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See details on pages 6 and 20.



SLOW DOWN TO 50

It was nice to see the new erection of the new 50km/hr signs along O'Neil Rd.

With the speed we see some motorists doing it makes us wonder if people are aware that this is now zoned a residential area.

This area also houses many young families, a kindergarten, and a long

day care centre. O'Neil Rd is also the route the walking school bus takes on the way to school.

Our message to the community is to please slow down so that we can ensure that everybody stays safe.

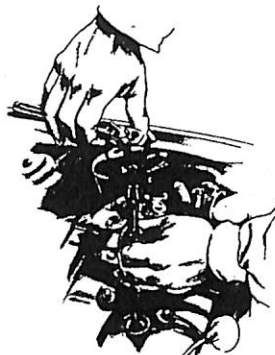
Sam Hunter & Kate Luxmoore
Kids Campus - Beaconsfield

After safety issues were raised at the last Progress Meeting by concerned Kids Campus staff, there has been increase in Police presence in Beaconsfield and a Speed Awareness Device (SAM) was located on O'Neil Road for a week. This device provided feedback to individual motorists as to their current speed.

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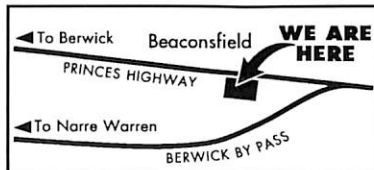
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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Muaremov

I write my report with very much mixed feelings. During our last BPA meeting, I resigned my position as President after two and half very enjoyable years. However, all good things must come to an end...

Before I go on writing about my time as President I would like to update you for the last time on what was discussed at our last meeting. The very serious issue in regards to the safety of our preschool aged kids was raised by the Child Care centre on the corner of O'Neil Rd & Beaconhill Drive. Although O'Neil Road is supposed to be a 50km speed limit, many locals using this road are unaware of this fact, despite speed limit signs having been erected along the road.

After what happened in Sydney in 2003 where a car drove straight into a child care centre and left a little girl fighting for her life with burns to most of her body and the loss of her toes & fingers, we are and should be concerned that a repeat of this DOES NOT happen to our kids in OUR town.

I take this opportunity to plea to all of our residents to be aware of the speed limits and to obey for the sake of our kids, and possibility of your own!

In reflection, during the my time as your President, we have had many positive things transpire in our great town. The sealing and re-alignment of Station St and Kenilworth Ave was attended to as part of the Township Strategy devised

by the BPA in 2003, the planting of trees along the medium strip of Princes Hwy and replanting along Emerald Beaconsfield Rd in front of the Berwick Views estate, and the most needed Pedestrian Crossing opposite Foodwise and Aldies.

These are just a few examples of what a proactive township association and Council through our Ward Councillor, such as our former Ward Councillor Garry Runge. But moving forward, we have been fortunate enough to have Brett Owen attend our meeting and take our concerns to Council and am confident that we will be represented.

With positives come negatives, and the one that was a challenge by way of

having the Town divided was the Mohan Ave development in 2004. But, it was a positive for the town as it pulled us together and we sent a clear message to developers of what was acceptable development and what was not. This made us stronger as it helped define the BPA's role as a Forum for the town and the residents successfully won the fight with the appropriate authorities, being Council & VCAT.

When I was approached to consider taking on the role, I was not sure what was expected of me and whether I was able to lead such a great town. My intention right from the start was only to serve for a maximum two years because I feel it is important for any committee to have new 'blood' or otherwise it can become 'stale'. Despite my making this public knowledge during the lead up to our October 2005 AGM, no one was nominated or expressed an interest for taking up the challenge and I reluctantly accepted nomination from the floor because I felt an obligation and it was my duty.

However, since then I have realised that I also have an obligation to my young family and staff that I employ to ensure their future is also looked after. With the practice growing and new opportunities being provided, I have realised that I will not have the time to devote to the role of President if I continued on.

The town deserves better than this and therefore I made the decision to resign and allow someone else to rise to the challenge.

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Finally, some proud history and acknowledges. Firstly, my continuing it well into the sincere thank you and future and encouraging our appreciation to the children to be involved following:- David Moreland, also. Our Anzac Day who has been my right services would be a great hand and always been so dependable. I could not example of Tony's hard have asked for anyone work. Our former Garry better to be the Secretary; Runge, for all his hard work and commitment to our The current Treasurer and town when he was given The Banner co-ordinator the opportunity not just to Margaret Boon, for her and represent our town as our her family's dedication to Ward Councillor, but also as our Municipality's Mayor to the BPA publication that is for two years. Thank you so much loved and envied by other towns. Our former Garry and Sue for your Treasurer, Maurice Potter invaluable contribution to for his dedication to the position despite commuting my time as President.

Last but most certainly not least, you, my fellow friends in the BPA. Without your ongoing support during the past two and half years, my time with the BPA would not have been so enjoyable and memorable. I leave the role with very fond

memories and not as your leader, but as my friends. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

For the last time, I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage and welcome any new resident, trader and member of our community to attend our monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday night at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Centre located on O'Neil Road. The purpose of these meetings are for our residents to voice any concerns they may have or even any change they would like see within our community. These meetings are open to everyone!

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

Warmest Regards
Michael Muaremov
President - BPA (former)
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4C FOODBANK ANTIQUE FAIR

by Jeni

Our annual Antique Fair is to be held on 29th July, at the Pakenham Racecourse, Racecourse Rd., Pakenham between hours of 9-4pm.

There will be 36 stall holders with loads of bargains for all. Admission is \$5 adult, \$4 concession, children free and proceeds to the emergency food bank.

Stalls will consist of antique china, crockery, jewellery, linen, dolls, glassware, pottery, small furniture pieces, kitchenalia, etc.

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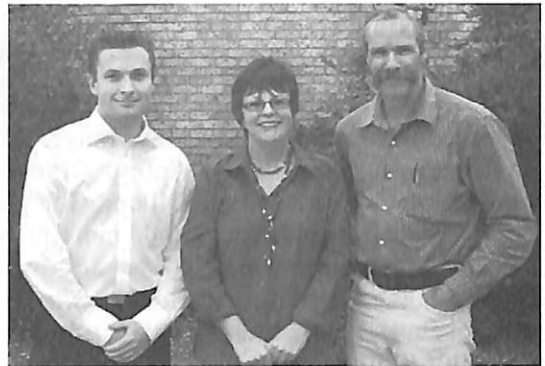
by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

Firstly I like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, Michael Muaremov for all his dedicated service to the association and to the Beaconsfield community over the past two and half years. I wish Michael all the best for his future endeavours.

Car parking at the Beaconsfield Railway Station is totally inadequate and requires an urgent upgrade and a significant increase in car parking spaces. The current situation is totally unacceptable and is putting

unnecessary pressure on residents and commuters. Council has recently written to the Minister of Transport, Peter Batchelor demanding the state government who is the responsible authority to act and improve this dangerous situation.

There have been some recent changes at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre have recently been handed control of the two meeting rooms and a consulting suite which was previously managed by the shire. This allows the BNC to run more programs and increase its opportunities. This is a



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

great outcome and will see the complex used to its fullest potential.

