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## THE SOUTER FAMILY REUNITED AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL

(Written by D & K Souter)



On the 19th of November, over 90 members of the Souter family gathered at the Central Hotel, which their ancestors Charles and Sophia Souter owned 120 years before. Four generations of Souters were there, the oldest being 81 and the youngest 4 months. Some had travelled long distances to get there, with 10 people coming from Nelson Bay in N.S.W. and another 8 coming from Mallacoota. A good time was had by all with members of the seven main families putting together old photo's dating from 1895 - 1960's. It had been 15 years since the last reunion which was held in Frankston.

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## CHRISTMAS - A TIME TO REMEMBER

(Written by Rev. Fred Rudd)

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian-born Nobel Prize winner, addressing a distinguished audience of leading political and religious leaders in the U.K. said: "Over half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: People have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened". "And if I were called upon to identify the principal trait of the twentieth century," Solzhenitsyn continued, "I would be unable to find anything more precise and pithy than to repeat: 'People have forgotten God.'"

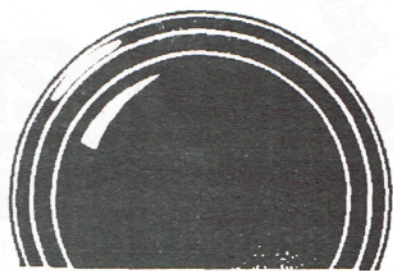
Christmas is an annual reminder that God came into our World. On a cold morning in a stable in Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ was born. One of the names given to Him is "Emmanuel", meaning "God with us." This event has changed the course of human history, and our own destiny.

This season of the year can be regarded as God's call to remember Him, a call to faith and commitment to the one who said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

## Carols by the Creek 1995



Jennifer Roberts enjoys the Carols with her family. More of Carols next issue.



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**THE SOUTER FAMILY REUNITED AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL**

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The family would like to thank the Hotel Staff & Management for their co-operation and service throughout the afternoon.

Charles and Sophia Souter brought the Gippsland Hotel (Central Hotel), in 1875 and ran the Hotel for 5 years then leasing it to a number of other people before selling it to the Gissing family in 1885. Charles served on the Berwick Council from 1879-1886 then moved to Frankston and served on the Mornington Council for some years.

Charles and wife his moved back to North Beaconsfield (Dewhurst) in 1892. Charles died 3 years later at the aged of 58. His wife Sophia moved to Berwick some years later and lived at the top of the Berwick Hill next to the Catholic Church until she died in 1937 at the age of 96.

Charles Souters, great, great grandson lives in Beaconsfield, with his wife and 2 young children.



**BONFIRE WASHED OUT**



*Above:- Ted Horton holds the notice which was erected at the Bonfire site when it was decided to cancel the Bonfire. In the background you can see the water over the road near the railway station.*



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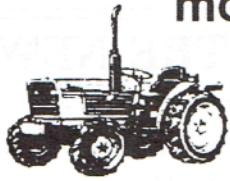
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

*(Written by Tony Rushton)*



*Tony Rushton*

Only a small group attended the Annual General Meeting of the Progress Association, but we had a very interesting evening.

First I would like this opportunity to thank Peg Dundas, Graham Baker, and Elke Beecher who did not re-nominate for the committee. I would like to thank them for all their help and ideas.

The new Committee is as follows:

- President -Tony Rushton
- Vice President -Willem Boon
- Secretary -Keith Goodman
- Ass. Secretary -Anne Goodman
- Treasurer -Willem Boon
- General Committee
- Kath Clarke
- Dorothy & Roy Simpson

I would like to thank John White for taking the chair for the election of the new committee. Also I would like to thank Bob Ives for his informative talk. He will give us some answers to questions asked for the next Banner.

Thankyou everyone for the help over the past year and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.



**LETTERS**

much can be composted and used in the garden!

As a fellow resident of Beaconsfield and subsequently a ratepayer within the Cardinia Shire, I feel sure there are many residents in our community who, like me, are annoyed to learn that "green waste", i.e. lawn clippings and garden rubbish, is no longer an acceptable item to be disposed of in the new "wheelie bin". Incidentally, some people have not received these new bins and therefore do not have a garbage collection as the new contractors will not pick up rubbish from the older types of bins.

I understand the decision not to collect "green waste" was one made by Council and not by the successful contractor-Cleanaway. According to the recent rates notice, we now paying more for our garbage collection, but we are getting a lesser service.

I am not opposed to recycling, but there is a limit as to how

I have made enquiries and located a company called "What-a-Load-of-Rubbish". They are prepared to offer their services to people in our area and will provide a bin/s (44 gallon drum with a lid) and collect it on a regular basis, more frequently during certain times of the year when there is a greater need. Cost is \$8. for one bin and \$14. for two bins.

