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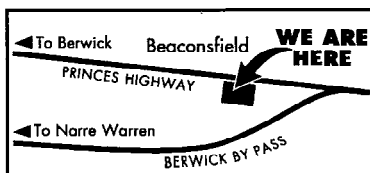
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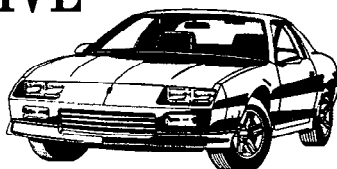
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## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*by Michael Muaremov*

Here we are, the festive season upon us once again. The sounds of carols and sights of Christmas are all around us. Undoubtedly Christmas has arrived!

As you may be aware, we recently had our Annual General Meeting in October had I was humbled to have been the role of President for another year. Thank you all for your support over the past three years. It has been very satisfying to be able to make a contribution back to this great community of ours. I would like to congratulate David Moreland, who was re-elected as Secretary again, Tony Rushton as Vice President, Margaret Boon as our new Treasurer and all other new Committee members.

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

In closing, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Carols by the Creek to be held at the Bob Burgess Reserve on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 8.00pm

Warmest Regards

Michael Muaremov  
President – BPA

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We have also just recently had our local government elections and had some new councillors elected for our 'Central Ward'. Congratulations to all three new Councillors. We hope we can establish a good working relationship as we had with our former ward Councillor, Garry Runge, who represented our township in an exemplary way over the past three years. On behalf of the BPA and our township, I would like to thanks him for an excellent 3 years that he represented our ward.



## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Cardinia and Casey Council elections were held in November 2005.

The following candidates were elected to wards that will represent the residents of Beaconsfield.

### Cardinia Shire:

#### Central Ward:

Bill Ronald  
Brett Owen  
Kate Lempriere

#### Ranges Ward:

Ed Chatwin  
Graeme Legge

#### City of Casey : Edrington Ward

Mick Morland  
Brian Hetherton

Councillor Bill Ronald was elected as the Cardinia Shire mayor on 5th December. Council meeting will now commence at 7pm.

See website [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)

## COUNCIL NEWS

*by Cr Brett Owen,  
Central Ward Councillor*

Dear Beaconsfield Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the recent results of the November Cardinia Council elections. Councillors Bill Ronald, Kate Lempriere and myself will be Beaconsfield's representatives at council for Central Ward for the next three years.



Central Ward includes the growth corridor areas of Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham. We look forward to working with you to ensure that Beaconsfield continues to be a great place to live.

I am happy to advise you that I will be council's representative on the Beaconsfield Community Complex Committee.

On behalf of my Ward colleagues, we wish all residents and readers a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



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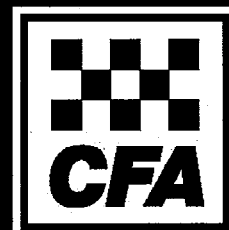
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The Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) has a new telephone number for members of the public to call if they require emergency flood and storm assistance.

132 500 is now the number to call from anywhere in Victoria, 24 hours a day, for emergency assistance if you or your property is affected by a flood or storm. SES volunteers (recognisable in their orange overalls) are trained to provide temporary emergency assistance to help people protect themselves and protect their property from further damage. They assist with such incidents as a tree down on a building, damaged roofs, rising

floodwater, general building damage, trees down and blocking access, and any storm damage that may be a threat to life or property.

The role of the SES volunteer team is to make the scene safe. It is the property owner's responsibility to arrange for the removal of debris and permanent repairs to their property.

When you phone 132 500 from a landline phone your call will automatically be directed to the closest SES Unit, or an emergency communications centre, where a trained call-taker will dispatch your local SES Unit to the incident. Callers phoning from mobile phones or near the Victorian border may be

asked to identify the State they are calling from before their call is directed to the Unit or an emergency communications centre.

132 500 replaces a range of callout numbers including local SES Unit numbers, regional headquarters and the general callout number in the Melbourne and Geelong metro areas. It is the same cost as a local call in Victoria, although calls from mobiles may be higher.

There is no cost for SES assistance and all our volunteers are trained to national standards. The SES is a community-based organisation meaning that the volunteers are locals with local knowledge and are aware of the critical rescue requirements of your area.

132 500 is for flood or storm emergency calls only. Triple zero (000) is for fire, police or ambulance and should be used in a life-threatening emergency. Write these numbers down and update your emergency services contacts list. You can still contact your SES Unit with general queries on their non-emergency office number.

SES Units are always on the look out for new volunteers so check out the SES website, or contact your nearest SES regional office, if you would like more information.

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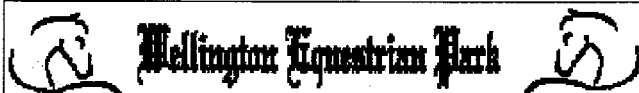
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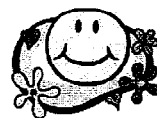
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## Helping the Community

The Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre has now been open for 2 years as of the 3rd November. The welcome we have received has been overwhelming. As a result, we are happy to announce that the clinic is looking forward to supporting our community.

From mid January 2006, the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre will donate \$500 every 2 months to a local cause. Any non-profit sporting, community, school, welfare group etc will be eligible to receive the donation.

We need your help to identify who is in need of our/your support. Please feel free to nominate a local group of particular importance to you and every 2 months our team will allocate the donation. The donation will not be in the form of veterinary services, but a cheque for \$500 to spend on their organisation. The recipient of each donation will be listed in the corresponding edition of the Beaconsfield Banner.



So please, if you know of a group that could do with assistance in our community, don't wait for someone else to nominate them, please contact us so that we can add them to our list. To nominate any group simply write to us, in not more than 50 words, and describe who your group is and how the money could be best utilised.

Please send your nominations to the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre, PO Box 469, Beaconsfield, 3807.

We have made our own list, but we may have unwittingly missed a group in our area. As the clinic continues to grow through your support we are hoping to increase the value of this donation.

Once again, thank you for your support and we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

## Siobhan Claims Australian Cross-Country Title.



12-year-old Siobhan Jagusch, marked her first campaign in the National Primary Schools cross-country titles by winning gold in the 3 km race for her age group at the National Cross Country Championships held at Victoria Park Racecourse, Adelaide on the 27 August. This along with the Victorian Teams Gold medal and a bronze medal in the 1500m relay held on the Sunday.

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## News from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

Once again the year has flown by, and the summer fire season is fast approaching. The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade wishes everyone a happy and safe Christmas and summer holiday period.

### Summer Fire Safety - Have you and your family prepared your Bushfire Survival Plan?

CFA is advising that people living in high risk areas need to be self-reliant to protect themselves against bushfires.

"You may not get someone banging on your door to warn that a bushfire is close," said CFA Brigade Support Officer Ellisa Bourne.

"You may not see a fire truck arrive at your house in the nick of time. This is why you should prepare your own bushfire survival plan now before the fire season gets started."

