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#### AIMS FOR NEW COUNCIL

Cardinia Shire Commissioners reveal their plans.

The Cardinia Shire Council was created on 15th December 1994 by an order made by the Minister for Local Government. The order also appointed Commissioners Bernard Coburn (chairperson), Pamela Jones and John Raymond and Acting Chief Executive Officer Jim Stevenson. ( see photo page 2 and personal profiles page 17.

The Major tasks facing the new council are :-

1. Setting service delivery levels; transferring staff, liabilities and assets from parts of the former Sherbrooke and Cranbourne areas.

2. Appointing a permanent Chief Executive

3. Consolidating records, local laws, planning schemes and preparing a corporate plan.

4. Ensuring a consistent and equitable rating and valuation system.

5. Preparing for Council elections in 1996

6. Consulting with and informing the community of new directions.

In general terms the State Government has sought to reduce the cost and increase the efficiency of the local government sector as part of its microeconomic reform program. The aim of the program is to make local government stronger, leaner and more answerable to the communities it serves. The Commissioners and staff want to

work with the communities involved to create the new Cardinia Shire.

Chairman of the Commissioners Bernard Coburn said the new council has an open agenda of increasing efficiency, improving services; and smoothing the way for the return of an elected council. Preparations are being made for Council elections expected to be held in 1996; but the setting of the date is at the discretion of the Minister for Local Government.

"Within our charter which is the creation of Cardinia Shire, and on behalf of the ratepayers, we will closely examine all outlays. Funding for emergency services, essential maintenance of community assets and the improvement of those assets will continue as a priority.

Discretionary expenditure will be examined to ensure that arrangements are equitable; and that benefits to the wider community and ratepayers can be demonstrated," said Commissioner Bernard Coburn.

"Service levels for all Cardinia Shire programs will be reviewed. No programs are Where possible exempt. efficiencies will be made. But we are aware of the importance of a good road network to the community." he said.

The Commissioners will welcome ideas and will actively seek input from the community on how procedures can be improved.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Above: A final kiss goodbye for mum (Lyndal) as Emily Jagiello starts her first day of school

As we open our doors at Beaconsfield Primary School in 1995 we welcome our new Preps and their families to our school community. Growth at our school continues steadily with enrolments now at 279 and a staff of 25

Teachers and Aides. Over the past eight years we have doubled in size and continue to expand as the town and surrounding districts attract new residents and development.

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### BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION SPECIAL MEETING

Everyone Welcome to meet and chat with John Baker, The Willows Nursery.

"GARDENING IN BEACONSFIELD" When & what to plant, fertilisers, problems. Bring your problem plant, weed, insect, etc

John has 30 years experience as a horticulturist/educator.

Elke Beecher will attend this meeting to explain what she is trying to achieve, See article "HOW DO YOU COPE WITH LIFE" Page 22.

An opportunity to talk to experts amongst friends and enjoy a cuppa. 7.30pm. Tuesday 28th Feb. Beaconsfield Community Centre.

### CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL Cont. from page 1.

They have also taken on the responsibilities of Councillors. pending their return.

"We will ensure that the Council is customer-focused. The purpose of the organisation must be to provide wanted services at prices our communities consider reasonable.

market-Sustaining a driven.customer-friendly. and responsive service organisation is not easy. It will be the aim of Commissioners and all staff to ensure this is achieved,"Commissioner Bernard Coburn said

All of the former Councillors have been invited to serve on various committees and organisations. Former Beacon Hills Riding Councillor Peter Meeking and Ted Owen have responded positively. "There will be a number of issues on which we will seek their advice and guidance. We have already done this on the critical issue of DISPLAN consolidation," said Commissioner Coburn.

The Shire of Pakenham Planning Scheme continues to be in force in the former Pakenham Shire; as do the Cranbourne and Sherbrooke Schemes in those parts of the new Shire. A major task will be to consolidate the relevant positions of these three schemes. This task will occur with extensive community consultation.

Meetings of the Commissioners will be open to the public

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and are scheduled to be held at 5.00pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Parts of the meeting may be closed to consider various confidential matters ( personal, personal hardships, industrial, contractual. legal advice, security); but this will be limited to obvious cases. The agenda and business paper will continue to be available prior to the Council meeting from both the Municipal Offices and Pakenham Library.

The State Government has changed the municipal financial year to now end on 30 June. The next rate to be struck will only cover a period of nine months. This will be explained to residents as clearly as possible.

The Commissioners view the area as having a unique blend of rural, environmental and urban interests. "people choose to live here because of the unique lifestyle. The metropolis is not too remote, and the natural environment, fresh air and space are at the back door. Over the years, communities have demonstrated a pioneering spirit and determination in the face of adversity. We must remember that this is a new municipal community and we need to build on the heritage," said Commissioner Coburn.

Residents are welcome to telephone (059) 411011, fax (059 413 784) or visit the Municipal Offices Henty Way, Pakenham; or write to P.O. Box 7, Pakenham 3810.

FEATURE STORIES

# **COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF** CARDINIA COUNCIL

The next Commissioners Meeting (previously called Council Meeting) is to be held on the 21st of February. Members of Beaconsfield Progress Association Committee have been invited to attend the

meeting and join the Commissioners over a get to know you cuppa.

We look forward to getting to know the Commissioners and establishing a basis for any future contact

Above : L-R Commissioners John Raymond, Pamela Jones. Bernard Coburn and Acting Chief Executive Officer Jim Stevenson

# BOYS BOLT FROM LIGHTNING

Lightning struck twice within about 15 minutes during a freak storm over Beaconsfield on Friday 27th January.

It was about 5.40pm when many residents noticed the first lightning strike in an area near the railway station. One witness reported seeing smoke coming from the area of the first strike. Moments later, local boys Garth and Rett Koppel and Malcolm Horton raced home to report that they had been within metres of the gum tree just north of the Cardinia Creek at the time that it was struck by the bolt of lightning.

ported seeing fiery sparks shooting down the trunk of the tree. Much of the outer bark on one side was blown away by the force of the strike and the local boys were showered by the big splinters that flew off.

