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2008 Meetings :
March 18th
April 15th

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CANDLES GLOW AT CAROLS



RESIDENTS SAY NO TO POKIES

The Shire of Cardinia has received applications to install over 200 gaming machines at 3 separate locations in the townships of Beaconsfield and Officer.

Residents have attended both Beaconsfield and Officer Progress Association February meetings and voiced their total disapproval to the applications.

Residents agreed to work together to make their objections unified and very

clear - *Say No to Pokies*. It will be the demonstration of public opposition that will have the major affect. Petitions for signing are at the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

If these applications were to be successful, townships would have a concentration of electronic gaming machines that is significantly higher than level deemed acceptable by the local community. The state average is 10 per 1000 but here it will be 70 per 1000.

Current Gaming Applications before council:
There are three current planning applications in the Officer/Beaconsfield area that involves electronic gaming machines :

- Castello's Hotels at 365 Princes Hwy involving 60 EGM's
- Pakenham Racing Club, 325 Princes Hwy, west of the Castello's application involving 80 EGM's
- DSL Investments in May Road, Beaconsfield involving 75 EGM's.

May Road (DSL) - There have been no changes to the original application. The objections that have been received already will be included in the application when it goes to council for a decision. There will be no re-advertising unless the application is considerable changed from the original proposal. It has been advised that this application is likely to come before councillors for a decision in the next couple of months.

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

We are in the second month of 2008 already Christmas seems like ages ago. I hope you all had a happy and safe festive season and are looking forward to a stable year.

On a disappointing note I have to say I was saddened to see the evidence around the town of irresponsible people doing damage to our town and environs, garden damaged, graffiti (scribble on buildings etc.), it does nothing towards enhancing our town.

I would urge anyone who sees any of this behaviour happening to report it to the police and hopefully we can get on top of this and keep our town beautiful.

I understand that there are graffiti removal kits available from council to assist with this problem.

Finally I would like to say if you are interested in progress and improvements for our town come along and join the Progress Association and have your say.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Community Complex, O'Neil Rd commencing at 7.30pm.

Join Us and Be Involved.

UPDATE FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

At the February meeting there were several issues raised concerning many residents of Beaconsfield.
*Electronic Gaming Venues

* Application for Rezoning in Beaconsfield Avenue

*Changing of Locality Boundary

Reports of each one of these issues can be read in this copy of the Banner.

RESIDENTS SAY NO TO POKIES

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The Cardinia Club – The plans have been advertised and submission closed on 12/12/2007. However objections will be received until council decides on application. It's expected to come before councillors for a decision in the next couple of months.

Castello's Princes Hwy, Officer – Application is now being advertised. Submissions are being received.

Rob Porter Chair of Officer Progress Association addressed the meetings pointing out how to lodge an objection to the application for the said EGMs. Gaming is lawful so the main issue is the density and the appropriateness of such machines in our towns.

See page for 4 for all the application numbers so as to lodge your objections to Cardinia Shire Offices P.O. Box 7 Pakenham 3810.

LETTERS OF OBJECTION

If you wish to object against the proposed E.G.M (electronic gaming machines) applications you must send three individual letters to:

Cardinia Shire Offices P.O. Box 7 Pakenham 3810

The application numbers, number of gaming machines, applicants name and addresses of proposed venues are as follows:

Letter 1:

Application No:T070440 (85 EGMs)

Castello's Hotels, 365 Princes Hwy, Officer 3809

Letter 2:

Application No: T050759 (75 EGMs)

DSL Investments, May Rd, Beaconsfield 3807

Letter 3:

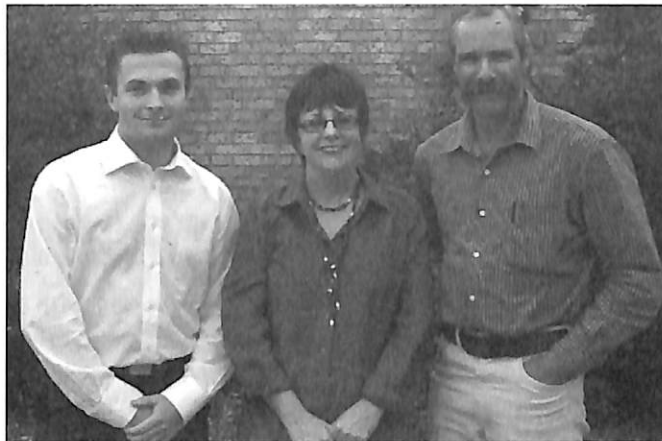
Application No: T070437 (80 EGMs)

Pakenham Racing Club, 325 Princes Hwy, Officer 3809

A copy of each of these letters can be sent to:

1.Mr Tony Robinson, Minister for Gaming, 1 Macarthur Street, East Melbourne, 3002.

2.Victorian Commission for Gaming Regulation, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne, 3000.



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

The forthcoming year will be a great one for Beaconsfield. Over the coming months, council will be adopting the Holm Park Road Reserve Master plan. The sports needs assessment for the Beaconsfield community has been completed.

The results confirmed the urgent need for additional playing ovals for football/cricket and courts for netball and tennis. The master plan will address these sporting needs. Work on gaining the necessary environmental and heritage approvals for the development of the site is continuing. Council will

be allocating a substantial amount of funds in the upcoming 2008/2009 budget to commence stage 1 of construction of the new sporting facilities. Council has also submitted a grant application to the state government through Sport and Recreation Victoria. State/Federal government financial assistance is vital to ensure that council is able to provide these sporting facilities at Holm Park Road in a timely manner.

It is really pleasing to see that the O'Neil Road Reserve being fully utilised by both team sports and casual users. Council's

CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen,
Central Ward

development of this oval has assisted the local clubs to meet the shortfall in recreation reserves until Holm Park Road Reserve is constructed and the ongoing use of O'Neil Road Reserve is confirmed.

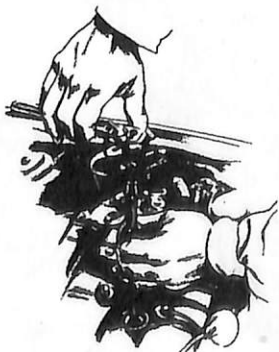
To minimise the impact on nearby residents and for safety reasons, I encourage users of the reserve to utilise the dedicated car park within the reserve, car parks along the highway and the Beaconsfield Community Complex as an overflow.

During 2007, the condition of the heritage significant, Old Coach House was an issue that many Beaconsfield residents were concerned about. I am pleased to inform residents that the property has been sold to an owner whom recognises the importance of the building and has given a commitment to repair it. The proposed works is in accordance with the consultation undertaken with Council's Heritage Advisor.

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by Ian Cole

You may or may not be aware that Vic Track is seeking to build 12 factories on the land bounded by the Railway Line to the south, Station St to the East, along Beaconsfield Ave to the West stopping at our property "Railway House" i.e. 20 Beaconsfield Ave.

This development will also include the area directly behind our house.....see photo below.

At present the Scout Hall and the Original Community Centre occupy part of this site on land zoned PUZ6 which is Public Use Local Government....community use.

