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## A TRIBUTE TO TONY



## WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME

Sandy and Rusty made guest appearances at the Grand Opening of Beaconsfield HoME Timber and Hardware. See page 5 for full story.



Photo courtesy A. Potter

The Akoonah Park Committee of Management has honoured Tony Rushton with a plaque commemorating Tony's contribution to the community.

Tammy Lobato, Member for Gembrook and Jack Rae, Akoonah Park Committee President, pictured left, unveiled the plaque and both spoke about Tony's commitment to both his family and community life. Continued on page 3.

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## BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

Well here we are halfway through the year, time flies doesn't it. There is some development taking place in Beaconsfield at present (on the old Baptist church site.)

Work is well underway and we look forward to having a commercial development that will enhance our town and be of great service to the community as a whole.

At our last B.P.A. meeting it was great to hear from the police representative that the incidence of crime was very much

down in Beaconsfield, an encouraging sign I am glad to say. But we can't be complacent about it and we need to be always vigilant to keep our town and district a tidy and comfortable place to live.

On Sunday the 22nd a memorial plaque was unveiled in Akoonah Park in recognition of the enormous contribution to the community made by the late Tony Rushton. A very fitting tribute indeed. He will be well remembered.

That's all for now.

## A TRIBUTE TO TONY

A large group of friends, from the many varied groups that Tony was involved with, gathered with Tony's wife, Dulcie and family Bruce & Kathy, Paul, Simone and grandchildren Darren, Melissa and Lachlan to hear Jack Rae, Akoonah Park Committee President and Tammy Labato, Member for Gembrook pay tribute to the much respected community man.

Tony Rushton died in a car accident near Swan Hill on 6th April 2007.

Tony an electrician by trade had worked countless jobs for Akoonah Park including preparation work on the new Shed B where the plaque is set in a rock from the former Berwick Quarry now Wilsons Botanic Park. The Committee had wanted to recognise the

enormous contribution Tony had made to his community.

Tammy Lobato spoke of the many aspects of Tony's life including many of her own thoughts and reflections. "Tony is a person for whom it is not possible to pay too many tributes. He has left a lasting mark on so many people in the community and on so many local organisations and every person from each of those groups has nothing but the highest praise for him. That is a magnificent legacy that most of us will only ever aspire to." →





# CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

The 2008/2009 council budget provides for some exciting projects for Beaconsfield. The number one Capital Works project in this budget is the commencement of Stage 1 of the sports reserve in Holm Park Road, Beaconsfield. \$1.56 million has been allocated to commence construction of new ovals at the reserve. Council is committed to construction of this reserve, despite not receiving any state government financial assistance.

The budget also includes :  
\* \$100,000 for the Beaconsfield Tennis Club to construct a new club pavilion.

\* \$450,000 for construction of new footpaths across the Shire, which will include new footpaths in Beaconsfield.

\* \$150,000 towards the cost of a Youth Bus to provide outreach services including information/programs and activities for young people in Cardinia's growth areas and rural townships.

\* \$7500 towards the cost of a feasibility study for a future Beaconsfield Community Bendigo Bank.

The Beaconsfield Township Strategy was prepared in 2001 and since that time significant changes have occurred. New residential/commercial development in Beaconsfield and the construction of the Bryn Mawr link between Kangan Drive and Manuka Road in Casey, along with the construction of the Pakenham Bypass have changed traffic conditions on local roads.

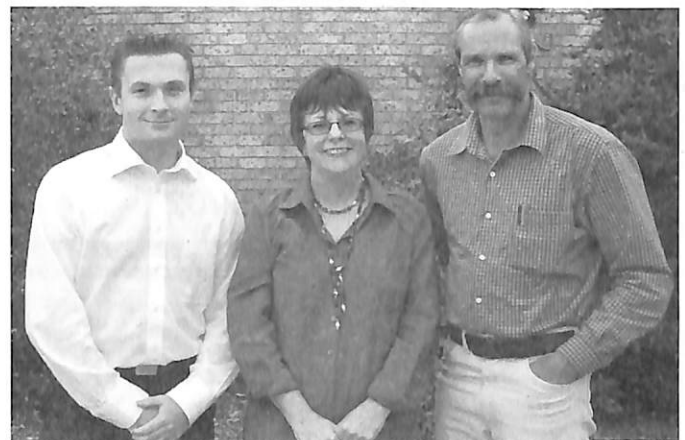
A review of the current Traffic Management Strategy for Beaconsfield has commenced. Consultation with relevant community groups will form an essential component of the Strategy review.

Council has completed its Gaming Survey of residents in Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham. Responses are currently being evaluated and the final report of results will be made public shortly. Meanwhile, the DSL's May Road Sport Club and Pakenham Racing Club's Gaming Venue Planning applications

have been withdrawn by the applicants.

Beaconsfield Progress Association has been successful in receiving a \$1600 from Council's 2008 Heritage Grant Scheme.

The grant will assist the BPA to restore the "Beaconsfield Park" sign which is located at the entrance to Beaconsfield Park and Recreation Reserve on the Corner of the Beaconsfield Emerald Road and the Old Princes Highway. I congratulate the BPA, particularly Ann Taylor for their efforts to preserve Beaconsfield's History.



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

## A TRIBUTE TO TONY

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Before unveiling the plaque Tammy said "This is a beautiful addition to his memory and will serve as a permanent reminder of his vital role in this community. The plaque will ensure that everyone who reads it remembers the name Tony Rushton, one of most generous and good-hearted men I have ever had the privilege of knowing. This plaque will help ensure that Tony receives some of the accolades now that he would have shunned in life. It is a fit and proper thing to do and will assist in bringing him and his family the public recognition they thoroughly deserve."

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The new nursery proved very popular, as did the paint, out door furniture and power tools departments.

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Photos: Top Left:- Guest appearance of the Dulux dog with Rohan Treasure.

Below: Rohan Treasure and Eleanor Rabl. Eleanor was one of winners of the colouring in competition.

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Local resident and mother of three, Marion Hayes recently completed an adventure of a lifetime by completing the infamous Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea.

Her trek commenced at the Owers Corner end of the trail, and took the trekkers north through 96 kilometres of rainforest to the village of Kokoda. Marion took the journey with ten other trekkers led by Kokoda Spirit, a tour guide company. The trek took 9 long days to complete, with each day starting at 5.30 am and walking all day till 5.00 to 6.00 pm in the evening.

The weather conditions were very challenging, with

30 degree temperatures and high humidity and heavy rain most days. This made the trail very slippery and dangerous, with mud up to the knees in some areas.

Thanks to 6 months of training prior to the trip including 2 gym sessions a week and the 1000 steps at Ferntree Gully and Montrose fire trail every weekend, Marion managed to complete the trail with only one small blister on her foot. Asked if she would do it again, she said she would do it all again tomorrow!

Marion has been seen recently reading an Everest Base camp book so there maybe more adventures to come.



## Beaconsfield District Community Bank by Graeme Taylor

The Steering Committee has received great support to establish a Community owned branch of Bendigo Bank in Beaconsfield. Over 200 persons have pledged share capital of \$575,000. To proceed to the feasibility stage further pledges of \$125,000 are required. The project is getting great support from Officer, Upper Beaconsfield and surrounding areas.

