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by Jane O and Ian C

It is with great pleasure and relief that we advise the VicTrack application to build factories in Beaconsfield Avenue has been withdrawn.

A number of factors brought about this decision. Of huge importance was the strength of community opposition with 102 people at the Community Meeting held in March and over 150 letters of objection lodged with Cardinia Shire Council.

A huge THANK YOU is extended to all residents who attended the meeting, lodged objections, assisted with preparing paperwork, door knocked and letter box dropped information and who were so supportive of the fight against the development.



Pictured above celebrating the successful withdrawal of the Vic Track application were L to R : Bill Ronald ,Cardinia Shire Mayor, Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook, Sonya Slocombe, St. Francis Xavier, Jane O'Sullivan, Resident, Les Reader, Beaconsfield Progress Assoc President , Fran Healy, Resident, Ian and Yvonne Cole, Residents and Brett Owen, Central Ward Councillor.

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by Les Reader

After my last report I'm pleased to say that there have been some improvements around the town and surrounds. * A lot of graffiti has been cleaned up. * A solid access way has been constructed into Bob Burgess Park and the park is looking very neat and tidy. * It's good to see the development of the Coach House restoration * Successful Anzac Day Memorial Service.

There are a number of happenings going on in our town including the Bendigo Community Bank (see article in this publication).

There are also some planned developments that may concern all or some of us, and I would urge you to be aware and participate in obtaining acceptable progress in our town.

There have been 2 public meetings held expressing concerns about 1. Factory construction (result-successful withdrawal of application) 2. Poker Machines (Beaconsfield and Officer)

If you have concerns about any of these items get involved and be part of our progressive community.

NO FACTORIES HERE

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St Francis Xavier College was integral to the community lobby as hosts of the Community Meeting, through administrative support, circulation of information to families via their website and by defining the position of the Beaconsfield Community in a meeting with VicTrack staff.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association were supportive of local residents and sent a letter to Minister Lynne Kosky lobbying for the withdrawal of the application.

Cardinia Shire Council were also strongly opposed to the development, with Cr Brett Owen supportive

of local efforts to prevent the development.

The end result would not have been possible however, without the efforts of Tammy Lobato MP and her staff who lobbied Government tirelessly for the withdrawal of the application. This was confirmed on Monday 5 May.

It is important to note that while this application has been withdrawn, VicTrack are likely to investigate alternative uses for the site. It is vital that we are prepared to continue to working for appropriate use of this land in the future.



CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen,
Central Ward

Council will soon make decisions on the three planning applications for electronic gaming facilities in Beaconsfield and Officer. This includes the DSL proposal in May Road, Beaconsfield. I am aware that there are many Beaconsfield residents who are opposed to such facilities. Therefore I have asked Council to conduct a survey of Beaconsfield and Officer residents to gauge people's opinions of electronic gaming machines. Results of this survey will assist Council with the planning and decision making process as well as for any future VCAT hearings.

Vic Track (State Government Body) has withdrawn its planning application to construct 12

factories on the land which includes and surrounds the Old Beaconsfield Community Centre and the Scout Hall in Beaconsfield Avenue. This proposal was totally inappropriate. The buildings are still being used by community groups and for educational courses for young people. The proposed factories would have been totally out of character with the area. The proposal would have also severely restricted the further expansion of the Beaconsfield Railway Station car park. Already the new extended car park is at capacity and the need for additional car parking is evident. Dedicated train station car parking is essential to reduce the

need for public transport users to park on residential streets.

Council is supportive of the proposal for a Bendigo Community Bank in Beaconsfield. Community banks employ local people and empower local communities by providing an income stream to fund community based projects, community and sporting groups. Council has agreed to provide funding assistance for a future feasibility study. I encourage residents to support the proposed community bank by completing a pledge form. Further information can be obtained by contacting the pledge co-ordinator - Graeme Taylor 9707 1996.



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

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Frank will be sadly missed. He left behind his wife Anne of 41 years, 2 girls Tracy and Lisa and their combined 5 grandchildren.

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The contractor is WM Waste Management Services Pty Ltd, who can be contacted on 9721 1915.

Council has worked with WM Waste Management to make it easier for residents to plan for their hard and green waste pickup, by grouping collection areas by garbage collection days rather than by ward.

Match your garbage collection day with the relevant hard and green waste collection week (see the table below).

For example, if your weekly garbage collection day is Friday, your hard and green waste collection week commences Monday 26 May.

**My garbage day is:
My hard and green waste collection occurs:**

Monday	Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 June
Tuesday	Monday 2 to Friday 6 June
Wednesday	Monday 16 to Friday 20 June
Thursday	Monday 23 to Friday 27 June
Friday	Monday 26 to Friday 30 May

Waste is to be put out in the week preceeding the collection and anything put

out after the collection date will not be picked up.

If your waste is not collected by the end of your collection week, please contact WM Waste Management on 9721 1915.

Important tips

Collection is limited to 2 cubic metres (or two trailer loads) per household, per collection.

Place green waste, mattresses, scrap metal and remaining hard waste in separate piles. Each pile will be collected separately and not necessarily on the same day of your collection week.

Provide clear access to your nature strip during the collection week. Please do not park your car or visitors cars in front of your waste.

Hard waste placed out for collection becomes the property of the Council contractor. No other persons are permitted to collect this hard waste.

Collectable items include **Hard waste** – white goods, hot water systems, scrap iron, household items, furniture, computers and electronic equipment, mattresses, car parts (less than 1.8 metres long and less than 50 kilograms) and timber (less than 1.5 metres in length).

Refrigerators should have their doors removed, lids should be removed from empty paint tins, and mirrors or glass should be securely wrapped with cardboard and marked "Glass."

Green waste – must be tied in bundles, less than 150 millimetres in diameter, less than 1.5 metres in length, and be able to be lifted by one person. Weeds will be collected if placed in boxes which will be emptied and left behind.

See page 16 for Items not collected and Detox Collection date.

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BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK – BE QUICK

by Graeme Taylor

Pledges of Support to get a Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank for Beaconsfield and District are now flowing in. At present Pledges of Support have been received from 130 persons pledging Share Capital of approximately \$340,000.

We are now half way towards the Pledges target of \$750,000 (300 persons). Before we can proceed to the Feasibility Stage, we must get to the Pledges target level to satisfy Bendigo Bank Ltd Management that the community is supportive of establishing a Community Bank in Beaconsfield.