On later inspection of the tree trunk, it was interesting to note that a swarm of bees was still largely intact, in a hole in the bark. Long time residents reported that rarely does lightning strike directly in the township of Beaconsfield. Most storms either veer off over flat country to the South or follow the hills to the North.

Shaken but unhurt they re-

### CARDINIA SHIRE INPUT TO BANNER

ners has been the informative Councillors, Messrs Ewenson, Meeking and Owen. When we lost our Councillors we potentially lost the important flow of Council information to our readers. Following an approach by Beaconsfield Progress Association to the new Commissioners they have agreed to regularly input to the Banner.

### CARDINIA SHIRE SERVICES DIRECTORY

"Residents can expect to receive the 1995 edition of the Directory early in March" said John White, Community Liaison Officer, Cardinia Shire.

A regular feature of past banand very welcome input from the three Beacon Hills Riding



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### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS DESK

By Willem Boon



Willem Boon

Welcome to 1995. 1995 could be a very interesting year with no elected representation at Shire level.

The Progress Association plans to establish a good working relationship with the Commissioners to benefit the township of Beaconsfield. Progress Association has planned several interesting public meetings for this year. Guest speaker for February is John Baker from the Willows Nursery who invites you to attend for an informal discussion about any gardening issues. Perhaps you have a plant which is not doing well, bring it along.

Later in the year we will be holding a History Night on the Early Days of Beaconsfield.



# GARDEN CLUB MEETS AT NURSERY

The first meeting of the year for the Berwick Garden Club was held at the Willows Nursery, Beaconsfield on the evening of 17th January.

The Club was grateful to John Baker of Willows Nursery for the invitation . Members of the garden club were amazed at the low prices and noted the quality of stock as they strolled around the nursery under the lights. The Meeting was such a success, that it is now going to be an Annual Event for the Berwick Garden Club.

With John Baker being a qualified teacher of Horticulture and having 30 years experience in horticulture and 20 years local knowledge, is it any wonder that the nursery looks so good.



Above: L-R Gail Ridsdale 'Tres) Doreen Buck (Sec) John Baker and Sadie Kirkham (Pres)

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COMMUNITY CENTRE PREPARES FOR A BUSY YEAR (Written by Sue Bailey)



Happy New Year to everyone! It looks like being a busy year at the Community Centre with many activities and courses planned for Term 1. Apart from the great family/ children activities (Occasional Care. Playgroups. Pre-Kinder for 3 year olds and Toy Library) and the regular groups that meet at the centre ( Midway for the over 50's. Artist Group. Model Railway and Weight loss Group) we have many interesting courses available both day and night. All these groups welcome new members at anytime and if you would like more information please give us a call

During the day this term. we are offering a session on Home Decorating Ideas. to be followed later in the term with a 2 week course in Paint Finishes. We ran a very successful Home Decorating session last year with Louise Battison.

A 2 hour session on Resuscitation is being run by Emergcare. With many days of swimming still ahead this is a great chance to brush up or learn for the first time the skills of resuscitation.

We also have a session demonstrating how to make your own paper. This will be followed up with a 2 hour session on making your own greeting cards and envelopes. A great money saver and means of recycling.

And have you always wanted to make your own Teddy Bear? We are running a 2 week session in March. Other daytime courses are Parenting Skills with Gwyn Bynion. Make-up & Skin Care and we have 2 craft mornings - informal sessions to catch up on those unfinished projects and learn new skills from others.

At night we have a 3 week Raffia Hat and Bag course. a session on Ribbon Embroidery and an 8 week Upholstery course. Don't forget our regular Antique Workshop Weekend.

If you live in Beaconsfield and you didn't get our programme which details all the groups and courses being offered with relevant dates and costings then please give us a call. If you live outside of Beaconsfield and you would like to be part of our mailing list then please give Sue a call on 707 3449, or drop in to the centre in Beaconsfield Avenue.

There is always plenty happening at the Community Centre and the committees and sub-committees have already been quite busy. The President of the Committee of Management would be delighted to hear from any member of the community interested in joining this volunteer team.

We would look forward to seeing you at the centre this year. MODEL RAILWAY CLUB



Above: L-R Frank Duff (Treas.), Robert Ringrose (Pres.) and Don Tye (Sec.)

Meetings are held every Wednesday night at 7.30pm. The present venue is at the Community Centre. People are welcome to come and visit and new members are always welcome - over 17years of age.

The track system used is a Modular System. The clubs owns some Modules and members make and own their own parts of the track. The track is H.O. gauge and all modules are made to link together.

Trains . engines and carriages are very expensive. The approximate value of an Engine is just under \$1,000., and it weighs 1 to 11/2 kilograms. Better quality ones are made of brass. heavier and more expensive.

At the present the group are endeavouring to acquire a building where the track can be set up and left. They have investigated the purchase of an office building, but the transport costs are very high. Additional site cost could prove to be beyond the club's means. We will report on this in the next issue of the Banner.

Contact the following members for further information -President - Robert Ringrose. Secretary - Don Tye, Treasurer - Frank Duff. via the Community Centre.

### MIDWAY NEWS

(Written by Iris E.)

After a great year in '94, our members are looking forward to an even better year in 1995. There is so much on our agenda not only on Mondays which is our meeting day at the Community Centre but we have trips arranged at least once a month.

We had a lot of new members join last year and are looking forward to meeting new friends this year.

We all help to make it an enjoyable day. Gwen does a wonderful job organising. Peggy keeps all the times and dates right. Eddy has his notice board which saves a lot of repeating and thanks to Elsie who does such a great job with the trading table.

Join us and have a good time.

### MIDWAY GROUP OUTINGS

Feb 22nd. Poowong March 9th. Begonia Festival March 14th. Sorrento April 5th. Phillip Island



# BERWICK SHOW - AKOONAH PARK

The 1995 Berwick Show is to be held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February. There will be two action packed days including a Fire fighting display, Trike and Odyssey display, Skydivers, Dog obedience, Highland dancing and Showgirl competitions. Woodworking and Craft demonstrations and of course the traditional sideshows and the Animal nursery where you can hold chickens and ducklings, pat a pig and experience milking a cow.

