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MORE CAROLLERS EXPECTED AT '2006 CAROLS BY THE CREEK'

by Chris Galloway



Organisers of Beaconsfield's '2006 Carols by the Creek', say that they hope for a record turnout at this year's celebration, at Bob Burgess Reserve on Sunday, December 17th.

"This is a true community event," said co-ordinator Peter Brown. "It combines the enthusiasm of children from the Beaconsfield Baptist Church in the very moving Nativity procession, the singing of the Beaconsfield Primary School and the big sound of the Cardinia Civic Concert Band, plus the energies of hundreds of people as they celebrate the 'reason for the season'".

"2006 Carols by the Creek is a great way to prepare for Christmas.

Although the Christmas story is over 2000 years old, it continues to have real message of peace and promise for all mankind. I hope record numbers of people will join us at the park."

Mr Brown says "We are encouraging families to bring a picnic meal, and chairs and blankets to the Bob Burgess Reserve before the music starts at 7.30 p.m. The Cardinia Civic Concert Band kicks off with the "Christmas Overture" at 8 p.m. Songbooks and candles are available for a smile!"

'Carols by the Creek' is presented by Beaconsfield Baptist Church and Beaconsfield Progress Association, with help from many willing people including: Frank Facey First National Real Estate, Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware, Cardinia Shire, Beaconsfield Hire, Tony Rushton (Electrician), Len McGrath (Sound) and Berwick Builders Services. TRU Energy. For more information: Peter Brown (0428 178 413).

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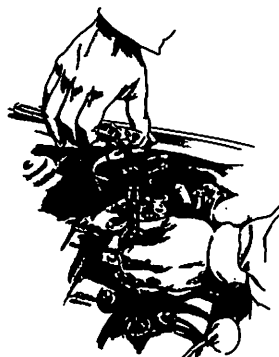


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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

Well here we are approaching the end of another year. We have seen some commercial development take place in the town with the applications for future development to take place -

1. A suite of shops etc. on the Baptist church site
2. A supermarket behind and adjacent to the Aldi supermarket car park.

So our town is growing and we need to be alert to any problems that may arise so that we can have a township that is beneficial to the whole community (to that end the B.P.A. meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and if you would like a voice in community matters come along and join the Association).

A very important community event is "Carols by the Creek", to be held in the Bob Burgess Reserve on Sunday 17th December at 8pm. So come along and enjoy the fellowship and celebrate this important event in our calendar.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to the Baptist Church for the arranging of this community event.

In closing may I wish all a very happy and holy Christmas and a great and prosperous New Year.



WALK TO SCHOOL

Victoria's inaugural Walktober Walk to School event took place on Wednesday 18th October.

Walking School Bus driver and parent of students at the school Sue Mellor said about 80 students

joined the Walking School Bus to launch Walktober.

"We need to encourage all children to make walking part of the daily routine. It helps to keep them fit and healthy and encourages social interaction," she said.





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

SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

Car parking around the Beaconsfield shopping precinct is a big issue. In the past, council approved some commercial developments with reduced car parking, well below council's acceptable minimal car parking requirements. The problems associated are obvious when you look at the cars parked along the Old Princes Highway adjacent to Wallace Street.

I have a very strong stance on car parking in the Beaconsfield shopping precinct. Looking to the future and as Beaconsfield commercial precinct grows, as your representative I will not accept any commercial development which provides anything less than the minimum car parking requirements. New commercial developments must not be of the detriment of existing

businesses and nearby residents.

Cardinia shire has adopted a new Neighbourhood House funding policy. The previous policy did not allow for any annual increase in council funding and did not reward Neighbourhood Houses that were increasing its service hours. The new policy is great news for the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre. It includes an immediate 12 per cent increase, ongoing annual CPI increases and it also provides additional funding to reward those neighbourhood centres, like Beaconsfield which that are providing increased program hours and increased number of participants.

Council has approved the re-opening of the pedestrian access walkway between the Beaconsfield Post Office and Sylvia Avenue. Conditions of the re-opening are footpath improvements along Sylvia to the walkway and increased lighting. This is great news for

Beaconsfield traders and residents. This will give residents to the north of the shopping precinct improved and direct access to the shopping precinct. It will also encourage residents to access the shops by foot instead of a car.

Works have commenced on the signalised pedestrian crossing between the shopping precincts on the north and south side of the Old Princes Highway. These works are expected to be completed by the end of December.

Finally as the year comes to a close, on behalf of Cardinia Shire Council, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.



KATE ELECTED AS MAYOR

Cr. Kate Lempriere has won the position of Mayor of Cardinia Shire after winning a two-way contest against Cr. Doug Hamilton. This will be Cr. Kate Lempriere's second term as mayor. She held the position in 2003-04.

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NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

by Ellisa Bourne, Brigade Support Officer

PREPARE FOR FIRE THE FIRE SEASON

Have you and your family prepared your Bushfire Survival Plan?

It is important that you obtain information about what needs to be done before making your decision. Will you leave early or stay and defend?

CFA recommends that people make their decision well before the summer fire season to either stay and actively defend their property or leave the area before fire threatens.

Research shows that many people make unsafe

choices that can have serious consequences. CFA advises people not to stay with an unprepared property and not to leave their property too late such as when the fire is very close, or return to your home during a bushfire.

If you would like a CFA "Living in the Bush" workbook to assist you with your plan call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 to obtain a copy today.

Victorian Bushfire Information Line
The Victorian Bushfire

Information Line is a 24 hour, seven days a week service which provides recorded information regarding fire restrictions, Total Fire Bans and information to assist you to prepare for the fire season. During the summer fire period you can obtain personal advice from trained operators from 8am to 8pm weekdays.

In the event of a major incident the centre can be staffed 24 hours a day in order to provide incident updates and advice on actions to take during

bushfires. For example if you work out of the area but during the day a bushfire develops you could call this number to ascertain whether it is safe to return to your home. The number to call is 1800 240 667. It would be a great idea to program this number into your phone.

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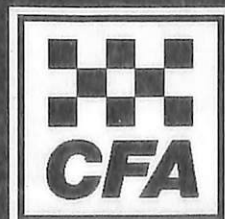


Bushfire is part of the Victorian environment. You can survive a bushfire but you must prepare. Making a plan is vital.

Prepare your property now because during a large fire there may not be enough fire trucks and firefighters to defend every home.

On days of high fire risk your local CFA crews will be on full alert but can't give warnings to every home. Plan to either stay and defend your home or leave early.

For more information on how to prepare the best possible bushfire plan call 1800 240 667, or visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au



CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY SCARF PROJECT

by Margaret Boon

During the rescue operation of trapped miners in the Tasmanian township of Beaconsfield many residents of our town sent messages and prayers of hope to community groups and schools. Many of us have made connections with the township.

Recently the Tasmanian township embarked on a 925 metre reminder of the experience. Knitters from around Australia and the world were invited to knit up to a metre to be joined as one scarf, the length that the miners were trapped underground, to be known as the 'close-knit community' scarf project.

Joan Godridge, (pictured), is knitting while at Make and Mingle. She is wearing a scarf made by Ann Bannister for the Beaconsfield Mine scarf project. Parents from Beaconsfield Primary also contributed.

The scarf pieces will be joined in the New Year and it is hoped to be unveiled to coincide with the anniversary of the mining tragedy in April.

The scarf will then reside as property of the Grubb Shaft and Heritage Museum and it has been suggested that it will tour Australia later in the year.



COLLECTION OF WW11 PHOTOGRAPHS

Planning has begun for the 2007 Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service scheduled for 22nd April 2007.

During this years service forty reproduced photographs of the soldiers pictured on the Beaconsfield Honour board WW1 and WW11 were placed at the cenotaph by primary school children.

