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Shire of
Pakenham

What's Happening at Council

Shire of Pakenham by Councillor Peter Meeking.



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NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Department of Conservation & Environment has advised that it will no longer have a work crew operating from Pakenham. Two officers will remain to provide advisory services and for the hire of spray equipment and the sale of herbicides to rural landholders.

The Department will now only address noxious weeds on a priority area basis. The only policy now will be to encourage landholders to form groups to tackle the community's weed problems.

Pakenham Council is extremely concerned at the almost total withdrawal of the Department, which already has resulted in a proliferation of ragwort and blackberry throughout the entire area.

DISASTER EXERCISE

In February 1993, ten (10) years will have elapsed since the Ash Wednesday tragedy. Due to the impact of that terrible happening, there are plans underway to conduct a major disaster exercise in the early part of 1993. The Police, CFA, SES and the Shire have all agreed to participate

together with Welfare Agencies. The purpose is to test the Disaster Plans that have been developed over the past years, and to have the community fully prepared should a disaster occur.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Council is now in the process of determining items of capital expenditure for the 1992/93 year together with general grants. Your community or sporting group should obtain an application form now from the Shire by contacting Janet Crofley 059 411011.

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

What a wonderful opening of the new Centre for Beaconsfield. Congratulations to Bernie Miles and her hard working team.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CONTROL - SOUTER AND GOFF STREETS

All residents within these roads have now been written to, advising of the proposal to narrow certain sections of the roads so as to prevent through traffic travelling at high speed. On receipt of satisfactory responses from residents, the scheme will proceed.

Peter Meeking

COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENING

A crowd of 130 attended the official opening including MP's Ken Smith and Fred Van Buren, Shire President Charlie Rundell, our Riding Councillors Peter Meeking, Keith Ewenson and Ted Owen and other Councillors, the community of Beaconsfield, representatives of community groups and the Centre Committee of Management showing a great amount of support for our new Centre.

The Centre opened at 10.00 a.m. giving members of the community a chance to inspect the new facility before the official program at 2.00 p.m.

The official opening was conducted by Shire President Cr. Rundell, who unveiled a commemorative plaque. He said that when the project was first introduced to the Council mid last year, he thought it would take quite some time to get off the ground.

"What with community groups, Scout Associations, the Railways and State Government involved, 1994 would have to be looking pretty good," he said. "Well here we are in early 1992. The Council has been battered around the ears to approve little bits of funding here and there, the community group has consolidated, prepared their case, lobbied the politicians and within a very short space of time the money has been found to allow this project to proceed."

This statement by Cr. Rundell highlights the effort and work put in by our Committee of Management and indicates what a truly great effort our community have contributed to the establishment of the Community Centre.

Without the support of the Committee being, Karen Popovits, Margaret Boon, Kathy Hunter.
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NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

WHEN: 24TH JUNE 1992

WHERE: BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

GUEST: MR. JOHN McCaffrey

Our meeting will be as follows:

7.30pm. Chat and Cuppa.

8.00pm. Guest speaker Mr John McCaffrey (Town Planner) to discuss the plans for the area from the primary school to the creek along the old highway including the intersections and also the Railway car park.

9.00pm. Question time. Questions may be asked on any item which concern residents of Beaconsfield.

9.30pm. Cuppa and Chat.

(Please Do not park your cars in the Scout Car Park.)

**COMMUNITY CENTRE
OPENING**

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Anne McCormick, Sharon Smith, Cr. Peter Meeking, Jenny Martin, Tony Rushton, Joan Horton, Jenny Edwards, Ross Doherty, Peter Warner, Carole McCormick, Michelle Leo, Annie Kehl and Bernie Miles, this project would have never have got off the ground.

Cr. Keith Ewenson welcomed the crowd to the official opening and introduced the President of the Centre's Committee of Management, Mrs. Bernie Miles.

Mrs. Miles emphasised the amount of community effort and involvement which had gone into the centre, and without the help of everyone from the painters, gardeners, carpenters, draftsman, floor layers, and all who gave their time freely to the community, this would not have been possible. There are so many that need to be thanked that to mention them by name would mean that someone would be left out for sure.

All those who contributed to the establishment of the Community Centre were given a Certificate of Appreciation for their services and thanked sincerely for their contribution.

The Committee would like to thank especially Cr. Peter Meeking for his support as a committee member as well as our Councillor. Without Peter's help this project would still be on the drawing board. His help with the planning of our Centre, in particular with gaining Council funding has been invaluable and we would like to offer our appreciation for his assistance.