Don't get the impression that I am on a commission, however, I believe there is a great need for this service as it will help eliminate the possibility of some people dumping rubbish along the roadside. Surely we would not like to see this happen.

Leaflets from "What-a-Load-of-Rubbish" will be distributed early in the new year. Meanwhile if you are interested in this service, the telephone number to ring is 9546 3947 for more information.

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**COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

*Written by Peter Aurisch - President*



I am pleased to report that the Community Centre is alive and well. Enjoying the Christmas season with lots of activities.

We have Midway, Playgroup, Occasional Care, Artist Group, New Mums Groups, Pre-Kinder Group, Patchwork, Toy Library, Line Dancing Gi Gong and a variety of courses.

There are several new courses and activities in the 'pipe-line' for next year so watch your letterboxes for our programme. If you live outside the Beaconsfield area you may wish to phone and be included on our mailing list for 1996.

As we are coming to the close of another year I have to thank the Committee of Management for their support. Tony Rushton in particular for his expertise on the Electrical side of things. Margaret Boon who puts in hours and hours

of voluntary time to keep things going.

Last but not least our Staff, Glenda Fryer our Co-ordinator who joined us recently, welcome to the team Glenda, Gillian Ward and Paulyn Watson. Paulyn is leaving our centre to pursue other interests and we wish her well. Paulyn has been a valuable member of our staff for 3 years.

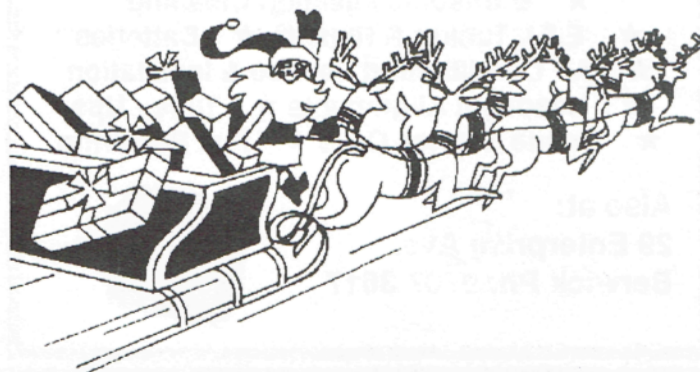
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**MIDWAY GETS CUP FEVER.**

The Midway group of 40+ members led by Gwen Neve on a Monday afternoon are always enjoying themselves. They have table tennis, indoor bowls, darts, community singing, videos, dancing or just sit and chat away.

Melbourne Cup Day was a special day with a luncheon being served at the Centre. A hat parade was won by Michelle Mauko, the sweep was won by Marg Aurisch. The Local cup seen at the centre was won by Dorothy Simpson.

So if you are 50 years plus, then you're welcome to join us for a great Monday afternoon at the Community Centre.



## RAILWAY STATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR BEACONSFIELD



Above:- One of a number of Cameras watching over the Station.

It appears that our Railway Station is undergoing some radical updating. After a recent visit by our photographer Paul Cohen, evidence suggests that the station will soon be very much more user friendly.

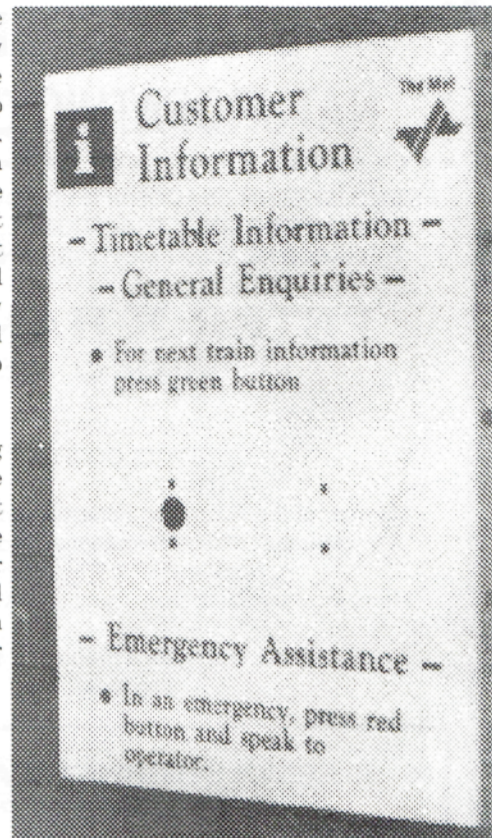
It appears that foundations are being dug for possible ticket machines at the entrance way (still to be officially confirmed). Much of the old timber weather boards are being replaced now and a new recessed public address system has been installed for the