Cardinia Shire's Walking School Bus program has commenced it's Pick Up/ Drop off Zone at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. Parents can drop school children at the zone where children can catch the walking bus to Beaconsfield Primary. This is a great initiative and I encourage parents and children to get involved. This program assists with reducing traffic around

schools and promotes exercise. Thanks to all the volunteers involved in the walking bus. For further information please contact Marie Witts at the shire on 5945 4314.

Recently local sporting clubs, council staff and Central Ward councillors met to discuss the urgent need for additional sporting reserves for team sports in Beaconsfield.

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SHIRE REPORT

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Let me reassure Beaconsfield residents that Central Ward councillors are working to address the lack of sporting reserves in Beaconsfield. Negotiations are continuing for the land in Holm Park Road and in the 2006/2007 budget, council has allocated \$200,000 for additional facilities to assist in relieving pressure on Beaconsfield sporting clubs in the short term.

On Saturday the 20th of May, Mayor Bill Ronald, Acting Chief Executive Officer Garry McQuillan and I met with residents in a walkthrough of Beaconsfield. The walkthrough was well attended. Residents raised issues of concern as the group strolled around Beaconsfield Township. Thanks to all those attended.



ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

A large crowd gathered at the Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Day Service held on Sunday 23rd April.

In attendance was the Berwick Air League, Members of the Australian Great War Assoc., Representatives of R.S.L. and Baptist Church, Ian Arrell and Tammy Lobato who took part in the ceremony.

Tony Rushton who co-ordinated the event was also responsible for producing 40 framed photographs of each of the Beaconsfield soldiers

pictured on the WWI Beaconsfield Honourboard and the Beaconsfield WWII soldiers. A generous donation had been given to make this possible.

The names of each of these soldiers were read and their photographs placed at the base of the cenotaph by the School Captains of Beaconsfield Primary School and Hillcrest Christian College, who had also assisted Peter Brown with singing of the National Anthem and God Save the Queen.



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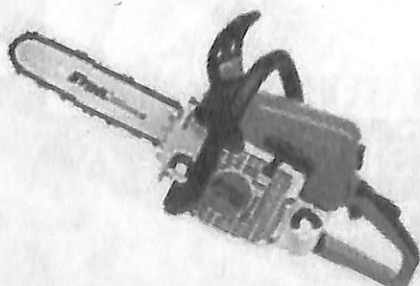
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Cardinian Embroidery

by Ann Taylor

We have seen a lot of progress in the Cardinian Embroidery over the past couple of months as the panels come together. This photo shows some of the Beaconsfield Features and how they now look joined together.

You can see part of Wood Street with some of the Historic houses, no 45 and also Rose cottage and Bulls Raw restaurant, which was previously Jim Parkes' butchers shop and The Corner Post, which was previously the Old Post Office.

In the foreground is the Beaconsfield Central Hotel which has been embroidered in cross-stitch by Pam McDonald. In 1850 the Bowman family opened Bowman's Hotel on the Melbourne to Gippsland

road near the Cardinia creek. Passing bullock drivers and other travelers quenched their thirst in the public house, and Cobb & Co coaches used the stables at the rear. In 1861-62 it was known as the Gippsland Hotel and owned by Mrs. Bowman who paid for the cutting of 'The Bowman Track' from the hotel to the goldfields further north towards Gembrook.

The present building, now the Central Hotel, was built around 1928 in the Spanish mission style popular at the time, like its contemporary in Pakenham.

The panels are now close to being finished and we are hoping to let you know when they will be available for public viewing in the near future.



Beaconsfield Central Hotel in the foreground.

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

B.P.S. On Target With New Report Card!

Next month the parents at Beaconsfield Primary School will be celebrating their child's learning when they receive the students' reports! In 2006 the school has decided to adopt the new report card. All Victorian schools will be using the new report card in 2007. You may have seen advertisements on the television about the new report card. The report card includes:

- * Clear information about what the student has achieved at school
- * How the school will support the student to achieve future learning goals
- * Suggestions to support the student at home
- * A common reporting scale A to E

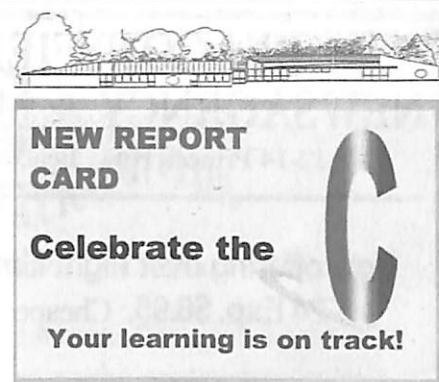
At our school you will hear the motto 'Celebrate the C!'

A 'C' rating means your child is at the expected standard and that his or her learning is on track.

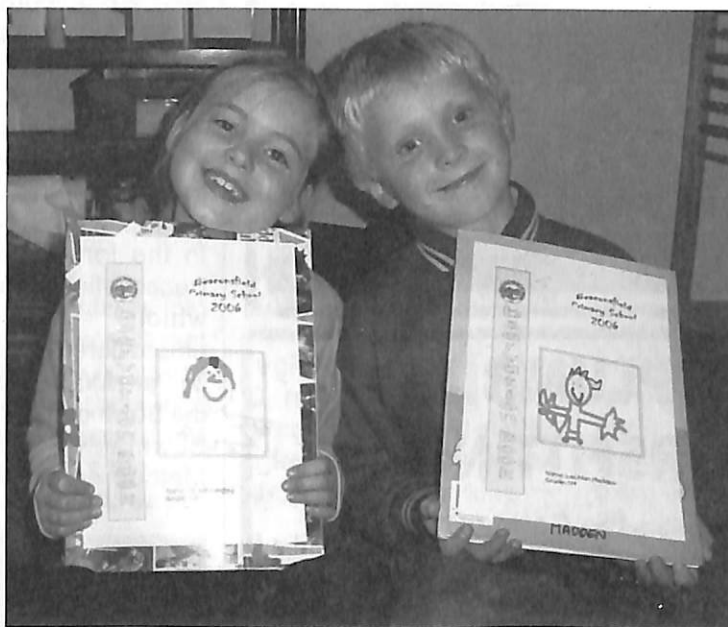
A unique feature of our school's reporting program is that each child brings home their 'O book' with their

report. The 'O book' contains samples of the child's achievements throughout the year. The children love to share their achievements with parents by discussing the learning experiences in their 'O book'.

As part of the learning program the student created their cover of their 'O



book' using technology. The students in Prep – 2 drew themselves using kidpix for a self portrait to include on their cover. The Grade 3-6 students designed their 'O book' cover by using a variety of programs to insert a photo, add colour and text.



Pictured: Lachlan and Taylah are very proud of their covers!

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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR
C.A.

FEDERAL BUDGET 2006 – 2007

The Treasurer recently delivered the 2006/07 Budget expected to provide a cash surplus of \$10.8 billion. The country's debts have been repaid hence more funds are available for expenditure on capital works and infrastructure. Economic growth is forecast at 3¼% with business investment and exports expected to grow.

