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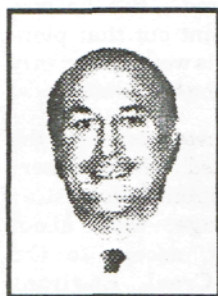
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Shire of
Pakenham

What's Happening at Council

by Shire of Pakenham Councillor Ted Owen.



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Re-Locatable Child Care Centre at Beaconsfield Primary School.

The Management agreement between the Shire of Pakenham and the Beaconsfield Primary School Council has been approved by Council at its last meeting.

Council is proceeding with the construction of a relocatable Child Care Facility on the Beaconsfield Primary School site on an area loaned from the Ministry of Education. The management of the building relies on an agreement between the two parties to ensure effective and smooth running of the facility.

Berwick - Beaconsfield Road Name Change.

Beaconsfield Progress Association requested Council to retain the name Princes Highway. However Council officers believe it would be incorrect to designate the road as a Highway as it now has no Highway status. Council

Beaconsfield Progress Association and discussions are also to take place with City of Berwick.

Cardinia Creek- Linear Park Meeting

Riding Councillors attended the Cardinia Creek - Linear Park Meeting and pledged to give support to affected landholders to ensure that there is no Planning blights affecting the area and that Landholders are adequately compensated.

Council is committed to the concept of a regional park and sees it as essential public open space in the South East Corridor which is expected to contain over 300,000 people.

As a result of this meeting, Council has requested Mr. John Senior from Melbourne Water to address Council at 4.00 pm. on Monday 19th April '93, in relation to the proposal to create a linear Park along the Cardinia Creek.

"NOBODY IS TO BE FORCED OFF THEIR PROPERTY.".....

Says the Hon. Mr. Rob Maclellan MLA Member for Pakenham and current state Government Minister of Planning, about plans for Cardinia Creek environs to be turned into a 'Regional Park'.

Not since the Very Fast Train was derailed by Federal Government in 1991 has there been such an emotive local issue as the new Regional Park. Worried land owners packed out the function room of the Cardinia Hotel on Wednesday evening 24th March for a meeting to clarify their concerns. The Melbourne Water Authority plans to

claim an area of the Cardinia Creek from the Reservoir in the North to Thompsons Road in the South to form a "Jells Park" style regional park.

Booklets and questionnaires have now been circulated to most of the landowners in the proposed park area inviting their public comment on the plans. Of most concern to landowners is the question of compulsory acquisition, their future rights and future quality of life if they choose to remain. The questionnaire has to be returned by a deadline of 30th April, 1993.

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" TALKING HISTORY "

With Mr. Bruce Adamson & Mrs Kath Clarke



At the Beaconsfield Community Centre
On Wednesday 28th April, 1993. From 7.30pm onwards

This informal evening is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the "the days gone by" from the residents who lived here. This is a fantastic night for old and new residents alike, to share stories and ask questions.

Organised by the Beaconsfield Progress Association. There

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The meeting on the 24th March was chaired by Mr. John McNeil of Beaconsfield and was heavily attended by guest speakers from the State Government, Melbourne Water, Shire of Pakenham and City of Berwick. John Senior, planning Manager of Parks and Waterways for Melbourne Water emphasized that no boundaries were set for the Park. (A preferred zone has been established only as a result of the Cardinia Creek Environs Study which took two years to complete.) Both previous and current State Government were committed to forming a regional park of some kind along the Cardinia Creek. A buffer zone had first to be established around the linear park and this could take up to 20 years to complete.

All the Authorities concerned were now wanting to form a new consultative committee straight away from interested groups to 'test the water' on public opinion.

The Hon Mr. Rob Maclellan said he had a dual role in all of this as Planning Minister and Member of Pakenham.

In his opinion the former Cardinia Creek Environs Study Group went too far in their deliberations and he criticized them for not once consulting him during the 2 years of their study. The 'liquidity' of Melbourne Water was almost as bad as the financial position of the State Government he quipped and in no way are they going to rush in and buy out all landowners to create a park. Nor does he consider that indiscriminate planning should proceed at the expense of the

REGIONAL PARK FOR CARDINIA CREEK



Minister steps in.

Thanks to Ben Johnston of Beaconsfield for this cartoon Well Done !

local landowners. Mr. MacLellan's message to Melbourne Water was to have the whole plan 'trimmed back'. He urged landowners to have their say in the future planning consultations and take part in it.

Mr. Robert Dean MLA, Member for Berwick, said he knew of people who had been badly hurt over the indecision in the planning process for the park. It is now important that these decisions be brought to a head quickly. Mr. Dean explained that under the new Liberal State Government compensation would be more carefully looked at. In the consultation process it was most important that residents concerns should be channelled back to him to deal with.

From Pakenham Shire, Councillor Mr. Ted Owen confirmed that his Council was very much in favour of this new park but yet had concerns for landowners who maybe affected.