Animals at this years show will include - for the first time in the show's 146 years - a judging display of Alpacas. Between 80 and 100 Alpacas will be at the show and these beautiful animals are a must for everyone to see. Horses will feature on both days at the show together with beef and dairy cattle. In the cattle lines on Saturday 25th come and see dairy cows being milked. Sheep and Goats will be judged at the show, so too will Cats, Rabbits, Cavies and Poultry.

Showgirl competitions will be held on Saturday along with Highland dancing. A wonderful array of flowers, ferns and vegetables will be on show in the Horticultural Pavilion and the Arts and Crafts Pavilion offers a great range of cooking, Needlework and Children's Schoolwork.



A highlight at this year's show will be the staging of the Victorian State Titles of Woodchopping which will be held on Sunday 26th February together with the Tug Of War Finals which will be open to both local teams and teams from further a field.

1994 saw a change to the format of the Grand Parade, held on Saturday afternoon, and 1995 will again feature local youth groups, Animals, Harness, Delivery and Funeral Carriages and the Trike and Odyssey racing display - to list a few of the participants in the Grand Parade.

Show jumping is always a great display on the L.J.Hooker arena and at the opposite end of the scale is the Shetland Steeple Chase which always delights the crowds. Likewise the hard and fast riding by the Novelty Racers.

Saturday evening will again provide a great twilight spectacle with Dog Obedience, Fire Fighting demonstration, Strato Stars Parachute Jumping at dusk followed by the largest ever display of fireworks seen at the Berwick Show.

Sunday is traditionally known as family day and will offer so much of the above and will also include helicopter rides which will depart from the Beaconsfield Oval.

> The Berwick Show is one of the largest events to be staged in the Berwick area and offers patrons to the show an insight into rural activities and an opportunity to learn about the skills of art, craft, cooking, gardening and a whole range of other activities.

1995 admission prices are as follows, - \$6- Adult, \$1per child, \$4 - Senior Citizens. For further information contact the Show Secretary on (03)704 7211 and for Trade Space information (03) 792 1417.



# RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD

(Written by Dr. R.C. Webb )



Dr. R. C. Webb

As indicated in the December 1994 Banner (Vol.6 No. 6) the rainfall in Beaconsfield for 1994, was one of the lowest for many years. The total for the year being 612.1mm ( 24 inches). Figures for the last 10 years being :-

1985	823.7
1986	756.2
1987	722.1
1988	812.7
1989	886.3
1990	826.0
1991	896.1
1992	939.9
1993	878.1
1994	612.1

The rainfall for the year can also be shown by a cumulative graph figure shows the years 1992 1993 & 1994 where the steepness of the lines given an indication of the amount of rainfall in the month or year.

There was only 12.9mm of rain in December 1994 with only 3 days on which rain was recorded.

The monthly totals for 1994 bei

being -	
January	44.5
February	119.6
March	23.0
April	58.6
May	40.3
June	66.2
July	20.5
August	38.7
September	64.9
October	51.7
November	71.2
December	12.9

The rainfall for January 1995 was 99.7mm., the highest monthly reading since February 1994. There were 14 days of rain for the month, with useful readings of 23.4 (6th). 21.7 (7th) and 27.4 (28th).

### Cumulative Rainfall Beaconsfield 1992,1993 & 1994.



Above: A Graph for the cumulative rainfall of Beaconsfield 1992 to 1994. As can be seen from the graph rainfall to mid year for the 3 years is about the same. 1992 and 1993 rainfall for the rest of the year follows the normal pattern, but 1994 is much drier for every month - hence our dry gardens at the moment.



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# COMMUNITY MAN OF MANY SKILLS



Tony Rushton. Well known Beaconsfield identity, Tony Rushton has led a very busy and fulfilling life.

Born in Cheshire in England to English parents, Tony migrated to Australia with his family when he was only 7 years old. His father had a successful cycle repair business before coming to Australia. His Mother had a pen friends on Phillip Island so that is where they all settled on a hobby farm, where Mr. Rushton senior retired.

As a schoolboy, young Tony developed strong interests in Chemistry and Electronics and collected and repaired old radios for a hobby. Aged only 12 he began working part time in an electrical shop in Cowes. He served his apprenticeship with an electrical contractor on Phillip Island and finished it with CSIRO in Melbourne.

In his teens he played the trombone in the Phillip Island brass band. His musical interests took him Old Time dancing at Pakenham Public Hall where he met his wife Dulcie. They were married in Pakenham in 1966 and soon had a new home built on a vacant block in Souter Street where they live to this day.

Tony's career in electrical work included being a leading hand with Daveys Pumps in Huntingdale. Then with the SEC he became a laboratory assistant and worked his way up to become the Protection and Control Officer of the Eastern Metropolitan Electricity Supply Region. After 24 years with the SEC his job disappeared in restructuring.

At this time Tony turned his hobbies of badge making,

engraving, printing and electrical contracting into a full time business.

In his precious spare time. Tony has crammed in a lot of square dancing and held office for many years with the Victorian Square dancing Association. He was a foundation member of the Minibah committee, has been on School Council for Beaconsfield Primary and Emerson Special School in Dandenong. He is on the Committee of the Beaconsfield Community Centre and has served as office bearer on the Progress Association of Beaconsfield, of which he is currently President.

Tony and Dulcie's family include Paul, the oldest, Bruce who now lives in Swan Hill and Simone. Through their association with health disorders in the family, Tony has been President of the Tuberous Sclerosis Society of Victoria. It is a self help support group for families with members suffering T. S. None of this has held Tony back from other recreational pursuits that he has enjoyed and shared with his immediate family. They currently enjoy Four Wheel Driving in the bush, caravanning across Australia and have had many fishing and boating expeditions.

As "Jack of all trades" Tony has turned his hand over the year to Photography, Computers, T.V. Repairs, making jewellery, ceramics, repairing cars and building onto his own house. Their home stands out as the one with the colourful square dancers on the garage door!

Tony has shown great enthusiasm for so many pursuits throughout his life and has natural ability in all that he does in work and for his family. A modest man by nature, his willingness to get involved and always help others and his community spirit have all made Tony a valued citizen of Beaconsfield.