The Community Bank will return 80% of profits to local non-profit organisations including, schools, sporting clubs, Fire Brigades etc and usually pay dividends to Shareholders. Don't miss this opportunity and urgently return your Pledge Forms. Enquiries to Graeme Taylor 9707 1996.



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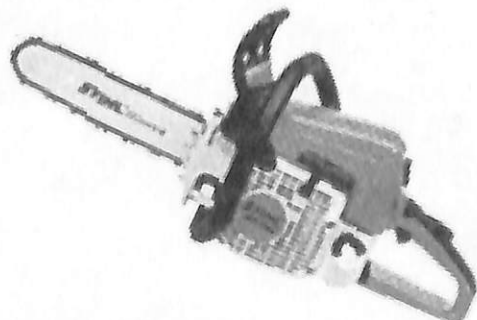
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## 1st Beaconsfield Scout Group

by Roger Gordon

The Beaconsfield Scout Group is up and running again in Beaconsfield.

Our Scout Troop for girls and boys aged 10 to 15 years is meeting on Thursday night during school term from 7pm to 9pm at the Beaconsfield Primary School hall. Our first meeting is 17th July '08.

We are programmed to start our Cub Scout Pack for girls and boys aged 7 to 11 years at the start of 4th school term. The meeting night is yet to be decided so that intended members can have their say on the meeting times.

Our programme for the Scout Troop during 3rd term is exciting and varied with a trip to the snow, the Fantastic Race where we combine with scouts from other Districts near us for a weekend of excitement,

a trip on Puffing Billy to Gembrook then a hike to Gilwell Park for a night of fun and activities and a weekend camp during September at Dickie Road Officer with competition between patrols. Our Thursday night meetings are planned to be varied with development of the youth members at the same time as being fun.

If you are interested in any aspect of our Group or wish to come to our meetings to see what it is like please ring our Group Leader Roger Gordon on 97072414 for all the information.

We look forward to being part of the Beaconsfield community again and helping our young adults to be our leaders of tomorrow. See you at Scouts.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



Elaine and Philip Collins of Glissman Road, Beaconsfield celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 10th at the Cuckoo Restaurant.

Joining them were

family and friends which included three daughters, nine grandchildren, a bridesmaid and best man.

We are so very grateful we have accomplished this milestone. Elaine Collins

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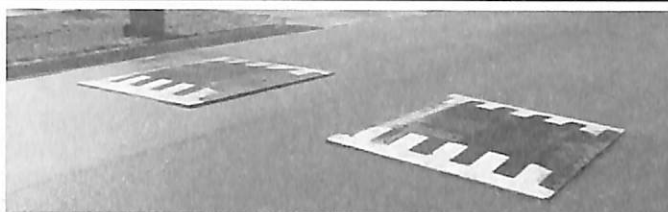
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## WOOD STREET PROPOSAL

Council in recent times have received some complaints regarding speeding vehicle activity along Wood Street, Beaconsfield. As a result, council arranged for a traffic survey to confirm these claims. The results indicated that there was some speeding activity.

Council has explored a number of options to address this issue. Council spoke to the local CFA, MAS and bus services to adopt a traffic management device that would address the speeding issue but did not impact on the operation of these stakeholders.

Council has previously used a treatment called speed/road cushions (at other locations) with some success. They are recycled rubber devices that are attached to the road pavement in the shape of speed humps (as

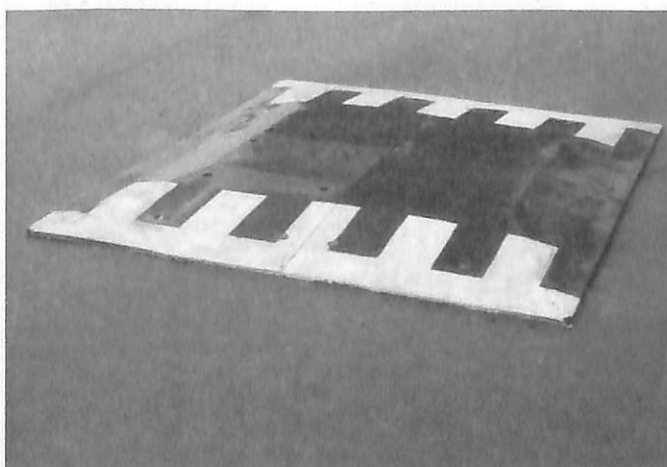
seen in the photographs). The advantages in using this product are:

\* They are flexible enough to remove/relocate if there is a need

\* Are sized as such that cars would need to slow down but the larger vehicles can straddle them, having minimal impact on response time for the emergency services

\* They operate with minimal noise when compared to conventional speed humps

Council is considering such a treatment for Wood Street. Council is requesting feedback whether positive and negative for such possible treatment. Please contact Paul Healy, Manager Assets and Development at Cardinia Shire on phone 5945 4322





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## BEACONSFIELD BUSINESS GROUP (BBG)

I hope this finds fellow residents and readers in good health as the winter months have arrived.

The Beaconsfield Business Group recognises the concerns expressed by many businesses and residents and have been actively working on several aspects to further enhance the township of Beaconsfield.

The Street Scape sub-committee have continued to work with Council on a 'conceptual' plan and as soon as this is finalised we will be seeking public comment.

Enthusiasm still grows for the addition of a Bendigo Community Bank and members are working tirelessly with encouraging signs of support.

The 'Beaconsfield Fair' sub-committee are seeking funding to assist with the costs associated with holding a community event. If you would like to be involved or would like more information contact myself or Vicki O'Callaghan.

Adequate parking and speed limits have been highlighted as two major concerns in Beaconsfield. The Business Group are also wholeheartedly pursuing these aspects with Council. With the support of Councillor Brett Owen we are endeavouring to ensure that future permits meet planning and parking guidelines before approval is granted from Council.

In closing, we encourage anyone that is in business to be positive and proactive and attend our meetings that are held on the last Wednesday on each month at 6.00pm.

Dates BBG Meetings: July 30th, August 27th. 6.00pm at Jim Byrne Real Estate Office.

If you wish to contact us, you can call Secretary Vicki O'Callaghan on 9769 8722 or my self on 9769 9134.

Warmest regards, on behalf of Beaconsfield Business Group. Michael Muaremov – President.

## Thought of the Moment

Don't give up -  
it's often the last key  
in the bunch which  
opens the door.



# "World Youth Day" 2008

by Maree Chapman

St Francis Xavier College has a large group of pilgrims who will travel to Sydney for World Youth Day from July 14- 21.

The group of 52 which includes staff and students from yr 10 & 11 will be part of 500,000 attending the event which will highlight with a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict at Randwick racecourse on Sunday July 20.

The activities of World Youth Day also include Youth festival events, teaching sessions, the papal welcome at Sydney harbour, a Pilgrimage walk

across Sydney Harbour bridge culminating in an evening vigil and sleep out at Randwick Racecourse.

The students have held various functions to raise funds to enable them to travel to Sydney and take part in all aspects of this celebration.

A Youth Festival, sausage sizzles, various stalls, raffles and an Elvis Night are just some of the

fundraising activities that have been held to enable the group to travel to Sydney for the event.

