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## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GIVEN THE GO AHEAD

At the September Council Meeting the tender submitted by Streetworks P/L. to install pedestrian-operated signals in Beaconsfield was accepted.

The proposed work includes  
- relocation of the bus bay and shelter on the north side of Old Princes Highway  
- installation of traffic signals, pram ramps, paving and line marking.

Pedestrians have found it increasingly difficult and dangerous to cross the road safely. These concerns have been voiced by residents, business owners and the Progress Association to Ward councillors both past and present and to the road authorities.

Works are expected to start this month with a completion date set for December.

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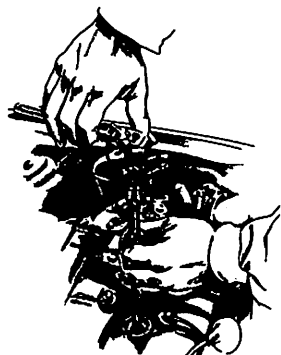


Picture: Russell Vincent

'Catch of the Day' by Beaconsfield Cricket Club's young and very talented wicket keeper Madison Andrews pictured diving in front of the slips for a spectacular catch. See full cricket report on page 36.  
Photo by local photographer Russell Vincent.

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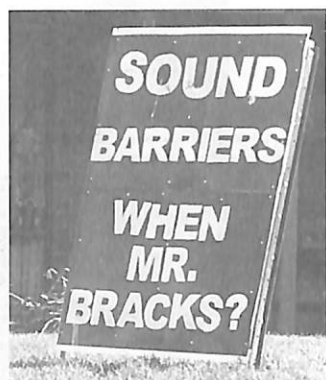
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## HAVE YOU NOTICED THE SIGNS?

Residents are asking the questions and have been for many years.

The Beaconsfield in Casey Residents' Action Group (BICRAG) continue to

make their message clear that sound barriers are urgently needed and that the issue of noise barriers in Berwick and Beaconsfield will not go away.



## NEW BUS SHELTER AND SERVICE



New Bus Service 836 travels via Berwick shops to Casey Hospital on Kangan Drive.

## CHOICE AWARDS FOR TWO BEACONSFIELD BUSINESSES

Cardinia and Casey food outlets that provide healthy and affordable eating options were recognised as part of the Cardinia Shire and City of Casey's commitment to promote healthy lifestyles in the community.

Four Cardinia food premises and twenty four in Casey were presented with a CHOICE (Choosing Healthier Options in Casey & Cardinia Eateries) Award on September 20 at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. The award program sets to prove that fast food can also be healthy food.

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield winners:

- Beaconsfield Newsagency and Milk Bar, 12-14 Old Princes Highway.
- Bullsraw Steak and Sushi Restaurant and Bar, 23 Wood St., Beaconsfield

The City of Casey launched the program in 2005. This

year, Cardinia joined forces to establish the program across both municipalities under the Sprouting New Ideas initiative funded by VicHealth.

Local restaurants, hotels, cafes, bistros, takeaway and sandwich shops interested in taking part in the healthy food program were encouraged to apply for accreditation under the CHOICE Awards. Award winners will be promoted throughout the two council areas to inform the community of the availability of healthier food options.

The CHOICE Awards program provides food premises with the encouragement, support and recognition, to lead the way towards excellence in safe food handling and hygiene, nutrition, and increasing the affordability of healthy foods.

"It offers great promotional opportunities for businesses, and improved food options for Cardinia and Casey residents," said Sara McAlister, Project Officer.

All participating food premises underwent a thorough assessment conducted by Cardinia Shire and City of Casey Environmental Health Officers and an Accredited Practising Dietician from the Cardinia-Casey Community Health Service. Premises were assessed on safe food handling and hygiene, nutrition, and affordability of healthy foods.

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# CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

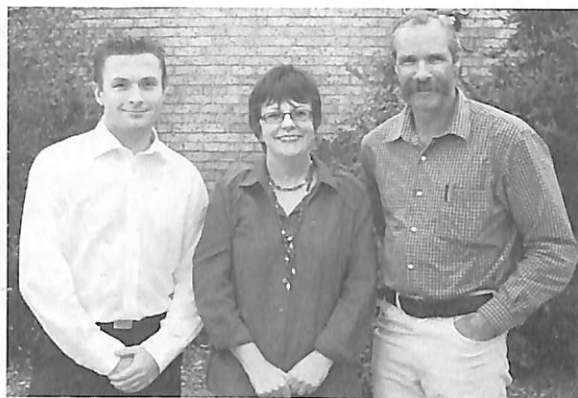
Council has recently held a number of Youth Strategy public forums around the shire. The information and input received at these forums will contribute to developing the new Cardinia Youth Strategy. The updated strategy will give council the appropriate direction in meeting the needs of our youth and providing them with quality services and activities.

The increasing incidence of graffiti around our growth townships is an issue that I am very concerned about.

I am currently on a

committee that is looking at ways in which council can address this issue. One of the initiatives on the agenda is the implementation of an accord with local traders to restrict the sale and display of spray cans and marking pens. I also encourage residents to report graffiti on council owned property such as council buildings, light poles, signs and bus stops. For removal of graffiti from council owned property, please phone 1300 787 624.

Council is continuing to



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

lobby Vic Roads for improvements to the intersection of the Old Princes Highway, the Princes Freeway and the Princes Highway as part of the construction of the Pakenham By-Pass. Such works would improve congestion at peak times and increase safety. An improved intersection with a pedestrian crossing with signals would also allow council to improve pedestrian access from the Panorama estate to the Beaconsfield Township by providing the safest and most direct link. The footpath could be extended from Panorama Avenue along the southern side of the Princes Highway to the intersection of the Old Princes Highway and the Freeway. I urge Vic Roads

and the state government to upgrade this intersection.

Council is hoping to implement the RECHARGE initiative within townships around the shire. RECHARGE is about supporting people in our community who may require an accessible power point to recharge their electric scooter while they are out. It will allow people who use electric wheelchairs/scooters the reassurance that they are able to visit the local shopping precinct without fear of not being able to make it home. I encourage Beaconsfield businesses to consider providing a recharge service. For further details, please contact Lita Vickers at the shire on 1300 787 624.

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## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2007

Cardinia Shire Youth Services are seeking enthusiastic young people to share their ideas in organising National Youth Week 2007.

expected that 2007 will be no exception. Young people aged 12-25 years of age are encouraged to become involved.

Youth Services Officer, Jade Stubbs stated that National Youth Week continues to get bigger and better each year and it is

Anyone interested should contact Jade Stubbs on 5945 4351 or e-mail [youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au).



# MAUREEN RECEIVES LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Pictured: Maureen Hester holding the 2006 Premiership trophies won by Berwick Netball teams.

Berwick Netball Club has honoured current President, Maureen Hester, with Life Membership of the Club. Maureen has been a loyal and dedicated member of the club for twenty one continuous years.

Maureen, a long time resident of Beaconsfield, first became involved with Berwick Netball Club in 1985.

During this time Maureen has been a positive influence at the club and held the various executive positions. Maureen has always given freely of her time and can be seen sweeping courts before matches, undertaking the many housekeeping jobs that always need doing around the club rooms and attending the many meetings and functions at both club and league level.

A lot of work has been done during the last few years to enable Berwick Netball Club (BNC) to be actively associated with the Berwick Football Club in MPNFL Casey/Carindia

League including the development of new courts and clubrooms and Maureen has been passionately involved in both the transition period as well as future planning.

