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What's Happening at Council

by Councillor Ted Owen.



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At the last Council meeting, Council completed its review of Riding boundaries in accordance with the requirement of Section 220 of the Local Government Act 1989.

The new proposal to alter riding boundaries (caused by changes in population figures) has been approved by Council and advertised in local newspapers calling for public comment. As only one submission was received which caused only minor variation of Beacon Hills Riding boundaries, the proposal has been submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

It is hoped that as the changes are of a minor nature a spill of councillors won't be necessary.

The new boundaries for Beacon Hills Riding will alter from Cardinia Road and Thewlis Road to the Toomuc Creek as a boundary with minor variation at Hein road. This change will increase Beacon Hills Riding population by about 110 people.

In the near future the following works for Beaconsfield township will commence, these are:

- Minor widening and asphalt re-surfacing of roadway under railway viaduct linking Beaconsfield Avenue to Soldiers road.
- Sealing the entrance and front car park of the Beaconsfield Scout Hall and Community Centre.



BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE 50 YEARS OLD

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade was established on 3rd April 1944. This followed horrendous fires, the most disastrous occurring in 1939.

The Brigade's first Captain was W. Johnson. The equipment was limited to a trailer unit, a long way from today's state of the art trucks.

Members at that time include local identities Ossie Williams, Jim Parkes and life member Bruce Adamson.

As the brigade grew, the C.F.A. supplied an Austin Thames tanker fire truck. It served the brigade well until replaced in 1990 by an International Series C1300, the Brigade's first 4WD unit. This unit saw many years service

being replaced in 1985 by the present vehicle.

The fire station in the early forties to 1970 consisted of an old army hut transferred from Morwell. It was successfully moved in 1969 to make way for the present station. It still serves the brigade as a meeting and function room.

The Brigade is fully staffed by volunteers who provide a 24hr. 365 days a year service to the community.

Since 1978 the brigade has had 2 tankers, the current vehicle an ISUZU Dual Cab is computerised, owned by the brigade and would take some where near \$70,000 to replace.

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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB 25TH. ANNIVERSARY

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. On June 28th they have planned a Presentation Night. On page 20 of

this edition of the Beaconsfield Banner we include some of the club's history that has been recorded by Robert Trotter the club historian.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

7.30pm. Wednesday 23rd February
at Beaconsfield Community Centre.
Beaconsfield Ave. Beaconsfield

Topics for the evening :-
Council By Laws
Plans for Clean Up Australia on Sunday.

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - SUNDAY 6th MARCH 1994.

Already the advertisements are on television to promote this national clean up day.

The Primary School is planning its own clean up activities on Friday March 4th. Parents will be invited to participate also. There will be environmental awareness activities for the children. Photographs will be taken to record the days events.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association has been approached to organise clean up teams. It is envisaged that groups like the Scouts, Tennis Club, Cricket Club and others can independently clean up their own areas. Rubbish collection bags may be obtained from the Shire Council and Council will do a bulk rubbish pick up, probably from

a central point on the Monday 7th March.

If anyone asks where can they collect rubbish from, the answer is that it's everywhere! In Beaconsfield however, the main areas to clean up will include Kenilworth Ave., Emerald Road through to Payne Road, the Recreation Reserve and from the SEC to the station.

It is important that Beaconsfield participates in some way and anyone with good constructive ideas may contact the Progress Association or bring these ideas along to the next Public Meeting on Wednesday 23rd February when clean up Australia day will be discussed.

LOCAL ACHIEVER



Darren Ott Volunteer Fireman

Darren came to Beaconsfield in 1972 and went to Beaconsfield Kindergarten and Primary School then to Berwick High.

At the age of 15 he moved on to working as an apprentice Boilermaker in Comeng at Dandenong.

Finishing that he went and travelled Europe for 5 1/2 months. He came home again before setting off up North to work on a cattle station.

Now back home again he has started his own business in

portable Saw Milling by the name of West Gipp Milling. Darren saws your tress on your property for your own use as building material or as you require.

If you need any information on what he can do, give him a call on 796 1875.

Darren volunteered to assist with the bushfires in N.S.W. Since returning he has received a letter from Jeff Kennett thanking him for his service. An extract from that letter best sums up Darren's commitment to firefighting.

"As a community we would be greatly disadvantaged without our volunteers. As a nation we are strengthened when one community can offer assistance to another in times of need. Your preparedness to volunteer, often at great personal risk, to assist our neighbours in NSW was very much appreciated by those in NSW and Victoria."

Well done and thanks Darren.

BEAconsfield TO BE REPRESENTED IN YAKKERBOO QUEST.

Long time Beaconsfield resident Melissa Perks, 18 years old of Lyle Avenue is the towns entrant for Miss Yakkerboo in 1994.

Daughter of Mary and Michael Perks, Melissa is a worthy representative. Educated at Beaconsfield Primary School and Berwick Secondary College. Melissa has a job in Moorabbin as an apprentice printer.

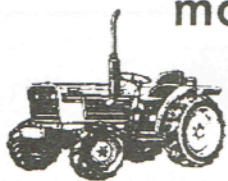
Beaconsfield Progress Association recommends that they get behind Melissa in her quest. She will be asking friends to come along to the Yakkerboo Ball where the judging will take place. It is hoped that people of



Above: Melissa Perks, Beaconsfields entrant for Miss Yakkerboo 1994.

Beaconsfield will attend the Yakkerboo procession through Pakenham and give Melissa a special wave.

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Happy New year to all readers of the Banner. What will the year 1994 bring? Some may wish for a crystal ball!

In fact we will probably see the official naming and opening of our new town park by the creek. In its infancy, the park is already home to the Christmas Carols celebration and community Bonfire night. It boasts a brand new barbecue facility and will soon improve with some native plant landscaping.

Development is happening all around. The rural vista South of Beaconsfield is rapidly being urbanised and in the middle of town signs are that developers are keen to see commercial growth next to the hotel. Sadly "that sign" will be up for a long time if the current population cannot support more shops. A new centre development there could change the face of

Beaconsfield forever. A radical proposal with good planning in keeping with our semi rural character could improve our town no end.

In 1994 the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be pushing for many improvements in the town starting with the sealing of Station Road between the Railway and Beaconsfield Avenue.