Some highlights of the Budget are:

* Personal income tax cuts worth \$36.7 billion over four years from 1st July 2006

* Personal income tax threshold amounts to be increased and marginal rates of 42% and 47% to be reduced to 40% and 45%

* Low income tax offset to be increased to \$600 (currently \$235) phasing out from \$25,000 (currently \$21,600)

* In line with the reduction of the highest personal tax rate the Fringe Benefits tax rate will be reduced to 46.5%

* Superannuation to be dramatically simplified and

streamlined including abolishing reasonable benefits limits and superannuation benefits for people 60 and over paid after 1st July 2007 from a taxed superannuation fund will be tax-free

* Commencing from 1st July 2006 the income test has been increased for Family Tax Benefit Part A and the large family supplement extended to families with 3 children

* One-off payments are to be made to recipients of the carer payment (\$1,000) and

carer allowance (\$600) to recipients by 30th June 2006

* Additional funding has been provided including areas of medical research, defence forces operational and capital expenditure, road and rail infrastructure expenditure, improved water management and a major funding boost to the mental health system

* Accelerated depreciation claims for expenditure on newly acquired technology assets

* Taxes on small business will be cut by \$435 million over 4 years to reduce compliance costs for small business and increase CGT concessions

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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A program will be distributed through local schools and through the Neighbourhood Centre children's programs. If you would like information about the program, please contact the office on phone 8768 4400.

TERM 3 BOOKLET

Please look out for our

Term 3 program booklet, which will be delivered in Beaconsfield just before or during the school holidays. The booklet includes information about all our programs which start from 3rd July. If you do not receive a program, we will send one out to you - contact the office.

NEW TERM 3 PROGRAMS

In Term 3 most of our current programs will continue and also will include the following new courses:

* **Computers** - courses for Term 3 include Introduction to Word and Excel, a general Introduction to Computers, Publisher, and Powerpoint.

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themes, and participate in a wide range of learning experiences across all areas of their development.

Changes to Toy Library Time

Our Toy Library daytime opening time has changed to Monday mornings during Term 3. We will be open on Monday mornings weekly from 10 – 11.15am, and will continue our usual Thursday evening time from 7 – 8pm. We have an exceptional range of toys for fun, educational toys, inside or outside toys for children 0 – 6 years to borrow, and you are invited to come and have a look during one of our opening times.

Free Legal Aid service

Peninsula Legal Aid will continue to operate at the Centre during Term 3. Local solicitors volunteer their time to offer this service, which may also assist with wills and probate, child support, and tenancy issues. Contact the Centre for more details.

Tax Help

The Tax Help program offered by the Australian Taxation Office will operate from the Centre during Term 3. If you want to complete your own tax return but think you may need some assistance, then Tax Help may be the answer. A network of community volunteers are trained and supported by the ATO to help taxpayers. Tax Help is a free and confidential service for people on low incomes. Ring the office to book a time.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

It is said that laughter is the best medicine, and few would dispute that. But what is humour and how did it start? Perhaps it was when a caveman named his pet brontosaurus Emily, when he caught her wuthering on the heights. Whatever it was man has been laughing ever since and through laughter has been able to survive all the trials and tribulations he has had to face over the years.

The gift of laughter is probably the greatest gift man has. It comes before the gift of speech, as

anyone who has watched a baby will testify. Laughter is truly an international language; French children don't laugh in French, Germans, Japanese, Greeks, Italians, Russians and any other race also don't laugh in a language. Laughter is simply the same the world over.

Given a free choice most people would prefer to be amused than stimulated or persuaded. Very few people would rather cry than laugh and people who are laughing are more easily persuaded, a fact

that seems to elude our always serious politicians. More humour from them may see them voted in more often than not.

Clever public speakers who may have to deliver serious or learned papers know that the best way to cause people to remember the main points is to illustrate each with a story that contains some humour. They will remember the stories that caused them to laugh, and thus remember the main points, exactly what the speaker wants to achieve.

A short true story to illustrate. A man and his wife were obliged to view the body of their old friend at the Funeral Parlour where the widow had been beside the body of her deceased husband for two days. She was exhausted from the misery of it all and was at the end of her tether. Instead of greeting her in the customary mournful way, he said, "What a terrible night! It's so foggy out there even the birds are taking taxis". The widow cracked up on this and laughed, releasing all the

tension and sorrow that had been her lot. When they next saw the widow she thanked him for making her laugh, and told him how much better she felt afterwards. Laughter heals.

Humour is often a very personal choice as something that will make one person laugh may not be as funny to another. Some prefer some subtleties, whilst another will react better to cruder forms of humour, but the end result is what matters.

An example. "A mother sardine was exercising her brood when a submarine went by leaving them in some disorder. "Don't worry," she reassured her family, "It's just a can full of people."

Some will see humour, others will think it's corny, but it's non-offensive and will amuse most people.

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Tammy Lobato (right) congratulates Mim Gillespie, Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, (centre), and committee members Pauline Hopkins and Tony Rushton on successfully receiving funding through the Volunteer Small Grants Program. See report on page 13.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

The Make and Mingle group has been able to participate in the World's Greatest Morning Tea for the cancer co. with morning teas and donations and a personal sharing from one of our group.

We are also working towards making items and filling boxes for Samaritan's purse. This is an international organisation that sends boxes to children in developing countries, giving them practical gifts for Christmas. The boxes contain toys, clothing, hygiene items and items for schooling according to age and gender. Thousands of boxes have been taken overseas and distributed to children each year.

We are also busy knitting items for these boxes and for an overseas mission in countries where warm clothing and blankets are needed.

We are teaching and participating in a range of crafts this term including ribbon flowers, using beautiful ribbons and different applications. There is also glass art, patchwork and embroidery and knitting. We are making an array of greeting cards, using allsorts of techniques including punching, stamping, appliqué and embroidery.

On 16th August Swordwords singing group will be coming for a concert and we will be having a soup and roll lunch. Come and join us for a day of warm winter fellowship.

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

by Tammy Lobato, MP, member for Gembrook

I was delighted in May to announce some minor capital grants for local kindergartens, not-for-profit child care centres and Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). This will mean \$4500 to Beaconsfield Primary OSHC (provided by Cardinia Shire Council) for a new photocopier and \$1507 to Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre for notice boards and white boards.

Other nearby services also received grants including Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten (\$5000), Officer OSHC (\$529) and various sites in Berwick and Pakenham. Although they are classified as minor grants, they are some of the most appreciated and well-received. So many of these services have significant input from volunteers and count on support for funding equipment and infrastructure. They provide a fantastic service to children in the local area and it is so satisfying to

assist them with the provision of high-quality care.

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre has also been successful in receiving \$2065 funding through the Volunteer Small Grants Program. This centre is a great place to start for new residents that are looking at ways to get involved in the Beaconsfield community. (See photo on page 11)

It is an exciting time for education in the area. The upgrade at Beaconsfield Primary School is now well underway. Beaconsfield Upper Primary School has just had the official opening of its new facilities and a new school site has just been acquired in Pakenham. The connection of all government schools to broadband is also underway with the VicSmart initiative. This means that by the end of 2006, every school will be upgraded with at least 2

megabits per second (Mbps) broadband technology. By the end of the VicSmart initiative, every school will have access to 4 Mbps fibre optic broadband. This will allow every student to access new interactive learning materials as well as to collaborate with students and experts in other schools and around the world. Equipping our children for the technological world they will be part of as adults is a key part of their education.