Maureen is excited about the way the Berwick Netball Club is progressing. During the 2006 Winter season all the BNC Junior teams made finals, with U15's Dandenong team winning Premiership and U13's Peninsula runners-up. The Senior teams played magnificent netball with the C' Grade winning their first Premiership.

At the Senior Presentation evening, Maureen and her daughters Belinda and Virginia all received trophies recognizing their efforts during the year. Virginia who played in B grade received the Umpires vote for Best and Fairest and Belinda who also plays B Grade was awarded the Open Most Valuable Player. A fantastic family contribution to the club.

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Pictured : Belinda Hester ( left) and Virginia Hester (right).

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*by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie*



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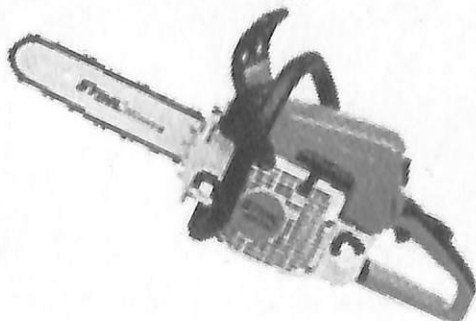
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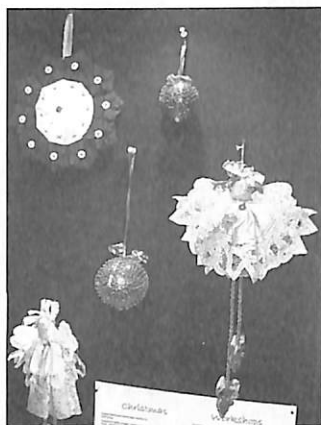
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## CHRISTMAS TIME IS APPROACHING



We have scheduled several Christmas workshops during October and November to help you create a special gift or decoration. Christmas Patchwork Angels, Festive & Christmas Chocolates, Christmas Cards and Christmas Decorations. Each class includes all relevant kits and materials.

See the display in the foyer. Tutors will be displaying their work at the Open Day in November.

## FUNDING

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre committee are thrilled to receive extra funding from the State Government.

This is valued support that allows us to continue to provide locally based learning opportunities for the community of Beaconsfield.

## INVOLVING OLDER ADULTS

Gwen and Miryam, two volunteers at our centre are working on a project to encourage older residents in Beaconsfield and surrounds to be involved at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

"We are sure that older residents have great ideas and hidden talents that can

be passed onto others," says Gwen. "Besides this is a great way for learning new skills, meeting new friends and making life more fun and exciting."

If you would like more information or would like to discuss ways in which you can volunteer at the centre, Contact Gwen, Miryam or Centre Co-ordinator on 8768 4400.



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## NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

by Phil Walton

### Are you interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter?

We currently have a need for new members in our weekday volunteer response team. So if you are available at least some weekdays during business hours, this is your chance to join our team.

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade is made up of male and female members across a range of ages. Your skills, energy and a little of your time can help to make your community a safer place to live.

We'll give you the best training and the latest equipment, but as a volunteer there will be no pay. What you will get is the satisfaction of helping make your community safer, the excitement and adventure of emergency work, new skills, new friends and social activities.

If you are available some weekdays during business hours, contact Marc Graham on 9707 3507 to learn about how you can become part of our team.

### Prepare for the summer fire season

Once again summer season is fast approaching, and dry conditions over winter and warm windy days in September suggest the summer fire season will arrive early this year. Now is the time for residents living in the more fire prone areas to the north of Beaconsfield to be preparing for the summer fire danger period. If you live in a fire prone area, you can expect several days on which you, your family and your house may be threatened by fire. You need to know exactly what you will do on these days. Some important questions to be asking yourself are:

\* Do you have a plan in the event of a fire in the area?

\* Will you stay and actively defend your property or leave early before a fire starts?

\* Have you prepared for a fire including cleaning up leaves and flammable material in your gutters and around your home, and having the right clothing and equipment to fight a fire?

If you are not sure about the answers to these key questions, it is important that you seek further information from the CFA's brochure "Living in the Bush" which is available on the CFA website ([www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)), by calling the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667, or by calling the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade on 9707 2121 on Sundays between 9.30am and 12noon.

## CARDINIA MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE INCREASED HOURS FOR BEACONSFIELD

Beaconsfield residents have an increased opportunity to access the mobile library. Since October last year the staff have seen a steady increase in members accessing the Library but are excited about the increased hours in Beaconsfield and wish to invite all residents to drop in and discuss their library needs. Membership is Free.

The Mobile Library visits on Wednesday from 12 noon to 7.00pm outside the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Complex on O'Neil Road.

The Casey-Cardinia Library produce a monthly newsletter. Hard copies of October Pages are available at the various libraries or you can download your copy at [www.cclc.vic.gov.au](http://www.cclc.vic.gov.au).



## CAROLS BY THE CREEK 17 December 2006

The Annual Beaconsfield Community Event to be held in the Bob Burgess Reserve at 7.30PM on Sunday December 17th is the time set for our 2006 Carols by the Creek. Free songbooks and candles will be provided for everyone.

Bob Burgess Reserve is an ideal spot for the whole family to come for a picnic tea in the afternoon and

settle back for an evening of Christmas Spirit. Rugs and chairs are generally an advantage.

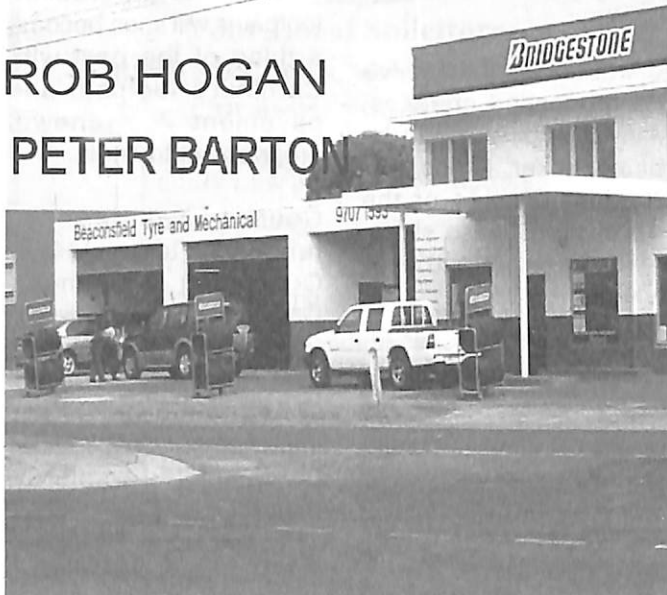
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## FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS DESK

*by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.*



### ATO Compliance Program 2006/07

Each year the Australian Taxation Office provides an overview of its Compliance Program and focuses on areas of concern for the next financial year. All types of organisations including Non-Profit entities and Government Organisations are included. The Australian Taxation Office is more sophisticated in data collection and matching procedures and also uses data records of Federal and State Governments as well as Financial Institutions.

Some targets of the recently released 2006/07 ATO Compliance Program include the following:

- Individuals  
 Reviewing high income earners (over \$1 million), the cash economy, late lodgement of outstanding returns, checking high value tax refunds, claims for rental expenses and calculation of Capital Gain Tax Liabilities.