announcement of train arrivals and departures. Yet to be installed are electric push button information machines for public enquiries when the station is unmanned which also double up as emergency assistance facilities for anyone needing immediate help. Several new public surveillance cameras have been strategically installed which should go a long way to combating graffiti and eliminating the enormous costs of removal. Furthermore it is very interesting to note that these cameras already in use on Berwick Railway Station are dealing well with crime and anti-social behaviour. While inspecting the new installations at Beaconsfield, a young local man pointed out how he had been saved from an uncertain fate while being attacked by two other men at Berwick Rail Station. Within ten minutes of initially being harassed and punched, which was a deliberate attempt at personal assault and robbery, police

arrived at the scene and swiftly defused the situation. With no one else in sight, the young man was sure everything that happened that night was detected on the new cameras and reported swiftly to the police.

It is encouraging to know that the public transport authorities are updating our station and making it a cleaner and safer place.

Right:- A Board for Information or Emergency Assistance.



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Do your family and your town a favour and turn up any Sunday around 10 o'clock and say G'day.

Brigade members, male or female, should be 16 and over. Training is easy, but thorough. All training is on Sunday mornings, for two or three hours. Members are issued with their own overalls, turn-out coat, boots and helmet. There is a barbeque lunch on the first Sunday of the month for all members and their families.

So if you can spare a couple of hours a week, would like to join a free 'club' where you can meet people, learn something, perhaps get a little fitter, and be part of a group who take pride in their abilities, then come along!

**BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE**

Christmas is approaching fast which means the fire season is on us again: so a reminder from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade to all residents that it is now time to carry out your fire prevention works - cut long grass, clean gutter spouts, clean up all rubbish, check the location of wood heaps etc. If you require advice on Fire Prevention do not hesitate to contact the Brigade at the station Sunday mornings or Matt Di Carlo A/Hrs Phone 9796-1217.

**National Award**

Congratulations to Bev Burgess being presented the National Medal. Bev is held in very high esteem in the Brigade and C.F.A. She gives up a lot of time and is always available to help in her role as Communications Officer for the region.

**Smoke Alarms Compulsory**

C.F.A. fully supports the state Government's new Regulation that will make smoke alarms

compulsory in **EVERY** Victorian Home.

The regulations will mean that every existing Victorian house, flat or unit will have to be fitted with at least one smoke alarm by the end of 1998.

Studies show that the human sense of smell shuts down when a person is asleep but the sound of a properly-fitted and maintained smoke alarm can alert a sleeping person, giving them a much greater chance of avoiding injury or death.

The new regulation is expected to come into law in the second half of next year.

It is hoped the community will take the opportunity to fit as many alarms as necessary to give adequate warning ie: just outside the kitchen and sleeping areas.

I take this opportunity to wish all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

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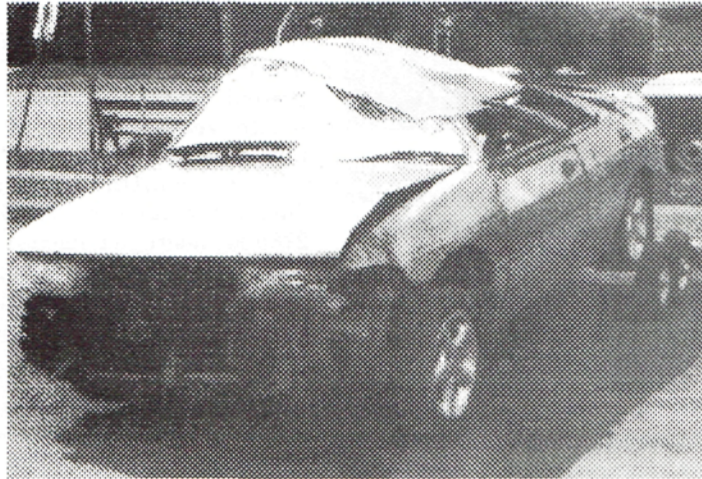
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# ACCIDENT REPORT

