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On Sunday 12th September the waters of the creek were flowing rapidly under the railway bridge at Beaconsfield.

The water level marker is only just visible on the left of the photo.

Local rainfall recordings as detailed on page 38 indicate that we had 95 millimetres for the month, well above the monthly average for September. In September 2000, 121 millimetres was recorded, which created similar pictures of the creek.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Meetings are held on the
3rd Tuesday of each month**

Scheduled dates include:

TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER (A.G.M.)

AND

TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Currently being held at Beaconsfield Community Centre
Beaconsfield Avenue.

7.30pm

**We welcome you to join us as we work to improve our community.
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BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPLEX OPEN DAY

NOVEMBER 13TH, 2004

10am - 1pm

Beaconsfield Community Complex will hold their open day on Saturday November 13th between 10am - 1pm. The official opening is scheduled for 11am.

This new complex, on O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield, will encompass the Beaconsfield Kindergarten, the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre and a function room that has the capacity to seat 300 people for community hire.

DISPLAYS

Join the community celebration. Displays will include :

Mobile library
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Neighbourhood house
BCC - Neighbourhood Centre
Kinda display
Scouts & Guides display
Embroidery display
Historical display

Food and drinks will be available including a sausage sizzle.



**A GREAT DAY FOR
THE COMMUNITY**

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

Since my last report, we have had spring arrive and it has encouraged all of us with green thumbs to go out and prepare our gardens for this magnificent time of the year!

As you would expect during the winter months, not very much has transpired in our little town beside the ongoing issues with increasing traffic. However we are about to have our new Community Centre on O'Neil Road open scheduled for the 13th of November, which is yet to be confirmed. It is hoped that a BBQ and other great activities and points of interest will be on show for the Official Opening and will be centred on the community and families coming together. I would like to encourage all of our residents from our town to

come on the day and become acquainted with this fantastic facility that we are so fortunate to have.

For those who have been victims of the increased times that the viaduct has been forced to close due to heavy rains this season, would be happy to hear that the upgrade of Kenilworth Avenue & Station Street is scheduled to commence in October with an anticipated completion date of mid November. A great milestone for the community as many people have contributed considerable time and support for this to happen and it has finally arrived. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank both Cr Gary Runge for his efforts and our Vice President, Angela McPhee, for her efforts as well during her time as President.

We are also holding a 'Clean up Day' for the **Bob Burgess Reserve**, which was previously organised in early July, however it was cancelled due to bad wether, for **Saturday October 23rd between 9am to 12 noon**. This will be a great opportunity for the community to come together and show we care for our town and take pride in how it is presented to those you utilise park and visitors to Beaconsfield. Remember, to bring a pair of tongs, gloves and garbage bags for the occasion!

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, 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!

The October meeting will be our **Annual General Meeting**. Therefore, it may be a great time to attend and as a new Executive Committee will be required to be nominated and voted for. So have your say in relation to who should be leading our Association for the next year.

On that note, I would like this opportunity to thank everyone who has attended our meetings over the past 12 months and for their support during that time. I feel I have been privileged to have been given the opportunity to head the association during the past 12 months, and have made many new friends and it has allowed me to contribute back to our wonderful town. A special thank you to my colleagues, David Moreland, Maurice Potter, Angela McPhee. You have all been invaluable in your roles have made being involved with the BPA a lot more enjoyable. A special thanks to Cr Gary Runge, for his ongoing support of the BPA and most importantly, Beaconsfield. His time and efforts have been very much appreciated by all of Beaconsfield. And, most importantly, everyone that has supported the BPA during the year. You have sacrificed your time with families and friends, to contribute to this great community. You all know who you are ☺ My sincere appreciation to all of you. Without your support, Beaconsfield would not be the same.

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

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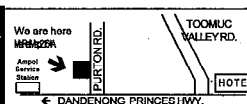
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CARDINIA YOUR LINK WITH COUNCIL

by Cr. Garry Runge, Beacon Hills Ward

Hello everyone. I am pleased to report that having completed half of my term as Mayor; I now look forward to continuing in the role until the end of the year. Some hard decisions have been made by Council in recent months but we are now in a position where this shire will benefit greatly in the short and long term from these decisions. Cardinia is the 9th fastest growing municipality in Australia and the 2nd in Victoria.

With this growth comes the need for provision of infrastructure prior to the population explosion and the need to create jobs within the shire. We are well placed to create one of the premier municipalities in Australia. Cardinia is fast becoming "the place to live".

Difficulty crossing the highway from the south to the north in the Beaconsfield shopping plaza area continues to cause problems.



We are planning a major opening in mid November and I would encourage as many people as possible to attend and inspect this magnificent community facility.

As you know the rains during August and September have made it difficult to commence sealing the roads under the Councils 50 km of road sealing plan. I have previously reported that Kenilworth Ave and Station Street are to be sealed this year. In fact work is scheduled to commence during September. As soon as the rain stops Works Infrastructure will begin sealing these two roads and then a safer alternative to using the viaduct will be available.

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield Football club on winning the 2004 Grand Final against Seaford. The dedication of the players, officials and supporters make it all worthwhile when the premiership flag is won. Congratulations to all concerned with this fine, professional football club.

October is Community Safety Month so please take care on the roads and around your homes.

Regards,
Cr. Garry Runge
Mayor

I recently held a meeting with the executive members of the three township committees and we discussed the problem. The highway is a Vicroads responsibility and currently there are no funds available to fund traffic lights at Woods Street thereby providing a safe pedestrian crossing. I have met Vicroads representatives on site to come up with a solution and the preferred option is a pedestrian crossing just west of the public toilet running across to the corner of the new video shop. Council is working with Vicroads to make this crossing a reality. I will keep you informed of the progress of this important community issue.

The Beaconsfield Community Complex is right on schedule for completion and hand over to Council. Bookings are currently being taken from November 1st and by all accounts the complex will be fully utilised shortly after opening.

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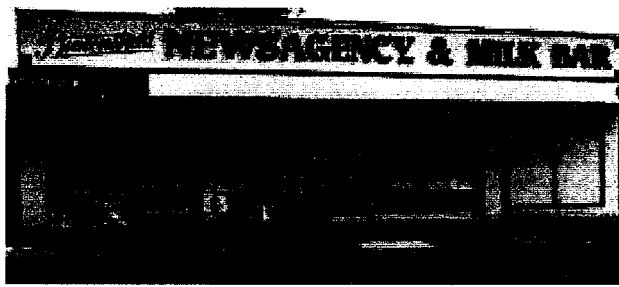
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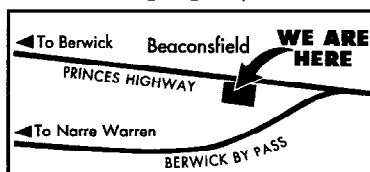
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Philip Walton

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The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has 31 qualified male and female firefighters, ranging in age from their late teens to early sixties who come from a range of employment backgrounds including students, truck drivers, electricians, telecommunications technicians, town planners, managers, and school principal. Whether you call for the fire brigade during a working day, in the middle of the night or even in the middle of Christmas dinner, volunteer firefighters will leave their work or family to respond to an emergency call in order to make our community a safer place.