- Small Business  
 Review of registration, lodgements and outstanding debts, dealing with new provisions covering fuel tax credit and entrepreneurs tax offset, additional reviews of GST Activity Statements and compliance of employer obligations.

Education is the key approach in this Sector.

- Small to Medium Enterprises  
 Major area is non compliance of lodgements by due dates, inadequate record keeping and non-compliant registrations, targeting wealthy individuals and integrity of returns of entities associated with the high wealth individuals.

- Large Businesses  
 The major priorities continue to be ensuring appropriate tax paid on profits and Capital Gains as well as accounting for tax on international dealings.

- Non Profit  
 Organisations Review of registrations and further education to improve information and reporting including GST and FBT.

- Government  
 Organisations Priority in checking FBT and GST refunds but mainly to pursue best practice procedures.

There are more resources available to the Australian Taxation Office and they are becoming more sophisticated in utilising this data. You should consult your Accountant on any areas of concern in compliance of taxation responsibilities.



## AN INTRODUCTION TO AUSTRALIAN CHEESES

By Ross Doherty

The most popular cheese type consumed in this country is Cheddar. More and more are the 'non cheddar' varieties increasing in popularity. As wine became more sort after, so did the public's interest in these cheeses, especially when using cheese platters.

There are four different cheese groups according to the Australian Dairy Corporation. They are: hard cheeses, firm cheeses, soft ripened cheeses and soft unripened cheeses.

With the first 'hard cheeses group' they are granular in texture. Usually Italian type grating cheese. The most common are Parmesan, Romano, Pecorino and Pepato. There are now new variations eg. Chilli Pecorino (aged and fresh).

The 'firm chesses' include such cheeses as Edam and Gouda (Dutch type),

'eye' types, Danish Samsøe and Swiss and of course the English Cheddar.

The 'soft ripened' group of cheeses include the 'blue and white' types and the Greek style Fetta and Italian Mozzarella.

The last group contains such types Cream cheese,

Cottage and Creamed Cottage as well as smooth Ricotta.

Apart from all of these are the processed cheeses. Many of us grew up with the 'Blue Packer' Processed Cheddar Cheese or the Processed Cheese slices. Very convenient and easy to keep.

This is a part of a series.



Footnote: Ross Doherty is a Dairy Technologist and Cheese Judge at the Royal Melbourne Show Dairy Awards and the Victorian and Australian Championships.

Ross and his wife Julie have a regular cheese stand at the Akoonah market, Princes Highway. You can find them at stall site 37 outside Shed A2, on the Princess Hwy side of the market.

## WALKING ON EVEN GROUND

Uneven and cracked footpaths will soon become a thing of the past with Cardinia's footpath and pavement renewal program set to begin.

Council awarded the tender to Jasper Concreting of Cannon's Creek, who will now get underway with the rolling program of footpath construction and improvements, expected to be completed within six months.

"The footpath program will be spread across the shire, benefiting residents in all wards. Council is undertaking this program to help reduce hazards for all footpath users and to improve the overall amenity, creating linkages where none have existed and improving access to new and existing buildings," he said.

Footpath works will be carried out to link existing developments to the footpath network, create access to new buildings, link existing footpaths, and improve access to shops and facilities for all users but especially people using wheelchairs, motorised vehicles, strollers and trolleys.

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## OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

In this age of world travel, as millions of people move around our globe for various reasons we are apt to give little consideration to the greatest journey of all. From Marco Polo to the Moon landings we humans have been tireless explorers with a burning desire to know. Before we visit another country we learn as much about it as we can before we get there, a very sensible thing to do.

Consider the age of the entire Universe at billions of years and the average human lifespan 70 to 90 years and clearly our presence here is measured in seconds compared to universal time. A somewhat sobering thought!

The greatest journey is surely the non – physical, the journey we must make

at some stage of our lives; there is no choice here, it must and will happen.

There is an indestructible part of us called the spirit, the true person, and this survives the death of the body.

The spirit is not bound by any particular religion, it exists whatever the beliefs of the human being it inhabits, and be it Atheist, Agnostic, or any other world religion of orthodox flavour. The stone age people of Europe existed long before man made – religions entered the world and yet they had strong beliefs in an afterlife of a purely spiritual nature, and many indigenous peoples of the world still revere and pay homage to the Spirit of their departed and this is often referred to as the

religion of nature. Our Australian Aborigines still have this belief under any veneer of white religions. To them all is simply Spirit whether of men or all nature.

Accepting that we are spirit first and body second, surviving the transition brings up the question of "why". Why are we here and what follows after. ?

We're here to gain wisdom, knowledge, and to evolve ourselves in the tests that are presented to us over our lifetime, however long or short that is. We are tested by events that can be traumatic which can make us stronger or weaker. Or to put it another way, better or bitter. The choice is ours, but remember we need obstacles to overcome in order to advance. Somewhat like a wrestler pushing against a brick wall to build strength. The effort makes him more powerful and this assures him of victory in the contest.

We will usually fight and rebel against unhappy events and this is a normal reaction, but nonetheless

changes will take place and lessons will be learned that will benefit us in the long run. By surmounting the negatives of life we learn to appreciate what joy, love, justice and good health really mean. As someone else once put it, "One cannot appreciate the joys of heaven until he has made the acquaintance of hell."

Proof of what is called the afterlife abounds, but becomes more real to those who will "seek and find" for themselves. Faith and belief can't be given to others in some sort of package, it must be worked for and treasured as a very personal possession.

Clues are everywhere, so start your own investigation. You won't be disappointed.

## CELEBRATE CHILDREN

It is going to be huge when Cardinia Shire puts on a party for the children as part of National Children's Week which the whole family can enjoy.

Cardinia Shire's 'Best Start Partnership' in conjunction with the children's services team are hosting a FREE children's afternoon on Thursday October 26th at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham at 2.00-5.30pm. Melways ref: 215 H5

Be sure to arrive early (between 2.00 & 2.30 pm) and receive a raffle ticket to go into the draw for a fabulous family prize.

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## MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

### CRAFT FAIR

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this is the date for MAKE AND MINGLE'S Craft Fair to be held at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr. Old Princes Hwy and Souter Street Beaconsfield from 9am -2pm. As always this is as event not to be missed in the community calendar. Remember to note this date in your diaries.

There will be crafted gifts and items as well as greeting cards and craft supplies. THIS IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. You can also relax in the friendly atmosphere

enjoying a delicious Devonshire tea and a light lunch. There will be a beautiful display of quilts and craft.

Make and Mingle friendship and craft group meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am -12 noon. This term we will be doing Christmas crafts and cards as well as glass painting, embroidery, patchwork, beading and various other crafts. Come along to try something new or to finish off you own craft or just for a cuppa and to make new friends. You can join in at any stage. We look forward to seeing you sometime this term.

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Above: Shoppers enjoying last years craft fair.

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# INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook

Since my last article in the Banner, a number of important infrastructure projects have received funding. The upgrade for Beaconsfield train station has been extended to now include, not only an upgraded pedestrian crossing, but also around 120 new car parking spaces under the Bracks Government's Park and Ride program. I know these improvements are much-needed and will make a huge difference to the many residents who rely on public transport to get to and from work and school.

