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4.4 MILLION REASONS TO SMILE!



L to R: Bryan Noble, School Council President, Tammy Lobato, member for Gembrook, Beaconsfield Primary School Principal, Gary Methven, are all smiles.

The State budget brought great news to the Beaconsfield Primary School Community with \$4.4 million for the development of Stage 2 at Beaconsfield P.S. The project is a fantastic infrastructure investment with:

- * **nine new classrooms**
- with internal movable walls to provide flexible teaching spaces.
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* **music room**

- complete with practice rooms, with stage area opening to the Arts Courtyard.

* **Canteen**

- the children have been looking forward to this addition.

* **multi media room**

- School Council funded Information Technology teaching area.

* **full-size indoor basketball court**

* **gallery for displays and meetings.**

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Photo - Michael Ott, new captain (left) with outgoing captain, Ron Woodfine (right) See report page 7

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CARDINIAN EMBROIDERY

by Ann Taylor

Each town has been making progress with their town panels and many pieces are starting to be completed.

Beaconsfield has a number of historical houses in Wood Street and these have been photographed and chartered and are being worked in cross stitch by different people from the community.

Lesley Marshall from the Make and Mingle friendship and craft group at Beaconsfield Baptist church has recently completed a wonderful cross stitch of the Holm Park House.

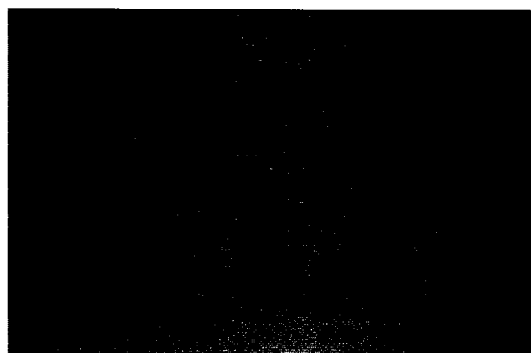
Her beautiful work shows the details of this home, the lattice work on the verandah and the central

parapeted tower. Holm Park was originally built around 1877 and was once owned by the Ramsden and Armytage families.

After Beaconsfield's Anzac day service many people met at the new community complex for afternoon tea and were able to work on the embroidery of the Beaconsfield town name panel. In particular, members of the Berwick Air League joined in adding their stitches and recording their names.

Participants are still required to embroider and assemble and various other tasks.

Enquiries can be made from Eleanor Taylor Project coordinator (5944 3645) Or Ann Taylor Beaconsfield coordinator (9707 1996)



This is a cross stitch of Holm Park worked by Lesley Marshall from Make and Mingle.

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

What a great time of the year! Yes, it is winter. You either love it or loath it. When trees begin to change their colours from green to brown & yellows, camellia's start to show off their beauty during a time when it is less than expected. However, there is much to be said about those fresh mornings and cold nights which bring all the family together in front of a warm fire, watching television or reading a great book.

Since my last report, we have had the Anzac Day service that was a huge success, on the basis that we had a larger than usual turn out. It was very encouraging to see young and old come together to pay respects to our fallen hero's that we owe so much to. After the Anzac Day memorial, the original Beaconsfield Honour Roll was returned to Beaconsfield after being looked after by the Upper Beaconsfield community. It was a very proud moment for those who attended and significant for Beaconsfield.

During our May BPA meeting, we had a representative from Pakenham Police Station attend to hear our concerns regarding the increased crime in our town and surrounds. Sergeant Bruders was very receptive and will be attending our future meeting with some

answers to our concerns after having a chance to discuss them with his superiors.

I would encourage all residents in our community to involve themselves with the initiative to establish a Neighbourhood Watch program in Beaconsfield. This will assist in making our town a safer place to live if we work together. If you are interested in getting involved, please attend the launch in August, or contact Willem Boon for further information.

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

meetings are open to everyone! Our next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 14th of June at 7.30pm.

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

Michael Muaremov
President - BPA
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CARDINIA YOUR LINK WITH COUNCIL

by Cr. Garry Runge, Beacon Hills Ward

Hello everyone. I would like to start my article by saying how proud I am to represent the Beacon Hills ward and how much of an honour it is to be the Mayor of one of the fastest growing municipalities in Victoria. With that honour comes the challenge of managing growth and providing for the needs of all residents right across the shire. Today I wish to talk about a few issues which impact on Beaconsfield in general and the shire in particular.

Pedestrian Crossing

As you may know the State Government is unable to signalise the Wood street, Old Princes Highway intersection. This is a major part of the township traffic

strategy which was developed by the BPA. Council in the 2005/06 budget has allocated funds and will install a signalised pedestrian crossing across the highway in the vicinity of the bus stop leading to the Plaza. Safety of the community is one of my main concerns and I am pleased to have been able to advocate for the funding to install this crossing.

Brunt Road Lights

Tenders have closed and as soon as the appropriate paper work is completed and a decision made in council to award the contract work will commence. Again I am pleased that the council in conjunction with the developers of the

Panorama Estate have been able to fund these lights.

Budget Highlights

This year sees another well framed and sensible budget which will steer the shire towards the delivery of infrastructure and services in a timely and financially responsible fashion. Roads continue to be a high priority and it is planned to complete the sealing of 50 kms of road this financial year.

* \$1.2m has been allocated to support community groups and volunteers.

* The average residential rate increase will be 5.75% (\$1 per week).

* \$1.5m has been allocated to the construction of the new Emerald Library.

* \$3.8m over two years has been allocated to the construction of the new Cardinia Aquatic Centre.

* The introduction of a pensioner rate rebate has been introduced to assist our elderly and disadvantaged.

* The population in the growth corridor (Beaconsfield/Officer/Pakenham) is expected to grow from:

2001 - 16,443 people

2021 - 80,601 people an increase of 390%

The biggest challenge for council is to manage the growth. Our community deserves to have infrastructure and service delivered in an appropriate manner. By the adoption of the budget strategy we will continue to develop a sustainable environment and provide local employment for future generations.

I look forward to your positive support of the budget and continued enthusiasm as Beaconsfield grows in a managed way with continued input from the community.

Regards,
Cr. Garry Runge
Mayor

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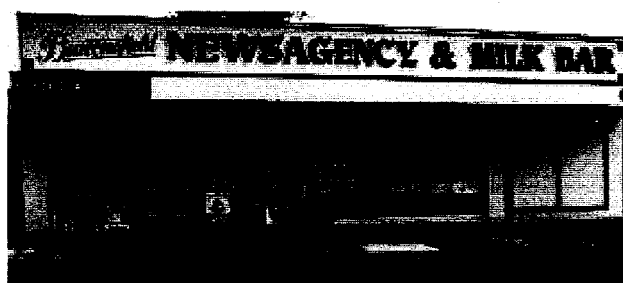
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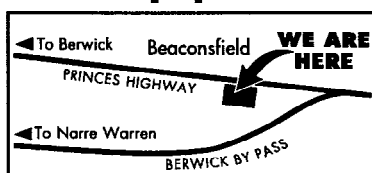
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NEWS FLASH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMES TO BEACONSFIELD

by Willem Boon

The response to the recent survey regarding community interest for Neighbourhood Watch in Beaconsfield was fantastic.

A very big thankyou to everyone who took the time to return the survey.

A total of 115 responses were received from residents throughout Beaconsfield and Panorama.

This positive response enables Neighbourhood

Watch to proceed and details are currently being finalised.

Those residents who indicated an interest in being involved within the committee will be contacted in due course. There will still be more opportunities for residents to become involved.

