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Les Reader

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by Les Reader

I present my AGM Presidents report as my article for this month.

We have had a number of things going on around our community, and indeed some are ongoing.

New lighting has appeared in O'Neil Rd., and in fact is the lead up to a complete change in street lighting in our town and shire.

The Bendigo Community Bank is continuing to occupy the lives of the committee and we will look forward to its inception hopefully in 2009.

Tonight we had the pleasure of witnessing the unveiling of the replica of the Cardinia Embroidery (Beaconsfield section) here at the Community Centre. Thanks to the embroidery folk and in particular Ann Taylor who has worked so hard to bring this to fruition.

A number of things are on the move commercially throughout the town – a new shopping complex on the old Baptist Church site and the commencement of a supermarket adjacent to the hotel is underway. These will have an effect on our town and the folk who live here.

It behoves all of us to make this a better place to live and work.

You can always have your say and input by joining the B.P.A. and committing some time and effort into the sensible progress of this place.

Thanking you for the privilege to serve as your president for the last 12 months. Thankyou also to the committee who have served so well.

Yours in Progress, Les

REPLICA CARDINIAN EMBROIDERY UNVEILED AT COMMUNITY COMPLEX



Community members who had contributed stitches to the original were delighted with the Replica of the Beaconsfield panel.

CARDINIA

SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

The shire wide graffiti removal campaign has commenced. In June 2008. a shire-wide independent graffiti audit was conducted (not including the train corridor). The audit identified up to 1,000 incidents of graffiti. Based on the recommendations of the audit and actions from the Cardinia Shire Graffiti Reference Group, a holistic clean up of graffiti on all

property within the Shire boundaries (regardless of ownership) commenced in October

The aim of this shirewide clean up is to create a "clean slate" for the entire shire and highlight current active offenders and level of future graffiti events. At the completion of the shire-wide graffiti clean up, where new

incidents are identified. residents and traders are encouraged to take responsibility and remove graffiti on private property using graffiti removal kits and paint vouchers which will be able to be collected from identified local hardware stores. For more information on council's graffiti removal kits/vouchers and to report graffiti on council property, please contact council's customer service on 1300 787 624.

Cardinia Shire has released the draft master plan for the future reserve at the corner of Beaconsfield Emerald Road and Holm Park Road. Council is planning develop the 12.6 hectare site into a major sporting and recreational reserve. Council encouraging residents to make comments on the draft master plan and help shape the future of this important precinct.

The draft master plan presents a long term planning framework for the progressive development of the reserve to ensure

that appropriate facilities and spaces are provided meet current future sporting and recreational needs of the Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfieldcommunities. (Construction of stage 1 is expected to commence in early 2009)

The draft master plan can be viewed on the Cardinia Shire Council website www.cardinia.vic.gov. au and is also on display the Shire Offices. Henty Way, Pakenham, Beaconsfield Community Complex and at the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve football/cricket pavilion. encourage residents to have their say and submit any comments to Cardinia Shire, P.O Box 7, Pakenham 3810. The deadline for submissions has been extended to 30th of November.

MEDIA RELEASE

Call Before You Cut

Cardinia Council is cracking down on illegal tree and vegetation removal in the Shire.

Clear felling and illegal vegetation removal. especially in bushland areas is particularly serious from an environmental perspective and hefty fines are being issued to land owners and contractors who do not 'call before cutting.'

"Different zones have different vegetation overlays so if in doubt, check first with Council's Planning Department.

more information please telephone 1300 787 624 or visit www.cardinia. vic.gov.auJan Jozsa on 5945 4258.



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

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COMMUNITY BENDIGO BANK FOR BEACONSFIELD

by Graeme J Taylor, Steering Committee Member

At the time of writing this article, a Feasibility Study is currently being undertaken to assess the need and viability of a Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank proposed for Beaconsfield.

The Feasibility Study is being undertaken by Richmond, Sinnott and Delahunty, Chartered Accountants of Bendigo, who have vast experience with Community Banks.

The Report on the Feasibility Study will be provided to the Steering Committee at the end of November.