Tony Rushton would now like to increase the collection to include more WW11 servicemen and servicewomen who have a Beaconsfield connection.

He is interested in hearing from any family who had a family member serve in WW11. Tony can be contacted on 9707 1765.



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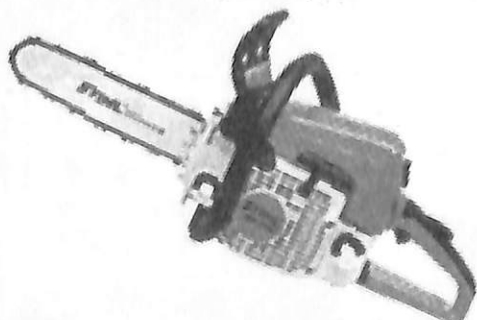
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Cardinian Embroidery Project

by Ann Taylor

"Isn't it fantastic!" "That's amazing, it's much bigger than I expected." "The colours are beautiful." "What a heritage for our Shire".

These were just some of the comments that were heard from the public after the launch of the Cardinia Embroidery at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Saturday 18th November 2006.

The Embroidery was launched by the Project's Art Director/Co-ordinator Eleanor Taylor and Cr. Kate Lemperrie. Members of the design team were present

when Eleanor told of the journey the Embroidery has taken.

The eight panels measure 190cm in height and 140cm in width. The Embroidery took just two years and two months from start to finish. 384 features of local significance were embroidered by 218 women and one man. Cross-stitch, appliqué, black work, canvas work, free machine embroidery, fabric painting, hand embroidery and computerized machine embroidery were the main techniques used.



Pictured Brittany Wright looking at her house embroidered on the Beaconsfield panel.

The Embroidery can be seen at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on each side of the right-hand corridor, near the theatre and seminar room.

Friends of Cardinia Embroidery Inc. was formed in March 2006 to work with Cardinia Shire Council as joint custodians of the Embroidery. The 'Friends' have produced a range of souvenir items for sale. A wonderful book entitled *The Cardinian Embroidery* edited by Eleanor Taylor is available for \$20 per copy. This book is A4 in size and has full colour pages of each panel and details of each town panel, including the history of the town name, and a list of all the name panel stitchers. Every feature is numbered, illustrated and names the stitcher and the techniques used, together

with history notes of each feature. There is also a diary and photos of progress on the work.

Other products available are greeting cards illustrating the Embroidery and superb quality reproductions of entire panels or selected features from the panels.

None of the above items could have been produced without the generosity of Binary Master Art who has reproduced the images directly from the embroidered panels using a re-mastering process they have developed which enables the work to be reproduced with extraordinary accuracy. The items nearer to life-size show every stitch as it was embroidered.

This Embroidery is a lasting heritage for the people of the Shire of Cardinia.

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Pictured:
Eleanor
Taylor
(left), Bob
Taylor and
Mary
Delahunty



OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Once again, and seemingly quicker than the last one, Christmas is almost upon us. A mixture of dread and joy assails the adults of the world as they contemplate the reality of the "festive season". The children in their wonderful naivety think of school holidays and Santa with all the presents he brings to the lounge room on Christmas Eve. They wisely ignore the fact that chimneys no longer exist and will rationalize it some other way.

Whilst Christmas is associated with Christ, many of the traditions and

rituals we take for granted existed long before Christ was born and are of pagan origin. When Christianity started converting many of the pagans, their customs were integrated into the Christian way of life, and became the much loved traditions we hold dear today. Feasting and present giving were taken from pagan habit.

Boxing Day is well known as a holiday after Christmas Day but very few would know its origins. It derived its name from the habit of servants and tradesmen to call for their

annual tips which were put into little earthenware boxes, that had to be later broken to collect the money. Somewhat like our "piggy banks".

The famous Nativity scene was first created in life size in 1223 at the church in Greccio by St. Francis and the Franciscans when he created a life-size reproduction of the stable, manger and the Holy Family, the ox and the ass. Another Franciscan, Jacopone Da Todi was the "father" of Christmas Carols, simple, heartfelt even robust songs in praise of Christ's birth sung in the common language, in contrast to the austere Latin hymns of Christmas.

The origin of the Christmas tree was attributed to the German Monk, and famous savager of the Papacy, Martin Luther, sometime in the early middle ages.

The Christmas story almost ended in Britain when the Puritans came to power under Oliver Cromwell, and Christmas and all other Festivals were banned. This so incensed the population that riots took place, and Christmas gradually returned. It was a close call but no further attempts were made to ban it.

In 1843 Charles Dickens wrote his famous book "A Christmas Carol" which became legendary in the Christian world. A factory owner in America was so touched by the story that he decided to give his workers Christmas Day off, and the habit spread throughout the world. Santa Claus, that jolly old figure in the impossible costume was based on a St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Germany.

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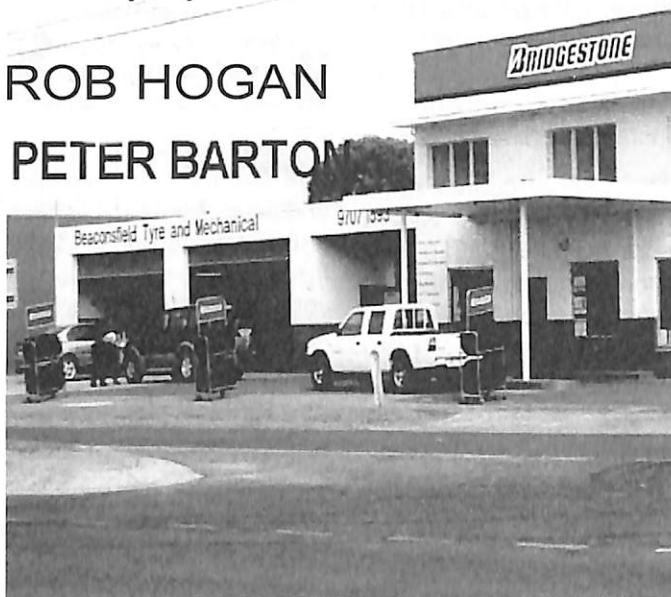
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He was regarded as the patron Saint of children and was metamorphosed by the Americans as Santa Claus, a stout jolly man who travelled the world on his reindeer sleigh delivering gifts to good children.

Christmas still retains the aura of a Religious festival, but more and more it has become a huge commercial enterprise which accounts

for an enormous slice of a nation's economy. More money is spent throughout the world at Christmas than any other time. A simple Carpenter's legacy is a world of unimaginable wealth.

Nevertheless we cherish our Christmases, even as we watch our wallets and purses empty before our very eyes. May yours be a merry one!

**DISCOVER YOUR PAST
IN THE PRESENT**

by Wendy Goodwin, Publicity Officer, N.W.D.F.H.G.

The Narre Warren and District Family History Group Inc. began in May 1989 with a small but dedicated group of people. We are a volunteer non-profit group whose principal aim is to support both Family and Local History within the City of Casey and the Shire of Cardinia and to promote and encourage the study of genealogy, history and allied subjects. We not only have holdings relevant to Casey Cardinia Shire but also Victoria, Australia and Overseas resources.

We operate a Family History Research Room within the Narre Warren Library at Overland Drive, near Fountain Gate. Our opening hours are Tuesday and Saturday from 11am-3pm and Thursday from 7pm-9pm, we also hold meetings each month, November to May on the 2nd Wednesday at 8pm and June to October on the 2nd Saturday at 2pm in the meeting room of the Narre Warren Library. We also publish a newsletter called

Spreading Branches four times a year.

I first joined the history group in Nov 2000 as a very nervous beginner, at the time I only had information on my parents and grandparents. I have since discovered that some of this information was either slightly exaggerated or totally untrue. It has been an interesting, exciting and sometimes frustrating journey of discover for me over the past six years. In that time I have made some very good friends and learned a lot about my past and present family members.

