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Support This Community Program

All residents and traders are invited to the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Watch Launch on 18th August at 7.30pm.

Neighbourhood Watch is a community based crime prevention program. It aims to reduce the incidence of preventable crime and provide a safer community for everyone.

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

Senior Constable Monica Smith will present a program of information about Neighbourhood Watch followed by election of committee members.

Your attendance is vital as a committee needs to be formed to be officially recognised as a Neighbourhood Watch program in Beaconsfield. Without a committee the Neighbourhood Watch program cannot proceed.

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 97075053



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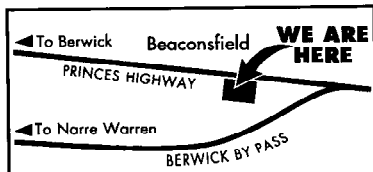
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The first edition was a single page and 250 copies were handed out. It was primarily written up by the then Councillor Jane Poulton. Now 40 pages per Banner are printed and collated bi monthly. 2,200 copies are now distributed to a much larger population.

Most of the production is done by volunteers. Over the years the list of names is huge and congratulations must go to everyone for maintaining the publication for the benefit of the Beaconsfield community.

Looking back we recognise that six Beaconsfield businesses have continued to provide financial assistance with their advertising.

We acknowledge these businesses with our special ☺ and say thankyou. Pictures of the businesses as they are seen today will be found in the Banner.

Cardinia Shire has acknowledged their support of the township newsletter with a continued \$400 towards the costs incurred.

Technology has certainly given us the opportunity to improve the quality and produce an outstanding newsletter.

As the current co-ordinator I am proud of the team work that is involved to produce the newsletter. Each team of volunteers, through the many years, has endeavoured to showcase Beaconsfield as a unique township with its stories that make our history so strong and a community that is willing to work together to achieve outstanding results.

Well done and congratulations to past and present volunteers on the milestone of the 100th edition of the Beaconsfield Banner.

Margaret Boon

Beaconsfield Banner Co-ordinator

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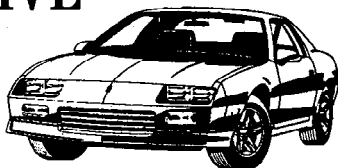
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by Michael Muaremov

I hope all of you are well and healthy, especially during these cold winter days!

Driving home on those cold winter nights, I noticed in Beaconsfield Ave that the permanent road works have been completed on the new Station St and Beaconsfield Ave intersection. I noticed in during my experience how much more effective these modifications seem. On this point, I would like to thank Garry Runge, our ward councillor and mayor, for ensuring this matter was attended to promptly and responsible. A big thank you Garry, on behalf of the Beaconsfield residents and community!

In addition to experiencing the new improvements on local roads, I also was invited to a 1st birthday party that was suitably held in our new Community Complex, mainly the new public hall, known as the 'Beaconsfield Room'. Knowing all about the hard work that so many people have contributed over the years to have this great facility, it was very gratifying to hear all the positive comments the guests, (whom where also relatives of my wife, Merita), make about our great facility.

None of these people really knew about my involvement with Beaconsfield, so therefore hearing the comments were really

sincere. It made me very proud to have had a small part in bringing this asset to life and be part of this great community of ours. I would encourage everyone to make more use of this facility and help spread the word out about it, which will only allow us to show the rest of the district what a great town Beaconsfield is in terms of a place to live and having such modern facilities.

Further to community spirit, the Neighbourhood Watch program is growing in numbers and is closer to forming the program officially on August 18th I would like to thank all of those people who have involved themselves with this great initiative. For further information contact Willem Boon.

In closing, 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 Complex located on O'Neil Road. These meetings are open to everyone! Afterwards, tea and coffee are offered to give people an opportunity to meet and mingle with other residents.

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

Congratulations to the Banner team on the publication of this 100th issue of the Beaconsfield Banner.

The local publishing and advertising market is incredibly competitive, and the Banner's ongoing success and growth is testimony to the quality of the magazine and the professionalism of the production team.

Few towns enjoy a magazine of this calibre created by, and for, residents.

Cardinia Shire Council is proud to be a sponsor of the Banner, and on behalf of the Council I wish the team all the best for the future.



Beaconsfield and Officer residents will have noticed by now that the Brunt Rd-Princes Hwy intersection lights are being installed, and other traffic control works undertaken.

The works will also include pedestrian facilities, extra through traffic lanes and overhead lighting to aid visibility.

CARDINIA YOUR LINK WITH COUNCIL

by Cr. Garry Runge, Beacon Hills Ward

Although this is a state government managed road, Cardinia Shire Council has committed to fund the works in cooperation with Panorama estate developer Peet & Co to improve the safety of our residents.

I'm also looking forward to the launch of a Neighbourhood Watch unit for our town. This has been

a long-term goal of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, and will prove an excellent means of fostering a greater feeling of community and public safety in the area.

Maintaining a safe community is a responsibility in which all of us can take an active role, and I encourage local residents to become involved in supporting the new unit.



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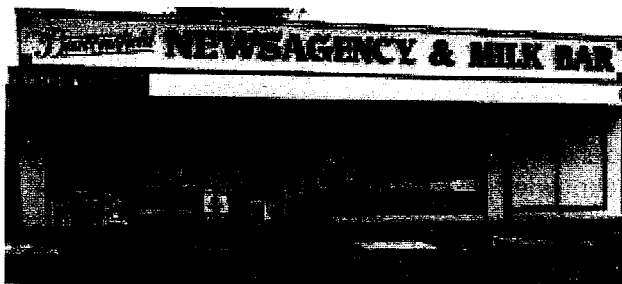
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STEVE BATS HIS WAY TO THE MASTERS

by Jeannette Langan

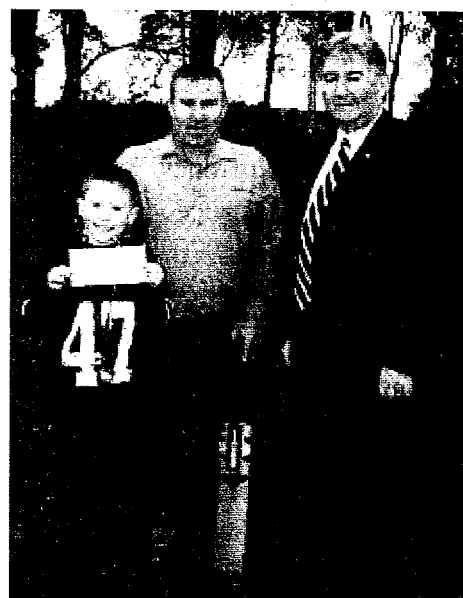
Steve Comerford from Beaconsfield will compete in indoor cricket in the 2005 Masters Championships in Adelaide.

If he does well there, he could make the Australian team, which will go on to International World Cup competition.

Steve said he's been playing indoor cricket since he was about 16. "It's

played in nets indoors, which makes it a good all weather sport. It's a very fast and exciting game, and it's also a sport you can keep playing as you get older," he said.

Cardinia Shire Council has just approved \$500 from Cr Runge's Beaconhills Ward Funds to help with the costs of attending the tournament.



Steve Comerford (centre) with his son Jordan (holding the cheque) and Mayor Garry Runge.

SESSIONS FOR TINIES TO TODDLERS AT CARDINIA MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

ALL new parents are invited check out the range of new services available at Cardinia's Maternal and Child Health Services.

Saturday appointments are now available to cater for busy working parents, and a range of specific educational workshops for parents will also be held in coming weeks.

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* September 3 - Beaconsfield

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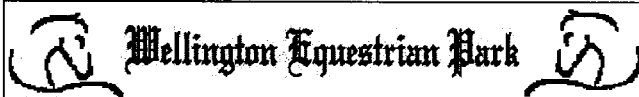
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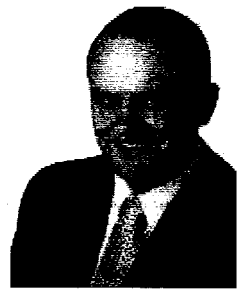
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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood



REWARDING OUR VOLUNTEERS

The community of La Trobe has received \$25,000 through the Federal Government's Volunteer Small Equipment Grant program.

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is one volunteer organisation to receive a grant under this scheme. I was proud to visit the Neighbourhood Centre in July to meet with volunteers and to personally acknowledge their hard work and dedication. Volunteers make an invaluable contribution to the local community and these grants can make their role a little easier.

Over 10,000 applications were received for these grants and Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre was one of 2100 organisations to be successful in this round.

The organisation received over \$1,230 to be used to purchase a mobile trolley with storage, an office step ladder, a laminating machine, a vacuum cleaner and a flat computer screen.

