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## KURT HELSINGER'S DOUBLE CELEBRATION.

Monday 13th May was a very special day for Kurt of Arthur Street, Beaconsfield. Not only was it his 80th birthday but he spent it reunited with his son who he had not seen for last 46 years.

His sons mystery disappearance began when Kurt and his first wife divorced in Germany. Heinz Otto their son was only three at the time and was taken by his mother to live overseas in England. Starting school there was hard for young Heinz because of his distinctive German name and also he had little grasp of the English language. Life back in Germany was also hard for his father Kurt because at that time there was little or no work. It wasn't long though before Kurt met Irma in Germany and married for the second time. Later in 1959 they emigrated to Australia where Kurt found plenty of work.

Son Heinz's fate was not nearly so happy in his new life in England. His mother remarried and his new Father adopted Heinz. Not having much say in the matter it was decided that Heinz Otto's name be changed to 'Chris John' with the surname Wood. This complicated matters for

Kurt. 13,000 miles away in Australia. He was unable to trace his missing son's whereabouts. Worse still, Kurt's former wife lied to her son about what had really happened to his natural father and the truth was kept from him. Suprisingly Chris had previously come to Australia in 1967 to 1969 in the merchant navy. Not knowing his father was still alive and resident in St. Kilda, Chris amazingly spent some time in St. Kilda on those visits.

When Chris' mother died aged 66, he finally learned through family papers that his former surname was Helsinger and that his real father had emigrated to Australia all those years ago. It was not too difficult for him to track down Mr. and Mrs. K. Helsinger of Beaconsfield, Victoria, Australia. Although Chris has married and has three children of his own it

was a very emotional and moving moment when he finally made contact with his natural father this year after 46 years of being told he was dead. Learning that it was Kurt's 80th birthday some months away, Chris arranged their reunion in Australia to culminate in a double celebration.

Kurt could not have wished for a better birthday present and the experience has opened a whole new chapter in Chris' life. Having had no relatives that he was close to in England he was thrilled to meet his new step mother Irma, step sister Gabbie and

husband Les Conkie and many other uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces. With a limited stay here, Chris had only 10 days to catch up with 46 years that have passed. The many photos and stories have been a delight to him.

It is sad that father and son must part again after only 10 days but Chris' roots after 44 years in England are firmly entrenched. He promises to return here again and openly admits that if he had been told the true fate of Kurt his real father, he too would have emigrated many years ago to Australia.



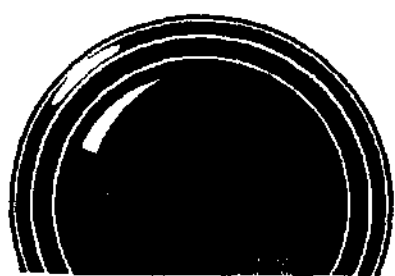
Above:- Kurt Helsinger and his son Chris.



## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION AGM. OCT. 29TH.

Well known local writer and Gippsland historian John Wells will be the guest speaker at the Progress Association AGM. He will speak on the history of this area, some of the books he has written are GIPPSLAND people, places and their past. COLOURFUL TALES OF OLD GIPPSLAND and a number of others. See the next Banner for more details

Pictured left our Photographer Paul Cohen caught John Wells working at his computer.



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## EASTERN ENERGY NEWS.

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94 per cent of customers pay their accounts by mail, direct debit, telephone, post office or at banks. Furthermore, the vast majority of people now choose to use the telephone to contact Eastern Energy about energy advice and other electrical requirements.

The 24 hour customer telephone inquiry service has been extremely popular across the State and the service will be continually improved with the use of the latest technology available, to provide customers with even greater convenience. Over 85% of customer calls are responded to within 20 seconds of calling with the current level of service.

Customers are also currently offered appointments to discuss issues that may require more detail. These appointments are backed by the guarantee that if Eastern Energy is late by any more than 15 minutes, then they will credit the customers account with \$ 20.

Eastern Energy's commitment to the Beaconsfield Community remains as strong as ever. The depot will continue to provide fault repairs, new connections and other services. They are committed to better allocate resources and provide an increased range of customer services.

These efforts should lead to cost cuttings that will enable them to continue driving down prices.

Any queries about account payment options or any other energy issues, people should phone 133466 for the cost of a local call.

### NEW LOOK FOR BEAconsfield OFFICES AND DEPOT

The Eastern Energy Board has approved a \$450,000 facelift to the Beaconsfield Eastern Energy Office over the next 12 months. The decision has come about because the office there is in dire need of more space.

The overcrowding problem has been temporarily solved by six portable buildings. These will remain on site until the new building work is completed late this year.

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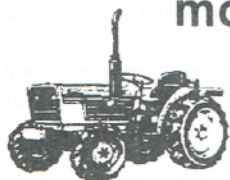
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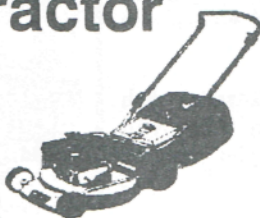


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## JOHN KERR BORN 1947 DIED 1996 AGED 48 YEARS.