Additional state government funding has also been delivered to local neighbourhood houses. For Beaconsfield Neighbourhood House, this means an extra 10 coordination hours and an increase in funding to \$49,400 for the 2006/07 financial year. This is up from \$23,678 for 2005/06

and \$12,855 in 1999/2000. Other nearby neighbourhood centres including Upper Beaconsfield, LLINC, Berwick and Emerald have also received substantial increases in funding. I think the role that neighbourhood houses play in connecting people in the community, as well as providing opportunities for locally based learning, recreation and children's services, is vital in such fast growing areas like Beaconsfield, so I welcome this extra funding.

ROC Football Club has been awarded a \$20,000 grant towards its project to upgrade lighting and install new cabling at Officer Recreation Reserve. It was one of 21 successful projects to receive funding in the Country Football and Netball Program.

In September, the Minister for Transport announced



that \$2 million would be spent to signalise the intersection of Clyde Rd and Enterprise Ave in Berwick, a business area that I know is often frequented by Beaconsfield residents. The lights will be coordinated to work in conjunction with the nearby level crossing so that there will be no unnecessary delays for through traffic.

The site for the new Berwick Technical Education has been announced, adjacent to existing buildings on the Chisholm TAFE campus at Berwick. This TEC will provide an education option for young people, helping them into a trade course prior to completing Year 12 or its TAFE

equivalent. It will deliver a range of courses and include the best technology to ensure the development of skills that our industries need and that many local young people want to learn.

Just a quick reminder that with another hot summer approaching, now is the perfect time to consider installing water saving devices. The State Government, through water retailers, is providing rebates on a range of water saving products and services, including shower roses, tap timers, dual flush toilets, greywater systems and rainwater tanks. Further details are available at [www.ourwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au)

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information, advice or assistance.

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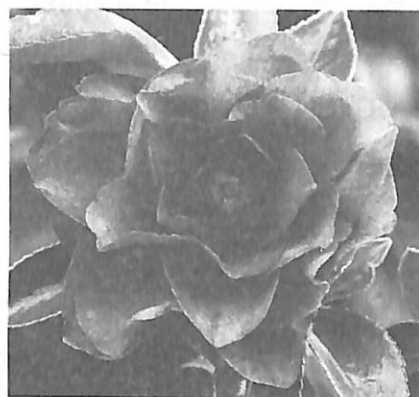
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## SALLY'S GARDEN



### DID YOU KNOW?

Wherever we walk we see remnants of the face of Nature as it was before technology, the still-growing spices and medicines which made life for our forefathers agreeable, possible, or both. Everyone knows about the sedative and narcotic opium poppy, from which codeine, morphine and heroin are extracted. The tall stately foxglove, although venomous, has long been used in small quantities to treat heart complaints-brave people, the early herbalists.

Yarrow is known as a cure for colds and fevers, while the ancients, including the Anglo Saxons and the Celts, pestled with grease, as a "woundwort" to heal battle-scars and enhance personal beauty.

As a healer of wounds and broken bones, Comfrey has still better claims to efficacy. Comfrey in fact extracts more Vitamin B12 from the earth than any other plant, and contains the healing allantoin, which does indeed help bones to knit. The leaves make a therapeutic tea, the roots, pounded to a poultice and allowed to dry around injuries, make both a plaster and a beneficial salve. Gerard tells us that the root, pounded in a "posset of ale", is good for backache, while Piny is of the view that the herb's presence in alcohol engenders good cheer—possibly the reason that its little brother Borage, still turns up in Pimms.

A sure remedy to cure sore throats is good human sweat.

A child who wore his father's unwashed, sweat-encrusted sock about his throat all day recovered far faster than another denied this treatment.

Medicinal herbs should be planted in plots containing nine species—usually rosemary, lavender, rue, sage (for heartburn and coughs) comfrey, wormwood, marjoram, vervain and hellebore (as a purgative, for worms and boils)- when the moon is waxing, by gardeners who curse as they plant. The vehemence of the curses does not seem to matter, provided they are as strong as each gardener can muster. This conjures interesting pictures of the great lady giving it her best, but very decorous shot, while her altogether earthier gardener fertilisers the crop with streams of obscenities.

Parsley-tea, drunk regularly, banishes pimples and ensures fertility, particularly if the male wears fresh parsley under his arm pits, at all times. Holly, like Blackthorn, should be planted near the house and never cut down or uprooted. Holly berries, which contain the blood of the old year, must not be brought into the house until Christmas Eve, and not allowed to touch glass. The same is true of Mistletoe, which was thought to contain the semen of the bare, dead oak, and so was much used in Celtic or Druids rituals.

The history of the usage of the old medicinal herbs, how interesting it all is.

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## A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood,  
Member for La Trobe



Greetings Beaconsfield!

Sunday, 1 October 2006 was National Day for Older Australians, a special day acknowledging the important role that senior Australians play within our communities.

It's pleasing to be able to say that in 2006 the overwhelming majority of Australians do not see ageing as a barrier to making a valuable contribution to our society, whether in our workplaces, our local communities or our families.

I believe very strongly in encouraging older people to continue to contribute to our nation. Accordingly, I am proud of the policies implemented by the Howard Government over the last decade to support older Australians.

I would like to pay tribute to

all our older Australians in Beaconsfield, and thank them for the work they have done and continue to do as nation builders, as community leaders and as mentors. I believe it is vital that we all are able to recognise these efforts as a community.

Accordingly, I would like to award certificates to local residents nominated by the local community. If you know someone who you think is worthy of a nomination, please contact my office and I will arrange to present them with a certificate.

Please send all nominations to my office: 83 Boronia Road, Boronia, 3155. As well as your own contact details, please include a short paragraph about the nominee and their contact details.

I look forward to hearing from you!

## Nominations for 2007 Citizen of the Year

Cardinia is full of incredible people who make an amazing difference to our communities. Everyone knows someone in their town who drives change or tirelessly contributes their time to community projects. Help us to recognise and celebrate these people.

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# BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

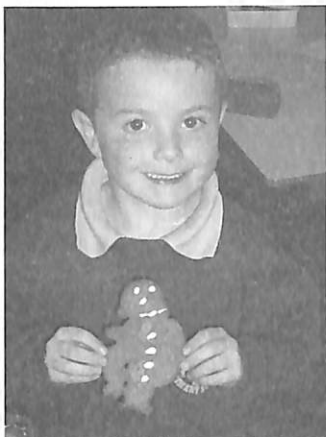


## The Gingerbread Man

These Preps performed the Gingerbread Man Readers Theatre on 11th September at our Prep Assembly.

Ben said, "It was fun playing the Gingerbread Man".

Photos clockwise from top left - Harry, Sean, Joaquim, Georgia S, Ryan, Carter, and Ben.



Reader



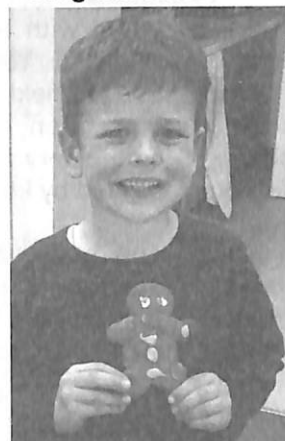
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Our clever Prep teachers have used their Term 3 investigation of the Human Body to create gingerbread men complete with heart, lungs and other internal organs. Our Prep Whizz kids, pictured here, created all of the characters of the fairy tale and created a "reader's theatre" production of the book. Playing out their roles; then finally - EATING THE CAST.

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# Cardinian Embroidery Project

by Ann Taylor



The Cardinian Embroidery was completed at the end of July. Preparations are under way for display in the Cardinia Cultural Centre at Lakeside Pakenham and it should be ready for public viewing later this year.