It is anticipated to launch Neighbourhood Watch in Beaconsfield in the second half of August. Watch your letterbox for a flyer.

For further information please contact
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Senior Constable Monica Smith.
Phone: 9767 7522 or email:
monica.smith@police.gov.au
or Willem Boon 9707 5053

CARDINIA SHIRE LOBBY FOR BETTER ACCESS

CARDINIA Shire Council's will lobby for better local access to the Pakenham Bypass. They are calling for a signalised intersection and right hand turn facilities to be placed at the junction of the old Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield and the Bypass to enable people coming from Beaconsfield township to access the bypass westbound.

They will also request a full diamond interchange at the

Beaconsfield end of the bypass to improve access eastward from Beaconsfield township.

Mayor Garry Runge said "With so many new homes in this growth corridor, improved access to the bypass is essential. I thank the State and Federal governments for their commitment to the bypass, and ask that these other vital elements are included in the plan."

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CARDINIA SENIOR CITIZENS REGISTER

The Pakenham Police Station along with the CFA and Cardinia Shire Council are establishing a Senior Citizens Register.

The objectives of the register are to :-

- make elderly citizens feel safe.
- create a closer relationship between Police and elderly citizens.
- have ready access to the personal information of clients when necessary.
- have regular contact with the elderly, (If they request it).
- minimise the fear of crime amongst the elderly.
- increase the awareness of the elderly for their own safety and security.
- minimise concerns of family, for the welfare of their aging relatives.

The register will be based at the University of the Third Age in Pakenham and is a free service.

All the information will be entered on a Confidential Computer Data Base only accessible by Police and Senior Citizens Volunteers.

The volunteers will have police checks conducted on them to ensure they are suitable.

The register will contain information such as, next of kin, Doctors details, any medical conditions, if there

are any neighbours/friends with keys to your premises.

Volunteers from the register will also make regular phone calls to you to check on your welfare should you wish. These calls will only be made if you want them and as often as you want. Once you are on the register you do not have to have any further involvement if you don't wish to. The police will then have your details to help you should you need help. The level of your involvement is up to you.

The Police and CFA will also conduct a safety and security check on your premises if you wish.

Members of the Senior Citizens Register will be given a Fridge Magnet and membership card with their own personal number. This number will be recorded on the confidential computer which will be used to obtain details if required.

Pakenham Police urge you to become a member of the Senior Citizens Register. The Register can only be of benefit to you. Committee members and Volunteers to make phone calls are also being sought.

For further information or application forms contact the Pakenham Police Station on 59411033.

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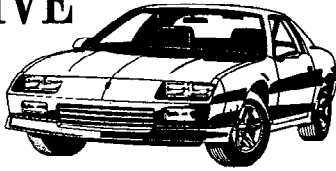
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Philip Walton

NEW CAPTAIN FOR BRIGADE

Michael Ott was recently elected as captain of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade following current captain Ron Woodfine deciding not to stand for the position after 12 years as captain. Michael will take over the role on 1 July 2005.

Michael has been a member of the brigade for 16 years, and has been a lieutenant for the last 8 years including 4 years as first lieutenant. During this time, Michael has gained considerable experience at fires both locally, across the state and as far a field as Sydney. Michael particularly recalls the fire at the Beaconsfield Primary School in 2001 which was one of the largest structure fires in Beaconsfield for many years and at which he was the officer in charge.

Michael says he is looking forward to the challenge of the captain's position and is looking to continue on the good work undertaken by Ron over the past 12 years.

Ron decided not to stand again after 12 years as captain, as he felt it was time for a change in the brigade and that he would like to spend more time with his family. Ron has been a member of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade for 29 years, and is one of a few remaining members to have fought the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983,

an experience vividly etched in Ron's memory. Ron will continue on as an active member of the brigade.

Ron described it as an honour to have been captain for the past 12 years, and he is proud to leave the captain's role knowing the brigade is in as strong a position as it has ever been.

Of many achievements, Ron particularly noted the recent replacement of one of the brigade's tankers with a new tanker that the brigade and Beaconsfield community raised over \$180,000 for, and being awarded the inaugural Bob Burgess Award for outstanding service to the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. The Bob Burgess Award is named in honour of Bob Burgess who was a distinguished captain of the brigade for many years.

The members elected to positions in the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade were:

Michael Ott - Captain
Matteo DiCarlo - 1st Lieutenant
Anthony Hester - 2nd Lieutenant
Phil Walton - 3rd Lieutenant
Paul Hayes - 4th Lieutenant
Glenn Dorning - Secretary/
Treasurer
Matt Haines -
Communications Officer

Free Headlight Checks in Lighting Week: June 20-27

by Peter Mc Lean & Cardinia Road Safety committee

Victorian motorists can have their vehicle's headlight alignment checked free of charge from June 20-27, at over 600 workshops around Victoria, as part of a joint program by Victoria's leading road safety organisations.

'Lighting Week', which is now in its third year, was set up in response to the large number of complaints from Victorian motorists in relation to poorly aimed headlights often 'dazzling' oncoming traffic when driving at night.

The other benefit of having correctly aimed headlights is that it dramatically improves your ability to see the road and surrounds when driving at night.

VicRoads, RACV, TAC and the VACC, have again joined forces to offer drivers the free headlight alignment checks.

In 2004 over 3,000 vehicles

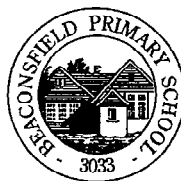
where checked, with around 75% requiring some form of realignment.

Victorian motorists can get their free* headlight check at selected RACV and VACC approved workshops throughout the state. Bookings are essential.

To find your nearest participating service centre visit www.vacc.motor.net.au or www.racv.motoring.com.au, or call VicRoads on 1300 360 745.

Headlight alignment can alter with everyday driving, and contrary to popular belief, aiming is often not part of normal servicing. Motorists should ask to have their lights checked and specify that the headlights are re-aimed when the car is serviced.

*Simple alignment adjustments will not incur any costs, but any significant repairs will be at the owner's expense.



BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

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Designed by Architects Smith & Tracey in consultation with the School Council, the building plan makes clever use of our existing land; remarkably, giving us bigger and better teaching areas yet releasing more level ground currently under portables for play space and gardens.

Our School Council is taking a "30 year view" of the project; capitalising on this once in a generation opportunity by investing \$350,000 in the project. This money will provide opportunities other school communities dream about.

A lot of remarkable people have given so much of their time and energy to dream the dream; draw up plans and help us secure a strong future:

* The staff (past and present) of this wonderful school who worked to ensure that the plans met

the needs of our children and the desires of our community, especially Sharon Padley, Sonya Nori and Andrea Hillbrick who met with the planning committee each week during development.

* The School Councillors (past and present), who have had the vision to take advantage of this once in a generation opportunity and develop a remarkably flexible and exciting project, especially Paul Hayes and President Bryan Noble for the early morning meetings and constant advice and support.

* Southern Metropolitan Region Facilities Branch (Education Dept.) has demonstrated tremendous goodwill and support for our community. They provided advice, skilfully guiding us through the planning process.

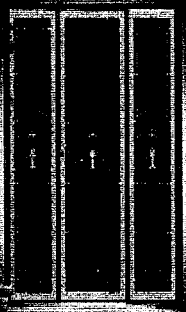
* The member for Gembrook, Tammy Lobato played her part in keeping the project on the Government's "radar", ensuring the infrastructure needs of our community are met in a timely manner. Her encouragement and support for our school community in this project has been superb.