Summers almost here again!

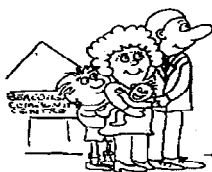
Once again the year has flown by and the summer season is fast approaching.

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

Some important questions to be asking yourself are:

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

If you are not sure about the answers to these key questions, it is important that you seek further information from the CFA's brochure "Living in the Bush" which is available on the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) under CFA publications, or from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.



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

A new building!

by Miriam Gillespie,
BCC Co-ordinator

The main news from the Community Centre this month is the exciting move to the new community centre building in O'Neil Road.

We expect that programs will be moving to the new building from 25th October, and the move gives us more space to run our programs and take on new ideas for 2005. All the programs can now operate under one roof!

The new building provides us with a purpose built childcare room for our Playgroups and Occasional Care programs, a computer room, more generous office space, increased space for our Toy Library, a new craft activity room, and a second activity room which can be divided for meetings. The main hall area will be used for activities that need some more space, such as table tennis and dancing.

New programs that we were unable to fit into the existing building will be able to start in 2005 in the new building.

If you have any ideas about programs you would like to have running in Beaconsfield, please let us know. Just ring the office (phone 9707 3449) and speak to Mim about your suggestions.

Take part in Term 4 programs - try out the new building.

Our Term 3 & 4 brochure was distributed mid year, but now we can provide much better facilities for all our classes. Please call the office if you want a brochure, or just ring (ph 9707 3449) about any of the following

courses.....Folk Art, Chikung & Meditation, Jazzercise, Line Dancing, Oil painting, Children's dance, Hey De Ho music for tinies, Painting & sculpting for over 8's, playgroups, Photography and life, or Calligraphy. Regular activities such as Table Tennis and the Midway group will also enjoy new rooms at the new Community Centre, so why not come along and take part?

A new name for BCC - we are now BNC.

It has been getting a bit confusing with the Beaconsfield Community Centre(BCC) being housed in the Beaconsfield Community Complex (BCC), so we have decided to change our name to Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

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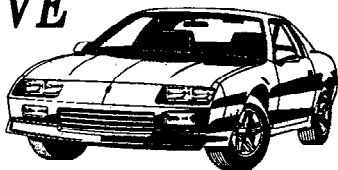
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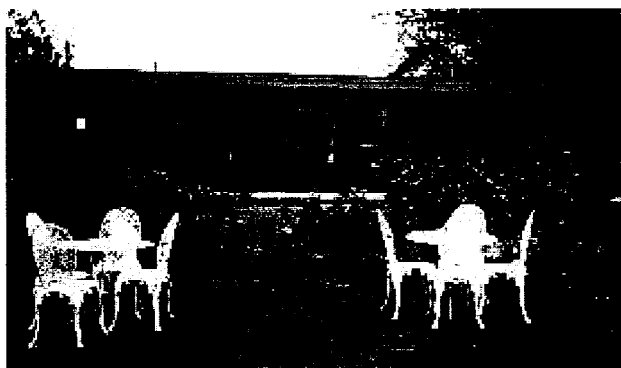
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BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Open Day

There will be an open day at the new building for Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on the same day as the Council official opening for the building, Saturday 13 November. Lots of BNC courses will hold displays, and it will be an opportunity to see the terrific activities that will be happening at the new Centre.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the Beaconsfield Community Centre will be held on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30 pm at the new O'Neil Road building. See page 32 for details.

It is your community centre, so why not think about joining the committee, especially if you are a centre user.

All committee positions will be vacant and we would like to encourage centre members to nominate to help run their community resource.

This is a great time to join the committee and have a say in shaping your local resources as well as creating some new friends along the way. Nomination forms will be available at the centre.

Additional Occasional Care

Demand has been increasing for our Occasional Care programs, so we are taking 'Expressions of Interest' for new sessions in the new building. The Occasional Care program has an excellent new childcare room, with new outdoor space, so contact the Centre if you are interested to come along and have a look. Occasional Care currently operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and there is interest in Friday sessions.

Community Building Resource Service Skills Development Service

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- * Why develop an annual fundraising strategy?
- * How to develop an annual fundraising strategy.
- * Identifying different sources of funds.
- * Developing a submission template.
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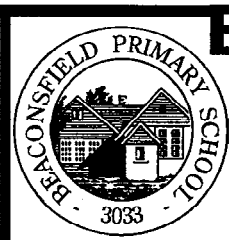
This workshop is primarily aimed at:

- * Community group members, community groups, members of committees of management and project workers who want to develop submission-writing skills.

When & Where: 25th October, 2004 Cardinia Cultural Centre
6.30pm - 9.00pm

Further information & Registration:

Contact Cathy Harbison, Cardinia Shire Council on
5945-4345 or email c.harbison@cardinia.vic.gov.au



BPS Corner



Pictured Left: Adriana, Alyssa and "Monrob" the robot.

Below: Nathan, Evan, David, Wynston and Mitchell with their mean machines.

If a great Gifted Education program is about "real" learning for a purpose in a challenging and stimulating environment, then working with robots is about as much fun as a child can have! Helene Bearup from "Robocup" worked with our gifted children and teachers to program our robots.

Adriana reported that, "It was exciting, we made the robot dance and shimmy and enjoyed experimenting."

Alyssa said that, "although the programming was fairly easy, it was

challenging planning out the movements so the robot didn't leave the 3m²"

We have just purchased three new robotics kits to use with our gifted education program and looking forward to "Robocup" later this term!

What we want to see is the child in the pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child. - George Bernard Shaw.

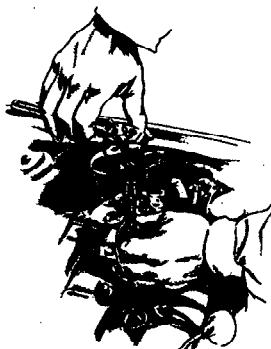


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*Johann von Goethe.
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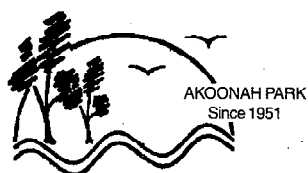
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by Ann Taylor

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There will also be a car boot sale, so this is an opportunity for you to have your own stall as well.