On Friday 10th May the Beaconsfield community lost one of its most well liked and respected residents, suddenly at home due to a heart attack. He will be missed by his many friends socially and through his work.

Those close to John knew that he had complications with his heart. It came as a shock to most others, who knew him as a cheerful, active, outgoing personality always tinged with humour and happiness.

For 32 years John worked for various branches of Williams the Shoeman and had been their Fountain Gate branch Manager for eight. He was always popular with staff and customers alike. With his wife Jenny and children Kathryn, Deanna and Tristan they have lived in Beaconsfield for 15 years. He had three passions in life, his wife and family, followed by Collingwood Football Club and his work.

He unselfishly shared his life with Jenny. He supported Kathryn and Deanna through all their school, sporting, social and work activities. He gave Tristan every encouragement in schooling, Scouting, work experience and sport. John was very proud of Tristan's acceptance into the ROC Football Club.

Living at Magpie Cottage in Amelia Close was confirmation of John's 'one eyed' support for the team in black and white. He appropriately never got to watch Collingwood lose to St Kilda on the night of his death. He had many friends that shared his passion for footy and he also enjoyed the occasional flutter at the TAB.

At 'Billy the Boot', as he so affectionately called work, he was a fair and well respected Manager. He gave 32 of his 48 years to Williams with conscientious and loyal service. He worked long hard hours. The Westfield Fountain Gate shopping Centre will miss John, one of their recently awarded shop managers. It won't be the



Above:- John Kerr.

same passing the shop without a wave from the silver haired 'gentleman' manager who always seemed to be there weekday or weekend. He gave Tristan the opportunity for work experience and at his branch of Williams. With John's support Kathryn is now second in charge at the busy Chadstone branch of Williams the Shoeman.

The Church of England on Peel Street, Berwick was full to overflowing on Tuesday 14th May for his funeral service, to pay their last respects. Most reflected on the happy positive and personal memories about his life.

John was always the first to volunteer whether it was to pick up the children in the car or go to the working bee or help out the Scout leaders, for which he was proudly presented a Supporters Badge. He was a valued committee man with sensible and balanced opinions.

He was a great communicator with people. He loved a chat and was always ready to share other peoples good times and bad. He was a patient listener and confidant to many.

He liked playing cards and the occasional game of golf both of which will be remembered for many years by those that shared father and son camps away with him! Whether it was at Trivia quiz nights, school fetes or working bees he was always the life and soul of the party with his energetic enthusiasm, wit and laughter.

There are many of us in the community that will remember John Kerr for a very long time and all for very good reasons. Good bye friend.





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## SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY EVENTS

This term at the Beaconsfield Community Centre we offered two free information evenings. The first was a very informative talk about Fire Safety by Captain Ron Woodfine, of Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. This was followed by a "hands on" demonstration of extinguishing fires that people may encounter in their everyday living. A fantastic evening and our thanks goes to Captain Woodfine for his time and enthusiasm.

The second talk was on Child Safety. It is always a big concern when you are a parent. Senior Constable Peter Kelly and Senior Constable Christine Phillips were informative about ways of helping our children to develop safety skills. A very comprehensive description was given of the Protective Behaviours Program. It is designed to help children and adults with practical strategies they can use if they find themselves in an unsafe situation.

Midway celebrated the Community Centre's 4th birthday with their

traditional luncheon. It was a very enjoyable day. Midway (over 50's) has a growing membership and welcomes new members all year long. They meet on Monday afternoons between 1-3p.m. They also participate in various outings on other days of the week, including trips to the city, plays and musicals and even mystery tours with Peter. A great group of fun loving members.

Term 3, commences on 15th July. Two programmes being offered are detailed below.

Attention Deficit Disorder Information Morning. Thursday July 25th at 10.00a.m. - 12.00 noon. Cost \$5. During the morning you will be able to gain information regarding recognising signs of the disorder and where you can go for further help.

Understanding A Will, Thursday 5th September 10a.m. - 12 noon. This will give details on everything you need to know about making a will. Cost will be \$2.

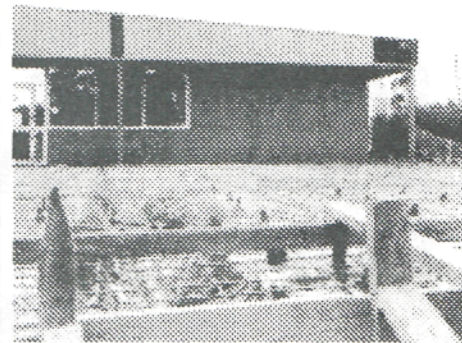
For bookings or further information please contact Glenda on 9707 3449.