The S.E.C. in 1993 have to be congratulated for getting into the Christmas spirit and raising an illuminated Christmas Star. People appreciated that from many miles around.

Welcome back Paul DeHamer from a Rotary Exchange in Africa. 20 year old Paul, enjoyed his year away immensely and represented Australia and his home town very well. The only wish he has now is for a job. Paul is very enterprising and resourceful and will consider anything (with pay.)

Let us hope that 1994 brings jobs to all the other people looking for work.

For Beaconsfield in 1994 please support the Progress Association to protect and improve our small town.

RELIEF DONATION

The Committee of the Beaconsfield Progress Association at its January meeting approved a payment of \$200. to the New South Wales Bush Fire Relief Fund. This payment was made via the Commonwealth Bank. The committee was unanimous in

supporting the donation from Association funds. The New South Wales Fire Disaster draws many parallels with our own Ash Wednesday Fires and it must be remembered how much financial support came from interstate on that occasion.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH??**

If anybody is interested in helping to start neighbourhood watch in Beaconsfield please contact Graham Baker the Secretary of the



Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

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

BEAconsFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

(written by Sue Bailey)

The New year has begun at the Beaconsfield Community Centre with many children and parents attending the 2 playgroups sessions. One a Monday morning the other on a Wednesday morning and the 3 year Pre-Kindergarten session on a Tuesday morning. Vacancies still exist and bookings are being taken for the remainder of the year.

We are happy to announce the appointment of Gillian Ward as the new Child Care Directress. She will be in charge of the Pre-Kindergarten group and the Open Occasional Care session on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. The rates are very reasonable and the times coincide with most of our courses.

There are many new courses to choose from this term. Come along to the three week "BASIC HAIRCUTTING" course, where you will learn the techniques to enable you to give a basic haircut. This will save you some money.

And in three weeks you could have your individually styled RAFFIA HAT - the summer has only just begun!

There is also a four week FLORAL ARRANGEMENT course run by Lorna Brooksbank, and a four week

AROMATHERAPY and massage course being run at night with Christine Watson. MARBLING session where you can learn some basic techniques of transforming an ordinary household item like photo frame into something special.

Just in time for Mother's Day and Easter, join the RUBBER STAMPING sessions and create your own individual cards. This commences on Tuesday 15th March and February as printed in the programme.

We also have an ANTIQUE WORKSHOP with John Brunton scheduled for Sat and Sun. 26th and 27th Feb from 10 am. - 4 pm. The workshop we held last year was very popular so get in early to book a place. In these 2 sessions you will be guided as you learn to strip, repair, stain, fill and french polish any piece of furniture and all types of timber.

We have other regular groups and classes meeting so make sure you get one of our Term 1 programmes to see when these will be at the centre. If you need any further information or bookings contact Sue at the centre in Beaconsfield Ave., or ring 707 3449. We have an answering machine so please leave a message if centre is unattended.

MIDWAY NEWS

MIDWAY GROUP

After a particularly good year in '93 we are looking forward to a very good year to come. The Christmas time was great with a luncheon at the TAFE college early in December with our own Mother Christmas and a really excellent break-up day. Thanks very much to Dorothy and Gwen for all the work and thought that went into the day and congratulations to Roy for winning the raffle.

It was good to welcome Gwen back after her New Zealand trip also Worla had over a month in New Zealand enjoying Christmas with some of her family. She returned in the New Year.

On a recent trip to Phillip Island we had two mini bus loads, the weather was hot and we all had a most enjoyable day.

Elizabeth Fraser from the Pakenham Shire spoke to us about home help, small improvements and other services available for the resi-

dents of the Pakenham Shire. The information proved very worthwhile, and most enjoyable.

We have many trips and guest speakers planned. A trip to the zoo where the pen and enclosures are continually being upgraded to be able to be as much like their natural habitat as possible is planned and another suggestion of seeing the Heinz factory is being looked into.

We intend to hold an open day very shortly. No age or person barred, so come along and enjoy yourself.

The Midway group is looking for a small folding pool table to purchase, we have already received some donations towards this item. If you have a small pool table that you think would suit the group contact Gwen on 707 2904.

Midway is held on every Monday afternoon 1 - 3 pm. at the Beaconsfield Community Centre in Beaconsfield Ave.

(Written by Iris E)

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Beaconsfield Model Railway Club is really on the move.

A preview of their new portable layout under construction, shows that it is really on the move.

They hope to have it available for exhibition in a few months. Members are looking for a large vacant building for permanent storage and construction space.





**A TIMELY NOTE FROM PAKENHAM
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VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau is calling for Volunteers to start training in 1994. The C.A.B. is a free, confidential and impartial information and referral service available to everyone in the community.

Voluntary C.A.B. workers deal with a variety of individual enquiries and help with administrative work as well as information collecting and updating. The main qualities needed by a community information worker are tolerance, the ability to give impartial advice confidentially and a good sense of humour.

People who enquire about joining the C.A.B. are interviewed at the Bureau and invited to the Bureau for a few weeks to

judge if this is the type of voluntary work that suits them. This helps if they wish to go on to become a qualified Interviewer and do the required "Basic Training Day" plus a short course at Dandenong TAFE College (no exam involved) and when this is completed they will hold a certificate as a trained Community Information Worker. Once trained it is expected that they will give four hours a week at a time to suit their own commitments, although the more volunteers available could reduce the number of hours required.

The work is challenging and interesting as well as providing a practical way of helping other folk in your community. Interested? Phone the Pakenham C.A.B. on (059) 412377.

SHRUBS AND TREES WITH FIRE RETARDENT PROPERTIES.

Some Australian plants have decided fire retardent properties. These plants vary from 30 metre trees to prostrate ground covers.

A dense copse obtained by using very close planting tends to give best results especially if surrounded by a metre wide border of ground cover plants.

No plant is absolutely fire-proof. So good housekeeping, such as removal of litter and dried grasses is essential.

