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COACHHOUSE NEEDS RESTORATION



A public meeting convened by the Casey-Cardinia branch of the National Trust held at the Beaconsfield Community Complex on Monday 12th February was well attended.

The topic of discussion was the Kenilworth Coachhouse. A building which is now part of a new development on Kenilworth Avenue. A building which has been noted as one of Beaconsfield's historical sites.

National trust members and local residents condemned the situation where a developer was allowed to sign a Section 173 agreement with the council and then not retain the building or take any action to prevent further damage.

The developer has withdrawn an application to the Cardinia Shire to have the building demolished.

On the 19th February Cardinia Council passed the following:

"The condition of the "old Coach House" is in need of urgent repairs to reasonably ensure its retention. The council resolves that:
1. The matter be referred to VCAT to obtain an order for the restoration of the building."

Council are seeking that this restoration is undertaken by the developer/owner.

There is further information about the Kenilworth Coachhouse and its history on page 21.

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17th April, 2007

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

Well here we are again at the start of another year and I know it's belated but "Happy New Year to all".

It was great to see the large number at Carols by the Creek at Christmas time (it seems like a long time ago now), but it was lovely way for the community to celebrate Christmas and get together in fellowship.

As this year emerges we see a number of developments taking place in our town which is very encouraging to see the progress but we should as an association be aware of how these changes can affect our community. For example permit applications that include reduced car parking requirements which I believe we should be opposed to as it will create congestion problems in the future. So we should all

be alert to these changes.

Our organisation is one for the whole community and as such will provide information from time to time that may benefit the whole or sometimes a portion of our residents.

We need to be aware of our history and heritage and not let them be lost to future generations. An example of this is the old Coach House in Kenilworth Estate. I hope we are able to retain this part of our heritage.

Please be aware of B.P.A. and remember that you as residents in Beaconsfield are welcome to be a part of it, so I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Community Complex on O'Neill Rd at 7.30pm.

BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2pm

Service to be held at the
Beaconsfield Cenotaph on
the corner of Wood Street.

This will be followed by
afternoon tea at the
Beaconsfield Community
Complex.

Everyone welcome

The Guest Speaker at this year's service will be Lorraine Edwards (nee Clark).

Lorraine's father, Walter Allan Clark, served and was KIA, Kokoda Trail, 8th September 1942. Walter was employed as a Brick Carter for Hicks Brick Works in Officer and at the time he enlisted was living in Whiteside Road.

Lorraine will be travelling from Finley, NSW, to attend the Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service.



We will feature Walter Allan Clark in the April edition of the Beaconsfield Banner with information kindly provided by his daughter Lorraine.

If you would like any further information about this years Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service contact Tony Rushton 9707 1765.

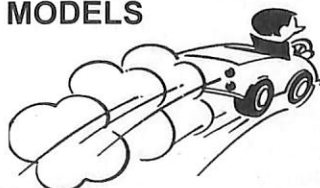


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SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

Council has recently appointed councillor Kate Lempriere as the shire's new Mayor. Council has also gone through an extensive process to select the new Chief Executive Officer. Almost 50 candidates were considered for the position and at the end of the selection process, Garry Mc Quillan, the shires General Manager of Corporate Services and the acting CEO was appointed. Garry is well regarded in the community and I am confident he will do a fine job.

Council is reviewing the township boundaries between Beaconsfield and Officer. Over time, there has been confusion and debate about the town boundaries. At the pres-

ent time the Beaconsfield Community Complex, in O'Neil Road, is technically in Officer. Council has surveyed residents in the area of question and the majority of respondents were in favour of being called Beaconsfield. Council is supporting a change to the boundary to include the area west of Whiteside and Brunt Road's, including the Panorama estate to be called Beaconsfield. Council will now advertise its intention to change the boundaries and council seeks public comment.

I have been contacted by many concerned residents about the Old Coach House situated amongst a new residential development in Kenilworth Avenue.

I am disappointed that the condition of this heritage building has deteriorated so badly. The subdivision has a Section 173 agreement (signed in June 2005) between the developer and council, whereby one of the conditions is that the "existing coach house must be retained." Council is currently getting legal advice of what the term, "retain" actually means and what action can be taken.

The council of time, in my view made an error and should have worded the agreement much better to contain the requirement to actively conserve, protect and maintain the Old Coach House.

At the February General Council meeting, I tabled a petition of Beaconsfield residents who objected to the replacement of hard waste collection with tip vouchers and who wanted the road side collection service re-instated. When council soon re-considers hard waste services in preparation for the 2007/2008 council budget, I will be voting for the re-introduction of a roadside collection service.

The council funded signalled crossing between the north and south side of the Old Princes Highway in Beaconsfield was switched on in January. This crossing will provide safe access between the two shopping precincts.



CARDINIA



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

Council's Graffiti Strategy

Council will shortly release its draft strategy on Graffiti.

A community open forum/discussion on the graffiti strategy will be held at "Services Central" 6B Henry Street, Pakenham on Wednesday the 14 March from 7pm to 8.30pm. Business Groups, Associa-

tions and other stakeholders will be sent the discussion paper.

The community will be advised via "March Connect, Council website etc. Residents are encourage to give feedback in regard to this draft strategy.



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Glismann Road - Proposed Rezoning

by P. Collins

The Happy Hills Estate was subdivided in the early 1960's into mainly 2.5 acre lots. All are now built on and while the road was originally Salisbury Road, the name was changed to Glismann Road to avoid confusion with the Upper Beaconsfield road of that name.

On Friday 2nd February 2007 all of the present owners met with three representatives of Cardinia Shire to discuss the proposed change in zoning from Rural to Residential. Ms Marcelle Bell, Strategic Planner, Mr. Philip Walton, G.M. of Planning and Councillor Brett Owen gathered with 32 residents at the home of Elaine and Phil Collins to hear the pros and cons of the change.

Much of the discussion centred on the road itself as any closer settlement

which may result from rezoning, would severely strain the unsealed surface and create a terrible dust menace.

The practicality of subdivision into smaller residential lots was placed in question due to the hilly nature of the land, most blocks have steep sections and a good deal of filling would be necessary.

The residents must now record their support or opposition in writing to Council and it was felt that the meeting served to inform residents of some of the factors in the decision process.

Any plan to allow free access to the Berwick Views Estate via Glismann Road would meet strong opposition from residents.

BEST EVER CROWDS AT CAROLS BY THE CREEK





NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

by Phil Walton

Major bushfires in Victoria and New South Wales have kept the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade busy in the period from the end of November to mid January.

A tanker and crews from Beaconsfield were sent to Mudgee to the west of Sydney in New South Wales at the end of November as part of a CFA taskforce to assist in controlling one of numerous bushfires burning in New South Wales at the time. Crews came back from Mudgee as major fires flared in Victoria in the north east of the state and Gippsland.

Crews were actively in-

involved in fighting the Gippsland fires around Heyfield, Dargo and Swifts Creek up until mid January with a tanker from Beaconsfield also being deployed to Swifts Creek during January.