* Architects Ted Adams and Mark Grigsby have contributed not only sensational architectural talent, but perhaps more importantly, patiently listened to our needs and desires and worked collaboratively to ensure an outstanding design that allows us to achieve our dreams.

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NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

by Jeannette Langan, Communications Officer, Cardinia Shire

Students, parents and even the Mayor turned out to represent Cardinia on National Walk Safely to School day on 6th May.

About 90% of Beaconsfield Primary School's 500-plus students took part in the walk as part of their Walking School Bus program, arriving alert and active after their morning exercise. On arrival at school, Walking School Bus walkers were presented with showbags of healthy snacks and pedometers to encourage them to keep walking.

Walking School Bus is a supervised walking program sponsored by Cardinia Shire Council and VicHealth and conducted

by dedicated volunteer 'drivers' - mothers and other responsible adults who walk with the students to ensure they arrive safely.

Cardinia Mayor Garry Runge thanked the volunteer 'drivers' who do a wonderful job to instil the healthy lifestyle and environment message by leading by example.

"Unfortunately 80% of children living within 2km of school are driven to school each day, so they miss out on exercise, socialising and learning road safety rules.

"If 500 children at this school walked to school each day, we'd save 50lt of fuel and an incredible 1125kg of carbon dioxide

emissions each day," he said.

Beaconsfield Primary School Principal Gary Methven said the program reduced traffic and improved parking safety around the school.

"Traffic congestion is a problem at most schools around pick-up and drop-off time, but today with so many students walking today there was very little traffic which was a refreshing change," he said.



School children with walking bus 'drivers', Jane (left) and Katy.

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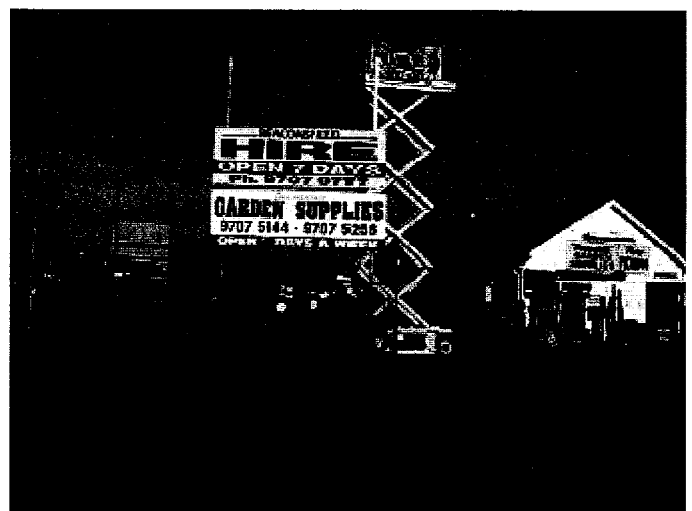
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by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

Fundraising Thankyou

The Committee has purchased new bikes for the children's programs from our easter egg fundraiser. Thankyou very much to everyone who bought easter eggs to support us. The bikes were a great success immediately with all the children in the playgroups and the occasional care programs.

New Playgroup Next Term

Next term we plan to run a new playgroup on Wednesday afternoons.

Our Monday and Wednesday morning playgroups are very popular, so if you are interested in attending, please ring as soon as possible to see if there are places available for next term.

Our Wednesday morning baby playgroup, which started this term, will continue if there is enough interest. The baby playgroup is for parents with children 6 - 18 months. Come along and meet other parents in a friendly environment.

All our playgroups will be assisted by our new

playgroup assistant, Maria. Maria looks out for new playgroup ideas, sets up activities, and provides administration for the playgroup program.

Toylibrary

Toy Library is now open on Thursday nights 7-8pm. Unfortunately we have encountered some difficulty with opening on Friday mornings and apologise to anyone who may have been inconvenienced.

We will be offering a Tuesday morning session, beginning in Term 3.

E-gaps computer access

The e-gaps computers are now available for public access at the centre. You are able to access the Internet from the computers, as well as using the computers for popular programs.

To use the computers, you need to contact the office (ph 8768 4400) to book a time. The computers are available on Monday afternoon, Tuesdays, and Thursday mornings during our office hours.

We expect to be able to offer evening access during Term 3, and will have news about the evening session times in our Term 3 booklet.

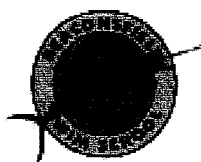
Term 3 Program Booklet

Please look out for our Term 3 program booklet, which will be delivered in Beaconsfield during the school holidays. The booklet includes information about all our programs which start from 11th July. Most of our current programs will continue, with extra computer courses and new activities for young people. If you do not receive a program, we will send one out to you if you phone the office on 8768 4400.

Drawing and Meditation Classes

You are welcome to join our still life drawing or the chikung and meditation classes for the last weeks of term. There are still spaces in these classes, and you may pay by the week, and then continue on into next term.

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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman



For weeks rumours rattled round our town concerning the fate of our Post Office - too many to mention. First, tables out front, then plants followed by signs of homewares. Personally I was confused.

The principals of the business chose a low profile opening and introductory period while they fine tuned the shape and scope of the business to customers re-actions and needs. It now looks like The Corner Post is humming along nicely.

Consider Emmas Great Grandmothers Cornish Pastie or Scotch cut Steak sandwich, egg, cheese, fresh tomato and Grans Pickles or The Corner Post Lunch Box; Turkish bread sandwich, slice of frita,

cheese and crackers and a lamington slice. Indications are customers would complain if any of the latter were removed from the menu. Our favourite is the scones with real clotted cream and homemade raspberry jam. Jam that tastes of real berries, not sugar. Delicious. Fans of Bread and Butter Pudding (and there are a lot of us out there) have plenty of choice - three variations over the past four weeks. Breakfast till 11.30, great MAP coffee, generous helpings of made on the premises goodies and an interesting range of wine.

Emma, Fiona, Ian and Bruce have created a unique operation; Gourmet Café, Homewares and presents, Plant Sales and Garden accessories, all in

a cosy atmosphere that is hard to imagine from the outside. A little like exploring Aladdin's Cave.

The crew at Corner Post look forward to opening in the evening for private groups for what they describe as a "pleasant evening" in the cosy rooms enjoying a glass of good wine and continuous bites of interesting food.

The Corner Post has a good feel and is already attracting regulars. Open 9 -5, Tues - Sun.

Readers of this column know of our love for the food at Vue de Monde. Anne and I recently visited just before closure of operations at Carlton and the move to new premises in the City. We both tried an entrée of

Goats cheese ravioli accompanied by hare salami and a caper butter beurre noisette. The complimentary glass of wine was one of the finds of the year. Pikes 'Luccio', Clare Valley, 60% Semillon, 28% Pinot Grigio, 8% Sauvignon Blanc and 4% Chardonnay. A lovely food wine. Try Rathdowne Cellars. We tried different mains. Anne had Roast wild barramundi, poached in red wine lees, encrusted with gruyere and dressed with a sauce osso bucco, and I the Roast Denver leg venison with sautéed cabbage and pomme gaufrette, finished with a red wine and chocolate sauce. Shannon Bennett at the top of his game. With the mains we tried a terrific bottle of Torbreck Cuvee Juveniles, 2003, \$25. All in all for us a memorable last day and only \$26 per head, plus the red wine. A bargain.

Vue de Monde is now located at 430 Lt Collins St, Normanby Chambers Building, opposite Bank Place.