A small sample of fire-retardent plants is :-

Eucalyptus Gummiifera
(Red Bloodwood) - 30 metre
Eucalyptus Maculata
(Spotted Gum) - 25 metre
Acacia Baileyana
(Cootamundra Wattle) - 10 metre
Acacia Howittii
(Sticky Wattle) - 10 metre
Banksia Marginata
(Silver Banksia) - 10 metre

Banksia Ornata
(Desert Banksia) - 2½ metre
Grevillea Rosmarinifolia.
There are several varieties of this Grevillea varying in height from ½ m to 3 metre.
Myoporum Insulare
(Coastal Boobiala) - 2 metre
Myoporum Montanum
(Mountain Boobiala) - 1 metre
Atriplex Cinerescens
(Southern Saltbush) - 1 metre
Eremophila Glabra
- ½ metre
Eremophila Maculata
(Spotted Emu Bush) - 1 metre
Myoporum Parvifolium
- prostrate
Frankewia Pauciflora
- prostrate
Selleria Radicans
- prostrate
Lyppia Nodiflora
(Condamine Couch) - prostrate

The department of Forests and Lands will supply ideal planting patterns if contacted.

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TRACTOR PULL

19th & 20th March 1994
Princes Highway, Beaconsfield

ITS ON AGAIN

The Beaconsfield Football Club Inc will once again stage the Tooheys Red Tractor Pull on the 19th and 20th March. This event will be conducted on a large site on the corner of Brunt Road and Princes Highway at Beaconsfield.

The action gets underway at 10.00 am. on Saturday 19th March with a Vintage Tractor Pull. Supporting entertainment will be . Static Vintage Vehicle Displays, Rod Sheehan (Chainsaw sculptor), carnival attractions, Berwick City Pipe Band and great family entertainment provided by "Redwood" on the 3GG stage.

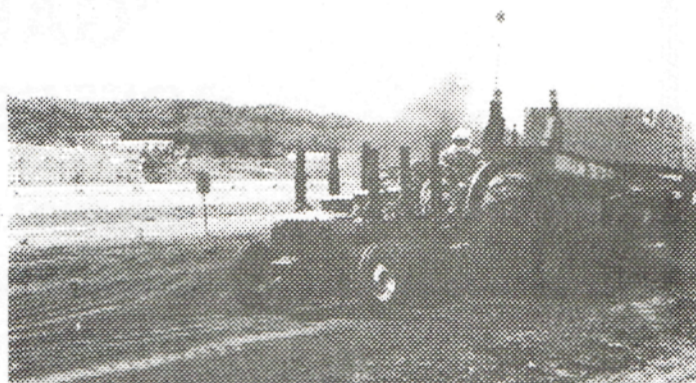
The action hots up on Sunday 20th March with the staging of the final round of the Victorian Titles for Modified Tractors. This ATPA sanctioned event, will feature Mini's Limited, Modified and Super Modified

Tractors from Vic. S.A. and N.S.W. competing for State Titles.

Additional entertainment will feature, Commando Skydivers, Helicopter Joy Rides, Animal Nursery, Thomas the Tank Engine and top local band "Furious Quambies" performing on the 3GG Stage.

Car parking will be provided on site with entries from both Brunt Rd. and Princes Highway. A shuttle bus will operate on a regular basis from Berwick to the event site. Many local organisations will benefit from this project with local sporting groups, service clubs and Scouts providing support services.

Further information and enquiries should be directed to the Project Manager C/- Gloucester Ave. Berwick. 3806 . Phone:- 796 2532 . Fax :- 796 2610.



Above: This photo shows Geoff Clifford from Terang, driving Plum Crazy. Geoff is in the running to pick up two state titles in the open modified sections. Plum Crazy is powered by 3 x 454 Chev's.

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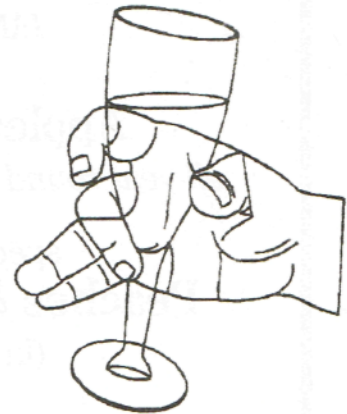
(Written by K. Goodman)

One of my great joys is that of wine and food at the peak of the season. The first asparagus from Dalmore, hollandaise sauce and a good rhine riesling. Peter Gay's of Upper Pakenham fresh raspberries and a De Bortoli sweet white wine. Soon tomatoes from the garden, basil and olive oil, unfortunately at their best without wine.

Summer the time for salads, BBQ's or just enjoying the fresh air and it is outside in these conditions that Rhine Riesling is at its best. Of all the white varietals its the one which I would chill the most - my moral choice is not to chill whites too much as it brings out the acid and reduces the apparent flavour. A glass of Rhine Riesling outside on a warm day sitting under a vine covered patio is hard to beat.

At the moment fruit of berries are at their best. I have included a microwave jam recipe in the recipe corner of this edition of the banner.

RECOMMENDATIONS
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Peter Lehman Barossa Rhine Riesling 1993. At approx \$7.00 a very good wine for the money. Lovely perfumed, generous nose. Palate rich full Barossa style of Rhine Riesling with enough acid to keep it fresh.

TOP SHELF
Bests Great Western Rhine Riesling 1993 We have been drinking Viv Thomson's Rhines since the mid 1960's - they keep well and develop into classics. This 1993 wine is a beauty. Wonderful limey nose and flavours - lovely flavours which go on and on and it finishes with a crisp acid. This will live a long time. Cheap at \$13.00.

CAROLS BY THE CREEK

Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy "Carols by the Creek" on a balmy summer evening the last Sunday before Christmas at the Town Reserve in Beaconsfield. Led by the Beaconsfield Baptist Church Music Group there was a good mix of traditional and modern carols, and community participation.

The Officer School of Dance was featured and children from Beaconsfield Primary School sang Silent Night in German and wished everyone a Merry Christmas through a modern

illustrated in a spectacular way the connection between Christ's Cradle at Bethlehem and His Cross at Calvary.

Our thanks to all who supported by their attendance and participation.

