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Shire of
Pakenham

What's Happening at Council

by Shire President Councillor Peter Meeking.



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AMALAGAMATIONS

Council has been included with 38 other Metropolitan Councils in a review initiated by the State Government. Pakenham Council will be required to provide a detailed submission to the Local Government Board, who will then determine the future of the Pakenham Shire. Council is confident, with a sound financial base, the lowest rates of all our neighbours, a growth rate of some 11% at Pakenham, and a community driven Council, that it will continue to survive and perhaps even be strengthened. It is a totally different Municipality as you cross the Cardinia Creek into the Shire, which does not lend itself to readily being joined with our Berwick neighbours.

LOSS OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

To date, as amalgamations have been determined by the Government, the Government has also dismissed all the communities elected representative (Councillors) and

appointed Commissioners of the Governments choosing to run the Municipality. This should be of concern to all those hard-working community groups, who depend so much on support of the Council and Councillors to maintain matching Council funding for most of the communities activities. A non-elected non-local person cannot surely have the background or commitment to the needs of each local volunteer community group in the Shire.

RETIREMENTS RAY CANOBIE AND WARWICK BAILEY

After 30 years of service given to the Shire by its Secretary Ray Canobie and 16 years service by Shire Engineer Warwick Bailey, both officers are to retire on the 30th June, 1994. The loss of these two senior officers at this time is most difficult, and Council is currently endeavouring to finalise a replacement Chief Executive Officer. On behalf of our community and all residents of the Shire, a special thankyou should be extended to each officer.

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FAIR DAY FOR FETE

Community spirit excelled in the organisation and support of Beaconsfield Primary Schools Fete on Saturday 21st May. The hours of meetings, discussion and telephone calls

preceeding the grand event paid dividends for the volunteer organising team.

The weather was not the best and the children's services building and school hall were used extensively for many events and stalls. The wet and cold did not dampen the enthusiasm of many. The fete was planned as an all day event that enabled more than usual to attend. The food stalls kept busy throughout with many families buying lunch or tea or both.

New this year were the fireworks on the oval at 7pm. Spectacularly staged, the Catherine Wheel lit up all around and the firecrackers turned into double bangers as they echoed around the nearby hills.



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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

No public meeting will be held for the month of June. Next public meeting will be on Wednesday 24th August. Watch for announcements.

However the committee of the Progress Association continues with committee meetings on Wednesday 29th June, Wednesday 27th July and Wednesday 28th September before the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 26th October.

Any matters concerning community affairs can be brought to attention by anyone to committee meetings or addressed through the banner.

Please contact Secretary Graham Baker on 796 1297. Meetings are always held at the community centre.



What's Happening at Council

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The final Council meeting which the officers will attend will be held on the 20th June, 1994 and the community is able to attend. The official public send off, will also be held at the Shire on the evening of the 27th June, 1994 in the form of a last supper.

NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Due to the resignation of Council's Community Development Officer, Janet Copley, Council has now appointed Mr. John White of Pakenham. John was a former Principal of Cleeland Secondary College, Deputy Principal Monterey High, President of Art and Craft Teachers Association of Victoria and also taught at Pakenham High School.

SHIRE HERITAGE PROJECT

Mr. G. Butler and Associates has been appointed to undertake a Heritage Study of the Shire of Pakenham. The Project is funded jointly by the State Government and the Shire.

FAIR DAY FOR FETE

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The Lucky wheel coined it in as a major money spinner. The plant stall, cake stall and second hand clothes all raised plenty. Devonshire teas were enjoyed by many and the highlight for the children was the climbing wall come abseiling tower that was crawling high with children all day long. The talent contest this year attracted over 17 eager entrants. The standard was very good. Young Tori Oglesby was overall winner with a gymnastic dance routine. Laura Gorton and Brooke Powell were runners up with their well presented song and dance routine. Tiny Courtney Beeren was deservedly third with her nimble tap dancing. Master of ceremonies was Mr. David Davies and judges Audrey Dodson, Melva Behr and Yvonne O'Connor.

Other attractions at the fete included a karate display, dog obedience demonstrations and a model working train track. It is estimated that as much as \$8000 was raised, which will be apportioned out to the school children's resources, equipment and facility improvement.

Well done Beacy Primary.

STATION BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT BEACONSFIELD

(Written by Mr. D. Reyland, St. Francis Xavier Staff member.)

The problems of graffiti and vandalism specially in public places, are not new to our community.

Beaconsfield Railway Station, only being manned on a part-time basis, has been particularly susceptible to such abuse.

The Public Transport Corporation in conjunction with a group of Year 9 students from St. Francis Xavier College have finally decided to tackle the problem head on.

The Station Beautification Project was originally a Public Transport Corporation initiative. They sought community involvement in the project and as St. Francis Xavier students are among the most frequent users of the station at Beaconsfield the school was approached.

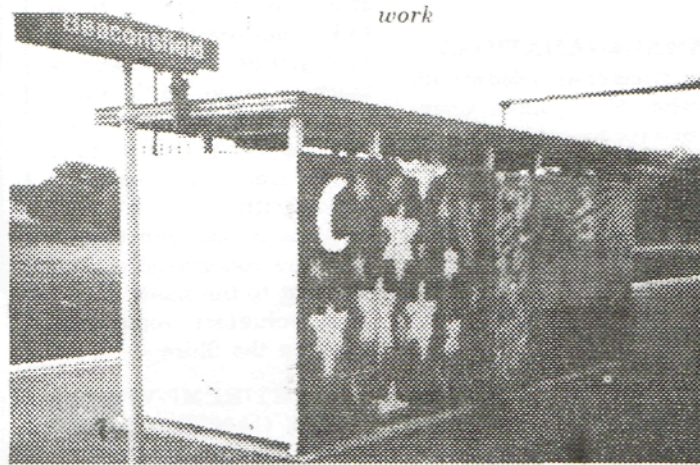
The idea was to build upon the earlier good work accom-

plished by the Beaconsfield Progress Association (with help from St. Francis Xavier students) some years previously.

With the P.T.C. providing the funds and the year 9 students the creativity and labour, two murals have been completed and four garden boxes set in place. It is hoped that this community involvement will reduce the incidence of graffiti and vandalism at Beaconsfield Station as Beaconsfield residents and others who use the station develop a sense of pride and ownership for their station.

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students for their excellent efforts so far. Matthew Tribuzi, Ben Tuck, Rhys Nisbet, Matthew Timothy, Emily Tuck, Laura Coote, Trevor Loulier, Lee Hogervorst.