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# Beaconsfield Chiropractic Clinic

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AT the Beaconsfield Chiropractic Clinic as well as general and family chiropractic care, we work closely with local sporting clubs for injury management and prevention. We also provide laser therapy and acupuncture.





# OUR NATURAL WORLD



Peter Hansen STRESS

Stress can lurk almost anywhere and all of us (no exceptions) are subject to it. As a man once said, "Just being alive is stressful.

The word is almost a single descriptive summation of the late 20th century and almost every illness of mankind is regarded as resulting from it. Whilst everyone complains about stress, the understanding of it still lags behind the universal condemnation of it.

Firstly nothing in the world moves or acts without a level of stress. Machinery and men. must, develop some stress just to move, walk and talk. A car moves because of controlled stress (note the word controlled) and serves us well, provided we rest it regularly and service and repair it when needed. This is just common sense to give our machine relief from continued motion and this will ensure it's future reliability for its continued use to us, for pleasure or work.

It is a sad but true comment, that we tend to look after our motor vehicles better than we look after ourselves. We ensure that quality oils, proper petrol, clean water and air for tyres are always used and so on. By doing these things we reduce the stress on our vehicle and this in turn reduces our stress.

When it comes to our own bodies though, we are not normally as careful. Our "fuel" is often "fast food" ( the very term indicating it's quality) picked up, hastily swallowed, often at the wheel. Our "water" is often "fizzy" drinks, which do no good whatsoever. and " corrodes" the pipes so to speak.

As for "servicing". 2 or 3 weeks holiday per year is regarded good enough, even if the holiday is more exhausting and stressful than work ( a very common situation I assure you).

The" replacement of spare parts" usually comes later in life, as our human body. (vehicle) reacts to years of neglect and abuse. This is when triple-by-passes. hip-replacements, spinal and joint-pinning, organ replacements and perhaps amputations take place.

O.K., so everyone is now feeling guilty or annoyed at all this unwelcome truth but what can we do to reduce stress. In peak traffic, listen to relaxing music, (F.M. if possible), don't sit with legs crossed at the knees (it cuts of circulation causing pressure to the nerves and blood vessels. and always sit up straight. Slouching creates a lot of stress to the body. Sleep on a firm mattress for proper support and make sure your pillow is comfortable for you. The hours of darkness should be your best-friend, to clear the stresses of the day. DON'T watch exciting, emotional or horrible T.V. shows before going to bed. That is not relaxing and creates a perpetual stress situation causing perspiration, rapid heart beat, increased adrenalin flow and edgy nerves. Even commercials can be stressful and the News certainly is. Sound restful sleep is virtually impossible after this experience and you wonder why you wake up tired and "grouchy" next morning?

Eat well, (but not to excess), drink plain water (kidneys die without it), develop patience, meditate, get sound restful sleep and pause when tired.

Peter Hansen

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BEACONSFIELD SCOUTING NEWS

### BEACONSFIELD REPRESENTED AT THE 'JAMBOREE OF FAR HORIZONS'

1st Beaconsfield Troop Scouts, Marty Veenstra, Garth Koppel, Malcolm Horton, Tristan Kerr and Andrew Bartlett attended this great event.

On this occasion the Jamboree was held at Perry Lakes in Perth, the former sight of the 1962 Commonwealth Games. Almost three and a half thousand kilometres away, this was the furthest some of the five had ever travelled. It was certainly the first commercial aeroplane flight for some.

They left Beaconsfield early on Thursday 29th December and arrived in Perth in very quick time due to the 3 hours time difference.

Joan Horton of Beaconsfield went as well, as an Activity Supervisor and Kitchen Helper. Margaret Turner of Princes Highway, Beaconsfield, assistant Region Commissioner for Cub Scouts in this district was another helper throughout the Jamboree as a Fraternity Tent Assistant. Joan and Margaret were two of some 3,500 helpers. In total, 12,000 boy and girl scouters attended from some



27 different countries. The Jamboree township that grew overnight became Western Australia's 7th largest for short period of two weeks.

The emphasis of most activities were water related, primarily to keep the Scouters cool in temperatures that rose up to 42° C.

The dry heat didn't trouble the Beaconsfield Scouters too much. Included in the 14 days stay were visits to the City of Perth, ferry trip to Fremantle and a day visit to Rottnest Island. Badge Swapping was a popular pursuit with troops from other states and countries and in the evenings there were Rock & Pop Concerts at the Jamboree sight.

With so much interaction between Scouters of different backgrounds and cultures, so much to do and so many new places to see, this Jamboree will stick in the memories of the Beaconsfield five for a very long time.

The next Australian Jamboree will be held in 1998 in Brisbane.

# NEWS ON PAUL DE HAMER

Paul de Hamer of Adamson Road Beaconsfield has taken well to his new life on the high seas. No he has not become a pirate but has gone to Lakes Entrance to work on deep sea fishing trawlers.

Paul has always been keen on the sea to the extent that he ultimately wants to study at the Maritime College in Launceston. Paul now lives permanently on a trawler and fishing trips take them anywhere from Eden to the Ocean South of Tasmania. It may not be a common occupation but Paul has taken to it like a fish takes to water!

Paul's brother Michael has begun another Maritime pursuit. He has joined the Navy and is currently serving his country at HMAS Canberra.

Readers of this newsletter who know the De Hamer boys will undoubtedly wish both Paul and Michael well in their careers.

### Joan Horton Activity Supervisor

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WINE AND FOOD

By Keith Goodman

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### Keith Goodman

Well the silly season is over for another year; like us you most probably enjoyed the sun(a real summer at last) ate too much over Christmas and enjoyed a social drink. At home we are enjoying our first tomatoes and basil, sugar snap peas and being able to pick fresh lettuce from a wild mix planted from Diggers Seeds. Plums and nectarines are ripening and our fruit dehydrator is busy drying fruit, tomatoes and capsicum. The dehydrator certainly changes the way you think about the use and storage of food.The changes have flowed into Anne's home made bread adding to her already wide range. With the abundance of fruit now available the classic Clafoutis is a delicious and easy way to use cherries. plums . apricots . peaches. nectarines etc. Clafoutis is made from a thickened crepe batter flavoured with brandy. poured into a shallow ovenproof dish over a single layer of fruit- quick. easy and yummy(the Time-Life Dessert Book gives a good recipe).