*Photograph: Arrival of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon at St Francis Xavier College in April this year.*



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# BPS Corner

## Grade 5/6 Authentic Action Night

By Junior Reporters Charlotte P and Amalee H – Grade 6



The school's gallery was filled with student's models of what you would find on the 1850s goldfields, and boy did they look real. In each classroom were the inventions the students had created individually or in pairs. A lot of the inventions could actually change our lives!

On the 26th of June, the grade 5/6 classes of BPS stunned everyone again with another spectacular Authentic Action night what ran 6pm – 7pm. The theme was Australia and the students have been studying the topic of old Australia for the whole of term 2. We would like to thank Mrs. Carroll and Frau Alyssa for all their help and the teaching staff of 5/6



At 6:30pm all the parent, guardians and families went up to the gym to watch the 2 stunning Auzzie performances. The 3 grade 6 classes (6N, 6G and 5/6R) went first, and you could tell it was 100% effort and skill. The grade preformed 3 songs: Waltzing Matilda, The Aussie BBQ song and the popular late 60's sensation Sadie the cleaning lady. The singing and acting was phenomenal, it blew the crowd away! The grade 5s (5M and 5G) sang the rye buck shearer, and they gave Rhianna a run for her money with spectacular choreography and singing. After Mr. Leone gave a short speech, we all went home.

### Opinions:

Many people had a great time watching the grade 5/6 performances of Aussie Australian theme. Parents were surprised at how great the models and inventions that were on display were. Here is some feed back from some students that preformed:  
Keely: *I think it was excellent, nerve-racking and the audience was great.*

Zoe: *The highlight of the night for me was looking at other peoples models.*

Monique: *It was cool and better than I expected.*

Renee: *I liked the singing and it was really good.*

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## MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

At Make and Mingle we celebrated our 21st birthday in June with a lunch and concert from Swordwords. We are really blessed to have our friendship and craft group going for 21 years.

We will be having our famous **CRAFT FAIR on Saturday 8th November '08. 9am - 2pm** at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church cnr Desmond Crt and Old Princes Hwy.

There will be our Devonshire teas and light lunches. There will be our huge plant stall as well as a special craft display and craft demonstrations. Also stalls of beautiful handmade crafts for sale, ideal for gifts. We will have stalls of craft supplies including fabric, papercraft, beading, scrapbooking and many other items. Make sure you note this date in your diaries.

We are packing boxes for Samaritan's Purse. This Operation Christmas Child project, enables caring people to share God's love with hurting girls and boys in the far corners of the globe. By taking an ordinary shoebox and filling it with toys, educational

supplies, hygiene, clothing, and something to love; the children who receive them actually have something to call their own. Boxes from Australia are sent to Cambodia and Fiji and are handed out by Australians who especially travel to these countries at Christmas time, so we can be assured that the items will actually get to the children.

Make and Mingle has lots more planned for the rest of this year. We have crafts each week some you can come and try or you can bring your own craft to work on. We have a range of greeting cards to make in various techniques and also embroidery and patchwork. We are knitting all sorts of items and also crocheting. We have ceramics you can paint and also decorate with the one-step decoupage method, as well as scrapbooking, beadwork and glass painting.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday 10am-12noon during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church cnr Desmond Crt & Old Princes Highway. You are welcome to come along at anytime. Enquiries Ann Taylor 9707 1996.



Jan, Marianne, Betty and Jeanette share a cuppa at Make and Mingle as part of Australia's Great Big Morning Tea to raise funds for cancer research.



# NATURAL IS BETTER

by Tammy Lobato, MP, Member for Gembrook

Many people are surprised when I tell them that in my own household, I use butter in preference to margarine, as they mistakenly believe that margarine is healthier. Butter is a natural fat that, eaten in moderation, can be incorporated as part of a healthy eating plan. Although it does contain saturated fat, it also contains Vitamins A & E and is free from genetically modified (GM) ingredients.

Most margarines, on the other hand, contain GM ingredients, such as soy, cotton and corn. These are not labelled, since GM oils do not require labelling under existing regulations. Margarine is a synthetic food that is highly processed and far removed in terms of taste and ingredients from the natural butter that our grandparents used. Many brands of margarine also contain trans-fatty acids, which are far more damaging to heart health than the natural fats found in butter.

Yoghurt is another example of a product that can be a lot less healthy than it first appears, depending on what has been done to it. Many low fat yoghurts, for example, contain artificial thickeners to replace some of the creamy consistency that exists naturally in the full-fat product. So our efforts to only eat low-fat does not just mean the removal of fat, but also the addition of a whole heap of other components to play the role in taste and texture of the fat we have removed.

The more we fiddle with food, and it becomes a factory-processed item rather than something grown and produced on the land, the more likely we are to get it wrong. When we remove natural recognisable ingredients from our foodstuffs and replace them instead with manufactured, artificial substances, including GM substances, artificial colours and preservatives, we are relinquishing our

health into the hand of corporations, denying our farmers a decent living. I hope you have received my recent Handy Hints Newsletter that provides detailed information about additives and preservatives and how to eat and live naturally to ensure your family's wellbeing.

On another note, it was wonderful to be able to announce extra funding for early childhood services designed to improve the facilities at children's centres. Many facilities across Cardinia were successful in receiving grants, including the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, which will receive \$3355.00 towards the costs of new shade sails. Beaconsfield Kindergarten has been granted \$4900.00 and Beaconsfield Out of School Hours Care & Vacation Program will receive \$5000.00. These grants for practical items such as playground equipment, heating, cooling, fencing

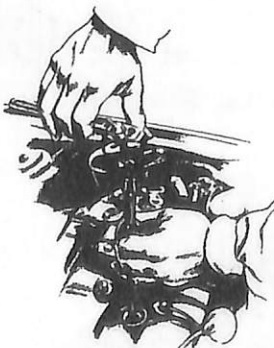


and water tanks, can make an enormous difference to the quality of the service provided.

I was also pleased to be able to launch the new Volunteer Manual for the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, which was funded by a \$2770 grant from the State Government's Victorian Volunteer Small Grants Program. The neighbourhood centre also runs a fantastic toy library which I would recommend to parents. The library offers a way to give children access to toys without having to buy them only to be discarded a few weeks later. Toy libraries, as well as an economical choice, are a good environmental option as well.

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# 4C's Antique Fair

by Jeni Mathieson, Director.

Cardinia Combined Churches Caring, known widely as 4Cs, will be holding their Antique Fair on 26th July, Pakenham Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Pakenham between hours 9-4pm. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 conc. Children free.

Valuations will be done at 1.00pm by David Freeman cost \$5 per item. No jewellery, coins or stamps. Photos of large items.

All money from door entry and from stall costs go straight back into the emergency food bank to purchase vital food supplies.

We are very grateful for the support of The AMP

Foundation in conjunction with AMP Financial Planner, Mark Lilley of Pakenham who are our major sponsor for this event.

There will be a wide variety of antiques for sale on the day varying from china, glassware, dolls, linen, jewellery, small furniture items etc. Plenty of bargains will be available on the day and everything will be undercover so the public don't have to worry about the weather. We encourage everyone to come along and have a great day.



## SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.

From 1st July 2008 many changes have been introduced by the Government including the recent Budget amendments that will effect most taxpayers. Some of the important changes, include the following:

1. Personal Income Tax cuts apply from 1st July 2008. In addition, there will be further income tax cuts in the 2009/2010 and 2010/11 years.

