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Shire of
Pakenham

What's Happening at Council

by Shire President Councillor Peter Meeking.



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COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 1993/94

Grants have been allocated to many community organisations within Beaconsfield to enable those groups to purchase necessary equipment as well as assist with additional improvements.

RATES 93/94

Council was able to hold its rate increase to 0.6% which was difficult but a pleasing result. Pakenham Council's rates continue to be one of the lowest rates of all our neighbouring Councils.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

Sir Rupert Hamer recently launched the 'adopted' Shire of Pakenham Environmental Strategy. A volunteer team of some 120 persons from all parts of the Shire, ably led by project officer Sue Harris, are to be congratulated on a wonderful achievement. Now it is time to implement the strategy's aims. Sue Harris will be doing this over the next year or so.

CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN

I would like to wish the residents of the Shire of Pakenham a very joyous Christmas and we look forward to a safe and Happy New Year.

*Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New Year*

A SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT "CAROLS BY THE CREEK"

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19th. 8pm.

Once again "Carols by the Creek" will be held in Beaconsfield at the new Reserve park near Princes Highway bridge (behind the shops). In addition to the community singing the well loved carols (traditional and modern), guest artists and young people from local youth organisations will take part.

A feature for the younger children will be an "Animal Farm" and a Christmas procession in which "shepherds" and "angels" will accompany Mary and Joseph to the Manger Scene.

Printed Carols sheets will be supplied. Bring your own candles (and matches) also folding seats or rugs.



This should be a wonderful community event. We hope you, your family and friends will join us for this Christmas celebration.

Rev. Fred Rudd.

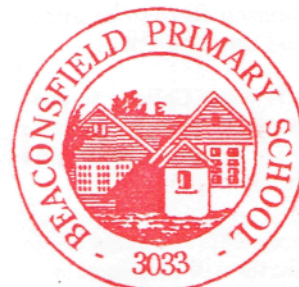
GARDENS AWARDS

On Friday the 3rd of December, 54 people travelled by bus to the Treasury Gardens for the "State Garden Awards", presented by Kevin Heinz and Jane Edmonson. There was lots of activities to do.

First the encouragement awards were presented, the regional winners were announced, then the State winners. Beaconsfield Primary School won the largest division - Division 3. We received a plaque and \$800 dollars worth of garden supplies. Each child received a sachet of

Osmocote Plus and had a photo in the Pakenham Gazette.

Report by Erin O'Sullivan and Natalie Graham Year 4 students from Beaconsfield Primary School.



'CINDERS' ON STAGE AT BONFIRE NIGHT.

Cinderella and her Hairy Godmother were but a small part of the entertainment on Monday night November 1st.

The Committee of the Progress Association were pleased about how successful the evening was. A howling gale preceeded the night and floods followed after, but miraculously, weather conditions were perfect during the proceedings.

The Association would like to publicly thank all those that gave their time and talents to make the evening go so well.

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade deserve special thanks. Without their services the evening would not have been possible.

The number of people that attended the Bonfire night may have been down on previous years but it was evident that all those that came had a good time. The Progress Association will most definitely hold it again in 1994 and any community organisation or persons wanting to participate in it should contact the Progress Association.

CARDINIA CREEK PARK MEETING

(reported by K. Goodman)

On Wednesday 24th November approx. 50 people attended a public information evening on the Proposed Park Discussion Paper No. 2., released in October.

Issues discussed related to Beaconsfield were :

- The paper is related to Park boundaries not its future use.
- Future use will develop following community discussion.

- The area behind Beaconsfield shops will develop following discussions between Shire of Pakenham and Beaconsfield Progress Association.

- Clarification of pathway alignment behind Wood Street homes is required.

- A small amount of flood prone private land to the north of Adamson Road to be incorporated into the Park.

- Haileybury College to purchase all of private grazing land between railway and Highway.

- Beaconsfield Retarding Basin boundaries will remain as is.

- A walking track will be constructed on the south side of the creek within the Retarding Basin.

- The Beaconsfield Pistol Club may remain until future use of the Park is developed.

- Soldiers Road is the likely access to the Park and a small amount of parking places may be provided.

- Some land may be purchased on the West side of Thomas St. (off Kenilworth Ave).

- No land will be forcibly acquired.

- Any landowners wishing to sell immediately may do so.

