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#### TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER '04

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#### TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY '05

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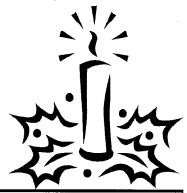
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Afterwards the large crowd of all ages were able to tour the facilities of the Beaconsfield Kindergarten, Neighbourhood Centre and the huge 300-seat function room and enjoyed displays of various local groups. See collection of photos on page 18.



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On behalf of the Progress Association I would like to thank the many volunteer writers and contributors, proofreaders, collators and distributors who have made the Banner possible for 2004.

It is a huge effort to produce a Banner for the Beaconsfield community every 2 months. I am continually surprised and very proud of the community spirit that still exists in Beaconsfield that enables us to continue to produce a township newsletter.

We appreciate the support given by the advertisers and hope that residents continue to support their local businesses.

As Banner co-ordinator, I would like to thnakyou for your continued support and wish all readers of the Banner a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards, Margaret Boon Banner Co-ordinator



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# BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

Here we are, the festive season upon us once again. The sounds of carols and sights of Christmas are all around us. Undoubtedly Christmas has arrived. The past 12 months has seen continuing change and progress in our township and brought more services and facilities to our door steps.

The most significant event would be the recent opening the Beaconsfield Community Complex, located on O'Neil Rd. It was officially opened last month with many residents and invited guests attending and turned out to be a fantastic day of activities, formalities and entertainment. I hope, as many of my colleagues do, that the Centre will be used by the well

community and businesses

Another significant achievement is the commencement on works relating to Kenilworth Avenue. This started in late October and is progressively being worked on.

Unfortunately, the future of the Beaconsfield Chamber Of Commerce is not as bright. After a very encouraging beginning from local traders, it was resolved recently that it will not be formalised as a separate committee due to the lack of commitment for key positions for the association to be granted official standing. For this reason, it has been decided that there will be informal Local Traders meeting on a

bi monthly basis and will be arranged through participating interested traders.

However, this does not mean that the town's traders don't have a voice. I would encourage traders alike to attend meetings of the Beaconsfield Progress Association that are held each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at the new Community Centre and voice their concerns and issues in this forum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents' BPA committee members and friends in Beaconsfield for their support and friendship over the past 12 months and hope to be off assistance in the New Year.

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In closing, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at either the Carols by the Creek to be held at the Bob Burgess Reserve on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 8.00pm or the Progress Association Christmas Meeting on 21st December at the Community Complex at 7.30pm.

Warmest Regards Michael Muaremov President – BPA 03) 9769 9134



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by Cr. Garry Runge, Beacon Hills Ward

Hello everyone. Hasn't the year flown? Christmas is nearly upon us again and this is a time of much happiness and reflection. I trust all the Beaconsfield residents will support the various carols by candlelight services in Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield, Pakenham and the surrounding areas. I look forward to seeing all the families and kids at these great nights.

I am pleased to report that the work on Kenilworth Avenue finally got underway following the rains. This road promises to provide an alternative route around the residential streets of Beaconsfield. I congratulate the Beaconsfield Progress Association for the drive and vision they have had on this project. A really successful community effect. Work has also commenced on additional car parking on the north side of the railway



station, hopefully this will assist those using public transport and allow for vehicles to be parked in safety during the day. I am pleased to also report that following pressure from the BPA tenders have been called for pedestrian boom gates at the railway station. When installed these gates will greatly increase safety for pedestrians at the rail crossing.

The wonderful Beaconsfield Community Complex has now been completed and I was delighted to officially open it in company with our State MP Tammy Lobato, This facility is truly a community project. It has been build by the community and for the community. I encourage you to visit the complex and enjoy its facilities.

I have greatly enjoyed serving the residents of Beaconsfield during that past 12 months as your ward councillor and particularly as Mayor. It has been a great experience to have people walk up to me, shake my hand and introduce themselves. Please feel free to say hello to me in the street at anytime and if you have an issue you want to talk about I am happy to discuss it with you.

Beaconsfield is a wonderful township, which still retains its rural feeling and although we know there will be a growth in population throughout the shire over the next 25 years, I believe Beaconsfield can retain that rural atmosphere. I am committed to keeping a keen eye on all the development applications for our township and ensuring that over development does not occur.

In closing, on behalf of Sue and myself we wish you a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year and above all please stay safe on our roads.

Regards, Cr. Garry Runge Mayor

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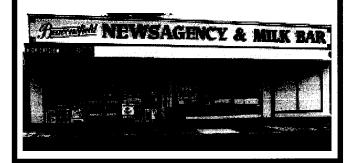
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#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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#### Beaconsfield Community Information Session Tuesday 15th March

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#### WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

Neighbourhood Watch is a community based crime prevention program. It aims to reduce the incidence of preventable crime and provide a safer community for all Victorians. The program relies on the community and the Police working together in a partnership to achieve these aims.

