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WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION



Above: Tammy Labato and Tony Rushton inspect the restoration work completed at the Beaconsfield War Memorial.



CAROLS BY THE CREEK

Several hundred local people gathered for an evening of Christmas Carols on 18 December. Some families also enjoyed a picnic. It was a time of real enjoyment and inspiration on Bob Burgess Reserve. Report and more photos continued on page 5.

The restoration work on the Beaconsfield War Memorial is almost complete. The base is now covered with polished granite and the memorial has been cleaned. The only work that has to be done is the re-enameling of the letters.

This was possible by a grant gained from Restoring Community War Memorials which was sort by Tony Rushton, Vice

President of Beaconsfield Progress Association and fully endorsed by local councillors and Tammy Labato, Member for Gembrook. Restoration work was completed by Barry Wakley – Sculptor Monumental Mason P/I, Korumburra.

Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service is scheduled for 23rd April at 2pm.

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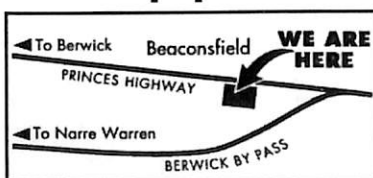
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Well done and thankyou to the writers, proof readers, collators and distributors. I look forward to 2006.

Comments from readers about their enjoyment of our towns newsletter are always well received. One email recently read, " I really enjoy the newspaper and appreciate the unity it brings to the community."

Margaret Boon

Beaconsfield Banner Co-ordinator

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

I trust that all of you, your families and friends have had a great and relaxing Christmas-New Year period. The Annual "Carols by the Creek" was a great night although my family and I weren't able to attend due to family commitments! However, it was encouraging and a pleasure to hear that many people turn out from our town and adjoining areas coming out on the night. On behalf of the Association and the township, I would like to thank the Baptist Church for organising a great night.

As I write my report, I am pondering all that is happening all around us in our community over the past three months.

Firstly, after our recent Council Elections, we lost representation from our own town. Garry Runge, served our town and our municipality well in his time in council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Garry for all his hard work and efforts towards Beaconsfield especially during his term as our ward councillor and Mayor.

I am sure I speak for many in wishing him and Sue well for the future.

The Avenue of Honour project has gained momentum and we will have the final received State Government funding that will go towards this great project. Tony Rushton has been behind this project that is very important in many ways to Beaconsfield's past.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of us in our community to support our monthly meetings.

Without community input, the Association would not be able to function at its best.

Congratulations to the new Councillors that were elected. Hopefully they will follow Garry's footsteps in being active members of our community and will represent our needs every month by attending our township meetings.

Our next BPA meeting will be on Tuesday the 21st of February at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex on O'Neil Rd.

If there is anything relating to our community I can be of assistance with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Regards
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Letter to "A Lady Who Drives A White Station-Wagon"

On Wednesday the 4th of January, my 15 year old son and a friend were walking along the path near the Cardinia Creek Bridge and Manna Gum Park. They became aware of a car slowly trailing them with a couple of dubious looking characters watching them. They didn't know what to do so just kept on walking and as they got closer to the bush the car kept on trailing. A wonderful lady in a white station wagon must have seen what was happening – or at least what was potential. This lady checked they were Ok and trailed them until they were safe.

"Lady in the white station-wagon" I want to thank you – at a personal level as a mother and also at a community level. Firstly you were brave enough to get involved rather than just leave these kids to their fate, whatever that might have been.

Secondly you disregarded the myth that "all teenagers are the same hopeless lot" and recognised that they were worth the effort. As a mother and a member of community of Beaconsfield I am grateful.

You make a difference.

(name & address supplied)

Dear Residents,

Bill, Kate and I hope you all had a great festive season and for those who had the time off, enjoyed a relaxing break. In December, I attended the Carols by the Creek at the Bob Burgess Reserve. It was a fantastic night. Congratulations to all involved for organising such a fantastic event.

Since being elected in late November, a number of residents have expressed concern to me about how the Beaconsfield Community Centre has operated. As the new chair of the Beaconsfield Community Complex Advisory committee, I will be working closely with user groups to review current arrangements and look at possible alternatives to achieve a

positive outcome for the community. Central Ward councillors are concerned about the lack of dedicated active recreational reserves in the growth townships. We are all closely looking at possible locations for additional reserves. We are also in the process of arranging organised town walk throughs of townships within central ward. These walkthroughs will be published and residents will be able to highlight issues

of concern to attending councillors and council staff.

Council meeting times have now changed from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. This change to an evening starting time ensures that council is more accessible, particularly for those who have family or work commitments during the afternoon. I invite all residents to attend council meetings to see council at work.

Cardinia Shire Commonwealth Games Getting Involved events are coming up. Mini Commonwealth Games will be held on Tuesday the 7th March (primary schools) and Wednesday the 8th March (secondary schools). The primary

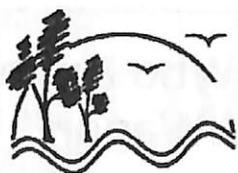
school events will take place at the Toomuc Recreational Reserve in Pakenham and secondary school events will take place at a range of venues including Toomuc Recreational Reserve, Bunyip State Park and the Koo Wee Rup Pool. It is hoped that fourteen primary schools and six secondary schools will be taking part in the Mini Games. The *Hello Malaysia* event will be held at Emerald Lake Park on Sunday the 5th of March from 10.30am to 4.30pm. This event links in with Malaysia, our adopted second team for the Commonwealth Games. It will be a cultural festival with a Malaysian theme incorporating both Malaysian food and cultural performances.

CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr Brett Owen, Central Ward



L to R: Brett Owen, Kate Lempriere and Bill Ronald



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Mary and Joseph, along with numerous children and adults, meandered along the Cardinia Creek, making a live nativity scene, centre stage. Families were able to see a real demonstration of what the story of Christmas is about - "The Reason for the Season".

Cardinia Civic Concert Band and a Combined

Choir led the happy bunch in the singing of traditional carols, while items from the Band, Casey Choir, Sean McMahon, who also compered the event (and friend), Primary School choir, Rob Atkins and Peter Brown, allowed people to catch their breath.

Dozens of volunteer organizations and

individuals helped to make this a great occasion. Beaconsfield Progress Association and Beaconsfield Baptist Church enjoy putting this event together each year. If you wish to assist you can contact Peter Brown on 0428 178 413. Diarise this date for the next Carols by the Creek - December 17, 2006.



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The Hardest Part About The Survivors' Walk At The Cancer Council Victoria's Relay For Life is Qualifying

After facing what may be the biggest test of their lives in battling cancer, survivors will be recognised for their strength and courage during the opening lap of The Cancer Council Victoria's Relay For Life for Casey Cardinia.

All cancer survivors are welcome to take part, whether they are a member of a Relay For Life team or not. They will wear a red sash during the lap of honour as Relay participants cheer them on.

