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## What's Happening at Council

by Shire of Pakenham Councillor Ted Owen.



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### ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PLAN

At the last Council meeting, the first of the working group reports for the draft Environment Management Strategy Plan was presented for Council's consideration. These reports deal with Waste Management, Recycling, Resource Management, Pollution and Hazardous Chemicals. To date I have been very impressed with the progress of this document and I feel that this strategy will guide the Council and the Community on the proper management of the environment well into the 21st century.

The release of the Draft Environment Management Strategy for public comment is expected March 1993 I urge all residents to read and study the draft and make constructive criticism before final adoption by Council.

Pakenham Council proposed construction time for the commencement of proposed works for Beaconsfield.

### BBQ AND SHELTER

BBQ and Shelter in parkland adjoining Cardinia Creek in February 1993, after consultation with Beaconsfield Progress Association.

### FOOTPATH EAST SIDE OF WOOD STREET

Construction of footpath east side of Wood Street in June 1993.

### RE-SEALING OF CAR PARK

Re-sealing of car park at Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve in March 1993.

### CONCRETE PATH

Concrete path from St. Francis Xavier to Station in Beaconsfield Avenue in March 1993.

### EXTEND CARPARK

Extend carpark at Community Centre January 1993.

### STELLA STREET

Central median break, Berwick-Beaconsfield Road opposite Stella Street March-April 1993.

Line marking at intersection of Stella Street and Sylvia Street to be completed by Christmas.

### PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

Additional pedestrian refuge Berwick-Beaconsfield Road June 1993.

### "NO STANDING"

Council has received complaints of illegal parking around the Souter Street shops and Council By-Laws Officers are to be requested to police this area, so if you park in the "No Standing" area it could be costly.

May I take the opportunity to wish all residents in the Beacon Hills Riding a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year for all.

## CAROLS BY THE CREEK



Our Community "Carols by the Creek" held the Sunday before Christmas day is becoming something of a tradition at Beaconsfield.

It's a time for all the family. "Mary and Joseph" and the manger scene that will include a donkey and other animals will interest

the children; performances from guest artists and local church and community groups will be featured, and the carols will include a few modern and Australian, as well as the well known traditional ones.

The Beaconsfield Town Park, situated near the Cardinia Creek bridge of the Old Princes Highway provides a delightful bush background.

Folk from surrounding areas as well as residents of Beaconsfield are welcome to come and enjoy this Christmas celebration in a truly Australian setting.

It will be held Sunday December 20th, starting at 8.00 pm. Don't forget to bring your Billabong blanket or folding chairs.

*The Beaconsfield Progress Association wish all the readers of the Banner A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



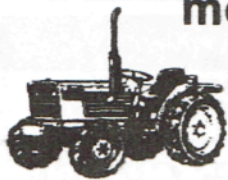
**TAKE CARE ON THE ROADS AND REMEMBER  
"IF YOU DRINK DON'T DRIVE"**

## INVITATION

*The Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management cordially invite the general public to attend a commemorative ceremony to recognise Mr. Clint Kenny's long-standing involvement with the Beaconsfield Reserve.*

*To be held in his honour on Sunday 20th December. Commencing at 11 am., followed by a barbecue lunch.*

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## BONFIRE A-BLAZING SUCCESS

Families gathered on the banks of the creek for the 3rd Annual Cup Eve Bonfire, which proved again to be most enjoyable and a roaring success.

While all awaited for the lighting of the large bonfire there was still a lot happening. Wally Wombat arrived and was immediately surrounded by many of his young friends and club members.

Meanwhile the 1st. Beaconsfield Cub Pack provided a sausage sizzle to satisfy even the best of appetites - Well done. The Beaconsfield Community Centre put smiles on young faces by providing balloons and sparklers and that hot cup of tea or coffee was a welcome relief - Well done and thanks Dulcie. Whilst in the background the 50's & 60's disco music provided by Peter Watts was playing.

Finally the time came and under the close supervision of the members of the Beaconsfield Fire

Brigade, the Bonfire was set alight. Children and adults alike watched with delight and stood around for some time enjoying the warmth, which in turn generated a sense of community and friendship.

It is with great pleasure that the Beaconsfield Progress Association co-ordinate the Bonfire night and we would like to acknowledge the involvement by the members of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade who without their volunteer help this night is not possible. Thanks to John Campbell (C.A.L.F.) for the loan of his truck and Tony Rushton for ensuring that we had lighting and power available as well as a big thanks to all those helped on the night. A special mention to Peter Aurisch and Kenneth Louthridge who ensured that the fire and surroundings were safe and cleaned up properly and that all Shire equipment was returned.

*It really was a-blazing success!!*



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## MELVA BEHR A BUSY LADY



*Melva Behr retires from the Progress association to take a well earned break.*

"If you want anything done ask a busy person." Melva Behr has decided to step down from the committee of the Progress Association. "Just too busy" was her reason and all those concerned with the association and those teachers, staff and parents at the Primary school will know what a "Busy B" Melva is.

