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Shire of
Pakenham

What's Happening at Council

by Shire of Pakenham Councillor Peter Meeking.



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EXTENSIONS TO CARAVAN PARK.

Council is considering a request to extend the permit for the number of caravans to be sited on the Brunt road caravan park.

Councillors have recently inspected the site with the new owners and will need to resolve the request shortly.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

With the help of over 100 volunteer residents, the various aspects of the Shire of Pakenham Environmental Strategy is near finalisation in draft form. When adopted by the Council, the document as a draft will be made available for community comment.

YOUTH SERVICES

With the assistance of Government funding via the Office of Youth Affairs, Council

has now been able to extend its services to the youth of our community, not in a major way, but at least to give some focus to the many who are either unable to enter the work force or gain entry to further study courses.

I know that to be faced with such a situation can be totally soul destroying and must impact on the future of our youth. Council must provide at least some support and guidance.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

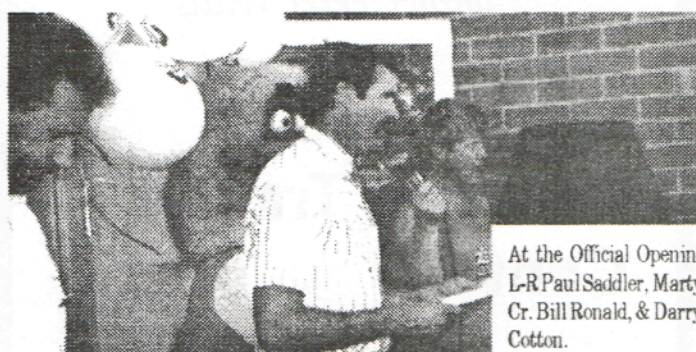
Council was most disappointed to be advised that the grants from the State Governments Community Support and Development Programme had been slashed, which has direct impact on the Beaconsfield Community Centre. Funding of \$16050 was sought to assist the centre in its operational presentation of Community Development Programmes but only \$6636 was forthcoming. Officers have been directed to meet with the committee to discuss the impact of such severe reduction with a further report to be forwarded to council.

BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

After many difficulties and long discussions, the Primary School and the Council have achieved the new building at the school which is just in the process of being constructed.

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PAUL SADLER SWIM SCHOOL OPENS



At the Official Opening
L-R Paul Saddler, Marty,
Cr. Bill Ronald, & Darryl
Cotton.

A large crowd gathered at the Paul Sadler Swim School in Beaconsfield on Sunday 2nd February for the official opening. T.V personality Darryl Cotton was the M.C. with his offsider Marty lending a hand. Pakenham Shire President, Councillor Bill Ronald, officially opened the swim school and then swam a lap of honour.

Paul Sadler spoke about the success, according to the enrolments already taken and this was then followed by a demonstration by a group of enthusiastic toddlers together with their parents. The public were then invited to enjoy a swim.

The Honorable Rob Maclellan was also amongst the guests.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Inc. PUBLIC FORUM.

WHEN: Wednesday 24th February, 7.30pm.

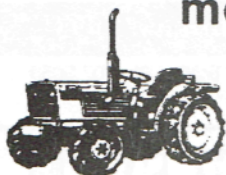
WHERE: Beaconsfield Community Centre

AGENDA: Public Forum (Discussion night)

The following topics are up for debate:-

1. What new name do we want for the old Princes Highway through our town?
2. What name do we suggest for the public park behind Taco Bills?
3. Do we need a bank in town and how do we get one?
4. How do we want the Railway Land in Beaconsfield developed in the future? Anyone interested in these topics and any other please come along.

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PAUL SADLER SWIM SCHOOL - A NEW BUSINESS SUCCESS



Swimmers enjoying a cool off on the Opening Day.

The new Paul Sadler Swim School in Princes Highway Beaconsfield is doing swimmingly well! With large number of students already enrolled, the School's management is delighted with the enthusiasm, and support from the local community.

The modern swimming complex which was completed in late January caters for infants, children and adults undergoing training in swimming and survival skills. Water aerobics sessions are also available.

The fully functional complex has three pools built specifically to suit the needs of the patrons. There also is an area for parents and visitors where they may view the activity in the pools whilst enjoying a refreshing cup of coffee.

Paul Sadler is enthusiastic about his "tried and proven system". "We have finetuned our system of teaching swimming over a 20-year period and we are confident that the residents of the local and surrounding communities will be keen to experience our results-orientated programme" says Paul Sadler.

Paul who is the current president of the Swim School Owners' Association of Australia

has two other swim schools in the Melbourne suburbs of Brighton and Moorabbin.

Paul Sadler brings to his swim schools the experience of being a swim competitor in his childhood, a primary school teacher with special qualifications in physical education and special education, and an innate belief that swimming can provide the vehicle for personal growth within each child.

Any child who joins his swim schools can follow a carefully chartered course with landmarks (different coloured certificates) before reaching that pot of (3 and 4 km) gold. Since November 1986 over 500 students of Paul's Melbourne schools have successfully completed a "marathon" swim of over 3 kilometres.

Paul and his management team comprising veteran world breaststroke champion Michael Moloney and swimming experts - Richard Evans and Jennifer Hopkins are keen to add value to the lives of the local children and are a welcome addition to our community's infrastructure.

For enquiries about enrolments telephone 796 2288

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Presidents Patter.

By Ted Horton



Holidays are over, schools back and we welcome 1993. Let's hope it's a better year than 1992 for the majority of us!

The Progress Association is kicking off the year with a "Public Forum" -discussion night, on Wednesday 24th February at the Community Centre. Notices about that night will be posted up nearer the date. See front page for issues that are up for debate. Anyone interested in these topics or any other please come along.

Lots of good things are happening in Beaconsfield at the moment. We have a major new facility in the town, with the Paul Sadler School of Swimming. The Primary School is forging ahead with new buildings and more shops are soon to be built adjoining the Milk Bar.