Cr. Meeking echoed the words of Mrs. Miles in saying "Today I really do feel a sense of excitement for the Beaconsfield Community Centre Committee - for the team of people which has worked non-stop over many months to make today happen". He outlined the efforts of Riding Councillors and community Groups to establish the Centre. Councillors were shown by Kathy Hunter and Marg Boon that child care centres were being held in doorways to emphasise the town's plight when the former Pakenham Library building was offered as a "base for the centre". With the help and co-operation from the Scouts and Public Transport Commission (Railways) land was made available for a site.

Facilities at the centre include a multi purpose room, kitchen, meeting room, storage, office, foyer and toilets.

It will be managed by the Committee of Management which includes representatives of many groups throughout Beaconsfield. The Centre will operate similar to a neighbourhood house, and already has a three year old Playtime, Playgroups, Toy Library, and Over 50's Group.

The Committee of Management would like to thank the Beaconsfield Progress Association for their assistance in getting this facility as well as their generous donation of 180 chairs to use at the Centre. We would also like to thank the Beaconsfield Community Church for their help with painting and working bees at the Centre. Thank you to all who have contributed.



Above: L-R Cr P. Meeking, S. Smith, J. Martin, T. Rushton, J. Horton, M. Boon, K. Popovits, J. Edwards, R. Doherty, P. Warner, C. McCormick. Seated: L-R A. McCormick with baby Sarah, K. Hunter, B. Miles B. Coburn. (Photo courtesy of Pakenham Gazette)

**WINNERS OF COLOURING COMPETITION
RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.**



Pictured above L-R Melva Behr (President or Progress Association) Amy Behr (3rd prize) Peter Warner (2nd Prize) David Griffiths (1st prize) Jenny Ruxton (Mars Confectionary Rep)

The Beaconsfield Progress Association would like to thank Jenny Ruxton and Mars Confectionary for the Prizes.

We would also like to thank the children who entered the colouring competition.

CHURCH STARTS WITH A SPLASH.

Beaconsfield Community Church started with an amazing splash. The first service, held at the Community Hall last Sunday afternoon was swamped with more than 100 people as dignitaries, interested people and well wishes enjoyed a bright, relaxed and extremely friendly afternoon.

The Church was set up in response to a need that was expressed by the Beaconsfield community for a church that is geared to the character and needs of Beaconsfield. A recent study of the area showed that from as far back as it is possible to establish Beaconsfield has had a character of its' own. Originally it was a resting place for the Aboriginal peoples. Later it became a stage coach stop, a place of rest for the early white settlers and then a holiday resort in the country. Today that same sense of community, friendship and refreshing country atmosphere is still a part of the Beaconsfield Community.

The senior minister of the new church, Pastor Don Press said that he believed the new church "had something very positive to add to the Beaconsfield community". The goal of the church he said "was to

take the existing character of friendship and community and to build a church that adds to and enhances that feel of community. We believe that God has called us to build a base that will provide a sense of identity, of friendship and love that will give back to Beaconsfield the sense of purpose and identity that suburbia has been trying to take away."

In opening the church the National chairman of the Christian Revival Crusade, Pastor Mike Cronin commented that like any good thing to build a church in a community took "commitment, commitment, commitment, commitment". "Everybody is invited to come and participate and to be involved. It is definitely not a church for a select few, it is a community church there for the benefit of all." Pastor Press commented later. "The church will be a full gospel style of church with bright singing, lots of care, a little laughter and aimed at developing something for all the family."

The service times are 4 pm every Sunday at the Community Centre on Beaconsfield Avenue, creche is provided for the kids and everyone is invited. For further information please contact Ps Don Press on 796 2553.

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE RAFLE WINNERS		
1st Prize	Geneva Van Ess.	Ticket No. 300
2nd Prize	Joan Thretall.	Ticket No. 512
3rd Prize.	E. Laing.	Ticket No. 1229
4th Prize.	H. Kresojevic	Ticket No. 1

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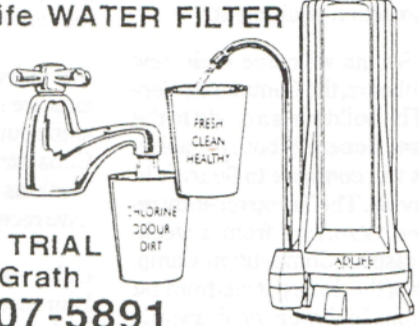
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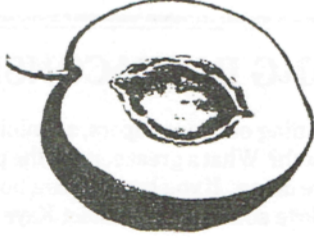
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.



