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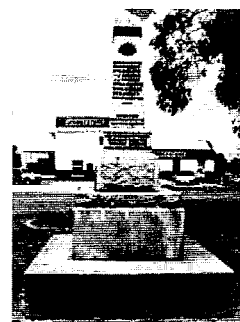
## BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Sunday 24th April  
2pm**

at Cenotaph (cnr Wood Street)

Followed by relocation of Original  
World War I Honourboard

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## JASON SPEAKS AT "YOU CAN DO IT" LAUNCH



Jason Bargwanna, V8 Supercar Champion, gave an inspirational speech to a captive Beaconsfield Primary School audience at their recent "You Can Do It" Launch.

For a full report of the launch and more photo's see page 8.

## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Meetings are held on the  
3rd Tuesday of each month  
7.30pm  
at Beaconsfield Community Complex  
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TUESDAY 17th MAY**

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## **BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 24th APRIL  
2pm**

The Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service is to be held on the Sunday prior to Anzac Day at 2pm. The service will commence at the cenotaph on the corner of Wood Street and Princes Highway.

Reverend David Morland, The Australian Great War Association, Tammy Labato, Mayor Garry Runge, Representative from Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L., Berwick Air League, Representatives of the Beaconsfield Progress Association and Baptist Church will all be in attendance and contribute to the ceremony.

This will be followed by the re-locating and unveiling of the original Beaconsfield World War 1 Honourboard in a ceremony at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. The Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L. has kindly agreed that the original honourboard be hung in the Beaconsfield

Community Complex on O'Neil Road.

In 1999 a reproduction of the honourboard, sponsored by Akoonah Park Committee, was unveiled in the Community Centre. This reproduction will now be given to Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L.

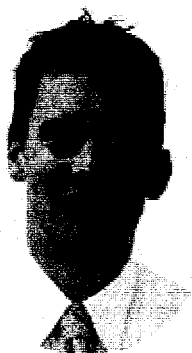
During afternoon tea, which will follow the unveiling, view the collection of memorabilia that The Great Australian War Association and local historians have on display in the foyer of the complex.

We invite the community to be part of this annual event, to remember those men and women who left this town to serve in the military forces for their country. These men and women must never be forgotten nor their terrible sacrifice.



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# BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*by Michael Muaremov*

I hope you all had a happy & relaxing Easter, and I'm sure I speak for most people, wondering where the year has gone! During the past two months, we have had Beaconsfield Ave & Station Street traffic strategy being tested, the initial steps taken towards starting our own Neighbourhood Watch and the Community Complex undergoing through some teething problems!

On the issue relating to the completion Station Street & Beaconsfield Ave street works, that make up some of the Traffic Strategy that was presented to the Council and accepted by the BPA over three years ago, we have seen that we have had some teething problems. Upon

completion, a lot of confusion was created due to the nature of the flow of traffic and has created some new issues. However, thanks to many residents and council, works to improve the intersection were undertaken immediately by council and are currently working on a Longer Term solution to the matter.

In recent times, we as a community, have witnessed an increase in crime in our town. In response to this, a special meeting was arranged on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March where concerned and interested members of our community came along to listen to Senior Constable Monica Smith from the Dandenong Police station

had to tell us about commencing our own Neighbourhood Watch program. Unfortunately, even though notices were placed throughout the town prior to the meeting, we did not have a great turnout for the meeting. If, we as a community, are concerned about crime occurring around us, we need to band together and be proactive in fighting crime together! Only with huge numbers can we get the desired result for our town. I therefore encourage all those within our great town to support this worthy cause. The Neighbourhood Watch Report in this Banner will outline ways which you can help and be involved.

On the subject of community, I also

understand the increasing difficulty people are experiencing in obtaining information relating to booking the facility, programs that are undertaken with the Beaconsfield Community Complex. These, along with many other concerns have been taken to the Beaconsfield Community Complex Advisory Committee, in which I have been the BPA Representative, and I am happy to report that Hours of Operation & contact number relating to bookings have been placed on the main entrance of the complex. We are still working on other issues that are of concern, however, I would like to bear in mind that the complex is new and we have to expect initial problems. However, I can assure you that, myself and other members of the BPA, Neighbourhood Centre and Kinder are working together to get a better service for a fantastic community facility.

In closing, I would like to wish all of the members of our community good health and would like to extend an open invitation to the Anzac Day memorial services that will be held on the corner of Wood Street and Princes Hwy at 2.00pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

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

Warmest Regards  
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*by Cr. Garry Runge, Beacon Hills Ward*

Hello everyone. I trust you all had an enjoyable and safe Easter break. My thanks to the many volunteers across the shire who assisted with the road safety campaign, particularly the SES and CFA volunteers. The service provided to our community by these wonderful people is amazing and we should all be proud of the great township and shire we live in because of their community service.

Anzac Day is again upon us and as this is one of the most solemn days in our calendar I would encourage as many residents of Beaconsfield to join in the service held at the cenotaph at the end of Wood street, on 24/04/2005 at 2pm.

Remember this is a service to honour those who fought to make this such a great country, we owe a debt to those courageous men and

women who fought at Anzac Cove and beyond. Please join with your fellow residents to remember this important occasion.

The road works at Kenilworth Avenue have certainly taken a great deal of traffic away from the residential streets and with further treatment to be done at the Station Street, Beaconsfield avenue intersection I believe the township will reap the rewards of the traffic strategy. The next phase of the strategy is treatment outside St. Francis Xavier school and the introduction of a roundabout at Glismann Road and the Old Princes Highway. This roundabout should encourage a much better and safer flow of traffic at the intersection.

Full signalisation of the Wood street, Old Princes Highway intersection is a major project which the BPA is actively promoting and as this is a Vicroads responsibility there needs to be a co-operative approach between Council and the State Government to achieve a positive result.

As the township continues to grow it is vital that we ensure safety for our residents, particularly children and the elderly.

Safety must be in the forefront of our planning. I will be advocating on your behalf to have this intersection signalised at the earliest opportunity.

I was recently reflecting on how lucky we are to live in Beaconsfield. We all live in close proximity to a railway station, supermarkets, doctors, a hospital, a gymnasium, a variety of restaurants, hair dressers, shops, a wonderful community complex and much more. How lucky are we!

I also believe that the residents of Beaconsfield have a very positive attitude about where they live and this is one of the most satisfying aspects of being the ward councillor for Beacon Hills. Community spirit and pride in our township makes this such a great place to live.

We have a wonderful environment around our township, let's continue working positively together.

As I regularly remind my fellow councillors, Beaconsfield is the "jewel in the crown" of Cardinia Shire.

Regards,  
Cr. Garry Runge  
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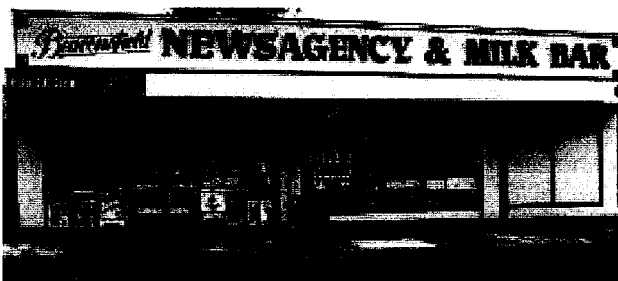
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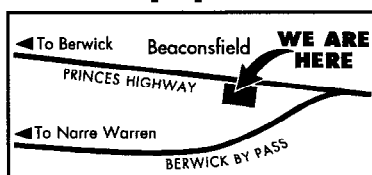
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN BEACONSFIELD

*by Willem Boon*

The Beaconsfield Progress Association initiated a public meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March concerning the information and establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Program in Beaconsfield.

Those that attended heard Senior Constable Monica Smith, Neighbourhood Watch Police Co-ordinator, explain how such a program could work for our town and what would be involved in setting up the program and keep it running.

In the next few weeks, residents can expect to receive a letter/response sheet in their mailbox. Please take the time to return this sheet to the address indicated on the letter.

For such a program to proceed in Beaconsfield we would need sufficient responses of community support.