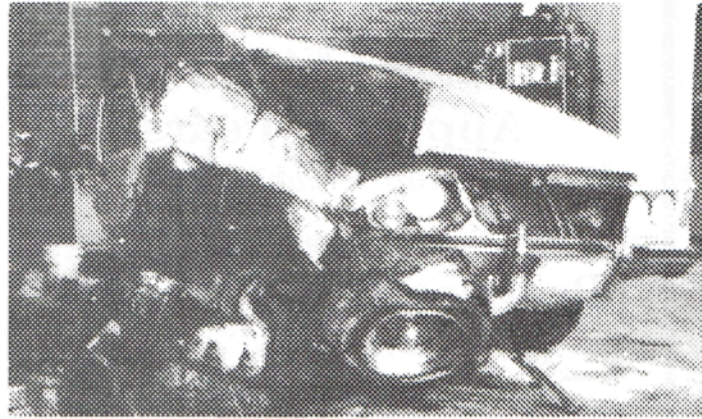
(All accidents attended by RSV Engines/Cloughs Towing)

13th Oct. Late Friday night approx 11.30pm, 2 cars collide after 1 car already ran off the road on Princes Freeway just past the Soldiers Rd overpass. No injuries (Landrover & EA Ford)

16th Oct, Monday afternoon 5.00pm. Car lost control on Soldiers Rd ending up on it's roof. Single female driver received minor injuries. (blue Lazer) See photo below.



19th Oct. Wednesday afternoon. 3.30pm. Female driver lost control of her car hitting a tree in Salisbury Rd. Upper Beaconsfield. All 3 occupants received minor injuries. (light blue Datsun)



25th Nov. Early hours Saturday morning 3.30am. Single male driver lost control of his vehicle exiting Beaconsfield on the Princes Highway heading towards Officer. His car hit an embankment rolled and ended up just past May Rd. intersection. The local boy received serious injuries and was taken by Ambulance to Dandenong hospital. (HZ Holden) 24th Nov. Friday night 8.30pm Single car lost control and rolled over on track off Soldiers Rd. Male driver and passengers. No injuries. (VL Commodore). See photo above.

4th Dec. Monday 2pm. Magna lost control in the wet, sliding into a tree just prior to Brunt Rd. Female driver and daughter were very lucky to escape with minor injuries.

7th Dec. Thursday 5.30pm. 4WD & Truck collided head on, on Soldiers Rd between Beaconsfield and the Freeway. 2 Male drivers received injuries. Driver of the truck was airlifted to Alfred Hospital.

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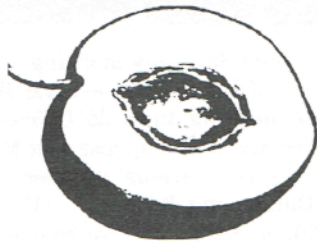
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## RAINFALL IN BEACONSFIELD

(Written by Dr. R.C. Webb)



Since the October Banner (Vol 7 No 5) there has been further useful rain in Beaconsfield, without any very heavy falls.

September finished with only 44.1mm, with only 10 days on which rain fell. October recorded 85.9mm with 15 days of rain. The highest daily falls were 22.7mm on the 20th and 21.3mm on the 23rd of October.

November rainfall (up to the 27th) has been 73.6mm. The majority (52.7mm) falling

between the 4th and 8th of November.

I have recently been given daily Berwick rainfall figures for the 18 year period 1960 to 1978. Whilst my experience has shown that Berwick rainfall is usually slightly higher than Beaconsfield, it does vary between different areas. The impression is that the period 1960 to 1978 had a higher rainfall than at present. eg. the average of the whole years, 1961 - 1977 inclusive was 927mm. The highest monthly reading during the same period was 278mm (nearly 11 inches) in March 1970; and the highest daily reading was 120mm (4.7inches) on the 20th March 1970.

In Beaconsfield the average Annual rainfall for the past 10 years was only 815mm. The highest monthly reading being 162.9mm in September 1984 and the highest daily reading 50mm (20th November 1992).



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Not all credit cards cost the same and with Christmas only weeks away "the card" may not only come in for use but some abuse if you over spend. The same problem can arise if you are taken in by the advertising of the interest free period. Be sure to ask what is their final cost as you may be in for an unpleasant surprise. Remember credit costs, there's nothing free in the commercial world, the consumer always pays in the end.

If you can't meet your commitments act quickly to inform your creditor and see if you can arrange payments that your budget can meet until you get back on line as this can save the embarrassment of being hounded by debt collectors.

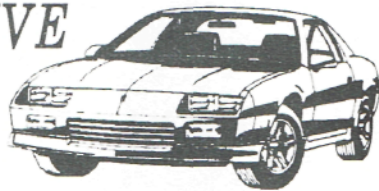
The Traders Practices Act states that a corporation shall not use undue harassment or coercion with supply or possible supply of goods and services to a consumer or the payment of goods and services by a consumer. If in trouble contact the Pakenham CAB for referral to a Financial Counsellor for assistance.