The newly elected President, office bearers and committee members of the Progress Association would like to extend a sincere thank you to Melva for all the hard work she has put in. Whether its been to supply the tea and biscuits, serving up icecreams, compiling the Banner, building the Bonfire or just painting the Railway Station, Melva has been there.

Despite numerous family commitments Melva has rarely missed a meeting. Always ready with a new joke or humorous tale to tell at meetings, she has a serious side that tells her to follow her own instincts on important issues, rather than go with the numbers. Further more she always takes the compassionate line in decision making. Forever one to question apathy in the community about local issues, Melva made an outstanding President. Thankyou Melva.

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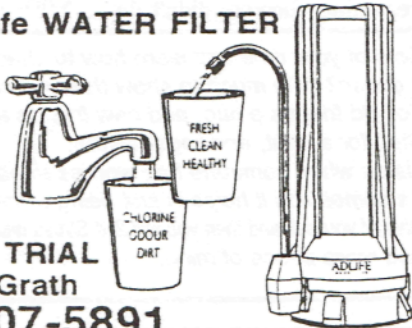
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**(03) 707-5891****"BLAST FROM THE PAST"**

Looking through our Progress Association records we have found some very interesting history. This little column will endeavour to reflect some of these moments.

We found this letter addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Beac. Progress Association and dated 1st December, 1967. From the Railways administrative Offices, Spencer St., Melbourne.

" Dear Sir, We regret that you had to write to us again about the condition of certain trains operating through Beaconsfield, although we believe it was only an isolated report you received.

You may be assured that the Commissioners fully appreciate the importance of carriages in service being maintained in a clean and tidy condition and everything possible will continue to be done to achieve this objective.

Yours Truly, W.Walker Secretary for Railways. "

..You may draw your own conclusions from this letter! Ed.

**Presidents Patter.**

By Ted Horton



Back again for another year, the Progress Association has on October 28th elected a new team onto its committee at its Annual General Meeting. With an enthusiastic turnout, it was great to see newcomers Bill Whitehead, Dulcie Rushton, Alister Morrice, Peggy Dundas and Haas Patel nominate for committee. There's a talent and experience in them that I'm sure will be drawn upon for the community's benefit over the next 12 months.

Being the new President for the year I am keen to see the Progress Association continuing its valuable role in local events such as The Fair, the Bonfire, Carols by Candlelight, Yakkerboo and publishing the Banner. I am also keen to see it continue monitoring local issues and concerns such as law and order, road traffic, new development, heritage and conservation.

The Association, contrary to some people's beliefs, is not a group of toffee nose elitists. Hopefully this year, more people will attend the bi-monthly meetings to air their grievances and put forward their constructive ideas, which in turn will make this town an even better place.

**PROGRESS ASSOCIATION REPORT****YAKKERBOO FESTIVITIES  
MARCH 1993**

The association will be active in their support. Primarily the Beaconsfield Progress Association has been asked to find a Beaconsfield Yakkerboo Princess. The main qualifications are that you have to be over 16 and a resident of the Shire of Pakenham. You will need to attend preliminary interviews and have to attend the Yakkerboo Ball on 28th March. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to represent their hometown..... you only have to ask some of the past Princesses that have participated.

**MEETINGS FOR 1992 - 93**

It has been decided not to hold a public meeting in December but instead there will be a community Barbecue in the Park on Sunday 20th December behind Taco Bill's. Starting at Midday it will be BYO folding chairs, eats and drinks. The Progress Association committee will be there. Everyone welcome. Then committee meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each second month ie: January, March, May, July and September. Public Meetings with Public Guest Speakers will be held on: 24th February 22nd April 23rd June 25th August and then the 1993 A.G.M. on the 27th October.

**BANNER NEWSPAPER**

You will notice that there is a new coordinator. The paper can only be as good as its reporters and that means you! Please drop off your articles at either the Post office or leave at the Office of the Community Centre.

**HERITAGE AND  
CONSERVATION**

It has been decided to appoint a sub committee within the Association to formulate policies about our Heritage and to preserve some of our most valuable natural assets that feature prominently in our township. It is hoped that we can then make recommendations to our local government about what we want to see retained and how our town is shaped for the future. Please if anyone feels strongly on this subject, contact the Progress Association.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING.**

The Association has seen fit to donate this year to the Pakenham Shire Community Chest. It seems like everyone is getting on the Band Wagon this year but to help your fellow neighbours in adversity, donations can be made directly to the Community Chest via the Shire Office Welfare Officer.



## Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

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### AN UPDATE FROM THE CO-ORDINATOR BRONWYN COBURN

Well, hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us, and we have been open for over six months.

During that time the Centre has become home for many of our local groups- Toy Library, Playgroups, Artist Group, Midway (over 50's), Slimmers group, Occasional Care and 3 year old Playtime, Model Railway group, Pistol club, Progress Association and many more. This term we have also seen the Patchwork and Quilting group form, under the expert guidance of Roslyn Robinson. Thanks Ros, for your dedication to our local community.

