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What's Happening at Council

by Shire of Pakenham Councillor Keith Ewenson.



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Bicycle Path - Beaconsfield Avenue on south side.

Pakenham Council has been allocated money under the Federal Government's local capital works program. The amount has been worked out using a formula based on unemployment rates in the State. Bicycle paths are considered to have majority community benefit. They are labour intensive and are relatively simple to construct. Local contractors and material will be used. The path will stretch from St. Francis Xavier on the south side of Beaconsfield Avenue, past the Station to the Cardinia Creek bridge to service the Berwick estate on the other side.

Shire Budget

The Shire budget this year has made provision for construction of BBQ and picnic facilities in the park adjacent to Cardinia Creek. A footpath will be constructed on the east side of Wood Street. Improvements to the footpath and construction of kerbing will take place outside the Community Centre.

At the Recreation Reserve resealing of the carpark is proposed.

On the Beaconsfield-Berwick road it is proposed to create an opening for traffic, through the median strip, near Stella Street.

We are hopeful of bringing in a budget with a minimal increase on the rate in the dollar. The result of the 1990 revaluation will take effect in this year's rates.

Keith Ewenson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/ WINE & CHEESE TASTING NIGHT

The Annual General Meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be held prior to a Wine and Cheese tasting night organized by Mr. Haas Patel of Beaconsfield Goodfellows and Cheers liquor outlet.

You are cordially invited to attend this important meeting when the new Committee will be elected.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association is proud of its achievements, some slow in eventuating, but nevertheless instigated by the Progress Association. Some of these include:-

The Roundabout at Inglis Road. The Beautification of Beaconsfield. The new and repaired footpaths. The pedestrian/pram crossings near the kindergarten and school. Improved street lighting. Traffic diversion from residential areas. Drainage of local parks. New areas for public use. Help with permits to Council. Help with by-laws. New entry through median strip to Stella St. and the list goes on.

Any resident can feel sure of assistance if they approach the Beaconsfield Progress Association. We are there to assist you all and keep Beaconsfield a caring, helpful community.

But.....we need your help, especially new residents. We need new ideas, we need fresh ideas, we need fresh people who can take Beaconsfield into the year 2000. We need people with progressive ideas who also want to retain the good things about Beacy - the historical, the environmental, to blend the old with the new.

Come along and be part of the team. Come along and be part of the action. Come along and join the people who care. Registration fee is \$2 for the year.

Mr Haas Patel (generous to a fault) will be supplying cheese and wines for us to sample. Haas has recently become a "licensed grocer" - a bonus for Beaconsfield.

Haas has also recently donated approximately 40 native plants to the local school through the Goodfellows environmental program. This is just another side to this gentleman - always helpful, always generous, always thinking of the Beaconsfield Community. Thanks Haas.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: 28TH OCTOBER, 1992, 7.30PM.

WHERE: BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

AGENDA: A.G.M.

FOLLOWED BY CHEESE & WINE TASTING EVENING

ALL WELCOME

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

BONFIRE NIGHT
CUP EVE 6.30PM
MONDAY 2ND
NOVEMBER
AT PARK BEHIND
SHOPS
REFER TO PAGE 18
FOR MORE DETAILS



FAIR DAY AT BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE



After torrential rain and near record flooding in the Cardinia Creek, Sunday 11th October dawned with the rising sun glistening over the floodlit paddocks.

Just over the rails everything was on track for the first ever Community Centre Fair. Appropriately the ducks were first to arrive with the Bounce a Lot and Wet Sponge Man provided by Peter Watts of Play-N-Games. By 10am almost everything was in position including the elusive sun.

The Children's Animal Learning Farmyard generously provided by Sheryl & John Campbell entertained both young and old in the shelter of the 1st Beaconsfield Scout storage shed. The Scout Hall then hosted the Youth and Childcare groups that actively organised face painting, Helium balloons and plaster cast painting.

Outside, the Scout leaders had the Sausage Sizzle well organised competing with the Progress Association's Ice Cream and Cold Drinks stall. Volunteers for the Wet Sponge Throw were met with a slap in the face. Further along a tray truck (kindly supplied by John Gorton) acted as

centre stage for the sound and music system supplied by Tony Rushton.

The Beaconsfield CFA voluntary Fire Brigade generously directed the street traffic to slow down. Their Ladies Auxiliary generously donated a rich supply of cakes for the centre to sell.

The Centre's Midway Group led by Dorothy Simpson organised the Devonshire Teas and the Scones were religiously supplied by the Community Church.

Ross Machar of Coastwalk Australia, Paul Chapman of Platypus Technology and Jennifer Hopkins of the Paul Sadler School of Swimming put on impressive static displays in the Centre.

A more moving experience was the Guess the Weight of the Dog contest proudly sponsored by the Beaconsfield Fish and Chip shop. Mr. Bob Washbourne came within a dog's whisker of the weight of the woolly hound....66.7 kilograms or nearly 11 stone to be precise!

Ross Doherty's pony (a little bigger than the dog) gave rides to many happy children. Wally

Wombat performed on centre stage with some twisty, shakey dancing which the children loved...thanks to the Pakenham Gazette. A Taekwondo demonstration was also executed in the Scout Hall throughout the day.

In the Raffle, Paul Rushton was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for selling the highest number of tickets. The winners of the Raffle were:-

1st Bernie and Bushy Miles of Beaconsfield
2nd David Edwards of Officer (4 years old) 3rd Robyn Butler of Beaconsfield 4th John and Jenny

Kerr of Beaconsfield

Mars and M & M were well represented throughout the day with their stall and prize donations. Jenny Ruxton even managed to persuade Mr. M & M to come.