We realize that the township will be too big for one zone and therefore a split into three zones could be possible but this will depend on where the most interest and responses come from.

**If you want the  
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Willem Boon 9707 5053

## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR.



The residents of Railway Ave., Souter, Horner and Goff Streets had an informal sausage sizzle in the Park as a way to get to know their neighbours as well as creating interest in the Neighbourhood Watch Program for the town. **Why not have a street gathering in your area.**



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## PLATYPUS GIVEN NEW HOME

by M. Boon

During the first week of April, a small group of local residents were delighted as Geoff from the Australian Platypus Conservancy released 3 more young platypus into the Cardinia Creek following the success of last years re-introduction project.

It is believed that Platypus were found in the Cardinia Creek prior to Ash Wednesday bushfires, which destroyed creek-side vegetation, thus the platypus becoming "locally extinct". It was twenty one years later before sufficient regeneration was evident allowing for the platypus re-location project.

The newly released platypus have been fitted with a radio transmitter and APC Researchers will monitor their behaviour and movements for about a month. This information together with sightings and information from local residents ensures the continued success of the project and the overall conservation of one of the world's amazing animals.

According to Dr Melody Serena, Conservation Biologist with the Australian Platypus Conservancy, the biggest threat to the new platypus population along Cardinia Creek may well be the use of folding "opera-style" nets set to catch yabbies and spiny crayfish. "We have heard many reports of platypus dying in opera nets set in streams and rivers across Victoria. Once trapped underwater, a platypus will drown in just three minutes.



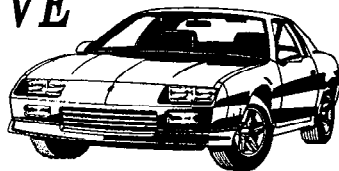
Photo: Courtesy of M. Long

In some cases the animals probably enter the nets accidentally, and in other cases they may be attracted by the presence of yabbies, which are part of their natural diet. People also need to be aware that recreational use of folding cray and yabbie nets has actually been banned along natural streams and rivers in Victoria since 2001, so setting these nets in such habitats is not only bad for wildlife but breaking the law."

Local residents who find an illegal net set along Cardinia Creek are advised to contact the Victorian Fisheries Department immediately on their 24 hour hotline number: 133 474 (13FISH).

Australian Platypus Conservancy (APC) are keen for locals to report sightings of platypus in the Cardinia Creek by phoning 9716 1626 or by email: [platypus@vicnet.net.au](mailto:platypus@vicnet.net.au). For those interested you can visit the website [www.platypus.asn.au](http://www.platypus.asn.au)

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## BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

*by Philip Walton*

### Fire Safety in the Home

Death, injury and property loss from residential fires are a major concern throughout the year, but especially during the winter months when the number of house fires increases. As we enter the cooler autumn months, a number of fire safety actions should be undertaken in your home.

\* **Smoke alarms** should be regularly checked and batteries should have been replaced with the end of daylight savings at the end of March. If you have not changed your smoke alarm batteries within the last 12 months, do it now as only working smoke alarms save lives.

\* **Chimneys** for fireplaces and woodheaters should be cleaned to avoid a build up of material in the chimney, and the roof space should be checked to ensure bird nests have not been established next to the chimney, as this is a common cause of fires in the home.

\* **Lint filters** on clothes dryers should be cleaned after each load.

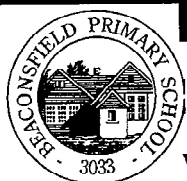
\* **Electric blankets** should never be left on when no one is home. Heavy objects should not be left on the bed when the electric blanket is on.



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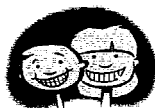


Photo – Cardinia Mayor Garry Runge and wife Sue (Right) with the best decorated tent site – by the Mauve Movers' Rhonda Luxford. See report on page 13.



# BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal



## "YOU CAN DO IT" LAUNCH

At Beaconsfield Primary School, our goal for all children is to realise their potential and help them to achieve to the best of their ability. On the 30th of March we officially launched the "You Can Do It" program to help us meet that goal.

We want all children at Beaconsfield to be equipped with the attitudes and values that are the foundations for success in their school life, work, and adult life. "You Can Do It" encourages academic achievement, interpersonal relationships, overall healthy living.

Working together, teachers, parents and the community of Beaconsfield PS can encourage in children a belief in the importance of their own efforts in their achievements, through instilling Five Foundations.

- \* **Confidence**
- \* **Persistence**
- \* **Organisation**
- \* **Getting Along**
- \* **Resilience**



Our guest speaker for the day, Jason Bargwanna is the living proof that you can achieve your goals if you take the risks, work through the tough times, make your plans and put in the effort. Jason spoke passionately about racing and how he achieved success using the five foundations of the "You



Photos  
by E.  
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Can Do It" program. Jason's easy going manner and ability to connect with his young audience is a stark contrast to the daring and inspiring V8 Supercar Champion we see on the television.

The children also enjoyed a picnic with their parents and were entertained by some fun rap presentations by some very confident senior children! The entire school sang the "We can do it!" song and we basked in the fun of tabloid sports on a sunny autumn afternoon. The You Can Do It launch was fantastic fun for a school community that celebrates the achievements of our wonderful children.

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*by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie*

## Term 2 programs

Following the tremendous response to our first term programs, we are pleased to be able to add additional times for our most popular programs and to add new courses that have been requested by the community. Our new building is really giving us space to offer programs that were not possible at the old venue.

Our new courses in Term 2 include card making, meditation plus, yoga, First Aid, baby's playgroup, and basic computer courses.

Changes to our existing classes include an additional time for our popular mosaics class, a different emphasis in our digital camera class, new skills and patterns for our patchwork & quilting class, and a change in time for our drawing class.

The popular children's programs will continue, so please book early to ensure your place for second term. We will offer our Friday children's dance classes from the Beaconsfield Avenue Community Centre, and Teen Groovers will still be held on Tuesdays at the new community complex. Occasional Care will continue to be offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and the new Baby Playgroup will offer another playgroup time for parents with children 6 - 18 months.

For all the details about our Term 2 program please look out for our booklet which should be delivered during the second week of the school holidays in April. If you do not receive a copy, please ring the Centre on 8768 4400 and we will send one out to you.

## Computers

Eight computers have been installed by council as part of the Vicnet Egaps Program and during Term 2 these computers will be available for internet access. Please ring the Centre for details.

We are also pleased to offer Basic Computers 1 & 2 at day and evening classes. These four week courses are excellent for beginners, with a skilled tutor. Basic Computers 1 provides an understanding of how computers work, and how to find your way around the computer. Basic Computers 2 will help you to find your way around the popular Windows programs to get the best from your computer.

Our digital camera class this term will also have access to the computers to practice skills and techniques to get the most from your digital camera.

## Volunteers

Thankyou to our new volunteers, Maria A, Maria T and Rosemary, who joined us in Term 1. Their assistance has been terrific as our programs grow in the new building. If you have some skills you would like to share with us, please contact the office and speak to Mim.

## Foyer displays

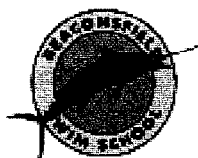
During April, the ANZAC memorabilia provided by the Australian Great War Association and local historians will be on display in the complex foyer.

Our Neighbourhood Centre classes also have the opportunity to display their work in the foyer. Come and see the terrific work of the mosaics and patchwork classes and be tempted to learn these skills at our Term 2 classes.

## Committee of Management

Miriam Cormack is the new Neighbourhood Centre President, following the resignation of Tracie Lund. Tony Rushton has moved into the position of Vice President vacated by Miriam.

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feature a business breakfast, information presentations and opportunities for consultations with business professionals. The week will conclude with a gala business awards presentation dinner.

The Business Week program will be launched shortly, so keep an eye out for further information. If you would like to subscribe for regular updates, including a program when available, please send your email details to [ecodev@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecodev@cardinia.vic.gov.au) or call 5945 0401.