The Calligraphy course which has just finished, proved so popular that it has been scheduled again in 1993. We are also planning to run the following courses in Term 1, 1993:

- Basic Children's Haircutting (including all those trendy boy's cuts with clippers.)

- Menopause afternoon workshop.
- Vegetarian Cookery one day workshop.
- Introduction to Keyboarding (8 week course funded by Department of Adult Education.

We are still holding all our regular courses - Tai Chi, Yoga and Meditation, Children's Art Classes to name a few.

Look for our Term 1 Program to be distributed soon.

We would be very interested to hear from anybody who has suggestions to improve our centre, or anybody interested in joining our Committee of Management. Merry Christmas to all and we look forward to seeing you all in 1993 at some of our groups and courses.

Bronwyn Coburn  
Community Centre Co-ordinator.

### PLAYTIME for 3-4 year old.

Children at "playtime" have experienced a very busy year with many activities offered as well as many new friendships developed.

Most of the children who have attended during the year are looking forward to their 1993 kindergarten placement. This of course means many new openings for new "Playtime" enrolments.

Enrolment is essential and can be as easy as a phone call to the

centre for the enrolment form and more information. (707 3449) I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Beaconsfield Community Centre members for their support and assistance during the past 12 months and wish you all and your families a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

Kathy Hunter Children's Services Supervisor.

The Midway Group is a group of people who meet at the Community Centre each Monday from 1pm. till 3pm. They play games and organise outings. If you are 50 or over and are interested in joining the group please come along on any Monday.

## MIDWAY CLUB



Another term of successful outings were thoroughly enjoyed by club members. We made the most of one of the few sunny days in October and headed off to Dandenong for a 4 course lunch at T.A.F.E. and followed this by a very pleasant drive through Wilsons Botanic Park in Berwick.

The luncheon was so enjoyable that it was agreed to a repeat performance for our Christmas lunch. This time a lovely drive to Lysterfield lake to either just relax or to walk off a few calories. The threatening showers didn't de-

ter our shopping trip to Caribean Gardens either. Thankyou Peter Aurisch for being our chauffeur for these days.

We now have our long awaited carpet bowls and few budding players trying their hand. Thanks must be given to all members who have contributed to make this club a success, willing to share their time and talents. Thanks also to the B.C.C. for helping us to establish the club.

We wish all a Safe and Joyous Christmas and look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and welcome any new members in the New Year.

*Give of your time and learn how to share,  
It doesn't take much to show that you care.  
For old friends a hug, and new friends a smile.  
Stop for a chat, and linger awhile.  
Listen when someone has worries to bare,  
As sometimes it helps in just being there.  
Give of yourself and then you will find Stress disappears,  
and more peace of mind.*



Above: Allison, Dorothy, Roy and Peter enjoying their lunch at Dandenong Tafe.

Below: Midway group at the Old Bell Tower at Harkaway



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**PLAYTIME VISITS C.A.L.F.**

*(Childrens Animal Learning Farmyard)*

During Term Four children from "Playtime" had the opportunity to visit C.A.L.F. (Glismann Road, Beaconsfield). Proprietor Sheryl Campbell welcomed the children and their carers, making all feel at ease.

After each child received a bucket of animal feed, Sheryl commenced our guided tour of her wonderfully planned farm, allowing children time to enjoy and feed the animals on the way.

Our tour gave us all the chance to meet Henrietta and her lambs, talk turkey with Tom and his mate, feed Frostie the horse a carrot or two, before going down and around the runs to feed the many different hens, roosters, geese, ducks etc.etc..

Then we arrived at Rosie's sty just in time for Marita to serve morning tea. Oh! What manners that Rosie has. Paul Edwards and Nadine Lohmann had to go in for a closer look.

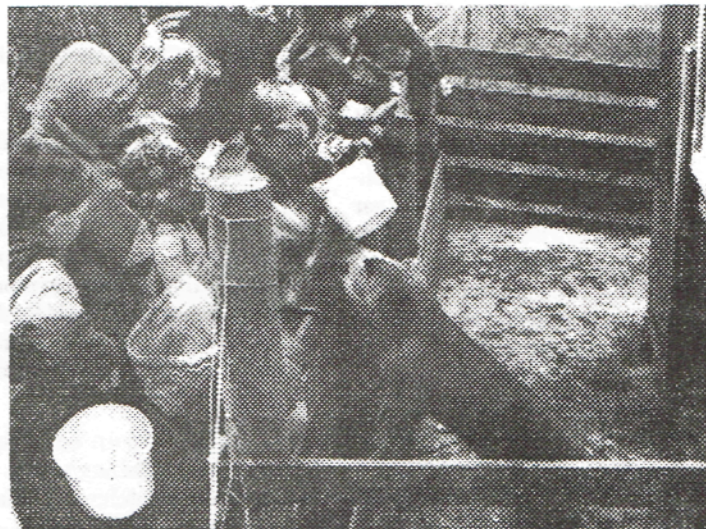
Next stop, inspection of the calves living quarters. The children

found them to be most satisfactory, and then on to feed Codi and Heidi the lambs. WOW! Look at all those rabbits to feed and how hungry they are. Just as well Sheryl had enough carrots to go round. OH! Quick look behind the peacock is showing off his beautiful tail feathers. Don't forget the guinea pigs and... GEE! I could go on and on and on but there's the playground. Let's go. So much to do and what fun. (Learning so much as well.)

