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RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE TO BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY



Beaconsfield residents, Don Tye and Ron Woodfine, received Cardinia Shire Achievement Awards during the Australia Day celebrations. Both have served the community of Beaconsfield in numerous ways.

Cr. Kate Lempriere (Australia Day Committee Chairwoman) presented the awards to Don Tye (pictured left) and Ron Woodfine (pictured right).

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Meetings are held on the
3rd Tuesday of each month at
Beaconsfield Community Complex
O'Neil Road.

TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY '05
7.30pm

Anthony Hooper of Cardinia Environmental
Coalition address the meeting on the CEC
submission on the Beaconsfield Reservoir.

All welcome - come meet your
neighbours and help us deal with
the issues that affect our town.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Creating Safer Communities

Beaconsfield Community Information Session Tuesday 15th March

7.30 - 8.30pm
at Beaconsfield Community Complex

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The Beaconsfield Progress Association is providing a public information session on Neighbourhood Watch. 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 this information evening on 15th March at 7.30pm.

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.

**TUESDAY 15TH MARCH.
7.30 – 8.30PM
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Light supper will be provided.

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

I trust that all of you, your families and friends have had a great and relaxing Christmas-New Year period. The Annual "Carols by the Creek" was a great night although it had a bit of shows towards the end that dampened the night. However, it was encouraging and a pleasure to see the large turn out from our town and adjoining areas coming out on the night. On behalf of the Association & the Township, I would like to thank the Baptist Church for organising a great night.

As I write my report, I am pondering all that is happening all around us in our community. The Kenilworth Avenue / Station Street upgrading and sealing is nearing completion. This was a

great achievement that was made possible through a lot of hard work from the past and present BPA members and the Council. I'm sure it will be an example of what a community like ours can accomplish when you work together!

The Avenue of Honour project has gained momentum and we will have the final concept ideas finalised early in the year to present to the community for comment. Tony Rushton has been behind this project that is very important in many ways to Beaconsfield's past.

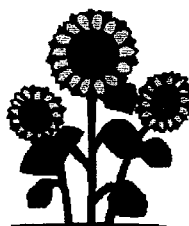
In closing, I would like to encourage all of us in our community to support our monthly meetings. Without community input, the Association would not be

able to function at its best. Our next BPA meeting will be on Tuesday the 15th of February at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex on O'Neil Rd.

If there is anything relating to our community I can be of assistance with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Regards

Michael Muaremov
President - BPA
03) 9769 9134



DECISION BY VCAT

Residents of Mahon Avenue are pleased with the result given by Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on February 3rd 2005 when they upheld Cardinia Shires decision to refuse a permit for development of a Mahon Ave site.

The proposal (as amended) involved the development of the site with 20 dwellings, 4 x single story detached dwellings, 10 x 2-storey dwellings, both attached and detached, and 6 x 3-storey dwellings in three buildings. A single access was proposed from Mahon Avenue and 9 visitor spaces to be provided, 3 in mid-site and 6 on the eastern boundary.

Following its consideration of all material placed before it and having visited the site on two occasions, the tribunal considered that the key issues to be addressed in the review were:

- * Neighbourhood character including the issue of overdevelopment of the site.
- * Infrastructure
- * Local amenity and specifically visual bulk and overlooking

In the Tribunal's view, it is a site which could be developed for a slightly greater than normal density. However, because of the topography of the site and its relationship with surrounding development, it will require a much more careful, sensitive and innovative approach than that demonstrated in the proposal.

The tribunal findings have been made available.

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CARDINIA YOUR LINK WITH COUNCIL

by Cr. Garry Runge, Beacon Hills Ward

Hello everyone. I closed last year by thanking everyone for the support I received during 2004. I now look forward to 2005 having been re-appointed as the Mayor for a second term. My first term as Mayor was a real learning experience and I feel very confident that I can take that experience and turn it into practice within the Beacon Hills ward and the Shire of Cardinia.

Australia Day was a great success this year, as it

always seems to be.

I had the pleasure of awarding the Cardinia Shire Citizen of the Year award at the Cardinia Cultural Centre and then followed on with a Citizenship Ceremony. This ceremony is the most pleasing part of my role as Mayor. To make a group of 19 people citizens of Australia is a wonderful experience and to see the expressions on their faces makes for a great day.



I am pleased to report that Kenilworth Avenue has been completed and was opened for the first day of term in 2005. This route offers an alternative to using the viaduct and has been designed to encourage traffic to divert away from the residential streets. The new route will be assessed over the next few months and some minor modifications may need to be attended to, but in the meantime I trust it will be well accept by the community.

The next stage in the traffic strategy is the provision of a safe crossing over the Old Princes Highway at our shopping centre. I have raised this matter at council level and have met with Vicroads officers on site. A safe pedestrian crossing or more importantly full traffic light signalisation at Wood Street would provide a safe crossing for all residents. I will continue to work towards this next step to make a safer Beaconsfield.

The new Beaconsfield Community Complex is beginning to get more use with the new Kindergartens opening in Term one 2005. It was great to see so many parents turn up for the working bee to help create the playground. Congratulations to the Committee of Management and all those who helped out.

Again I thank everyone for your support and look forward to a great 2005.

Regards,
Cr. Garry Runge, Mayor

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TRAFFIC CONFUSION UPDATE

by Cr. Garry Runge

It is great to see Kenilworth Avenue finally completed, however there has been some confusion with the traffic flow.

Due to a number of near collisions involving traffic traveling west along Beaconsfield Avenue with traffic coming from Station Street the council engineers erected a stop sign on Station Street. I was concerned that this was not

the correct treatment and called for advice from the local police and I also called for an immediate traffic safety audit. The stop sign was removed and rubber barriers erected to assist traffic flow.

I believe a roundabout is the correct option for this intersection so I ask for patience and care until the matter is resolved properly.



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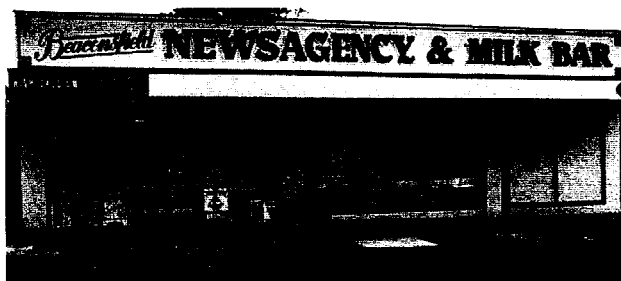
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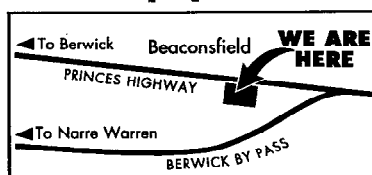
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CARDINIA SHIRE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At the Cardinia Shire Australia Day celebrations, Achievement Awards were presented to two Beaconsfield residents, Don Tye and Ron Woodfine. These awards were given for many years of volunteer service to the township of Beaconsfield. Both families are supportive of the volunteer work that Don and Ron give to their community and also give valueable help whenever possible.



DON TYE

Don's achievements span over many years and he has given countless hours service to a wide variety of community groups.

Don served in the military and has been an active member of the Beaconsfield Volunteer Fire Brigade since joining in 1985.

Whilst a member of the Beaconsfield Progress Association Don also contributed to the Beaconsfield Banner. Kinder and School committees have also benefitted from Dons involvement.

Through his interests in model railways, Don was a founding member of the Casey Cardinia Model Railway Club of which he has been awarded Life Membership.

