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FLAG RAISING AND OFFICIAL OPENING

Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook, officially opened the Beaconsfield Primary School Stage 2 development on Thursday 6th September. See Full story page 7.

As part of the days celebrations Jason Wood, Member for La Trobe, unveiled a flag which was raised on the newly erected flag pole by Grace and Max Shinner. See full report on page 5.



Pictured above L to R: Gary Methven, Principal, Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook, and Bryan Noble, School Council President.
Pictured right : Grace and Max Shinner



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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

Well here we are at the start of spring a time of new growth & blossom in our gardens and in our town and also a time to tidy up our surrounds.

It was disgusting to come back from our holiday up north and find graffiti in a number of places around the town, it really is messy stuff and makes our town very untidy. But the good news is that the graffiti was removed smartly and the place looks neat and tidy again.

Our association would like to see some beautification of "Beaconsfield Park" take place. In particular the gateway to the park on the corner of, the Old Princess Hwy and Upper Beaconsfield Emerald Rd, and also the immediate area around the gateway clearing out bracken, dead trees & rubbish generally

would make a great difference to the whole aspect of the entrance to "OUR" town.

Any suggestions or assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Community Service, Les Reader

Beaconsfield Progress Association

AGM

16th OCTOBER '07

7.30pm

at Beaconsfield
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Secretary.

POLICE NEWS

by A/S/Sgt. Paul Bruders

The crime in Beaconsfield continues to remain low which is good news for the residents unless of course you are one of the unlucky ones who is a victim.

The Beaconsfield Railway Station accounts for more than half of the reported crime in Beaconsfield over the past few months, with cars being broken into and property stolen, windows being smashed and number plates being stolen from cars.

Some proactive measures that residents can take are ensuring that no valuable property is left visible in the cars, as many of these crimes are opportunistic and occur because a wallet or phone is left where it can be seen. There are also special number plate screws available that can not be removed without a special tool.

Residents are encourage to keep an eye out when

passing the Railway Station and reporting any suspicious activity.

Pakenham Police Station and the Cardinia Shire are taking steps to target the Graffiti problem in the Shire. Cardinia Shire and the police are setting up a data base with graffiti "Tags" being recorded along with the offender's details. This will enable persistent offenders to be identified and charged. If you are a victim of graffiti, report the incident to police so the "Tag" can be photographed and recorded.

A/S/Sgt Paul Bruders,
Pakenham Police Station
59452500



CAROLS BY THE CREEK

**Sunday 16th
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Planning is well underway for the Annual Beaconsfield Twilight Family Christmas event. The community event will be held in the Bob Burgess Park.

More details next issue of the Beaconsfield Banner.

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CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

Cardinia Shire has finalised the purchase of 12.2 hectares on the corner of Beaconsfield-Emerald Road and Holm Park Road, Beaconsfield for the purpose of developing the site into a sports and recreation reserve. This has been a much awaited acquisition by many local groups.

Council is working with the community to prepare a master plan for Holm Park Road Reserve. The aim of the master plan is to maximise sporting outcomes for local clubs,

and to provide broad recreation opportunities for Beaconsfield and the Upper Beaconsfield communities. Council has engaged Stratcorp Consulting, a sports and recreation planning company to help council develop the master plan. I encourage interested residents/persons to tell us what sporting/recreation facilities and spaces should be considered for inclusion. To provide input, please contact Richard Simon at Stratcorp Consulting on 9521 6033 or email richard.simon@stratcorp.com.au



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

Council has adopted a new graffiti strategy which will be implemented over the next 12 months. The strategy will provide a platform which enables a strong sense of civic pride, community awareness and broad participation in initiatives that will substantially limit the negative effects of graffiti within Cardinia Shire.

Council's approach is outlined in four key areas
* Education and prevention – "Reckless" Program to be delivered by council staff and local police to students about the consequences of graffiti

* Community development – including "pride of place" initiatives

* Removal of graffiti – Implementation of a "Graffiti Hotline, initial Shire wide clean up, rapid removal of graffiti on council owned property and assistance to residents and businesses to clean up graffiti on private property

* Enforcement which includes the introduction of new local laws that restricts the sale of spray cans.

For more information about the graffiti strategy, please contact Tim Cooper at the shire on 1300 787 624.

Council has been working with the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre for the intended eventual hand over of management of bookings of the Beaconsfield Community Complex to the BNC. Weekend and one off mid week hire have to date been coordinated by council staff through the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

A six month trial has commenced whereby the BNC is managing the bookings of the complex. All bookings for use of the Complex can be made to the BNC on 8768 4400. Thanks to the BNC for its support of the trial.

Council will continue to work in partnership with the BNC to ensure that the Beaconsfield Community Complex is fully utilised and provides maximum community benefit.

I recently attended a meeting of the newly formed Beaconsfield Business Group. The Group is headed by President, Michael Muaremov and are already very active working on a number of initiatives. I look forward to working with the group, to further promote and enhance businesses in Beaconsfield.



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FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

With the flag flying high in the gentle breeze the group joined the remainder of the school in the Gymnasium for the Official Opening of the Stage 2 development.
See page 7 for story.

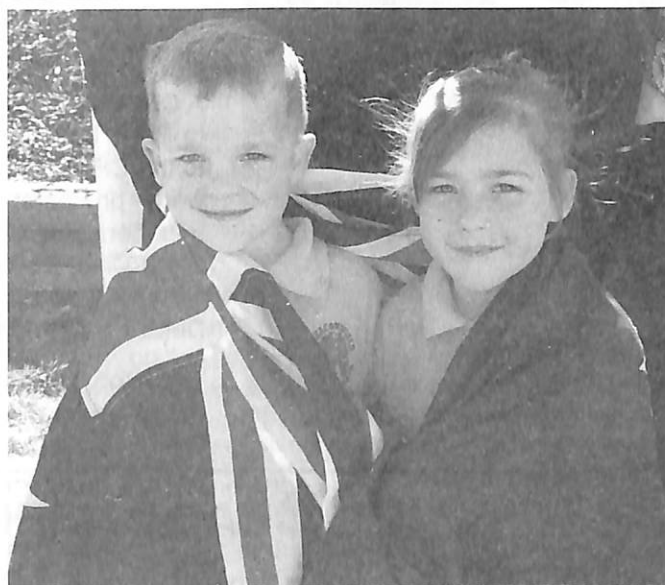


The sun shone brightly on Thursday 6th September as approximately 90 Beaconsfield Primary School prep children with teaching staff and parents sat at the base of the newly erected flag pole - a gift from the Australian Government.

Jason Wood, Member for LaTrobe, addressed the crowd and then invited preps, Grace and Max

Shinner, to assist him with the dedication and raising of the Australian flag.

Proudly standing nearby were the twins parents, Samantha and Dave of Beaconsfield, and great great aunt, Dorothy Cooper, all descendants of Annie Dorrington, a winner of the 1901 Australian Flag Design Competition.