- Total area of proposed park is 474 hectares of which 119 is existing public land - the remaining 355 hectares is mainly north and south of Beaconsfield and involves approx. 20 owners.

- Any submissions related to Discussion Paper No. 2., should be submitted by early December 1993.



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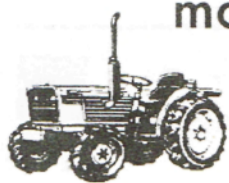
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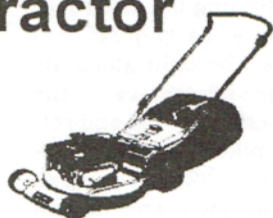


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Presidents Patter.

(Beaconsfield Progress Association)



From our Annual General Meeting we now have a new committee for 1993-1994. The Association welcomes Graham Baker as the new Correspondence Secretary. The other three new committee members Kath Clarke, Jan Irvine and Keith Goodman bring with them a wealth of local knowledge and expertise in areas of local affairs, history and social issues. The committee at this time wish Peter Aurisch well now that he has decided to step down. Peter's input last year and previous years has been enormous. We will miss him and his enthusiastic assistance on so many occasions.

1993 - 1994 will be a busy time for the Progress Association. The community will notice a lot of changes to our little town when the pres-

ures of population growth take effect. Hopefully the Progress Association can continue to be effective in supporting the views of the residents. We have been very successful in doing this in the past.

Whilst the committee of the Association is made up mostly of long time residents it is very important that we see newcomers to the area come to our public meetings too. It is essential that the interests of all groups are listened to and acted upon.

Infant and Child Welfare facilities are now quite well catered for in the town but similarly the needs for our more senior residents have to be attended to. As with so many communities, facilities are stretched to the limit. This appears to be happening already with our new community centre. Despite its size we hope the centre can continue to cater well for all sections of the community. The likelihood of another major public building in Beaconsfield still seems a long way off.

ALBIE JONES NO LONGER ENJOYS GOOD HEALTH

The Progress Association Committee are saddened to hear that Albie Jones no longer enjoys the good health that he has been used to in the past. We wish both Albie and Grace well for the future.

Albie in past years was a very

enthusiastic and energetic President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association. His friendliness and good sense of humour will long be remembered. We wish them well in coping at this time. If the Association can assist in any way, you know where to find us.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH??

If anybody is interested in helping to start neighbourhood watch in Beaconsfield please contact Graham Baker the Secretary of the Beaconsfield Progress Association on 796 1297 so that a meeting can be arranged.



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PLENTY PLANNED FOR 1994

(written by Sue Bailey)



Above:- Sue Bailey

As the year draws to a close, we have a little time amongst all the festivities, to reflect on the busy and successful year at the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

Many people have passed through the doors to learn new skills, meet old friends at groups and clubs, and to form new friendships.

The volunteers at the centre have kept the place running with their help and dedication we have been able to offer many new courses this year.

The programme for 1994 is now being finalised and I hope you find something of interest in it for you.

Some of the courses being offered are Basic Haircutting, Floral Arrangements, Raffia Hats, a follow up session or sessions on Aromatherapy and a repeat of the very popular Antique weekend workshop.

The following regular groups will also be meeting, China Painting, Patchwork, Tai Chi, Midway, Artists Group.

One session of Pre-Kinder (for 3 year olds) will meet on a Tuesday morning, together with 2 sessions of Occasional Care (open age) on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Two playgroup sessions will be offered on a Monday and Wednesday morning.

And lastly I would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

MIDWAY NEWS

(Written by Iris E)

Well what a great time has been had at the Midway Club lately in fact I think it should be renamed the 'Get up and Go Club'.

A pleasant evening was had by twenty one members at the Central Hotel in October, good food and good company.

Thanks must go to Peter and Tony for the hard work they put into the Bonfire night held on Cup Eve. They worked for weeks finding burnable material for a really great bonfire. Tony brought along his caravan and annexe so the ladies could sell tea and coffee and pikelets and be sheltered from the cold wind. Geoff had a tent and the men made delicious pancakes. Worla Begg made very delicious

pikelets.

Melbourne Cup Day was a wonderful success. Many thanks to Mr. Ross Chudleigh for donating the Cup. Mrs. Doris Chambers won it this first year and now her name has been proudly put on our cup shield. Who will win it next year? The ladies decorated the hall and the tables beautifully. Elsie's garden was robbed and all members brought something along for the feast. Everyone present had a marvellous day.