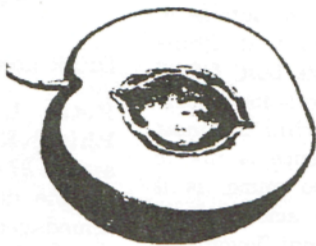


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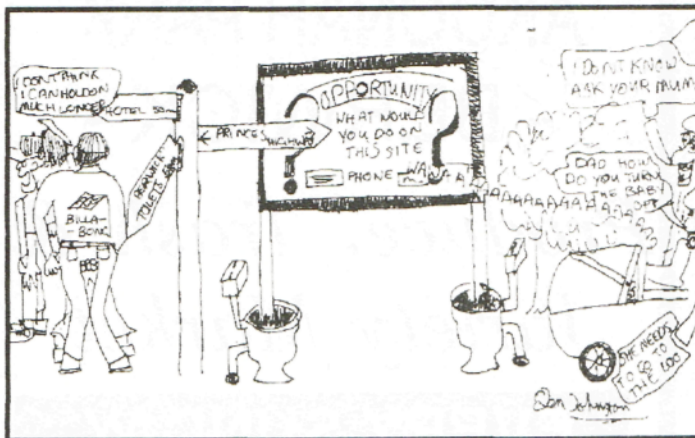
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BLAST FROM THE PAST

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Pakenham East.

26-4-67

Dear Sir, I have been asked to write to you regarding Public Toilets that the Council propose to build in Beaconsfield. Would you please inform the above Association whether this project will be incorporated in the Town Planning of Beaconsfield or whether they will be built in this years estimates?

Thanking you, I remain yours faithfully,

Arthur Ernest Everett, (Hon Sec)
Beaconsfield Progress Association
C/- Lot 11 Holmpark Road,
Beaconsfield. Phone Berwick 718.

** Footnote - Do we have to hang on another 27 years?

LETTERS



Dear Editor,

I have wondered if the "Lucky Country" into which we were born and grew up will ever offer the same opportunities to the Australian of tomorrow? Our local folk are experiencing some hardships in this Economic Climate. Our younger folk are having problems finding work. Australians problems are shared by other Industrial

nations who also have unthinkable debt burdens.

Yes the picture is GRIM. Would you like some answers to these problems? If so would you and your readers like to come and hear Mr. Jeremy Lee. Sunday 27th February 1994. At the Pakenham Town Hall. Cnr. John and Henry St., at 7.45 pm. Please bring a friend.

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BUSHCARE

Working together to develop a community climate of valuing native vegetation on private land.

Our summer is here again and it is the bushfire season. When a bushfire happens again, many local Upper Beaconsfield residents say they will evacuate. That is fine if they have plenty of time.

Our houses can be secure refuges to shelter from fire if we prepare them correctly. Evacuation can be the safest choice if we have two or more hours warning.

Community Fireguard is about local people taking responsibility for their own fire safety. These people work in small community groups to develop domestic strategies to cope with their local fire risk.

The Bushcare group has been active in creating a more positive community attitude to the value of the native vegetation of the Berwick and Pakenham region. It has got together with the Pakenham Municipal Fire Prevention Committee to help implement Community Fireguard in this region.

Bushcare was formed 2½ years ago as an initiative of the Conservation Council of Victoria and the Department of

Planning and Housing. The Council's research had found that indigenous vegetation was still disappearing from private land despite many efforts and legislation.

The Department provided a \$27,000 grant for a pilot project on a community education basis to stop the loss of indigenous vegetation. Bushcare is based in the Berwick and Pakenham areas. Its major successes include a colour community poster map published in the local newspaper last Christmas. 8,000 copies were circulated. Other activities include a regional survey map of vegetation quality, displays at local shows, community wildflower walks, a revegetation demonstration, community advice, submissions to planning appeals, and assistance in municipal environment planning and implementation work.

At present, Bushcare is working on a publication to inform landowners and prospective owners about living in harmony with their own bush.

For more information on Bushcare or Community Fireguard in your area, you many contact

Ross Jephcott on
059 443202.



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Feel free to join in any of these activities at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church. "Make and Mingle" - basically a friendship morning where ladies share craft ideas, chat and/or do their own thing with a cup of tea at the close. This is on Wednesdays from 10 am. to 11.30 am.



BEACONSFIELD SCOUTING & GIRL GUIDES NEWS



BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Welcome back to a new and exciting year with scouting in Beaconsfield. Programming is well under way with many interesting activities planned. These include a day at the Victorian Guide & Scout Sailing Centre, sailing. A canoe trip down of the Gippsland rivers in March, visiting Community Service Groups, camping and day

hiking/cycling, a fun weekend at Hazelwood Pondage with canoes, water skiing, kneeboarding, snorkelling and a few surprises.

An important event takes place every February, that of the birthday of the Founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell. Founders Day is celebrated on February 22nd every year with a parade and service at St Johns Church in Upper Beaconsfield. The proceedings start at 7.30 sharp and everybody who has had any connection with Scouting/Guiding is most welcome to attend.

1995 is the Year of the 17th Australian Jamboree at Perry Lakes, in Perth, W.A. Many fundraising activities this year will be geared to sending as many Youth members and Leaders as possible. Each member usually only gets one opportunity to go to such a gathering while in the Scout Section. A very worthwhile event to attend.

The Tractor Pull is on again on March 19th and 20th. We have applied to help the Beaconsfield Football Club with this event to help raise much needed funds.

The most important date on our calendar is the Annual Presentation of Reports. This year to be held on Tuesday 15th March at the Scout Hall



Above: Patrol competition

in Beac. Ave. The evening will start at 8pm. and will include entertainment, supper and a very special presentation. If you were a Youth member of the Scout movement or a committee member or a parent with the Beaconsfield Group please come along on this evening. Please leave a message on 707 1313 or with Julie on 707 3762 if you are coming (for catering purposes).

JOEY SCOUTS: The Scout movement now has a section operating for the age group 6 - 8 year old. We would be pleased to hear from parents who would be interested in participating within the section, either as Leaders, Assistants and/or enrolling their children within this age group. We do not operate such a section at Beaconsfield at present. If there is sufficient interest and support then a Section within the Movement could be established.

We have vacancies in the Scout section 11 - 15 years. If you are interested please contact the number mentioned below or 707 2946 for more information.

For more information about any of the items mentioned in this article please contact Group Leader Joan Horton - 707 1313 (answering machine) or write to P.O. Box 103, Beaconsfield. 3807.

GUIDES AND BROWNIES NEWS

The new year has started off well with two new ladies joining the Guide Company. Sue Murray has transferred to us from Yarram, where she was assistant leader for over 15 months. Pam Burgess will also be a great asset to the company having previously been a Brownie & Guide. I feel sure that with Angela as leader they will make a great team, providing the guides with the opportunity to experience many exciting and adventurous activities.