Each purchase will make a significant difference to the work of these volunteers, and is equipment they may not have been able to otherwise afford.

This latest round of grants is the seventh time the Australian Government has committed its financial support directly to volunteers, bringing the total funding to over \$29 million, distributed to approximately 13,600 community organisations Australia wide.

If you know of an organisation which would benefit from additional funding, you may wish to investigate the following Australian Government websites for information: www.grantslink.gov.au, www.community.gov.au, www.facs.gov.au, for current and future grants programs that may be of assistance to the organisation.

If you have a Federal matter in which you would like to discuss, please contact my office on 9762 4066.

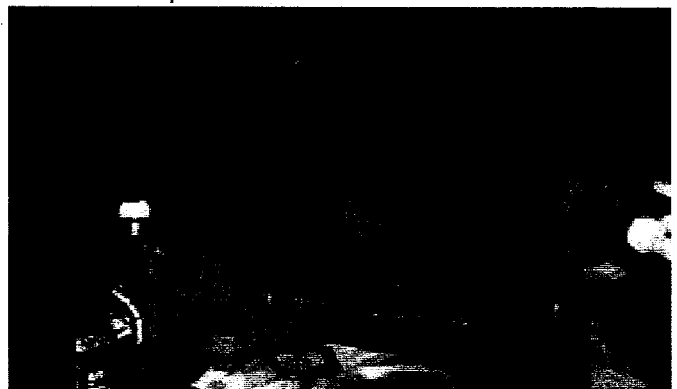


Photo: Jason enjoys a chat with children during their morning tea at the Neighbourhood Centre Occasional Care.

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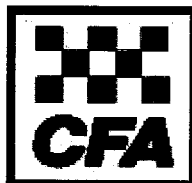
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Philip Walton

CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade is made up of volunteer members of the community who respond to calls for fires and other emergencies at any time on any day of the year. The brigade recently ran a campaign to recruit new members for the brigade to ensure this commitment can be maintained into the future.

The brigade has been very pleased by the response to the campaign that has resulted in:

* Six new recruits who will undertake training over a six month period to gain the necessary minimum

firefighting skills respond to calls for fires and other emergencies (eg: car accidents) as part of the brigade.

* Two existing firefighters from other brigades who have recently moved into Beaconsfield becoming active members of the brigade.

* The return of a life member of the brigade to an active firefighting role.

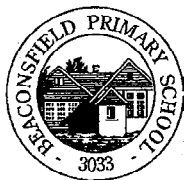
The level of enthusiasm shown by people to become a member of the brigade is good news for both the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and wider Beaconsfield community.



Pictured: Beaconsfield Fire Brigade six new recruits.

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal



100th Day of School

On Monday 25th July, all of the children and teachers at Beaconsfield Primary School celebrated our 100th Day of School. This was a terrific opportunity to explore the mathematics behind the number 100 for a whole day! In addition to classroom activities, all children went on a 1-100 number hunt, an exciting challenge for children to find cards numbered 1-100 that were hidden throughout their very own playground! While exploring numbers, children

also practised using their "location language" to describe and record the position of each number. Recess and lunchtime were certainly buzzing with talk of numbers!

The children undertook a wide variety of activities design to stimulate their appetite for creative thinking, problem solving and improving their mathematical skills:

* Young engineers in 1M, who celebrated their 100th Day of School by building free-standing towers using

100 blocks in teams and working together to put together a 100-piece jigsaw puzzle.

* Prep P cut out 100 words that they could read from magazines.

* 4D worked together to construct buildings with 100 toothpicks. Their creations even included a 3D model of 100 and the Eiffel Tower!

* 4W celebrated their 100th Day at school by designing their own \$100 notes displaying a famous Australian.

* 5R celebrated their 100th Day of school writing 100

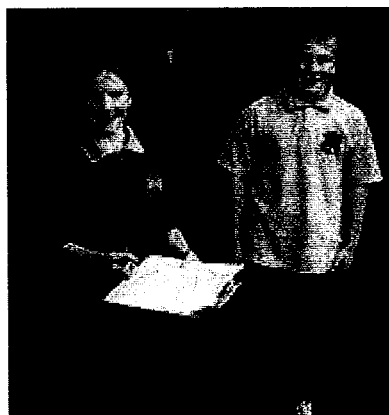
tricky equations.

* 6F are fit mathematicians! They celebrated their 100th Day at school on the oval playing 100 games and doing 100 exercises.

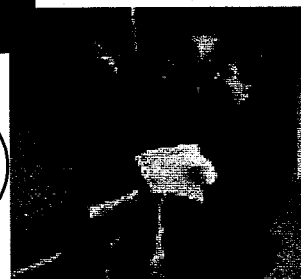
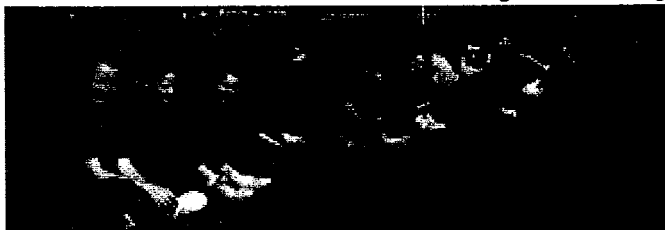
* 3/4L spent on an imaginary shopping spree through their 100th Day at school. Each child had \$100 to spend from shopping catalogues. While some children 'purchased' 2 items from the catalogue shop, other children filled their page with catalogue shopping! A very nice way to SPEND the day!

* 3D worked out that 100 cents equals \$1. They then worked out all of the ways that they could make \$1 using Australian coins.

* 2H wrote and drew about what they thought school would have been like 100 years ago.



The 1- 100 School Number Hunt proved a challenge for students and teachers!



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Congratulations to Janette Collins and the Numeracy team, who coordinated the day.

Cardinia creates a frog-friendly future

by Jeannette Langan

CARDINIA Shire Council has begun work on a major plan designed to minimise the impact of development on the habitat and population of the vulnerable Growling Grass Frog species.

Cardinia has appointed ecologist and frog expert Aaron Organ of Ecology Partners to devise a plan to help council planners manage development and planning issues in frog-populated areas, particularly in the Casey-Cardinia growth corridor.

The plan will:

* Map known and likely frog locations and breeding sites

in the urban growth corridor and immediate surrounds.

* Determine the frog's habitat needs.

* Identify what impact urban development may have on frog habitat and population and assess possible threats to frog populations.

* Devise strategies to help Council and developers protect and enhance frog populations in the area.

Part of Mr Organ's work will involve field surveys and estimates of frog numbers to be conducted this spring, when frogs are "growling".

When completed early next year, the plan will instruct planners on designing and

assessing applications for estates and other developments for their "frog friendliness". It will advise planners on how frog populations could be linked by "frog habitat highways" to help them survive, and help Council better manage its own wetlands, parks, gardens, roads, and drain design and maintenance.

Mr Organ said the large, green and gold Growling Grass Frog was considered

nationally vulnerable, but could be found locally in dams, swamps and even waterway developments with suitable fringing and floating vegetation.

"Frogs are an important part of the local ecosystem," he said. "As amphibians living on both land and water, they are a powerful indicator of the overall health of our environment."



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by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie



Photo: Jason Wood meets Committee volunteers Miriam Cormack (left) and Tarin Dorling with son Noah

Come and join our courses which are running this term. We have vacancies in some of our new courses which include Belly Dancing, French Polishing, Cardmaking, Save Our Children First Aid and CPR/ Basic First Aid. There is a vacancy in our Drawing class held on Thursday afternoon. We would love

to see these courses filled up, so please ring the Centre to enquire about these courses, or to receive a Term 3 program.

Save our Children First Aid

This is a 2.5 hour session covering the most important things you need to know about First aid for children. Cost is \$45 per person.

The session is invaluable for parents or others looking after young children. The session covers Home safety, water safety, drowning emergencies, choking, asthma, bleeding, fractures, burns, bites and stings, febrile convulsions and poisoning. A certificate is awarded on completion of the session. Ring to enquire about course times.

Jason Visits

We were delighted to be able to showcase our Community Centre to Jason Wood, Federal member of Latrobe, during his recent visit. He recognised the importance and talents of the many volunteers of the centre.

Beaconsfield Swim School Prize

The winner of our raffle for the Beaconsfield Swim

School voucher was R. Nancarrow. Congratulations Thankyou to the Beaconsfield Swim School for offering this prize.

New Programs for Term 4

Please look out for our Term 4 brochure, which should be delivered to everyone's letterbox during the September school holidays. Starting in October we hope to have additional Table Tennis sessions and a new Scrapbooking course.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre will be held on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30 pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. For details see formal notice in this edition of the Banner.