Wines recently tasted and liked. Mitchelton Blackwood Park Rhine Riesling 94,\$7.00. Killawarra Premier Pinot-Chard Champagne 91 \$8.00. Andrew Garrett Mornington Cabernet 91 \$15.00. Kays Amery Old Block Shiraz 91 \$18 (a mini Grange)

Keith Goodman



### DON'T MISS OUT.

(written by Rev. Fred Rudd)

Dr. Billy Graham, will be speaking at Beaconsfield Baptist Church via Satellite Television, Thursday to Saturday evenings March 16th - 18th.

The world famous and widely respected evangelist has conducted meetings in all parts of the world, in sports stadiums holding hundreds and thousands of people and in crowded cathedrals (in Poland), A friend and confidante of U.S. Presidents over many years, he has had audiences with the Pope as well as other dignitaries and world leaders. His earlier visits to Australia are still remembered, attracting some 150,000 people both in Melbourne and Sydney at the final meetings in those cities in 1959.

Billy has always had an ecumenical approach and enjoys the support of many church leaders in all denominations. This will be a valuable opportunity for people in our community to hear him.















# CHANGES TO AURA VALE LAKE PARK

Melbourne Parks and Waterways would like to inform the public of further changes to Aura Vale Lake Park. in the interests of public safety particularly during periods of high fire danger.

As of 21st January, 1995, visitor numbers will be restricted at Aura Vale Lake Park. These restrictions will be in the form of controlled parking and public access to manage the flow of traffic in the area, to stop illegal parking and to control visitor numbers at entry points to the park.

This will mean that when the available carparking is full the park will be temporarily closed and cars will be turned away.

The changes will provide a new easily accessible car park for visitors while maintaining a free flow of traffic through the area. particularly during emergency situations. The changes have been adopted after extensive consultation with local residents. emergency services and local government representatives

These restrictions are necessary for the safety of all visitors to the area, local residents and to provide excellent customer service and an enjoyable experience for our visitors.

Alternative parks in the area are :- Cardinia Reservoir Park. Lysterfield Lake Park, Emerald Lake Park, Lilydale Lake Park.

If you require further information on these changes please call the park office on 796 8508 during business hours.

John McIntrye, South East Area Parks Manager.

# PARK FACILITIES-WHO PAYS?

Melbourne Parks & Waterways (M.P&W) see that future facilities within their Parks such as children's playgrounds will be constructed using materials and labour supplied by local communities.

If the community cannot assist, facilities may not be provided. During January Willem Boon, Vice Pres and Keith Goodman, Secretary of BPA attended a meeting called by M.P&W at the Cardinia Reservoir Park offices.Representitves of Service Clubs and Community Groups from Emerald, Belgrave, Berwick, Narre Upper Warren and Beaconsfield also attended.

We were informed that M.P&W have called for a model design for a children's playground which will then be constructed in nine parks around Melbourne- the design contract is for \$40,000. A sub committee of representatives attending the meeting will work with the design contractor to finalise the design. It is planned to construct the playground using labour. materials, plant and machinery supplied solely from the community. M.P&W is now a separate enterprise from Melbourne Water and is responsible for 38 parks and rivers and streams around Melbourne. \$41 from our annual rates funds their operation.

### MAN ASSAULTED IN BEACONSFIELD

A young man was assaulted late on Thursday night 9th. Feb. by four youths. The incident happened in Wallace St. 3 Houses from where he was staying. The young man received only minor injuries and had his cigarettes stolen.



**Beaconsfield Banner** 



# **ARTHUR STREET**

(Written by Kathleen Clarke)



Bouquets to Council for their prompt attention to the renaming of Adamson Street to Arthur Street.

It is fitting to name this street after a man who always went very quietly about his concern for others, and who helped so many people. both local and Victorian. By dedicating so many beds in Melbourne hospitals, a great number of patients. including his own daughter, would read his



Above Arthur Adamson 1979 at the age of 84.

name on the plaque above their beds. His long association with Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has been noted

He was a man who knew more of Melbourne and its surrounds than most. as every Sunday he travelled by train to attend his church. and with his camera recorded many places of interest.

Customers travelled for miles to purchase goods in his hardware shop, knowing that the range of goods supplied was wide and if the item was not on the shelf it would be ordered in. His honesty was legendary.

I remember entering his shop many weeks after purchasing a household item to be handed twenty cents he had overcharged me. Such was his and his family's great integrity.

(Ed\*\* This was reported in December Banner as a name change that will eliminate confusion between Adamson Road and Adamson Street)



# BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE.

Christmas has fortunately been a quiet time for the Beaconsfield Volunteer Fire Brigade. Small grass fires have resulted in most recent call outs. Despite recent rains, there is no reason for complacency. Melbournes changing weather can dry out the undergrowth and long grass almost as quick as the rain takes to dampen it.

The Brigade now has four new recruits but still needs more. Currently there is a training course in progress taking up one evening a week and Sunday mornings.

In the area of O'Neill road and Payne Road there is now a programme under way called "Community Fireguard". In the same way that Neighbourhood Watch exists to prevent and fight crime, this programme is designed for people in more remote areas to prevent fires and perhaps train themselves to extinguish scrub and grass fires that may occur in their area. Captain Ron Woodfine points out that people in outlying bush areas increasingly have to take more responsibility for their own safety.

Fire Prevention is not an exclusive responsibility of people on acreage blocks as Ron points out. He is, as Captain, disappointed over how vacant suburban blocks become overgrown with tinder dry long grass and are not slashed despite many warnings and notices being issued.

### BERNARD COBURN CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSIONERS

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

**NEW APPOINTMENT - PERSONAL PROFILES** 



\* Chairman of the Advisory Board, the LEK Partnership since 1994

\* Managing Director of Moore Business Systems Australia Limited 1977 - 88.
\* Director of Toppan Moore

Company Limited, Japan 1979-88 \* General Manager Spicers

General Manager Spicers
 Paper Limited 1988 - 93.
 \* Chairman of Trustees,

Spicers Paper Ltd Superannuation Fund 1988-93. \* Vice President of Australian Business Forms Association 1981 - 86.