Casey Cardinia committee chair Deborah Ditchburn says the Survivors' Walk is a great way to unite the many people in our community that have survived a cancer diagnosis.

"The Survivors' Walk is open to people who have battled cancer and are now cancer-free, as well as those currently undergoing treatment," Mrs Ditchburn says.

"You do not need to have raised any money or be a member of a Relay team to take part, and we would encourage all cancer survivors to take part in what will be a special celebration of life to start this very important event."

Mrs Ditchburn says carers are also welcome to take part in the opening lap in recognition of the important role they play in supporting survivors.

A moving Candlelight Ceremony will also be held at 9pm. Hundreds of candle tributes bearing personal messages will line the inside of the track, lit in memory and support of someone fighting cancer or in memory of loved ones lost. People can buy candles at the track on the night.

Cancer survivors wishing to take part in the Survivors' Walk can register at the registration tent from 4pm. The walk is part of the free Opening Ceremony which begins at 5.45pm.

Casey Cardinia's Relay For Life will be held at Akoonah Park, Princes Highway, Berwick on Friday 3 March and conclude at 6pm Saturday 4 March.

So far, more than 200 people in 14 teams have registered to walk, stroll or run in Casey Cardinia's Relay For Life.

For further information, or to register a team, please contact :

Deborah on 0412 850 257 or the Relay For Life hotline on 1300 65 65 85.



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News from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

by Phil Walton

Giant Bazaar Sale - 9 April 2006

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade will be holding a giant bazaar sale on Sunday 9 April 2006. The bazaar sale will include a wide range of goods including tools, furniture, household items, sporting gear, books and toys. The bazaar sale is a great opportunity for people to pick up a bargain, while supporting your local fire brigade. The bazaar sale will be held at the Beaconsfield Fire Station in Wood Street, Beaconsfield between 8am and 3pm.

The brigade is looking for the donation of items to sell at the bazaar sale. If you have any items large or small that you no longer use, then this is your opportunity to get them out of your house for a good cause. Items can be dropped at the fire station:

* Sundays
9:30AM-12:00PM
* Tuesdays
7:30PM -9:30PM

Alternatively, pick up by the fire brigade can be arranged by contacting the fire station on 9707 2121 on Sunday mornings or Tuesday nights.

Brigade Kept Busy

Firefighters from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade have been kept busy since Christmas with a number of call outs. Significant fires

and incidents have included:

* A truck fire on the Princes Freeway in late December. The truck was carrying hay bails and smoke from the fire resulted in the closure of the freeway for a couple of hours. Fire trucks from Beaconsfield, Berwick, Narre Warren and Hallam were responded to the fire.

* A tanker and crews being sent to the Morwell open cut coal mine to assist in controlling a large fire in the mine.

* A tanker and crews being sent to a large bushfire in the Moondarra State Park north of Moe. This fire was one of a number of major fires across Victoria during January which stretched the state's firefighting resources and had a significant cost in terms of lives and property lost. These fires highlight the importance of people living in high risk fire areas to have a plan and be prepared to protect themselves against a bushfire.

* A power pole fire on the corner of the Princes Highway and O'Neil Road in early January. The pole snapped in half as a result of the fire causing high voltage pole lines to fall through the middle of the intersection. The brigade was unable to extinguish the fire for two hours until electricity crews could ensure that the power has been completely shut off.

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

LOTS OF SMILES AS SCHOOL BEGINS

Eighty seven Preps started at Beaconsfield Primary School this year, and were welcomed by our caring Prep team.

They have quickly settled into their new school lives and are having so much fun getting to know everyone and find their way around.



I am immensely proud of my senior children, who go out of their way to make our newcomers welcome. It is not unusual for the older children to organise small games and activities for the little ones; the playground is abuzz! I can't help but think that this wonderful learning community is so similar to the little rural schools in which I first taught. Despite the fact that we have close to 560 students; the smiles, the happy games and the sense of being part of a big family is very much a part of Beaconsfield Primary School today!



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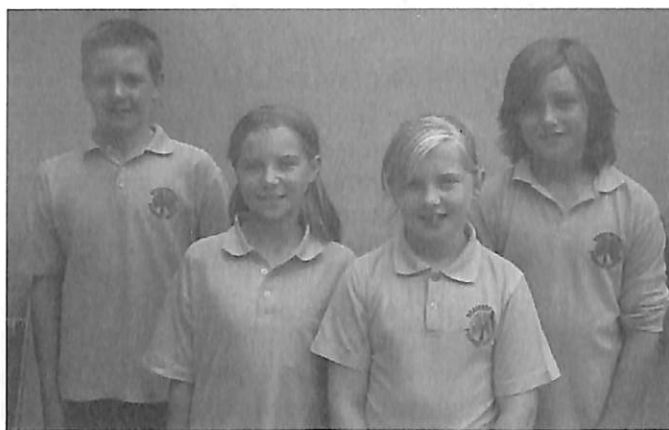
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2006 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

We are fortunate to have such wonderful senior students. The school captain speeches for 2006 were outstanding. The children spoke of their willingness to serve their fellow students, their love of our school and the teachers who care for them and expressed their dreams and aspirations for the school in 2006.

Congratulations to our new School Captains - Rochelle and Thomas and Vice School Captains - Eryn and Kurtis (all pictured above).

Students will be presented their badges at a school assembly by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook.

On the Move!

Every portable building except for one had to move to make way for our new buildings and maximise our oval and play areas.

CWM builders have done a fantastic job aligning our new buildings along the embankment; it is an incredible sight to see these buildings towering over the playing fields below.

The Out of School Hours Care building was moved to make way for our future indoor basketball court. O'Keefe House removals cut the building into sections and loaded it onto the back of their trucks to place it in its new home. We hope to have the centre operating at the school site by the end of term one.



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by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

Welcome to another exciting year for the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

All the areas of Beaconsfield and surrounds should have received our Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre program in January. If you did not receive one, please ring the Centre on 8768 4400, and we will post one to you.

Our classes and programs are run by enthusiastic local tutors and leaders, who are keen to offer their skills to the community, and the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Committee is committed to offer the courses at costs that make them available to as many residents as possible.

For further information about any of the courses, please contact our Centre office.

Programs at the Centre in Term 1 include:

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How to contact us

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre office is open from 9am to 3pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive, at the Beaconsfield Community Complex in O'Neil Road.

Our general office phone number is 8768 4400. The direct phone number for Occasional Care is 8768 4437.

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Committee and staff are all looking forward to 2006, and invite you to take part in the programs on offer, or let us know what you would like to see at the Centre so we can provide the best programs for the community.



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In October each year Cardinia's Australia Day Committee calls on the people of Cardinia to nominate the citizens and events they feel have made outstanding contributions to enriching community life in Cardinia.

