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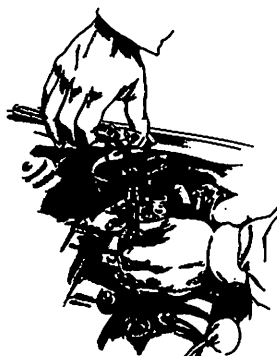
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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Meeting Update

At the July meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, Les Reader accepted the position of Acting President until the Annual General Meeting to be held on October 17th.

Meetings of the Progress Association have been regularly attended by Councillor Brett Owen and Sergeant Bruders from Pakenham Police Station. They have not only given reports on what has been happening in Beaconsfield but have been willing to discuss issues from concerned residents at the meetings.



Annual General Meeting

The Progress Association Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 17th and we welcome everyone to attend.

Please consider nominating to be a committee member. Nomination forms can be obtained, prior to the meeting, from the Secretary, David Morland on 9707 4160. The nomination form needs to be returned no later than 7 days prior to the AGM.

Jason Wood Attending November Meeting

Jason Wood, Federal Member for Latrobe, will be a Guest Speaker at the November Progress Meeting scheduled for November 21st, 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to speak with Jason.

WHY YOUR COMMUNITY OF BEACONSFIELD NEEDS YOUR HELP. Why You Should Become Part Of The Beaconsfield Progress Association.

by Nik H

The Beaconsfield Progress Association is a voluntary group of committed people who have the interest and desire to do their best for the community they live in. The BPA was formed to represent and help the community of Beaconsfield, in its dealings with the local council and State Government bodies.

The BPA strives to help our community, to meet the challenges of a rapidly growing society and to deal with the invasion of modern life styles on our village' identity.

We need people, like you, who have a strong community spirit and a desire to help as best they can, in what ever capacity they are able to offer.

We will always encourage new members, we

welcome their new ideas and a fresh outlook on current activities.

The BPA has been involved in many successful issues and with further support from the Beaconsfield community it will continue and grow in strength and unity.

We need you to become a member and together we can build a strong community spirit.

The following is a brief excerpt from our 'Statement of Purpose';

* To promote the interest of the Beaconsfield township, including development of policy(s)

* By cooperation to promote harmonious dealings with any public matter in the interest of the district.

* Examine the impact of future development of Beaconsfield, make submissions to relevant authorities.

* Communicate the objectives of the BPA to residents and organizations in Beaconsfield Township.

"We need to build a strong community spirit with a clear sense of belonging"



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CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

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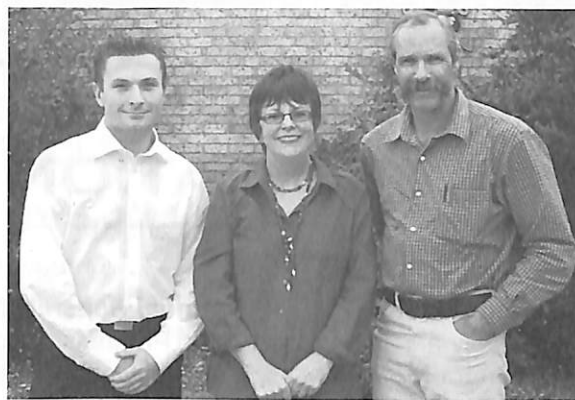
In May, Council wrote to the Victorian Transport Minister about the urgent need to improve and increase car parking at Beaconsfield Railway Station. In response, Murray Cullinan, Deputy Director of Public Transport advised that planning is underway for initial improvements to, 'Park and Ride' facilities at Beaconsfield for construction in 2007.

The car parking upgrade involves the construction and sealing of 130 car parks. This is great news

for Beaconsfield and will reduce the current pressure on residents and commuters. I look forward to the upgrade.

SHOP IMPROVEMENTS

Earlier this year, I was approached by shop keepers in the strip of shops on the south side of the highway adjacent to the Wood Street Kindergarten, regarding concerns of graffiti and vandalism. Victoria Police conducted a crime prevention assessment on the area and made numerous recommendations.



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

At the July Council meeting, Council moved to improve lighting at the front of these shops, repair Council owned fencing, review vegetation and also encourage the owners of these shops to improve fencing, reinstall a lockable gate and improve lighting at the rear and side. I am hopeful that these proposed changes will improve public safety and reduce incidence of crime in the area.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

As part of Planet Ark's National Tree Day, on Sunday 30th July, the shire organised a community tree planting day at Hilltop Reserve in Beaconsfield. It was the first community activity at the reserve and the Council hopes it will lead to the formation of a local friends group.

The event was an opportunity to introduce local residents to the reserve, raise awareness of the unique flora and fauna, and to encourage the community to get involved in caring for the reserve. Future activities at the Hilltop Reserve include a spotlight and nature walk in September. For more information on

Environmental Community Groups in Council reserves, contact Council's Natural Resource Officer Rob Jones on 5945 4274.

INCREASED HOURS FOR MOBILE LIBRARY

Beaconsfield's mobile library service has changed its times. The service will be on Wednesdays between 12 noon and 7.00pm. These new increased times allow Beaconsfield residents an increased opportunity to access the library's services.

The Mobile Library can be accessed outside the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Complex on O'Neill Rd.

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SHOCK HORROR

by Ted Horton

On Saturday 18th June at approx 11.00 am. I noticed a driver very dangerously parked on the road side bend under the viaduct on the north side. He was pulling a dark blue box trailer, lower in height than that of the bridge above.

He appeared to be either loading or off loading 2 large white bags approximately 1 cubic metre square. I was too busy concentrating on the dangerous traffic conditions to take his number or name even. It was near impossible for two opposing vehicles to pass there.

Imagine my horror when ten minutes later I returned to witness the two large

bags left there in full view on the roadside verge and the motorist had gone.

I stopped and inspected the contents of the bags to check for personal identification. Unfortunately there was nothing but domestic appliance packaging in one and a heap of dirty smelly pizza boxes, food scraps and drink cans in the other. Each bag measured at least 1 metre x 1 metre x 1 metre.

How can anyone have such blatant disrespect for the environment ? Shame on you !

This area seems to have become a dumping ground for rubbish and the fibreglass roofs off horse floats.

Cardinia's 'Indigenous Plant Guide' is here!

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gardening and more time doing what you love."

Rob Jones, Cardinia Shire's Natural Resource Officer worked closely with the City of Casey to provide a comprehensive guide that is simple to use by farmers, friends groups and people in our townships.

Help preserve and enhance one of Cardinia's greatest assets - its natural environment and get your copy now. The booklets will be mailed out to rural properties. For township areas they will be available from the customer service counter at the Shire Offices in Pakenham.

Media enquiries or further information contact Miranda Long on 0407 302 574



NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

by Phil Walton

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade held its annual dinner and awards night on 22 July 2006. The highlights of the night were the awarding of the Bob Burgess Award for the Firefighter of the Year to James Cain and Life Membership of the Brigade to Murray Johnston.