The concept of a Community Bank is relatively simple. The Community Bank is owned by businesses and individuals where up to 80% of the profits generated are returned to non-profit organisations in the community by way of donations, sponsorships and grants. The organisations to benefit would include schools, kindergartens, sporting clubs, community groups, fire brigades, etc etc. The 20% balance is used for working capital and/or payment of dividends to Shareholders.

A Community Bank is

operated by Bendigo Bank using their procedures, and Banking Licence hence all customer accounts are Government Guaranteed and kept confidential.

The Community Bank will specifically cover Beaconsfield and surrounding areas including Guys Hill, Upper Beaconsfield and Officer and support is also coming from other areas including Berwick.

If you want to be part of establishing a Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank in Beaconsfield, please complete a Pledge Form and return the form

to the Steering Committee. Pledge your support now so you do not miss out on being part of establishing a Community Bank in Beaconsfield.

Any enquiries to be directed to Pledge Co-Ordinator Graeme Taylor 03 97071996.

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PUBLIC MEETING - MAY 26th 2008

7.30pm at Beaconsfield Community Complex.



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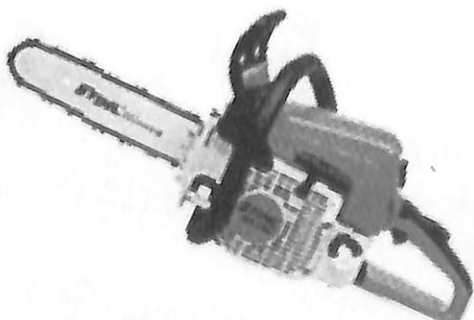
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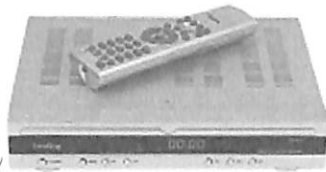
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Cardinia Shire Council is part of a network which assists the emergency service agencies when required during major emergencies.

The arrangement for this support is detailed in the Municipal Emergency Management Plan which has been developed by the Municipal Emergency Planning Committee, chaired by Cr Graeme Legge.

In the plan a number of Relief Centres have been identified throughout the Shire. Beaconsfield Community Complex has been listed as one of these centres.

The relief centres are different to fire refuges which were part of previous emergency plans. All the Shire's fire refuges have been de-commissioned.

What is a relief centre?

A relief centre is defined as a building or place established to provide life support and essential needs to persons affected by or involved in the management of an emergency, including evacuees.

It is anticipated any of these centres will only be activated during high magnitude emergencies requiring emergency short term accommodation and support.

A relief centre would be activated with advice from the responsible agency, for example CFA or SES to the Municipal Emergency Response/Control agency (the Police), who will request the Municipal Emergency Resource Officer to arrange for the opening of a centre. Currently the centres would be managed by Council

staff with support from other agencies.

Advice to community members to attend a relief centre will be provided at the time, through a number of communication mediums, including radio and door to door visits.

Why were the fire refuges decommissioned?

A fire refuge was a place or building designated for public use where people may seek short term shelter from the fire front during a bushfire.

CFA now advocate developing a household fire response plan, which would enable people to plan in advance what actions they would take should a "wildfire" threaten the area, in short "stay and defend or go early".

A state government report found designated fire refuges were unsafe in the case of extreme bushfire because: they encourage residents to evacuate at the last minute; many are located so far from their population catchments that people would need to drive to them and many refuges could not cope with the number of people wishing to use them.

Where can I find out more?

For more details on emergency procedures in the Shire go to 'Emergency Information' on Council's website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au.

Questions on emergency management can be directed to Council's Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Dickson on 5945 4379.

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

by Maree Chapman

In 2008 St Francis Xavier College celebrates its 30th year with various celebrations planned to mark the anniversary.

A Showcase of Talent night is planned for Friday October 24 where students and teachers (past and present) are invited to come and share their musical or dramatic talent. "Showcase 30" is to be held in the Beaconsfield College Hall on Friday October 24 beginning at 7.30pm. This event is full of promise as an enjoyable fun filled night to celebrate the amazing talent that has come from the College in the past 30 years.

A Cabaret style evening of variety and entertainment is planned. To register

an expression on interest in performing at the Showcase of Talent or for further information, contact Maree Chapman at St Francis Xavier College.

Opening as a co-educational Catholic regional College in February 1978 with a total enrolment of 78 students and 5 staff, the community of St Francis Xavier has witnessed a phenomenal growth story in the past 30 years. Today the College has over 1800 students and a combined staff of 220 over two campuses.

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BEACONSFIELD BUSINESS GROUP (BBG)

In writing my President's report for this issue, I find myself reflecting on how quick the years seems to go by with each year's passing...

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 \$332,750 of the \$700,000 and \$1.4 million dollars in 'Business on the Books', which means money that has been pledged and transferred towards the Beaconsfield District Community Bank, without it being opened yet!

There will be a public meeting in Beaconsfield at the Community Centre on the 26th of May at 7.30pm. 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 recently 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, the committee has met and now applying for grants towards covering the

costs of holding such a worthwhile community event. 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 meetings that are held every month on the last Wednesday of each month at 6.00pm. 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.

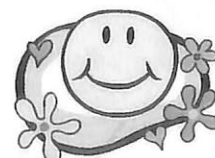
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JUNE 25th at 6.00pm at Jim Byrne Real Estate Office

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.

All taxpayers should be aware of the constant changes to tax laws and the Publication of Determinations and Rulings. Anyone unsure of the income tax treatment of specific transactions can apply for their own Ruling from the Australian Taxation Office. A key factor in the administration of tax laws is to comply with specific dates of lodgement of returns as penalties for non-compliance can be severe. Recent items of interest include the following:

1. e-Record. The Australian Taxation Office provides free of charge, an electronic record-keeping package for taxpayers to record their business transactions including cash income and expenses. A revised Version 6.1 is due for release and will allow taxpayers to also monitor Cash Flow and has a Tutorial tool. Reports from e-Record are welcomed by Accountants to prepare appropriate Financial Statements and Tax Returns.