Pictured Above: Max and Grace Shinner

Above Left: (L to R) Jason Wood, Member for LaTrobe, Gary Methven, Principal, Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook, Dorothy Cooper, Samantha and Dave Shinner. Max and Grace Shinner in foreground.

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MISS ANNIE DORRINGTON,
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In the Year of Federation, Annie was the only woman to be bestowed the honour of sharing first prize of the world-wide competition. Annie had migrated to Victoria in 1890 when she was 24 years old and then moved to Western Australia when she married Charles Dorrington in 1895. Annie died in 1926 and was

buried in an unmarked grave.

In 1999 at the Karrakatta Cemetery, W.A., Annie's niece, Dorothy Cooper, was present at a dedication ceremony to recognise a remarkable woman who contributed to Australia's heritage.



NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

by Paul Hayes



Above: Paul Hayes assists with the BBQ at the Primary School Stage 2 Opening.

The past couple of months have been busy for the Brigade with both fire calls and other Brigade activities.

The Annual Brigade Awards Dinner was held recently, which was attended by brigade members and their families and representatives from neighbouring brigades and the Regional 8 headquarters.

A CFA Service award was presented to Brian Unwin for 40 years service to the CFA. Brigade service awards were presented to the following members: Glen Dorning 15 years, Chris Clark 10 years, Kellie Collins 10 years, Phillip Walton 10 years, Debbie Smith 1 year.

The Bob Burgess Fire Fighter of the Year Award was presented by Bev Burgess to Mark Graham, for

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outstanding service to the brigade in the past 12 months.

The bi annual brigade elections were also held recently. The results of the election are as follows: Captain Michael Ott, First Lieutenant Matteo DiCarlo, Second Lieutenant Anthony Hester, Third Lieutenant Paul Hayes, Fourth Lieutenant James Cain, Secretary / Treasurer Glenn Dorning, Communications Officer Debbie MacPherson, and FEM Officer Chris Clark.



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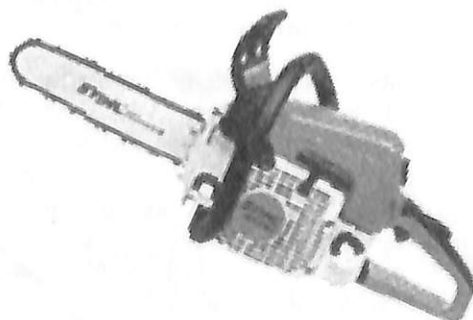
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"IT TAKES A TEAM TO BUILD A DREAM"

by M. Boon

It was a day of celebration when the Beaconsfield Primary School Stage 2 Development was officially opened on Thursday 6th September by Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook. Tammy recognised the tremendous growth in Beaconsfield and congratulated all involved in turning the dream into reality.

Following the spectacular development of Stage 1 in 2001, the Stage 2 development further upgrades the school

facilities and enables a wider educational experience for all students.

The additional two levels include a Gymnasium with a full size basketball court, Discovery Centre, Music



and Art Room, Canteen, large Gallery and nine classrooms. These flexible classrooms also have shared access to two ICT Learning hubs.

Principal, Gary Methven, acknowledged stages throughout the schools 117 year history, reflecting on partnerships of Principals, staff, School Council Presidents and committees working together to build better facilities and education for their children. Stage 2 was an enormous undertaking and all those who were involved were thanked for being "Bold in vision and clear in purpose".

Gary referred to the school motto "From a fine tradition - to an exciting future" as defining the spirit of Beaconsfield, the fine tradition of co-operation, enterprise and community: a tradition instilled by the giants of the past.

The children were engaged

in a quick 'elements of the flag' lesson when Jason Wood, Member for La Trobe presented an enormous Australian Flag to the school.

The Principal then led the school children, with the song "Bright Futures", which he had written to recognise the contributions made throughout the years in building the school community.

Attending the opening were Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook, Jason Wood, Federal Member for La Trobe, John Haines, Senior Education Officer, Past Principals, School Council Presidents and councillors, Parents and Friends, staff and students both past and present, members of the community, Builders, Architects and Regional Facilities personnel.

A delicious morning tea was provided by the Parents and Friends and this gave all the opportunity to view the new facilities and at lunchtime children enjoyed the sausage sizzle which was cooked by the Beaconsfield CFA.



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Get Involved in Planning Beaconsfield's Newest Recreation Precinct

by Cardinia Shire Council

Do you want to be involved in planning the next big recreation and sporting reserve in Cardinia Shire?

Cardinia Shire Council has begun planning for development of the recently acquired Holm Park Road Reserve site into a multipurpose sporting and recreation precinct. This project has been much-awaited by many local sporting and community groups, and will identify the best possible use of the site to meet the current and likely future recreational and sporting needs of the Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield communities.

A key outcome of the planning process will be a reserve that provides quality recreation facilities and family spaces and Council is inviting all interested residents to get involved from the ground up. Help us identify options, opportunities or issues which should be considered during the master planning process.

Your comments, feedback and suggestions need to be received by Stratcorp Consulting's project planning consultant Richard Simon by close of business Friday 12 October. You don't need to be able to write up a comprehensive or detailed

written submission – just send your ideas as dot points in an email to Richard at: richard.simon@stratcorp.com.au

Consultation is already underway with Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield sporting groups, resident groups and other community groups, residents whose properties abut the reserve, and Councillors and Council staff. All early consultation has been designed to collect as much information as possible in relation to the community's aspirations for the site, and any issues which may arise from the development of the

site into a sporting and recreation reserve.

Council hopes to develop a draft master plan for Holm Park Road Reserve by late October and this draft will be on public exhibition for residents and groups to review and provide feedback on, prior to Council adoption.

For further information contact:
Council's Recreation Planner Garry King on 5945 0411 or email Garry at: g.king@cardinia.vic.gov.au

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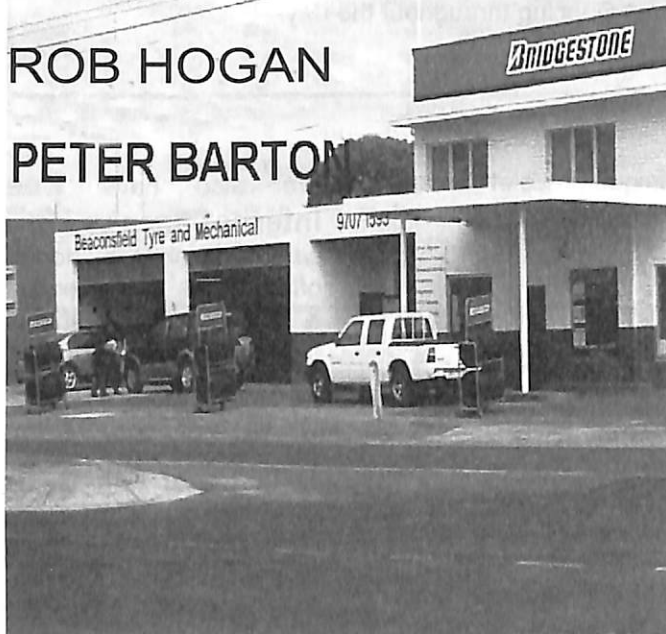
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BEACONSFIELD BUSINESS GROUP (BBG)

Hope I find all of our fellow residents and readers well, especially through the recent winter months. Since our last report, the BBG have been extremely proactive to live by our mission statement of **making a difference** to our town and community!

