine: Haven't tasted much in the way of current wine recently, so I took a stroll through the new Dan Murphy store to see what might be worth buying and came up with the following : Nepenthe Sav Blanc, Adelaide Hills, 2003, \$15.90, recently tried with grilled Tasmanian Trumper, delicious ; Jamiesons Run Limestone Coast Chardonnay, 2003, \$12; De Bortoli Yarra Valley Chardonnay, 2002, \$25, two Trophies and five Gold Medals (surprised still available); Scorpo Pinot Gris, Mornington Peninsula, 2003, \$28, about the top Pinot Gris going around; Mitchelton Airstrip, Marsanne, Rousanne and Viognier, 2002, \$25 a favourite of mine and not easy to find; Yering Station Shiraz Viognier, Yarra Valley, 2001, \$20 a bargain and the little brother of the famous show winning Reserve @ \$58.

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by Ann Taylor

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Details Ann Taylor phone
9707 1996

by Margaret Cromb

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RAILWAY STATION NEWS

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

The railway station at Beaconsfield is a vital part of the infrastructure of the town and it was recently announced that some changes are in store that will improve the facility for users.

As part of the Bracks Government's new agreement with Connex Trains, Beaconsfield Railway Station is now included on the list of 22 stations that will be staffed, on a rotating basis, in the afternoon peak travel period. This will improve not only service but also, importantly, the safety and security around the station.

The pedestrian crossing at Beaconsfield Railway Station is scheduled to be

upgraded in 2005. This upgrade will incorporate newly developed disability access design standards so that it will meet the needs of all members of our community.

A study is also being undertaken to audit the facilities and the conditions of interchanges at stations. This will include examining the carparking facilities, bike facilities, shelters and seating.

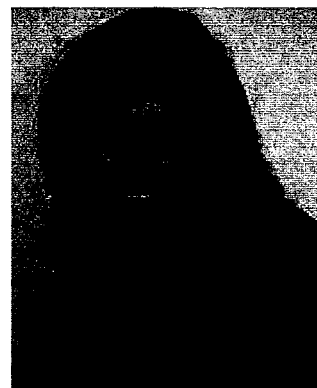
Fantastic news for cyclists is that, as of early next year, bike lockers at all railway stations will be made available free of charge. There will be an extra 250 bike lockers installed at stations on metropolitan

lines, giving a total of 850 lockers for bike storage. This means that it will be more affordable for cyclists to travel with both the use of lockers and the carriage of bicycles on trains being free. The use of pollution-free bikes is also great for both the environment and the health of people in our community. Having free lockers available also takes away the worry about theft or vandalism of bicycles.

Of course, it is important that in encouraging the use of bicycles, this is coupled with attention to an adequate bicycle network. Local government has an important role here, along with the State Government. 30% of the metropolitan Principle Bicycle Network has already been completed along with 63% of regional Priority Bicycle Routes.

The Department of Infrastructure is also currently developing a strategy for park and ride on the metropolitan rail network which will be used as the basis for prioritising future car park programs.

I am happy to follow up any concerns and queries on this and other matters. Please contact me or one of my staff at our office: 1/5 Gloucester Ave, Berwick, VIC, 3806. Tel: 9796 1987



THE BEACONSFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

by Michael Muaremov, President

On the Beaconsfield Chamber of Commerce front, I am proud to announce, on behalf of all the traders involved, that Speed Humps have been installed at the Beaconsfield Plaza car parking!

The concern of people speeding through the car park was brought to our attention two months ago. After discussing our concerns with the Mayor and the Developer, the need for speed humps became evident and were installed within one week!

We are also currently working on securing funds from Council towards beautifying the main road along the existing shop fronts to make it more appealing and attractive. We are very confident that this will come to fruition, but as in all cases, will take time.

All traders are welcome to attend meetings held at the Central Hotel at 6.30pm on the last Wednesday night of each month.

For further information contact Michael Muaremov 9769 9134.



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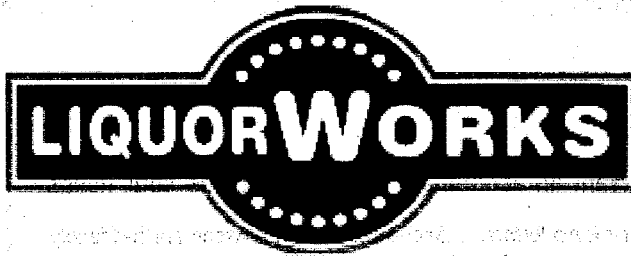
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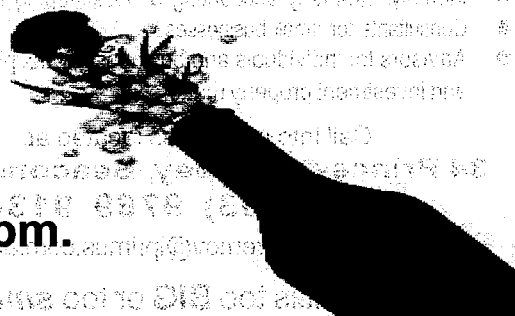
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Last month Ronald Reagan died. Newsweek summed him up as the man who changed the world. Reagan brought to an end the cold war. He oversaw the end of the bitter struggle with the USSR.