## CARDINIA SHIRE BUSINESS AWARDS

Businesses based in the Cardinia Shire are invited to enter the 2005 Cardinia Business Awards. A business can enter more than one category. The categories are:

- \* Lakeside at Pakenham Home-based Business Award
- \* Gateway to Gippsland Food & Wine Sector Award
- \* Chisholm Institute Manufacturing Award
- \* AusIndustry Innovation Award
- \* Cardinia Shire Council Primary Industry/Agriculture Award,
- \* RACV Business Insurance Retail Sector Award
- \* South East Development Tourism Award
- \* Telstra Country Wide Property & Business Services Sector Award

\* Nestle Environmental Sustainability Award.

Entries for the 2005 Cardinia Business of the Year and Judges' Encouragement Award will also be determined from the entries. Entry into the awards is open to businesses located in the Shire of Cardinia (terms and conditions apply). Anyone who would like to nominate a business in Cardinia Shire, please complete a nomination form and we will contact the business for you encouraging them to enter. Further information on the awards including how to enter is available from [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) or by calling 5945 0401.

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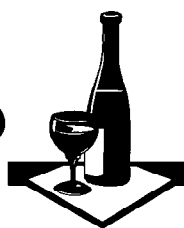
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# WINE & FOOD



by Keith Goodman

The life of a Winemaker/Vineyard owner does not get any easier. A strong dollar, increasing international competition and two years of high volume and quality across Australia means grape prices are falling and finding a market for finished wine at a fair price is difficult. We continue to see top quality wine discounted by many dollars.

Of course we the consumer benefit in the short term but I fear for the future of many small vineyards. Get to know the going rate for wine you like; watch advertisements for discounts and pounce, there are many bargains to be found and I expect this to continue for at least the next 12 months.

**REDS** - For a quality Pinot Noir at under \$10 try De Bortoli, Windy Peak, Pinot Noir 2003, \$9.85 at Vintage Cellars, you will not be disappointed, this wine will hold its own against much dearer wines. De Bortoli's, Deen De Bortoli, Shiraz Cabernet, 2003, \$7-8, recently won the Trophy at the Sydney Royal for reds under \$20. Boccaccio Cellars have just released a Clare Shiraz, called Odds On, 2002 for \$7, a terrific wine and will keep.

The best wine I saw in 2004 was the Yering Station Reserve Shiraz Viognier, 2002, selling for \$58. It won a Trophy every time it entered a wine show. Now it's little brother has been released; similar wine without the Reserve label. At \$19 at Boccaccio Cellars it is a steal. Perfumed and

enticing nose, followed by a silky mouthfeel and lasting flavour. Highly recommended.

**WHITES** - Christmont have recently released their 2004 Riesling, this wine just gets better and better, \$14 from Vintage Cellars, look for further discounts.

A favourite of mine with 2-3 years of bottle age is Peter Lehmann's Barossa Semillon, the 2003 is recently released at \$10-12. Our house wine over the summer has been the Yalumba 'Y' series Viognier, it can still be found for \$8-10. A recommendation from Huon Hooke is Hardys Sir James, Vintage 2001, Sparkling which showed out at a Trade tasting against French Champagne at Double its price of around \$25, but it does get discounted.

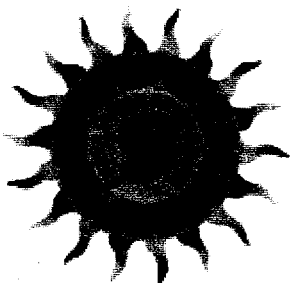
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We began the year with a visit to our first three plantings done in the spring of 2002. In spite of the fact that the summer of that year was particularly hot and dry the plants are doing well and many are over 2 metres tall. Graeme Robertson reported the return of wild life and his degraded waterhole was looking healthy and full of life. The guards have been removed from these plantings and we were most encouraged by the results.

The Water Monitoring Team welcome assistance. This takes place four times a year at two sites on Cardinia Creek to monitor the quality of the water. If you would be interested in learning these skills or for further information contact Margaret Crompton - 9707 2415.

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# MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

MAKE AND MINGLE has recently been delighted to welcome two ex- Beaconsfield residents who came to visit us.



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## MYRTLE AND BILL WILSON

Myrtle Wilson with her husband Bill will be remembered as residents of Beaconsfield Avenue. They come to visit their family Barabara and Les Reader of Beaconsfield. Myrtle and Bill really enjoyed catching up with everyone and Myrtle was really excited to go to Make and Mingle and see all her friends and meet new ones as well.

Myrtle is now 96 and has always loved craft and despite having had a mild stroke a number of years ago, is still able to crochet beautiful rugs. In fact, she had a lovely crochet rug over her lap, that looked like a garden of flowers and she was able to share the pattern with us.

Myrtle also went to Warragul to help celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the CWA group there of which she had been a member previously.

Myrtle and her husband now live in a hostel in Shepparton and she is now crocheting rugs for her friends there.

## SUSAN EXLEY

Our other visitor came from Darwin, Susan Exley daughter of Gabbi and Les Conkie of Beaconsfield,

grew up in this town. She went to the local schools and remembers the town as far different from today. When she was younger, she loved her horses and would ride them along the unmade tree lined roads and paths.

Susan visited Beaconsfield for the wedding of her sister Elke to Mark Bellgrove. While she was here she took time out on Wednesday to come to Make and Mingle. She spoke to us about Dancing with the stars and shared some craft ideas as well.

Susan moved to Darwin 8 years ago with her husband Richard and boys Daniel and Bryce. Soon after Susan arrived in Darwin, she was asked to teach crafts to women at her local church and started a craft group similar to Make and Mingle called Creative Crafts. She has also taught Sunday school and RE at the local school. She was then asked to start and lead a group of Bible Study Fellowship for Women in Darwin. BSF is an international, non-denominational Bible Study for both men and women. Groups meet weekly in churches to study and discuss the Bible; similar groups are in Melbourne at Dandenong and Warragul.





# SERVICE BOOSTS

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

Great news for the local community is that the emergency department at Casey Hospital is now open every day from 8am until 8pm. It will open on a full time basis in the coming months in line with the policy of bringing all departments on line incrementally. With the obstetrics open, babies are now being delivered as well, with the first birth, of Taesha Joy Westendorp, on 22 March 2005. Over 1000 babies are expected to be born there in the coming year.

Some services, like a new hospital, are obvious signs of where money is being spent. Other expenditure can be less visible but just as vital to users of a

service. One of these is Home and Community Care, or HACC, which enables older people and people with disabilities to receive nursing care, delivered meals, home help and personal care services. The usual deliverers of these services are councils as well as agencies like MECWA and Cardinia Community Health Services. The Bracks Government has announced a \$127, 715 boost to these HACC services for the Cardinia area, which will enable more people to get more assistance. On top of that, there is an additional \$18,026 for allied health care services. I know this extra funding will be

welcomed by users of HACC services in Beaconsfield.

The state government has also given \$30,000 to the Shire of Cardinia to help this area celebrate the Commonwealth Games. \$10,000 has been given for the day of state-wide physical activity on 20 November 2005, the *Warming up for the Games* day. This will enable all Beaconsfield residents to take part in local activities. The Commonwealth Games will be held from 15-26 March 2006.

With the height of summer over, fuel reduction burns have been taking place across the Port Phillip area and an extra eight fire specialists and six firefighting officers have been employed for the region. This year in Victoria, an additional \$34.1 million is being spent on extra firefighters, equipment and staff.

Bushfire preparedness is the best defence against the ravages of bushfires and these extra people and resources will assist in securing the safety of the Port Phillip region.

I will be taking part in the Beaconsfield Anzac Ceremony to be held at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph at 2pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. I would encourage Beaconsfield residents to attend this special occasion of remembrance and I look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact me at my office for assistance and advice with state government matters. Please send mail to 1/5 Gloucester Ave, Berwick, VIC 3806 or contact me by telephone on 9796 1987 or by email at [tammy.lobato@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:tammy.lobato@parliament.vic.gov.au)



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## \$20,000 raised at the Casey Cardinia Relay for Life

The event officially opened at 5.45 pm on Friday night, with Cardinia Mayor Garry Runge, cutting the ribbon. He was accompanied by other local dignitaries.