The support of local communities including Beaconsfield,Officer, Guys Hilland Upper Beaconsfield has been encouraging to the Steering Committee reinforcing their view that a Community Bank is needed and will prosper in Beaconsfield.

Preliminary discussions have been undertaken for a suitable location for the Bank. The legalities of incorporating a Public Company, issuing a Prospectus and issuing of Share Capital will take approximately three

months so the possibility of opening a Community Bank in Beaconsfield will hopefully be a reality in early 2009.

If you have not already completed a Pledge Form to support the concept of a Community Bank and Subscribe for Share Capital, then it's not too late and ask any Steering Committee member for a Pledge Form.

This is an exciting time for the Beaconsfield District Community to establish a Bank owned by community where members of profits are paid to community non-profit organizations including Schools, Kinders, Sporting Clubs, Fire Brigades etc. etc. and the remaining 20% of profits used to pay dividends or retained for working capital.

Any enquiries can be directed to Graeme Taylor 03 9707 1996 or Jim Byrne 03 9707 0400.

"Together we can get our Community Bank branch."

BOUQUETS - to all the volunteers who willingly give of their time. International Volunteers Day is December 5th. Remember to say thankyou for the valuable contribution they make to our community.

BRICKBATS - to those who wilfully damage community property and those who continually smash the glass in the bus shelters.

Where did the Swans go?

by L. Vincent

With many new families moving into Beaconsfield, none was more welcome or more beautiful than the family of swans at the Berwick Views Estate.

Over four weeks Mother Swan could be seen sitting on her nest resting on a clump of reeds in the centre of the larger pond, with the male never far away. Residents and visitors waited patiently for the babies to arrive with six signets eventually emerging.

What a wonderful sight as these graceful parents proudly guarded their young on their first adventures around the lake searching for food and entertaining the few people lucky enough to visit early. By week's end they were gone. With the babies unable to fly, I feel sad to think of their demise.



Timely Warning

With the warmer weather upon us, take more care and watch for snakes, with one sighted along the walking track beside Beaconsfield-Emerald Road early in October. This was possibly a tiger snake, and one to be very wary of.

Dog owners should also be vigilant, particularly with dogs off lead, as an inquisitive canine is unaware of the potential danger these interesting objects present.

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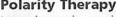
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1st Beaconsfield **Scout Group**

by Roger Gordon

Beaconsfield Scout Hall is being demolished but our civic leaders have committed findina Beaconsfield Scouts a new home. We do not mind if it is at Holm Park Road Recreational Reserve or near the site of our demolished hall. The important criteria is that we need a new meeting place where we can have ownership of our scouting history and be able to provide a good, sound, needed excitina and service to our local youth.

Scouting is celebrating 100 years of service local communities throughout the world. It has been very successful being the biggest youth group and is still growing. We are very fortunate to have Councillors who have the foresight to plan and deliver infrastructure for our local youths through scouting and we would like to thank Crs. Graeme Legge and Brett Owen for their input.

Our Scout Troop is growing with three new scouts invested this month. Our activities ranged from a weekend of canoeing at Lysterfield Lake to an excellent Troop camp where our Scouts tested their navigation skills and their construction skills including making a giant catapult which actually worked. We are very fortunate to have Robert and Kylie as our Scout Leaders and have a mix of girls and boys in our Scout Troop. We meet on a Thursday night from 7pm to 9pm. The location can vary depending on the activity so if you are interested in coming to one of our meetings we offer a three meetings free trial to make sure you have made the right choice.

We are in the process of forming a Cub Pack which will meet on a Tuesday night during school term from 7pm to 8.30pm. We have two new cub leaders under the guidance of a highly experienced cub leader and we plan to be up and running at the start of first term next year. Cub Scouts are for girls and boys aged 7 to 11 years of age and it is a great after school activity which supplies a lot of benefits to our youth.

If you would like to come to one of our Scout Troop meetings or find out about our Cub Pack please ring RogerGordonon97072414 gordon@cyberspace. net.au to make sure where we are meeting and get an idea of our programme, costs etc.