If you would like to discover who you came from and why your ancestors decided to make Australia their home then come along and visit our group, our friendly volunteers will be happy to help you with any queries you may have about your family history.

Your can contact our President and Research Officer Lynne Bradley on 9704 9075 for further information.

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Inc

Located in the Beaconsfield Community Complex on O'Neil Road

Phone 8768 4400

by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

Nearly the end of another busy and growing year for the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre! Thank you to all our volunteers, committee members and staff who have helped make the year such a success. Numbers attending our programs continue to grow rapidly, and we are looking forward to another exciting year in 2007.

New Committee

The 2006/07 committee was elected at our recent Annual General Meeting. The new committee includes: President - Pauline Hopkins, Vice President - Tony Rushton, Secretary - Margaret Boon, Treasurer - Debbie Gaylard, General Committee members include David Lee, Helen McDougall, Jose and John Meyer, and Robert and Debra Visick.

The Committee of Management is responsible for the decisions and forward planning of the Neighbourhood Centre activities. If you would like

to be a part of the decision making process, you are welcome to join the committee and attend meetings held the 2nd Tuesday night of each month, or talk to a committee member. The Committee is looking forward to a busy year in 2007 as the Centre continues to grow.

Open Day

Our recent open day was a success with classes promoting and selling their own original pieces. A

glorious day was had by all, the sun shone, drinks flowed, sausages sizzled and all were content to leave with a gift under their arm. We are intending to make this an annual event and hope interest will increase with each year.

The Cancer council raffle & sausage sizzle was a success raising \$350 for a great cause. Winners of the raffle were Leigh Parry 1st prize, and second prize to Robyn Wheelan.



Display of mosaics and art with BNC art tutor Janine Farinski



Discussion Group

The Centre has received enquiries about establishing a discussion group in 2007. If you would be interested to come along to a group to talk about different topics, please call the Centre on 8768 4400 to register your interest.

Folk Art tutor required

We have been requested to start Folk Art classes at the Centre. If you are able to assist as a Folk Art tutor, or know someone who could, please contact the Centre.

2007 Dates and Programs

The Centre will close on 15th December for the Xmas break, and will re-open on January 30th 2007.

Our office opening hours next year will be Monday to Thursday 9am - 3pm and 9am - 1pm on Fridays during school terms.

We have some fantastic new programs on offer in 2007. These include Patchwork Cloth Dolls, Beginner's Patchwork Group, Ballroom Dancing, Bonsai, Yoga, Return to Work Program and Easy Cards. For more details about these programs, please ring the Centre or read details in our term program.

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by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.

FUEL TAX CREDITS

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To be eligible for the fuel tax credits scheme a business must satisfy the following:

- be registered for GST
- undertake an eligible activity
- where relevant meet environmental and/or Greenhouse Challenge Plus program criteria.

Included in eligible activities are the following:

- road transport vehicles with a gross vehicle mass of greater than 4.5 tonnes (petrol and diesel)
- emergency vehicles

(petrol and diesel)

- agricultural activities (diesel) excluding road vehicles
- commercial fishing, forestry and mining operations excluding road vehicles (diesel)

Businesses that are eligible can claim Fuel Tax Credits at the rate of 18.51 cents per litre for business vehicles used on-road and emergency vehicles (petrol and diesel) whereas a higher fuel tax credit of 38.143 cents per litre applies to off-road activities including agricultural activities.

The Fuel Tax Credits are now claimed in BAS Returns. Be sure to claim for only eligible Fuel Tax Credits, which would not normally be the total fuel purchases. In addition, different fuel tax credit rates

apply eg if it relates to a vehicle for public road use or off-road activities. To assist in cash flow, transitional arrangements are in place for two years allowing advance claims for fuel tax credits. These advance claims are then offset in the next BAS Return. A claimant must meet certain criteria and make an election.

On-road diesel vehicles must meet environmental criteria if manufactured after 1st January 1996 to be eligible for the Fuel Tax Credit. This requirement does not apply to off-road vehicles and vehicles used for primary production agricultural activities.

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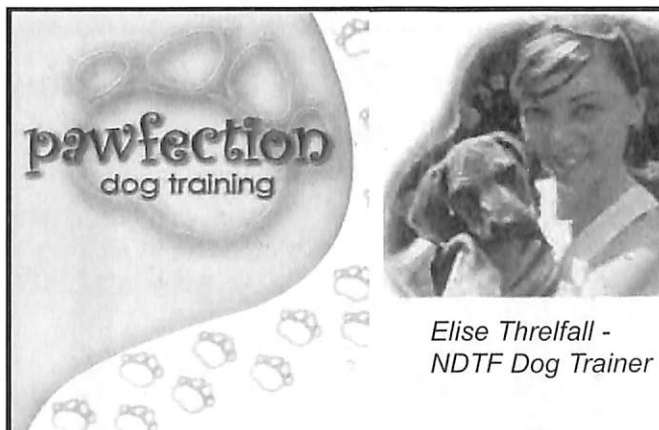
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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group where you can learn crafts and meet new friends over a cuppa each week. You are always welcome when you come.

Over the past few months this group has used their crafts and talents in ways to help others. They have been knitting squares to make colourful rugs for children in orphanages in the Ukraine and Moldova. They have also knitted little jumpers for the babies in Malawi who are born with aids. Some ladies have also contributed to the Tasmanian Beaconsfield Mine rescue scarf project.

This year we have been involved in packing boxes for Samaritan's purse. Many of the items were handmade by the ladies. Some of the group went to Mornington to lend a hand processing and packing. This was a real blessing for them all as on the second visit they took part in of the

dedication of a container of boxes packed ready to go overseas.

Our friends at Midway who meet at the Beaconsfield Community centre also packed shoeboxes for Samaritan's purse and knitted a blanket.

Our faithful team of ladies continue to trim used postage stamps which go to support Global Interaction Missionaries.

Our Craft Fair and Quilt display and Devonshire tea in November was a real blessing to everyone. Many people from the community came through and enjoyed their day.

Make and Mingle meets each Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon and will resume on Wednesday 7th February 2007 with lots of crafts, so please come along and you will be most welcome.

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(Continued from page 11)

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eligible should be claiming fuel tax credits in BAS Returns commencing on 1st July 2006. Talk with your Accountant if you are unsure of Fuel Tax Credits to be claimed or the records required. Amendments can be made to future BAS Returns if claims have been overlooked.

THE CHALLENGES OF SUMMER

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook



I want to thank everyone for their support and good wishes during the recent election period. I now have the privilege of continuing to represent the people of Gembrook for the next parliamentary term and look forward to working with all communities in the electorate to deliver more important projects.

The early signs are already indicating it will be a difficult summer for Victoria, with water levels extremely low and the risk for bushfires very high. This summer, more than ever, every citizen needs to ensure that they save water whenever they can.

The state government is encouraging water savings by extending and expanding the rebates on offer for water-saving devices. \$10 million will be used to extend the scheme so people can claim rebates on a variety of products such as showerheads. Households

that install new large water tanks of 5000 or more litres that are connected to laundries and toilets will now be eligible for a \$1000 rebate, with rebates of \$500 for smaller tanks. Importantly, \$10 million has been set aside to initiate local water recycling and stormwater projects while \$20 million will be used to create a Small Towns Water Quality Fund to help small towns improve water quality and upgrade septic tanks. These are all important measures that can make a difference to our water supplies. Of course, all residents should follow the requirements of the water restrictions, which are currently at Level 2. It is anticipated that the trigger point for at least Level 3 restrictions will be reached this summer, so all residents need to be vigilant about water usage.