Over the 24 hours, 178 participants took to the track, with teams camping out overnight, participating in challenges and keeping the spirit alive. Walkers and runners were rewarded with massages, ice creams, cakes and

entertainment – all donated by local businesses.

Chairperson Deborah Ditchburn said she was delighted with the event. "We all had a fabulous time. The weather was perfect, the effort put in by the teams was tremendous and we have all made a difference too many lives."

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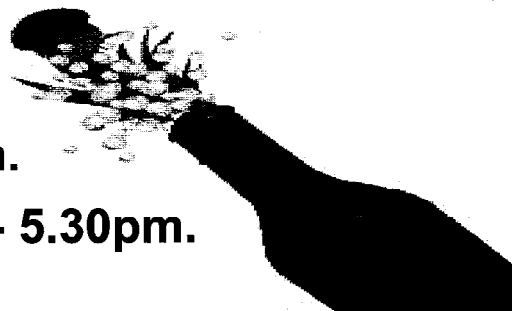
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**MAKE N MINGLE**

(Continued from page 12)

Susan and her family have made their home in Darwin and have quickly adjusted to the climate; in fact Susan always feels the cold when she comes to Melbourne no matter what the season. Before she left Darwin for this trip, the town was buffeted by cyclone Irene, (a category 5 cyclone similar to Tracey), but fortunately there was no major damage or loss of life.

Susan is music co coordinator at Marrara Christian School and her boys attend this school and also enjoy playing football. Richard is working in project management for the government.

Susan and her family send greetings to all their old friends.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday during school term from 10 am-12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy.

Some of the crafts we are currently teaching are patchwork, embroidery, cross-stitch, embroidered cards, stamping, crocheted picture boxes, beaded angels and candles and one-step decoupage. For details ring Ann Taylor 9707 1996.

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Nostalgia , nostalgia, now what are you?  
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## FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR  
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### FRINGE BENEFITS TAX

Annual Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) returns for the year ended 31st March, 2005 are due for lodgment and any outstanding liability paid by 23rd May 2005 (Tax Agents are granted further extensions). The value of reportable fringe benefits must be included on an employee's PAYG Payment Summary as it can effect some income tax levies and surcharges.

Some employment expenses and benefits exempt from FBT include:

- portable computers (laptop, notebook etc) limited to one computer per person each FBT year.
- tools of trade

- mobile/car phones and computer software, predominately used for work purposes
- electronic diaries, calculators and briefcases
- minor benefits under \$100
- superannuation contributions
- private health insurance cover
- certain employment relocation expenses
- expenses that would be tax deductible to the employee
- certain membership fees

The major employment related expenses on which FBT liability arises include:

- motor vehicle
- car parking fees if in a commercial parking station in within 1 kilometre
- private expenses paid
- loan benefits if interest charged is less than FBT

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- business entertainment is not tax deductible
- in house benefits of goods or services provided
- accommodation or housing provided
- some living away from home allowances

The most common fringe benefit provided to employers is car benefits which can be calculated for each vehicle using either:

- operating cost method using actual expenses based on business usage percentage from a log book maintained for a continuous period of 12 weeks within the past five years,
- or alternatively:
- statutory formula methods calculated on the vehicle cost at rates varying from

7% to 26% depending on annual distance traveled

Fringe Benefits Tax rate is 48% of a grossed up value which is approximately double the annual benefit. There is concessional FBT treatment if fringe benefits are provided by FBT exempt organisations (eg. Hospitals) and certain rebatable employers.

The value of benefits subject to FBT are generally liable to GST and the full amount of an employee's contribution is used to reduce the total value of a fringe benefit. Any fringe benefits tax paid is often charged to the employee as part of salary package.

Fringe benefits tax equates the highest level of personal income tax and the legislation is very complex. Accordingly, care in FBT planning administration and compliance procedures is necessary to ensure that any benefits are not negated by FBT paid or penalties. You should seek the advice of your accountant.

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## A WORD FROM WOOD

*by Jason Wood*



Since becoming your Federal representative, I have spent time visiting schools in our local area to talk to teachers and students about my role as their local representative.

As education is a priority, my goal is to help strengthen and develop our local schools. We have already achieved success in securing a funding boost for Beaconsfield Upper Primary School.

The school received a grant of \$550,000 from the Federal Government for the construction of general purpose classrooms, staff administration area, sick bay and amenities. This funding will also go toward the upgrade of existing facilities with the total cost of the project estimated at \$1,572,000.

I am extremely pleased that the Coalition

Government has recognised the need for additional facilities in such a high growth area and I am dedicated to help continue the development of our schools.

In addition to boosting funding for our local schools, the Federal Government has allocated 20 new outside school places to Cardinia Shire, to be serviced by Beaconsfield Primary School, bringing the number of places to 65. After hours school care places are important to local families who require the flexibility when managing work and family commitments and this increase in places is a great achievement for the Shire of Cardinia.

I am happy to discuss matters which are of concern to local residents. Please contact my office on 9762 4066 if you would like to bring issues to my attention.

## CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM FOR 2005/2006

Application to the Cardinia Shire Council's Community Grants Program for 2005/2006 are soon to close. Community service groups and organisations offering projects, activities and services that contribute to the wellbeing and quality of life for those who live and/or work in Cardinia are eligible to apply.

The closing date for these grant applications is Tuesday 26 April 2005, with successful applicants for the Community Capital Works Grants announced late July. Successful applicants for the Festivals and Community Arts Events and Social Support grants will be notified late September.



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## **THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

*by David Morland*

December 25 is Christmas Day and it is a public holiday in recognition of the birth of Jesus. Last year the day after, December 26, the day we call Boxing Day, a tsunami hit Southeast Asia. There were very few who were not deeply disturbed by the phenomenal loss of life.

The tragedy caused us to ask lots of questions about the nature of God. One correspondent to the **Australian** said, "If God existed, it would be necessary to hate him".

Now here is an interesting thing, Christians do not hate God, in fact they love him. Did all the Christians miss the news about the tsunami? I think not!

Let me ask you a question, "Who ever claimed that nature gives a picture of the character of God?" Christians do not seek to understand the character of God by what happened on Boxing Day. No, it is

what happened on Christmas Day that reveals the character of God.

In fact by studying what happened Boxing Day you will not discover too much about God at all. But study what happened Christmas Day and you discover much.

On Christmas Day one was born who God said would be called "Immanuel" which means, "God with us". We are invited to look at this person to discover character and personality of God.

We have just enjoyed another Easter holiday. Good Friday is the day we remember the fact that Jesus sacrificed himself for us. And "greater love has no man than this, than he lay down his life for his friends".

If Jesus reveals the heart of God then there can be no doubt that God is a God of love.

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## MEDIA RELEASE: New Internet Business Group supports local web-based businesses

by Michelle Brien

With the opportunities presented by the internet for local people to access a world wide market, and the growth of home based internet businesses, Michelle and Glenn Brien from Beaconsfield based company Directives, an Internet Marketing and Product Development company, in conjunction with Cardinia and Casey Councils have establish an internet business group.

The aim of the group is to connect with and support internet businesses by providing a forum to discuss marketing and technical issues associated

with running and developing an internet business.

The group holds monthly meetings which have been well attended by local internet entrepreneurs as well as people considering an internet business opportunity or investigating how the internet can benefit their existing business.

"The internet gives us access to the global market place providing opportunities above and beyond what we've ever known at any other time in history. Taking advantage of this opportunity can be

very rewarding, but it's also challenging and more complex than just creating a website and hoping people will find it.

The internet business group allows people with a similar objective to share information in a non-competitive environment with the overall aim of increasing the success of all of our businesses." Dr Glenn Brien said.

The Briens said being a home-based business has some wonderful benefits, but working in isolation meant businesses without effective support networks risked being left behind as technology raced forward. Keep in touch and up to date is vital for business success.

Future topics will cover;

\* Generating traffic to your website.

\* Turning traffic into prospects and then into customers.

\* Increasing the life time value of your customers.

\* Search engine optimisation.

\* Writing sales copy that sells.

\* Running and maintaining forums.

\* Technical aspects of maintaining an internet based business.