Twenty three firefighters from Beaconsfield were involved in the fires in Mudgee and Gippsland and collectively completed over 120 twelve hour shifts. Despite such a significant commitment, the brigade ensured that a tanker and crew were retained locally in Beaconsfield to respond to any fires or emergencies in the local area.

The risk of fires in the local area is still likely to be high through until the end of April, and residents in the fire prone areas of Beaconsfield are urged to ensure they continue to be prepared for a bushfire during this period.

Local fire brigades were recently asked to assist in collecting food and other household items to deliver to a foodbank in Victoria's western district for local families significantly affected by the drought.

It is extremely pleasing that with the generous support of the Berwick Op Shop

and brigade members, almost \$6000 worth of food and household items were able to be delivered to Horsham on 3 February 2007. This is in addition to food and household items provided by other fire brigades in the region.

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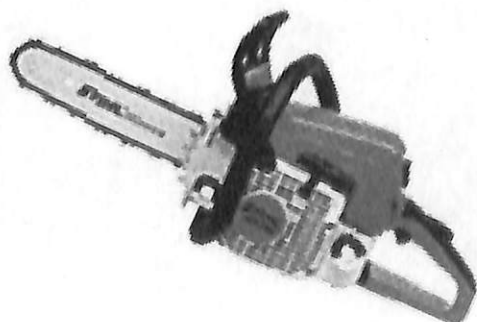
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DATE: Thursday 8th March
TIME: 8.00 am – Walk
 8.30am – Community breakfast
VENUE: Cardinia LIFE
 Olympic Way
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International Women's Day is the global day connecting all women around the world and inspiring them to achieve their full potential.



BIDDING YOU FAREWELL AS POSTAL MANAGERS AT BEACONSFIELD.

by Keith and Leonie Norman

We have sold the Beaconsfield Post Office. The new Licencees will be with us at the Post Office from the 18th of January to meet and greet you all. We will be with them until mid February and look forward to introducing them to you.

We have totally enjoyed reinventing postal services for the Beaconsfield community and will greatly miss the many good people who roll through our doors each day. We are certain that the changes in postal services especially for local businesses will continue to improve the economics within the town. (Hopefully jobs for the growing number of youths.)

Beaconsfield is a charming town largely due to the people that live there. We have discovered there is such a wide variety of backgrounds within the community and each and every person makes Beaconsfield the wonderful place that it is. (So good that our immediate family are building in Beaconsfield to enjoy the lifestyle it provides.)

We've been very much enriched by each and every person we have met. It will be very different for us without each of them in our day to day life.

As residents living close by, we look forward to enjoying your vibrant community as it continues to grow.

We wish to thank everyone for their loyalty, support

and sharing their time & stories with us at the post office.

So many wonderful people, how blessed we have been.

WE THANKYOU ALL
AND ADMIT WHOLE-
HEARTEDLY "WE WILL
MISS YOU".

OUR GRATITUDE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE BPA

(Beaconsfield Progress Association)

The Beaconsfield Progress Association does remarkable work for everyone in Beaconsfield, and the success of the BPA will be assured with so many wonderful people caring so much about their town. The BPA web site and other initiatives keep people informed and hopefully they will choose to be involved because of the good work of the BPA.

To the many volunteers who assist the BPA each month, CONGRATULATIONS. We are in awe of your dedication. Your efforts empowers the township of Beaconsfield you should all be very proud of yourselves.



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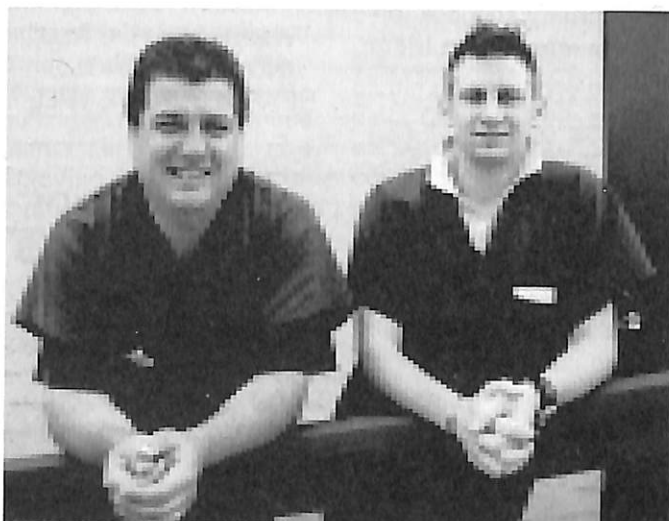


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LOCKS WILL FALL FOR "SHAVE FOR A CURE"

Steve and Josh of Beaconsfield Veterinary Clinic are having their heads shaved for "Shave for a Cure" day in March. They are aiming to raise a \$1,000 dollars through the generosity of the Beaconsfield community. Both Josh and Steve will have their heads

shaved by Chris from Temples hairdressers who is generously donating her time to help. Donations can be made to the clinic, Beaconsfield Pharmacy, Temples Hairdressers, Rendevous Cafe and Beaconsfield Pet Supplies.



Calling Budding Carollers

by C. Galloway

The co-ordinator of last year's "best-ever" Carols by the Creek event, Peter Brown, is calling for budding carollers who want to be part of the choir at this year's celebration to come forward.

Anyone wanting to be considered for the choir on December 16 should call Peter on 0428 178 413.

Peter reckons the 2006 Carols was the "best yet", with the biggest crowd he's seen. "It's a true family and community event," he says, "allowing for reflection about the true meaning of the season in an atmosphere free of commercialism".

Philip Rayment, of Pak-enham, who has been

attending Carols by the Creek "on and off for the past 10 years" agrees. "It's a very pleasant night out. I like it because the community can get together for something that is not a professional event where you have to pay money to go - there are no big bucks involved".

Philip is a historian of candlelight carols events - he is responsible for starting a page about such gatherings on the Wikipedia website. According to Philip, carols by candlelight events began in Melbourne in 1938, at the initiative of local radio announcer Norman Banks. "Since then they have spread to some other countries".

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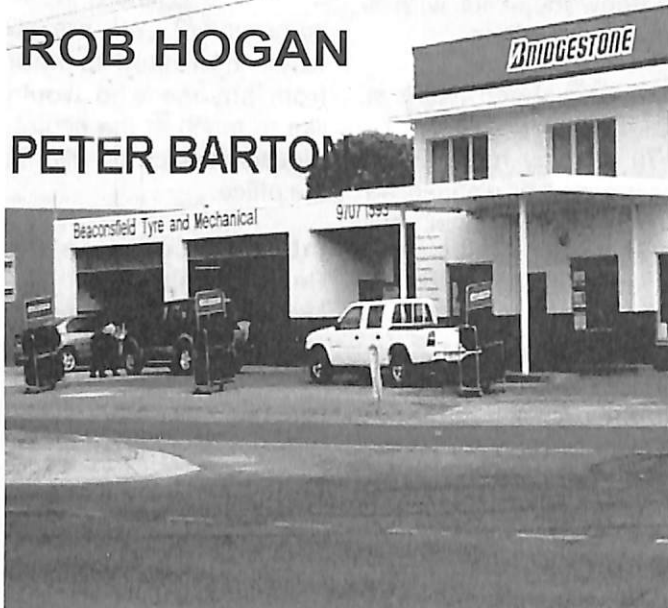
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by Ann Taylor

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Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Inc

Located in the Beaconsfield Community Complex on O'Neil Road

Phone 8768 4400

by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

Welcome to 2007 at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre

We hope all our members had a safe and happy holiday break, and we welcome you all back to the Centre for our 2007 classes.