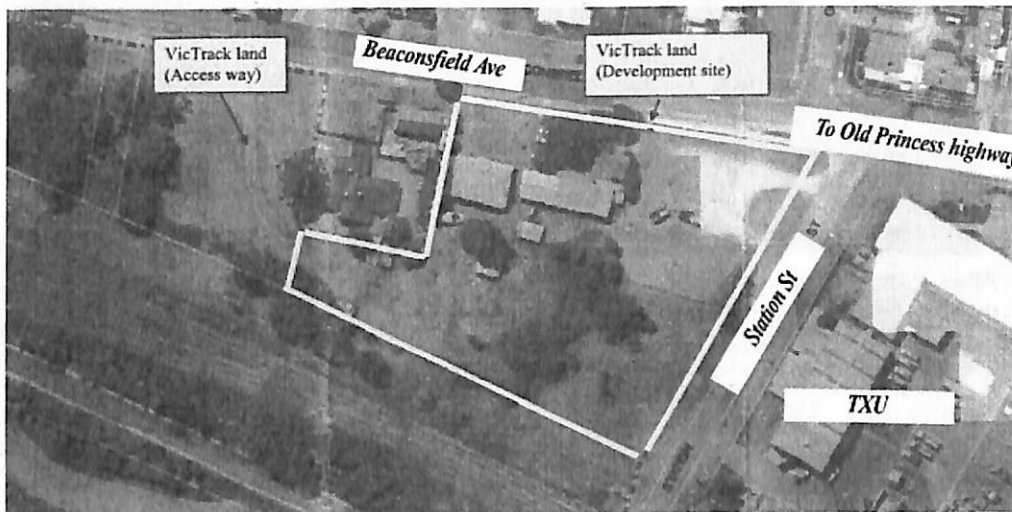
The mature gumtree is also within this boundary. As to the longevity of these community assets I can only wonder.

For Vic Track to achieve their aim they must have the land rezoned to industrial.

My council.....Your council..... Our council has the power to stop this from happening.

So if you too think this proposed development bounded by large schools in the middle of Beaconsfield is inappropriate let your voice be heard.

To sharpen your understanding as to just what is at stake here I will close with a quotation from Vic Tracks Commercial Projects Manager Chris Van Der Ark to me "Concrete Factories just like Vesper Drive".



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BEACONSFIELD DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK – ACT NOW

by Graeme Taylor

There has been an encouraging response to the launch on 31st October 2007 of a proposed Community Bank to be operated under franchise licence by Bendigo Bank Ltd.

The Steering Committee appointed to undertake the publicity and Community awareness program decided that there was sufficient community support from businesses and residents to proceed to the Pledge stage of the awareness program.

The Pledge program seeks written pledges of support to the concept of a Community Bank and to utilise the Community Bank in the future for some or all banking needs. The

Community Bank will have full Bank facilities provided by Bendigo Bank including Loans, Credit Cards and Financial Planning. The Community Bank receives a share of revenue derived from banking business and pays for operating costs of the Branch including Rent and premises costs, Salaries and other administration expenses. Based on recently set-up similar Community Banks they generally become profitable after 12-24 months.

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The Pledge stage of the program is due for completion by the end of March. Pledges received to date amount to approx 20% of the required capital needed (59 pledges received for approximately \$200,000). Our aim is for 300 pledges for approximately \$750,000.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, we seek assistance of businesses and residents of Beaconsfield and surrounding areas by completing Pledge Forms and return to the persons /

addresses on the Forms. If you require Pledge Forms or any further information do not hesitate to contact me.

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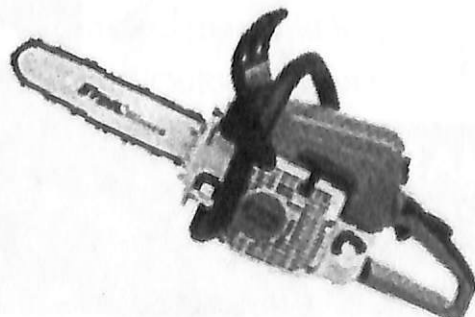
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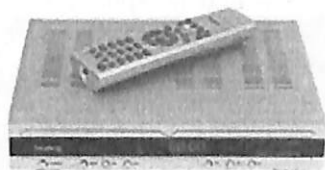
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Manager Rohan Treasure sees the need for a Proper Hardware Store to service the growth in the local area, and our loyal customers.

"We will be able to provide and present an offer that will enable the local customers to shop locally without going out of town."

The store will be open 7 days a week and will cater for everyone's hardware needs, with the following departments on offer, greenlife, outdoor furniture, paint, power tools, white goods, homewares, electrical, and plumbing. There will also be the existing trade and Timber supplies.

The store will be the one stop shop for all you building and renovating supplies or for the odd job around the home, that special gift or getting a spare key cut.

All our familiar faces will still be around as well as many new faces as the store opens.

The interest shown locally has been tremendous and the existing team cannot wait to open to show off the new store.

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NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

by Paul Hayes

Fortunately the bushfire season in Victoria has got off to a quiet start compared to recent fire seasons, but the risk of bushfire and grassfires in our local and surrounding areas through to the end of April is still high, and the community is urged to take care to ensure their actions do not cause a fire.

In particular :

. observe fire restrictions that are in force.

. never leave a fire (including a solid fuel bbq) unattended and ensure it is cool to touch before leaving.

. avoid driving through, or using grinders or welders in long dry grass.

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The Brigade has been kept busy over the last couple of months including a tanker and composite crew from Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield and NarNarGoon being deployed to the Kangaroo Island fires in early December for 4 days. A strike team also attended the grassland fire at Dromana in January.

Locally Beaconsfield were called to support Officer to a large shed fire in a backyard. The fire threatened the house and neighbouring property. Some aggressive fire fighting saw the house and adjoining properties being saved. The shed fire took quite some time to contain, due to the large amount of fuel containers exploding and an LPG cylinder venting. Appliances from Berwick, Beaconsfield, Officer, Pakenham and Frankston attended the fire.

CHANGE TO 3807 BOUNDARY

The change to locality boundary of Beaconsfield/ Officer was registered in November 2007. Areas of Eden Rise Estate, May Road, Panorama Estate will now belong to the 3807 postcode. Residents have been notified of these changes.

The new area is bounded by O'Neil Road N/S border road to Whiteside Road, all even numbers on west side, Whiteside Road N/S border road in whole, all odd numbers on west

side. Then Brunt Road, N/s border road in whole, all even numbers on west side and Rix Road, E/W border road from Brunt Road junction, all even numbers on north side.

A copy of the whole Cardinia Locality Names and Boundaries Map can be obtained from the 'DSE, Land Chanel, Vic Names' website at www.land.vic.gov.au. If you have any further enquiries contact Michelle Kelly on 59454288, Cardinia Shire.

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I trust that all of you, your families and friends have had a great and relaxing Christmas-New Year period. The Annual "Carols by the Creek" was a great night although my family and I weren't able to attend due to family commitments. However, it was encouraging and a pleasure to hear that many people turn out from our town and adjoining areas coming out on the night. On behalf of the Business Group & the Township, I would like to thank the Baptist Church for organising a great night.