The Cardinian Embroidery consists of eight panels each measuring 190cm high by 140cm wide. Each panel represents groups of neighbouring towns in the Shire and depicts features which are considered significant by the locals. Altogether 374 features have been individually embroidered using a variety of hand and machine embroidery techniques by a total of 217 people. The names and localities included were marked on canvas and sent out for members of each community to add their stitches.

This involved teaching males and females from the ages of three to ninety three the technique of canvas

embroidery and altogether a total of 1845 people contributed to the names which were joined to the bottom of each panel.

The features of Beaconsfield township can be seen on the third panel with Rythdale Officer and Cardinia. You can see the familiar Beaconsfield railway viaduct, which has been worked in machine embroidery by Eleanor Taylor and painted by Lorraine Parnall

The history of the viaduct was described in an article in a Beaconsfield Banner in 1989 and to quote from that article.

"The viaduct was not originally built for vehicular traffic. In the early 1900's there was a level crossing at the western end of the railway station (where pedestrians cross now)

A workman on a project south of the township had to haul loads of heavy equipment out to his job and he

noticed that a flood had made a little hole in the embankment under the timber railway bridge. So he scooped out some more soil. The enlarged hole gave him a short cut from the pipe works (in a paddock northwest of the Woods Street- Beaconsfield Avenue corner) to the water pipe being laid between the Officer reservoir and Cranbourne.

Another flood swept away some more soil. Other people began using the pop-hole instead of the level crossing, which some considered was dangerous because steam trains came down the hill very quietly from Berwick."

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# THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

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those who gave us priority.

I was down by the station the other morning as the Melbourne train came charging down the track. The controlled crossing went into operation. A young woman arrived just as the gates closed. She looked at the train, which she obviously wanted to catch, looked at the gate and with more energy than I have clambered over the top, ran in front of the train, climbed over the second gate and made an all out dash for the platform.

I looked at the shiny new gates with all their



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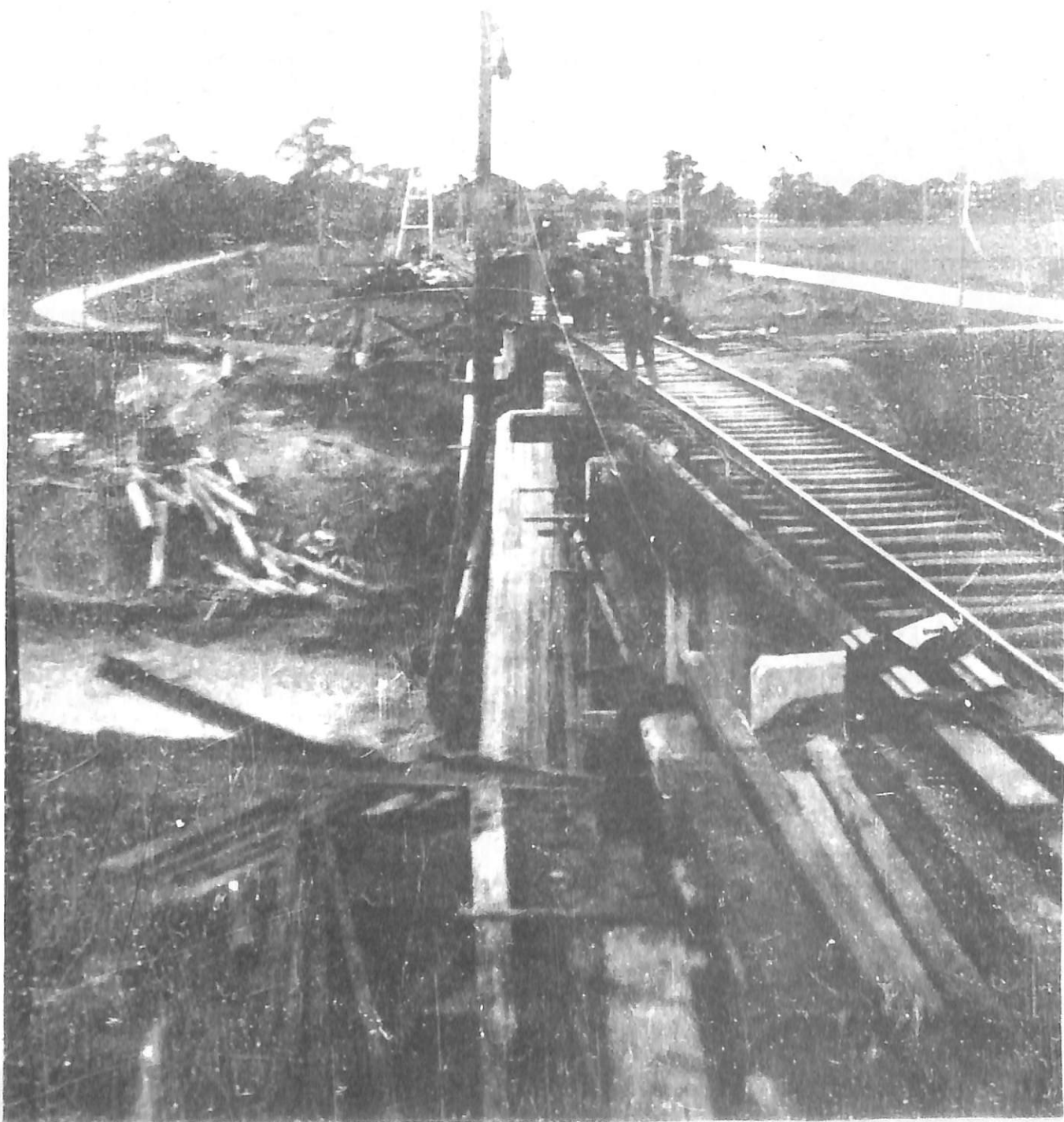
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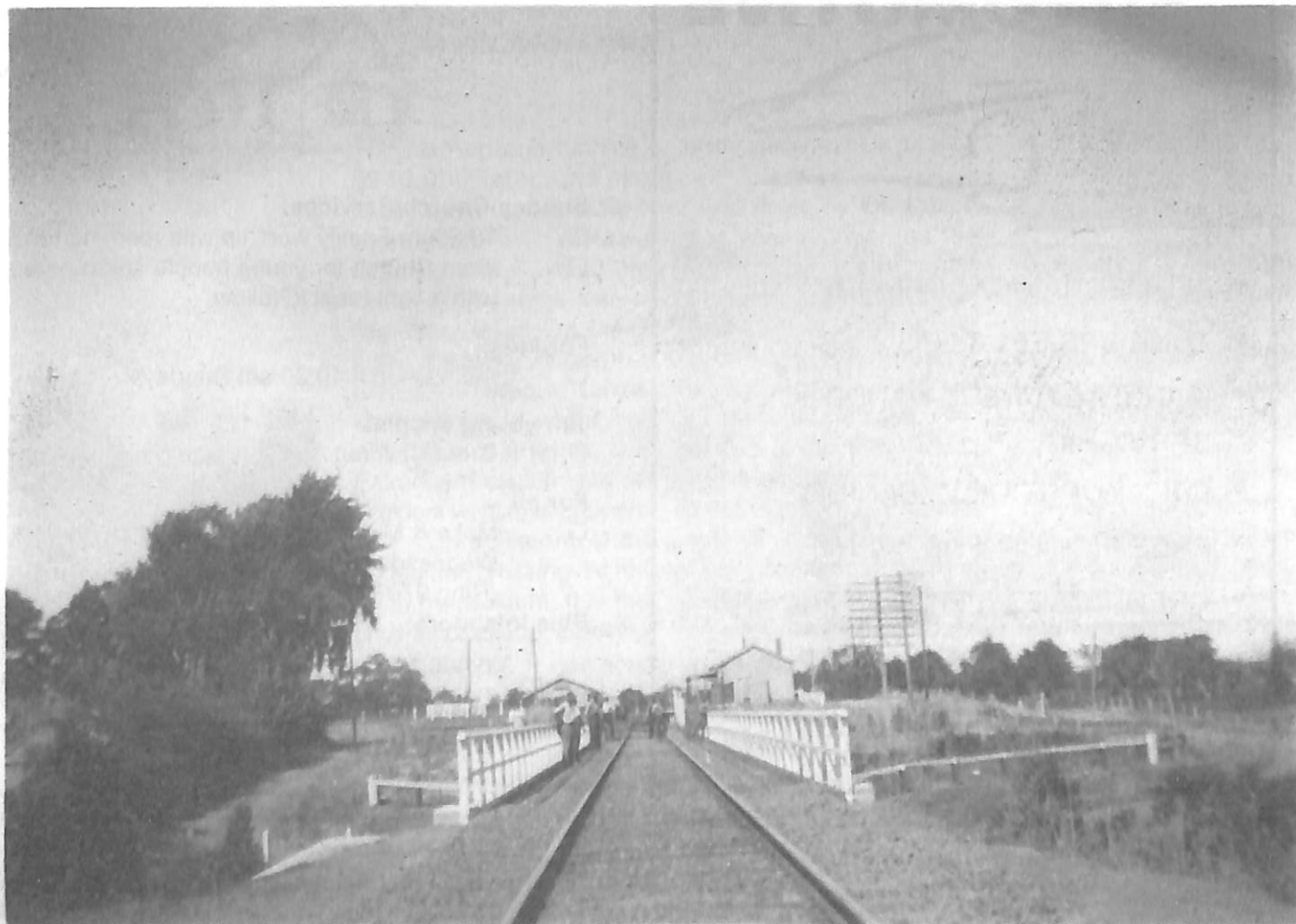
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*Construction of the Beaconsfield viaduct.*