For details and to book a stall please phone Ann Taylor 9707 1996

MAKE AND MINGLE is a friendship and craft group, which meets every Wednesday from 10am- 12 noon. during school term. This term we will have Christmas Crafts, parchment craft, stamping and punching techniques and a range of greeting cards, embroidery, patchwork, appliqué and glass painting.

All welcome to come for craft or just for coffee and a chat. Enquiries Ann Taylor 9707 1996.

CARDINIAN EMBROIDERY

Planning is well underway for the Beaconsfield Panel of the **CARDINIAN EMBROIDERY**. This is a community project throughout the Shire of Cardinia, which will bring together panels of handwork to depict well-known aspects of each town. (Details were in the last Banner)

Photos and sketches for Beaconsfield are being collected and embroidery techniques researched and planned.

A display of some of our

ideas and progress will be on display at the opening of the new Beaconsfield Community Centre on Saturday 13th November.

The Cardinian Embroidery is to be a community project involving groups and individuals throughout Beaconsfield. We want people to be involved in all stages, planning, promotion, embroidery, assembly and construction.

For details and to register your interest from your group or individually phone Ann Taylor 9707 1996



FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
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TAX OFFICE 2004/05 COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The Australian Taxation Office has recently released the Compliance Program 2004/05 booklet explaining the Australian Taxation Office approach to managing taxpayer compliance. The goal in publishing the program is to state strategies in place to respond to compliance issues and signals areas of concern to the Australian Taxation Office and consequently compliance activities to be focused on.

These areas for individuals include:

- * Focus industries or occupations are:
 - road transport
 - real estate
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 - financial advisors
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* Expense claims that will attract attention include:

- deductions high or excessive compared to salary income

- deductions that are outside the regular pattern for particular occupation or industry

- late lodging taxpayers with high level deductions

- tax-agents with deductions claims for clients in excess of relevant levels for occupations or industries

* Other areas of focus include:

- capital gains tax
- rental income and expenses including expenses claimed when

property not available for rent and improvements incorrectly claimed as repairs

- large businesses and high wealth individuals

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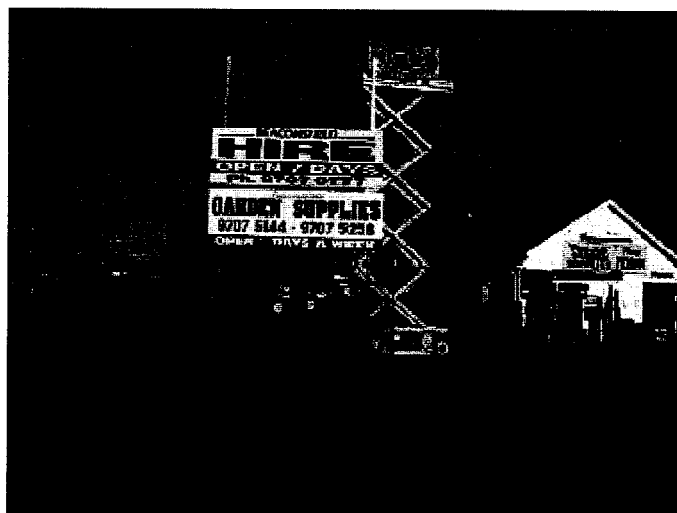
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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman



My friend Barry who lives at Lower Templestowe told me of a Café, Bar and Foodstore at Bemersyde Drive, Berwick "the people who run it know what they are doing" said he. My first reaction was to think he had the wrong address, but when a past President of two wine clubs gives a recommendation, you listen. Well we looked harder, found it and three visits later we are impressed.

Last Monday Anne and I and Len and Gwenda Gerdson went along to Ambrosia try the Monday special of 'Parma' and a pot of Belgian, St Arnou beer, all for the princely sum of \$12.10. For that kind of money what did we get? You couldn't expect too much could you? The choice of Chicken or Beef Parmigiana with absolutely

fresh salad and thin fries served with your choice of a pot of one of five different St Arnou beers, that's what.

Four guys in Melbourne have set themselves the task of finding Melbourne's best 'Parma' and have gone to the extent of setting up a website to accept nominations from the passionate. Enthusiastic nominations may result in a visit, followed by inclusion in their hall of fame. Ambrosia deserves serious consideration.

Deanne, our capable Front of House for the night gave me a photocopy of the Menu; four pages and where to start. With the Tapas, the Pizza, the Pasta and Risotto or the Mains and Dessert? Consider Spanish Paella: saffron flavoured rice, tossed with prawns, mussels, chorizo sausage,

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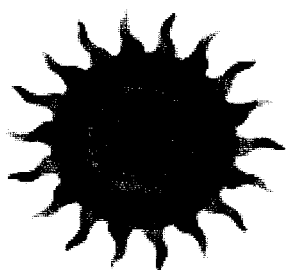
Asparagus time is here again and we are over that early part of the season when prices are a bit on the high side. After years of recipes for asparagus, this time some good matches: fresh black pepper, quality olive oil with some broken cashew nuts, hollandaise sauce, barbequed on the open grill, steamed and into an omelette or with a poached egg on top (preferably from one of Acacia Chapman's free range bantams).

Wine One of the best bargains and most interesting whites of the year is the Yalumba, Series Y, Viogner, 2004, \$8, two gold medals and an alternative to Chardonnay. Try Nicks or Boccaccio Cellars.

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Life couldn't get much better so they thought. Time marched on and they got married and eventually children also arrived on the scene. They were lucky enough to have both a son and a daughter. Both children attend Beaconsfield Primary School and when ever

possible they help out at the school. All have made fantastic friends proving once again what a wonderful place Beaconsfield is.

Mark worked in Warrigal for 13 years but after much coaxing, by former owner and long time friend of RSV, Mark came to work for the business. After two years on the floor, the business was offered to Mark, which he leapt at. Nothing has changed at RSV except who is at the helm, still the same great service.

Mark and Cheryl have seen a lot of changed in Beacy in their time of residency and hope to see a lot more

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CRRA UPDATE

by Gloria O'Connor

CRRA Inc. will shortly initiate a survey of 1. the condition and maintenance of unsealed Shire roads and 2. the level of the rates increase (or decrease) that has been received by Cardinia Shire Ratepayers. The survey will be available in your local community about mid-September.

* A.G.M. to be held Thursday 28th October 2004, Pakenham Public Hall supper room, 7.30 PM - New members welcome. For further information, please contact CARDINIA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC. PO Box 411, Emerald, Vic. 3782. crravic@yahoo.com.au Ph: 59427739 / 59684490

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MORE GOOD NEWS FOR BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

There is more fantastic news for Beaconsfield Primary School, with the announcement of an extra \$4052.00 for maintenance. With the master plan stage now having been reached, and extra resources being put into this school, the future is bright for the many new residents whose children will be attending. For Beaconsfield to thrive, it is vital that high quality education continues to be delivered at the local level, and Beaconsfield Primary School will be in a better position to do this with the extra funding they have received.

