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THEIR MESSAGE IS CLEAR



Residents of Beaconsfield are very clear about the message they are sending the shire since an application has been made to build a 'Beaconsfield Sport Club' on May Road behind the Community Complex.

An overwhelming number of residents initially attended the Progress Association February Meeting and from this agreed to work together to make their objections unified and very clear – No Pokies for Beaconsfield.

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NO POKIES FOR BEACONSFIELD - UPDATE

Objections to the planning application of a Beaconsfield Sport Club on May Road closed on March 15th.

After speaking to the Cardinia Shire Planning Department at the beginning of April residents

have been told that several matters are still to be resolved by council, no date as yet has been announced for the matter to be presented to the planning meeting and as objectors they will be notified.

The wait continues!

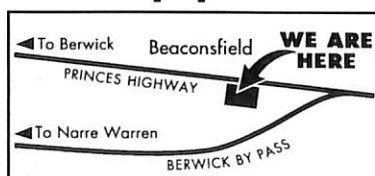
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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

Here we are, one quarter of the year gone and most of us are wondering where that time has gone! If the old saying "Time flies when you're having fun" is true, then that could be the answer. However with change in seasons and our mornings getting crispier by the day, it is truly a golden time in our little town. The Elms along main road are a constant reminder of the fact that autumn has arrived.

During the past month since my last report, we have had the issue about the proposed Beaconsfield Sports Club prominent on in our thoughts. We had a large number of residents that are directly affected come to our February meeting and had the

opportunity to have a great community discussion about the proposal. As a result of the number of residents having serious concerns about this development, the BPA assisted them by way of starting up their own group and introduced them to officials and locals that would be able to assist them with their cause. Since then, we have had a Public Meeting, called by the Developer, Mr Robin Daley, and Mr Daley attending our March BPA meeting and in the meeting, answered questions from the floor and were able to clarify some details also.

As a result of this issue, it is important that we recognise that if, as a

community, we are concerned with any developments and the progress of our town, it is our responsibility to work together as a community and must ensure that we obtain all the facts and then deal with the issue based on these facts, if we want to be effective in opposing or supporting and development. This is the core purpose of the BPA – We are a forum for our community and for the BPA to be effective, the community needs to support it for the BPA to be supportive of our great town.

On a brighter note, our push to have a pedestrian crossing over the past two years is about to become a reality. We were informed in our last meeting by Cr

Brett Owen that the council will have the pedestrian crossing installed between May/June. We were provided copies of the drawings and are in the consulting stage with the shopkeepers to determine the exact position. As it stands at the moment, it is proposed to be installed outside Aldi's/Video Ezy and the Foodwise/Fish & Chips on the southside of the highway. It is now dependant on the business owners affected to consent to give up two car parking spaces on the southside. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our former Councillor & Mayor Garry Runge, BPA Executive Committee, David Moreland, Maurice Potter, Tony Rushton, Margaret & Willem Boon and our current ward councillor, Brett Owen for continuing the issue with the current council. Without the support of these people and many more behind the scenes, this issue would have not been able to come to reality.

In closing, I would like to wish all of the members of our community good health and would like to extend an open invitation to the Anzac Day memorial services that will be held on the corner of Wood Street and Princes Hwy at 2.00pm on Sunday 23rd of April.

From myself, family and fellow committee members, take care and keep well.

Warmest Regards
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CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Kate Lempriere, Central Ward

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It is my considered opinion that all growth area Council's should develop a policy of including in a 173 agreement a requirement for developers to inform purchasers of the range of non residential development that may occur within their residential estate development.

I recommend that any such policy which is developed should be placed on the respective council websites with advise also

to consult the DSE Planning website.

After a great deal of thought and consideration I believe MAV or LGVA plus all people who consider purchasing in the Growth corridors in Victoria should lobby the State Government to amend the Sale of Land Act to make it mandatory to include such information in Vendors Statements required to be given by Vendors to Purchases.



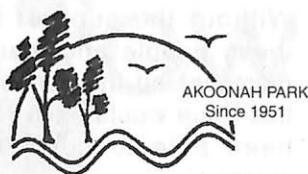
L to R: Brett Owen, Kate Lempriere and Bill Ronald

Council's in growth corridors with new estates have a duty of care if not a legal responsibility to our citizens to have the developer identify early in the initial stages of any residential development what the planning scheme intention is re the appropriate or inappropriate location of business's that are licensed and or gaming premises, hotel/motels, sports or related clubs and also high volume retail outlets, plus road widening which are possible occurrences, in a neighbourhood that to the purchasers expectations is primarily residential.

People purchase in "good faith" into a new residential development

they think suitable to their family or retired lifestyle and then are rudely disappointed and/or disillusioned with "their Council" for not alerting them to the fact that any developer can make an application for such a premises on their doorstep.

It is not any Council's legal responsibility to do that. For Cardinia the information concerning permitted uses in residential areas is available on the (DSE) Department of Sustainability and Environment website. The problem is making people aware before they purchase of what development may be allowed to occur within a residential 1 zone.



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For further details contact either Cr Owen on 0418 993 370
or Cr Ronald on 0417 345 141

LISA SPRINTS FOR GOLD

Lisa McIntosh sprinted her way to a commonwealth gold medal in the womens 100m EAD (Elite Athletes with a Disability) T37 final, a truly awesome moment. On Monday 20th March in front of a packed crowd at the MCG, Lisa ran a time of 14.38 seconds with fellow Australian Katrina Webb winning silver. Lisa attributed an enthusiastic home crowd with propelling her to a gold medal.

Lisa, a Beaconsfield resident and swimming instructor at Casey Arc, won gold in 100m, 200m and 400m at the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney and a silver and bronze at Athens. She holds the world record in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m T37 Cerebral Palsy classification. In 2001, Lisa was awarded an Order of Australia for Services to Sport, after her fantastic effort in the Sydney Paralympics.

She underwent surgery to repair stress fractures in her feet in December 2004 and was unable to run for three months.



After the operation Lisa began an intensive training program which began with walking and finally building up to running. During this time Lisa stayed

focused on coming back to challenge the world record of 13.8secs that she set in Sydney and winning in front of her home crowd.

Lisa was photographed proudly showing her gold medal to the huge crowd that lined the streets of Melbourne to celebrate and congratulate the athletes and volunteers of the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

With the focus of the Commonwealth Games over, Lisa still has a busy schedule planned for 2006 beginning with events at Stawell Gift on Easter Monday. She will be the only female running in the disabilities race.

Her racing events will then take her to Manchester in May. This will also give Lisa the opportunity to catch up with family from Scotland. Returning to Europe again in September Lisa will have the opportunity to race in the 2nd biggest event in the world racing calendar. This will be held in the Netherlands.

A truly inspirational comeback and we look forward to hearing more of Lisa's successes.