On December 1st we went to Dandenong TAFE College, for our Christmas dinner. Sounds like a big round of eating doesn't it?

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Linda Hansen

Mrs. Linda Hansen, former secondary school teacher, and wife of local Naturopath, Peter Hansen, has been awarded a singular honour by Deakin University.

Linda, who has just completed her second year at Deakin, towards a "Degree in Disability Studies", recently received an "OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARD", being one

of only two students to receive this prestigious recognition.

Coming on top of a "GORDON COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP" awarded late in 1992, her first year at Deakin, this latest and totally unexpected award caps two very successful years of study.

This latest award also brings with it an attendance at the "NATIONAL EUREKA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE", Ballarat University in February 1994, over 4 days as the representative of Deakin University to report on proceedings at the conference.

Family and friends are delighted with her success, but also know that many long hours of study, and a very restricted social life was the price paid. Congratulations Linda.

TRADING HOURS OUR SHOPS

Over the Christmas & New Year period many of the businesses will remain open to cater for the needs of Beaconsfield. These businesses wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

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LETTERS



To the Editor, Beaconsfield Banner.

On a recent stay at the Beaconsfield Lodge Motel, we found it a great place to stay friendly people, lovely clean rooms, easy access to rooms and the only motel we've ever stayed at in Australia with heated towel rails!

Congratulations to Robin & Kathie Best.

From Coralie and Eric Garvey, Maidstone.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

I must write to express my concern. During the last month or so, there seems to have been an upsurge of vandalism and reckless destruction of property in the town. The problem appears to be groups of young people with plenty of alcohol, on the streets.

Most, if not all, of them appear to be from out of town. The result is seen in broken shop windows, numerous smashed home windows, letterboxes, plants and trees. The streets are not safe for families to walk on Friday and Saturday nights. And next morning, empty beer cans and stubbies litter the main street.

Maybe the recent publicity and Police activity in Berwick have moved the problem on to Beaconsfield, but I say we can do without it, and hope something can be done to rid our rural town of this city pest.

Dear Sir,

I call your attention to an unsafe situation for pedestrians in Beaconsfield.

At the intersection of the Princes Hwy. and the Emerald-Beaconsfield Road, there is no footpath on the north side. Consequently walkers, horse riders, cyclists and particularly persons with prams, pushers or wheelchairs, must go out onto the carriageway.

Given the constant volume of traffic passing and making various turns, this situation is unacceptably dangerous.

An excellent footpath past the Hotel disappears abruptly at the corner. This requires construction of a short section of footway at road level. On the north corner, it is not possible to get off the road without climbing over a barrier or going some distance along it, in the path of traffic.

This path is the only reasonable access to Beaconsfield Park with its tennis courts, playground and sports ground; and also the popular market on Sundays. I suggest an inspection of the problem should bring a modification, so that people's and children's lives will no longer be put at unnecessary risk.

Yours faithfully,

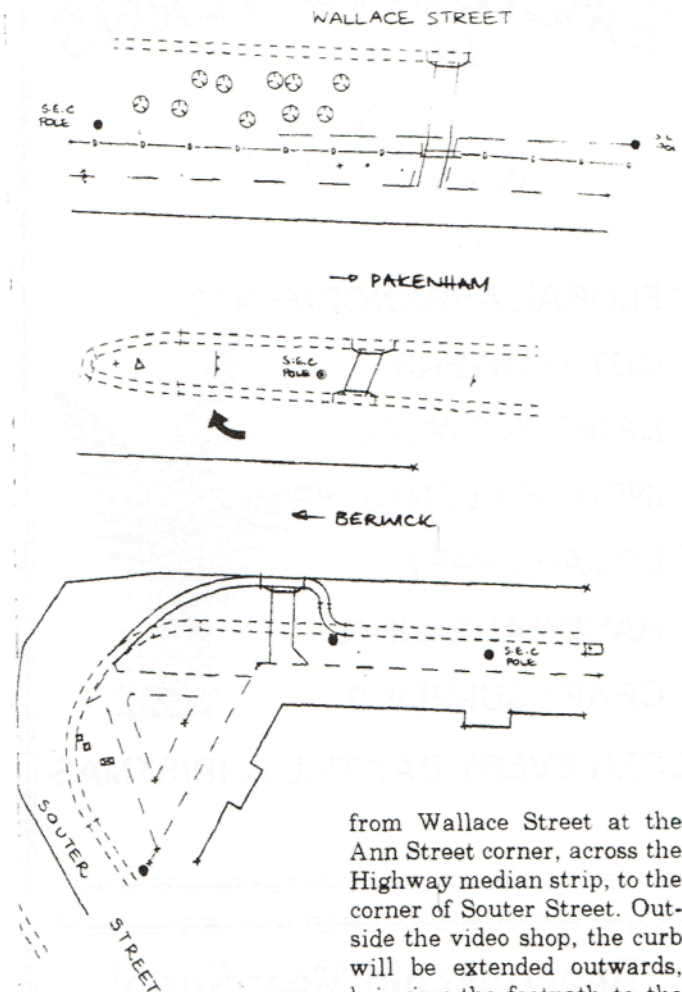
Donald Tye.