*Melva Behr
President of the Beaconsfield
Progress Association*

Have you been there? Have you driven past for just a look? Have you heard the happy people talking about it? Have you been thinking, yes I should go along? Well it's yours to use and enjoy. What is it? The Community Centre - the wonderful facility we now have in Beaconsfield to give a special home to so many community groups (including the Progress Association).

I'm sure I speak for the community when saying "thank you" to all those who have helped either getting the project under way or now getting the groups organized and running smoothly. I have had so many people say how great it is to have the different age groups meeting at the same venue.

We will be holding our first Public Meeting in the new Community Centre building on the 24th June. You are all invited to attend. Our guest speaker will be the new Town Planning Officer for Pakenham, Mr McCaffrey who will discuss the plans for the area from the school to the bridge, the railway carpark - and more. Come along and have your say in how Beaconsfield should develop. This is your opportunity to let your opinions be heard by the person in charge of town planning.

We look forward to seeing you at the new Centre for this important meeting.

Melva Behr

Well done Beaconsfield!

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Sue Harris the Project Officer, for the Environment Management Strategy will be the guest speaker at the August Progress Association Meeting. In a letter to the Association Sue states "...I'm writing to community and employer groups in the Shire seeking their support and participation." This strategy is a very worthwhile project and any members of the community who have local knowledge of any places of environmental significance and historical interest which they feel should be included in the strategy should contact Sue Harris at the Shire of Pakenham.

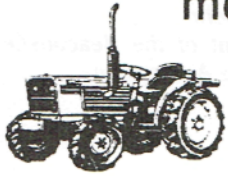
We hope the community will join the Progress Association at their August meeting to pass on any information

and discuss areas of interest with Sue. This should be a most interesting and enlightening evening. Remember, Cuppa at 7.30pm., Guest Speaker at 8.00pm followed by Shire News and another cuppa and chat. Our meetings are now very informal, so come along to the Community Centre Meeting Room and have your say.

The Progress Association is also a voice to the Council if you have any concerns about Beaconsfield. We are very well received by the officers at the Shire who always look objectively at issues we raise.

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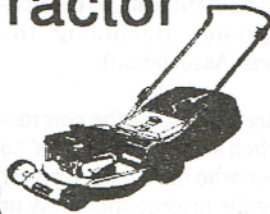


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BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

1st Beaconsfield Scouts will be holding a Trivia Quiz fund raiser night on Saturday 8th August at the Beaconsfield Primary School Hall. Always a good fun social night for the whole community, please make note in your diary. Speak with organisers John Kerr, Liz Ashley or Lyn Chudleigh and make up a table with friends.

A new equipment shed has 'grown' recently behind the Scout Hall, thanks to the hard work of Leaders and parents. This will greatly increase much needed storage for camping and construction equipment.

The Scouts welcome their new neighbours, the Community Centre. The building is a credit to the site and hopefully both organisations will continue to flourish in harmony. The Troop recently returned victorious from a weekend district Competition Camp. Each of the three patrols from 1st Beaconsfield won gold awards for the high standard of their camp sites and construction. Standards were very high. Congratulations to Upper Beaconsfield troop for winning the

overall excellence award for the weekends activities

Working Bees continue as always with any voluntary organisation. The next two tasks to tackle are the painting of the hall and digging for the sewerage...not gold unfortunately! Several Tuesday night activities have recently been organised by the members of each patrol. A visit to the Fire Station was followed by a visit from an Ambulance and its friendly crew. The Scouts would like to thank both services for giving them a valuable insight into emergency work.

Patrol leaders and their assistants are soon to go on a leadership course at a camp at Officer. Cubs have been busy. Anthony Watkins and Marty Veenstra have recently moved up to Scouts.

Cubs welcome new members Laurence Hardy, Steven Watson and Ryan Vincent. Wesley Blundy Gow-Brown has just been invested. Cubs are soon attending a swimming carnival at Cranbourne Pool.

LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS

Goodfellows self-service store owners Kirti and Hass Patel have been busy altering their shop so as to provide another service to customers with the addition of a Cheers liquor outlet.

All work has been performed by local contractors including the installation of a 6 door coolroom measuring 4.6m x 1.8m.