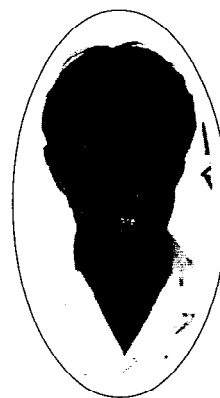
After Brian Parkes, the local butcher, left the area about 10 years ago, Don took over the responsibility of ensuring that the Australian flag is raised in Beaconsfield. This also includes special events. A task that can be somewhat taken for granted but thankfully is still noticed by many.

RON WOODFINE

Ron has been a familiar face in Beaconsfield through both his business and volunteer capacity. Ron is currently working locally for Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware.

It was during the time when Ron was running his mechanic business in Beaconsfield (on the site where the Baptist Church is situated), when he was asked if he would be interested in joining the Beaconsfield CFA as they had trouble getting daytime crew. He began as a volunteer in April 1976 and has been Captain since July 1993.

Over the 28 years Ron has been dedicated to looking after the community of Beaconsfield and has worked tirelessly for the brigade.



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CAROLS AIRED BY THE CREEK

by Peter Brown

Around 400 voices filled the pre-Christmas air around Bob Burgess Reserve on the Sunday evening before Christmas. The happy crowd, on the grass covered with blankets and chairs were welcomed by Mayor Garry Runge, and Progress Association President Michael Muaremov.

Cardinia Civic Concert Band and the Casey Singers provided inspiration in the right key, and on high from a semi-trailer and two tray trucks, happily and regularly provided by Robert L. Harding, ABS Transport and Beaconsfield Timber. Compere Sean Mc Mahon kept things rolling along, although the power supply caused a few moments of anxiety.

At just the right time, "Jesus, in the arms Mary,

with Joseph, accompanied by wise men and shepherds", came, in procession, from the south end of the park.

The weather was pretty kind. Unlike the previous year, it was not a washout. The brisk breeze meant a little ingenuity was used to keep the TXU candles alight. Anyway, there were no fires. Rain greeted us a little after 9.00pm, sending a fair few happy bodies in the directions of their homes.

All in all, the many happy families and the volunteers (mostly from Beaconsfield Baptist Church) made this an inspirational night.

December 18th 2005 will see the Christmas Carols by the Creek happening again. Put that date on your calendar for a night not to be missed.

CARDINIA BUSINESS BREAKFAST

10 March 2005

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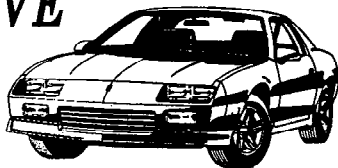
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Philip Walton

Firefighters from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade have been kept busy since Christmas with a number of call outs. Significant fires and incidents have included:

* A grassfire in the Panorama Estate, which burnt quickly across a number of vacant housing blocks. The fire was started by the heat of the exhaust system of a car parked on a nature strip with long grass. Three tankers from Beaconsfield and Officer were required to control the fire.

* A crew being sent to the fire at Fulham near the Grampians in western Victoria in early January to assist in fighting the largest fire in Victoria so far this summer.

* A scrub fire in Vernon Road to the north of the Beaconsfield township, which is likely to have started from smouldering material from a burn off several days earlier. Five tankers from Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield, Berwick and Officer were required to control the fire.

* A truck accident on the Princes Freeway near the

turn off to Beaconsfield which involved the clean up of a large diesel spill from a ruptured fuel tank.

* A house fire in Cooina Road in the early hours of the morning on 29 January. The residents were away at the time of the fire that totally destroyed the house and could be seen from over ten kilometres away. Seven firefighting appliances from Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield, Berwick and Narre Warren were involved in fighting the fire, including trucking in water from several kilometres away due to there being no fire hydrants in the Cooina Road area.

The risk of bushfires or grassfires through to the end of April is high and the community is urged to take care to ensure their actions do not cause a fire.

In particular:

* Observe any fire restrictions in force.

* Never leave a fire (including a solid fuel barbecue) unattended and ensure it is cool to touch before leaving.

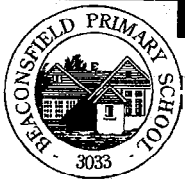
* Avoid driving vehicles through long dry grass.

For further information on fire restrictions, total fire ban days or updates on any major fires, contact:

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal



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First Day Reflections

"I love playing in the playground and running around."

"I liked making stuff!"

"I love playing in the playground and running around."

"I enjoyed pretending outside."

"I didn't cry today."

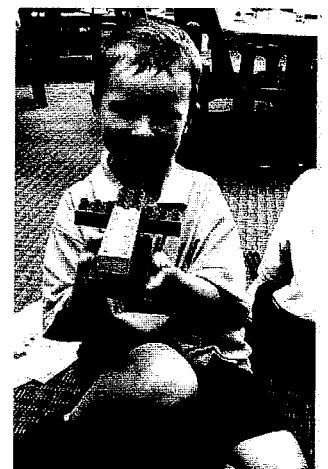
"I liked playing in the garden."

"I liked going in the sun and eating."

Preps first day
at Beaconsfield Primary School.



We had a very busy start to the school year. We look forward to sharing the successes of the students with the community during the year.



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Term 1 courses

All the areas of Beaconsfield and surrounds should have received the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre brochure in January. If you did not receive one, you are welcome to ring the Centre on 8768 4400, and we will post one to you.

Programs at the Centre in term 1 include:

For adults:

Digital photography
Patchwork & quilting
Still life pencil drawing
Mosaics
Chikung & meditation

Linedancing for beginners & intermediate

Table tennis for older adults

Karate for seniors

Philosophy

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Learning Land program

Karate

There is more variety in craft courses offered this year with the introduction of:-

* Mosaics - a friendly class demonstrating an easy way to create wonderful ornaments with no drawing experience necessary

* Drawing - where students learn in graphite and watercolour pencils to create still-life paintings in a medium that is easier than traditional watercolour

* Patchwork and quilting - where participants learn how to make a hexagon honeycomb quilt the easy way.

Our classes and programs are run by enthusiastic local tutors and leaders, who are keen to offer their skills to the community, and the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Committee is committed to offer the courses at costs that make them available to as many residents as possible.

For further information about any of the courses, please contact our Centre office.

Occasional Care in 2005

Due to increased demand we have increased our Occasional Care program in 2005, with two longer sessions available. The program offers quality care at very reasonable cost for children from 18 months to 5 years inclusive.

The program now operates on Tuesdays from 8.30 - 11.30am and from 12.15 - 3.15pm, and on Thursdays and Fridays from 8.30am - 1pm. Bookings are essential, but care can be casual or permanent, and you are welcome to visit with your child before using the program. Come along and discuss your needs with our Childcare Director.

How to contact us

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre office is open from 9am to 2.30pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive, at the Beaconsfield Community Complex in O'Neil Road.

Our phones are now working properly, and we are able to take messages outside of our office hours again. Apologies to anyone who had trouble getting through during the past few months. Our general office phone number is 8768 4400. The direct phone number for Occasional Care is 8768 4437.

Our Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Committee and staff are all looking forward to an exciting year in the new Community Complex building, and invite you to take part in the programs on offer and to let us know what you would like to see at the Centre for the rest of the year.



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(B.I.C.R.A.G.) by Fred Inguanzo, BICRAG representative

As we commence 2005 with renewed vigor, BICRAG can reflect on a busy but positive 2004. When we left the end of 2004, the issue of erecting sound/safety barriers along the Berwick Bypass area near the Soldiers Rd/ Brookvale Estate section, was in the hands of the member for Gembrook Ms Tammy Lobato. A number of questions from BICRAG regarding when we were to see the barriers being erected, were forwarded to the Minister for Transport office by Ms Lobato for the office's attention. To date we await a response and will continue to liaise with Ms Lobato with a view of hopefully seeing the barriers moving from just one of 25 similar Vicroads projects to a priority matter that has

had constant concern expressed by BICRAG to all and sundry.