2. The Low Income Tax Offset has been increased from \$750 to \$1,200 from 1st July 2008. Taxpayers eligible for this Tax Offset will not pay any income tax if their taxable income does not exceed \$14,000 (previously \$11,000 for 2007/08). Minors can earn annual income of \$2,667 before income tax is payable (previously \$1,667 for 2007/08).

3. The Child Care Tax Rebate has been increased effective from 1st July 2008 from 30% to 50% of out of pocket expenses and the maximum claim to \$7,500 per child (previously \$4,354). These amounts are paid by Family Assistance Office.

4. The new Education Tax Refund applies from 1st July 2008 for students undertaking primary or

secondary studies. The families must be receiving Family Tax Benefit Part 'A'. The 50% tax offset is limited to \$375 per Primary School Child and \$750 per Secondary School Child.

5. Dependant Spouse Tax Offsets can only be claimed provided the taxpayers' income is less than \$150,000 for 2008/09 year onwards.

6. Family Tax Benefit Part 'B' can only be claimed by families where the primary income earner has an adjusted taxable income of less than \$150,000.

7. The eligibility to the Entrepreneurs Tax Offset from 1st July 2008, will only be available provided that the taxable incomes of the taxpayer and the family are less than \$75,000 and \$120,000 respectively.

8. Medicare Levy Surcharge thresholds have been increased from 1st July 2008 to \$100,000 for Singles and \$150,000 for a Family.

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## NEWS FROM THE BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE

by Paul Hayes

### FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

There are about 11,000 house fires in Australia each year. House fires are more prevalent in the winter months when people are using heaters, fires and other electrical equipment. Unfortunately 50 people die each year as a result of house fires. Working smoke alarms provide a vital early warning in the event of a fire to ensure that people sleeping in a house wake up and evacuate. Smoke alarms should be checked regularly and batteries replaced with the end of daylight savings. If you haven't changed the batteries in the last 12 months, do it now.

While a smoke alarm helps save lives in the event of a fire, there are many simple things you can do to prevent a fire occurring in the first place.

These include:

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Never place electric cords, curtains, tea towels, and oven clothes too close to the stove.
- Never leave candles or oil burners left on at night or burning while you are not at home.
- Never leave electric blankets on while you are not around and don't rest heavy items on top of them.
- Never overload power points and power boards, and avoid using double adapters completely.
- Always extinguish cigarette butts before placing in a bin.
- Always clean lint filters in clothes dryers after each load.
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The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Committee and Staff with Tammy Lobato at the launch of the new Volunteer Manual which was funded by the State Government's Victorian Volunteer Small Grants Program.



## YOUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

by Edward O'Donohue, MLC  
Member for Eastern Victoria Region,  
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Resources

### No New News On Noise Barriers

Beaconsfield residents are continuing to fight for better noise protection along the Princes Freeway.

With the Pakenham Bypass now open the volume of traffic using the

Freeway has significantly increased.

Protection from freeway generated noise has been insufficient, forcing residents to endure excessive noise levels.

This is an issue that has been continually ignored

with resident's lives being tested daily as traffic volumes on the Freeway increases.

Current noise levels are unacceptable and diminish the semi-rural environment that attracts people to the area in the first place.

Improved noise protection is a significant issue for residents who abut major arterial roads and more needs to be done.

I will continue to advocate on the behalf of the local residents and would welcome any other residents with their concerns to contact my office.

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## THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*by David Morland*

### Eating and Partying

We all have to eat. Most of us do it three times a day. We prepare food, we cook food and we then eat the food. All pretty ordinary. But not all meals are ordinary. Some meals are parties. Not all cake is ordinary. Some cakes are wedding cakes or birthday cakes. A cake? Yes but now a special cake. An ordinary meal? Yes but now a party.

different experience. Our meal was more than a meal it was a celebration and a party. The cake we ate was more than just cake, it was birthday cake. For that chap his meal was nothing more than a meal. But we turned our meal into something more than a meal. We turned our meal into a party. We made something ordinary extra ordinary.

Many (too many) years ago our extended family went to a restaurant to celebrate our youngest daughter's eighteenth birthday. We sat around the table and ate a meal. In that same restaurant that evening there was a chap who sat alone, possibly a business man from interstate. He along with our group had ordered a meal off the same menu. He along with our group and for that matter everyone else in the restaurant that evening, ate a fine meal from the same kitchen. But he and our group had a totally

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by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie & José

Term 3 is already upon us, which means we are half way through the year – it's hard to believe, and we will be thinking about Christmas soon enough!

There maybe something you'd like to make for Christmas, as gifts, and you are unable to find a course suitable. Do not despair..... there may be others that wish to do the

same course, if so, just leave details with the office staff, and they will be able to assist with any inquiries.

Speaking of Christmas, just to get everyone in the mood, the Neighbourhood Centre will be holding a **"Christmas in July"**

**Luncheon.** Tuesday 29th July '08, 12 noon. Cost \$5.00 Bookings are ESSENTIAL Ring for details.



The Midway group enjoying the roaring 20s.

## Midway

On May the 26th, the Midway Group celebrated their 16th Birthday with a lunch at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

The theme for this occasion was the 1920's "Flapper" era. Some were dressed very elegantly, while others

wore lots of feathers and other trimmings – which gave everyone a laugh.

After a delicious lunch, there was dancing to 1920's music and a few even attempted the Charleston!

**Congratulations, Midway on your 16th Birthday.**



Alex enjoys her time in the sand pit.

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**See page 38 for list of new courses being offered in Term 3**