Born in 1911 he died at the age of 93. He was the son of an alcoholic shoe salesman. His first wife (Jane Wyman) left him, he was never close to his children.

His first job was as a lifeguard. But his mum pushed him to do a small spot on the stage at their local community hall. Reagan loved the experience and decided on a career in acting. He moved to Hollywood and went on to become a midlevel star.

In the early 1950s at about the time his acting career was flagging he married Nancy Davis. She proved to be a powerful support. He switched from films to TV becoming something of a local TV star.

However the most significant career change took place in 1966 when he entered politics as the governor of California. The man had found his calling.

He came to the presidency at the age of 70. An age many thought was too late in life for the stresses and strains of the role. But he proved equal to the task.

The Reagan years saw the USSR implode. By the time Reagan left the White House there was only one Super power. By 1991 the old Soviet Union was dead. The pulling down of the Berlin wall being one of the most obvious fruits. Reagan's hard line approach, his willingness to keep up the pressure, his determination to see the Soviet Union back down paid off.

In one particular interview in which a number of folk were firing questions at him someone asked something along the lines, "if you were to die and stand before God, what would you offer to God as the reason to be accepted by Him?" Until this point Reagan had been answering the questions rapidly. But to this question he went silent. He sat there and said nothing for a full 45 seconds. Then slowly, he sat up straight and said in sombre tones, "I don't deserve to go to Heaven. The only thing that I could say would be, "for God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in him should no perish, but have everlasting life".

Great life, ordinary life, nice life, not so nice life. No matter what sort of a life we have lived the only reason any of us have to believe that God will accept us is the fact that Jesus has died for us. The only real question is "do you believe?"

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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
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TAX RETURN TIME AGAIN

Many people will be contemplating the preparation of their 2004 income tax returns and may wish to consider the following:

- If you owned shares in AMP Ltd then it is necessary to make capital gains tax calculations resulting from the demerger by AMP of HHG PLC and the associated AMP rights offer.

The transactions are reasonably complex however help is available by using the online calculator by visiting www.ato.gov.au and select Rates & Calculators - AMP Demerger Calculator. You will need the Statement provided by AMP and also details of purchases of AMP Shares other than from the original demutualisation or dividend re-investments.

The Calculator is user friendly and will save time and worry. The Calculator will also calculate a cost base for AMP and HHG PLC Shares.

- For taxpayers who have made an undeducted contribution to a Superannuation Fund and are eligible for the Government Co-Contribution of up to \$1,000 then the taxpayer must lodge a 2004 income tax return and the Co-

Contribution will be paid to the Superannuation Fund after the Fund has lodged the Members Contribution Statements, which are usually due by 31st October.

- Individuals who earn personal services income (PSI) through a personal services entity will now be allowed to deduct a PSI loss made by that entity against their other income in their 2004 income tax return. The amount then becomes non-deductible in the personal services entity.

- An individual receiving a meal allowance on a PAYG Statement must declare this as assessable income. If the amount paid for is an overtime meal allowance in accordance with an Industrial Award then a deduction is allowed for employees of up to the amount spent on meals etc (\$19.75 maximum however deductions in excess of \$19.75 must be substantiated in full by receipts and supporting documentation). No deduction is allowed where the meal allowance is not separately shown on the PAYG Statement. Self employed persons must substantiate the full amount of meal costs eg. interstate truck drivers working on a sub-contract basis.

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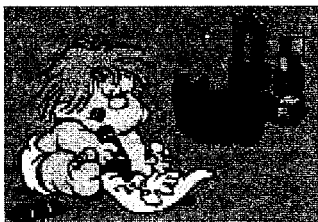
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TAX RETURN TIME AGAIN

(Continued from page 16)

- Claims for car expenses and in particular the cents per kilometre basis, are likely to be scrutinised this year. You should ensure that claims are made for a vehicle actually owned by you and the calculation of the distance travelled can be supported. If the vehicle is not owned by you, a claim

can only be made for expenses paid eg. fuel.

If taxpayers are not sure of the contents of their tax return they should seek advice from the Australian Taxation Office or a Registered Tax-Agent.

GRAEME J TAYLOR
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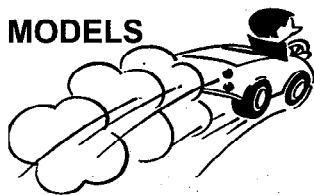
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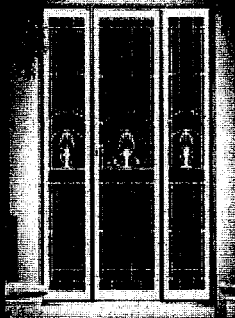
Formerly operating his school in Enterprise Avenue in Berwick, Rolf has been distracted from his Aikido classes building his dojo and a restaurant in Wood St. Beaconsfield.