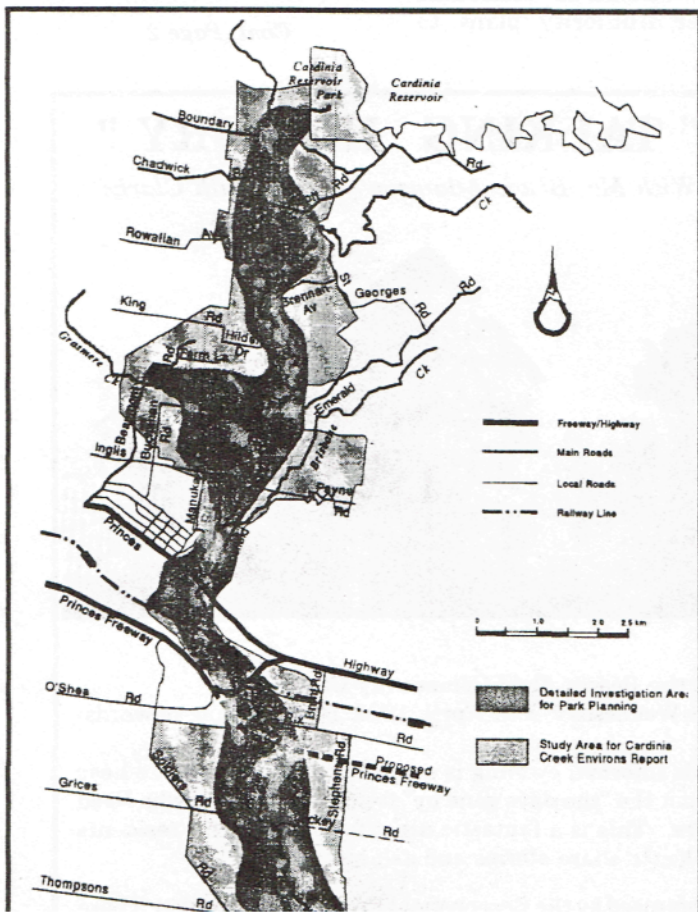
Mr. Neil Lucas, Chief Executive of the City of Berwick emphasized that his Council supports the concept of the park. Some 400,000 people were expected to reside in this area of the South Eastern Growth corridor. His Council had already moved that planning of this park be speeded up.

Mr. Don Jackson from the Shire of Pakenham, said that his Council had urged Melbourne Water to speed up their plans. The Shire has no problems with details emerg-

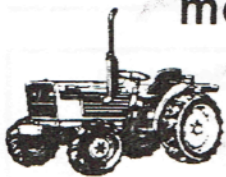
Active and passive recreation would be enjoyed in the new park and horse trails would be considered. But he was quick to point out that planning controls would be strictly applied on the Pakenham side.

Written questions from the floor included.. why was there not more public information at this stage, what about horsetrails, access to the Cardinia Creek Environs Study, the core area of the park, acquisition plans, landowners having a say on the new consultative committee, future selling rights and compensation, the meaning of 'innovative solutions', restricting the park only to the North of the highway, the financial impact on Melbourne Water in setting up the Park, lining the Creek with Concrete, time limit on questionnaire and developers involvement in wanting the park. In answering these many questions Mr. Rob Maclellan said that the Cardinia Creek Environs Study was not available for Public scrutiny only because it would give rise to unwarranted speculation and concern at such an early planning stage.

On the question of acquisition of land John Senior said that there would be no compulsory acquisition. The Hon. Mr. Rob MacLellan reinforced this statement by saying that **AUTHORITIES CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SELL BUT NO ONE IS GOING TO BE THROWN OFF THEIR PROPERTY, NOBODY IS GOING TO BE**



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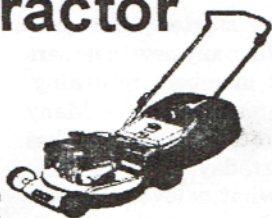


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By Ted Horton



For many of us in Beaconsfield, the first months of 1993 have been a bit of a struggle. Business is slow, many Government services are being cut, money is tight and job security may be uncertain.

On the positive side however isn't it wonderful to see how many generous people in our midst willingly volunteer their time for the benefit of their fellow community members. Perhaps in hard times people volunteer all the more as a diversion from the doom and gloom. Getting together and helping one another is always very satisfying.

Praise should go to those Red Cross callers, those that collect for the school on the election time cake stall, Rosemarie Steiner that represented Beaconsfield as Yakkerboo Princess, local

traders that supported Rosemarie, John Baker of Willows Nursery for beautifying his end of town, Scout and Guide leaders who are helping shape our future generation, people raising money for our Football, all those that turn out to working bees, those members of the Beaconsfield Volunteer Fire Brigade and last but not least our three Riding Councillors that put in so much time in supporting community interests and concerns.