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Commonwealth Games baton and escort runners joined with 2006 Games Volunteers to lead the Beaconsfield Fire truck in the Yakkerboo Festival in Pakenham on Sunday 2nd April. (Pictured right)

Several locals were involved in the Baton relay on various days as it passed through Victoria.



Baton runner Wendy Boon from Officer (pictured left) was cheered on by family as she ran at San Remo on Thursday 2nd March and describes the experience as "unforgettable".

Wendy is the president of the MPS Society. The Australian MPS Society is a

non profit organisation formed by parents, relatives and friends of those suffering from a range of rare genetic disorders known collectively as the mucopolysaccharide (or MPS) diseases. Wendy and husband Eric's son Ryan was a sufferer of MPS.

Vanessa Boon from Beaconsfield (pictured below left) escorted 2 runners in Frankston early on Friday 3rd March. Vanessa was sponsored by Qantas Frequent Flyers. Vanessa described the experience of running with the Baton as "exciting but I was amazed at how heavy the baton was. The run went really fast".



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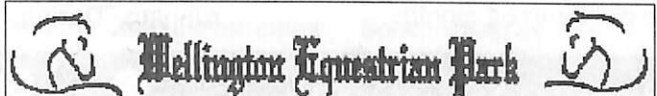
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News from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

by Phil Walton

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

There are about 11,000 house fires in Australia each year. House fires are more common in the winter months when people are using fires, heaters and other electrical equipment. Unfortunately more than 50 people die each year as a result of house fires. The majority of deaths occur between 9pm and 6am, and often tragically involve children and elderly people.

Working smoke alarms provide a vital early warning in the event of a fire. When people are asleep they cannot smell smoke. Smoke alarms are essential to ensure that people sleeping in a house wake up and evacuate if a fire breaks out.

Smoke alarms should be regularly checked and the batteries in your smoke alarm should have been replaced with the end of daylight savings on 2 April. If you have not changed your smoke alarm batteries within the last 12 months, don't put off changing the batteries any longer – just do it!

While a smoke alarm helps to save lives in the event of fire, there are many simple things that you can do to prevent a fire occurring in

the first place. These include:

- * Never leave cooking on a stove unattended.
- * Never place electric cords, curtains, tea towels and oven cloths to close to the stove.
- * Never leave oil burners and candles left on at night or left burning while you are away from home.
- * Never leave the house without switching an electric blanket off, and never leave heavy objects on the bed when the electric blanket is on.
- * Never overload power points and power boards.
- * Always ensure that cigarette butts are extinguished before placing the butts in a bin.
- * Always clean lint filters in clothes dryers after each load.
- * Ensure that chimneys for fireplaces and wood heaters are cleaned to avoid a build up of material in the chimney.

For further information on fire safety in the home, please visit the CFA's website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au and go to the "residents" and "your home" section down the left hand side of the home page.

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

Regional Swimming Carnival

Our swimming team was selected after extensive trials and the competed in the Officer and District Sports Associate Swimming sports in March. The students attained the highest standards of athleticism, sportsmanship and behaviour. Several of the teams made it through to the Zone final. Congratulations to Thomas Boatman, Rory Goodison, Zane Hunter, Mel Hunter, the 10 years old girls relay team - Keely Dahlberg, Danielle Cameron, Tawney Bevilacqua and Mel Hunter and the 12 years Boys relay team - Thomas Boatman, Rory Goodison, Jake Bargwanna and Zane Hunter.

Congratulations to the boys on their stunning performances on Thursday 30th of March at the Regional swimming carnival held at Frankston North. Thomas Boatman, Rory Goodison, Jake Bargwanna and Zane Hunter competed in the freestyle relay, where they came 5th and the medley relay were they placed 3rd. This was a fantastic achievement.

Thomas put in two tremendous swims coming second in the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke and now heads off to the state finals on April 20. The boys competed against teams from as far away as Phillip Island and all along the Peninsula.



The children can be rightly proud of their achievements; they are truly wonderful sporting ambassadors for their school. Our thanks is extended to PE teacher Anthony Cole and to each of the parents involved in supporting their children participate.



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Cardinia has an enthusiastic team of three qualified youth workers, providing resources for young people, their families, community groups and agencies that work with young people in Cardinia Shire.

E-mail the team on:
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The new 30% child care tax rebate can be claimed in 2005-2006 income tax returns for approved child care expenses incurred during the period 1st July 2004 to 30th June 2005. The rebate is not means tested and covers 30% of out of pocket expenses for approved child care limited to \$4,000 for each child. The rebate is a tax offset, which reduces income tax payable in the year of claim.

You can claim for child care expenses incurred whilst you:

FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
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CHILD CARE TAX REBATE

- used approved child care
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- passed the CCB work, training or study test

To claim the tax offset in your 2006 income tax return you need to have:

- a letter from Family Assistance Office of CCB

paid; and
- evidence of child care expenses paid including detailed statement from child care provider or receipts, credit card statements, bank statement debits etc

Make sure you have the proper documentation including CCB letter to maximise the tax offset claim in your tax return. Discuss the matter with your Accountant if you are unsure of this long awaited rebate and lodge your 2006 income tax return early.

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by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

Term 2 already! There are lots of interesting courses happening at the Centre this Term, and we are pleased to welcome our new Occasional Care Coordinator to take charge of our important Occasional Care program.

A number of popular courses are continuing from Term 1. These include: Mosaics, French Polishing, Jewellery, Belly Dancing, Chikung and Meditation, First Aid courses, Linedancing for beginners and intermediate, Strength Training, and Table tennis. If you would like to take part in one of these courses, please contact the Centre, phone 8768 4400. For most courses you do not need to

have taken part in the course in Term 1. Just ring the Centre to find out all details.

Occasional Care News

We are delighted to welcome our new Occasional Care Coordinator, Anne Bucknell, who is managing our Occasional Care program from the start of Term 2. Anne comes with excellent qualifications and experience, and brings lots of ideas for the program.

Our Occasional Care program in Term 2 will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8.45am to 1pm. We offer quality childcare for children from 18 months to 5 years

inclusive. Care can be permanent or casual. A wide range of activities are provided by our qualified and experienced staff. Cost is \$21 per session.

Register Your Interest to Establish a Community Garden

If you live in a unit or apartment you may not have a lot of space for a garden.

Would you be interested to work in a Community Garden? Or you may just like to share your gardening experience with others?

There has been interest from some members at the Neighbourhood Centre to establish a community garden in Beaconsfield. If you are interested please contact the Centre to register.

Three Year Old Activity Groups

If there is enough interest, a 3 year old activity group will be started on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon each week from 2 - 4pm. Cost will be \$88 for the term. The program will include an extensive range of social, emotional, motor skills and language development activities, with qualified staff and excellent resources. Please register your interest.

Computer Classes

This term we are running three introductory computer classes, aimed at providing basic knowledge to get the best out of your computer.