Kirti and Hass hope to have the work completed and ready for opening by the 3rd week in July.

So watch for details and opening specials.

We wish Kirti and Hass good luck in their extended venture.

RECYCLING IN BEACONSFIELD

Have you been putting out your papers, aluminium cans and bottles once a month? What a great service the people on the recycling team are doing. If you have a spare hour or two I'm sure they would love some help. Contact Kaye Johnston on 707 3341 AH.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

Chocolate! The very word can bring a sparkle of desire to the eyes of child and adult together. Out of all the sweet things available in this world, surely chocolate is supreme. Loved and loathed, it is nevertheless the biggest selling palate pleasure giver on earth.

Where did it come from this insidious Jeckyl and Hyde almost decadent plant?

The custom of drinking chocolate originated among the Aztecs of South and Central America, who called the cocoa plant, "Cocoaquahuitl". It is not difficult to see where our modern world "cocoa" came from.

Chocolate was very highly esteemed by the Aztecs, the Mexicans, and of course later, by the Europeans. The plant is a tree, attaining the height of about 12 metres, and is indigenous to Mexico, but widely cultivated in tropical countries.

The flowers arise from the older branches or trunk, and develop into large ovoid fleshy fruits that are 10 furrowed longitudinally, are yellow or reddish, and contain 5 rows of seeds, 10 or 12 in each row. The seeds are separated from the pod and allowed to ferment, and they then change from white to dark reddish-brown. They are then roasted to lose water and they then develop their characteristic odour and taste.

In its early state, the chocolate is very bitter and is only made palatable by the addition of sugar, vanilla, or other flavouring substances. Normal chocolate contains up to 50% fat (cocoa butter) before the addition of anything else.

Drinking cocoa contains about 22% fat. Clearly, you will never lose weight on chocolate!

Returning to the Aztecs, chocolate was reserved for the privileged classes only, and used in special ceremonies at crop planting times.

Cocoa seeds were also used to pay tributes; at the time of the Spanish conquest it was recorded that Montezuma had 40,000 sacks of cocoa beans, the equivalent of a million pounds in weight, in just one warehouse.

The Europeans added cinnamon and vanilla to the cocoa to make it more enjoyable to the palate, but even so only the Spanish originally accepted Chocolate, and when Dutch pirates found loads of cocoa beans on board Spanish and Portuguese merchant ships, they tipped it all into the sea.

The first English "Chocolate House" opened in 1657, but was made very expensive by Customs Duties. Chocolate became fashionable in France during the 18th century after the death of Louis XIV, but it was still only for the Courtiers, and not available for the masses.

Gradually, however, this new taste took hold and spread all over our world. Today there would not be a country on earth free of chocolate in one form or another.

As with many things, small amounts infrequently is the key to enjoyment of chocolate. Remember it's loaded with fats, sugars and caffeine - and tastes terrific! Doesn't seem fair does it?

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ITS ALL HAPPENING AT THE BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE!

In the few short weeks that the Centre has been open, we have had many happy visitors pass through the doors, some of which have come to learn about computers with Paul Chapman from Platypus Technology, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy with Peter Hansen, Folk Art with Louise Bailey and much more. By the time you read this we will have also had classes in No Sew Fabric Applique with Jenny Edwards.

All our Guest Speakers have very generously donated their time to our community and we would like to thank them sincerely for helping our Centre to get off to such a great start. All of these events have been extremely well attended which indicates that our Community is well and truly ready for this great Centre.

Other activities such as Playtime for 3 Year Olds, Playgroup, Occasional Care, Toy Library, Tai Chi and Midway Group have also had a terrific response with lots of new members joining. We would like to

especially congratulate Gwen Neve and her crew on such a wonderful start with the Midway "Over 50's Group" Keep up the good work. It is great to see such a wide range of activities all under one roof.

On the 22nd and 24th June we have a speaker from the Estate Trustees who will conduct a seminar on Will Writing. Please contact the Centre for more information.

Our program for Term 3 is now almost finalised and will be in your letter boxes soon. We have Tai Chi day and evening classes, Yoga and Meditation day and evening, Folk Art - 9 week course, Aroma Therapy - 3 week course, 2 Vegetarian Cooking Classes, as well as all the regular events already established at the Centre.

We are also looking into starting a Computer Club and a Model Railway Club and would love to hear of anyone interested in joining these groups.