It is your Neighbourhood Centre, so why not think about joining the committee, especially if you are a Centre user. All committee positions will be vacant and we would like to encourage members to nominate to help run this important community resource. Our Centre keeps on growing, so this is a great time to join the committee and have a say in shaping your local resources as well as creating some new friends along the way. Nomination forms will be available at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.



Photo: Jason Wood and Miriam Cormack (centre) admire the patchwork quilt made by Elma (right).



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WINE & FOOD

by Keith Goodman



The time has come the walrus said.....

After many years of contributing to The Banner I feel my time is up. Finding material to stimulate myself and hopefully in the process give readers something of interest becomes harder with every issue. Only so many new eating houses can open in our little town and Anne and I find we are not travelling into Melbourne to eat as much as we did previously. On the wine side changes are happening. For the past 30 years I have worked in some way at the Southern Victorian Wine Show and it was starting to outgrow itself - more entries than one Judging Panel could handle in one week. So we bit the bullet and have changed the format by

restricting entries to Yarra Valley wines only; starting with the next show, my last.

I would like to pay tribute to The Beaconsfield Banner and all those who contribute. The writers, proof readers, collators, deliverers and the four people who are the glue who hold the paper together. Firstly that enigma of a man Tony Rushton, originally the printer and now flitting around in the background in his unique way, secondly Willem Boon and Maurice Potter who like sheep dogs round up the advertisers and keep the money coming in, third and the heart and soul of everything that happens surrounding the paper, Margaret Boon; her

contribution to the Banner, Beaconsfield Primary School, the Toy Library and the town of Beaconsfield deserves recognition by the community. Mind you I keep telling her she does too much.

A Wine Club of which I am a member has only one dinner a year so it is of some import to us that we choose carefully. This year we dined at Maris, 15 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern (near Glenferrie Rd). Correct choice. I can recommend the baked baby piglet or the wet roasted veal. Every dish is done with care and long slow preparation or cooking and the prices would not break the bank. BYO wine \$3 per bottle and interesting wine by the glass or bottle. Open for lunch and if on, try the

spaghetti bolognese; would win the pasta Olympics.

Recently I attended a trade tasting of Yalumba Wines which confirmed my belief that they handle Viogner better than any other Company in Australia. Last year their 'Y' series Viogner at around \$8 was my pick of the drinking whites and the 2005 has just been released, \$9. BUY.

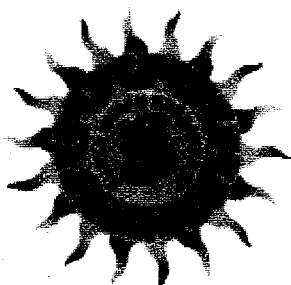
But it is the 'Y' series red blend of Shiraz/Viogner that caught my eye, this is the first release of this wine and will make some of the other Companies sit up and pay attention, \$9 from Boccaccio Cellars, who deliver for free. BUY. One of the beat reds I have seen in a long time is Summerfield, Avoca, Reserve Shiraz, 2003, \$45 and worth every penny. Would make a great gift.

Goodbye, I hope that I have been of some help.



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Keith and his wife Ann have shared their vast knowledge and personal experiences with readers and we sincerely thank them for their time and effort, it is much appreciated.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor



Make and Mingle celebrated its 18th birthday in June with a concert from Swordwords and lunch. Everyone had a lovely day and enjoyed the concert and the delicious lunch.

Make and Mingle first started in June 1987 from the idea of a similar group in Adelaide and has continued ever since. We meet every Wednesday during school term from 10am -12 noon and have a range of crafts available. This term we will be having silk painting, Faberge eggs, patchwork, card making, glass painting, shadow trapanto and embroidery. In 4th term, we will be having a range of Christmas crafts and Butterfly world glass flower painting.

Last month Barbara Reader brought a display of crochet work that had been made over many years by her mother Myrtle Wilson.

Her beautiful work included baby clothes, blankets, bedspreads, mats and table clothes and was admired by everyone.

Make and Mingle will be having their CRAFT FAIR AND QUILT DISPLAY again this year on Saturday 12th November, 2005 from 9am-2pm. Come along for your Christmas gift shopping and craft supplies and also view some beautiful quilts.

Make and Mingle will be taking a bus to the STITCHES AND CRAFT SHOW at Caulfield on Friday 2nd September, you are welcome to come with us and you can choose your own craft seminars or look at the displays. We will leave at 9am and be back by 3pm to allow for collecting children from school.

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PETALS & MORE



Photo: Barbara Reader (right) with her sister Glenis displaying crochet work made by their mother Myrtle Wilson.

Community Trust Model for Beaconsfield Reservoir

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

Beaconsfield Primary School, which I recently announced is set for a \$4.4 million upgrade, received a visit from the Minister for Education Services, The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP on 14 July. Along with School Principal Gary Methven, I had the opportunity to discuss the school's redevelopment with the Minister.

On the same day, the Minister paid a visit to Upper Beaconsfield Primary School to participate in a 'turning of the sod' celebration for its redevelopment, which is now underway. This school has also been given approval to start masterplanning for Stage 2 of its rebuilding.

This means designers and architects can work with the school community to plan the next stage of building works. It is exciting times for local education with this ongoing investment in our children's education.

There has also been more great news regarding Beaconsfield Reservoir, which I announced last year would remain in public ownership. The Minister for the Environment, The Hon. John Thwaites MP, has now confirmed that the land - around 170 hectares - will be transferred to the Crown. An innovative move will see the Cardinia Environment Coalition manage the site based on a community trust model.

This will allow for the creation of a biodiversity sanctuary with unique opportunities for scientific work, education and ecotourism. This type of model is already in use at Karori Sanctuary in New Zealand and it means that local people with ongoing commitment to the environment in the region will take responsibility for it. I also have great hopes that this reservoir can become a home for the protection and breeding of endangered species from the local area such as the Helmeted Honeyeater (the state's fauna emblem), the Growling Grass Frog and the Powerful Owl. With the continuing rapid growth in the area, it is vital that land is set aside for recreational, environmental and other uses, for the well-being of both residents and native wildlife. I know that many people who live in this region appreciate its unique atmosphere, which combines the best of both the country and the city.



Keeping areas protected from overdevelopment will enable that atmosphere to continue.

Just a reminder that the 71st Victorian Relief Winter Blanket Appeal is now underway to assist those in need in the community this winter. You can log on to www.victorianrelief.org to buy a blanket for \$10, or you can send a money order or cheque to 4/2 Somerville Rd, Yarraville, VIC, 3013. New blankets can also be taken to a registered collection centre, listed on the website or available through my office.

Please contact me for assistance on any state government matters at 1/5 Gloucester Ave Berwick, 3806 or Tel: 9796 1987 or by email at tammy.lobato@parliament.vic.gov.au

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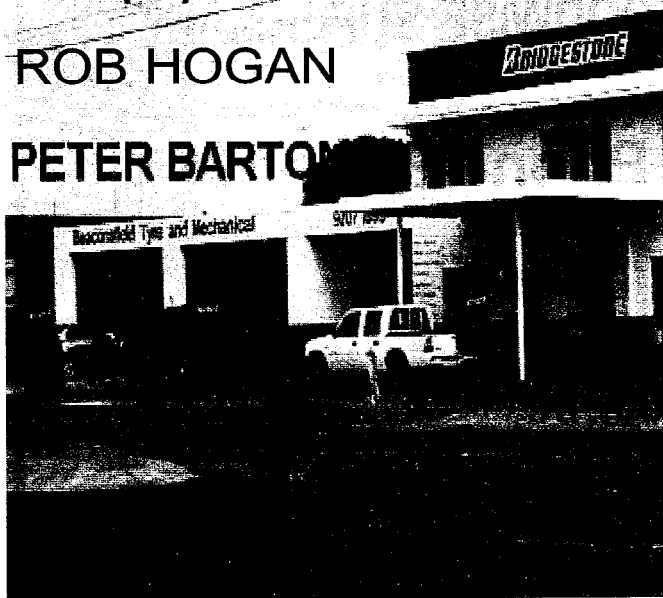


Photo : L to R - Gary Methven, Hon. Jacinta Allan MP and Tammy Lobato look at plans for the future upgrade.