The Bob Burgess Award is named in honour of Bob Burgess who was a distinguished captain of the brigade for many years prior to his death in 1993, and the award was presented by Bev Burgess who is a Life Member of the brigade.

James Cain has been a member of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade for the past 5 years and has earned the respect of brigade members through his commitment to training and equipment maintenance, and his professional approach to firefighting activities.

James is a qualified wildfire crew leader, and over the past 12 months has been responsible for the training and support of 6 new members of the brigade to achieve the qualifications necessary to be active firefighters within the Country Fire Authority.



Pictured: James Cain (second from left) with Captain Michael Ott and Bev & Glenis Burgess.



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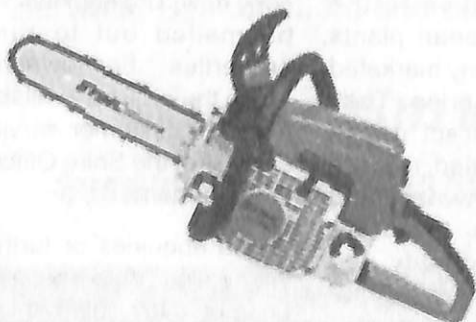
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Murray Johnston has been a member of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade for the past 30 years, having joined in 1975. Murray has many stories to tell about his experiences in the brigade from battling the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983 which had a devastating impact on the district to a more light hearted story about a melting "Yogi Bear" at a fire in a playground.

Murray served as a Lieutenant in the brigade for many years and has involved in the development of training standards for volunteer firefighters in the CFA across the state. Murray's experience is recognised by old and new members of the brigade alike, and makes him a worthy recipient of a life membership of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.

Also receiving awards on the night were:
 Ron Woodfine - 30 year service award.
 Glenn Dorning - 25 year service award.
 Matteo Di Carlo - 20 year service award.
 Don Tye - 20 year service award.
 Jenny Tye - 12 year service award.



Anthony Hester - 12 year service award.
 Graeme Baldwin - 12 year service award.
 Chris Chudleigh - 5 year service award.
 Glynn Owen - 5 year service award.
 Debb Smith - 1 year service award.
 Cale Savage - 1 year service award.
 Danny Martin - 1 year service award.
 Matt Baldwin - 1 year service award.
 Brendan Reed - 1 year service award.
 Amie Oliver - 1 year service award.
 Andrew Wenzel - 1 year service award.

Pictured above: Murray Johnson (middle) with Captain Michael Ott (left) and Tony Lukas.

The awards presented to members who are all volunteers recognises not only their commitment and service to the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade, but also to the wider Beaconsfield community. Congratulations to all.

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal



"TERRIFIC TUESDAYS"

Terrific Tuesday is a curriculum smorgasbord of fun and learning for Grades 5&6. Children were given the opportunity to select the activities they were interested in and explored different activities as sewing, knitting, woodworking, cooking, ball sports, HPV performance training, 'Frangipani Art', instrumental music classes, belly dancing and science.

The children had a fantastic time, learned lots and made the most of their small group opportunities. Here is a report from our young scientists who are learning about the human body: this week - Deoxyribonucleic acid, better known as D.N.A!

Pictured
Sam, Ben
and Dana.



On Tuesday the 25th of July it was Terrific Tuesday. A group of 12 were in Science learning about DNA. We used kiwi fruit and sliced the skin off the kiwi fruit. Then we put the fruit in a cup and mashed it up with a fork. We used kiwi fruit to extract DNA from it. We added some detergent. We put it in a pot and left it in the pot for 15 minutes. While it was in the pot we saw DNA on the computer. When it was done we took it out and poured it into wine glasses. We took Methylated Spirits and poured a little bit into each glass and the DNA sort of floated on top. With a spoon we took some DNA and magnified it.

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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.



TRAVEL CLAIMS WITHIN AUSTRALIA

Many taxpayers are required by their employers to travel to country and interstate locations in connection with their employment.

The employer may pay directly for expenses or accommodation, meals and incidentals but this is often impractical particularly for smaller amounts, where it is difficult to obtain receipts.

As an alternative employers pay travel allowances to employees

which are subject to special treatment for periods of an overnight stay up to 21 days. Provided that the amounts of the travel allowances do not exceed Australian Taxation Office prescribed amounts depending on location, type of costs incurred and salary level of the employee then receipts or other written documentation is generally not required and these travel allowances would not be included in an employees PAYG Payment Summary. If however the travel allowances paid to the employee and all claims for deductions are subject to substitution requirements or having receipts, other documentary evidence and diary records of minor cash

expenses. Some examples of maximum travel allowances that would not need to be substantiated in respect of the year ending 30th June 2007 are as follows:

Salary to \$84,250	Accom.	Meals	Incidentals	Total
Sydney	158.00	79.35	14.95	252.30
Brisbane	141.00	79.35	14.95	235.30
Geelong	89.50	72.10	14.95	176.05

Salary \$84,251-149,750	Accom.	Meals	Incidentals	Total
Sydney	196.00	93.70	21.35	311.05
Brisbane	172.00	93.70	21.35	287.05
Geelong	107.00	78.65	21.35	207.00

Salary over \$149,750	Accom.	Meals	Incidentals	Total
Sydney	265.00	116.00	21.35	402.35
Brisbane	216.00	116.00	21.35	353.35
Geelong	151.00	116.00	21.35	288.35

If you do not want to be subject to the substantiation requirements including obtaining receipts for travel etc., then you should ensure that the travel allowance does not exceed the rates for accommodation, meals, and or incidentals for the location(s) visited. Any travel allowances paid in excess of prescribed amounts of reasonable travel allowances need to be substantiated in full with receipts, written

documentations and diary records.

The substantiations of the trip for income tax purposes should be discussed with your Accountant in advance of the travel and not left till after the end of the financial year at tax return preparation time.

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Due to the growth, they, in conjunction with Australia Post are putting in a third terminal (the renovations) so during our busy times and especially leading up to the Xmas rush they will have 3 people serving. This will help keep the queues down and maintain current service levels to the Beaconsfield community.



MIDWAY NEWS

Midway is a friendly and fun-loving 50's plus men and women who meet each week to enjoy activities, a good chat and plenty of laughter. Trips and outings are organized for those interested.

The photographs were taken at one of our recent 'fun days' at Midway. Our 'Pin up Girl' was Dorothy Besecke.

Midway is held on Mondays, 1-3pm at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on O'Neil Rd.
Phone Gwen - 9707 2904.



ORGANIC BUSINESS INCLUDING CAFE'

With a firm grounding in the food and beverage industry and healthcare sector, over many years, the newest business to soon open its doors for trading "The Organic Source" has a vast array of experience and knowledge.