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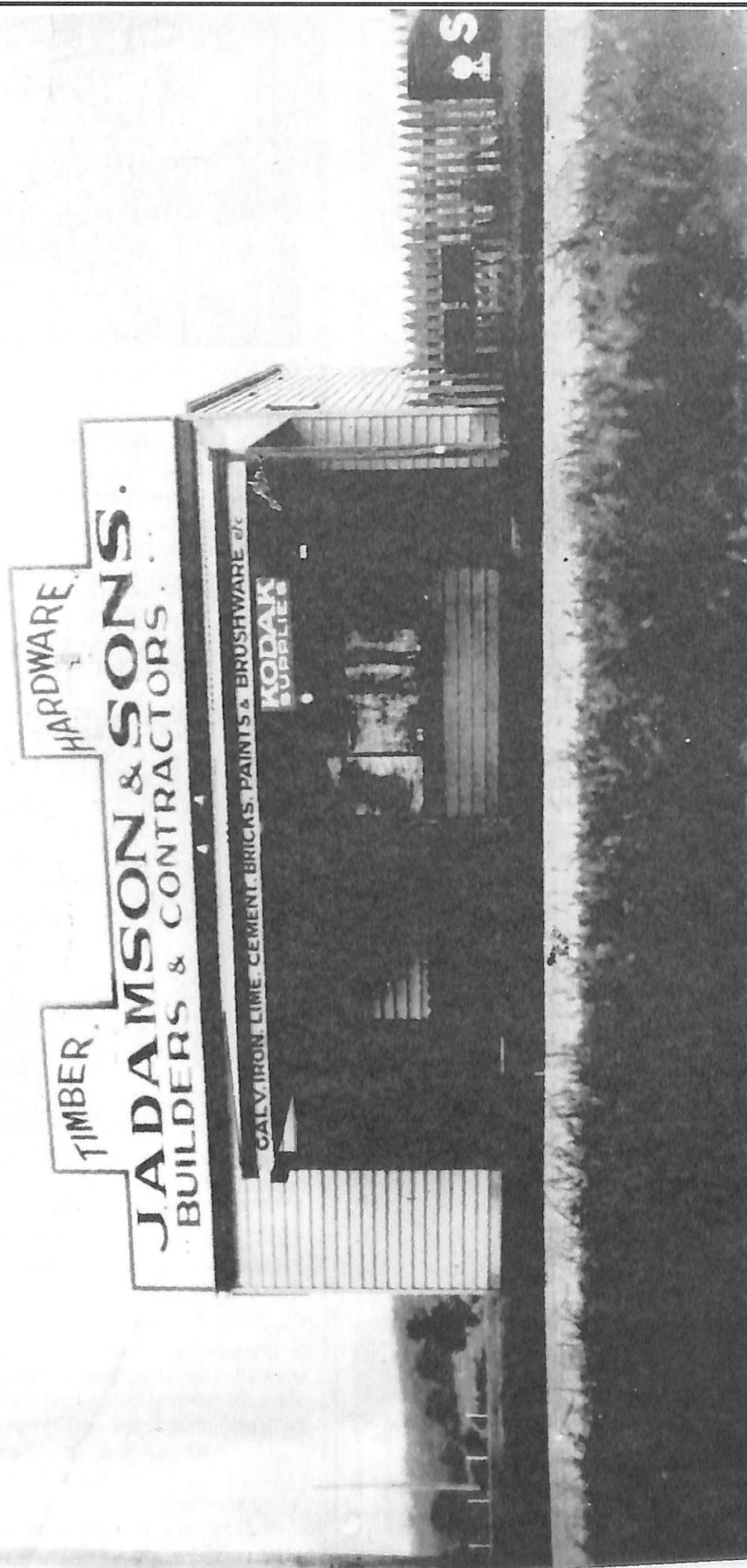


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# LOCAL HISTORY

by A. Taylor

## HARDWARE STORES

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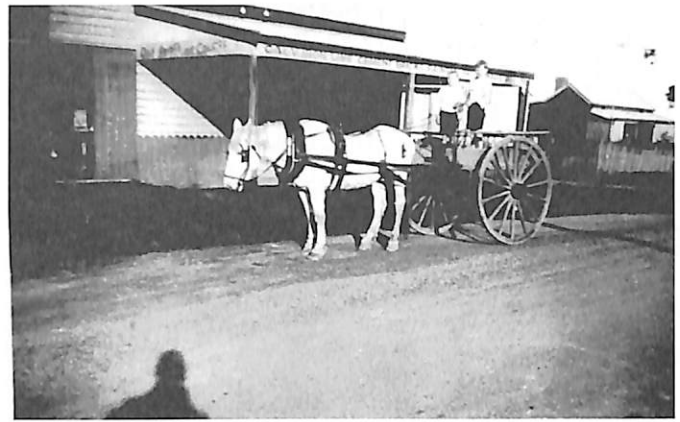
Congratulations to Rohan Treasure on the opening of his new 'Home' Hardware store in June 2008 on Old Princes Hwy.

Rohan and his father Gerald Treasure originally opened Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware in Beaconsfield Avenue in 1983 and have provided an excellent service to local customers and residents with a good range of timber and hardware supplies along with helpful advice and friendly service.

Beaconsfield has a long history of excellent family owned and run hardware stores. The little wooden shop at No 26 Wood Street was Adamson's Hardware (pictured on page 20). This was originally started in 1906 by James Adamson (senior) and supplied hardware to Beaconsfield residents until 1983. Today the shop contains Attic quilts and Hairco.

James and Agnes Adamson came to Beaconsfield in 1888 and had six children James, Florence Grace, John, Effie, Robert and Arthur.

During the war, Arthur Adamson (1897-1983) the youngest son, helped his



father at the shop and then continued to run the store for many years whilst living on the premises until he died in 1983. Adamson's Hardware was also the agency for the State Bank which was quite busy. This store provided many of the needs of Beaconsfield residents from 1 screw (not sold in packets in those days) and the usual tools and hardware products.

Along with hardware, there was also tinned fruit and biscuits, again not sold in packets but stored in large biscuits tins and weighed out and sold in paper bags.

Every Sunday Arthur would ring the fire siren before going to Melbourne by train. Arthur was also generous in his sponsorship of beds for various hospitals in Melbourne.

His father James was a carpenter and joiner

by trade and built many homes in Beaconsfield and the Beaconsfield Public hall which stood on the highway and was demolished in 1974 when the highway was duplicated.

Brothers John, James and Robert Adamson all served in World War I and their pictures are on the Beaconsfield Roll of Honor Board which can be seen in the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

Bruce Adamson, grandson of James (senior) grew up and lived in Beaconsfield until late 1990's and is currently living in Chirnside Park. He has great recollections of community life, the people and businesses in the town. The Adamsons were one of the early families in Beaconsfield and were very active in the community.



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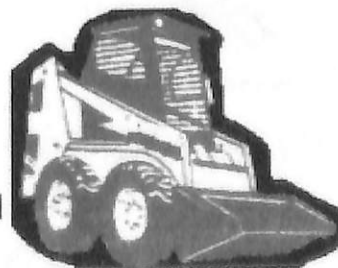
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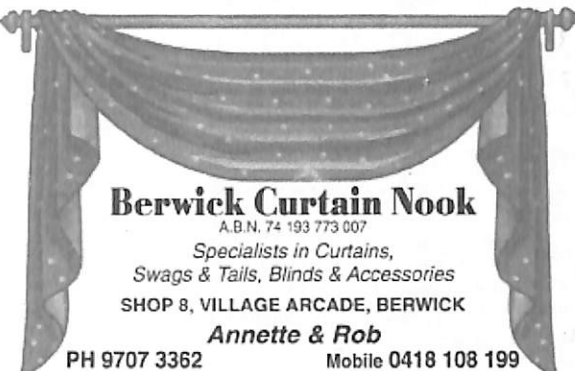
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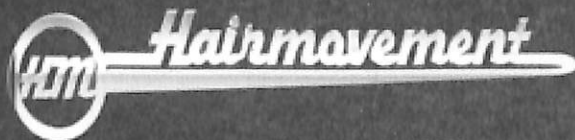
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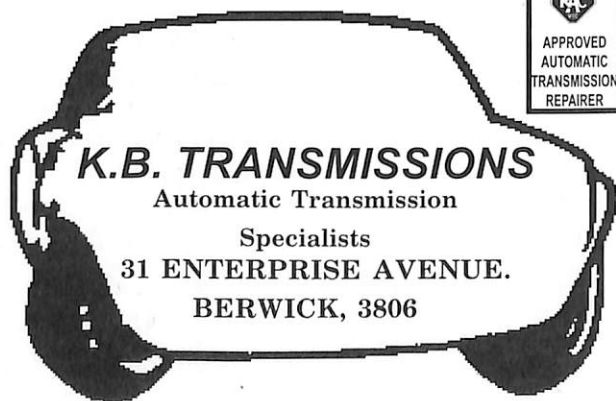
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## BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

*by Phil Collins*

I think sometimes I should rename this column, "Angry of Beaconsfield" and field some complaints about behaviour.