\* Fellow Certified Practising Accountant (F.C P.A.).

\* Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company of Directors(F.A.I.C.D.).

\* Interested in all sports but particularly football and cricket. Other interests include reading, live theatre, films, history, economics. Exercise involves walking and occasional golf.

### PAMELA JONES COMMISSIONER



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\* Cr. City of Bairnsdale 1976 - 88, including Mayor 1983 - 84.

\* Currently self-employed Businesswoman.

\* Manager , family business 1985 - 91.

\* Honorary Justice of the Peace, 1984 - 85.

\* Honorary Life Governor Royal Children's Hospital.

\* Elderly Citizen Welfare Committee and Senior Citizen's Finance Committee.

\* Master Educational Studies.

### JOHN RAYMOND COMMISSIONER



\* Cr. City of Knox 1984 - 93, Deputy Mayor 1989-90, Mayor 1990-91

\* Currently Managing Director of three companies in the petroleum industry.

\* Honorary Governor, Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria.
\* In December 1959 joined the Rowville Rural Fire Brigade.

\* Captain, Rowville Fire Brigade September 1973 - July 1984.

\* Resigned as Captain and an active member to undertake an active role in Local Government.

\* Awarded National Fire Service Medal.

\* Received Country Fire Authority 30 year Long Service Award in 1989.

\* In 1991 appointed to Country Fire Brigade Board of Directors.

\* Member of Essendon Football Club.

# **Beaconsfield Sport**

BEACONSFIELD ( TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

Welcome back to what is expected to be another enjoyable and busy year for the Club. All competitions have recommenced, Club Championships taking place in February and March and social functions during the year.

### MIDWEEK LADIES COMPETITION

Midweek Ladies Autumn Season has started back on the 7th February.

Tuesday with 6 teams entered. Wednesday with 2 teams entered. Thursday with 1 Doubles Rubbers team.

Congratulations to Section 7 becoming "Premiers" and Section 10 "Runners-up" from the Spring Season.

### JUNIOR PRACTICE AND INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS

Any children between the ages of 8 years and 16 years old in the district. who may think they might like to play tennis socially or in competition are welcome to come along on Friday afternoons between 4.30 - 6 pm.

This is your opportunity to come along and have a go.

Some enthusiastic Juniors have been coming along to practice to get ready for the new year of tennis. Juniors finals are only a few weeks away and any practice they can get will help.

Any enquires with regards to Juniors can be directed to John Douma on 707 1844.

### SATURDAY JUNIORS AND SENIORS WINTER SEASON.

These will start after the Easter School Holidays in April.

### **B.A.G. COMMITTEE** The BAG Committee will be

The BAG Committee will be running the Club Championships in February and March.

A new format with Juniors competing in the same events on the same days as Seniors, to give a greater club and family atmosphere. Dates set for events are :-Sundays February 19th - Singles

Sunday February 26th - Mens /Ladies Doubles

Sunday March 19th - Mixed Doubles

Sunday March 26th - All Finals

Starting times for all Doubles events- Juniors 9.am, Seniors 12. Noon.

Congratulations to Dawn Snelson on winning the M&M Chocolate Drive prize. a Phillips Walkman.

### FRIDAY SOCIAL

Friday Social players are changing their time to 9.15 am. Any enquires contact Helen Kresojevic. Ph 707 5259.

For Court Hire contact Margaret Chatfield on 707 2016

Membership enquires contact Jenny Shinners on 707 2575.

# BERWICK BUG NEWS

The Bicycle Users Group of Berwick had a memorable start to Australia Day 1995. Gathering opposite the Central Hotel in Beaconsfield at 7.30am the twelve cyclists were issued with mini flags before departing uphill to Crystalbrook Park, below the Cardinia Dam Wall, via Harkaway.

The fast ones arrived in just over half an hour for the specially laid out Chicken and Champagne Breakfast. The intrepid bunch of bicycle riders dodged the many eastern grey kangaroos before arriving at the barbecue area in the park.

This fun event has become a popular annual ride along with a Cup Day Champagne and Breakfast Ride.

Not all rides are "Beer and Skittles". Soon the group will



be in serious training for the 24 hour Murray to Moyne relay ride for charity to be held in April. Riding over a total of 520kms individual riders take turns in keeping the team on the road throughout. A few hours sleep are enjoyed by participants in Hamilton before the final slog down to Port Fairy.

Other Diary Dates include 5th March for the great Melbourne Bike Ride. Easter for Bicycle Victorias Easter Weekend in Maffra and several other more local weekend rides to be held mostly on Saturdays.

If you have the 'bug' to ride regularly with a bunch of other friendly pedallers, then please contact Ralph Smith on 707 1402 to find out more.

# RUPERTSWOOD - BIRTHPLACE OF THE ASHES

By Melva Behr former President of Progress Association.

Thousands of cricket fans gathered to watch the inaugural cricket match held on January 18th to celebrate the "Origin of the Ashes" at Rupertswood, former home of the Clarke family right in the heart of Sunbury, Victoria.

The original homestead of Rupertswood - now Salesian College - is a magnificent building with very interesting architecture and a tower. offset by a long winding drive with a grotto on the right where a lovely statue of the Virgin Mary stands and a turning circle in the front garden with a large ornamental bird bath surrounded by a variety of blooms. This is a favourite spot for the local brides and is a truly romantic setting.

As you enter through the enormous wrought iron gates and continue down the winding driveway with horse paddocks on the left and a plantation of shady trees to the right your eye catches the huge viaduct over which the trains still run to Bendigo. The huge triple arched bridge provides a backdrop to the ornamental lake with its island refuge for the local water fowl. ducks and geese. This is a favourite spot for Sunbury residents who bring their families down to feed the ducks and has been a place of solace and enjoyment for us since moving to this satellite town.

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# RUPERTSWOOD - BIRTHPLACE OF THE ASHES

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Opposite is the cricket ground on which the original game took place. Legend has it that the English team visited the Clarke mansion where a social game was arranged between the visiting side and a local 11 on Christmas Eve 1882. After the match Lady Clarke burned the bails and placed the ashes in a small urn which she presented to the team captain Ivo Bligh as a momento of the game. This was the "Birth of the Ashes" and this small urn holds pride of place in the annuls of cricket power at Marylebone Cricket Club England.