It is quite clear that although we often whinge about lack of support for certain community activities, there is in fact no end of people 'giving' their time week in and week out for the benefit of our community. LONG MAY IT CONTINUE.

APOLOGY

The Editor and sub-committee responsible for the publishing of the Banner newspaper apologise for the incorrect headline announcing the death of Mr. Geoffrey Whitehead in the February edition.

"NOBODY IS TO BE FORCED OFF THEIR PROPERTY."..... Cont from Page 2.

Landowners were openly encouraged to participate on the new consultative committee. John Senior said that any compensation pay out will be assessed on value as if no park were planned. Rating values may be adjusted up or down in the future. Drop in values may attract some compensation from Melbourne Water in the future. And 'yes' the deadline for the return of the questionnaire may be extended, as no decisions on the findings will be made before the end of May.

Questioning from the floor, Mr. John Byron asked about the different planning policies of Berwick to Pakenham. Mr. Rob MacLellan suggested that planning rules would come into line the same which-

ever side of the Creek Park that you lived in.

On a question of timing, Mr. John Senior stated that the next Study Report would be made public in August and then allow 3 months for public comment, after which it will go to the Minister for ratification.

Following on from question and answers the guest speakers were thanked for their attendance and duly left the meeting. Mr. John Hobbs, convenor, and Mr. John McNeil, chairman, then took on the task of establishing a steering committee of concerned landowners. It was moved that a committee of 10 be established and that they represent the different regions from North to South.



Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

P.O. Box 2 Beaconsfield. Ph. 707 3449



Sue Bailey

We would like to introduce Sue Bailey as our Office Co-ordinator. Already Sue has been busy meeting the people of our centre and she is happy to help with any enquiries you may have. Welcome to the Community Centre Sue.

AEROBICS, KEYBOARD SKILLS, CRAFTS, CHILD CARE AND MORE!

We have it all at the Beaconsfield Community Centre. Whether you are interested in taking up that Craft course you always wanted or getting ready to go back to work, we have courses that may interest you.

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If you are thinking of returning to work we are offering a **KEYBOARD SKILLS** course (the basic skills), and a **RESUME WRITING** session. There is no charge for these courses so this is a wonderful opportunity - book early.

Have you ever wanted to learn the few simple steps to be able to speak confidently in front of others and to communicate your ideas more clearly either

at work, in your private life or in the community then the **"SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE"** course we are offering at night will be for you.

Want to get fit? We are offering **LOW INTENSITY AEROBICS** for the first time.

Other courses and activities at the centre include **TAI CHI**, **PLAYGROUP** (2 sessions per week), **TOY LIBRARY** and the **ARTIST GROUP** which meet once a week. The centre also has two **3 YEAR OLD PRE-KINDER** sessions. Ann Gaunt, Childcare directoress runs these 2 hour sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

There is also a 3 hour **OCCASIONAL CARE** session for children 3 months and up, on Tuesday afternoon. Permanent or casual bookings are taken. Give yourself a well deserved break!

Now don't forget the **MIDWAY GROUP** for the over 50's. A variety of activities and outings are enjoyed by all. If you are new to the Beaconsfield area or have recently retired, this is a great group to join.

Want to know more? The term programmes have been distributed throughout Beaconsfield. If you haven't received your programme you can pick one up from the Post Office or Milk Bar or call into the centre. Any enquiries please don't hesitate to give Sue a ring at the Beaconsfield Community Centre on (03) 707 3449. Look forward to meeting you.

Sue Bailey

ENROLMENT WEEK 26th - 30th April.

Come to the centre and enrol for Term 2 courses.
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If you want more information? We will have displays and information sheets available.

**** If you have missed enrolment week and you are interested in a course offered please still ring the centre we may have vacancies, but to avoid disappointment enrolling during enrolment week is suggested.**

MIDWAY NEWS -

this month written by Iris E.

We have started our year well with many new members and old members returning. It is great to see. Many thanks to Dorothy who makes each birthday quite an occasion. What a lovely day we had at Doreens with a B.B.Q. and to be shown over the coach house was very interesting.

Each Monday it is quite a get together with carpet bowls and other small games that everyone can join in. Thanks to Joan and George Armitage for their donation and letter. We sincerely hope their health improves and that they will



be able to join us soon.

A very enjoyable day was had by everyone at Geelong. The shells are interesting and the garden will soon be restored to some of its former glory. Gwen does so much for these trips to go well, so don't stop Gwen we all enjoy them so much.

Many more trips are on the agenda, so come and join us at the Midway Group. Monday afternoon 1 - 3pm. at the Beaconsfield Community Centre.



Some of the Midway Group at Kennilworth Coach House.

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ROSEMARIE STEINER ENJOYED YAKKERBOO.