The year 2004 also ended on a welcome note for one of BICRAG's endeavours when the successful Federal Candidate for Latrobe Mr. Jason Woods promised 10 million dollars towards the erection of the railway overpass at Brywn Marr Boulevard. One can only imagine the many benefits that this overpass will give to all local residents, local business and other services. BICRAG is most appreciative of the funding pledged for the overpass and will continue to liaise with Mr. Woods and other interested parties to ensure a prompt and effective construction of the overpass.

On a local government note,

BICRAG congratulates the newly elected Mayor for Casey Mr. Neil Lucas on his mayoral achievement. Mr Lucas has attended our meetings on several occasions in his capacity as the Ward councilor, often giving encouragement and being most supportive of BICRAG's commitment to our previously mentioned issues. As a result of meetings with Mr. Lucas in attendance, a proposed footpath connecting the Beaconsfields Village College along the north side of Soldiers Road towards the east has been approved for funding in future Casey Council projects. I am sure that not only the many students who traverse the current awkward northerly

stretch of Soldiers Road but all local pedestrians will be relieved and appreciative of this new footpath.

The next BICRAG meeting is on Wednesday 9th February at 7.30pm. For more info re the meeting and any other issues you may wish to raise at the meeting or discuss further please ring our Convenor Ray Fleming on mobile ph no- 0407.530.037. Whilst the meetings had regular dedicated turn ups in 2004, BICRAG urges all local residents and other interested parties to attend our meetings so that TOGETHER we can make a difference to our great area and therefore enjoy the fruits of our labour as a team.

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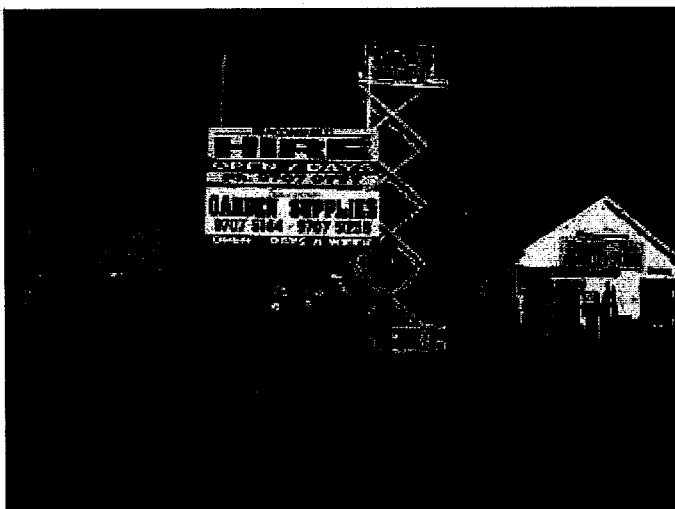
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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman



While wine and food have been a long term interest, fishing has been my lifetime passion (well since around 8 years). I joined North Cronulla Surf Club at 13 and slept over on week ends; being too young to join the big boys at the Pub on Friday and Saturday evenings. I fished the surf beach. For the past 35 years there has always been a fishing boat to tow to some close or far distant water.

With fishing you are always learning and recently whilst fishing with Len Gerdson we caught what one called arrow squid and the other aeroplane squid. So out came the standard reference, 'The Australian Seafood Handbook' from the CSIRO which usually ends all discussion. It turns

out that both names apply to the same fish, officially called Gould's Squid but a foot note led to important info on cooking methods.

Commonly we refer to squid and/or calamari as the being same thing; well in a pile at the fishmongers they can look the same though the calamari will be dearer and should be skinned and cooked quickly, say 2 minutes and squid (and octopus) require around 60 minutes of poaching or braising. So how do we tell the difference? First if you trust the fishmonger, ask, or if not then a basic difference is that the Arrow Squid has a long slender narrow and arrow shaped head and difficult to remove skin, it freezes well. The Southern Calamari has a much rounder head and the skin

is easily removed. Why am I telling you all of this? Recently Len and I returned from that early morning fish with arrows, so what to do with them. First the above book for ID then to my seafood reference cookbook. 'Jean Jacques Seafood' (remember Jean Jacques of North Melbourne) recommended a simple but truly fabulous dish which we will long remember.

First clean the squid. Run your finger round inside the head to free the intestines. Pull head from body, slowly. Cut off tentacles between the eyes and beak. Discard the head and intestines. Rinse under tap. Unless a very large squid of 2 kg or more do not cut into rings. To cook : for 1 kg squid or octopus you will need; 2

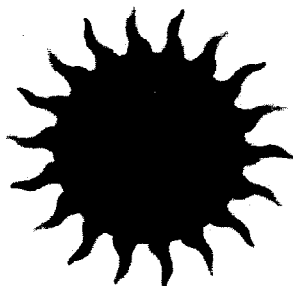
tablespoons olive oil, a few peppercorns, some sprigs of fresh herbs. I used lemon thyme, oregano and some Italian parsley and celery tops. In total about 2 handfuls and lastly 2 cloves of unpeeled garlic.

Place all ingredients into a large casserole dish with a tight fitting lid or cover tightly with Alfoil. Mix all ingredients until squid well oiled. Cook in a 125c oven for 1 hour. While cooking mix a vinaigrette made from a good handful of chopped parsley, virgin olive, lemon juice and about 12 kalamatta olives that you stone and half. Remove the hot squid from the pan cut into bite sized pieces and toss in the vinaigrette while hot. Serve over a mixed salad containing some red leaves. The squid skin will take on a rich red colour during cooking and the flesh will remain a beautiful contrasting white. Looks great on the plate.

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by Ann Taylor

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY MAKE AUSTRALIA SHINE!

by Lisa Loullier

Once again Friends of Cardinia Creek will be holding Clean Up Australia Day activities in the reserve and along Cardinia Creek. Last year we collected 40 bags of rubbish. Please come and help to clean up the reserve, whether for an hour or the whole morning. Bring along family and friends.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve
Sunday 13th March
9 am – 12 noon.

Meet at the Emerald Rd carpark opposite Holm Park Rd., Morning tea will be provided. Please remember to bring gloves, sturdy shoes and sun protection. See you there!

We will also have our usual fourth Sunday Working Bee scheduled for 27th February and 27th March 9am – 12 noon. Morning tea provided. Meet at carpark opposite Holm Park Rd and please remember to wear appropriate clothing for working in the bush and sun. All welcome.

For any further enquires contact:

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BANNER ONLINE

NEW!!! The Beaconsfield Banner can now be viewed online at www.beaconsfield.org.au.

The December edition was the first edition of the Beaconsfield Banner to be placed on the Beaconsfield Progress Association Website.

Our team of volunteers, lead by Nick Hock, have been continually updating the

information available through this website. The site contains information for our Neighbourhood Centre, a community directory of local business and community contacts, council details and Beaconsfield Progress Association information.

Well worth a look and we welcome comments and questions via the Webmaster.

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Tsunami Disaster Reconstruction

by Tammy Lobato, MP,
member for Gembrook

The tragic tsunami event cast a pall over the start of the new year for all of us. Local residents have been generous in donating to the cause with one bank branch in Berwick collecting over \$50,000 in donations. The Bracks Government has established a \$10 million Tsunami Disaster Reconstruction Fund which will support medium to long term rebuilding projects over the next 3 to 5 years.