If you have not joined any of our classes before, we invite you to look through our program and join us in a friendly environment to learn new skills and meet new people.

All the areas of Beaconsfield and surrounds should have received our Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre program in January. If you did not receive one, please ring the office on 8768 4400 and we will post one to you.

Be crafty.....For people who love doing art and craft, we have mosaics, french polishing, jewellery, painting, pergamano, easy cardmaking, writer's group,

bonsai, patchwork, and a new discussion group.

Stay healthy.....Staying well and healthy is important, so come along and take part in yoga, chikung and mediation, linedancing, belly dancing, strength training, or ballroom dancing.

New programs this term include:

Tuesday Bonsai - create your own beautiful bonsai to take home.

Thursday Easy cards - make quick personalized cards for that special occasion in this new group. Really simple and easy to do over 3 weeks.

Thursday Yoga - a beginners class in a relaxed atmosphere with qualified teachers

Thursday Ballroom Dancing - Learn new steps either on your own or with a partner. A fun social way to get fit and meet new friends.

Friday Patchwork - we are starting a Friday patchwork

group. Enjoy the company of others with the same interest and improve your patchwork skills with a qualified teacher.

Looking ahead to Term 2

We already have some new programs planned, and invite you to register your interest.

We will be running new look Folk Art and Decorative Painting classes to meet popular demand. These classes, for beginner to advanced, will show you how to do terrific designs for a variety of useful applications to decorate your home.

Other new classes include Latin dance, Food hygiene certificate, First aid, genealogy workshop, new over 50's group, paint and chat group and for children we will be running a new after school creative art class. Contact the office if you would be interested in any

of these classes.

Do you have skills you would like to share in the community? We are always interested to hear from anyone who would like to teach at the centre. Please contact the Mim in the office.

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How to contact us

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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.

BUDGET SUPERANNUATION CHANGES

The Government introduced Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 into Parliament on 7th December 2006. This Bill was then referred to the Senate Economics Committee, which is due to report by 6th February 2007. The Labour Party has indicated they will support the Governments' changes. These much awaited changes to Superannuation are now close to becoming law and are aimed at making administration of superannuation simpler for retirees whilst providing better benefits and flexibility when taking superannuation benefits in retirement.

The majority of the new measures that will apply from 1st July 2007, include the following:

1. The Reasonable Benefits Limit (RBL) will be abolished hence there will be no restriction on the amounts that can be accumulated in superannuation and paid as benefits.

2. The requirement to compulsorily be paid benefits on reaching a particular age or on ceasing employment is to be abolished except that benefits must be paid on death of the member.

3. Superannuation benefits paid from a taxed fund would be tax-free for persons aged 60 and over. This applies to Lump Sums and also Pensions.

A lower rate of tax applies for benefits from untaxed funds (eg some Government schemes).

4. The current age based limit of tax deductible contributions will be replaced by a limit of \$50,000 per person per annum (transitional rule for persons over 50 is a limit of \$100,000 p.a. until 30/06/2012).

5. Self employed persons will be entitled to full tax deduction that currently applies to employers contributions for employees as well as being eligible for their Government Co-Contribution for personal after-tax contributions.

6. Tax deductible superannuation contributions can be made for persons up to 75 years.

In addition, other changes include:

1. Undeducted contributions will be limited to \$150,000 p.a. from 10th August 2006.

2. The Centrelink/DVA 50% assets test exemption for complying income stream pensions will be removed for pensions purchased after 20th September 2007.

The Pension in place before that date will still receive the asset test exemptions of:

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(Continued from page 11)

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NATIONAL TRUST CASEY CARDINIA BRANCH

by Ruth Crofts, President

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Heritage in our Community

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook

I was most distressed to learn prior to Christmas that the heritage-listed Kenilworth Coach House is now under threat of demolition. Beaconsfield residents alerted me to the application for demolition which places this unique piece of local history under threat. This is despite the fact that an agreement (called a Section 173 agreement) already existed which required the property to be protected.

Those who were involved with the Cardinian Embroidery Project would know that the Coach House was one of the buildings depicted on the Beaconsfield panel of the embroidery. This building, dating back to the late 1800s, was part of a property known as Kenilworth Villa, which also included a mansion and stables. It was used as a laundry when the Berry Street Foundling Home acquired the property in 1913, so that the nappies

of the children being cared for could be washed.

Since the demolition of the mansion in the 1960s, this coach house is all that remains of this important time of Beaconsfield's history. I have lodged an objection with the Cardinia Shire Council to the demolition application, and I know many other local residents have done the same.

The heritage and history of an area plays an important part in the identity of a community and in building the ties across the neighbourhood. I know many locals treasures such as the Old Coach House and the war memorial, mean so much to Beaconsfield people. They are like having a community photo album which speaks of where we have been and where we have come from. They are part of our shared culture and, as cultural icons, form part of the spirit of the community.

History is for everyone and heritage, which has been identified as of importance to a community, needs to be protected. It is easy to identify national icons that deserve protection and preservation from inappropriate development. Yet it is just as important for local communities that their own local icons and heritage-listed buildings and sites get the same level of recognition and protection. It is not sufficient to argue that anyone can do anything just because of title ownership, with total disregard for heritage values. This is particularly so when owners have agreed to maintain and protect a site as a condition of council allowing them to proceed with a development. Planning- and heritage listing- is recognition that we live and work in a community and that the community needs to be functional as a whole. Heritage, culture



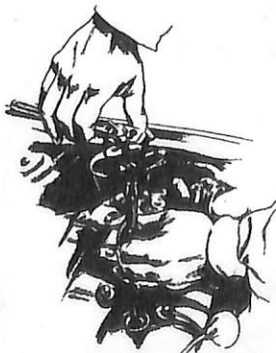
and social cohesion all form part of what makes us a civilised society.

For those interested in heritage issues, I would ask you to consider joining the local branch of the National Trust, of which I am a member, and help play a role in encouraging respect for our history and for local heritage sites.

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by Dr. Steve, Beaconsfield Vet Centre

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Limited exercise

Medical reasons – which increase the likelihood of putting on weight

Age – older pets are less active and therefore require fewer calories

Desexing – alters their metabolism so fewer calories are required

There are several indicators to look for as a guide as to whether your pet maybe overweight. Such indicators may include loss of an obvious waist, slow to move, short of breath, the ribs and spine can't be easily felt and intolerance to exercise to name a few.

As with humans, an overweight pet is at increased risk from a range of health problems. Heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, pancreatitis, skin conditions and breathing difficulties are some of the conditions we see in overweight pets.

There are many ways to correct a weight problem. The best results are often obtained through a individually tailored programme, and it is often unsafe to launch into vigorous exercise or crash diets.