Since my last report, the momentum for the opening of our own Beaconsfield District Bendigo Community Bank has continued and growing. At the time of writing my report, we were up to \$200,000 of the \$700,000 required and are planning to hold a final Public Meeting in early March, which will be displayed on the 'Pink' posters around our town. I hope all of those who haven't got round to submitting their pledges, will do so before its too late.

On other community projects, the Street Scape Sub Committee met this week with council representative's again and have since submitted our 'vision' to Council regarding how we would like Beaconsfield Village to look like. We are aiming to have a 'conceptual' drawing for public comment in the coming months.

Regarding the resurrection of the 'Beaconsfield Fair' the Sub Committee, we have met initially and are now in the planning stage and funding stage. You don't have to be in business to be involved. For more information, you can contact myself on 9769 9134 or Vicki O'Callaghan on 9769 8722.

In closing, 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 and our next meeting is scheduled for the 27th of February. 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, you can call our Secretary, Vicki O'Callaghan on 9769 8722 or myself on 9769 9134.

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by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.

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1. **Dependant Spouse** – Basic full year tax offset of \$2,100 reduces when spouse income exceeds \$282. However, a Spouse with dependent Child and Sole Parents should claim Family Tax Benefit from Family Assistance Office.

2. **Parent of the taxpayer or of Spouse** – Currently \$1,540 but income tested on the Parents income.

3. **Baby Bonus** – available for first child born after 1st July 2001 and before 1st July 2004. The maximum tax offset is \$2,500 but reduces by the Spouse taxable income.

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6. **Mature Age Tax Offset** of up to \$500 for persons over 55 years earning employment, partnership or business income less deductions related thereto. The tax offset is income tested and cuts out at \$63,000 for 2006/07.

7. **Senior Australian Tax Offset** of up to \$2,230 for a Single and \$1,602 each for married persons in 2006/07 year, if of Age Pension age. This Tax Offset allows single taxpayers to earn \$24,867 and married couples \$20,680 each annually and not pay any income tax. Reduced tax offsets apply over these amounts.

8. **Pensioner Tax Offset** – applies to taxpayers below age person age in receipt of Government Pensions and Allowances. The Tax Offset of up to \$2,018 for a single and \$1,522 each for married persons in 2006/07 year. This allows Single taxpayers to earn \$19,454 and married couples \$16,147 each and not pay any income tax. Reduced Tax Offsets apply over these amounts.

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BPS Corner

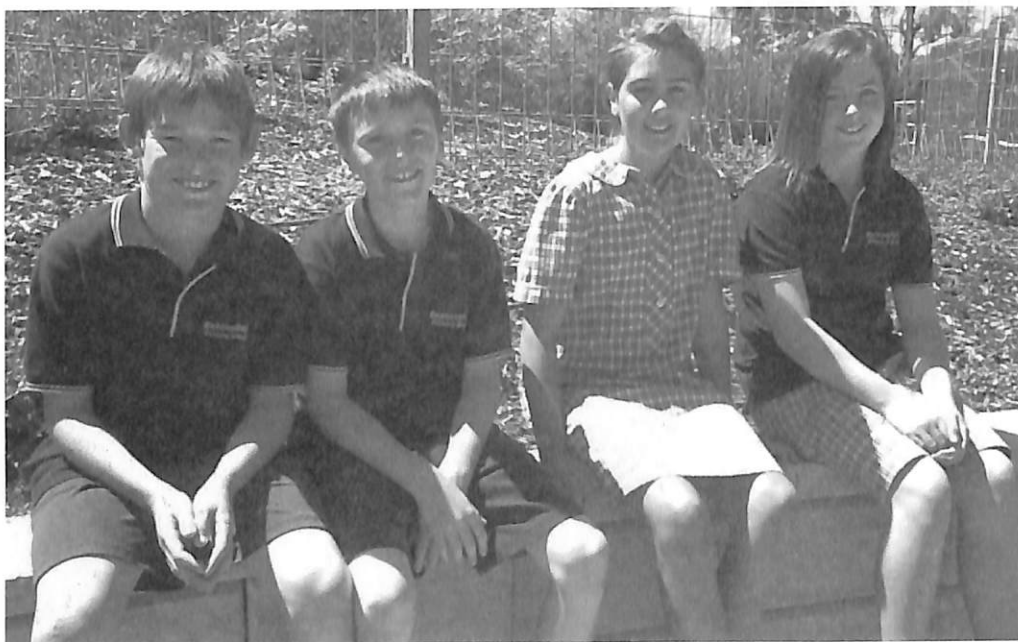
by Gary Methven, Principal

Student leadership forms an important part of the culture at Beaconsfield Primary School. Just as our students develop academically and socially; they also develop the leadership skills needed to influence others toward positive change. Amongst our Year 5 and 6 children there is a tremendous sense of belonging to a very special learning community where everyone has responsibilities to care for and learn with others. Thirty seven candidates from Year 6 put themselves forward for school leadership positions this year in a wonderful afternoon of speeches outlining the beliefs and attributes of the candidates.

I am pleased to announce the following leadership positions have been awarded:

School Captains - Carly Wills and Ryan Bromley
Vice School Captains - Hayley Stevens and Braydn Goodger

We wish them all the best as they uphold the Beaconsfield tradition of positive influence, leadership and service to their peers.



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FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.
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9. Beneficiary Tax Offset – The amount in excess of the tax-free threshold (currently \$6,000) at 15%.

10. Private Health Insurance – Depending on your age then tax offsets of either 30%, 35% or 40% of the premiums paid.

11. Delayed Tax Offset – Item E on PAYG Statements applies to Income amounts received for a period of employment of more than 12 months earlier ie back pay. The tax on this income is limited to tax payable if a lesser tax is payable in the year(s) it relates to.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

Make and Mingle had a fabulous Christmas party with over 100 people coming along. We also celebrated some special birthdays Laurel Grant her 80th and Evelyn Kiely her 99th.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group for young and old that meets every Wednesday during school term 10am-12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist church cnr Desmond Crt. and Old Princes Hwy (Our new venue opposite O'Neil Road) Join us for craft, coffee and a chat. We have crafts you can try or you can bring along your own craft to work on.

This term we have card making in various designs, scrap booking your favourite photos, knitting and crochet, patchwork and embroidery as well as other activities.

We enjoy supporting Samaritan's purse and we are already working on items ready for packing in shoeboxes to send overseas to underprivileged children later in the year.

You are welcome to come along any Wednesday Enquiries Ann 9707 1996



Pictured above : Laurel Grant

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ASH WEDNESDAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook

This February marks 25 years since the tragedies of the Ash Wednesday bushfires. 27 of the 47 lives lost in Victoria were within my electorate including in towns such as Upper Beaconsfield. The scars of that time are still being felt deeply all these years later. On 17 February, the Governor of Victoria was among those who, along with me and many members of the community, attended a commemorative service at St Luke's Church in Cockatoo. These occasions are important and we all need to remember the sacrifices

made by those to protect people and homes.