Nominees are considered by an independent volunteer selection panel.

Committee chairperson Cr Kate Lempriere said this year's nominees again represented an excellent cross-section of ages, backgrounds and regions of the Shire.

"We each assess the nominees on a broad range of criteria, including consistency and length of service, community caring, and most importantly the concept of 'service above self,'" she said.

Lisa Loulier of Beaconsfield was presented with a Cardinia Shire Australia Day Community Achievement Award. (Pictured above)

The Beaconsfield Banner invited Lisa to share her experiences about her community involvement.

Community Achievement Award - Contribution to the Local Environment

By Lisa Loulier



I have been a member of the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary since the group started in 1998. I was 20 years old at the time and had just started studying Environmental Science and Teaching. When we first began, I didn't know the names of any of the plants, let alone which ones were the weeds that we had to remove! I loved the local bush, to walk my dog through the reserve and just wanted to help look after it.

I've done a whole range of things in my involvement with the Friends Group, although none of it has ever been 'work'. I'm really interested in sharing what I've learned with other people. I produce newsletters, information posters, brochures, and

the 'Care for Cardinia Creek' website (<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cardinia/Cardinia/>). Over the years I've done presentations and guided walks for school and community groups, represented the group at public meetings and government panels and organised events such as Clean Up Australia Day each year.

As a group we've done a huge amount of work over the years, removing weeds in our monthly working bees. Once I learned to recognise the weeds in the reserve, the task to remove them seemed impossible.

As a group we've managed to tackle the worst areas. Walking through the reserve now, its amazing to see the regeneration of the native plants. We see animals that were rarely or never seen previously because we've improved their habitat. Its incredibly rewarding.

One of the best part of the Friends Group meetings are the suppers and the morning teas, not just because of the great food, but because it's a chance to sit back and talk with people who have become very close friends. We're all different ages, some retired, some working and some studying. Some people come for a short time and some people come month after month, year after year. Its been a great way to meet new people. I've gained so much from being a Friend.

Now I carry my experiences through to my new job in local government as an Environmental Education and Friends Group Coordinator, encouraging people to get involved in Friends Groups and educating the community about how to care for their local environment.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

If you need some time to yourself and would like to meet new friends, come along each Wednesday during school terms to MAKE AND MINGLE at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Old Princes Hwy and Souter Street from 10am to 12noon.

You can learn a new craft, bring some of your own crafts to work on or just

come along for coffee, cake and a chat.

This term there will be a range of crafts you can try including patchwork, embroidery, glass art, greeting card techniques, knitting and crochet and parchment craft. You are always welcome to come along any Wednesday and will always be made welcome. Enquiries - Ann Taylor 9707 1996.

CARDINIAN EMBROIDERY

The Cardinian Embroidery is really starting to take shape as a whole. At the end of November, the design team all got together at the Cardinia Cultural Centre to hang the panels on portable screens there and see what they looked like, make adjustments, and decide which unfinished pieces we would include. We had 225 finished embroideries and allowed space for around 80 of the unfinished ones.

NOW IS THE TIME to stitch everything down permanently and fill all the

gaps. Please bring your friends with their favourite needles and scissors and spend a couple of hours stitching for posterity.

Workshops will be held in the seminar room at Cardinia Cultural Centre between 10am and 4pm. all Tuesdays & Thursdays for 6 weeks.

In the Beaconsfield panel you are able to see some familiar landmarks, so come along and add your stitches. Details from Cardinia Cultural Centre 1300 887 624 or Ann Taylor 9707 1996



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by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

We are entering what is promising to be an exciting 2006, with the Commonwealth Games almost upon us and lots of excitement as 4500 athletes from 71 nations and territories converge on Victoria for two weeks of sporting competition and a range of cultural events. The website at www.melbourne2006.com.au is the best site to receive the most up-to-date information about what's happening or you can call my office at anytime for further information and advice.

There is still time for young people from 8 to 18 years of age to enter the Commonwealth Essay competition, coinciding with the Games. It is open to all Commonwealth

citizens and is designed to encourage writing, give young people a voice and encourage reflection and grappling with the multitude of issues faced by Commonwealth nations. A range of essay topics are available on the website at www.rcsint.org/ essay where entry forms can also be accessed, or you can contact my office. Essays need to be emailed by 1 March.

On another positive note, it is encouraging that in my dealings with the newly elected Cardinia Shire councillors, they have already shown their eagerness to work together with me in the interests of all residents of Beaconsfield. As we continue to improve

services and infrastructure in the area, I am optimistic about what can be achieved by this unprecedented level of co-operation.

Co-operative approaches are vitally important as our society today, so reliant on technology and industry, brings with it unique challenges. Our modern way of life is making a huge impact on the environment and our patterns of consumption bring with them particular obligations on all to us to act responsibly and wisely in the common interest. Simple actions such as recycling, waste minimisation, water saving, tree planting and reduction in our use of fuels, can all make significant differences over time to our quality of life.

Sometimes people may feel that what they do does not matter, yet as with all leaders at local, state and federal levels, I have a responsibility to help people feel empowered to make changes in their communities. Not only can individual actions matter,



but another great way of making a difference in the community is to become active in a local organisation where you can witness ideas come to life.

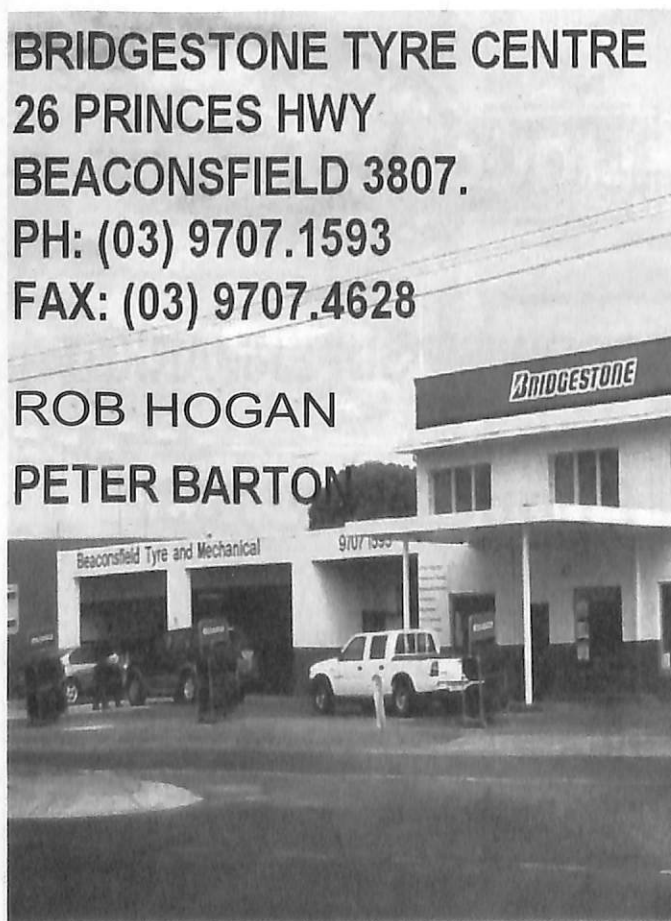
There is no better local example of this than Beaconsfield Reservoir, which thanks to the bold ideas of a coalition of environment groups, is now to be managed by a community trust. These groups came up with a fabulous idea, and it was my role to assist them in turning their inspirational vision into reality.