If you have trouble tailoring a weight loss programme

for your pet, please call us for some friendly advice, or your pet can even join our free Beaconsfield Vet Centre Belly Busters, where we tailor and monitor your pets weight loss. Please don't hesitate to contact us on 9769 8777 should you need any advice in relation to this matter, or anything else. Please note we have extended our hours for your convenience. We are 8am-7pm Monday-Friday, but Saturdays are now 8:30am-4:30pm.

Community Donation

Our donation of \$500 for this edition goes to the Australian Air League Girls Squadron of Berwick which fosters good citizenship, teamwork, ingenuity and resourcefulness in it's members.

Further to our successful donation programme, we are also entering in the "Shave for a Cure" day in March. If through the generosity of your loose change when you visit the clinic, we reach \$1000 by March, both Josh and I will have our heads shaved (not clippered, but shaved – sorry Josh!) by Chris from Temples hairdressers who is generously donating her time to help.



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- * I can't get rid of my chronic **heart burn**
- * If only I could get my **cholesterol** down
- * I wish I could **loose weight**
- * I have to take so **many tablets**
- * I wish I could get off my **Hormone Replacement Therapy**
- * I think I must suffer from **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome**
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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood,
Member for La Trobe



Greetings Beaconsfield

Recently I was delighted to announce that Beaconsfield Primary School is to receive \$148,150 under the latest round of the Australian Government's Investing In Our Schools programme. This grant will go towards a new specialised learning area and information and communication technology facilities.

Over its life, the \$1 billion *Investing In Our Schools Programme* will provide \$700 million to government schools and \$300 million to non-government schools to fund projects identified and prioritised by school communities.

Grants are available to help repair, replace or install new items that are critical to the needs of schools like Beaconsfield Primary. These include improvements to classrooms, libraries, com-

puter facilities, play equipment, musical instruments, or sporting infrastructure.

By focusing on delivering small-scale help the Australian Government is providing local communities with a voice to determine what they think is important for their schools.

I believe it is every parent's right to choose the best education for their child and I am pleased to say that this government's funding policies have provided parents with greater choice than ever before.

After all, it is parents and school communities, not government, who are best placed to assess their individual needs.

Well done Beaconsfield Primary!

KEEN TO EXPAND POST OFFICE SERVICES

The new Licensees of the Beaconsfield Post Office, Peter and Sandra Darbyshire, are looking forward to meeting the residents of Beaconsfield and continuing the services already developed by former owners Leonie and Keith.

The Beaconsfield area is not new to Peter and Sandra having lived close by

and initially establishing Berwick Boarding Kennels.

Although they feel that may have 'big shoes to follow' they are keen to expand on the services that the residents can access at the Post Office. They invite customers to come a have a chat about services and special requirements that



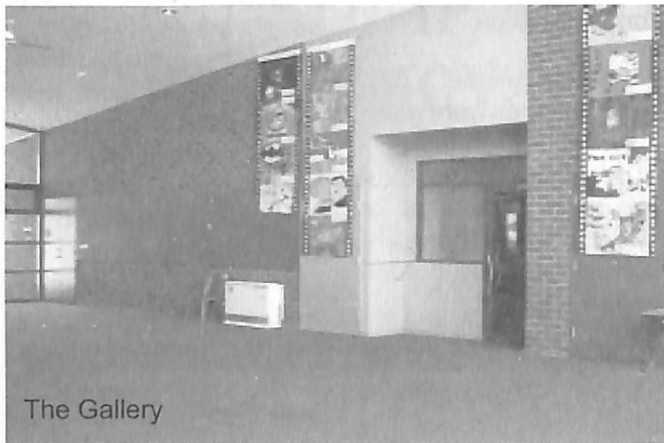
BPS Corner

by Junior Reporters,
Corinne, Jesse and Lachlan

The new classrooms are absolutely fabulous at Beaconsfield Primary School. They have got two big whiteboards and a blackboard which can slide across to find storage compartments. The teachers desk has a pull down wall which can be locked for privacy reasons.

We also have a Gallery that will be used for displays of art done by the students, we also have assemblies and watch films there.

By Corinne Hohenhaus



The Gallery



The New Buildings

The new buildings at Beaconsfield Primary are great! All the students think that the buildings are great and basically every student wants to be in them.

Beaconsfield now has nine new classrooms, a new gymnasium, a new art and music room, a discovery centre, a gallery and a canteen! All of the new buildings are in action except for the canteen because the school committee still has to decide what food will go in. Everyone in the school is so glad the buildings are finished.

By Jesse Martin

The new school buildings are almost



The Stadium

complete. The basket ball court features are scoreboards chained lights and thick glass. The basket court will be used for assemblies and may be used for the beacy bandits but it will still need some seats for the people that want to sit down after work. The discovery centre will be use for Whizz kids program and gifted children. The discovery centre is connected to the music room

By Lachlan Price



RECORD CROWDS AT BERWICK SHOW



Beaconsfield residents enjoyed the many thrills that the Berwick Show continues to provide. Large crowds gathered to see one of the arenas attraction 'Sampson'. (pictured above)



Wood choppers ready for the starters call on Sunday afternoon.
(Photographer N. Boon)

SALLY'S GARDEN



Why the need for herbs in our daily diet?

Herbs have been in use since the Ancient Roman days and they were used in a variety of ways. They were used to purify and sweeten the unhygienic environment in the great cities, where cleanliness of body was a luxury to only a few, and food was often rank or even well and truly "off". Herbs have antiseptic properties and pleasant perfumes and powerful stores of volatile oils and minerals.

Ancient times saw people use herbs for balming purposes, incense and myrrh, and the Kings and Queens or any notable person, was always buried with a variety of herbs to keep them free from the evil spirits, and ease their way into the after life.

Many herbs were carried

as gifts from one monastery to another by monks, and from the monks' knowledge of the herbs people soon grew to acknowledge and embrace the power of the herbs. One of the earliest forms of taking herbal medicine was when the herbs were mixed with a wine to make a "cordial". Most of our liqueurs today are mixed with herbs, so we have the monks and their ingenuity to thank for that fact.

In ancient times, medicine was inextricably bound up with religion. Most early physicians practised auto suggestion and hypnotism. Natural remedies were prescribed for natural diseases, and "magic" remedies for many forms of mental illnesses, quite often by charlatans and tricksters who had no train-

ing or knowledge, but a smooth tongue for convincing people they knew what they were about.

Rasputin, the rascal monk, was able to keep people in a coma with herbs at his free will, and then administer other herbs and potions to bring them back to consciousness. This all so impressed the Russian royalty that all other physicians were not allowed in the palace to administer to the young prince who had a serious blood condition. The way Rasputin and others like him used herbs for their own mischievous advantage has given the use of herbal medicine a wrong reputation.

In our Grandmother's day, home remedies were readily available from the garden, and as she would say, "There is no need for a Doctor when there are fresh herbs in the garden to administer"

In our sophisticated living today, where there is little or no backyard, there is simply not the space to grow our own vegetables and herbs.

All children should be able to have their own small vegetable patch where they can watch the growth of their vegetables and herbs. The pride and joy on their faces after they have picked their vegetables for Mother to cook for their dinner or the sprig of parsley that they have been able to bring in for a garnish is a wondrous sight.