The State Government's new 10 year transport plan contains great news for the outer south-east with the planned construction of a third train track on the Dandenong rail line, a new railway station planned on the Pakenham line and an additional lane on the Monash Freeway in both directions. From next year, there will be a new timetable in place on the Dandenong rail line to allow for additional peak services. Significant



upgrades to services will take place including extending the hours of operation as well as increasing frequency of services to cater for the greater number of users.

Other initiatives include \$1.3 billion for improving outer metropolitan roads, \$135 million for bike and pedestrian paths and \$280 million for rail safety and security. I will provide further details on what this means at a local level in future editions of the Banner.

Please feel free to contact my office for assistance at any time.

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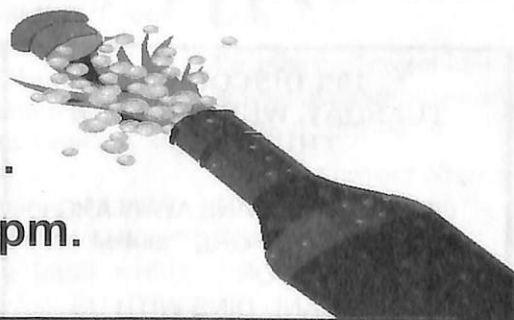
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But what now? Beaconsfield has lost its landmark. The hotel has been allowed to be dwarfed by another conglomeration of grotesque concrete slabs. No matter how these slabs are to be painted, this building is completely out of character with our Village atmosphere.

It has been in many conversations lately, how England and Europe are proud of, and keep their history and historical buildings. They also do not build any concrete slab buildings amongst these historical buildings as they are aware of the importance of their histories and character of the townships and cities. History also draws many tourists which brings in currency for the cities and also the tourists take away a knowledge about these cities that they didn't know before.

Australia is a young country, but there have been many miner's huts

and other old buildings that are part of our heritage and have been worthy of preserving, but many have already been replaced.

I couldn't help but compare the scenes from Beaconsfield, Tasmania, to Beaconsfield, Victoria. The scenes showed the old township shops and homes that have been kept in their original state and all with tall green trees in their midst. I then thought of our own Beaconsfield. Drive along our roads and all we see is a sea of rooftops and very, very few trees.

Tourists do not drive to a township just for coffee or a meal if there is no other attraction to go and see. The Dandenongs not only have interesting coffee and meal cafes etc, they also have many antique, curiosity, and gift shops to browse in, and the Dandenongs do a roaring trade.

Where is our village attraction to draw the tourists? The freeway by passes Beaconsfield and unless we do something to attract visitors to our village, we will become just a town where people live, but travel elsewhere for entertainment.





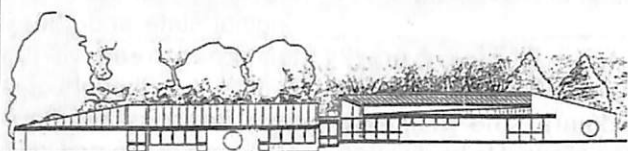
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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood



Greetings Beaconsfield!

Your school, sporting club or a community group may be eligible for an Australian Government grant.

For instance the Regional Partnerships program is a great opportunity to improve your community group's facilities. Under this program the Regional Women in Business Network in Pakenham received \$44,000 to establish a network to raise the profile of local business women.

Log onto www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au to see if your community group is eligible.

The hugely popular \$1 Billion Investing in Our Schools Programme was announced by the Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP, during the election campaign in 2004.

The programme commenced in 2005 and

will continue until the end of 2008. See www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/programmes_funding/general_funding/capital_grants/iios/ for information relevant to your school.

Finally, as I reported last time, St Xavier College, Beaconsfield received almost \$50,000 under the Community Water Grants program. See www.communitywatergrants.gov.au for details.

These are just some of the Australian Government funding opportunities on offer. I encourage all groups to apply. While I can't promise you will be successful, I can offer you a helping hand through the application process.

Simply contact my office on 9762 4066 or email me at jason.wood.mp@aph.gov.au.

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



Berwick Air League members took part in a flag raising ceremony at the newly erected flag pole at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on Sunday 23rd April.

The Australian Flag, obtained by Jason Wood, was presented to the President of Neighbourhood Centre, Pauline Hopkins.

Winter Approaches

by *Steve the Beaconsfield Vet*

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am a warm weather person, I love the heat, daylight savings and all that it brings. When Winter hits, I enter hibernation mode. The colder weather also helps to greatly reduce some risks to our pets, such as snake bites, bee stings, heat stroke etc.

However, with Winter we encounter problems that are unfortunately are a result of our own actions, not deliberate by any means, but secondary to our decisions. The snakes and the bees maybe gone, but the snails and the rodents come out. We put down snailbait for the snails and ratsak for the rodents. These both have the desired effect, but our pets also like the taste of them.

When our pets ingest these products, the result can sometimes be the same for that of the snail or rodent.

Snailbait definitely kills snails, however, if your cat or dog ingests it, it can cause a rapid onset of seizures that may lead to death. Often your pet will require intensive care over a 24-48hr period, sometimes longer, in the hope that it will recover, although, as hard as we try, this is not always the case.

Ratsak also kills rodents, but this toxin is also tasty to our pets. This is a little more insidious, as the effects of ratsak poisoning can be of a slow onset, not presenting signs for a much longer period after ingestion. Ratsak leads to a bleeding disorder, that can

sometimes be treated with medication, but sometimes requires blood transfusions.

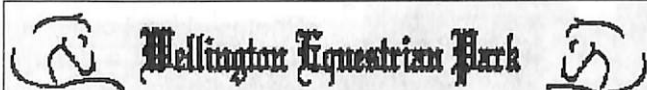
Both of the above treatments are costly, and not always successful, so please when you go to purchase these products, try to find an alternative. The alternative may not be as easy, but your pets will be much safer as you will be surprised how well they can hunt out the baits, no matter how well you hide or disguise them. Believe it or not, years ago, I saw a horse with ratsak poisoning after it somehow found it's way into a shed and fossicked through some drums!! Not all stories have a happy ending, but I hope this shows you the determination of our four legged friends.

P.S. There are some products that are labelled to have an animal deterrent in them, I have personally seen animals that have still eaten them!!

In either case, if you suspect your pet has decided to eat either of the above products, please contact us immediately at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre on 9769 8777. Please remember, we are there to help you at anytime, and want you to feel welcome to call us for advice whenever you may need it, whether it is an emergency or not.

Donation to the Community

The Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre is proud to announce that this editions donation goes to the Berwick Lioness Group, a group that lends a hand throughout the community by helping at major shopping complexes on Daffodill Day, to visiting Retirement Homes and numerous activities in between. We wish them all the best and thank them for their efforts.