The drought is also coinciding with a potentially very dangerous fire season. Even urban fringe

areas like Beaconsfield face the risk of bushfire threats, especially in pockets of the area that are fringed by grass and bush land. The best way of a managing risk is to develop a Bushfire Survival Plan and sticking to it. Residents need to decide that whether they will stay and defend their properties or leave in the event of a bushfire. If you choose to leave, you must leave early as the CFA advises that leaving too late can be a potentially fatal decision.

Please support our CFA volunteers as they face the challenge of summer bushfires and read the important and valuable information on the website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au. Employers can assist by allowing their staff who are CFA volunteers to leave work to assist in the bushfire efforts. Communities can assist by cooperating with volunteers, by being prepared and developing a

Bushfire Survival Plan, by supporting fundraising efforts and by considering becoming a volunteer at their local CFA.

This coming summer with our dual challenges of drought and bushfire is a time when, more than ever the community needs to work together for our common good.

Enjoy Christmas and New Year with your families, friends, and neighbours and I look forward to working with you on a number of new projects in 2007.

Best wishes
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Give a Dog a Bone – but which type?

by Dr. Steve, Beaconsfield Vet Centre

Feeding your pet bones is something everyone does, but the question is what bones are the right ones to feed. Ask a number of different vets or friends and I'm sure you will get a variety of answers. Our recommendation is the bigger the bone the better, for several reasons. Bones themselves have very little nutritional value, and as such, should not be eaten so much as chewed on. They are your pets "toothbrush". Chicken necks and wings are popular and animals love them. However, these are often eaten in no time giving little, if any benefit to the teeth. A large marrow bone will see your pet chew on it for an hour or so giving their teeth a great clean. Give them a bone twice a week, ALWAYS uncooked (cooked bones are more brittle and likely to splinter) and feed them a little less that night as the marrow is pure fat.

Another reason for feeding larger bones is that some pets will swallow chicken necks/wings whole. This can cause major problems as they can become stuck. We have seen this recently. A small puppy "inhaled" a chicken wing which became lodge in it's eosophagus, causing much distress to both the puppy and it's owner. Not only can the bone become lodged, but it causes problems with breathing, due the pressure of the bone in it's chest, and the bone can perforate the oesophagus causing major complications. This bone became lodged in the part of the oesophagus that passes through the chest.

This can require major chest surgery to remove the offending item, but luckily for this puppy an endoscope was successful in removing the bone with no surgery required.

This is not something we see commonly, and hence why a number of recommendations exist regarding what bones to feed. I remember when I was growing up that our dog was fed everything, cooked and raw bones, marrow bones to small chop bones. He lived to 19yrs without ever having a problem. As I say, the problem is not common, but it can be avoided all together by feeding larger bones. There is the risk that major surgery is needed if a bone does become lodged, so avoid the risk to your pet and the stress to yourselves and just feed larger raw bones. If your pet will not chew on bones, please contact us for alternatives to keep your pets teeth and gums healthy.

Well, somehow we have arrived at Christmas again. This year has seemed to go even faster than usual, I guess in part, thanks to our 15mth old son. We are expecting our second child in late May, so next year will probably be just a blur!!

From everyone at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre (including a number of new faces) we would like to wish you and your pets a Very Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you all for your continued support.

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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood,
Member for La Trobe



MERRY CHRISTMAS BEACONSFIELD

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to get together and break bread with our families and friends.

It also coincides with the bushfire season. Early indications from the Bureau of Meteorology are that this Christmas season will be a season of very high fire risk. In fact, this summer is shaping to be the one of the hottest and driest on record. There will be more days of high fire risk, more areas in danger and a longer bushfire season.

Unfortunately for residents of Beaconsfield, bushfires are a fact of life.

Those of us who live in the area dare not forget Ash Wednesday 1983 when fires covering over 9000 hectares raged between Belgrave Heights and Upper Beaconsfield. The fires destroyed over 200 properties and caused 21 deaths, including those of the heroes of the Narre Warren and Panton Hill CFA teams who lost their lives in a firestorm at Beaconsfield Upper. Captain John Minett who led the Narre Warren crew had been named firefighter of the year just two days earlier. The sacrifice they made will remain with us forever as an emblem of the courage and commitment of our CFAs.

Even though the states and territories have primary responsibility for firefighting, I am delighted that the

Commonwealth Government is also playing a part.

Last at Parliament House I was delighted to attend the Minister for Local Government and Roads, the Honourable Jim Lloyd MP's announcement that the Australian Government will spend an additional \$2.5 million this financial year to help the states and territories lease additional firefighting aircraft.

This is a great result for those fighting bushfires in Victoria this season. Minister Lloyd's announcement comes after local CFA officers raised their concerns about fire preparedness with me. I wrote to the Prime Minister urging him to make funding available for an additional skycrane and raised the issue again with my colleagues in the party room. This funding will be used to bring a third heavy "Elvis"-type skycrane to Australia from the USA for the current fire season.

Our CFAs do a magnificent job protecting us and our homes. The efforts of all levels of government pale into insignificance beside the bravery of our volunteer CFA officers and supporters. They are our real heroes. I urge residents to heed their advice this Christmas season and throughout the summer. By all accounts it's going to be a long, hot one.

Have a great Christmas.



BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

The staff at Beaconsfield Primary School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Premier's Reading Challenge



Brooke accepting the Award from the Hon. Steve Bracks – Premier of Victoria.

The Premier's Reading Challenge has been a fabulous success for Beaconsfield Primary School. We were one of just 29 schools invited to take part in the awards ceremony at the National Gallery. Four students Brooke, Hayden, Matthew and Jasmine represented the children of Beaconsfield in accepting this award. They met many famous authors including Andy Griffith. My thanks to Lynda Hughes (Literacy Coordinator),

and the teachers and parents who made all of this possible.

It is a great honor for Beaconsfield PS to receive such recognition; but more importantly; making reading a central part of every child's school and home life has significant implications for their future education and employment. We have proudly displayed our certificate in our school foyer.



High (Jump) Achievers!

The Victorian Primary School Sports Association held their Victorian finals recently. Lucy and Danielle performed a little Beacy Primary School magic in the high jump event. Lucy cleared 140cm and Danielle cleared 135cm; an outstanding result! Both girls earned the right to represent Victoria in the National Championships held in Cairns from the 23rd to the 27th of November. The members of the school community are extremely proud of the girls.

Footnote: Both girls continued their outstanding performance at the National Championships with Lucy achieving equal 6th and Danielle equal 8th.

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POPULAR CHEESES

by Ross Doherty - The Original Cheese Man

In the last edition of the Beaconsfield Banner Oct/ Nov 06, I wrote about the four cheese groups. These being 1. Hard cheese 2. Firm cheese 3. Soft ripened cheese and 4. Soft unripened cheese. This time I am going to concentrate on the third group, soft ripened cheeses.

Because it is coming up to the hotter weather and Christmas, some cheeses in this group are the most popular. The two main varieties are Blue Vein and Camembert/Brie. These come in many variations. With the 'Blue Types' there are many different bodies (firm and soft) textures, (smooth and crumbly) and flavours (light and strong). Another variation is 'ashed'. With the 'White Mould' types, Camembert and Brei have similar differences such as smoothness and flavour types. This can be attributed to normal, double or triple cream, with the

'ashed' type as well. Age also makes a difference. The longer the 'Blue Types' are matured for, the stronger the flavours and with the 'White Types' the softer and smoother bodies become.

In Australia both cheese types are made generally from cows milk but more is being manufactured from sheep and goats milk. Blue Vein types are well known world wide. In Italy it is called gorgonzola; in England - Stilton; France - Roquefort and blue; and Denmark - Danablu. These two types have been known for centuries, eg. the 'Blues' by Romans and the 'Whites' were first made in 1791 in France. Both use different Penicillium moulds. The 'Blues' has the mould right through the curd, while the 'Whites' have it on the outside surface. Both types are very popular on cheese platters. Another way people enjoy Camembert

and Brei is to deep fry them. Try it.