Upper Beaconsfield Primary School also received extra maintenance money totalling \$2613.00. This money is on top of the \$1,572,000 announced earlier this year for major capital works.

The Hon. John Thwaites, Minister for the Environment

and Water, and I recently met in Parliament with the Cardinia Environment Coalition to discuss options regarding Beaconsfield Reservoir. I am delighted that the Minister has taken a keen interest in this local treasure of ours and is committed to ensuring the best outcome for this site that will now remain in public hands. More news on this later...

You will notice that school speed zones in the area have been introduced. These will go a long way towards making the roads safer for our children and address the casualty crashes that occur outside schools, which currently number over 250 per year.

Those involved in community organisations, of which there are many in Beaconsfield, will be delighted to learn of the new volunteer small grants that have been made available

by the Bracks Government. Grants of up to \$5000 are available through the *Volunteering for Everyone* program, to encourage more people to participate as volunteers. Money can be used for buying equipment, such as a wheelchair ramp, or for marketing and awareness campaigns, just to name a couple of examples. Further details are available from my office.

The many people who enjoy the Berwick Show each year will be pleased to learn that the Berwick Agricultural and Horticultural Society has again been successful in obtaining a grant, this time towards the purchase of two gatehouses. Continued government support for the show will help ensure its continuation for many generations to come.

I can be contacted at my office on 9796 1987 for assistance with state government matters.



Tammy Lobato MP
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The launch of the new direction has kick started Relay For Life once-again in the Casey-Cardinia region, with teams now encouraged to sign up and start their fundraising!

Relay for Life is a Cancer Council initiative that raises money that goes toward vital cancer research, education and support services. Cancer affects nearly one in three Australians - the two in three who are not directly affected by cancer will know someone who is.

The first Relay for Life in the region was held in late April this year, yet despite the awful weather managed to raise over \$30 000. Statewide, Relay for Life events raise over \$2.5 million for the Cancer Council Victoria.

The 2005 event will be held at Akoonah Park in Berwick, on **March 18-19 2005**. The committee is calling for volunteers to join the committee, with positions vacant including sponsorship and team recruitment committee. If you have an interest in the community, have participated in a Relay before or simply want to help out a worthy cause please contact Deborah on 0412 850 257 or Susan on 9769 5536.



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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Depression

By and largely our standard of living keeps moving up all the time. Most of us are better off than our parents and grandparents. We live in nicer homes, drive nicer cars and have better holidays and eat out more than they ever did. Yet even as our living standards move up the incidents of depression are moving up also! It seems that as life gets better people feel worse. Apparently there has been a 10 fold increase in depression in the industrial nations since that last World War.

No doubt there are many and varied reasons for this. But without a doubt one of the reasons is the now commonly accepted fact that our home has a limited life; our universe is dying.

Paul Davies is based at the Australian Centre for Astrobiology at Macquarie University, Sydney. In an article he wrote for the Christmas Edition of the Bulletin (Dec 16, 2003 p 58) he deals with the force that counteracts gravity. If the only force in the universe were gravity then the whole of everything would collapse in on its self. But that is not happening. In fact the opposite is happening.

The universe is constantly expanding. As time goes on and the pace of cosmic expansion accelerates, the galaxies will be pushed farther and farther apart, speeding up all the time. Eventually even the galaxies near our own Milky Way will be receding faster than light, and so will be invisible. The ultimate state of the universe will be dark, near-empty space for all eternity. Paul Davies expresses the fact that he is depressed about what is going to happen to the universe.

Why would anyone be depressed about what is going to happen in trillions of years time? Because if the universe is dying then ultimately there is no point in anything at all. And if deep in your subconscious mind you really believe there is nothing beyond our universe it will be very hard to avoid moments of despair.

Far better the Christian understanding of a loving creator who brought into being our universe and has, as he says, plans and purposes for mankind that run for ever and ever. Such a belief gives hope and meaning to life.



Rural Ambassador Award 2004

by Liesl Sargeant

The RAA was conducted over three days from the 17th to the 19th September at the Royal Melbourne Show. The award is attained by a young person under 30 who is living and/or working within a rural community and contributing to their local Show society.

Over these three days 11 participants, who had already been successful at a local show (mine was Berwick) and also had won at a group final, (Mine was Port Phillip Group) were there to showcase what they are doing to help our community and Show societies. Some of the participants work in finance, others are in marketing, and a few work within the cattle industry.

As we had all competed at group level we were keen to get to know each other and network, knowing we were like-minded about rural and in particular rural youth affairs.

When we arrived on Thursday we were bombarded with food from the lovely VASL members who do such a great job running the shows and this competition. (VASL is Vic Ag Societies Ltd) We then got to meet our panel of 3 judges which included a past state winner, Michelle Axford, Sylvia Vagg, Head of Campus at McMillan College and Peter Angus a past National winner.

They knew all about us, as we'd submitted a 1500 word

document outlining how we expect to benefit from the competition and our involvement in the rural community. Over the course of the competition we were interviewed and asked questions such as "If you were the Agricultural Minister, which issues would you tackle first?" and "Where do you see yourself in 5 years?". It was quite grueling really! I was very honest and tried to answer the questions as best I could.

I'm not sure how but I managed to remain calm and have a laugh during the whole process!

I told them about my Angus Stud, which I've just started up and about the Weekly Times Handlers' Camp that I help organise each year for cattle handlers and breeders to learn about the industry.



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Rural Ambassador Award 2004

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Between our interviews and the dinner we presented ribbons around the show. I had the honour of presenting the Reserve Champion Ram in the sheep arena and we also spoke up at the broadcasting box to the main arena crowd!

Being a "city chick" and not growing up in a rural community, I was somewhat of a novelty. Everyone commented on how it is usually the country kids leaving the farm for a city life, and thought it bizaar that I was the opposite. I got started showing cattle 9 yrs ago at a suburban school with a farm and now show Belted Galloways for good friends of mine.

We did some media training as well as a public speaking workshop in preparation for Friday night's big dinner (200 guests) and for us, a 5 minute speech. Our topic being "What does volunteering mean to you and how will organisations use volunteers in the future."

Considering the prize was now worth \$10,000 we were all pretty nervous by the time the announcement came after the conclusion of all our talks! It was a fun night and as I was the first speaker I could semi-relax and enjoy listening to everyone else because I'd done all that I could anyway! It was great to have my

mum and dad there for support. It was announced that Alison Baxter from Picola, representing Goulbourn Valley Riverina Group was our 2004 State Rural Ambassador Award Winner. Her speech was great and needless to say we celebrated her win very well!

It wasn't all over for us as a group though. We were invited to the official opening of the Melbourne Show with John Landy and this took place in the beautiful Epicure Enclosure on the showgrounds. Free everything plus Brook Hanson to chat with which was pretty cool we thought!