On Tuesday 8th February, a meeting was held with local residents and the Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Minister for Transport, Carlo Carli MP, to discuss the Beaconsfield railway station upgrade. Topics for discussion included the pedestrian crossing upgrade and the condition of facilities at the station. Feedback provided by residents is a vital part of the process for this upgrade, and is a way of ensuring infrastructure upgrades are

meeting the needs of all members of the community.

With the school year now back in full swing, I was delighted that the Education Maintenance Allowance has been increased by the Bracks Government to assist low-income families to meet the needs of educating their children. This allowance will now also be indexed to inflation. The \$400 amount for secondary school students and \$200 for primary school students

helps meet the costs of books, excursions and uniforms and ensures all children have access to educational opportunities.

Late last year, the Treasurer, The Hon. John Brumby MP, removed land tax from caravan parks to help keep accommodation affordable for both holiday makers and long-term residents such as pensioners and retirees. The managers of Blue Gum Caravan Park in nearby

Officer, Mark and Rhonda Bell, have said this tax exemption will allow them to further improve the facilities at the park and will keep prices down. Tax reforms are set to continue: over the next 5 years, over \$1 billion dollars in land tax will be cut to keep jobs, businesses and investment strong.

Jot down Sunday 20 November in your diary as it will be a special countdown day as we head towards the Commonwealth Games in 2006. The Bracks Government has funded a \$4.5 million Getting Involved program to enable residents throughout Victoria to take part in a host of healthy activities in the lead-up to the games. All municipalities have applied for funding to host events on this day, which will range from swimming carnivals, fund runs and dancing classes. A particular focus is being placed on involving young people, older citizens and people with a disability to ensure all members of our community have the opportunity to participate in the fun. Those wishing to get even more involved can apply to be a volunteer through the Commonwealth Games Volunteer Program. Applications are open now at www.melbourne2006.com.au. It will be a fantastic opportunity for those involved and, no doubt, the experience of a lifetime.

Photo above shows Tammy in Firepower, one of the HPV (Human Powered Vehicles) Berwick HPV and Cycling Club, which involves a number of Beaconsfield residents, has received a \$30,000 grant from VicHealth.

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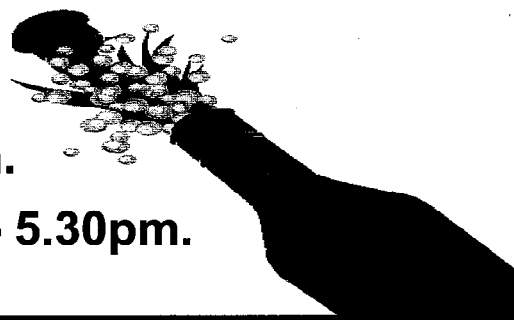
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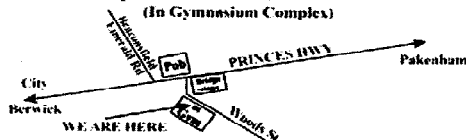
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Tsunami

They were called Tidal Waves when I was a kid. We used to talk about them with the awe that one reserves for an Earth Quake or a Volcano erupting. We knew that they happened but never really expected to see one.

Then it hit. Ripping through with a force that tore up everything before it. Devastation and destruction. Whipping children from the arms of mothers, wiping out village after village, smashing to pieces the nicest of resorts, totally rearranging the environment. No mercy, no respecter of race or class or religion.

And does God care? The old saying goes, "If God were a God of love and power he would never have let it happen. So he is either not very loving or not very powerful".

But God is love and he is powerful. It is He who has

told us that this world that we live in cannot sustain us. Tsunamis come, Cancer strikes, Cars crash, Babies die, Old age creeps up on us all. The real issue is death. We live in a world that is not capable of protecting us from death. In fact we live in a world where life is precarious.

If this world is all that there is, if there is nothing beyond the coffin, if the only existence we are to know lies in the present, then God has indeed failed to care for us. But could it be that there is more?

Could it be true that when God promises us a paradise in which there is no more mourning, or tears, or pain or death, He is speaking the truth? Could it be true that when God calls us to trust Him He is actually expressing deep and abiding love? Could it be that God is calling us to an eternity that is beautiful beyond our imagination?



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Sunday April 24th

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SALLY'S GARDEN



CACTI & SUCCULENTS

If your garden has an area that receives the hot afternoon sun and the soil is always very dry, try making it into a rock garden or simply a cacti growing area.

Cacti come in various shapes, colours, prickles and hairs, and need to be handled very carefully as some of these fine hairs are very difficult to extract if they penetrate the skin.

All the small cacti can be grown in pots, which can be dug into the ground (half way up the pots) and then all the garden area scattered with pebbles to make the area look professional and neat and tidy. When it is time to divide the plants, take the pot out of the ground, as it becomes so much easier to handle each individual plant.

Borders can be planted with mini cabbage like plants called Echeveria, commonly known as Hen & Chickens. Flowers are small orange and yellow.

The *Orbea variegata*-Starfish or Toad cactus- is a remarkable flat star flower, originally from southern Africa. Grows to about 7cm across, in an extraordinary colour scheme of pale yellow all mottled and streaked with

brown and purple. Unfortunately it has a very pungent smell but is very attractive in appearance.

Lithops are curious little plants known as Living Stones, and are often hard to distinguish from the pebbles scattered about them in nature. You can reproduce their environment in shallow containers of sandy potting soil with extra gravel for drainage. Top with a layer of river pebbles and place a few polished stones here and there around them. The single, daisy-like flowers, which may be twice as large as the plant, appear in autumn.

Melocactus neryli, commonly known as Turk's Fez, has a bizarre beauty, as do the fluffy, hairy *Mammarillarias*.

The smaller cacti can be placed at the foot of a tall cacti, such as the old man cacti, or can be planted in the front area with the taller larger plants behind them in a more landscaped style.

Before deciding on the size or shape of the rockery, it would be wise to attend a cacti nursery to decide on colour, shape and type of cacti that appeals to you.

A rockery can liven up a dry area with bounteous colour.



FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
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If you are an Australian Resident for income tax purposes then you are required to include income from all sources derived in Australia and from overseas unless the income is specifically exempt. Examples of taxable overseas income would include pensions, annuities, superannuation payments, interest, dividends, Capital Gains and possibly Wages and Salaries. A tax credit is allowed for any foreign income tax paid on this income. Exempt income includes employees working on an approved overseas project.

Foreign income and foreign tax credits if applicable are converted into Australian currency at either the rate applicable when the income is received in an Australian Bank Account or when the income was earned. If income is not remitted during the year, then the exchange rate at the end of the financial year is used as a basis of conversion.

Australia has entered into treaties with many countries whereby both countries provide relief from double

taxation. Specified rates of withholding tax normally apply to Dividends, Interest and Royalties. Salaries and Wages are normally taxed in the country of source if the person is present for more than one half of the financial year. If the employee derives wages and salaries income overseas but has lived in that country for less than one-half of the year then the income is generally assessable in Australia but an income tax credit allowed for foreign tax credit of up to the amount of the applicable Australian income tax.

All Australians who are residents of Australia for income tax purposes should ensure that they include income from foreign sources including interest, dividends, royalties and possibly wages and salaries in their income tax returns and only claim allowable foreign tax credits. If in doubt you should seek the services of your Accountant or Registered Tax Agent.

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CARDINIA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.(CRRA)

by Gloria O'Connor

A General Meeting of CRRA members

will be held on

Tuesday 22nd February

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Community Complex,

O'Neil Road,

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commencing at 7.30pm.

This will be a public meeting and we invite **ALL** Cardinia ratepayers and residents to take this opportunity to meet with the committee and members of CRRA to discuss any shire issues they may wish to raise.