I have received plenty of positive reports about the new car park at Beaconsfield railway station. I am pleased that with this major upgrade commuters now have a safe, sealed area to park vehicles.

The State Government has provided a grant of \$2770.00 to the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre (BNC) to help with the recruitment and training of more volunteers. This grant will allow the BNC to develop a manual to

assist in equipping new volunteers to deal with the issues involved in this important community work. I am always so impressed with the range and quality of courses that are offered at the centre ranging from dance to art and craft. I know that the childcare, playgroups and toy library sessions are greatly appreciated by the new parents moving into Beaconsfield and I urge new residents to take advantage of the facilities.

I was pleased to welcome members of the Berwick Central Probus Club to Parliament House recently, which has many members from Beaconsfield. The visitors were impressed by the quality and atmosphere of the building, and the library and gardens were favourites. As the seat of democracy in the state, I would urge those who have yet to visit Parliament House to attend one of the open days or, alternatively, to organise a school or group tour. It is most



worthwhile and is a great outing for all ages.

I am continuing my fight to keep Victoria free of genetically modified (GM) crops. The existing moratorium on GM canola expires at the end of February and it is unclear how many farmers will opt to grow GM seeds. On 8 February, the South Australian Government decided to continue its ban on GM crops, bringing it into line with Western Australia and Tasmania. I have serious doubts that Victoria's produce will continue to be seen as clean and green when our neighbour states are making the right move to stay free of GM. Foodland is the latest supermarket chain to state that it would not stock GM products and the future income stream for farmers is in serious trouble with Japan—our biggest market—also vowing to stay GM-free.

If you want further information of genetic modification, or want to assist in the campaign to KEEP VICTORIA GM-FREE, please contact my office.

Tammy Lobato MP, Member for Gembrook, 1/5 Gloucester Ave, Tel: 9796 1987 Fax: 9796 1891 Email: tammy.lobato@parliament.vic.gov.au



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USE OF ACUPUNCTURE IN ANIMALS

By Mandy, Beaconsfield Vet

What is Acupuncture?

Acupuncture is the stimulation of specific points on the body which have the ability to alter various biochemical and physiological conditions in order to achieve a healing effect, it is not a cure-all, but it works well where indicated and when used alone or in combination with traditional veterinary medicine.

Veterinary acupuncture has been used to treat animals for nearly 4,000 years in China. In North America, and Australia, it has been used for decades, in both domestic and exotic animals. Acupuncture is one of a variety of therapies a veterinarian may use to treat your pet.

How Does Acupuncture Work?

Ancient Chinese medical philosophy believes that disease is a result of an imbalance of energy in the body. Acupuncture is believed to balance this energy, and thereby assist the body in healing disease, in Western terms, acupuncture can assist the body's efforts to heal itself by causing certain physiological changes.

For example, acupuncture can stimulate nerves, increase blood circulation, relieve muscle spasms, and cause the release of hormones, such as endorphins (one of the body's pain control chemicals) or cortisol (a natural steroid).

What are some of the uses of Acupuncture?

Acupuncture is known to have therapeutic effects in a wide variety of animal diseases. Examples of clinical conditions where veterinary acupuncture may be used are:

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For example, an acute sprain may require only one treatment, whereas more severe or chronic ailments may require multiple treatments. A positive response is generally seen after the first to third treatment in chronic cases. Once optimum response is achieved, treatments are tapered off so the greatest amount of symptom-free time elapses between them.



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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood,
Member for La Trobe



Happy New Year Beaconsfield!

I thank all Beaconsfield residents for the privilege of being re-elected as the Federal Member for La Trobe at last year's election. I am determined to work harder than ever to ensure that La Trobe – and Beaconsfield – continues to have a strong voice in Canberra.

As the Coalition is now in opposition, it's my job to hold the Labor Government to account. Labor is already on the back foot - during the election campaign Labor failed to match two election commitments for important projects in Beaconsfield.

It is very disappointing that the construction of noise barriers on the Princes Freeway between Beaconsfield and Berwick, and the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Princes Highway and Old Princes Highway in Beaconsfield are not now going ahead.

Beaconsfield residents should rest assured that I will continue to fight to ensure that both the State Labor Government and the Federal Labor Government remain fully aware of the importance of these and other local projects to the Beaconsfield community.

Please continue to contact my office with questions or comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

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received our program in January. If you did not receive one, please ring the office on 8768 4400 and we will post one to you.

For people who love doing art and craft, we have mosaics, french polishing, folk art & decorative painting, painting with acrylics, pergamano, patchwork, scrapbooking for beginners, and a soy wax candles workshop.

If you want to have fun and improve your health, we have classes in belly dancing, strength training for over 50's, linedancing, yoga, social dance and qigong and meditation.

Our computer classes included computers for beginners, basic word, introduction to email, internet messaging and ebay shopping.

New classes also include First Aid, a photography workshop and a photo editing workshop.

Our pre school and school age programs include playgroups, take a break

occasional care, three year old program, toy library, a variety of dance classes from pre school to teenage, creative painting, and a Manga cartooning workshop.

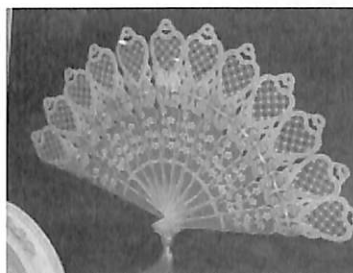
If you have just moved into the area, a big welcome. Pop in and say hello to the happy team who are only too willing to assist with your enquiries.

How to contact us

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre office is open from 9am to 3pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive, and 9am to 1pm Fridays at the Beaconsfield Community Complex at 8 O'Neil Road.

Our office telephone number is 8768 4400.

Look forward to seeing you soon.



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Local Beef Producer Joins Farmers' Market Mix

Organisers of the Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market are thrilled to announce that local farmers, Sean and Fiona Kallady from 'What's Your Beef' will join the farmers' market on March 8 at the Pakenham Racecourse selling their locally grown grass fed, hormone free beef. The addition of free range beef to the market is a wonderful compliment to the already delicious range of meats and fish including farmed venison from Hartdale Park, who were winners of the 2007 Bendigo Bank Gippsland Business Awards and offer 5% discount for pre orders.

Join us at the Apple and Chestnut celebration on April 12 farmers market. The Cardinia out of schools care program will have their Aussie Apple colouring competition entries judged. There will be the longest apple peel competition, chestnut roasting and truckloads of new season's delicious locally grown apples.

If that wasn't enough to whet your appetite the farmers' market will also have a wonderful selection of late summer vegetables, stone fruits, strawberries, potted herbs and vegetable seedlings, bush honey, farmhouse cheeses, organic breads, local wines, freshly harvested potatoes, fresh and smoked barramundi and plenty more. Car park donations for March 8 and April 9 markets will be supporting two great community organisations, the Cougar Soccer Club and the Toomuc Valley CFA. See you there.

Contact Farmers market coordinator : Suzzanne Carter- Madej Tel: (03) 5945 0403 or
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Sure Bets

Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham are on track to get a flood of pokies. Or Electronic Gaming Machines to give Pokies their correct title.