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Introduction to Word provides basic information and practical exercises in starting off in Word, and the Introduction to Internet and Email course will teach you how to surf the Web and search for information. Learn about email and set up and use your own email address.

Class numbers are limited to ensure that all computer classes offer the opportunity for individual instruction and hands on participation.

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AN AMAZING \$42,000 RAISED AT CASEY CARDINIA RELAY FOR LIFE

Two perfect days have seen the third Casey Cardinia Relay For Life raise over \$42,000 for The Cancer Council Victoria.

The event officially opened at 5.45 pm on Friday night, with cancer survivor Stan Miskin speaking at the Opening Ceremony. Casey Deputy Mayor Rob Wilson and Edrington Ward Councillors Brian Hetherton and Mick Morland then cut the ribbon to declare the start of the Relay.

A group of local cancer survivors and carers were applauded and supported as they completed the first two laps of the event.

Over the 24 hours, 413 participants took to the track, with teams camping out overnight, participating in challenges and keeping the spirit alive. Walkers and runners were rewarded with massages, food and entertainment – all donated by local businesses. The awards were presented by

event patron Michael Grayling – a cancer survivor for 25 years; with the following winners:

Highest team fundraisers:

- 3rd place – “Early Birds” – captained by Gwen and Ian McKinnon - \$4,649; from Narre Warren

- 2nd place – “Mauve Movers” – captained by Rhonda Luxford - \$6,677; from Pakenham

- 1st place – “Mount Eliza Rotary Club” – captained by David Rew - \$7,310 from Mt. Eliza

Highest individual fundraiser:

- Rhonda Luxford from the “Mauve Movers” \$3,834.78

Highest individual laps walked:

- Jenny Williamson and Michael Robertson from “The A team” from Berwick

Highest team laps walked:

- “Rotary All Stars” – captained by Allan Collier from Dandenong North

Best baton:

- “Rotary All Stars” –

captained by Allan Collier – with their Relay For Life Grand Prix car

Best decorated tent site:

- “Mauve Movers” captained by Rhonda Luxford

Chairperson Deborah Ditchburn said she was delighted with the event.

“We all had a fabulous time. The weather was perfect, the effort put in by the teams was tremendous and we have all made a difference to so many lives.”

“Although still a very young event, this year we have experienced a huge amount of growth with the number of participants who took part. The community is certainly becoming more aware of the event and the result this year in terms of the money our teams have raised is fantastic” Mrs Ditchburn said.

The committee can now have a few months rest before they eagerly commence work on the 2007 Casey Cardinia Relay For Life.

For any further information about Casey Cardinia Relay For Life for 2007, please contact Deborah on 0412 850 257.

Cardinia Launches Improved Green Waste Service

by Jeannette Langan

CARDINIA Shire Council adopted the new Waste Management Strategy that will introduce a fortnightly green waste service in the Shire's township areas.

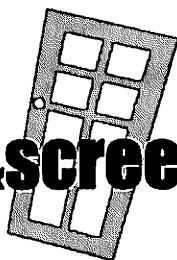
The service will not be compulsory, with residents being able to choose not to be included in the kerbside green waste service. The service will be supplied at a fixed annual charge to users.

Council is also looking at ways to improve and streamline the hard waste and bundled green waste collection system shire-wide in coming months in an effort to clean up streets and reduce the amount of recyclable material going to landfill.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Bill Ronald said the new system would save ratepayers money in the long term. “The cost of landfill space is increasing rapidly, and it costs significantly more to send green waste to landfill than to recycle it. On top of that there is the environmental cost of wasting such a valuable resource. Recycling and reusing our green waste is the only responsible option,” he said.

Council will soon begin the tender process for green waste collection and reprocessing contractors.

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by Ann Taylor

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We have been learning beautiful ribbon techniques in pictures, cards and fabric

work. There is always a patchwork and embroidery table as well as knitting and crocheting patterns.

We have also started working on boxes for Samaritan's Purse and there will be a special talk and information day on Wednesday 24th May.

Each term we have a soup and roll lunch and some special events and outings. You are welcome to join in at any time.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets each Wednesday from 10am - 12noon Beaconsfield Baptist Church cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy

LETTER FROM A PARENT

I have a story I would like to share.

Last Thursday I received the phone call that no parent ever wants to get. "You son has been hit by a car and the ambulance will taking him to hospital in 5 minutes." I froze on the spot; did I hear what I thought I heard? My boss took control and got me there in time.

The first thing I saw was the smashed windscreen on the car that had hit my son. I cannot describe the fear that ran through me.

The police spotted me and said "I have to tell you he is a very lucky boy, his bike helmet has just saved his life!" The relief was immense. I hopped in the ambulance and we went to hospital. He was allowed to go a few hours later as he had suffered bruising and one heck of a fright.

I wanted to share this story with you in hope that it will encourage children to wear their helmets. If my son had not been wearing his helmet his head would have been what smashed the window and the story would have been very different.

So please always, always wear your bike helmet.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

I was one of the attendees at the public meeting in March held at the Beaconsfield Community Complex about the planning application for the 'Beaconsfield Sports Club'. This club would comprise a three storey development including 75 gaming machines, a bistro, lounge, bar, 26 motel rooms and over 200 car parking spaces. Numerous representations have been made to me by residents of both Beaconsfield and Officer about the unsuitability of the proposal and after attending that meeting, I was certainly convinced of the merits of the community's concerns.

On behalf of my constituents, I submitted

an objection to the planning application on the grounds that this large-scale development would have a detrimental impact on the surrounding area. I do not think that such a development is appropriate in what is essentially a community precinct district with preschool, childcare and neighbourhood house services nearby.

Cardinia Shire Council is the responsible authority for determination of the application, although it would be expected that an appeal to VCAT, whatever the outcome at council, is definitely on the cards.

It is vital that residents stay engaged with this issue as it works its way through the

planning channels. I am, of course, happy to provide any assistance to local residents that may be required.

I also recently submitted an objection to the ACCC regarding the proposed takeover by ABC Learning Centres of another major childcare provider, Kids Campus. A decision will be made in May whether to allow this takeover. My concern is that choice and quality are being compromised by concentrating too many child care centres in the hands of too few operators. I strongly believe we need community-based centres, as well as smaller private operators, to continue. ABC already runs close to 1000 centres and I do not think it is in the interests of our community or the marketplace to see this number increase even further.

I recently visited the Berwick Rotary Club's farmers' market. Like the farmers' market in Pakenham, it is a great way to purchase fresh and healthy produce, but there is also a serious side. Major supermarket chains are using only their preferred suppliers, which means many local farmers are shut out. Shopping at farmers' markets ensure that our local industries, and local people, can survive.