To the Editor

I have received notice from the Shire of Pakenham that the unstable trees on the property in Railway Avenue, Beaconsfield are to be removed.

I would like to publicly thank the Shire President, Councillor Peter Meeking for his efforts in obtaining this result.

PEDESTRIAN REFUGE



The Shire of Pakenham proposes to construct another pedestrian refuge to aid pedestrians crossing the old Prince's Highway in Beaconsfield.

The plan received by the Progress Association met with unanimous approval. It shows construction of a proper path

from Wallace Street at the Ann Street corner, across the Highway median strip, to the corner of Souter Street. Outside the video shop, the curb will be extended outwards, bringing the footpath to the edge of the traffic lanes, narrowing the road at this point.

Another welcome improvement in town is the new break in the median at the end of Stella Street, enabling drivers to exit the estate easily, with an improved degree of safety. It's been all worth the wait. Thank-you Council.

CLOSURE OF ACCESS TO EDRINGTON ESTATE.

The Progress Association recently received mail concerned about closure of access to Edrington Estate.

We have been told by a Town Planner for Berwick that the service road into Edrington Estate will be closed off---" As this would leave only one entry road to the entire subdivision, with restricted way

Although the temporary access road is on private land, the Beaconsfield Progress Association has been assured by Berwick Town Planner Phil Walton that it "will not be closed until access further east is opened to High Street."

It appears that Edrington Drive at its Beaconsfield end will eventually connect to a

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COMPLIMENT TO THE SEASON

(Written by K. Goodman)

Christmas is approaching and the special efforts made to provide something special for lunch or dinner should be seen as much an effort to provide complimentary wines.

For starters try a sparkling wine - Seaview Pinot-Chardonnay 1990 - approx \$9 - \$10. Double Trophy winners. With Seafood try a Sauvignon Blanc - Yalumba Oxford Landing at \$5.00 or Montanna from New Zealand for \$10.00

For White meat, chicken, pork, turkey or duck - a Pinot Noir from Yarra Valley or Mornington Peninsula, try Yarra Ridge or Dromana Estate or the Elizabeth Riesling (see recommendations) or Seppelts Sparkling Burgundy, approx. \$9. - \$10.

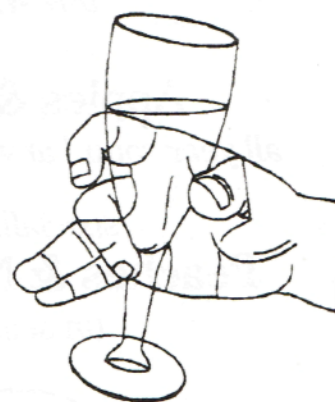
For Red meats try a red wine. (see recommendations) For dessert, especially Plum Pudding try a Rutherglen Muscat - one of the great wines of the world - try Baileys, Morris, Stanton & Killen or Chambers.

Enjoy your Christmas and remember don't drink and drive.

RECOMMENDED WINES.

VALUE
McWilliams Elizabeth Riesling 1987.

This is a wine I buy almost every year and must be one of our buying bargains. Usually released with 6 years bottle age and a swag of gold medals (real ones) the '87 fits the usual mould. Developed Hunt-



er semillon characters, toasted honied bouquet which carries thru onto the palate and lots of flavour. A great food wine on discount around \$7.95.

Wynns Connawarra Hermitage 1991.