He holds a fourth dan black belt and teaching licence from the Japan Aikido Association. Rolf firmly believes that the Shodokan Aikido he teaches, with its roots in traditional budo (martial spirit) effective self defence and sport aspect is the most honest form of Aikido available today. He is also one of the few teachers prepared to teach young people (10-15 years) as well as the more advanced in years.

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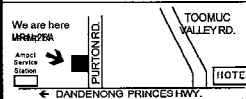
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Beaconsfield Community Complex on time, on budget

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The project is an exciting one for Beaconsfield residents and community groups, who currently make do with a small centre in portable buildings.

Cr Runge said a huge amount of planning and consultation preceded the design.

"The site is in the new residential heart of Beaconsfield so the community can grow up around it, and it's shaped in an arc to really include and welcome residents inside," he said.

"It also had to be flexible and versatile, with room partitions that could be arranged for the largest number of groups to make the most use of the space."

The centre will include two kindergartens due to open in time for the next school year, an occasional child care centre, meeting rooms, art and craft rooms, computer training room, a toy library, commercial kitchen, 300-seat function room for community hire and plenty of storage space for groups.

"The beauty is it provides a

facility for entire families – parents and grandparents can do art, craft or computer classes, or just enjoy a coffee and chat while their children are at kinder or day care," Cr Runge said.

A community celebration is being planned for the official opening of the complex later this year.

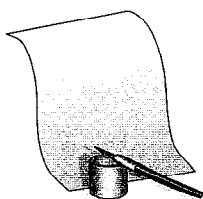
This article plus more can be viewed on the Cardinia Shire website-www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

CREATIVE WRITERS GROUP

This is a personal account of the way I saw Ash Wednesday 21 years ago. 'Bush fires' is a subject picked for people to write about at the Belgrave Creative Writers Group.

Writing is a hobby that I very much enjoy and I am interested to find people to share this interest with here in Beaconsfield.

Anyone wanting to start a writing group here please contact Ted Horton on 9 707 1313.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Fires flare on the Eastern front,
there's disquiet in the air.
Nostrils snare
smoke on the wind.
Will we be spotted in the valley?
Dry gutter leaves
butterflies in the stomach.
The dark red dragon then roars over the hilltops
torching everything,
tearing hearts,
leaving families fatherless,
chimney hearths homeless,
displacing wallabies,
taking toll of bellbird's habitat.
Exploded bricks,
unexploded mortar,
molten aluminium window frames
strewn where homes proudly stood.
After the firestorm
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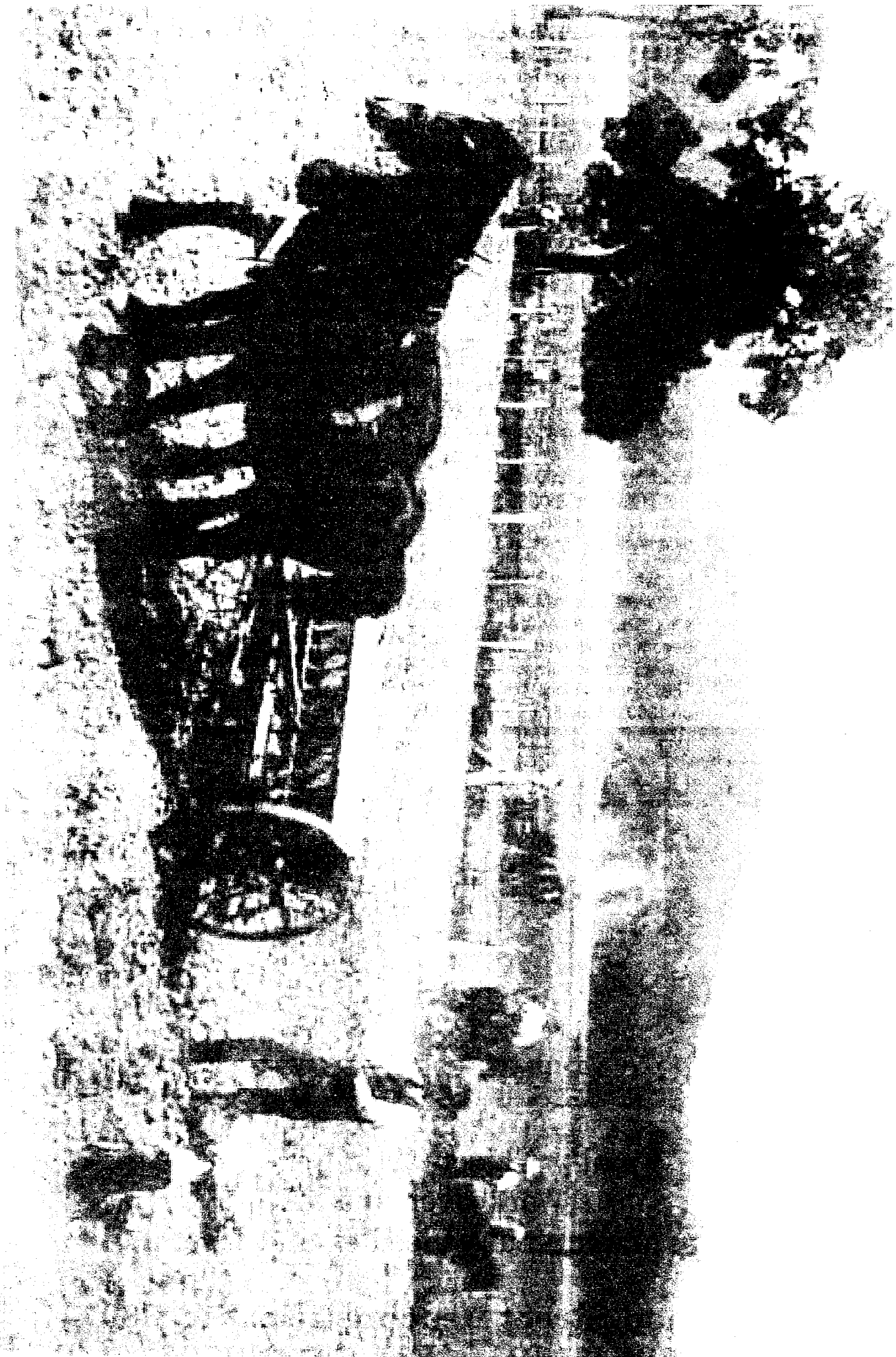
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Mr J Paynes farm near Payne Rd.