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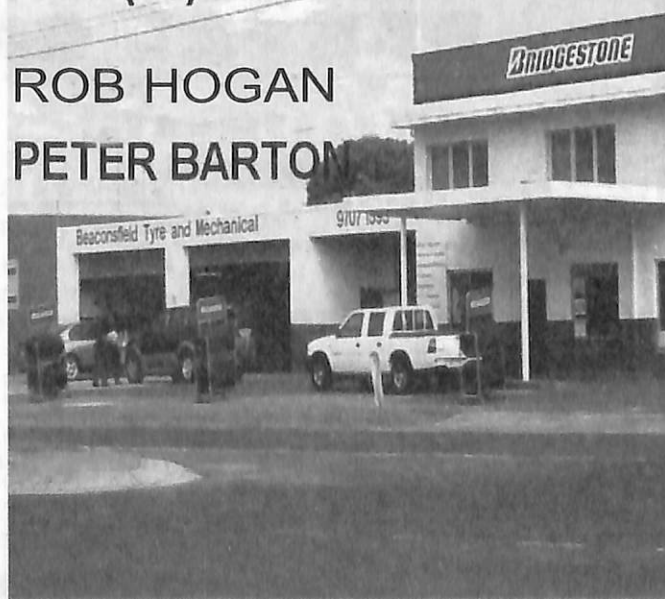
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News from the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary

by Lisa Loulier

Despite the cold and rain of winter, there is plenty of colour in our local bush to help brighten a dreary day. Wattles are developing buds and in coming weeks will begin their brilliant yellow bloom. Common Heath plants, a small shrub that is our state floral emblem, will begin to flower in shades of white, pink and red. Visitors who look closely may find one of our local native orchids, the Nodding Greenhood, in full flower.

Our local plants are not the only things to enjoy in Beaconsfield's bush in the Winter. King Parrots and young Crimson Rosellas can be seen flying along the Cardinia Creek at this time of year. Frogs are abundant and their calls can be heard in any wet areas along the walking tracks of the reserve. On sunny days, Wedgetail Eagles and other birds of prey can often be seen gliding high above the creek.

One of the most fascinating animals in the Cardinia Creek is a little harder to find. Recent surveys conducted by Melbourne Water and the Australian Platypus Conservancy (APC) have found healthy platypuses living in the Cardinia Creek. Three young platypuses, one female and two males born last Spring, were found in the creek this year.

There are many ways to help protect our local platypus. We can make sure that dogs remain on

leashes near the creek, particularly at night when the platypus moves in search of food. Platypus swim with their eyes closed and are threatened by getting entangled in rubbish. Ensuring that rubbish is disposed of properly helps to keep our creek clean. Remember, what is on our footpaths, roads and gutters will wash into our drains and into the Cardinia Creek!

Finally, the Friends of Cardinia Creek would like to thank Dr. Steve Wait and

the staff of Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre for their generous donation to the Friends Group. This money will assist us greatly in our work to protect our local bush and the Cardinia Creek.

If you would like to help us in this work, call Lisa on 0400 390 131 or visit <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cardinia/Cardinia>.

Our next working bee will be held in the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve, Sunday 25 June, 9am-12 noon. Meet at the Emerald Rd carpark opposite Holm Park Rd (Melways ref 111J9).



Photo – Lisa Loulier and 'Daisy' accept a donation for the Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary from Dr. Steve Wait of Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre.

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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Beaconsfield

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During the time of the mining disaster I had three different radio stations, including the ABC Canberra, phone me for comment. I had to let each announcer down – there is more than one Beaconsfield in Australia

and they have just phoned the wrong one!

One newspaper reporter who phoned however knew exactly which Beaconsfield was which and simply wanted a comment from someone from the Tasmanian Beaconsfield's name sake.

I do not know if you have ever been interviewed by the media. But if you have not, let me tell you, you have to think very fast! I said something along the lines of; "for Todd Russell and Brant Webb it must be

like coming back from the dead". It was the first thing that came into my head.

I have since heard the men on the radio speaking of reprioritising their lives.

One of them spoke of the higher priority he was going to give his family. The awful experience they have lived through has become the catalyst for thinking through just what is and what is not important.

Near death experiences tend to have that effect on people. And again and again it has been my

experience that when people stand back measure what really matters, it is never the money and the processions but nearly always the family and friends.

I along with everyone else wish Todd and Brant every success in their new lives. I hope too, that none of us will wait for a "near death" experience before doing some serious thinking about what really matters in life.

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BEACONSFIELD WWII SOLDIERS - WHO WERE THEY?

by Tony Rushton

When I decided to produce photos of many of the Beaconsfield soldiers I realized that we knew very little of the WWII soldiers who were killed. These men are listed on the Beaconsfield Cenotaph.

Sapper J. W. Dawson VX3491

John William Dawson was easy to find information about as we knew his sisters. John served the army 2/10 Field Company Royal Australian Engineers A.I.F. John died of illness on 24-11-1943 aged 24 years. He was the son of Gregory and Louise Harriett of Beaconsfield. He is buried at the Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery in Burma.



J.W. Dawson

Pte. W. A. Clark

I knew nothing about this soldier so I started looking in the WW2 Nominal Roll on the web and found he was Walter Allan Clark Service No VX41816.

The next thing we found out was that his wife had remarried to a Mr Newton. Olive lived and died in Korumburra. I went through the phone book and rang up some of the Newtons in Korumburra and finally

contacted a grandson who said that I should speak to his father (who was a son of Olives 2nd marriage) and after I told him the story he gave me Lorraine's phone number in Finley N.S.W. Shortly afterwards I received two photos and a letter from Lorraine. This is the Letter.

*Dear Tony,
I am minding 3 of my grandchildren and they are full on. I realized this may be too late for snail mail, so my nephew is coming in the morning to help me scan the photos and send them to you. Hope they come out ok. I am using originals and they are 67 and 64 yrs old photos.*

Info on Walter Allan Clark, VX41816 born Yarram Vic, 25 August 1912 to Owen and Hannah[nee Bullett] Clark.

Married to Olive Eileen Miles @ Fitzroy Vic 1935.

Employed as a Brick Carter for Hicks Brick Works at Officer Vic. At the time dad enlisted we were living in Whiteside Rd Officer. The house was oiled, not painted. My eldest brother, Owen, said it was called Beaconsfield 60 plus years ago.

There are 4 children to their marriage, Owen William b 1937, Errol George b 1938, Lorraine Beatrice b 1940, and Darrel Walter Allan Clark b Jan 1942. Errol was named after Errol Robinson [or Robertson] a Storekeeper and friend of mum and dad. His shop was on the north side of the highway...

... Wally played the mouth organ with a group of locals. "Begin the Beguine" was his favourite number. He spent some time at "Heatherton" a TB Clinic as he had spots on his lungs. Part of the treatment was 7 raw eggs a day. He finally got a doctor to say he was OK to go to war.

When he joined, the Army made him

a Cook. Mum used to say when they got married, he couldn't boil water.

Olive and the 3 kids went to live at her family's home at South Gippsland when Dad joined up. Darrel was born at Korumburra.

Recently going through some old letters, Owen came across some letters of sympathy from local residents.

Wally was posted to Palestine and then to New Guinea. He was KIA on the Kokoda Trail on 08 September 1942. Comraderie is a term possibly not fully understood in today's hectic lifestyle, but the day dad was killed, his brother in law, Corporal Charles Reginald McCallum died also in the same attack.

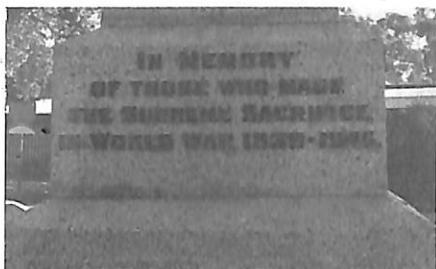
Mum went to Shepparton to meet Dad when they "broke up camp" before he went North. Apparently some bed sheets that failed to get burnt [as was the practice by the Army] wound up back on our beds at home.