The Slow Bicycle Race was laboriously slow and won in record time by Mark Zoldak aged 14 and Ted Horton aged 47 in separate heats.

Many thanks must go to the Central Hotel, John and Lyn Baker of the Willows, Haas of the

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Children at the animal nursery provided by C.A.L.F. of Beaconsfield.

C.A.L.F.

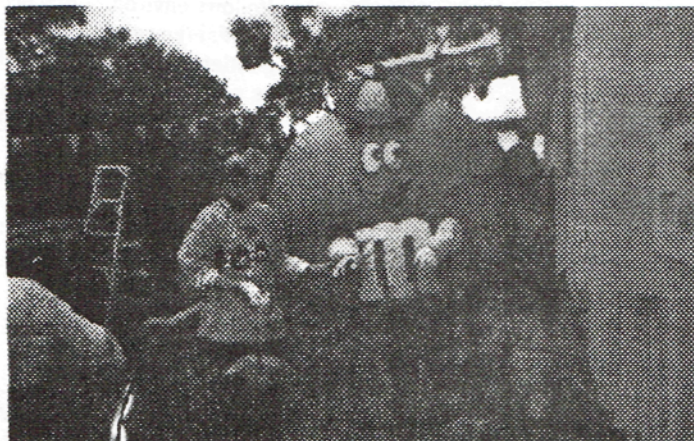
CHILDREN'S ANIMAL LEARNING FARMYARD

What a great idea and it's right here in Beaconsfield. C.A.L.F. is now available for school/kinder/group excursions and is also popular as a "travelling animal nursery".

Sheryl and John Campbell have spent many hours preparing their property in Glismann Road as a Children's Animal Learning Farmyard. They have put in numerous pens to house the various animals (pigs, hens, ducks, calves, rabbits, lambs) to name but a few, and there are still

many is Sheryl's full-time occupation beginning with early morning feeding, and after she has cooked tea for her husband and family, she then feeds her animals for the night.

Thank you Sheryl and John for allowing the Community to see your business in action at our Community Centre Fair. I'm sure all would agree that both children and adults had a worthwhile experience from C.A.L.F.





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Enrolments are currently being accepted. Numbers are limited and early enrolment is advisable.

Enrolment forms and further information is available from

Jenny Edwards,
Playtime Co-ordinator
Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc. Phone: 059 432378.



MIDWAY CLUB



The sun still shines on the righteous, as Midway Club members found on their outing to Old Gippsdown, Moe. The weather was lovely as we toured the old township. Is it true Gwen, Dorothy and Seve were discovered in the old church singing at the top of their voices "Onward Christian Soldiers"? A film show of Charlie Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy brought back memories of the old days. Yes - someone even rolled jaffas down the aisle. Unfortunately Spring has brought the coldest wettest September in years so praise must be given to members who regularly turned up each week braving the cold.

We extend our thanks to Dorothea Postello for a wonderful slide show of England and Scotland. Also thanks to Alby Jones for his very interesting slides showing his tour of China. Last but not least, thank you Peter Warner for providing the club with a board and darts. This was much appreciated by the male members especially.

The Midway Club continues to meet weekly on Mondays 1-3pm at the Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

For details Phone (03) 707 3449.



Above: Members of the Midway group at Old Gippsdown Moe.

Community Centre News

At last our children's playground is nearing completion and we are able to get the children outside for play. It is going to be great to get some decent weather.

The Centre is enjoying a very high profile in the local press, and this is helping to fill classes and keep the Centre very busy. Over the next few weeks we are planning the following courses:-

* Raffia Hat Making - 4 week course commencing Tuesday, 27th October from 1-3 p.m.

* Social Security Outreach - Information available on many topics relating to pensions and allowances. Tuesday, 27th from 1-3 p.m.

* Basic Patchwork - Thursday

22nd October & 29th October 1-3 p.m.

* Keyboarding Skills - 6 week course commencing Thursday, 22nd October 1-3 p.m. Cost \$10/course.

* Calligraphy - 4 week course commencing Thursday 5th November, 1-3 p.m. \$25/course.

* Gingerbread Houses - Tuesday 1st December 12.30 - 3.00 p.m. Cost \$5.

1993 Enrolments for our Pre-Kinder Group (Playtime) are now being taken.

For further details on these and other courses, or to make bookings, phone 707 3449.

FAIR DAY AT BEAconsfield COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Goodfellows Store, John and Helen of the Fish and Chip Shop, The Clover Cottage, Beaconsfield Area Taxis, The Melaleuca Lodge, the 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group, the Officer Grain Store, and many others too numerous to mention.

Most of all the Progress Association and the Community Centre would like to thank everyone for coming as all proceeds are being passed on to assist in the improvement of the Centre....The Community's Asset.

Ted Horton

THE STATION YOUTH GROUP

FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Have you heard that "THE STATION" is now off and running?

The Station is held at the Beaconsfield Community Centre on Saturday nights from, 7pm. - 11pm. Music/videos etc.

We hope in the near future to purchase a table tennis table, Basketball ring and much more. The Station is somewhere to meet your friends and to make new ones.

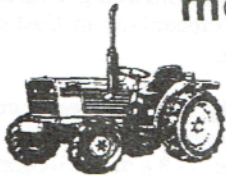
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.



*Melva Behr
President of the Beaconsfield
Progress Association.*

In this my final "word" as a member of the Progress Association I would like to thank the people of Beaconsfield for their support over the past twelve months, and also over the years since I became a member.