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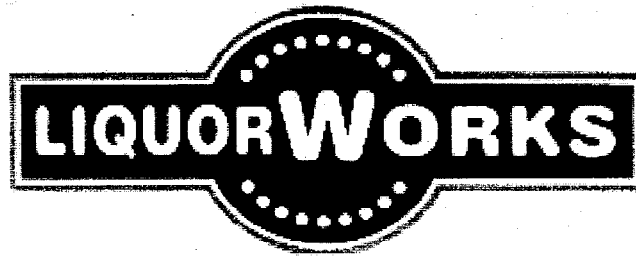


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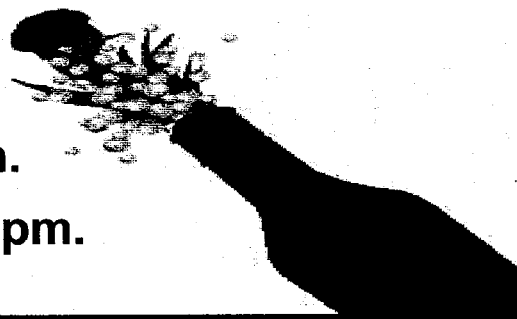
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Stories

Stories perhaps more than anything else colour the way we think. The first American President, George Washington, is famous for many reasons but not least is the story from his boyhood of his chopping down his father's cherry tree with his new hatchet. Upon discovering his precious tree lying on the ground George's father confronted the young boy. George's well known answer was "father I cannot tell a lie, it was I". For generations the phrase, "I cannot tell a lie" became part of what it meant to be an American.

In our country we have a more powerful story. On the morning of 15 April 1915 we went ashore at Gallipoli. Over the next 8 months 8,709 Australian men died. The story of the heroic self sacrifice of those young Australian

men has given us a benchmark of what we mean by Australian character.

The ANZAC went to the other side of the world to help and support the English in their time of need. And giving your mate a hand is a part of what it means to be an Australian. That Australia was so generous at the time of the Tsunami is no surprise. If our great grandfathers would go to Gallipoli and France we would not fail to go to our wallets, purses and banks.

But there is a more powerful story yet. The story of one who would die not just for his friends but for his enemies. It is one thing to be a great American or a great Australian but it is a greater thing to be a great human being. Jesus died for his enemies as well as his friends and he has left us a story that challenges us to do likewise.

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SIOBHAN REPRESENTS VICTORIA IN NATIONAL TITLES

Siobhan Jagusch will pit her cross-country running skill against many other young stars at next month's national primary schools championships in Adelaide.

Siobhan who lives in Beaconsfield, attends St Catherine's Primary School and is a member of Casey Little Athletics Club has had an outstanding track and field season and has continued to race well on the cross-country tracks this winter.

The 12-year-old marked her first campaign in the Victorian Primary Schools cross-country titles by coming 3rd in the 3 km race for her age group at Bundoora.

The grade six student said the Bundoora course was one of the toughest to race on. "The hills seemed never-ending," Siobhan said.

It was her first attempt at these state titles. "I was

really happy to have ran as well as I did, and to win a bronze medal," she said.

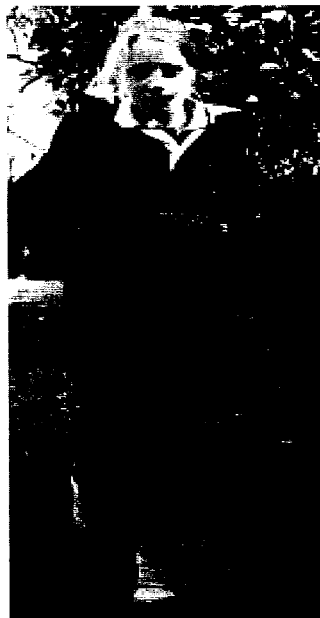
The lead-up to the national titles to be run on August 27 in Adelaide will include the Victorian Little Athletics State Championships to be held at Hanging Rock on Sunday 31 July in which Siobhan won the gold last year.

Siobhan said the longer distance of cross-country races helped her endurance for racing on the track. "I like to compete in track and field, and cross-country as well," Siobhan said.

Her first race was when she was eight with Casey Little Athletics Club.

Siobhan started in little athletics in the under-9 age group and competes in a wide range of events.

Last summer she won silver in the 800m and bronze in the 1500m in the under-12 age group at the



Victorian Little Athletics state championships at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

The main goal for Siobhan is to keep achieving a personal best, if she does that, then she may just cross the line first. Win or not, it's the challenge of competing along with making new friends Siobhan enjoys most.



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in troublesome times
when you thought they
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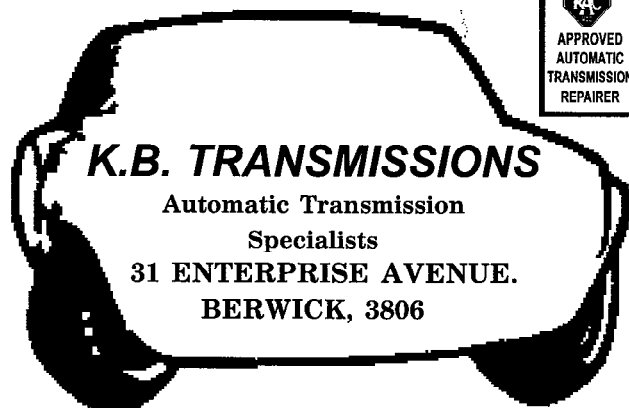
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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by **GRAEME J TAYLOR**
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RECENT TAX CHANGES

Changes continue to happen at a rapid rate including the following:

Entrepreneur's Tax Offset

- From 1st July 2005 a tax offset of 25% of a persons tax liability attributable to STS business taxpayers whose gross income is less than \$50,000 applies for income years commencing on 1st July 2005.

- Reduced tax offsets apply where gross annual turnover is more than \$50,000 and ceases when turnover exceeds \$75,000.

- An entity must have net STS income to be eligible.

Simplified Tax System (STS)

- Taxpayers who enter or re-enter STS on or after 1st July 2005 can calculate their taxable income using the accounting method best suited to their circumstances ie taxpayers can choose to use either cash or accruals basis.

- Transitional provisions apply to taxpayers already in STS who choose not to

continue using cash basis for income and expenses whereby they will have to make adjustments for income and expenses not already accounted for in the year the business changes to the new accounting method.

30% Child Care Tax Rebate

- This tax rebate is to apply to fees incurred since 1st July 2004 but cannot be claimed until the next years' income tax return ie costs in 2004-05 year are claimed in 2005-06 tax return.

- To be eligible families must receive Child Care Benefit (CCB) and meet tests for work or study or training.

- The rebate covers 30% of fees for approved child care costs less CCB entitlements.

All taxpayers should talk to their Accountant on changes to taxation laws for compliance and ensure that you receive your correct taxation benefits.

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JOEY'S JOY

by Steve the Vet and written with the consent of "Joey's" owner.

Joey was a 16 week old labrador when he first came to us at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre. He presented one morning with a sudden onset of vomiting and diarrhoea from the night before. He was not eating (unusual for any labrador) and was very depressed. On examination he was very dehydrated and both his gums and the whites of his eyes were yellow. Joey was placed on intravenous fluids and some of his blood and urine was sent to the laboratory. Whilst waiting for results he was started on antibiotics and anti-emetics (drugs to help stop the vomiting).

The lab results showed Joey had problems with both his liver and kidneys. Given these results and his clinical signs we were suspicious of an infection caused by Leptospirosis, a rare infection of dogs, but of concern as it is not only debilitating to dogs, but can

be passed to humans. Further blood tests were run and Leptospirosis was ruled out.

Treatment was continued and after 4 days Joey started to show improvement. He was finally able to hold down food and water and if he kept this up for 24hrs he was ready to go home.

The night before Joey was to go home he started vomiting again. On palpation of Joey's abdomen we could feel an unusual mass. From all his vomiting Joey had developed an



intussusception, a complication where a piece of Joey's intestine had telescoped (folded) inside itself causing a blockage and now surgery was needed. Bloods were again taken which showed his kidneys and liver were improving, but not yet healed. Despite not knowing if Joey's kidneys and liver would heal fully, a decision had to be made regarding surgery as without it his condition would deteriorate to be life threatening. Joeys' owner made the decision to pursue surgery.

Surgery involved removing the section of affected intestine (about 15-20cm in length) and suturing the 2 healthy ends together. This was major surgery in itself, let alone what Joey had already been through! After surgery Joey continued to show good progress and finally got to go home 9 days after coming to the



clinic. Blood tests 6 week later showed that Joeys liver and kidney function had returned to normal. Joey was now acting like a typical puppy again and enjoying life, and his food. He was now close to the weight of his other litter mates.

On speaking to the lab further, the likely diagnosis was that Joey's problems had all started from eating a particular form of plant. The love, devotion and care shown by Joey's owner meant that he was able to overcome all of his problems. Joey was to be rehomed as a puppy, however his owner tells us that he is not going anywhere. We look forward to seeing Joey enjoy life to his fullest and we thank his owner for the trust placed in us. The photos show Joey as a puppy, just prior to his surgery and him fully recovered 12 weeks after his (and his owners) ordeal.