New development will benefit most of us but we must not let it alienate us from the past nor let it totally change the face of Beaconsfield. The Shire of

Pakenham has recently formed a Heritage and Conservation Study Group and there are some of us on the Progress Association that would like to do the same for the locale of Beaconsfield

The purpose will be to preserve the good things about Beaconsfield and ensure that future development is sympathetic with the current environment hearabouts. For instance the group could be represented in the future planning of our creek area. It could make submissions to council to try and preserve some of the better historical buildings in the town. It could assist in preserving some of the valued flora and fauna in the area. Anyone particularly interested in this subject, please contact us.

Not only does the face of Beaconsfield continually change but so does its people. Long time resident, Kevin Clarke, recently passed away after a long period of illness. Kath Roberts is no longer with us and her former home is up for sale and possible redevelopment. So many Beaconsfield "Pioneers" have now passed on. Let's hope that all the newcomers stay long and work hard at keeping Beaconsfield a friendly and pleasant place to live.

BEACONSFIELD'S PRINCESS

Rosemarie Steiner is our Miss Beaconsfield entrant for the 1993 Yakkerboo Festival.



A student at Berwick Secondary College, Rosemary interests are varied, from enjoying art to wanting to travel. However Rosemary is particularly keen to pursue her love for photography and she is eager to widen her experiences of life and is currently learning how to surf.

Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

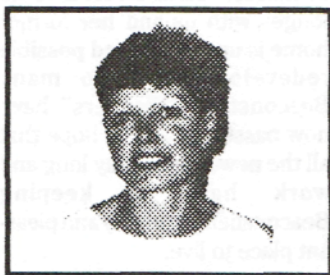
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BEAconsfield COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Welcome back to everyone. Our first term brochure hit the streets during the school holidays, and by now many of you have enrolled yourselves and/or your children into one or more of our groups.

3year old Playtime has got off to a good start, with two groups running - Tuesday and Wednesdays 9.15 to 11.15am. Apologies for the misprint regarding session times. We are still taking enrolments for the remainder of the year, so ring for enrolment form and information sheet.



*Ann Gaunt,
Childcare Supervisor.*

Welcome to our new Childcare Supervisor, Ann Gaunt, who is in charge of our Occasional Care including our "Playtime". Speaking of Occasional Care, we have once again started up our sessions on Tuesday afternoons 12.30-3.30pm. Cost is \$3. per child or \$5. per family per session. This provides an ideal opportunity for hair-dressing, doctors, dentists, shopping or just a relaxing afternoon at home.

We still have our usual groups meeting regularly: Tai Chi, Yoga, Slimmer's group, Patchwork and Quilting, Artist's group(now meeting Thurs-

Thursday morning 10am. - 11.30am.

Next term we are holding a 10 week course entitled "Introduction to Keyboarding". There are limited places still available in this course, so if you are interested in improving your typing skills, book now. This course is funded by the Council of Adult Education, so there is no cost to participants.

Over the next few weeks we will also be commencing our Calligraphy course and Haircutting course. Give us a call if you are interested. We are keen to hear from anyone interested in joining our Committee of Management, so if you would like to get involved, please let us know.

Menopause and Beyond! Time: 1.30 - 3.00pm. Date: Monday 1st March, 1993 Cost: NO CHARGE

If you are interested in a total approach to middle years and ageing, with the prospect of active, healthy life for many years after, don't miss this afternoon seminar.

Raffle Winners.

- 1st. - L. Veale
- 2nd. - A. Decelis
- 3rd. - R. Cumberlidge
- 4th. - D. Coleman
- 5th. - L. Catchpole

Thankyou to all those who supported our raffle.

TOYLIBRARY

To a child, the days are made for playing. Unfortunately, many of the toys that children love are expensive. Borrowing is an alternative to buying. Toy Libraries are run in a similiar way to book libraries

designed to provide enjoyment in your own home.

The aim of our Toy Library is to provide for borrowing toys, puzzles, tapes for young children (0-6 years). We are always increasing our toy stock which includes toys such as Duplo train, Little Tikes slide,

rocking horse and waffle town, Tonka truck and grader. We welcome new enrolments all the year and membership is for a full twelve months on enrolling. One child -\$10. or \$15. family membership. We are open every Friday (10.30 - 12.noon)(except school holidays).



MIDWAY

Our Christmas dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended (about 19). The TAFE College served a scrumptious 4 course dinner. As if that wasn't enough carousing our group then celebrated again two weeks later with a Christmas party at the Centre. Twenty two of our members partied the afternoon away and each received a gift from Santa Claus (alias Dot).

Our sincere thanks go to Peter Aurisch for being our chauffeur throughout the year, and thanks also to all those who generously donated goods for our break-up. The Christmas raffle was won by Peter Aurisch.

We now look forward to an equally successful 1993, with



Dorothy Simpson thanks the Instructor for the lovely lunch put on by the students.

continued support from our regular members, and of course, a big welcome to all newcomers. We have discussed some possible outings for the year which include trips such as "Merrimu Downs" Deer farm and Cheese Factory, Geelong, Daylesford, Warrigal Arts Centre. We will definitely celebrate our Anniversary with a luncheon.

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A MAN OF MANY TALENTS.



Above:- Kevin Clarke A man of many talents

On January 22nd 1993, Beaconsfield lost another well known identity. Kevin Clarke of Adamson road, died peacefully after a period of illness. Born in Mooropna in 1926, Kevin lived his first 21 years in Tatura. He attended High school in Shepparton. Kevin inherited his fathers love of horses at an early age. Throughout his time in Beaconsfield Kevin was well known mainly for three reasons, his expert horsemanship, his Presidency of the Pistol club and his leadership skills on the Railways and at G.M.H.

Kevin's father bought the 8 acre soldier settlement property adjoining Adamson road in 1947. This was then given to Kevin and Kathleen (nee Whiteside) when they married in 1950..... mostly as recognition of the years Kevin had helped his father in the orchards back home.