A most sincere "thank you" to those who help to make the Beaconsfield Banner such a worthwhile newsletter. To Tony Rushton for his news hounding, typesetting and printing, George Armitage for his printing, the many people who have contributed articles, humorous stories, little "tit bits", and to our "regulars", Peter Hansen (Our Natural World) and Peter Meeking (What's Happening at Council). Not forgetting Ted Horton whose job it was to send out the bills and collect payments. Thank you to you all, and to the people who have stopped me in the street to tell me they enjoy reading the Banner. It is produced by the people of Beaconsfield for the people of Beaconsfield and I do hope that you will get behind the new Committee and newsletter

co-ordinator to make the Banner bigger and better.

A special mention must go to the Committee of the Community Centre for their work and dedication this year. Their representative on the Progress Association is Bernie Miles and I would like to pass on our gratitude to Bernie for all her works in the community, not only over the past 12 months, but for previous years as well. Thank you Bernie for your massive contribution.

The new committee of the Progress Association will have a job to do, to make sure Beaconsfield develops in the way the residents want it to develop. It is therefore most important that new residents, together with the old, are represented on this committee. So come along to our Annual General Meeting, be part of the committee, either as an office bearer or a general committee member, and help Beaconsfield progress.

Melva Behr

BEACONHILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Beaconhills Chamber of Commerce has been formed to promote local businesses, allow local businesses to assist each other, and give local business a voice to Shire Council and other Government authorities.

this new Chamber, further information can be obtained from

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Beaconsfield Post Office History

By Rev Fred Rudd



Beaconsfield Post Office August 1992

The first time I posted mail at our local Beaconsfield Post Office 2 years ago, I was delighted to hear some kookaburras giving out with their distinctive "laughing" sound. There aren't many post offices where you can conduct your business with the sounds of the "bush" as a background!

Kath Roberts has told me the original building wasn't designed as a post office, but as a "weekender". It was the week-end resident of the Gengout-Smiths, who were leading citizens of Melbourne. Sir Harold Gengout-Smith was at one time Mayor of Melbourne. He was a Medical Doctor. The family owned other properties in Beaconsfield. It became the Beaconsfield Post Office after it was purchased by the Craven family, as a privately owned "non-official" Post Office. The misses Craven (Brenda, Mattie and Alice) played an active role in Beaconsfield community life. Alice taught music, and the sisters ran a Sunday School in the hall located on the highway.

They also ran a "Band of Hope" program for children and young people. Another of their useful activities was to plant trees along the streets.

In the mid-twenties Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Roberts took over the Post Office from the Craven sisters. They were already well-known in the district, having run the Station Store following Mr. Robert's return from the War as a member of the 1st A.I. F. (This store

Parade). Mrs. Roberts (Kath) can remember Elm trees in Wood Street from the Post Office to the present Kindergarten property. Also citrus trees in the front yard of the Post Office. Kath Roberts and her husband managed the Post Office in the years before, during and after World War 2. Kath tells us there were two "posts in" every day, and two "posts out". If you posted a letter to London on Friday in time for the 11.00am mail train, it would arrive in London the following Tuesday!

Before the War it was, Kath says, still penny postage. Telegrams cost one shilling (about 10 cents) for 14 words. The Telephone Exchange was operated from the Post Office and was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Naturally it was a family affair to maintain this service, the two Roberts daughters playing their part with mum and dad. Kath recalls that sometimes she used to sleep beside the switchboard.

She left the Post Office after her husband died in 1953, but continued to have a valuable input in the life of the community. In recent years she has been a resident of the Berwick Bush hospital retirement unit.

The Post Office was later owned by Olive Bartlett who operated it until Mary purchased it in 1978.

Mary always has a friendly word and is both efficient and helpful. This makes going to the Post Office one of the many pleasant things about living in



BEACONSFIELD SCOUT, GIRL GUIDES & VENTURERS



FORMER BEACONSFIELD VENTURER

Former Beaconsfield Venturer, Paul de Hamer is about to partake in an experience of a lifetime. He is to be sponsored by Narre Warren Rotary Club for a 12 month student exchange in Zimbabwe, Africa. Paul will leave Australia next year on 14th January.

Whilst away, Paul will attend school and participate in local Rotary activities. He will be required to give informative talks to Community Groups also. He hopes to become involved in the Scouting Movement and holds a Letter of Introduction from Scouting Headquarters. He may be able to participate in a local Group as an Assistant Leader, but approval has to come from Canberra.

Paul travelled to New Zealand in January of this year representing 1st Beaconsfield Venturer Group. He gave a detailed talk on his travels at the Annual General Meeting held in March, and a report to the Beaconsfield Banner. In January, 1991 he was one

of four Beaconsfield Venturers (Tony Bower, Mark Miller, Nicole de Hamer) who visited Tasmania, so he is not short on travel experience.

Paul joined 1st Beaconsfield Cub Scouts when he was eight years old and today (ten years later) is a Member of the Cumoot Rover Crew in Officer. All of his life has been spent in Beaconsfield, most of it out in the paddocks along Adamson Road, hunting and fishing in the Cardinia Creek. He has learnt a lot about life and met a multitude of people whilst a member of the Scouting Movement. He has made a lot of firm friends and we all wish him well on his next great journey. We will all be looking forward to hearing about his experiences on his return to Beaconsfield.

Good Luck Paul.

To raise extra funds for Paul we are holding an Open House just before Christmas. All welcome.

No 6 Adamson Rd.
Beaconsfield Vic.
Melway: 111 G.12.



Time 8pm.
Date 7th December 92
Monday Night

'T' was the night before Christmas

You and your friends are invited to browse through Better Homes & Gardens winning Home of the Year for 1987. Special guest will be Ms Julia Zaetta, Editor of Better Home and Gardens. Christmas decorations will abound and kerosene lamps will be burning. Red Hill Market craft items will be available for you to purchase, plus door prizes. Supper will be available. Come see what Christmas is all about.