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Locals add stitches to Cardinian Embroidery

by Ann Taylor



The Beaconsfield Panel of the Cardinian Embroidery is progressing very well and really starting to take shape as many people are participating in adding their stitches to this exciting community project.

The tapestry of the Beaconsfield Name Panel is almost finished after spending sometime at Beaconsfield Primary School recently. Many children and teachers were able to add their stitches to the Name Panel, learn about the different

landmarks in Beaconsfield and to see sketches and ideas for the whole project.

For some children it was the first time some of them had ever done any stitching, for others they had learnt the techniques from grandparents and had worked on small projects of their own. Most of the children really enjoyed this new experience and some even planned to get little tapestry kits for themselves. Thank-you to Sue Robinson for allowing me to join her art classes.

The panel has also spent a morning at the Post Office where townspeople came and learnt about the project and added their stitches. Some people even shared memories and history thoughts of this area. Thanks to Leonie and Keith for providing us with a space for stitching and display.

Many other landmarks of Beaconsfield are close to being completed and the whole project is looking really fabulous. Last month all the panels, the completed and partially

completed stitchery, were on display at the Cardinian Cultural Centre and many people came to view the project. It was wonderful to see so many well known landmarks of Cardinia. We are planning to construct the panels in early September and hopefully have the project completed by the end of the year.

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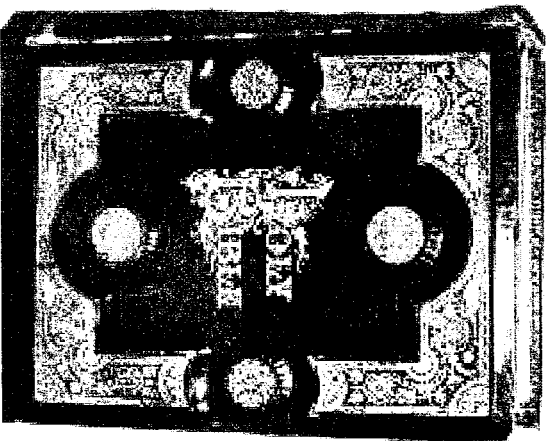


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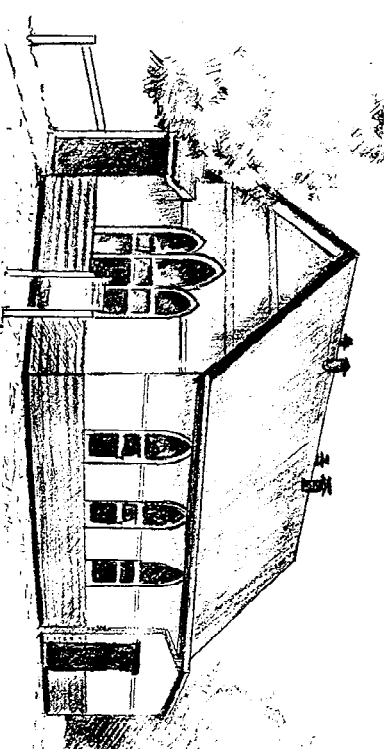
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Formerly known as the Congregational Church and the Uniting Church. The photo is courtesy of Baptist Church and was taken approx. 1980.

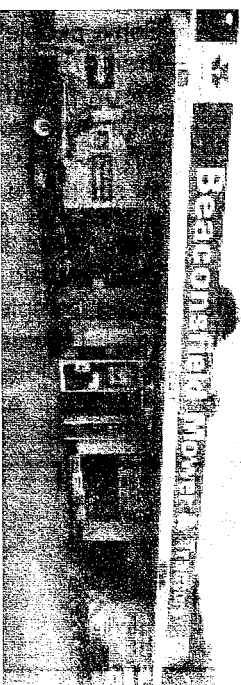
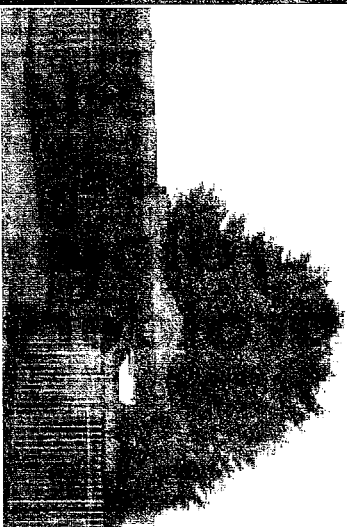
BIBLE

This Bible was handed to the Historical Society by Beaconsfield Uniting Church when it closed in 1978. Photo is courtesy of Pakenham/Berwick Historical Society.

The Society building is open every Sunday 2 - 4.30pm on the Corner of Princes Hwy and MrGregor Rd., Pakenham.



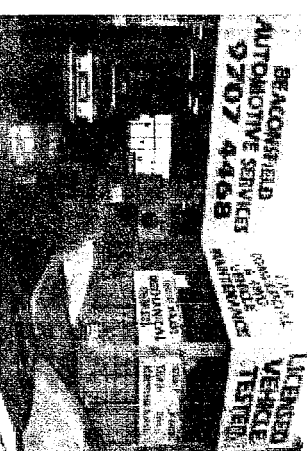
The line drawing of the Baptist Church has been used for many years in the Beaconsfield Banner but the original artist is unknown. If you have any information either about the drawing or history of the Church eg. weddings, christenings etc., we would love to hear from you. Contact Tony Rushton 9707 1765.