Over recent years a number of high quality versions of this wine have been produced from '86 - '90. This '91 wine may be the best of recent vintages. The nose and colour indicate right away that this is a quality wine even before tasting. Peppery bouquet balanced with lovely oak. On the palate a wonderful depth of flavour that leaves behind a lovely peppery spicy bouquet. A good wine at \$15.00 but a bargain at \$7.95.

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- 2nd. Mrs. Furborough - Berwick
- 3rd. J. Dunn - Berwick
- 4th. K. Stephenson - Pakenham

It was a very successful raffle. Thankyou to all who contributed.

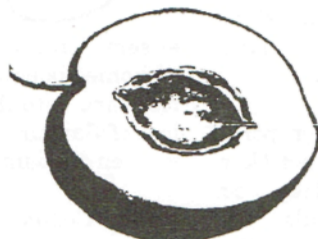
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RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD 1993 AN AVERAGE YEAR?

(Written by Dr. R.C. Webb)

So far (up to the 26th November), 1993 has been an average year. A high Summer rainfall (December 1992, January & February 1993) of 259.8mm. A very low Autumn rainfall (March, April, May) of only 94.4mm for the three months. Winter rainfall was lower than usual with 193.8mm. Spring rainfall has been above (not quite completed at the time of writing) with 300.2mm so far. Even so the reading does not compare with the record high figure of 402.3mm for the Spring of 1992.

The highest rainfall month for 1993 (so far) was September with 130.0mm The high-

est DAILY readings for 1993, to date, have been 34.0mm on the 25th January and 30.9mm on the 2nd September. As mentioned in a previous report the highest daily readings in recent years was 50.0mm on the 20th November 1992.

It may be of interest to some readers to know that the longest periods WITHOUT rain in 1993 were:

9-15 January inclusive (7 days)
 12-19 March inclusive (8 days)
 23-30 August inclusive (8 days)

The lowest rainfall MONTHS for 1993 have been April with 20.5mm followed by May with 36.3mm and March with 37.6mm.

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1 Sept. 61

Mr. J. Matthews,
 Secretary,
 Beaconsfield Progress Association,
 Beaconsfield.

Dear Sir,

I refer further to your letter dated 18th August, 1961, regarding the replacement of the Cardinia Creek Bridge on Princes Highway East at Beaconsfield.

It is expected that a start will be made on the replacement of the above bridge within the next six months.

Yours faithfully,

R E V DONALDSON
 SECRETARY

MIDWAY NEWS

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But that's really a wonderful way of passing the time.

Some of our members will be visiting New Zealand and we wish everyone a pleasant journey.

Early in the new year we intend to have an Open Day, when everyone is invited to come along bring a friend, neighbour or relative. A variety of activities is enjoyed at

Midway like playing bowls, darts and shortly table tennis, making hand crafts etc or just sit and have a friendly chat. Dorothy makes birthdays a very pleasant occasion. There are many trips and days at the Community Centre planned. Carribean Gardens, Arthurs seat and a bar-b-que at Doreens are but a few of the wonderful events to look forward to next year.

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BEACONSFIELD GUIDES AND BROWNIES NEWS



It is with sadness that we said goodbye to Barbara Paton, who has resigned as District Leader, giving herself more time to her young family and to take up study by correspondence. We thank her for her past endeavours in her role as District Leader and wish her well in the future.

The guides and Brownies are winding down for the Christmas holidays, they are planning a combined Brownie and Guide Christmas gathering.

The resignation of Barbara and the departing of Margaret, our assistant Guide Leader next year, has us seeking women who are interested in being Leaders. The Girl Guide

programme covers the 6-18 years of age range, so there is plenty of variety.

You don't need any past experience in guiding to become a leader. In fact all you need is enthusiasm and imagination and a willingness to put back something into the community.

Guiding gives young girls the opportunity to challenge themselves in a supportive environment, it offers fun and friendships through an exciting programme.

If you are interested in finding out more about Girl Guides and how you can help please contact: Libby Howlett (03) 796 1034.



BEACONSFIELD CUBS AND SCOUT GROUP NEWS

The Beaconsfield Cub/Scouts would like to thank the business community who supported our recent Quiz and Auction Night.

The night was hugely suc-

cessful, raising in excess of the required amount to pay insurances and related costs. A night like this would not be able to be held without the support of the community. Thankyou.