Some people, who live in flats in parts of Europe where they have neither front nor back yards, rent from the council a small shed on a plot of land so they can grow their vegetables and herbs. This is an excellent way of keeping people healthy in both exercise, fresh air and fresh vegetables. Flowers were not allowed to be grown, just vegetables and herbs, bringing to the fore again, the importance of fresh vegetables and herbs.



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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

And A Happy New Year

What do we mean by a "happy new year"? I guess a year in which we experience a lot of happiness. But happiness does not just turn up. It is the product of attitude. Get your attitude right and you will be happy. Deirdre Macken in an article written for the Christmas edition of the AFR (P33) pointed to the fact that the habits and attitudes the make people happy are the same as

those practiced in most traditional religions. As she says, "the messages from the happiness gurus will be eerily familiar to those who have knelt in a church". And what are they?

Gratitude. Joy is the by product of gratitude. Start seeing the good things that come your way as gifts and you will be a lot more thankful. And from a thankful disposition will come joy.

Love. Love is all about do-

ing good to another, little acts of kindness. The more kind and generous you are the happier you will be.

Contentment. Or as the bible puts it, do not envy. Our sense of not having enough is only in comparison to what others have. Keep your eye on those who have less than you not those who have more.

Forgiveness. Resentment will drain away happiness. Remembering the wrongs done to us is a choice. Far better to choose to remember the hurts you have caused others; in doing so the hurts others have inflicted on you will

not seem so bad, and will be much easier to forget and forgive.

Hope. We all need a sense of future. The concept of heaven may not seem very sophisticated in this modern world but for those who believe Jesus words "I go to prepare a place for you" there is a powerful sense of excitement at what the future holds.

A "Happy New Year" does not have to be an empty phrase the way to happiness is there for the taking.

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Photo of the Kenilworth Coachhouse from Doreen Sanders collection

Cardinian Embroidery Project

by Ann Taylor

Have you been to Cardinia Cultural Centre yet to view the Cardinian Embroidery?

This is an ideal outing for all the family and also somewhere to take visitors.

You will see eight embroidered panels, each measuring 190cm x 140cm which depict the heritage and tradition of Cardinia Shire as we saw them in 2005. Even if you do not understand the intricacies of embroidery, you will all have fun identifying the well-known landmarks and recognizing neighbouring houses.

The third panel on the wall depicts features in Beaconsfield, Rythdale, Officer and Cardinia. Some old ones like historic Holm Park and includes the new Beaconsfield Community Centre.

In the lower section of the panel you will see the Old Kenilworth coachhouse. This was worked in machine appliqué by Roslyn Robinson.

Page 25 of "The Cardinian Embroidery" edited by Eleanor Taylor has information about the coachhouse.

Kenilworth Coachhouse

"In the late 1880's Charles Nott, 'gentleman' had a large turreted mansion built near the Cardinia creek. Much of the interior joinery was the work of local builder, James Adamson. Nott also developed an extensive garden with a lake and island, but he lost his fortune in the crash of the 1890's and eventually 'Kenilworth Villa' was acquired in 1913 by the Berry Street Foundling Home, when the coachhouse was converted into a laundry for all those nappies!

The Foundling Home, closed in 1946 and the mansion, though tenanted, fell into disrepair. In 1963 the Tozer family brought the property and demolished the old house, using the handmade bricks, slate and other materials to build a new four-level

house on the site. In 1971 the Sanders family bought the property and extended the coachhouse for their children's use. Some of the stained glass from the original mansion have been used in the coachhouse." The book "The Cardinian Embroidery" gives historical details of all the buildings illustrated on the embroidery.

Copies are \$20 each and available from The Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham, Beaconsfield Community Centre, Berwick Mechanics Institute Library, Craft Haven in Berwick and also from Ann Taylor 97071996

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The Kenilworth Coachhouse (middle left hand side) as depicted in the Cardinian Embroidery.

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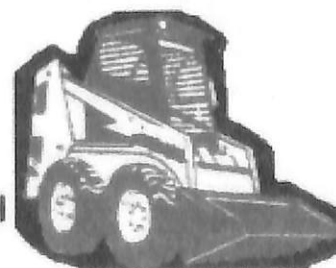
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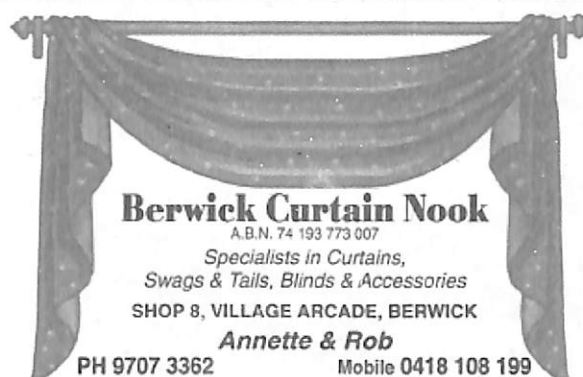
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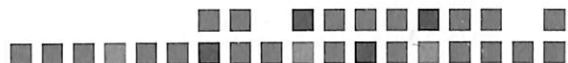
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

Water storage tanks have become very popular. They say there is a 12 week delay on supplying some tanks. Every industry has its boom times – I think it is tanks and plumbers turn. One could certainly question the economics of buying a \$2,500 tank system when mains is so inexpensive. The main appeal for tank is independence. There is no-one telling you when you can wash your car or water your plants – yet. The water you collect tastes ok to me – many people grew up on tank water and creek water. Mind you they didn't have fluoride or chlorine to fight tooth decay.

What do handymen do when the weather is hot and dry? Well we avoid digging holes, working on iron roofs. We paint on the shady side, we do tiling repairs, plaster patches, put up sails (although that does involve digging holes) and building shelves. Shelves

are an all the year round job as are doors. Doors drop, rot, blister and just give up. Clotheslines need rewiring after a while, once rewired the line is tight and smooth.

I don't expect a gold watch, but 2007 is my 20th year as Handyman, first at Berwick and now Beaconsfield. My first job was at Berwick Brae Retirement Village in 1987 and today and Monday of this week I again worked at Berwick Brae Village. There are still many original residents, for such is life in that village I really think it adds years to your life.

Having installed a tank, we applied for Government Rebate of \$1000, which covers about a third of our costs. Little did we know that it would be paid as a rebate of each water bill. Of course we won't use nearly as much water now – it will be a very long time before we receive the full refund.

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X-Wired

by David Griffiths



Well 2006 has finally come to our close and it was certainly an interesting year in the film world. For some people (like Mel Gibson) it was a year to forget, while for other filmmakers it was a definitely a year to remember, especially if you worked in the Australian film industry.

For those wanting to know the Top Ten Films in Australia last year were:

1. Walk The Line
2. Ice Age 2: The Meltdown
3. Pirates Of The Caribbean: Dead Man's
4. The Devil Wears Prada
5. The Departed
6. You, Me And Dupree
7. The Da Vinci Code
8. Borat
9. Cars
10. The Chronicles Of Narnia

Anyway enough of 2006 let's move onto 2007. Already the good films have started coming out. 'Déjà vu' is probably the best 'thriller-laced-with-science-fiction' since Michael Bay's 'The Island'. Director Tony Scott (brother of Ridley Scott) does a fine effort with a script that needed some roping in. Even as a hardened science-fiction fan the storyline left me asking 'what the?' several times, but ultimately I didn't care as the film looked brilliant and it was enjoyable watching seasoned veterans, Denzel Washington and Val Kilmer play roles they were born to play. And for once I enjoyed watching Jim Caviezel, famous for playing Jesus in 'Passion Of The Christ'.