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FREE SEMINAR on making a will

Mr Ken Haymes from State Trustees will be conducting a seminar on the issues of:

- * Will-making
 - * Estate administration
 - * Trust administration
 - * Powers of Attorney
 - * Services for the disabled
 - * Executor information
- (Information Kits will be made available)

Date: Monday 22nd June, 1992 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm

Date: Wednesday 24th June, 1992 10.00 am - 12 noon

Venue: Beaconsfield Community Centre
Beaconsfield Avenue Beaconsfield

For further details please contact Bronwyn Coburn 707 3449

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE Inc.

The Annual General Meeting of the Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc. will be held at the Community Centre at 8.00pm on June 30th 1992.

Business

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.
3. Chairperson's address.
4. Centre Co-ordinators address.
5. Treasures report.
6. Notice of resolution proposal as to adoption of New Constitution.
7. Election of Committee of Management.

Copies of the proposed new constitution are available at the Community Centre.

BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE Inc.



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MIDWAY GROUP

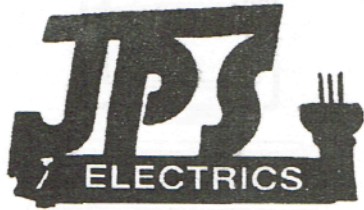
When Disco dancing days are done,
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To while away an hour or two,
So if its friendship that you seek
Then why not come along next week.

Midway Group, a new venue for the over fifties, held their initial meeting at the Beaconsfield Community Centre on Monday 25th May. While enjoying a cuppa and a chat, ideas were swapped and suggestions made for future gatherings. The Midway Group is held weekly on Mondays between 1-3pm (Public Holidays excluded). Drop in for a few minutes or two hours, meet old or make new friends. Recession buster price \$1 per session.

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How do you rate as a friend? Are you a fair weather friend or a

friend for all seasons? When you hear of a friend with a problem or a terminal illness, how as a friend do you react? Do you back off, stop phoning, just say "Hi" and scuttle past when you see them. No high score there! Perhaps you feel you can't handle it! Do you know what they tell us they can't take - it's the loss of their old friends. So, pick up the phone or hop in the car, go have a chat and a laugh, you'll feel better and so will they.

If you need information, if you have a problem or you're not sure what is available in your area contact the Citizens Advice Bureau in the Community House, Main Street, Pakenham (opposite the Consolidated School) between 10.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday or phone us on (059) 412 377.

**ITS ALL HAPPENING AT
THE BEACONSFIELD
COMMUNITY CENTRE!**

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Guest Speakers in Term 3 include an evening talk by Peter Hansen on Naturopathy and Homoeopathy - those who attended his day talk will agree that Peter is a most interesting and informative Speaker and we look forward to seeing him at the Centre again. Other speakers include Allergies and Asthma, Gardening Tips Talk, Fishing Tips and Techniques and lots more.

It helps enormously if we have some idea on the numbers attending each talk and course so if at all possible please ring and leave a message if you are interested in coming.

If you have any ideas or skills you would like to share with your community, please drop in and have a chat or phone Bronwyn on (03) 707 3449. We would look forward to hearing your ideas. Thankyou to all the suggestions already offered. We are looking into catering for as many as possible and if we haven't already included your interests in our program keep watching and hopefully we will soon advertise something for you.

This is your Centre and we look forward to meeting you there!

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SOFTWARE PRICES - OVERCHARGE?

Last month I wrote about the Prices Surveillance Authority investigation into software in Australia. Since then they have completed their inquiry and released their findings. They concluded that we are not being overcharged for software. Whilst prices are generally higher in Australia (not always however), the price differences were accounted for by our small market size, with extra costs of support and distribution.

The PSA also noted that prices were coming down. It is quite likely that this is a result of increased competition in a depressed market. At Platypus, we think the PSA's findings are correct but re-iterate our comment of last month, that many of the software distributors could try a bit harder to improve customer support.

NEW TO COMPUTERS

Recently I conducted a couple of free talks, at the new Beaconsfield Community Centre, on computing. The aim of the talks was to explain the uses of computers and some of the confusing terminology that always seems to accompany new technology.

I certainly enjoyed meeting some of the local residents and business people and everybody seemed to enjoy the sessions. If you missed out for any reason, I have left some information leaflets at the Centre which cover some of the topics we talked about.

One of the questions that I was asked by several people was "what sort of computer do I need for use at home and small business that will be useful for the next 4-5 years?" We discussed several different types of computers but mainly IBM compatibles (of which there are hundreds of brands).