The Scout Association of Australia incorporated by Royal Clame

ROBERT CAMPBELL

My priorities are people, the local economy and the environment. I've been a resident of Cardinia for over 20 years and am currently completing a Masters of Engineering degree. I have the expertise to handle the key challenges facing Cardinia: rapidly rising utility bills, lack of community services, social isolation, and climate change.

We need to massively expand public transport to provide a realistic alternative to car dependency and rising petrol prices.

We need to encourage more of our young people to be active, engaged members of the community. We need to embrace the economic opportunities of climate change and create jobs. I believe council can do more to improve urban planning, community health, family assistance and sporting facilities.

With your help I will bring energy and a fresh perspective to Central Ward. I represent sensible, compassionate and diplomatic leadership. For open and honest representation

Vote 1 Robert Campbell.



CARDINIA SHIRE CENTRAL WARD CANDIDATES

The Beaconsfield Banner offered each central ward candidate the opportunity to submit a photo and 100-150 words that we would place into a 1/4 page space.

Beaconsfield is served by councillors of two wards of the Cardinia Shire and 1 ward of City of Casey. We have listed the candidates for Ranges Ward of Cardinia Shire and Edrington Ward of City of Casey . For further information and statements from each of the candidates visit the website of the Victorian Electoral Commission www.vec.vic.gov.au.

You can post your ballot paper and ballot paper envelope in the reply paid envelope provided, or deliver it in person.

For your vote to count, it must be received by the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday, 28 November 2008.

KATE LEMPRIERE

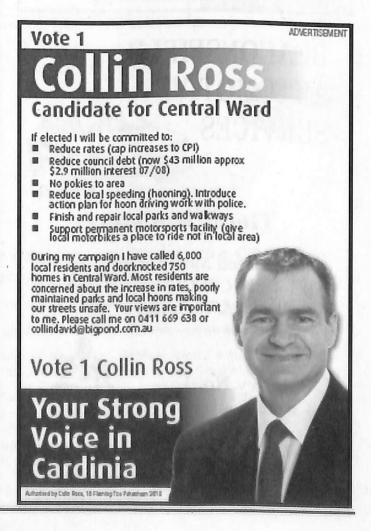
Vote 1 Kate Lempriere.
Wife, grandmother, small business person, Pakenham Rotarian, Cardinia Foundation Trustee, Board member of NGO's.



I have worked hard often behind the scenes to achieve positive outcomes for residents in Beaconsfield re Holms Park Road, the successful Coach House outcome, the Officer Recreation football fields, the Gateway to Beaconsfield, the Shopping centre planning and intersection for safety, ongoing discussions with VicRoads re Princess Highway intersection.

Since 2003 I have Chaired youth, education, sport, arts and culture. Mayor 2003-4 and 2006-7. I have influenced and Chaired many Strategic Developments that have progressed the development of Central Ward.

In Council I aim to reduce council debt and assist families and seniors by limiting rate increases, deliver bus routes, increase parking including disabled. Ensure more pedestrian crossing and safer intersections. Deliver cinemas, tenpin bowling, youth bus, better roads, footpaths, another secondary school. Deliver Cardinia Road Precinct including railway station.



George Blenkhorn says:-It's TIME for a CHANGE. The existing Councillors have had their chance.

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- Ensure you Receive Value for Money from your Rates
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- · Address Parking Issues in Pakenham & Beaconsfield
- · Support Increased Business Development and Jobs
- Say NO to more Pokies
- Retain Green Spaces
- · Improve services for people with disabilities

We need to address all the above issues in a responsible manner in these uncertain economic times.

I want to serve the Community that welcomed my family 31 years ago, and has been very good to me. I feel that as I have run my own successful business I have something to offer. I now have the time and Commitment to work with you for the betterment of the people of Cardinia.

> **GIVE GEORGE A GO** Vote 1 George Blenkhorn

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BILL RONALD

Bill is currently the second youngest councillor and only councillor with a young family, enabling him to understand and appreciate the concerns of new and young residents. Having lived in Pakenham all his life and being a third generation Pakenham resident, he also has an exceptional understanding of the area's history and the requirements of it's long term residents.