You may have noticed in recent weeks the publicity campaign we have instigated to bring to reality the Bendigo Bank (Community bank) into our town. The BBG has established a Sub Committee that meets every Wednesday at The Juicee Bean Café on Emerald-Beaconsfield Rd at 7.30am to 8.30am and the purpose of this group is as a 'Steering Committee' towards establishing the bank in our community.

The main benefits of having the bank, besides the obvious being having our own full bank that provides everyday banking services, but also all types of finance, being loans, credit cards for residential and or commercial purposes. But the main reason why we should band together as a community to bring this very worthy institution into our community is for its concept being focused on the community benefits. In a nutshell, up to 60% of it's profits going back into the community such as sporting, community and other groups that seek funding from all levels of government, ie council, state and commonwealth. Other communities that have established such a bank are now beginning to experience the benefits.

So if you would like to know more about this and be involved, you are more than welcome to join our group on a Wednesday morning!

On other community projects, we have also established a Committee that has been meeting with council representative's in relation to seeking Council support for funding towards improved streetscaping in the business precinct. We are very determined to have the council recognise that we are the first town that people pass when entering the Shire of Cardinia and would like to make a positive impression on travellers and residents alike that our town rates among the best.

We have other projects we are also working on which I'll mention in a future report as soon as we get them close to finalised, but in saying that, we encourage anyone that is in business to come along to our BBG meeting that are held every month on the last Wednesday of each month at 6.00pm at the Beaconsfield Community Centre. Meeting scheduled for the 26th September & 31st October. We encourage all business owners whom wish to contribute in a positive, proactive manner to attend our meetings and together we can make Beaconsfield Village the preferred place to do your shopping.

If you wish to contact us, call Secretary, Vicky O'Callaghan on 9769 8722 or Michael Muaremov, President, on 9769 9134.

*Warmest Regards, Michael M
on behalf of the Beaconsfield
Business Group*

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Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie

Programs and Workshops for Term 4

Here at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre we have a large range of exciting programs running for Term four.

Our AGM

will be held on
**Thursday
October 25th
at 7.30 pm**
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It would be nice to meet some new members of the community and users of our centre.

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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.

2007/2008 FEDERAL BUDGET

Many important tax changes took effect from 1st July 2007 as a result of the 2007/08 Federal Budget. Changes include the following:

PERSONAL:

1. In addition to personal income tax cuts at 1st July 2007 further personal income tax cuts will apply from 1st July 2008 due to the expansion of the tax threshold amounts eg. 30% rate extended to \$80,000 from the existing \$75,000.

2. The Low Income Tax Offset has been increased from 1st July 2007 from \$600 to \$750 effectively increasing tax-free incomes to \$11,000 (previously \$10,000).

3. Child Care Benefits will increase by 10% on top of indexation and families will receive the Child Care tax rebate as a direct payment shortly after the year in which they incur the child care costs.

4. Dependent Spouse Tax Offset will increase to \$2,100 (previously \$1,655) allowing a Spouse to earn more income before the Tax Offset cuts out.

OTHER:

1. The transfer by a Spouse of an in specie interest in a Superannuation Fund to another complying Superannuation Fund as a result of a marriage break-

down will not now incur Capital Gains Tax when transferred.

2. Businesses with a turnover of less than \$75,000 will no longer be required to register for GST and the threshold for non-profit bodies has been increased to \$150,000. Purchases of less than \$75 (excluding GST) will no longer need to be supported by an approved tax invoice. Correspondingly, the no ABN Withholding arrangements threshold will increase to \$75.

3. Apprentices under the age of 30 will receive an additional tax exempt payment of \$1,000 per year during the first two years of an apprenticeship. Eligible apprentices will also receive a voucher of up to \$500 towards their course fees.

4. Commencing in the 2007/2008 year the Australian Taxation Office will pre-fill tax returns for individual taxpayers lodging electronically. Some of the pre-fill information is available to Tax Agents for 2006/07 tax returns including Interest, Dividends, Child Care Tax Offset, Centrelink payments etc.

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COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BEACONSFIELD

by Anton Kopecek

GUEST SPEAKER - KEVIN BAILEY



Kevin Bailey with Guest Speaker Officer Wayne Watson (left)

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Kevin Bailey, Certified Financial Planner, manages in excess of \$500 million as Chairman and founder of The Money Managers Ltd. between ASIC and the business community.

Kevin has an outstanding ability to make the often intimidating subjects of investment and financial planning simple, understandable and interesting as well as delivering telling insights into topics such as managing business growth, goal-setting, motivation, success and leadership.

THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BEACONSFIELD INC

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PRESIDENT NORM MC PHEE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BEACONSFIELD CORDIALLY INVITE INTERESTED PARTIES TO COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10 AM at the Beaconsfield Community Centre, O'Neil Road Beaconsfield

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KEEP VICTORIA GM FREE

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook

As you may be aware, there is currently a Victorian review being held about the existing moratorium on Genetically Modified (GM) canola. This review is assessing the economic impacts on Victoria of the moratorium. One of the outcomes of the review will be to make recommendations about the existing regulatory framework, including whether the moratorium should be extended or expired.

I have made a submission to the review strongly arguing for a continuation of the moratorium. I have grave concerns about allowing genetically modified crops to be grown in Victoria when so much remains unknown about the effects of GM, not only on health

and the environment, but also in terms of agriculture and trade.

Victoria has a reputation for clean produce with minimal contaminants. Production of organic fruit and vegetables is increasing to meet consumer demand. The success of farmers markets, including in Casey and Cardinia, are proof that families appreciate top-quality food produce that have been made with care, locally. Yet this is what we are putting at risk if we go down the GM path.

Organic and GM are not compatible. GM crops would reproduce in the environment. Their seeds could be carried by wind, water, and transport across to neighbouring farms

and districts. Contrary to usual farming practice, traditional or organic farms would face the risk of GM contamination - with no compensation. Farmers have always shown great respect for their neighbours and have taken pride in ensuring their activities do not adversely affect others. GM would turn this longstanding tradition on its head, as non-GM farmers could inadvertently grow GM crops. Not only would they not receive compensation, they could be liable to pay for the unlicensed use of patents.

GM crops are made from GM seeds. These seeds are patented. What this means is that the multinational companies that own GM seeds actually also own food supplies and are determining what we eat.

It gets worse: patents are also being issued to large companies for non-GM seeds that did not develop themselves. If seeds are not already patented, they can be. This is taking away the ability of ordinary farmers and producers to save their own seeds, even those seeds that have been developed over generations.