❖ It is important for all ratepayers and residents in Cardinia Shire to be aware that there is to be a local government review of ward

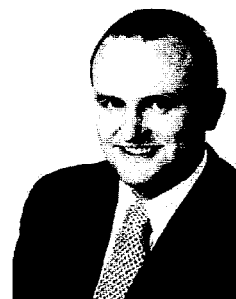
boundaries in Cardinia Shire which may result in less wards and more councillors in a ward.

The Victorian Electoral Commission will carry out the review and a public information evening is to be held on 24th February 7.30pm at the shire offices. The VEC will advertise this in local and daily papers early February and also in Connect Cardinia council magazine. VEC Info line:131832 www.vec.vic.gov.au

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INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER FOR LA TROBE

by Jason Wood



I am pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the Beaconsfield Banner. Those Progress Association members who put the Banner together should be congratulated for their efforts to provide this resource documenting local community issues and services.

During my short time in the Federal Parliament, I have addressed many issues on behalf of local residents, one in particular has been the construction of the Bryn Mawr Bridge. I am very pleased that the Minister for Local Government, Territories

and Roads Jim Lloyd has announced an allocation of \$10 million for the project.

The Beaconsfield Township will benefit greatly from this alternate north-south route. As the new estates continue to develop to the south, the opening of the new Casey Hospital and Beaconsfields Campus, together with the existing Monash and TAFE campuses all draw traffic through the township. We all look forward to an early commencement of works.

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TSUNAMI SUPPORT

by Steve at Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

It is just over 12 months since we opened our doors of the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre and the response from the community has been tremendous. As most visitors to the clinic will know Vicky, Natasha and I started out early November 2003. The clinic has since developed through your support so that Debbie or new vet and Sian, our new nurse, have joined the group. Debbie has lived and worked in the area for a number of years having recently completed further studies in small animal internal medicine. In March, we will have a third nurse joining the team, Marnie, who brings a wealth of experience to the practice.

We are going to be expanding soon as the building is too small to fit us all in. In doing so, we will be able to offer you more services, but we hope you will not be too inconvenienced by the work in progress! As we continue to grow through your support we will continue to maintain our level of care. Our aim is not to develop into a large impersonal clinic, but instead be able to offer you

more whilst still being seen by whom ever you request. Over the first 12 months we have developed our motto, "For your Animals Wellbeing" as we are focused on both the medical/surgical requirements of your pet and your interaction with your pets at home. After all, this is where you both get most enjoyment!

We will be contributing an article to the Beaconsfield Banner on a regular basis. We would never discuss specific cases, but if you have certain topics you would like discussed (large or small animal) please feel free to ring the clinic or write to us. We would love your involvement.

On a final note, thank you to everyone who has visited the clinic during January. As a result the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre will be donating over \$4000 to World Vision in support of those affected by the Asian Tsunami. This has hit very close to home for Natasha and myself as we returned from our honeymoon in Patong, Thailand, 2 weeks prior to the disaster. This donation has only been possible through your efforts. Thank you.

INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER FOR LA TROBE

by Jason Wood

Finally I pay tribute to our community's volunteers. As members of community associations, sporting clubs, churches, or service clubs, local residents play an essential role. Well done

to all those who volunteer.

I am always happy to discuss issues that are important to the community. Please contact me on 9762 4066 if you would like to discuss these issues.

THE BERWICK SHOW

26th & 27th February

Children long for the annual show just for the Merry-go-round, show bags, dodgem cars, clowns and prizes, but as the Annual Berwick Show draws near many locals are planning their weekend at the show as exhibitors in the wide variety of sections.

Briefly looking back at the history of the Berwick Show, it is easy to see that the Berwick Show Society has a long and proud association with Agricultural Competition in Victoria. In 1998 while celebrating the 150 years of Agricultural Competition, a booklet was compiled which makes for an interesting read.

Some of the highlights include :

❖ The Mornington Farmers Society held its Jubilee Show at Berwick in November 1906.

❖ Name changed to Berwick and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society in 1918.

❖ It was reported in Australasian of 24th November 1906 that:

"Next to the Ayrshires was the wonderful collection of ponies, ridden mostly by girls in a style that their mothers would have thought excessively bold and masculine. Girls and ponies were everywhere, pink cheeked girls, with flying curls and flop hats,

all riding exceeding fat ponies. It was a picnic as much as a show."

❖ In 1938 saw the change of Show Day from Thursday to Saturday.

❖ It was traditionally a Spring Show but in 1959 this changed to the current format.

❖ It was in 1975 that the event became a two-day show.

The Show has had a number of changes since it began and has faced a variety of adversities including rain (floods), heat and worst of all the Ash Wednesday Fires.

The Berwick Show has evolved over the decades

with plenty of hard work from the volunteer committees. Recent rains have created much discussion for this years show committee as they prepare for the show to be held on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February, 2005.

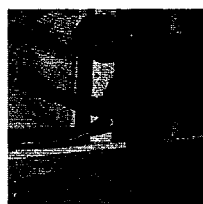
Exhibitors can still enter the Horticulture section with entries closing on 22nd February, as we look forward to many entries from Beaconsfield residents.

It is an easy stroll to Akoonah Park for Beaconsfield residents, so we anticipate seeing many families enjoying the Berwick Show.

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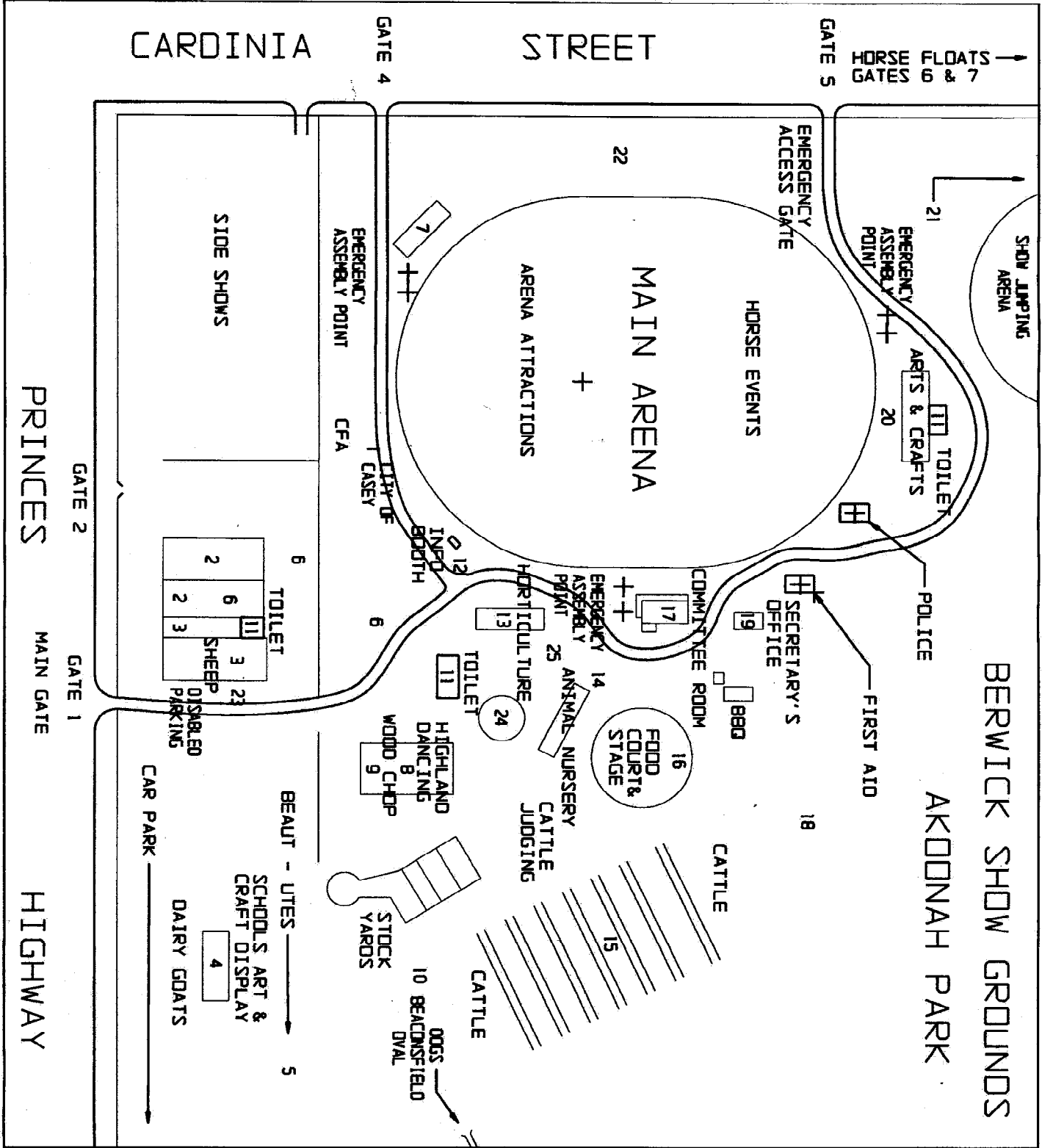
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12.30 to 1.30	Ronald McDonald
1.30 to 2.00	N V - US --- Singing and Dancing
2.30 to 4.00	Code 1 Police Band
4.30 to 6.30	Big Deal Covers Band
7.00 to 8.00	City of Casey Idol Finalists
8.00	Chris Newman - Solo Singer