The other cheese types in this group are Greek style Fetta (salty and sweet) and Italian style Mozzarella (mild flavoured and stringy). Fetta is often used in salads, while mozzarella is mostly used for pizzas. Most of us have tried this, the kids love to stretch it right out, often making a mess ...!

As mentioned earlier, cheese platters are popular. The main cheese type is of course cheddar cheese. The most frequently used is Tasty (matured) or Vintage. Here again, generally the older the cheese, the stronger the flavour level. Vintage is strongest. Others to consider are Swiss (or St. Claire), which is reasonably soft, smooth and sweet, nutty flavour. Gouda and Edam have a mild, clean flavour. Another variation for Edam and Gouda are the spiced ones where

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



most have very well balanced flavours. Try, you will be surprised. Now for colour, the last mentioned is terrific, but how about Red Lester? This cheese is bright orange in colour. It is a 'Cheddar' type with a very distinctive flavour, as with Cheshire, which is pale and salty. These are traditional English style cheeses.

If you ever want a chat or advice, please do not hesitate to come and see us. It is now great time of year to enjoy drinks, cheese and bickies. Come and have a look and a taste. You will find us on Sundays at Acoonah Park Market, site 37 outside Shed A2 on Princes Hwy side.



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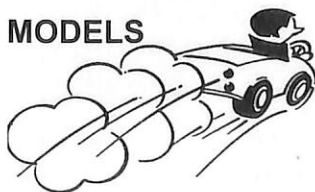
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland



Good Citizens

On the lead up to the Election the local paper phoned and asked me: "what I would if I were Premier". I answered that I would make government smaller. I am not convinced that increasing the number of public servants and the number of politicians and number of laws and the level of taxation makes for a better society. There is a danger of assuming that our governments can fix all our problems and there is a bigger danger of our politicians suggesting that they can! Governments

can make laws but they cannot make people honest. If people were honest we would need fewer laws. Governments can put police on the roads but they cannot make people drive considerately. If everyone drove sensibly we would not need police road patrols.

Governments can make anti-litter laws but they cannot make people take a real pride in their community. Governments can tax but they cannot make people generous and if we were all a little more generous our taxes would be lower.

Our Federal Member addressed the last meeting of the Progress Association. He gave a brilliant speech which I thoroughly enjoyed. He concluded by pointing out that certain Federal funds were available for local projects. Very kind. But I could not help thinking how much healthier our community would be if we here in Beaconsfield were so committed to our own local projects that we freely gave from our own pockets.

There is a real danger in assuming that "government" is responsible for our community. No. We are

responsible for our own community. A community is not as good as its government it is as good as its citizens. If we want Beaconsfield to be a better place it is not to the government that we need to look but to ourselves.



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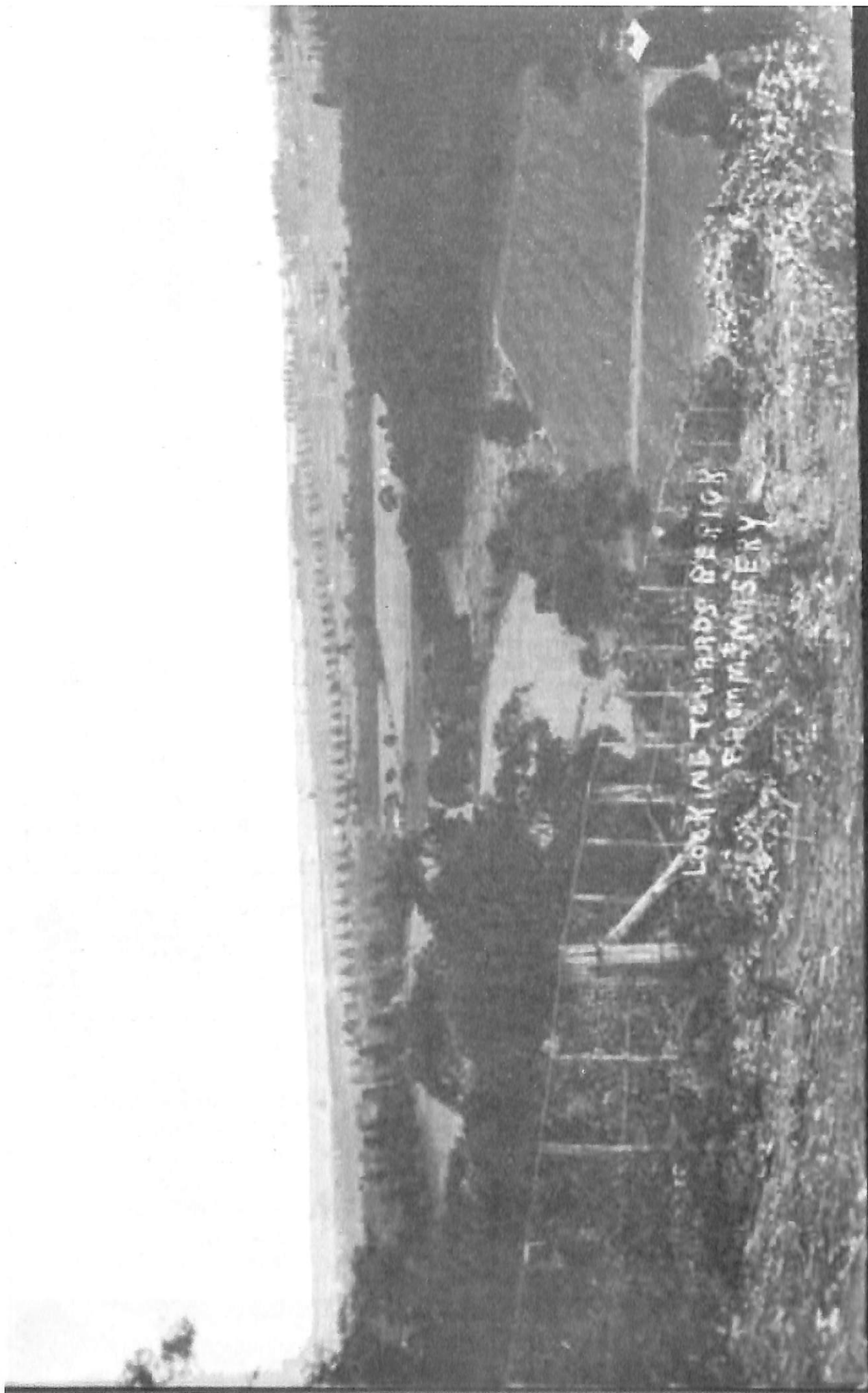
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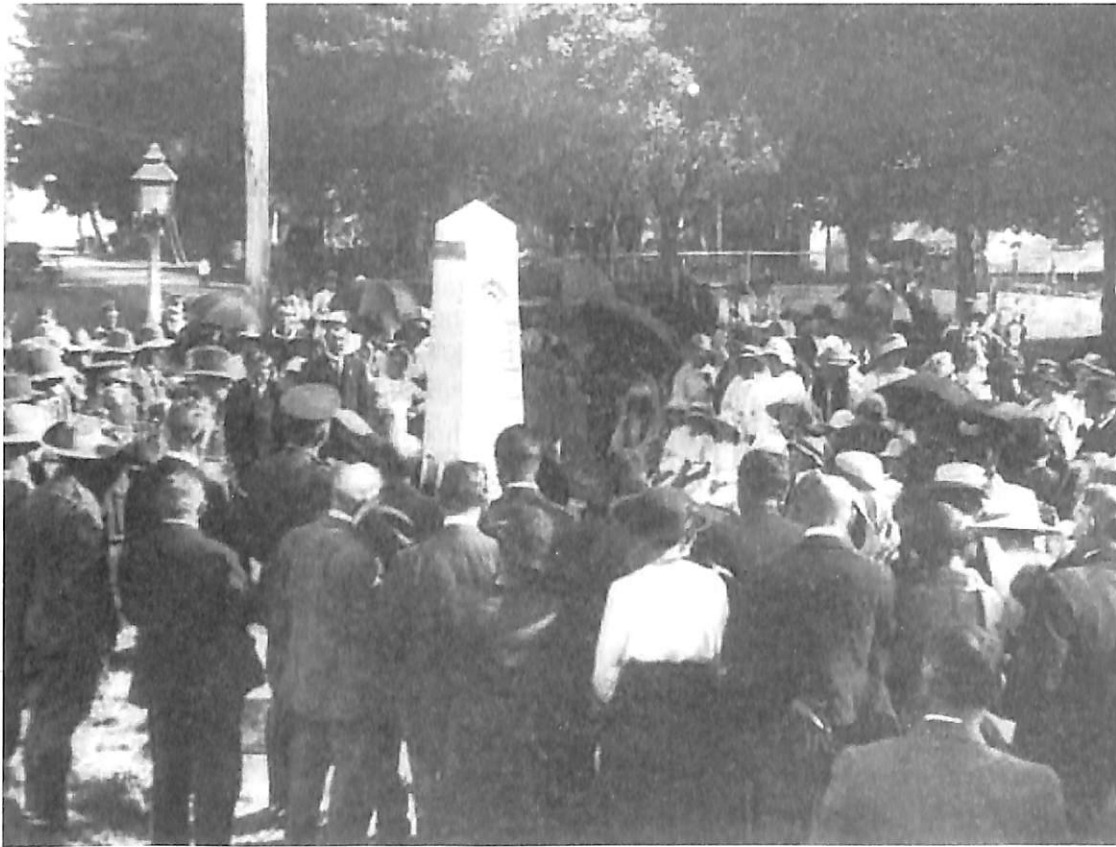
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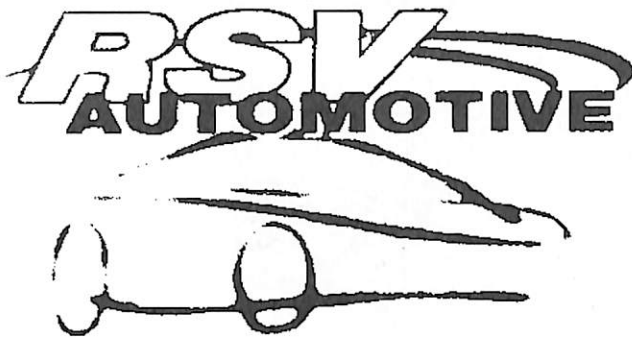
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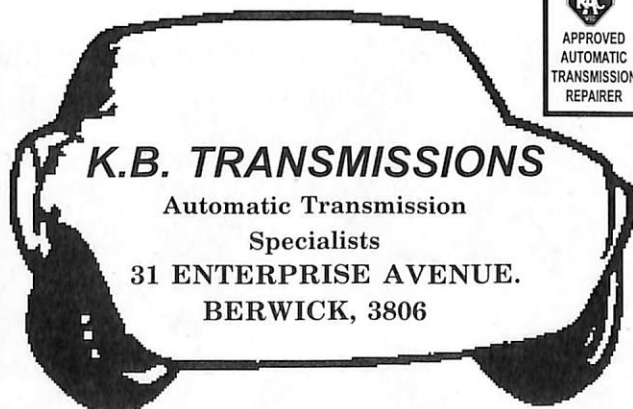
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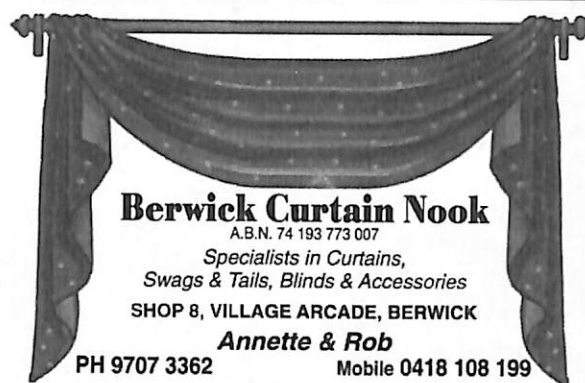
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by Phil Collins