Planning applications are in for establishments in Beaconsfield and Officer. One wit has said the Old Princes Highway is on its way to looking like Vegas! Well hardly. But nevertheless I for one will be lodging an objection. Poker machines are an insidious way of talking money off people. In six months last year \$1.35 billion was lost to poker machines in Victoria. Pokies losses in 2006-07 were about \$7 million a day and sad to say much from low-income suburbs.

In six months last year \$61 million was lost in poker machines next door in Casey. These are huge sums of money. Money that would have been much better spent in local shops.

Poker machines are a con. They are programmed to only ever feed back a portion of the coins fed into them. No matter how big the jack pot it is always a lesser figure than the total of the money poured in. Yet they are addictive.

The lure of the possibility of a win is more than many can resist. To put such temptation on people's doorsteps is not good. It is not gambling dens that we want down here in the Cardinia Growth Corridor but buildings that enhance community.

Lets encourage the building of restaurants and coffee shops and bars and shopping malls, theatres and halls and every other conceivable establishment where people can mix and relax. And lets do all we can to discouraged the building of rooms where people sit engaged with a machine pouring all their money away.

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

There's an old saying "That the more things change the more they remain the same". This certainly applies to many things but not to the physical changes that have taken place in the last 100 years. One of the fascinating effects of getting older is the ability to surprise your children and grandchildren with true reflections on how life was in your younger years. How their eyes widen when you tell them that being a "bush" boy meant that there was no electricity, no running water, no refrigerators, few motor cars, and that in small outback towns horse and cart was the main mode of transport, especially during the dark days of the Second World War when petrol was rationed.

How surprised (and not a little skeptical) when you tell them that most cars in order to run at all used charcoal burners mounted on the rear bumper bars, with an enormous expanding gas bag on the roof, as the main means of getting around. All you needed was a large box of charcoal somewhere in or on the car in order to chuff around and a strong ability to tolerate the smell. It was deadly to the motor which in time gave up the ghost and a replacement sought.

In this day and age of super highways and well sealed roads almost everywhere, telling of the country roads then was not all that easy. How could one describe the unending potholes, broken or non-existent shoulders, the dust or mud depending on the season?

The roads today are sheer heaven when looking back: and people still complain?

Doctors were few and far between, and Bush Nursing Hospitals were the main Medical Centres located in the Towns. I had to avail myself of them twice as a kid, once when bucked off a horse on a steep hillside onto a very large and unyielding rock which broke some bones, and a little later shot in the leg far from the Homestead. A long horse ride home and then a long rough car ride over unmade roads to the nearest Hospital 30 miles away to receive basic treatment, was the order of the day. This sounds dramatic in the telling but in those days it was accepted as the norm. Today's generation, expect an Ambulance and Paramedics on site within minutes and are quite horrified when told things like this. Country boys were a little wild and very independent then and most could ride and handle farm machinery while still at Primary School. To get breakfast meant getting up early and chopping the wood so mum could light the big black stove in the kitchen, doing other chores, and getting to school many miles away. Walking or riding to school through the bush was no big deal and you always felt safe, something kids of today are missing, more the pity.

There's good and bad in every generation, some you miss, some you never would. To know a little bit of the past is to appreciate the present.



JIMMY PARKES

by Ann Taylor

Wood Street Beaconsfield has many old and interesting buildings with a history to tell.

One of the best known is Jimmy Parkes' Butcher Shop. This is now the Woods Street Sushi Restaurant. The book "The Cardinian Embroidery" edited by Eleanor Taylor tells us 'The shop was built around 1920 and was first a mixed business run by the Bradford family, then became a butcher's shop run by the Coles family. Jim Parkes was their apprentice who later took over the business, apprenticing his son Bryan

who later took over from Jim.'

In Jim's day the bullocks came from Clyde to the abattoirs in the Pink Hill area. Many young children remember this traditional butcher's shop and spent their time playing in the sawdust on the floor of the shop while Mum was ordering her meat.

Jim Parkes was well known and was part of the town, he is remembered with the JIM PARKES RESERVE in Souter Street where many children have played



Above: Jimmy Parkes with Alex Cole.

on the play equipment and dogs have had their walks.

The shop was empty for a time and then became 'Bull's Raw' Steak and Sushi Restaurant and it is now 'Woods Street Sushi Restaurant'.

The Cardinian Embroidery represents the Shire of Cardinia in 2005 and is depicted on 8 beautiful panels for viewing at the Cardinia Cultural Centre Pakenham, Lakeside Monday – Friday and Sundays. Beaconsfield and Officer are depicted on the third panel.

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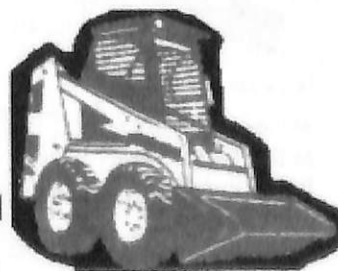


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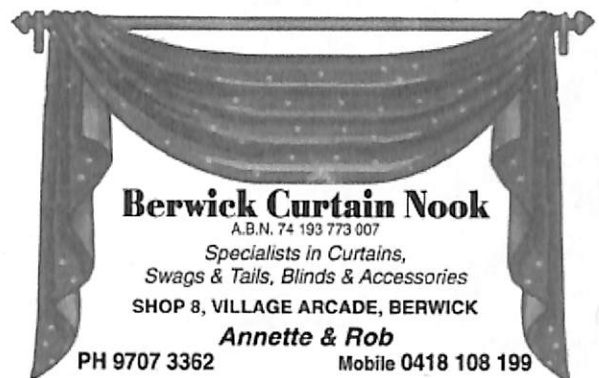
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

Thank goodness the hard garbage collection is complete, now I can watch the road as I am driving. It seems we are designed to accumulate, of course there are those people who are just the opposite, and it is outside their houses that one can find treasure – not always useful just now but one day it could come in handy.

I knew a chap in Warragul who had 28 motor bikes mostly derelict, I read of a man in England who has 21 cars. There are the people who are forever searching for another car or motor bike, yet they can never understand the lady who has 150 egg cups.

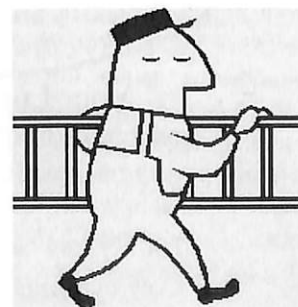
After a couple of short stays in hospital I am again working at my odd jobs – or should I presume – your odd jobs. I can still do painting repairs, doors

old and new, some light engineering trailer repairs, wall tiling and of course carpentry.

If I was a better golfer I'd probably retire but I choose to work to forget my last game of golf.

Having lost a month in December I am catching up with the backlog, the main thing is to maintain the quality of work and not to fall off the ladder.

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IS WEIGHT TRAINING GOOD FOR YOU?

YES! Weight training is a missing key in a lot of people's exercise regime. It keeps your muscles well toned (and no women don't get big from it). It is also great for improving fat-loss, bone density and strength at any age. However it's wise to get some professional advice before starting any weight training program.

CAN I JUST REDUCE THE FAT ON MY STOMACH?