Below:- Toilet Block at the Beaconsfield Station with artwork



PRESS RELEASE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

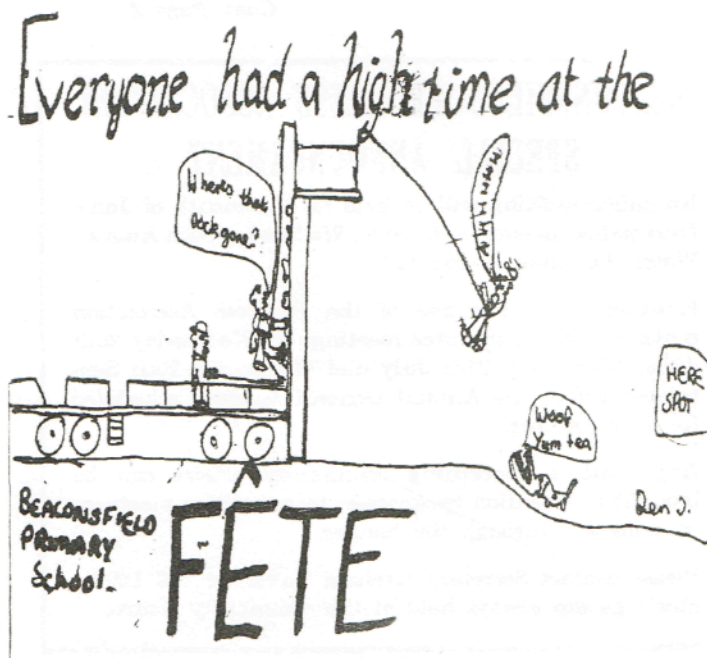
Mr. John Murrell, Manager Health and Community Services announced that Council has appointed John White as its Community Development Officer.

John has extensive experience in education and community affairs and was also closely involved with the Pakenham Cricket and Golf Clubs. He will be working in the Shire Community Serv-

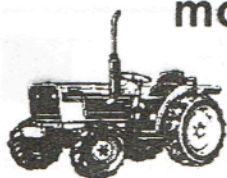
ices Unit and will support, and promote community affairs.

One of his first jobs is to implement the Council's Capital Grants and Community Grants Programs. Community Groups will receive correspondence about these in the near future.

Residents or groups are invited to contact John White at the Shire Offices on (059) 411011



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Ted Horton

It is interesting to note in the Gazette newspaper that the current Shire President, Councillor Peter Meeking, has been mentioning the great value of voluntary work undertaken by residents in the Shire of Pakenham. It has saved the Shire Council thousands of dollars.

This voluntary work can be seen as a saving to the community. The philosophy behind voluntary work also serves to maintain community spirit and motivation to

be proud of our patch. Whether its organising the Primary School Fete, being a volunteer fire fighter, helping maintain the Rec Reserve or compiling the Banner newspaper, we all of us derive pleasure and satisfaction from volunteering. If we didn't then we wouldn't do it.

There are many of us too that get caught up, voluntarily, in community affairs. With local government restructuring we might find that we will have little or no say in the direction of our local community affairs. Some go further and say its the beginning of the end for democracy.

Whatever the outcome in the next few weeks in Municipal Restructuring for Beaconsfield let us all be wary of the ramifications for our community and be vocal in what we want for our town.

MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING

From all reports it seems nothing will happen in this area until September 1994. It is expected then that the outcome of local Government board enquiries may be made public.

From a meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association on Wednesday 27th April, it was found that the community was well satisfied with their local governing body, the Shire Of Pakenham. It concluded that unless there was any clear benefits to be gained through merging municipalities then the township and community of Beaconsfield saw no reason for change.

The Association has made its findings clear to the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Roger Hallam. Furthermore the Association has sent copies of this letter to the City of Berwick and to the local minister the Hon. Robert MacLellan, M.L.A. Member of

Against a background of uncertainty the Progress Association felt it would be appropriate to gauge the feelings of its community and make its opinions known just in case the Local Government Board had plans to merge parts of Pakenham to Berwick.

A letter received at the end of May from Minister of Local Governments Departments states that is anticipated that the review of the Shire of Pakenham area will commence in June 1994.

RED SHIELD APPEAL SUNDAY 22ND MAY, 1994

With nine volunteer collectors in Beaconsfield, the town managed to donate over \$800 to the Salvation Army. A big THANKYOU to all those that gave their time up to collect and a big THANKYOU to those who donated money. P.S.



Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc.

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

BEAconsfield COMMUNITY CENTRE

(written by Sue Bailey)



Sue Bailey

SECOND SESSION OF PRE-KINDER AVAILABLE

The Beaconsfield Community Centre is now offering a 2nd session of 3 year old Pre-Kinder on a Thursday afternoon. This is in response to the steadily increasing number of enrolments for the morning session. Parents can now choose to send their children to either the Tuesday session or the Thursday session or as a large number of parents are doing to both sessions.

To enrol, children must be 3 years old before June 30th. We are also taking enrolments for next year. For further information ring the Community Centre on 707 3449.

OCCASIONAL CARE

In addition to Pre-Kinder sessions we also have 2, 3 hour sessions of Occasional Care, open to children 3 months to school age. These operate on a Tuesday afternoon from 12.15 to 3.15 and on a Thursday morning from 9.15 - 12.15am.

We offer many different courses during these times, so if you have young children you can leave them happily and safely in Occasional Care

while you take advantage of the courses being offered. Or you can use this time to shop, relax, study or for appointments.

ACTIVITY GROUPS WELL ATTENDED

We also have many groups that meet regularly at our centre. In particular the Artists Group (who have named themselves B.A.G.'s) meet on Thursday afternoon from 12.30 - 2.30pm. (note the new time). This is an informal group whose members enjoy sketching, painting both water colour and oils, pastels and many other activities. They welcome any new members. This is a supportive and fun group.

The Model Railway Club meet twice a month on a Wednesday night. They have more than 12 active members, a large layout and another one on the way and welcome anyone who wishes to drop in and have a look.

NEW GROUPS

Is there any interest group that does not presently operate from the centre that you would be keen to join, eg. card club, gardening club etc. Please let us know. Drop into the centre or call Sue on 707 3449.

TERM 3 PROGRAMME

The new programme for Term 3, which includes many different art/craft courses will be distributed towards the end of Term 2. In particular we are offering a Creative Writing course on a Thursday evening. These will be fun sessions in which you can share your writing experiences with others.

We look forward to seeing you at the centre during Term 3.

Sue Bailey

MIDWAY NEWS

Hello friends and friends we have yet to meet, come along Monday afternoon and join us.

We had a great trip to Werribee Park, the weather was warm and its such a lovely place. Congratulations to Peg Sago winning the hamper, something very nice to take home.