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Casey Relay for Life raises over \$30,000!

In an incredible community effort, the inaugural Casey Relay for Life event has raised over \$30,000 for The Cancer Council Victoria.

The Relay for Life was held at Akoonah Park, Berwick on 30th April and 1st May, and over 250 participants in 17 teams took to the tracks.

Relay for Life is the world's largest fundraising event. Having started in America in 1985, today thousands of Relay for Life events are held in countries around the world, and in Victoria, nearly 30 events will take place this year.

Almost one in three Victorians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

The Cancer Council Victoria works to reduce the prevalence of cancer in our community by funding vital medical research, health education and support services.

'Relay for Life is more than just a fundraising event, it truly unites the community in a common goal' according to the Cancer Council's Eastern Victorian Relay for Life Coordinator, Stephanie Simmons.

'The Casey Relay for Life committee, participants and the Casey community are to be congratulated for such an amazing effort, and should feel proud that the money raised will make a real difference' Simmons said.

Next year's Casey Relay for Life will be held in March. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Casey Relay for Life contact The Cancer Council Victoria on 1300 65 65 85.

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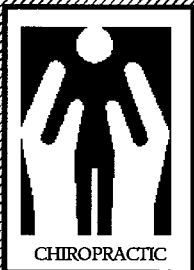
The nursery continues to be busy and to bring in funds for the Landcare group. We work within a network of local indigenous nurseries and look forward to including the new C.E.C nursery in this. The demand for indigenous plants is continuing to grow and there is still much unmet demand. I would like to think this means the majority of local people value their indigenous vegetation but know that the amount of clearing occurring in Cardinia far outstrips the amount of revegetation. With the pressure of urban development in the growth corridor this will only increase.

Apart from Landcare most plants go to Friends groups and to many local schools, many with large new

campuses, who are aware of the value of local plants, as well as to the Shire of Cardinia and the City of Casey for planting into parks. Local people wanting to re establish understorey to attract birds and wildlife also call in regularly. You may have noticed our new sign out on Fridays outside the Upper Beaconsfield Milkbar. If you haven't already called in you would be most welcome.

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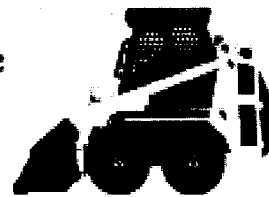
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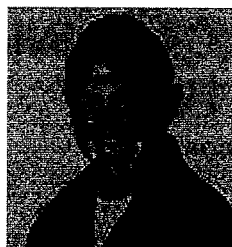


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CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

The other day I sat down to watch the original 'Charlie's Angels' film (well the 2000 version anyway). The first thing that hit me was how far DVD technology has come in that time. To put it bluntly the graphics on the DVD were what we would today call average, however in 2000 they were probably some of the best around.

For those of you that don't know, the special features are what separate DVD's from videos, well apart from a clearer picture. Some videos, such as 'Harry Potter' and 'The Philosopher's Stone' tried to incorporate deleted scenes as special features, but it doesn't quite add up to the vast amount of special features available on some DVD's. Some of the more recent DVD's have up to five hours of special features on them.