Here's a reminder for people eligible for Energy Concessions.

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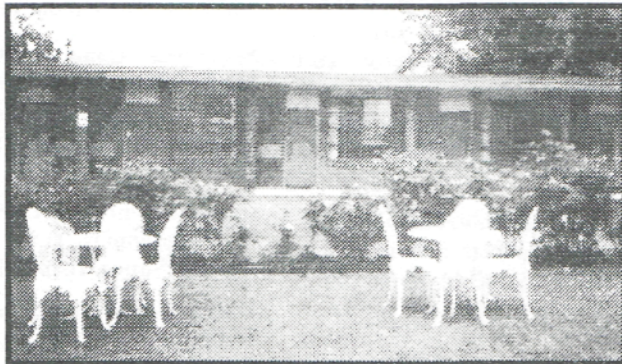


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**OUR NATURAL WORLD**

*(Written by Peter Hansen)*



*Peter Hansen*

What is health? We all know what ill health or disease is but health? Research has shown that 80 percent of what we learn comes through vision, the other 20 percent through finer forces, the unseen, and is vital to 'health'.

Physics has proved beyond doubt that every 'thing', regardless of what it is, planet or petal, gives forth its own signature vibration which is its alone. It cannot be seen, but is of vital importance to our well-being none the less.

The sun's rays are invisible, but without them no light would be possible on earth.

For many years now, people in the health care sciences have recognised that beauty, art and music have healing powers of some kind, an ability to elevate the mind, soul and spirit to a place where there is peace and harmony.

Flowers, waterfalls, serenity of a lake at dawn, a magnificent sunset, snow topped mountains in the distance, the music of the wind in trees, walking in a pristine forest: these expressions of natural beauty carry healing and restoration by touching something deep down inside us.

It is where we "recharge our batteries" as we say, perhaps convalesce after illness or just need nature to remain grounded in the real world (not the unreal world of so-called civilisation.) This is more than just repair through vision, we are healed through the mystery of invisible vibrations of which we still know little. A television

camera may record a scene and it will be visually pleasing but the deep healing potential is far stronger if you are there, not the camera. The negative ions of a waterfall are absorbed by you at the scene and you will feel tremendous invisible power entering into your entire being. The 'feel' of a bush walk is a fine, invisible sensation, bringing you exhilaration as you traverse a veritable ocean of health giving mystery. Just as there is proper food for the body, so there is proper food for the mind, soul and spirit.

Ugliness, confusion, conflict and disarray carry the opposite vibration. You will find no peace and comfort in litter-strewn streets, crumbling buildings, turned over garbage cans, junkyards and dingy dirty alleyways. You would not send a sick person there to find health improvement. The visual scenery would be bad enough, but worse, far worse, would be the feelings and sensations received by the 'physic body' as it journeyed through a landscape actually diseased itself. people do not seek health in these places.

Music is a vibration only, you cannot "see" music as the melodies penetrate your finer psychic receptors and uplift you to a higher point of being. Conversely ugly music can have the opposite result and make you ill and become anti-social.

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*Keith Goodman*



*Keith Goodman*

Recently I worked for three days as a steward at the annual Yarra Valley Wine Show open to wineries south of the Great Dividing Range. Entrants are as widely dispersed as Omeo, Lakes Entrance, Mornington Peninsula, Great Western, Geelong, Portland and Yarra Valley.

The standout exhibitor was De Bortoli Wines, first, daylight second with St Huberts Vineyard and Paringa Estate vying for third place. Of 17 entries De Bortoli received 15 awards - an 88% success rate. They won three of the nine Trophies, four gold medals, five silver medals and six bronze. Steve Weber and his team must still be smiling - and justifiably so.

The role of Steward is to present each entry in a uniform manner to the Judges ensuring each has an equal chance. This entails cross checking bottles against entry forms, setting up the exhibition, opening and pouring of wines and generally making the onerous task of judging as straight forward as possible.

Lounging around a wine show tasting one great wine after another must be every wine drinkers idea of seventh heaven. Unfortunately reality and dreams don't turn out to

be the same. After tasting 60 or so young cabernets high in tannin acid and glowing with enough of the red/ purple hue of youth to ruin any white shirt for ever, turns any judges mouth into something defying description. And we thought they were having a good time.

An overview of the results indicates that following the trying climate of 1995 the wines are not up to the quality of the 94 or 93 vintage. 1996 so far looks to be good year.

### Recommendations.

**Whites.** Two chardonnays currently available on special are the Penfolds Barrel Ferment 1994 and the Lindemans Padthaway 1994 around \$10, both wines are multi award winners. The Jim Barry Watervale Riesling 1994 is drinking well, \$8. Both the Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay 1995 or 1994, \$6 or so and the Mc Williams Elizabeth Riesling, \$10 or \$11 offer tremendous value.