It is important that you obtain information about what needs to be done before making your decision. Will you leave early or stay and defend?

CFA recommends that people make their decision well before the summer fire season to either stay and actively defend their property or leave the area before fire threatens.

Research shows that many people make unsafe choices that can have serious consequences.

CFA advises people not to stay with an unprepared property and not to leave their property too late such as when the fire is very close, or return to your home during a bushfire.

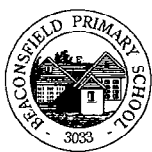
If you would like a CFA "Living in the Bush" workbook to assist you with your plan call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 to obtain a copy.

### Victorian Bushfire Information Line

The Victorian Bushfire Information Line is a 24 hour, seven days a week service which provides recorded information regarding fire restrictions, Total Fire Bans and information to assist you to prepare for the fire season. During the summer fire period you can obtain personal advice from trained operators from 8am to 8pm weekdays.

In the event of a major incident the information line can be staffed 24 hours a day in order to provide incident updates and advice on actions to take during bushfires. For example if you work out of the area but during the day a bushfire develops you could call this number to ascertain whether it is safe to return to your home. The number to call is 1800 240 667. It would be a great idea to program this number into your phone.

Alternatively check the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) for more information on preparing for the summer season.



## BPS Corner TEAM SPIRIT ALL THE WAY

On the 24th of November four Human Powered Vehicles (H.P.V) teams and one pushcart team left Beaconsfield to compete in the RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough. Two of the H.P.V teams were in the "Try-Athalon" category and two were in the 'Endurance' category. A total of 40 children competed and supported each other.

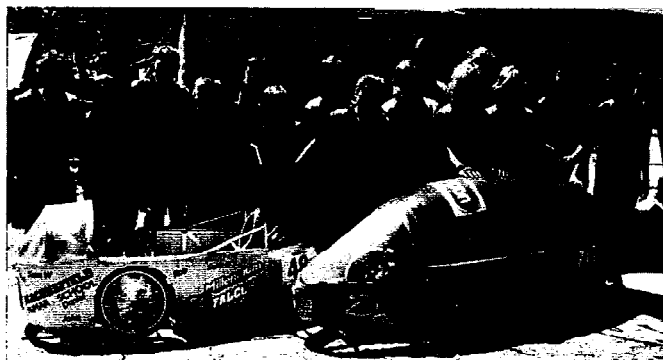
On Thursday the H.P.V teams all went through scrutineering and presentations. It all went very well. Nigel Bard had to build another side intrusion for our HPV "Dash". "Incredible" and "Tornado"

also had to get side intrusion bars welded on.

The pushcarts had an obstacle course. They did very well and were cheered on all the way. Jake C and Sam A. raced in the obstacle.

At 6:00pm the endurance practise session started. The Dash did well and finished 13th in grid position and Millennium Falcon started in 54th position. The practise finished at 8:00pm.

On Friday the Try-Athalon teams had to do a time trial at 10:00am and an obstacle course at 1:00pm. Both teams did better than they expected and raced very well.



At 12:30pm. the pushcart team had their presentation. They won the Best Presentation Award. They beat 72 schools and were very happy. Their presentation was based on the Simpson's.

At 12:00pm the endurance race started for Dash and Millennium Falcon. The Dash started well ranging from 5th-10th throughout the day. Millennium Falcon did very well throughout the day, bringing their position down to 41st.

It got very hot inside the Dash. Before going in we had to have a freezing cold towel wrapped around us. The race had a break at 9:00pm.

On Saturday the endurance teams had to get up at 5:30am. The Dash team slipped back a few places and Millennium Falcon kept on going really well. The race finished at 11:00am and everyone was happy with the results.

The overall result, (aggregate total) Dash 13th and Millennium Falcon finished 28th. Adriana was cautioned for aggressive driving!

The pushcart team had their sprint race and finished 4th. Well Done.

The pushcart team also had 15 minutes of fame. They were on the local Maryborough news, featuring Brendan Cramphorn when he crashed into the hay bales. The H.P.V teams made it on the news just because the event is so big.

The Try-Athalon had their endurance race at 1:00pm - 9:00pm. The Incredibles finished 2nd overall (aggregate total) and Tornado finished 3rd. Everyone was there to cheer them on. Adriana got to sing our Beaconsfield chant using the microphone.

An added bonus was received when the Incredibles won the Design and Construction Award. Points were awarded for the overall design of the vehicle together with the knowledge the children had regarding the environment, benefits of human power and how the vehicle worked.

Well done to all the teams on their outstanding efforts in the races. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped out and a very special thanks to Julie, Linda and Mr. McKelson for arranging everything.

By Kirilli K. and Adriana G.  
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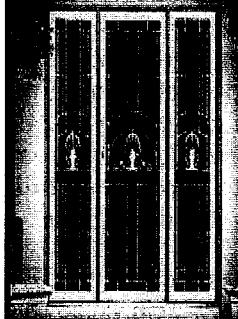


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by Jan and Jeanette

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Forty-five people attended the 10 year birthday celebration luncheon at the new Beaconsfield Community Complex, where the dance is held now, having moved from the Scout Hall in 2004.

Past and present members enjoyed the occasion and Bev was delighted to welcome Glenda to join us. We all enjoyed a combined class of line dancing for two hours before a sumptuous feast provided by members, but as a treat, as always, was Bev's famous passion fruit sponge.

The highlight of the day was Bev's presentation of a line dancing badge to each of us – a very pleasant surprise. A truly wonderful day was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



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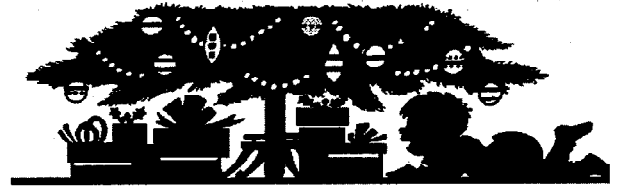


## Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre

Phone 8768 4400 Melway 214 B1

by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

The committee and staff of the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and new year, and look forward to seeing you at our centre in 2006.



Nearly the end of a very busy and growing year for the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre! Thank you to all our volunteers, committee members and staff who have helped make the year such a success. Numbers attending our programs have grown rapidly, and we are looking forward to another exciting year in 2006.

### New Committee

At the recent Annual General Meeting the Mayor, Cr. Garry Runge thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts, and our new committee was elected.

The new committee includes:  
President - Pauline Hopkins,

Vice President - Tony Rushton, Secretary - Margaret Boon, Acting Treasurer - Michelle Noble. General Committee members include Debbie Gaylard, Anne Marie Davine, Jenni Matheson, and Tarin Dorling.

The Committee is looking forward to a productive year ahead. The Committee of Management is responsible for the decisions and forward planning of the Neighbourhood Centre activities that help meet the needs of our community.

If you would like to be a part of the decision making process, we strongly encourage and welcome you to join the committee and attend meetings held

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night of each month.