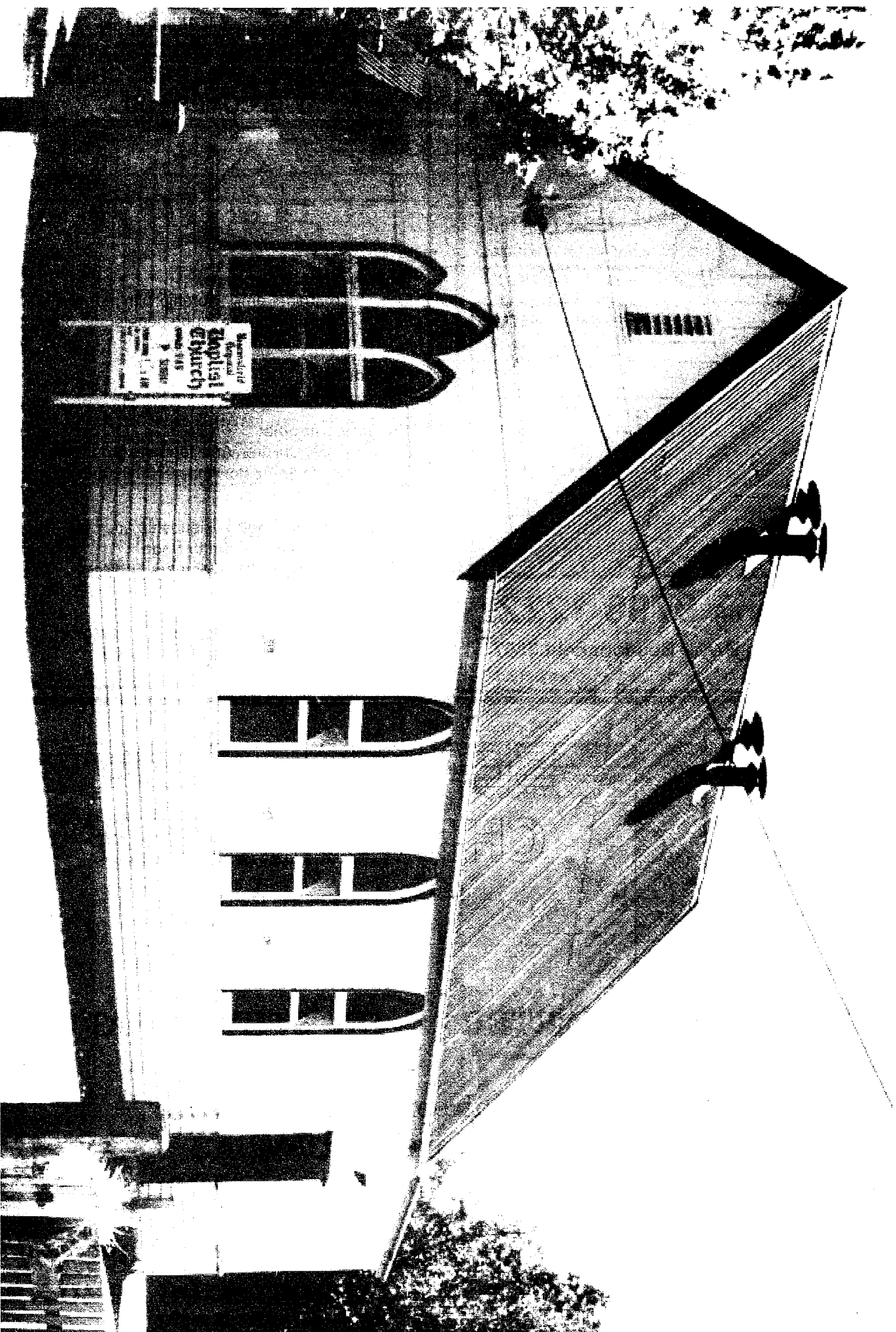


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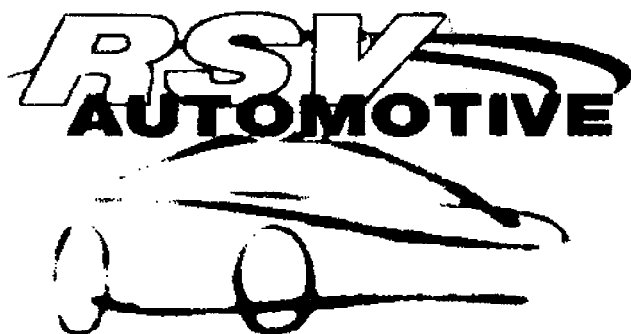
We look time to look back at 1989 and the first year of the Beaconsfield Banner. We discovered six local businesses who have continued to advertise in the township newsletter. Financial assistance which is vital to the production.

We acknowledge this outstanding support with a collage of photos of the businesses as seen today. Pictured (Top row L to R) Beaconsfield Lodge Motel, Beaconsfield Mower and Tractor, Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware, (Bottom row L to R) Beaconsfield Garden Supply, Beaconsfield Automotive Services and Beaconsfield Squash and Fitness Centre.





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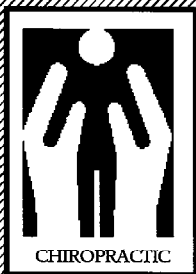
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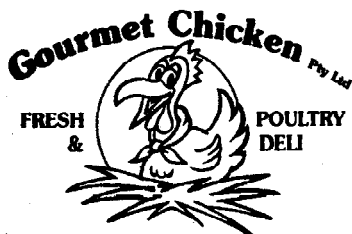
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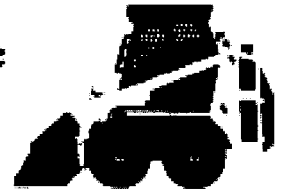
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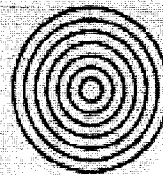
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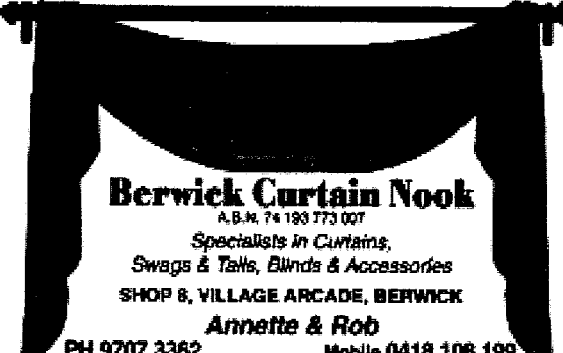
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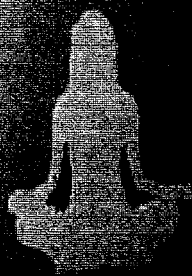
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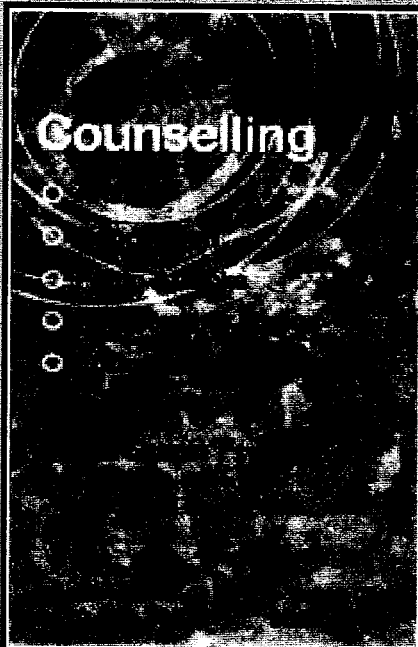


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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

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I recently had a birthday, not an important one like 40 or 60 or even 100, but a birthday that reminds you of your youth and the stories that Mother told.

Apparently I had an Uncle Fred from the West - I don't know if that was Western suburbs or Western Australia but he was Uncle Fred known far and wide as a "fast dresser". To become so well known he must have been very fast and this was to prove his undoing.

His secret was in the undressing, he removed his singlet, shirt and pullover altogether, laying them down on the bedroom floor. One fateful morning,

trying to break his dressing record he was tragically strangled by his own singlet. You never forget lessons like that.

For two weeks I did nothing, I had dizzy spells. I had all the usual tests for heart, blood and finally a brain scan at the new Casey Hospital. The machine cost \$3 million and all it could find in my head were two fairly old jokes. As one was a bit racist and the other was about Shane Warne, they had to be deleted electronically, lest they become a virus in the hospital computer system.

I am pleased to say that work has resumed, doors, plaster patches, dry rot, pergolas and fancy fences, as has golf - miss hits, missed putts, slices and creek shots.

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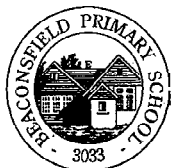
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CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths

I'm one of those adults who never really grew out of the whole comic book phase. I can spend hours and hours scouring through shelves and shelves of comic book paraphernalia in any number of stores littered across Melbourne. I'm also one of those people who waits with baited breath when I hear a film is to go ahead that will bring one of my favourite comic books to life. How will they change the characters? Or worse still, will this do something that will result in me hating the comic book?

I've been lucky over the past few years, two of my favourites ('Spider-Man' and 'X-Men') have been adapted, and luckily, I haven't been disappointed. But I must admit I was extremely worried when I heard two of my very, very favourites ('Sin City' and 'Batman') were being released this year.

I had been burnt with 'Batman' in the past. The 1989 film 'Batman' was very good but it's following sequels were laughable. But with 'Batman Begins' I definitely wasn't disappointed. It is the best Batman film ever and Christian Bale even outshines Michael Keaton in his portrayal of the Caped Crusader.

But the film that really impressed me was 'Sin City' Based on Frank Miller's series of graphic novels; 'Sin City' isn't

everybody's cup of tea. It's violent, but you overlook that due to it's excellent storylines and brilliant acting. Directed by Robert Rodriguez (and one scene by Quentin Tarantino), 'Sin City' contains a stellar cast that includes Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Rosario Dawson, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Brittany Murphy, Clive Owen, Benicio Del Toro, Jessica Alba, Jamie King, Carla Gugino and Devon Aoki.

'Sin City' will definitely be one of my films of the years. Its cinematography is out of this world and includes shots that have never been attempted before. Robert Rodriguez should be congratulated on creating a style that captures 'Sin City's' comic book soul and mixes it with classic 1950's Detective noir.

It's probably wishful thinking, but 'Sin City' deserves to scoop the Oscars... if only the Academy could learn to accept comic-book-films. This is a film that no film lover should miss.

By the way, Crosswired has hit the net. You can find a ton of reviews and a stack of entertainment news on www.xwiredonline.com

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by *Natasha Jones*

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The establishment's main aim is to provide a fun learning experience, in a safety conscious environment. Students are treated as individuals and encouraged to learn at their personal rate. The weekend classes are conducted over two hours, these include Equitation (riding) and Horsemastership (caring for a horse). Classes are also available after school. All classes are restricted to a maximum of 6 students per group. We have developed Learning Packages for each level of riding. The student is assessed and presented with a certificate as they progress. It is anticipated

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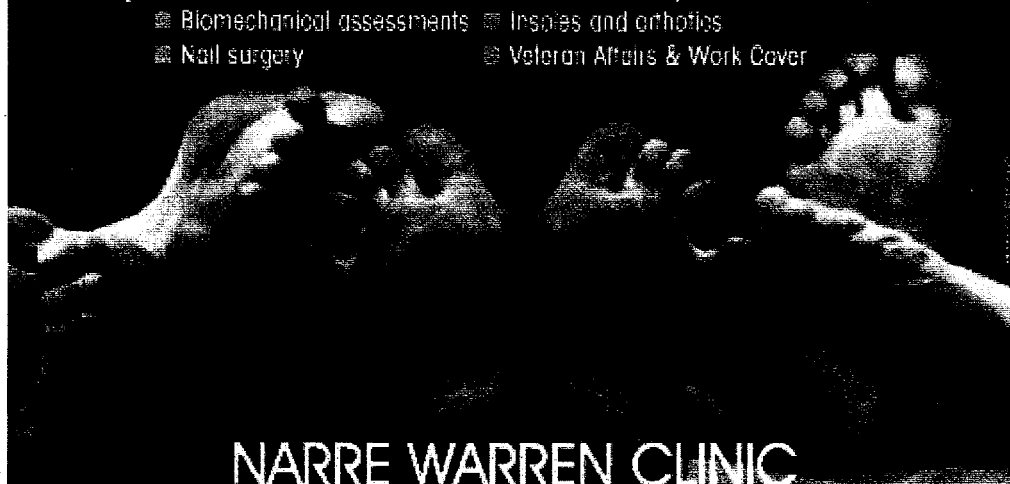
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Garlic is a very well known member of the onion family and all the cooks of the world have used it at one time or another. It flavours the food and gives it that "bite" so popular with the diner. But there is so much more to this wonderful bulb that history has sidelined, so let's reveal the past and so gain a new respect for Garlic.