#### WHY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

Neighbourhood Watch is a proven Police and Community partnership against crime. The program was introduced in 1983 to assist the Victorian Police to effectively control the crime rate, especially the incidence of burglary and related thefts.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association is providing a public information session on Neighbourhood Watch for the residents of Beaconsfield. Representatives from the nearby Pakenham and Upper Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Watch Programmes together with the Divisional Neighbourhood Watch Police Co-ordinator will present information, brochures, displays and answer questions.

A Neighbourhood Watch Area can be established in Beaconsfield if the community identifies a need and willingness to participate in the program.

Your support for the Neighbourhood Watch Program is vital in reducing preventable crime in your community. Please do not hesitate to join in and get involved.

To be fully informed about the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch for your township, please attend the information evening on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30 - 8.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. A light supper will be available at the conclusion of the presentation.

If you would like any further information or would like to register your support for a Neighbourhood Watch program to be established in the Beaconsfield Area you can contact Willem Boon, member of Beaconsfield Progress Association on 9707 5053.





CENTRE

Phone: 8768 4400

There are no strangers here, simply friends you haven't met before. Everyone Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre wishes all our members and residents a happy and safe Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

### Our new building

Centre Coordinator

- Miriam Gillespie

We are working our way through settling in at our new building. Unfortunately the outdoor area for the occasional care and playgroups was not ready for Term 4, and we are still operating these groups at the old centre. Almost all other groups have moved into O'Neil Road, and are finding the spaces excellent to operate in. Apologies to the children's groups that have not been relocated yet. We have appreciated that members have had some patience with our move, and

we are working hard to get everything operating really well for the start of Term 1 in 2005.

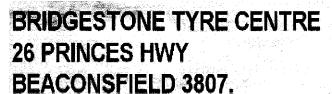
**New Programmes for 2005** New programmes will be distributed to residents in Beaconsfield surrounding areas early in the New Year.

There will be several new art and craft courses including Still Life Drawing in pencil and watercolour, Mosaics, and Patchwork and Quilting. Karate will be introduced as a new activity based programme.

The successful programmes from 2004 will continue again Neighbourhood Centre in 2005. The popular Line dancing and children's dance programmes will continue, as well as the Folk Art and Meditation courses. The Midway and Table Tennis groups will continue to offer social opportunities.

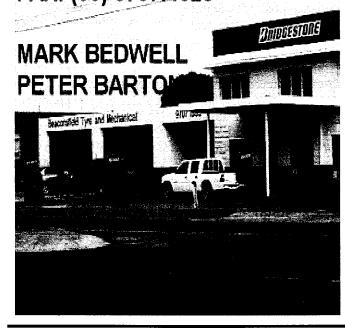
In the children's area, Occasional Care will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during school terms in 2005. Bookings for Occasional Care on a regular basis are already starting to fill up, so please ring to guarantee a place. Staff are at the centre on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9.30am and 3pm. Note new phone number, 8768 4400. Play groups will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The new Learning Land program, which specializes in fun learn to read workshops, will compliment the existing Hev De Ho music for tinies which gives children а musical experience.



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#### **BEACONSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

# A 2004 message from Midway -

2004 was a good year for Midway. (Midway is a friendly 50's plus group who meet every week.)

As well as our interesting weekly meetings held at the centre, we went to Melbourne to see the very funny film 'Plots with a View' at Federation Square. We enjoyed a bus trip to Werribee, where we visited the Rose Gardens and the Zoo. Cup Day was extra special, with a lovely lunch and entertainment at the new Community Complex. See picture page 15.

Merry Christmas from the Midway group.

Special thanks to Kellie, our volunteer, who put in so much voluntary time to help make everything run smoothly on the day.

#### **Open Day**

We were delighted that so many residents and members were able to attend the Open Day in November. Thankyou to everyone who supported the sausage sizzle, which was an important fundraiser for us.



The Folk Art class displayed some of their work in the new display wall, while Hey De Ho and the children's dance class also took the opportunity to demonstrate their activities. We

appreciate the time that the tutors and members spent on the day. We will try to provide some of the suggested programmes during 2005, and thank everyone for offering their ideas.





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'Freaky Friday' is an afternoon program that ran for four weeks initially, but has been extended due to the incredibly positive reception of the program by children and the "Freaky Friday Friends" who run the program. The children were provided with a variety of activities to make their selections from and after being allocated a group, they were involved in the same activity for the four week period.



Photographs: 1. A parent volunteers to help Emilie. 2. Wynston tries model making. Rachel showing her persistence on the rock climbing wall. 4.Kirrilli and Carleen enjoying Folk Art.





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The activities included; rock dimbing, dancing, drawing and badge making, jewellery making, cooking, bike ed, making a teddy bear, photography, knitting, film making, science experiments, kite making and model making. Some children were also given the opportunity to be office assistants and peer tutors.

"I'm ready to glue the tail onto my model aeroplane", "Do you like the slime that I made?", "I made some earrings to match the necklace I made last week", "I'm ready to put stuffing into my teddy bear", "I made a great kite but we needed more wind".