# BEACONSFIELD'S HISTORY IN PICTURES



Construction of the barriers on railway track over the viaduct. Refer to article on page 18 with reference to the origins of the viaduct.

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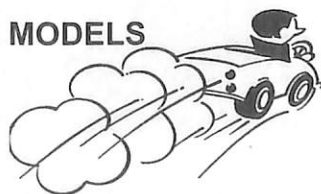
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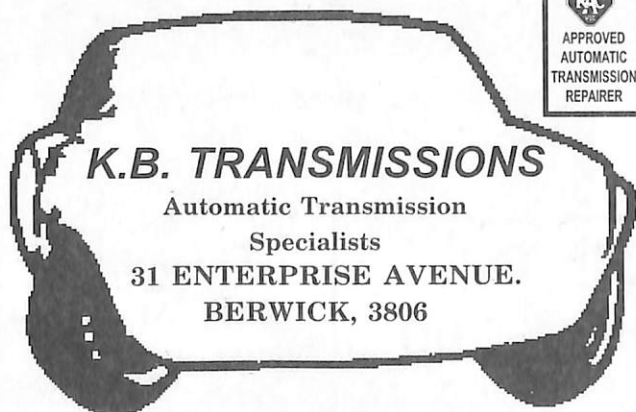
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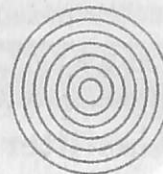
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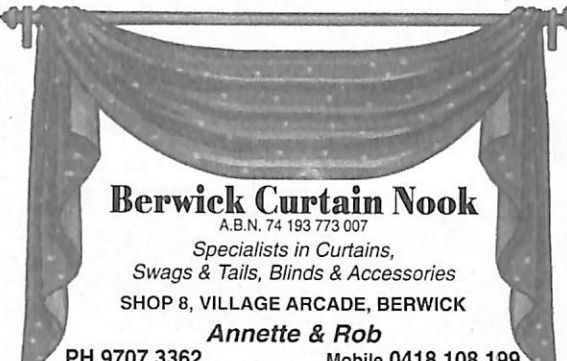
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## BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

I wouldn't want to be JIM. He wears the same hat, never shaves and while he is very rich from mowing lawns, cutting tress and bathing dogs his only recreation is accounting and aerals. I did think these last weeks of becoming "Phil's Step and Ramps" but the constant bending, and worse still the getting up again is hard on the body.

We lost a good friend last week. We arranged to play golf on Tuesday at the usual time but he didn't turn up. He quietly passed away. His name was Lindsay Hooper a retired design engineer. He made an electric garage door using a modified electric drill. He was of the "make do" generation whereby you use what you have rather than taking a list to Loveridges.

A new style of putter came out at a huge price – Lindsay made his own – it looked expensive and is still needed a straight eye and steady swing to be effective.

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*Dr Steve, Beaconsfield Vet Centre*

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Unfortunately, there are limitations to the world of Veterinary Science. I have encountered this recently. My 13 year old trusty dog "Weazel" became suddenly ill. I could palpate a mass in her abdomen, which concerned me greatly, but the blood results were basically normal. This, I found, was to give me false hope. The next day I did surgery to investigate the

mass, and I found that her spleen and liver were riddled with cancer. My only option was the one I never wanted to consider. Since graduating, she was my first pet, and now is the first one that I have had to help out in this way. I miss her terribly, she was there with me for the last 13 years regardless of how I felt.

Hopefully, you can see how difficult it is for us to tell you when the time is right. Please take comfort in the fact that we will be there for you during a very difficult time.

One last note. Please never ever tell your children that their pet has been "put to sleep". Studies have shown that this can affect them dramatically to the point that they have difficulty in sleeping, as their pet never returned after being put to sleep. If you ever need help dealing with the loss of one of your animals, contact us, because if we can not help you, we can put you in contact with someone that can.

Goodbye "Weazel", the time was right for you. I wish you could have lived to a hundred, but I wouldn't have missed out on the 13 years.

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## X-Wired

by David Griffiths

2006 is going to be best remembered as the year that the Australian film industry struck back. It's been a lean couple of years for good Aussie films in recent years. But 2006 has seen an abundance of good Australian films.

You would have all heard the praise given to the visually spectacular films 'Jindabyne' and 'Ten Canoes', as well to the comic genius that is 'Kenny', but there is few other films that deserve to be taken a look at.

By far the most controversial Australian film of this year has to be '2:37', and not because of it's topic of youth suicide. This is spectacular film that every Aussie parent needs to see but unfortunately some of film's shine has been taken away due to debate over whether the film's writer/director Murali Thalluri claims that the script is based on real events that occurred at his high school. Teachers at the school and even some of Thalluri's friends have denied that the story is true, casting a shadow over the film.

Whether the film is fact or fiction, it is gritty and very real and my only real criticism is that Thalluri seems to have 'borrowed' some of his film-making style from Gus Van Sant's 'Elephant'.