Before the advent of pharmaceutical drugs, garlic was the treatment of choice to eradicate intestinal worms from the human and animal species and had been used very successfully for thousands of years. The reason being that garlic is a natural antiseptic and antibiotic providing a medium in which "nasties" cannot

exist. A better killer of bacteria and worms does not exist.

An old cure for body sores is to crush a clove of garlic into a paste and put it over the sore just once, and a crust will form. Leave it on until it falls off and healing should be complete. If you mix it with lanolin it makes a wonderful salve for skin diseases and blemishes.

The use of garlic in the First World War was probably the most sensational of uses that it has ever been put to. It was used in Hospitals to treat the terrible suppurative wounds of soldiers injured in battle. The death toll was extremely high before someone realised that garlic could cure these

wounds like nothing else could. There were no antibiotics in those days. The raw juice, diluted with water, was expressed into a dressing and placed over the wound. It was proved conclusively that not one case of sepsis resulted after this treatment, and thousands of lives were saved using this simple method. There were no side effects and healing was always complete.

In 1916 the British Government asked farmers to provide tons of the bulb for use in Hospitals, paying one shilling per pound for all that they could produce. Sadly after the war finished the use of garlic fell away and is a sorry fact of history.

During the European Plague in Marseilles in 1722, four thieves discovered that by drinking garlic vinegar and applying it to their bodies they were able to plunder the dead bodies of the plague victims with complete impunity from the dread disease. This resulted in

the famous "Four Thieves Vinegar" as the answer to the Plague.

Garlic was also used with great benefit for Smallpox and was applied to the soles of the feet in a linen cloth, daily.

During an outbreak of Infectious Fever in London at the beginning of the 19th century, in certain poor quarters, the French Priests who constantly used garlic in all their dishes visited the very worst cases and did so with complete impunity, while the English Clergy caught the infection and often paid with their lives.

The history of Garlic goes back a long way and was at one time worshipped as a Deity in ancient Egypt and enjoyed a special place in ancient Greece and Rome. The romance and medicinal properties of Garlic could fill many books so next time you have it, respect it for one of nature's treasures given to man for his wellbeing.

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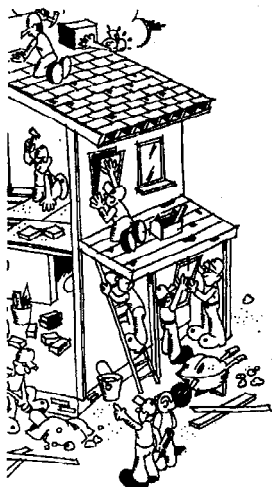
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SALLY'S GARDEN



Environmental Issues

There has been so much media attention for some time now, on the lack of rain, the drought, global warming, all of which cause a devastating effect on our environment. Most conversations will broach on at least one of the above topics.

We all voice our concerns, but, really, what are we doing about the situation?

Man was given a beautiful world to live in, but man is also ruining this beautiful world. How? By dividing large house blocks and building more units on the block which have minimal front and back yards, where there is no space for children to play in.

Recently, I had a trip up in the hills which up until now remains unspoiled by humans. On the way there and back we passed many country towns which all had their own special type of atmosphere. These townships have remained the same for many years, as they should have. There were no square concrete boxes they call buildings amongst the original cottage or country buildings to detract from the township aura.

The pine plantations and the tall green native trees along the roads made the trip feel refreshing and pleasant to the eye. Amongst these trees we saw, deer, a mob of kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas, heard the kookaburras laugh along with many other bird calls. The winter wild flowers are also starting to flower.

When nearing Warragul I was appalled to see how many roof tops there were when once that land was farm land. Nearing Pakenham the housing and complex density was immense. The density of buildings can not generate any township atmosphere.

This all made me ponder on the wisdom, or lack thereof, of the local councils. They seem to have no trouble in accepting the plans of the developers, in ripping out the much needed trees, which help in purifying the air, and over developing the land. The land needs the trees, not only for their beauty but for shade, the air and rainfall. How refreshing it is to sit under a shady tree in the heat of summer, or even on a twilight evening. Without a spacious lawn and trees to sit under tends to drive everyone indoors to sit in front of the tv or computer.

For those who love their gardens and have the room to grow trees and shrubs as well as garden beds of colourful flowers, please do so, so we can retain a pleasant township. Gardens are greatly needed to give the birds honey, and of course the trees for them to nest in.

I hope the local council will always be aware of the need to keep the village type atmosphere of Beaconsfield, and that all future residential and commercial buildings are in keeping with the original township of Beaconsfield.

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Sally's Garden

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To say we live in a growth corridor and that all is "progress" and we must accept everything is nonsense. Progress is where we keep spacious residential grounds and keep the trees and beautify our township, instead of denuding the area of all greenery and we look upon a sea of uninteresting rooftops. Of course, more housing means more cars, more congestion on the roads, and exhaust fumes to pollute the air and the cause of more environmental issues. Let's speak up and look after our township!

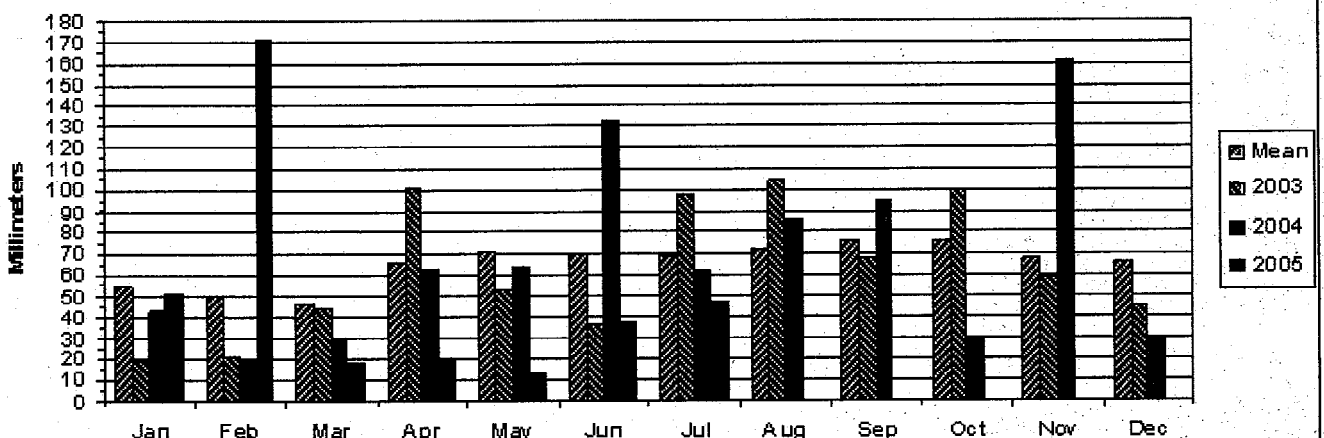
TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

While writing this article, the rain had just started to fall. This is much needed with Melbourne's water storage at 52% of its capacity. In June and July we had just 84mm of rain the lowest total for June and July since 1997 where we had only 80mm. The highest total for June, July since 1985, was in 1991 where we had 255mm. The total for the year is 357mm, which is 54mm less than the same time last year.

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

These figures are taken in a home rain gauge and are not kept for the Bureau of Meteorology.



CARDINIA CATCHMENT LANDCARE

by Margaret Cromb

Winter rains came late and we found ourselves planting our first three plantings into hard, dry ground. These needed to be watered in well and were followed by good, steady rain which we hope will be sufficient.