Kevin first worked in the area with horses at the Melbourne Hunt Club property in Cranbourne. He then went to work for the Baillieu's at Minta. After that he was a leading hand on the Railways in charge of a gang of thirty men laying the duplication through Beaconsfield to Gippsland. In those days he

always rode his horse to work. After 11 years with the Railways he went to work for G.M.H. and was put in charge of a far larger team. His area of responsibility was with the fork lift drivers who he led by the example he set.

Kevin's interest in horses started when taught to ride at the age of three. He then competed throughout his active life in gymkanas, show jumping and rodeos. He played polo with the Melbourne Hunt Club and became well known as a buckjumper and pick up rider. His expertise extended into hot shoeing horses, doing leatherwork, woodwork and welding most of it self taught. Except for missing one year, Kevin participated in the Lang Lang Rodeo for 21 consecutive years.

Another continuous pastime for Kevin was the Beaconsfield Amateur Pistol Club which Kevin and friends formed and built on Jim Hicks property near the creek. Kevin held the position of President there for an unbroken 30 years which is almost the lifetime of the club. The club was only the second pistol club to be formed in the State of Victoria. Even then it was the only one to be built entirely with members resources without assistance.

An inspiration to his fellow friends he was always a great leader. He was hard working, meticulous and thorough. Kevin was a skilful man whether it was breaking in horses, building home workshops or sewing leatherwork. He could turn his hand to many different things.

Kevin will be long remembered for his positive attributes.

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BEACONSFIELD SCOUT & GIRL GUIDES



BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

We would like to make 1993 a great year for our Cub/Scout group and to do this, all parents need to be involved and assist our leaders and committee. Our Annual General Meeting is 29th March, 8pm.

The Scout group is still collecting papers and bottles. You will see the collection point for bottles and paper shed at the back of the Scout Hall, in

Beaconsfield Ave. Please tell all your neighbours.

Did you recognise Michael McGrath of Beaconsfield in the January photo of the 1993 Scout Calendar?

We have a fantastic calendar of events planned. If you would like to become involved and join, contact the Secretary, Julie Atkins - 707 3762.

"OPEN" THANKYOU.

Reni and Sue De Hamer of Adamson Road, Beaconsfield would like to thank all those people who attended their 'Open House' last December. You all helped to make it a

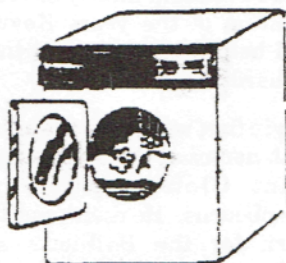
great success. Thanks also to Joan Horton, Leader 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group and Ken Rook, Eastern Region Commissioner, for your company.

MINIBAH FACTORY SALES.

What a fantastic way to encourage recycling and help young people gain skills and experience within the community. Minibah Factory Sales have been operating for four months now with great success.

A number of our local boys are working at the factory outlet as well as the recycle depot and have gained a lot of valuable practical experience in wood sanding, painting, and repairing of various resaleable goods.

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Donations of household goods are always welcome.

GIRL GUIDES ANTICIPATE A BUSY YEAR.

For the Beaconsfield District Girl guides, 1992 ended on a big high with a joint Christmas party. We all met to celebrate the end of the year with a family B.B.Q. To begin the evening we began with Brownie ring, followed by games in which everyone participated even the most reluctant parents. The lovely calm of the evening was interrupted by roof-raising choruses of popular carols. Santa also made a much-anticipated visit, and handed out presents, lollies and icy-poles.

Many guides received well earned awards during their final meeting, with Nicole Groombridge being presented with a medal of "Most Improved" Guide for 1992. Leah Vandonzelaar's outstanding attendance was also recognised. Jessica Mills and Nicole Groombridge also earned their House Keeper Challenge badges. Kate Cameron and Hayley Crandell earned their Hostess badges. Monique Duiker worked very diligently during December and January and gained many badges including First Aid, Camp Skills, Hiker, Naturalist, Swimmer and the Guiding Challenge. Nicole Taylor was officially welcomed into our Guide Company by making her Promise. Congratulations and well done to all these girls.

Both the Brownies and Guides will be very active in Term 1. The Brownies will be enjoying the involvement of an enthusiastic new leader Jenny Edwards. We are all confident that she will love being a part of the happy 1st Beaconsfield Brownie Pack. Dianne Geritz, the long serving leader, also with the Brownies, has decided to take a short leave of absence during Term 1. We hope that she

will return relaxed and refreshed for the new term.

The Brownies are also very excited about their impending pack holiday at "Alcheringa" in Tynong North. In preparation they will be learning how to pack a suitcase, set a table and plan a tantalising menu. A swimming night is also planned and the Brownies will also be participating in "Clean Up Australia" day with a paper pick up.

The Guides are also planning many activities beginning with a visit from the Dandenong Ranger Guides. Girls have also auditioned for the Gang-Show and B.P. Revue, began to organise a B.P. Award presentation and Thinking Day Service. Two camps have also been planned for term one, the first an overnight hike from Bare Gully to Waratah Bay. The other is a joint camp with the Upper Beaconsfield Guides to French Island.

1993 is already providing many new challenges for the Guides, Brownies and Leaders, especially with an exciting new badge to "Help girls to Understand and Protect Our Precious Environment" We will all be continuing to maintain our good record of community involvement and service and hope again to be invited to participate in the many exciting events occurring in Beaconsfield.

Parladee (Angela Kellock)



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YOUNG AMBASSADORS FOR BEACONSFIELD GO OVERSEAS.



Paul met up with Jimmy Lambu at Melbourne Airport. Jimmy was returning to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, after a twelve month stay in the Gippsland area. They will be able to travel together - Jimmy returning after his adventure and Paul just starting out on his.

Two local boys have taken up the courageous challenge to travel overseas on two quite different missions.