Darren being a chef for almost 28 years, has an excellent awareness of food trends and an eye for quality produce. Denise has worked and studied in the health field for 15 years at degree and postgraduate levels with a special interest in natural medicine. By marrying this together with a passion for a naturally healthier lifestyle, they will endeavour to provide customers with a much needed and sought after service within our community.

They aim to primarily source out the best quality local organic produce. With these products and groceries including Gluten free items and high-quality services as the basis to developing their business, they know they will achieve a successful niche in the organic industry.

Denise and Darren invite you to come and browse and have a cuppa at their cafe'.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

"What a burden of fears we all carry, What a sea of tears we hide below the surface, What hidden hates eat deep into our hearts, No wonder our bodies are ill, With these emotions held so still, and pushed into the bones and flesh, So that they will be forgotten, If only we could undo this mesh, How free and beautiful we could be." (Marjorie Pizer)

This poem has a lot to say when thought about. Human beings are very complex creatures and we are a mass of emotions which can be the well spring of happiness and contentment, or can take us to the depths of ugliness and despair. Whether we like it or not we have the capacities to become saints or sinners. We make choices and whichever road we choose, that is

where we will take ourselves. People who are in a chronic state of Aggression have anger on the surface and fear underneath. They tend to meet opposition wherever they go and if the opposition is not there in the beginning, their antagonism soon produces it. They are intolerant, argumentative, and dogmatic. They know they are right and will not waste their time listening to others. If anyone thinks differently from themselves then that person is wrong.

Such people not only have a small circle of friends but are also on their way to a heart attack and early death, or perhaps cancer and a lingering demise. This is an emotion that kills and sadly, is the signature of a wasted life.

Resentment (or smouldering anger) is a great destroyer of all that makes life worthwhile. It is really a state midway between fear and anger and can do enormous damage to the sufferer. There is much hostility inside and can be hidden by a charming manner with an overlay of secrecy (mustn't let people see my simmering hatred, after all I want to be respected and thought superior by others). These people will almost certainly develop cancer of the stomach due to the bubbling acids over many years and be puzzled as to why!

If negative emotions become a daily part of your life then your health will be affected, not just possible, but will be. It is a medically known fact that people who maintain a largely positive and bright window to the world enjoy better health and success in life and this is on all levels. It is not to say their lives are free of problems that beset us all at times, it's just that they are better at dealing with them. Once dealt with they forget it and move on, never forgetting the lesson learnt, but not stewing on it and letting it pull

their health down.

George William Curtis put it very simply, "Happiness lies first of all in health." This saying by John Stewart Mill is very topical for today's world. "I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than in attempting to satisfy them." A worthy thought for our consumer mad society!

Emotions are many, but to those who can keep those on an even keel reaping rewards over their lifetime will make that life rewarding indeed.



AUSTRALIAN FLAG IS FLYING IN BEACONSFIELD

A new flag pole has been positioned near the cenotaph at the corner of Wood Street. The pole was organised by Cardinia Shire and the new flag made possible by Jason Wood.

Thanks to Don, who for many years has ensured the Australian flag is raised and lowered and in more recent times, together with Michael, to make sure the flag is proudly flying in Beaconsfield.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

This seems to have been an exceptionally cold winter, but this is just right for staying inside, keeping warm and doing some crafts.

Would you like to try some beautiful ribbon flowers, using the French wired ribbon and produce pansies, fuchsias, roses and daffodils? They can be used as brooches, in pictures and cushions and on greeting cards.

Shadow trapunto is a very subtle type of quilted embroidery, lovely to see and try.

We also have glass painting and a range of greeting card ideas. As always we have ceramics and patchwork and embroidery and lots of ideas for knitting.

Again this year we are making and collecting items for our boxes for Samaritan's purse. We fill boxes with personal items such as hygiene, education, playthings and clothing for children who have nothing at Christmas in developing countries.

Saturday 11th November is the date for Make and Mingle's famous craft fair and quilt and crafts display. We have handmade craft, craft supplies and demonstrations, Devonshire teas and a quilt and craft display. Note this date in your diary, more details to follow.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday during school term, from 10am-12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Souter Street and Old Princes Hwy, you are always welcome. Details Ann 9707 1996

DONATION TO THE COMMUNITY

The Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre is proud to announce that this editions donation goes to the Beaconsfield Boy Scouts.

The Aim of Scouts Australia, Victorian Branch is to encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people so that they

may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

Scouting is for boys and girls aged 6 to 25 years; youth members can join at any age or level.

We wish them all the best and thank them for their efforts.

NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR BEACONSFIELD TRAIN STATION

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook

I am delighted to inform Beaconsfield residents that a \$230,000 upgrade of the pedestrian crossing at Beaconsfield train station is now underway, an upgrade for which I have been lobbying for strongly on behalf of residents. It is one of the larger pedestrian upgrade projects within the state and when completed, will be accessible to those in wheelchairs as well as parents with prams and the elderly.

There will be additional safety features at the upgraded crossing which will include full height, active pedestrian gates which will be triggered by the approach of a train plus audible warnings. This will greatly improve safety for all users of this crossing.

However, work to improve this station is not finished. I am still working to address the concerns with the state of the car park. As it is, the car park is inadequate to

service the local community. It needs to be sealed as well as provision made for additional car parking spaces. I will keep working on the station until these much-needed additional improvements are made.

On 24 July, the Premier of Victoria The Hon. Steve Bracks MP officially opened the new pool in Pakenham, Cardinia Life. The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Justin Madden, was also in attendance. The facility was funded by both state and local governments and

again showed how important it is for us to work in partnership to achieve adequate infrastructure and services for the community.

There has been more good news for Beaconsfield Primary School with a grant of \$9,673 for the purchase of additional computers and ICT equipment. It is vital that our children have these critical tools to equip them with the skills they need. This additional funding, along with the commitment to link all



government schools to broadband, will assist our children with their learning.

Communities in Cardinia have just received over \$292,000 in grants for developing a shire wide volunteer network (\$175,000) plus the purchase of two community buses. One of the buses, funded with a grant of over \$58,000, will be run by the Cardinia Shire Council, while the second bus (\$59,210) will be run by Emerald Community House in partnership with Fernlea House and U3A. These community buses will help link people across the townships in the Shire and ensure that vulnerable groups, like the elderly, have transport to access essential services.



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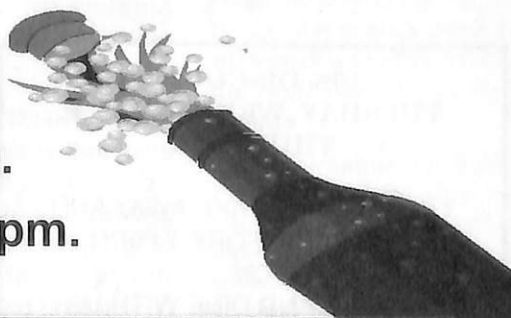
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Pumpkins: Collect a few seeds from your favourite type of pumpkin and lay out on a paper hand towel to dry out. When completely dry, place in a jar or paper bag (which I prefer) until the correct time for planting. This same principle can be carried out with cucumbers, peppers and squash.