I encourage residents to attend the Beaconsfield ANZAC Service, conducted, in line with



tradition, on the Sunday prior to ANZAC Day, which is 23 April. Being held at the family-friendly time of 2pm, it is a fantastic opportunity to introduce children to the meaning of the occasion as well as mix with other local residents. I look forward to seeing you there.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Commonwealth Games volunteers from the local area who put in such a tremendous effort to ensure the Games were friendly and hassle-free. I was fortunately able to attend a couple of the events with my young son, and the public transport system worked fantastically well in getting us to and from the venue from the outer suburbs. Everything was well-coordinated, organised and friendly and the ease of commuting made for a wonderful Games experience.

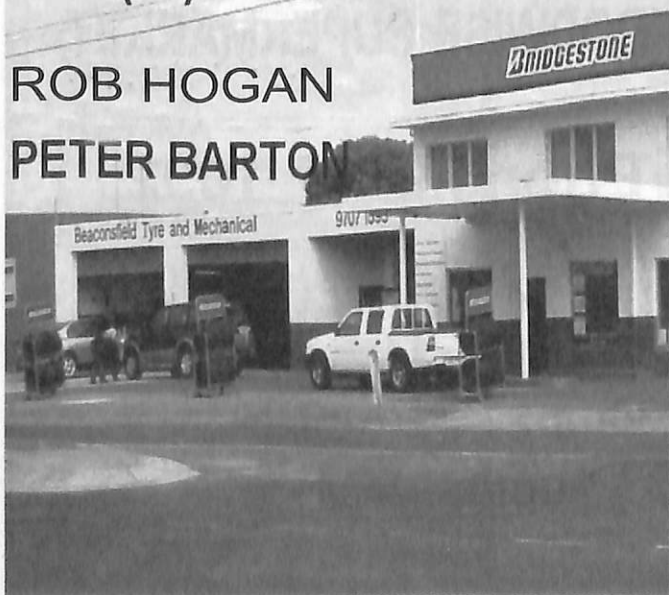
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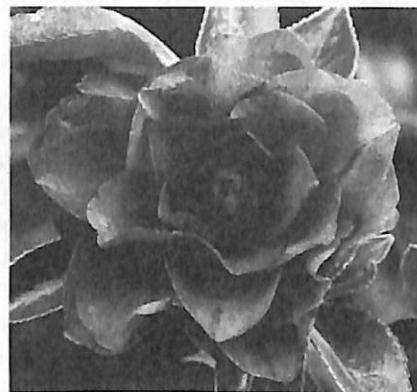
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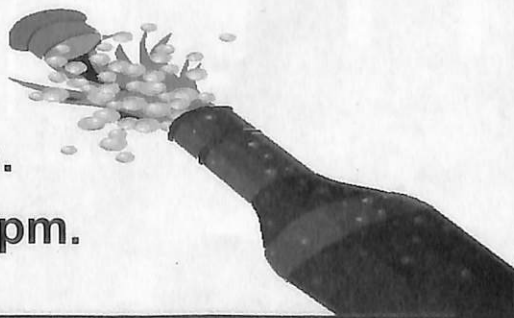
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CARDINIA CREEK PLATYPUS REINTRODUCTION (PHASE III) UPDATE

Three more platypus have recently been released into Cardinia Creek in order to boost the long-term viability of the local population.



Dr Melody Serena of the Australian Platypus Conservancy said that three juvenile females were introduced into the stream's upper reaches in early April as part of a joint Melbourne Water-APC conservation initiative.

It is believed that platypus disappeared from Cardinia Creek about 20 years ago following the "Ash Wednesday" bushfires. Platypus were returned to the creek in 2004 in hopes of re-establishing the population. Following the success of the initial release, a second group of platypus was transferred to Cardinia Creek in 2005.

The recent third phase of the project brings the total of platypus translocated to Cardinia Creek to nine. Dr Serena said that the group was now close to the size where it could be expected to become a self-sustaining breeding population.

The recently released

platypus have been fitted with specially designed radio-tags so their progress can be tracked over the next few weeks. Regular live-trapping surveys will also continue to be conducted to monitor how the new population as a whole is doing.

However, the reported recent use of illegal fishing equipment along Cardinia Creek, especially "Opera House" yabby and cray traps, remains of concern as such traps can easily drown platypus. Accordingly, anyone finding such a trap or observing illegal fishing/yabbing activities is encouraged to telephone the government's 24-hour fishing hotline 13 3474 (i.e. 13 FISH).

For more information, visit the Australian Platypus Conservancy website www.platypus.asn.au



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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood



COMMUNITY WATER GRANTS SCHEME

The saying, "waste not want not" has long been a truism, but in the context of our water supply, it is perhaps truer than ever. For decades - even centuries - we have taken for granted a plentiful supply of clean water. The recent years of drought have taught us that moderation and conservation are now a must.

In the interests of fostering water conservation at 'grass roots' community level, the Howard Government has allocated \$200 million to small community projects, under the Community Water Grants Scheme.

I am delighted to report that a number of groups in my electorate of La Trobe have got behind the scheme and applied for grants in Round 1. It is particularly gratifying that these applicants have shown themselves willing to contribute some of their own funds towards water conservation projects.

There is expected to be at least one round of Water Grants per year until 2009. I would encourage all community groups to apply for grants in Round 2 of the scheme, which is expected to open later in 2006.

Beaconsfield Banner readers will be pleased to hear that a Round 1 Community Water Grant has been awarded to St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield. The Howard Government has allocated \$46,441, and the college has contributed an additional \$3,050, towards its School Indoor Water Efficiency Project.

This project will improve water efficiency by implementing a range of water-saving initiatives in the college's bathrooms. These include: installing constant flow valves on taps, replacing inefficient toilets, sealing leaks, adjusting urinal flush volumes and the trialling of a waterless urinal.

It is estimated that these changes will save a staggering 11,830,000 litres of water each year!

Congratulations St Francis Xavier College! As a passionate advocate of the environment I warmly applaud your contribution.

For information on eligibility and updates see www.communitywatergrants.gov.au or contact my office:
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ALL IN A DAYS WORK !

by Steve the Beaconsfield Vet

By the time you have read this, we will already be one third of the way through the year! The Commonwealth Games have been run and won, the Easter bunny has been and daylight savings has ended. Many of our summer problems start to decline, snakebites, bee stings, grass seed abscesses etc.

The most unusual abscess I have ever encountered was when I was working in Mansfield. A call came in for a cow that had an abscess on its cheek. Not an uncommon occurrence with grass seeds, sticks etc puncturing the mouth and becoming infected. The only thing slightly unusual about the case was that the abscess appeared suddenly, and had not changed in a week. The abscess was about 6cm in diameter and it was unusual that it had not burst after a week.

When I arrived on the property the client had the cow already in the yards. We placed a halter on the cow's head and tied it to one side so that I could examine the swelling. It felt just like an abscess. I was about to place some local anaesthetic to cut down on the abscess, but instead, decided to place a needle into the swelling to see what fluid came out.

The farmer thought it was a waste of time, but we were both surprised when no pus flowed from the needle, it was more a gushing air sort of noise. Nothing they taught me at university could explain it. Both the farmer and I were confused.