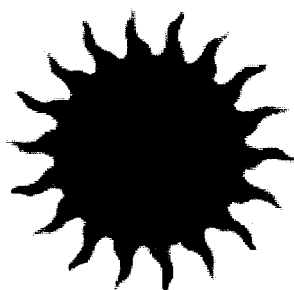
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Will Rogers, US humorist, actor and writer (1879 - 1935)

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

Imagine the childlike joys of boys and girls as they open their presents on Christmas morning.

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The Make and Mingle group have been making and collecting items to fill

shoeboxes for children to be sent through Samaritan's Purse. If you and your family would like to participate in this worthwhile cause you may either contact Make and Mingle or contact Samaritan's Purse (Phone 1800 684 300)

Make and Mingle will be celebrating their 18th birthday this June and are having a special soup lunch and a concert from the Swordwords group.

We are doing a range of crafts this term, including Bead crafts, patchwork and embroidery, knitting and crochet, glass art, greeting cards and scrap booking. Next term we are planning to also do silk painting and stamping.



Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday, during school term from 10am -12 noon at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy Beaconsfield Details from Ann Taylor (9707 1996)



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FUNDING ANNOUNCED

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

I recently announced that Beaconsfield Primary School will receive \$4.41 million as part of the education funding in the newly released state budget for 2005/06. I was thrilled to make the announcement at the school to the delighted school council president, Bryan Noble and to the school principal, Gary Methven, who declared he was "the happiest man in Victoria".

This multi million dollar funding now means that the newly finished master plan for the school will be able to be fully implemented. Existing portables will be replaced with new permanent general purpose classrooms. Another specialised building will be constructed that will house a basketball court, a canteen, and an art and

music room. Landscaping and other improvements to the building surrounds will also take place, including the creation of an arts courtyard.

This announcement is a huge step forward for the school and this investment would ensure that the education provided at the school continued to be top class.

This building upgrade will have a major effect on the school's capacity to deliver the best possible education for the children of this area. It is very encouraging that work will commence so soon after the completion of the master plan. Gary Methven, Bryan Noble and the entire school community are to be congratulated for their hard work, which has paid off with the announcement of this funding.

The Beaconsfield Primary School is one of five local schools which will also benefit from the latest funding round of the Schoolyard Blitz program and will receive a \$5,500 grant to allow the school to undertake improvements and upgrades of the school environment. This fantastic program allows schools to take the concept of a working bee to a whole new level, by encouraging schools to team up with local communities to enable new projects to be realised. This funding will allow the school to improve playgrounds, ovals or gardens or maybe consider contributing the grant towards the installation of sunshade protection, water saving devices for garden areas or planting of native trees and shrubs for garden areas.

In April 2004, the Victorian Government entered into a new partnership agreement with Connex to deliver stability and improve the frequency, reliability and safety of public transport services.

Recently, I joined with Carlo Carli MP in hosting a public meeting at the old Beaconsfield Community Centre on the state of the Beaconsfield Railway Station. Many local residents attended and made useful comments which we passed on to the Minister for Transport and Connex. There have been some exciting developments arising out of the consultation process. Vic Task is expected to award the tender to upgrade the pedestrian crossing at Beaconsfield Railway Station soon. The crossing, to be designed in line with the approved national



standard, is expected to be commissioned by June 2006.

In addition, every year Connex prepares a works program for projects to improve access to railway stations. Work will begin shortly on preparation of the 2005/06 program, and Beaconsfield Railway Station will be considered in this process. Under the partnership arrangements with the Victorian Government, Connex was required to undertake a detailed audit of all metropolitan railway stations and car parks and lighting. The Department of Infrastructure is reviewing the results of the audit in order to provide advice to Government on priority works to be undertaken.

Bus services have been improved throughout the electorate of Gembrook. Residents of Beaconsfield will be pleased that an additional service has been added to the popular Hampton to Pakenham Route 826. This will provide an additional evening trip at 6:15pm on weekdays. This added trip will assist those wanting to leave work a little later and will provide more flexibility for the working hours of residents.

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

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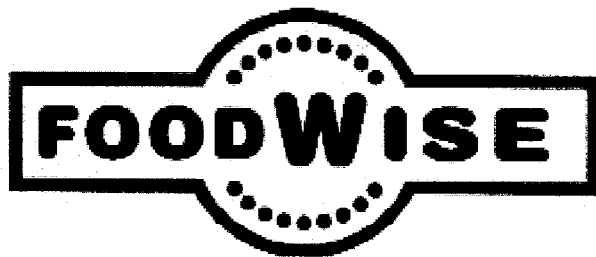
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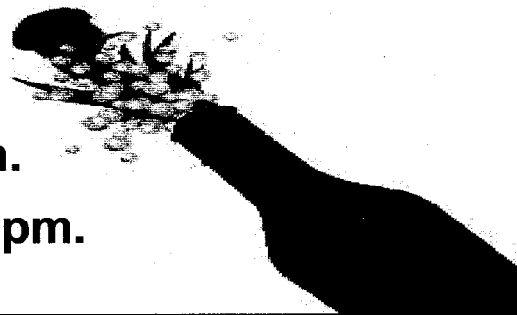
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Justice

I think I have read almost every one of Jeffery Archer's novels. If a book gives clues to the character and personality of the writer then Jeffrey Archer is a pretty decent bloke. And I certainly found him to be so when some years ago I wrote to him. In his book, "As the Crow Flies" there is a short scene set in Melbourne. The book contains a couple of small inaccuracies, obviously the product of the author's lack of an intimate knowledge of Melbourne. I pointed out the errors. I posted my letter and thought no more about the matter. Some months later I received the most gracious letter of thanks written in long hand.

Over this last weekend I read his book, "A Prison Diary". In July 2001 Jeffrey Archer, the Oxford Scholar, the English Member of Parliament, Life Peer and world famous author was sentenced to four years jail for perjury. In his book he maintains his innocence.

Is he innocent? Is Schapelle Corby innocent? Was Lindy Chamberlain innocent? None of us are sure. But what is more disturbing is the fact the courts have not been able to demonstrate to us the certainty of their guilt. Too often the legal process has left us unconvinced. Have innocent ones been punished and just as unsettling have guilty ones walked away?

The thought of injustices being perpetrated is very disturbing. We all like to see justice done. We Christians know that in a world where mistakes are made true justice cannot be guaranteed. Not every wrong will be dealt with and not every guilty one will be called to account. But Christians believe passionately that there will be a day of judgment. A time when we will see justice done. But if God is going to judge everybody then he is going to judge me! And if he is going to judge me I had better do some thinking about what that means.



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BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPLEX WINS MAJOR ARCHITECTURE AWARD

by Jeannette Langan, Communications Officer, Cardinia Shire

Beaconsfield's new Community Complex has taken out a major architectural award at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery on Tuesday, May 31.

The O'Neil Rd Complex won the South East Development award for Best Public Project, ahead of strong competition from Mornington Peninsula's Peninsula Pavillion, Casey's Hampton Park Library and Strathaird Primary School, and Cardinia's own Lang Lang Community Complex and Cardinia Cultural Centre.

The awards were presented by the South East Development committee, a Commonwealth Government initiative.

The complex includes a 300-seat function centre with commercial kitchen available for public hire, the Beaconsfield Community Centre and neighbourhood house, Beaconsfield

Kindergarten, a public computer room, as well as meeting rooms and exhibition space.

In awarding the centre, the judges described the building as an intriguing blend of "carefully articulated block work and dramatic black cladding".

Cardinia Mayor Garry Runge welcomed the award and congratulated architect Prior & Cheney on the winning design.

"This is an impressive facility that the people of Beaconsfield had a significant role in shaping. Its community education

and function facilities are among the best in the region, and I encourage all residents to visit the Complex and explore what it has to offer," he said.