Peas and Beans: These should be left on the vine until the pod starts to crack open, the seeds then put into a paper bag and allowed to dry out.

The legume family produce nitrogen nodules on their roots from atmospheric nitrogen dragged down into the soil. They can also be dug into the soil as a green manure. By planting peas and broad beans in winter and French beans in summer, we can harvest a crop of delicious food as well as adding nitrogen to the soil.

If you have the space in your garden patch, dig a large hole and bury your vegetable peelings, as this is once again nourishing the soil and breaking down

the soil and encouraging the worms to be active. Of course, don't be surprised if your peelings germinate and you find vegetables starting to grow in odd places in the vegetable patch. Potatoes are especially prone to do this.

I grow garlic and chives amongst the plants and allow marigolds to grow in their rampant way as these plants tend to keep the insects and grubs at bay. Also some of the stronger smelling herbs, such as thyme also tend to keep unwanted plant eating insects and grubs away.

Now is the time to mulch both the vegetable garden as well as the flower gardens. A thick heavy mulch will keep the weeds at bay and the few that work their way through are easily pulled out. Spread dry animal manure near but not on your plants for stronger growth.

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Admission is \$5 with a pass and \$8 without a pass. Passes and further information can be obtained by contacting the Cardinia Shire Council Youth

Services Team on 5945 4351 or email your details to youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au. You can also pick up a pass from Leading Edge Music, Pakenham.

This event is fully supervised, drug, alcohol and smoke free. There will be no pass outs on the night. St Johns ambulance and security will also be at the event.

The Battle of the Bands will be held at Pakenham Hall, corner John and Henry Streets, Pakenham, on Friday 18 August from 7pm to 11pm.

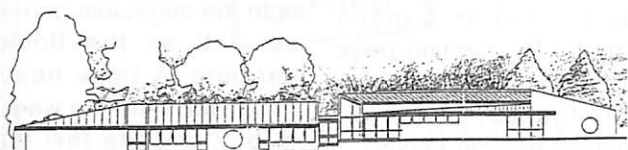


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A WORD FROM WOOD

*by Jason Wood,
Member for La Trobe*



Earlier this month a constituent alerted me to the state of the car park at Beaconsfield Station. When I had a look for myself I didn't see a car park - I saw a swamp. It is a disgrace. Beaconsfield deserves better.

I got in touch with Connex and was told that under the terms of its contract with the Victorian Government Connex was only required to grade the car park once every four months!

Connex even had the audacity to suggest - without a hint of irony - that

commuters from Beaconsfield should wear gumboots!

This shows that neither Connex nor the State Government give a hoot for train commuters, pardon the pun.

With problems in the Middle-East sending petrol prices skyrocketing commuters are flocking to public transport.

Connex and Bracks, get your act together. Beaconsfield deserves better.



FRIENDS MEET IN FIJI

Dulcie, Tony, and Simone Rushton recently flew to Fiji and spent time with former Beaconsfield residents John and Maryanne McNeil.



*Pictured: Back row: John and Maryanne McNeil
Middle Row: Dulcie and Tony Rushton
Centre front: Simone Rushton.*

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Inc

Phone 8768 4400 Located in the Beaconsfield Community Complex on O'Neil Melway 214 B1

by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

Our winter term is well underway, and we are starting to plan for Christmas. Our programs are still growing, and we are looking for new tutors who have the skills to take a variety of classes or workshops. If you can help and would like to share your skills please phone Mim or Heather at the Centre to arrange an interview.

Remember it is YOUR Community Centre! The program reflects the community needs and inputs! New ideas always welcome!

Tax Help at the Centre

Free Tax Help is available at the Centre every second Wednesday during Term 3. Tax Help assists people on

low incomes with their tax matters. Please ring the office to book a time with a Tax Help consultant.

Strength Training for Older Adults now costs less.

The weekly cost to do our Strength Training class has dropped to \$5, thanks to a new subsidy. The class involves exercises and stretching to improve strength. Come along to improve your health with our qualified and experienced teacher, and enjoy meeting others with similar goals.

Can you make great Christmas decorations and fabulous centerpieces?

We are looking for tutors for

one day workshops in November or December. We have had enquiries for flower arranging, making centerpieces, and Xmas decorations. If you have skills in these areas, please contact the office ph 8768 4400.

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help out with various tasks at the centre.

If you have about an hour to spare on Monday mornings to help with Toy Library, your help would be appreciated.

We are also looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate our Thursday afternoon table tennis group. This is only a small group, but we need someone to liaise with players and join in a game.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre will be held on **Tuesday 10th October at 7.30 pm** at the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

It is your Neighbourhood Centre, so why not think about joining the committee, especially if you are a Centre user. All committee positions will be vacant and we would like to encourage members to nominate to help run this important community resource. Our Centre is growing, so this is a great time to join the committee and have a say in shaping your local resource as well as creating some new friends. Nomination forms will be available at the Centre.

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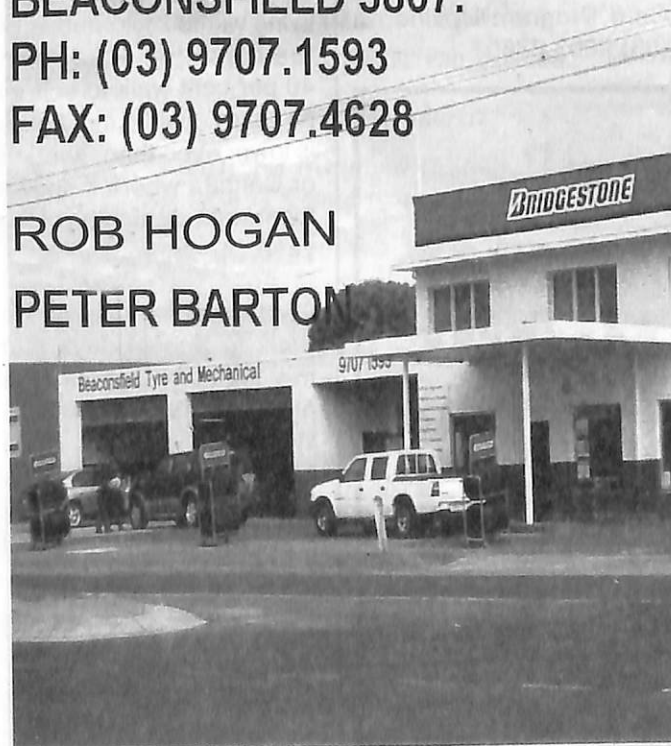
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STEP YOUR WAY TO A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE

Seniors over the age of 65 years throughout Cardinia are being encouraged to put on their walking shoes and step on down to their local libraries where they can present their Seniors Card and loan a pedometer kit, as part of the SEALS/10,000 Steps Program.