ARENA

9.00 am	Horse Events
3.00 to 4.30	Gumboot Throwing Competition
	Straw Broom Throwing
4.30 to 6.00	Childrens Races
6.30 to 8.15	Holden Ltd Six-Bar Show Jumping Spectacular
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9.00	City of Casey Fireworks Spectacular

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SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY

BEACONSFIELD TIMBER & HARDWARE STAGE

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1.00 to 1.30	Humphrey Bear
2.00 to 3.00	Cathy-Lea Academy of Performing Arts

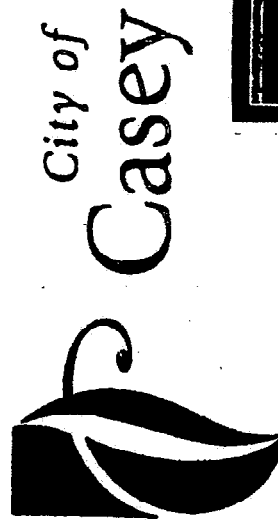
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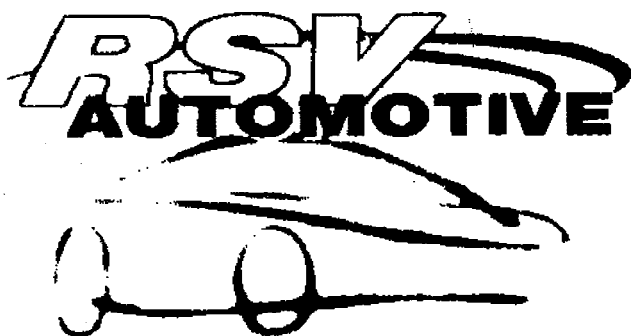
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2.30 pm	Beaut Utes Parade

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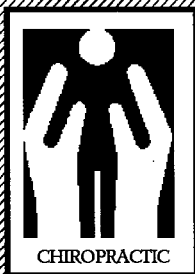
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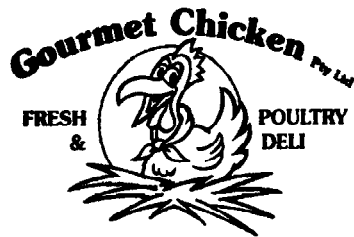
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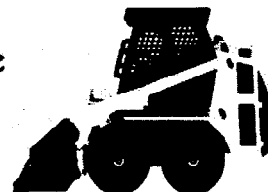
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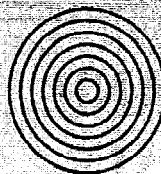
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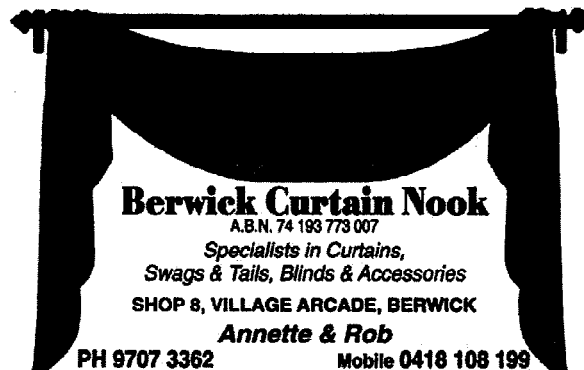
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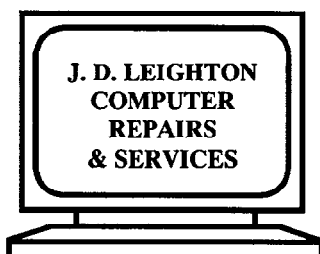
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by David Griffiths

During the recent tsunami disaster I was angered to read letters sent to some of Melbourne's leading newspapers slamming Angelina Jolie, saying she was only helping out the charities involved to boost her Hollywood profile.

The people who made those outlandish statements should be tied to a chair and forced to watch the film 'Beyond Borders'. It was while shooting this film that Jolie realised what kind of work aid agencies do and through her own hard work and fundraising was given the official title as Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF.

Beyond Borders' tells the heart wrenching story of Sarah Jordan, a woman who leaves behind her luxurious life in London to aid those in Africa and Indonesia.

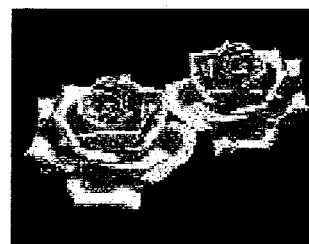
'Beyond Borders' is more a lesson in humanity than it is a film, although the strong storyline will keep you well and truly interested. Jodie's performance is nothing short of outstanding, even better than her Academy Award winning performance in 'Girl Interrupted'.

Backing up Jolie is Clive Owen who plays aid doctor Nick Callahan. the film doesn't 'pretty-up' the role of an aid worker, instead it shows just how harsh everyday life can be for them and how their lives are constantly placed in danger, not only from disease and famine but also the warlords who relentless. Watch 'Beyond Borders' and I can guarantee it will change your perspective on life.

Also on the recently released list is the first season of the top US drama 'Nip/Tuck'. This show definitely deserved it's recent Golden Globe win for

Best Drama. Starring Australia's Julian McMahon, 'Nip/Tuck' tells the story of two Miami South Beach plastic surgeons. 'Nip/Tuck' is certainly not for the squeamish (the surgery scenes are quite graphic), but anyone who enjoys a well-written adult drama will be in their element with this box set. The box set also includes director's cuts of each episode and is a must have for fans of the show.

Another TV show recently released on DVD has been 'Footballer's Wives'. Seasons One and Two are available in box sets, which should please all those people who were angered by Channel 10 taking the program off mid-way through the second season. 'Footballer's Wives' is Britain's answer to 'Melrose Place' and will open up a new side to soccer that most people never even knew existed. Again this is a program not to be missed. Happy film going!