We all bonded so well and it was decided that we'd definitely join the VASA youth committee, who run the event so that we can keep in touch and give back

to the competition we got so much out of. The RAA is for 20-30 year olds and although I can't enter next year I'm not restricted to enter again after that and being 20, I have a bit of time to get more experience.

I will be commencing an Agricultural Science degree next year so that will help I think! It will mean that I have to move out of Beaconsfield and into the city for Uni and leave my German Teaching position at Beaconsfield Primary School which is very sad!

I enjoyed the RAA so much and thanks go to Stock and Land and ACE Radio for sponsoring and VASL for running the competition. I was proud to represent Berwick Show Society and Port Philip Group and hope I can enter again in the future!

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MIKE'S LONG RUN FOR GOLD

Information supplied by L. Reddie

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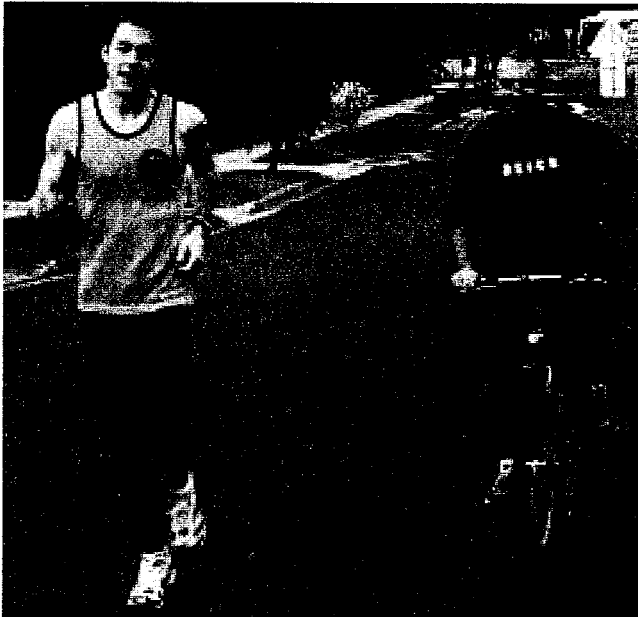
Mike attends Monash University as well as training for his preferred athletic event - the 1500m. Mike runs the 1500m for Doncaster Athletic Club and runs at Olympic Park at

State League. He has just come out of 'juniors' and comments that it's fairly tough competition against the senior men runners.

Whilst in 'juniors', Mike represented Victoria many times in 1500m and cross-country.

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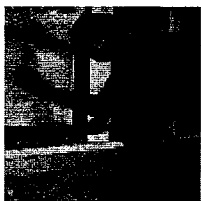
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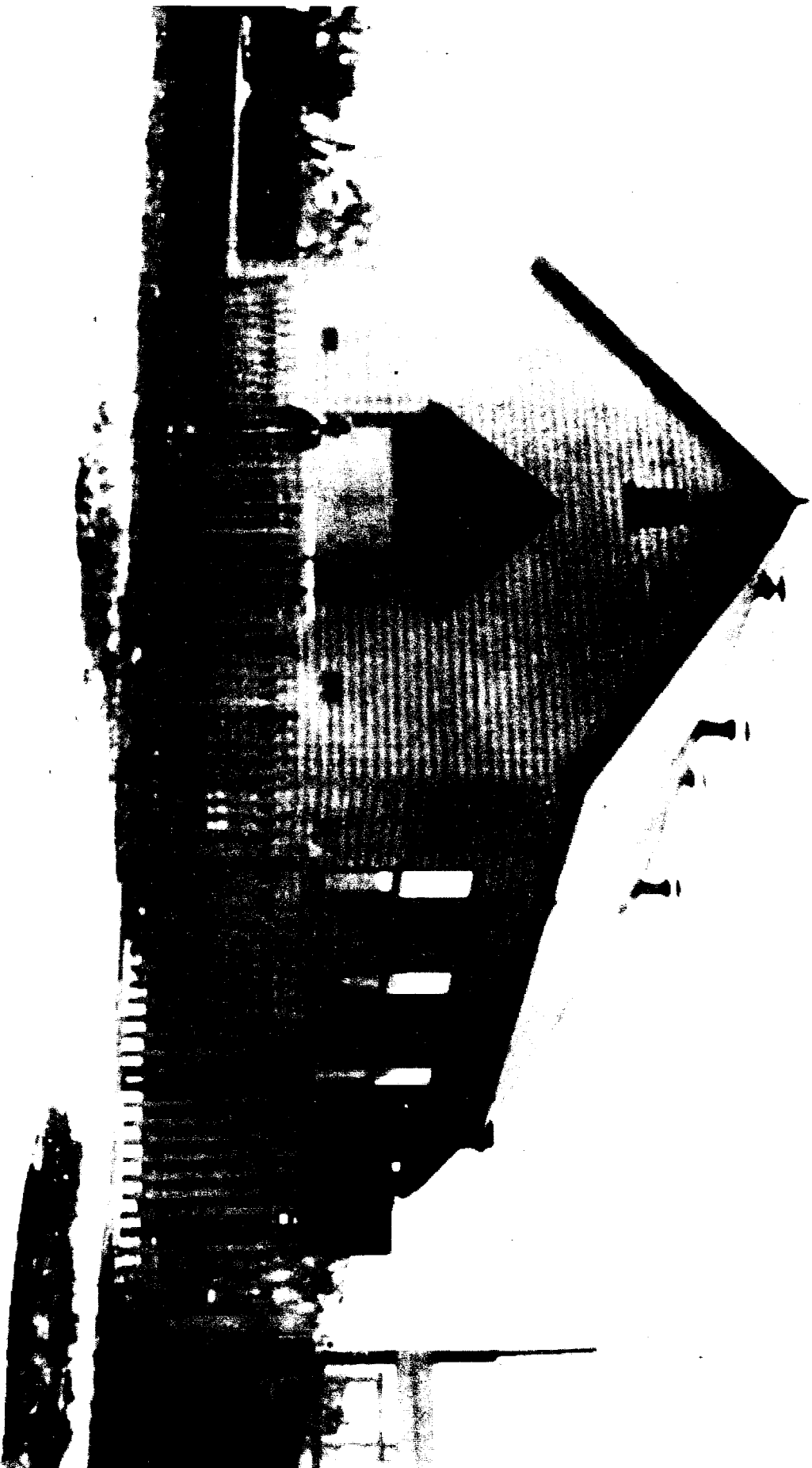
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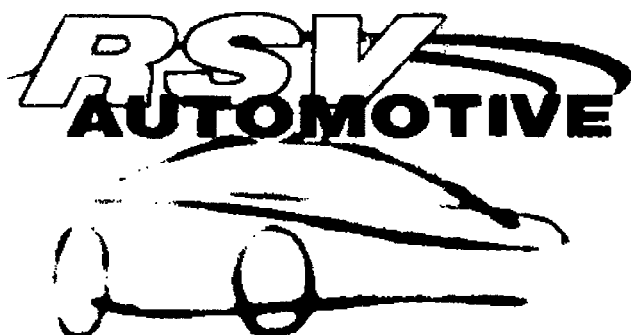
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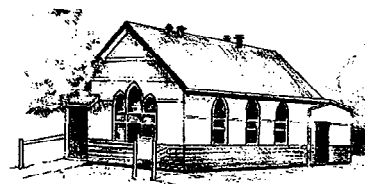
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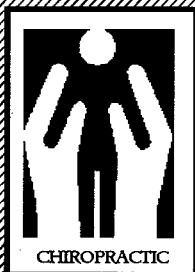
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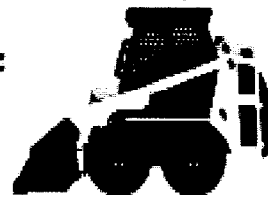
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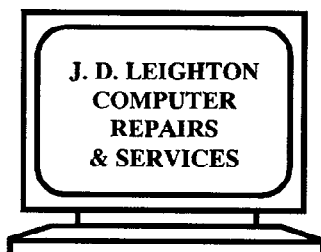
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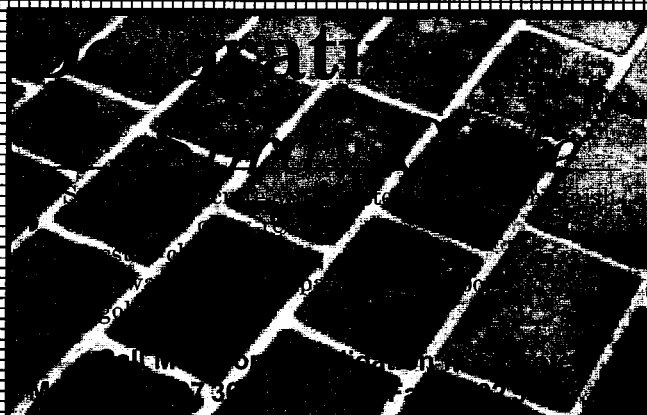
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CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