The evening of Friday 26th March, ready for the Yakkerboo Ball, Rosemarie Steiner looked stunning. Her hair had been done by the staff at Reflection Hairdressing Salon and make-up had been donated by Len of Keogh's Pharmacy.

Rosemarie, together with the other princesses, participated in the Parade at Pakenham on Sunday.

Thankyou to Rosemarie for representing Beaconsfield.



Rosemarie Steiner looked stunning at the Yakkerboo Ball.

LETTERS

To the President of the Progress Association,

I would like to thankyou and the rest of the association for helping pay for the dry cleaning (of dress) and organising everything else for the ball.

Thanks for the support during the festival too. I did have fun at the ball and even though I didn't win, I still enjoyed the rest of the night and I'm happy for the new queen Carli James. Thanks again for everything.

Your sincerely

Rosemarie Steiner.

THE SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL 1993

That time of year has come around again when collectors are required to raise money for the worthy Salvation Army Annual Appeal. It is more important than ever that all household in the area are visited by collectors. The demands on the Salvation Army resources are more than ever this year.

A team of about eight collec

Dear Editor

Remembering a letter sent into the BANNER last year about the poor unfortunate horse in the paddock between Wood St. and Railway Ave. I see there is another horse there headed for the same smelly patch of mud the last horse died in. There is very little grass and winter will soon be with us.

Shouldn't there be some sort of law against keeping animals in such small confined areas? The horse should be on agistment with adequate land. Or do we all wait again until the RSPCA are involved again?

Name & Address Supplied

Dear Ed.

I live on the south side of the Highway and am having problems with cats.

Cats fight outside my bedroom window at nightswaking us up, dig in the garden and knock plants off the shelves in my plant shed.

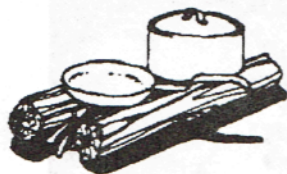
I would like Cat owners to keep their cats in their own place and lock them up at night where they will not



BEACONSFIELD SCOUTING & GIRL GUIDES NEWS



BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP



February and March has been a very active time for the group. During this time the large new equipment storage shed behind the main hall has been finished and fitted out with lighting and a solid concrete floor. All this has been achieved through voluntary labour (some would say slave labour).

Visitors to the Scout Hall will notice another improvement in the colour co-ordinated paint job recently done to match the community centre.

Beside the work done on improving the scout property, much effort has gone into organising and running camp activities with the Inverloch weekend at the end of February and the Canoe Hike on the Mitchell River on March 20th and 21st. The Inverloch camp was a district camp jointly attended by Toomuc and Dandenong, with over 100 youth members. Not only was it wet in the water but was wet out as well. However it was a 'happy camp' with everyone sharing in a good time, except for Beaconsfield Leader Nicole De Hamer. While her back was turned (in the shower block) someone stole her car. Miraculously it was discovered later, quite undamaged in the Beaconsfield Leaders tent!!

The Canoe Hike was equally as wet but warm. The rapids thrilled the novice canoeists. Nobody was injured on the trip however the canoes returned quite damaged. Thanks must go to District Scout Leader Roly Penglase for helping organise both camps.

Members of the Scout Group and families attended and helped clear up, by arrangement, the grounds of Akoonah Park after the recent Beaconsfield Football Club Tractor Pull. The money raised from this effort will go toward paying camp fees and registration.



The AGM of 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group was held on Monday 22nd March. It was well attended and a full compliment of Office Bearers were duly elected.

The Cub Scout section recently attended the Founders Day Service held this year at St. Michaels Church, Berwick. The section have also taken to the water at the Paul Sadler Swim School. A number of cubs gained their Swimming badges. It was also an opportunity to train for the forthcoming District Swimming Sports. Another activity which they have to get 'the wheels in motion' for is their Billy Cart Derby, to be held on Sunday April 4th. Fine tuning of wheels and steering is earnestly in progress (at the time of writing).

The group congratulates Bushy Miles and Ken Miller for successfully completing their stage 3 leadership training. Anne Vyverberg has also completed her Pack Holiday training.

Next on the list of activities for the Scouts is the Stradbroke Cup Easter Competition camp to be held at Gilwell. The boys are very much looking forward to this. We hope to be able to report on this in the next issue of the Banner.

GUIDES AND BROWNIES NEWS

Even though the weather has been a bit dicey in the last few months, we have not been deterred from enjoying the great outdoors. In this edition of the banner I will cover the Pack Holiday and please make sure that you have next months Banner to hear how the Guides went on their camps at Bear Gully and French Island.