Paul Knight Of Hair Court, Beaconsfield flew out to Switzerland early in January. He will spend eighteen months as an apprentice Chef and thereby gain knowledge and experience from those of a different country and culture to ours. Paul started out at Casey's Restaurant, Berwick, working for Andreas Salvotelli and is currently attending the same restaurant in Switzerland that Mr. Salvotelli completed his apprenticeship.

Paul De Hamer of Adamson Road, flew out to Zimbabwe, Africa, on 14th January. He left behind a teary flock of relatives and friends, but yet was eager to commence his new adventure abroad.

Paul is being sponsored by Narre Warren Rotary Club and was farewelled by the club at their meeting on 7th January, where the Mayor of Berwick, Trevor Smith, made a presentation to Paul. He was particularly pleased and proud to receive a letter of introduction from the Mayor of Berwick.

News is that Paul arrived safely in Bulawayo. The very wide streets of the town are lined both

the town, and seen wild giraffe and zebras. He has commenced school there and already got lost whilst cycling home! It is unclear how far out into the 'bush' he travelled before being found. He has been invited to go fishing in the Zambeze River, which is a far cry from the Cardinia Creek! Urgent requests have come home for his fishing rod and reel to be posted to him.

Paul has attended his first Rotary meeting which was held at the Bulawayo Golf Club. Paul spoke there at length about his family back home in Beaconsfield. Unfortunately Paul had left his map of Australia back home so that may be the topic of his next Rotary Club address, after his Mum has mailed it out, wrapped around the fishing rods!

Paul has already been in touch with a local African Scout group. He is being helped to settle in by his African Councillor Mr. Peter Rollason who is a pharmacist in the town of Bulawayo. Mr. Rollason also runs a program on local radio called "Wildlife in Zimbabwe" what a pity we cannot pick it up on our airways here.

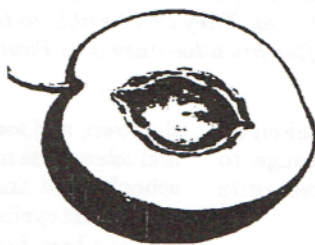
Hopefully the Banner will publish further news from Paul (both of them) when it comes to hand.

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7071313 or Willem 707 5053. It was some time since I had ridden and I am thoroughly enjoying the early morning ride. The views are fantastic and its good for the leg muscles as well. It's also great to have the company of friends to ride with.

Whatever your reason, riding is fun on a Sunday morning.

Willem Boon.

FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945

WE ARE ALL SURVIVORS! Consider the changes we have seen. We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes, AND before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and THEN lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time closets were for clothes, not for coming out of. Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens.

Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins. We thought fast foods were eaten during lent, and outer space was the back of Bourke.

We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before daycare centres, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric type-

ums, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did in your exams. Pizzas, "McDonalds" and Instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene at Coles and Woolworths where we bought goods for under 2/6d. For pennies we could ride on a tram, make a phone call, buy a stamp for a letter and a postcard. You could buy a Chevrolet or a Ford for 365 pounds, but who could afford one? A pity petrol was only 1/6d a gallon.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was Grandma's lullabye and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly NOT before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were before the sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think that you needed a husband to have a baby.



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OUR NATURAL WORLD



Peter Hansen

The naming of plants over the centuries can impart some interesting snippets on the history of Flora and few are listed here in what may be termed a "Curiosity Corner" segment.

The 'Carline Thistle' (Carlina Vulgaris) for instance is named after the Emperor Charlemagne because of the following legend. When the Emperor contracted the plague during one of his campaigns, he prayed to God for help. God sent one of his angels, who by shooting an arrow showed the Emperor the herb that would cure him. This herb thereafter was always depicted with an arrow through the root with a kneeling Charlemagne in front of it.

The 'Robinia' was named after the French botanist Jean Robin who introduced it into Europe in the 17th century.

The 'Fuchsia' was named after the German Renaissance botanist Leonhard Fuchs.

The 'Camellia' was dedicated by Linnaeus to the 17th century Jesuit, George Joseph Camellus, a missionary and pharmacist in Manila, who studied the Flora of the Philippines.

The 'Dahlia,' an American plant, was named by the Director of Madrids Royal Gardens in memory of the 18th century Swedish botanist, Dahl.

'Begonias', are named after the French magistrate, Michel Begon, who brought them back from the West Indies where he had been sent in 1681.

The Poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. Diplomat to be sent to Mexico by the U.S. Government in 1825.

The 'Bird of Paradise' flower, (Strelitzia Reginae) was discovered in the Cape Town area by Joseph Banks, who named it after George 3rd's wife Charlotte, whose family name was Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

The herb 'Yarrow' (Achillea Millefolium) was used by Achilles to treat his soldiers wounds during the Trojan war, and the latin name commemorates his use of the herb.

Talking now of coffee, according to an Arab legend, the coffee plant, and the habit of drinking it, was discovered by a Sheik who fled to the mountains of the Jemen for religious reasons. The Ethiopians probably introduced coffee to the Yemen during one of their invasions, since the plant is certainly of tropical Africa. Coffee first arrived in Europe by the way of Marseilles in 1644, with the very first coffee shop in Europe being established in that city in 1671.

May I wish all readers of the Banner the very best 1993, and I hope that some of your dreams come true.