S.G.A.P. HELP WITH B.B.Q. PARK AREA

It has been proposed that Beaconsfield Progress Association and Wilson Park Group of the Society for Growing Australian Plants, co-operate on creating a garden screen adjacent to the barbecue area at the park.

S.G.A.P. would like to suggest that a bed, 20 metres wide, would be the ideal size to create a garden that would adequately screen the barbecue from the car

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BOUQUETS :- To the Berwick Young Liberals that helped patrol the Bonfire on November 1st and assisted with carparking.

BRICKBAT :- To they who stole the Bonfire Night sign. What use is it to you?

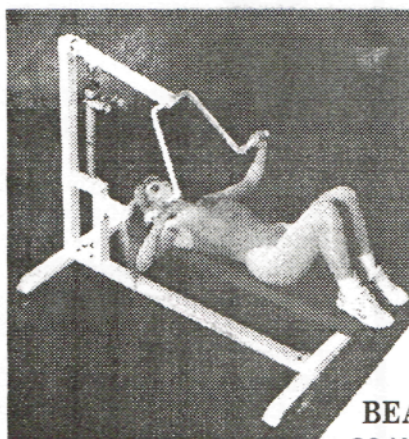
BOUQUETS : to Peter Aurisch and Tony Rushton for their timeless work on the Bonfire night.

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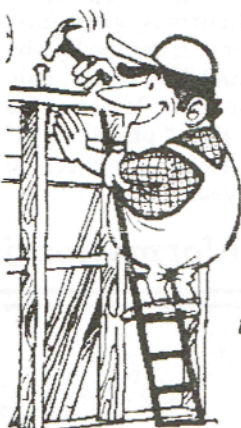
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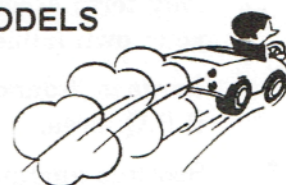
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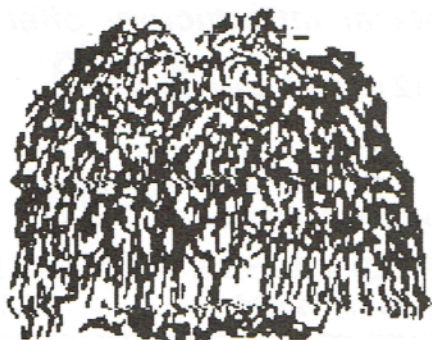
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Now about planning for that Christmas shopping. Be a "wise owl" by getting going on those Christmas gifts from shops that still use the Lay-by system and you'll not only avoid the mad last minute rush but that "plastic Card" will not give you a shock in the new year.

We have seen quite a lot of advertising lately about "Pre Paid" funerals. It is estimated that up to \$90 million is being held by funeral directors for pre-paid funerals and in August '93 legislation to protect these funds came into effect. We have a leaflet at the Citizens Advice Bureau which has been put out by the Office of Fair Trading which is available to any one considering entering a Pre-Paid contract. Why not call in and collect one.

In fact, why not call into your Citizens Advice Bureau at 66 Main Street, Pakenham and look around at the wide range of pamphlets and information available. The Bureau is open from Monday to Friday from 10.30 am. to 2.30pm. at the shop just up from the John Street roundabout or you can phone us on 412 377.

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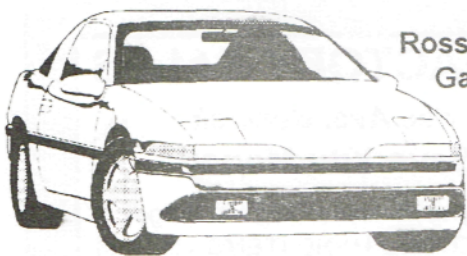
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OUR NATURAL WORLD



Peter Hansen

Herbal Medicine is certainly making a "comeback" after nearly a century of domination by the orthodox Medical School or Mainstream Medicine as it is sometimes referred. The use of plants to cure disease is older than man himself.

Animals ate plants of certain kinds when they were ill and indeed they still do. Anyone with a dog will know how it seeks out grasses when it feels off colour and the same applies to cats and any species of fauna treading the earth. Dinosaurs would have had their favourite medicinal plants, to quell their gastric upsets after eating more smaller Dinosaurs than they could comfortably accommodate!