The Brownies on the other hand started off the year with some sad news, the resignation of their leader Liz Ashley. Liz will be sadly missed and we all wish her well and hope

she will visit the unit from time to time. Jenny Edwards has taken over the role of Brownie Leader and is currently helping the girls plan a pack holiday to take place in March. Jenny of course will need help in running the unit and a parent roster has been established as a short term measure.

Meanwhile we are looking for an assistant leader, so if you feel you'd like to put something back into your community and help young girls 7 - 11 years develop life skills through fun filled activities, here's your chance to get involved. Talk to Jenny or phone Division Commissioner Libby Howlett on 796 1034.



Above: Paul De Hamer
Happy to be home.

Well what a year, it's all gone so quickly that I could barely keep up, from travelling as far North as Keriba Dam (Zim and Zambian border) to way down in Natal, Sth Africa for the South African National Jamboree.

My three host families were wonderful along with the peo-

WELCOME HOME PAUL

ple of Zimbabwe that I came in contact with. All remained close friends.

I am pleased to say that every ambition in Zimbabwe was fulfilled, a highlight being the White Water Rafting down the Zambezi River.

All in all I enjoyed the most fantastic year of my life, so far and would like to thank all those who helped make it happen.

I haven't any idea of my plans for the future but I hope to visit again someday.

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- 27th March
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- 31st March
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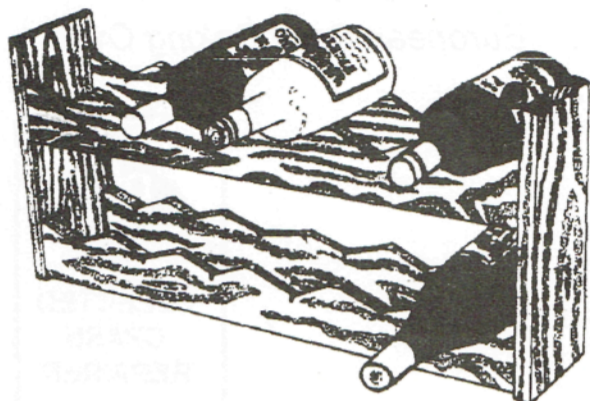
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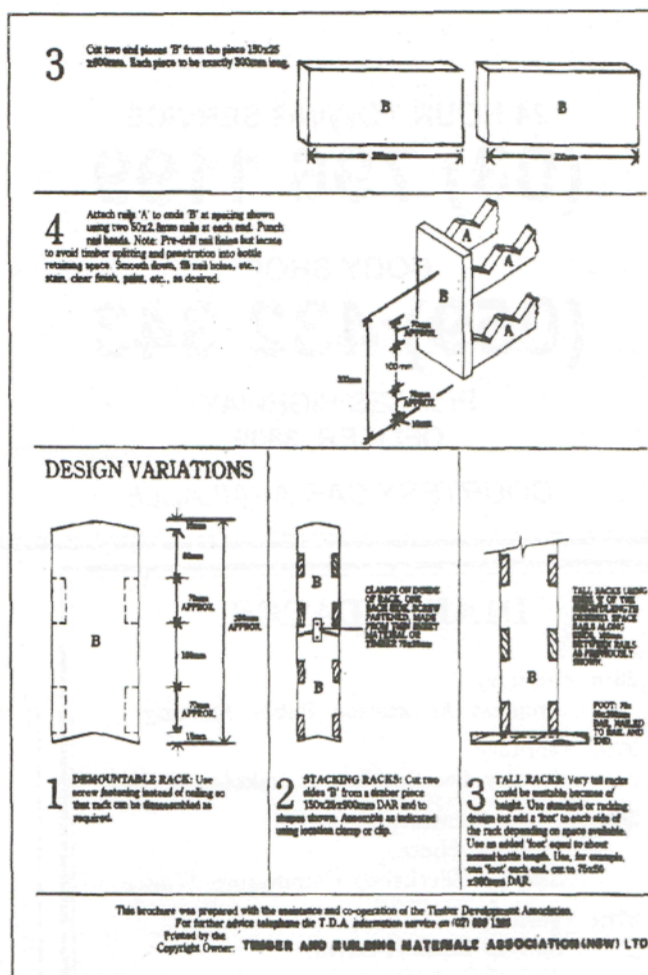
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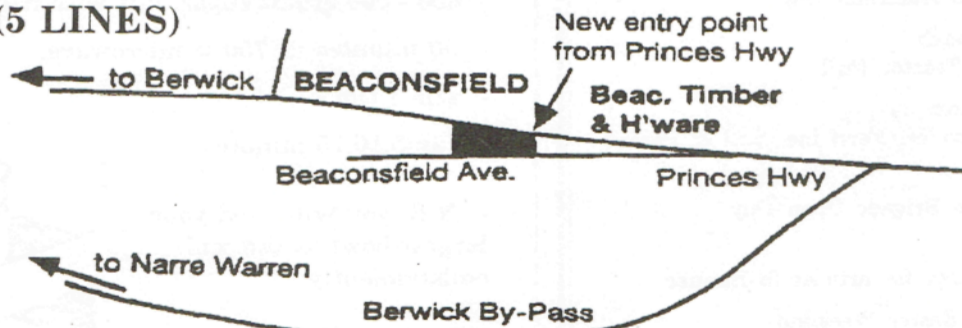
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BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

Bouquets: to the SEC for adding a little Christmas spirit to the community by erecting a large star on a pole on their property. It was a lovely sight and could be seen for some distance.

Brickbats: To the people in business in Beacy for not getting into the spirit of Christmas. Perhaps they may like to brighten up the town next year with colourful festive decorations.

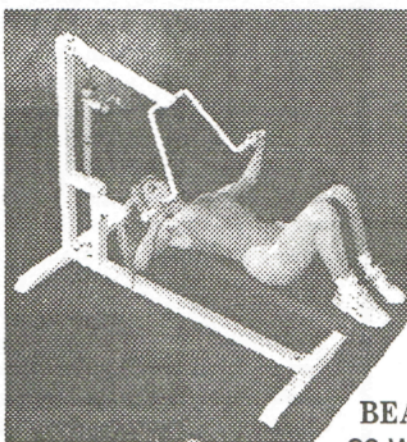
Bouquets: To the Progress Association for the continued high standard of the "Banner", especially the December edition with its Christmas flavour.