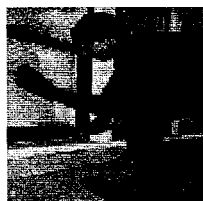
If you are interested in learning more about internet marketing or attending the next Internet Business Group meeting please contact Michelle or Glenn Brien at Directives [www.directives.com.au](http://www.directives.com.au) on 9796 2004 or email on [info@directives.com.au](mailto:info@directives.com.au).

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## 2014 PRIVATE ALFRED ERNEST WARMBRUNN

**A Soldier on the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour 1914-1918 War.**

*(Compiled by Mrs Marlene Austin and Bob Sutherland)*

Alfred Ernest Warmbrunn was the second of five children of Australian-born parents Ernest and Catherine (nee Stevens) Warmbrunn, having been born on the 5/8/1884 in Spring St. Prahran Victoria.

On enlistment for World War 1 on 7/3/1916, Alf was described as an orchardist, 5 foot 5 inches in height; brown hair with pale blue eyes and his age was 31 years 6 months. His Next of kin address was "Tarilta", Beaconsfield, Victoria.

He was allocated to the 57<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion which was predominantly composed of men from the suburbs of Melbourne and after initial training at Broadmeadows military camp for 4 months he embarked with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements on the troopship Ajuna on the 8/7/1916. By this time, most convoys from Australia sailed via South Africa and the Cape of Good Hope, a voyage of 7 weeks and 4 days.

He arrived in the United Kingdom on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1916, disembarked at Devonport and proceeded to the 15<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion at Larkhill camp on the Salisbury Plains, south west of London. Most bases were within 16 to 30 km from the town of Salisbury, some of them within sight of ancient Stonehenge.

After 3 months 8 days training he proceeded to France aboard the troopship S.S. Princess Henrietta, as a reinforcement, and disembarked at Etaples on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1916.



*Alfred Ernest Warmbrunn*

The area held immense British reinforcement camps, hospitals and was also home to the 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Division Base Depot. It was during this time that Private Warmbrunn was posted to the 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion, part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 5<sup>th</sup> Division.

The 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion spent the winter of 1916-17 rotating in and out of the Somme region front line, enduring one of the coldest winters in living memory. The snow, had begun to fall in the previous November; and by mid-January it had frozen the ground, ending the worst hardships caused by the mud. Cases of frostbite and trench fever increased and artillery shells, no longer cushioned by the soft ground, struck with deadly effect at targets brought into clear relief against a white background.

Boiling tea froze within twenty paces, hands exposed were numb within five seconds, bread could not be cut with a knife, and water had to be chopped with an axe and carried in blocks to the line. In the billets boots had to be warmed before they could be put on.

In March 1917 the battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, but it was spared having to assault it. Small wonder that Private Warmbrunn reported sick with trench fever on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1917 having endured nearly 4 months active service. It took a full month for him to recover.

The area of operations had switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium and Private Warmbrunn took part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres, the collective name given to the campaign fought between September and November 1917 aimed at capturing the Gheluvelt plain. (Often called the battle of Passchendaele)

The 59<sup>th</sup> major battle there was at Polygon Wood on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1917. This area had been fortified by the enemy and was covered by concrete pill-boxes. Trench systems with massed barbed wire protection were also in existence and the whole area was continuously shelled.



*Alf Warmbrunn at Beaconsfield with a captured German Helmat.*

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Divisions took its objective after much bloody fighting and casualties were severe, 27 Officers and 518 other ranks being killed, 69 officers and 2234 other ranks wounded and 170 other ranks missing.

The Division rested in the reserve area until 8<sup>th</sup> October until ordered north of Polygon Wood, but with the winter coming, it was known that its activity would be defensive only.

Another move to a new sector of great tactical importance, which included the Messines – Wytschaete Ridge was carried out on 28<sup>th</sup> October. It stretched south from Hollebeke to Warneton.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December the 5<sup>th</sup> Division was relieved by the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and moved by train to Samer area, about 10 miles south east of Boulogne for its rest and training and it was during this time Private Warmbrunn attended a snipers school.

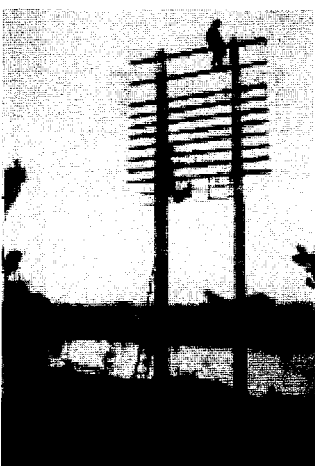
With winter snow, freezing temperatures and much work, Private Warmbrunn's health again suffered and he was admitted to hospital with a large abscess to the groin area on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1918. After treatment at various hospitals in France he was transferred to England by Hospital ship to the 4<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital in Plymouth, England and finally to No1 Australian Hospital, Harefield. A picturesque country estate owned by the Leake family, well known Australians, who had donated the use of the land and buildings for the war effort.



Having been medically down graded to being temporarily unfit for a further 3 months he was given leave from the 15<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June 1918 and on return sent to No1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny situated on the Salisbury Plains. Soldiers convalescing after injury required 'hardening' rather than training and so they were allocated to Command Depots.

Having recovered he attended a 5<sup>th</sup> Division signals course and various training courses between 26<sup>th</sup> July and the signing of the Armistice on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

After the Armistice Alf Warmbrunn went to No15 concentration camp, staging area at Codford for return to Australia. Finally on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1919 he embarked on the Troopship Orca from Liverpool in England and 41 days later disembarked Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He had served 2 years and 11 months in uniform. Of that time 12 months was spent fighting with the 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion. The rest of that time he was sick, training or on transport ships.



Alf Warmbrunn as a linesman after WW1.



Alfred Earnest Warmbrunn Pte 2014

Other locals who served with him were Cecil Grant, 57<sup>th</sup> Battalion, John Christie (Killed in Action 19/7/1916) and Thomas Clair Whiteside of the 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

During his working life his occupation was a linesman, and he was stationed at Mildura, Noojee and Warragul (where he lived), coming home for weekends to his cottage on the family property at Beaconsfield, to where he eventually retired. His sister Mary lived in the family home nearby, until her death in 1952. He laughingly called himself "the man from the bush". For many years he had a Chevrolet car, complete with open sides and crank handle.

He was frequently visited by his youngest sister Millicent and her husband Hallmon Trenberth of Brighton.

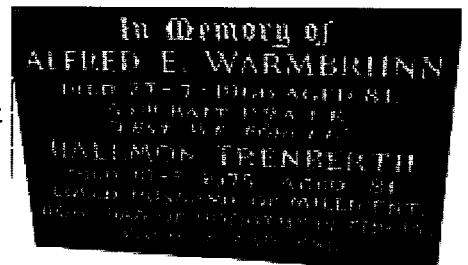
Alf spent his last few weeks with the family, Millicent having died in 1965.

He died on the 27/7/1966 at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Victoria, Aged 81 years.



Above:- Name Plate from The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honor.

Right:- The head stone of Alf Warmbrunn



Alf is buried in Baptist grave 206B in the Berwick cemetery with 27 family members around him. He did not marry. Lest we forget.



Above:- The Warmbrunn family at "Tarilta" Beaconsfield Emerald Rd. Guys Hill ©1914 L-R Catherine Warmbrunn (nee Stevens), mother, Mary Charity Warmbrunn, daughter, Millicent Beatrice Warmbrunn, daughter, Earnest Warmbrunn, Father.

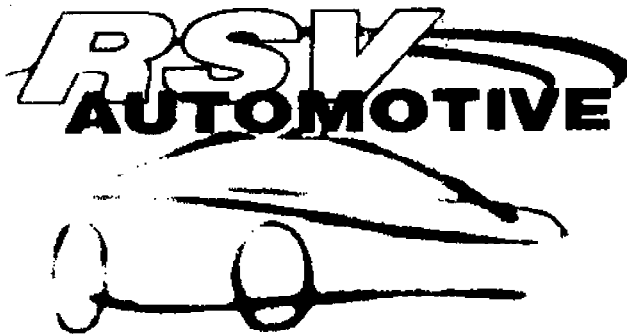
In 1881 at the age of 41 Earnest Warmbrunn married Catherine Stevens aged 24 years who was born at Tarilta, a town south of Castlemain. When they married Earnest was discribed as a wood and coal dealer of South Yarra. The couple had 5 children Mary, Alf, Fred, Catherine and Millicent.