All told there have been six properties planted this autumn/ winter. Three in Harkaway including an area of land owned by Casey Council which was severely weed infested and totally neglected. Our hope is that

this site will be a demonstration site and illustrate how creeks and waterways can be rehabilitated. Most of Casey's creeks are in a similar condition the exceptions being those which have a Friends group working on them. The three other properties which had Landcare work are in Upper Beaconsfield.

You may have noticed roadworks along O'Neil Rd, Payne Rd and Officer Rd.

The contractor has tried hard to remove as few trees as possible whilst sealing these roads. Council intends to remove weeds from the roadside verges and replant indigenous vegetation. Beaconsfield has many roadsides of conservation value and we need to value and protect them. It is disturbing to see so many residents planting environmental weeds along these roadsides.

involve the restoration of understorey and groundcover plants as well as trees and so restore habitat for birds and other wildlife.

We are thrilled that the State Government has legislated to make the Upper Beaconsfield Reservoir a Nature Conservation Reserve rather than to allow its subdivision.

All Landcare plantings Continued on page 35

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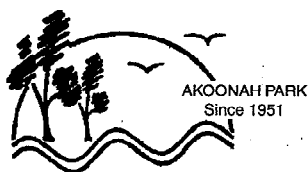
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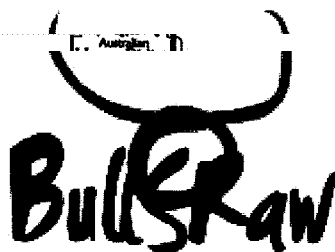
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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Greg Tomamichel

Despite being right in the middle of winter, Beaconsfield Cricket Club is gearing up for the 2005/6 season. Most importantly, training starts at 12 noon, Sunday 7th August. The sessions will run each Sunday throughout August at the Casey Indoor Leisure (next to "The Shed"), New Holland Drive (off Cranbourne-Berwick Road), Cranbourne. The indoor sessions are always a great kick-start to the year when the grounds are still wet and muddy, and we encourage all existing and new players to attend.

In the junior ranks the huge growth in the popularity of cricket continues, with up to 10 junior sides predicted

Under 14 and Under 16 grades. To accommodate the enormous increase in junior participation, a Junior Sub-Committee has been

formed this year and brings together a great team of people to provide safe, enjoyable cricket to around one hundred junior members each week.

To provide enough grounds for the rapid increase in members, Beaconsfield CC is installing a new playing surface at the Akoonah Park ground. This will allow junior sides to play there, as well as improved playing conditions for the senior sides. We are also currently considering a range of options for upgrade of our training nets.

We welcome any new junior or senior members to Beaconsfield, and look forward to the safe return of all last year's players all across the Under 12. Please call Steve Keam (President) on 5941 3848 or Ross Mitchell (Junior President) on 9707 1581 with any queries.

CARDINIA CATCHMENT LANDCARE

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The Cardinia Environment Coalition, an umbrella body for Landcare groups and Friends groups throughout Cardinia, is to manage the area as required for this type of reserve. On Monday August 22nd the CEC is to have its AGM when the Hon John Thwaites MP will speak on this issue. This will be at the Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield at 8pm. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Cardinia Catchment Landcare is to have its AGM

on Tuesday 30th August at 7.30pm at the Old Shire Offices, Princes Highway, Pakenham. If you are interested you are welcome to attend.

Anyone wanting a visit by the Landcare Facilitator for advice and possible Landcare assistance can contact Joan Szalman - 9707 3247 or Margaret Cromb - 9707 2415.

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Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

by Brian McPhie, President

Club rallies to help injured coach

Richard Brown, coach of the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club Under 16's, is a true Club stalwart. During the 5 years he has coached juniors, Richard has not only contributed his time to coaching and volunteering but he has donated his bobcat to complete many club projects.

Recently, Richard snapped a tendon in his leg at training. This major injury resulted in Richard being unable to work as a self employed bobcat and tipper operator. His leg was in plaster for 6 weeks and this was followed by 6 weeks rehabilitation.

Beaconsfield Football Club rallied to conduct a benefit day to help Richard and his family during this period. Over 300 people from the Club - from Seniors, Super Rules, Netballers and Juniors - showed their support. Raffles, donations, auctions and a BBQ raised almost \$5,000 for the Brown family.

Richard was overwhelmed at the response from his footy friends. The spirit of

friendship and community certainly rings true at Beaconsfield Football Club.

Sponsor News

Our major sponsor, Harris Freer Toyota, Berwick continue to show their support for the Club. During the season they have provided the Club with tickets to AFL matches. Many Club families, children and volunteers have been able to enjoy a night at Telstra Dome or the MCG watching their team play.

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2005 Season

As we near the end of another successful season, thank you to our players, their families and all our wonderful volunteers. With over 360 junior players, it is this combined effort that ensures the success of the Club. It's fantastic to see such large number of juniors enjoying playing footy.



Photo: Pre match instructions from coach Kevin Dobson to Under 13's Division 1.



BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

Your regular correspondent has conned a junior player to write this issues article. The following was submitted.

Talking up Winter Tennis

by a Junior Player

Mum and Dad say "you are going to play tennis and like it because it's a good social game" whatever that means.

Midweek Ladies think they've got it hard - ha! Try playing on a Saturday morning starting at 8:00am! Parents ripping the doonas off in the early hours of the morning expecting you to be ready "and happy about it" when all you want to do is sleep. By the time they're ready, you are half way through breakfast when you are rushed to the car.

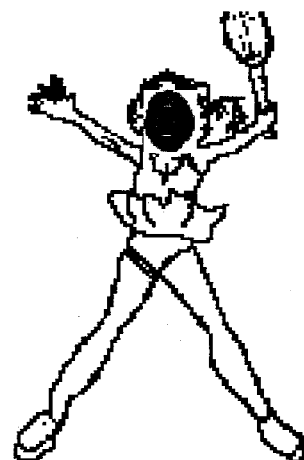
Once at the courts, you wearily get out the car landing both feet in a puddle. You look up to see rain clouds while hoping "please be a washout,

please be a washout". Then you look at the courts - dry! Around you are the parents, all happy and jumping with eagerness for "the game to get going so we can be home early". Then you look at the kids who look like they're "gonna drop dead". Successfully you drag your feet to the clubhouse. Before you know it someone approaches you and says "you're on" - another journey to the courts begins.

You attempt to hit the ball in "the warm up" but miss. After seven or so shots you finally wake up and hit it - into the net. The hyped up parents behind us tell us to start - "we want to get home early" - sound familiar? The

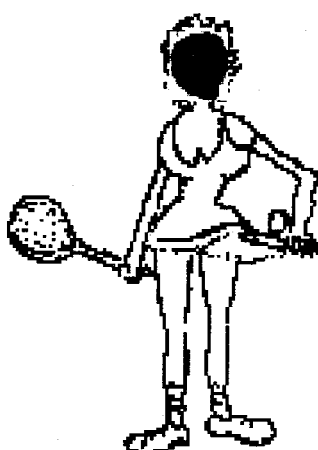
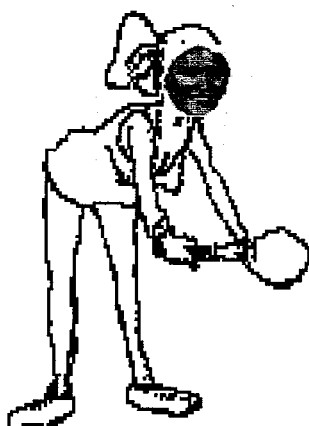
racquet is spun - it's our way - first success of the day. My partner finally decides what we will do after asking over and over - must be more asleep than me! After a great fought loss, we get off the courts after bagging them to cop it from our parents - another bagging.

After a long "chat" about coaching lessons and remembering something about what the coach said, it's time for the singles. The game result this time cannot be blamed on your partner - better really try this time! On to the court for what seems like five minutes - off again to cop it again. After thinking a lot of &#^% and you know what you can do with "that expensive racket" the day



has finished - you could shoot yourself at loosing the match by one game - sometimes more. One day we might win! So come down and join us "enthusiastic" juniors and enjoy the fun. The tennis is not all that bad in Section Eight Gold.

In closing we reveal the identity of our June article authors below. Just to make her feel better the shortest player has top spot!



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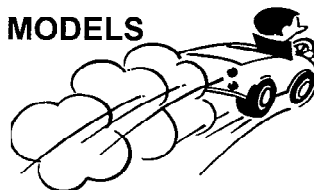
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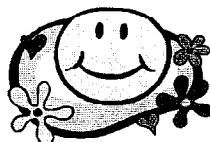
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