Another good Australian film floating around is the latest film by Melbourne-based director Alkinos Tsilmidis. His latest

offering, 'Em 4 Jay' is not to be missed. Set amongst drug addicts in St Kilda, 'Em 4 Jay' is confronting but also enjoyable. Alkinos is one of the only directors I know that can create scenes that will have an audience laughing in such a dark film, and like with his previous films like 'Tom White', you will be deeply rewarded and actually be educated from the film.

I had the privilege of talking to Nick Barkla, the lead actor in 'Em 4 Jay', and he told me that Alkinos had himself and Laura Gordon go to St Kilda and 'slum it' for a few days so they could get a feel for the characters they were playing.

But the Australian film that I have enjoyed the most this year has to be '48 Shades'. This simply has to be one of the best 'coming-of-age' films that we have ever seen. And while we've come to expect the visual humour of 'American Pie' to tell these stories, '48 Shades' seems more like an episode of 'Always Greener', as it tells the story through drama. But it is one of those films where you will find yourself saying 'i remember when I did that as a teenager', and is the one film all moviegoers must see this year.

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

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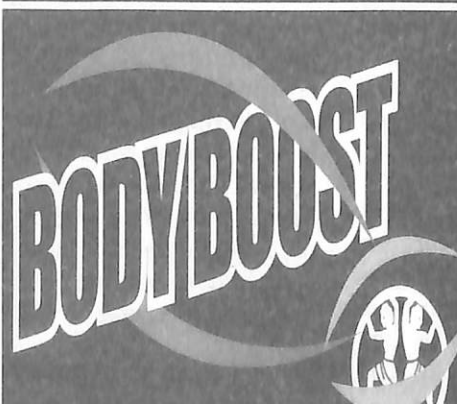
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## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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

## TALKING WEATHER

*by Nathan Boon*

The last 2 months have seen very low rainfall totals with a total of 83ml for the 2 months. 42ml in August and 4ml in September. The yearly total is 509ml. This is the lowest 9 month total since 2002 when we had 450ml.

### August

The monthly total for August of 42ml was the lowest August total since 1988 when there was only 22ml recorded in Beaconsfield.

The highest monthly total for August is 119 which was recorded in 2005.

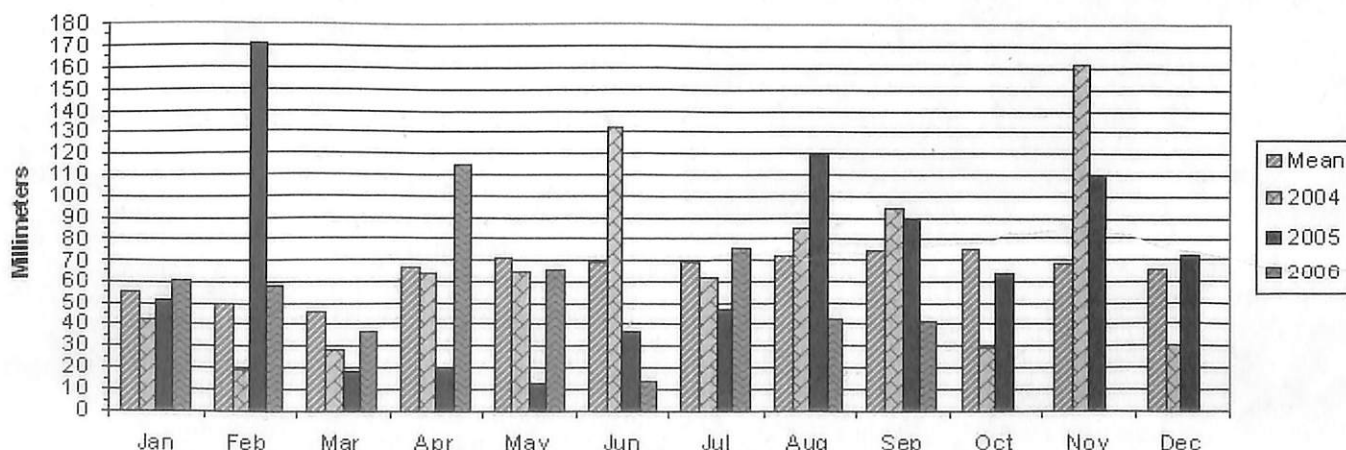
### September

In September we had 41ml of rain which was the lowest total since 1985 when there was only 31ml recorded.

The highest monthly total for September is 151ml which was recorded in 1992.

The highest total for any month is 171ml which was recorded in February 2005.

The combined 2 month total of 83ml is the lowest total I have in my records. The next highest was in 1998 when there was 85ml.





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Competitive ON the track, Cooperative OFF it!

by John Perrin, President

The Casey-Cardinia HPV & Cycling Club have enjoyed a very active winter, and much of the activity has involved residents from Beacy! Since we last wrote to you, some of the activities I'd like to highlight to you are:

- We hosted the **Zone Qualifiers for the Victorian School's Cycling Championships**, at Casey Fields on 11th August. This was for the "Southern Metropolitan" Zone. We had over 200 school aged riders participate in the racing on the day, which was a new record high level of entries for this event!

Our club members won exactly one third of all the medals available on the day! All medal winners have qualified to enter the State Championship Finals on Saturday 14th October in Carlton.

- We held a **Junior Criterium** race on Saturday 23rd Sept. The Club has set itself an objective to help young riders gain experience at racing in higher standards of competition, and we will be holding three Criterium Races over the Summer period for any local cyclists who wish to participate.

- We also held the first known **HPV event** in Australia, run to the International HPV Association rules. This was held on Saturday 24th Sept, until some dreadful storms came and blew us off the track! The leading vehicle was on a pace to have broken 1,000 km's in 24 hours, before the storm broke! We are hoping to repeat the event again soon, and will be working with other HPV organisations to help host

the "OZHPV" 24 Challenge on 31st March & 1st April 2007!

- We will be holding our first **"Twilight" HPV Event** for "Early years" Primary school children on Friday 27th October at Casey Fields. This is an event specially for grades 3 to 5, and is aimed at giving them and their parents a safe introduction to the fun of HPV racing! Any school is welcome! We are trying to arrange a few "Loan" vehicles also for new schools to join in the fun! For more information, visit our web site.

- We were invited to participate in the **Inaugural Casey Cycling Reference Group** meeting. We have been asked to help gather feedback on key Casey strategies for Cycling development.

- We have also been invited to help coordinate an **HPV demonstration** on Saturday 14th October, as part of the conclusion to the Herald-Sun Tour. Beacy Primary School, along with Berwick Secondary and St Margaret's School will all have HPV teams in the event. (Note: Entry is by invitation only ... so we consider it something of an honour to have so many locals involved!)

- We have just negotiated with a local Mountain Bike Club to hold a series of **"Mountain Bike Riding Schools"** over the summer period. These are aimed at building participant's skills from basic "slow speed control & balance" through a series of graduated challenges & training days, up to the more difficult Mountain Bike skills. If anyone is interested to participate, please visit our web site for

more information. Venues will be some of the old Scout Camps in the local area!

- Our **"Recreation & Transport"** sub committee hope to encourage Beaconsfield to become the second "Ride to Work" community in October next year! If you are interested in getting involved in this, please contact us via our email or phone.

- Interestingly, we have been asked by VicHealth to nominate for an award of recognition for their **"Participation Partnerships" Awards**. This is not announced until late December. We have no idea if we'll be successful, but if we are... you'll hear the celebration coming from us!