**EASTERN  
ENERGY NEWS.**  
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Staff have been consulted at the early planning stages. The new design will offer a more equal division of work space for each person and an open plan feeling with low level partitioning to define work areas. Existing furniture will remain.

Any further information please contact Mr Alan Grossbard, Executive Manager of Corporate Relations.  
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*Above:- Construction has commenced at Eastern Energy Offices at Beaconsfield Ave. Beaconsfield.*

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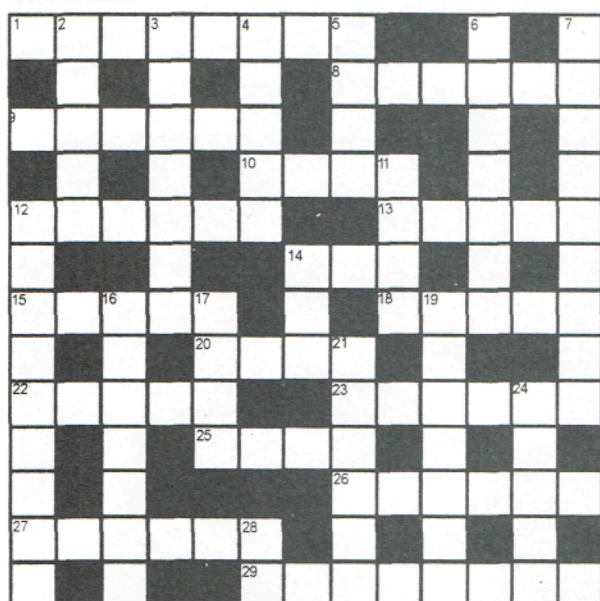
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**CROSSWORD 6**

By Dr. R. C. Webb.

**\*\*\* Spot the six locals.****CLUES****ACROSS**

1. Was the Arab too rough with the crib? (8)
8. The Extra Terrestrial is more distant (6)
9. Was Ric violent over the fee? (6)
10. People (Prefix) (4)
12. The French article only was isolated (6)
13. Tropical fruit (5)

14. Forbid (3)
15. Was it rash to take tea amongst the rubbish (5)
18. Ma and I go to make a perfect insect (5)
20. Former Capital of the Mogul Empire (4)
22. It ran to instruct (5)
23. A tree and Japanese currency produce smartness (6)
25. Gee, it has to take off, in this local street (4)
26. Between the IRA and the ANU there was no water (6)
27. The hen may go to you to obtain the required amount (6)
29. Two lots of ware in this wretched estate (8)

**DOWN**

2. Aim on a chemical compound (5)
3. Reg takes the bus South to this local reserve (7)
4. Ye and red are harsh (5)
5. The MC and the Royal Academy need to study (4)
6. The Commanding Officer and Ida on this sad estate (7)
7. One glory to you for the study of nerves (9)
11. Oh min takes all! (Prefix) (4)
12. The tail and duets can be both North and South (9)
14. Forbid (3)
16. A mad son makes a local street (7)
17. Suspend (4)
19. A nut and a moan together in this sporting area (7)
21. If the Air Force has a concern! (6)
24. A German River (5)
28. When you get into trouble? (Abbrev.) (2)

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## ACCIDENT REPORT

By Lisa Edwards R.S.V. Engines.

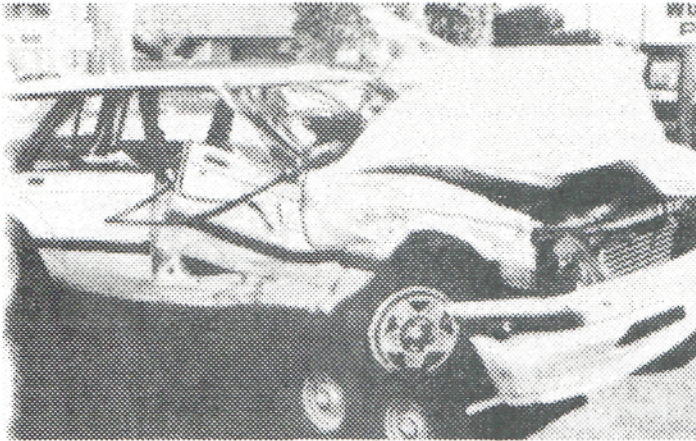
**2nd May** 1 car collided with lamppost at Beaconsfield turn-off (Freeway-Officer bound) causing pole to block the road with which another vehicle hit as it had no-where else to go. All persons involved, escaped uninjured.

**8th June** 2 cars collided head on in Clyde Rd near O'Shea Rd intersection. Driver and passenger of 1 vehicle sustained severe injuries to the head, face and leg area. They were taken by ambulance to the Dandenong Hospital. Driver of other

vehicle also sustained injuries and was admitted to hospital. (See Photo Below.)