In this edition of 'Crosswired' I'll take a look at what DVDs have the best special features and what makes them so good. Some films, such as 'Tomb Raider' and 'Gone In 60 Seconds' have such good special features that they out shine the film. The 'making-of' sections of these DVDs make you realise what the cast and crew went through in making these films. The 'Tomb Raider' making-of takes you behind the scenes of all the stunts and gave me a new found respect for Angelina Jolie.

'Special features' can also provide you with interesting film facts that are great conversation pieces. For years several of my friends have been trying to work out which band Cameron Crowe used as a basis for the film 'Almost Famous'. The question was answered in the film's special features by Crowe himself, the film was

based on The Allman Brothers and Led Zeppelin.

For me one of the standout DVD's for special features is 'The Beach'. Danny Boyle (the film's director) is very open in his interviews and really allows the viewers to see how hard it was for Boyle to have to cut scenes from the film.

The making-of for the recent film 'Underworld' is brilliant for anybody who wants to learn about how much goes into special effects on big budget films. The short documentary that explains how the werewolves' suits worked gives you a whole new perspective of the film.

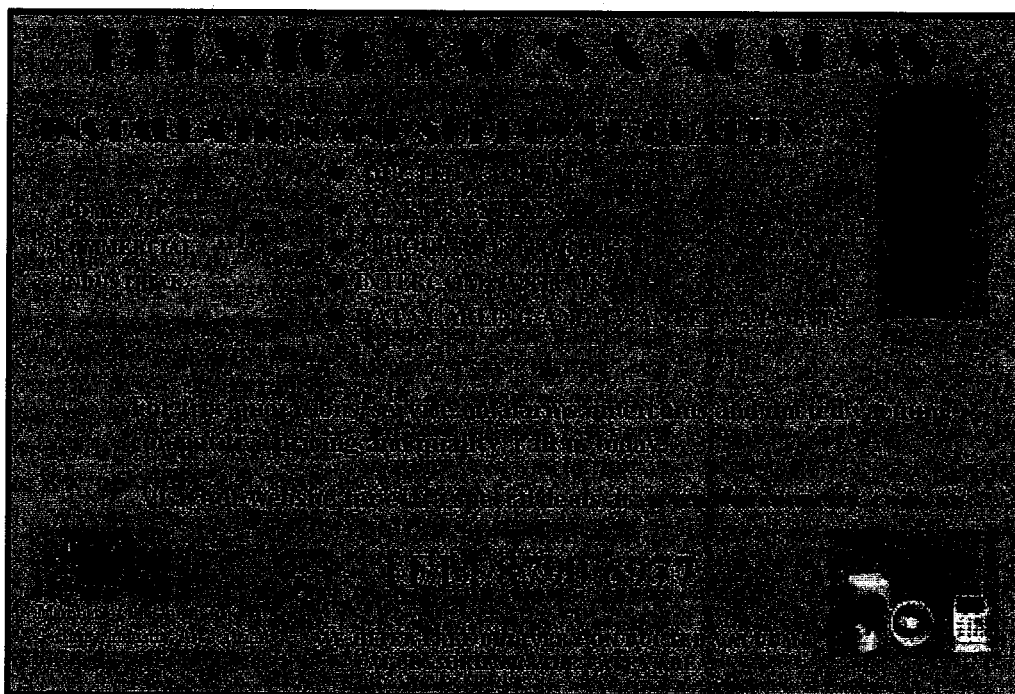
Likewise, I recommend for any film lover to watch 'The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen' while listening to the director's voice over. It will give you the best insight to a director's mind currently available.

Lastly any of you who think they would love to make a low-budget film here in Australia should track down a brilliant little Aussie film called 'Envy'. The film's director, producer and writer take you through what went into their film and gives you valuable information that not even film courses provide.

Even lovers of old films such as 'The Sound Of Music' will find that when these films are released on DVD they quite often contain brilliant special-features including never-before-seen footage.

So next time you hire or buy a DVD, don't just watch the film and ignore the special features. Special features can be both informative and entertaining (especially the blooper clips), so sit back, relax and enjoy.

Happy film going!

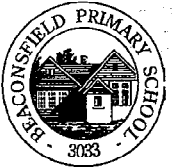


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by Lisa Loulier

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September is Threatened Species Month. One of Australia's well-known threatened species, the Helmeted Honeyeater, was once a resident of Beaconsfield. It was once found throughout the Pakenham/Westernport area and around the mid-Yarra region. It lived in forests dominated by Mountain, Swamp and Manna Gums with a dense understorey of Scented Paperbark and Woolly Tea-tree for protection. It would build nests in the dense shrubs and feed on insects, manna (sap) and nectar from the gum trees. It required its habitat to be intact, as it would not leave its territory to find food when rearing young. It was first discovered in 1867, and within 50 years, it had disappeared from most of its range as a result of habitat destruction. The species survived along the Cardinia Creek in small numbers until the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983, which killed many birds and destroyed its habitat. Today the species is only found in Yellingbo, Bunyip State Park and Healesville Sanctuary.