When we were teenagers our stepfather, who was a WW1 veteran, took us to the unveiling of the Memorial Gates at Officer. Dads name is on these gates as well as the War Memorial at Beaconsfield.

*Yours sincerely,
Lorraine*



W.A. Clark



Battalion and died 20th January 1942 in Malaya.

Bill contacted his sister Jean Hart who sent me a photo.



Pte. Allan Taylor

Pte. A. Taylor

As I could find no reference to Taylors, I contacted a friend Alan Witham who thought that it might be Allan Taylor who was a friend of the Dennis family who lived in Beaconsfield.

The next step was to see if there was a Allan Taylor who was killed in action during WWII. Only one was found but he enlisted at Royal Park and was on the Childers War Memorial (which is at Thorpdale).

Next I contacted Brian Dennis who knew of Allan Taylor and said to contact his cousin Bill who lived in Warrnambool. Bill told me some things about Allan Clark who worked for the Dennis family in the Mallee then stayed with them at Beaconsfield.

Allan had a brother at Thorpdale who was a dairy farmer and Allan worked for a short time on the farm but didn't like milking cows. Allan then joined the army at Royal Park on 13 May 1941, at the age of 22.

Private Allan Taylor VX55734 was posted to the 2/29 Australian Infantry



The Clark family taken soon after being informed of Wallys death.

RE-ENACTMENT PHOTO

by Tony Rushton



The Re-enactment Photo of the soldiers at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph took place on Sunday 9th April 2006. The groups who were in the photo were the Australian Great War Association, Corangamite Light Horse Association, Gippsland Light Horse Association and the Light Horse Museum. Russell Vincent of Beaconsfield was the Official Photographer and he with his wife Laurelei did a great job.

Special thanks has to go to the groups who dressed up for the photo and to Mayor Bill Ronald who said a few words. The Leader photographer who also attended, got very excited when Wayne (member of the Australian Great War Assoc.) brought out a very old camera and his wife Lyn made out she was taking the photo.

On completion of the session all the group went to the Central Hotel for lunch.

Many thanks for all who took part. Contact Russell on 0409 211 688 if you would like to see or purchase a copy of this historic photo.



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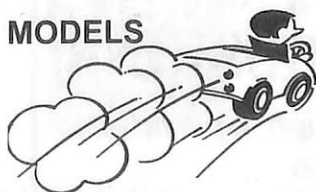
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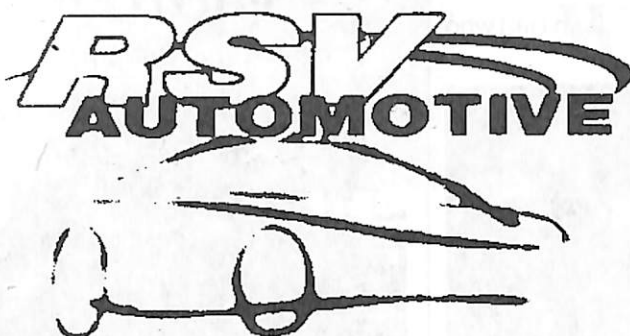
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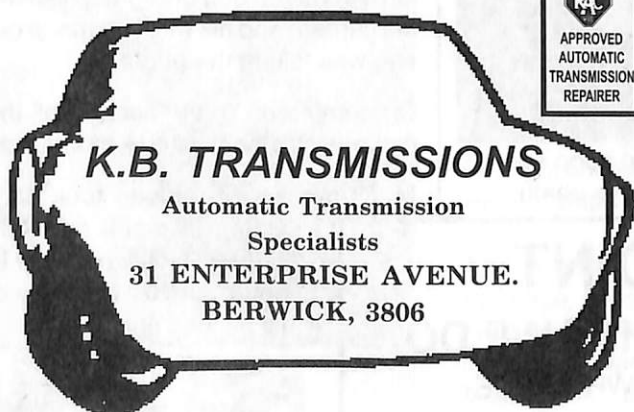
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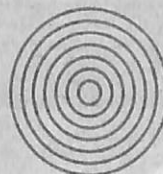
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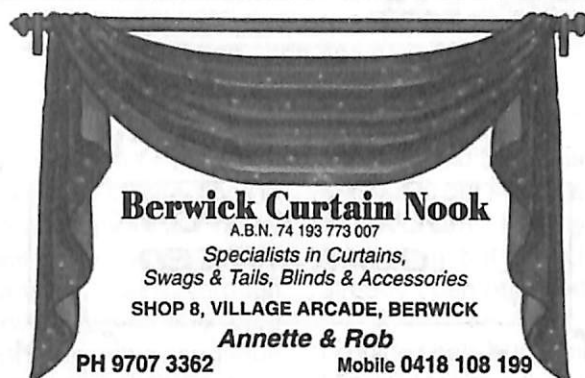
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by Phil Collins

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You can see it is a complex subject and one that I have studied each time I have wiped the sticky fatty deposits from the high spots of the kitchen. Beware of the unscrupulous rangehood installer.

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The draft Council Budget 2006/07 and Council Plan are now out for public comment - any submissions or comments to be in by 21st June after which the Budget will be formally adopted on 26th June.

This budget reflects the priorities of the new Councillors with regard to roads, community welfare and facilities, but also has to deal with the legacy of high debt remaining from the previous Council. Copies of the budget will be available in the community groups, library and Shire offices. CRRRA is interested in your comments
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This \$242 million, 20km bypass is jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments. It will consist of a four-lane freeway between the Princes Freeway at Beaconsfield and Nar Nar Goon Road. Construction works on the Pakenham Bypass commenced in August 2005 and remains on schedule for completion by the end of 2007.

Section One (Western Third)

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.

Significant features in this section are:

- * Bridge structures spanning Cardinia Creek and Gum Scrub Creek;
- * An interchange with westerly oriented ramps at the Princess Highway in Beaconsfield;
- * The extension of Lecky Road to Stephens Road, as part of the local road system; and

- * Twin freeway structures will be constructed to cross over Officer South Road.

Section One also involves a number of the significant environmental protection measures associated with the Pakenham Bypass. These include bridge structures spanning Cardinia Creek and its floodplains, the habitat of the nationally significant Dwarf Galaxias fish. The structures will be approximately 270 metres in length and have been designed to minimise barrier effects and allow flowing water movements.

Construction Update

Detailed design has commenced and the construction of a haulage track from Cardinia Road to the construction site is underway.

Construction works on Section One are due to be completed by December 2007.

Further Information

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PLATYPUS BREEDING SUCCESS IN CARDINIA CREEK

Three juvenile platypus were found in the upper and middle reaches of Cardinia Creek in an all-night survey conducted on April 26 by the Australian Platypus Conservancy in collaboration with Melbourne Water.

Geoff Williams from the APC said he was delighted with the results of the fieldwork.

"The three youngsters—two males and one female—would all have been hatched last spring. They were in excellent condition," Mr Williams said.