**17 June** 2 cars collided at Wood St & Princes Hwy. Intersection in Beaconsfield at 9.00a.m. Driver and 2 young passengers were taken by ambulance to hospital after receiving injuries. Driver of other vehicle was shaken by O.K.

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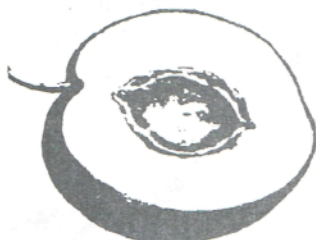
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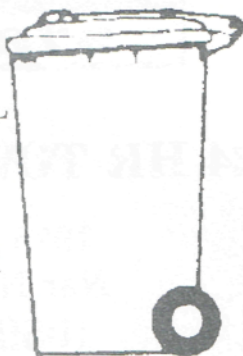
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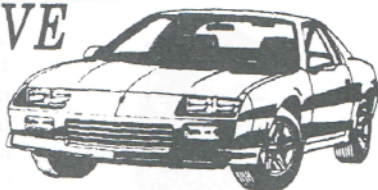
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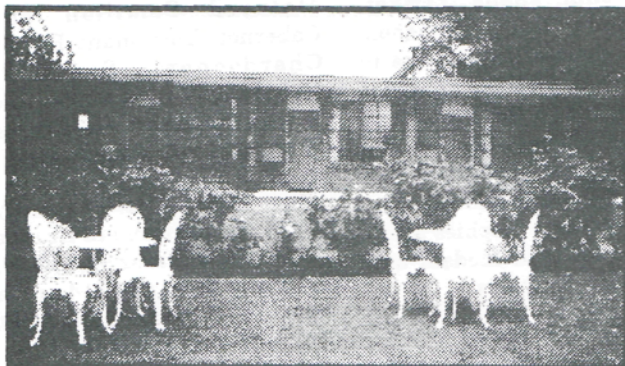


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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

(Written by Peter Hansen)



Peter Hansen

The Herb and plant kingdom is quite fascinating with it's mixture of science and magic. The superstitions that grew through the centuries may be looked down upon in these days of space travel and Internet, but to millions of people in ages past their belief systems were a firm protection against the harsh realities in their daily struggles, simply to survive. To believe in something greater than themselves, is still a basic belief fundamental of human existence and always will be. Just the focus of belief changes over time, not the need for it.

The wonderful old English Ivy that covered cottages and castles alike needs no introduction. Old folk beliefs hold that if you put a piece of Ivy under your pillow you will see your true loves' face in your dreams. The plant was also sacred to Dionysus, the Greek God of wine, and revellers at ancient drinking parties wore Ivy wreaths, the equivalent of modern party hats. In Elizabethan England a bush of Ivy or a painting of it was commonplace tavern sign.

Angelica is well known to cooks and cake makers, but the Latin name means "Angelic Herb" so called from its special powers against poison and plague. It was supposed to ward off evil spirits and enchantments, bestow long life, and even cure

chequered history in the area of superstitions. Ancient Herbalists once considered it evil, saying it damaged internal organs, caused insanity, coma and the spontaneous generation of worms, lice and scorpions.

People in some countries however cherished it as a protection against witchcraft and as a symbol of love.

The aniseed flavoured Fennel was in great demand during the middle ages. The rich used it to add zest to fish and vegetable dishes, whilst the poor used it suppress their appetite on fast days. Householders hung it over their doors to repel evil spirits (of which there seemed to be a great supply in those times). Ancient Romans believed snakes ate Fennel after shedding their skins, to sharpen their sight, and because of this belief the Doctors of the time prescribed extracts of the root for cataracts and blindness.

The pretty little flower, Forget-me-not, has many legends surrounding it, and it's reputation as a symbol of loving remembrance had its beginning in an old German folk tale. A knight, while picking a flower for his ladylove, accidentally fell into a river shouting before he drowned, "forget-me-not". When King Richard II banished his cousin Henry from England in 1398, Henry adopted the Forget-me-not as his emblem due to the scorpion like coiled flower stalks (It was also known as Scorpion Grass). Henry ultimately returned to seize the throne and imprison Richard.

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## WINE AND FOOD

By Keith Goodman



Keith Goodman

Winter is now well and truly with us and brings with it changes to our everyday habits. Warm fires and clothes, maybe more television and certainly a change in what we eat. Braises, stews, pies, slow roasted meats and desserts like steamed pudding with custard. Good old fashioned comfort food, like many of us grew up with.

The return over the past ten years or so to household heating using slow combustion stoves, causes us to bring out those wonderfully tasty cuts of meat, requiring long slow cooking. Shin beef, full of sinew and tendons can be notoriously tough if cooked too fast- but two days on the wood heater and something magical occurs. Tough components render down and flood the dish with sticky gelatinous flavour .....when is dinner? Vegetable or pea and ham soup; shin, shank, brisket, neck and ox tail are just some of the choices which come to mind. A full bodied cabernet or shiraz from the Barossa or Clare would be perfect, try the Leasingham Bin 61 Clare shiraz, 94, \$12 this lovely wine has won three trophies and a number of gold medals and will cellar for years.