The Berwick High Street recently modified – smaller parking spaces and 50kph limit. Passing through Gloucester Avenue lights, I looked ahead to see the left lane blocked by a grey Range Rover reversing slowly into a parking space. All through traffic came to a stop as the delicate manoeuvre was completed. The lady driver made it more difficult by speaking on her mobile phone as she backed. Some calls just won't wait.

Congratulations to Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware on the opening of the wonderful new store. A new landmark and a most valuable addition to our town.

The staff are most obliging and friendly – it is well worth a look and to marvel at the huge stock.

The more things you can buy in the Berwick Beaconsfield area the less precious petrol you need to burn.

I had some trouble with pieces of cornice (ceiling edge) which I had carefully affixed with the correct adhesive. They fell down. I rechecked my method and could think of nothing wrong. I just happened to play golf with Bob, a retired plasterer. The problem was I was sticking the cornice on a painted surface and while it sticks for a while it isn't permanent. The solution says Bob, is to paint the surface with "Bond-crete" before applying the adhesive. You'd think after 21 years as a handyman I'd have learned that lesson.



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## FINDING YOUR FITNESS

*by Personal Trainer, Debra Campbell*



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This month we look at how one on one professional help is a great way to start or stay motivated in exercise.

### WHAT IS PERSONAL TRAINING?

A personal trainer is someone who helps you stick to a program and advises you on the correct type of exercise and intensity to work at, to best achieve the results you are after. Personal Training can take many forms from qualified personal trainers in gyms, private studios or mobile, pilates instructors or sports coaches or for special needs clients physiotherapists, so there is a personal trainer to suit everyone.

### WILL I GET BETTER RESULTS?

You will definitely get better results, as by having a Personal Trainer you have someone looking after you who cares that you do achieve what you want to. You won't be wasting your time on ineffective exercise, or worse, no exercise. They motivate you, educate you and support you and they will help you go the extra mile.

### HOW MUCH TIME DO I NEED TO PUT IN?

Seeing a personal trainer just once a week is a great way to start out and many clients may continue this

frequency or change as needed, depending on what they need to work on. Lots of clients see their trainers just once a week and a once a week supervised personal training session is usually quite affordable, workable in an everyday week and able to be something you can always keep up for better health and body shape.

### IS ONCE A WEEK REALLY ENOUGH?

Surprisingly yes, most people just don't have the lifestyles where they can exercise every single day anyway and 1 – 4 times a week is a very good effort for the average person. By exercising less frequently but with better quality in each session, you give your body the chance to have long-term success!

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

I'm proud to announce that one of the world's best directors has just unleashed his latest film on the world.

'Happy Go Lucky' is a very different style of film for

director, Mike Leigh. In the past Leigh's films have received Academy Award nominations and he has also picked up a BAFTA Awards. But people who have seen his work; films such as 'Vera Drake', 'All Or Nothing' and 'Topsy-Turvy', will attest to the fact that he likes to make

movies that have a very depressing theme. Well, this is definitely not the case with 'Happy Go Lucky'; this is a film that will have you leave the cinema with a spring in your step.

The movie tells the story of Poppy, a young primary school teacher who always looks for the happier things in her life. She has been single for a long time but that changes when two men come into her life. One is a manic driving instructor

(who seems to have a few mental problems) who definitely feels something for her and the other is a school councilor with whom Poppy just seems to click... the question is which one will she chose.

Films such as 'Happy Go Lucky' show that when it comes to comedy the English are far superior to America. This film will have tears rolling down your face with laughter.

Another film hailing from Great Britain at the moment which will have you chuckling is the latest film from director, Anthony Byrne, 'How About You'.

This is a comedy in the style of 'Keeping Mum'; it's a drama with just enough laughs to keep you happy.

Set in a Irish retirement home, 'How About You' tells the story of Ellie (Hayley Atwell) a young woman who volunteers to look after her sister's retirement home one Christmas; despite the disapproval from her sister and the presence of 'The Hardcore' (a group of four of the crabbier retirees you are ever likely to see).

This is delightful film made better by the presence of British acting royalty like Vanessa Regrave, Joss Ackland, Brenda Ficker and Imelda Staunton.

This is one of the films of the year... don't miss it. Happy film going! Get Wired!



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# CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

How great is it to turn your back on the huge stadium shows and occasionally head back to where it all starts for most bands... the raw environment known as 'Battle Of The Bands'.

The 2008 Push Start Battle Of The Bands Cardinia Shire Heat was recently held in front of large and very vocal crowd, and by the end of the night voting was so close that you could have thrown a blanket over most of the most the bands that competed.

Eight bands from across Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley competed on the night; they were, The Young Minds, The Captives, Intro/Outro, Decembers Fallen, Francis Dollarhyde, Head From Hottie, Black Ribbon and The Thieving Gypsies.

Competition was tight but in the end, the results were as followed. Third place went to The Thieving Gypsies; a wonderful result for the young band hailing from Taralgon. Second place went to crowd favorite,

Head From Hottie, while the judges awarded First Place to hardcore/screamo outfit, Francis Dollarhyde, whose tight set whipped the audience into a frenzy.

All three place getters received prizes from Pony Recording Studios, a wonderful prize for bands just looking to get their careers started.

Talking of bands just getting their starts in the music industry you simply must give Western Australian outfit Kill Teen Angst a listen. I'd been dying to hear this EP after hearing Kill Teen Angst's first single, 'The World Or Nothing' which won WAM Rock Song Of The Year last year.

To put it simply Kill Teen Angst are one of the best damn things going around at the moment; there is just so much to love about them. This is one band with an amazing sound with them, and I'm positive that they have a big future ahead of them, both here and overseas.

There are no weak tracks on this EP, every single one of them is a gem. 'Home Is Where You Left It' is Track One and you instantly fall in love with a great song that is just a pleasure to listen to. The now famous, 'The World Or Nothing' has it all; anger, aggression without ever losing any melody. 'Mediocre Melbourne' and 'Ode To Drew' sees Kill Teen Angst use even aggression, again without losing their beautiful melody. Then there is 'Death To Rio' a track that sees Kill Teen Angst turn to a darker side of alternative rock with a chorus that contains the line 'I'll take you anywhere to get you tortured'. Hearing that dark side simply made this reviewer fall even more in love with the band.

Kill Teen Angst are one of the finds of the year! See you next time!



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became a scholar,  
left at eighteen,  
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All a quick step  
from one to twenty.  
Brave new world,  
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Strived to make a living,  
partner, loving, giving.  
The bridal waltz  
beckoned.  
Up to the altar  
steps barely faltered,  
now it takes two to tango  
Raised a family,  
till they left home,  
life then in limbo.  
You're both alone.  
End of line,  
now it was time:  
time for the old time  
dance.  
The waltz is always last  
In a life so colourfully  
passed  
with few years left to  
advance.  
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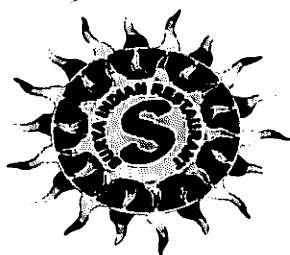
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## National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch Gala Dinner

by Ruth Crofts, President

The National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch Gala Dinner was held at Clover Cottage, Berwick on Wednesday 11th June 2008.