It is believed that the species disappeared from Cardinia Creek about 20 years ago following the Ash Wednesday bushfires. A number of young platypus were translocated to the creek in April 2004 in hopes of re-establishing the population. This year was the first time that these animals were old enough to breed. The fact that they have successfully produced healthy offspring so soon is a very positive sign that the reintroduction project—the first of its kind in Australia—is on track.

Six more young platypus were transferred to

Cardinia Creek in April 2005 and late March 2006. With this year's juveniles further boosting numbers, the total group is now close to the size where it could be expected to become a self-sustaining breeding population.

Rob Skinner, Managing Director of Melbourne Water, said. "This is a great result for Cardinia Creek and shows that when we all work together to improve and protect our local rivers and creeks we help to create a healthy environment for populations of native animals such as platypus, fish and frogs."

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).

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X-Wired

by David Griffiths

It's always dangerous when a best-selling novel is turned into a film. Why is it dangerous? Because so many people know the storyline that you set yourself up for open criticism. 'The Da Vinci Code' is no exception with people beginning open slather on the film before it was even previewed in France.

The thing to remember when watching 'The Da Vinci Code' is that it is a work of fiction, so much has been written about Dan Brown's novel so people actually believe it is fact. That's how I viewed the film... pure entertainment.

My biggest criticism of the film is that several parts of it asks the audience to suspend their imagination just a little too much. Fans of the novel will know that the story opens with a murder in the Louvre, but would somebody who is dying of blood loss really have the brain power or simply the time, to leave such a cryptic message for those to find it.

Visually, 'The Da Vinci Code' is the brilliant. Director Ron Howard has worked well with his cinematographer and come up with some spectacular shots that show off Europe in all its splendour, but unfortunately he had a poor script to work with.

The script reeks of one that has been rushed (perhaps the film company wanted the film out while the book was selling so well). The first thing a young scriptwriter is taught is to not 'information-dump' during a script. This unfortunately happens all the way through 'The Da Vinci Code'. It seems that whenever something happens that the writer feels the audience may not understand, one of the characters will explain it out in plain English for all to understand, even if it takes five minutes to do so.

Another highlight of the film is the acting. Again working with a poor script Tom Hanks and Audrey Tatou do all they can to bring the characters of Robert Langdon and Sophie Neveu to life. But the stand-out is Paul Bettany who plays the evil Silas, he makes this film watchable.

So 'The Da Vinci Code' should be watched for two reasons, for pure entertainment and to learn how not to write a film script.

A great film to see at the moment is 'Slither'. It is a zombie horror film with one of the smartest scripts going around at the moment. Starring Serenity's Nathan Fillion, 'Slither' is a must see for horror film fans.

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X-Wired

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I would also like to let Beaconsfield residents know that many people outside the Beaconsfield area support our push to stop a pokies venue from being built in a town. X-Wired has run the 'No Pokies In Beaconsfield' campaign through our television and radio show, and have received support from a lot of people, including well known musicians. They all urge us

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by Nathan Boon

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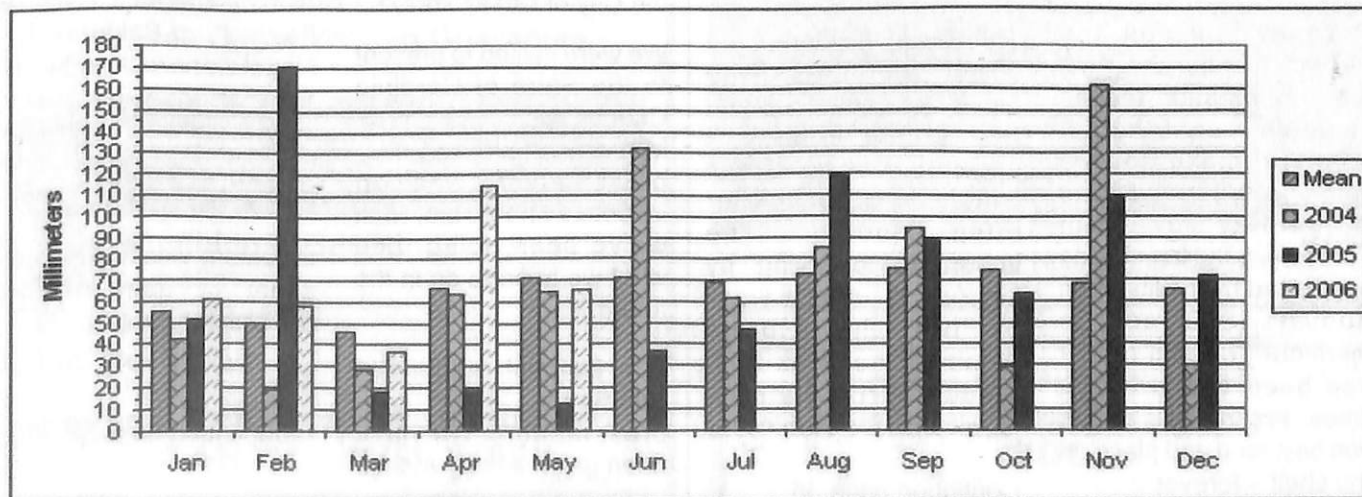
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The light intensity is about 850 w/m², which compares with a bright summers day of over 2500 w/m².

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BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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"WALK AROUND THE TOWN"

by Tony Rushton

On Saturday 20th of May Central Ward Councillors Brett Owen, Mayor Bill Ronald and acting C.E.O. Garry McQuillan joined about 25 residents of Beaconsfield for the "Walk Around The Town".

The group left the War Memorial at about 1pm after a look at the tables and chairs on footpath outside the Bakery (not enough room to walk past with wheel chair). Then a discussion was held re the crossing of Old Princes Highway (too difficult for people to cross when busy.) Footpaths along Woods St were found to be dangerous with unlevel areas. (at the time of this report council has been grinding the footpath level). It was mentioned that some of the new buildings were out of character with Beaconsfield and the lack of parking.

The group continued walking along Wood Street and it was noted that buses should connect with trains

and commuters should not have to walk the full length of Woods St. (Station one end and buses other end) Access from the end of the footpath to station was very dangerous. A great deal of discussion was generated about the Railway Station area and Beaconsfield Ave included adequate lighting, footpath access, open gutters and car parking.

They continued the walk through Souter Street with one resident showing Garry a petition re the closure. Cars and a Taxi have been seen driving around the barrier along the footpath. They noted a tree stump needed removing from the nature strip.

Crossing the Highway into Lyle Ave, Wallace Street and Mahon Ave where residents were concerned with many cars parked in it during business hours and the issues of increased traffic flow.

The afternoon concluded with a drink at the Central Hotel.

VALUED LIBRARY SERVICE

by Phil Collins

Recently I joined the Berwick Library and I am full of admiration for the valuable contribution libraries make to the community. I read "The Greek Key" by Colin Forbes – a thriller. It was purchased by the library in August 1989 and is therefore 17 years old. It has been borrowed 89 times. In contrast is a book you buy, read and place on the shelf – forever.

The staff at the Library are largely volunteers who must love books. When I first joined in 2002 I enquired of a book from which my late Mother often quoted "The importance of Living" by Lin Yutang. After a week or two the Library obtained the book from Wedderburn Library. How's that for Service.

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Competitive ON the track, Cooperative OFF it!

by John Perrin

Dear Editor,

I would like to update you on the progress of our local Cycling Club.