The program, recently launched in Cardinia Shire, aims to increase the level of physical activity among older adults and has been running successfully throughout libraries in the City of Casey over the past 12 months.

National Physical Activity Guidelines recommend that Australians – young and old – engage in at least 30 minutes of moderated physical activity on all, if not most days of the week.

Cardinia Shire Councillor Ed Chatwin, a supporter of the program, encouraged others to get active by collecting a pedometer from the Pakenham and Emerald libraries, or a

mobile library, and walking 10,000 steps a day.

"It is relatively easy to get involved and to keep active at any age and don't make excuses," he said.

"You can do your 10,000 steps in stages – you may want to take a walk somewhere, take a break and then walk back. You might be surprised at just how easy it is to achieve the 10,000 steps. I encourage everyone to take a step and help prolong their life.

"Just trot along to your local library and grab your pedometer kit and keep on going," Cr Chatwin said.

The kits contain a pedometer, a step log book and local walking maps. The pedometer is a small device that is designed to clip onto clothing near the hip and registers each step you take.

The SEALS/10,000 Steps Program is funded by the

Department for Victorian Communities, in line with the broader Seniors Go For Your Life initiative. The program committee, including members from the South East Primary Care Partnership, the Casey–Cardinia Library Corporation, Cardinia Shire Council, Cardinia–Casey Community Health Service, Greater Dandenong Community Health Service, YMCA and Eastern Ranges GP Association have worked together to set-up the program within Cardinia.

The committee strongly encourages all seniors throughout Cardinia to become involved in the no-cost program, either as an individual or as a group, as the physical, social and emotional benefits associated with walking are well recognised.

For more information on the program or to reserve your kit, contact Emerald Library on 5968 3925 or Pakenham Library on 5941 2036. To find out more about obtaining a Seniors Card, contact the Seniors Card Program Hotline on (03) 9603 8860.

GET FIT AND SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT – JUST BY WALKING TO SCHOOL

On Tuesday 1st August students all over Cardinia Shire put on their walking shoes again to take on the third 'Walk to School' day to raise awareness of the benefits of walking to school.

Beaconsfield Primary School children are actively involved in the Walk to School program on a daily basis with volunteers walkers on set routes within the township.

Walk to School days aim to encourage greater physical activity among primary aged children – walking to school offers many benefits compared to passively sitting in a vehicle. Despite 80 per cent of children living within 2 kilometres of their school, less than 40 per cent walk to school regularly. Sadly, this figure is lower even than Sweden or Canada where it snows for at least six months of the year!

For further information on Walk to School days and the Walking School Bus program, contact Council's Walking School Bus project officer Marie Witts on 5945 4314 or email m.witts@cardinia.vic.gov.au



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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Spending Our Rates

I am a fan of our local Beaconsfield Progress Association Meetings. An hour and a half of healthy community interaction and debating. One of the monthly highlights is the report by our Ward Councillor. Our current Councillor, like his predecessor, never fails to give an informative insight

into what our Shire is doing for Beaconsfield. Last month Brett Owen gave us news on the sealing of our station car park and the matter of car parking during football matches on the Beaconsfield Emerald Road. The previous month our councillor arranged a "walk through the town". This resulted in significant footpath repairs and improvements. Our Council constantly seeks to stay alert to the local issues raised at our BPA meetings. This is what I believe our Shire should be about, and I for one commend our Council.

Currently, next door, the City of Casey is considering establishing an Inter-Faith Forum. A Council funded network that will formally link together the various religious groups in their city; Christian, Muslim, Hindu and every other religious group that may exist.

I am not convinced that we should pay rates in order to help religious groups organise themselves! I believe people of faith are quite capable of organising their own religious activities without Council help. There are some things that

Councils are meant to do and there are some things Councils would be better leaving alone. I hope an Inter-Faith Forum never gets on the agenda here at the Cardinia Shire. I would like to see our rates spent on more productive things.

So, Cardinia; "please spend our hard earned rate money on fixing our roads and removing our rubbish and when we Christians and Muslims and Hindus need to get together for a chat we will arrange our own meeting and will buy our own tea and biscuits".

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Photo from the Adamson Collection.

Cardinian Embroidery

by Ann Taylor

The final stitches were added to the Cardinian Embroidery at the end of July. Many residents, families and friends have worked on this exciting community project. In just over two years, 216 people have embroidered 350 features and well over one thousand have added their names to the name panels.

We now have 8 large panels 1.4m x 1.9m in size. They show the main features of all the towns in Cardinia. Our town Beaconsfield is represented on a panel with our neighbouring towns of Rythdale Officer and Cardinia.

Features you will recognize on the Beaconsfield panel include, The Buff Hall, Cardinia Park Hotel, Beaconsfield War Memorial, Kenilworth Coach House, Beaconsfield Baptist Church Hall, Entrance to Beaconsfield Park, Beaconsfield Central Hotel, Old Post Office, Bull's Raw (Old Parkes Butcher Shop) Old Adamson's Hardware Store, Houses in Wood Street, Beaconsfield Primary School, Viaduct, Bowman's Track, Station Master's House, Roberts corner, Mount View, Villa Mar, Beaconsfield Community Complex, Holm Park, Mt Misery and Pink Hill.

The Rythdale, Officer, Cardinia part of the panel includes, the Rythdale well - head., Officer Memorial Gates, Cardinia General Store, Cardinia School, Cardinia Rec. Reserve, Cardinia Presbyterian Church, Williamson's prefab cottage Officer, Officer Union Church, Burgess's cottage, Hicks Brick Factory, Cardinia Public Hall, Musgroves horse float, Randolph's tankstand, tiny, Officer Hall, Boon's glasshouses. Russo's apple orchard, Kadoona Park

and Cardinia Park.

These features have been worked in a variety of embroidery techniques, including machine appliqué, free machine embroidery, cross stitch, and black work.