As you move between activities, you hear the language of children who enjoy what they are doing and love being at school. Thank you to all of the Friends of Freaky Friday and the program co-ordinator, Amanda Wheelhouse.

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Our sincere thanks to the local community for the warm welcome and loyal support we have enjoyed since we bagan in April. Your patience and understanding has been greatly appreciated.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to sharing 2005 with you.

Regards, Keith and Leonie Norman

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# GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

by Ann Taylor

Did you know your Christmas cards can help those in need? Your pack of Christmas cards could be charity cards helping a particular charity, Red Cross, RVIB or even RSPCA.

In Australia we have all we need and often don't need many of the presents we buy each other at Christmas. Instead of buying chocolates or perfume or a tie for that someone who has everything, why not give a special gift on their behalf to fund a project overseas.

It may be a cow or a goat or help provide education or even health needs. Many people are lacking the basics of life and our small gift can make a difference.

MAKE AND MINGLE will this Christmas pay for a well and six goats in India. Our gift is through Baptist World Aid. There are other groups where you can give similar gifts such as World Vision, Tear fund and Christian Blind mission

Why not give a gift that really counts?



#### **MAKE AND MINGLE**

Pictured above: Annette White, Betty Bryl, Olga Wynn, Tylah Johanson and Ann Taylor holding the cake to celebrate their birthdays in November.

Pictured left: L.to R -Evelyn, Irene, Olga, Peggy,Frances, Ann, Leah, Carolyn and Louise at Make and Mingle. Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets every Wednesday 10 am-12noon during school term. We will be in recess for Christmas and resume on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2005 with a range of crafts available.

Enquiries Ann Taylor 9707 1996.

#### **CARDINIAN EMBROIDERY**

by Anne Taylor

The Beaconsfield panel of the Cardinian embroidery is underway and ours is the first panel to be started. At the opening of the Beaconsfield Community Centre on November 13th, the first stitches were inserted in the word Beaconsfield and the sketches and drafts for the panel were on display. There were also photos of embroidery various techniques that are to be used. Each person who participates will have their name recorded. So far, we have had local men, women and children participating, including our Mayor Cr. Garry Runge and local State member Tammy Labarto and BPA secretary David Morland and his wife. Sections of the panel will be available at various venues around the town for you to stitch. There will also be small sections of the design in kit form and different embroidery techniques which will be available for townspeople to work on.

We are using floor standing tapestry frames and are in need of more to work with. If you have a frame we could borrow please let us know. Next year there will be workshops where different embroidery techniques will be taught. Dates to be announced. We hope as many people as possible can be involved in this exciting project. Details available from Ann Taylor 9707 1996.



Pictured below: L to R: Eleanor Taylor, Cardinian Embroidery Project Co-oordinator, instructs Lyn Stephenson how to put stitches into the Beaconsfield Panel of the Cardinian Embroidery pictured right.



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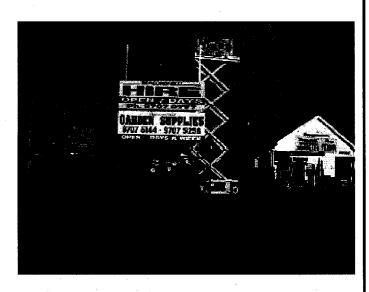
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# WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman

The Southern Victorian Wine Show is over for another year. History was made when Vanya Cullen from Cullen Wines, WA, became the first female to chair a Wine Show anywhere in AUSTRALIA. 2003 wines stood out, with Shiraz, Chardonnay & Pinot Noir the most successful varieties. 2002 showed poorly.

Best White Wine in show was won by Coldstream Hills, Chardonnay 2003, and Best Red was the De Bortoli Yarra Valley Shiraz Voignier, 2003; this wine also won the trophy Anne and I donate for the Best Yarra Valley Red. Best Pinot Noir went to Paringa for their 2003 and Best Cabernet to a lovely wine from Oakridge, the 2003.

Most outstanding exhibitors were Port Phillip Estate with two gold's and a trophy from three entries. Other outstandings were Oakridge, Yering Station, De Bortoli, Willow Creek and Coldstream Hills. Tynong Vineyard, Cannibal Creek, won a silver and two bronze medals for their 2002 & 2003 Pinot Noir and 2003 Chardonnay.

This article is being written on the Spirit of Tasmania on returning from two weeks holiday. Tasmanian wine and food has come a long, long way since we were there some 12 years ago. Between 1990 & 1992 we held board meetings every two months in Hobart and often sought in vain for good food and especially wine. Some of our observations follow from what we experienced.

**BEST SEAFOOD PLATTER**- KIBUKI BY THE SEA.
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**BEST RESTAURANT VIEW** - MEADOWBANK
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MOST PLEASANT SURPRISE - POSSUM CAFÉ & GALLERY. Overlooking the river at Westerway, near Hamilton, stopped for coffee and scones and stayed 2 hours fro a mental re-charge.