Beaconsfield is still home to some rare and threatened species. The Powerful Owl is a large, nocturnal bird that visits our local area in search of food. It is threatened by the destruction of its forest habitat. It nests in large tree hollows and feeds on ringtail possums, sugar gliders, birds and large

insects. The Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve and surrounding area is also home to a threatened species of fish called the Dwarf Galaxias, and the Wedge-tailed Eagle, which is a rare species in our region.

It is not only animals that are on our threatened species lists. Many native plants have become threatened as a result of land clearing, grazing and development. The Hooker's Fescue is a species of grass that is found in the reserve and is a threatened species in Victoria. The reserve is home to another 33 plants that are rare in our region (Gippsland / Greater Melbourne) and another 7 plants that are rare in the Berwick-Pakenham area.

The conservation of threatened species is a responsibility of the entire community, and we can all play a part in protecting our local habitat. The Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary assists the Cardinia Shire Council to care for the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve on Emerald Road in Beaconsfield. New members of all ages are always welcome. We have working bees on the fourth Sunday of each month, 9am – 12 noon, meet at the carpark opposite Holm Park Rd. Morning tea is provided.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

The business of human ageing seems to be getting a lot of press these days. T.V., magazines, newspapers are full of it. Whole industries have sprung up in the last decade devoted to the process of growing old, and bookstores shelves are heavy laden with advice on how to retard or defeat it. Even some Medical Clinics specialize in treatments alleged to defeat this natural process, but this will never happen. The biological time-clock is set at birth and will run its course no matter what. We

have much more knowledge these days to help us to live longer and in better health and this is wonderful for those who enjoy these benefits, but serious diseases still plague mankind and probably always will.

An anonymous writer once said, "People don't grow old, when they stop growing, they become old". Now that is a very incisive saying and does contain much wisdom but we know that the body does grow old and eventually succumbs to the process we call death.

If there is a secret to ageing well, it is to be as mentally active as possible maintaining as much interest in life as you are able, and to be as "young at heart as you can". Marry mental alertness with physical health and your recipe for anti-ageing existence is well and truly in place.

Accept the fact calmly that one day you will be required to make the journey from this sphere to another believing that all things are planned by a greater mind than ours. Without this underlying philosophy (whatever you may call it), I believe you will age quicker and it will reflect in your appearance, speech and demeanour.

Do not lose sight of the fact that all living things go through the exact same process of birth, growth, ageing and death. We are all part of this great tide of change and all the exotic claims of science will not alter the process.

This fact alone should be a comfort, to know that your fate is no different to uncounted millions of others that have existed since time began. The body ages, the spirit does not. The caterpillar dies and the glorious butterfly emerges from the ruins of its former home. Nature is full of analogies; this is but one.

When someone says, "I don't feel any different now than I was when I was young," they are expressing the truth of their spiritual immortality even if they don't realize it. The body is a temporary temple, loaned to us for awhile to enable us to carry out our earthly duties. When finished we leave the temple behind. That is the law!

It is a scientific fact that the human body completely replaces all its cells every 7 years. Do we become another person entirely, unrecognised by family and friends? No of course not, we feel no different and the reason is apparent to those who think about it. Obviously there is something about us that is unchanging. Rule out the body and that which is left is your answer.

A gambling man once said, "I know I'm getting old. I pulled a handle on a poker machine the other day, and it came up three prunes".

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STRESS CAN BE POSITIVE

by Simone Borg

We can all relate to feeling stressed. It will often occur as a result of trying to balance life's demands - forcing us to juggle competing priorities. How we respond to this will be influenced by how many demands we are dealing with, how we have coped in the past and the availability of support networks.

Stress is generally thought of as negative. Yet surprisingly, research suggests that a certain level of stress can be positive, assisting us to face future challenges, and can increase performance. It is important, however to listen to messages your mind and body are sending you. Signs of too much stress include changes in sleep

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The following tips have proven to be useful for many people feeling stressed. Try one or two and notice the difference:

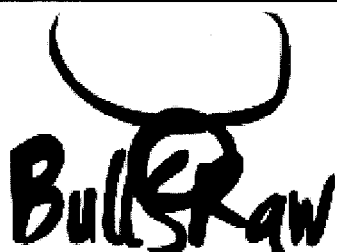
- * Reassess the demands you are dealing with. Is it a major concern in your life, or perhaps a minor speedbump in the road?
- * Exercise vigorously and eat well. Your body will thank you with a boost of energy.
- * Engage in at least one activity per week that is purely for you - a massage, a walk in the park, going to a footy match.
- * Maintain your social connections, even when you feel you don't have the time.
- * Start giving yourself credit for the things you have achieved.
- * Find someone who you can talk things over with. Family and friends are a great starting point, yet all too often we don't want to 'burden' others with our troubles, or unfortunately, do not feel heard by them.

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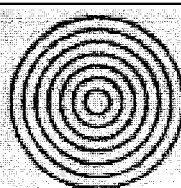
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He related his discovery to the Abbott of a nearby monastery who decided to test the power of the berry himself. He poured boiling water onto the berries he collected and made a drink which he found helped him to stay awake during long hours of prayers.