Thankyou to Robert (Dorotheas son) for donating the table tennis table. This will expand on the great activities that we enjoy like bowls, bingo, videos and slides.

A very enjoyable Anniversary luncheon was had at the Central Hotel. Nice food and good company is a good recipe for a great afternoon.

We are looking forward to an interesting trip to the Scienceworks on Wednesday 29th June. At \$11.00 per head it is a very reasonable priced and you do not need to be a member of Midway to join us on this trip. All ages are welcome, contact Gwen at 707 2904.

How very nice for Doreen with the guests from Darwin. Did they notice the difference in the temperature? Anyway the warm welcome they would get would balance a little cold weather wouldn't it??!!

Midway- A great chance to meet some new friends and see some familiar faces. Come to the Beaconsfield Community Centre on Monday afternoon, 1-3pm.

"MY VISIT TO THE LIFE EDUCATION VAN"

Reported by Nicholas Ward, Grade 3, Beaconsfield Primary School.

Article by student at Beaconsfield Primary about the Life Education Van which visits the school each year. Each grade has a lesson in the van which teaches them about their bodies and how to keep them healthy.)

On Wednesday May 18th we went to the Life Education van. We saw Jenny. I have got an Auntie Jenny. I am told a lot about the body. We had to answer questions. I only answered one though. We had to tell the person next to us what was in chips and chocolate.

We went inside someones mouth. We went down the asofogis we didn't see all the way. We went into the stomach, they touched something that felt like plastic. They

saw another tube, the tube led us into the intestines, it looked like dog fur. It is six metres long.

We played a game with food it was great fun. Harold swore that on the front of the newspaper it said there were Aliens in Beaconsfield! Harolds friends was sick. We thought of ways to help him, it worked. After wards Harold went for a jog with his friends and he wrote us a letter saying he had gone for a jog. We pretended we didn't see it.

Suddenly it went black, stars came and a rocket appeared in space. It flew up to us and back twice, some of us were scared. The rocket came to earth. An Alien popped out named Zena. The Alien asked if we were Martians. We told Zena we were humans. The Brain told Zena about the human body.

THE GIFT IS MINE.

"Anne is bright and awake and the new kidney is working well." To hear those words through the haze of anaesthetic allowed me to relax back into the cloud of morphine relaxation. We had done it, my kidney working in my wife's body - a miracle.

The hours and days of the next week seemed to become lost in an almost ridiculous sort of sunny glow for us and for what we had done. We became like kids. Anne would sit in a chair beside my bed - we didn't often say much - just look at each other and smile like loons - loons with glistening eyes and sometimes tears. It was our special communication.

The magic was that Anne started to feel well almost immediately on awakening after her hours of surgery. The special part was that she not only felt well but inside her head she knew she was well - after all these years. "Oh Keithy, its like a miracle, I feel like I've been born again."

Was this loud, bubbly, laughing woman with the shining face and the sparkling eyes my wife? The failing kidney and the toxins in her body had robbed Anne of her vitality and her smile. With our friends she had changed from a vibrant participant to a quiet onlooker. Now you could find her hospital bed by the laughing and noise; has Mozart ever sounded so sweet?

Our visitors became caught up in the emotion of what had happened and even the nurses attached to the Kidney ward for years seemed somehow touched. Hearts seemed to have been touched by what was called "the gift" but I did not see it that way. I remember a fellow worker Wayne Roberts of Warragul giving a kidney to his daughter, everyone in the office was deeply moved - what a gift.

Our first expectations were that our daughters Melissa or Megan who both wanted to

donate may be compatible. When we found that there was a chance that I was a match, I just did it. You don't think of gifts and noble deeds or anything like that - just life. The chance that someone you love may live is all you think about.

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Keith Goodman.

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CONGRATULATIONS



Joan Horton

Congratulations to Ist Beaconsfield Scout Group Leader, Mrs Joan Horton, for being awarded the Wood Badge Award. This award is the highest there is for a Group Leader and comes to Joan after years of dedicated hard work for the Beaconsfield group.

It is bestowed on leaders in the Scout movement for contribution in Adult Training and Development. Joan has been successful over the years in securing many leaders to run the Beaconsfield Scout and Cub Groups.

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Another service from another source to assist folk whose budget goes into a spin when they receive their power bills is the SEC and Gas and Fuel by special arrangement.

Here's something for the Parents of Teenagers. If your teenager should find themselves in trouble with the Police the first thing a parent does is panic or start to rant and rave. VIC Safe has put out a pamphlet with lots of good advice and places to turn to for advice for both parents and the teenager.

Pamphlets on these subjects and information on services and the many activities available in the area contact your Citizens Advice Bureau at 66 Main Street, Pakenham, just up from the John Street roundabout or phone (059) 412 377 between 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. Monday to Friday.

C.A.B. - INFORMING VICTORIA.

CAMP QUALITY RIDE RAISES \$4300.

One the weekend of April 23rd and 24th. 10 cyclists from the Beaconsfield District took part in the Murray to Moyne Fund-raising ride. This event is held each year on the April long weekend. The Berwick Bicycle User Group entered a team - their aim was to raise money for camp quality.

The team left Echuca 12.00 midday and cycled via Boort, St Arnolds, Ararat to Hamilton. With the weather conditions perfect for riding both day and night-time and with one or more of the group on the road at all times we arrived in Hamilton at 3.30am. A well earned rest was taken



before having breakfast and setting off for the last 90km stretch to Port Fairy.

Altogether the total distance was 520km. With approx. 700 riders leaving Echuca and 500 riders leaving Mildura. A very rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable ride.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Our overseas cousins from Beaconsfield Tasmania provide us with two interesting pages of history dating back to 1881.

See back pages.

There are several similarities between their town and ours. Thank you John McNeil of Beaconsfield for giving us these historical papers.

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LETTERS

LETTER TO EDITOR.

The following letter has been sent to the Shire of Pakenham.

Dear Sir,

We are the occupants of (Number supplied) Kathleen Court, Beaconsfield and our rear fence line will meet the proposed supermarket fence line at the point of the car park.

We have the following objections to the above application.

1. By joining on to the gas easement we have wire fences. This means we have no privacy from the car park. We also have the gate of wire fence to the gas pipeline. By joining on to the car park, this would lose our security on this section of our fence line.

2. The car park behind our fence will create more rubbish, debris and noise with the cars coming and going with late night shopping.

3. The loading bay is situated at the back of the supermarket and this would also create noise early in the morning.

4. On Friday night, the Beaconsfield Hotel has a band and this already attracts lots of young people in the town. The young people will use the car park for their entertainment.