Thirteen Brownies went to Tynong North on Brownie Camp and they had a marvellous time. This weekend started on Friday night with everyone arriving at about 7.00pm. Brownie Ring was opened and once beds were allotted and bags stored the leaders Possum (Liz Ashley) and Joey (Jenny Edwards) introduced all their helpers Silvana (Dawn Nadarajah) who is qualified to take Pack Holidays, Butterfly (Barbara Paton) as First Aider, Emu (Mellisa Ridgeway) Quartermaster Kangaroo (Kaye Johnston) Assistant Quartermaster, Echidna (Chris Hamill) General Assistant.

Saturday dawned with showers at intervals so the girls did crafts with native things that they had collected, stamping, glueing etc. to create a cup, saucer and box to store precious things in. They also sketched a picture of Alceringa (the building they stayed in). Lunch was a delicious affair of sandwiches made to suit

the girls taste. In the afternoon everyone walked the short trip to Mill Valley and witnessed some disabled children having a turn horse riding. Afternoon tea of scones was followed by an intense session of knots and compass, broken with walks on a rope bridge. Emu will always be welcome on any camp that I attend as she produced for dinner no less than roast followed by pavlova. Next came the fashion parade of night attire with a very strange compere, and a teddy parade with rotating compere, the laughter I am sure is still resounding around the building.

The Sunday was a quieter time as we all shared in Guides Own and the Promise Ceremony of Joey (but not before she walked the rope bridge). We had damper for morning tea and packed already to go home. After a sausage sizzle with the parents for lunch we said our goodbyes. For all the fun the girls had they passed lots of badges on the way. Everyone passed Artist and House orderly, the girls who had not already passed their Cooks badge passed, and those who had did their First Aid.

The waiting list is now open for girls names. Please telephone Mrs. B. Paton on 707 5942 for more information.

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Coastwalk Australia, Progress Report.



Ross Machar, Brother of Melva Behr of Mavis Avenue, Beaconsfield, is making good progress on his walk around the Coast of Australia. Having spent time recently walking around the muddy shores of Westernport Bay, Ross has now quickened his pace along the Southern Ocean edge to Ninety Mile Beach. Ross had to seek special permission and assistance to walk around Wilsons Promontory and says he is enjoying the open sandy beaches.

During his walk, Ross is raising money for charity. Watch out for his interesting report booklets that are for sale. Keep up the good work Ross.



Ross Machar

BEACONSFIELD'S AMBASSADOR TO AFRICA.

Written by Sue De Hamer with reference and extracts from Pauls' Diary and letters.)

Paul De Hamer seems to have seen lots that is to see in Zimbabwe after only two short months.

A two day trip in the Hwange National Park was a highlight to remember. There to greet him in camp before any 'hunting' was a wart-hog, zebra and giraffe. Once the party had set out looking for game, they came across a large group of baboons and a male and female lion. The male lion gave a 'mock' charge at the travelling vehicle the party was in. Later that day, a herd of about fifty elephants passed by.

Paul has also visited a local vineyard which he found very interesting and a cattle auction. The Hillside Dams are not too far away from school and are a beautiful area to visit. Paul has sighted squirrel in the parklands. On one occasion, when visiting the dams, he had no option but to walk an extra long distance home, wearing his school shoes

(not nice comfortable sneakers). It was not long before the blisters appeared on his heels, then they began to 'pop'. So Paul had to barefoot it all the way home - "... like the Zims' do, and mate they don't make roads like back home, these ain't meant for walking on." So I guess some sort of lesson was learnt here. At least he didn't get lost this time.

And yes, the fishing reel did arrive much to Pauls enjoyment, but a trip on the Zambeze River did not net much in the way of fish.

Paul has given two informal talks to Rotary members and has also participated in a Ceremonial Service with the local Scout group to commemorate "Thinking Day"

He is to visit Capetown for a few days in June and a visit to Victoria Falls is in the future list of activities.



Beaconsfield Fire Brigade had its biennial elections at its meeting on the

6th of April. The results are as follows: Captain - Ron Woodfine 1st Lieutenant - Matt Di Carlo 2nd Lieutenant - Bob MacPherson 3rd Lieu-

tenant - Don Tye Secretary - Bob Burgess Treasurer - Jenny Tye Communications Officer - Bev Burgess Crew Leaders - Martin Bulle & Michael Ott

If you are interested in the Fire Brigade, call in any Sunday after 10 a.m. Males and females 18 and over are eligible to join as volunteers.

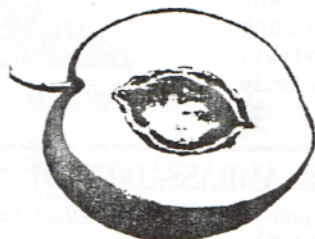
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Riding locally to Carrum, Cannons Creek or Clematis

on Sunday mornings is our normal routine. The group has varied in numbers from two to ten. If low impact exercise and good company appeals then 7 am at Beacy Railway Station on a Sunday is the place to be.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BIKE!!