BEST B&B ORANI VINEYARD 2 kms east of Sorrell, fantastic views over the vineyard and harbour and very well appointed accommodation.



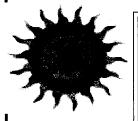
CUTEST B&B GEORGE B&B at historic Hamilton. A convict built cottage, circa 1830, with a cottage garden to die for. Spoilt in the early morning by logging trucks trying to drive through our bedroom.

BEST EXPERIENCE STRAHAN VILLAGE on the west coast. The Macquarie Restaurant, looking down on the harbour vista, Seafood Buffet and the Gordon River Cruise.

**BEST WINES** Lubiano Pinot Noir 2003: Wellington FGR Riesling, 2004, some suggest stands "Frightfully Good Riesling", but others, well!! Overall Tasmanian Pinot Noirs are their standout wine and with some exceptions are better then Pinot Noirs on the mainland. Prices on average are \$10 below Yarra Valley or Mornington Peninsula and most only charge \$10 per case transport – some zero.

MOST OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY - MARK "SMAKY" SEMMENS, ex California, USA, founder of Marion Vineyard on the Tamar. Very firm opinions on winemaking methods and character in wine and somewhat like John Middleton of Mount Mary. Didn't have the courage to tell him and I didn't think John Wayne could act (his hero).

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#### **CARDINIA SHIRE** RECOGNISE SIMONE'S **ACHIEVEMENT**



On August 4th Simone Rushton of Beaconsfield had a bad fall at Fountain Gate Shopping Centre where she injuried her right knee and ankle. After a short stay in hospital she was sent home and appointments were made for her to see many specialists and have many tests. After another six weeks she was sent to Dandenong Hospital for rehabilitation.

During the next six weeks there was some improvement in Simone's ability

to walk. At this time there were lengthy discussions regarding Simone's future. Tony and Dulcie, her parents, felt that it was appropriate for her to come home and they arranged for Physiotherapy for her twice a week. She is now able to walk holding hands with another adult.

On the 3rd of December at a special morning tea to celebrate International Day of people with a Disability, Simone was presented with a Certificate by the Mayor Garry Runge to help further her determination to walk again.

Pictured Top Left: Simone holding her certificate. Above: L to R - Graeme Legg, Mayor Garry Runge congratulating Simone.



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# SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

For many of us, Christmas is a happy, joyous time to spend with our loved ones and relax after a hectic year. Yet have you all noticed how early the anticipation for Christmas began in 2004? There were tinsel decorations in shop windows by October and fairy lights lighting up houses by early November.

This great build up to Christmas can increase our expectations and lead to many pressures for families as they struggle to meet a range of needs. Single income families can feel the financial pressure of providing presents, food and other goodies as credit card debt swells. Partners often need to organise a packed timetable of activities for their families as well as buying and wrapping presents and cooking enormous quantities of Children can food. unwittingly add to this

pressure by asking for presents which may be beyond the reach of their parents. Add the extra burden of bringing together relatives with simmering tensions and family squabbles may erupt. So a time that should be celebratory can become a time of burden and stress.

Evidence shows that Christmas is a peak period for episodes of mental illness. Around 800,000 Australians each year suffer from depression and coping with the challenges of Christmas can exacerbate this illness.

Domestic violence also increases at this time. This often hidden problem is now responsible for more ill-health and premature death among women under the age of 45 than any other risk factors including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking.

Reaching out to the people around you and being willing to give them time and show them care without judging them is a valuable form of support. Thankfully. there are now also specialist support services to provide professional intervention. The Bracks Government has funded development of a resource kit, 101 Ways Great and Small to Prevent Family Violence, which is available from the Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre.

Attitudes are changing in other areas, with Victoria Police now employing dedicated Family Violence Officers in this region in recognition of the scope of the problem.

**Lifeline** 131 114

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service 1800 015 188

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But good job will pay more than a wage in dollars. A good job will also pay rich emotional dividends. A good job will yield a sense of doing something worthwhile. A sense of making a contribution to something that matters. A good job will cause one to feel a part of a team that is making a difference.

Some jobs pay a huge dollar wage and an almost zero emotional wage and other jobs pay a huge emotional wage but a very small dollar wage. Now it is a fact that no matter how high the dollar wage if there is little or no emotional income from a job the job simply will not satisfy.

On the other hand if the emotional income is high then the job will never cease to inspire even though the dollar income is less than exciting.

Probably the greatest proof of this fact is the unbelievable amount of work done by volunteers. The volunteer has literally a zero dollar income for his or her work. On the other hand their emotional income from their work is so great that they are some of the most energetic, hardworking, dedicated, inspired workers in the country.

There is a fair bit of work to do around this town and the wages on offer are enormous. There are a dozen and one organisations that could use some more help. If you get to work you will go home loaded. Not with dollars but with a rich sense of fulfilment.

#### MIDWAY ANNUAL CUP DAY LUNCHEON



A great day was enjoyed by the Midway group at the new Beaconsfield Community Complex.



### FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR

#### TAX UPDATES

The Taxation Office recently released its Compliance Program for the 2004-05 year with emphasis on Small Medium to Enterprises (SME) (turnover \$2 million to \$100 million). The program concentrates technical compliance and also focuses on SME businesses complying with employer obligations including PAYG, Fringe Benefits Tax and Superannuation Guarantee. There will be an emphasis cash economy industries including tourism and hospitality, building and construction, hotels and clubs, adult entertainment, motor vehicle retailing and barter. Businesses with less than \$2 million turnover should review their record keeping and compliance in the event of a Taxation Office audit or review.

Other items of interest include the following:

1. Rental Property Expense Claims

A deduction is allowable for certain expenses that are incurred during the period the property is actually rented or made available for rental. There must be evidence of availability for rental eg advertising or listing with an Agent. This particularly applies to holiday homes rented for a limited period each year. If a property is rented at less than commercial rates eg to family members, then deductions are normally only allowed to the extent of rent received.

#### 2. Capital Gains Tax

The focus on Capital Gains Tax compliance will increase with emphasis on sales of real estate and shares. This sales data is available to the Taxation Office from public record searching of Titles Office records and Share Registries. Care should be taken in claiming Small **Business and Retirement** Exemption Concessions, if applicable. The claiming of Capital Gains Losses and Capital Gains Tax discount needs to be correctly calculated otherwise incorrect returns may result in penalties.

3. Superannuation

in Accumulated Funds,

contributions must now be allocated to particular members and no contributions forfeited or transferred to other members effective from 12th May 2004.

Market Linked Pensions became available from 20th September 2004. The income paid each year will rise and fall depending on the value of the investment supporting the Pension. They qualify for the higher pension reasonable benefits limit and only 50% of the asset value is included in the Centrelink Age Pension test.

4. Family Trust and Interposed Entity Elections

If there are tax losses in a Family Trust, then a Family Trust Election should have been made to nominate a primary beneficiary and therefore his/her family members to obtain tax benefits of losses against future net income derived by a Family Trust. A special one-off opportunity exists to lodge this Family Trust Election with the 2004 income tax return and have the Election to apply to an earlier income year.

Be sure that you keep abreast with legislative and interpretive announcements by the Taxation Office and seek advice from your Accountant in matters relevant to you.

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#### THE BIG CLEAN UP

#### by David Morland

Last month a bunch of locals lead by members of the Beaconsfield Progress Association cleaned up the Bob Burgess Reserve. Although Saturday morning 23 October was on the damp side it did not discourage a hardy crowd of willing workers.

Gathering rubbish from the creek banks and from the bushes and trees that line the park the hard working neighbours moved a considerable pile of rubbish. The Park looked much the better for their efforts. Sad to say, as well as the to be expected, lolly

wrappers and the like, a computer screen was fished from the creek as well as bags of bags of rubbish obviously dumped by the less than community minded members of our community!

So successful was the morning that the BPA intends to do it all again next year, but next time with a community breakfast to start the day.

If you would like to register your interest to help next time ring Secretary of Beaconsfield Progress Association.



Some of the willing workers with some of the gathered rubbish.

#### **SMILE**

A smile cost nothing but gives much. It reaches those who receive without making poorer those who give.

It takes but a moment, but the memory lasts a lifetime. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor that he cannot be made richer by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and it's natures best antidote for trouble. Yet, it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen for it is of no value until it is given away.

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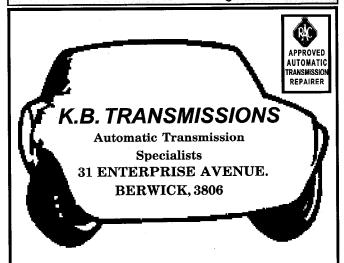
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If you would like further information on what is offered contact the following: Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre 8768 4400 Beaconsfield Kindergarten

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#### RESTORING THE **MEMORIAL**

It is hoped that early in 2005 work will be undertaken to restore the Beaconsfield Memorial to its original form.

Grants have been sought to pay a qualified stonemason to repair the base of the monument.

#### BEACONSFIELD SOLDIERS MEMORIAL

The unveiling of a memorial to fallen soldiers took place at Beaconsfield on Saturday afternoon last, and attracted a fairly large attendance, including about twenty soldiers, who were in uniform.

The Memorial, which is of polished granite and is neatly designed, has been placed in a good position at the junction of Wood Street and the Main Gippsland Road. It bears the names of nine fallen soldiers and above these in a representation of the A.I.F badge in bronze.

On the base is the inscription "Erected as a tribute to men who enlisted from Beaconsfield and district, and in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914 - 1919." ...

We acknowledge this article from the Pakenham Gazette, March 19, 1920.

It will be nice if this work can be completed before the 2005 Beaconsfield Annual Anzac Day Memorial Service scheduled for Sunday March 24th.