5. We also object because we currently run the Goodfellows supermarket at 20 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield. This proposed Supermarket could put us out of business.

We already have two supermarkets in Berwick and the new Tuckerbag supermarket under construction on the south side of Berwick. We do not feel we have the population to support another supermarket.

6. We would also like to see enough buffer zone between our fence and the proposed car park which would keep us away from noise and vandalism.

Name and address supplied.

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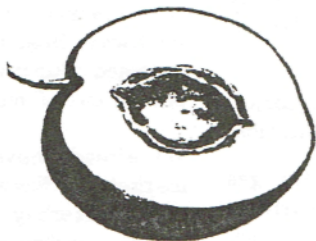
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Beaconsfield Station	Unlawfully on premises
Princes Hwy	Minor possessing liquor
Supermarket	Smashed window
Lyle St	Theft from clothes line
Keith Parade	Chainsaw stolen
Horner St	Theft from vehicle
Railway station	Theft from vehicle
Princes Hwy	Stolen vehicle
Kenilworth Ave	Theft from vehicle
Supermarket	Damage
Sylvia Rd	Burglary
O'Neil Rd	Burglary
Kenilworth Ave	Letterbox bomb
Lyle Ave	Burglary
Souter St	Assault
Boynton	Damage to construction site
Princes Hwy	Stolen vehicle
Princes Hwy	Financial deceit
Lyle Ave	Burglary
Leisure centre	Theft

**** Do we need Neighbourhood Watch? If interested contact Secretary Progress Association - 796 1297.**

Letter Box Bombs. Local Police report that there is currently a pade of bombing letter boxes. Apparently the bombing is being done by school children using home made bombs. The bombs are claimed by Police to be extremely dangerous up to a distance of 50 metres. Unexploded bombs should not be touched and should be reported to Police. The bombs are basically sode syphon bulbs wrapped in tin foil.

Two reports of bombing have been made in Beaconsfield.
WHOSE CHILDREN ARE DOING THIS??



BEACONSFIELD CUB/SCOUT NEWS

Currently the 1st Beaconsfield Group boasts 6 Cub Scouts and 13 Scouts. Recently "new chum" Michael Wilson joined the cubs and will be invested on 30th June.

In Scouts there is one leader away at the moment till the end of June. Over the weekend 25th and 26th June the Scout Group will be out in the bush around Gembrook enjoying a well organised moonlight hike. During the hike they practise their bush cooking skills and experience the pleasure (or pain) of carrying a loaded pack on their backs for the first time.

The Scouts have also improved

their orienteering skills. A guest speaker came to one of the Tuesday night meetings to give his expert knowledge on "How not to lose yourself in the forest"! Scouts have recently competed between patrols in tent pitching and striking. A water activity programme completes this term on Tuesday 28th at the Oasis in Dandenong that promises to be good fun.

Recent newcomers to the Scout Group include Clinton Wilson, Dale Vincent and Marcus Wilson who were invested at the end on April.

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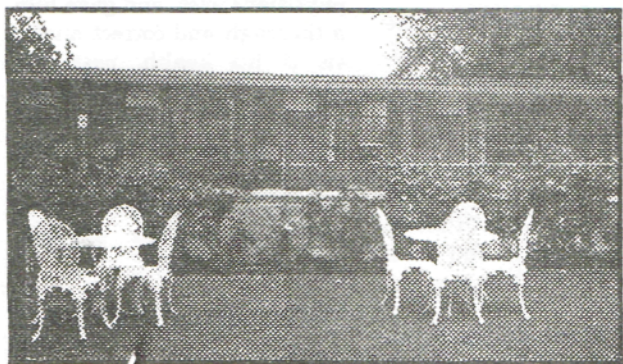
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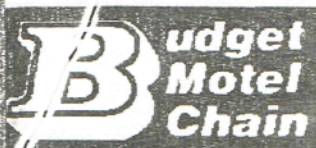
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TREES AND PATHS FOR BEACONSFIELD.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association has recently written to the Shire of Pakenham requesting more trees for Beaconsfield and better maintenance of footpaths.

The committee invites public input regarding where best to plant trees and what species preferred. Secondly the Asso-

ciation would like to know if it has missed any pot holes in pavements that may be of danger to pedestrians.

Please let the Progress Association know by phoning the Secretary, Graham Baker on 796 1297 or President, Ted Horton on 707 1313.



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OUR NATURAL WORLD



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For those people who have been to a natural health practitioner, you may have been surprised, and a little fascinated, when the practitioner looked into your eyes and told you things about your health that have impressed you as to their accuracy.

This form of diagnosis is known as "Iridology" and is extensively used by people practising alternative therapies.

What is "Iridology" and what are its origins and history? "Iridology" is a science based on the analysis of the complicated structure of the iris.

This is the part surrounded by the "whites" of the eyes and does not include the pupil, that 'black hole' in the very centre of the eye structure.

The various 'markings' of the iris and the colours therein, give a detailed picture of the body organs and systems, reflecting the integrity of the body. It does not 'name' diseases so to speak, but deductions can be made from interpreting the signs, and is a valuable aid to diagnosis.

The first efforts to 'read' the eyes go back to the ancient chaldeans, but the first reference to "iridology" in more modern times is credited to the physician Philippus Meyens, who referred to it in a published book in 1670 in Dresden, Germany.

However, the true originator of Iridology as known in more recent times, was a Dr. Ignatz

Von Peezely (1826 - 1911) a hungarian physician. At the age of 11, Von Peezely was trying to free an owl trapped in his garden, when he accidentally broke one of its legs. He soon noticed the appearance of a dark stripe in the lower part of the birds eye. He dressed the owls wound and nursed it back to health, releasing it when well. However, the bird stayed on in his garden for several years and Von Peezely observed the appearance of white and crooked lines in that part of the eye where the black stripe had been located. He eventually became a Doctor and used natural remedies in the treatment of his patients. Recalling the owls eye and the injury the bird sustained, he increasingly noticed correlations between markings on the iris and ailments of those who sought his help, and the fame of his unique art spread rapidly across the country. Patients thronged to him.

Thus the birth of "iridology" is said to have been about 1861.

Soon the authorities intervened in the person of another physician who accused Von Peezely of being a 'quack'. Von Peezely looked into the physicians eyes, and gave him a thorough and correct analysis of his health, past and present, proving he was no 'quack' and no more was said of the matter. He had a long and successful practice, publishing only one book on his discoveries in 1880. He died aged 85 in 1911.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 3 tblsp butter /margarine
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1½ cups cubed ham
- pepper to taste.