The significant and numerous results he has achieved in the Central Ward, over the last three years, speak for themselves. Candidates talk about passion and commitment, my passion and commitment is proven, with leadership and results. \$100.00 Municipality Levy scrapped, Pakenham Outdoor Pool reopened, Motorsport Education Facility created, Pakenham Golf Course secured, new Executive Management of council staff. Pakenham township streetscape, better

community consultation. significant land purchases for recreation and car parking, debt reduction, upgrading footpaths sporting and returned facilities. hard rubbish collections, better resident service delivery.







Brett Owen

As one of your current councillors, during the past three years, I have played an active role in:-

- Strengthening council's commitment to community safety
- Increasing council youth services/programs
- The introduction of a Mobile Youth Facility (due April 2009)
- The purchase of 30 acres at Holm Park Road, Beaconsfield for future recreation
- Strong stance on car parking requirements for new Beaconsfield developments
- Supporting Beaconsfield community groups/ associations and sporting clubs.

I'm seeking re-election. I stand for:-

- Increased car parking for Beaconsfield retail/ business district
- Retention of Vic Track Land (Beaconsfield Avenue) for continued community use and to increase railway station car parking
- Development of new recreational facilities at Holm Park Road
- A dedicated council youth facility
- Reducing council debt
- Appropriate and inclusive planning for Beaconsfield
- A community bank in Beaconsfield

I will provide honest and effective representation. I seek your support.

Kate Hands

"As a proud resident of Pakenham I feel compelled to stand for Council. It's time to allow the next generation into council and to acknowledge the expanding demographics in Cardinia.

My key focuses are

- 1) Ensuring the rural/city vibrancy of Cardinia is embraced and retained
- 2) Ensuring a range of services and support are accessible for children, teens and young adults
- 3) Sensibly encouraging and managing new developments whilst preserving Cardinia's grass roots.

Residents may remember my attendance at the 2020 Summit; this provided an excellent opportunity to hear my communities' grievances and fulfilments. I've enjoyed this role, and hope to accomplish more for my neighbourhood by entering Cardinia Council. I pledge to contribute and influence council decisions

on behalf of all my communityour children, families, young adults, parents, grandparents and neighbours.

I'm excited about the future and changes coming to Cardinia. I want to sustain our heritage, our open green spaces and provide a supportive, social community."



Jeff Lempriere

I live locally and as a lawyer have practised in Pakenham for 26 years. I am married to Kate Lempriere, a dedicated hard working Councillor for the past 6 years.



Through Kate I have witnessed Local Government and gained insight into issues important to our community and our quality of life. As a lawyer I am able to deal with issues objectively and with an awareness of the ramifications of decisions often not evident to a lay person. My experiences in life have equipped me to deal with people with respect, care and compassion. I will require savings to be made within the administration, limit rate rises and through internal efficiencies increase council community services.

Other priorities are to increase town parking, provide more post boxes and demand faster delivery of Lakeside train station.

Kate and I will be a hard working, positive, approachable team for all of Central Ward.

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- has volunteered in kindergartens, schools and sporting clubs for many years
- is a qualified Youth Worker and has worked extensively with local young people
- holds a position on the Community Advisory Board for Southern Health
- has received awards from Victoria Police for her work to reduce crime in Cardinia

When elected I will:

- Listen to you
- Present your voice to Council
- Work to address your concerns
- Care about the whole community



Vote 1 Tracy Montgomery

or questions you would like to ask?
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Cardinia Central Ward

CANDIDATES

RANGES WARD

Cardinia Shire

Graeme Legge Ed Chatwin Linda Hamilton

EDRINGTON WARD

City Of Casey

Nick James McLennan Judy Owen Daniel Mulino Simon Elliot Curtis Mick Morland Brian Hetherton Simon Walliker





SCHOOL FANCY DRESS EVENT

Recently when sorting through some of his mothers old slides, Colin Laws found some photos of a School Fancy Dress Event which he believes was held about 1959.

He kindly copied these and brought the copies to the local primary school to be included in their history.