Further enquiries to Tony Rushton 9707 1675. Pictured above: Soldiers at the unveiling of Beaconsfield War Memorial on Saturday 13th 1920. On the granite base is the name Corbin.

Pictured below: Beaconsfield War Memorial today.



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In it, their bullock team waits patiently in the shade while its masters knock back a couple of cold ones to celebrate Christmas. And how do we know its Christmas? Part of the load they are carrying is a box of Christmas puddings destined for Christmas dinner somewhere 'up country'.



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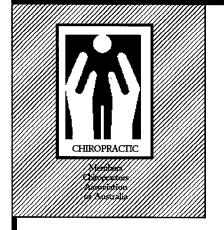
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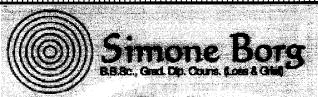


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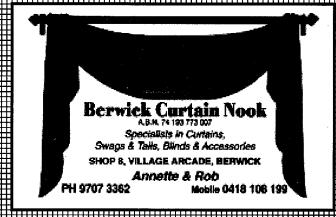
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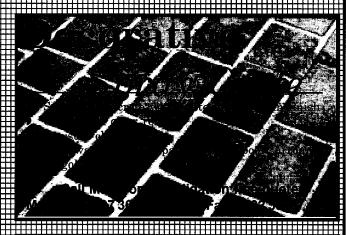
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Well 2004 draws a close. Over the past twelve months we have seen some films that have been works of art and of the course the usual... shockers. So what have been the films of the year? First of all let's look at the Top Ten according to

the Australian Box Office.

The Top Ten Films were (in order from 1-10) 'The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King', 'Shrek 2', 'Troy', 'Something's Gotta Give', 'The Passion Of The Christ', 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban', '50 First Dates', 'The Day After Tomorrow', 'Shark Tale' and 'Van Helsing'.

It's hardly surprising that these films made the Top Ten, most critics would have predicted at least eight of them to make that list at the start of the year, but what were my favourite films of the year.

#### **CROSSWIRED**

by David Griffiths

I had a soft spot for 'The Lord Of The Rings' and 'Harry Potter', but for the best film of 2004 was the AFI Award-dominating 'Somersault'. Even now, months after seeing the film, various scenes are still vivid in my memory, as is the brilliant performance of Abbie Cornish.

Comedy of the year for me, goes to the late comer 'Taxi'. I didn't expect much from this film, actually I didn't really want to see it at all, but it turned out to be a little gem. Starring Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon and Gisele Bundchen, 'Taxi' is one of those films that can bring a smile to your face even on the toughest day.

One critic has been savage on 'Taxi' saying Queen Latifah looks like Oprah Winfrey covering for Bruce Willis in 'Die Hard.' This critic needs to chill out and remember that 'Taxi' is supposed to be a sassy comedy, almost a send-up of the action film genre.

For those who haven't seen the original 'Taxi' (this version is a remake of a French classic), the film tells the story of Police Officer Andy Washburn (Jimmy Fallon) who loses his driver's license and then teams up with near psychotic taxi driver Belle Williams (Queen Latifah), to catch a group of supermodel bank robbers.

Some of my other favourite films of the year were 'Spider-Man 2' and 'Taking Lives'. Both of just been released on DVD, and the Collector's Edition of the 'Taking Lives' is not be missed. It will take you right inside this dark thriller that will keep you guessing until the end.

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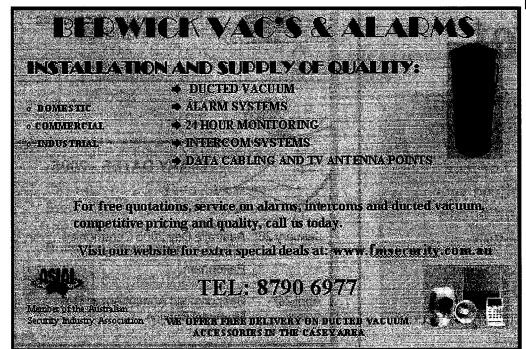


by Gloria O'Connor

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Once again this year Berwick Woodworkers have donated many wooden toys hand made and the centre will also be receiving other donated toys, so along with the hampers we will also be distributing these for children up to 12 years of age.

If we can be assistance to anyone please contact our office at Pakenham or phone 59 412268.



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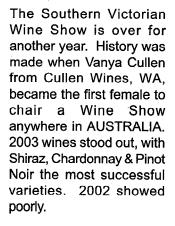


... a ride-on mower.



# WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman



Best White Wine in show was won by Coldstream Hills, Chardonnay 2003, and Best Red was the De Bortoli Yarra Valley Shiraz Voignier, 2003; this wine also won the trophy Anne and I donate for the Best Yarra Valley Red. Best Pinot Noir went to Paringa for their 2003 and Best Cabernet to a lovely wine from Oakridge, the 2003.