Please contact my office for any assistance you may need in matters of state government responsibility.

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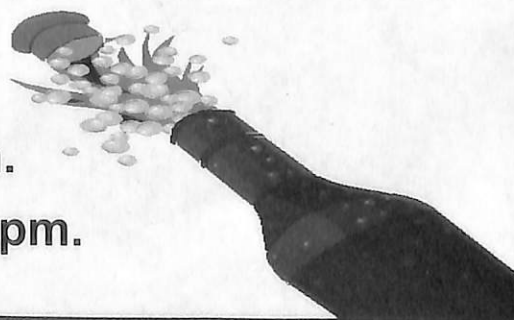
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WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION (Continued from pg 1)

Beautification of the area around the monument is being discussed including redesigning the flowerbed and several ideas from Barry Wakley, the stone mason, including a mower strip around the base.

Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service.
Sunday 23rd April
2pm

Join with us at the newly restored Beaconsfield War Memorial.

It is anticipated that there will be flag raising ceremony at the Community Complex to receive an additional Australian flag for the town. Afternoon tea will then be served.

Full details in the April edition of the Beaconsfield Banner. For further information contact Tony Rushton 9707 1765.

**SALLY'S GARDEN**

What a difficult summer season we are having! Summer began with tropical weather giving us plentiful rain, cool dewy nights and warm sun during the day. This type of season gave us flourishing growth in the garden, where it was difficult to keep up with the weeds as well as all the pruning of the bushes.

I found the roses were large and very colourful in their first blooming and the stems on some of the bush and tree roses grew at such a rate that they needed to be staked as they were so long and heavy they merely fell over. After their summer pruning, the fresh shoots were very tender and prolific. But then along came the heat and many of these fresh young shoots were burnt and this interferes with the growth cycle as the buds do not form the same and hence the flowers can be rather stunted.

I have a hibiscus that faces the north and it can become slightly wilted in the heat of the afternoon sun but always revives after a watering. But after the first 40 degree day, all the leaves were burnt off. It will revive and survive like most of the other flowers and bushes, but needs a good feeding and watering.

It is impossible to stop the effects of the strong burning sun that we have experienced this summer, but we can mulch with mushroom or pea straw, and water deeply once or twice a week. Feed well with animal manure and water

the manure in well. Be careful not to allow the manure near the stems of the plant as this may burn the stems.

Pots of plants that are drought resistant plants have also suffered this summer. I have moved mine to the shelter of the shade house and this is the first summer I have needed to do this, so severe is the heat of the sun.

Let's look after our wild birds and leave seed and water out for them. Unfortunately, I do not have the variety of birds that I had last year. There is so much machinery noise through cutting down the trees to make way for more buildings and housing that the birds do not always come back, even though feed is left out for them. If you are a bird lover and bird watcher this is very disappointing. Once again, when some say, "that we are in a growth corridor and that means we are in the throws of progress" I strongly disagree. We need the birds not just for their beauty and song, but to rid our gardens of the harmful insects and grubs etc.

Please be very vocal to our council when developers want to build more units and turn existing housing into private businesses. This is our town, we should have the say in what we want our town to look like and be. Developers only come in to the town to make money and then move away.

Good luck in keeping your gardens as fresh as possible in this heat.

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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood



Welcome to a new and exciting 2006!

This year will see the progression of one of La Trobe's most significant road improvement, the Bryn Mawr Bridge. Last year the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads Jim Lloyd has announced an allocation of \$10 million for the project.

As we continue to experience growth in the Beaconsfield/Berwick/Officer areas, the development of this bridge is essential to ease the flow of local traffic.

In November of last year, Minister Lloyd and I visited the site and turned the first sod with former Mayors of Casey and Cardinia, Neil Lucas and Garry Runge. This commenced the first stage of construction on this project.

As we have started the new year with multiple bushfires around the state, I would like to acknowledge the good work of our local

community CFA volunteers. It is the work of our volunteers that keeps our community safe, in particular during bushfire season. We can help make their jobs easier by taking extra care, especially during the bushfire season.

It is essential to practice simple bushfire prevention techniques this summer. Make sure you clear leaves from gutterings, roof and roof gulleys and around the house; box in open eaves or cover with fine wire mesh; store flammable liquids in proper containers in safe sensible places; and check that water points can be easily found by fire fighters.

Remember to report any fire you see and be on the lookout for any suspicious behaviour as many fires are deliberately lit. By working together as a community, we can all play a part in reducing fire danger in our local area.



L to R:
Garry Runge,
Jason Wood,
Minister Lloyd
and Neil Lucas,
turning the first
sod of soil.



FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
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ACCOUNTANT'S UPDATE

Changes to legislation and an abundance of Practice Statements, Public Rulings, Regulations and Determinations by the Australian Taxation Office continue to be made and affect many taxpayers. Some items of interest include the following:

1. INTERDEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIP

The definition of a dependant pursuant to income tax legislation prior to July 2004 included a spouse, former spouse, de facto spouse, child of the person under 18 years of age and any other person who is financially dependant. This definition was amended effective

from 1st July 2004 to include any person who has an "interdependency relationship" ie. they live together, have a close personal relationship and one or each provides financial support and/or domestic support and personal care. This largely expands the number of persons who may qualify for concessional taxation benefits for superannuation benefits paid in a inter-dependency relationships. The principal tax benefits relate to death benefits ETP's.

Examples of persons who may be interdependent include elderly sisters or brothers living together and

an adult child living with and caring for an elderly parent.

2. TRANSITION TO RETIREMENT PENSIONS

New changes have been made to superannuation cashing rules to include a person who has reached their preservation age whilst still in the workforce. The preservation age is currently 55 years. Superannuation can only be accessed from a non-commutable income stream eg. annuity or allocated pension. The Tax Office has advised that Part IVA anti avoidance rules will not apply where taxpayers commence receiving a transition to retirement

pension but at the same time salary sacrifice contributions to a superannuation fund which would have significant income tax benefits.

3. NON-PROFIT SECTOR

Commencing on 1st July 2005 charities must be endorsed by the Taxation Office in order to access income tax, fringe benefits tax and GST charity tax concessions. This would include exemptions from income tax and fringe benefits tax. The Charities endorsement can be viewed on the Australian Business Register. The endorsement also allows taxpayers to access a public record register of gift recipients that can receive tax deductible donations.