If your buying second-hand, the most common is the 286 or 286AT. This computer is suitable for wordprocessing, accounts and most other tasks. Some of the more modern software, particularly those programs which are "Windows" based will have difficulty on a 286.

A 286 is suitable for you if you don't have needs to use lots of software and don't need anything very fast. You should be able to buy a complete system from about \$1000.

For those considering purchase of a new machine, I strongly recommend a 386SX as a minimum. The speed of the computer is quoted in megahertz (MHz). A computer with a 40MHz speed is twice as fast as one at 20MHz (assuming same processor, for example 386DX).

You also have to decide what options to fit to your computer. Again, I suggest the following as a practical minimum for serious use. A hard disk size of 40-80 megabytes, 4 megabytes of RAM and a VGA colour screen. The choice of floppy disk size is personal preference. If you have any friends who have recently made a purchase then they can be of great help.

Cheers, Paul Chapman



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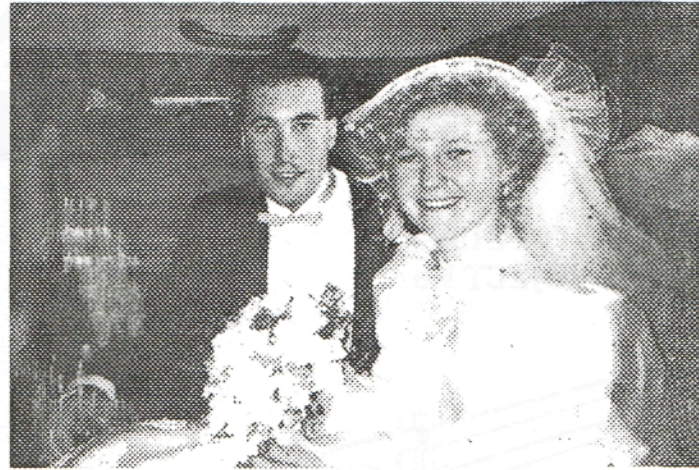
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FORMER PRIMARY STUDENTS WED.



Above Sandra and Paul Smith after their wedding on 16th May 1992.

Our charming photo shows Mr and Mrs Paul Smith following their marriage on Saturday 16th May 1992.

Sandra, daughter of Ann & John Barnes of Warragul (formerly of Guys Hill) and Paul, son of well known Beaconsfield residents Lynette and Jim Smith were married at Berwick Uniting Church.

Sandra is in her final year as a chef at "Shanikas" in Berwick and Paul is a motor mechanic at Elliott Mazda of Pakenham.

Paul is well known as a member of the local fire brigade and cricket club.

Paul and Sandra have returned from a honeymoon in Queensland to make their home in Pakenham.

The residents of Beaconsfield and Guys Hill wish you well in your life together.

(This happy couple are both former members of Beaconsfield Primary School.)

Can you help? Lost Relatives!

The following letter has been received from Mrs Lily C. M. Baker of the N.Z. Society of Genealogists No. 3555, 905 Wall Road, Hastings 4201 New Zealand.

"I am trying to trace decendants of the following couple for their relations who live in Canada.

David Norman McBRIDE and his wife Helen Josephine Raws McBRIDE lived at Beaconsfield, Victoria in 1927 when his father died. From the obituary there is mention of 4 grandchildren and I have traced 3 belonging to the other son living in Auckland and perhaps the 4th child belonged to the above son.

David Norman McBRIDE was

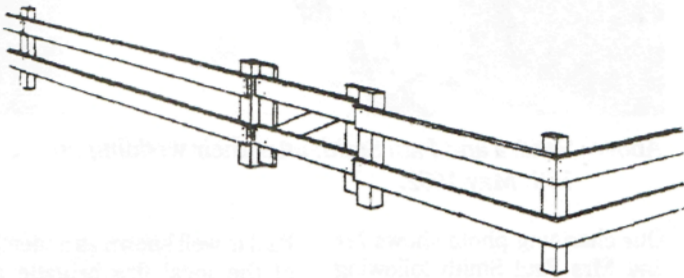
born about 1875, his father Thomas James McBRIDE went to live in Melbourne about 1898 to 1902 as General Manager of Massey Company, later to become the Massey-Harris Company. I would guess that the son David Norman, would have married and stayed in the Melbourne area about this time.

I will be grateful for any assistance or advice you can offer me. I have checked the current Telecom list of telephone subscribers and there are no McBride's still living in your area."

Ed. If anyone can help with this request, could they please contact me on 707 2235 AH. Thank you.