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The garden is at present full of flowers of wondrous shape, of colours, of perfumes. Who designed the rose? How can a rose bloom from a bud yellow, then change to pink and white as the days pass.

I'll never be a designer – I don't have the imagination, but as I have said many times I am good at doors –

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by Ruth Crofts, President

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Heritage information is available currently only in brochure form, computer access will commence next year, however during these two months before Christmas, we will concentrate on raising funds from the sale of gifts. So please come along and support us by purchasing a gift or two and also bring along your friends. Our small budget does not permit paid advertisements, therefore we need your help to spread the word.

Remember to visit your Casey Cardinia Branch Headquarters to meet the volunteers and learn about the current Branch activities.

We have many great plans for the future and in the New Year we will concentrate on the Built Natural & Cultural Heritage, with a focus on learning, with talks, tours, exhibitions, and involving

the young in activities such as a short story writing and art in the Park all with a heritage theme to encourage imagination.

We received a great deal of support to set up the Heritage Centre, from our generous Foundation Donors, Sponsors and Supporters. We also received contributions of many hours of time and expertise. Recently we held a Late Afternoon Reception, to thank all those many contributors.

Now, as we begin the next challenging stage, again fundraising will be essential. We must now meet the regular running costs of the Heritage Centre and for this we look mainly to the Trust Gift Shop. The success of our Shop is dependant on our volunteers, without whom we could not operate. We need more volunteers willing to give just a few hours on a regular basis. You would be part of a happy friendly group, working in a delightful setting and you would be contributing to a very worth while cause.

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X-Wired

by David Griffiths

Well the last couple of months has been a period that has seen some brilliant films released but also some utter rubbish as well.

Let's start with the one of the worst films I have seen in recent history. 'Crank' starring Jason Statham had the potential to be a brilliant film. The idea of a hitman waking up to find he has been injected with a poison that will kill him unless he keeps his body moving is a Hollywood hit waiting to happen. Unfortunately the directing and writing of 'Crank' produced a film that I seriously thought about walking out of, halfway through. I'm glad I didn't though because it meant I would have missed out on witnessing one of the worst endings for a film of all time. It's definitely something I'll be showing my students in future, so they can see how not to end a film.

Okay now let's start with one of the good films, and I'm proud to say it's Australian. Aussie screenwriter Alice Bell teams with director Paul Goldman with a gritty crime story filmed in Adelaide. It's only seconds into 'Suburban Mayhem' that you realise that you've discovered something very special here. Don't get me wrong the film is full-on and it tells the story of nineteen Katrina Skinner and the world of crime and lack of morals around her. Bell needs to be congratulated on such a brilliant script,

while Emily Barclay (who plays Katrina) steals the show, and shows that she will be the next big thing in Australian cinema. It's also nice to see Michael Dorman (The Secret Life Of Us) and Steve Bastoni (Police Rescue) on the big screen and in gritty roles that show exactly how good these actors are.

The other film I haven't stopped praising is 'The Departed'. I'll be the first to admit that I've never really been a fan of Martin Scorsese, but he's finally released a film that I love. 'The Departed' is nothing short of a masterpiece. It tells the story of the organised crime that was once rife in Boston, from both the Irish and Police's point of views. Everything about this film is terrific, from the cinematography, the directing, the script, the music (you'll be humming 'The Dropkick Murphy's' songs for hours afterwards) even down to the acting. There are a lot of actors in this that people love-to-hate, but I can't say enough times that Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon are faultless in this film.