All taxpayers should keep abreast of changes made to ensure compliance with regulations but also take advantage of any tax benefits available which you should discuss with your Accountant.

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Alexandre Dumas,
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Summer Has Definitely Arrived

by Steve the Vet

Well Christmas and New Year have somehow been and gone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year is going well. I don't know where January went (apparently we had the full 31 days) and we are now somehow in the middle of February. No doubt most of us are enjoying summer, daylight savings, warm (sometimes too warm) days and mild nights. Unfortunately, warmer weather can also bring some undesirables. Bushfires, snakes, fleas and heatstroke to name a few.

Of these, I would like to give you some help in determining what to do if you think your pet may have been bitten by a snake. I have had several clients in recently who own land, and they have made mention that they have seen more snakes than other years. I do not want to explain what signs to

look for when your pet may have been bitten by a snake, mainly because I don't want you to sit and watch your pet. Time is so very important when dealing with a snakebite. Please, if you think your pet has been bitten by a snake, head straight into the clinic. If you have time to call us to let us know you are coming in, please do so, but if you don't, just head straight in. It is far better that we observe your pet in at the clinic, so that if signs develop, we can treat them immediately. In my 10 years of experience, I have seen some dogs only start to show signs 2 hours after the bite, and others unfortunately not make it after only 10 minutes. Several factors determine how quickly the bite may affect your pet. Snakes can sometimes have what are called "dry bites" which means that no venom is injected when they strike. Do not feel that you have to bring the snake in to be

identified, there is antivenom that covers a range of snakes.

I have treated pet snakes in the past, but you may have guessed I am not the bravest when it comes to snakes. This of course leads me to an experience I had years ago, funny now, but at the time, let's say uncomfortable.

It was only 3 months after I had graduated and a client at the time brought their dog in that had been bitten by a snake. As sheer luck would have it, on this particular day, they had managed to kill the snake and delivered it to me in a hessian bag minus its head. Now, I was a new graduate, trying to become known in the area and no hurdle was too large. I took a deep breath, reached into the bag and grabbed the snake where it's head should have been. At the time I thought I was managing well, but as I

looked at it's under belly to identify it, the headless snake began to wrap itself up my arm! I managed not only to remain upright, but also turn a new whiter shade of white. Reading all of the James Herriot books and my Veterinary degree did not prepare me for that first one on one encounter with a snake. Happily, 3 days later the dog bounded out of the clinic as though nothing had happened to it. Sadly, 10 years later I am still coming to terms with the day I grappled with what appeared at the time to be a 20 metre headless snake.

Please do not hesitate to bring your pet straight to the clinic if you think it may have been bitten by a snake. Much better that we observe it and find that it has not been bitten than the other consequences.

COMMUNITY DONATION

To finish we are delighted to announce that our first donation of \$500 to the community has been given to the Beaconsfield CFA for helping to control one of our other major undesirables we may encounter during Summer.

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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Falling In Love

Falling in love normally leads to two people linking up for the rest of their lives. "Living happily ever after" as the story books put it. But Jacques Attali (AFR P2. Dec 28 2005) claims monogamy is really no more than a useful social convention that will not survive this century.

Attali sees the day coming when it will be quite socially acceptable to be involved

in a number of relationships simultaneously. Attali believes there is no real problem with having more than one man or one woman in your life at the same time. I beg to differ.

The key issue is; what do we mean by "love"? If "love" is nothing more than the nice warm feeling that we get when we are with someone who is attractive to us, then Jacques may be on to something. But what if "love" is something else?

What if to "love" someone means to so cherish them

you will use all your strength, all your resources, all your finances and all your time to enrich their life. What if to really "love" someone means you will sacrifice your well being for their well being?

If this is what "love" is; then it can only be possible to love one person at a time. And if someone says they "love you" but they do not love you with a passion that is utterly centred on you and you alone and your well being, you have to ask do they really love you at all?



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Early Days of the Beaconsfield Grocery Store.

Footnote: Photographers marked the negative in a mirror image. This proved somewhat difficult - possible reason for the way Beaconsfield appears on this photo.

A MUNDANE EVENT

by Joan Armitage

A simple effort of turning out a drawer recently became a very interesting event. Not only it revealed 'odds and ends' lost and forgotten, but a lot of treasured memories; especially one envelope containing some of our first photographs of 'The Block' (1969), the three houses on Cooida Road and Vernon Road, a bush track on the side of which some facetious youth had fixed a sign "The Mane Hyway". No doubt the writer has a

B.A. and qualified in some chosen profession after these years.

The most interesting discovery were early views of Beaconsfield pictured. The grocery store was owned by two 'dear ladies' who lived in the adjoining house. It was taken over by 'Nancy and Robert' to be followed by two male 'helpers'. When the house was taken the paddock became the set-back row of shops now there.



Above: Grocery store with residence adjoining.



Above: View toward Mt. Misery



Above: View of Beaconsfield Milkbar looking towards the creek after the divided highway was built.

Later the third photograph was taken from the garage on the corner of Wood St. and the Highway while waiting for tyres.

So much change! To think years ago we could watch the "Empress" travelling to and from Tasmania. Pollution put an end to that pleasure, although last week we happily watched the setting sun reflecting on a shimmering Bay.

I guess Beaconsfield has lost the rural bush atmosphere - no longer conservation signs anywhere - but much has been gained too.

Footnote: Thankyou Joan.

For the readers interest - Joan Armitage has been a long time contributor to Beaconsfield Banner. Joan and her husband George moved to 'The Block' on Mt. Misery in 1969. The views from the Mt. Misery can indeed be magnificent.