I'm sure every child who attended would recommend returning with friends for their next birthday party. What a great idea! Lots to do, great playground and why not have a sausage sizzle for a birthday lunch. Give Sheryl a call today . (707 5263)

Thank you Sheryl for a great morning. C.A.L.F. will certainly be on our list for next years "Things to do."

Merry Christmas to you and your family Sheryl and John and also a very prosperous new year for C.A.L.F.



Above: Children from Playtime Group with Rosie the Pig.



Right: Shei-lee Price and Paul Kresojevic with the Rabbits.

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# BEACONSFIELD SCOUT & GIRL GUIDES



## LOCAL SCOUT WINS FISHING COMPETITION

On the Goulburn River at recent father and son scout camp Stephen Hamilton from 1st. Beaconsfield Scout Group pulled in a 14lb. 2oz. Rainbow Trout.

The fish was the biggest caught for the year from the Twin Rivers Caravan Park.

Stephen was rewarded with a new tackle box donated by the proprietors of the park.



Above: Anthony Watkinson holding up the fish while Stephen Hamilton looks on.

## MANY STORIES TO TELL

Local identities Ralph and Gwen Neve have just returned from their long awaited overseas trip with many stories to tell.

The first part of their trip was for Ralph to compete as part of the Australian team in the World Freshwater Angling Championships in Northern Ireland. Fishing the River Erne located near the famous Irish Belleek Pottery. The Australian team which consisted of 7 members (5 fished, 1 reserve, 1 runner), all who need to be congratulated on their fine performances to enable Australia to take tenth team position. Team member David Wesson of Boronia became the youngest ever person to win the Individual World Championship.

Ralph reflected that because of "holding back water" this caused "pockets of fish" and reduced the amount of fish caught. The team members fished solidly over 2 days in 3 hour sessions and even the smallest fish caught was significant to the overall score as statistics showed that the final scores were tight.

Meanwhile Gwen found herself the teams "runner", an "information seeker", "a spy behind the

lines" who can relay messages about what other competitors are doing. Just the undercover work that would well suit Gwen.

The World Championships in 1993 are in Portugal but Australia's involvement will depend on sponsorship- especially so that equipment can be updated to keep in line with other countries and technology. So if you can help with any contact Ralph would welcome the information. After achieving 10th World Ranking, not to be able to build on that placing for next year would be very disappointing.

Now the whole purpose of the trip was not for fishing alone, it was a time for catching up with friends and relatives in England. Although the weather was not the most obliging it didn't dampen the spirits of Gwen and Ralph - they had a fabulous time anyway.

Since arriving back in Beaconsfield Ralph has not just "sat around", on the 28th and 29th November he was a competitor in an International Competition at Eildon. Australia were very successful and regained the trophy from reigning champs - New Zealand.

## GIRL GUIDES

It has only been two months since I last wrote and time has buzzed past. We are still in the grip of winter even though November is traditionally a spring month.

The Brownies have been very busy. They have had their sleepover at the Berwick Guide Hall and here are some of their comments. "The baby woke me up", "We enjoyed the activities as well", "Let's call the cook 'Emu' as they are supposed to help us reach up to top cupboards". The song, "I had a little chicken that wouldn't lay an egg", is probably banned in every brownie home by now. As you can tell they had a great time and are looking forward to the camp next year. I would like to thank Toni O'Sullivan for all her help on the sleepover.

The brownies have also had "Bring a friend" night and sung songs at Millhaven in Pakenham where they were warmly welcomed and almost had to be dragged away as both they and the elderly people enjoyed each others company so much. Deanna, Elle, Renee, Jessica, Melissa, Claire and Amy worked very hard on Pizza Pandamonium Night waiting on the other girls and earned their Hostess badges. The Brownies bid a fond farewell to Kate Newman, Elizabeth Bartlett and Laura Mills as they head off to guides next year. Elizabeth and Laura are both proudly showing off their Highway

badges which they finally achieved last week.

They say that beavers are busy, but I would say that guides are just as busy. With all the camping that the guides have done in the last couple of months, eight girls have passed their Camp Tenderfoot badge. Leah, Melanie, Hayley, Jessica, Sarah, Kara, Megan and Monique. Both the leader Angela and her assistant Margaret, passed their Campcraft Badges. This is quite an achievement as there are not many of these around, congratulations. Camping is not the only thing that the guides have been doing. Monique has also passed her Red Eight Point Badge, Leah, Trina, Nicole, Jessica and Melanie have passed their Green Eight Point Badges and Megan and Kate have passed their Yellow Eight Point Badges. Monique worked extra hard and also achieved her Musician and Self Improvement Challenge. Well done girls, I am proud of you.