Bouquets: to those unknown Blackberry Warriors' that slashed the invaders of the Wood Street footpath. Pedestrians have indicated how much easier it is to pass without the blackberries being there.

Brickbats: to the builders at the new Swimming School Before Christmas they accessed the site from Railway Avenue leaving the footpath blocked and muddy overnight. Surely the Shire Council would not normally allow this to happen when alternative access was available through the School's carpark.

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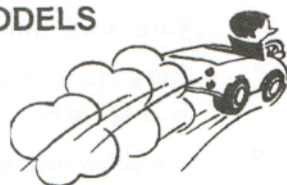
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Akoonah Park Market News

The Berwick Agricultural Society is the oldest Agricultural Society in Victoria. It had its beginning with meetings held at Bowmans Inn better known now as the Centreal Hotel Beaconsfield. A small group of landholders in the district felt that competition amongst themselves to see who could produce the better animal, produce or poultry within the area would be beneficial to them and so the show was born about 1848. The first show was not always held in Berwick as Cranbourne was the venue of early shows, and then for many years the Show was held on what is now Buchanan Park in Clyde road. It was there that Royalty opened the show. This was about 1935 and the then Duke of Gloucester performed the opening ceremony. Over the years many people of rank and fortune have opened the Show. 1993 saw Life member and well known former Beaconsfield identity Mr. Rupert Richardson open the Show. This year the Mayor of Berwick, Cr. Norma McCausland will have the honour of opening the Show.

The Show has always been the largest event in the Community. Having a facility like "Akoonah Park" to present it on and with many untold hours of voluntary work by the committee we have the makings of a wonderful weekend.

All the regular events will be happening at this years show including the sheep, cows, horses, goats, cats and poultry. There will also be lots to

see in the new animal nursery. The Arts and Crafts building will be full and the School childrens work will be on display. In another building will be a wonderful exhibition of many items from the garden both vegetables and flowers. Many local community groups will have stands with all sorts to see and the side shows are always an important part of the Show, appealing to various age groups. With a Fireworks display on the Saturday night all looks great for another fantastic Berwick Show.

How does it all happen you may well ask. Well when one show finishes, organisation starts for the following year, learning from mistakes and looking to do better the next time. The Berwick Agricultural Society is fortunate to have a group of people called the "committee" and another group of "Judges and Stewards" who continue to give their time.

There are many old families that have been involved for many years through changing generations. Some are the Wilsons, Furberboroughs, Gambles, Richardsons, Reeves and Beaumonts of Berwick and Raes and Robinsons of Narre Warren North and the Keys of Berwick and Narre Warren.

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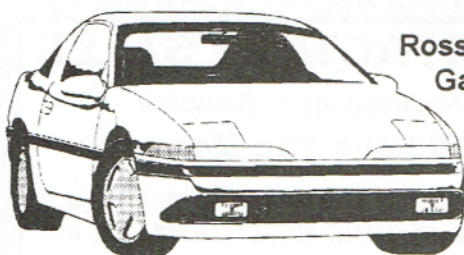
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OUR NATURAL WORLD



Peter Hansen

"There is a superstition in avoiding superstition" So said Francis Bacon long ago.

Humans have always been superstitious and always will be, even in so-called modern times. Superstition gave magic and meaning (of sorts) to people who were fearful of the world with its seemingly overwhelming forces and their own feelings of inadequacy in a world beyond their conscious comprehension.

Some superstitions are well known such as walking under a ladder. If it cannot be avoided, the danger can be cancelled out by crossing the fingers and keeping them that way until a four legged animal has been seen.

Spilt salt is another which is supposed to bring ill luck. It used to be sprinkled on coffins because "Satin hated it". Our word 'salary' comes from the part of a roman soldiers pay that was actually given in salt, demonstrating its importance to life. Three pinches of salt thrown over the left shoulder was supposed to disperse the evil spirit waiting to do mischief to you. Leonardo De Vinci portrayed Judas in "the last supper" as having knocked over the salt cellar, a significantly careless action.

The power of cursing is still alive and well as the following indicates. In 1979 an English midlands council planned to build a motorway right through the middle of a

that he would place a curse on every workman who set foot on his land to attempt to carry out the project. The council reacted simply " we cannot expose our workers to such danger." So much for our modern enlightenment.

The wearing of black to funerals, is an old device that was supposed to make the wearer invisible to dark forces on the lookout for a soul to snatch from the angels. Black also was supposed to cover up the fact that a death had even occurred, thus throwing them off the scent.

The custom of lighting candles by the bodies of the dead, was designed to keep dark, malevolent spirits away from the departing spirit, ensuring their safe arrival in heaven.

The seemingly natural habit of placing your hand over your mouth when yawning, is not, as most people would think, the polite and social thing to do, but is rooted in ancient superstition. It was thought that the soul may leave the body through the mouth or that the devil might slip in while it remains open, hence the hand to prevent such an event.

We have all laughed or been amused, seeing shoes tied to the bumper bar of a newly-weds car, but have we wondered whence this strange custom came from. Well, back in the early history of Anglo-saxon England, it was custom for the bride's father to give one of the brides shoes to the groom, who then hit her on the head with it as a sign that authority over her had passed from father to husband. Eventually this rough practise passed but survives today in the form known to us all. Today's brides can indeed breathe a sigh of relief.

Most of us still use the old "touch wood" habit when we hope that something pleasant is coming to us, so we "knock on wood" and don't boast about

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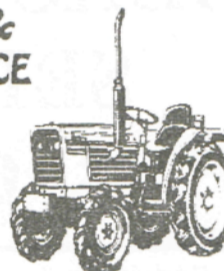
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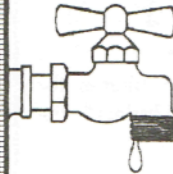
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In what is turning out to be a very successful season for Beaconsfield Cricket club, seven out of the eight teams look set for final spots. Performances by the club at all levels, have been excellent, while our recent social events have provided a welcome relief from hours in the field. Congratulations to Russell Vincent and Scott Hawkett for their "Double Wicket" win,

and to the young blokes for their "Overs and Unders" victory.