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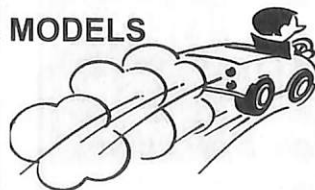
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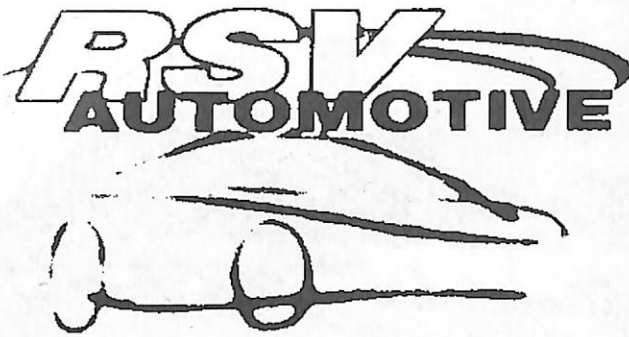
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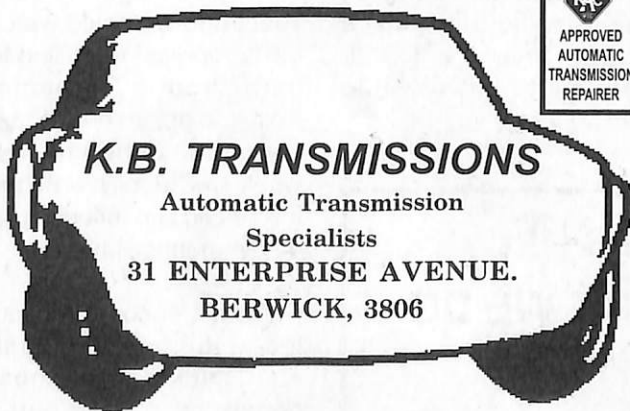
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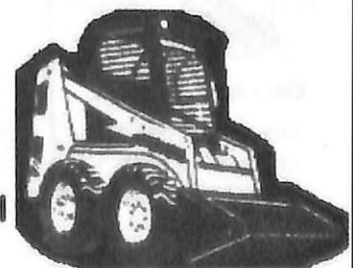
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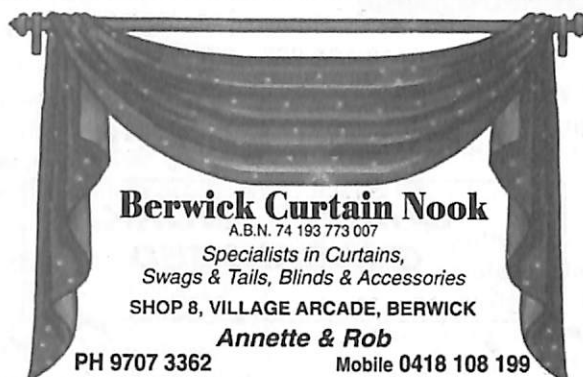
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*by Phil Collins*

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When you do small jobs as I do, you often work at more than one job in a day; you meet many people – you

can't fool them or you run out of customers.

This has been a fairly long painting season. I have a helper when a house job is done to relieve the monotony. We are just finishing the second full interior repaint. Fortunately the unit was empty of people and furniture. It took 10 litres of ceiling white and about the same of wall colour. The ceilings took 2 coats to cover, the walls only one. The trim is next, just a freshen up of varnish. Varnished trim and doors are low maintenance – quite different to exterior varnishing, that is high maintenance.

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Clockwise from top left: Lill, Ian, Neville, Brent, Ruthie & David, Rebecca & Erik Muir



## X-WIRED

by David Griffiths

That's right ladies and gentlemen Crosswired has become that spotty-faced teenager that has decided to leave home and ask for a name change. 'X-Wired' has jumped off the pages of the Banner and become a television series. You'll be able to see this new-found teenage freedom as the 'X-Wired' screens on Channel 31 Melbourne on Thursday night/Friday morning (check local TV guides or [www.xwiredonline.com](http://www.xwiredonline.com) for screening times).

So what's been happening in the world of film? Well I was recently lucky enough to attend the premiere of 'North Country'. This is the long awaited second film by director Nikki Caro, who made a name for herself with the film, 'Whale Rider'.

'North Country' deserves Oscars... a ton of them, as it faultless. Charlize Theron wowed the crowd at the premiere with how laid-back and friendly she was with everyone, and her enchantment only grew when the film was shown. Charlize Theron does this wonderful story proud as she plays Josey Aimes, a young single mother who must put up with extreme sexual harassment at the local mine where she works. She is wonderfully supported by Frances McDormand, Sissy Spacek, Sean Bean and Woody Harrelson.

For those of you who are a big fan of cinematography this is the film for you. Like I said the directing, acting

and script for 'North Country' is faultless. This is a film that at times will have you feeling angry and sometimes makes you cry, but the one thing you won't do is leave the cinema disappointed.

The other film that is a must see at the moment is the English black comedy 'Keeping Mum'. Don't be put off by Rowan Atkinson player local vicar Walter Goodfellow, this is a smart comedy that will leave you feeling warm and fuzzy.

'Keeping Mum' is a surprise packet of a film. It had very little publicity in Australia, but goes into my Top Ten film of all time lists. This is a black comedy that only the English could come up with. You will remember the characters from this film for a long time to come.

Also starring Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith,

Tamsin Egerton, Toby Parkes and Patrick Swayze, 'Keeping Mum' is a must see for all serious film buffs.

You can find a ton of reviews and a stack of entertainment news on [www.xwiredonline.com](http://www.xwiredonline.com) and please check out the times for when X-Wired will air on Channel 31 Melbourne.

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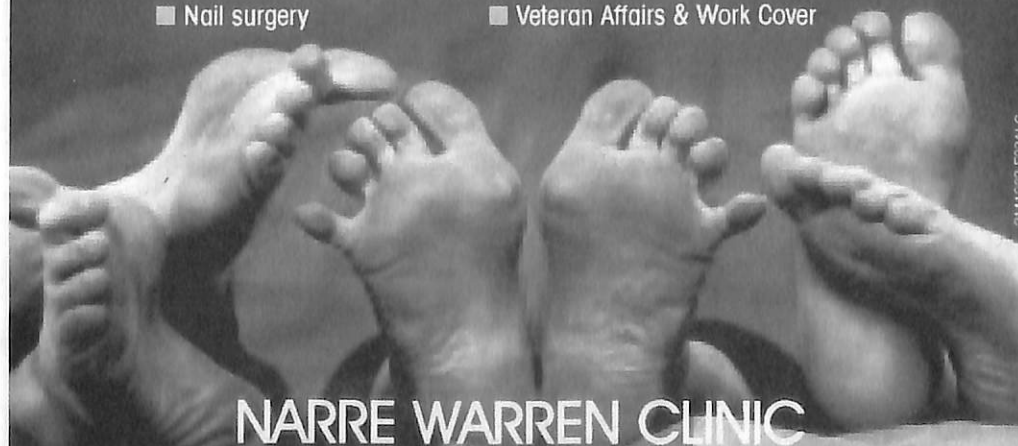
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I read David Morland's article *No Green Panic* last issue and felt I needed to respond to his justification of industry and pollution.

I agree with Mr. Morland that we are at a crossroads. To use his words, to, "Slow down or stop industrialization." In my understanding of the Bible, God has always given humankind the gift of self-determination. That is, if humans have knowledge of the consequences of their actions, he allows them the dignity of risk.

Take the following two scriptures: Rev. 11:18: "The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great—and for destroying those who destroy the earth" or Isa. 24:5-6: "The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left." We must remember that God has leased us this land, and that as caretakers, we are responsible to look to it's interests ahead of our own material greed. It is also important to state that the earth is a living thing.