At the heart of winter cooking

is stock. Stock and yeast are two words which can cause the un-initiated to head for the hills and it need not be so, particularly with the wood heater. A bag of chicken carcasses or beef bones some carrot, onion, celery, a bay leaf or two and salt and pepper; cover the lot with cold water and in two days you have litres of stock. Produced at little cost for ingredients and no cost for electricity. Store in the freezer in freezer bags in cup lots and bring out for soups, risottos and stews.

Recently at home we had a bottle of Houghton White Burgundy 1990 with vegetable soup and home made sour dough bread. Our daughter Megan commented on how much she liked the wine compared with when we bought it three or four years ago. Her comment brought home to me the benefit of buying what might be thought of as current drinking wines and holding for as little as one year- the benefit in terms of flavour change, mellowness and lift in quality can be dramatic.

Wines which spring to mind are the Houghton (above), Basedow White Burgundy, Peter Lehmann's Wood Matured Semillon and Cabernet, Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay, Seaview's McLarenvale Chardonnay and Shiraz, Wynns Coonawarra Hermitage, Krondorf Shiraz.

Other wines tasted recently worth considering are Brands Coonawarra Shiraz 94, \$15-16, Barwang Shiraz 94, \$14 and a beautiful Yeringberg Cabernet 94, \$30.

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(Courtesy of Denise W )

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1/2 cup sugar (honey)  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
Fruit (choice grated apples, grated carrots, mashed banana, fruit medley, apricots)  
Optional extras - sultana, choc chips.



#### DRY INGREDIENTS

1 cup plain flour  
1 cup self raising flour  
1 teaspn. of either cinnamon, ginger, mixed spices, or cocoa.  
Optional extras- oats, bran, mixed cereals.

#### METHOD

Mix wet ingredients together. Mix dry ingredients together.

Then mix both together only until combined. (The less mixing at this stage the better, this is the secret of good muffins - too much mixing will make the muffins heavy).



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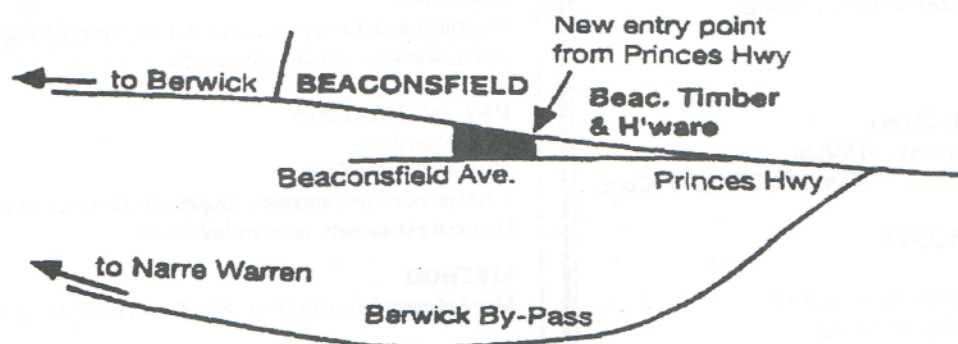
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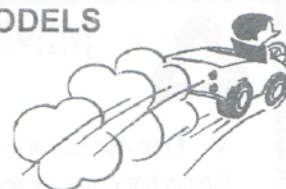
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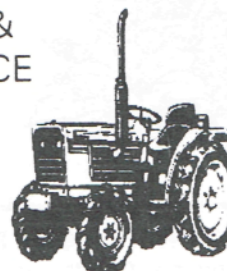
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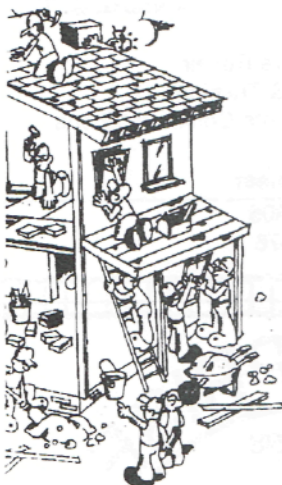
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## OPENING OF STATE PARLIAMENT

(Written by Joy and George Bishop)

On Tuesday 14th May, 1996 we were most fortunate to be invited to the opening of the Victorian Parliament by a local Member of Parliament as each Member receives only five invitations.

The invitations required us to be seated by 2.15 p.m. so we arrived in plenty of time, at 1.30 p.m. At this stage the intersection of Bourke Street and Spring Street had been closed off. We walked up the steps of Parliament House and stood at the top, near the pillars to watch the other guests and V.I.P.'s arrive.

The Guard of Honour from the Australian Defence Force was accompanied by the Royal Australian Navy Band as they marched up Spring Street and took up their positions outside Parliament House at the intersection of Bourke Street.