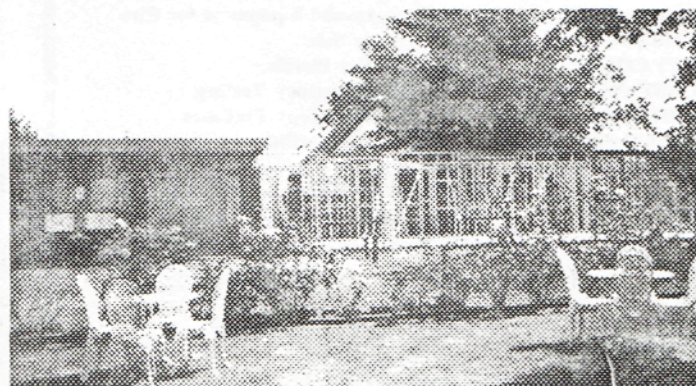
EXTENSIONS BEGIN AT BEACONSFIELD LODGE MOTEL.

Beaconsfield Lodge Motel, located in Souter Street in the centre of Beaconsfield, is undergoing major extensions and renovations.

Work began in early February on Phase 1 with the construction of four additional executive units, including a two bedroom suite for up to six people. Phase 2 will see the replacement of the existing facades of the units with new colonial style facades. As each unit is remodelled, the interiors will be renovated and refurbished. The construction work has been carefully planned so as not to interfere with the convenience and comfort of the guests. It is business as usual during the four months it will take to complete the extensions and renovations.

The original motel was built

in 1969 and has been owned and operated by Robin and Kathleen Best for the past ten years. It is a member of the Budget Motel Chain which has over 500 independently owned and operated member motels in Australia and New Zealand. Budget members aim to offer guests a high standard of accommodation at a reasonable price. During the time Robin and Kathleen have owned the motel, they have consistently sought to improve the standard of accommodation and service offered to guests at Beaconsfield Lodge. One of the greatest assets of the motel is its quiet off highway location in a delightful garden setting. Guests are assured of a peaceful night's sleep away from the noise of the highway traffic, friendly service and the "BEST" accommodation in Beaconsfield.



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Peter Hansen

Let your thoughts drift to a small world of almost perfection. A population in perfect health of teeth and bones. No doctors, hospitals, police, crime, dentists, only friendship to all and a sharing of life's necessities. Where, when people die of genuine old age, they are usually 100 years old or more, with teeth intact and eyesight the envy of all of us in this "advanced" society.

Sounds too good to be true doesn't it? But such a place does exist, but for how much longer, doubt does creep in. I'm speaking of the HUNZA people; those who have existed for centuries remote from the outside world in a hidden valley at the western end of the Himalayas, near the borders of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Russia and China.

Their long period of peace and harmony has only recently been breached, with the creation of a road into their wonderful isolation.

Hunza's are vegetarians, and have lived well on whole grains, vegetables, fruit, milk (unpasteurized), butter and very little meat and alcohol. Their drinking water is pure snowfields melt, cold and uncontaminated. Their grains are very coarsely ground to retain all the goodness.

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Hunza men usually outlive their women by an average of 5 years (just the reverse of Western societies), and this is put down to the hard physical life of the men who carry the main provider burden.

Into the late 1970's, Hunza's health was still very good inspite of the intrusion of the outside world, and the establishment of a well known "chain" hotel.

Cancer is still unknown, although some evidence of tooth decay in the young are becoming evident.

Hunzans are now selling more and more of their apricot crops for rupees, replacing them with imported vegetable oils. They are consuming more sugar, salt, black tea and tobacco, the obvious forerunner to the more western disease conditions. Their hard but simple lives, living in stone houses kept them in perfect health for so many centuries - and then a road was built. We can learn from their ways before they disappear, and apply their hard won wisdom to our lives, even if it is only in a small way. If we don't then surely the phrase "Paradise Lost" will have a meaning we really don't wish to know.