Some think that doing extra sit ups will do this, but unfortunately it's not

that easy. Working your whole body is BEST and the harder you work the flatter your stomach will become. Brisk walking, jogging, exercise classes, bike riding are all great stomach fat burners!

WHAT IS PILATES?

Done on the floor or a reformer machine, pilates is primarily known as a core strengthening stomach workout, but it also helps other areas of the body too. Very good for posture, back-aches, better waistline shape and is wonderful for pelvic floor improvement.

IS IT NECESSARY FOR CHILDREN TO EXERCISE?

Regular exercise and/or sport can help kids with skills, confidence, fitness & fun! It is great to have your child exercise to help them build healthy habits for life.

More tips in our next edition. In the meantime, good luck to achieve your health and fitness goals.

Further help with above topics can be gained from the many local fitness centres, sport clubs, personal trainers & health practitioners in Beaconsfield. Please note if you have specific goals or special considerations you should first seek advice in person from a doctor before starting an exercise program.

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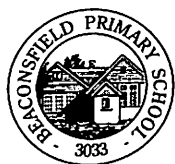
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Confident Young People

by Janet Granger-Wilcox
Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group

I vividly remember my Queen's Scout expedition (and so probably does the Upper Beaconsfield village masseur, Kathy McGrath, who was also on it!).

Half way down the Tambo River we broke a canoe. It was getting on dark, we were nowhere near civilization, and there were no such things as emergency beacons.

But we had been in Scouting long enough to know what to do. We camped for the night, found our way to the nearest farm the next morning, and soon had our Venturer Leader on his way to pick up the broken canoe. We continued, and completed, the expedition.

Skills like canoeing are great to learn, but Scouts Australia uses those skills as a means to an end.

We develop young people who are confident, who know how to use their initiative, and whose values are shaped by teamwork, camaraderie and respect.

The Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group has recently had an influx of new leaders and youth members. Maybe this year - the Year of the Scout, and the centenary of Scouting in Australia - is the year to join!

Cub Scouts

Our youngest section - for boys and girls aged from 7.5 to 10.5 years, is Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouts have a lot of fun doing a lot of interesting things! There are games

to play, codes and skills to learn, places to see and new friends to meet. Cub Scouts all help each other, and try to help other people too.

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We spend weekends away together camping, fishing and exploring. We go to sports meetings, visit factories, go to the zoo, the museum, or the fire department headquarters. We learn bushcraft, and we learn how to be kind to the environment.

There's a lot more Cub Scouts do too. Why not come along and find out?

The Upper Beaconsfield Cub Scouts meet on Monday nights and new Cubs are always welcome. To have a chat about joining, you can phone our Group Leader, Paul Dedy, on 5944 4248.

In the next few Beaconsfield Banners, we'll tell you what Scouts (10.5-14.5 years), Venturers (14.5-18 years) and Rovers (18-26 years) get up to!

Footnote: At this point of time the Scout Group at Beaconsfield "is in Recess". Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group is assisting the Cardinia district in helping to re-establish scouting in Beaconsfield. Contact Paul for further information.

CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

So how musical has this summer been for you? I'm guessing more than a few of you would have headed out to some of the festivals, I must admit I enjoyed Big Day Out this year, it was great to see fans get behind local acts like Something With Numbers and Children Collide as well as the overseas acts like Rage Against The Machine, Bjork and Billy Bragg.

My review this time will centre on Aussie music, actually a new compilation titled 'Coastal Chill' which showcases some of our best Aussie talent.

This is one of the better compilations to surface in a long while and not surprisingly it's made up of entirely of Australian artists. To be more specific it is made of some of our more mellow homegrown heroes, and this is very much a compilation that you would take to a beach

house and relax to on a hot night out on the balcony. This is an album that contains a great mixture of artists ranging from the successful John Butler Trio, Angus & Julia Stone, Gotye, Missy Higgins, The Cat Empire, The Waifs and Josh Pyke as well as newcomers such as Sia, Blue King Brown and Sara Storer and then stretching right through to legends like Paul Kelly, Clare Bowditch, Crowded House, Gomez and Machine Translations.

This is a sensational album with tracks like 'Falling Slowly' by The Frames and 'Feelings Of Grief' by Paul Kelly being definite standouts. This also contains different versions of Gotye's 'Hearts A Mess' and Sia's 'Breathe

Me' to what we are used to hearing and they are well worth a listen.

With no bad pop or Oz Idol's in sight this is the smoothest of the smoothest when it comes to Aussie music and this is one of the best albums of the summer of 2007/08.

There are also some great local release EPs out the moment. I recommend you check out Laura (who Australia's answer to Porcupine Tree), as well as Fire Underground, The Vice Chancellors and TV For Cats.

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CHEESE SELECTION AND STORAGE

by Ross Doherty,

Australia has many cheese types available for cooking and eating. When selecting table cheese, personal selection is usually the best guide. Once the selection has been made use practical knowledge to enjoy what you have selected as in qualities and types.

To retain the high quality of the cheese you have purchased in many cases it is better to buy small portions frequently rather than large portions where storage can be a problem. Generally, this applies to the softer cheese such as Camembert, Brie, Blue Vein, Cottage, etc. After purchase, cheese should be kept below 4°C. Not known by many, Camembert and Brie are terrific to freeze for further use as after thawing

they are practically exactly the same. Therefore if you purchase large portions for a change, cut to the desired size, package and freeze. In most cases, these cheeses are at their best close to the "Best Before" date. Even in cold storage these cheeses keep on maturing, therefore become softer which is preferred by most consumers. Most other cheeses can be frozen but tend to be slightly more crumbly when thawed out. As a rule of thumb, the slower the cheeses are thawed out, the better. Therefore placing into the refrigerator is desirable.

Other types of cheese can be purchased in larger quantities. These include the hard grating cheese such as Parmesan,

Romano, Pecorino, Pepato, etc, and the all purpose popular cheddar, which is classed as a firm cheese. With these types, the maturation process is generally complete (except "fresh" types) and will not change very much in the refrigerator.

One good tip, especially for cheddar, use a cling wrap to help preserve your cheese. Wrap around squeezing as much air out as possible. The main problem is spoilage by yeast and moulds. Their spores travel around in the air and look for somewhere to settle and grow. Most are aerobic which means they require air to grow. So the better the seal, the better the chance of stopping spoilage and drying out.

The most common mould

is blue mould which is not pathogenic, many people just remove it. Again as a rule of thumb, if the yeasts or moulds are of a bright colour, be very careful as they may be pathogenic and should not be ingested. With these, the "poisons" can be further into the cheese than is visible.

Other ways of storage can be in foil, glass jars or similar containers. Glass jars are good for storing strong flavoured cheeses as its aroma can flavour other foods unpleasantly.

If refrigeration is a problem, a damp cloth wrung out in vinegar may be used to cover cheese kept in a cool spot. Small pieces left over from table use may be grated and stored in containers for later use in sauces or other cooked dishes requiring cheese.