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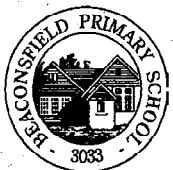
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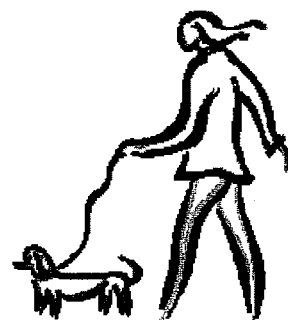
❖ Always take water with you (collapsible water bowls are ideal).

❖ On very warm days restrict your walks to early morning and later evening.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

They say that travel broadens the mind while it shrinks the wallet and both are probably true. A pre-Christmas tour of the South American continent and some Pacific Islands gave my wife and I a wealth of knowledge and some understanding of the cultures and political and economic conditions under which the various peoples live and work. The overwhelming impression of our travels was that people were friendly and helpful to strangers often going out of their way to help us out if we struck some minor difficulty. The fact that many were poor and uneducated made no

difference; they wanted to help and more than happy to do so. Smiles came easily and without being forced. Poverty is the norm in most countries and making a living is a daily grind which they seem to accept as their lot. Beggars line the streets in some cities and having no social security schemes and with unemployment rife, whole families are reduced to this way of life. Toddlers who can barely stand are taught early to beg for money, a confronting sight for a member of our humane society.

They do have pride though as we found in Brazil. Shoe

shine men in the streets all wore balaclavas over their head and it was explained to us that having lost their normal jobs they wished to hide their shame by wearing these "terrorist masks", a strange sight indeed.

To balance it out the geographical and ancient structural sights can only be described as breathtaking, to numerous to list here. A predominantly Catholic continent there are churches and cathedrals everywhere and many are truly magnificent and seem to represent the main hope of the people, as little else can. Gold leaf and wonderful frescos abound and there is always ongoing restoration work. The cities are usually huge with populations that make our own here look like small villages. Sao Paulo, in Brazil, boasts a

population of 17 million, only 3 million short of Australia's total population. The countryside is generally sparsely populated where people eke out a precarious living usually without electricity and running water. Medical services are unknown in the rural areas and people rely on traditional herbalists and midwives for basic help. The cities have Hospitals but in the main all people must pay for services.

No Medicare here. A pleasant surprise was the quality of the various airlines we travelled on. (Thirteen separate flights in all, some long haul) Modern planes, clean, great pilots and cabin crews and pretty much keeping to schedules. The top hotels were as good as you could get anywhere and the food was excellent.

Whilst not ignoring the crime that exists, as it does in all countries and cultures, listening to local guides and using common sense enabled us to enjoy an amazing journey, and confirming that a common thread runs through all peoples. The desire for basic needs, family unity, and hope for the future together with a religious or philosophical foundation to smooth over the sharp edges of life. Treating others with courtesy and respect begets the same in return and crosses the barriers of race and status, economic or otherwise.

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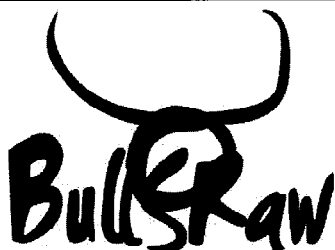
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by Margaret Cromb

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Summer is not the time to be planting but at the Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery we are "pricking out" seedlings in readiness for autumn. Our plants are on a watering system so with the warm weather are growing well. If you are wanting to plant understorey, midstorey or upperstorey species we have the lot, specifically for your area. Call in on any Friday between 10.30am to 5pm for advice. If you have a front or back garden consider planting a section to indigenous plants, or plant them amongst your other plants. This way you will enjoy the company of our beautiful native birds and butterflies. You might be interested in converting your nature strip to native tussock grasses and wildflowers - no more grass cutting and a much more interesting look.

Anyone needing help with large plantings is encouraged to seek Landcare assistance. Landcare will help with the costs of fencing off remnant vegetation from stock or fencing waterways and wetlands. The cost of plants, guards and stakes are covered and volunteers, including other landowners who have had work done on their properties will assist with planting. This way we can plant out 500 plants in a morning and enjoy the experience. This is our third year of operation and we are

to visit our first three properties next week to see the results of our efforts. It is exciting to see the growth and hear of returning wildlife.

Roadsides are an area of interest for us as they often contain significant indigenous plants cleared from other areas. The Shire of Cardinia have a 'Tree Planting scheme' to encourage you to restore indigenous plants and remove weeds from your roadside. You can apply for funds to do this. I am presently holding a number of Eucalypt Caladulensis (River Red Gums) at the nursery for planting into the wetland at Berwick Springs in Beaconsfield/ Emerald Rd. The seed was gathered from the only remaining tree of this type in the area when the road was widened last year. In Upper Beaconsfield the Landcare group is to plant indigenous species back into the Split Rock Rd reserve to replace trees removed. In Harkaway we have worked hard to eliminate weeds and plant indigenous species into the upper reaches of Warlsdorf Creek which runs beside King Rd.

We urge you to think about the plants you put into your garden. Be sure they are not environmental weeds and will not become a problem in the bushland near you. Agapanthus is such an example. Casey and Cardinia have a new brochure available with information on weeds which is well illustrated and has information on how to tackle them. If you would like one call into the nursery or give your Council a ring.

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by Darren Zappa

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The most common type of spyware is more properly termed adware, its main goal to generate pop-up and other ads.

Browser hijackers, the kind my client got, direct users to rogue search engines.

Dialers scam users by making international phone calls that carry hefty per-minute surcharges. A rare but malicious form can steal passwords and other confidential data.

The biggest method of distributing spyware is to secretly bundle it with free software that you download from the Internet. Sites that offer music sharing, videos, weather data, games, screen savers, a tool bar, or program that synchronizes your computer's clock often are paid to distribute this

spyware as adware.

A lot of people think "I'm going to get free smileys in my e-mail or some sort of free download" without realizing the potential damage the software is going to cause. Users themselves invite spyware by breezing through prompts and not reading licensing agreements they are required to accept. Consent to spyware is often buried there!

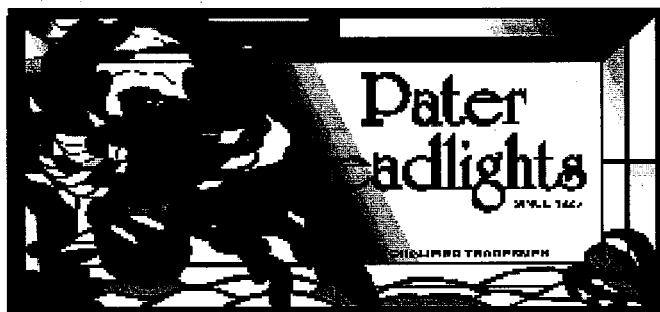
In a technique known as drive-by downloading, code embedded within pop-up ads or on Web sites that offer free songs, games or even pornography can instruct computers to begin downloading the spyware programs with minimal warning.

In the rush of doing things, people get confused and end up hitting one wrong button, and all of a sudden stuff is on your computer and you can't get it off.

The less harmless spyware programs can usually be removed manually or by running one of several anti-spyware tools, many free. The nastier ones, however, immunize themselves and persist which makes removal very challenging because many spyware files carry names that mimic key Windows components and even hide among them in folders typically reserved for system files.

There are some free spyware removal programs and I recommend one of the following:

Spybot Search and Destroy
<http://www.safer-networking.org/en/index.html>
Ad-Aware
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by Phil Collins

People are definitely mumbling more than they used to. My wife looks out the car window and says things about the scenery. I have no idea what she is saying. I mostly use the old "beg your pardon" these days rather than those popular words like "basically" and "at the end of the day", mind you the end of my day come much earlier than it used to. I used to have difficulty sleeping on aeroplanes – not anymore, judging by my after lunch performance.