**Reds.** The very good Kings Creek Pinot Noir 1994, \$16 to \$18 has just been released and is worth looking for. My wine of the year is between two shiraz, the De Bortoli Yarra Valley 1993 (best Yarra Valley red two years running) and the Mt Ida 1991 (or the 1992 which is a little more elegant).

**Sparklings** Domaine Chandon 1992, \$22 or their stunning Rose Brut, \$25 for around \$11 try the Killawara Premier 1993 Brut.

If you are having Christmas Pudding (who isn't) try Anne's Brandy Sauce, it is delicious.

Merry Christmas to you all and remember don't drink and drive.

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*Anne Goodman*

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#### pudding

3 tbs butter, roughly chopped  
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2 teas bi-carbonate of soda  
2 cups self raising flour  
2 teas mixed spice  
1 cup milk

#### Creamy Sherry sauce

1 600ml carton thickened cream  
1 500ml bottle thickened caramel  
flavoured topping  
1 tbs butter  
½ cup cream sherry

To make pudding: Place butter, fruit, sherry and brown sugar in microwave-proof bowl and place in microwave, covered, on high for 4 minutes. Allow to cool slightly and stir in soda. Sift self-raising flour and spice, then fold into fruit mixture alternately with milk. Pour mixture into greased 10 cup microwave proof pudding basin and cover loosely with plastic wrap. Place basin on an inverted plate in microwave and cook on high for 8 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to rest, covered, for 5 minutes before turning out. Serve hot with creamy sherry sauce. Serves 12.

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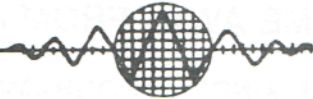
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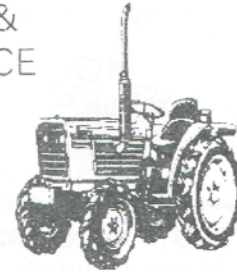
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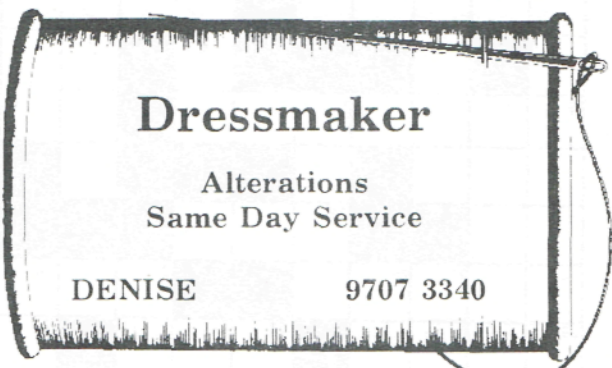
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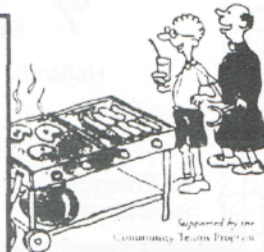


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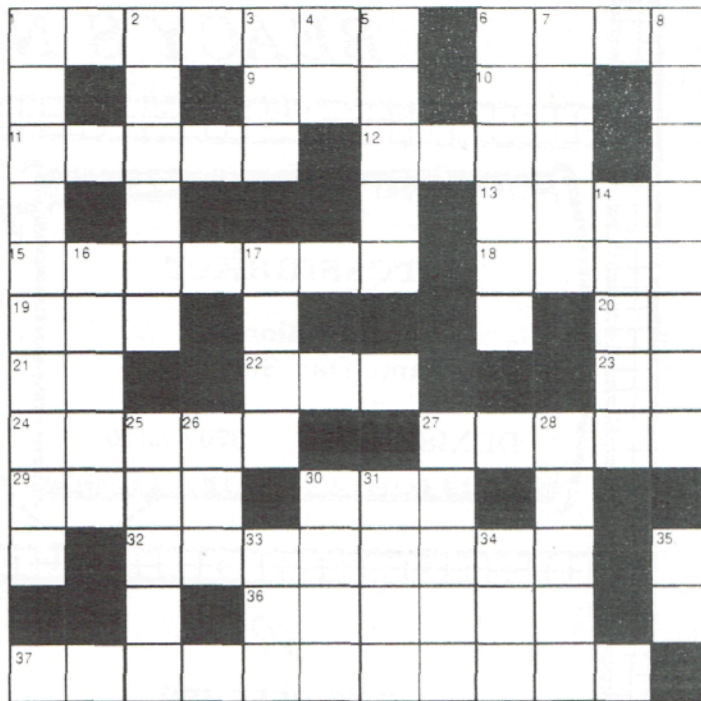
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By Dr. R. C. Webb