The legend then tells of the news spreading quickly through the Middle East, creating a growing demand for the new drink. There is evidence to suggest that coffee trees were first cultivated as a crop about 1000 years ago.

The first commercial cultivation was reported in Arabia, during the 15th century. Trade in coffee was

jealously guarded, with Arab farmers, making every effort to prevent other countries, acquiring their precious beans. Eventually, some seed-beans or plant cuttings were taken to Aden, Egypt, Syria and Turkey, where it became known as "the wine of Araby"

Soon, public coffee houses opened in every city in the Near East, and it was only a matter of time until the first shipment of coffee beans arrived in Europe.

The Dutch began to grow coffee in the Far East and Britain and France also introduced coffee into their colonies. In America, coffee became increasingly popular after the famous Boston Tea Party, when the people revolted against the high tax King George placed on tea.

As for my coffee beans! Well, at their current rate of growth they will need another century to be ready for the coffee pot!! But, still, here's hoping that they will keep on growing until the weather warms up for further growth as they are really a hot climate tree.



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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

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University graduates in the many disciplines develop a style.

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Grandparents should not compete for the love and goodwill of the grandchildren should they?

Our grandsons visited during the holidays; of the three boys one had a wooden sword made by the 'other grandpa'. While my reputation is that of a "handyman" he is often spoken as "a craftsman". He can make almost anything. What was I to do? Two unarmed grandsons watching the video of "Lord of the Rings" and two more grandsons soon to visit similarly unarmed. Swords are not exactly weapons of mass destruction but a little boy without one can hardly join in a game where they lay siege to the wood shed. By the time I'd made four more wooden swords it was



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nearly dark and the main assault was postponed to the next fine day.

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BEACONSFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The "Beacy" junior football club has rapidly grown from 5 teams just five years ago to a healthy 13 teams this year. This growth is partly due to the population growth in the Casey and Cardinia shires, but also to the club's enviable reputation as being the "friendly" footy club.

With 320 players and approx 600 parents, the club is bursting at the seams.

President Brian McPhie, said... 'The rapid increase in the number of teams we are now fielding has forced the club to restructure the management committee. The committee workload has been designed to be shared evenly amongst the 30 dedicated volunteers. A team roster system has ensured the game day duties are shared by the parents. All this mass

involvement leads to a friendly family type atmosphere within the club'.

This year the junior club has moved to Eagles jumpers to align the club with the Senior body. Next year both the junior and senior clubs will formalise an alliance with the West Coast Eagles. McPhie said ... 'this is an exciting time for the club and will galvanise the bond

between the three partners for our mutual benefit'.

The club has undergone a year of home ground improvements. The eagles Upper Beaconsfield home ground now proudly boasts a new score board and time keepers tower, courtesy of an army of trade volunteers.

An upgrade to the ground lighting system will be undertaken in the off season. This will greatly improve both the player and spectator safety and comfort, during the many night games and training sessions.

The major problem facing the club in the future is the availability of playing and training grounds to accommodate the predicted growth of the club.

The proposed new council ovals earmarked for development in Holm Park Road Beaconsfield will not be available to play on for 3-4 years. The council is in catch up mode but is losing the battle to the area's phenomenal population growth.

Unless the council can acquire more land the club's current policy of giving every player a go cannot continue.

For further information contact President: Brian McPhie Ph 5944 4282

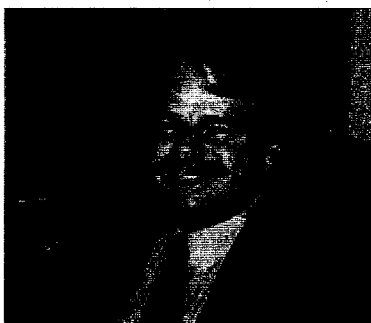


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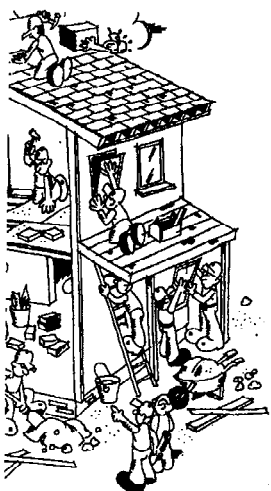
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What colour are puppies' eyes?

All puppies are born with grey eyes which will not change to the adult colour until about 12 weeks of age.

What age will the puppy be able to hear?

Although puppies may respond to vibrations they will not begin to hear until about two weeks old. As they cannot see or hear puppies are born with a fully developed sense of smell which allows them to locate their mother for a feed. They also seek out the warmth of her body.

At what age do puppies walk?

Puppies are unable to walk when born and will drag themselves to the mother for a feed.

At approximately three weeks they will be able to walk and by 4-5 weeks they will run.

Are puppies born with teeth?