Entry \$5.00

Enquiries Sue 707 2620



BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES

Welcome to the first article from the Beaconsfield Girl Guides. We hope to keep you up to date with what has happened and what will be happening in the future with the 1st Beaconsfield Brownie Pack and Guide company.

Deanna Bookluck, Danielle Steele and Elle Blundy Gow-Brown made their Brownie promise ceremony with a campfire and tenting theme. Now we all wish them well on their journey through Brownies.

On September 14th the annual Brownie fundraising play raised \$64.20. It was an hilarious night, the three six's each did a short play with babies as the theme. "Rowdy Kids", "Playschool", and "Teddy Bears Picnic" all proved that they do hear you when you tell them for the fourth and fifth time to go to sleep. Three Guides assisted with supper and have earned their Hostess Badges, Kara O'Reilly, Meagan O'Sullivan and Jessica Blundy Gow-Brown. The money raised plus other money from the sale of Girl Guide Biscuits and a lolly drive amounting to approximately \$300.00 will be donated to the Pakenham Hospital Neo-natal ward.

During term four the Brownies will be having Murray Johnston from the C.F.A. as a guest speaker, making pizza Pandemonium, and sleeping overnight at the Berwick Guide Hall. Elizabeth Bartlett, Kate Newman and Laura Mills will be doing their link badges but are sure not to miss out on any of the fun. The unit helpers who assist the leaders are greatly appreciated "Thank you" and we welcome two new unit helpers to Brownies, Mrs. Mathews and Robyn James. Cathy Mills is welcomed as unit helper to the Guides.

Last term there was fun and laughter at the Dandenong Roller Skating Rink when the loud

speaker hailed Olivia Dodsworth to join her unit in the middle of the rink and make her promise. Good on you Olivia! Fortunately most of the girls can skate as I hear Pinterry (Margaret) was rather wobbly.

Monique Duiler and Sarah Dodson did us all proud with their efforts at the Gang Show and gained their Entertainers Badge. The Company showed their support by going into the city and seeing the last show. They raised the cost of going by having cake stalls at Akoonah Park and the fundraising night at the roller skating rink.

Flowering Gum Patrol worked on their Enterprise Pennant last week by holding a Disco Night to raise funds for August Action. Keep up the good work Nicole, Melanie, Kate, Jessica and Trina.

The main theme for term four for the Guides will be camping. They have no less than three camps planned at various different Guide properties. In addition to this, one patrol will be entering Strathbroke.

Margaret Van Donzelaar - Pinterry and Barbara Paton - Naliandra - both successfully passed their Red Cross First Aid Certificate - Well done! Angela Kellock and Margaret Van Donzelaar have been awarded their Boating certificates for Canadian canoes recently. Angela Kellock has passed Victorian selection to represent us in New Zealand. Good luck for the Australian Selection Angela.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Girl Guide Movement, please contact Mrs Paton on 707 5942 for information.

Section ages:

Brownie Guides	7-10 years
Guides	11-14 years
Ranger Guides	14-18

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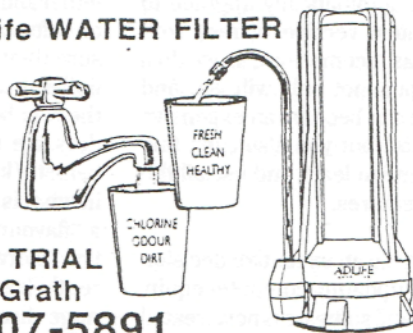
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OUR NATURAL WORLD



Peter Hansen

We spoke in our last article of flowers and how they play a part in the culinary world. Today we will look at the utilization of flowers as a medicinal treatment for the ills of man.

Carnations have a long history of being an aid to health. The Clove pink (*Dianthus Carophyllus*) was believed, in bygone days, to have magical powers, giving boundless energy to those on long journeys. The present day use is confined mainly to its use as a febrifuge, i.e., a medicine to control fever, and a decoction of the petals and hot water, is still used for this purpose in present day France. Another household remedy is called Ratatafie, and can be used for many common complaints especially indigestion. A million Frenchmen can't be wrong, as they say!

The Plum tree (*Prunus Domestica*) can also be used to produce a febrifuge and a laxative potion. This latter use can be readily ascertained, if one eats too many plums.

Coltsfoot (*Tussilago Farfara*) has been known down the centuries as a wonderful cough medicine. The Latin name points to the heating power of the plant, and is derived from "Tussis", meaning cough, and 'Ago', meaning to chase away. Even Pliny mentions the old customs of burning the roots of Coltsfoot on a fire of Cedar-wood and inhaling the fumes to ease a cough.

Dandelions (*Taraxacum Officinale*), was thought by the Greeks to be spin-offs from the Sun God, as he raced across the heavens in his

word 'Taraxis', i.e., the name of a certain eye infection, and 'Akoemai', meaning 'to heal'. In later centuries the genetic name 'Officinale' was added, giving it's healing powers official status. It's leaves are still used as a medicine for gall and liver disorders, particularly in the Spring time months to clear the body of all Winter's rich and heavy foods. The flowers, only if boiled in a little water for 1/2 an hour, result in a liquid that is an excellent treatment for freckles.

Tansy (*Tanacetum Vulgare*) has a long history of ability to cure intestinal disorders. The strongly scented Oil of Tansy is used in some parts of Europe as a pain killer for Rheumatism, also for kidney and stomach complaints, via the form of a liquid draft in brandy.

Woodruff, (*Asperula Odorata*), is a lovely white flower with allegedly holy connections. The parents of Mary, Mother of Christ, were so poor that they lined her cradle with Woodruff flowers, and ever since are noted for their beautiful odour. The scent of this flower does not appear until the plant is wilted. In death, it gives it's fragrance to all.