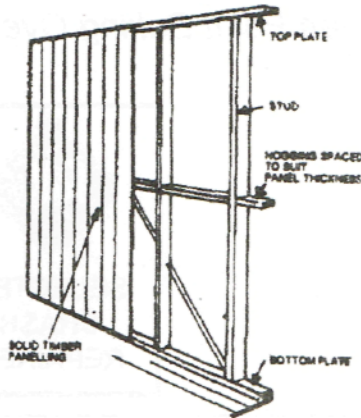
In a large saucepan cook the chopped onion in butter until tender but not brown.

Stir in flour, mustard, thyme and pepper.
Add milk and chicken stock gradually, stirring.
Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly.

Stir fresh broccoli florets and cubed ham into saucepan.
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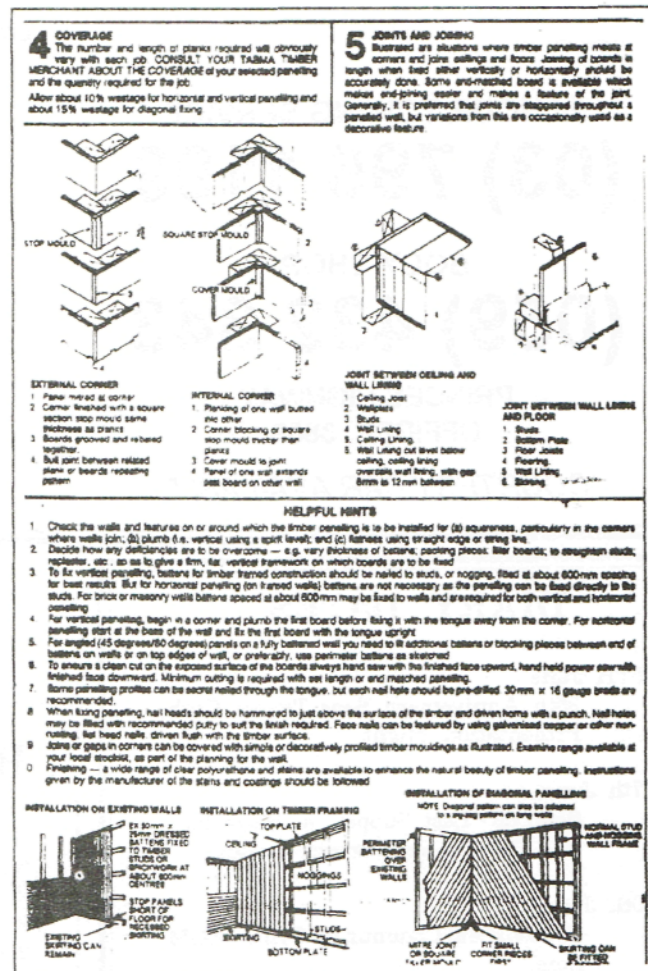
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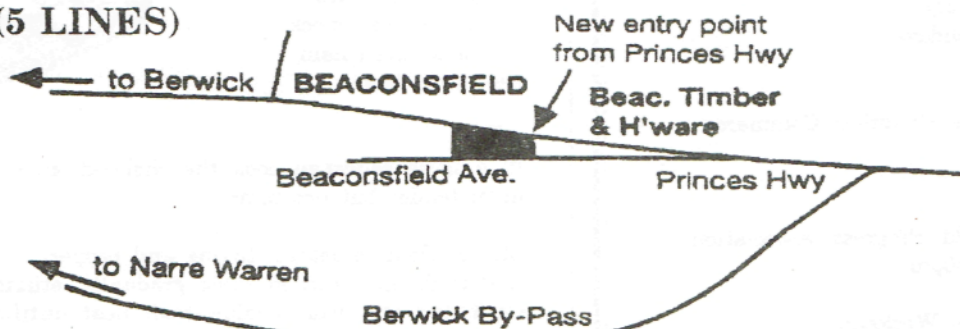
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Brickbats :- to the person or people that removed the grating from the footpath on the Beaconsfield recreation reserve. It has left a dangerous hole in the pavement.

Bouquets :- to those that give time and donations towards the running of the 1st. Beaconsfield Car Wash.

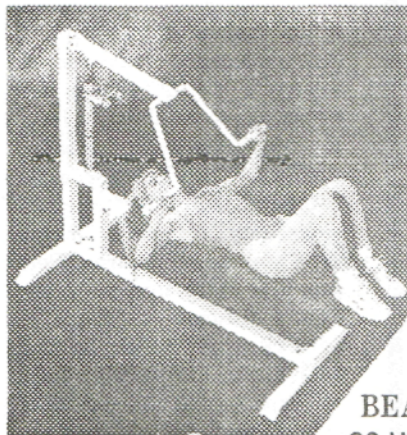
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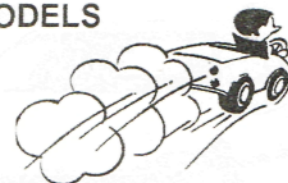
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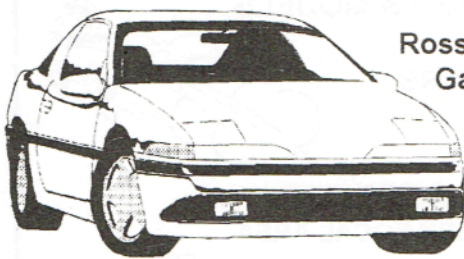
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When hairdressers. Pete & Inge Wiegandt travelled to Australia in 1992 in search of a location to establish a hair-dressing salon, they looked at salons in Sth Yarra, Toorak, Camberwell and the "trendier" inner city suburbs. During their stay in Melbourne, Pete and Inge were invited to the "country" home of friends in Berwick, a visit which changed their plans completely. "I did not expect such an elite area so far from the city" said Pete.

A tour around all the hair-dressing salons in Berwick, Beaconsfield and Pakenham reinforced their belief there was definitely a market in this area for a salon offering the very latest overseas styles and techniques, and a wider range of services than is currently available.

"Unisex salons in Europe provide an area with a barber's chair for men who prefer traditional barber shop service"

One Salon Pete & Inge visited was ideal for the business they envisaged. Reflections Hair Design in Beaconsfield was exactly what they were looking for. It was large, modern, only minutes from the heart of Berwick with a huge rear parking area, and separate room for a barber's chair.

Unfortunately the salon was not for sale.

Pete and Inge returned to run their salon in Europe and kept in contact with the owners of the salon in Australia. Finally in May 1994, the owners agreed to sell the salon in Beaconsfield.

Pete and Inge will continue to employ two of the staff. Tuyen and Carolyn say they are excited by the prospect of working with and learning from two such experienced hairdressers.

Pete & Inge will take over the salon on the 1st July and will move into a unit in the heart of Beaconsfield.