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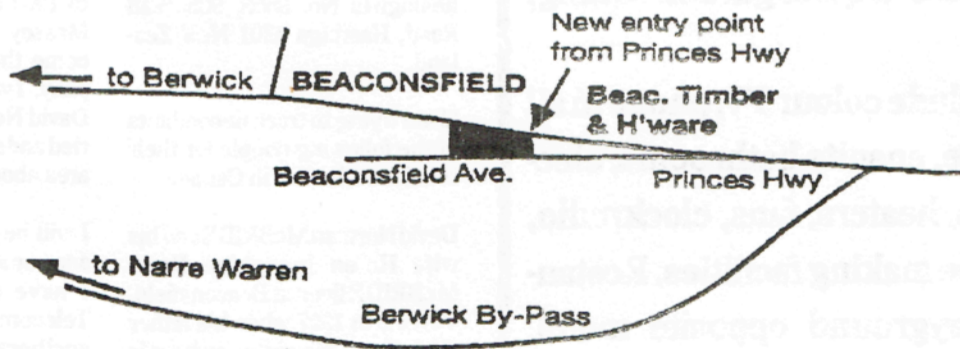
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<p>5 CHECK MEASURE DISTANCE BETWEEN POSTS before concrete has set and confirm desired gate opening, and set gate posts in vertical and aligns with each other.</p> <p>6 CUT RAILS: From the piece 150 x 38mm x 2.4m DAR cut two rails each 25mm less than the actual measured gate opening. <small>Example: If opening between posts is 1.9m for 1.00m rail, cut two rails 1.75m long.</small></p> <p>7 CUT STILES: From the piece 150 x 38mm x 1.5m cut two stiles each the height of the posts above the ground, less 25mm. <small>Example: If gate posts 750mm height above the ground cut two stiles each 725mm long to allow 25mm ground clearance.</small></p> <p>8 LAY OUT FRAME using rails and stiles at spacing necessary. Lay up rails to match the spacing on the ranch fence as in Project 1.1. Use the rails in position on the stiles, using two 65 x 2.6mm galvanised nails at each junction, but leave nail heads protruding for later withdrawal, if necessary. It is essential that the frame be temporarily fixed square.</p> <p>9 CUT DIAGONAL BRACE: Take the piece 150 x 38 x 300mm and cut it on the gate hinge end and mark it out to fit as shown. Then cut the diagonal brace to the shape marked and temporarily fix in place.</p> <p>10 CHECK AND ADJUST THE SQUARENESS of gate assembly from end holes to secure bolts in position of stiles. (See Step 12) Insert bolts. If any tight nuts on washers, heads of bolts should normally be exposed on the front or end side of the stile. Remove plus if desired. <small>Note: To achieve a good protective finish on the gate at this stage the gate could be disassembled completely, then each timber component painted or stained to remove sharp edges and corners and all timber given a prime coat, or a footcoat of water resistant solution, or the first coat of selected finish as recommended by the paint manufacturer. When the first protective coating is dry, the gate should be re-assembled, using only the bolts and nuts as spacers.</small></p> <p>11 LOCATE GATE IN FENCE OPENING, allowing equal spacing each side and bringing rails horizontal and in line with existing fence rails. Put small blocks or spacers between bottom of rails and ground to hold gate in this position. Gate rails should be 25mm with rear of gate posts and parallel to top.</p>	<p>12 LOCATE TOP HINGE on posts and pre-drill position of screws so that they are clear of nuts and bolts. Repeat this procedure with bottom hinge and drill pilot holes, etc. Then fit the hinge. <small>Note: At Step 10 you could temporarily locate top of hinge in position on stiles so that both hinges could be drilled to clear hinge lips. It is preferable to locate hinges first up roughly on centre line of rail and over diagonal brace to give full hinge attachment.</small></p> <p>13 FIT PAD BOLT OR LATCH (as specified) to end of rail as required.</p> <p>14 NAIL FIX STOP MOULD to post on closure side in this assembly (see diagrams in Step 12). A stop mould can be fixed over the whole length of the closure door, after painting or staining back to match flush with face of post, as necessary. In this case the rail or the gate stile the stop mould is the selected position. Heads of the closing mould should be taken by the stile.</p> <p>15 APPLY FINISHES (see notes in Step 10). Sand or stain off at ends of stiles, rails and diagonal brace, and including all accessories and other hardware, to finishing the recommended coats of selected exterior grade finishing system. Always apply the selected finish as recommended by manufacturer.</p> <p>DOUBLE GATES: Using the same principles of construction as given here, you can construct a set of double gates provided some of the measurements are changed: (a) In the larger opening if the same timber sections are used then a fence opening up to 2.4m can be covered by two equal sized 1.2m each gates. Usually the 150 x 38mm DAR stiles nominated for this level of timber structure would be adequate. (b) Gates up to 1.2m length. This sketch shows position of braces and gate block 300x300mm for low, equal sized double gate. Note also that these double gates could be fabricated in one piece, cutting about to give two gates when at both ends, etc. and staggered. Allow for 10mm clearance between hinge side of gates and posts, and 10-20mm between gates at centre. The stop mould normally on gate stile is replaced by an adjustable sized or firmly positioned gate block for centre of gate and the latch components or pad bolts are fixed to the centre stile.</p>
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- 24th. June Progress Association Public Meeting
Com. Cen. 7.30pm. - 10.30pm.
- 28th June Paper and Bottle Collection School and
Scouts. Collection starts 9.00am.
- 30th June Community Centre A.G.M. 8.00pm.
Com. Cen.
- 26th July Paper and Bottle Collection School and
Scouts. Collection starts 9.00am.
- 3rd Aug. Closing date for Banner.
- 21st. Aug. Banner due out.
- 2nd. Nov. (Cup Eve) Beaconsfield Progress
Association annual Bonfire night
- Beaconsfield Progress Association Annual Fair
will be held with Community Centre group in
September 1992.
- NOTE.** From 1993 the Beaconsfield Progress
Association Annual Fair will be held on the
first Saturday in March.