Architect David Newstead said the award was testament to Council's commitment to the delivery of high quality facilities for the Cardinia Region.

"Their foresight, and support of rigorous community consultation allowed us to provide an informed and responsive design solution. The award is deeply gratifying, but ultimately the true reward comes from the community we have designed for," he said.



HOSPITAL PARKING FEES

by David Morland,
Secretary, B.P.A.

The new Casey Hospital charges \$1 per hour for parking up to a max of \$4 per day. The Beaconsfield Progress Association felt these charges unnecessary and unfair.

It seemed to the Beac. Progress Assoc. that one of the primary reasons for Parking Fees (which are normally linked to time limits) is to force people to share limited parking spots. There is virtually unlimited space around the New Hospital. We are 50 Km from the CBD and no other facility in our region charges for car parking. With masses of asphalt all around the hospital, and knowing that most people are only at a hospital because they are in trouble it seemed to the BPA a bit mean to be forcing people to pay. The BPA also had some concern that many folk will avoid the parking fees and leave their vehicles out on the road. We believed it was far better to have the vehicles in the car park and off the road.

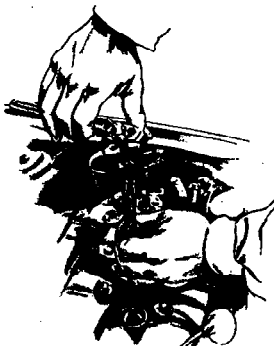
Upon making representation to our Local Member we discovered that our new Hospital is in fact owned by a company called "Progress Health". The BPA lobbied Progress Health but they were unwilling to remove parking fees. Progress Health are a commercial organisation and hence not in a position to forgo parking fees.

However the hospital management may issue discount vouchers to hospital users who can demonstrate either a genuine need or are required to stay at the hospital for extended periods.

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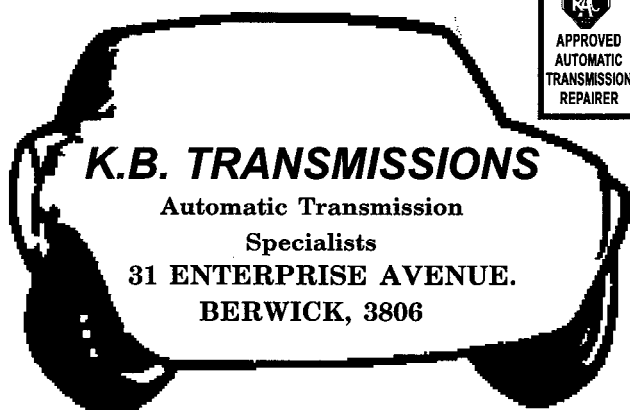


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by **GRAEME J TAYLOR**
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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Treasurer recently delivered the federal budget, which contained many surprises and important changes. Total revenue is estimated to increase by 5.8%. Over the next four years GDP Growth will increase annually by 3% to 3.5%; employment growth to increase annually 1.25% to 1.75%; wages growth ranging from 3.75% to 4% and CPI increases ranging from 2.5% to 2.75%. All of these are signs of a healthy economy. Budget changes include the following:

* Personal tax cuts for all taxpayers to apply from 1st July 2005 by reducing the lowest tax rate from 17% to 15% and extending tax brackets. Further tax cuts apply from 1st July 2006.

* Senior Australians will be able to earn more before paying income tax due to the reduction of the 17% tax rate to 15%.

* Superannuation surcharge is to be abolished effective from 1st July 2005. This "temporary" source of revenue was introduced ten years ago to help offset an inherited budget deficiency and has never been popular.

* CGT roll-over relief is to be extended to include

assets under a binding financial agreement or award entered under the Family Law Act 1975 instead of the current requirement of only a Court approved Settlement.

* Splitting of Superannuation Contributions. This policy has been discussed for some years and enables both spouses to have access to their own lump sum and pension reasonable benefit limits and both have access the low tax threshold.

* Forestry Plantations. An immediate deduction for funds contributed in one financial year and spent the following year is to be reviewed but deductibility of this expenditure will apply until 30th June 2008.

* Medical Expenses. Eligible expenses will exclude expenditure on cosmetic procedures from 1st July 2005.

The Budget has not structurally altered the tax system but the numerous changes have attempted to provide benefits for all levels of income earners. All taxpayers should review the Budget and be aware of matters effecting them and discuss with their Accountant.

Caution With Cats

by Steve the Vet

Over the last few months we have seen several cases of poisonings in cats where flea products have been the cause. There are numerous spot on flea products on the market, those that contain permethrin (an insecticide) should not be used on cats. Permethrin is well tolerated in dogs, but can sometimes be fatal in cats.

Signs of intoxication are related to the effect on the central nervous system. Owners may notice tremors or seizures, salivating, vomiting, hyperexcitability or even depression.

The most common cause for poisoning is the direct application of a spot on product that is intended to be only used in dogs. This usually occurs when a flea ampoule is "shared" between the dog and cat, causing the accidental poisoning of the cat.

If poisoning should occur then contact us

immediately and when you come in bring along the product that has been used. Treatment will probably require that your cat be hospitalised. The seizures/tremors will be controlled via sedation and their body temperature is closely monitored as the resultant excessive muscle activity will cause their body temperature to rise. Often intravenous fluids are given to replace significant fluid loss, maintain adequate kidney function and cool their body temperature.

There is no antidote and so exposure is further minimised by washing off any remaining product still on the skin. If the product has been licked, activated charcoal is given by mouth to help absorb the product in the stomach. Although permethrin toxicity can cause some very undesirable effects in cats, most will recover within 1-3 days with treatment, and without long term side effects.

Always take care when using any product on your animals. Do not use products intended for dogs on cats, and vice versa, always following the recommended dose. Not all spot on products contain permethrin with a number being very safe for use on your cats.

If you have any queries on the correct product to use or how to better control fleas on your pets, please feel free to call us at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre. We are more than happy to give helpful advice on any matter of concern to you.



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who floss each tooth to make them gleam!

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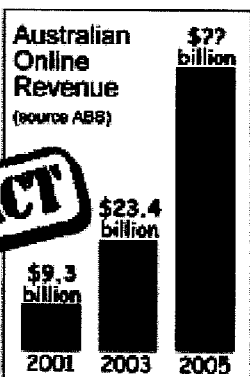
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BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

A successful Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service was held on Sunday April 24th. A large crowd attended the ceremony held at the Beaconsfield cenotaph.

The Berwick Air League and members of the

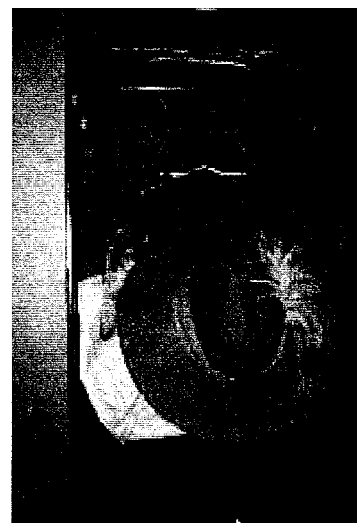
Australian Great War Association stood guard at the cenotaph and then marched behind the piper, Ian Arrel (Pictured Right).

Thankyou to everyone who attended or were involved in the day.



Pictured Left: Tammy Lobato, member for Gembrook, gives her address to the crowd.

Pictured Right: Part of the display in the Community Complex provided by the Australian Great War Association.