The movie follows the story of a Detective in New Orleans (Denzel Washington) who is called in to investigate a terrorism attack. Much to his surprise he learns the FBI have developed a way of travelling back in time to stop such things from happening.

Despite sounding slightly ridiculous, the movie more resembles an episode of 'The Shield' rather than 'Quantum Leap'. 'Déjà Vu' is well worth the effort of watching, even though you'll be.

I've also received a few emails asking me about my thoughts on 'Happy Feet'. People know I'm normally a harsh critic on movies aimed at children, but for once 'Happy Feet' gets it right. 'Happy Feet' is a movie for children that adults definitely won't get bored with. While some of the storyline might go right over the heads of younger children, there is a valuable environmental message in it for all of us. However parents of very young children should be wary of a scene in which a seal attacks the lead colony of penguins, many children were left in tears in the cinema I was in.

Half the fun of the movie for me was trying to pick the actors voicing each the parts. It is a stellar cast with Brittany Murphy, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman all taking part. The movie is also a tribute to Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin, who has a small part in the movie. All up it is a great movie, but like I said parents of younger children should be aware of some frightening scenes.

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.

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CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

A lot of people have contacted me and asked if I'd talk

about music as well as films in the Beaconsfield Banner. So here you go the first edition of Cross Culture, all you need to know about music.

Listeners of our radio show will know that we try to bring you all the up to date music news as well as letting you know what you should be listening to, well here I go.

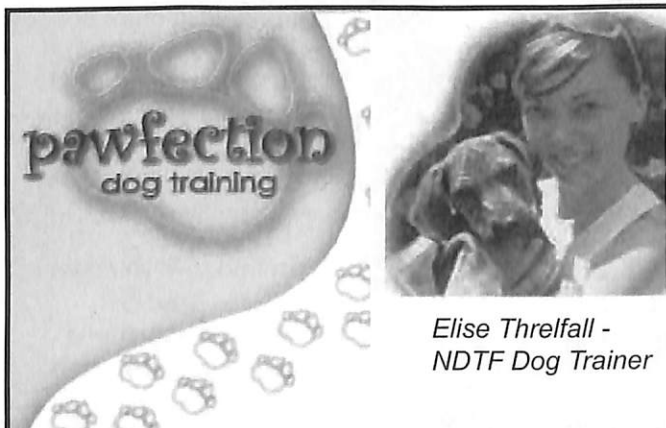
In music news I have something for both Powderfinger and Michael Jackson fans. Word is that Powderfinger left Australia shortly after Christmas and arrived in the US where work has started on their new album to be released later this year. This is a welcome relief for Powderfinger fans who were worried that lead singer Bernard Fanning's successful solo album last year may have marked the end of the popular Brisbane based band.

In Michael Jackson news, you may be interested to know that Wacko Jacko has decided to return back to what he does best and record an album. Word on the street is the Jackson will team up with man-of-the-moment Akon for the first single off this album. It's a surprising move by Akon who has been toughening up by working with hardened rappers such as Eminem and doing is home country of Senegal proud. The other interesting piece of information about Jackson's new album is that it will be produced by Black Eyed Peas member,

Will.I.Am. The album is set to be released later this year, but Jackson fans know that the process may take even longer. Jackson is notorious for recording up to 100 songs for each album, and then it's the record labels responsibility to cut it down to 12.

So what should you be listening to at the moment? Well I recommend that you give local boys 'Famous By Association' a listen. Their self-titled EP is out now and I have to say that in this over-flooded Idol-phenomenon market, it's nice to find a debut EP that's not rushed and riddled of errors. Famous By Association's self-titled EPJunderstand lyrics (something that is rare is some rock circles). Basin Records have chosen the catchy 'Stereo' off this EP and it's single, but it must have been a hard decision with any song on it being clearly good enough for radio play. For anyone looking for a fresh sound to the Aussie rock scene, check out Famous By Association.

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With Pen in Hand

by Margaret B

During 2007 we will feature articles about the people who volunteer their time and write for the Banner.

David Griffiths has been regularly contributing to the Beaconsfield Banner since 1998.

David Griffiths was once described in a writing anthology as one of Melbourne's most promising and talented writers, surprising since at High School he dedicated more of his time to Music, Drama and Sport.

However the Literature and English classes paid off because since then he has studied Mass Media Communications, Literature, Myths & Symbols, Literature, Film & Television as well as Professional Writing And Editing.

Today David works for Subculture Media where he is in charge of their television and film production, and creates new programs to appear on our screens. David has had a number of television shows, films and


plays produced, allowing him to work with the cream of Australia's acting crop.

David hasn't lost his passion for music, and works for a number of publications as a music and film reviewer. He can be heard internationally on his radio programs 'Oz Made', 'X-wired' and 'Cross Culture'. He also appears on your television screen on 'X-Wired TV'.

Ed: Thankyou David

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to see
why they never eat their
suet !

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say,
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and end up feeling glum !

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MARCH

20th - BPA Meeting
31st - 15th April - School Holidays

13th - Mothers Day
15th - BPA Meeting

JUNE

19th - BPA Meeting

APRIL

17th - BPA Meeting
22nd - Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service
25th - Anzac Day

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

In 2006 Beaconsfield had a yearly total of 609ml of rain.

In December there was 4 days of rain totalling 34ml. Most of this rain falling around Christmas day.

The month was also extremely hot with 10 days being over 30°C, with the highest temperature being 43°C on Sunday 10th December.

The yearly total of 609ml was the lowest recorded since 2002 where there was only 564ml in Beaconsfield.

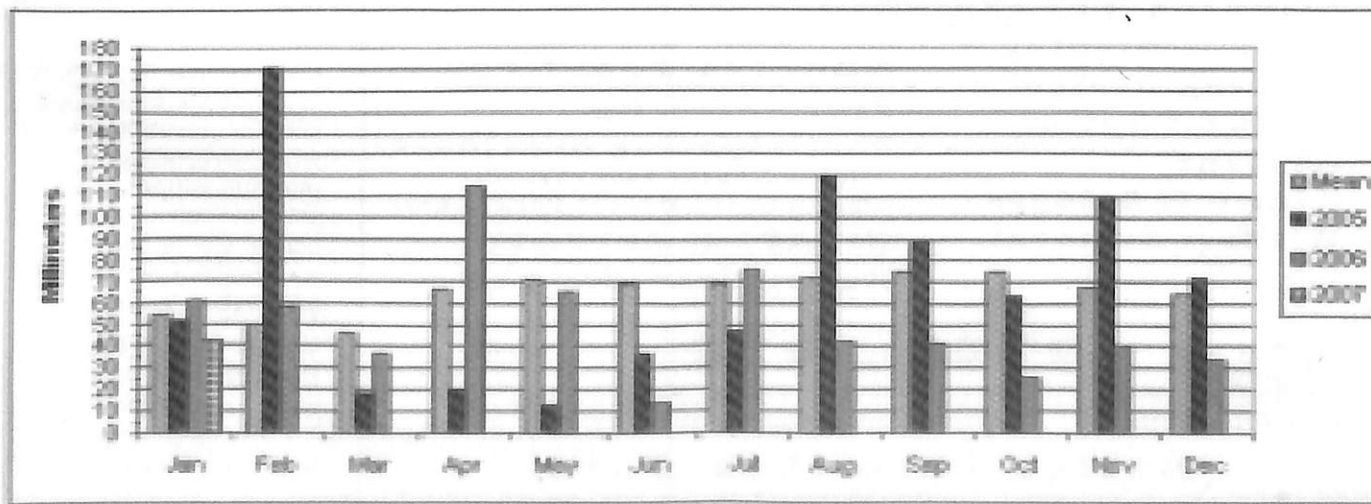
The Highest Yearly total in my records, being 939ml in 1992.