Grandsons speak a different language. They read "Lord of the Rings", where names like ... - well they sound like Arabic swearwords. I thought we were bringing them up to hate war but these stories are a battle from start to finish.



This a paid advertisement

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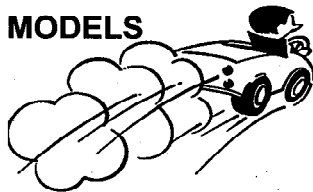
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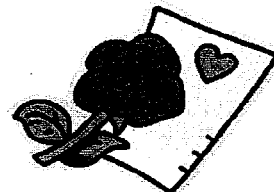
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Treatment:

If your pet becomes overheated, you must lower his/her body temperature immediately.

Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold)

water all over his/her body to gradually lower body temperature.

Apply ice packs or cold towels—to your pet's head, neck, and chest only.

Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.

Take your pet to a veterinarian right away—it could save your pet's life. Without treatment, heat stroke can worsen over a period of days to weeks. Early treatment, even if it seems to the owner that the dog will be OK, is important

to prevent this potentially life-threatening condition.

Common sense is the most important thing with your pets and the heat. We wouldn't sit out in the direct sun with nothing to drink all day or sit in a closed car so why do this to your pets. A heat-stricken animal can die in hours, but proper care may save its life.

If you have any queries about your pets and heat stroke please give the friendly staff at "The Vet Centre" a call on 0500525003. We keep our cool in all temperatures!

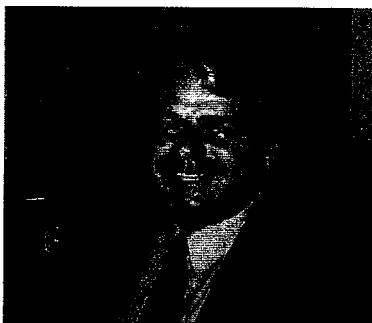


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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe Mc Master, President B.C.C

The cricket season is well under way, and a number of our teams are well placed to compete in finals starting 5th March 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 with over 100 registered players, we are fielding 8 teams, 4 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. We have also run a Milo Give it a Go program for underage players.

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.

Congratulations to Jason Dodd and Brad Miles on being selected to represent WGCA for country week a round robin competition in which teams from all associations around Victoria compete in the week February 14-18.

Congratulations also go to Peter Sofra who has been appointed captain of the interleague hatch team.

Joe Mc Master, President

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BEAconsFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

While competition closed down over the holiday period, it has been pleasing to note that court hire over the December January period has been exceptionally high. It is timely to remind all that tennis is not for free. To utilise courts you must be a financial club member or hire on a casual basis. Fees are as follows:

Casual Hire: Hard courts only are for casual hire - \$5 per person per hour available from Swim, Gym & Tennis Etc. (Not Just Tennis), 6 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield (next to Taco Bills) 9796 2767 or contact Lynne Day 9707 4662.

Membership:

Junior (under 18 years)	\$35.00	Student (fulltime up to 25 years)	\$45.00
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- Insurance Levy	\$16.50	- Insurance Levy	\$16.50
- Joining Fee	\$N/A	- Joining Fee	\$20.00
Total	\$66.50	Total	\$101.50
Senior	\$70.00	Family	\$140.00
- Maintenance Levy	\$25.00	- Maintenance Levy	\$50.00
- Insurance Levy	\$16.50	- Insurance Levy **	\$16.50
- Joining Fee	\$20.00	- Joining Fee	\$40.00
Total	\$119.50	Total	

** per nominated member

Our junior summer competition is fielding 13 teams and with three rounds to complete we find ten of our teams sitting in the top four. Presentation night will be held at the clubhouse shortly after grand final, date to be advised. We are now also taking applications for the winter season that commences mid April after the school holidays. Place your name and contact details on the clubhouse notice board or contact Lynne on 9707 4662.

Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186 Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852 Junior Comp: 9707 4662
 Secretary: 9707 4287 Tuesday Night Mixed: 9707 2909 Coach: 0401 003 077
 Treasurer: 9707 2575 Thursday Night Mens: 9707 4507



Raindrops Keep Falling ...

Just a few snapshots of Beaconsfield area after heavy rain fell in the first week of February.

Thankyou to those people who sent photos to the Banner.



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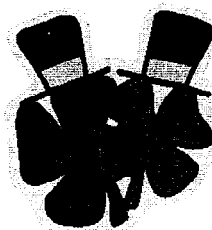
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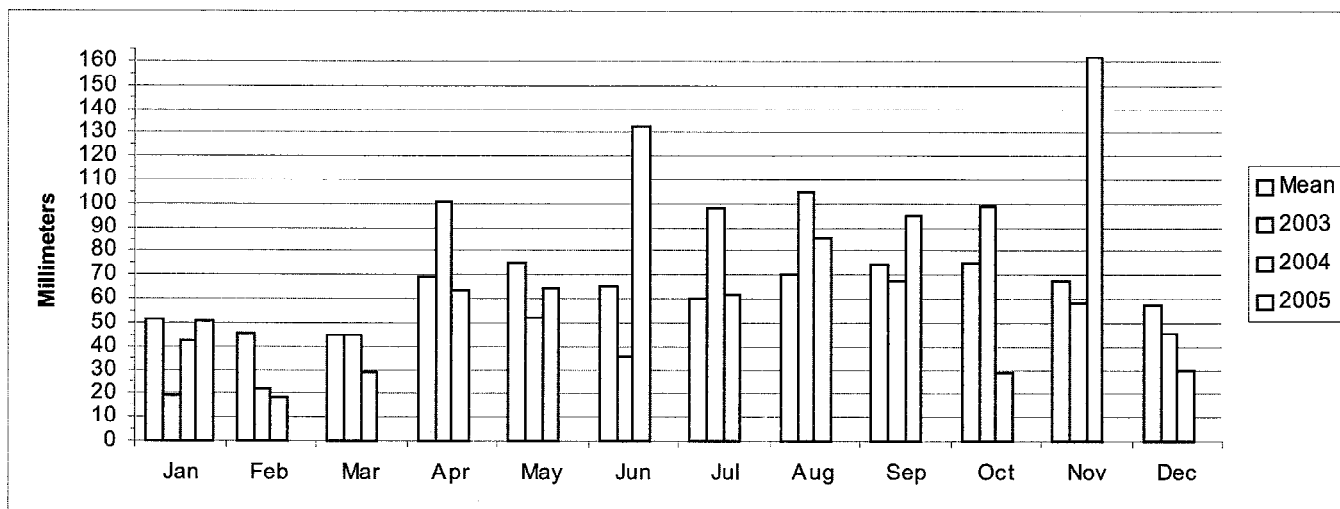
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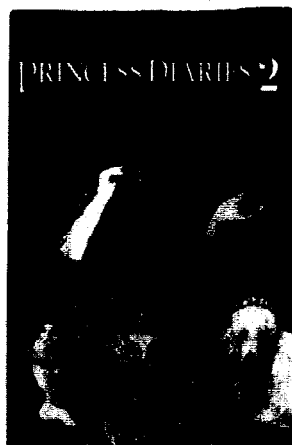
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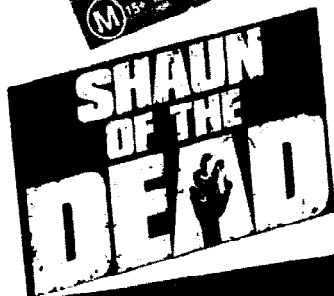
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