Many people throughout the electorate are joining my 'Keep Victoria GM-Free' campaign. Farmers around Gembrook, who experienced the government-sanctioned yet disastrous experiment of dieldrin in the 1960s and 70s, have already experienced what it is like to pay the lifetime penalty for an inadequately tested scientific experiment taking place on their own land.



Margaret Fulton has joined the campaign, as has prominent human rights lawyer Dr Jocelyne Scutt; Drouin company Pure Harvest; Australia's largest lamb exporter, the Tatiara Meat Company; the Pancake Parlour; Greenpeace; and our local Beaconsfield store, The Organic Source, among many others.

If you feel strongly about Genetic Modification, please come to my Berwick office to sign a postcard asking for a continuation on the state ban on GM, which I will send to the Premier on your behalf. Now is the time to act.

If you do not have much knowledge on this topic but would like to find out more, I have packages available on request.

As a mother of two children, I want to ensure that they, along with all children, have the best possible chance to lead healthy and productive lives. GM means turning my children into guinea pigs in an experiment that could take place in my kitchen. That is not the legacy I want to leave for the next generation. I will continue my opposition to GM and would appreciate your support.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

In 1098 in Germany, a child was born to a family of nobles, relatives of the ruling Hohenstaufen Emperors of the time. She was the 10th child and sickly from birth. She was destined to become Saint Hildegard of Bingen, a remarkable woman in so many ways. She became a visionary within the Church, an artist, counselor, dramatist, linguist, naturalist, philosopher, physician, poet, political consultant, prophet and composer of music much of which is still played around the world today. Her music, religiously inspired is beautiful by any standard.

When still a child she predicted the birth of a calf and described its appearance in great detail which was perfectly correct. Her reward was to be presented with the calf as a pet. This was the start of her extraordinary psychic and visionary gifts which remained with her for life.

Her parents being strict Catholics offered her as a tithe to the church when she was eight years of age and entered a Monastery. Her talents quickly led her to the position of "Magistra", or leader of her Sister community and established her own Monastery, Saint Rupertsberg of Bingen on the Rhine in 1150. Although the leader of several communities she was never officially recognized as the "Abbess", but carried out the duties as such.

She kept her visions a secret for many years, confiding in one person only, her tutor and later, Scribe. She claimed to have been spoken to by

God many times, and instructed to write down all that she saw and heard, and completed her first book after ten years. Her total production of various works never abated and was quite prolific. Her music is still survived by eighty compositions but she wrote many more.

One of her early plays was called, "Play of the Virtues", and was designed as an oratorio for women's voices with only one male part, that of the Devil. This play is regarded by many as an early voice for women's rights in an age where men ruled all areas of Society.

She wrote many treatises on medical, botanical, and geological topics and also invented an alternative alphabet, a form of modified Medieval Latin. Her Spiritual life did not prevent her writing about motherhood and the secular life however, and she wrote a brilliant account of female sexuality and the female orgasm which seemed at odds with her own strict religious chastity.

Hildegard was a very powerful woman who confided with Popes, Statesmen, Emperors, and other notable figures of the age. She engaged in preaching tours over Europe the only woman to have done so in the Middle Ages. She passed away in 1179. She was the most amazing woman in so many ways that even today she is venerated and has her own feast day on Sept. 17th, the day of her death. Her remains are interred in Eibingen near Rudesheim on the Rhine.

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A WORD FROM WOOD

*by Jason Wood,
Member for La Trobe*



As an ex-police officer, I know the damage that crime can do to our local communities. Even so-called petty crimes like graffiti and criminal damage can have a terrible impact: they can make us feel less secure in our homes and on our streets, and it can erode the amenity of our townships - something that so many of us take such pride in maintaining.

That is why I am doing my best to assist the Cardinia Shire Council to apply for \$500,000 of Howard Government funding to establish a program to decrease the incidence of vandalism across the Cardinia Shire, including in particular the townships of Beaconsfield and Cockatoo, and across the wider Pakenham Growth Corridor.

If successful, the main focus will be on early intervention and prevention programs. This will be achieved through implementing education programs in schools and a diversionary program for young offenders. The project will ensure that

young people will be aware of the risks and of their actions through a program delivered by the youth projects officer, local police and other youth services agencies after participating in training and mentoring sessions with Cardinia Shire Youth Services.

In addition to this education and prevention component, the Cardinia Shire is aiming to install a community safety monitoring system known as 'Trip Wire'. Trip Wire consists of small units that detect heat and motion and within 60 seconds an image is received with location, its history, GPS, offender notes and access information, allowing it to be used in what are ordinarily the most hard-to-police locations.

I am fighting for Australian Government funding because if this initiative can be implemented, I believe it would be a fantastic way of helping to keep Beaconsfield the safe and secure place that it should be.

Thought of the Moment

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BPS Corner

INSULATION PRESENTATION

by Monique Madden

For the past 12 weeks a group of children from the BPS Discovery Learning Program, with the assistance of Mrs. Suzanne Humphries, have been working on an investigation about insulation. The reason for undertaking such an experience was to hopefully make a change in the environment by installing insulation in schools, cut down on energy usage and use the regained money for other educational programs.

Many hours went into this group investigation, culminating in two presentations, the first a local insulation company and the second to our local state Member of Parliament, Tammy Lobato.

When the children presented to the insulation company their response was, "I took more notes at your presentation than I would

at a business meeting". Everybody was blown away, including Tammy Lobato. She said that she couldn't believe what we had achieved and that she thought that we did very well.

The children presented the investigation in a series of power points, posters, creative speeches and models.

During the presentation the focus was on a variety of subjects such as: what insulation is and how it has changed, the benefits environmentally, financially and personally, the different types available and costs associated, the effect of Greenhouse Gases on the environment and what

students believed regained money should be spent on.

The Discovery Learning children achieved their goal of bringing the issue to the public eye and Tammy Lobato has offered to lobby to state parliament to make a change to the Building Future's Policy, ensuring that insulation is mandatory in Victorian schools.

This is a great achievement for the school and other Victorian schools and the world may benefit also.



Pictured: Students after presentation with Suzanne Humphries (top right) and Tammy Lobato (top left)



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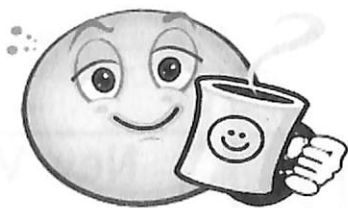
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Exteriors

This month sees the opening of the magnificent Beaconsfield Primary School Stage 2 Buildings. Next month sees the opening of the Beaconsfield Baptist Church's new building. And every month Beaconsfield sees the opening of at least one new house.

Our town is looking good. Well done everyone. But let's not kid ourselves. This is all external stuff. A pretty school building does not make better teachers and students. A nice church building does not make a more caring church community. And an attractive new house does not make a better family.

While the need to keep up the external appearances is not unimportant it is not the stuff that really matters. A face lift will not give you a more beautiful personality. Our town is fortunate to have a Primary School with the most dedicated staff but the building did not make them that.

I would like to think that our local church is a compassionate and caring part of this neighbourhood but their building certainly did not make them that. The sort of family life we have is not in anyway determined by the sort of house we make our home in.