In 1904 Earnest and Catherine bought 9 acres of land at Hill View Estate where they built "Tarilta" a wattle and daub house which survived until the fires of 1983. The entrance to the property is oppisite Montuna Grove in Guys Hill.

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When Ernest died in 1915, Mary who was a tailoress by profession and did not marry moved back to Tarilta to care for her mother until she died in 1946. Mary died at Tarilta in 1952.

Fred married Alicia Crossley, they had two children, and lived in Quamby Rd. Catherine married Robert Gorwell, they had four children, and lived at Wonthaggi. Millicent married Norm Trembath, they had four children and lived at Brighton



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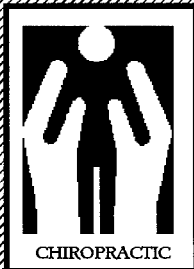
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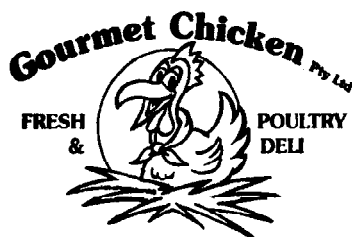
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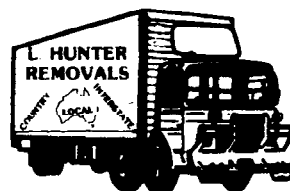
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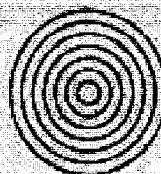
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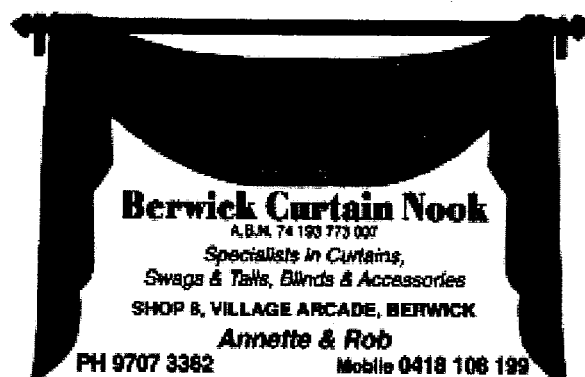
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# CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

You know you've just seen a good film when images from the movie keep playing over and over in your head for weeks afterwards.

On paper, the storyline for 'Friday Night Lights' seems to have been done to death. There's a mid-west American High School Football Team who are suffering at the hands of their abusive fathers and then there's the shock horror of their star player getting injured, forcing the most picked on player of the side suddenly having to take his spot. It had all been done in 'Varsity Blues'. But nothing can prepare the audience for the impact that 'Friday Night Lights' will have on you.

The film is shot in documentary-style. Using a steady-cam makes you feel like part of the team and allows you to actually feel for the characters, something that 'Varsity

Blues' was never able to do. That and 'Friday Night Lights' takes this storyline to the next level. While the fathers in 'Varsity Blues' were tough on their sons, it is nothing compared to the treatment these players get.

'Friday Night Lights' also stars a stellar cast. Billy Bob Thornton is flawless in a performance that he should be rewarded for, as is country singer come actor Tim McGraw.

While 'Friday Night Lights' may be tough watch for any audience it's definitely worth the watch.

Another brilliant film around at the moment is the Gothic thriller 'Constantine'. Directed by newcomer Francis Lawrence, 'Constantine' is based on the comic book series, 'Hellblazer'. Although fans of the comic series should be warned, there are some differences, such as the film being set in Los Angeles and not London.

'Matrix' fans will be happy to see Keanu Reeves in yet another dark thriller. 'Constantine' is best described as a thinking-persons action film. A knowledge of history, in particular the Bible, is a must if the viewer wants to understand the nitty gritty of this film.

The cinematography in this film has to be seen to be believed. It is simply what keeps this film going... well the poor storyline certainly doesn't.

Reeves is joined on the screen by the talented Rachel Weisz and Tilda Swinton and even Bush lead singer Gavin Rossdale.

'Constantine' is well worth a look just for it's extraordinary cinematography. Just don't expect to see a Oscar winning film.

Happy film going!



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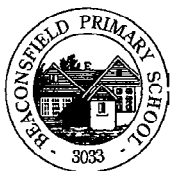


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# OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

The growth and evolution of Medicine over the centuries is quite a fascinating study. Concepts in the Healing arts never remain constant and like most things in life are forever changing. Medicine started to become "scientific" around the time of the American Civil War in the 1860's in obedience to the eternal dictum of conflict advancing knowledge in all the areas that affect the conduct of the warring parties. The obscenity of slaughter also advanced the practise of healing due to the dreadful numbers of injuries and

death that is the normal companion of conflict.

Prior to that time patients suffered procedures such as leeching, bleeding, purging, and brutal surgery without the benefit of anaesthetic. These crude attempts at healing were either ineffective or in most cases, resulted in the early death of the unfortunate patients.

Medicine can be roughly divided into three eras from the 1860s to the present.

Era 1. The era of Physicalistic medicine that dominated medicine from

the 1860's to about 1950, and which is still influential. Era 2. The era of mind-body medicine that arose in the 1950's and which is still developing.

Era 3. Our era of non-local science and medicine towards wholistic, and which is just being recognised.

Western Medicine today is still mired in the physical approach (Era 1) which is reflected in drugs, surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and so on, guided by the Newtonian laws as described in the seventeenth century. If these laws are to be affective the thinking goes then the physical approach must be followed closely to find causal principles.

In Era 2 the mind was becoming a major factor in healing within the person rather than isolating the physical as the only cause of ill health. The mind was regarded as a causal factor in illness and disease, and spawned approaches such as Psychotherapy, counselling, hypnosis, biofeedback, relaxation therapies and most types of imagery-based "alternative therapies".

Era 3 ushered in the era of non-local or transpersonal medicine, where healing encompassed not only the individual but also other persons who may be involved in the health profile of the patient.

The mind is not completely localised to points in space or time, but could be described as unbounded and infinite in space and time. In these cases healing at a distance is possible such as intercessory prayer, shamanic healing, diagnosis at a distance, telesomatic events which is the connecting with the body of another far-distant from the source of healing intention. This form of healing is easier to understand if knowledge of the famous Carl Jung can be retrieved, particularly his theory of universal consciousness where he regards humanity as living and moving in an ocean of knowledge that spans all of eternity. It is available for our benefit if we know how to access it.

We can only surmise what the next 100 years will bring in Medicine but clearly the physical part is being looked upon as the end result of illness, rather than the cause. To find cause we must go back to something prior and the further we go back the more we approach something within us that is non physical.

It is reasonable to assume then that healing starts here and must be the focus of healing intent if we are to achieve the results we desire.





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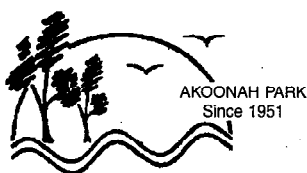
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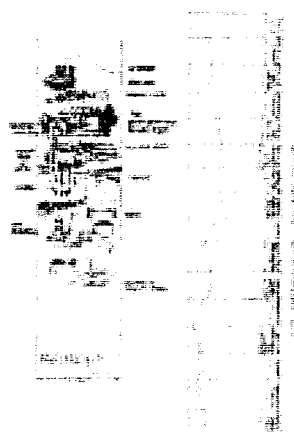
*by Ann Taylor*

The first stitches on the Cardinian Embroidery were made by 35 members of the Beaconsfield Community at the opening of our new community complex on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2004. These stitches were worked on the canvas name section which will be attached to our town panel (see diagram below)



Features of each township and their surrounds will be embroidered separately and then added to the town panels. Already a number of buildings and features in the town are being worked in various embroidery techniques by individuals and groups, but we need more helpers to sew, help assemble and photograph etc.