It would be an underestimation if I said 2004 has been a lame year for Australian films. Good Australian films have been few and far between this year. While 'One Perfect Day' and 'Tom White' peaked early, critics have been very quick to declare that 2004 was the year that the Australian film industry finally died.

Well, I hate to break it to them but the Australian film industry just received it's kiss-of-life in the form of a raw, gutsy, risky film called 'Somersault'. 'Somersault' tells the story of 16-year-old Heidi (played by Abbie Cornish), who after a family altercation leaves her family home in Canberra and flees to the ski-resort town of Jindabyne. Jindabyne shows Heidi a whole new side of life and she meets a lot of different characters, all while dealing with her inner demons and her own

vulnerability. One of these characters is local boy Joe (played by Sam Worthington), who Heidi quickly falls for, the only problem is she isn't exactly sure whether he feels the same way about her.

This is a brilliant film by first time writer/director Cate Shortland, which doesn't fail to satisfy the audience as it takes huge risks in both storyline and cinematography. The film is shot nearly entirely on location in Jindabyne and the Snowy Mountains and the scenery is nothing short of spectacular.

'Somersault' is very much a coming-of-age film, and it's good to see this portrayed using drama instead of comedy (which has been the case for films like 'American Pie' and 'Road Trip').

Another highlight of the film is it's support cast which consists of Leah Purcell and Erik Thompson (from TV's

'All Saints'). Thompson is excellent in his role of a gay farmer who tries to make Joe see reason.

'Somersault' has already proved itself overseas with a good showing in Cannes and it is now about to be screened at the Toronto and Budapest Film Festivals. Not surprisingly 'Somersault' has been nominated for fifteen AFI awards. For lovers of Australian films 'Somersault' is a must. It will leave you without a doubt that Abbie Cornish will be Australia's new biggest export.

Another good film around the traps at the moment is the new romantic comedy 'Wimbledon'. To put it simply 'Wimbledon' is made up of the formula that all romantic comedies should consist of. The film makers took a huge risk when they set the story amongst the world of professional tennis (only one tennis film has ever been made before).

'Wimbledon' tells the story of lowly-ranked English tennis player Peter Colt (played by Paul Bettany who starred in 'A Knight's Tale') who is preparing himself for his last tennis tournament before he retires, which just happens to be Wimbledon. His world is then turned upside down when he meets rising American tennis star Lizzie Bradbury (played by Kirsten Dunst).

What separates 'Wimbledon' from other romantic comedies is the fact that makers haven't simply slanted the film at a female audience. Men will be more than impressed with the tennis storyline (which borders on a Rocky-style-underdog story), while the romance and characters are believable and likable. It is also good to see the on-screen chemistry between Dunst and Bettany, it actually looks like they enjoyed making the film.

Another fun thing about 'Wimbledon' is that all the fictional-players that Colt comes up against at Wimbledon are based on real-life tennis players. Watch as he comes up against players based on Lleyton Hewitt, Tim Henman and Andy Roddick. These scene's are even more hilarious if Hewitt and Roddick annoy you in real life. Super-brat John McEnroe evens makes an appearance in the film, as himself.

Apart from Hewitt 'Wimbledon' does have a splash of Australia in it. Sam Neil features in the film as Lizzie Bradbury's over zealous father who tries to place a wedge between her and Colt, while Pat Cash was the film's tennis advisor.

I'll close by saying that 'Somersault' and 'Wimbledon' are two of the best films released this year and shouldn't be missed. Happy film going!

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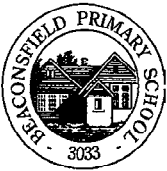
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by Simone Borg

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The following suggestions may be useful in keeping your relationship strong:

- * Keep the communication lines open and honest. This helps to understand what each other wants/needs from the relationship.
- * Be flexible. Routine is important, but it can be rejuvenating to, once in while, throw caution to the wind.
- * Unless evidence suggests otherwise, have trust in your partner.
- * Spend time together and enjoy each other's

company. You may need to schedule time for this so it definately happens. This sounds strange I know, but it is necessary for many relationships given today's busy lifestyle.

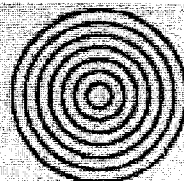
* Spend time apart. Maintaining other relationships (friends/family) will help expand your interests and give you insight into who you want to be in the relationship.

* Conflict is inevitable. Respectfully aim to resolve conflict. Be prepared to listen to one another's concerns.