This is the reason why the English say that Woodruff and a rich man's fortune have one thing in common: they can only be enjoyed after death. For internal use, an extract is made of Woodruff flowers and boiling water. This is used to calm the nerves and treat insomnia. According to the old writings, this draught works better than modern tranquilisers.

Whilst most of these old remedies associated with flowers are little used today most people being unaware of them, nature's secrets are always waiting to be re-discovered for use when man turns to them. Happily the trend back to natural remedies is gathering strength world wide, and the centuries ahead look brighter and brighter.

Did you know that Tulip originally came from Turkey, and the name Tulip is derived from Tur-

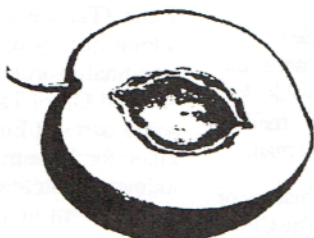
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It's hard to keep up with progress in this computer game. We've no sooner got used to using one product and another comes along offering more features and claiming to be easier to use. What's it like for customers like yourselves if we as dealers have difficulty keeping track of developments? If you automatically upgrade to the latest version of new software as it comes out, as we do a Platypus, not only will you find that it can become an expensive exercise but you also can't find the time to learn and use all the new features.

I've made an executive decision lately, updating computer equipment and software is now treated like dining out. The menu looks fabulous but you have to exercise incredible self control. No more gluttonous binges, I'm on a lean and healthy computer diet now! Upgrades are now evaluated much more carefully. Does it offer anything that we can't do now and could really use?

Because the computer world is so fiercely competitive companies feel that they must continually upgrade their products or be left in the dust. I sort of feel sorry for them, I'm sure there's many a software writer is working well into the wee hours driven by the fear of the opposition running over them. The result is we are continually bombarded with new products and fabulous offers to upgrade. At first all this seems to good to be true, but after a while this rampant progress starts to become a bit ho-hum.

After awhile you get accustomed to this ever increasing development, and you even stop asking yourself where's it all heading. It's sort of like a corporate space race. There's no specific objective just faster, bigger and better.

When you do buy a new product either a new computer, printer or software package you can be sure they what you get for your dollar is a whole lot better than the year before. Some of the vendors are starting to realise the benefit of keeping customers loyal in what is generally regarded as a "flavour of the month" industry. Software companies currently lead the way by offering huge discounts to existing customers (50% off wholesale price is typical). It's not quite so easy for hardware as you generally can't pop it in the post.

We've jumped on the bandwagon at Platypus by offering Guaranteed Upgrades with all our smaller computers, enabling customers to upgrade at a future predicted price. It's a bit of excitement for us as we're gambling on the price reduction trend continuing.

I can't help thinking sometimes that I've hopped on a train that goes faster and faster, but I forgot to look at the destination.

Happy travelling

Paul Chapman.



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the added risk of fires in Summer.

You are welcome to contribute your burnable rubbish to the community bonfire organized by the Beaconsfield Progress Association for Cup Eve. You may deliver your old tree branches, raked leaves, etc. to the site in the parkland behind the Pizza, Taco and Pet Shops.

CLEAR UP NOW FOR A SAFER SUMMER.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU FROM DON NEW

To the residents of the Beacon Hills Riding who supported me at the recent Council elections, I am delighted to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude.

To poll nearly 41% of the vote in the face of stiff opposition from well organised groups clearly demonstrates that the voting public recognised the need for change and a back to basics approach in these difficult times.

The small but dedicated group and my family who provided so much assistance in the three weeks of campaigning prior to the election should be proud of the result and the manner in which our campaign was conducted.

I would also like to thank those people both in business and the private sector who allowed me the opportunity of placing my signs on their property.

DON NEW (018) 549630 ALL HOURS

THANK YOU

The following letter was received by one of our readers.

To the Progress Association. Thank you for letting me know about the Early Morning Bus from Beaconsfield.

It saves Mum having to run me up to get the Bus in Berwick.

Yours sincerely,

Letter to the Editor,

Could you publish a letter we have sent to the Assistant Chief Health Surveyor, Pakenham Council. It is as follows:-

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, want to object to the agistment of a horse on vacant land between Railway Avenue and Wood Street. We consider that a horse should not be agisted in a residential area. The state of the vacant property is in a deplorable condition due to poor drainage and the presence of the horse.

The whole area is an eyesore and most unpleasant to live near, or walk past, due to the strong smell and we consider it a health hazard.

Nothing has been done to alleviate the problem and with the advent of the hot weather it will be a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Yours sincerely,

Name and address supplied.

Dear Ed,

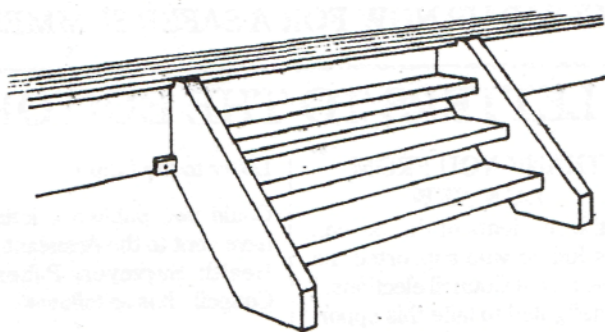
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8 MARK OUT STRINGERS: The essential tool in this task is the template made in Step 4. First task is to mark in the margin line which, for example, could be 50mm (see diagram) away from edge of both stringers. Then, as indicated in sketch, mark the two stringers out along the pitch line using the template. Mark also the upper line 'P' which indicates top vertical line of stringer, allowing for full tread width, including overlap for the last (top) tread.
With outline of stringer marked also locate and mark portion of the cut-out for ledger, as well as the necessary cut away to fit the angle bracket at foot of steps.
DIAGRAM SHOWING MARKING AND SET-OUT FOR STRINGERS
Note: Left hand and right hand stringers must be marked accurately and cut.