### Free Legal Advice

Peninsula Community Legal Centre is commencing a legal advice service at the Centre as part of their expansion into the Cardinia Shire. Solicitor Julie Mouy will attend on Tuesday mornings, to help with problems including family law, motor vehicle accidents, debt, crime and traffic matters as well as a basic will making service for those on low incomes. Anyone who lives, works or studies in the catchment is eligible to use the service. Appointments can be made on 9783 3600.

### Dates and Program for 2006

The Centre will close on 16<sup>th</sup> December for the Xmas break, and will re-open on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2006. Our office opening hours next year will be Monday to Thursday 9am – 3pm and 9am – 1pm on Fridays during school terms.

We expect our Term 1 & 2 program booklet will be distributed to all Beaconsfield and Officer households during January.

Most 2005 programs will continue into 2006. Exciting new programs include parchment craft, drama for young people and jewellery making.

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## Giant Bazaar Sale

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade will be holding it's giant bazaar sale again on **Sunday 9 April 2006**. The bazaar sale is a great opportunity for people to pick up a bargain, while supporting your local fire brigade. The brigade will be seeking the donation of unwanted saleable items for the bazaar sale early in 2006, and will provide more details in the next edition of the Beaconsfield Banner.

## DOROTHEA POSTELLO (1923 – 2005)

In 2001 the sounds of a piano playing rang out in Amelia Close, Beaconsfield, from the front room of Dorothea Postello's. Dorothea moved there after her house in Vernon Road on Mount Misery, Beaconsfield became too big for her. Children would hear her playing and be curious of the sound. They would visit and she would have them in. They were fascinated as they stood around her piano listening to her play.

For many years she played the piano or organ weekly at the Narre Warren North Uniting Church and also in her homeland Yorkshire, England. Her ability to play the piano led her to her first husband, Ron Atkins, who was a trained singer (Tenor). It was wartime when they met and music was one of the few joys they and many who heard Dorothea accompany Ron had. They migrated with their three children in 1958 on the ship Strathard. Settling in Dandenong, Dorothea added to their income and worked as a comptometrist at G.M.H., the Bacon factory and Tip Top Bakeries.

After her children had grown up and married, tragedy struck when her husband Ron was killed in a road accident in 1974.

Dorothea lived alone then until she married Michael Postello who worked with Ron and Dorothea on a voluntary committee bringing poor migrants from all over the world to Australia and setting them up in a house and getting them on their feet till they could get a job and support themselves. There were some incredible stories of migrants who now deservedly call Australia home. Michael was Spanish and was helpful in translating to some new Australians.

Dorothea and Michael married in 1977 and built their home in Vernon Road, Beaconsfield. Dorothea joined many groups in Beaconsfield and was one of the founding workers, volunteering her time in the Narre Warren opportunity shop.

At this time she was asked to play the national anthem every Monday morning at the Beaconsfield Primary School. She was also asked to accompany the children at several plays but insisted she had a telephone book to sit on, for the stool for the piano was missing and a chair was too low.

Sadly Michael, who had survived the Spanish Civil War, serving in the French Foreign Legion and onto



Korea for the Americans where he was shot but survived, died in 1991 of Cancer. Dorothea became a widow but continued to make more and more friends in Beaconsfield. Sadly in January this year she had a heart attack bringing on her dementia and late life diabetes. After a terrible year with Dorothea in and out hospital and nursing homes, on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, Dorothea's heart gave out and she passed away at aged 81.

## A FRIEND OF MIDWAY

by Gwen Neve and friends of Midway

Dorothea Postello was a friend of Midway for about eleven years which she enjoyed, as much as we did her company. At times like Christmas she would sing a carol for us or play a keyboard when available.

Her stories she told us will always be remembered.

There was a joke with her, whenever she would come into Midway a bit late and we would ask her, "Where is your note? Her reply was "Mam wouldn't give me one!"

One of her sayings was "There is none as queer as folk".

Dorothea will be sadly missed at the Midway Club.

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## MAKE AND MINGLE

*by Ann Taylor*

We have had many activities this term making Christmas decorations and gifts and Christmas cards. Many of us have packed shoeboxes with lovely gifts for children in overseas countries and Make and Mingle has sent 124 boxes to these children. We are also sending funds for special projects for women in developing countries so they can learn the practical crafts of sewing and weaving.

There are a number of organisations where you are able to contribute to these projects and many people in the community are making these contributions instead of sending Christmas cards or buying gifts for friends and family. This is a really practical way to share the love of Christmas.

Our Craft Fair and Quilt display in November was a lovely time of fellowship

participation. Many people were able to find Christmas gifts and craft supplies and catch up with friends over a delicious Devonshire tea. The quilt and craft display was absolutely beautiful and showed the range and high quality of work done by the Make and Mingle group.

MAKE AND MINGLE, friendship and craft group meets every Wednesday at the Beaconsfield Baptist church during school term, from 10am-12 noon. We are on the corner of old Princes Hwy and Souter Street. We finish for the year on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and resume Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006. Looking forward to seeing you with us next year when we will have some interesting crafts, and activities.

May you know the blessings of the Christmas Season.



Morning tea at Make and Mingle Janette Smyth and Ngaree Hunter (right)

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# CHILDREN TAKE THE CHALLENGE

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

In October, new laws were introduced into Parliament to punish hoon drivers, who do 'burnouts', 'donuts' or intentionally allow their vehicles to lose traction.

This will see first time offenders having their cars impounded or immobilised for forty-eight hours. Second time offenders face losing their cars for up to three months while drivers convicted of three or more offences will have their cars permanently seized.

Other serious offences for which drivers face car impoundment or confiscation include exceeding the speed limit by 45 km/hr or more, engaging in a race on the road, and dangerous driving. These laws will make the roads safer for all

of us and provide appropriately harsh penalties for those who choose to use our roads in a way that threatens the safety of all drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.

The Victorian Parliament is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and sat in regional Victoria, in Geelong and Colac, in November. A series of events and activities will be taking place in both regional and metropolitan Victoria over the next year, including a cartoon exhibition, lectures, an exhibition of past petitions, art displays and an open garden day at Parliament House. There is also a multi-media travelling exhibition, "Bills, Bells and

Ballots", which will include many treasures, documents and items rarely seen in public. Contact my office for more details.

Other recent news is that the new urban growth boundaries have been released, providing certainty of land supply for housing for the next 25 years in the five areas of Casey-Cardinia, Hume, Melton-Caroline Springs, Whittlesea and Wyndham.

80,000 new jobs will be provided in these areas, allowing people to both live and work locally. Levies have been placed on developers on a per hectare basis to ensure that they assist local, state and federal governments in contributing to the necessary infrastructure for new residents.

As a result of new growth areas, it is estimated that the price per hectare for these tracts of land has increased from \$33,000 to \$478,000 so it is right and proper that the beneficiaries of these land value increases do not impose a burden on existing ratepayers to provide new services and infrastructure. A Growth Areas Authority is being established to act as a watchdog on housing affordability, monitor price movements and advise on the release of land.