A very loud welcome aboard goes out to Jenny Edwards who has decided to become our newest Brownie leader. I know that you will have lots of fun probably learn a few bits and pieces along the way.

Liz Ashley has done all the training that Jenny is about to do and has passed, she is now a warranted leader for the 1st. Beaconsfield Brownie pack. Congratulations Liz.

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Ralph and Gwen have been doing their best to increase good relations between Australia and New Zealand as they have been host to two friends from New Zealand. But rivalry is still healthy as the New Zealander remarked "Australia may have regained the trophy - but not for long!!"

Building friendships seems just as much part of the fishing game as catching the fish and receiving trophies.



Above: Ralph Neve.



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## KATH ROBERTS.

On Wednesday October 28th a large company of people attended the Memorial service in the Beaconsfield Baptist Church to honour the passing of Kath Roberts, a well known and loved identity in our community.

Born on May 25th, 1901, in Yorkshire, England, to John and Mary Beswick. She came with her family to Australia in 1912 and went to live in Garfield. Married to Herman (Mac) Roberts at St. Andrews, Brighton, on December 25th 1924, she then set up home with her husband in Beaconsfield where he already owned the station Store. This was situated on the corner of Woods Street and Beaconsfield Avenue.

Little did that 23 year old bride know that over the next sixty eight years she would become not only the mother of two daughters but a kind of mother-figure in our district.

The leasing of the Station store in 1932 saw the family move away for a brief time, but they returned to take over the general store on the Princes Highway in 1934. Then came the move to the Post Office in 1936 and for the next twenty years Kath, with the help of her family, ran it not only as a business but also as a community service.



Above: Kath Roberts

Her energy, vigor of mind and warm heart led her into a wide range of activities. She was on the inaugural committee of Minibah (an association for the intellectually handicapped), took an active interest in the R.S.L. and was a foundation member of Legacy. Kath was a member of the Bowls club, and also Treasurer of the Blind Auxilliary in Berwick for many years until her 80th birthday. It was typical of her that when the Beaconsfield Baptist Church started "Make and Mingle", a community craft and fellowship time on Wednesday mornings, Kath was one of the early "joiners" - in order to meet with people and chat with them.

The Kath Roberts Reserve in Beaconsfield was named after her as a tribute to her service in our community. She occupies a significant place in our local history.

### GIRL GUIDES

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The Beaconsfield District will be breaking up for Christmas this week with a B.Y.O. Bar-B-Que games evening, including Father Christmas (Thankyou to Mr. and Mrs. Jensen for helping him to find his way to visit us). The girls each donate Christmas gifts to the Pakenham Shire for those children less fortunate than themselves so that they can also enjoy Christmas.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ, like any birth it is a time of great joy and that is what we wish you all this Christmas. Take care and God bless you all.

Naliandra (Butterfly)

### BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS.

**BOUQUETS...** to the PTC painting team that promptly paint over the Graffiti on Beaconsfield Railway Station every time it appears. What a thankless task!

**BRICKBATS..** To the people that dump their rubbish on the side of Soldiers road, Beaconsfield.

**BOUQUETS ..** to all those that donate to the needy at Christmas time.

**BRICKBATS ..** to all those people who don't abide by the 'No Standing' signs especially on corners of streets.

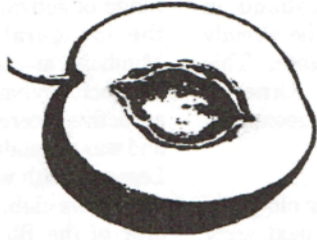
**BOUQUETS..** to fathers who help purchase cars for their daughters but **BRICKBATS..** if they don't ensure they are totally tested - like brakes!!!

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## FAMILY PRIDE.

It must be wonderful to have a brilliant offspring! Now that the examination are over for the school year, parents and students will be waiting for the final results. The long sojourn over the holiday period is an exasperating, tortuous time for senior school leavers.

When at last, results are known, the gratification or despair is then faced not only by the pupils, but family members too. In our household there were no highly intelligent children! They usually bought home reports with far from encouraging remarks such as "has ability but day-dreams," "could work harder," "must pay more attention,". So when they passed by just qualifying their finals we were quietly contented.

It was for sometime annoying to see other parents smiling in proud triumph over their child's great success. How did their somewhat vacant looking (to me) darling pass with mark of 90%? A university degree was the next ambition, then "Hey world! Look out - A World Genius!" During the last encounter I began to realise that maybe brains were not

the only achievement to cultivate. I was invited into the house of a child wonder.