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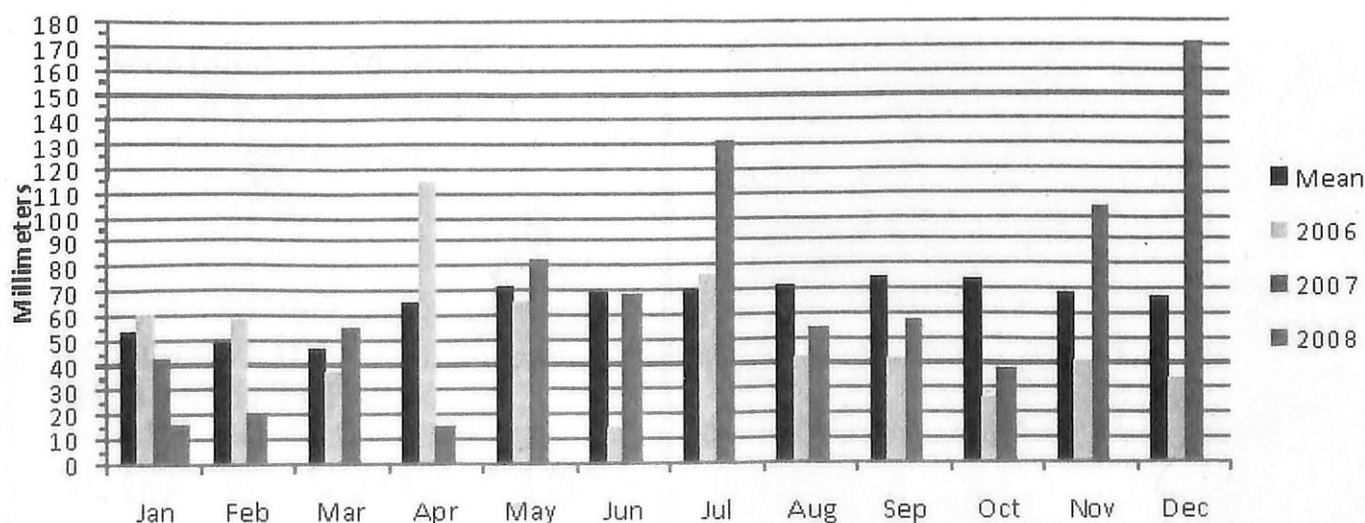
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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

December saw a very wet month which took our yearly total above the previous 7 years.

There was 172mm of rain recorded in December. This was the highest December total I have recorded and the highest monthly total I have. The previous was 171mm which was recorded in January 2005. December rain fell over 6 days with the highest daily total being 50mm recorded on the 21st. December also saw 10 days where the temperature rose above 30c. The hottest day was December 31st where we reached a temperature of 42c.

The yearly total for 2007 was 839mm. This was the highest since 2000 when there was 845mm recorded.

2008. January saw only 16mm of rain fall with 5 days where the temperature rose above 30c. The hottest day was January 10th where a temperature of 42c was reached. This is the lowest January rainfall total since 1997 when only 11mm fell.



X-Wired

by David Griffiths



Well another year has come and gone so it's time for me to announce my list of Top Films for 2007. Here they are in order.

1. The Jammed 2. Transformers 3. Clubland 4. Little Children 5. Harry Potter & The Order Of The Phoenix 6. Blood Diamond 7. 28 Weeks Later 8. Disturbia 9. Noise 10. Control 11. 4 Months, 3 Days, 2 Weeks 12. West 13. In The Land Of Women 14. Hot Fuzz 15. September 16. Triple Dare 17. Resident Evil: Extinction 18. Gabriel 19. Fly Boys 20. The Final Winter.

It was impossible to not give 'The Jammed' the top gong for 2007. It really was the strongest film of the year, it had all you could want, a gritty storyline and wonderful acting and what we should be most proud of was that it was filmed right here in Melbourne.

But of course now onto 2008 and already one film has appeared that will most likely make my list for this year, and that film is Juno.

Mark my words 'Juno' will be one of the best films of 2008 as it is one of the greatest films to come out of the U.S. in a long while.

'Juno' tells the story of Juno MacGuff (Ellen Page) a sixteen year old girl who falls pregnant to her 'boyfriend' Bleeker (Michael Cera), and after some consideration decides to place her baby up for adoption. Enter Vanessa (Jennifer Garner) and Mark (Jason Bateman) a well-off couple looking to adopt. When Juno meets the couple she realizes her and Mark are both music lovers and the pair learn a lot from each other.

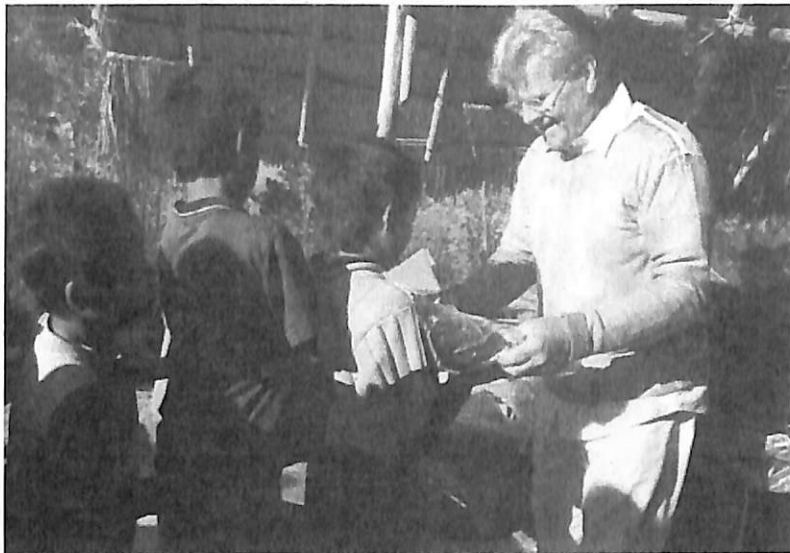
Anyone who loved director, Jason Reitman's last film ('Thank You For Smoking') will instantly fall in love with 'Juno'. Juno is one of the best characters to ever grace the screen and she is written in such a way that one moment you will be crying for her while the next moment you will be wanting to strangle her.

Screenwriter, Diablo Cody has delivered a brilliant script that combines exceptional characterization with black comedy and tremendous one-liners that will have you laughing out loud.

Mix this with an excellent soundtrack that contains everyone from Sonic Youth to Buddy Holly and The Velvet Underground and you are well on your way to a brilliant film. But what tops of this film is what deserves to be an Oscar-winning performance by Ellen Page. She was excellent in 'Hard Candy' but is ten times better in 'Juno'.

This is a must for people who loved films such as 'The Safety Of Objects'.