As the holiday season approaches, I urge all residents to be CrimeSmart and log onto the website at [www.crimesmart.vic.gov.au](http://www.crimesmart.vic.gov.au)



This is a new crime prevention campaign being undertaken by the State Government in conjunction with Victoria Police, to reduce home burglaries. There are tips and ideas to ensure that your home and property are safe when you are away. One of the best forms of crime prevention is, of course, good neighbours who can keep an eye out for you. If you don't yet know your neighbours, Christmas time is a great way to introduce yourselves and take the first step to getting involved in your local community. The benefits will truly last all year.

I wish all residents a happy, enjoyable and safe Christmas with family, friends and neighbours.

Don't forget to mark down 15 March 2006 in your new diaries as the first day of the Commonwealth Games, the biggest event ever to be held in Victoria. It will be a great occasion and a fantastic time to enjoy events and activities all around the state.

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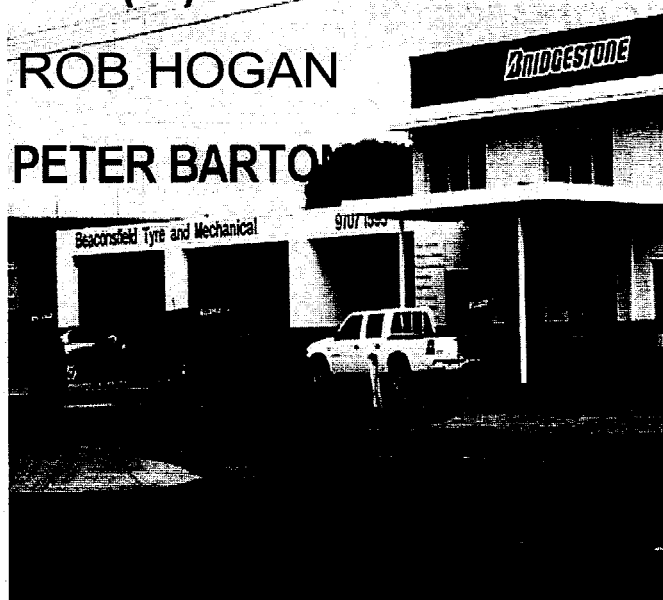
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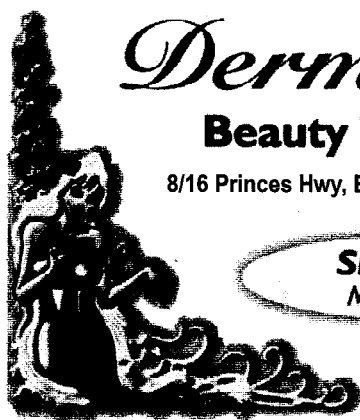


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The large bulbs should be planted out in a light, sandy compost with a little animal manure, with the neck of the lily at soil level. Can be started in a pot in semi-shade and watered regularly till roots have developed, allowing them to dry out between soakings. The plump flower stems will appear while the plant is bare of leaves. The stems will bust into a mass of red florets enclosed by showy scarlet bracts.

The Pineapple Lily (*Eucomis*) from South Africa, is another unusual

plant and can also be grown enmass for a striking effect. This plant sends up 60cm/2ft cylindrical purple-spotted stems bearing hundreds of greenish flowers, sometimes tinged with mauve. They grow amid tufts of green leaves just like a pineapple top. The flowers can be cut for indoor use in a vase and last for quite a few weeks. These plants prefer full sun and should be left alone for years.

The Hippeastrum (Barbados Lily) is a native of tropical America, make gorgeous house plants, but can also be grown in the garden in sunny position.

To plant them in pots, plant them in a rich loamy mixture with a small amount of sand added. Leave a third of the bulb showing above the surface. When the flowers have finished, store bulbs dry until the signs of next year's growth. But, they also flourish in the garden in a sunny position and give a spectacular display.

Snails, unfortunately, find the buds and leaves irresistible - and need protection.



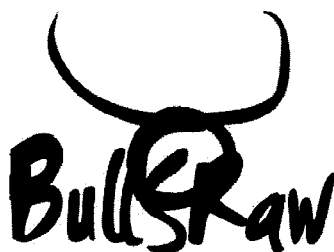
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# A WORD FROM WOOD

*by Jason Wood*



Monday 15 August 2005 marked a very special day in Australia's history, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day victory was declared in the Pacific and the end of the Second World War.

Around Australia – in capital cities and small communities – Australians remembered the end of World War Two. Sixty years on we continue to remember the contribution made by our soldiers who fought to guarantee our freedom.

In recognition of this sacrifice and courage, I presented medals to those in our community who defended Australia, or who supported the war effort at home during those dark days.

A ceremony was held in Berwick to say thank you to our heroes. Many others who attended the ceremonies were children, grandchildren and even great or great-great

grandchildren of World War Two veterans – a true indication of the impact World War Two had 60 years ago and how Australia has grown as a nation since then.

After the ceremony I spoke with many veterans including Mrs Elizabeth Jarvis from Beaconsfield. Mrs Jarvis is featured in this photo taken at the ceremony, pictured below second from the right.

I heard many great stories of courage and survival told by these medal recipients, our local heroes.

These commemorative medals are a token to honour and respect the tenacity, spirit and courage of our veterans.

I would like to thank all medal recipients and their families for attending the ceremony. I was honoured to be in such esteemed company to whom Australia owes a debt of gratitude.





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## FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by **GRAEME J TAYLOR**  
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## SPLITTING OF SUPERANNUATION

The Government has brought forward the commencement date of new rules for splitting of superannuation contributions to now apply from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006. New bills and amendments have been introduced into Parliament. The new rules for splitting of Superannuation Contributions will enable spouses to share superannuation benefits hence enabling each spouse to have their own -Reasonable Benefit Limits (RBL) and -Low tax threshold (currently \$129,751 tax at zero rate on post June 1983 component)

The new regulations will apply to employer contributions and personal deductible and non-deductible contributions but only in respect of contributions made after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006. It will not be possible to split existing superannuation benefits: amounts rolled over or transferred or employer ETP'S. The Superannuation fund must agree for contributions to be split.

The normal rules of claiming tax deductions for superannuation contributions tax seminar the same or currently any split is subsequently done on a predetermined split of each contribution or an annual split.

If superannuation contributions are split to a spouse who is not an existing member than the eligible service date would commence when the split contribution was made.

The benefits of being able to split future superannuation contributions with a spouse who has minimal superannuation benefits will provide tax benefits on retirement by extra RBL amounts and zero taxes and payments. You should discuss with your accountant the strategies of splitting future superannuation contributions.

**GRAEME J. TAYLOR C.A.**



## TWO YEARS ON

by Steve the Vet

How time flies as the saying goes. It is hard to believe it was two years ago that we first opened our doors and for those of you who have visited recently you will have seen a few changes.