9 CUT OUT STRINGERS as marked. Spot prime or otherwise seal all exposed grain.

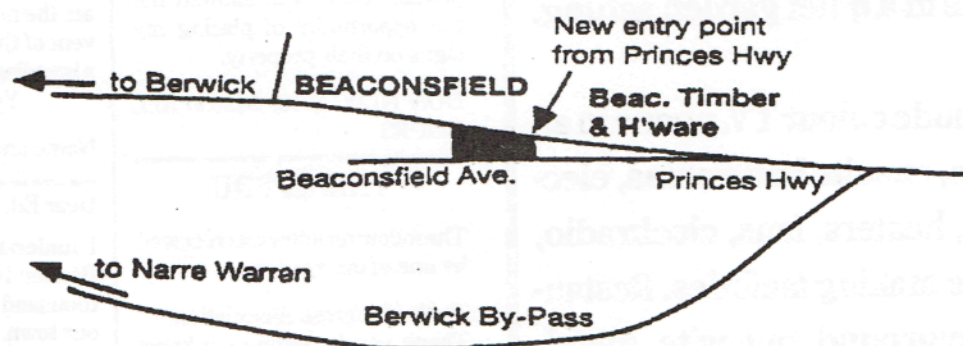
10 Cut cleats to pattern shown and tassen in position using two galvannead bolts, nuts and washers.

11 FIX ANGLE BRACKET AT FOOT: With stringers held in final position as a guide the location of the galvannead angle bracket can be fixed and the necessary Union Rammer or similar fastenings inserted in the existing patio floor or path. If new concrete slab is required this should be level and sufficiently wide, at least, to form another standard size ground level tread and located to conform to the step/tread pattern.
Example: Tread length 900mm
Minimum concrete slab 1700 x 300 x 100mm
Distance between centres of brackets and stringers 945mm.

12 Cut ledger of a length sufficient to project about 150mm each side of stringers.
Example: For 900mm tread with the 'wood rears' ledger 1300mm long, which would be cut from the piece 75 x 50mm x 1.5m.

13 Fix ledger in place on tassen or trimmer board or on edge of deck using three galvannead bolts, nuts and washers or coach screws as appropriate.

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- 26th October
Upper Beac Kindergarten Fashion Parade
Beaconhills Country Golf Club
- 27th October
Raffia Hat Making course at Com Cen.
- 27th October
Social Security Outreach (Information
on Pensions etc. Com Cen.
- 28th October
Beaconsfield Progress Association Annual
General Meeting & Cheese & Wine Tasting
Beaconsfield Community Centre
- 2nd November (Cup Eve)
Beaconsfield Progress Association,
Annual Bonfire Night
- 22nd November
Paper & Cardboard Collection
- 27nd November
Closing date for December Banner
- 5th December
Gingerbread House making Com Cen.
- 7th December
T'was the night before Christmas - fund
raising evening for Paul de Hamer.

RECIPE CORNER

QUICK MIX CHOCOLATE CAKE

Ingredients

90g butter or margarine
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 cup self-raising flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Heat oven to 180C.



Method

1. Grease 22cm cake tin thoroughly.
2. Melt butter in saucepan.
3. Sift flour and cocoa into bowl then add all other ingredients.
4. Beat ingredients for 5 minutes (rotary/elect.beater)
5. Pour mixture into greased tin.
6. Bake for approx. 45 minutes. Check after 30 minutes. N.B. A fine skewer placed in the thickest part of the cake should come out clean and dry.
7. When cooked remove from oven, cool and turn on to cake cooler.
8. Store in airtight container.

FASHION

PARADE

The Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Pre-School Association will conduct a Fashion Parade in the Beaconsfield Country Golf Club on Monday 26th October, at 8pm.

The theme will be "The Spring Racing Carnival" and a fabulous major raffle will run in conjunction with the function.

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The rabbit heard the "Broom Broom" and she woke up and ran away.

What to do with a husband Dolly's husband was a grumpy man. Everything she did was wrong. Her cooking was not right, she didn't look right, the bed wasn't made right - nothing was right.