The hard work continues now for all players, and here's hoping some of the good form translates to premierships for the club.

A reminder for anyone interested to come along and be part of West Gippsland's strongest, most vibrant club.



BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



All tennis competitions have recommenced :-Night competitions - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mid week Ladies - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Junior and Senior - Saturday

Saturday Juniors and Seniors new season commences approximately mid April, date is not set. At the moment we are desperately in need of Junior players, capable of playing section 1,2,or 3 junior level when the new season starts in April. If able to play please contact Heather Saunders on 707 2081

The club would like to wish Nola and Katie Shanks well and every success as they are making their new home in Tasmania. Travis is also moving away to work. The Shanks family has contributed to the club in many ways over the past 18 years. They will be missed.

To become a member, please contact Jenny Shinnars - 707 2575 To hire the courts, please contact Margaret Chatfield - 7072016 Both will be able to help with any other club information.

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BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB INC.

The 1994 Netball season starts on Saturday 9th April, with a home game against Drouin. After a good competitive year last year in a new competition, we look forward to bigger and better things this year.

For the first time the club will be fielding teams in all grades, being U/13, U/15, U/17, Juniors and A.B. & C grades in Seniors.

Registration for all interested players, will be held on Saturday 5th Feb. Junior training will commence on Wednesday afternoon 9th February Senior training will commence Thursday 10th February at 7pm. Hope to see some new faces this year and good luck to all girls participating.

BUG NEWS



The Berwick 'Bicycle Users Group' is an active local organisation for Bike Riders.

Affiliated to Bicycle Victoria they work with local councils to have more bicycle paths built and to achieve better conditions for cyclists in general.

The Berwick BUG plans group rides and also participates in Bicycle Victoria events. Many people in the area have bicycles and would like to ride longer distances and gain confidence within a group. The Berwick BUG gives people that opportunity.

On Sunday 23rd January a group of 12 or so BUG riders enjoyed a gentle ride from Berwick to the City via Mordialloc. The weather was great and the train ride home was relaxing. Four of the group chose to ride their bikes back instead.

For future riders the group will meet on February 20th for a ride to Emerald Lake and back. March 6th for ride to Carrum beach via bike paths. March 27th the Community Aid Abroad Charity bike ride around Melbourne.

Several evening meetings (without bikes) are held through the year. They are essential planning meetings but anyone interested are welcome to come along.

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Right: Ralph Smith and his happy band of bikers



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Ownership and Management of the school now rests with Michael Maloney, Jennifer Hopkins and Richard Evans. To mark the change the school has been renamed "Beaconsfield Swim School".

Our extensions will be finished early March and will incorporate 4 consulting suites and a multi purpose room. A Physiotherapist will commence practice in early April.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

By Robert Trotter

JUNE 1969 Beaconsfield Tennis club consisted of two asphalt courts and 8 senior memberships. Annual income was a mere \$29.00. The president was Ossie Williams, who held the position until 1972.

1970 This year saw the addition of a third asphalt court combined netball court.

1972 March saw the first premiership flag the club won. It was the "A" Reserve team in W.G.T.A. The team consisted of Jim Peart, Kevin McInnes, Geoff Smith, Alan Blackwell, Winifred Peart, Di Duncan, Gwen Smith and Marlene Gould. Winifred Peart became president with Joy Palmer as secretary.

Membership had increased to 29 seniors and 24 juniors, with an annual income of \$275.00.

1974 Jim Peart became president. He was to hold this position until Aug 1982. Manlyn Barnes was secretary and the membership was up to 45 seniors and 22 juniors. Annual income was \$1176.00.

1975 Two en-tous-cas courts were opened in September by Hon. Brian Dixon M.P. The opening was preceded by a round robin mixed doubles tournament in which 59 players from Beaconsfield, West Gippsland & Dandenong Associations participated. The club also boasted its first "Resident Coach" Bill Kucks. Annual meetings of the club were usually held at the Beaconsfield Primary School.

1976 Membership consisted of 62 seniors and 60 juniors. Noel Gould was Finance Manager which was a great help in the forthcoming years in helping the club apply for grants for future works.

it served the purpose at the time. Membership consisted of 114 seniors and 60 juniors with an annual income of \$3350.00. The club's first junior premiership was won by Bill Vernulst, Trevor Cowe, Ritchie Smith, Michael Bayley, Jenny Williams, Vickie Byron, & Brenda Cowe. At this time 5 senior and 3 junior teams were entered into Saturday Summer competition, 3 senior and 1 junior team in winter competition, and 2 Wednesday Mid-Week Ladies teams. Club championship event were up to 8. Karen Burgess was Secretary, Gerald Williams was Treasurer.

1978 Four plexipave courts were constructed with the help of a grant of \$7500 from the Pakenham Shire, and a large group of volunteers from the club. Membership figures were up to 134 seniors and 95 juniors. May saw the club's first junior tournament held by Bill Kucks. Annual income was \$585.00. Andrew Trotter became club secretary.

1979 The first 'Boomba' night was held in September at the Upper Beaconsfield Hall. Work also commenced on the clubhouse with a grant of \$6000 from the Pakenham Shire. The club wins its first mid-week ladies premiership. The record for the longest match in the club championship is 3 days. The match started on Sunday and was washed out half way through the first set. It continued on the next Saturday afternoon from 4 pm until dark; they resumed the next day at 11am. It concluded at lunchtime with Bill & Eva Kucks defeating Harry Smith & Nola Hardie.

1980 The club house was completed and so the club held its first A.G.M. at its own premises. Membership had increased in seniors to 140. The club's income was

Cup Challenge match was played between our club and Berwick - with Berwick winning. Club championship events now numbered 16 including junior events. November saw the last payment made on loans for the porous courts.

1982 Gerald Williams takes over as President with Leigh Youdale as Secretary. Lighting was erected over 2 plexipave courts. At 'Boomba '82', the first Peart Perpetual Trophy was presented to Andrew Trotter. The club has had 6 senior, 15 junior & 13 mid-week ladies teams competing.

1983 Seven families from the club lost their homes in the Ash Wednesday bush fires. The club rallied around these families with physical and monetary help. \$4200 was raised which was distributed to these families.

-Gerald & Maureen Williams & family.
-Lorraine & Ted Barnes & family.
-June Morrison & family.
-Ian & Jenny Fletcher & family
-Trotter family (Dickie Rd)
-Steve Waters.
-Len Preece & family.