2. There will be a new Child Support Scheme from 1st July 2008 effecting separated parents and their children. The new scheme is aimed to assist parenting arrangements and shared responsibilities ensuring that Child Support is paid when due. Prior to the introduction of the new

scheme, assessments will be issued to existing customers which should be verified.

3. Companies effected by Division 7A Loans have an opportunity to self correct any past mistakes made from 2001/02 onwards thereby avoiding deemed unfranked dividends. The corrective action must be taken by 30th June 2008 by ensuring that complying Loan Agreements are in place and make up any payments of Principal and/or Interest due.

4. Unless there are prior years tax returns outstanding or an individual or trust is deemed to be a high level tax-payer, then Tax Agents normally have an extension to lodge 2007 income tax returns to 15th May 2008 without penalty or general interest charges. A further extension is usually available to 5th June 2008 however in that situation, the income tax must also be paid by 5th June 2008. If you have not already lodged your 2007 income tax returns through your Tax Agent, this should be attended to promptly.

Discuss with your Accountant all your accountancy and taxation needs and ensure that you are aware of current developments and that you meet all the deadlines.



BPS Corner

Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

by Junior reporters Tash M and Maria B – Grade 5.

The Grade 5/6 students went on a fantastic journey to Sovereign Hill. We all had good fun and learnt a great deal. Many of us found gold down at the old creek.

The Camp had a large deal of activities for the children to do. One of the most amazing and creative activities was 'Blood On The Southern Cross', which involved lots of sound and light. After

a good briefing of what happened in the goldfields, we all went on a bus to the next show. The show helped us learn lots of rich information about what happened on the goldfields during the 1850s.

We all participated in The Learning centre, the Gold Museum, old time bowling, going down a mining shaft and last but not least, enjoying the main street of Sovereign Hill itself.



The camp provided all the fun and excitement that you could not get anywhere else.

Lots of dramatizations occurred throughout the day while the children were gold panning so the children could see how and what happened if you were caught without a gold license.

The laws were strict back then and the towns barley had people in them.

This educational camp certainly got the children thinking about the old days. The people who lived there were wearing old fashion clothing and foot wear.

So all up it was a great adventure and we all learned heaps!

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

The Dewhurst Girl



Frances Bishop has been a regular at Make and Mingle and has just recently celebrated her 96th birthday.

Frances was the youngest daughter of Mary and John Shanks of North Beaconsfield.

Frances played an important role in the naming of Dewhurst. When they were deciding the name for the area she went along with her mother to the local meeting and there was a deadlock between two different choices. As she was the only child there, someone suggested she chose between them, her answer was "I like Dewhurst".

She spent her childhood on the family farm which is now part of Cardinia Reservoir and went to school at Upper Beaconsfield.

She married Robert Bishop, from Midlothian Scotland in 1929. They made their home on the family farm. They had 4 children - Mary, Dorothy, Margaret and George. Frances now has many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren and enjoys spending time with her family and her craftwork.

Information from the Cardinian Embroidery edited by Eleanor Taylor page 17 'Dewhurst was a village established in the 1920's halfway between Upper Beaconsfield

and Emerald. It had a hall, church, school, fire station and Post Office in a private house. Houses were scattered from near the present Lewis Road Intersection, down a hill, across a valley and up the other side almost to Emerald. Fifty years later the Cardinia Dam was built and most of Dewhurst was submerged.'

In recent times an area in the Lewis Road area has been renamed Dewhurst, so Frances' naming still stands.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets each Wednesday during school term from 10 am - 12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church cnr Desmond Crt and Old Princes Highway, our new venue opposite O'Neil Road. We have a range of crafts available or you can bring your own craft to work on or just come along for coffee and a chat.

This term we have greeting cards, ceramics and one step decoupage. Scrapbooking your favourite photos, knitting and crochet projects, glass painting embroidery and patchwork and a range of different crafts.

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

AMBULANCE SERVICE UPGRADE

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook

VicTrack's recent application to build 12 factories in Beaconsfield on land zoned for public use associated with railway purposes, led to a huge turnout at a public meeting. I was pleased to be able to attend and to lend my support to the cause. As an objector to the application, I made my view clear to the council and to the Minister for Public Transport: the application failed the basic test of contravening the purposes of the zone. I am firmly opposed to the proposition that land zoned for public use should be used for a commercial and private purpose.

In my objection, I also made the following points:

- * It is an extremely risky proposal, given that the setting up of commercial factories bestows an entitlement to the use of public land for this purpose and would then require a future dismantling of that use;

- * It would be unfair to the

community to develop a reliance on businesses with a view to shutting them down in the future;

- * The proposal makes the assumption that the purpose for which the land is zoned—such as providing car parking for commuters—is not required for the next decade, a matter on which I disagree;

- * The additional movement of trucks and other heavy vehicles would have major implications for traffic flow and poses unacceptable danger to students at St Francis Xavier as well as other pedestrians;

- * The proposal would adversely affect the amenity of residents in the many houses close by.



I urged the Cardinia Shire Council to reject the application and local ward councillors also demonstrated their opposition to the proposal.

However, most important in the process was the activism of the many Beaconsfield residents who took the time to write objections, to attend the public meeting and to make their voices heard.

So it was wonderful that our joint cooperative effort has now paid off with VicTrack deciding to withdraw its application. It also demonstrates what a huge difference the involvement of the community can make. I hope this encourages you all to stay vigilant and keep involved in your local groups.



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In other news, a massive boost has been given to the ambulance service in Beaconsfield, with the existing peak period unit upgraded to a 24 hour service. This will ensure that ambulance services can keep pace with increasing demand.

Casey Hospital has also received a \$4.2 million boost with the special care nursery for babies being expanded from 6 beds to 20 beds. This will mean the hospital will be able to cater for up to 1000 extra births per year.

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NEWS FROM TAMMY LOBATO MP: Your State Member of Parliament

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In other news, all secondary government schools are receiving money for the purchase of technical equipment.

Berwick Secondary College is receiving \$100,000 as is Pakenham. Schools have also recently received extra maintenance funding, in addition to the \$41 million already allocated for school maintenance this year. Recipients include Beaconsfield Primary School (\$4701.00), Beaconsfield Upper Primary School (\$2376.00), Berwick Primary School (\$4439.00), Berwick Secondary College (\$11,858.00), and Officer Primary School (\$1906.00).