The mother prepared sandwiches, put out the china, made the tea while the girl lolled back, long jean clad legs over the arms of the chair, staring at a moving, glaring, blaring TV. show, oblivious of any need to help. Her only comment was a shouted reminder that she had to be taken to Tennis Practice. I took the tray out and washed the used things, handing her a towel for her to dry them. She gave a scathing look with the remark "We DO have a dishwasher." On my return home I found the potatoes on the stove, kettle filled ready for a drink and an atmosphere of love. The son was cleaning his bike, but greeted me with a welcome which rated 100% in my heart. Over the years a new outlook has overtaken this urge to ask children to "Do well". Most of them do their best. We can't all be good at everything. Some are not intellectual but are endowed with aspects often lacking in the world - Thought, Love, Respect and Kindness. Are we encouraging too much physical education and neglecting the finer gifts of life? . .



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**OUR NATURAL WORLD**



Peter Hansen

Moral virtues and flowers, may seem a combination most strange, and not usually thought of terms of parable.

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He entitled the following :-  
"A BOTANICAL FABLE"

There was a garden in which carnations and delicate pink roses reigned supreme over all the other flowers. They looked down upon the little violets which hid among the grass and could hardly be seen. The carnations said "We are so gaily coloured and beautiful, that all the men and women who stroll here, never cease to admire us."

The roses said "Why, all the young maidens admire us and carefully pick us to adorn their breast. When our petals are crushed they give off a marvellous scent which fills the air. The violets can have little to say for themselves as their scents is barely detectable, and their colours are as nothing compared to ours."

The small violets responded to this criticism thus, "Oh most noble of flowers, nature confers qualities upon us all. You were made to provide a more striking and wondrous ornament in human eyes, and I to adorn the short grass, and to add grace and variety

to this expanse of green that surrounds me. Everything is good in nature. Some things are easier to admire, but that is no reason to despise the lesser ones!"

The moral of this story concerns virtue. Some virtues are great and noble, magnanimity for instance, and clemency and others so outstanding that everyone admire and praises them. But they are not always called for, neither is there opportunity for everyone to put them into practise.

In contrast, meekness, humility and affability are within everybody's reach, and although they are neither obvious nor great like the above mentioned virtues, they enrich our everyday life. Indeed they may do more to bring beauty into the world than the others because they are brought into play by almost all our actions.

The former are worthy of a place in history, the latter of being loved by everybody.

As Count Gozzi, well knew, wisdom and humility seldom are found among the bright and brassy of our world. If you doubt this, look to the Politicians and film stars. They give pleasures of sorts to many, but what of themselves. Where lies their virtues? Never consider yourself a "small violet" my friends; to other violets you may be a giant and greatly loved, whereas the Roses and Carnations spend their days, jealously striving to outdo each other in pointless prancings to a fickle few, who if truth is known, really don't care anyway.

The words of John Ruskin come to mind. "THE HIGHEST REWARD FOR A PERSON'S TOIL IS NOT WHAT THEY GET FOR IT, BUT WHAT THEY BECOME BY IT."

Peter Hansen.



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28th March  
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Beaconsfield welcomes the following new businesses. Wood'N'Craft . Woods Street. The Antique Shop. In Adamsons former hardware shop in Woods Street. Bobby's Bistro in the former Nichellies premises in the Squash and Fitness Centre building in Woods Street.

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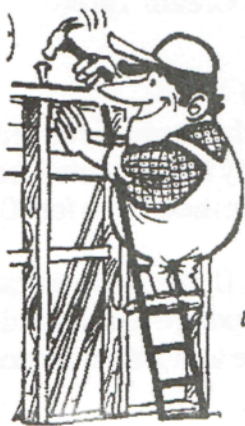
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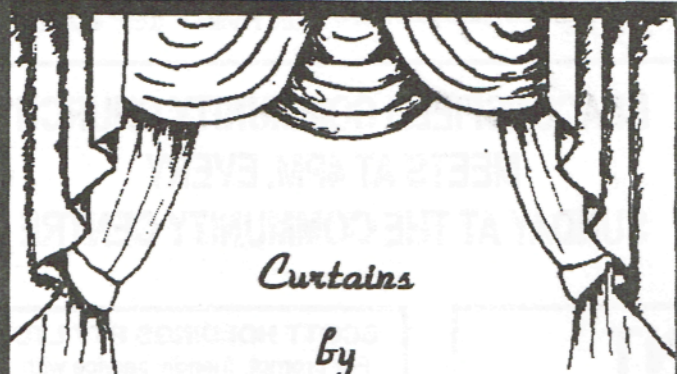


With the sun an orange glow beneath the distant horizon, you briskly "Slip on the shorts, Slop on the 15+ and Slap on the UV's", and ride off into the chilly morn. Quickly your heart beats a different pace as you fill your lungs with pristine air before the maddening motorists awake to spoil it all. Racing through the dappled sun and shadow you feel good as the ambient air begins to warm you gently with the summer solstice sun.

exhilarated and ready to enjoy the rest of the day, yet looking forward to next Sunday when you can do it all again.