Furthermore, what of the immediate consequences of our rapid and unchecked industrialization in the world? God's creatures are becoming extinct at breakneck speeds, plants and animals alike. In fact, the

January 2004 "issue of *Nature* indicated that 15-37% of known land-based species could become "committed to extinction" by 2050 due to global warming" (Creation Care Magazine, 2005.) This is not to even mention the atrocities that are committed against other humankind because of industrialization that are way beyond the scope of this article. But, as you speak of how people in our rich land cannot afford to restructure or readjust their standard of living in the name of generating more equality and a more sustainable earth for fear of job losses, I think of the people who are truly impacted by globalization.

Indeed, as we industrialize, we move unionized, well paying jobs to countries where pollution and the generation of greenhouse gases are no longer an "obstacle to progress", where we can drive down the wages for oppressed people in the Southern Hemisphere.

As Christians, God has asked us to put aside our own selfishness and take on the needs of others as our own (hence the ever popular, "Do unto others..." quote.) I think we need to reassess our priorities here according to what God would really want for the caretakers of his land.

Our society's worship of technology and reliance on it as ultimate saviour is dangerous. Technology is not God and I do not believe it will not save us from the sins of raping and pilaging the earth and all who live here in order to fulfill our materialistic whims.

Allison C (Details supplied)

## 'Family Law Concerns'

*supplied by Peninsula Community Legal Centre*

Changes to be introduced into Federal Parliament on 7 February may represent a misguided attempt by the Federal Government to address findings that many children do not live with their fathers or relate to their fathers on a regular basis, says Brendan Stackpole, Solicitor-in-Charge of Family Law Program, Peninsula Community Legal Centre.

Mr Stackpole says:

"There is an assumption in

the community that the law is somehow conspiring against fathers to deny them their rightful contact with their children. This seems to be the view put by a number of so-called "father's rights" groups, who seem to have had considerable influence regarding the proposed legislation.

In relation to the concerns of father's rights groups, it is our view that the Family Law Act does not have a gender-

bias. The fact is that, if a mother has been the primary carer for children during the relationship and if the children have resided with her since separation, it makes good sense for that role to continue to ensure stability for the children. Of course, if the father has fulfilled that role, then he is likely to be the resident parent. The law tries to be practical."

Peninsula Community Legal Centre's Principal Solicitor, Victoria Mullings, agrees with Mr Stackpole and says: "Peninsula Community Legal

Centre has been providing free legal services for over 28 years. We have considerable experience in how the Family Law Act works in practice and have serious concerns about the effect of the proposals.

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## TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

Last year there was a total of 810ml of rain in Beaconsfield, which was 2ml short of the total for 2004.

We had a wet December with 72ml in 7 days. In January we had 61ml with 6 days of rain. In January 2005 we recorded only 51ml but we had an extremely wet February.

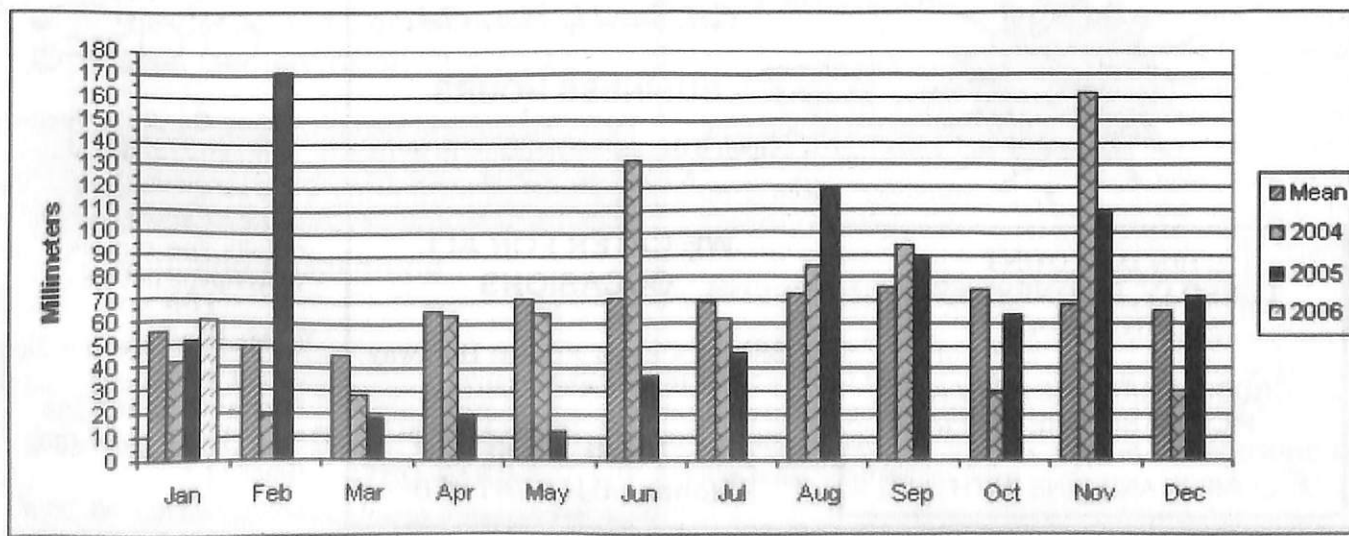
January also had 7 days where the temperature went over 35°. Interestingly for the 31 days of January 2006, the 24hr average temperature was 24.5°.

Melbourne's water storage is now at 55.4% full, with Cardinia reservoir at 73.4% full.

A good website to visit about permanent water saving rules, water storages and lots of other interesting facts is [www.melbournewater.com.au](http://www.melbournewater.com.au)

## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

These figures are taken in a home rain gauge and are not kept for the Bureau of Meteorology.







## FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK SANCTUARY

by Lisa Loulier

In March this year, it will be eight years since a group of local residents met at the Beaconsfield footy clubrooms to discuss the future of one of Beaconsfield's most precious areas.

This meeting brought together people with a range of backgrounds and interests (and most with little prior knowledge of the local bush), joined by a common thread – an interest in our local area.

From that meeting, the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary was formed. They have worked tirelessly over the years to help care for the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve and Cardinia Creek environment.

Rain, hail or shine, every month of the year, the Friends group gets together to work in the bush along the creek, removing weeds and rubbish to create perfect conditions for the bush to regenerate. Where the bush needs a bit of help to re-establish, tree planting takes place (with no help from the grazing wallabies!)

Over the years, the work of the Friends Group has seen many plant and animal species return, no longer out-competed by weeds. Wildflowers add colour at different times of the year, and the diversity of plants provide habitat for native animals, from lizards, bush rats, antechinus (marsupial mice) and birds, through to wallabies, sugar gliders, bats, owls and birds of prey.

But what on Earth makes people come back month after month to pull out weeds? Some people become a Friend because they want to do something to protect the local environment. Some come because they want to learn about the bush or gain skills to work in environmental fields. Other people come because they find it relaxing to sit in the bush for a few hours on a Sunday morning and pull out weeds and many come because the Friends Group members are just that – Friends!