I recently visited Beaconsfield College, St Francis Xavier and Monash University and had the opportunity

to speak to students, parents and staff. I was so impressed to meet young people engaged and interested in issues and in their communities. We should all be proud of the enthusiasm and achievements of our young people.

On a final note, the news of a select entry school for Berwick based at Monash University and opening in 2010 is very exciting. It will be one of only four such schools in the state and will provide the opportunity for high-achieving students to work on joint projects at the university.

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FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK



The Friends of Cardinia Creek would like to thank the forty five people who helped with Clean Up Australia in March. These people included the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and the Berwick Walking Club.

Sixty eight bags of rubbish were collected plus fourteen tyres and other hard rubbish too large to fit into bags. The rubbish was picked up at the Beaconsfield Sports Ground, the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve, Akoonah Park, The Wetland, Bob Burgess Reserve and the Princes Highway.

The public needs to take their rubbish home and not

to throw empty takeaway food containers out of their cars. The Flora and Fauna Reserve is not a dumping ground for rubbish and garden prunings. Please help to keep Australia beautiful.

The Friends of the Reserve celebrated their tenth birthday since the Friends Group was formed. Most of the original members are still with the group and are to be congratulated on improving the bush. The Friends work on the 4th Sunday each month.

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A WORD FROM WOOD

by Jason Wood,
Member for La Trobe



I was delighted this week to receive confirmation in a letter from the Cardinia Shire Council that the proposed development for twelve two-storey units on Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield has been withdrawn.

I have been truly amazed at how quickly and how effectively the Beaconsfield community was able to band together and mobilise itself against the proposed development. I was also surprised that VicTrack – a Victorian Government authority – would even consider an application of this kind without extensive consultation with affected local residents and schools.

Initially I was contacted by members of the community expressing a concern that the fencing erected around the site by the developer was endangering students and other residents travelling to and from the Beaconsfield train station. I circulated a press release and thankfully the developer saw sense and removed the fence.

Subsequently I was sent

the objections of over one-hundred concerned residents. They were not over-the-top or negative; quite the contrary – they were sensible and well-considered and many residents actually suggested productive alternative uses for the site.

For my part I wrote an objection to the Cardinia Shire Council and to the two Victorian Labor Ministers concerned – Planning Minister Justin Madden, and Transport Minister Lynn Kosky – to make them aware of the backlash in the Beaconsfield community and urging them to withdraw the application.

This result is a credit to Beaconsfield's wonderful community spirit. I hope the unbelievable tenacity of the Beaconsfield community has taught the Victorian Labor Government a lesson and that this episode will ensure that there is substantial consultation before any future developments are considered for the site.

I once again congratulate the people of Beaconsfield.

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Items not collected include

Asbestos, fencing wire, paint, chemicals, batteries, water tanks (either whole or cut up), tyres, cement sheets, gas bottles, car springs, soil and unwrapped or broken glass, building or renovation waste.

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by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie & José

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Thankyou A big thankyou to all those families that helped sell packets of sweets during term 1. A fantastic effort. The money raised will all help with purchasing needed items for our children's programs. **No course that suits you?** Let us know and we will make some inquiries. If more people are interested, there's a possibility that it may run.

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by David Morland

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According to one of our local papers, Bass Liberal MP Ken Smith is advocating legalised euthanasia. This would mean changing our laws to make the taking of life legal.

Our laws are the basis on which our society sits. Our laws inform us as to what is right and what is wrong. At present our laws enshrine and affirm the sanctity of life. There are no circumstances under which it is acceptable to take anyone's life or for anyone to take their own.

But the moment our laws are changed to endorse the shortening of a person's life the very sanctity of life will have been breached. And once infringed there will be no going back. If death is considered better than life for the terminally ill then soon it will be argued that death is better than life for any who are suffering.

I would argue that we would be a healthier society if we spent more time talking about ways of alleviating pain and suffering and less about our so called right to die.

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by Edward O'Donohue, MLC
*Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Shadow
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I will continue to advocate for the betterment of the residents of the Region.



The corridor from Berwick to Beaconsfield and from Officer to Pakenham is one of the fastest growing in Victoria. Sadly, this enormous growth in population is not being matched with adequate increases in infrastructure spending.

As the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Resources I have a particular interest in fighting for better investment into our local communities while preserving the character of small local towns like Beaconsfield.

The future form and identity of our local communities is also being threatened with the proposal by the State Government to remove some appeal rights to planning permit applications at VCAT. The State Government is also responsible for the proliferation of electronic gaming machines ("pokies") within our towns bringing with them the increased gambling addiction and social problems.

Pokie Machines not wanted in Beaconsfield

*by Edward O'Donohue,
MLC*

During the past few months concerned locals have been attending public meeting and signing petitions calling on the State Government to take action and prevent the forced introduction of poker machines into Beaconsfield.

The proposals to introduce poker machines into Officer and Beaconsfield have been widely rejected by the local community with over 2500 people signing the petition.

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BEACONSFIELD STATION MASTER'S HOUSE

by A. Taylor

The Station Master's House or Railway House is a well-known historical landmark in the Beaconsfield area in Beaconsfield Avenue. School children and railway commuters pass by daily and the beautiful Bunya Bunya pine out the front is a favourite with many. The house is currently been restored by the present owners and it is one of the surviving historical precincts in our town along with the old Coach House in Kennilworth Avenue which is also been restored.

Thank you to these dedicated people who are preserving some of Beaconsfield's history. When you visit the Cardinian Embroidery at Cardinia Cultural Centre at Lakeside Pakenham on the Beaconsfield panel you can see the STATION MASTER'S HOUSE black work by Eleanor Taylor and BUNYA PINE machine embroidered by Betty Pritchard.

The book The Cardinian Embroidery edited by Eleanor Taylor provides

historical information on 384 features of local significance in the Shire of Cardinia. p.24 Station master's house, "The house was built in 1888 by local builder James Adamson for Charles Nott, owner of the near-by Kenilworth villa.