If you are interested in stitching on features for the main part of the panel or being involved in some way, contact your local representative on the design team Ann Taylor 9707 1996 or the project co-coordinator Eleanor Taylor 59443645. We will provide most of the materials you need and will run workshops at the CCC-pick up a leaflet from one of the shops.



The canvas name panel with threads, needles and instructions is now visiting venues and community groups around the town, so you may add your stitches and have your name recorded in a commemorative album. This is a community project and we would like as many people involved as possible.

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HS writes to her Mum - 8 year old girl

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2. Mums tuck us into bed each night.
3. Mums get us into stuff like dancing and pays for it
4. Mums help you to learn new things each day.

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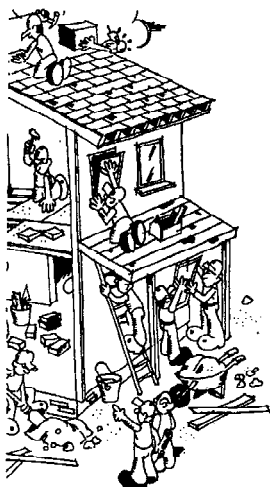
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## SALLY'S GARDEN



### Planting Hints for Spring

Autumn is the time to plant for a colourful spring garden.

**Ranunculus:** Plant the bulbs with the claws pointing downwards to a depth of 5cm. Grow to 50cm in height x 8cm in width

**Anemone x Coronaria:** Bi-colour anemones glow like poppies in late winter. Plant tubers 8cm deep with pointy end down. Grow to 50cm in height x 5cm in width.

**Ipheion "Blue Stars"** These milky blue star shaped flowers multiply quickly. Perfect for edging, or growing in pots. Plant in full sun.

**Freesia:** These not only have very colourful flowers but the perfume is very strong which gives one a feeling that spring is really here. Plant corms 5cms deep with pointy end of corm facing downwards. Mine seem to grow in both poor and rich soil and in full sun and semi-shade. Plant them near a window or open door and enjoy the colour and perfume.

**Grape Hyacinth:** These are an old time favourite in the garden. The bright blue blooms on a 15cm stem, make for a very colourful edging or in drifts under roses and trees. Plant at a depth of 5cm. The flowers last well when cut and placed in a vase.

**Tulips:** Tulip bulbs require cold winters, so plant bulbs in late autumn at least 10cms. deep.

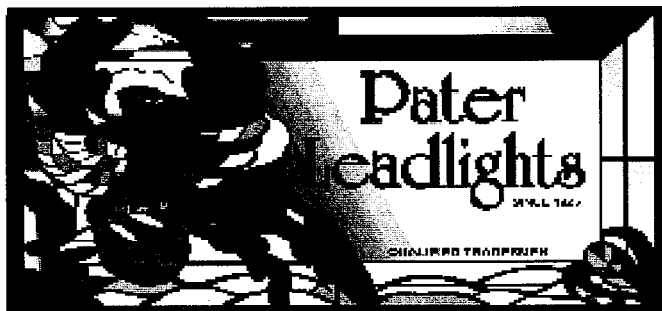
Bulbs also need to be planted in full sun for mature well formed flowers.

**Daffodils:** There are so many different daffodils to choose for planting. one I particularly like is the Narcissus "Yellow Cheerfulness" which has fragrant double lemon flowers in late spring. Plant bulbs at least 5cm. deep in full sun.

It is also time to plant Primulas, Pansies, Sweet Peas and any other bulb family of your choice.

**Rhubarb** is a prolific growing productive plant. Plant the crowns just under the surface of the soil, water and fertilise with lots of manure & mulch. Seems to thrive on sheer neglect but is a very rewarding plant to have. There are so many uses for rhubarb, such as rhubarb and apple pie, stewed with plums and ice cream, and gives a rich colour in parfait glasses with rich custard and icecream.

Grow as many vegetables as you can, fertilising with manure and mulch and you will enjoy organically grown vegetables.



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# BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

We are not of the throw away generation as a result we accumulate. Of course the day must come when we run out of room. I have about 16 doors, some must be nearly a century old. Our generation can't bring themselves to throw away old washing machines without first removing the electric motor and the water pump. Does a baby need four prams? One at nannas, one for the car, one to sleep in and a spare! Does a boy need four bikes? Well a mountain bike, a BMX, an earlier BMX and the other one passed down from his sister.

All of these excesses gave birth to the garage sale. Saturday morning is when you visit other homes where are displayed, drink glasses, novel ash trays, golf trophies, wedding gifts



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and odd lengths of garden hoses. People buy things, not because they need them but they want them. To quote "I bought this thing, I don't know what it is but it seemed awfully cheap." I am always on the look out for suitable stock for our next garage sale.

My work was interrupted by an urgent need to paint our house. The time occurs every eight years or so,

particularly the west side on which the sun shines mercilessly. A change of colour always necessitates 2 coats no matter how good the paint. I use mainly Haymes, but this time I used half Dulux. Both are excellent, the Haymes a little less expensive.

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# RAINFALL RECORDS

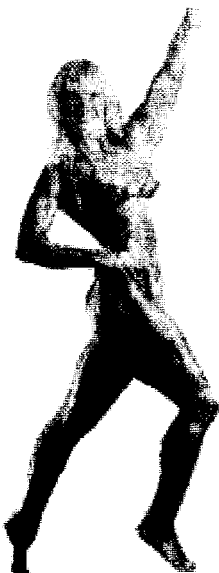
by Nathan Boon

Rainfall records have been kept for hundreds of years. In Holm Park Road, Beaconsfield, Dr. Dick Webb enthusiastically and comprehensively kept Beaconsfield rainfall records from 1984 until the day before he died in 2001. Dr. Webb regularly published a rainfall report detailing various interesting facts in the Beaconsfield Banner. From 1997, Bob Cooper keenly continued to compile the rainfall chart for the Banner.

Bob Cooper and his family have recently moved overseas and I have recorded all the rainfall information from Bob Cooper and Dr. Webb. Thankyou Denise Webb for finding these records. With this information and with future recordings I will be able to contribute a rainfall chart and some facts each Banner. See page 35.

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about, here's something to help; a starting point to understanding rabbit speak:

### 1. Chinning:

Their chins contain scent glands, so they rub their chin on items to indicate that they belong to them.

Same as a cat rubbing its forehead on people and objects.

### 2. Territory Droppings:

Droppings that are not in a pile, but are scattered, are signs that this territory belongs to the rabbit. This will often occur upon entering a new environment. If another rabbit lives in the same house this may occur often and be a nuisance.

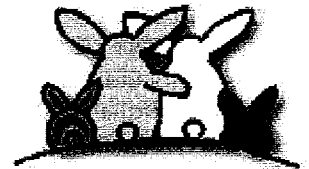
### 3. Stomping:

He's frightened, mad or trying to tell you that there's danger (in his opinion)

### 3. Teeth grinding:

Indicates contentment, like a cat's purr. Loud grinding can indicate pain.

Your pet rabbit will require veterinary attention from time to time e.g. vaccinations, desexing etc. For all advice on your pet rabbit ring Dr. John and the friendly staff at "The Vet Centre" They are no bunnies when it comes to pet care!



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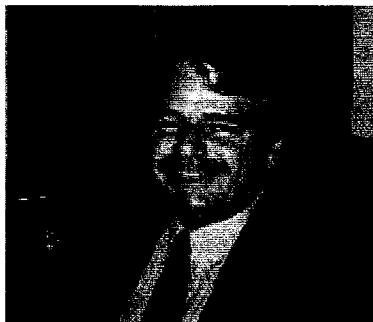
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## TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

During the month of February record rains fell. A total of 171mm was recorded. All of this fell in the first 15 days with 104mm falling on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. This was the highest total for February since 1985.