The Commanding Officers of the Air Force, Army and Navy arrived. Then the Governor and his wife and Secretary arrived. The cars were escorted by Motor Cycle and Mounted Police. The Usher of the Black Rod met the Governor and the Service Chiefs were presented to the Governor.

After the Vice Regal Salute the National Anthem was played and then the Governor inspected the Guard of Honour and the Band. The Usher of the Black Rod then led a procession formed by the Governor, the Service Chiefs and their aides up the steps and into Parliament House.

After this we decided we had better find our seats, there were Police on duty on all the doors and we had to keep showing our invitations.

The Lord Mayor was the next to arrive followed by the Judges of the County Court, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, all dressed in their wigs and robes. Then the ceremony began - the bells were rung to summon Members to the Houses.

The Usher of the Black Rod led the President of the Legislative Council and Officers of the Legislative Council via Queens Hall into the Legislative Council Chamber. There was a fanfare as the President entered the Chamber.

The Usher of the Black Rod then led the Governor's Procession into the Legislative Council Chamber, and another fanfare was sounded as the Governor entered the Chamber.

His Excellency, addressing the President, announced that he desired the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly.

The President commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to deliver His Excellency's message to the Assembly.

The Usher of the Black Rod proceeded to the Legislative Assembly Chamber and knocked three times on the door with the Black Rod. The doors were opened and the Usher of the Black Rod informed the Sergeant-at-Arms that he had come to deliver a message from His Excellency. In accordance with tradition the doors were closed on the Usher while the Sergeant-at-Arms informed Mr. Speaker of the Ushers presence. Upon being admitted to the Assembly Chamber the Usher of the Black Rod made his announcement to Mr. Speaker, retired and returned to the Council Chamber and informed the President that he had delivered His Excellency's command.

A fanfare sounded as the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly entered the Council Chamber.

His Excellency then read his speech which was an outline of the Governments legislative plans for its coming term of office. After the speech the Governor's Secretary then presented signed copies of the speech to the President and the Speaker.

There was then a 19 Gun salute.

The Usher of the Black Rod then led the Governor from the Chamber. The Speaker and the Members of the Assembly followed. The President announced that he would resume the Chair at 5.00p.m. and withdrew from the Chamber.

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(Written by Dr. R.C. Webb)



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The Autumn rainfall (March, April, & May) was close to average as the following figures indicate.

In the last Banner ( Vol. 8 No. 2), I reported the relatively low March rainfall of 32.1mm up to the 29th March. However in the last two days of March there were falls totalling 31.4mm., making a total of 63.5mm for the month. That figure was above the monthly average of 47.9mm..

April rainfall was also above average ( 63.5mm in the last 12 years) with a figure of

| Year                   | Autumn rainfall |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1985                   | 229.8mm         |
| 1986                   | 193.9           |
| 1987                   | 164.5           |
| 1988                   | 141.1           |
| 1989                   | 241.7           |
| 1990                   | 153.2           |
| 1991                   | 119.8           |
| 1992                   | 174.4           |
| 1993                   | 94.4            |
| 1994                   | 121.9           |
| 1995                   | 268.3           |
| 1996                   | 173.9           |
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(Written by A. Taylor)

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## OPENING OF STATE PARLIAMENT

*Cont. from page 16.*

We were then entertained to afternoon tea in the gardens behind Parliament House. There was a big marquee in the grounds, lots of food and drink and we had a chance to mingle with all the politicians.

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BLACK ROD:

As in other Commonwealth Parliaments, Black Rod is a central figure in the Opening of Parliament. His parliamentary office dates from the reign of Henry VIII. He wears full Windsor Court uniform, consisting of a black cut-away tunic, lace jabot and cuffs, knee-breeches, silk stockings and silver buckled shoes, and carries the gold-topped Black Rod of his office.

The Opening Ceremony takes place in the Legislative Council - the Upper House - following once again the British practice where, since 1536, the House of Lords has been used for such occasions. When the Governor has taken his seat on the plush Vice-Regal Chair, he requests that the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly come to the Council Chamber to hear the Opening Speech, and this message is conveyed to the Assembly by the Usher of the Black Rod. According to ancient custom, as soon as the Legislative Assembly is aware of Black Rod's approach, the door is barred until the Usher has rapped on it three times with his Black Rod.

During the stormy seventeenth century period of English constitutional history, Parliament had cause to fear the interruption of a Royal Messenger. The door-barring ceremony has its origin in the armed raid on the House of Commons in 1642 by Charles I in an attempt to arrest five Members on charges of treason. Ever since then, the Commons has demonstrated its independence and right to freedom of speech and uninterrupted debate by closing its door on the Crown's representative. From that time, no Sovereign has set foot in the House of Commons.

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Line Dancing, we had to do it! It is so much fun. Beginners welcome. Classes held Tuesday 7.30pm and Thursday 7.30pm.