Known as Kenilworth Cottage, it was used briefly as a 'Ladies College' then let as a holiday home to a Mrs. Anderson who was formerly Miss Jackson of Young and Jackson's Hotel, who

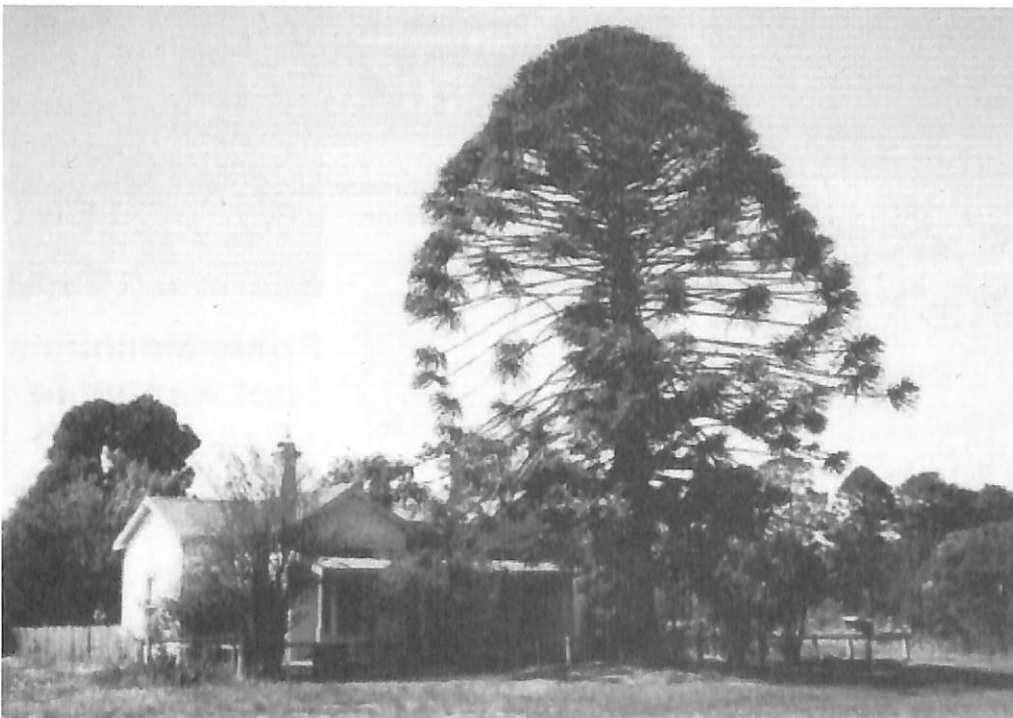
entertained here among her six children's' friends Stanley Melbourne Bruce, (later Prime Minister of Australia.)

The house was also let to J.C. Hodgson, Shire Secretary. In 1900, "Kenilworth Cottage" was acquired by the Railways Department for a Station Master's Residence.

Beaconsfield Railway Station was extremely busy in the early part of the 20th century with mail deliveries, transport of food, produce and materials as well as many holidays' visitors to both Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield.

The magnificent Bunya Pine in front of the house is a possible remnant of the planting of Kennilworth Villa gardens from the 1880's and is a rare example of its type."

The book "Gardening with Australian plants- trees" by Thistle Y Harris p.98 gives some information about Bunya Bunya pines *Araucaria bidwilli* (Queensland) Can grow to 20-25m x 6-8m in size, with the cones up to 30cm long x 20cm wide Street.



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP MEETING

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LOCAL HISTORY

by A. Taylor

One of the interesting aspects of our local history articles has been the discussion and sharing of stories. In our last Beacy Banner we featured Jimmy Parkes and his Wood Street butcher shop.

Pauline Jans (nee Tivendale) is the granddaughter of one of the butchers pictured (Mr. Cole).

She has provided us with some corrections to our photo caption. The butchers pictured are Ken Allander and Hector Norman (Dick) Cole in Jimmy Parkes' butchershop in Wood Street.

She reports that her grandfather was very good with horses and received a bravery award for helping to catch a runaway horse in Melbourne.

Also Jimmy is seen in the other photo with Elva (Billy) Cole, who later became Tivendale and Mrs. Cole.

Beaconsfield Park Gates Project

As well as applying for the History Grant we are hoping to apply for a grant to do some work on landscaping and planting out the park corner.

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Above: Ken Allander and Hector Norman (Dick) Cole



Above: L to R - Jimmy Parkes in the background with Elva (Billy) Cole and Mrs Cole.



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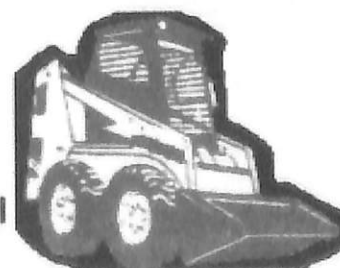
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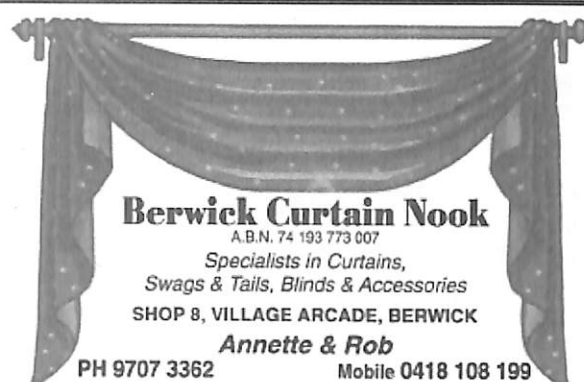
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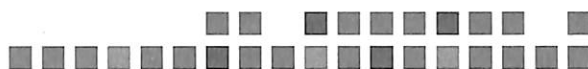


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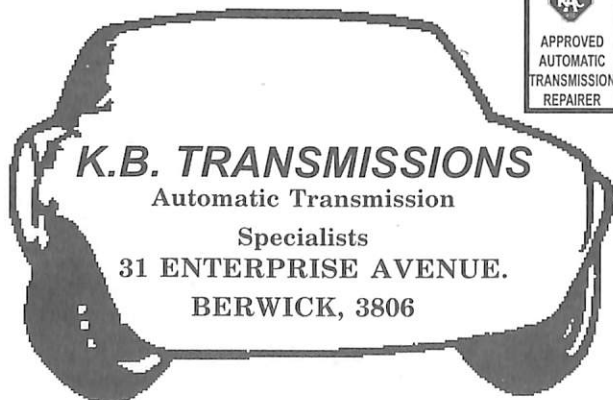
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

Many people experience delays and disappointments with trades people. While you always try to be punctual there are many things which cause delays.