There were 2 speakers on the night. Firstly Martin Purslow CEO National Trust of Victoria, who gave an interesting talk about the National Trust's future direction. Then Bruce McBrien well known entertainer, who spoke about "How to meet the Famous without really trying".

There were 110 guests attending the Dinner, including The Mayor of Cardinia Shire Cr Bill Ronald, Emeritus Councillor Lesley

Barnes & Former Director Kingsley Davis Q.C. and other distinguished guests from many other community groups. There was the Local History Reference Group representing all the Historical Societies, Berwick Mechanics Free Library, CWA, Rotary, Inner Wheel, Casey & Cardinia Councils, Australian Plant Society, Berwick Artists Association and Beaconsfield Progress Association etc.

It was a very successful evening which returned an excellent profit for the local National Trust Branch, two new memberships and a good time was had by all.



Seated (L to R) Ian Good, Vice President Casey Cardinia Branch, Martin Purslow, CEO National Trust, Ruth Crofts, Board Member & President Casey Cardinia Branch and Bruce McBrien OBE, Guest Speaker.

## Nominate and Reward our local Achievers

by Edward O'Donohue MLC,  
Member for Eastern Victoria Region

Beaconsfield residents, businesses and community groups making a difference in the community are encouraged to nominate for the 2008 Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

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## Biomesotherapy

The link between Acupuncture and Medical Science

by Karina Francois

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Karina Francois is a Naturopath and Clinical Remedial Therapist and has been practicing for over 10 years, specialising in musculoskeletal ailments.

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# TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

Once again another weather report where we have not much rain to report on. There has been only 101ml of rain fall in the last 2 months. There was 46ml in May and 55ml in June.

Rain fell on 6 days in May and on 11 days in June but it is still not enough.

The total for the year so far is 233ml this is the lowest 6 month total since 1997 when there was only 200ml. That year there was only 520ml for the year. 520ml is the lowest yearly total I have on record which dates back to 1985.

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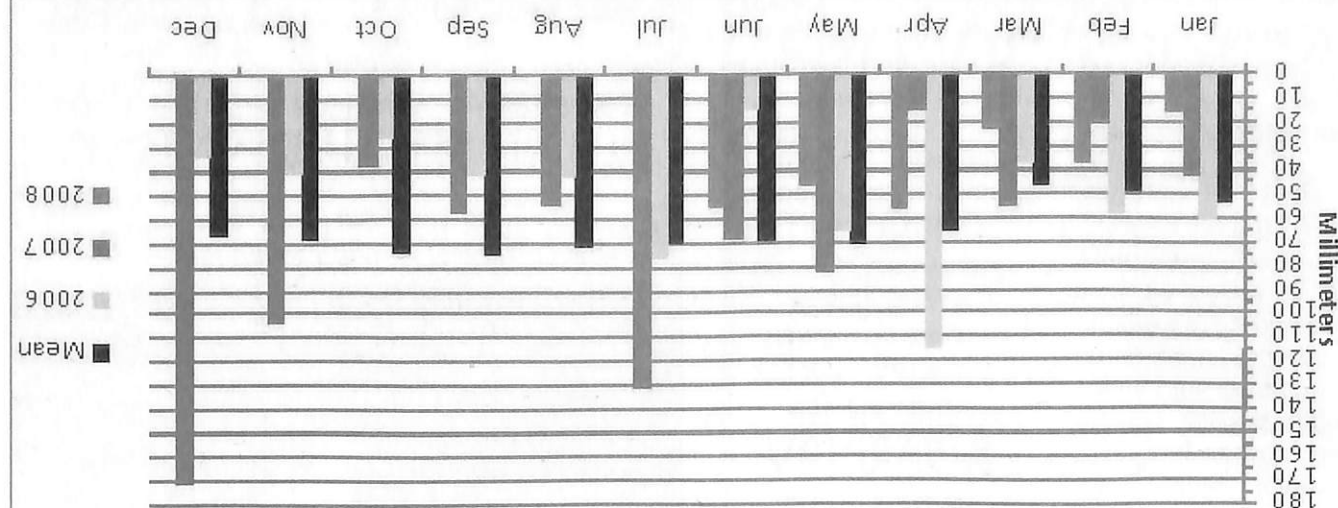


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# OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

## THE GREATEST JOURNEY OF ALL

In the history of our planet, some of the most inspiring stories to come to our attention are those concerning daring and difficult adventures by brave and sometimes foolish men who make history in their particular undertaking. These stories of bravado range from the travels of Marco Polo to the space travelers of the 20th century, and thousands of others to numerous to mention.

It all indicates that man is an explorer and desires

knowledge of his world and of other worlds. This is all very well of course but the greatest journey must surely be the non-physical and more profound than we can possibly imagine. When we consider that the entire Universe is billions of years old and that the average life span can be anything from 60 to 90 years, then the duration of our earthly stay is no more than the blink of an eye in proportion to the age of our world.

This simple fact should cause us to consider that development of the indestructible part of our being is very important indeed. I am of course talking about the Spirit, which is really who we are; the body being a temporary

overcoat for the time we must spend here.

Reginald Hegy summed up our Earth lives very well in his classic book, "A Witness through The Centuries", in the following words. "Our sojourn on Earth is very necessary, for the Earth is a training ground for life eternal. We are here to build character. No one but one's very own self can build his or her individual character. It is by our personal efforts alone that we evolve spiritually. No one can do the work for us. By trials and struggle, sorrows and pain; we must become acquainted with the world as it is. Single-handed we must fight our way through the morass of plausibility's, evil, lies, persecution, fear, injustice, hatred, deceit and heartbreak. If necessary we must fraternize with unhappiness, remorse, even agony during this unceasing earthly march. Sometimes arm in arm with despair for our ultimate good we must wade through the greed and trickery of a mercenary world. Loaded

with cares and anxieties we must tramp the road whose end the next corner may conceal. There is no loitering by the wayside and no turning back. But with every step some essential lesson is learnt, some lesson that will never be forgotten, that will forever endure as part of ourselves" (unquote)

These words may sound dramatic to you, but you have already encountered much of what has been written anyway. We all have joys and sorrows, and it has been wisely said "that which does not destroy me makes me stronger".

As human beings we are all treading our own personal highway, and whatever we make of it will become a part of our character and hence the deepest part of our spirit selves. This all we can take with us when our time comes to leave this vale of tears so it behoves us to do the very best we can whilst here. The light on the hill is ahead of you. Walk steadily toward it, and you cannot fail.

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by Edward

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# Feline Fear and stressful situations...

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

There are many scenarios which can induce fear or stress into your household pet. Moving house is stressful enough for us, just imagine how it would be for your pet who has no clue as to what's going on. All of a sudden everything he or she has ever known is taken away and their world is turned upside down.

Even something as simple as rearranging the furniture can spook your household pet. Other situations which may induce fear or stress include trips to the vet, having visitors or new arrivals into the home.

So it's up to us to make these changes or transitions as stress free as possible for your pet.