Shire of
Pakenham

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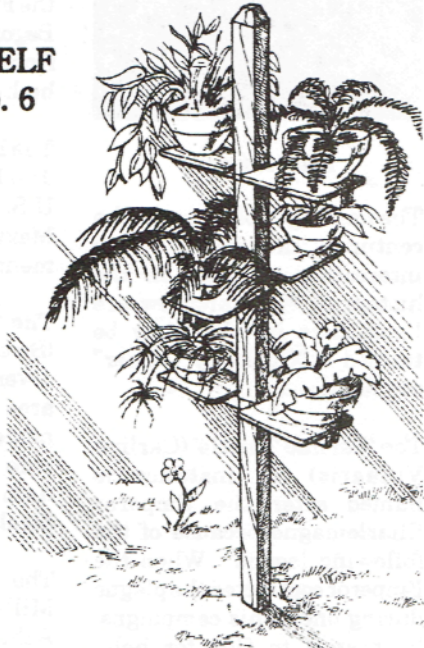
This was a Government-School Funded project, under the control of the Shire. The temporary building is made

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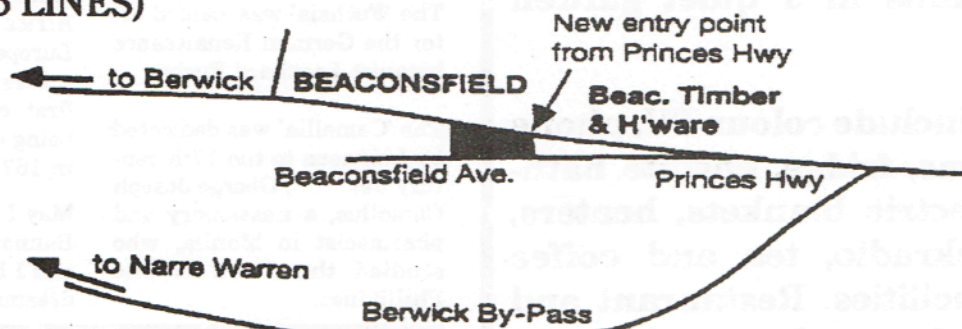
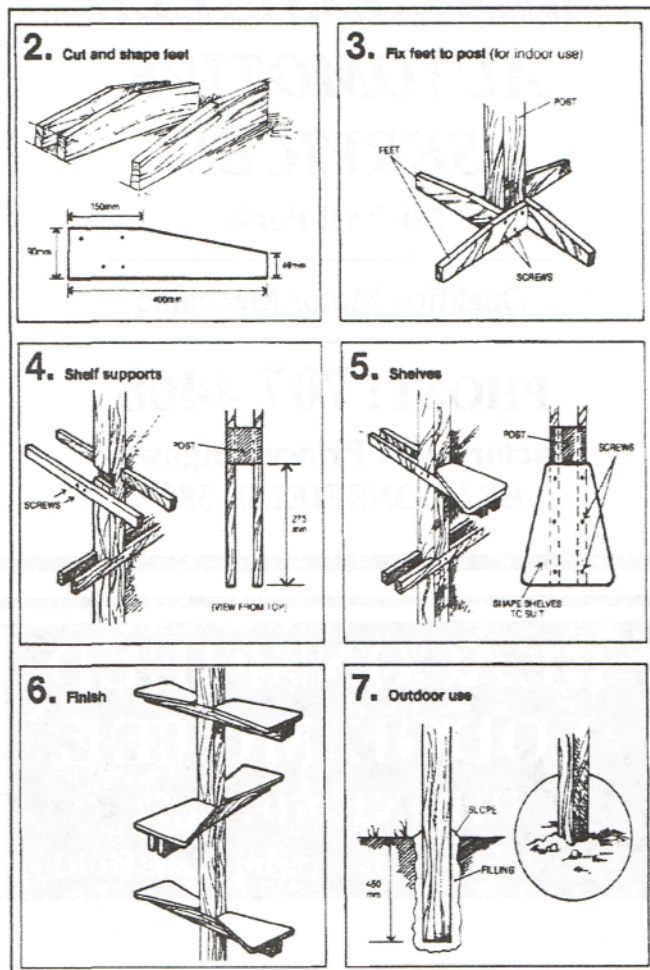


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Beac Comm. Centre
- 21st March 10 am.
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- 26th March
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Contact Miriam Gillespie (059) 411 011
- 28th. March
Yakkerboo Street Parade and Fair
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- 29th March
Scout Association A.G.M.
- 29th March
Closing date for Banner news.

RECIPE CORNER

BISCUITS



INGREDIENTS

- ½ lb Margarine (or butter)
- ½ lb (1½ cups) sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 lb (3 cups) S.R. Flour
- ½ cup coconut.

METHOD

Beat Margarine and sugar (to cream) Add eggs, then flour and coconut. Roll out and cut with cutter or roll in balls and press with fork. Cook in moderate oven.

Recipe makes about 100 biscuits - so would be great for those school lunchboxes!

BRICKBATS AND BOQUETS

Bouquets... to Telecom that relocated the public payphone from the top of Woods Street and put it on the station platform. Not only is it more convenient but it stops people parking next to the old telephone box that proved to be hazardous on the narrow strip between the kerb and the keep left island.

Brickbats... to those residents south of the highway that keep cats and fail to have them neutered or spayed.

Bouquets... to Pakenham Shire who staged an Australia Day celebration on the 26th January. Clint Kenny who has long served the Recreation Reserve User Groups in Beaconsfield. He was awarded an Australia Day Award ... most deservedly.

Brickbats... to the person who dumped a washing machine at the Scout depot.

Bouquets... to Minibah for picking up the washing machine.

Bouquets... To "Bushy" who moved the Community Centre tin shed (single handed) through the mud and relocated it with a new concrete floor. He must go down in the Beaconsfield Book of records as the biggest tortoise in the town with a prize for the "slowest mover"!

Bouquets... to T. O'N who continuously tidies up the Scout bottle depot voluntarily.

Brickbats... to all those people who let their plastic bottles blow all over the street.

Bouquets... to those who clean up the mess.

Brickbats... to those two boys who lit a fire under the slide in the Jim Parkes Reserve.

Bouquets... to the gentlemen who took appropriate action and then cleaned up the area.

DEATH OF MR. GEOFFREY WHITESIDE

Mr. Geoffrey Whitehead passed away at Dandenong and District Hospital on January 19th after a short illness.

Geoff first came to the district in 1935 when his parents purchased the farming property bounded by Cardinia Creek and the township of Beaconsfield. Most of his early years were spent milking dairy cattle and supplying the produce to residents in the surrounding areas.

He made many friends at

this time and use to attend social gatherings in Beaconsfield and Berwick.