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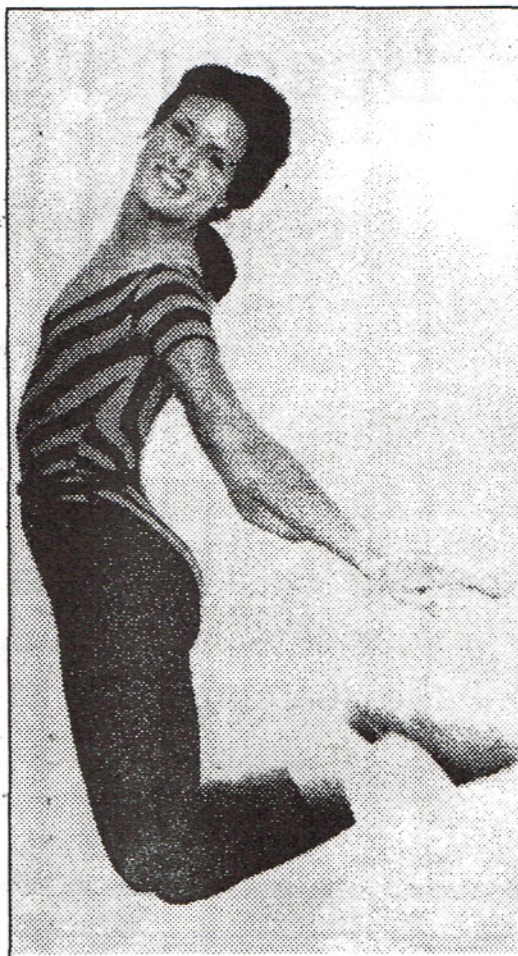
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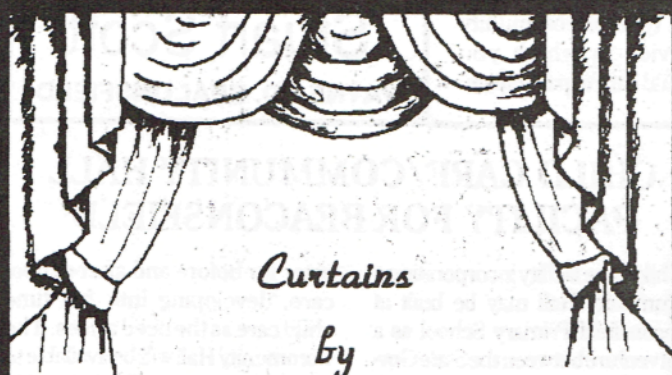
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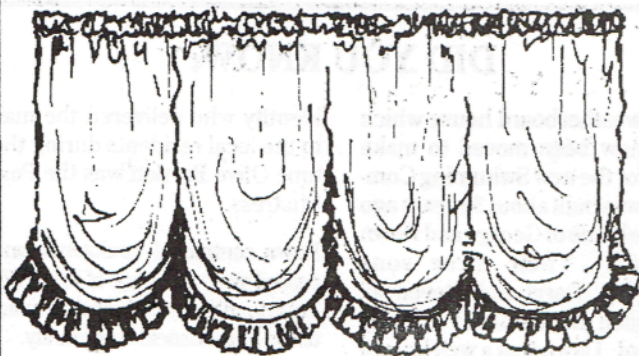
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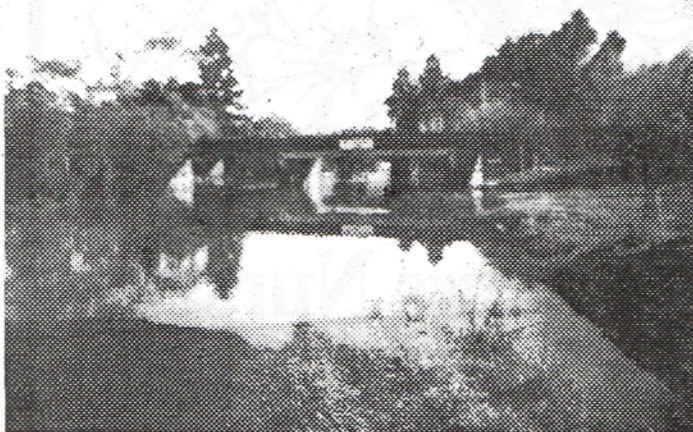
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RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD



Above Cardina Creek floods the road near the railway line.

Most people would be well aware of the wet September this year. The reading at our residence in Holm Park Road totalled 151.3mm (5.96 inches) for the month. Some of you may have read of the deluge in Genoa, Italy on the 27th September where 150mm fell during one night! However for the not so rainy Beaconsfield our September reading was quite a lot for the first month of Spring. We had 25 days of rain out of the 30 days in the month, which was the highest number of rainy days for any month in recent years.

The September 1992 total is less than the total for September 1984, when we had 162.9mm (6.41 inches), using the same rain gauge in the same position. In September 1984 we had 114.3mm in 6 successive days including 39.2mm and 28.3mm on the 19th and 20th of September.

Prior to September the cumulative total rainfall for 1992 was below average. Whilst the September reading puts us above average, we are still below the rainfall in 1989 and 1991

(ie. after nine months the total rainfall so far for Beaconsfield is 587.2mm), but the remaining three months may change the picture completely. Significant amounts of rain can fall in almost any month in Beaconsfield as the following figures for highest monthly rainfalls in recent years would indicate:-

September 1984	162.9mm
January 1991	159.2mm
June 1991	156.8mm
October 1989	142.4mm
December 1985	122.5mm
May 1986	122.1mm
April 1985	110.3mm
July 1987	103.2mm
November 1988	102.1mm
August 1989	98.6mm

Whilst February and March are usually low rainfall months, February 1990 recorded 92.3mm and March 1989 94.3mm.

Dr. R. C. Webb,
Holm Park Road Beaconsfield.

Ed. Thank you Dr. Webb for this most interesting and informative article.

CRAFT POPULAR IN BEACY AND OFFICER

Craft plays a big part in the lives of Beaconsfield and Officer residents. Not only do we have craft classes for all matter of things but we have shops which specialise in craft items.

One of these is the Hiway Skincraft shop in Officer. They have a wide variety of products made from different hides and this little shop with their friendly staff has become a landmark in the Officer township.

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LOCAL ROWERS VENTURE INTO RED CROSS MARATHON

Roger Kemp and Paul McNeil both of Beaconsfield will form part of a 3 part Relay Team entering the ICI Red Cross Murray River Marathon at the end of the year.

Both Roger and Paul were members of the Beaconsfield Venturer Unit until it folded and have now transferred to the 2nd Narre Warren Venturer Unit where Roger has been elected as Treasurer on the Unit Council. The 2nd Narre Warren Venturer Unit has 11 Venturers and 2 Leaders of which along with parents will form quite an impressive Scouting contingent on the Murray during the Marathon.