Start by keeping familiar toys or blankets and moving them into easily accessible areas so your pet is comfortable in its new surroundings.

For dogs, keep them occupied with toys or bones to chew. Re-assure them and normally you don't get many complications. With cats it is another story.

Stress in our feline friends can present a few different ways including:

- \* Urine marking
- \* Vertical scratching
- \* Loss of appetite
- \* Reduced desire to play/interact
- \* Aggression
- \* Overgrooming
- \* Hiding
- \* Toileting problems.

But there is help! 'Feliway' is a synthetic form of a naturally occurring facial pheromone of cats.

Pheromones are used as a communication device between animals of the same species. Think of it as a different scent. For example, a cat can release warning pheromones to scare off another cat or sexual pheromones to attract them. The pheromones in Feliway convey a message of well-being and a feeling of security which we cannot detect, but can make a great deal of difference to them. Your cats are actually marking us with their facial pheromone when they rub up against your leg.

Feliway is available in two forms. A plug-in diffuser or a spray formula. The introduction of Feliway into the environment can comfort the cat and help prevent or control behavioural problems that may arise due to stress (such as those mentioned above).

Feliway is safe and simple to use. If you think this may be of benefit to you, or for more information, feel free to contact us at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre on 97698777.



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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.
- St. Francis Xavier Old Collegians are in their 2nd year with the VAFA. Their Home ground is the Beaconsfield Campus oval. Games are played at: Reserves – 11.40 a.m and Seniors – 2.00 p.m. All games are listed on the College Website.



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# FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK

by J. Smith

The Friends of Cardinia Creek are still busy working during the cold weather removing environmental weeds. Weeds alone cost the Australian economy millions of dollars every year in lost agricultural production while the cost of environmental damage could be just as large although it is impossible to put a price on the loss of native forests, flora and fauna.

Weeds destroy the environment by smothering native vegetation, choke waterways and wetlands destroying precious creek and river systems and their inhabitants.

The friends are busy dealing with the ongoing vandalism in the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve. The Friends try and keep the public informed of their work but vandals keep

pulling their notices off their noticeboard and graffiti over the noticeboard and the two footbridges. It is an ongoing job removing the graffiti and takes a lot of time and effort to remove. If only people would think before they put their graffiti everywhere, it is such an eyesore.

The reserve will look lovely in the spring with all the indigenous flowers out. Walk through the reserve and enjoy the friends hard work to improve it for everyone.

**Working Bees:** are held on the fourth Sunday of each month. 9am. Emerald road, north of Holm Park Rd. Morning tea and tools supplied. Any queries ring Judy Smith 9707 1402



## BEAconsFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

by Greg Tomamichel

After a successful 2007/8 season, Beaconsfield Cricket Club is very pleased to have Jason Dodd and Brad Miles continue as co-Captain/Coach for the 2008/9 season. This will give Jason and Brad a chance to build on their excellent efforts of the last season, guiding A Grade to a runner-up result with a very young and inexperienced side.

Off the field, Matthew Brown takes over the reigns as President, whilst Life Member Geoff Bliss is the new Junior President. Both are backed up by excellent committees, although the Secretary position remains vacant at this stage. Anyone interested in helping out

in this role should contact Matt Brown on 0438 046 249.

Senior training will commence in the first week of August at Casey Indoor Sports Centre, Vesper Drive, Narre Warren. All players will receive a note confirming the details, and any new players should contact Matt Brown on the number or above or Greg Tomamichel on 0438 639 125. As always, we are on the look out for new players in all grades from A to F in the seniors, and Under 11 to Under 17 in the juniors.

Any queries, please contact Matt Brown or Greg Tomamichel on the numbers listed above.

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by Gloria O'Connor

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## Sub\*culture Media Look To Start Community Theatre Group

Melbourne based production company Sub\*culture Media have returned to their roots and are looking to start up a Community Theatre Group in the Cardinia/Casey area. While the company has been heavily involved in television and film production for both the Australian and overseas market, they originally began in the theatre world, in which they were quiet successful.

One of their members has been involved in the amateur theatre scene for over 30 years, while their productions have included 'When Irish Boys Are Dying' (which had a successful season at La Mama) and 'The

Puppy And The Goldfish' (which was performed to a sell-out audience at Theatreworks).

They are currently looking for people of all ages to become involved in setting up a community theatre group in the Cardinia/Casey area. It doesn't matter what skills you have (writer, actor, director, producer, wardrobe, lighting, sound, backstage... whatever) that are interested in hearing from you.

Anyone who feels they would like to be involved in such an exciting project should contact them by emailing them at [subculturemedia@yahoo.com](mailto:subculturemedia@yahoo.com).

## ATTENTION YOUNG ROVING REPORTERS

Youthcentral is seeking new roving reporters. The closing date for application is Friday 25 July '08 at 5pm.

Council's Youth Services Coordinator Emma Firth said it's a great opportunity for local young people. This time round Youthcentral is looking for twenty Victorians, aged 16-24 to join the Roving Reporter team. They will produce articles and reviews covering launches, career expos, festivals, events and news relevant to young people and their local communities.

Youthcentral are looking for candidates from metropolitan and regional Victoria who can bring a range of backgrounds, experiences and views to

the positions.

All reporters will need to be able to commit to completing one of the 2-day workshops to be held on Sat. 23 August and Sun. 24 August, or Wed. 24 September and Thurs. 25 September.

The application form and position description are available from the Youthcentral website or email Lauren Macken

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Treasurer, Beaconsfield Progress Association,  
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## ARTICLES AND PHOTOS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you, your club or organisation has an article or photo they would like to submit to the Beaconsfield Banner, please email to [banner@beaconsfield.org.au](mailto:banner@beaconsfield.org.au) with contact details for verification.



We always appreciate volunteer collators who can help collate the Beaconsfield Banner once every two months - its straightforward and fun - a great way to meet other residents - contact 97075053 for more information.

## DEADLINE FOR BANNER ARTICLES

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2008

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(articles can be posted or emailed)



## THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

**BEAconsfield NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE OPEN DAY**  
November 22nd '08

### MAKE AND MINGLE CRAFT FAIR

Sat. 8th November '08  
9AM - 2PM. Beaconsfield Baptist Church cnr Desmond Crt and Old Princes Hwy.

### Sportsman's Night and support St Margaret's School

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## New Courses



Please check out the new courses on offer in term 3, they include:

- \*Artful Aprons, with Karen.
- \*Make a Mohair Teddy Bear with Kathleen.
- \*Sewing Machine Fun with Karen.
- \*Millinery with Maria.
- \*How to use your Compact or SLR Camera with David.
- \*Aromatherapy Workshop with Jodie.
- \*Meditation with Maxine.
- \*Mandala Class with Crystal.
- \*Create a Dream Board with Jodie.
- \*Cooking up Memories for Seniors.

Further information on all the courses on offer will be found in the new Term 3 Course Guide. If you haven't received a Term 3 Course Guide as yet, please feel free to collect one from the office.

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## 'LITTLE MILO'

A sick little kitten who was dumped but given a second chance. He was hand reared by our nurse Leesa, who couldn't part with him, so now is a new member of her family.



2 weeks old



5 months old

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If you would like to receive this, please contact the clinic with your details.

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