A job almost complete and within the estimated time, tools put away, mouth beginning to water at the prospect of receiving payment when The magic three words "While you're here". Then follows another "little job". Not wishing to risk offending the client the little job is done. Result – delay getting to the next job.

Another cause of delay, particularly with ageing trades people is the falling asleep after lunch problem. The second cup of tea and a quiet read in a comfortable chair is a trap.

After a month or so of inactivity due to a hiccup

in health, I am undertaking fairly light work – no heavy digging or way up ladder work. The outside painting season is drawing to a close due to shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures. Indoor painting is ok. We painted the interior of a house recently with same colour on walls and ceiling. My colleague Jerry observed that it gave the rooms a modern appearance. As it was a concrete house in Doveton it did no harm to modernise it a bit.

What great little houses they are – built at Holmesglen after WWII they have steel framed windows which have endured well, hardwood floors all of which revive well with a bit of sanding.

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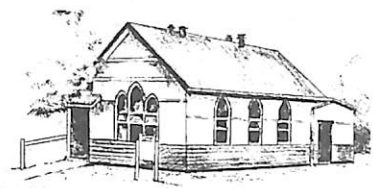


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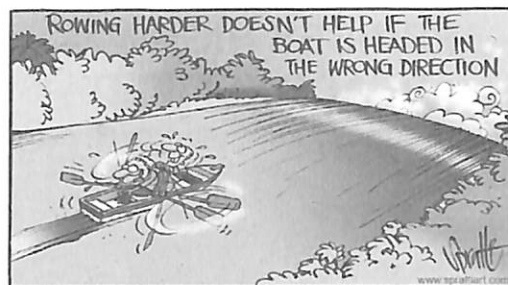
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by Personal Trainer, Debra Campbell



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If you had to choose money or your health most of us wouldn't hesitate at the latter. No matter what your size, lifestyle or genetics are, everyone can aim to be at least a little bit healthier.

WHAT IS THE BEST DIET?

Common rule remains to eat lots of fruit, vegetables and or legumes, lean meat and dairy products in moderation with occasional treats and take-aways being acceptable. Most important is what you usually eat, not what you occasionally eat. Indulgence just once or twice a week is not a problem, but if you eat out or like high fat foods regularly, take care with quantities consumed or your health may be impacted.

CAN MY FITNESS AFFECT MY FAMILY?

Definitely! An increase in the level of fitness of anyone will most likely show reduced stress levels and improved relationships in the family. This is largely because the person undertaking the fitness program starts to feel better about themselves and will gain more energy, patience and a better outlook on life.

WHAT IS ONE SIMPLE CHANGE YOU CAN MAKE?

Regular exercise each week, even if its just one walk to start with, remember anything is better than nothing.

HOW DO I GET MOTIVATED?

Set a realistic goal. Enlist help if you need to and get the support of family and friends. The results will soon be motivation enough once you start!

SHOULD I EXERCISE DURING PREGNANCY?

As with everything to do with pregnancy it is always best to check with your doctor/s first. If they give the OK, then exercise during pregnancy should preferably be done under supervision with professional updates.

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. The above is intended as general information only.



X-Wired

by David Griffiths

If you're a fan of The Rolling Stones then you're about to be in Rock 'n' Roll heaven. Coming to a cinema near you will be the documentary, 'Shine A Light'. This captures what

is said to be The Rolling Stones last ever concert in New York; but hey like in the grand traditions of many bands they could be playing their again next year if history is anything to go by.

Still 'Shine A Light' is brilliant as it is directed by none other than legendary Oscar winner, Martin Scorsese. The docco looks a treat. Over the years Scorsese has proven in his films that he knows how to capture characterization and cinematography that most directors only dream about it, and while Mick Jagger and crew may be real people, Scorsese treats them like characters and captures every little detail of them. 'Shine A Light'

captures the whole concert, only you've never seen a concert caught on film like this before. It literally has to be seen to be believed and is defiantly one of the best music doccos I have ever seen.

Also well worth a look is 'Horton Hears A Who', the terrific new adaptation of the Dr Seuss classic. This is not just simply another kid's animated film; this is a film that adults will get just as much out of as their kids will.

Director, Jim Hayward introduces a new, fresher style of animation with this film, and it doesn't only look great. It is well scripted and like I previously mentioned has a good enough storyline that both adults and children will enjoy; and maybe even learn something from.

Actors such as Jim Carrey and Steve Carrell voice The Mayor and Horton, and for once it seems a director has managed to rope in Carrey and keep him under control. It is also great to hear Aussie, Isla Fisher voicing the character of Dr. Mary, and it's great to see her rise in Hollywood on the back of her work, rather than just be Mrs Borat.

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CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

It's surprising how music ages, isn't it? Take a listen to the techno that came out in the early 90s and you can instantly tell that it's nothing like the music of today. In the same way music can age us.

Just recently I chose to play a song on my radio show that came out in the year I did Year 12, I remember it well as a song I listened to during my exam time. Imagine my surprise when I went down to the radio station's music library only to discover that it's now in the 'FLASHBACK' area of the library.

Sometimes it is fun to sit down and listen to a compilation of songs from a certain year, just to remember what you were listening to back then. If this is something you enjoy doing then the Triple J Hottest 100 Compilations is a must for you; actually they are a must for all serious music fans' libraries.

Volume 15 has just been released containing 43 tracks that music lovers voted to be in the Top 100

Songs of 2007. Personally I feel that Muse's 'Knights Of Cydonia' was a weak winner (and that's saying something seeing I am a huge Muse fan), but there are songs by Soki, Kaiser Chiefs and the Foo Fighters that will soon make you forget about the weaker songs. Aussie acts are also well represented with tracks from a number of Aussie artists including Gyroscope, The Beautiful Girls and The Presets.

Talking of Aussie bands check out Melbourne three-piece, Little Athletics as they deliver an album that shows they are a band that has rapidly developed musical skills far beyond their age.

Little Athletics' 'Autumn Giants EP' is one of the better albums to come across my desk in recent months and they have sound that I instantly fell in love with.

Opening track, 'Dinosaur Bones' has an opening that most modern bands would kill for while the track

becomes a sensational mass of experimental rock, great vocals and terrific guitar playing. And the tracks get better from there, 'One Wasp' begins with a ear-bursting foldback but transforms into a great piece of rock, but it is 'Sharps' that is clearly the best track on the album. Ali Edmonds and Megan Sheehy's vocals shine on one of the faster track on the EP. Little Athletics's musical maturity is there for all to see with 'Screen God'; a track that sees the band mess with a variation of pace that makes this an EP to remember.