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1. Shouts of Adoration(7)
6. Wife of Joseph (4)
9. Well known dictionary (abbr 3.)
10. Roman Coin (2)
11. Inclined (5)
12. Possesses (4)
13. Bestowed (4)
15. Oval (7)
18. Small Island
19. Shelter (3)
20. Chinese Mile (2)
21. Above (2)
22. Annoy (3)
23. Notice (2)
24. 'Boy Child' of 5 across (5)
27. Cavalry Sword (5)
29. Skills (4)
30. Unusual Metal Sensation (abbr.3)
32. Supplying with Fresh Air (8)
36. Mimosa (6)
37. Winter Tinklers(6,5)

### DOWN

1. Famous Chorus (10)
2. Barn (6)
3. Negative (3)
4. Compass Point (2)
5. Worship (5)
6. Where Jesus Lay (5)
8. Christmas Festival (8)
14. Palm (5)
16. Lazarus (5)
17. Enclosures (4)
25. Musty (5)
26. Employ(3)
27. Condiment (5)
28. Commonplace(5)
30. Every(4)
31. Pierce(4)
33. Scrap(3)
34. Anoint(3)
35. By(2)

Answers  
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## MONEY MATTERS

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Keep those Winter accounts, get an application form from your local LPG supplier or local council and make sure your application is in before the 31st January, 1996.

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In 1945 they moved back to Footscray until their children Brian & Maureen finished school and in 1965 they moved back to their present home on the highway.

The highlight of their 60th Wedding Anniversary was receiving a Telegram from the Queen, the Governor General, Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition & Member of Parliament Bob Charles.



*Above - Ted and Eileen Unwin celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.*



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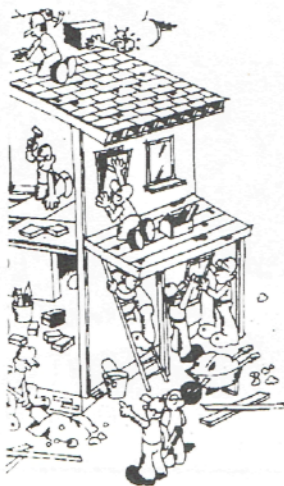
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Above: - Mark Rogan.

The three services are represented at the Academy - Army, Navy and Airforce, Mark being with the Army. As well as the Academic studies, the cadets undertake Military training throughout the years of their course. The Engineering courses take four years to complete, with the then Officers undertaking a five year return of service following this.

A further acknowledgment of Mark's academic achievements

was learned recently with the news that he, along with a fellow student at Berwick Secondary College, has been awarded the Dux of the School Prize for 1994. The prize will be presented at the schools' Annual Awards and Presentation Evening on Tuesday 19th December, 1995. Congratulations Mark.

## GAMBLING BREAKEVEN

(Written by D. Jenkins, Community Educator Break Even Gambling Support Service, Frankston Community Health Centre.)

Over the last few months there has been a lot of discussion in the media about gambling and the social impact it is having. Australia is a gambling nation in fact per capita we are the biggest spenders in the world. Gambling appears to be ingrained in our culture with the nation stopping at 3p.m. pm the first Tuesday in November, to celebrate a horse race.

In Victoria Gamblers Anonymous have reported a 50% increase in attendance in the last 12 months with between 120-150 enquiries per week. Councillors with the BreakEven Gambling Support Services which operates across the state, have waiting lists and financial councillors and welfare organisations are

being inundated with requests for assistance.

While the Gambling Industry provides employment and the opportunity to socialise, the social costs can be debitating for some people. It has been estimated that there are 40,000 problem famblers in Victoria. For each problem gambler, between 7 - 10 people are directly affected. Consequences from gambling can include family breakdown, loss of employment, criminal activity, even suicide.

While problem gambling is reputed to effect 1% (one percent) of any given population, Australia is believed to exceed this with up to 7% (seven percent) affected.

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# Beaconsfield Sport

## BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

With 260, players competing in our various competitions day, night and weekends our Committee and Co-ordinators are kept busy throughout the year. Its their keen effort that makes our club function well. A big thankyou for their time and work done. With Christmas only a few weeks away, I'd like to wish everyone on behalf of the Beaconsfield Tennis Club a Happy Christmas and a Safe and prosperous New Year.

### MIDWEEK LADIES SPRING COMPETITION TUESDAY

Section 5 finished in 1st position, winning their semi final they go straight into the Grand Final. "Can Brenda Douma make it a Trifecta?"