In January 2007 there was 6 days where rain fell totalling 42ml. The month was also extremely hot with 11 days reaching 30°C or above with the highest being 43°C on Tuesday 16th.

Melbourne's water storage is currently at 35.6% full.

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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



CARDINIA CATCHMENT LANDCARE INC.

by Margaret Cromb, President

I have spent the night listening to rain falling on our metal roof and decided it was one of the most beautiful sounds ever, especially the gurgle of water falling down the downpipe on its way to the water tank!

Like everyone else our garden survives on its own except for rinse and shower water carried to the more recently plantings. We are putting in more indigenous plants as others die and enjoying the birdlife that they attract.

We are hoping that the Landcare plants of last autumn are surviving. We cancelled all Spring plantings because of the dry conditions and have them to do this autumn together with other new projects. These range from properties on the open plains of Clyde to the hills of Upper Beaconsfield.

We have also been successful in an application for Melbourne Water funding to replant into Beaconsfield Park at the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve after

weeding. This area was once a beautiful park with towering manna gums and dense riparian vegetation – we aim to return it to that condition.

We need public participation to succeed in this venture and would welcome assistance from clubs and individuals. The site is to be done in 3 stages concentrating initially on the riparian edge of Cardinia Creek. The weeding will be done by professional contractors and the Landcare group, with community assistance, will replant with indigenous plants. If you are interested in assisting please contact us.

This is a great community project and will make a huge difference to the condition of a badly neglected public space.

The plantings will take place after the autumn break – hopefully April/May – on Wednesdays throughout winter until stage 1 is complete.



On Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday March 5th we plan to work with the Friends of Cardinia Flora and Fauna Reserve to remove rubbish from this park as well as from the adjacent Reserve. For further details please watch out for a sign to be erected on the site.

Landcare's primary role is in supporting private landowners in improving and protecting remnant vegetation and waterways on their properties. However in Beaconsfield and Harkaway we are also working on public land. The state of our waterways which are so often overwhelmed with weeds need as much public and private input as possible.

I have recently had reason to do some research into sweet pittosporum and pass on the following for your information. My sources are a Fire Ecologist, a CFA Officer who is also a Fire Manager with Parks Victoria and two authorities on native plants.

***Pittosporum undulatum* – Sweet Pittosporum**

An understorey plant whose natural range is along the east coast of Australia from eastern Victoria to southern Queensland.

It is described as 'fire sensi-

tive' meaning that it will burn in a bushfire situation and not recover. In its natural range this fact restricts it to moist gullies.

It has been planted widely outside its normal range and become a pest plant. In urban areas we do not allow bushfires so there is no mechanism to control its spread-hence it forms dense, impenetrable stands and prevents other indigenous plants from growing.

It also has a bellbird connection encouraging these birds to establish by providing dense habitat. There is another whole cycle involved here as bellbirds prevent other birds from visiting an area because of their aggressive behaviour. Small birds are prevented from controlling the lumps on gumtree leaves and so the eucalypts can eventually die. Pittosporums take a longer time to ignite than some other native species but burn vigorously once ignited. In the past this delay in ignition has meant that they have been promoted as a fire retardant species. The CFA, Department of Sustainability and Environment and Parks Victoria no longer promote pittosporum (or any other species) as fire retardant. All will burn given the right conditions.

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SWEET SUCCESS

by Sarah McDonald

On Monday the 4th of December, the Krispy Kreme

Fountain Gate store was adorned with hundreds of balloons and dozens of smiling mothers. Why were they smiling, I hear you ask? Yes, they did get to eat some of those tasty Krispy Kreme Original Glazed doughnuts hot off the line but that wasn't the only reason. This was the store's first "Dough-nation Night" where 50% of sales between 7.30pm and 9.30pm were donated to a local not-for-profit organisation. The lucky ladies were the Connect Women's group, whose motto is "Empowering the Women of Casey to Reach their Full-est Potential".

The ladies meet fortnightly to discuss various issues of finance, parenting, well-being, pampering etc and aim to provide support, advice and a friendly ear for anyone who is feeling isolated or disempowered. The group started a couple of years ago, developing out of Oasis church, and has since grown to provide a wonderful supporting network for many young mothers in the Narre Warren South area.

What started out as a simple discussion about life over a cup of coffee has now expanded into a successful networking, partnering and supportive group. Now there are many members who all have a passion to share knowledge, with the belief that knowledge is power.

They want to try and reach as many women as possible and let them know "there is hope; you don't have to be lonely". One

happy mother said that this group helped her to find herself again and brought her from being "severely depressed" to a having a great sense of empowerment.

Who wouldn't want to support a cause which makes such a difference in the lives of the women in our community? So far, Krispy Kreme has been a great launching pad for the group. From the kind support of the local community Krispy Kreme and Connect Women's Group raised \$880 at the "Dough-nation Night", after also providing doughnuts for the group's Christmas Carols.

The Connect Women's Group Logo, a wreath of gems on a band of gold, is of particular relevance to their name. 'Each woman is like a gem. She sparkles by herself, but when connected with other gems, is even more brilliant'. The more that this group grows, the more opportunities they provide for the struggling women of Casey to find a group of friends who, with a "smile and a cup of coffee" can start to break down barriers.

The group meets every 2nd Tuesday and children of all ages are always welcome. They also conduct a fun social event each school Term. If you would like any more information about this wonderful organization or are interested in coming along to a meeting or event, please give Doreen a call on 87903339 or email connect.oasis@lycos.com

CAUGHT IN ACTION



Photo by : Russell Vincent

Pictured above: A great catch by Raphael Adelojou to dismiss Emerald Black gun batsman Ash Lucas.

Right: Raphael also took 4 wickets in the same game.

Photographer - Russell Vincent.