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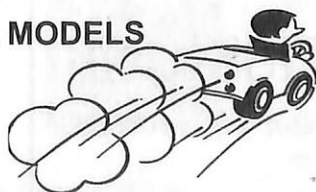
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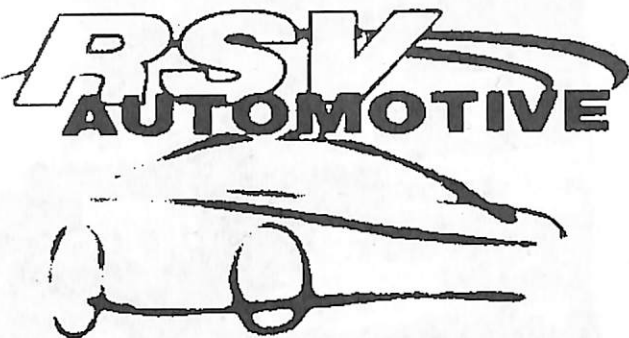
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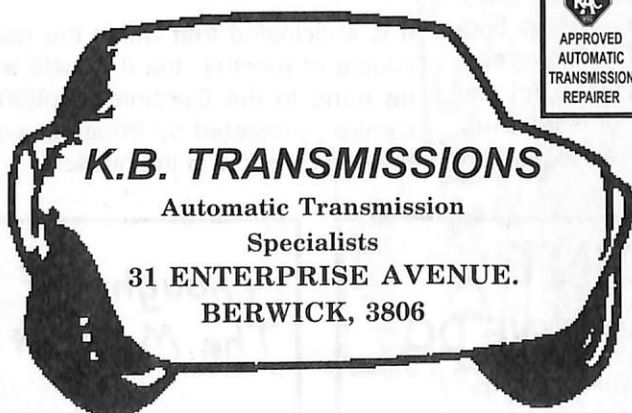
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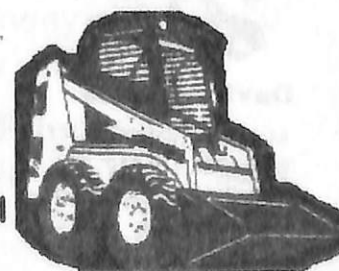
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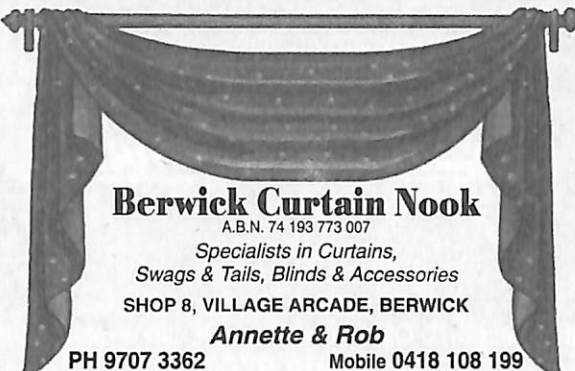
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

I was recently reminded of the dangers of buying a restored or renovated house. The same applies to old cars which are 'born again'.

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Our house is about 35 years old and we replaced the roof (corrugated iron) - a house 70 years old with an original must be suspect. My niece bought a renovated Victorian and found that the lovely fireplaces no longer had their chimneys attached - that is they stopped once

through the ceiling. Lovely old houses need to be thoroughly checked by reputable surveyors before the sale is complete.

Always keep some left over paint. A small patch can then be painted without the need for colour matching or even a whole wall repaint. Keep the left overs in small tins (available from the paint shop). It last longer in a smaller tin.

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The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club are a step closer to being fitter, healthier and more active thanks to the launch of a community fundraising effort to help them achieve their personal best.

Local AMP Financial Planner, Michael O'Rourke announced that AMP will lend its support to Beaconsfield Junior Football Club to help with the purchase of training equipment.

The club currently has a large player list and due to the numbers currently train at 3 different locations. This of course means that they need the training equipment at each location. This is the second season that they have applied and been granted the AMP sponsorship and "we would like to thank Michael O'Rourke from Pakenham Financial Services for his support with our function," said Greg Kelly, the Revenue Manager.

A Comedy night was held at the Beaconsfield Community Centre which raised over \$3,000 which will be used to purchase training equipment.

The fundraising event was supported by the AMP Personal Best Program, which will dollar match the community fundraising event up to and including \$2,500.

Michael O'Rourke said AMP recognises that local communities play an important role in providing facilities and helping to foster the talent of our future sporting greats.

"Community activities and sport turns individuals into teams and teams into champions, providing a strong platform from which a better community future is built," Michael said.

The AMP Personal Best Program is a three-year community sport initiative focused on helping Australian communities to achieve their personal best.

The program provides selected Australian sporting teams and individuals with assistance in planning for the future and achieving their goals through a range of clinics, grants and other assistance.

Within the AMP Personal Best Program, selected teams and individuals have the chance to benefit from Personal Best Coaching Clinics, which provide expert advice from a seasoned professional to help refine their skills.

Personal Best Grants are also offered to selected local sporting organisations by dollar matching funds raised by participating AMP Financial Planners in conjunction with those organisations.

The program also recognises certain individuals who have made an important contribution to their local sporting community, helping behind the scenes either as a player or supporter, through the AMP Community Hero awards.

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Grants For Local Business Groups

by Philip Jackson

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The Cardinia Business Partnership Program will consider projects that focus on these types of areas:

- * Business development and marketing initiatives that provide greater opportunities for economic development and employment creation.
- * Planning for the future i.e. developing business and marketing plans
- * Skills development for the group members
- * Improved marketing of local products
- * Projects which help to deliver high quality products and services

Last year, the Cardinia Business Partnership Program supported the

formation of the Cardinia Better Bookkeepers Network, assisted The Koo Wee Rup Business Association to produce and distribute brochures and the Cardinia Tourism Group to develop marketing plans for its members. It also enabled the Australian Asparagus Council to promote asparagus at the ABC gardening Festival and the Spring Harvest Festival.

Staff from Cardinia Development will run an information session on 15th August and will assist groups to develop their application in accordance with the program guidelines and objectives.

Applications for the program will close on 8th September 2006.

For more information about the Cardinia Business Partnership Program, including the Program Guidelines and Application form contact Cardinia Development on 5945 0400

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X-Wired

by David Griffiths

Who has the right to tell us what films we can and can't see? Is it the Government or any of the different bodies that review films? Or are we, as adults, intelligent and mature enough to choose what we fork over our hard-earned cash to see.

Recently I had the pleasure of sitting down and having a chat with Australian director, Ana Kokkinos. Kokkinos doesn't hold back in her films. Her first film 'Head On' explored the topic of a Greek boy, Ari, realising that he is gay.

Mostly the conversation revolved around the launch of 'Kokkinos' new film, 'The Book Of Revelations'. Once again Kokkinos tackles a full-on topic. This time it tells the story of a young dancer, Daniel, who is abducted and sexually assaulted by three women.

Yes, the film isn't everybody's cup-of-tea, but it is a topic that surely should be explored in today's culture. Tom Long, Colin Friels and Anna Torv are exceptional in their roles and as Kokkinos told me, "delights to work with". She certainly didn't mean to set out to offend and certainly doesn't deserve the articles that some 'gutter journalists' have written about the film saying that it didn't deserve government funding and should be banned in cinemas. Like I said before, who is the Howard Government to tell us what we can and cannot see? And don't get me started on the people who classify

films, one guy who used to do that job, banned as many films as he could and then left the position to form his own porn company.

The other film I really enjoyed is 'Superman Returns'. Being the geek I am, I was always going to be one of those people who went out to see this film straight away. I'm still half-and-half on whether I liked the film or not. Firstly, the storyline of 'Superman Returns' is brilliant, it's darker and edgier than the Superman films of old (but not quite as bad as 'Batman Begins'), but several things don't work for me with the film. Some of the special effects in the film are excellent, but then some films are so obviously filmed in front of a blue-screen it's not funny.