We need to spend money to get the externals looking good but we need to develop the internal qualities of kindness, gentleness, self-control, generosity, forgiveness and compassion to make our community a place to be really proud of.

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Mona Treasure passed away aged 80

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Mona, wife of Gerald for 52 years moved to Beaconsfield from Drouin in 1974 before the couple started Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware together in 1984.

Together they supported many local community and sporting groups and became very well known in the area.

Mona will be sadly missed by all that have come to know her.

Loving mother of Merrilyn, Rosalie, Gaylene and Rohan, mother in law of Mark and Kyla, and proud grandmother of Lisa and Grant, Fabian and Sienna, Jordyn and Dylan, Mona is now in peace but will never be forgotten.

Gerald, Rohan and the Treasure family would like to sincerely thank everybody for their overwhelming support through this extremely tough time.



A VERY PLEASANT BEACONSFIELD BAPTIST SPRING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Steve McLean and Peter McLean will be feature artists on grand piano, organ and xylophone at the next Pleasant Spring Sunday Afternoon in the new Beaconsfield Baptist Church building, corner Old Princes Highway and Desmond Court on **Sunday October 14th.**

The very entertaining programme kicks off at 2.30pm, but it is advised to be early, as the last time the McLean Brothers played at a Beaconsfield Baptist Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, a large crowd turned up.

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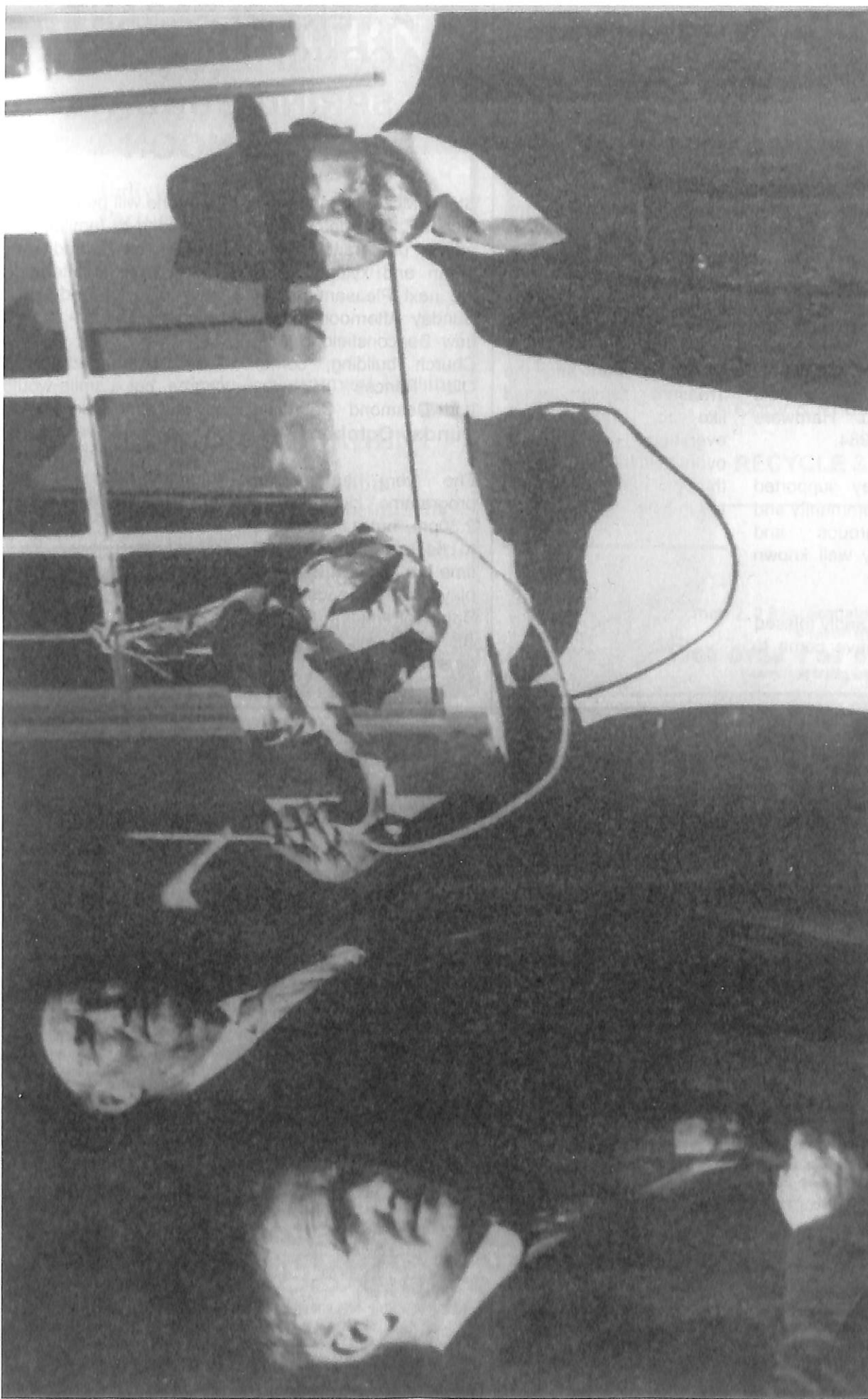
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BEACONSFIELD PARK

by Ann Taylor



On the corner of Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, you can see the sign for Beaconsfield Park. This sign was first constructed around 1938 and was on brick pillars and had gates as well. The money for the gates and sign was donated by the Craven Sisters, Belinda, Mattie and Alice who previously had run the local Beaconsfield Post Office.

security reasons and later replaced.

Our dear friend Tony Rushton had this photo in his collection and he was very keen to have the sign restored and the brick pillars and gates rebuilt and the area landscaped.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association hopes to restore the sign and gates. We would like to apply for a Cardinia Heritage Grant.

This photo (top left) shows the sign mounted on brick pillars and a group of locals, at the opening of the Gates, we think, around 1938. In the group second from left is Harold Harbour, third left we believe to be 'Slim' Parkes, Jims twin brother, and last on the right is Bluey (Jim) Parkes. Can you identify anyone else in the photo?

The Beaconsfield Park sign was featured on the Cardinian Embroidery in free-machine Embroidery and on the third panel which depicts the township of Beaconsfield, Officer, Rhythdale and Cardinia. The eight panels of the Cardinian Embroidery may be viewed at the Cardina Cultural Centre at Lakeside Pakenham.

Also do you remember seeing the pillars and the gates, what were the bricks like?

We need some more historical information about the Beaconsfield Park Sign to enable us to have it restored. If you can help with any information, please phone Ann Taylor 9707 1996.

We understand that the sign was taken down during World War II for



Beaconsfield Park sign as it is seen today.

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Pictured left : Mr. John Harbour, being the oldest resident had the honour of unfurling the flag presented by Beaconsfield, U.K. Pictured also are Mr. Lewis, Head teacher, (left) and Mr. James Adamson (senior).