* Try to accept differences. Calmly discuss, debate and consider. Agree to disagree.

* If resolving conflict is difficult, or the communication lines are breaking down, talk to someone who will listen, is objective and does not have a personal interest in the relationship.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

We hear quite a lot about Gluten intolerance and Coeliac Disease these days and I'm sure many people consider these conditions are a modern development in human health evolution. Not quite true; Intestinal problems are as old as mankind, and Gluten has always existed. Before diagnostic techniques reached their present levels of expertise pain and malfunction of abdominal or bowel areas were commonly labelled as Colic, Constipation, Allergies, Ulcers or Cancers of the Colon.

Usually these diagnostic decisions were more the result of guesswork, and treatments reflected this Medical uncertainty.

In fairness it must be said that Coeliac Disease is very difficult to diagnose even today. The only certain way is to take a biopsy of the Intestinal wall, a not totally pleasant procedure, but the most certain as to identification of the condition.

Symptoms can be many and varied, or can be symptomless leading to

many people not even aware they have it. Abdominal discomfort and tiredness are common symptoms, but more can exist. It can run in families with a ratio of 1 in 10 family relatives having the disease.

Gluten is a starchy protein found in Wheat, Barley, Rye and Oats, and is not well tolerated by some people, and labelled as Coeliac Disease. It is important to understand that these grains have evolved over many thousands of years and were originally ancient grasses, gradually adapted by ancient peoples to become a food staple for their survival. We are literally eating various grasses and these plants are a major source of Allergies, particularly wheat. Fifty percent of people with Allergy problems will achieve total cure if they do nothing more than remove wheat and all its sub-products from their diet. Wheat has the greatest Gluten base of all grains which indicates the effect it can have on the more sensitive intestines.

But why are more people becoming Gluten intolerant? I believe there are many reasons, but chemical ingestion from foods and drink weaken the body's immunity, and certainly affect the intestinal "piping" of our processing systems. A diet of chemicals in fruit, vegetables, meat, drinks

and even the water we ingest has to give our Livers a hard time, and invite Allergy reaction of some sort. Another source of weakness is the over use of Antibiotics and other strong medications which kill off the friendly bacteria which normally keeps our interior "pipes" healthy. When the Acidophilous dies, a fertile terrain is created and all sorts of unhealthy conditions can result. One of the modern problems leading to abdominal disease is our consumption of so much bread in our diet. The normal Supermarket type bread is a chemical cocktail which has endured at least 13 separate chemical processes before it gets to the shelves. All the basic goodness that the grain may have had is gone, only leaving the endosperm, the almost pure starch we call Gluten.

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REFLECTION ON THE 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES

by Chantal Meek

In May this year, the Olympics were a very distant hope for the LK4 crew and myself. We were yet to qualify Australia in our event and even if we did we had some uncertainty over the safety and logistics of the running of the Games. We were hearing of possible US boycotts, bomb blasts as warnings to Western Countries and sporting venues still in the early stages of construction.

A top 4 finish at the European Championships was our first hurdle overcome as we secured our place on the Australian Olympic Team and as our preparations continued it became clear that, much to our relief, our earlier concerns over safety were unnecessary. Our event in the flat water canoeing was held in the second week of competition. This has its advantages and disadvantages. It meant that we were some of the few athletes able to march in the Opening Ceremony, but had no time (like the swimmers) to enjoy the Olympics as a spectator after our event.

We knew that there would be many distractions to our training if we stayed in the village during the first week so we remained in our training base, a small town called Gianitsa (on the outskirts of Thessalonica), about 400km North of Athens up until only a few days before our event. Being in a small town away

from all the Olympic hype, let us experience the culture and feel of real life in Greece. We found the locals to be very friendly and patriotic. A history of hardship was evident and the community was keen to prove that they were capable and well on the road to recovery. To help us feel safe the local police had organized enough police escorts and guards for a 2:1 ratio. All our training was police escorted, even our evening walks. It was seemingly unnecessary, however essential as far as the Police were concerned. Our Venue for racing was fantastic. As good as any we have raced on anywhere in the World. It was constructed from scratch for the sole purpose of the Games. Located on the coast near Marathonas (the beginning of the Marathon run), we had some problems with wind coming down over the mountains and out to sea, but not bad enough to interfere with racing. Any wind was running straight down the course so was fair for all competitors.

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REFLECTION ON THE 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES. (Continued from pg. 30)

We managed to do this and in the process finished the best Australia has ever finished in this event. As a very young crew we managed to beat some far more experienced crews.

The next few days was the time at last to relax and enjoy the feeling of satisfaction after so many hard years work. We watched some of the track and field athletics, enjoyed the Athens nightlife and marched in the closing ceremony. Both the opening and closing ceremonies were great fun.

It was an entirely different experience to be in the middle of all the excitement rather than watching the spectacular show from the

grandstand or on television. We couldn't see or hear any of the proceedings yet could feel all the excitement from thousands of athletes from all over the World. On return to Australia we were able to watch a replay of the ceremonies.

Arrival home to Australia is funnily enough always one of the most exciting parts. All the support from back home was fantastic. We received letters and emails from all over Australia. Returning home with the entire Australian Team on two Qantas jumbos was a fantastic wrap to a very exciting 2 weeks.



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by Phil Collins

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Do not panic or run, this will encourage a bird to continue its attack.

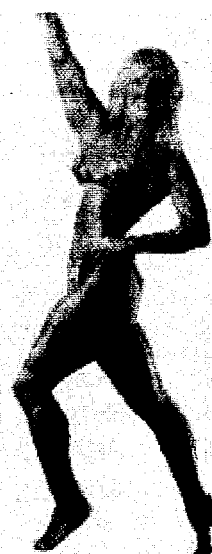
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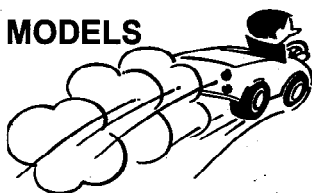
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In this, the second of our articles on puppies, we talk about "puppy-proofing" your home and children.

Puppies and small children

You cannot expect a young puppy to be able to be trained enough to be baby/toddler safe. Only an older puppy - one 6 months or older who has finished teething - can be expected to understand and be able to be taught how to

safely to live in a household with babies and young children. Also, your children need to be old enough to understand and obey your rules about the dog or puppy. For most children, this is around six years old.

Never allow your child to use hands, fingers, feet, or clothing for play. This encourages attack games that could lead to aggressive behaviour. The animal will begin to treat them like any

other toy, and your child could be scratched or bitten.

Children must learn not to pull tails ears or poke at the animal. Also, most animals are afraid of loud noises and will retreat if approached quickly. Toddlers seem to love to run after animals which only makes the animal run the other way.