Josh and Marnie are now part of our team, which includes Debbie, Vicky and myself. Natasha is no longer working with us as she is busy enjoying motherhood and our new son Hamish. By the way, I am enjoying him too!! Ten years of doing after hours and getting called out in the middle of the night has semi-conditioned me for sleepless nights. I can manage quite well with looking after him even though he can't speak to me. I understand that he needs to be fed and changed. But what's with the lack of coat, only two legs and no tail!! Once again Natasha and I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes on the safe arrival of Hamish.

The renovations to the clinic have finally started. Puppy Play School has been cancelled during the renovations as the backyard resembles more of a minefield than somewhere that puppies could play safely. We hope to restart the schools in December, if not, definitely January. We apologise for any inconvenience the renovations may cause to you or your animals, but it is necessary for us to expand to be able to maintain the high level of care your animals deserve.

We are hoping that all the changes will be finished by early to mid December. Unfortunately, we will be closed on Monday 12th December due to the renovations, but will be re-open again the next day on Tuesday.

In the month of December we will have a Christmas Hamper donated by Pfizer

and the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre. Shanika's restaurant in Berwick has also given a voucher for a meal. The total value of the hamper is well over \$250. The hamper will be stacked full of goodies for both you and your pet. The winner of the hamper will be drawn on December 20th and will be notified by phone.

Take care and we wish everyone and their animals a Wonderful Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year



Merry Christmas

## 4C's

### Foodbank

4C's the emergency food bank for the Cardinia Shire is giving out Christmas hampers and toys to any one in crisis this year.

Registrations for hampers need to be done at 1 Main Street, Pakenham between the hours of 10.30 and 2.30pm. If you live in the shire and would like assistance for Christmas please contact or come to the centre.

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## IT'S A GREAT LITTLE TOWN - AT THE MOMENT

by John Feehan

Further to the excellent article 'Taking Charge of Your Town' by Willem Boon in the last edition of the Beaconsfield Banner, I thought I might throw my 'two-bobs' worth into the mix.

On August 20, 2005, The Age newspaper launched a series of articles under the heading 'Liveable Melbourne'. The first instalment looked at fourteen 'liveability' indicators across 314 suburbs, including transport, traffic congestion, education, shopping, open space, tree cover, crime, proximity to the CBD and the coast, culture, topography and cafes and restaurants. Every suburb was ranked against each indicator and the ranking converted into a score and the score for each suburb was added to produce a 'total' indicator score.

A map of Melbourne's suburbs were included in the article and each was coloured according to its total

score. There were thirteen tones used ranging from dark blue for the most liveable, a lighter blue for the next and continuing through with various greens, yellows, oranges and finally reds for the least liveable. Generally, the results indicated that the lower ranking suburbs were mostly on Melbourne's outer-suburban fringe.

A closer inspection of the map does seem to confirm this finding. In our own south-eastern region orange and red hues abound. Endeavour Hills, Doveton, Narre Warren (including north and south), Harkaway, Hampton Park, Lysterfield, Cranbourne and yes, even Berwick are all quite similarly shaded.

But there is one little oasis of green. The shade seems to correspond with an index that places Beaconsfield somewhere in the region of the 122<sup>nd</sup> - 146<sup>th</sup> most

liveable suburbs. While Beacy obviously isn't in the same league as Toorak, Brighton or Parkville. In terms of what our little town currently offers us, we compare well with Mitcham, Doncaster East, Balwyn and Lower Plenty.

Now while this doesn't quite amount to bragging rights, it should serve as a warning to all in Beaconsfield. The results of inappropriate developments are now reflected in the rankings achieved by our neighbouring suburbs.

Sadly, Beaconsfield is slowly being re-coloured by some developers who seem not to care one jot about the charm of our little town. It is even alleged by some people that a number of our local representatives (both elected or unelected) actually care very little, being excited only by the prospect of gathering

additional rates by squeezing more and more buildings onto every available hectare.

In the area of commercial development, our main street, the Old Princes Highway, is a classic example of poor planning. Sure, it's a beautiful place to run a business from, but thanks to the reduced parking requirements granted by council to several recent developments we now have businesses unable to accommodate their staff and clients with adequate parking facilities, thereby causing increased, unsafe and congested parking along the highway.

With what has already taken place, as well as what's proposed, this stretch of road with its increasing traffic load, and inappropriate parking provisions, is fast becoming both frustrating and dangerous for local residents, school children, the elderly and shoppers.

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## *Seasons Greetings*



EUCALYPTUS OIL STILL AT HAUNTED GULLY BRIDGE - 1902. Pictured left to right are: Ernest Tivendale, William Tivendale, George Tivendale, B. Daley and James Tivendale. (Courtesy Pakenham Historical Society.)



## Seasons Greetings

# A Good Oil Returns to Haunted Gully

by Craig and Evelyn Seath, Haunted Gully Olives

The area called Haunted Gully has, for many years, had an interesting history.

In the 1830's it was a gold mining area. In fact, its name is said to have come from a tragic incident where a gold miner was shot by his very inebriated mates. He was in the nude at the time and they thought he was a ghost!

In the early 1900's the area housed a eucalyptus still, producing high quality oil for the local as well as the Melbourne market.

Now in 2005 high quality oil is coming out of Haunted Gully.

Just four years ago olive trees were planted on a north facing slope overlooking the gully. Olives were chosen as a suitable crop because, like eucalypts, they thrive on poor soil, very little water and lots of sunshine. By 2004 a small number of

olives emerged from the trees, this was considered to be fairly normal for such young trees.

However, perhaps it was the drought, perhaps it was the Beaconsfield location, but the 2005 crop was amazing. Haunted Gully is again in the oil business! Being confronted with harvesting several tons of fruit suddenly became a challenging but satisfying family affair. The fruit was sent to the processor within 24 hours of picking and the green, gold oil that resulted is very flavoursome, unique and good for you too.

The oil is now available locally as a varietal oil. Each of the four varieties has its own distinctive character, ranging from a mild, buttery taste to one with a strong, rich olive aroma.

So, 100 years later, quality oil has again come out of Haunted Gully. I wonder what the old-timers who ran the eucalyptus still would think about the sunny slope that no longer contains dense stands of eucalypts but neat rows of vigorous and well-groomed olive trees?



## Cardinian Embroidery

by Ann Taylor

Lots of progress has been made on the panels of the Cardinian Embroidery. We now have 16 panels representing all the towns of Cardinia and so far 176 significant local features are finished with more to be completed.

The majority of the Beaconsfield features are completed and the panel is being assembled alongside the Rythdale, Officer, Cardinia panel.

Wood Street is an historic area with a number of houses from early last century.

No 54 dates from 1905 and no 45, 48 and 56 from 1910-1915. These small town residences have been carefully restored by their current owners and make up one of the oldest groups of houses in the Shire.