In later years he also worked at other jobs including G.M.H. Dandenong where he retired in 1981 after many years of service. During his retirement he continued to work on the farm, remaining active and in reasonable health for most of that time.

Geoff is survived by his wife Mabel and sons Ron and Steven, brother John and grandchildren Daryl and Melissa.

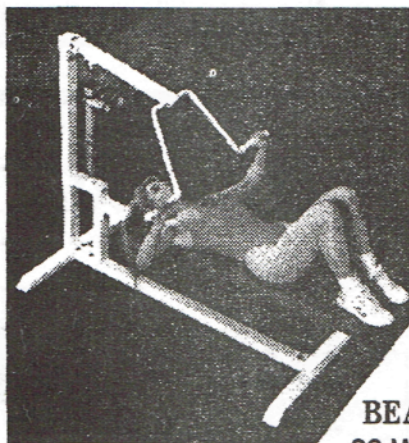
HISTORICAL HOME SOLD.

The day was hot but a number of local residents attended the auction of the former home of well known Kath Roberts 70 Wood St. where it was sold at Auction by G. H. Hudson Pty. Ltd.

STREET PARTIES.

Over the Christmas holidays two street parties were held. One being held in the park named after Kath Roberts the other in the Jim Parkes Reserve. Great to see such community spirit as both were well attended.

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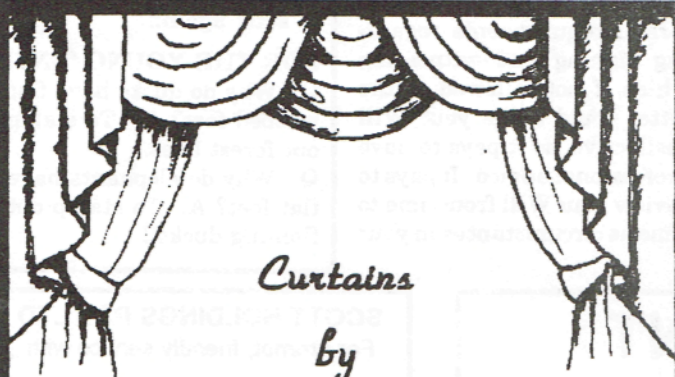
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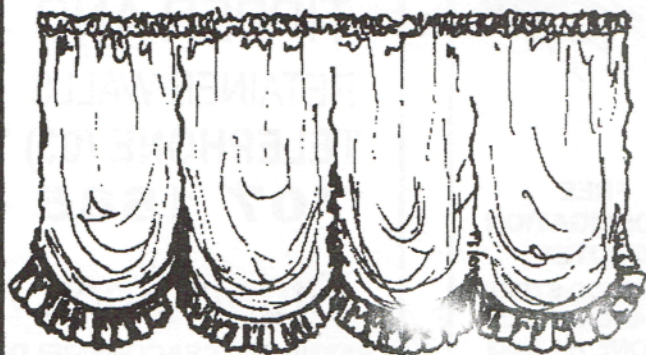
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A BLAST FROM THE PAST.

"CRYING COCKLES AND MUSSELS ALIVE ALIVE OH!"

This is not a response to Molly Malone but below is a reply from the Old Shire of Berwick to a complaint from a Beaconsfield Ratepayer about the dumping of mussel shells at the reserve on Emerald Road. It looks like they got their building sand from the ocean in those days!!

Letter to Shire of Berwick.

Mr. P. Tempest.
Dear Sir,

If you are in the Beaconsfield area in the near future you may find a deposit of mussel shells at the reserve on Emerald Rd. To help pin point the spot, a new building is in the course of construction on the old sand pit, on the side of the road. Level with the drive way to the sand and shells in question. A firm who use the trade letters C.G.C.W. P/L on blue fibre glass containers, with black handles and black lids made the deposit. registration no of vehicle & name of firm could not be read.

A Rate Payer Beaconsfield

Reply from Shire of Berwick

24th February, 1970.

Mr. A. E. Everett, Honorary Secretary,
Beaconsfield Progress Association.
C/O Lot 11, Holmpark Road,
Beaconsfield. Vic. 3807.



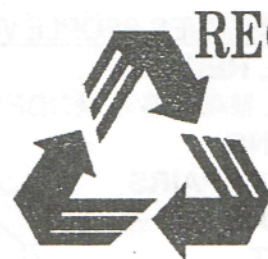
Dear Sir, I am in receipt of an anonymous letter giving information on dumping mussels within the Shire.

Enquiries through the Registrar of Companies shows there is no C.G.C.W. Pty. Ltd. listed, also no action could be taken if the Company had been traced without the assistance of the Writer.

My Council is pleased to receive information on rubbish dumping, and a reward is payable on successful prosecution. Apart from at the legal proceedings, the informant's name is never divulged.

I should be glad if you would pass on this information at the next meeting of your Association.

Yours faithfully,
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ASH WEDNESDAY

It seems each of us can remember what we were doing when a major event occurred. It is now 10 years since Ash Wednesday devastated the Beaconsfield area. It was a day that had a significant impact on our town and area.

On reflection the previous year had already cast a die of what was to happen on February 16 1983. It was the worst draught in recent memory, a dust storm that the majority of Victoria had never experienced occurred some weeks earlier turning day into night.

The day started hot and only became worse. The main fire started at Sth Belgrave at 3.38 and the first spot fire occurred in Beaconsfield at 4.30. The situation deteriorated hour by hour with people being evacuated or fleeing the oncoming fire.

The south west wind change, normally a relief for fire-fighters, became the demon of destruction that destroyed Upper Beaconsfield and Cockatoo.

The Beaconsfield township was spared but sadly houses and lives were lost in the area. The fire was finally contained in the early hours

of the 17th.

Although the fire burned in various pockets for about a week no more lives or property were lost. The long hard and depressing clean-up had begun.

There are lasting memories of that day, the overwhelming heat, exhaustion, fear, the great sense of loss, confusion, relief then despair at the number of lives lost. The question most asked is could it happen again? The simple response is YES.