Gerald Williams, had his presidential duties taken over by Jim Peart & Bill Kucks shortly after the fires. a tennis clinic was held at the courts. Tennis stars Paul McNamee, Pat Cash, Alan Stone, Brian Beers were there to help out on the day.

Life Members of the Beaconsfield Tennis Club.

Ossie Williams
Alan Burgess
Jim Peart
Winifred Peart
Joy Palmer
Noel Gould
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Some of the earlier winners of the club c championships were Peter Crothers, Jim Peart, Andrew Trotter, Michael MacQueen, Di Duncan, Winifred Peart, Alison Salton & Val McKay.



Above: Beaconsfield Junior Singles Sect. 2. From the winter



BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE 50 YEARS OLD

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This vehicle was paid for by donations and long term fundraising by brigade members. It is a first rate fully operational vehicle which ensures the town is never left without a fire vehicle if the C.F.A. is required elsewhere.

It is interesting to note that the brigade has served all over Victoria and twice to N.S.W., including areas such as Cann River, Kilmore, Yea, Bright and Bairnsdale.

The Brigade has many long serving members up to and in excess of 25 years of active firefighting which ensures through regular and detailed training a professional fire service.

The Brigade will be celebrating with an Open Day and Sausage sizzle on Sunday 27th March. All are welcome to inspect our station and equipment. Look forward to seeing as many people as possible to view their Fire Brigade.



*Above: Opening of the new Beaconsfield Fire Station
8th November 1970.*

BEACONSFIELD BUSINESS, CELEBRATES ITS NINTH YEAR

Michael & Mary Perks have been operating their business, Beaconsfield Automotive Services, from Factory 1/94 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield for the past nine years.

Michael, as a qualified mechanic of over 30 years, completed his training with Bedwell Motors (Lane's) in Dandenong. He then continued to work with them gaining more necessary experience before moving on to his own business.

Michael moved to Alice Springs where he worked for Sutton Motors for 2 years and then back to Victoria where he then opened Beaconsfield Automotive Services.

He felt and still feels he has a lot to offer his customers, not only in experience but also a keenness to please and a pleas-

ure in having a vehicle running smoothly and efficiently as possible which then results in a satisfied customer. Michael is competent in servicing & tune ups of vehicles, and is also experienced and trained in all mechanical repairs, i.e., brake, exhaust, welding, gearbox, engine repairs & rebuilds, suspension, etc., with access to transmission & electronic repairs. To extend his customer service he is also a Licensed Vehicle Tester (Roadworthy Tester). Last year Michael also achieved the status of VACC Accredited Automobile Repairer.

Remember Michael & Mary at Beaconsfield Automotive Services next time you need that service or in need of any vehicle repair. Phone No. 707 4468 or 796 1882.



BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE N.S.W. FIRE REPORT

A members of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade was involved in the recent NSW Fires. Darren Ott was a crew member fighting fires in the Singleton area. Darren was away from home for 5 days.

In this time he gained a lot of experience that he can pass on to other Brigade members, and call on in times of need around the area in major fires. Other members who had volunteered to go to the fires were on stand-by. I thank all members and their families for their support during the devastating and prolonged fires.

The NSW fires appear to have prompted some residents in the Beaconsfield area to review their own property for fire prevention and protection. This is pleasing to see as this is very important in this high fire risk area. If you have not done your fire prevention it is not too late to act now. If you require assistance with inspections on your property please contact Ron Woodfine, Brigade Captain on 707-1572 after 4.30 pm, or any Brigade member.

**RON WOODFINE
CAPTAIN**

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

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THE B.A.G. COMMITTEE
The Beaconsfield Action Group activities coming up. Club Championship Singles. Senior Singles from the 20th February to the 29th May, Finals Day. March 6th - Mens and Ladies Doubles March 20th - Junior Club Championships

OUR NATURAL WORLD

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This derives from the old pagan habit of thanking tree dwell in spirits for favours received. It was carried on by christians who thought of the various trees that provided wood for the cross.

Akoonah Park Market News

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Together with these identities and new comers the show has survived and keeps progressing to be the show of 145 years which we now enjoy

ganisation in its midst, one where the whole family may enjoy a very entertaining and enjoyable weekend. An invitation is extended to you all to go to the Berwick Show on

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NOTICE

SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

The next meeting is on March 8th, 8 pm. The speaker will be Hazel Blaclerey and expert on growing Hakeas. For further information contact Jim Drysdale on 707 2647.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mark Steiner on his 21st birthday on 19th February.

To Ann and Con Boon Officer on their 40th Wedding Anniversary and hope you enjoy your celebrations with all your family.

To Iris and Arthur Ewert on your 56th Wedding Anniversary. A great achievement.

To Julie & Lawrence Hunt, a daughter Emily born 19th Jan.

To Glenn and Jane Dorning of Beaconsfield on the arrival of their new son Samuel James DorningBorn on 27/1/94.

WELCOME

Welcome to Beaconsfield Robyn and Matthew Thomas. After a couple of years of "Sunday driving" looking at areas to live have recently moved into Kenilworth Ave.

Welcome to Hudson Street, Nick and Alexandra.

Sally, Andrew and Kelly Swift to Beaconsfield.

BEST WISHES

The Committee of the Beaconsfield Progress Association wish George and Joan Armitage well with their current ailments and take this opportunity to thank them for their help and support in producing past editions of the Banner.

STOP PRESS DON'T KILL OUR ELMS

Is your English or Golden Elm being killed. The deadly Elm Leaf Beetle is now in Beaconsfield eg. Wood and Goff St. If we don't act NOW we will lose our elms forever.

Symptoms - The beetles eat the leaves creating a "shot hole" appearance. After their eggs hatch (happening now) the caterpillars eat the leaves bare, down to the skeleton.

Treatment - Spray the tree trunks with Carbryl and wrap sello-tape (wide) around the trunk, sticky side out about 1 metre from the ground. Kits can be obtained from City of Berwick Depot in Vesper Drive and see your local nurseryman for a pamphlet.

City of Berwick have reported that in the last few weeks enquiries relating to elm leaf beetles have increased. Remember almost all of the Elms of Europe have already died - don't let it happen here.

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