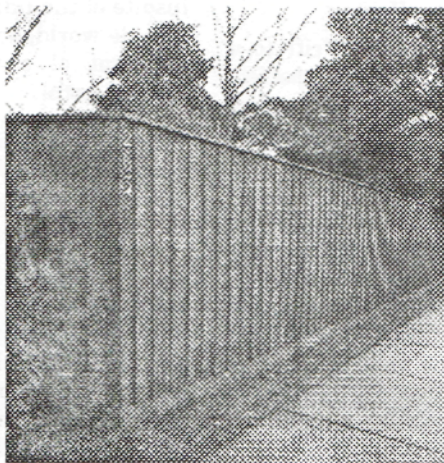
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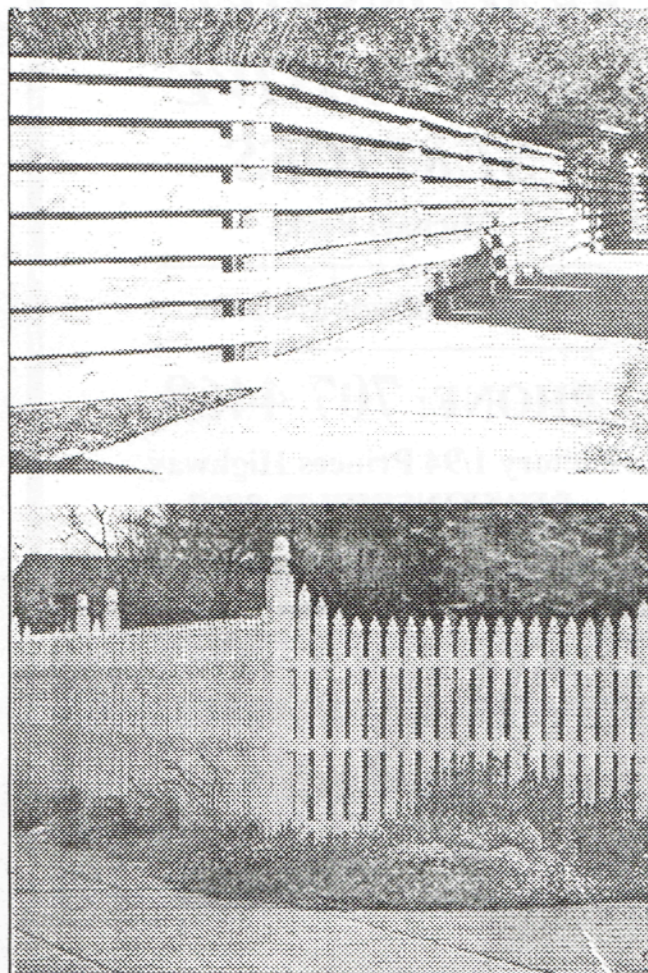
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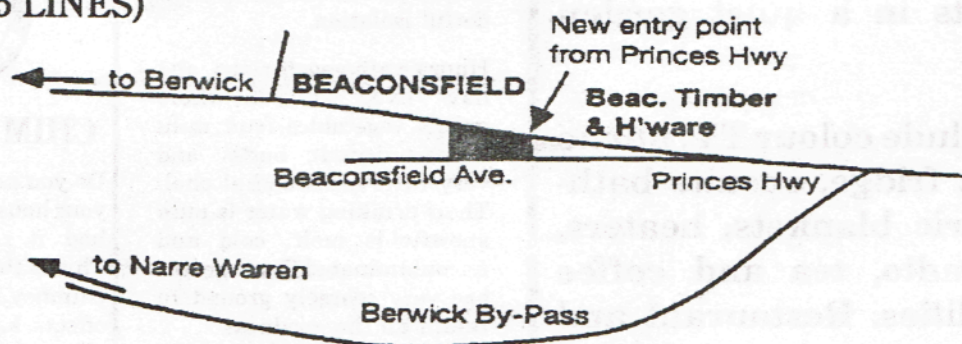
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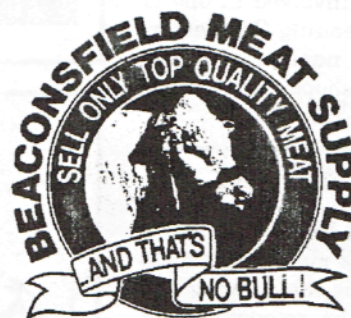
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28th April

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.
"Talking History" evening

8th May

Beaconsfield State School Fete

4th May (Craft Day) Beac. Com. Centre.

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9th May

* Mothers Day *

23rd May

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25th May (Craft Day) Beac. Com. Centre.

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RECIPE CORNER

Since there is an abundance of tomatoes around at the moment, here's a delicious way to use them.

TOMATO CHUTNEY (Microwave)

INGREDIENTS

750g (1½lbs) tomatoes (skinned and quartered)

250g (8oz) onions, finely chopped

¾ cup brown sugar

1 teaspn salt

½ teaspn cayenne pepper

¾ cup sultanas

1 teaspn ground mixed spice

1¼ cups malt vinegar

METHOD

1. Place all the ingredients in large bowl, cover and cook on HIGH for 35-45 minutes or until thickened, stirring every 10 minutes.