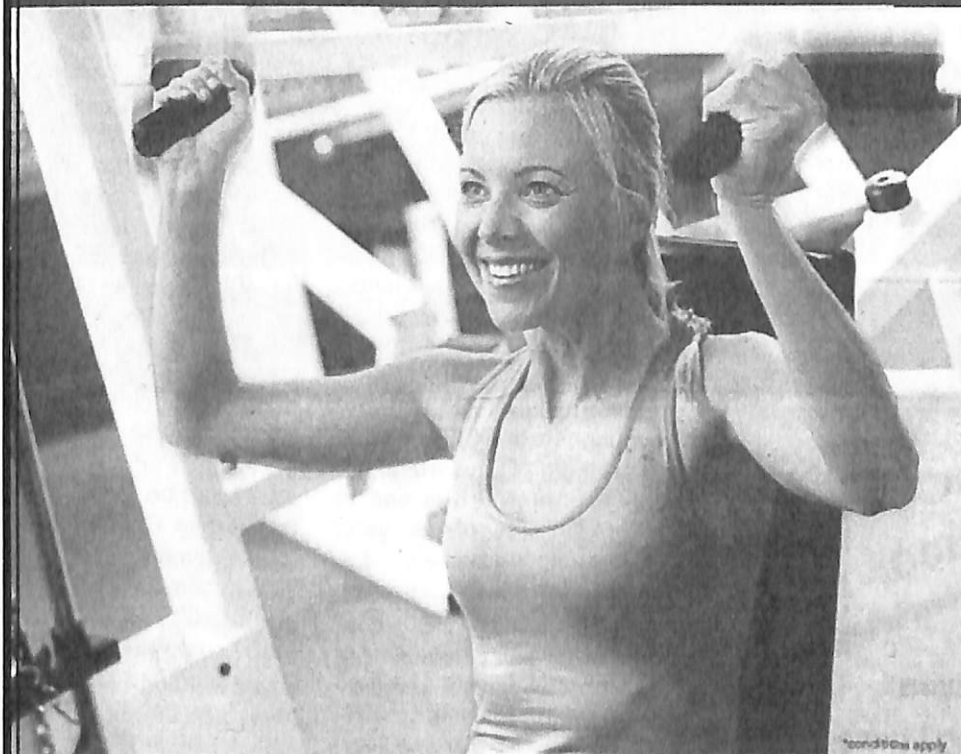
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BEAconsFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

by Greg Tomamichel

Beaconsfield Cricket Club has made a positive start to 2008 both on and off the field. Our six senior sides and twelve junior sides have all performed admirably throughout the year and we are hopeful of having a number of finals representatives again this season. We have also had a number of Beaconsfield players in both junior and senior representative teams, and they have done the club proud with their efforts.

Off the field, we continue to enjoy good support from a strong committee. The Brian Vandenberghe memorial game against Cardinia was a very

good event just prior to Christmas, and we have just found out that Beaconsfield will this year host the West Gippsland Cricket Association A Grade grand final.

Coming up on February 23rd is our Trivia Night which promises to be a great night out for young and old alike. It will start at the Beaconsfield Community Centre at 7pm, please see Don Kerslake or Diane Martin for tickets. Presentation Night will be 29 March at the Montuna Golf Club, which should be a great way to finish off another great year.

Please give me a call on 0438 639 125 with any queries.



Above: The winning team against Bendigo surround the score board. Back row L - R: Russell Vincent, Andrew Mercier, Alan Campbell, Alan Sauvarin, Grant Hillman, Joe McMaster, Sean Sinclair, John Scales, Bill McMaster and Umpire Lindrum Meillor Front row L - R: Paul Benbow and Ivan Pitcher

BEAconsFIELD VETERANS

by R. Vincent

The week of 21st - 25th January was again time for the annual pilgrimage to Barooga by the Beaconsfield veterans to again reaffirm their enjoyment of the game with peers also in the twilight of their careers. For those Beaconsfield players both "old enough and lucky enough" to be to be invited to take part in this wonderful cricket carnival it is one of the highlights of the year. Seasoned travellers Joe McMaster, Alan Sauvarin, Russell Vincent and Paul Benbow, all veterans of 3 carnivals, were teamed with Sean Sinclair, John Scales, Ivan Pitcher and first timers Andrew Mercier, Grant Hillman, Alan Campbell, and our host Bill McMaster of Barooga to represent Beaconsfield.

This trip was the most successful so far with the boys taking out 2nd place and a share of the prize money with the team losing only one match to the eventual winners of pool B "Ryans Relations" and taking out wins against "traditional rivals" Bendigo and Shellharbour.

All of the games were played in great spirit and socially the tour is unsurpassed. There can be no better feeling for a veteran cricketer than to play on the beautiful Barooga No 1 ground under lights with the crowd lounging on the surrounding lawn areas and club veranda, socialising and cheering on the action. Perhaps you may also be to be lucky enough to play the Cobram ground and experience its special atmosphere created by the 100 year old peppercorn trees that completely surround the ground and at the same time you get to enjoy the best cricket lunch you will be provided anywhere.

New teams are always made most welcome, so if you also wish to enjoy the experience that embraces fun and fellowship as well as some great cricket at the finest venues in the country talk to the Beaconsfield boys or contact the carnival organiser Mick O'Dwyer, PO Box 138, Barooga 3644 Phone - 03 58734448 Email mickodwyer@sporties.com.au



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BEAconsFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

FREE FUN DAY - WIN A TENNIS RACQUET

FREE FUN DAY: Our club invites all members of our community to a free tennis day to be held at our courts on Sunday 16th March, 2008, between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Both members and non members are welcome to try their hand at tennis, round robin games, fun games for non players, service timing with radar, coaching tips, sausage sizzle, tennis equipment and supplies as sale prices and more. No need to book, just turn up for the fun.

WIN A TENNIS RACQUET: Suggestions have been made to update our current club logo as on the page header above. If you think you have a flair for design have a go at designing a new logo for our club and win a tennis racquet for your efforts. It must be suitable for stationery and also for placing on our club shirts. The only stipulation is it must include the letters BTC. You have to 30th June, 2008 so give it a go. Entries preferably in electronic form but not essential, to The Secretary, Beaconsfield Tennis Club, PO Box 132 Beaconsfield 3807.

NIGHT TENNIS RESULTS: A & B grades (Tuesday and Wednesday) completed their Winter/Spring finals during Christmas dinner break up attended by over 50 players. With the grand final play as entertainment and great night was had by all. Congratulations to the below Grand Finalists and Runners Up. Summer/autumn competition season will be commencing February 2008. With levels suitable from the less experienced to those of a competitive nature and open to both members and non members, this is the means of getting into tennis. Contact our co-coordinators Anja & Maurice 9707 4287, Jeff 9707 2909 or Craig 9707 4507 as we can always find a spot for anyone interested.

Tuesday A Grade

TEA FOR TWO def
Jason Gerdes
Eric Buchlar
Leanne Bowman
Kylie Humphries
Mark van Diemen

FANTASTIC FOUR
Daniel Dutt
Barry Sommers
Sandy Chandrananth
Madhu Chetty
Janice Shillong

Wednesday B Grade

TENNISLY CHALLENGED def
Rob Whiter
Jeannette Limpers
Brian Farmer
Brandon White
Carole Taylor

SOCIAL FIVE
Simon Day
Karen Slater
Annette Aarts
Margaret Chatfield
Tracey Webber

FENCING REPLACEMENT: Our North facing court fence has been completely replaced over the Christmas/New Year break fully funded from membership fees. This is your membership at work.

Club Contacts

President: 5940 1186
Secretary: 9707 4287
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Next time cooking of cheese and recipes will be explored.

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