RECIPE CORNER

SOMETHING FOR THOSE COLD WINTER EVENINGS. CORN & CHICKEN CHOWDER

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter
2 rashers chopped bacon
1 large chopped onion
4 medium peeled diced potatoes
2 diced carrots
440g tin of corn kernels
Liquid from can
440g tin cream of chicken soup
1 soup can of milk
Salt & pepper
1 cup water



Method

Melt butter in a saucepan and add bacon, onion, potatoes and carrots.
Fry bacon and vegetables for 5 minutes, very gently. Add corn, corn
liquid and water.

Bring mixture to the boil, cover and simmer for 10 minutes.

Stir in chicken soup and milk, season with salt & pepper and heat
mixture thoroughly.

This is a hearty filling soup.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As of Tuesday, June 9th, 1992 the surgery of Dr. Robert Panjkov Dental Surgeon will be located at Unit 4, 87 Wood Street, Beaconsfield 3807

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1992

I wish to advise residents that at the forthcoming Council Elections to be held on Saturday, 1st August 1992 I will be again offering myself for election as your Riding Councillor.

Peter Meeking

MY MEAN MOTHER

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids had lollies for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, egg and toast. While other kids had cans of drink and lollies for lunch, I had to have a sandwich. As you can guess my dinner was not only different from other kids - I had to eat it at a table and not in front of television.

My mother also insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang or something. She had to know who our friends were, where we were going, and she even told us what time we had to be home.

I'm ashamed to admit it, but my mother actually had the nerve to break child labour laws. She made us wash dishes, make our beds and even learn to cook. That woman must have stayed awake at nights just thinking up things for us kids to do.

By the time we were teenagers our whole life became even more unbearable. Our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date before we were 15, and then insisted that boys had to come to the front door to collect girls from our family, instead of tooting the car horn for them to come running.

She really raised a bunch of squares. None of us kids were ever arrested for shoplifting or busted for dope.

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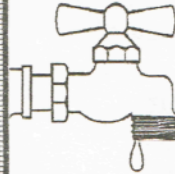
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ENGAGEMENTS

CRAWLEY - KLINGER.
Marian and Colin Crawley together with Denise and Frank Klinger are happy to announce the engagement of Tara and Michael (on 20th May 1992)

Tara a former Yakkerboo Queen, is a registered nurse at Western Hospital Footscray. Tara and Michael plan to marry next year.

ROBINSON - MAGEE
Roslyn and Rob have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter Lisa to Tim eldest son of Owen and the Late Jenny. (on 6th June 1992)

Lisa and Tim plan to marry next year and are building their home in Pakenham.

Ed. If you have news such as Birth notices, Special Occasions and know of New Residents in Beaconsfield we would love to know too. Just leave the information in the "Banner Box" at the post office. I'm sure the every helpful postmistress, Mary, will direct you.

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