Pete will open the Barber shop from 7.30 am until 5.30 p.m. on weekdays and from 7.30 am until 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays. "Beaconsfield is such a progressive area, I am surprised there is not a barber in the township" says Pete.

Pete and Inge both hold a Masters Degree in Hairdressing.

They are looking forward to meeting the locals and becoming part of the community and we welcome them to Beaconsfield and wish them all the very best in their new business.

CUB/SCOUT NEWS

Cont. from page 8.

They all received a very warm welcome from adults and Patrol leaders and one can expect each one to benefit over

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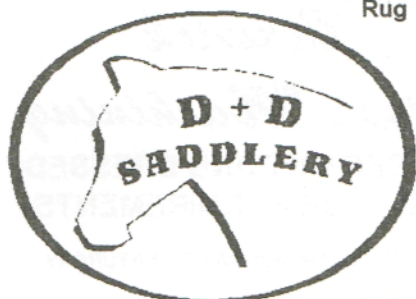
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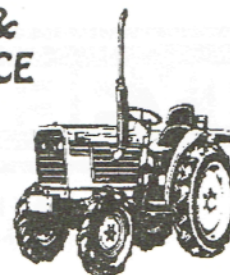
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Beaconsfield Sport

BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB - AN INTRODUCTION.

The Beaconsfield Football Club has been an integral part of the local community for over 100 years. Research has uncovered that the club was formed at a meeting at Bissings Hotel (now The Central) on April 21st, 1890.

Some things never change as local football is still one of the major topics discussed at this same hotel over a cold one or two.

A team representing the town played two games against Cranbourne in 1890 but after that details are very sketchy for some years. Photos of Beaconsfield teams of 1909, 1926 and 1931 indicate that the club was competing against clubs as far flung as Pakenham, Gembrook, Clayton, Ferntree Gully, and Belgrave. At this time the club's ground was located just east of the Central Hotel with the racecourse bordering it.

After recess during the War

years the club reformed in 1947 and competed in the Dandenong & District Association, achieving a "B" Grade Premiership in 1953. In 1954 the club was a foundation member of the South West Gippsland Football League. Beaconsfield did not enjoy much success in the 50's & 60's but the 70's saw it build up a power winning club with premierships in 1974, 1980 and 1981 (all under legendary coach Jim Read). Present coach Wayne Goodes, along with life member Brian Southorn share the distinction of being the only members of all three premierships in South West Gippsland Football League.

The club transferred to West Gippsland Football League in 1993 and in their first season won premierships in the Reserves and U/17's grades. The change of leagues also brought a change of uniform with the club reverting to the blue and

gold vertical stripes that were its uniform from the 1950's until the mid sixties. The club changed to black and yellow at that time due to a set of jumpers being made available from Richmond in exchange for a couple of players.

The Senior body of the club fields four teams in the West Gippsland League (Seniors, Reserves, U/17 & U/15) and all games are held at the same venue on Saturdays commencing with the U/15's at 9.15 am.

The Junior body of the club fields 5 teams with U/9, U/10, U/12 & U/14's competing in the South West Gippsland Junior Football League and U/11's in the Dandenong & District Football League.

The charter of the Junior body is to develop sportsmanship, teamwork, and a sense of enjoyment of the game and a desire to learn and improve skills.

Parental involvement plays an important part throughout these developmental years.

The club is about to embark on a rebuilding program aimed at increasing the size of the social rooms and further enhancing the facilities that are available for a number of community based social activities.

The club offers an ideal opportunity to get closely involved with other members of your community whether as a player or as a supporter in an activity where you can feel a part of Beaconsfield.

The Secretary of the club John Andrews, can be contacted on 707 3338, if you would like any more details regarding club activities and John would also be delighted to hear from any residents who may have memorabilia (or perhaps tales) associated with the early days of the Football Club.



BEACONHILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET AT MELALEUCA LODGE FOR BREAKFAST

Why would 90 people want to get up before 6.00 am and meet for breakfast? On the 7th of June that's just what happened. The occasion was the launch of the Pakenham and District Business Awards Program. The program is a project organised by the Pakenham and District Business Development Group (PDBDG); a joint initiative involving the Shire of Pakenham, Rotary, Beacons Hills and Pakenham Chambers of Commerce, Casey TAFE, Small Business Victoria and the

public. The groups general aim is to make the Pakenham Shire a 'better place to do business' for both existing and new businesses. It is hoped to generate significant economic and community growth.

Held at Melaleuca Lodge most of the attendees were quite bright eyed and bushy tailed and saw the sun rise for a pleasant breakfast and listened to several entertaining guest speakers.

The awards program was launched by the Mr. Ken Rook the PDBDG Chairman and Mr. Brian Paynter, the Awards Program Coordinator. This was followed by a

talk from Mr. Terry Mahoney, Managing Director of SAAS Manufacturing. Terry's company makes automotive steering wheels and was an award nominee in a similar program in the City of Springvale. Terry provided an enlightening look at his business and experiences. Following Terry, Mr. Peter Sheldrake, Executive Director of The Australian Institute of Management spoke on the various forms of business networking and the benefits to our businesses.

The breakfast finished before 9.00 am with a summary of the morning and door prizes valued at around \$1000.

Any business no matter how small or large can enter the awards which cover seven categories. Businesses can self nominate or be nominated by anyone.

The next breakfast to be held on the 4th October at Melaleuca will feature some of the nominees speaking briefly on their businesses. A high profile guest speaker will address the breakfast on the popular topic of marketing.

Further information on the awards program and next breakfast can be obtained from Paul Chapman on 796 2302 or Brian Paynter on 707 2788.

Beaconsfield Sport



BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



NIGHT TENNIS COMPETITION

Thursday night "A" & "B" Grade Mens Grand Final was held on the 24th March.

Winners "A" Grade - Top Guns. Members- Bruce Odgen, Theo Van Roy, John Callack. Winners "B" Grade- Beacy Battlers. Members - Allan Whiting, Ron McGrath, Roy Campbell.

On 28th April a Presentation Dinner was held to celebrate the end of the summer season and to commemorate the first Winning team name to be placed on the Tom Shanks Memorial Shield.

Thursday night competition are looking for another 3 man team, Section 4 and above. Anyone interested please contact Brian Crockett on 707 3425.

Monday Night "A" Grade "Mixed" Grand Final was held on the 11th April. Winners:- Young Guns. Members - Adam Hurst, David Burton, Stacy Grande, Jenny Walker, Marita Meeking. Any enquires please contact Greg Menzel on 707 1053.