Given the right conditions of a large fuel load, dry conditions, hot winds and a great percentage of new residents who have not experienced a raging wild fire the cocktail is ready if the above factors are mixed on the day.

It is always timely to remind residents that Fire Protection is your responsibility, help us to help you in the event of fire.

Finally where were you 10 years ago. I am sure you all remember.

T LUCAS
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A TIMELY NOTE FROM PAKENHAM
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THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A WILL.

This is a vital subject that the Citizens Advice Bureau in Pakenham feels is worthy of a continual reminder.

If you haven't made a Will here's a few very real benefits of doing so to consider. Failure to make a Will means that following your death, your Estate will be distributed in accordance with the Administration and Probate Act which may leave your partner in financial difficulties or if you have no spouse or children your next of kin will be entitled to your assets and it could be a relation you haven't even been in touch with for years, plus the costs of administration of the Estate is likely to be higher.

Making a Will is not difficult, however, there are certain formal requirements regarding signing and witnessing which if not followed to the letter could make your Will ineffective, so it pays to have professional advice. It pays to review your Will from time to time as circumstances in your

general family life may change, for example - as result of divorce, separation or remarriage.

It is up to you if you will or you won't but you could leave problems for those you leave behind.

The Citizens Advice Bureau have pamphlets which will help you so call in and collect one at 24 Main Street, Pakenham. We are open Monday to Friday from 10.30 am to 2.30pm. The phone number is (059) 412 377.

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Q. Why do elephants have flat feet? A. To stamp out flaming ducks!!

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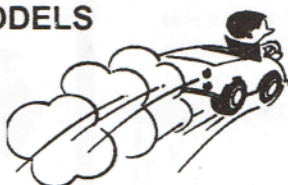
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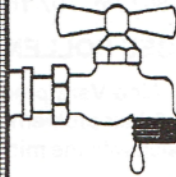
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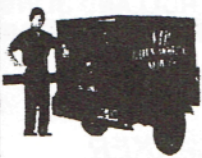


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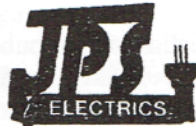
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brickbats to the man we met near Akoonah Park during the holidays. He verbally abused us for riding our horses and deliberately set his german shepherd for attack on one of our horses back legs. The youngest riders were 13 & 14. (name supplied)

It has come to the notice of the editorial committee of the Beaconsfield Banner that certain members of the public walking their dogs in the Beaconsfield Reserve, South of the Tennis courts, have been taking the law into their own hands. The above report has come from a concerned lady horse rider who together with young riders was verbally abused and then harrassed by the same person's dog that was let off its lead.

It is not the Banner's job to be

judge and jury in such cases but the whole episode does pose certain questions about By Laws.

The Shire of Pakenham By Laws Department states that horses may be ridden in the Beaconsfield Reserve but only in the area South of the Tennis Courts bounded by the Princes Highway, Emerald Road and the Creek. North of this area around the sports oval and in the nature reserve signs displayed clearly do not permit horseriding. It is also strongly advised that the rider of this horse or any other horse for that matter, that is harrassed by dogs should report it at once to their ByLaws officer. For confirmation of this and penalties to dog owners refer to Local Laws and You on Page 16 of the Pakenham Shire Service Directory.

RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD - A WET 1992

As mentioned earlier (Banner Vol. 4. No.5) September, the first month of Spring, was a high rainfall month in 1992, with 151.3 mm. The rainfall for October was 112.5mm and for November 138.5mm. Making a total Spring rainfall for the three months of 402.3mm - a very high figure by comparison with previous years.

December, the first month of Summer, produced 101.7mm. giving a total of 939.9mm. (37 inches) for the year - the highest for many years. In the last eight years annual rainfall has varied from 722.1mm. (28 inches) to 939.9mm. The second highest reading during this period being 896.1mm. (35.3 inches) in 1991.

In January 1993 we had 93.8mm. with a daily reading of 34mm. on the 25th Janu-

ary. Just in case you feel badly done by, Upper Beaconsfield has a significantly higher rainfall as the figures of 159mm for December 1992 and 160mm for January 1993, would indicate.

Some of the highest daily rainfall readings for Beaconsfield in recent years are :-

20th November 1992	50.0mm
12th December 1990	47.9mm
26th December 1988	47.5 mm
2nd April 1985	45.0 mm
29th July 1987	43.4 mm
21st March 1989	43.3 mm
24th January 1988	42.5 mm
24th January 1991	41.3mm

from Dr. R.C.Webb,
"Inveraray" Holm Park Rd.,
Beaconsfield.

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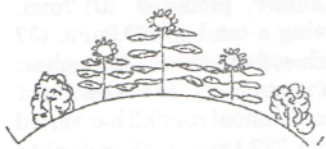
By John Baker Willows Nursery 707 4852

Before planting of a bedding display can be undertaken, the following points must be considered.

The site selected must be weed free, properly fertilized, adequately drained and correct moisture content to sustain plant growth.

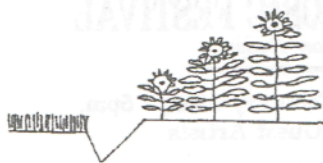
The plants selected should take into account the season, colour combinations and final height of mature plants. The plants should be graded ensuring the smallest are in the

land bed the tallest plants would be positioned in the cen-



tre.

For further fact sheets, including Bed Construction, Setting Out, Seedling Preparation, Planting, Watering and Post Planting Care contact Willows Nursery. John will be more than happy to help with any of your gardening problems.



front rising to the largest in the rear for a border planting. In the case of circular or is-

**THE COMMUNITY IS THE FOCUS.**

After an outstanding beginning Beaconsfield Community Church is now six months old. As it approaches 1993 the church has settled down to business and is now starting to search for ways of being an asset to the Beaconsfield community.