'Bright Black' and 'Noughts And Crosses' show an angrier side to Little Athletics and this is a band I expect to see a big future for.

Any lovers of Magic Dirt or Love Outside Andromeda must quickly add this EP to their collection.

See you next time!



Pokie Machines not wanted in

Beaconsfield

by Edward

O'Donohue, MLC

(Continued from page 19)

This has been an overwhelmingly united response from the community signalling that they do not wish to have poker machines forced into their small towns.

However the reality is that while the State Government maintains a flawed Cap Policy that allows 10 electronic gaming machines per 1000 head of population into the Cardinia Shire, the threat is still very much real.

While scheduled to go before the Cardinia Council on May 19 there is still a real chance that the applications could be approved.

There is, however, hope for the poker machine opponents as a result of the recent Court of Appeal decision to send the Romsey poker machine application back to the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal to consider the community views and poker machines' social impacts.

Whilst gaming is a legitimate and legal activity, families throughout the Cardinia Shire tell me that they understand the severe consequences of problem gambling and don't want additional poker machine venues that will simply add to the problem.

The State Government must act to ensure that the wishes of the community are considered before electronic gaming machines are introduced.



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COOKING OF CHEESE

by Ross Doherty,

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Because cheese is a protein, careless cooking can cause it to toughen. Therefore the final dish will be less palatable and less attractive. If the cheese is heated for too long at too high a temperature it can curdle and become stringy in moist conditions and hardening it dry heat is used as is seen with the browning of a topping on a baked dish. Excess heat and excess cooking time tends to increase fat separation. It is best therefore to have short cooking times and moderate temperatures. This also applies when blending different cheese varieties.

When preparing a cheese sauce, the grated cheese should be added to the made-up sauces, then away from the heat and stirred until the cheese melts.

For best results it is best not to re-heat a cheese but if necessary do not re-heat over direct heat, so heat over hot water. If a cheese is to be kept hot for an extended period, processed can be used as it is less likely to curdle.

If you purchase an immature cheese, such as young cheddar, Parmesan or Romano, the cheese can become rubbery, tough and stringy. Therefore a well-matured cheese of these types is better to use. The maturation process causes the proteins of the cheese to become more soluble. Reduced fat cheeses do not blend as well as the higher fat ones, such as traditional Cheddar.



Family favourite Recipe

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1 apple, peeled and diced
3 eggs
1¼ cup milk
½ cup tasty and ½ cup vintage cheese, grated
Freshly ground black pepper

Line the base and sides of a 23cm quiche pan.

In a frying pan melt butter and add bacon and onions. Cook until onions are transparent. Stir in the apple and zucchini. Spoon into the bottom of the pastry case. Beat together the eggs, milk, cheese and pepper, pour over the vegetables. Bake in the oven at 200C for 10 minutes and then reduce to 180 C for another 45 minutes, until firm in the centre. Let stand for 5 minutes.

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

2008 has seen very little rain. So far this year we have recorded 132ml of rain in Beaconsfield. This is exactly the same as last year at the same time. The lowest total till the end of April was 64mm. This was recorded in 1997. The highest four monthly total was 287mm which fell in 1995.

Looking at the monthly totals there was 37mm of rain recorded in February. This fell over 6 days. This was higher than February last year when only 20mm fell.

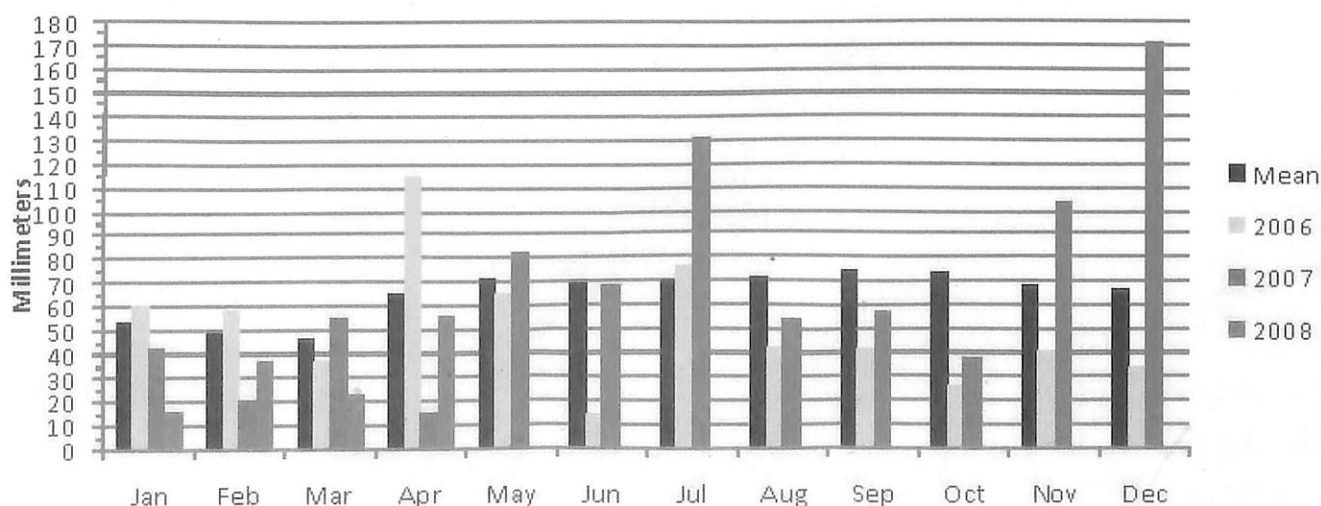
During March only 23mm fell during 4 days. This was the lowest total since 2005 when there was only 18mm of rain recorded.

In April 56mm fell over 6 days. This was considerably higher than last year when there was only 15mm. The highest April total I have in my records is 146mm which was recorded in April 2001.

Melbourne's water storage is currently at 30.8% full which is slightly higher than last year at the same time.

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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



Getting kids out of cotton wool

Janet Granger-Wilcox, Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group

I've been in a few sticky experiences in Scouting. One involved a (slightly embarrassing) overnight stay in a South Gippsland state forest without meaning to. Another was, as part of a team, getting someone out of a deep wilderness area with a leg injury.