All the Wood Street houses have been worked in cross stitch. The embroiderers are No. 56 Lyn Simmons, 54 Brenda Clearwater and Julie Collins, 48 Janine Byrne, 45 Kerry Lewis and 36 Margaret Swan.

We still need stitchers to work on the pieces and also to stitch down all the pieces on the panels.

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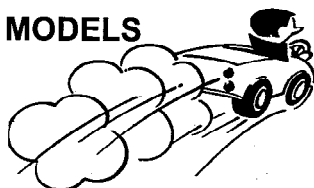
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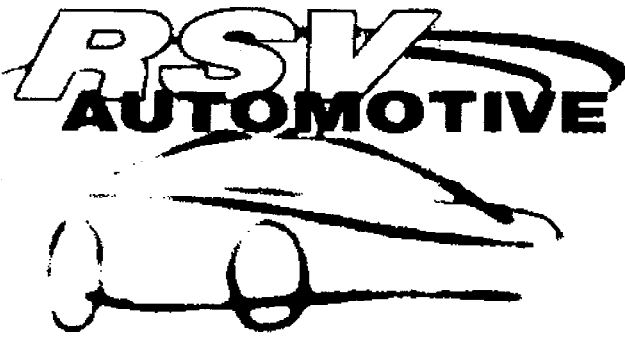
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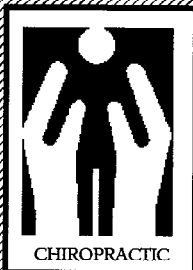
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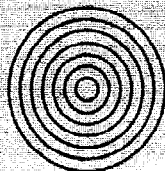
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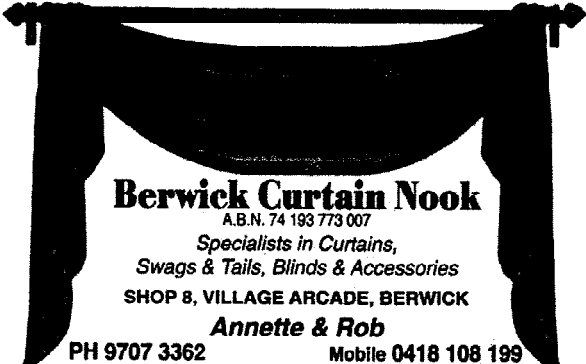
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by Phil Collins

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Millions of houses were framed in OB hardwood after a period when oregon was the common framing timber. I am glad we have pine and steel for framing, treated pine for paling fences instead of hardwood.

Australian hardwood makes beautiful

and durable furniture, retaining its size and shape for centuries – if only I could have kept my youthful shape instead of swelling and bending and loose in the joints. Veneers are now the choice for furniture, but recently I made a lovely shelf unit of solid timber. I suppose the pine was more expensive but it was such a pleasure to view the result.

The festive season is upon us, I like the weeks leading up to Christmas, the colour, the carols, the anticipation, the last minute jobs. Many firms take a months leave, I may take the odd day - don't hesitate to call for that job you don't have time for - 9707 4225.



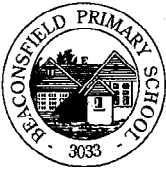
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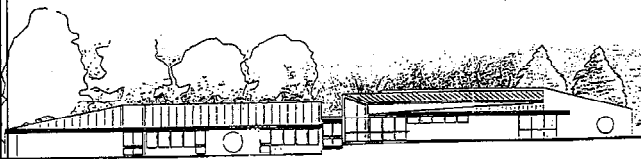
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# CROSSWIRED

by David Griffiths



Australia has been notorious for producing some very, very awful horror films over the years. Has anyone else ever actually tried to sit down and watch something as bad as 'House Boat of Horrors'?

Of course Australia did produce some mediocre horror-films like 'Cut' as the world went through a stage when it really liked slasher horrors but of course slasher horrors don't really make for good storylines.

Well, that has certainly changed over the last couple of years. First of all last year out came the excellent 'Lost Things'. This is one horror film that has images that will stick with you for ages. Director Marty Murphy has captured the Australian beach in such a way that it will be forever etched in your mind as a place of horror.

Starring Leon Ford, Steve Le Marquand, Charlie Garber, Alex Vaughan and Lenka Kirpace (better known for her part in Australian band 'Decoder Ring'), 'Lost Things', tells the story of four teenagers who lie to their parents and then go on a surfing trip down the coast. Of course when they reach their destination, the horror starts.

A thinking person's horror film, 'Lost Things' is more

a psychological thriller than a slasher horror and any viewer will be richly rewarded for sitting through the sometimes-confusing storyline. Filmed on a small budget, 'Lost Things' contains some of the best cinematography ever seen in Australian film.

'Wolf Creek' is not for the faint hearted, its horror is realistic, brutal and unrelenting. John Jarrat is terrific in the role of Mick Taylor who lures three backpackers (played by Nathan Phillips, Cassandra Magrath and Kestie Morassi) into a very dangerous game. So good is Jarrat's performance, that Quinten Tarrantino is believed to have chosen him for a part in his new film after viewing 'Wolf Creek'.

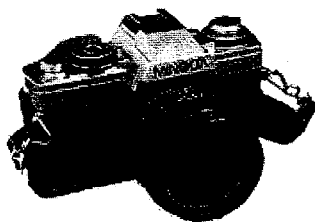
Again this film is shot on a very short budget, not that you would be able to tell, and like 'Lost Things' this is a beautifully shot horror film. If the word beautiful can be used in the same sentence as horror.

Horror fans certainly shouldn't miss these films, and they shouldn't let the stigma of these being Australian films scare them off.

By the way Crosswired has hid the net. You can find a ton of reviews and a stack of entertainment news on [www.xwiredonline.com](http://www.xwiredonline.com)







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## CAMERA CLUB NEWS

by Russell Vincent

Club members range from beginners to seasoned amateurs and professionals who enjoy sharing their knowledge.

The club runs the **Pakenham National Photographic competition and exhibition** and a **Secondary Schools competition** that invites students from the Cardinia and Casey Councils to enter.

The National Exhibition is one of only four that are run in Victoria and will be held at Cardinia Cultural Centre from 5<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006 showcasing some fantastic photos from around Australia.

The organizing committee is keen to have many local

photographers represented. You don't have to be a club member to enter as it is open to all. Print categories include Open Color, Photojournalism, Open Monochrome, Rural Australia, Architecture, People/portrait, Creative Experimental and Under 25 Years of Age Open. Slide categories are Open, Photojournalism, Rural Australia and People portraiture. Entries must be in by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

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is spinning along  
with insatiable greed.  
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what do we need  
second helpings for?  
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- we're all pear shape  
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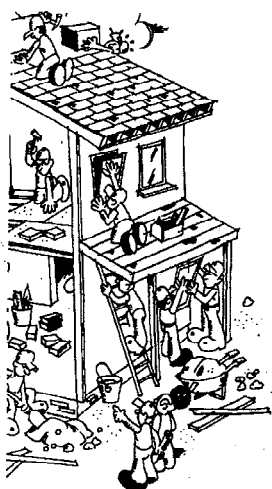
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## THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*by David Morland*

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Since 1860 (when records first began) the world's mean temperature has risen by 0.6 degrees. It is believed by many that this has been caused by industrialisation and it's by product – the greenhouse effect. If this true then as industrialisation increases so the greenhouse effect will increase and temperatures will continue to rise. Answer; slow down or stop industrialisation.

industrialise we are becoming more and more efficient. Our greenhouse gases are increasing at an ever slower rate.