SATURDAY MORNING JUNIORS

The season started back on the 30th April with 9 teams entered in the Winter competition BDTA. With 4 teams of beginners coming into play competition tennis, for the first time out of Robert Kieghery's coaching lessons. An orientation day was arranged for the new juniors and their parents. The new juniors played each other in a practice match of tennis while parents learnt how to umpire the games. The morning was a great success for all in-

involved. Tennis is a great social sport for young and old. Anyone interested in learning to play tennis contact Robert Kieghery on 8039397.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SENIORS.

Winter Tennis BDTA - 4 teams. V.T.A. Pennant. - 3 men and 2 ladies. Teams play on Saturday and Sunday.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS. JUNIORS

Singles "A" Grade Winner - Ben McKay. Runner-up - David Valentine. Singles "B" Grade winner - Travis McKay. Runner-up - David Valentine. SENIORS Mens "B" Grade Winners - Bill Roder & Trevor Thompson. Runner-up - John Douma & Mitchell Groen. Ladies "B" Grade Winners- Justine Clough & Anne Phillips. Runners-up - Heather Saunders & Joy Palmer. Mixed "B" Doubles Winner - Mitchell & Karen Groen. Runners up- Teresa & Grant Stutsel. Mens "B" Singles Winner - Bill Roder. Runner-up - Les Donaldson. Mens "C" Singles Winner - Jim Peart. Runner-up - Gerald Williams. Ladies "C" Singles Winner - Vivienne Parkes. Runner-up- Melissa Nouza.

COMMITTEE BUSY.

One 22nd May, a working bee was planned and organised and co-ordinated by Greg Menzel and the Committee. Due to the hard work and tremendous effort by all who participated most of the tasks were completed. Tasks carried out were laying turf in the play area, boxing in play equipment, replace sleepers and relay pavers. The club house was spring cleaned inside and out. We are very fortunate to have a club house

in which we can take much pride in. Many thanks to all who attended. For Court Hire - contact Margaret Chatfield - 707 2016. Membership contact - Jenny Shinnars - 707 2575.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS *

Are you looking to make a "come back"? * Always wanted to play, but never had the

time. * Perhaps you've never played before

A small friendly group of ladies from the Beaconsfield/Berwick area are hoping to get together for a social "hit" of tennis on a weekly basis.

If you are interested in joining them, please contact Helen Kresojevic. Ph- 707 5259.



Above:- L-R Greg Menzel, Brian Shinnars, Martin Fletcher, Len Saunders and Bill Roder



SERVICE BOARD PROPOSED FOR BEACONSFIELD.

At the last meeting of Beaconsfield Chamber of Commerce members were keen to see a service board erected on the highway between Berwick and Beaconsfield.

It was envisaged that the board would show meeting dates and times of local service and community groups. This would be beneficial not only to visitors but also to new people moving into the district.

The matter is now to be discussed with the Pakenham Council.

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at Melaleuca Lodge on Thursday 21st July. Guest speaker will be Peter Meeking (Pakenham Shire President) and the topic of discussion will be Municipal Restructuring.



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BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE is holding their ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on THURSDAY 30TH JUNE at 8pm.

All are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to be involved in your local Community Centre.

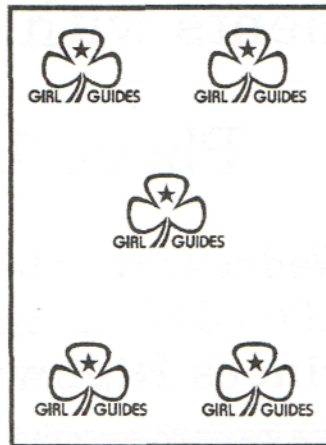


HELP KEEP BROWNIES IN BEACONSFIELD

Jenny Edwards our current leader is moving to Bunyip. This is a very sad event for us. Jenny has been a wonderful leader for the girls.

We urgently need volunteers to become uniformed leaders, or the pack will close. Add a new dimension to your life, be a leader with the Girls Guides. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm, imagination and willingness to put something back into your community.

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Fancy Goods Stationary

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Branch Store, Weld-street South.

THE undersigned returns thanks to
those who assisted to quench the fire
at his residence on Sunday, 30th ultimo.
especially the stranger who assisted on
the roof.

HARRY WHITE.

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RIVER DOINGS

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 5—H.M. warship Flora Macdonald, 1,700 tons, Captain Stevens, from the Shetland Isles. Landing stores and ammunition at Swift's Quay.

Nov. 7—Gunboat Corio, 2,000 tons, Commander Harry (who lately passed a successful examination as Sea Cook). Landing troops, including artillery at Bowen's Pier.

Nov. 8—Royal Mail Tub, 3 feet long and 2 feet deep, Horse Marine, Captain Pantson. Landed despatches and goods for the Bazaar at the New Wharf, Beauty Point.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Blighted Husband.—We sincerely condole with you. You have given yourself and your tenderest affections into the keeping of your better half, and she has abused the sacred trust—has beaten you! It is quite right that husbands should be encouraged even to use force with their wives: it's quite natural, and the fashion. But for a wife to presume—Ough! it makes one's blood boil.

Bombast.—T. D. Chapman is the best political friend we have. Works very hard for roads, bridges, and progress, at Beaconsfield, &c.

Pluto (Silver Mines).—The seeds you sent the Bazaar were those of kindness.

Young Mother.—It is not a rule that babies entering for the show should be vaccinated.

Amelia.—Babies with small-pox will not be allowed to compete at the show.

Tilly Willy Nilly.—You say you love both equally well. Our opinion is, you do not love either, and we pity either that shares your board and lodging.

Amy.—Turn over a new leaf, and don't tease him any more. All will be well.

Tippler.—You are in error. The quantity of tea consumed in Beaconsfield at tea fights during 1881 has been estimated at 800lbs., or allowing 50 cups to the pound, equals 40,000 cups. We consider that this appalling dissipation demands numerous and efficient police force in the highest interests of the public(kan).

Samuel M.—11—1.—Decidedly no. If the young lady's mamma made enquiries about your relatives in Victoria, it by no means follows that Miss — is enamoured of you, and put her mother up to make the enquiries. If our opinion is of any value, we should think the enquiries were directed to ascertain whether lunacy was hereditary in your family. 2. It would be as well to state an abstract case, and so find out her views on kissing before attempting so grave an offence. We, however, in our younger days, usually kissed first and stated the case afterwards. We never got our ears boxed, but were often told not to do so again, which we did.