By 8 am. you have reached Emerald where you scoff down fresh cooked jam donut at the new bakery or its time for coffee at Cannons Creek where you watch the sun rise over the misty still water. Wherever you end up it's an achievement. The home run is often a challenge. Witness the wild flowers and hail the joggers. By 10 am. you are home again,

Open to all ages, cycling is an addictive sport for the 7 to 70 age group. It is hoped to begin a Beaconsfield Bike group to ride between 7 am. and 10am. each Sunday. You don't have to be incredibly fit - that might come later! Pedalling at your own pace the main aim will be to enjoy sociable stress free exercise in the company of similarly motivated people. Cycling in a group is generally safer than on your own. Want to know more or join in the fun? Beacyclist. Phone Ted or Joan Horton on 707 1313.



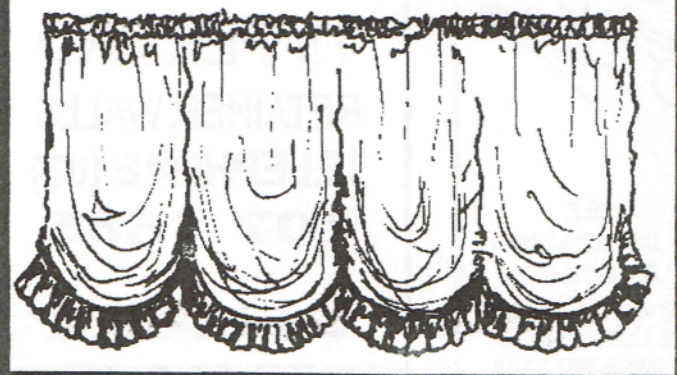
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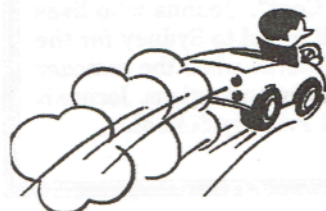
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### SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION IN AKOONAH PARK.



On visiting the Akoonah Park Sunday Market on October 22nd, I arrived in my car at the gates to the Car Park only to notice a gentleman wishing to enter in his car as well, only from the opposing direction. I waved him through first and my politeness was acknowledged.

tion to grab the parking spot that I had been patiently waiting for. The lady driver in her bad mannered approach could not directly turn into the vacant spot and I had to reverse out of her way on her second attempt of the 90 degree turn.

When I too had entered the park I noticed a white Ford about to leave from a line of parked cars. I waited patiently for the lady to reverse out which she did, and instead of darting in front of her I waved the lady on so as not to impede her exit. Again my politeness was acknowledged.

I waited some while before the lady emerged from her car. Not wishing to ruffle her feathers I questioned her right to the space that I had waited for. Her aggressive response to me was: "YOU MEN NEVER HAVE TO GO SHOPPING AND FIND PARKING SPOTS."

Then I was about to proceed into the vacant spot, when I noticed a bronze Toyota station wagon race in from the opposite direc-

On reflection did this mean: "that because she is a woman driver she takes priority over male drivers" or "woman shoppers always argue over parking spaces" or "because YOU MEN never go shopping what right do you have to this parking space anyway" ??

Rather than argue the toss anymore I quietly proceeded to park elsewhere. Secretly, I hope all her chooks die.  
Bewildered Male Motorist.



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By the way, although it's very wet at the moment, Summer is waiting to pounce on us, so don't forget to clean out the spouting

on your house and sheds, and clear away long grass and leaf litter particularly on the north side of your property. If you are going to burn off, don't leave it until the hot weather.

### SMOKE ALARMS

The purpose of a smoke alarm (installed in the hall outside your bedroom) is to wake you when a fire is in its very early stages. This gives you the best chance to get everyone out safely. This Christmas, give someone you love a smoke alarm. It could be the gift of Life.

Hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas.



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Do you often wonder who you can turn to when you want to locate some service in your area? Perhaps you want to know if a certain course is available - your rights as a tenant or neighbour, could be Ballet or Music lessons for your children or how to obtain the concessions on your Winter heating bill. Well, if you can't find the answer yourself, the Citizens Advice Bureau in Pakenham can help you as Information and Referrals are their business.

There is always a wide range of pamphlets available for you to come in and peruse or collect to take away to read or you may like to come in and meet the volunteers to see how we contribute to the community. Some folk may think that the Citizens Advice Bureau is only for people with problems but this isn't so as we are here to keep you informed and our service takes in the whole of the Pakenham Shire plus sur-

rounding districts. It is staffed by trained volunteers so there is no charge. That's right it is FREE. And now about Christmas, yes, it's that time of the year when you either feel great because you planned ahead or you can turn it into the "silly season" when you rush around madly and end up spending more than you should. There are still a few more weeks to put things on a short lay-by and not on the plastic card, therefore saving you from the "January Jitters" when the Bank statement arrives.

We hope you have a safe and happy Christmas and remind you that the Citizens Advice Bureau will be closing on the 22nd December until the 18th January, 1993.

The Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau is in the Community House at 24 Main Street, Pakenham and is open Monday to Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Phone :- (059) 412 377.