Man has always been dependent on the plant world for his nutritional survival, and always will. Ever since records have been kept there have been Herbal Medicines. The Chinese had quite sophisticated Pharmacopoeias in 3000 BC., but the contents of a grave opened in 1963 in Iran clearly showed that plants were used medicinally as far back as 60,000 years ago. The Assyrian King Ashurbanipal's library contained a clay tablet listing 250 vegetable drugs dating from 2500 B.C., and the ancient Egyptians also had a deep knowledge of the subject not only in Herbalism but as colour, using crystals and the sun's rays to bring about healing.

The great growth in herbal remedies came with the development of printing. Early Herbal books were of course handwritten, but this was painstakingly slow, thus out-

put was low and very few ever got to read them. When William Caxton invented printing, hundreds of medical textbooks were printed in the fifteenth century, so books on Herbs were more freely available, and interest grew until the printing of the greatest work on the subject, Nicholas Culpeppers, "Complete Herbal" in 1653. This book is still being used today and is almost the Bible of Herbalism. Much myth and magic became associated with Herbs over time, but these practices drew much criticism from the Church of Rome, who saw this as a direct threat to their control the populace. Many of these early healers knew so much about fertility control and abortion, that the church became incensed at this loss of children, (and potential Catholics to swell the ranks of their faith) to the point where much "witch burning" took place throughout Europe. Many of the so-called witches were in fact Herbalists, Astrologers and Physic healers whom the church tried very hard to stamp out. Consequently Herbalism lost influence and prestige in these "dark days" and even worse was to come. We will continue this saga in our next edition.

May all our readers have a wonderful and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Peter Hansen.

THANKYOU

Haas Patel from Goodfellow has kindly donated a Goodfellows Xmas Stocking to the Beaconsfield Primary School for their end of year raffle. The lucky winner will have won goods valuing \$275.00. Well done Haas.

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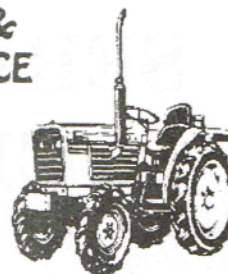
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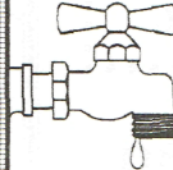
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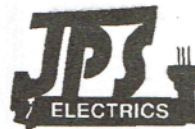
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**BEACONSFIELD
TENNIS CLUB NEWS**

(Written by M. Chatfield)



With Christmas coming upon us very quickly, we're winding down for the holiday break. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Safe and Prosperous New Year.

**MIDWEEK LADIES
COMPETITION**

Competitions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are in the midst of finals. Tuesday sections 13, 8 & 7 and Thursday Section 2. Congratulations to all teams who have made the finals and wish them all success.

Midweek ladies competition - Any enquiries contact Pat Schelling - 707 1839.

**SATURDAY JUNIORS
AND SENIORS**

Saturday juniors and seniors cease play on the 18th December, and recommence on the 29th January, 1994. - 6 team players, and 5th February - 8 team players.

Saturday morning junior - any enquiries contact Heather Saunders - 707 2081. Saturday afternoon seniors - any enquiries contact Russell Clacy - 059 413 200

**NIGHT TENNIS
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All competitions will recommence in the New Year.

Monday Nights A grade "Mixed" - any enquiries contact Greg Menzel - 707 1053
Tuesday Nights Beginners to B Grade "Unisex" - any enquiries contact Margaret Chatfield - 707 2016
Thursday Nights A & B Grade "Mens" - any enquiries contact - Brian Crockett - 707 3425.

**THE B.A.G.
COMMITTEE.**

The Beaconsfield Action Group have been very active with raising \$300.00 in October from our Annual Street stall. An oil painting donated by Milica Nouza for Christmas raffle was greatly appreciated. Raffle to be drawn, 18th December.

Another fundraiser, the M & M Chocolate drive is proving to be a good money maker. On completion we will have raised \$1,300.00

The Christmas Break-up held on 27th November, was a Fun Quiz and Game Night, compared by Peter Deering. The night was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

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Chris & Steve Padavon, a daughter Lauren Nicole, born 6th December.

FAREWELL

To Sue & Greg Radford, McMahon Ave., we wish them every success in their newspaper business in Natimuk.

70TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Peter Aurisch celebrated his 70th Birthday on the 25th October. Hope you enjoyed your day Peter.

WELCOME TO THE BEACONSFIELD TOWNSHIP.

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