Next we placed a gag (form of brace so that I didn't get bitten) in the cow's mouth so that I could feel what the swelling was like from inside. I pulled the suspicious swelling from the mouth, instantly the swelling was gone and I

was holding a tennis ball in my hand.

On talking to the farmer further, he had a paddock that was bounded by Lake Eildon and he said all kinds of rubbish washed up there, including tennis balls. I wouldn't be surprised if this story is still doing the rounds of Mansfield.

COMMUNITY DONATION

This editions \$500 donation from the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre goes to the workers of the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary, keeping the sanctuary clean from litter and many other nuisances. Please visit their website to see the tireless work they put into our community.

If you wish to nominate a community group in need of some support, please write to us in 50 words or less with what the donation could go towards. Please post your nomination to the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre, PO Box 469, Beaconsfield.

X-WIRED

by David Griffiths

Have you ever had the chance to meet one of your heroes face-to-face? What happened when you did, did you go to pieces, mumble or even forget the ability to string a whole word... let alone a sentence... together.

Well these were all the nightmares I was worried would happen when X-Wired TV recently attended the premiere of 'Firewall'. The chance to meet Harrison Ford I decided could go either way, really good or really badly.

Ford had been a hero of mine since I was child. A huge fan of 'Star Wars' and 'Indiana Jones', this was a chance I couldn't miss. Luckily all went well, which is more than I can say about the film 'Firewall'.

'Firewall' has a great premise. An on-line bank's head security officer has his family kidnapped by a madman trying to rob a bank. Sounds great on paper, but unfortunately that's where 'Firewall' comes apart. First of all (I know I'm a fan of his but...) Ford is too old to pull off the 'business man with young family and sexy wife' routine anymore, and his casting in this was as bad as Sean Connery playing Catherine Zeta-Jones' love interest in 'Entrapment'. Secondly 'Firewall's' script is shocking.



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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Life is full of risk and few people would argue with that. But is it such a bad thing to exist in a world that is risky? Without it would our lives have the same meaning in our day to day activities? Is there not a very close connection between risk and quitting? The following may give us an insight into these seemingly different factors of life as we understand it.

Let us look at risk first.

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out to another is to risk involvement. To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self. To place your ideas, your dreams, before a crowd is to risk their loss. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To live is to risk dying. To hope is to risk despair. To try is to risk failure. But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn, change, grow, love, live. Chained by their attitudes, they are a slave, they have forfeited their freedom. Only a person who risks is free.

The connection of risk and quitting is captured in the following words.

When things go wrong as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all uphill, When the funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to

smile but you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must but don't you quit, Life is queer with it's twists and turns, As everyone of us sometimes learns, And many a failure turns about, When he might have won had he stuck it out, Don't give up though the pace seems slow, You may succeed with another blow, Success is failure turned inside out, The silver tint of the cloud of doubt, And you never can tell how close you are, It may be close when it seems so far, So stick to the fight when you're hard hit, It's when things seem worst, You must not quit!

Everyone at some stage of their life strikes brick walls with its attendant despair and clouds of darkness that seem to smother hope and energy, but brick walls can be scaled, and it's always darkest just before dawn.

A wonderful old Biblical saying is also comforting when all seems lost, "This too shall pass." And that is the wonderful thing about life; everything is always moving, and all things do eventually pass, the good and the bad.

The river of life twists and turns with rapids and long calm stretches, but all we must do is to go with the flow and the passage of time will eventually bring us to the ocean, where all dreams come true.

We may allow ourselves to be beaten, but Life can never beat us.



THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

"No Pokies for Beaconsfield".

But there again why not "No Pokies"?

You have seen the signs and you may have been to one of the meetings. There is a substantial public outcry against the proposed "Spots Club" on the corner of May Road and the Highway. The developer, Mr. Robin Daley has plans for a substantial building including a Bistro

to seat 280, a Gaming room with 75 machines and a 24 unit Motel. The objectors have many legitimate concerns. Including matters of overview (the building with be three stories high), the sale of alcohol in the vicinity of a Child Care Centre and the close proximity of a substantial commercial building to a residential area. But the big guns were turned on the Pokies. (Because I think it can be assumed that no pokies will mean no Sports Club).

This community simply does not want a gambling precinct. And I could not agree more. But we must be very careful of NIMBY. Not-In-My-Back-Yard. If we push Mr. Daley out of Beaconsfield, where will he go? To someone else's back yard? Is our fight with the Mr. Daley's of this world or with those who frame the legislation that allows Gaming Machines? Mr. Daley is a law abiding citizen. It is the laws that we need to attack. It is our State Government that controls how many Gaming Machines we have to live with. Gaming Minister Pandazopoulos needs to hear

our voice just as much as does Robin Daley.

There are over 27,000 poker machines in this state and sadly millions of dollars are poured into them every year. Money that would be better spent on families and homes and cars and holidays.

Let's fight to save our community from a room full of Gaming Machines but let's not be so selfish as to fight for just our community. Gaming Machines are bad news not just for Beaconsfield but for Victoria.

The bible calls us to love our neighbour as much as we love ourselves. If we are going to do that then we must do more than simply push the pokies out of our back yard and into someone else's.

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Photo taken March 1920 at the unveiling of the Beaconsfield War Memorial.

Extract taken from article published
in The Pakenham Gazette,
Friday March 19th, 1920.

Beaconsfield Soldiers' Memorial.

UNVEILED ON SATURDAY LAST

The unveiling of a Memorial to fallen soldier took place at Beaconsfield on Saturday afternoon last, and attracted a fairly large attendance including about twenty of the district soldiers who were in uniform.

The Memorial, which is of polished granite, and is neatly designed, has been placed in a good position at the junction of Wood Street and the Main Gippsland road. It bears the names of nine fallen soldiers and above these is a representation of the A.I.F. badge in bronze. The names given are:

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On the base is the inscription: "Erected as a tribute to men who enlisted from Beaconsfield and district and in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war, 1914-1919."

Mr. W. Nixon, President of the Memorial Committee, acted as chairman. On behalf of the committee and the public,

Cardinian Embroidery

by Ann Taylor

The Cardinian Embroidery is nearing completion. It is very exciting to recognize each town taking shape on their panels. Many hands have been stitching down the buildings and features. If you are yet to participate in this exciting project it is not too late to go along and add some stitches.



The panels will be available to be worked on in the chapel at Pakenham after Easter.

This photo shows our Beaconsfield War Memorial worked in tapestry in soft cottons, by local lady Elaine Collins. Elaine has faithfully worked details, colouring and shading and this makes us feel we are standing right on the corner of Wood Street, where we can see the textures and details on the actual memorial. This tapestry is yet another wonderful tribute our soldiers and timely this Anzac day.

The tapestry will be mounted on the name panel of Beaconsfield for the Cardinian Embroidery.