Another film that everybody simply must see is 'Children Of Men'. This post-Apocalyptic film even leaves the brilliant '28 Days Later' behind in this genre.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY COALITION GROUP

by Katie Hall, Community Campaign Coordinator, ACTU

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Even though it might be hard to imagine - these scenarios are already a reality for some families in our area.

The IR laws mean that workers can be put on to new AWA individual contracts that can cut peoples take-home pay and remove important conditions like overtime pay, redundancy pay, shift penalties public holiday pay, paid maternity leave and penalty rates.

The La Trobe 'Your Rights at Work' Community Coalition has been set up to fight the Government's industrial relations agenda.

X-WIRED (Continued from page 29)

Once again Clive Owen puts in a brilliant acting performance, but then again, when hasn't he. He is well supported by Julianne Moore and Michael Caine, in a film that will leave you in deep thought for days. This film is a must see, even if just for the brilliant cinematography that sets the dark period in which this film is set.

Lastly, a few people have contacted me asking me what I think of 'Borat'. I won't waste too much space on such tripe, but I would like to leave everyone with one thought. Why were Michael Richards and Mel Gibson

hung out to dry over there racist remarks about Afro-Americans and Jews, while Borat is allowed to make a film that unfairly insults a whole nation and certainly a number of religions. Does making your racist comments hide behind a character make them acceptable and okay? I'll let you make up your own mind.

You can find a ton of reviews and a stack of entertainment news on www.xwiredonline.com and please check your local media guides for X-Wired radio and television.

Happy film going! Get Wired!



Pictured : Some members of the local Rights at Work Campaign Group at our Family Day at Emerald Lake.

Our group is made up of ordinary mums and dads, different community groups, workers, retirees, and students who all believe that the laws are unfair and want them to be scrapped.

We will be campaigning, raising awareness and educating people in Beaconsfield and Berwick about the extreme nature of

the laws until the next election.

If you would like to get involved in our Community Coalition, or you have been treated unfairly at work and would like to do something about it call Katie Hall from the La Trobe 'Your Rights at Work' Community Coalition on 0409405826.

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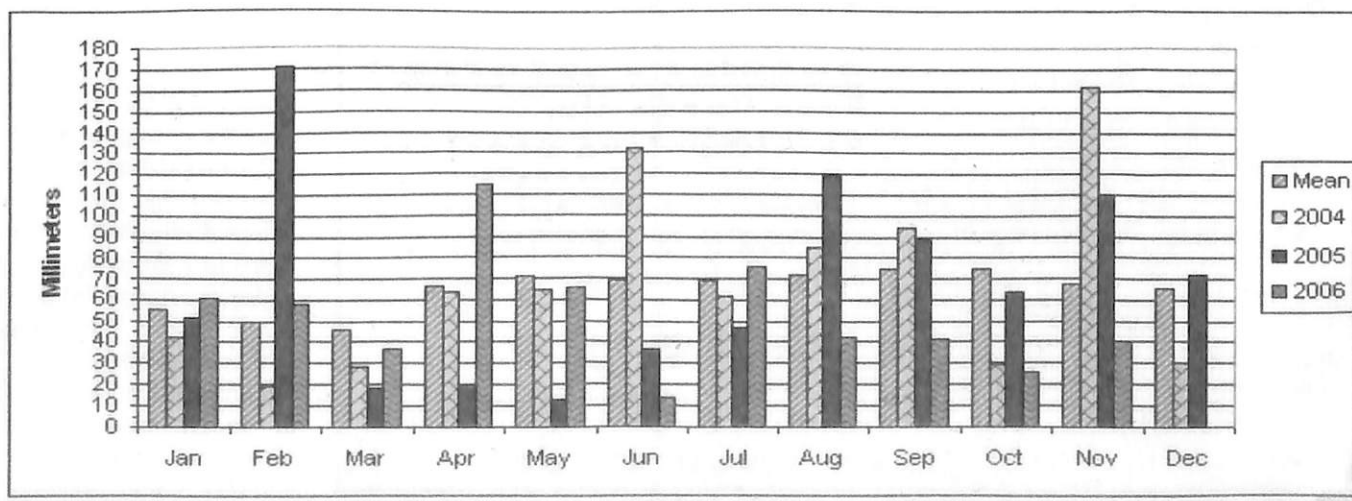


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BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

Well over the past 2 months we have only seen 66ml of rain. With it raining on a total of 8 days.

In October there was 26ml of rain from 5 days. This total was the lowest since October 1996 when there was only 14ml. The month was also extremely warm with 4 days over 30°, with top temperature of 36° on the 12th of October.

In November we recorded 40ml of rain from 3 days. This was the lowest since November 2002 when there was a total of 23ml. The highest monthly total for November was 161ml recorded in November 2004.

Melbournes water storage is currently as 41.3%. With summer now here it is a constant reminder to save every drop.

A useful website with loads of information about water storage levels and loads of tips and water updates visit www.melbournewater.com.au.

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Competitive ON the track, Cooperative OFF it!

by John Perrin, President

The Casey-Cardinia HPV & Cycling Club has continued to enjoy a very active spring season, and AGAIN much of the activity highlights have involved residents from Beacy!

I thought I may just quickly remind readers of the four main areas of activity, in which our Club is involved. It is interesting to note in how many areas the Beacy residents show up as community leaders! The club has four active sub-committees. These are:

1) HPV Development 2) Competitive Cycling 3) Transport & Recreational Cycling 4) Mountain Bike Riding.

Since your last "Beacy Banner", there have been highlights in each of the different areas.

HPV activities

- In Late September, several local HPV teams travelled across to Murray Bridge in South Australia, to compete in the 24 hour Trial. Many Beacy residents attended either as active riding participants, or supporters for teams. Teams from the Beacy Area included the Primary school, a "parents & Teachers" team from the Primary school, and several residents who participated as members of other teams, such as Berwick Secondary College, "Australian Made" Community team, or the new "HP Racing" team.

- On 14th October our club helped organize a "demonstration" HPV Event as part of the final day of the Herald-Sun Tour, in Carlton. At this event, Beacy Primary School were one of

only two Primary Schools invited to participate!

- On Friday 27th October, we held our first "Introductory HPV Event" for "Early Years" Primary school students. (Grades 3, 4 or 5). This was a fun, relaxed introduction for new riders & their parents, to learn about HPV's - the main contributors were the Beacy PS squad!

- On the 25th & 26th November, another "exodus" of residents will have taken place. This time to attend the RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough! At the time of going to press, no results are yet available. However we can anticipate the usual high level of commitment & enjoyment from the Beacy contingent!

- One pleasing aspect of this year has been the support to help new school get involved! We have just received confirmation that Kambrya College will have their new HPV up & running in time to join the First events for 2007! We also hope to hear that Haileybury (Edrington) will also be up & operational

early in 2007. Both of these schools have been helped with support from our Club to get their first vehicle together & operating.

Transport & Recreational Cycling

- Readers may be aware that we conducted our first "Ride to Work" day on Wed 4th Oct. This was done in Pakenham, with great support from the Cardinia Council, and the Rotary Club of Pakenham. We have been asked to consider repeating this next year, in Beaconsfield! However at this time, we do not have any local residents on our "Ride-to-work" planning team. If any people would like to see a "Ride to work in Beaconsfield" in 2007, please make contact with the club via the web site, or directly to John Perrin (Details below).

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

Mountain Bike Riding

- We are just finalizing the negotiations on what we believe will be the first "Mountain Bike Riding School" which will be a series of one day sessions, aimed at introducing new riders to the skills of Mountain Bike riding. These will be conducted over the course of several different days, and are planned to be run in different venues around the Cardinia Ranges. Any interested riders should feel warmly welcome to contact the club via the web site to get the latest details. A few of these courses are planned to be run over the summer school holidays.