- We are slowly building the number of informal **"Pleasure Rides"** also... although we would LOVE to hear from organisers and help publish their ride details so that others may also join with them.

- Our **AGM** is due in November. We are interested to hear from anyone who would like to become involved with us! There is so much more that we COULD get into, if there is a need AND some local community leadership to help facilitate the action towards achieving it! We are always looking for willing community "leaders" so don't hesitate in contacting us if you are interested!

It is interesting to reflect upon how many of these activities have occurred with dynamic input from many Beaconsfield Residents! There seems to be "Something in the air" around Beacy which encourages folks to "Get up & Give it a go" ...



L-R) Zane Hunter, John Perrin & Lawrie Hunt. Zane (from Beacy PS) won the U13 Mens race and placed in the "Open" Criterium later in the day! Zane qualified to race at the Victorian State Championships on 14th October.

Lawrie Hunter is one of the stalwarts of the Beacy PS - HPV team. Here he is being awarded the Open Criterium First place medal.



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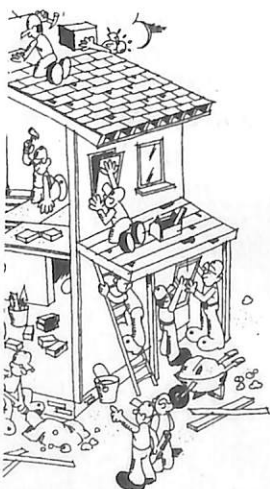
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## AUSTRALIAN PLATYPUS CONSERVANCY

### CARDINIA CREEK PLATYPUS SURVIVE SPILL

Fears that last June's fluoride spill into Cardinia Creek may have caused the collapse of the platypus re-introduction project have proved unfounded.

Geoff Williams of the Australian Platypus Conservancy said that an all-night monitoring survey in early October had caught and examined five platypus. This total included three of the platypus translocated to Cardinia Creek from elsewhere (two females released in April 2004 and March 2006 respectively and a male translocated there in April 2005) and the two juvenile males who were first found in the April 2006 survey (i.e. bred in Cardinia Creek, the offspring of the first translocated animals).

"The total number of animals caught during this survey is consistent with previous results, indicating that there has been no decline in the population," he said. "Four of the platypus were caught within one kilometre of the treatment plant where the spill occurred and all animals were found at locations where they had previously been released or recorded, suggesting that there had been no movement out of the area most affected by the spill."

Accordingly, the Cardinia Creek platypus reintroduction, a joint Melbourne Water-APC conservation initiative which is the first project of its kind in Australia, remains well on track.

Geoff noted that enough time had now passed since the spill to assess whether there had been any direct or indirect impact on platypus.



## CARDINIA RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC. (CRRA)

Next CRRA Meeting - Thurs.  
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## BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

*by Greg Tomamichel*

The 2006/7 cricket season is under way, with Beaconsfield Cricket Club fielding six senior sides and twelve juniors sides, making us the largest club in the WGCA.

We have continued to improve our club facilities this year by replacing the synthetic surface on all four training nets. This project was generously supported by Cricket Victoria through one of its grant schemes. This project will benefit all of our playing members from Under 11 to A Grade and will improve our training for many years to come.

We are also hoping to construct a shade sail to provide an area for spectators to watch in comfort, particularly players families whom we hope to attract to the club.

The start of the season will see the Premiership caps presented to our A Grade

and U/16 winning sides, along with our traditional get-together for the first selection night. With some A Grade players missing from last years line-up, there will be opportunities for new players to make the step up this season. We have also seen some new players make their way to the club and we hope they stay and enjoy their cricket with us.

We will be publishing our social calendar shortly, which will include Melbourne Cup Day, Boxing Day, Trivia Night and a Sportsman Night. Keep an eye out around the rooms for details as we confirm dates and other arrangements.

For any queries or anyone looking for a game of cricket, please call - Greg Tomamichel (0438 639 125) or John Martin (0400 090 840).



Picture: Russell Vincent

Jack Benbow used his experience gained last season and punished anything bowled short to score 58 in good fashion.



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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

## TENNIS NEWS

### Phil Collins Donates History to Club:



Above: Diorama being presented by Phil Collins (right) to Club President Ian Ayre.

Well known local handyman and Banner advertiser Phil Collins recently donated an intriguing and well presented historical Tennis diorama to our club, currently on display at our club rooms. The glass case diorama provides snippets on the history of tennis and models of rackets used from late 1880's to mid 1900's. Some snippets are set out below.

Phil has been a supporter of our club for many years, plays regularly on Sunday and our club is most appreciative of his thoughts and donation to our club.

**1880s:** The first lawn tennis racquets were similar to those in real tennis, with uneven pear shaped heads.

**1920s:** Leather grips were introduced around this time to make the racquet easier to hold.

**1928:** First metal racquet. During the 1920s experimental racquets with aluminium frames were made. The fact that they were strung with piano wire did nothing for their appeal as the wool covered balls quickly wore out

The first tennis championships were held at the All England Tennis & Croquet Club, Wimbledon, London in 1877. The first U.S. tennis championship was held in 1881 at the Newport Casino in Newport, R.I.

### Junior Winter Season Results:

Congratulations to our Junior Section 18 being Premiers in Berwick & District tennis Assoc Winter finals. Also well done to our two runners up Sections 5 and 12 Gold.

#### Premiers - Section 18

Sam White  
James Kneebone  
Millie Shone  
Nick Rosario  
Kyle Vogric

#### Runners Up - Section 5

Ben Kirchet  
Keirin Rafferty  
Laura Godham  
Alariah Meno  
Kasey Day

#### Runners Up - Section 12 Gold

Zac Osborne  
Matt Steffensen  
Luke Furse  
Rohon Medley  
Brandon White



**Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday, 23rd October, 2006 at the club house commencing at 7:30pm. Nominations for 2006/07 committee of management to be lodged in prescribed written form with the secretary by 20th October, 2006. Forms are available at the club rooms or from the Secretary.

**Thursday Night** A & B grade players wanted. Contact Ian Craig on 9707 4507.

### 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  
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Coach: 0401 003 077



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Electric Productions continues to deliver awesome up-and-coming talent with performances from Responder, In the Remains, Decomvulsion and Far from Serenity, supporting Melbourne band 'The Scissor File'.

Admission is only \$5 if you have a pass and \$8 without a pass. Pick up a pass from Leading Edge in Pakenham, contact Gardinia Shire Council Youth Services Team on 5945 4351 or email your details to [youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

## BIRTHS

Dawn and Alan Gourlay of Beaconsfield are proud to welcome their second great-grandson, 'Joshua Alex' born to Jodi and Scott Mann of Boronia. A dear little brother for Lachlan. He is also the second grandson for Gary and Gail Gourlay (Lilydale) and a great nephew for Susan Gourlay (Pakenham).

Dawn and Alan Gourlay of Beaconsfield are proud to welcome their third great-grandson 'William Alex' born to Miranda and Bradley Gourlay of Belmont. A dear little brother for Isabelle. He is the third grandson for Gary and Gail Gourlay of Lilydale and third great nephew for Susan Gourlay (Pakenham).

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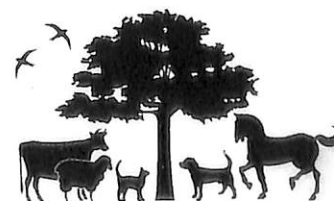
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