Puppyproofing your home

Puppy needs a secure fenced area as it will be able to squeeze through quite small spaces and escape. It is important to make sure there are no gaps where the puppy can get its head stuck. Swimming pools and fish ponds need to be fenced off

to prevent access as puppies will drown unless rescued quickly.

Electrical cords should be placed out of reach or turned off at the power to prevent the puppy electrocuting itself if it chews through the cord.

Eating cigarette butts may cause nicotine poisoning so care must be taken so that puppy cannot reach an ashtray.

Toilet bowl cleaners are toxic so keep toilet lid down to prevent puppy drinking from the toilet bowl.

Do not use snail or rodent killers where the puppy can access them. These can be fatal. Pins and needles can be a deadly hazard if swallowed.

First Night

Puppies usually go to new homes at the age of eight weeks when they have their first vaccinations and until this age have had the company of brothers and sisters to snuggle up to for company and warmth. Life is wonderful when the puppy first arrives at its new home. They are cuddled and played with all day. Then they are put to bed and the house is very quiet so they cry, quietly at first and then louder when a member of the household will get up to comfort the puppy. The puppy learns its first lesson - cry and you are rewarded with comfort. Hearts must be hardened against this. The decision must be made where the pup is going to sleep. It should be warm and cozy and bedding provided. A radio may be left playing out of reach to provide some comforting noise

It is natural that the pup will wake early in the morning and you should be ready to be greeted with exuberance. Put the pup out to relieve it, lavish it with praise for "performing", then serve puppy breakfast, and then take it outside again for toilet opportunities. You can then spend the day with your best friend.

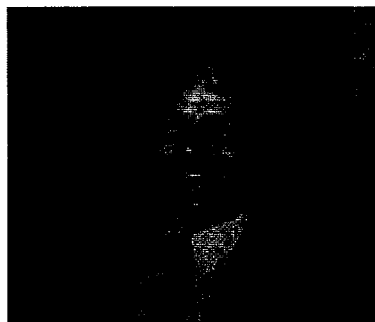


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by Joe McMaster, President B.C.C

The smell of spring is in the air, time to dust off the Cricket gear, the club is fielding 5 senior teams and an O'35's Masters team which plays 6 Sunday games a season on turf wickets. The season hit off on the first Saturday in October.

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

Junior training:

U 12's Tuesday nights
4.30—5.30

U 14's Wednesday night
4.30—6.00

U 16's Monday nights
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Rick Colling has been re-appointed as senior coach for this season.

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. Congratulations to the Beaconsfield Pharmacy who won our major sponsor raffle.

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Junior Competition

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17 - 25 Year Olds - Night Time Racquet

A new fun evening has commenced for those around 17-25 year old, designed as a social event. Commencing at 7:30pm each Wednesday at the courts, the ability to play tennis is not necessary but having fun and meeting others of the same age group is the aim. "Huey" has been a little unkind with the first weeks having been rained out. We are hoping the coming months will be a little kinder so come along and have a go - trial period is free with eats and drinks (no alcohol) provided. Contact 9707 4287 or 5940 1186 for more info.

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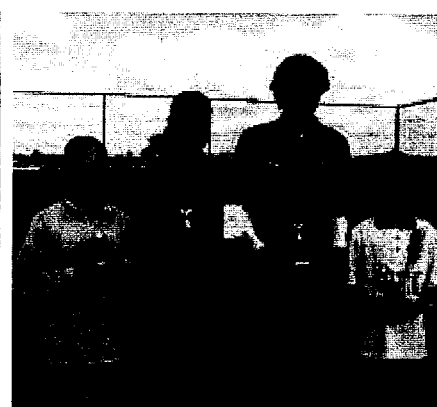
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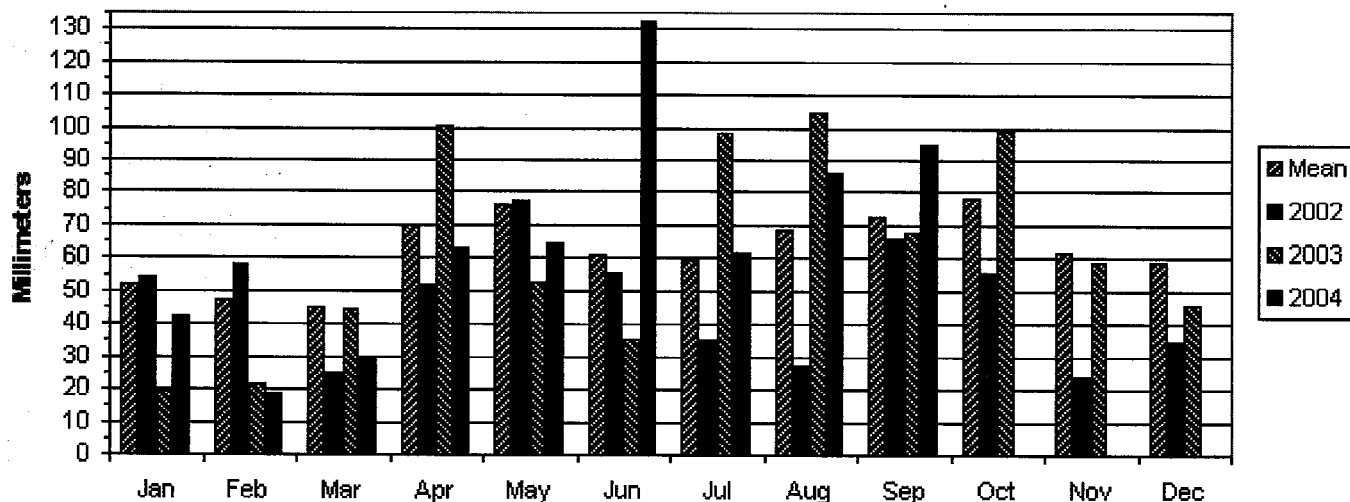
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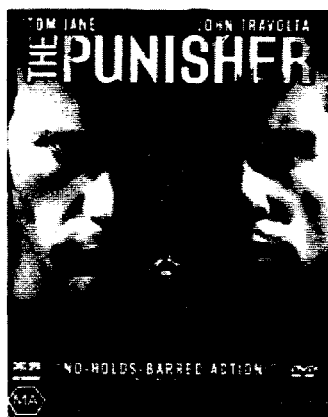
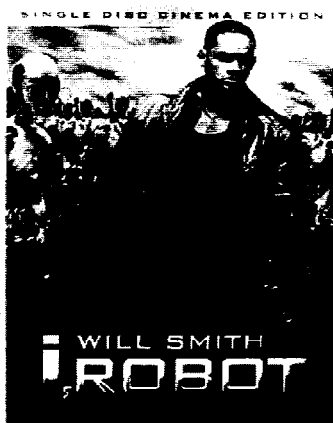
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