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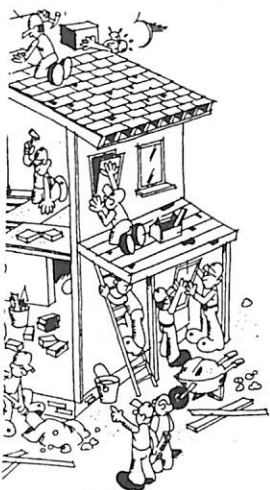
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CASEY CARDINIA HPV AND CYCLING CLUB

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Competitive Cycling Activities

- We participated in the Final of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships in Carlton on 14th Oct. At this event, Beaconsfield Primary School emerged as the MOST successful cycling primary school in the state for the second year in a row!! This reflects the huge amount of hours put in by the students, their parents & their coaches.

- Readers may be interested to know that the Beacy Primary School Coaches are in fact becoming recognized by many of the elite Cycling fraternity. They are often

referred to as "The Beaconsfield Secret Weapon - Hunt & Hunter".

- Another "Beaconsfield Highlight" is the recent announcement that a local resident, Peter Walker, who has just been accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) U19 Men's training squad. He is probably well remembered by many Beacy residents for his secondary school years of riding a Recumbent Tricycle around the district!

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BEAconsfield CRICKET CLUB NEWS

by Greg Tomamichel

Beaconsfield Cricket Club has made a good start to the 2006/7 season with six senior and eleven senior sides all representing the club ably.

Our A Grade team has had a winning start to the season which is a great result given the number of players lost over the winter break. Our other senior teams have had a tougher start to the year with many players in a higher grade than this time last season. This has provided an excellent opportunity for many to improve their cricket, and many juniors have shown their ability to play in the senior ranks.

The juniors sides have all been competitive and well supported by parents, which is a huge boost to the club.

On the social side of things, Melbourne Cup day was a great success and well attended. We will be opening the doors for another of Melbourne's great sporting events, the first day of the Boxing Day test. The game will be shown on the big screen and food and drink will be available through the day.

We will also be holding our Trivia Night on February 10th, 2007.

We are continuing our discussions, along with representatives of other Beaconsfield sporting clubs, with Cardinia Shire to secure more facilities for the future. These have been fruitful to date and we are hopeful that we will soon have facilities confirmed to cope with the huge surge in participation, particularly in the junior ranks.

To anyone keen for a game, we are still on the look out for senior and U/17 cricketers. Please give Greg Tomamichel a call on 0438 639 125 with any queries.

SQUAD SELECTION

Four Beaconsfield Cricket Club juniors have been selected for the Representative Squads of the South East Country Sharks. Congratulations to Jack Benbow (U18's), Madison Andrews (U16's), Alex Benbow (U14's) and Jordan Andrews (U14's).

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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

Finals Results:

November / December saw completion of finals in a number of competitions. While our club likes to see our teams strive to win it is more interested in promoting the fun of playing tennis, not just winning. Congratulations to all who have participated throughout the year and our club wishes everyone merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2007.

Junior Club Championships were held on 3rd of December when the weather was kind to us although we would have accepted rain if it had come our way. A great day was had by all with winners & runners up as follows:
A Grade: Boys singles – Matthew Corney & Daniel Nelson. **Girls singles** – Brittany Steele & Meera Chandrananth.
Doubles – Jayden Wright/Nathan van der Koogh & Christopher McKay/Liam Morgan.
B Grade: Boys singles – Mitchell Dale-Walsh & Nathan van der Koogh **Girls singles** – Casey Day & Anastasia Razdikonova.
Doubles – Jay Anile/Sam Rose & Andrew Newsome/Mitchell Dale-Walsh.
C Grade: Doubles – to be played

Mid week ladies saw Tuesday Section 7 and Wednesday Section 3 bring home the bacon. Congratulations to: Sect 7 Lynne Smith, Mathie Chandrananth, Anja Potter, Helena van den Akker, Paula Dodd with Judy Reid and Emily Potter as emergencies.
 Sect 3 Lorraine Hendy, Jenny Taylor, Julie Mason, Lynda McCallum, Katie Lang.

Tuesday day night in house A grade competition saw unnamed team of Daniel Dutt, Lance Alexander, Mark Hardy and Thaim defeat unnamed team of Steve Robinson, Simon Day, Jason Burr and Tom Smith. Congratulations to Lance Alexander as winner of the Richard Bekker perpetual trophy.

Wednesday night in house B grade sees the following teams to do battle for the premiership as we go to press - FANTASTIC FIVE (Jay Anile, Billy Atken, Denise Anile, Silvia Fisher, Brian Farmer) vs MASH'M (Mathie & Sandy Chandrananth, Anja & Maurice Potter, Annette Lawrence).

New Night Tennis Season Commences in the New Year:

Mixed in house night competition commences early February. Open to both members and non members, this competition is really a great social event in both A & B grades. If interested in getting (back) into tennis, this is the competition for your. Give our co-ordinators Jeff Green (Tuesday night) or Anja Potter (Wednesday night) a ring, numbers below.

Mens Thursday Night A & B grade is currently mid season but can always accommodate new players at any time. Give co-ordinator Ian Craig a ring if you are interested in an immediate start on 9707 4507.

Court Hire

With the holiday season upon us we would like to remind the community that courts are available for use by both members and non members. Artificial grass and hard courts are available for hire to non club members at a cost of \$5 per player per session. Even if accompanied by a club member, non members must pay the hire fee for public liability insurance purposes. Hire fees may be paid at Swim, Gym & Tennis Etc. (Not Just Tennis), 6 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield (next to Taco Bills) during business hours – 9796 2767 or during non business hours ring 9707 4287.



Club Contacts

Night Tennis

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Secretary: 9707 2575	Wednesday Mixed B Grade: 9707 4287	Junior Comp: 9702 5251
Treasurer: 9707 4287	Thursday Men A & B: 9707 4507	Coach: 0401 003 077

Peter Trains With AIS Team

by Clare de Kok



Pictured is Peter Walker at The Melbourne Cup on Wheels winning the fastest heat of the night (it was the fastest time of the the entire meet)

Peter Walker has been accepted into the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) U19's Men's Track Team currently being trained with the aim of representing Australia in the London Olympic Games in 2012. He trains around 25 hours a week plus events.

He will be representing the AIS talent team at the Tasmanian Christmas Track Carnival.

Melbourne Cup on Wheels was Peters' first international race. It was a very exciting night on Saturday 25th November and it was an opportunity for Pete to gain some high end race experience.

Peter was introduced to HPV and Cycling by Terry Trevena former Vice Principal and was part of the Berwick Secondary and Aussie Made HPV teams.

He has joint memberships with Casey Cardinia HPV and Cycling Club and Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club.

Peter was noticed by the AIS after he won the Lenny Hammond Classic, a 80 km hilly road race, not an easy race and to our knowledge not won by a junior before. Peter won



convincingly with a field including the Victorian Road Championships champion.

He is desperate for a sponsor to help with the costs of interstate travel. As part of the AIS talent team they receive professional coaching and support, track time, and limited parts (donated) they don't receive transport, entry fees or equipment until they have been with the AIS for 2 years.

Peter is a qualified skills coach and will be holding coaching and motivational clinics for the members of CCHPVCC dates to be set.

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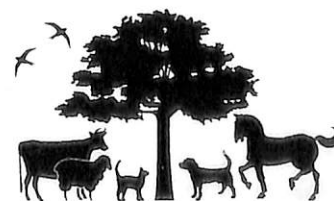


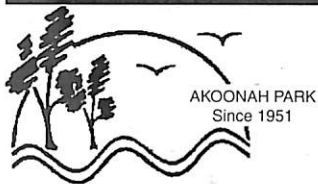
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