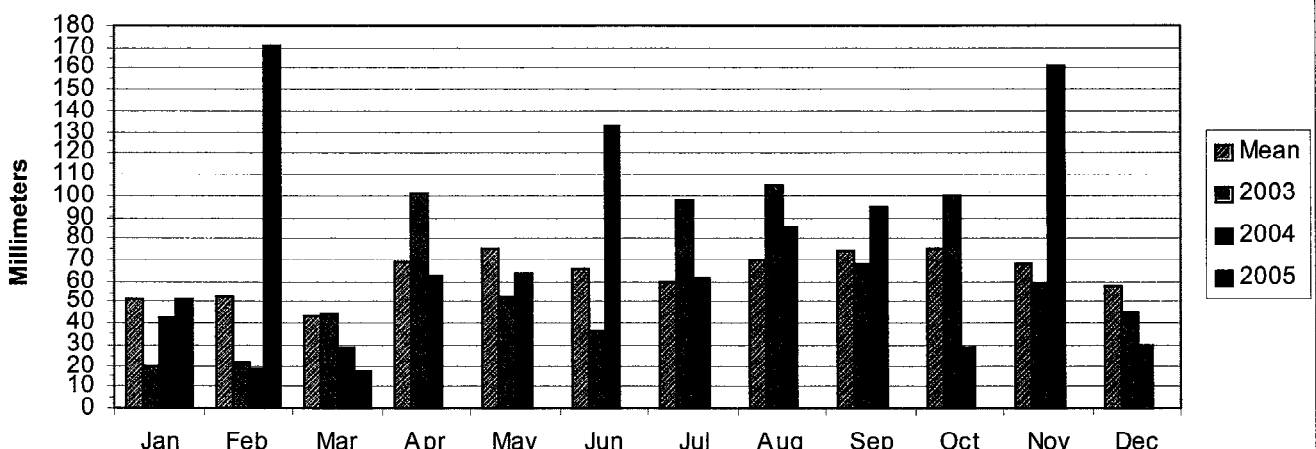
There were 7 days of rain in February and 2 in March. Only 18mm fell in March. This was the lowest March monthly total since 1997 were only 16mm fell. The previous was 1986 where only 11.4mm fell.

**Quick Fact.** In February and March there were a total of 10 days above 30° with 7 in February and 3 in March. The highest being 38° on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.



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## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL





## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Joe Mc Master, President

Reflecting back on the year our club can proudly say we have enjoyed an outstanding year both on and off the field. Our on field achievements have been to field eight junior teams and five senior teams.

5 teams played off in semi finals, 4 teams played in grand finals, 3 premiership flags will proudly be displayed in our rooms.

Congratulations to the three teams U 14's, D Grade and A Grade.

We hosted the Berwick dog show and ran a very profitable canteen, our social nights such as the trivia night and sportsman's

night were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thanks go to all of our junior coaches they have devoted a lot of time to ensure our kids improve their skills and most importantly have fun and enjoy playing cricket with their team mates.

We would also like to recognize the work Rick Colling our captain coach has put into our club over the last 3 years. He and his young team have made history in our association by winning back to back premiership flags, he is an outstanding leader of young men.



2005 A GRADE PREMIERS

The feed back from players and new parents to our club this year who have all been involved in other sporting clubs, have all said we have something special here, everyone is made welcome, it is a friendly and safe environment in which to have our children involved in.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our club during the year and let's all work together towards running a successful club next year. I invite everyone to attend our AGM held at the rooms Wednesday 18 th may 8.00pm

Senior Presentation Night was held on Saturday 19th March and awards presented included:

### Coaches Award :-

A GRADE

Michael Mc Mahon

B GRADE Troy Mc Dermott

D GRADE Tristan Kerr

E GRADE Paul Dorbolo

F GRADE Nathan Boon

A Pewter Mug was presented to Rick Colling as captain coach of Beaconsfield Cricket club a history making performance taking back to back premiership flags.

B Grade 2003-2004

A Grade 2004-2005

### A grade

Batting - Brad Miles 522 runs Average 43.5

Bowling - Glen Scales 19 wickets average 10.74

### B grade

Batting - Ray Cook 204 runs Average 18.55

Bowling - Jarrod Williams 15 wickets Average 15.2

### D grade

Batting - Rob Young 418 runs Average 46.44

Bowling - Scott Murdoch 18 wickets Average 7.56

### E grade

Batting - Paul Benbow 289 runs Average 41.29

Bowling Steve Grindy 14 wickets Average 12.36

### F grade

Batting - Emerson Nugara 233 runs Average 19.42

Bowling Brad Emerson 20 wickets Average 9.35

### Century awards

Brad Miles 117 runs vs. Emerald 16/10/04

Brad Miles 129 runs vs. Clyde 8/1/05

Rob Young 110 not out vs. Tooradin 23/10/04

### Claws Awards

Ray Cook 8/71 vs. Lang Lang 11/12/04

Steve Grindy 4/14 inc. a hat trick vs. Catani 30/10/04

Tristan Kerr 4/0 vs. Catani 30/10/04

Nathan Boon 3/3 vs. Nar Nar Goon 23/10/04

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The Junior 2004/05 Summer competition completed with finals held on 19th March in perfect weather, a stark contrast to the previous week seeing preliminary finals held over two days and subsequent week days due to rain. Beaconsfield was again well represented with six teams participating in grand finals, two victorious as premiers. Thanks again to our Junior Coordinator, Lynne Day and congratulations to:

## Premiers

Sect 5: Daniel Mitchell, John Mitchell, Vaughan Owen, Marcus Drummond, Jayden Wright

Sect 11: Ben Kirchert, Christopher McKay, Samantha Owen, Laura Moody, Sam Rose.

## Runners Up

Sect 2B: Josh Osborne, Daniel Nelson, Daniel Noonan, Luke Potter, David Barlow

Sect 4: Harley Osborne, Aaron Haas, Meera Chandrananth, Nathan Van Der Koogh, Dylan Meno,

Sect 12G: Joseph Kirpichnikov, Joshua Vincent, Julian Kirpichnikov, Andrew Newsome, Mitchell Murrin

Sect 16: Adrian Schmidt, Anastasia Razdialonova, Sean Schmidt, Amy Catherine Smith, Keeley Harris,

Presentation night was held on Wednesday evening preceeding the Easter break when trophies and certificates were presented to all participants and to our following Junior Club champions and runners up:

A Boys: Daniel Nelson, R/up Hayden Wright

A Girls: Montana Grenfell, R/up Brittany Steel

B Boys: Daniel Mitchell, R/up Christopher McKay

B Girls: Meera Chandrananth, R/up Natasha Duncan

A Doubles: Hayden Wright & Daniel Noonan

B Doubles: John Mitchell & Daniel Mitchell

C Doubles: Sean Schmidt & Adrian Schmidt

Court Improvements: For those that play regularly, you will be well aware that our hard courts are in need of resurfacing. Our Committee of Management are working with Tennis Victoria to undertake an upgrade project which it is



Premiers Section 5



Premiers Section 11



Section 2 Blue



Pictured Left: Section 12 Gold  
Middle: Section 16  
Above: Section 4

## Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186	Mid Week Ladies:	9704 6852	Junior Comp: 9707
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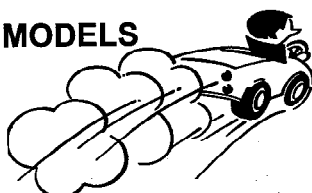
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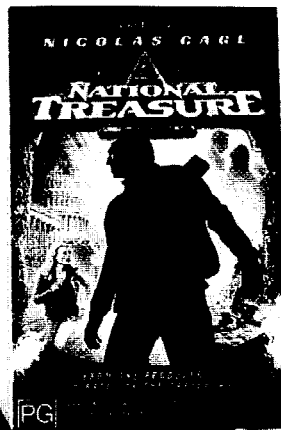
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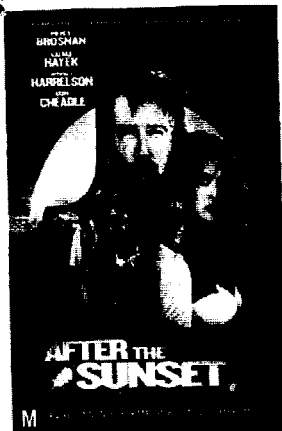


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