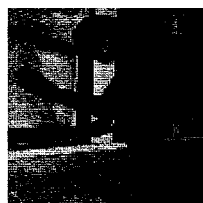


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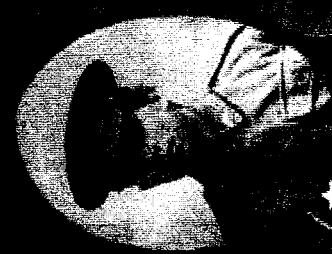
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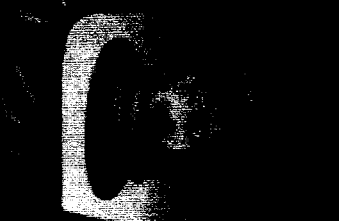
Bold as of yore and true to the core,
Sped they our young sons far over the sea -
And Faine wrote a Story of Valor,
That flashed to the ends of the Earth.
Of Deeds nobly done, of Nationhood won,
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Pte J. Adamson



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In 1997 while working at the RSL Club rooms in Berwick I asked Ken Newitt about the Beaconsfield Honour Board and he told me that c1970 it was taken to the Upper Beaconsfield RSL Club rooms when the Beaconsfield Hall was shifted for the duplication of the Highway. Members of the Progress Association made arrangements for Frank Conn of the Upper Beaconsfield RSL to see the Honour Board and to return it to Beaconsfield. After seeing the Honour Board a discussion took

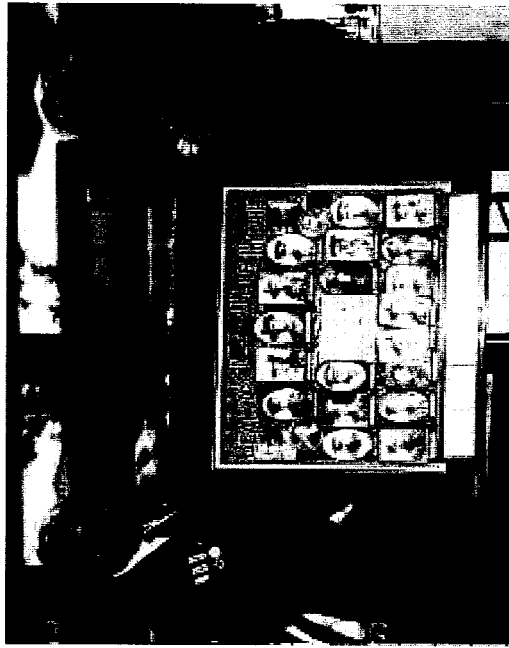
Akoonah Park Committee was asked to be sponsor of the project and they generously paid for the total cost of the project. The Beaconsfield Community Centre was approached for wall space for the new Honour Board and Paul Cohen was commissioned to make the new Honour Board.

The copy of the Honour Board was completed in February 1999 and a special day, the Sunday prior to Anzac Day, was organised to unveil it. Akoonah Park Committee was asked to unveil the Honour Board and they suggested that Marc

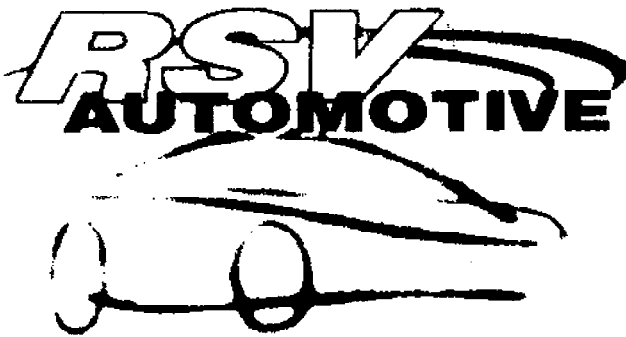
**ORIGINAL
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RETURNS TO
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The original Beaconsfield WW1 Honourboard was returned to Beaconsfield during a ceremony on Sunday April 24th, 2005 at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. Representatives from Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L., Geoff Davidson and Eric Chaplin, Mayor and Garry Runge and Beaconsfield Progress Association Vice President, Tony Rushton

The copy of the Honour Board will now be housed at Upper Beaconsfield R.S.L.
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Mayor Garry Runge (left) and BPA Vice President, Tony Rushton, accepting the original Beaconsfield WW1 Honour Board.



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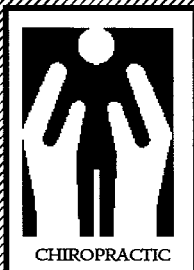
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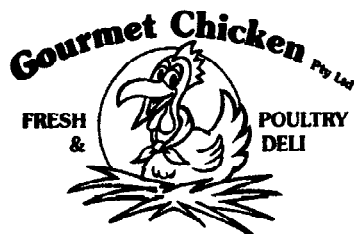
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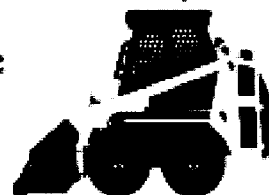
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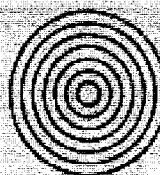
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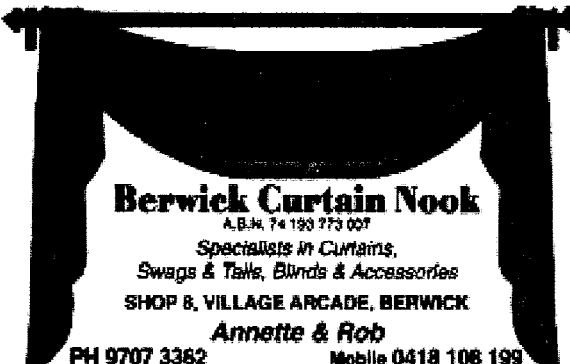
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by David Griffiths

I don't know if it's the same for everyone, but for me one of the most important parts of a film is the ending.

I believe that you could sit through 80 minutes of the best film in the world but if the last 10 minutes let you down, it would ruin the rest of the film for you. It is for that reason when you study film making your lecturers spend countless hours pounding into you, how to write a great beginning and an excellent ending. The stuff in the middle just comes with practice.

That is why I'm pleased to say that there are two good films out there at the moment that follow the rule of having a memorable ending.

I entered the cinema to watch 'The Upside Of Anger' with some hesitation. It had been heavily promoted as a chick flick (of which there are some good ones,

'Wimbledon' springs to mind) and the fact that it was 117 minutes, seemed a little daunting for a character and dialogue driven film.

But make no mistake, 'The Upside Of Anger' will be in my top film list at the end of the year. The film's screenplay has to be one of the best to have come out of Hollywood for several years. It is chock-a-block with well-timed one liners and a dark humour that will leave you thinking 'should I have been laughing at that.' And it has one hell of a twisted ending, that nobody will predict coming.

In short 'The Upside Of Anger' tells the story of a woman and her four daughters after her husband suddenly disappears. It shares their laughs, loves and explores the relationships between them in a depth not often seen in a film.

It stars Joan Allen, Kevin Costner, Alicia Witt, Kerri Russell, Erika Christenson and Evan Rachel Wood, who all give performances that are worthy of Academy Awards, especially Evan Rachel Wood, whom I believe is one of Hollywood's most underrated actors (also check her out in 'Thirteen').

The 'Upside Of Anger' is a film that definitely must not be missed by film lovers.

Another good film I saw recently is 'Hostage'. I'm not really a Bruce Willis fan (although his performance in 'Unbreakable' was above par), so it was a bit of a shock to me when I heard that he'd been named in the lead of this film, of which I'd read the novel a while ago.