During the days prior to the memorable reinactment scaffolding was erected with seating installed all around the ground (some think it may have been the largest temporary seating area ever constructed in Australia) marquees were put up for visiting dignitaries and the outside broadcast vans of the



#### Above: Melva Behr

ABC were brought in and placed with towers erected so each ball bowled could be recorded. A security fence was also erected and over the final 48 hours security was tight. Like many of the locals we visited the site on a number of occasions during the preceding fortnight watching the scene unfold. The morning of January 18th was cold and drizzly and the game got underway in dismal conditions with England taking up the batting. The crowd was well behaved and enthusiastic and in the afternoon after the sun had appeared they endured hot muggy weather. There were plenty of fours and sixes hit which added zest to the game and many cricket fans young and old thoroughly enjoyed the spectacle. The Australian team (captained by Allan Border) had to score a 4 off the last ball to draw the game but only managed to take two runs leaving the English team (captained by David Gower) victorious. Souvenir cricket bats of various sizes were autographed by the good natured players at the end of the game and many happy fans made their way home from the ground.

Afterward the restaurants and hotels of Sunbury were bursting at the seams with merry makers. Visitors

walked down the tree lined streets past the lovely restored station and the post office with its new "Birthplace of the Ashes" clock which was generously donated by the Rotary Club of Sunbury with help from local businesses This clock depicts the wickets being hit by a cricket ball (containing the clock face) and is very similar to signs in place as you enter Sunbury. Other spectators made their way home up the hill through the Goonawarra and Craiglee vineyards past the airport. while others headed south to take the Calder highway past the Calder Raceway and the Organ Pipes National Park with views of the city skyline looming into the night sky or headed out into country Victoria.

From all accounts it was a brilliant success and acknowledged the work of local historian Mrs Munns who when researching Sunbury's history came upon this long forgotten cricket match.



BACK TO SCHOOL

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### LORD MAYOR'S CAMP

(Written by Berwick Rotary Club)

The Lord Mayors Camp project has been run for several years by the Rotary Club of Berwick. it is organised by Rotarian Trevor Stone and the Rotary Club of Berwick pays for the week's camp from funds raised in the community.

These funds come from the Art Show, the Debutante Balls, and other projects. The funds are used for many other projects to benefit students and the Community as a whole.

This year Dean Vincent, Andrew Chudleigh and Jennifer Baker all of Beaconsfield attended the camp at Portsea.(as pictured)

Since returning Jennifer and Dean have written the following stories.

LORD MAYOR'S CAMP On the 2nd January, I was lucky enough to have a holiday for one week at the Lord Mayor's Camp at Portsea. The holiday was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Berwick. Mr. Stone from the Rotary Club drove some of us down to Portsea and stayed for lunch.

This year is the camp's 50th year and there were about 280 children at the camp. We slept in dormitories and there were 2 in mine and four leaders who were all very caring.

There were many exciting activities to enjoy. Some of the activities included abseiling, canceing, swimming, snorkling, bike ed, flying fox, earth ball, art and craft and many others.

I made many new friends and some of them had come a long way for their holiday. I had a great holiday and am very lucky to have been chosen to go. Thankyou Mr. Stone and other members of the Berwick Rotary Club.

Jennifer Baker Beaconsfield.

With this growth, the school has encountered many difficulties keeping up with facilities and equipment to maintain the excellent standard in education that we have come to expect. Funding cuts by the State Government continue to put pressure on the school community.

You will note that the only permanent building on the site is the original school building built over 100 years ago. All other buildings are of a temporary nature. School Council is currently undertaking a Master Plan for the school in an attempt to attract Government Funding to have the facilities upgraded.

The projected growth for the Beaconsfield area will make this upgrade essential to the future survival of our school. The construction of the Beaconsfield Children's Services Centre on our grounds has made available to us a lovely hall. This has been a most welcome addition to our facilities, taking the pressure off the



Above: - Emily Jagiello with a flower for the teacher.

old "Cardinia Dam Office" building which the community had placed at the school as a temporary measure in the 1970's.

The Centre is used by the school during school hours, after school care from 3.30 -6.30 p.m. and is available for hire to the local community at very reasonable rates for private and community functions. For more information regarding the hall please contact Bernie Miles on (03) 707 2946.

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Above: L-R Dean Vincent, Jennifer Baker and Andrew Chudleigh.

### 50th LORD MAYOR'S CAMP AT PORTSEA.

From the 2nd to 9th January, 1995, about 300 children from all over Victoria gathered at the Lord Mayor's Camp at Portsea. I was fortunate enough to go, but it might have been one of the last camps there, because the Lord Mayor has withdrawn funding.

The camp organisers are trying to raise money to fix up the buildings so that other children can have the same opportunity as I had.

When it poured rain some of the rooms flooded, but all the same, I had great fun with the many activities they organised for us, and I hope that if anybody goes next year that they will enjoy it too.

Reported by Dale Vincent

SIX FAMILIES 3033

Beaconsfield Primary School is renowned throughout the district for its community spirit which comes from a committed and caring school community. No matter what time of the day you enter the school grounds you will see evidence of this commitment in the form of gardeners, reading helpers, canteen workers, Parents and Friends, local business support etc. and all of these people offering their support without any expectation of pay or recognition.

It is always sad each year to see families who have supported the school leave with their Grade Six graduates, and last year was no exception. School Council was proud to award six of our families with a plaque in recognition of their service to the school community. These families have throughout their association with the school given their time freely and consistently and we will miss them greatly.

Families who received this award included Kathy and Joe McMaster, Jeanette Bartlett, Cathy and Steven Mills, Lynne and John Baker, Glenda and John Gorton and Lorraine and Rolly Penglase. We congratulate all grade 6 children who graduated in 1994, and thank them and their families for their ongoing support.

# NEWS FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

St Francis Xavier College have much reason to be proud of the Year 12 students of 1994.

Once again a 100% pass rate was achieved for the Victorian Certificate of Education.