Details about this historic project can be obtained from the coordinator Eleanor Taylor phone - 59 443 645.

he extended a hearty welcome to General Brand. Beaconsfield, he said, was proud of the fact that 33 men had enlisted from there. All regretted that 9 of these had been called upon to make

the supreme sacrifice. He then went on to explain how the necessary funds had been raised for the Memorial...

... The Memorial had been raised by loving and affectionate friends to the memory of those who had fallen and to those who had fought and returned. No memorial was required at present to remind us of the brave deeds of our soldiers but it would serve to perpetuate the memory of these men for future generations...

... Brigadier General Brand, who unveiled the Memorial, said on an average he attended a similar function twice a week. Memorials took various forms, but the soldiers say the greatest memorial is to see that the widows and relatives shall never want. That was the best memorial...

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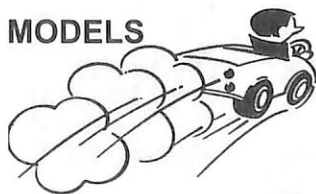
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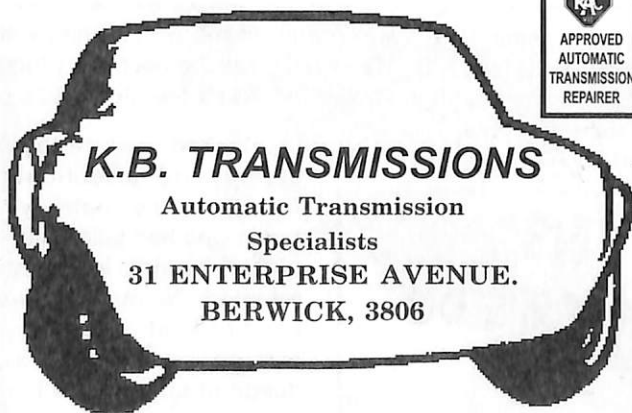
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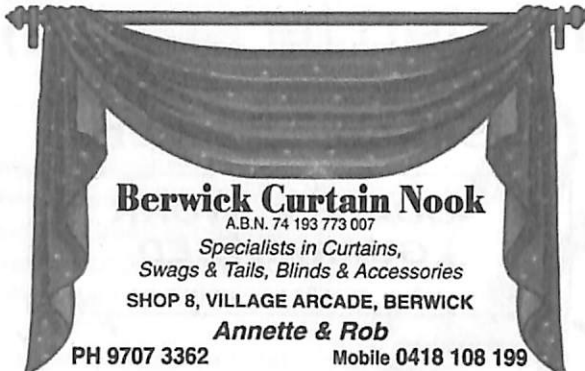
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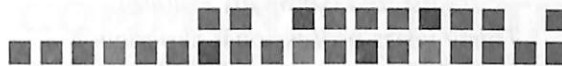
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by Phil Collins

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Painting has been the job for most of this last Summer yet some years there is very little painting on offer. Removing wallpaper is an arduous task but once removed one sees why it was put there. The walls are full of irregularities; rather than call in the plasterer they fix wall paper.

I have had five tries to get my van repaired properly. It began running poorly and as each attempt to fix it to local repairers, to warrigal and finally to another local repairer – after about three years – it is fixed. Now I know a bit about cars and I could describe the problems fairly clearly – imagine if you weren't technical you may be more frustrated than I was – wow it's fixed and I can't believe it. Thankyou Steering Joint.

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## Pakenham Bypass Project Update

### April 2006

The Pakenham Bypass is a 20km four-lane freeway between the Princes Freeway at Beaconsfield and Nar Nar Goon Road at Nar Nar Goon. Jointly funded by the State and Australian Governments, the \$242 million Pakenham Bypass project is on schedule for completion by the end of 2007.

### Final Freeway Contract Awarded

Works are well underway on the Pakenham Bypass project, with all three construction contracts now awarded.

The \$66 million contract to construct the 6 kilometre western third of the Bypass, from the Princes Freeway at Beaconsfield to west of Cardinia Road at Officer, was awarded to Abigroup Ltd in February 2006.

It includes an interchange with westerly-oriented ramps at Princes Freeway in Beaconsfield, a freeway overpass at Officer South Road and bridge structures spanning Gum Scrub Creek.

### Changes to Project Scope

Originally it was proposed that Officer South Road would be constructed as an overpass of the Pakenham Bypass. As a result of the Section One award of contract, the Pakenham bypass will now cross over Officer South Road. A freeway bridge will be constructed and Officer South Road will remain at its existing level.

### Construction Update Section Two (Middle Third)

### West of Cardinia Road to East of Healesville- Koo Wee Rup Road

FRH Group is completing the 6.7 kilometre middle section of the Pakenham Bypass. Earthworks are well advanced on Section Two and construction on the Toomuc Creek bridge structure is almost complete. Construction works of bridge overpasses at Cardinia Road, McGregor Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road are underway.

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Yes it was '84  
when I fell on the floor  
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However at the beginning of '95  
I began to revive  
until my body became infarcated.  
Prescribed cellerbex,  
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with cortisone I was dilated !

It's two thousand and six  
I now walk with a glitch  
as gangrene has taken its toll.  
With amnesia set in  
and with one phantom limb  
I move with a rock and a roll.

With only one shoe  
- two steps' hard to do  
unaided without any sticks.  
Oh Lord - why me ?  
Can you tell me your fee  
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## X-WIRED

*by David Griffiths (Continued from page 17)*

It's full of those 'only-in-movie-would-this happen' moments and the writer became an expert of writing himself out of hole by simply having the answer right in front of the character, with no explanation of how it got there. The biggest example of this is during the Harrison Ford vs Paul Bettany fight, just when it seems Bettany is going to win Ford just happens to find a spade laying on the ground. This may have worked in the seventies, but these days the audience expects more from it's movies.

What really makes 'Firewall' a bad film is how close it is to one of the best films of last year 'Hostage'. Remember 'Hostage' was also a film where a family became prisoners in their own home with only one man

to save them. To make matters even worse 'Hostage' executed the story beautifully, 'Firewall' does not.

The only shining light in 'Firewall' is the acting of Paul Bettany. I've been impressed with him since 'A Knight's Tale' and 'Wimbledon' and seeing him play a bad character once again shows me this man has talent. My main thought while walking away from 'Firewall' was, 'why isn't Paul Bettany the next James Bond?' I give 'Firewall' 2 out of 5, a good way to fill in a wet afternoon, but don't expect a movie you will rave about.

You can find a ton of reviews and 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.  
**Happy film going! Get Wired!**





## BRIGHT IDEA!

by Dr. John Stewart  
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If you witness your dog eating chocolate or if it shows any signs of chocolate toxicity (anxiety, pacing, hyperexcitability, excessive thirst and urination, vomiting, or seizures): call your vet immediately and tell him or her what type of chocolate your dog ate, how much you think it ate, how long ago it indulged itself.