Since we last wrote to you, we held a public meeting calling for people interested in forming a "Bicycle User's Group". We were pleased with the response, and it is interesting that a very large percentage of the audience was from Beaconsfield! Since this meeting we have registered the "Casey-Cardinia Bicycle User Group" (BUG), and started a few "low key" activities, such as pleasure rides.

We have also been invited to become involved with the City of Casey "Cycling Reference Group", which has a group of community representatives who are interested in different aspects of Cycling within the City of Casey area.

We were invited to present to the Shire of Cardinia Council, which we did on Monday 15/May. The presentation was to introduce who we are, what we've been doing, and what we hope to do in the future.

The Council responded positively to our presentation. We have been given a copy of their

"Pedestrian & Bicycle Strategy", and asked to supply feedback. The Councilors asked us to form an on going liaison with their staff, and have invited us to stay in communication & revisit them again with regular updates of progress and community needs. Cardinia shire also expressed an interest to establish their own "Cycling Reference Group"!

We have started an informal relationship with some local Mountain Bike Riders, and have held some very productive discussions with them on areas of common interest. Both our Club & the Mountain Bike Riders are excited to be working together, to "Raise the profile" of the local Cycling Opportunities within our area.

We recently held our "Casey-Cardinia Cycling Festival" on Saturday 13/ May at the new Casey Fields Criterium Track. This was a very successful day, with over 2,000 people attending during the course of the day.

Inclement weather did not seem to dampen the participants' spirits!

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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

by Greg Tomamichel

After our recent Annual General Meeting, we are pleased to have in place a new team for season 2006/7. Luke Sibley has been re-appointed as our Senior Captain/Coach following the success of the previous season and Luke's great work in leading our senior playing group. Our junior members will be managed by John Martin (Junior Subcommittee Chairman), Paul Madden (Junior Treasurer) and Leanne Dickens (Junior Secretary).

The club executive is made of Greg Tomamichel (President) and Don Kerslake (Treasurer). We are still on the search for a Secretary, and would love to hear from anyone with an interest in the role.

We are pushing for some changes in the West Gippsland Cricket Association for the coming season, namely a shift to Under 17, 15, 13 and 11 age groups. We are hopeful of a successful result at the forthcoming WGCA Annual General

Meeting, and will let everyone know of the result in the next Banner.

In the off-season we are also working closely with all of the Beaconsfield sporting clubs to secure more sporting facilities for the Beaconsfield community. Those that read the local papers would be aware of the state of the Perc Allison Reserve and the limitations already being placed on junior football teams. With the continued growth in both senior and junior participation in cricket, we are working hard to demonstrate to Cardinia Shire the need for Beaconsfield to receive support to establish new facilities.

We look forward to a successful 2006/7, and welcome anybody interest in participating as part of our club. Please contact John Martin (9702 2015) or Greg Tomamichel (0438 639 125) with any queries.

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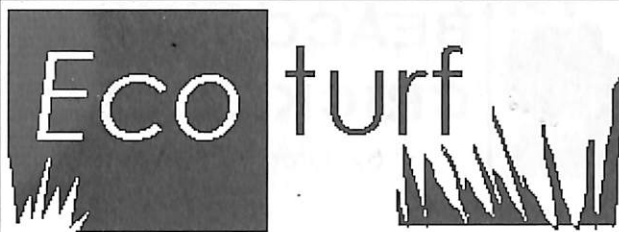
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Never having been a reader – unless you count thousands of motor magazines, I approached the problem finding a book that I could stick at.

The Librarian suggested I try books by Dick Francis, a former jockey. Once hooked, I read every book

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Beaconsfield Primary School again distinguished itself with its overall performance. Beaconsfield PS won the Primary school section of the HPV trial, The Mountain Bike Races, as well as the Novice Bicycle Criterium races.

Beaconsfield PS also helped with one of the largest contingent of volunteer helpers (Certainly it was the largest group of helpers from any of the Primary schools ... and probably only surpassed by the number of volunteers from Berwick Secondary College).

The Club has now established four main areas of activity & subcommittees...

- i) HPV Activities
- ii) Competitive Cycling activities
- iii) "Recreational" Cycling interests
- iv) Mountain Bike interests.

We are constantly looking for new members who want to get involved and see cycling activities increase. There are still many

opportunities to help improve the cycling infrastructure & resources within our local community. Working together in a cooperative manner seems to be one of the best ways to achieve results.

Some examples where we desperately need help are:

- Organising Bicycle Tours for interested people to join. (Tours can be from 1 hour to 1 day)
- Letting others know about what we are doing
- Someone with an organized mind & a few hours to spare each month, to manage our club possessions (Club "Quarter Master" may be a better way to explain it).
- We also need some spare storage space for club possessions (Estimated to be about three full height cupboards!)

If you are interested to contact us, or would like to know more about what we are doing, please feel warmly welcome to contact us via our web site : www.cchpvcc.org.au & use the "Contact us" email link.



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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

GIVE IT A GO NIGHT TIME MIXED TENNIS MID WEEK LADIES TENNIS WINTER/SPRING SEASON STARTS SHORTLY

Beaconsfield Tennis Club offers social night time mixed tennis at reasonable cost for all grades of player throughout the year.

Tuesday A grade for top players, Wednesday B Grade for those that like to have a hit and are interested in the social side of tennis. Both are mixed. Thursday night competition is for men only. Mid Week Ladies inter club tennis for those ladies who prefer day time.

As we go to press the Summer Autumn finals are under way with the coming Winter/Spring season commencing on the following dates:-

Night tennis - Tuesday A Grade 4th July, Wednesday B Grade 5th July with Thursday men's having already commenced their Winter season. Their Summer season finals saw A grade "Vipers" victorious over "Top Guns" and B grade "Night Stalkers" victorious over the "Late Arrivals".

If interested in joining in any of these competitions please give the appropriate co-coordinator a call on the numbers below. Cost is \$8 per night.

Mid Week Ladies – season commences Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 4th to 6th July and is open to club members only.

Future Development.

Our club is always seeking ways to improve facilities with tree planting recently completed in the car park area. In conjunction with the Football, Cricket and Netball clubs we have also commenced regular meetings with Shire of Cardinia representatives to monitor development of sporting facilities in the Beaconsfield area with our interest obviously slanted to improving tennis facilities. We are well aware of the developments being made in the Shire of Casey and the development at Sweeney Reserve. Our aim is to ensure the same if not better facilities are made available within our area with as much local input as possible. Should you have a view to the local tennis needs please do not hesitate to let us know in order for us to pass this on to Shire representatives.

Junior Tennis

Winter season is well under way.

Our Summer competition saw two teams as Runners Up. Congratulations to Sections 5 and 14 Gold.



Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186
Secretary: 9707 4287
Treasurer: 9707 2575

Night Tennis
Tuesday Mixed A Grade: 9707 2909
Wednesday Mixed B Grade: 9707 4287
Thursday Men A & B: 9707 4507

Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852
Junior Comp: 9702 5251
Coach: 0401 003 077

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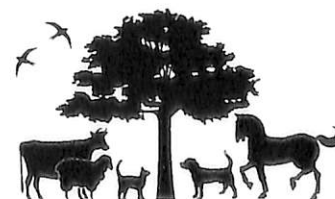


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