Beaconsfield Park sign as depicted in the Cardinian Embroidery panel.

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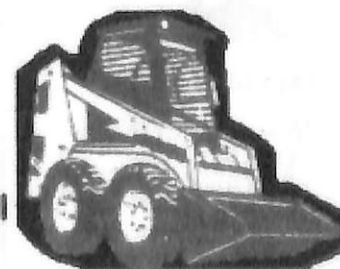


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by Phil Collins

This letter came across my desk last week; now it is not a desk exactly but a plank resting on two saw horses. The letter was really not for me but I felt sorry for the lady (who didn't give an address) and I have replied the best I can for a handyman with a motoring bent. It begins:

"Dear Dorothy" (now that is not me as you know.)

I left for work Tuesday morning recently but when I'd driven a short distance my laser coughed and cut out. I left it on the side of the road and walked back home. I found my husband in the bedroom, dressed in my underwear and in full makeup parading in front of the mirror.

When I demanded an explanation he said he often wore my undies in summer for their comfort. The makeup thing he couldn't explain to my

satisfaction. I know his self esteem is a bit low at present having lost his job. I love my husband but we have become distant and I really need advice. Signed Bewildered of Beaconsfield (no address given)

Dear Bewildered of
Beaconsfield

I presume you checked that there was sufficient fuel in your laser. If so your problem is most likely ignition, even though we are apt to blame the fuel. If your car is pre 1989 model the wire to the coil can work loose – fit a lock nut to prevent a recurrence. Also the vacuum pipe fitted to the inlet manifold has a jubilee clip which can slip off fit a second clip to be sure.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

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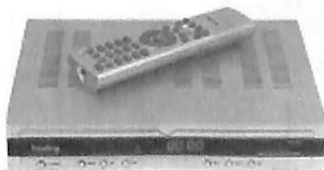
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The Girls Squadron was initially set in the mid seventies and has enjoyed many years of success until recently, with a number of Officer and Cadet Resignations due to work and other commitments, forcing the non-profit organisation to start a rebuilding program.

Officer in Charge of the Girls Squadron Heather Triffett said she is very keen to restore the Girls section to its former glory.

Mrs. Triffett said that the Australian Air league training offers Girls aged 8-18 a chance to develop life skills through a range of exciting recreational, Leadership and educational activities.

These include drill training, camping, physical activities, aviation related subjects, community involvement.

"The Air League is something that teaches kids discipline and respect in a fun active and educational manner. It develops people's life skills including self-esteem, self-confidence and social interaction",

For further information about the Berwick Girls Squadron call 1800 505 175

Websites www.airleague.com.au or rnwown@iprimus.com.au



People don't know very much at all about the Australian Air League, so even just making the community aware that we do exist is a bit of a challenge. It's important to embrace this opportunity to provide a high quality youth organisation, which is steeped in history, for the girls in the City of Casey area.



CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

Believe it or not, after all these years I still get very, very nervous before having to interview a musician. Whether it be in person or by phone the butterflies are always present.

It's because over the years I've heard some horrible stories, musicians storming out of interviews, becoming abusive or in one case I know a journalist who had a chair thrown at her by a musician who didn't like her line of questioning. I've struck it lucky so far, I've had jet-lagged musos who should have been bad, even had a muso he decided I needed his flu more than he did, but nothing prepared me for the nightmare of the interview I had to do recently.

Before I go on I must point out that this horror nightmare was through no fault of the muso, he was just as much a victim as I was. In fact if anything it showed how patient this guy really is.

The mission was simple enough, interview Zeff Childress, the guitarist from thrash metal band, Sanctity about their new album 'Road To Bloodshed'. Unfortunately Zeff and I managed to get one of the worst phone connections of all time with us unable to hear each other some of the time. But to Zeff's credit he stuck it out for a great interview.

Sanctity's 'Road To Bloodshed' is a terrific album that sounds like the bands that helped discover them, Trivium and Megadeth. Any metal fan will love 'Road To Bloodshed' and young bands should be inspired by Sanctity's success story. Over the years they have dealt with rejection from major lyrics, having their band van and equipment stolen and even self-financed their first video clip.

Their big break came when Matt Heafy from Trivium and Dave Mustaine from Megadeth fell in love with their music and let

Roadrunner Records take a listen. 'Road To Bloodshed' is out now and definitely worth a listen.

Another band I can't get enough of at the moment is the Melbourne band, The Minority'. Their debut EP, 'Sabotage' is terrific and I'm predicting big things are ahead for this band.

They sound like a wild mix of The Dresden Dolls, Architecture In Helsinki and Scissor Sisters. 'Sabotage' (which is the single) is alternative pop at it's best while the EP also contains two remixes by Baby Steve which are worthy singles in their own right. Check out the band's website at www.theminority.com.au about where you can purchase the single from.

I have recently gained the role of editor for a new entertainment website currently being set up. Watch this space for more information about it when it is launched.

See you next time.

THE ANCIENT TREE

The old grey tree
by roadside stands
bent over with age,
its limbs but strands.
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contorted by time,
this shriveled friend
once stood fine.
Now traumatised
and lightning struck,
it just survived
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its branches cracked.
With bark peeled off,
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to nest and shelter
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Its outstretched arms
have severed fingers
on which birdlife perch
and often lingers.
Like a skeleton framed
against the sky
its decaying fast
and about to die.
Past generations once
treasured the shade
under which they danced,
grew up and played
Rock of ages
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After peaceful existence,
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by Ross
Doherty

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mineral calcium and is a rich source of protein. 30g of cheese will provide nearly 30% of the total daily intake of calcium recommended for adults in Australia. With the protein

contained in cheese in some cases it is even more concentrated than other recognised protein foods such as meat, fish and eggs. In addition, the protein contained in cheese is of the highest nutritional value and thus the body is able to use it more efficiently. Also cheese is a rich source of energy and supplies several vitamins, particularly vitamin A (retinol) and vitamin D, needed by the body for good health and correct functioning.

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Energy KJ	308kj	308kj	294kj	421kj	306kj	408kj	1541kj	1541kj	1468kj	1684kj	1530kj
Protein	4.7g	4.7g	5.0g	6.4g	3.5g	5.2g	23.8g	23.8g	25.2g	25.4g	17.3g
Fat Total	6.2g	6.2g	5.6g	8.5g	6.4g	8.5g	31g	31g	28g	33.8g	32g
Saturated	4g	4g	3.6g	5.4g	4.1g	5.5g	19.8g	19.8g	17.9g	21.5g	20.5g
Carbohydrates Total	<0.1g	<0.1g	<0.1g	<1g	<0.1g	<1g	<0.1g	<0.1g	<0.1g	<1g	<0.1g
Sugar	<0.1g	<0.1g	<0.1g	<1g	<0.1g	<1g	<0.1g	<0.1g	<0.1g	<1g	<0.1g
Calcium	162mg	162mg	162g		94g		810g	810g	810g		470g
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So enjoy the many different cheeses now available

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WORKS UNDERWAY ON BEACONSFIELD STATION CAR PARK

Media release from Tammy Lobato, MP

Works have begun to upgrade the Beaconsfield train station car park, Tammy Lobato MP, Member for Gembrook, advised today.