There are a number of community projects that are on the church's drawing boards already. The services of a young peoples' specialist, Mr Mark Tonkin have been offered to assess the needs of the younger community members. Street parties and other social events, aimed at broadening community relationships, establishing new friendships, offering support groups and dealing with loneliness are another likely venture. The possibilities are endless.

To get the ball rolling a concert has been planned. The guest artists will be the singing group "Endless Faith". They will be appearing at the Beaconsfield

Primary School Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday February 25th. It will be a free event and everyone is invited to come along, enjoy the night and meet some new friends.

Behind all of this activity is a group of committed people. These individuals are just ordinary people who have a deep desire to help because they have been helped. Each one has a story of mistakes and tragedies that have been overcome by a deep faith in Jesus Christ. It is the help that they received that has motivated them to reach out to befriend others.

Even the church services with this group are sometimes a little different. They are brighter and friendlier than most. The whole atmosphere is cheerful and a little informal. For example last Sunday everyone was involved in a discussion about a relevant issue.

If you want to find out more about what is going on you are welcome to join in one of the community events. Pamphlets will be dropped off in your letter box letting you know the details. You might want to come to one of the church meetings at 4pm every Sunday at the community hall on Beaconsfield Ave, they are quite friendly. If you want to ask a question or make a suggestion please ring 796 2553 and we will try to have someone there to chat.

SENSORY GARDEN

You may have walked pass the Beaconsfield Kindergarten and noticed a new garden area being made. This area was carefully planned by the 1992 President, Susan Shearer and professional landscaper, Bob Washbourne, worked to those plans to create this area known as a "Sensory Garden".

The Directress, Jeanette Bartlett is delighted with the result as she is able to use the area to enhance her programme as it provides a special place where the children can go and

enjoy a new experience every time they visit, especially when the seasons change.

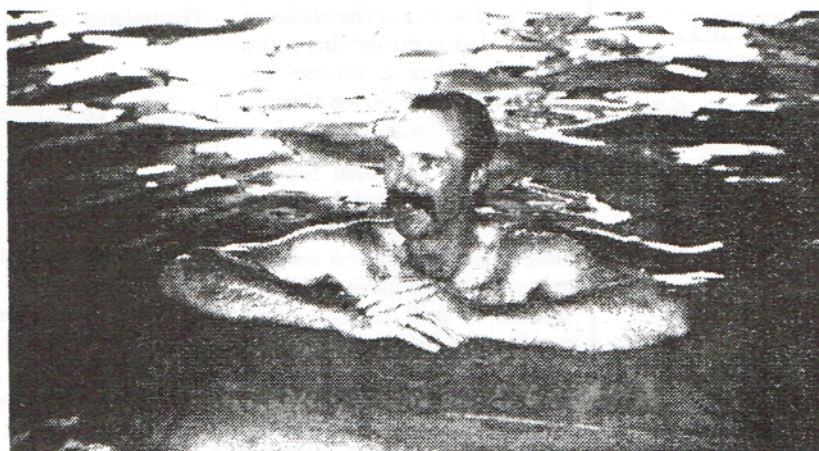
Children will be able to walk bare feet over the steppingstones or rustle through the leaves, float things on water, wander through the maze or just sit quietly and smell the lavender, herbs or scented ground covers. Whatever the activity all are valuable to develop the childrens senses.

Well done to all those involved. What a great environment for our children to grow and learn.

Paul Sadler Swim School



**We care about
your child's safety.**



*Shire President
Cr. Bill Ronald
after a lap of honour*

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Emphasis is on safety and enjoyment.

This 2 hour session is only \$20.00 per week.

Weekly sessions commence:-

10am. - 12 noon Tuesdays March 16th., 1993.

8pm. - 10pm. Wednesdays March 17th., 1993

5pm. - 7pm. Fridays March 19th, 1993

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CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT BANNER IS 29th. March 1993.

GET WELL

The Beaconsfield Progress Association wish the following people a speedy recovery George Armitage, and our secretary Bill Whitehead.

BIRTHS

Thomas James Gubbins was born on 12th December. Congratulations to Bernadette and Matthew.



While everyone else was celebrating the coming of the new year Denise & Gary Watkins celebrated New Years Eve with the safe arrival of Sam Charles Watkins.



WELCOME TO BEACONSFIELD

Peg & Glen Sago
Jean Hore

TRACTOR PULLING. WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?



"OUTLAW"
Powered by
350 c. i. Chev.
Owned by
Kevin Jobling
Quambatook.

The Beaconsfield Football Club will stage the Tooheys Classic Bitter Tractor Pull at Akoonah Park, Berwick, on Sunday 21st March.

The first thing you will ask is "What does a Tractor Pull? The competing Modified Tractors pull a weight transfer machine or sled down a 100 metre track. The sled which resembles a flat bed semi-trailer has a box on top with a steel skid pan at the front, weighs approximately 22 tonne, with the box weighing 14 tonne.

At the commencement of a pull, the weight box is situated at the rear of the sled and as the sled is pulled down the track, the box is moved forward through a series of drive trains and transmissions.

The further the sled moves, the further the weight box is transferred to the front of the sled, transferring the weight overcomes the power of the tractor to pull the sled and comes to a halt. When this occurs, the tractor is unhooked and the distance of the pull is measured. So the objectives of Tractor Pulling are simple; To pull an ever increasing load further down the track than anyone else in the same class.

Tractors will travel from all parts of Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales to compete at this exciting event to be staged locally. With names like "Cobra", "Cannie Cruncher", "Flat Stick", "Half Crazy", "Rotary Hoe", and "Track Rat".

They will converge on Akoonah Park to compete for over \$10,000 in prizemoney, trophies and tow money. Other events planned on the day

include, ski diving, Car displays, carnival attractions, static displays and a special appearance by the Army with a leopard tank.

The action gets underway at 10.00 am following the Official Opening by the Mayor of the City of Berwick, Councillor Trevor Smith. Entry Fees are \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children (under 14), \$25.00 Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children). Full catering will be provided.

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