During these years we have celebrated birthdays (from 21<sup>st</sup>'s to 60<sup>th</sup>'s), watched each others families grow, supported each other through difficult times and enjoyed many morning teas, drinks and barbeques.

The lessons we have learned about our amazing local environment and the enormous sense of satisfaction that comes from seeing the results of our hard work are a big bonus!

**New Friends are always welcome. You don't need any prior knowledge, just a little enthusiasm! Help us celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> birthday by joining in one of our next activities! You can also visit our stall at the Berwick Show (in the Horticulture/Berwick Garden Club area).**

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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

"In her abnormalities nature reveals her secrets"..... Goethe!

Sex has been a perennial fascination for mankind since the beginning of time. As sexual creatures men and women are seldom indifferent to the promptings of libido and yet this natural impulse can be distorted in so many ways as to be breathtaking. The wholesome pre-occupation with sex can be represented as deviant, misguided and unhealthy, but one thing emerges, sex is a potent force, too ingrained in the biology of life to be ignored. It will not go away.

Following are some interesting facts and small stories on this subject. Prostitutes: Brothels and prostitution in general have

often served as a taxable source of revenue. Pope Clement the second even found a way of taxing prostitutes after they had died. He issued a Bill requiring that anyone who had engaged in prostitution must leave half of her property to the Church if she had not made the contribution earlier, whilst alive. In Nuremberg in the 15<sup>th</sup> century money spent visiting prostitutes was tax-deductible. Some form of taxation was levied on prostitutes in Spain, Portugal, Germany, France, Switzerland and others, in the middle ages.

The 15<sup>th</sup> century Prostitutes of Venice were ordered by the Municipal Authorities to sit at their windows with completely bare breasts. This was required so that the young

men would be diverted from the "unnatural aberration" of homosexuality.

Brothels have existed throughout all civilizations since history began.

In 1810 a well known London Brothel specialised in girls under 14 years of age and others offered adolescents to their patrons. A French Newspaper reporter noted that in one stretch of London Streets, about 300 yards long, could be seen 500 girls most of them between 13 and 15 years of age. The same was true of Paris and other European cities. Paris had a well known child Brothel until the 1930's.

Court Brothels were established by many Royal Houses for the use of the Innermost circles of the Courts. George 11 established one in St. James Palace in a lane called "Kings Place". The girls were not allowed to ply their trade outside the Palace.

An 18<sup>th</sup> century Love Club known as the "The Aphrodites" arranged wife swapping and other sexual diversions for its members. Membership cost \$20,000 for a gentleman and \$10,000 for a lady, plus a gift compatible with economic status. The records of one lady member have been preserved and over a period of 20 years she provided a list of 4959 amorous rendezvous. Among her lovers were 272 Princes and Prelates, 93 Rabbis, 439 monks, 288 commoners, 2 uncles, 119 musicians, 929 officers, 342 financiers, 420 society men, 117 valets, 12 cousins, 47 negroes, and 1614 foreigners.

A Homosexual Brothel was opened in London in 1884, and did very good business for a time, and catered to many Aristocratic and well to do homosexuals. Royal figures were reputed to have visited the premises.

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## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Greg Tomamichel

Beaconsfield Cricket Club are having a marvelous year with more sides than we have ever fielded before, and A, B, C and U/16 all sitting on top of the ladder. D, E and F Grades, along with some of our U/14 sides, all remain a chance to participate in finals also. We are also pleased to find that after taking the risk of entering extra sides this year that we have a great number of players in both junior and senior ranks. This not only shows great participation in cricket from our local community, but means that there is pressure on all players to train regularly and perform well.

Our Presentation Night will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 at the Pine Grove Hotel. Please see any of the committee members for tickets. We will also be hosting Cardinia CC in our annual Brian Vandenberghe Memorial game on the weekends of 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February. This will include a Sponsor's Luncheon and should be another great game between two closely matched sides.

Please contact Greg Tomamichel (9702 5138) or Ross Mitchell (9707 1581) with any queries.

We have a number of players in representative sides this year. We wish all those players in both junior and senior ranks all the best, and congratulate them on their selection.

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Bill Carlyle of Beaconsfield batting against Emerald in one of the the U 16 games





BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

# TENNIS NEWS

## THREE PLAYING SURFACE TYPES NOW AVAILABLE

by M. Potter

Despite some problems with weather our court upgrade was successfully completed over the Christmas / New Year break by successful tender Status Sports Surfaces. Beaconsfield Tennis Club now boasts three playing surfaces; en tous cas, sand filled artificial grass and plexi pave hard court, the latter two available for public hire. Our upgrade has been made possible thanks to a Cardinia Shire grant of just over \$15,000 with balance of \$17,000 provided from club funds.

### Night Tennis

Night tennis evenings are booming with 34 teams participating overall. New players are always welcome to this intra club competition comprising three levels of competition (Tuesday A grade mixed, Wednesday B Grade mixed & Thursday men's A & B). Ladders at the start of the Christmas/ New Year break were:

#### Wednesday - B

SAMM  
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#### Thursday - B

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#### Tuesday - A

Team names yet to be finalized.

### Richard Bekker Perpetual Trophy

Our club was sad to learn of the passing of a regular night time player Richard Bekker, familiar to Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday night competitors and Saturday seniors. Richard was a true club member and character and will be sadly missed. Our Tuesday night competition will now compete for the Richard "Dickie" Bekker trophy in his memory.

### Mid Week Ladies finalists...

Our club was successful in mid week ladies Spring finals on only one occasion – we are always happy to share. Congratulations to our Premiership Team Section 8 – Anja Potter, Helena van den Akker, Julie Kmet, Mathie Chandrananth and Lynne Smith. The premiership flag was presented to a very excited Helena & Anja at the Dandenong & District Tennis Association luncheon, 30th year celebration. Congratulations also to our other finalists, Section 2 Beaconsfield Red as runners up – Patsy Mayes, Kerrie Volders, Thea Bradford, Robyn McKay and Mary-Jo Cochrane.

### ...and losers

A visiting Japanese team invited Waverley & District representatives to a social match to which our above premiers offered to participate and show their form. A great day was had by all, particularly the Japanese team comprising early sixty to late seventy year olds handing out a tennis lesson to our "young" ladies.



Above: Premiership Team Section 8

Below: Japanese Team (right) enjoyed a social match.



### Junior Competition – Winter Season

We are currently taking names for junior members interested in playing Winter season junior competition – contact below.

### Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186 Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852 Thursday Night Mens: 9707 4507  
Secretary: 9707 4287 Tuesday Night Mixed: 9707 2909 Junior Comp: 9702 5251  
Treasurer: 9707 2575 Wednesday Night Mixed 9707 4287 Coach: 0401 003 077

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