She said that signal cable works had been completed and cabling and grading works were now underway in anticipation of the sealing of the car park.

Tammy said that once the works were completed, there would be 123 car parking spaces and the existing gravelled surface would be replaced by a fully sealed car park.

"I know commuters have had to contend with a less than adequate car park and I am really pleased that these

works are now underway," she said.

"After train travellers approached me for assistance, I worked to ensure that an upgrade would occur. Beaconsfield may once have been a small country train station but it is now coping with extra demand from the population increase in the area.

"Initially \$230,000 was allocated to upgrade the pedestrian crossing which has dramatically improved access and safety for users of the station. The next

important step was to bring the car park up to scratch.

"When it is completed later this year, the new car park will provide 123 sealed car parking spaces. There will also be landscaping to the area plus lighting to ensure safety, security and visibility," she said.

Tammy said the works would be carried out one section at a time to reduce inconvenience to commuters and so that there would be car parks available for use throughout the construction period.

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

The last few months has seen the water starting to flow into reservoirs. With Melbourne water storage currently at 39.4% capacity.

During July we had 131ml of rain which fell over 12 days. The 131ml was the highest that I had in my records that go back to 1985. The previous highest was in 1996 when there was 112ml of rain.

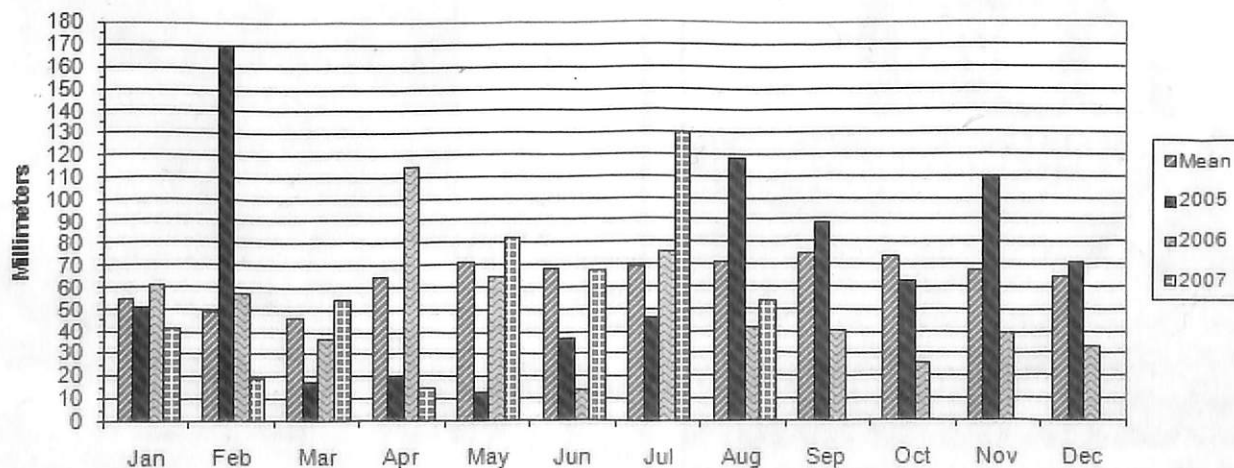
In August there was 54ml recorded rain which fell over 10 days. This is the highest since 2005 when there was 119ml which is the highest I have recorded for any August month.

There has been a total of 468ml of rain for this year which is exactly the same as last year. This is an average of 58.50ml per month.

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The many families who attended were very much in support of finding out more about what the Beaconsfield Business Centre had to offer, lots of them mentioning that they had not even previously realised that half the shops in this relatively new complex existed.

Kids enjoyed having their faces painted, holding snakes, petting baby farm animals, riding go karts and had heaps of fun in lots of free activities sponsored by Hype Gym, the latest trend in a unique fitness facility specifically for kids and parents. Prize winners

were drawn for fabulous door prizes throughout and at the end of the day the grand prize of a fantastic bike was won by young Brad who stopped off to enjoy the day with his Dad after footy.

The Beaconsfield Cricket Club running the sausage sizzle was inundated with orders as was the free coffee running hot through the Juicee Bean cafe all day.

The team at Hype #1 Youth Gym along with the business owners and teams from Exotech GrafX Solutions, Jim Byrne Real Estate, Sabre Financial Services, JD Cartridges, Juicee Bean Cafe & Catering, The Shoe Gallery and Studio Reflections Photography put forward their thanks to the local community for making this day such a great success, full of community atmosphere and fun! Again, our thanks to everyone who attended.

Pictured:
 4yo Sherylee holding a snake from the reptile display with her face painted as a butterfly.





X-Wired

by David Griffiths

put hype ahead of class.

I've seen some truly horrible things happen to Australian films over the last twelve months... mostly by Australian cinema-goers. In the worst insult I saw, the five-star Aussie movie '48 Shades' was showing in one cinema to an audience of just two people, while in the next cinema, 'Snakes On A Plane' (a film that deserves no stars) was showing to a sold-out audience... shocking. I came to the conclusion that the average Australian cinema-goer was an uneducated simpleton who

However in the last few weeks I have started to see a turn for the better within the attitudes of cinema-goers. The Australian film 'The Jammed' was released with little hype but imagine my surprise when I turned up to a cinema only to find that session was sold out and cinemas remained that way for its whole season.

And what a film those audiences chose to see, 'The Jammed' is definitely one of the best films to hit the cinemas this year.

Starring Emma Lung ('48 Shades'), Veronica Sywak ('Blurred') and Saskia Burmeister ('Sea Patrol'), this powerful film tells the saddening story of Melbourne's sex trafficking rings. The movie is unrelenting and stays with the audience for a long time.

Director/Writer Dee McLachlan needs to be congratulated on such a gritty social thriller. The script is superb, as is the cinematography and the acting. It was so good there was no way I could give it any less than 5 stars.

Another great Aussie film floating around at the moment is 'Lucky Miles'. The film tells the story of a group of illegal immigrants dumped on Australian shores with nowhere to go. Directed by Michael James Rowland, 'Lucky Miles' is a drama with some light-hearted moments, but the great thing about it is that it really does challenge its audience to think seriously how they feel about illegal immigration.

Again 'Lucky Miles' packed cinemas, so hopefully Australian cinema-goers are beginning to learn to once again give Aussie movies a go.

I have recently gained the role of editor for a new entertainment website currently being set up. Watch this space for more information about it when it is launched.

Happy film going! Get Wired!



Join the fight against weeds

MEDIA RELEASE

Cardinia Shire Council is urging residents to join the ongoing fight against weeds such as blackberry, sweet pittosporum, ragwort and thistles.

Residents can not only ask for advice on weed identification and management, but can also seek reimbursements of up to \$500 to cover the cost of herbicides used to manage properties through Council's 2007-2008 Weed Grants Scheme.