S.L.—It is a remarkable case of consanguinity, we admit, and one requiring considerable acumen to trace. We once heard it proved that a man could be his own grandfather. Thus:—John and David are father and son, Margaret and Deborah are mother and daughter: John is a widower, Margaret a widow; John, the widower, married Deborah, the widow's daughter: David, John's son, married Margaret, the widow. By marrying his father's wife's mother, who was of course his father's mother-in-law, he became his father's father-in-law. If, then, he was, in law, his own father's father, he was, in fact, his own grandfather, for the law cannot err.

Sad Sarah.—We pity you. The conduct of the young man is base, indeed. Do not for a moment credit his assurance that he only goes to the barber, for, as you say, his cheek is smooth as a peach—and you ought to know. Next time you go for a walk with the other young man and he follows you, apply egg lotion to his ear from about five yards, with just enough force to get the curves nicely. N.B.—Don't remove the shell before sending it. That is an effectual cure for "buzzing."

Cousin Jack.—Bee-kons-feeld, not Bay-kons-failed, is the correct pronunciation.

Miss D.—g.—We see nothing at which your mamma ought to take exception if you have stated the case without reservation. There is nothing wrong in a young gentleman offering his arm and umbrella to a young lady, and seeing he through a shower. Our reporter, however, was in Weld-street on the evening mentioned, and he tells us that you also had an umbrella, but carried it by your side. He also adds that as you proceeded up the street it seemed as though you and Mr. W—rs were endeavouring both to get on the same side of the stick and still be in the middle—a thing which you must know is impossible. Further, that even when the rain abated somewhat, you still presented the appearance of a black mushroom with twin stalks; and that he heard by the gate a sound at parting something between the sizzle of water on hot iron and of a horse's hoof coming out of wet clay. Lay the whole case before mamma, however; she was young herself once, and considering that W—rs is a decent fellow, she won't scold.

First Baby.—Dress is not taken into consideration when judging babies.

Fowl Fancier.—Mr. Hilt, of Carry Glen, is the most successful exhibitor of butter this year. It hadn't been potted more than nine months before "making up." He doesn't use more than three chemicals in preparing it, and the quantity of oleo — is really inconsiderable.

PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR!

Will be opened at 11 a.m.,

9th NOVEMBER,

and following day at 3 p.m.

BABY SHOW!

Entrance fee, 1s. Two Prizes.

At 4 p.m.

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8 p.m., of

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TO SUBSCRIBERS

We tickle, but we don't scratch. We want to raise a goodhumoured laugh at all the foibles, angles, and oddities we have noticed, in everybody around, not forgetting that we possess plenty ourselves. We ask that every allusion made in our columns may be taken as we give it—in good part, nought being written in malice, or meant designedly to wound.

The
Beaconsfield Tickler

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1881.

CONTEMPORARY with this edition of the "Beaconsfield Tickler" opens the Presbyterian Bazaar—a spontaneous effort on the part of the members of this denomination to raise funds for the erection of a House of Worship to the Name of our God. Not gifted with much wealth, we can yet freely give our time, our skill, our labour, as well as gifts of various kinds. And what we give we offer willingly for the advancement of His Kingdom from whose gracious hand has come all we possess, and who is still crowning us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. We must not omit to mention the kindness we have received from those of other Churches and other places, who have aided us in gifts and work, and from that family whose liberality has provided both the site for, and assistance towards the erection of our future church. We trust that our effort will meet with all success, and that before many months have passed we may have

erected a structure that, whilst not aspiring to grandeur or effect, may offer suitable accommodation for those who assemble to seek the presence and instruction of that most gracious One who has condescendingly declared—"Ye shall seek Me and find Me when ye shall search for Me with all your heart."



OUR paper being full of libellous matter, the Editor is prepared to receive any number of horse-whippings; but those having such harmless intentions are respectfully informed that our Chief is quite ready to receive them. His residence is at Guam, and he keeps four bulldogs always hungry, three brace of Gatling guns loaded to the muzzle, innumerable infernal machines, and a bodyguard of trained Zulus.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.

Beaconsfield is going ahead like a Yankee railroad. We have not space to take them seriatim, but we have the best hotels on any goldfield in the colonies, good and cheap stores, &c., &c.

The English church has been remodelled and enlarged; so also the Wesleyan, and the Primitive.

Mr. H. A. Sands is building a coffee palace, the only double-barrelled house in town.

Mr. Layton is enlarging his store, and putting in a plate-glass front.

Mr. Walduck has opened a branch store. Mr. Sutor has built and opened a produce store.

Mr. Barnes has opened a boot shop. Dibbs and Curran contemplate alterations.

Mr. King has completed his enlargement. Residences are springing up in all directions.

These are unmistakable signs of progress; but we lack public buildings sufficient for our requirements.

MINING REPORTS

Pactolus.—Has not yet found the river of gold.

Beehive.—Is still a hive of drones.

Kohinoor.—Not yet found the big diamond.

Leviathan.—In calls only, as yet.

Little Wonder.—Is still a wonder.

Olive Branch.—Not yet struck oil.

Three Star.—Suffered from spontaneous combustion.

Dundee.—Gambols are coming.

Star of the South.—Amalgamated their Tasmanian Extended } unpaid calls.

Tasmania.—Putting manager through the pass.

Prince Consort.—Getting further apart.

Rising Sun.—On the minerals.

Gladstone.—On the minerals.

Who Can Tell.—Yes! who can?

Stanley.—Exploring the swamps.

Blyth's Freehold.—Looks like being busted.

NOTICE OF DIVIDENDS

Sept. 20.—Mrs. M'Skimming, of a son.

Sept. 28.—Mrs. H. White, of a son.

Oct.—Mrs. W. Welling, of a daughter.

Oct.—Mrs. Wallace, of a daughter.

Oct. 30.—Mrs. J. Davies, of a son.

DISTRESSING SCENE.

On Friday evening last, about 8.45, a young man was seen running along our main street, who by his appearance had just escaped from very close confinement. His emaciated look left no room for doubt that he was that commiserated being, Young Early Closing. He was closely pursued with savage eagerness by a horde of Mamminites, who seemed bent on his destruction. One Lay-it-on sought to fell him to the earth, but sympathy from the bystanders being aroused, his attempt was frustrated by Duckwall's superior pugilistic skill. In less time than it takes to write, the King and his courtiers—Rosedip, Nibble-a-bit, Pattern, Sheepscake, Suiter and Teamster—were engaged with Crossbones. Smallpox (3 sizes), Woodhouse, Asdye, and the Dean in a surging and struggling tumult. Amongst the outskirting neutrals, influenced, no doubt, by a due regard to the proprieties, stood an ex-postmaster, with courage slowly perspiring from the tips of his fingers. But an end was at hand. This maddening scene of strife was quelled by the ultimate rescue of poor Young Early Closing by the united valour of the B. Debaters and Y.M.C.A.