The Marathon covers a distance of 404km over a period of five consecutive days with an average of 80km paddling a day. The Marathon is a major fundraising event held by the Australian Red Cross with an expected target of \$150,000.

Many of the locals are already aware of Paul and Roger's paddling intentions as they have been very busy fundraising. Thank

you to all those people who purchased lollies from the Lolly Drive. Part of the registration requirement for paddlers is that they undertake to raise a minimum of \$75.00 each to be donated to the Red Cross - a very worthy cause. If you can help them in their fundraising efforts either with odd jobs or direct sponsorship, please contact either Paul on 707 2838 or Roger 796 2184.

At the moment Paul and Roger have been training with the other 2 teams of the Relay Squad on the flooded Yarra River. Their next step will be to progress into a TK2 touring kayak to continue training. Four leadup races will be held over the next two or three months providing valuable experience for the Relay Team.

I am sure everyone wishes them every success and above all to have lots of fun from their Venture.

Hellen Kemp
Assistant Venturer Leader
2nd Narre Warren Venturer Unit



HELP! HELP! HELP!

Yes, your help is needed at the Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau to swell the ranks of Volunteers. Anyone interested can phone the Bureau between 10.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday or call in and see the work they do in their capacity as a free community service giving the general public information, telling them the options available in certain circumstances and arranging referrals when needed for departmental or professional assistance.

Some simple office work is involved such as filing, phoning, up-dating and collecting information relevant to the Bureau. All very "down-to-earth" and we promise not to throw you in at the "deep end" but show you the ropes to see if this is the type of community service in which you would care to participate.

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The Child Care facility should

cater for before and after-school care, developing into full time child care as the need arises. The Community Hall will be available to the community as well as being able to be used by the school for activities such as concerts, etc.

Plans of the new building are on display in the foyer of the school office and at the Shire Offices.

DID YOU KNOW?

The weatherboard house which has now been moved to make way for the new Swimming Complex was built about 35 years ago as the home of George and Dawn Dalton. Their three sons Gregory, Daryl and Steven all attended Beaconsfield Primary School. Dawn was a well known

identity who delivered the mail to the local residents during the time Olive Bartlett was the Post Mistress.

Dawn contracted Leukaemia and passed away at the age of 43 in 1976 but is fondly remembered by many of the Beaconsfield community.

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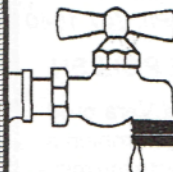
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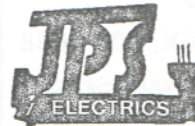
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The Hospice Service is dedicated to caring for those who are dying. We offer them - and their families - compassionate non-medical assistance in the areas of physical comfort; social interaction; emotional stability and spiritual counsel. It is an important Service for the Shire, and one which any one of us could personally need at some time.

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While the service offered through Hospice is free, there are ever increasing overheads. The service is 'manned' by trained Volunteers, supervised by a paid, part-time, co-ordinator. There are the usual administrative and postage costs; transport and training expenses; there is specialist equipment to be purchased to ease the life of those being cared for. The list of expenses goes on and on.

This service now needs your help in order to maintain the existing service and expand the service offered. It is very much a community based service. If you are able to help us with our running costs by making a donation please forward to: Emerald Hills & District Hospice Service c/- Hospice Co-ordinator PO Box 243 Cockatoo 3781. (Donations of \$2.00 and over are Tax deductible.)

If you would like to know more about Emerald Hills & District Hospice Service, please write c/- the above post office box or call at McBride Street, Cockatoo (059) 68 8146.

PEOPLE OF BEACONSFIELD PROFILE - TED HORTON



Ted is often involved helping community groups.

Ted (whose real name is John), his wife Joan and their family live on Adamson Road in the Berwick area of Beaconsfield. Ted is always ready with a witty remark, has a delightful sense of humour and fun, and those fortunate to know him are sure of an honest, faithful friend or workmate. For the community his most outstanding contribution is as "motivator extraordinaire". Ted as a member of the Progress

Association was the instigator of the Beaconsfield Banner (which I'm sure you will agree has developed into something we can all be proud of), the Annual Bonfire Night, the Community Fair, the Station Paint-In and many other community activities over many years of service.

Ted is a thinker, an inspiration to other members of the many committees he has been on or is associated with, always working towards the good of the Beaconsfield community.

Ted is always modest, never seeks personal power or recognition - a true gentleman.

Thank you Ted for all you have done for us, especially your innovative ideas.

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FUN CORNER

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The farmer met her on her way and said, "You poor lady. Those potatoes must be very heavy on your back." "No" said Dolly, "it is not potatoes I carry but my husband away from our home. He is never happy with anything. Everything I do is no good", and she went on.

She came to the Frog Bridge. She opened the bag and emptied it over the bridge. Her husband was yelling from the creek, "Darling wife, please take me back home again. It was so good when you were carrying me on your back."

(Did she take him back or not?)

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Monday, 2nd November. Every year on Cupeve it is traditional to hold a FAMILY BONFIRE EVENING in the reserve on the creek bank, behind the shops.

This year, in spite of our current wet spell, the grassy slopes are in good condition, so we are set to go again! Fingers crossed for a fine evening, we should see all the local families roll up from about 6 pm for some food, fun and entertainment for kids and

adults alike. Don't forget to bring your own chairs or a rug to sit on. In the meantime, anyone with garden prunings, wood offcuts, timber or even broken wooden furniture please feel free to pile it on. The bigger the fire, the warmer we'll all be. Groups or persons who would like to have a stall to sell food, drinks etc. etc. are most welcome. Please contact Don Tye 707 5636 or Ted Horton 707 1313 A S A P.

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