Secondly, Brandon Routh seems to be uncomfortable as both Clark Kent and Superman, he didn't seem to fit into either roles, and with terrific actors playing Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth) and Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) it showed. And because of his poor acting, for once I watched Superman and thought Lois is an idiot for not realising Clark is Superman. Still 'Superman Returns' is definitely worth it's money at the box office and is a must for all sci-fi and Superman fans.

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

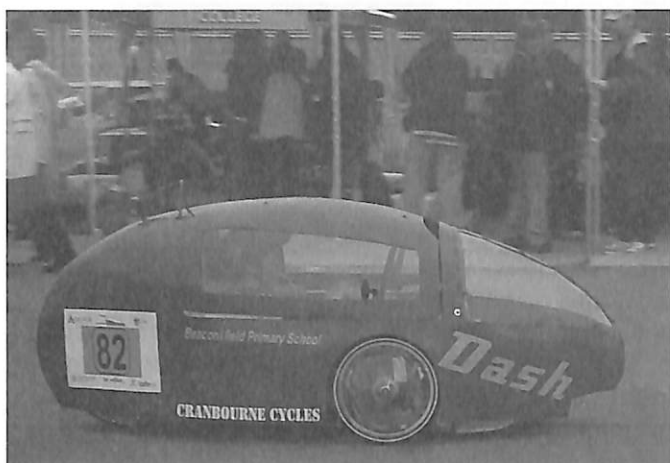


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The next interstate race scheduled for Dash will be September 15th-17th at Murray Bridge, South Australia. See full report on page 32.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Fathers Day
16th Sept. - 1st Oct.
Vic. School holidays
19th - BPA meeting

NOVEMBER

21st - BPA Meeting

OCTOBER

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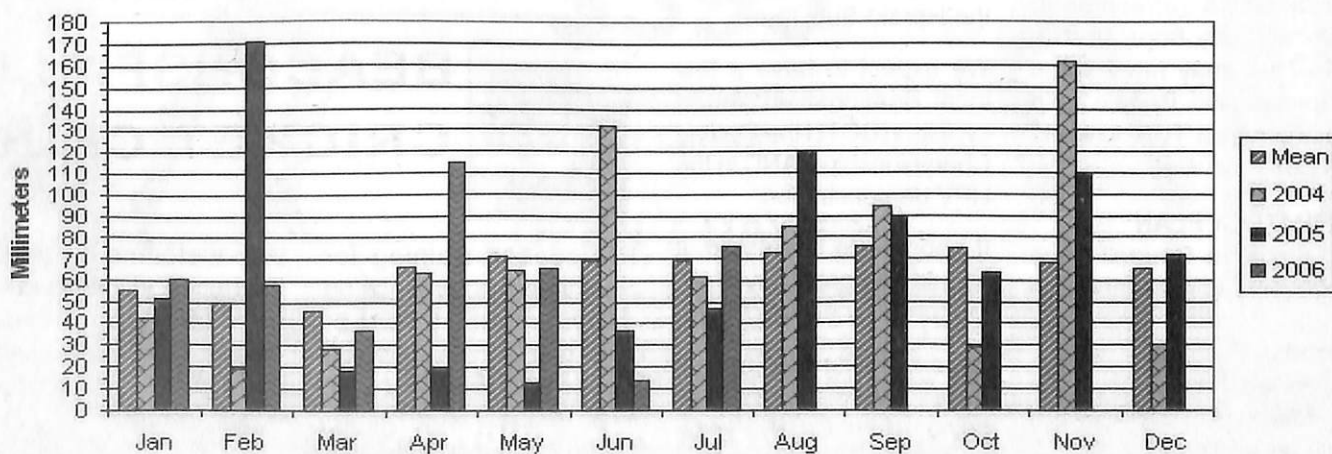
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BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

During the last 2 months we have seen very little rain, a total of 90ml for June and July.

With only 14ml of rain in June, it was a very dry start to winter. It was the lowest recording for June I had in my records which date back to 1985. This however is not the lowest amount of rain that has been recorded in a particular month. The lowest amount I had was 4ml which was recorded in February 1997.

According to the Bureau of Meteorology website the total for June recorded in Melbourne was 8.6ml. This was the second lowest on record, with the lowest of 8ml being recorded in June 1858.

During July, 76ml of rain fell over 14 days. This was 8ml above the July average of 68ml.

The last 2 months have also been extremely cold at night with the June average night-time temperature of 6.3°. This is well below the average of 7.2°. On several occasions temperatures dropped below 0°. Melbourne's average day time temperature for June was equal to the average of 14.3°.

The yearly rainfall total stands at 426ml, the exact average for the first 7 months of the year.



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Within the clubs four areas of activity and subcommittees - HPV activities, Competitive Cycling, Recreational Cycling and interest and Mountain Bike interests - awareness is increasing and results are being achieved. The following is a summary of some of the tasks being undertaken.

RIDE TO WORK DAY

We're preparing for our first "Ride to work" day on 4th October with Cardinia Council - target is ride to Pakenham. Information will be published in the Pakenham Gazette, as well as on our club web site www.cchpvcc.org.au If anyone wants to email or phone for more information, they should contact Mr Shane Stanley Phone: (03) 5942 8237 or email to: cyclist@internode.on.net

The objective of the "Ride to Work" will be to ride to a Central Location in Pakenham (Yet to be agreed with Cardinia Council) for a light breakfast & refreshment. We actually hope that in 2007 we may have some Beaconsfield People help to organise a "Ride to work" in Beaconsfield.

STRATEGY PLAN

* Cardinia Council have asked us to give inputs to their "Walking & Cycling Strategy Plan" which is being reviewed. I have not yet got a date for this interview. If you are interested contact us via the website.

SOCIAL RIDES

Organising more "Social Rides" ... we've been invited to participate in any of the "Social Rides" which are being organised by other BUG's.

Web sites worth watching are: www.calendarhub.com/pub/darebinbug regular rides organised by Darebin BUG and www.bv.com.au, fun rides on the Bicycle Victoria web site.

Some Locals ride on Sunday (Weather permitting) leaving Pakenham Main Street Pedestrian Crossing outside Post Office, Rides in August starting at 7:30 am. Rides are for fun ... NOT competition (Comfortable pace) Rides are around local roads/tours/sites. Usual distance approx 50km For enquiries, contact Shane Stanley on (03) 5942 8237.

HPV ACTIVITIES

The local HPV club has been invited to help put on a demonstration HPV event on 14th October in Carlton. This will coincide with the conclusion of the "Victorian Schools Cycling Championships", PLUS the Herald-Sun Tour.

We expect to have a few local Beaconsfield young cyclists in BOTH the Cycling Championships, AND in the HPV demonstration.

If people are interested, it should be a great day of fun & interest for all spectators.

Zone Qualifiers for School Cycling Championships are being held at Casey Fields. A record 210 entrants are participating.