Most outstanding exhibitors were Port Phillip Estate with two gold's and a trophy from three entries. Other outstandings were Oakridge, Yering Station, De Bortoli, Willow Creek and Coldstream Hills. Tynong Vineyard, Cannibal Creek, won a silver and two bronze medals for their 2002 & 2003 Pinot Noir and 2003 Chardonnay.

This article is being written on the Spirit of Tasmania on returning from two weeks holiday. Tasmanian wine and food has come a long, long way since we were there some 12 years ago. Between 1990 & 1992 we held board meetings every two months in Hobart and often sought in vain for good food and especially wine. Some of our observations follow from what we experienced.

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BEST EXPERIENCE STRAHAN VILLAGE on the west coast. The Macquarie Restaurant, looking down on the harbour vista, Seafood Buffet and the Gordon River Cruise.

**BEST WINES** Lubiano Pinot Noir 2003; Wellington FGR Riesling, 2004, some suggest stands "Frightfully Good Riesling", but others, well!! Overall Tasmanian Pinot Noirs are their standout wine and with some exceptions are better then Pinot Noirs on the mainland. Prices on average are \$10 below Yarra Valley or Mornington Peninsula and most only charge \$10 per case transport - some zero.

MOST OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY - MARK "SMAKY" SEMMENS, ex California, USA, founder of Marion Vineyard on the Tamar. Very firm opinions on winemaking methods and character in wine and somewhat like John Middleton of Mount Mary. Didn't have the courage to tell him and I didn't think John Wayne could act (his hero).

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November & December is the time to plant seedlings of your favourite summer vegetables, such as: tomato, pumpkin, cucumber, lettuce, capsicum, broccoli, silverbeet, cauliflower & cabbage.

it is important to plant seedlings in the correct months so they will produce and bear well, otherwise they simply go to seed too early and all your efforts and anticipation of reaping your home grown vegetables come to dissappointment.

Vegetable seeds that can now be sown are: beetroot, carrot, peas, beans, radish & onion.

The weather prediction is for a very hot and dry summer this year. The gardens will need to be mulched and a side dressing with a complete fertilizer will be beneficial, especially for the vegetable garden. Pea straw is a good mulch, but can tend to grow a straggly pea plant, which can be pulled out very easily, so they do not rob the plant of any nutrition.

There are some gardeners who are of the opinion that early morning watering is best for the garden. I consider evening watering is best, after the sun is off the garden. Water thoroughly and the garden then has all night to absorb the moisture.

A thorough soaking once a week is more beneficial than a light shallow

watering each night. Shallow watering causes the roots of the plants to come to the surface of the soil and weaken the plants in the ground.

A product called Wetta-soil can be used to retain moisture for a longer period in the ground.

Plants in a nice container make an attractive Christmas present. Gardening books and gardening tools, plus a paid subscription for a monthly gardening magazine are all welcome as Christmas presents.

I had doubts about the coffee plants as they were all looking rather miserable with our changeable weather. When a plastic container was placed over the plants, they revived and have really flourished as the container protects them from all the elements and and they are growing in a moist hothouse situation. When there is sufficient stable warm weather they will once again be exposed to the elements.

Coffee plants are not usually this difficult to grow. My problem was that I did not research to find out when to plant the seeds. I received them in March so that was when I planted them, instead of which the correct time to plant them is Spring.

As I aforesaid; plants, seedlings must be planted in their correct times of the year!!

#### **BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN**

by Phil Collins

There is an excitement prior to Christmas, which adds to the enjoyment of those few short days in December.

Strangers wish you a Merry Christmas, loved ones wish you a Merry Christmas – so what makes your Christmas merry? Is it the giving, the receiving, the fellowship, the food or the drinks?

Christmas week means the completions of the years work and we all try to cram a bit extra into the last weeks. The interruption of Christmas parties slows things but somehow it all gets done. The shopping has to be the last thing that is done. Not so for wives and Mothers, many of those begin at the New Year sales.



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The greatest excitement is for children and we all contribute to that by the count down, the planning, the decorations, the tree, the lights, and the mystery of Santa Claus. Whatever I have learned in 73 Christmases is that it is good, healthy and happy because you share it with your family and you enjoy being together if only for a day.

No matter whether my present is a gold tee ( tied with a ribbon) or just a tender message on a Christmas card I hope I can pause a moment to recall what Christmas celebrates; the birth of Christianity and the wonderful spirit and harmony it teaches us.

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# JASON MENTIONS BEACONSFIELD

Newly elected Federal member of Latrobe, Jason Wood gave his maiden speech in the House of Representatives Canberra on the 17th November. It was great to hear, but for (Beaconsfield), the highlight of his address to the Federal Parliament was his mentioning the Beaconsfield Progress Association by name in connection with the Bryn Mawr Bridge.

Thanks Jason and well done team.