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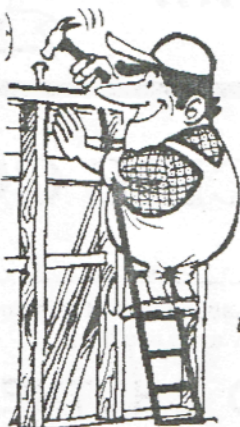
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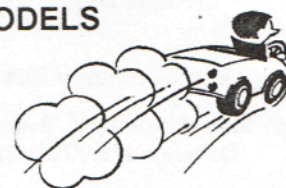
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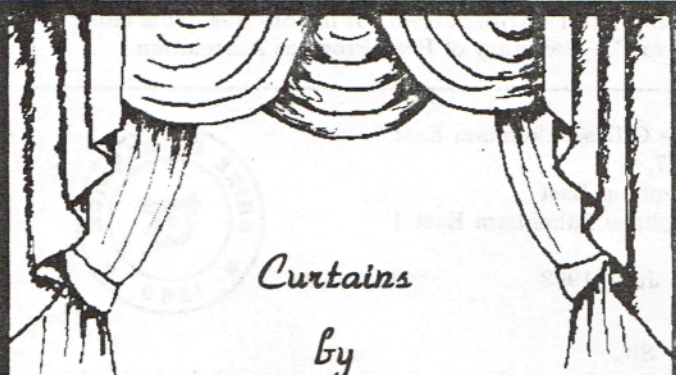
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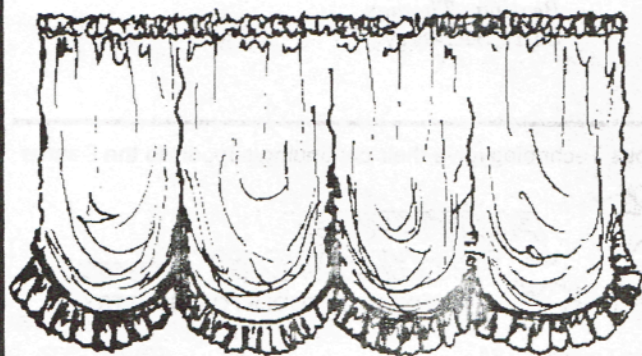
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THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE BEACONSFIELD INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

Written by Peggy Dundas.



Above Vice Pres. Allison Lack with Michelle and President Peggy Dundas (in the late 60's)

I often pass the Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Infant Welfare Centre and think what an attractive building it is, set in such a lovely situation with a well laid garden and ample outdoor equipment for the children to play on.

Inside the building is just as pleasing, light and airy, a very stimulating environment for the children to take their first steps in learning, leading up to their first years at school.

When I first came to Beaconsfield there was no Kindergarten or Infant Welfare Centre and the mothers had to take their babies to the Berwick Infant Welfare Centre and young children to pre-school (as it was known) there, however, when the children arrived at pre-school they found it already over-crowded and some had no chance of getting in.

Quoting from a local paper at the time, a pre-school official said, "It is coming to the stage when Beaconsfield will need a pre-school because of the large number of children coming from Beaconsfield and Officer."

The difficulty of Beaconsfield building a pre-school was one of finance and the need to raise £1700 before qualifying for a government grant. It seemed an insurmountable task because this was such an exorbitant amount to us; it was almost beyond the realms of possibility!

In 1962, however, the Berwick Shire was approached by local residents in Beaconsfield to establish an Infant Welfare Centre in one of the rooms in the local hall situated near the Central Hotel (in fact, directly opposite the grocers).

Through the efforts of Councillor Kilvington, the then Berwick Shire President, a meeting was called to discuss the possibility of establishing an Infant Welfare Centre at Beaconsfield. In September 1962 The Infant Welfare Centre was opened in one of the cloakrooms of the Beaconsfield Hall with Sister Paterson visiting one morning a week.

The facilities were very basic, no heating for the mothers and their babies waiting in the hall to see the sister; there was a radiator in the sister's room.

In the first year of operation, there was 455 visits by district mothers and there were thirty one babies attending.

The committee finished their first year with to quote "a tidy bank balance of £56-18/3 (fifty six pounds, eighteen shillings and threepence) The Building fund also had a tidy sum of £20-19/6 (twenty pounds, nineteen shillings and sixpence)." We were very pleased with ourselves!

We were faced, however, with a big job if we were to persuade the Council to buy a suitable site and later on to raise the necessary £2,000 to get a government grant towards the building of an Infant Welfare Centre and later on, a pre-school.

The rest is history and our objective was achieved through the efforts of a small and very dedicated committee and the generosity of local residents who supported our fundraising activities with whatever money they could afford to give.

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST.

Another letter retrieved from our history files. This letter was sent to The Secretary of Beac Progress Association.

Shire Office Pakenham East
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16th July, 1963



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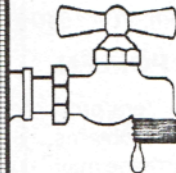
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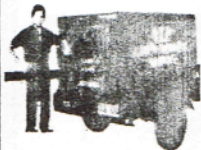


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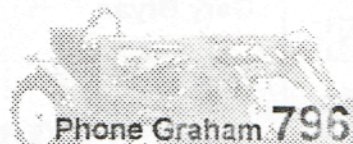
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