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is going, so don't delay your fitness, call in, have a look around and see if we can meet your fitness needs.

Good Health. Glenda and Bruno.

*Below:- Nancy Harris on Treadmill*



## NEW BUILDING REGULATIONS

### Safety Fences for Swimming Pools



*Bushy Miles relaxes by his fire after a hard days work.*

Many people fail to understand the reasons why a swimming pool is required to be fenced in under strict guidelines, particularly when the owners feel their property is already secure, or where there are no children in the family, the pool is to be placed on broad acre land, or there are other bodies of water close by which remain unprotected, and so on.

Unfortunately the Building Regulations do not distinguish between these other criteria - one regulation fits all. By definition a swimming pool is an excavation or swimming structure containing water used primarily for swimming, wading or paddling including a wading or bathing pool or spa. Yes! a spa is also required to be protected.

All private swimming pools and spas constructed in Victoria since April, 1991 are required to comply with the rigid safety standards of Standards Australia - A.S. 1926. This regulation applies to any swimming pool capable of containing a depth of water of more than 300mm. Although it is compulsory to comply with the pool safety requirements, it is not a requirement to obtain a building permit unless the pool is capable of containing 15,000 litres of water or more.

The pool fencing is designed to prevent the accidental drowning of children under the age of 5. If any owner feels the regulation requiring pool fencing to too harsh, there is

a provision for a modification to be exempted from that particular regulation. This exemption is sought through the Building Appeals Board in Melbourne and incurs a fee whether the modification is granted or not.

That covers all pools constructed since April 1991, but what of pools that were present before that date? New regulations were issued in 1994 which covered all existing pools, ie, those specifically constructed before April, 1991.

This regulation, which came into force on July 1, 1994, gave any pool owners in Victoria three years in which to bring their pools into compliance with the current regulation on pool fencing. That date obviously expires on July 1, 1997, so those people with swimming pools have a little over 12 months in which to act. Notwithstanding that regulation, if a property is sold and contains a swimming pool, a properly constructed barrier must be constructed within 30 days of the sale.

Construction of a pool fence barrier is required to satisfy these regulations but is not covered by the necessity to obtain a building permit. So at this stage, no authority is required to inspect the fencing provided to grant an approval.

For information on this and other building matters, contact Bushy Miles of Allied Building Services on (059) 414 355 or (018) 341 601.



# Beaconsfield Sport

## BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

(Written by M. Chatfield)



Margaret Chatfield

With half the year gone, teams are settling into their various winter competitions except for Mid Week Ladies who are in the midst of their Autumn Season finals.

### MIDWEEK LADIES AUTUMN SEASON 1996

At the end of the season - Tuesday Section 4 and 11 finished 2nd position. Wednesday Section 2 finished in 1st position. Thursday Section 2 finished 1st position.

Section 4's Brenda Douma has the possibility of playing for

her fourth consecutive Premiership. Good luck to all finalists.

### MIDWEEK LADIES SPRING SEASON 1996

commences:-Tuesdays on 23rd July Wednesdays on 24th July Thursdays on 25th July. Any enquiries for Midweek Ladies contact Pat Schelling on 9707 1839.

### JUNIOR COMMITTEE

The Junior Committee will be running the 1996 Junior Club Championships in June. Dates and events are as follows:-June 16th Singles Open Boys and Girls B Grade Boys and Girls June 23rd Mixed Doubles Doubles Open Boys and Girls Doubles Section 4 & Under Boys and Girls Doubles Section 11 & Under Boys and Girls June 30th All finals to be played and presentation to winners and runner ups to be made on same day. Any enquiries contact Heather Saunders on 9707 2081

### FRIDAY SOCIAL

Anyone interested in joining in a social hit of tennis on Friday mornings, please contact Margaret Chatfield on 9707 2016.

### BAG COMMITTEE

Our Annual Presentation Night will be held on 13th July 1996, at the Beaconsfield School Community Child Centre, Lyle Ave., Beaconsfield. Starting at 7 o'clock.

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Left:- A nice shot as Robert Amer hits the ball. Robert plays for Beaconsfield Section 4

## BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

(Written by L. Canning)



Above:- Pat McGavigan takes a nice mark for the Eagles at Beaconsfield on Saturday 22 June.

After seven rounds of football in the West Gippsland competition, Beaconsfield is performing well in all grades. The Seniors and U/15's are currently in second place while the Reserves and U/17's are on top undefeated. Added to this Beaconsfield is well in front in the league's club championship, which it won last season.