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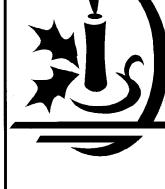
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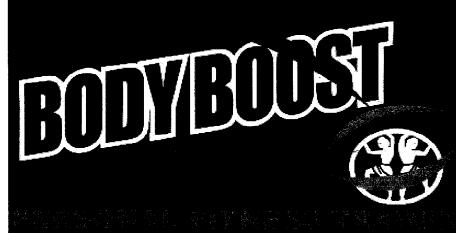
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shop and you should check and make sure you receive a vaccination certificate with your puppy. At 12 to 14 weeks a second vaccination is needed which is a booster of the previous vaccination and which includes 2 agents which combat canine cough. ("C5" vaccination). Four weeks later (16-18 weeks of age) your puppy needs a further "C5" vaccination.

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After then all dogs should be wormed every 3 months for life. Beware of pet shop or supermarket brands as many of them do not kill all types of worms. Please ask your vet's advice.

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# BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe Mc Master, President B.C.C

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

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

The Juniors are going gang busters - we are fielding 7 teams, 3 U'12's, 2 U 14's, 2 U16's the installation of a new wide pitch at St Francis Xavier College is now a first rate venue for cricket. With the number of junior players wanting to play cricket, we are struggling to find grounds to play on within the shire. We have been forced to play on school grounds and jump the creek into Casey shire to secure Akoonah park. Which will be improved with a new cricket pitch very soon.

Ground improvements have continued, new sight screens have been installed at both ends of the ground, the goal posts have been

removed and the ground recently aerated and seed drilled - it will be a picture come finals time in March.

Our corporate sponsorship raffle was won by Chris Warne at the local Guardian Pharmacy and you will see their name on the bright yellow club caps walking around town.

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.

Please enjoy the Xmas festive season and have a safe and prosperous New Year.

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# BEACONSFIELD PLAYERS PLAYING FOR WGCA

The West Gippsland Cricket Association senior team travelled to Healesville on Sunday 28th of November to play it's first association match against Yarra Valley. The WGCA team included Beaconsfield cricket members Brad Miles, Glen Scales, and Jason Dodd.

Well done.





BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

# **TENNIS NEWS**

Beaconsfield Tennis Club has had a highly successful year in both competition and general club activities and wishes every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Over the year our gardens and surrounds have been improved dramatically thanks to those energetic club members involved driven by Dawn Snelson. Currently work is taking place on improving the car park area for both public and members. This has involved tree removal and replanting, new seating and table installations. Thanks to VicHealth grants we are able to provide market umbrellas to complement seat and tables to protect spectators from the coming summer sun. We also acknowledge funding contributions from Cardinia Recreation Reserve. Our big aim for the future is hard court resurfacing.

Our club was an active participant in the recent opening of the Beaconsfield Community Complex, placing a sample of finalist flags won over the last 30 years on display.

The club held its annual Junior Club Championships on 20th November in glorious weather. The results are as follow

A: Singles (boys) winner, Daniel N, runner up, Hayden W. Doubles winners, Hayden W / Daniel N, Runners up, Josh O / Harley O.

B: Singles (boys) winner, Daniel M, runner up, Chris M. Singles (girls) winner, Meera C, runner up Natasha D

B: Doubles winners, John M / Daniel M, Runners up Meera C / Rosslyn W

A singles girls & C doubles will be held at a later date

Junior Co-ordinator Lynne Day would like to thank everybody for participating and for the support from the parents. The competition is half way through the summer season and all is going well.

Mid Week Ladies recommences in the first week of February, 2005. This competition primarily comprises groups of friends playing as teams. So why not gather some friends together as a new team and come on over and join in the fun. Of course all are welcome.



Carpark seating improvements Imbrellas thanks to VicHealth



Internal Gardens



Community Complex Display

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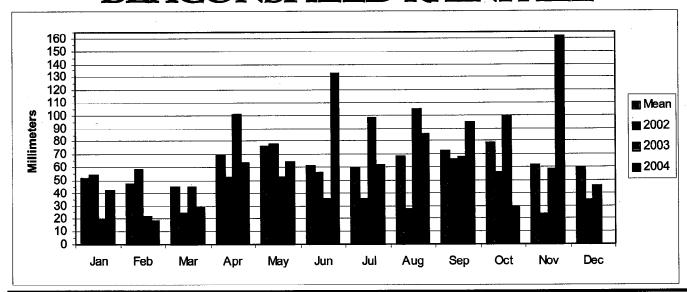
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#### **FAREWELL**

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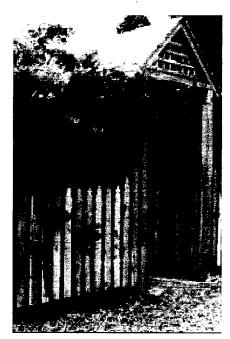
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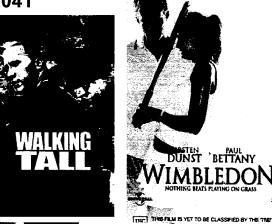
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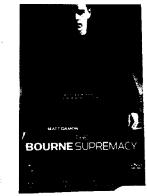
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