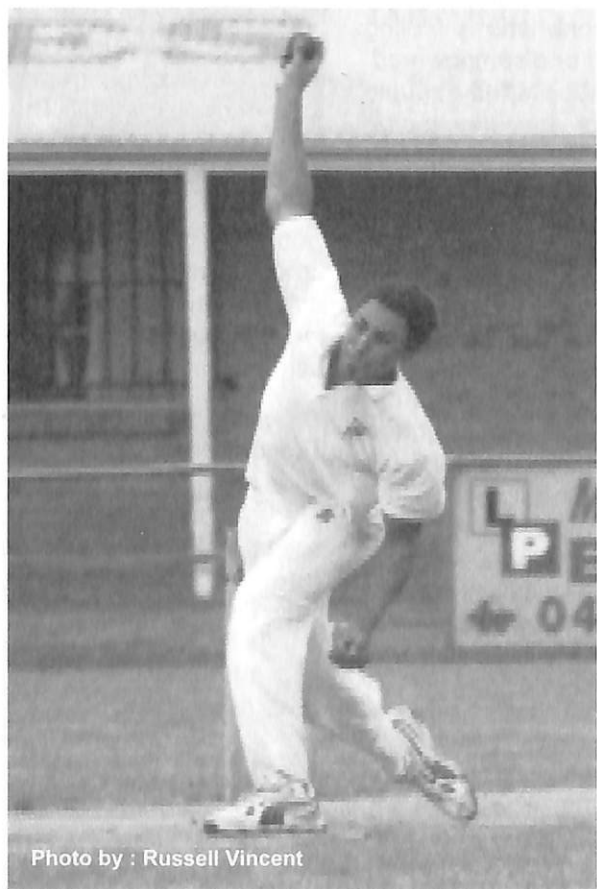


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BEAconsfield CRICKET CLUB NEWS

by Greg Tomamichel

Beaconsfield Cricket Club is enjoying a successful 2006/7 season.

Madison Andrews on their selection in their respective regional junior sides.

All sides have been competitive, with the four top senior grades all a good chance to play in the final series. In the junior ranks all eleven sides have acquitted themselves well. In the Under 13's Beaconsfield teams hold the 1st, 2nd and 4th positions on the ladder at the close of Round 8.

For the WGA Country Week side, Beaconsfield has Luke Sibley, Jason Dodd, Ryan O'Connor, Brad Miles, Don Kerslake and Jack Benbow in the squad. Our congratulations to all of these guys.

Finals this season will start 17 March, and we encourage everyone to get along and support all those teams in finals.

With representative cricket underway we congratulate Jack Benbow, Alex Benbow, Jordy Andrews and

THE MASTERS

Photograph supplied by Russell Vincent



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The Masters side had a trip to Barooga and won the first of three games played beating a team from Shellharbour. The winning team pictured above - Back row L- R Dave (The Pup) Bruneau, John (Moonman) Martin, Ivan (International) Pitcher, Wayne (Choc) Hocking, Alan (Munga) Sauvarin, Joe (Fabio) McMaster, Umpire partly obscured.

Front: Russell (The muscle) Vincent, John (Grandad) Scales, Paul (The greatman) Benbow, Sean (The pirate) Sinclair, and Anthony (Boofa) Thomas.



BEAconsfield TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club has been around since 1969. We are a community based club, committed to the development of tennis at Junior and Senior level. The club has a number of social events, tournaments and club championships throughout the year which make Beaconsfield the perfect club for the entire family and community.

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club has been promoting tennis in the Beaconsfield area for over 35 years. We are a private club, however, visitors are welcome to hire the courts.

What Beaconsfield Tennis Club has to offer,

Facilities

- * Clubhouse and BBQ Area
- * Four (4) en tout cas (porous) courts with lights
- * Two (2) new synthetic grass courts with lights
- * Two (2) plexi-pave courts with lights

Competition Tennis

- * Junior Competition
- * Midweek Competition
- * Senior Competition

Social Tennis

- * Tuesday Night
- * Wednesday Night
- * Thursday Night
- * Casual Court Hire

Professional Coaching

Our professional coaching team can help you improve your game whatever your standard.



If you are interested in any of the above, ring the relevant telephone number at the bottom of the page.

**So lob into Beaconsfield TC
and have a bash!**



Water Restrictions

Like everybody else the Beacy TC is required to comply with the Stage 3 Water Restrictions.

We are not allowed to use our sprinkler system and hand held watering has been limited to 12noon-1:00pm and 7:00pm-8:00pm.

For this reason the en tout cas courts have been closed except for competition play when only two of the four courts are allowed to be used.

The water restrictions will be a major topic of discussion at the next committee meeting to ensure that the needs of the members are met.

In the mean time, social hitting is restricted to the synthetic grass and plexipave courts.

Club Contacts

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| President: 5940 1186 | Night Tennis | |
| Secretary: 9707 2575 | Tuesday Mixed A Grade: 9769 | Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852 |
| Treasurer: 9707 4287 | 8503 | Junior Comp: 9702 5251 |
| | Wednesday Mixed B Grade: 9707 | Coach: 0401 003 077 |

FOSTER CARERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Are you caring, committed, patient and ready for the most rewarding challenge of your life?

Wesley Youth Services urgently need foster carers from the local community to share their home with young people in need – you can make a difference!!

Through no fault of their own, young people may be victims of abuse, neglect, family breakdown or rejection.

Wesley Youth Services based in Dandenong, operates the Adolescent Home Based Care Program (Teenage Foster Care) and currently have young people in desperate need of a loving and supportive home.

The program provides supported accommodation to young people aged 12 to 18 years. Volunteers from the local community are able to respond to the needs of young people by opening their homes to provide safe accommodation, friendship and emotional support. The program allows young people to remain in their community and retain ties with school, job, family, friends or other supportive networks.

Volunteers from the local community are the heart of the Home Based Care program. Foster carers come from all walks of life and can be single, single parents, couples, young or older, with or without children, working or retired. Foster carers are commit-

ted to the care of young people in their community and to helping young people achieve their goals.

As a caregiver, Wesley Youth Services will provide you with training, ongoing support and tax free financial reimbursement. All applicants are thoroughly assessed and undergo a police check.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help a young person in your community please phone Leanne 9794 7522.



THANKY-

THANKYOU to the lady who knocked on our door in Goff Street to alert us to a water mains problem in our front yard recently.

Thanks also to S.E. Water for their prompt response to our call for help. The problem was solved in a few short hours. Mona and Gerald Treasure.

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March 23rd,
2007

banner@beaconsfield.
org.au

(articles can be posted
or emailed)

THANKYOU

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the four people who came to the aid of my 80 year old father on the 18th December. He had collapsed on the footpath beside Soldiers Road from heat exhaustion.

Two gentlemen came from the railway station and helped to put him into a waiting maroon car where two more very kind people brought him home. Thank you all for your kindness and we hope you had a very Merry Christmas.

Thanks also to all the people who drove past my father, too busy to stop, I sincerely hope you got what you deserved for Christmas.

Thanks Again

(Name and address sup-

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Beaconsfield Banner

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All articles in relation to births, deaths, marriages, welcomes, farewells are gladly published free of charge.

These can be emailed to banner@beaconsfield.org.au or be left at the Beaconsfield Post Office.

All articles must contain the contributors name and contact details for verification purposes.

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March 2007

Shave for Cure day 14/15 March

Dr Steve will get his head shaved by local hair dresser

April 2007

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