Willis made the role of hostage negotiator, Jeff Talley, his own and by the end of the film I couldn't imagine anyone else ever playing the part.

'Hostage' tells the story of Jeff Talley, who leaves the big city and becomes a

town sheriff after bungling a hostage negotiation. It is therefore his worst nightmare when a group of three teenagers hold a rich family hostage and he is responsible for their freedom. Just to up the tension, a strange twist in the story suddenly means Talley's family are also suddenly under threat.

This film has more twists and turns than The Great Ocean Road, and is worth a look if you like a thinking person's action film.

If you watch 'The Upside Of Anger' and 'Hostage' you definitely won't be disappointed.

Happy film going!



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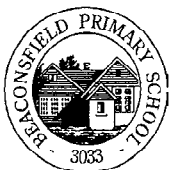
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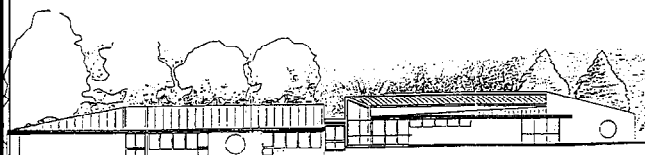
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

The term, "Ley Lines" is one that is not common to our everyday discussions of things that have auras of the mysterious about them. In Historical terms however human history during the last several hundred years has been greatly influenced by these little understood remnants of early European history.

So what are "Ley Lines"? Explanations can differ a little depending on the personally held theory of the one attempting to clarify this strange phenomenon to the satisfaction of the enquirer. Generally speaking they are regarded as Earth Currents, or lines of Power that can be detected by people with special skills such as dowsers, or use of pendulums and those who have psychic abilities and can pick up these hidden currents of energy coursing through the earth.

Many think that they are grids of magnetic currents that circle the globe viewing the earth as a gigantic magneto, similar to the generator in a motor car that provides the electrical/ magnetic power that propels the car.

The ancient dowsers were called Geomancers, and the people were highly regarded in the Society of the day, being a cross between Priests, Geographers and Architects. During the Dark and Middle Ages most churches, cathedrals, villages and towns were laid out or built on sites identified by the Geomancers as the appropriate site for the town or building. The purpose of this was due in part to Religious Fiats (Orders), and also as a result of ancient

Pagan knowledge that had been passed down over the centuries. It is a matter of some interest that many Christian churches were actually built on ancient pagan sites previously dowsed as power sites. Pope Gregory the Great ordered that this practise be carried out where possible thus acknowledging the skills of the Ancient Pagans.

This ground was held to be sacred ground and was also thought to be a ploy in recruiting more pagans into the folds of the Church thus doing away with the old "Wicca Religions".

The belief was that by laying out these lines (which was done by using stakes over the landscape much like modern Surveyors today) that the positive power of these lines would bring blessings to the people inhabiting the buildings or towns erected over them.

These dowsing techniques were also used to find underground streams and mines, for the extraction of metals.

There is some evidence too that many of the hauntings reported throughout history occur or have occurred directly over ley lines or where they may bisect each other. The theory is that the lines give power to spirits enabling them to appear to the vision of those still within the body. As many old churches have histories of hauntings there may well be some truth to this.

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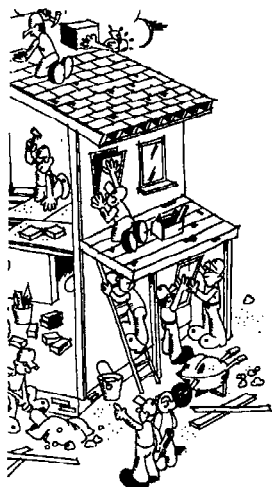
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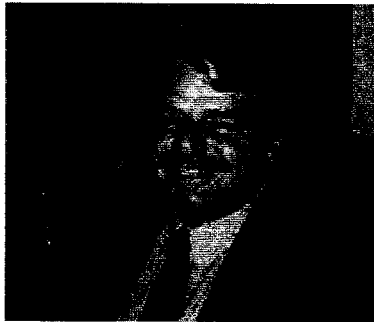


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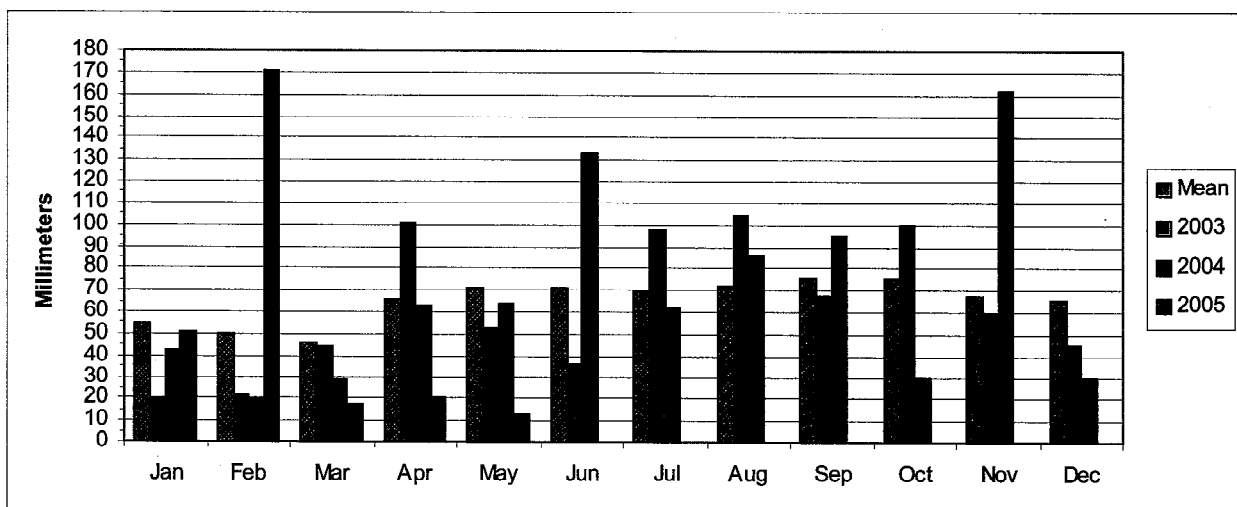
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1. Preventing unwanted pregnancy.
2. Prevention of health problems associated with the female reproductive tract.

3. Your pet will not cycle (come into season). When female dogs come into season they attract every undesexed male dog from miles around.

Cats "in heat" display the overly friendly behaviour, often presenting their rear ends to owners or visitors! They constantly vocalise and try to escape, especially at night.

Castration

This is the neutering of male animals.

The reasons for castration of our pets are:

1. Aggressive behaviour is much less likely.

Common injuries that we see in undesexed male cats include fractured teeth and abscesses." Cat AIDS" (Acquired Immunodeficiency disease) is spread when an infected cat bites a non infected cat. If you decide not to castrate your male cat have him vaccinated against AIDS

2. Territorial behaviour is reduced.

With dogs we frequently see them trying to escape from your yard (digging or jumping out) and wandering

the neighbourhood. Undesexed male dogs also lift their leg to urinate on objects much more frequently, sometimes inside the house.

Undesexed male cats also spray urine in and around the house and have a strong pungent smell.

Of course, the other big advantage is that it is cheaper to register a desexed animal.

When to Desex

Neutering is usually done at 5-6 months of age.

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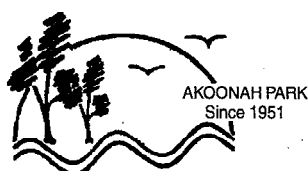
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The clubs AGM held on the 18th May was the best attended for many years. All positions were filled and a lot of new parents with younger children have taken on roles on the committee.