HPV TEAMS RACE INTERSTATE

Australia Made, Dash, Catwoman and Superman were the team names of 4 local bikes that raced in Adelaide on the last weekend in July.

The Community Team of Australia Made left a lasting impression on South Australia after they competed earlier in the year and came first. However with some mechanical problems this time they now hold an overall position of 5th in the 4 race competition. Murray Bridge is the scene for the last race in September and they will be

focused in their attempt to improve their overall position.

Dash, Catwoman and Superman are all well known names of Beaconsfield Primary School HPV (Human Powered Vehicles). Catwoman held on strong to a 38th place in the Primary School category and after some mechanical problems Dash was rewarded with a 47th place. Superman, the adult team, were thrilled to have gained a 12th position in the open category. They will also be competing in Murray Bridge.



Photos courtesy: N. Boon



BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Pre-season training for Seniors will commence on 14th August at 6pm at Casey Indoor Sports Centre (Vesper Drive Narre Warren). Queries or information contact Luke Sibley (BCC Senior Coach).

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Freewheeling across Cardinia

by Georgina Downey, Shire Communications Officer

Join in the 'freewheeling' fun next school holidays with Cardinia Shire Youth Services Team skateboard and BMX clinics.

The school holiday break once again saw the Cardinia Shire Youth Services Team provide the always popular skateboarding clinics. For the first time clinics were held at Lang Lang Skate Park and Garfield Skate Park and again at Gembrook Skate Park. The school holidays also saw for the first time in Cardinia Shire, Freestyle BMX workshops, held also at the Lang Lang, Garfield and Gembrook Skate Parks.

The skateboarding clinics and Freestyle BMX workshops were held over three days in the first week of the holidays. Both the clinics and workshops were offered to young people aged 10-18 years who live, work or recreate in the Cardinia Shire. The Skate Park activities were a resounding success for the young people and for the local community.

Riders and Skateboarders from beginner to advanced explored their talents on the cement slopes and learnt new tricks and perfected

their moves under the instruction of YMCA Skateboarding coach Ryan Harbottle and BMX coaches Michael Brands and Kristy Brown (otherwise known as 'LIVIT').

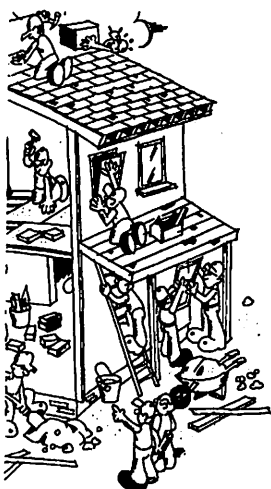
"The activities provide a great opportunity for young people to engage in outdoor activity in a focused and supervised environment" said Tara Stokes, Youth Programs Officer.

Skateboarding clinics and Day Tours to Skate Parks in other municipalities have been organised by the Shire for the last 12 months with the activities slowly building up momentum to now have an established following with regular attendees. The June holiday programs have received raving reviews from parents and young people all around the Shire.

Skateboarding Clinics and Freestyle BMX Workshops are held every school holidays throughout the Cardinia Shire. If you would like to register your interest for future activities or be put on the Cardinia Shire Youth Services Mailing List then please call Tara Stokes on 5945 4307 or E-mail youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au

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Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

by Brian McPhie, President

The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club has for the first time in the club's history fielded 16 teams this year. With 380 players and over 700 parents, the club can proudly claim a membership of 1,000. We are in fact the 6th largest junior football club in Victoria.

Last year was the most successful for the club, having 6 teams in grand finals and five returning home with a premiership flag.

The greatest challenge for the club in the coming years is to find another ground for training and playing. The population explosion through the south east growth corridor has seen previous Council's fail to plan and provide sporting facilities for the influx of young families into the area.

The sporting groups within the Beaconsfield area have combined to form the "Beaconsfield Sporting Clubs Action Group" to address the current and future sporting needs with the current Council.

These talks have seen Cardinia Council allocate \$120,000 to upgrading the Eagles Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve home ground. This money will allow much needed drainage and returfing to be carried out over summer.

A further \$200,000 has been allocated to the development of the O'Neil Rd oval. When reconstructed, this ground will be suitable for junior cricket and football games in

the younger age groups only.

The current Council has shown a genuine commitment to meeting the needs of the local youth that was sadly ignored by previous councils. We are hopeful that both grounds redevelopment will be completed in time for the 2007 season.

The BJFC predict that it will only be a few years until we field 20 teams. This cannot happen at the moment as the club has had to cap numbers until further grounds are made available within the district. The club is passionate about providing the opportunity for all junior footballers to participate in their chosen sport and will continue our crusade with Council until the necessary facilities are in place.

As the footy season comes to an end the planning is underway for the club presentation day. Every one of our players will receive a participation trophy together with a free drink, sausage sandwich and fairy floss.

The all day entertainment and rides is the highlight of the year for all the players and their families on this day of fun and socialising.

It is the efforts of our 30 odd committee members that make our club so successful, so I would like to acknowledge their contribution and dedication in making 2006 another fantastic year, both on and off the field.



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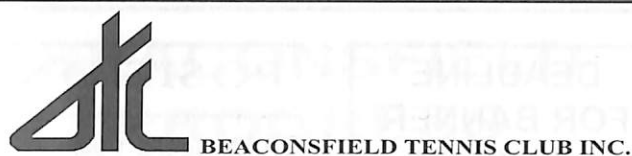
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Junior season starts shortly:

Now is the time to make a move if Junior tennis is on your planned activities for the coming Summer (and Autumn) season. Competition commences early October with teams fielded on Saturday mornings in Berwick & District Tennis Association and Sunday mornings in Waverley & District Tennis association. Open to all ages up to 18 years, players need to be a registered club member. Contact our Junior co-ordinator if interested in joining our Summer brigade of teams.



TENNIS NEWS



Night Tennis Well Underway – Players Always Welcome

With all courts lit, our night tennis facilities are becoming more and more popular. The numbers of participants in our current Winter night competition exceed previous Summer numbers. Despite this we can always make room for others to join at any time. For the sake of history, premiers in our inaugural Wednesday night B Summer competition were "SAMM" with runners up "The Lobbers". Tuesday night A grade teams competing for the "Richard Dickie" Becker trophy saw premiers "TBA" victorious over "Beauty and Beasts". All teams enjoyed an end of season two course meal served at the clubhouse with presentation of trophies by club president Ian Ayre.

2006/07 Club Annual Membership Fees

Junior \$50.00. Student \$65.00 Senior \$95.00. Family \$190.00 plus \$17.50 public liability insurance per person. A once off \$20 joining fee (\$40 family) will apply to new members – not applicable to juniors.

Night Tennis fees are \$9.00 per person per night (members \$5) which includes \$1.00 social levy covering end of year season event.

Casual court hire for non members is \$5.00 per player.



Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186
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