Cats have much different eating habits and seldom are poisoned by chocolate. Dr. Stewart and all the staff at the Vet Centre would like to wish you all and your pets a safe and enjoyable Easter.



## PAKENHAM CAMERA CLUB NEWS

by Russell Vincent

### 3rd Pakenham National Photographic Exhibition

Over 1,100 slides and photographs were received from all over Australia for the upcoming third National Exhibition.

Local photographers are represented along side interstate counterparts to make up approximately 250 images to be displayed. The exhibition will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham on Friday 5th May 2.00pm – 10.00pm, Saturday 6th May 10.00am – 10.00pm and Sunday 7th May 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Cardinia and Casey secondary school students from Years 9 – 12 also have the opportunity to have their photos displayed as part of a special competition designed to

encourage and promote young photographers.

#### Club News

The club's March meeting was held at the Masonic Lodge in Pakenham where a large group were welcomed as guests to learn a little of the background and work of the Masons. This was a very interesting and informative evening and provided some good photo opportunities of the various symbols of office and Lodge members in their regalia.

April began with a portrait workshop and BBQ get together at a member's studio. Another very informative talk and demonstration on basic lighting and portraiture techniques was followed by the opportunity to capture a model under studio lighting conditions. A portrait competition later in the year will give members the opportunity to show their skills. The club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Uniting Church in Main Street Pakenham starting at 7.30pm.

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## TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

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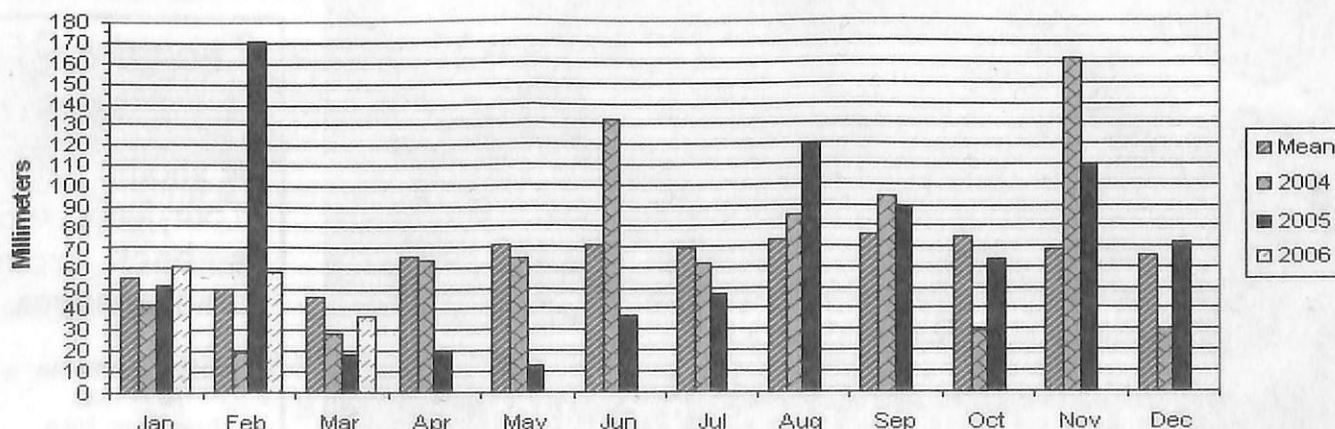
The combined totals of January, February and March was 156ml which is 6ml above average. This is 84ml less than last year where we had 240ml. My highest total before that was in 1999 when 200ml was recorded in Beaconsfield.

During the 2 weeks the Commonwealth Games were held in Melbourne we had near perfect weather. We had 7 days above 30°C in March and recorded rain before and after the games.

An excellent website to check all weather forecasts, warnings and observations is [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au). This is an excellent website to check out the current weather conditions. Just follow the links to radar images for all the up to date rain information.

## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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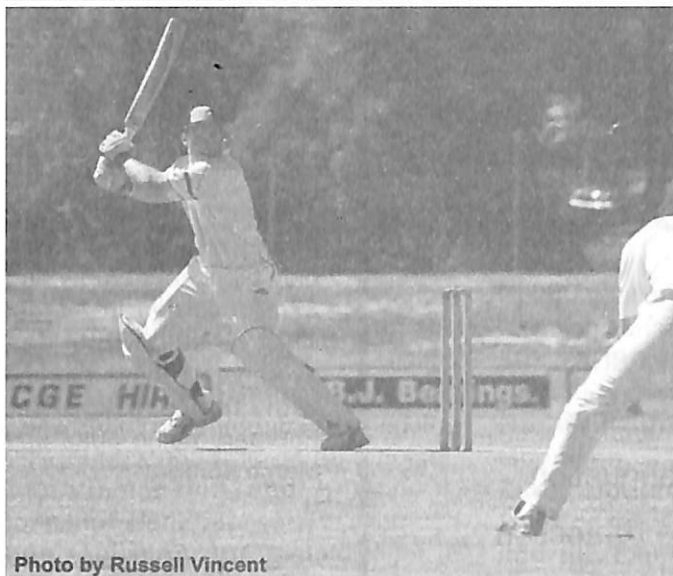
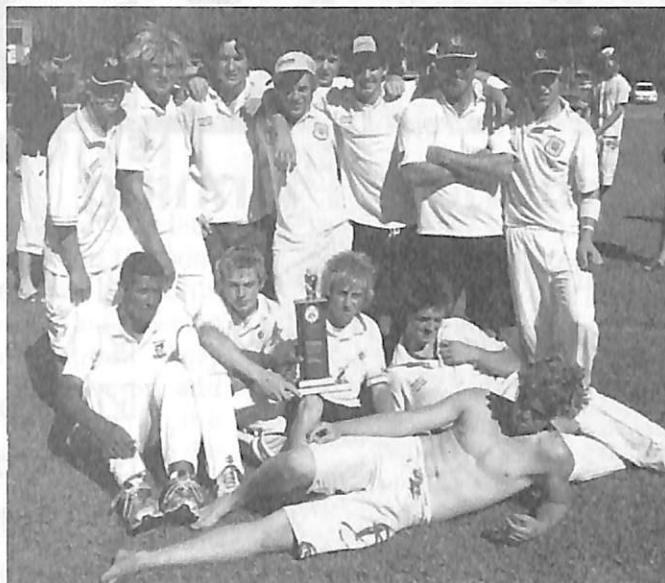


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## SNAPSHOTS OF THE FINALS



Back L-R Chris Cherry Brent Dames Gus Patti Tom Carlyle Josh Butler  
Jack Benbow Capt. Alan Sauvarin ( Coach ) Billy Carlyle  
Front: Raphael Adejoju Tom Warburton Ayden Mills Toby Meredith Billy Cousins  
Photo by Russell Vincent

Pictured above: The winners of the U 16 Grand final

Picture top right: Brad Miles who dominated WGCA cricket as Beaconsfields premier batsman and is now to try his hand at district level after 3 flags at Beaconsfield

The club will miss him but wish him success

Pictured right:

Rick Colling coached 3 seasons at Beacy and hit the winning runs in this seasons Grand Final for 3 flags in a row after standing down as coach at the end of last season.