President
Steve Kearn

Treasurer
Greg Tomamichael

Secretary
Don Kerslake

Junior President
Ross Mitchell

Plus a very enthusiastic group of new faces on the committee.

The club is in good hands and we are determined to be the most progressive and successful club in the W.G.C.A (West Gippsland Cricket Association).

We have appointed a new coach Luke Sibley. Luke is a top order batsman and has represented the league at country week for many years. He brings enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the club. Luke will be assisted by Jason Dodd as assistant coach. Players will be contacted soon regarding pre-season training.

CARDINIA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC. (CRRA)

Cardinia Shire Council in November is invited to contact CRRA. Any candidate willing to genuinely identify with the stated principles and expectations of the association will be encouraged and supported by CRRA. Contact **Secretary** 5941 3359: **Enquiries:** Email :crravic@yahoo.com.au **Membership Secretary:** 5940 1070 P.O Box 161, Officer 3809.

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CRRA Meetings:

Tuesday, 21st June, Cockatoo Community Centre, 7.30 pm.

Thursday, 26th July, Pakenham LLINC Centre, 7.30 pm.

Interested ratepayers please note that the Cardinia Shire Council Draft Budget (including a 7% rates increase and continuation of \$100 levy) was released on 6th May for public comment and consultation.

*Any person wishing to nominate for election to

When to Desex

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Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

by A. McPhie

Oh What a Sponsor ...

Harris Freer Toyota Dealer Principal, Ross Freer, recently announced a 2 year sponsorship agreement with Beaconsfield Junior Football Club. Mr Freer stated he was delighted to support junior sport in the community. He recognises the importance of encouraging children to participate in sporting activities and the benefits this participation brings to families and communities.

President of Beaconsfield Juniors, Brian McPhie, welcomed Harris Freer Toyota as the Club's major sponsor stating how delighted the Club

is to receive the Toyota dealer's generous sponsorship assistance.

The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club has 340 players and fields 16 teams from Under 9's to Under 16's each week. The costs associated in fielding these teams each week are significant. "Harris Freer's support is invaluable to the Club and we look forward to a long and mutually rewarding association", Mr McPhie said.

For more details about the Junior Football Club contact Brian McPhie 59 444 282.



Ross Freer, Dealer Principal of Harris Freer, Berwick (left) presents sponsorship cheque to Brian McPhie, President.

Beaconsfield Junior's Shout Comedy

Beaconsfield Junior Football Club held their first social night for the season with a comedy night at the Beaconsfield Community Centre. The Melbourne International Comedy Festival's hilarious comedy "Whose Shout Is it Anyway" had over 200 members of the football club and their guests

laughing for three hours. Comedians Terry North, Dave County and Adam Palmer provided non stop entertainment throughout the evening. They mingled with guests and joined the spirit of the evening by acting as auctioneers for the fundraising auction.

Beaconsfield Junior Football Club President, Brian McPhie, thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the night - particularly the sponsors.



BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

LADIES TENNIS EXPOSE

by M. Potter

Another Banner, another Tennis Club article. What exactly do our tennis wives (similar to Desperate Housewives I've heard) do on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays? Highlight of their week is "tennis day", as off they go in matching tracksuits, little tennis skirts and loaded plates come rain, hail or shine. An expose on a day in the life of a tennis lady will fill a page and who better to interview than the wife and her tennis team.

I did go to the tennis courts to watch them play once and they weren't there. Okay, it was raining, but she did take her tennis bag. I finally found her car parked at the local café with her team drinking wine and enjoying an Antipasto Platter. Homing in on the giggling, risqué jokes and clink of bottles and glasses, found the group at the back table and finally convinced them to produce the following article.

WHAT WE ACTUALLY DO AT TENNIS ON A TUESDAY

by Midweek Ladies.

It all starts at the beginning of the season (February and July) when we work out the roster. There are five in the team so each week one of us is "out". It is most important that holidays, hairdresser, doctor and dentist appointments, oh yes and husbands and kids fit around our tennis day. The next important item is the food. The home team always supply lunch. Some teams supply a five star luncheon worthy of the Hyatt, while those with less time see what's in the back of the freezer. Every second Monday night we all hear the same - "How come you only make all the really good stuff for tennis?" And the kids are just as bad.

It's amazing how well organized we are on tennis day. Three loads of washing on the line, dishes done, beds made, floors swept and the "animals" fed - also the cat and dog. We've got all our essential tennis gear packed in the car, racquet, balls, skirt, sunglasses, food, Panadol, support bandages, Deep Heat. Turning up at the courts about 9.15 am for an approximate 9.45am start - well, we do have to have a gossip first. Then after setting the table, bagging the courts and sweeping the lines we are ready for our opposition.

After a "pleasant" discussion on who's going to play No. 1 and summing up our opposition - "oh no, some of them are built like Amazons and are going to slaughter us", we go onto the courts and have a warm-up. After the opposition miss every second ball we are all lulled into a false sense of security - "if they play this bad in a

warm-up, we might have a chance!" We've spun the racquet, decided who's going to serve first and get into position for the first game. After exchanging pleasantries of "Good Game Ladies" all pretence of being best buddies falls away and the competition begins. Some of us play for sheep stations, some for the exercise, some for the social aspect - and some for the food!

One of our opposition is a little old lady with arthritis and a limp and we think we have time for a coffee while she serves when all of a sudden, the ball whizzes past our ears like a scud missile and we think "What the". Throughout the days play, we hear our coach Warrick's voice ringing in our ears "turn your shoulder, left foot forward, racquet shoulder height, think there's a brick wall behind you, don't swing like a monkey". By the time our brain processes this information to our racquet, three games have passed. Our playing style has been compared to many of the greats such as Shane Warne, James Hird, Tiger Woods and Mike Tyson. Pity they're not tennis players. We've been told that sometimes we look like them too - hopefully the hormone tablets will kick in soon.

After another unsuccessful day on court, we put on our best Oscar performance of being sincere when we say "Congratulations, well played". We walk off the courts with our tails between

our legs, our heart rate and blood pressure up, puffing like steam trains and every muscle aching. Sounds like sex but more fun. Then we sit down to our lovely lunch and pretend to be good losers. Invariably, someone forgets the bread, margarine or sugar fix, but as there are usually two or three teams home each week, the other ladies are more than happy to share (or we "borrow" while the other teams are on court). Afterwards we head off to our local bar. The doctor in our team prescribes an alcoholic lunch to give us Dutch courage to turn up for next weeks game.

Finally back home to the grind, aching and weary, trying to change the subject when the family asks "How did you go at tennis today?" Sometimes it's humiliating - "You lost 8-0????". Sometimes you are so puffed you have to crawl off the court, sometimes you find you've got muscles that you didn't know about but they ache all the same. We also suffer everything from wash-outs, heat-outs, bee swarms, sunburn, twisted ankles, a hard ball in the gut you're too slow to dodge, a ball in the back from your partner, and some lunches that look like yesterday's leftovers. But we wouldn't swap our tennis days for anything in the world. It's a tough life but someone's got to do it - may as well be us.

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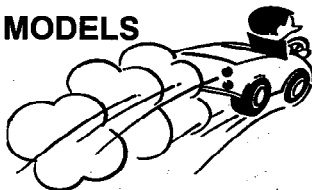
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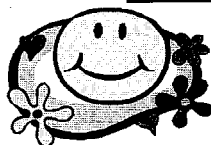
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