In both cases, our Scout training pointed us in the right direction. We had prepared for emergencies, we had leadership skills, we knew what to do. We were able to meet the challenge.

Recently Channel 9 broadcast an item in their Sunday program regarding the tendency for many parents to "wrap their children in cotton wool", overly protecting them which can impact on the child's ability to meet life's challenges.

If you have no experience in challenging situations when you are growing up, how on earth are you supposed to deal with them as an adult?

In Scouting there is NO cotton wool. Instead, there

is common sense, and duty of care. A good Scout program, from Cubs all the way through to Rovers, presents kids and young people with challenges and opportunities to grow.

Baden Powell's well-known motto of "Be Prepared" might be old-fashioned, but it's just as relevant today as it was when he started Scouts over 100 years ago. We prepare young people for life.

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!

Scouts

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Scouting gives you the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of exciting activities. It also gives you the greatest opportunity of all - the opportunity to develop real friendships by sharing the experiences of learning, growing and exploring the world with others.

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

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

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



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The program provides supported accommodation to young people aged 12 to 18 years. Volunteers from the local community are able

to respond to the needs of young people by opening their own homes to provide safe accommodation, friendship, positive role modeling and emotional support.

Foster carers come from all walks of life and can be single, single parents, couples, young or older, with or without children, working or retired.

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

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help a young person in your community or would like an information pack sent to you please contact Leanne 9794 7522

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- St. Francis Xavier College is a co-educational college with a Junior Campus located in Berwick for students from Years 7 to 9 and a Senior Campus in Beaconsfield for students from Years 10 to 12.
- St. Francis Xavier College offers a Leadership program, a wide range of VCE subjects and an extensive TAFE program.
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BEAconsFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

by Greg Tomamichel

Don Kerslake was awarded the honor of Life Membership.

He is pictured as he realises what is about to happen and also as he receives the award from Life Member Alan Tomamichael who is also a long term Major sponsor of the club through his business Trade Brake and Clutch of Springvale.



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The Bandits U 15 team Alex Benbow, Jordan Andrews, Andrea Ackaoui, Nick Bruneau, Adam Young (M.O.M.), Ben Cherry, Dan Cousins, Jordan Kelly, Sean McDermott, Dylan Triffet, Aaron Clarke, Hayden Dooley, Ryan Grafton and coach Dave Bruneau

In another great season for Beaconsfield Cricket Club, two Under 15 sides won premierships, and three other Beaconsfield sides made it to the grand final weekend.

In the seniors, and young and relatively inexperienced A Grade side made the Grand Final, and despite a big loss to Catani, the club can be very proud of its efforts. D Grade also made the Grand Final, but was comprehensively beaten by a strong Emerald side.

In the juniors, Beaconsfield Eagles won the Under 15 northern division against Upper Beaconsfield, and the Beaconsfield Bandits won the Under 15 southern division against Pakenham. In the Under 13 competition, the Beaconsfield Minors played really well all season, to come runner-up in the Grand Final.

All of the senior and junior grades were very competitive all season, which is a great credit to all of the captains and coaches. Our thanks goes to all of those who contributed so much throughout the year. A big thanks also goes to all those who contributed on committee.

Socially, the trivia night was again a great success. Senior and Junior presentation nights were both well attended and a wonderful to finish the year.

We now all look forward to a well earned break, and to bigger and better things in 2008/9.



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by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

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Unlike diseases caused by bacteria, which can usually be treated with antibiotics when an animal gets sick, diseases that are caused by viruses can not be. Unfortunately when an animal contracts a viral disease, it is usually up to the animals' immune system to deal with it and all we can do is support an animal through it by insuring they are receiving adequate nutrition, hydration, warmth and antibiotics to prevent a secondary infection.

However in many cases, the disease can be prevented! Using vaccines, we are

able to teach an animal's immune system how to deal with virus/bacteria if it is ever to encounter one. Thus preventing disease completely or at least reducing the signs associated with the disease. So what can we vaccinate for?

DOGS

In dogs we vaccinate against a few diseases. Out of these, Parvovirus is probably the most notorious of them. Parvovirus causes devastating damage to the intestinal lining of dogs (particularly young pups), resulting in diarrhoea which rapidly leads to fatality in some cases. Thankfully, the incidence of Parvo has been greatly reduced with the introduction of vaccines! However, recently there have been a few cases of

this life threatening disease in this area.

Within a standard Canine vaccine, there is also protection against Distemper virus. Distemper used to be very common prior to its introduction into the vaccine protocol.

The final protection offered by the canine vaccine is against 'Kennel Cough'. Kennel Cough is a broad term which covers respiratory diseases caused by various organisms including Parainfluenza virus and Bordetella Bronchiseptica (try saying that three times quick!). This is another disease which we have seen a major increase in incidence of in the past few months. A case of full blown Kennel Cough can be disastrous to an animal, as it affects the respiratory tract, and may progress to pneumonia and other complications. Animals that are vaccinated against

Kennel Cough usually show only a milder form,

CATS

We must not forget about our feline friends! For cats, there are four main causes of disease we vaccinate against. First of all there is Feline Enteritis, which is very similar to Parvovirus in the effects it has on your cat. The other three are all causes and different variations of Cat Flu. Cat flu, like kennel cough, is a disease of the respiratory tract. A cat that develops the flu can have runny eyes, can be sneezing, may go off their food and can have trouble breathing.

By vaccinating your dog or cat, you can greatly reduce the risk of these diseases. Vaccines are a very important part of protecting your animal from potentially nasty disease. Talk to us today about vaccine protocols and remember prevention is the key to a healthy life!



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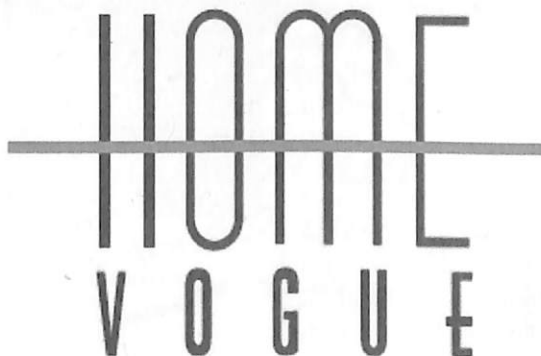
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