Applications for the Weed Grant Scheme are available from Council's website at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au.

Weed and Landcare Project Officer Marianne Sawyers said this year Council is focussing its efforts on roadside weeds in close proximity to towns, but local landowners are very important aspect of the war against weeds.

"Residents' weed management efforts are a very important part of stopping harmful environmental weeds in their tracks. With residents able to apply for reimbursements through the Weed Grant Scheme, residents won't necessarily be out of pocket for the cost of herbicides they apply in their own backyards," Ms Sawyer said.

For residents with the invasive weed bridal creeper on their property Council has good news. Council has been working with the Department of Primary Industries on releasing a rust fungus in the area to control bridal creeper.

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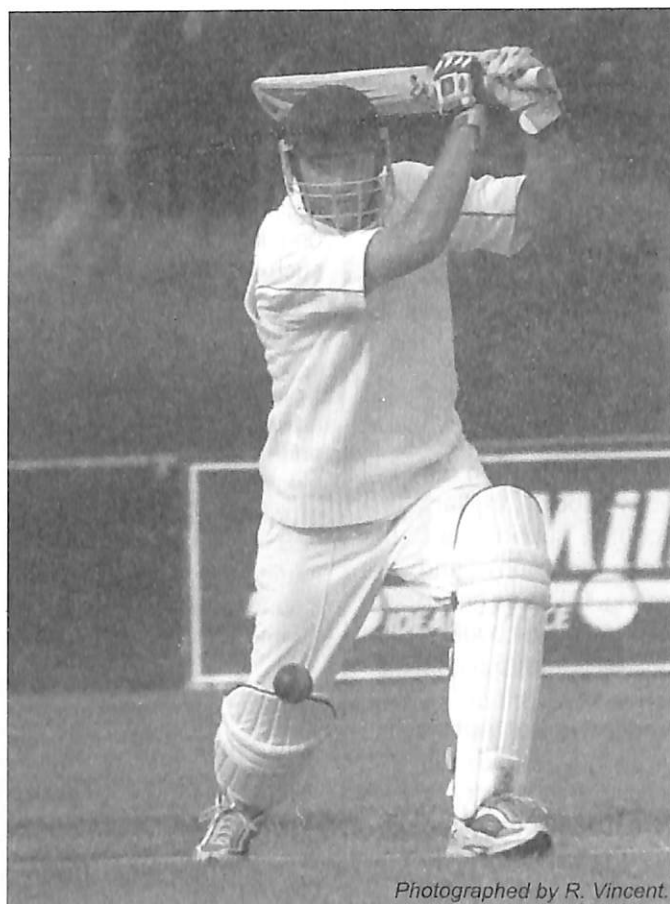
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BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

by Greg Tomamichel

The long term investment in junior cricketers is paying off for Beaconsfield Cricket Club with the appointment of Ryan O'Connor as Club Coach and Jason Dodd as A Grade Captain for 2007/8. Both Ryan and Jason played junior cricket with Beaconsfield and have shown great enthusiasm and loyalty in putting their hands up for the key leadership roles in the club. They will be ably assisted by Brad Miles as A Grade Vice-captain. Brad has lead the batting efforts for Beaconsfield in recent seasons and we look forward to this leadership role adding another string to his bow.

The junior teams also look set for a great season with up to 13 sides predicted, taking full advantage of the new O'Neill Road ground. We look forward to using this facility to provide young boys and girls with regular active recreation that would otherwise not

be possible. Our thanks go to all of those who have made this new ground possible.

On a similar note, planning has commenced for the new Holm Park Road facility with a wide range of local sporting organisations putting forward their needs and ideas. We look forward to working cooperatively with all of the parties to bring about an excellent resource for the local community.

Senior training has started outdoors with the season to begin on 6th October. Junior training has also commenced.

For anyone looking for a game of cricket or looking for details of training, please call:

Seniors - Greg Tomamichel
 0438 639 125 Juniors -
 John Martin 0400 090 840



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BEAconsfield TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

CLUB RECEIVES CAPITAL WORKS GRANT

Our club was fortunate to be a recipient of a Cardinia Shire 2007 – 2008 Capital Works Grant of \$13,000 for mains water usage reduction initiatives.

Our porous courts require regular watering, particularly in the warmer months to prevent them breaking up and to reduce slippage during play. Current water restrictions allow us to use mains water for only 50% of our porous courts which means in the warmer months half are effectively unusable. Our club will utilise the grant to install water tanks to capture rain water for watering of courts. Rain water capture will be supplemented by pumping from Cardinia Creek under licence which for environmental reasons always has a certain amount of water continually released into it from Cardinia Reservoir. The majority of this water flows out to sea as waste. Once all is installed we will not need to use mains water at all for court maintenance. Thanks to our generous Shire Council.

Coaching Change of Guard

Respected and well liked resident coach Warrick MacGowan has decided to call it a day as full time coach at our club to pursue alternate business interests. Our club and particularly those that have been coached by Warrick are indebted to him in many ways, particularly for his development of our junior squads. Warrick's coaching partner Paul Rowbottom has taken over the role as our club resident coach. Thanks to Warrick and welcome to Paul.

Junior Tennis nears end of winter season finals with sections one and eight proceeding to grand finals as we write. Congratulations and good luck to both teams.

Junior Club Championships will be held on September 16th. Good luck to all participants.

Mid week ladies Section 6 Blue were our only grand finalists in recently completed autumn season. Congratulations to Sue Barker, Melissa Nouza, Chris Dimasi, Joanne Wallace and Jan Somers.

Waverley Senior Competition sees five of our six teams making it to the finals currently under way. Two former club champions Greg Menzels and Warrick MacGowan returned to the competition to lead their Beacy sides into the finals.

Night tennis

A & B grades (Tuesday and Wednesday) completed their Summer/Autumn round finals in late June with congratulations to the following Grand Finalists and Runners Up.

Tuesday A Grade

WMD's victorious over
Jason Gerdes
Eric Buchlar
Dennis Graetz
Jay Anile
Denise Anile

FAMOUS FIVE
Daniel Dutt
Thomas Smith
Barry Sommers
Thiam Chua
Mark Van Diemen

Wednesday B Grade

CHOKERS victorious over
Emily Potter
Thomas Smith
John Koch
Andrew Komodromos
Christopher Steele

GIRL POWER
Sally Robertson
Kylie Humphries
Simone Adam
Cathy Hall
Alannah Finne-larsen

Both Monday and Thursday competitions are mid season. If you are looking for social tennis of all standards, then come down to our courts at 7:30pm to see just what fun we have. Monday night social singles and doubles for 16-22 year olds, Tuesday night mixed A grade doubles, Wednesday night mixed B grade doubles and Thursday night men's A & B doubles. See contacts below.

Club Contacts

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

Monday Night age 16-22yr: 9796 2767
Tuesday Mixed A Grade: 9707 2909
Wednesday Mixed B Grade: 9707 4287
Thursday Men's A & B: 9707 4507

Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852
Junior Comp: 9702 5251
Coach: 0412 682 569



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