All puppies are born without teeth but by the age of 8 weeks they will have their milk teeth. The permanent teeth appear between 12-18 weeks.

What age do puppies start to play?

Puppies begin to play with their litter at about 3-4 weeks old and at 6-8 weeks will chase and wrestle each other.

When should a puppy have its first vaccinations?

Puppies should have their first vaccinations for the dog diseases Canine Hepatitis, Distemper and Canine Parvo Virus at 6 weeks old, with the next vaccination at 12-14 weeks.

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TENNIS NEWS

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This event will take place every Wednesday evening and will be open to 17 to 25 year olds willing to have a good time. You don't have to have any tennis experience, just as long as you can hold a racquet and can have a good time, then this is the place to go. Racquets will also be provided if necessary. Free sausage sizzle and drinks (no alcohol) will be provided on our first evening.

When: Commencing Wednesday, 1st September 2004 at 7:00pm for 7:30pm start and anticipate completion around 11:00pm.

Where: Beaconsfield Tennis Club, Beaconsfield Emerald Rd., Beaconsfield.

Cost: Free for the first evening

Ring: 9707 4287 or 5940 1186 if interested (to enable us to cater).

Junior Tennis nears the end of 2004 Winter season with three home & away rounds to go before finals and grand final on 4th Sep. Open to any age up to 18 year old, Summer Season will commence after October school holidays. If interested in joining this competition act now and give Lynne Day a call on 9707 4662 or any of the club contacts below.

Tree planting and weed removal was recently undertaken within the creek reserve by club volunteers. 140 native trees and shrubs were planted fulfilling a club obligation to replace mature trees removed when building new courts. Thank you to Margaret Cromb of Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery for advice and plant supply. Initial work has commenced on car park area upgrade and awaits weather improvement.

Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186

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Treasurer: 9707 2575

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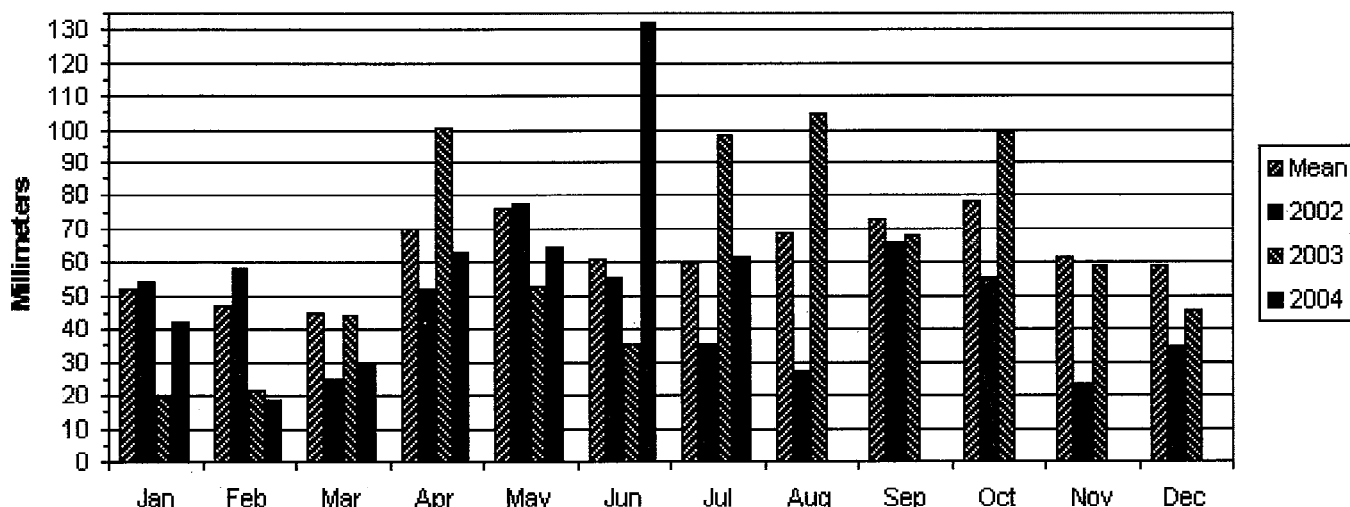
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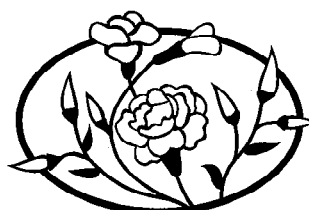
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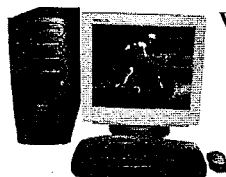
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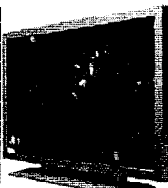


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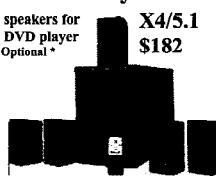
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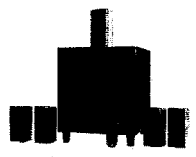
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