Section 7 finished in 2nd position, lost their Semi final but have another chance in the preliminary final.

Section 12 finished in 4th position, winning their semi final and go on to play in the Preliminary final. "Can section 12 do a double act?"

Midweek Ladies Autumn Season commences on the 6th February 1996. Any enquiries contact Pat Schelling on 9707 1839

Footnote :- Yes Brenda did!

### SATURDAY JUNIORS & SENIORS

Saturday Juniors and Seniors cease play on the 16th December and recommence on the 20th January 1996. Saturday Juniors contact Heather Saunders on 9707 2081 Coaching enquiries contact Robert Keighery on 97222265

### NIGHT TENNIS COMPETITIONS

Tuesday Night Beginners to B Grade "Unisex" any enquiries contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016 Thursday night A & B Grade Mens enquiries Murray Castle 9707 2041 New comp. Wednesday Night Singles A & B enquiries Greg Menzel on 9707 1053

**THE B.A.G. COMMITTEE** Music & TV. Trivia night was well supported by club members and fiends. Everyone enjoyed the night, thanks to Greg Menzel and Justine Clough who produced and compared the evening quite professionally. Congratulation to them both for a great job.

Our Annual Street Stall raised \$290.00 once again thanks to helpers on the day and donations of good by club members. A special thankyou to Lyn & Arthur Thorpe, Berwick Wholesale Nurseries.

Raffle winners were Toni O'Sullivan, who won the Wall Clock donated by Ross & Lyn Chudleigh. Miranda Donnelly winner of the Family Pizza donated by John & Brenda Douma Top of the Hill Pizza, Berwick.

To become a member contact Jenny Shinnors on 9707 2575 Hire of courts contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016

**COMMUNITY INTEREST** Our club is participating in the National Tennis Fun Day program on Sunday 11th February 1996. If you never have a go, you'll never know what your missing out on! It's "FREE", so come along and have a go at a game that can be fun and has great social attributes.

## GAMBLING BREAKEVEN

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The service does not take on anti-gambling stance, rather accepting that people may prefer to learn to control their gambling and still enjoy it as a recreational activity.

Councillors with Break Even attribute problem gambling behaviour to a myriad of reasons. It appears that the increasing accessibility of electronic gaming machines (pokies) is a contributing factor. Councillors agree that problematic gambling behaviour may often be a symptom of a deeper issue such a loss or grief, boredom or the breakdown of a relationship. Once the underlying issue is identified and addressed Councillors believe that the gambling becomes easier to control.

For anyone experiencing problems with gambling, either as a gambler, or family members of a gambler, assistance and support is available. You can contact G.Line on 1800 622 112.



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**GET WELL**

We wish Kevin Lewis a speedy recovery after his accident.

**CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT BANNER IS THE 29TH. JAN. 1996**

**THANKYOU**

Following my request for Vanilla Extract supplies I wish to thank all respondents for their prompt replies. I am now the owner of several bottles. Vital Ingredients, South Melbourne is the source. Anne Goodman.

**CORRECTION**

1. Mr Bill Hudson was Mayor of the City of Berwick not President of the Shire as written in the article titled History Night Success.

2. The heading of the poem on page 22 by "unknown author" should have read "How You Can Tell It's Going To Be One of Those Days:"

**BANNER CROSSWORD No. 3  
Dr. R.C. Webb  
ANSWERS**

Across: 1. Hosanna 6. Mary. 9. O.E.D. (Oxford English Dictionary) 10. As. 11. Leant. 12. Ows. 13. Gave. 15. Ellipse. 18. Eyot. 19. Lee. 20. La. 21. Up. 22. Nag. 23. Ad. 24. Jesus. 27. Sabre. 29. Arts. 30. E.S.P. 32. Aeration. 36. Acacia. 37. Sleigh Bells.  
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**JOKES**

(Contributed by Naomi Harris)

*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Hosanna who?  
Hosanna Claus gets down  
the chimney I'll never know.*

*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Mary who?  
Mary Christmas*



*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Doughnut  
Doughnut who?  
Doughnut open your presents  
until Christmas Day.*



*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Miss  
Miss who?  
Miss L Toe is nice at  
Christmas.*



*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Beth  
Beth who?  
Beth wishes to you.*

*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Amory  
Amory who?  
Amory christmas and a  
Happy New Year to all our  
readers.*



*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Santa  
Santa who?  
Santa forward in our team  
was ill today.*



*Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Hannah  
Hannah who?  
Hannah partridge in a pear  
tree.*

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