The College was particularly pleased with the student Tertiary placements with acceptances obtained from a wide variety of institutions and courses; including Melbourne . Latrobe and Monash Universities. RMIT, Australian Catholic University, Deakin and Victorian University, TAFE courses at Holmesglen. Berwick and Dandenong.

The range of courses students were accepted into included:-Teaching, Nursing, Engineering, Arts, Business Administration, Science, Physical Education, Early Childhood Development, Computing, Building and Construction.

St. Francis Xavier College congratulates the VCE students of 1994, the work and dedication shown by the students over the year has enabled them to enter the many and varied Tertiary Institutions and courses of their choice.

### CAROLS BY THE CREEK



Above: L - R Naomi Young, Elise McBride, Tanya Seddon and Corinna Boag.

The Nativity Procession was a delightful part of the Carols by Candlelight. Cast members were *Joseph* - Jason Ronalds. *Mary* - Lisa Firth, *Angels* Corinna Boag, Naomi Young, Tanya Seddon, Elise McBride, *Shepherds* Timothy Gray, Simon Gray, Leigh Boag, *Sheep* James Brewer, *3 Wise Men* Andrew Firth, Jay Sesson, Benjamin Brewer, *Donkey* Courtesy of Mill Valley Ranch. See photo's on back page.

### BANNER DELIVERY PROBLEMS

If you live in the Mt Misery-O'Neil Rd area and have had difficulty with Beaconsfield Banner delivery then hopefully your problems are over. Following input from effected residents and discussions with Australia Post residents can look forward to their bi-monthly delivery with confidence; the problem was with a contractor. Copies of the Banner are available at Beaconsfield P.O. and Milk Bar; Colonial Nurseries, Beaconsfield and Guys Hill P.O. the remainder are home ered or placed in P.O. boxes.



**MOO THE GRASS** 

# VANDALISM AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Vandalism at Beaconsfield Primary School over the Christmas break was at an all time high. Damage sustained included the destruction of two air conditioners -(value \$3600), extensive graffiti, interference with electrical switchboard (resulting in the switching off of the canteen freezer which was full of stock), destruction of electrical wiring and light fittings, removal and destruction of garden edging and garden beds.

With the help of concerned citizens we have been able to apprehend the offenders who caused the graffiti and some of the damage done at the school. All acts of vandalism are reported to the Police and become a criminal matter.

The school is used regularly by community members for activities including cricket, karate, netball and basketball training, Brownies, Guides, After School and Holiday Care as well as visitors who use our grounds and hall for private use. With such a high rate of vandalism it may be necessary to reduce community use of school facilities and lock our grounds to protect them. A situation we would hope will not be necessary.

With changes in funding arrangements by the Ministry of Education, the School Council is now responsible for all items of maintenance including vandalism, and the burden of expenses relating to this is not only huge but also an unnecessary one for the school community to carry.

We ask the members of the community to keep a watch on the school grounds and thank the many people who reported the damage caused over Christmas. With your help we may be able to slow the vandalism down.

Bernie Miles School Council President.

# ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY

Australia has one of the lowest rates of organ donation per population of any country in the world - it can change. On Wed 22nd March the Pakenham Hospital Ladies Auxiliary invites you all to hear about the new Organ Donor Registry and how it may save your life or that of your family. You will hear the moving story of the first year in the new life of a kidney transplant recipient and a living donor husband and wife team. See Pakenham Gazette of 15th March for details. KHG



Above:- Sue and Leigh Saunders of Beaky Bakehouse.

# EUROPEAN WASPS

(information supplied by Dandenong Pest Control)

The European Wasp was first found in Australia, in Melbourne in 1977 and has since moved throughout Sydney and Adelaide.

The European Wasp is a predatory scavenger, being attracted to products containing protein and carbohydrates, thus they love to take part in the great Australian BBQ.

Distinguished from a bee by the brilliant yellow legs, wings and abdomen.

They are less hairy than bees and have vee shaped markings down their back. Preferring to nest in sheltered areas - either in the ground, wall cavities, roof voids etc. The nests are light grey in colour with the entrance point being defined by the large numbers of European Wasps coming and going. It is possible to be able to kill the wasps by using Bagon spray or powder by putting this around the entrance to the nest - after dark.

For any further information regarding European Wasps, please do not hesitate to call George Knol at Dandenong Pest Control on 707 1719.



# BEACONSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Our popular "Make and Mingle" programme recommences in February. This is a craft and chat morning, finishing with a "cuppa". Held on a Wednesday morning 10 am. -12 noon. A creche is available so young mums as well as older ladies can look forward to a relaxed time together.

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February also sees our youth clubs start up again. one for Primary school children 8 -12 years and one for the high school age range. They meet alternate evenings, 7.00pm. The Sunday School year for 1995 began with a Pancake Breakfast on February 5th. Sunday school normally begins at 9.15am.

Church service times are 10.30am and 7.00pm Further enquires are invited to Rev. Fred Rudd on 707 4160

We see ourselves as a community church and all folk living in our area are welcome to join any of these activities.

# HOW DO YOU COPE WITH LIFE?

(Written by Elke Beecher)

discriminating power of the two tests, for psychologists.

One test is given and the administration of the second test is dependent on the results of the first test. Administration time is approximately  $1^{1/2}$  hours.

Although individual test administration will be given, multiple or group administration is preferred due to time constraints.

Perhaps you have a spouse or group of friends who would like to participate with you. The test can be administered in your own home, or if preferred at the researcher's office in Beaconsfield.

All test results are treated with the strictest confidentiality and participants are assured of total anonymity.

If you and your family or friends would like to participate then please ring Elke on 796 2668.

ED. Elke will attend the next Progress Association meeting to explain to anyone interested, what she is trying to achieve.



Elke Beecher

If you would like to know more about yourself, your personality and how this affects your ability to cope with the effects of modern living, and changing times, you now have the opportunity at no expense.

Elke Beecher of Beaconsfield, who is a Masters of Psychology student at Monash University, is seeking 300 volunteers aged between 18 and 60 years of age, who are willing to undertake 1 or 2 personality inventories . completely free of charge, for research purposes.

This research is being conducted in order to improve the

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