Much of the clubs recent success on field should be attributed to him and the way he developed our young cricketers. He intends to continue with the club playing lower grade cricket and helping to develop the juniors as well as have a few games with his older mates at the club i.e Russell Vincent and Joe McMaster.

See full club report on page 35.

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## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Greg Tomamichel

### A GRADE AND U16 PREMIERSHIPS

The 2005/6 cricket season has finished and will be remembered as a very successful one for Beaconsfield Cricket Club.

We fielded more teams than ever before with nine junior and six senior sides. The extra teams didn't diminish our on-field strength with five senior and three junior sides reaching the finals, and A Grade and the "Beacy Tigers" U/16 sides both winning premierships.

The crowning glory for the year was winning the A Grade premiership, defeating Officer in a nerve-racking grand final. This made three premierships in a row for Beaconsfield first eleven, two of those in the A Grade competition, and is a great credit to Luke Sibley and his team.

Finals were also contested by B, C, D and F grade teams who despite being knocked out in finals can all be very proud of their efforts for the season, along with E grade who performed well also season and provided many juniors with a chance to play senior cricket.

In the junior ranks our two Under 16 sides played against each other in the Grand Final, a great credit to both coaches and all the players involved. It also provides cause for great optimism for the future of

the club as so many good junior cricketers proceed to senior ranks.

In Under 14, three sides performed admirably all year, with the "Beacy Tigers" reaching the finals and eventually tying with Emerald in the Grand Final, who were declared winners due to their higher position on the ladder.

Our four Under 12 sides all continued to provide junior cricketers with an excellent opportunity to participate in sport and develop their skills. Our thanks go out to all of the junior coaches and all those parents and helpers who contributed to the great success of the junior teams.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors, members, coaches, captains, committee and parents who have contributed to a club which we can be justifiably proud of.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 17th May 2006 at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Social Rooms and we invite all our members to attend.

Please contact Ross Mitchell on 9707 1581 or Greg Tomamichel on 0438 639 125 with any queries.

See photos on  
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## News from Beacy Juniors

2006 is shaping up to be another fantastic year for Beaconsfield Junior Football Club. We have over 360 players and are fielding two divisions in every age group - Under 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's 15's and 16's. Of major concern, however, is the lack of grounds in the shire to allow our teams to train and play. Our home ground at Upper Beaconsfield is suffering because of the constant overuse and the Seniors Ground is also at capacity. Prior to the season commencing we trained at a number of venues including local schools and Akoonah Park. We are lobbying Cardinia Shire and the State Government in an endeavour to have

more grounds provided to meet the needs of sporting bodies in Cardinia, particularly in the Beaconsfield area. We need to ensure our youth have the opportunity to participate in sport.

Football continues to strengthen at Beacy Juniors. We are lucky to have on board a large and dedicated committee, and a supportive group of parents. We wish all our players a successful and enjoyable season in 2006.

Brian McPhie  
President  
Beaconsfield Junior Football Club



**Berwick HPV & Cycling Club**

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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

# TENNIS NEWS

## A History Lesson

### - 15, 30, 40, Deuce, Advantage??

Ever wondered where the quaint scoring system and terms of tennis originated? According to Hanah Mandlikova's "Total Tennis" the origins of tennis can be traced back to the ancient Roman game "trigon". Later in the eleventh century the Italians played "gioco del pallone" played against walls.

The French version, "jeu de paume" was played in the 14th century with the palm and by 15th century improved with leather or gut strings. In Old French, "une journee" meant a 'sports match' as well as 'a day'. It is from this game the current scoring system is derived.

The scoring system was based on the 24 hours of the day and 60 minutes in the hour. Each match consisted of 24 games, each game consisting of 4 rallies worth 15 points, totaling 60. Hence 15, 30, and originally 45. It was soon realised that at 45 points each, two rallies would be required to win otherwise the game was decided on luck. But this would make the score exceed 60 (minutes in the day - how pedantic). So the score was changed to 40-all with 10 points being given for winning each following rally and if tied at 50, returned to 40-all.

It was necessary to win two rallies to win from which Deuce or "Deus" meaning 'two' in Old French is derived. Similarly, at 23 games all it was necessary to win two games in a row to win overall and over time this arduous set was reduced to 12 games and later to today's six games.

The zero "love" score is also derived from the French word for egg "l'oeuf", pronounced much like "love". There is some debate on the naming of the game of "tennis", however it is believed to be based on the French word "tenir" to hold or to catch.

Despite the history lesson, Tennis is a great game for both young and not so young, providing not only the exercise, but social skills of good sportsmanship, team building and consideration of others, socialisation with peers of both sexes, leadership and leader respect. Apply for court hire at Swim, Gym & Tennis Etc. (Not Just Tennis), 6 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield (next to Taco Bills) 9796 2767 or AH on 9707 4287.

## Life Membership to Lynne Day

Lynne Day spent many hours days and years co-ordinating our Junior competition together with being a member of our committee of management. Due to family commitments she has had to recently give all this away. In recognition of her unstinting service to the club, life membership was bestowed on her at the Junior presentation night held on 7th April. Congratulations Lynne and thanks for a job well done.

## Junior Tennis

Open to both boys and girls from any young age up to 18 years. We are now entering Summer finals with seven of our 15 fielded teams making their final four, and two to grand finals. Presentation night was held on 7th April (pre Grand Final) to congratulate all finalists and present certificates to all participants, including all those that did not quite make the finals.

Winter competition commences immediately following the Easter long weekend. Contact Adrian Walsh should you wish to participate on 9702 5251.

## Midweek Ladies Tennis

Open to ladies of 18 years of age and beyond. Now halfway through Autumn competition with 6 Tuesday teams and 4 Wednesday teams doing battle and enjoying the company of and socialising with other combatants. Contact Dawn Snelson 9704 6852.

## Night Tennis

Tuesday "A" Grade & Wednesday "B" Grade

This is a social event for all to enjoy. B grade is for beginners and A grade for those that have been around a little longer.

Open to both members and non members, the Summer/Autumn competition is over half way through. B grade always offers fill in positions for those that would like to give tennis a go - no experience necessary. Cost is \$8.00 per evening - on court by 7:30pm. Ring if interested: - "A"s Lisa Kirkham 9707 2909, "B"s Anja Potter 9707 4287.

## Night Tennis Mens

Similar to Tuesday/Wednesday night but limited to men. Six A grade and eight B grade teams have participated over Summer enjoying social BBQs on the way. Contact Ian Craig 9707 4507

### Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186 Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852 Thursday Night Mens: 9707 4507  
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