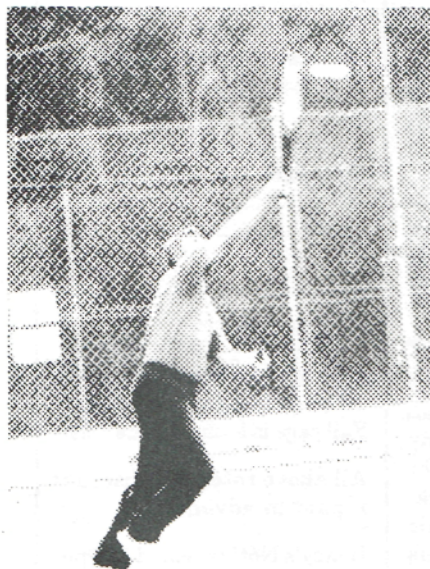
Amongst the highlights of the year so far :- hosting our first ever interleague game, against the Murray League in May, this reflected the enormous improvements that have taken place both to the ground, and to the club rooms and surrounds. These improvements wouldn't have been possible without the contributions of a dedicated band of workers.

- a recent exciting win by our Senior team over neighbours

- the excellent numbers and talent within our U/15's and U/17's teams. Their performances are reflected in the selection of 10 of our players in the interleague teams on the long weekend in June.

The Club, under senior coach Doug Koop, is looking to go a step further than last year to the premiership flags with the last senior one having achieved in 1981.

The local community is urged to come along on Saturdays when Beacy is next at home (June 22 vs Cora Lynn) and take in the excellent amenities that the club has to offer. A days outing can take in four games of football and six of netball which are conducted in conjunction by the West Gippsland Football and Netball bodies.





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**BEAconsfield FOOTBALL CLUB**

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The local reserve is fast becoming the place to be on Saturdays.

Community groups interested in utilising the amenities should contact the Secretary Wendy Norton on (03) 9702 1976. The club would also welcome local businesses or persons wanting to be involved either through sponsorships, or by joining our supporters group "The Fieldsmen". Please contact the President, Lynton Studham on (059) 443 637.

The Junior section of the club provides games on Sundays for players ranging in age from 7 - 14 years. Training and home games are held at the Upper

**COMING EVENTS****BERWICK/PAKENHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Past President: Helen Hudson & Members cordially invites you to Lunch at Clover Cottage, on Tuesday October 1st., 1996, at 12.30pm. \$25.00 per head. Seating is limited. Enquiries to H. Hudson Ph: 03 9707 1944

**BEAconsfield KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS**

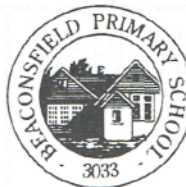
Plans are underway for the Beaconsfield Kindergarten 25 year celebrations. Keep SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH available for a Family Supper Dance. Music will be provided by "Afraid & Shy".

We are collecting memorabilia. So if you have a class photo especially from the 70's they would be appreciated. (They will be copied and returned.) For further information contact the Kindergarten on 9707 1144.

**BEAconsfield TENNIS CLUB NEWS**

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Entertainment Dance music by Mobile Disco D.J. Cheryle Hallam. Dress up theme as your favourite Teenage Idol, Hero or Sportsperson. A three course meal will be served during the evening. Come along and support this club night and make it a great evening. Tickets available from B.A.G. Committee members Russell or Fiona Clacy (059 413 200), Margaret Chatfield (9707 2014), Greg Menzel (9707 1053), Justine Clough (9704 7957), Dawn Snelson (9704 6852).

**CHALLENGE OF THE MINDS**

*(Written by Principal, D. Lockwood)*

Beaconsfield Primary School students have recently participated in the School Districts "Challenge of the Minds", an innovative program which encourages creative thought and team work.

Fourteen primary schools and three secondary colleges were represented by teams who had to make a ten minute presentation on a pre-arranged topic.

Beaconsfield's team - Bianca Hamilton, Ben Miller, Matthew Goldsworthy, Danielle Steele, Rebecca Hewat and Shaun Hooper - had to devise a presentation on Frogs. They had to design script and produce it all

themselves. They kept a daily journal of their progress to be handed in to the judges for consideration. Every lunchtime for a month they met to plan, discuss, trial and practise and their efforts paid off!

Parents and teachers were treated to a marvellous morning of imaginative and delightful presentation. The Beaconsfield team was no exception. Co-operative team work, sound research and big effort were certainly evident.

Well done kids! I'm sure you'd like to thank Lee Reddie, the Art & Technology Specialist teacher for her encouragement and support. Now all we have to do is await the results

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Brodie Coburn on his recent win in the Gazette's young readers letters' to the editor competition (10-13 age group). Brodie's letter was titled "How the family problems affect kids", and his opening paragraph was as follows- "I'm writing to you about the issue of family problems. I think that kids whose parents are having problems need help, because it affects them. They need counselling and care. They need counselling to talk over their parents' problems and how it affects them...."

Bouquets to the Gazette for providing opportunities for our young writers to express their concerns about the society they live in.

**THANKYOU**

Thankyou for responding to my "Wanted Ad" (April edition), for a male Kkaki Campbell Duck. Signed - Two satisfied Female ducks!! P.S. Our owner has

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