Nevertheless the temperature is moving up, be it ever so slightly. But Lawson states even this is not all bad. For instance, there is going to be the cultivation of areas that have hitherto been too cold to be used.

Now if we try to stop industrialisation it means there will be a slow down in economic growth. Standby for job loses and lower standards of living. Surely it would be better to have ever increasing industrialisation and the wealth it produces and with that wealth deal with the various side affects of global warming. In other words better to be richer and warmer than cooler and poorer; so argues Nigel Lawson. (P62. Financial Review. 19/11/05).

He also points out that as we continue to develop and

Lawson's bottom line; we are not on the verge of a catastrophe.

I happen to agree with Lawson. But for another reason. I believe in a God who both created this universe and maintains it. And I believe that when God said "as long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease" (Gen 8:22) he meant it. In other words the one who created the earth has guaranteed it will not break down. There is no need for panic; the temperature may creep up a fraction but all is well.

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Advice for pet owners when fireworks are discharged:

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- Keep animals, particularly dogs and cats inside when fireworks are likely to be let off
- Block out the noise by drawing curtains and turning on the TV or radio
- Try to distract pets with games and food
- Do not use a choker chain or slip collar to restrain

dogs, as they can choke on these when panicked

Small animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and birds all need to be brought into a secure and quiet place where the noise of fireworks is minimised. Horses should be securely stabled or temporarily removed from areas that are near fireworks.

As with dogs, all pets should be identified so that if they do run away, you can

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If you need assistance in keeping your pet calm on New Year's Eve, give the friendly staff at "The Vet Centre" a call 0500-525-003.

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by Nathan Boon

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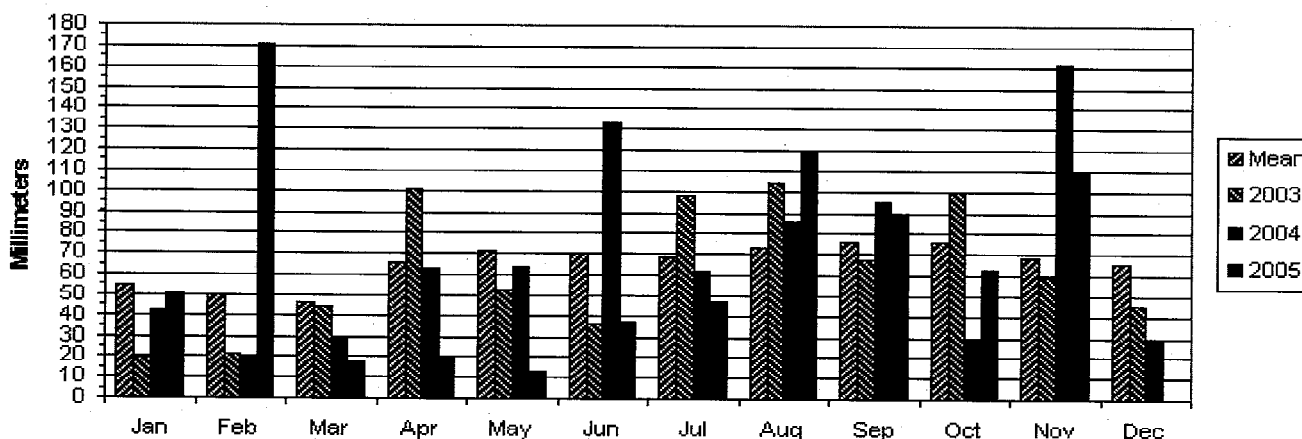
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## **OUR NATURAL WORLD**

*by Peter Hansen*

It's difficult these days to read a paper or watch T.V. without some reference to the fact that the population is aging, and listing the problems that the march of time is bringing on a personal and national level. It becomes so shrill at times that you would think that science has just made a stunning new discovery.

Adding to the noise is the talk of postponing the inevitable by some remarkable theory of science that predicts living forever in some future time. Frankly the thought of living forever fills me with a far greater horror than facing the dictum of nature that we must all eventually pass from this world and move on to the next. I feel that it is the so called scientists who are more worried about dying than the bulk of the population. A very recent survey of hundreds of older people asked if they would prefer to live forever (or at least much longer) found that not one wanted to extend their stay and gave a common view that clearly stated that "enough was enough" and were quite prepared for the transition. Life is a tiring, and at times, an exhausting experience, so who in their right mind would want to endure all the problems and trauma forever?

No one has yet discovered medically why we age and eventually die, and I doubt they ever will. Clearly we have a clock ticking away inside us and this unseen force is imposed on us from a greater intelligence than we can imagine and for very valid reasons. These reasons are

not that difficult to see if we stop and think about it, and knowing why would take away the fear and loathing associated with a perfectly natural process.

We must not allow ourselves to view aging as a disease that can be cured and look to medicine to supply it. It is a process that will eventually deliver us from the thralldom of the earthly incarnation that we selected for ourselves and allow a return to our true home. At the end of aging we have death, or more correctly, transition.

**And what is Dying**

"I am standing on the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength – until at length she is a streak of white cloud, just where the sea and sky mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, "There, she's gone". Gone where? Gone from my sight – that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and she is just as able to bear her load of living weight to her destined harbour.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her – and just at that moment when someone at my side says "there, she's gone", there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"...And that is Dying Author unknown.

Aging is the fare you must pay for a berth on that ship. Pay it gladly.



## CYCLING CLUB ACTIVITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

by John Perrin, President, Casey-Cardinia HPV & Cycling Club

**Are you interested in Cycling? Would you like to become more actively involved?**

The Casey-Cardinia HPV & Cycling Club may be of interest to you.

This is new club, which has been formed by parents, teachers, Students & past Students within the Casey & Cardinia area. The club is trying to make it easier for local people to become actively involved in Cycling & Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) activities.