### JOANNA FOKS TO DANCE IN JOSEPH AND HIS TECHNICOLOUR DREAM COAT

Joanna Foks, (daughter of Gillian Foks of Officer School Of Dance) has a 13 month contract to dance in "Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat". Joanna who lives with her husband in Perth will travel to Sydney for the production and travel to Melbourne when the company performs here. Well done Joanna. Congratulations. Joanna is a former pupil of Beaconsfield Primary School.

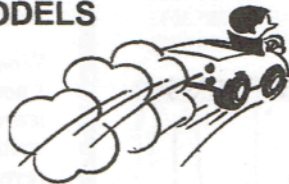
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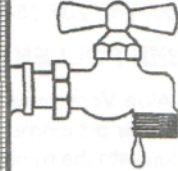
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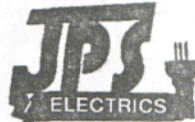
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When Jesus entered our world two thousand years ago, there was much that was rotten in it. Vice was rife, the weak were exploited, the wealthy lived in luxury while the poor were oppressed and down trodden. There was corruption in public administration and personal behaviour in the cities of that world as now in our cities. There was slavery and injustice as in the darker parts of the world today. Perversion was commonly practised. Bureaucracy could ride roughshod over individuals. People could bribe their way to positions of prestige and power. There is no evil now which did not exist then.

Yet into that world God has come in the person of Jesus Christ. That is the message of Christmas.

He came into the midst of a moral mess. He came at a time when residential accomodation was so acute that he had to begin life in a stable like the child of refugees or squatters. But he came, and grew here, and shared ordinary human life. He didn't come in style. He didn't wear an old school tie or speak with a polished accent. He came from a blue collar home; he spoke the way country folk in Galilee did.

He came here at that level because that was where he, as God, wanted to be; where best he could work and serve and love. He did not set out to climb the social ladder, to be a "success" in the world. He didn't try to get on. He was more like you and me than like those well heeled guys you see in the glossy magazines with their sleek cars, sleeker women and expensive furniture.

He came, by every act and word, to identify with us, and to live out a life of obedience to God and service to human kind. In doing so he showed up what is good in life- and what what by contrast is evil. (Evil can hardly fashion a cross quickly enough to try and finish him off).

Yet he never thought of the world as place not fit for him, the son of God, to be in, and on the bottom floor at that. In fact he came to lay down his life for it. That is the meaning of Christmas. That is its relevance to us today.

(Copy supplied by Rev. Fred Rudd, Beaconsfield Baptist Church).



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**19<sup>95</sup>**  
Vat 69 Scotch  
Whisky 750ml

**18<sup>95</sup>**  
Chatelle Napoleon  
V.S.O.P. 750ml

**18<sup>95</sup>**  
Carlton Club  
Scotch 750ml

**22<sup>95</sup>**  
Baileys Irish  
Cream 700ml

**16<sup>95</sup>**  
St Agnes Brandy  
750ml

**7<sup>95</sup>**  
Benjamin Port  
750ml

**4<sup>45</sup>**  
Minchinbury  
750ml Vars

**4<sup>95</sup>**  
Clocktower Port  
750ml

**9<sup>95</sup>**  
Sir James Cuvee  
Brut 750ml

**8<sup>95</sup>**  
Agnes Brut  
Classic 750ml

**22<sup>95</sup>**  
Black Douglas 8YO Scotch  
(Free Glass)

**12<sup>95</sup>**  
Hanwood Port  
750ml

**7<sup>95</sup>**  
Coolabah 4lt  
Wine Casks Vars

Black Bottle Brandy 750ml	\$16.95	Barbaresso Ouzo 750ml	\$19.95
Seagram London Dry Gin 750ml	\$19.95	Jim Beam & Cola Cans 375ml	\$3.25
Vickers Gin 750ml	\$19.95	Sothern Comfort & Cola Cans	\$2.95
Smirnoff Vodka 750ml	\$22.95	U.D.L. 375ml Can Varieties	\$2.95

**GET WELL**

Commiserations to Lyn Hollick.  
We hope the foot mends well and  
that you'll soon be part of the  
activities again.

**THANKS**

A special thanks to Hass Petal  
from Goodfellows for the Cheese  
and Wine he supplied for the  
Beaconsfield Progress Associa-  
tion's A.G.M.

Q. What's the best thing to do in  
a hurry? A. Nothing.

Q. What would be the best thing  
to do if you were mad? A. Change  
your mind!

**BIRTHS**



Willem and Margaret Boon are  
happy to announce the safe  
arrival of VANESSA JOANNE  
on the 8-12-92 weighing in at  
8lb 1oz.  
Sister to Laura (in Heaven)  
Nathan and Renarta.

Carolyn and Trevor Gargan (nee  
Sanders) (Formerly of Beaconsfield)  
are delighted with the arrival of  
their first child a Baby Girl, Chel-  
sea Lee. Born Darwin Hospital  
on 18th November. 4th Grand-  
child to Doreen Sanders.



Above: Carolyn with Chelsea Lee