The Club has several sub committees as follows:

- \* HPV Development - aimed at helping develop the sport of HPV racing
- \* Competitive Cycling - working to assist local people become involved in Cycle racing.
- \* Events Management - focused on increasing the number of local events for Cycling

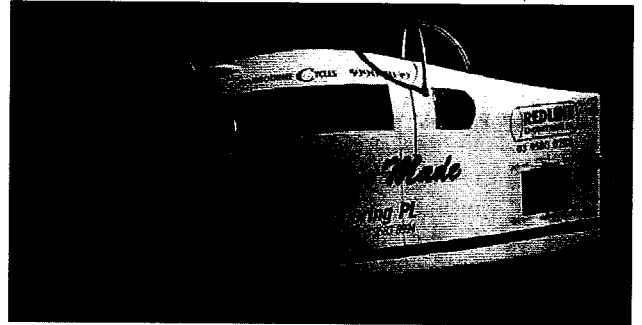
The club is now actively seeking people who are interesting in "recreational" cycling.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- People who want to enjoy a more relaxed approach to their cycling activities
- People who want to develop Cycle paths & trails
- People who would like to join organized rides, including "adventure", "tourist" or "Scenic" rides.
- People who would like to become involved in helping plan local Cycling resources, in consultation with local authorities

Discussions ARE being planned for early February 2006. If you'd like to become involved, contact the club on :-

- a. Email to John Perrin (Club President) [jperrin2@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jperrin2@bigpond.net.au) OR
- b. Contact the club web site & follow the links to



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For information on the club's activities, please visit their web site.

**[www.hpvoz.net/casey](http://www.hpvoz.net/casey)**  
While you are there, please contact us by email and give us your details, so that we can include you on future "newsletters" and email-out.

Some of the recent success stories of the local Cycling Club includes:

- Held our first "Cycling Festival" in June 2005
- Paid for Cycle Coach training for 18 local people in 2005

- Assisted two local "Community" teams become involved in HPV racing
- Worked with City of Casey & others, to achieve the formal announcement of the Criterium Track at Casey Fields.

Many schools within the City of Casey and Cardinia Shire have had significant successes with their cycling and HPV teams throughout 2005.

Some special achievements by Beaconsfield Primary School, during 2005 include:

- Top placed Primary School in the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships
- Note: they also beat almost 40 other Secondary Schools!
- Largest attendance of a Primary school at the Casey Cycling Festival
- Also believed to be the largest Primary school attendance at the Maryborough RACV Energy Breakthrough.
- Regular Coaching & training sessions every week
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## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Greg Tomamichel

Beaconsfield Cricket Club has had an excellent start to the 2005/6 season. After Round 3 we have our first three sides all on the top of the ladder, and all other sides have been very competitive. All nine junior sides have also had a great start to the season, with Beaconsfield sides getting some regular wins.

Congratulations to our juniors who have been chosen in the WGCA U/16 Representative side - Troy McDermott, Jack Benbow and Madison Andrews. This will be an excellent chance for these boys to play a higher standard of cricket and learn more about the game.

The Christmas Break-up function will be a Beach Party held at the Social Rooms Saturday 17th

December, starting around 7.30pm. This will be followed up by the Junior Christmas Party to be held at the Social Rooms on Sunday 18th December starting at 12 noon. Both should be great events and we encourage everyone to come along to celebrate Christmas and a great start to season 2005/6.

The new Akoonah Park pitch has been put into action by our senior and junior teams. Along with our home at Perc Allison Reserve and our use of the St. Francis Xavier College oval, we now have three great grounds for cricket.

Please call Steve Keam (President) on 5941 3848 or Ross Mitchell (Junior President) on 9707 1581 with any queries.

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## IT'S A GREAT LITTLE TOWN - AT THE MOMENT

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Is there a solution? I'd have thought it was blindly obvious. If a development site is too small to incorporate the necessary infrastructure, then the developer should be left one of two choices. Either construct a building that is more appropriate for that site, or find a bigger site.

So when you notice an application for a planning permit, or hear about one, take the time to investigate. See if the applicant wants reduced parking, what signage they intend installing, hours of business, density proposed etc. Even make the time to travel down to the council offices and inspect the plans. Make a

note of such things as the consultant's traffic and parking reports, or whether the proposed building has any architectural merit, or looks like nothing more than a big shoe box standing on its end, etc.

Even if you believe the proposed undertaking won't affect you, put yourself in the place of those who might be and hopefully they'll do the same for you should the need ever arise.

Beaconsfield is more my street or yours. It's a community. And it's the community that will be left to pick up the pieces long after inappropriate developments have been foisted upon us.

This is a wonderful town, so take a look at the bigger picture, get involved and help keep Beaconsfield 'out of the red'.

As Willem Boon so aptly put it - **don't leave it to someone else.**





BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

# TENNIS NEWS

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT B GRADE MIXED TENNIS COMMENCES

Traditionally Tuesday nights have been a mixed doubles tennis competition for both A and B graders. Over recent years the popularity of this fun tennis night has grown to the extent our courts cannot accommodate the number of people wishing to play. So our competition is now split across Tuesday night for A grade players and Wednesday night for B grade players.

Our new Wednesday night competition kicked off on 16th November with a get to know you night of tennis. Nine teams have entered this doubles competition with room for more teams if you are interested in having a game of tennis with emphasis on fun. Open to anyone, nights start at 7:30pm and generally finish around 10:00pm to 10:30pm. Cost is \$8 per person per night - cheap at half the price when compared to other sports such as basketball, golf, elbow bending etc. If interested in joining either as a team or an individual willing to form a team with others, give our co-ordinator Anja Potter a call on 9707 4287.

If looking for a little stiffer level of competition then our Tuesday night A grade mixed competition continues under the guidance of Lisa Kirkham and for mens only competition on Thursday night contact Ian Craig - contact details below.

**VicHealth Grant:** Our club has again been fortunate in obtaining a grant to improve our facilities. VicHealth have fully contributed to the cost of padding on-court light poles and so improving our player safety. Thank you also to Tammy Labato for highlighting this funding opportunity to our club.

**Court Upgrade:** At time of writing tenders are out for the upgrade of our hard courts. Plans are to upgrade two courts with sand filled artificial grass and the remaining two with existing plexipave quality. It is likely upgrade works will take place during the December/ January period with some restriction on use applying during this time.

**Court Hire:** Please note hard courts are available for hire to non club members at a cost of \$5.00 per player per session. Even if accompanied by a club member, non members must pay the hire fee for public liability insurance purposes. Hire fees may be paid at Swim, Gym & Tennis Etc. (Not Just Tennis), 6 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield (next to Taco Bills) 9796 2767 or contact 9707 2575.

**Annual General Meeting** was held on 9th November with the following committee of management being elected.

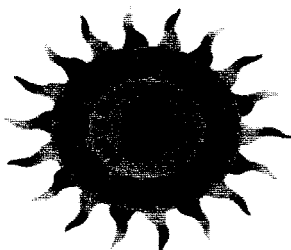
**President:** Ian Ayre      **Vice President:** Frank Haas      **Committee Members:** Dawn Snelson Adrian Walsh  
**Secretary:** Maurice Potter      **Treasurer:** Jenny Shinnars      Heather Saunders Andrew Meno Jenny Ayre Anja Potter

### Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186 Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852 Thursday Night Mens: 9707 4507  
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