From his recollection he has written down some names but many are unknown. If you can help with any information of this event or can recognise any children we would love to hear from you. Contact Margaret Boon 9707 5053 or Ann Taylor 9707 1996.



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TRIBUTE TO DON WEBER

By Phil Collins

I note with sadness the passing of local identity Don Weber, aged 93. Don recently left his home in Bayview Rd., Officer to live in an aged care facility at Moe.

Don was the industrialist of Beaconsfield as for many years his company occupied the premises of Beaconsfield Mowers and Tractors. Employing up to 50 staff, the firm was widely known as innovators in their field of agricultural machinery.

During the days of power strikes when industries were shut down or on severe restrictions Don purchased a diesel generator from the old state picture theatre in Flinders Street, Melbourne. He installed it at the factory and could probably have supplied the whole town. I saw the generator when Peter Bailey was the

occupier and wondered for what it was used.

Unfortunately as we survive beyond 80 our friends leave us and as with Don he was widowed. In his long retirement he travelled widely in his car and caravan camping by a stream, filming nature, hunting fossils and varieties of timber which he carted home for making wonderful shapes.

I only knew Don in recent years but I enjoyed our talks and loved his workshop which was full of machines for timber and metal work. He enjoyed eating out at Food Star, showing films of his exclusive travels and pottering in his workshop.

Don was a great Australian; he was clever, ingenious, independent with a great sense of humour. He is survived by a son a Russell and a daughter Margot.

OUTDOOR MOVIE WALL-E

The Lighthouse is fast becoming Beaconsfield's favorite teenage hangout and in a special one-off event they will be holding an outdoor screening of the Pixar blockbuster, Wall-E. This is a community event and The Lighthouse welcomes all local families to come along for a fun night.

So bring your chairs, your blanket and your picnic basket, sit back, relax and enjoy one of the best films of this year. And if it's wet we will be traveling back in

time as Akoonah Park is turned into a "Drive-In" for the night.

Bring your kids, bring Mum and Dad, bring your friends and don't forget to have a good time.

When:

28 November 2008 at 8.00pm

Where:

Akoonah Park, Berwick
Wet weather?
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DRIVE IN



BPS Corner

SUPPORT FOR 'MOVEMBER'

by 5M

This term at Beaconsfield Primary School the grade five and six students are exploring 'the value of giving'. Each grade has adopted a different charity that they will support and promote within the school community. Our grade (5M) has chosen to support 'Movember'.

Movember (the month formerly known as November) is an annual charity event held during November. The event raises awareness

of men's health issues and funds to benefit men's health – specifically prostate cancer and male depression. Men access health services 30-40% less than women, thereby denying themselves the chance for prevention and early detection of common diseases. The aim of

Movember is to change this attitude.

Our grade is holding a moustache growing competition for the dads at our school. The male teachers at our school are also going to grow a moustache to contribute to our charity.

Our Principal Mr. Methven has had a beard for 30 years and if we can raise \$1000 dollars he is prepared to shave it off.

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SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANTS' DESK

by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.

FOCUS ON THE CASH ECONOMY

The Compliance Program undertaken by the Australian Taxation Office(ATO) continues to focus strongly on taxpayers involved in industries where cash transactions are prevalent.

The industries include various tradesmen, taxi owners/ drivers The Australian retailers. Taxation Office concern is that the correct income tax is paid on net earnings and also that the correct Goods and Services Tax is collected and remitted. In the 2008-2009 year the Australian Taxation Office intends to undertake more than 5.000 cash economy reviews and audits.

The Australian Tax Office has developed a number of benchmarks or industry norms for various industries after consultation with trade and professional associations, trades people and tax practitioners. benchmarks are available the Australian Taxation Office website and taxpayers can compare their own reported income expenses and net profits

with benchmarks for their industry.

The ATO recently released benchmarks for the Roofing, Taxi and Concreting industries. The Taxi industry Benchmarks include the following (GST inclusive):

-Taxi Operator travels 150,000km for the year at average \$1.14 provides income of \$85,500 i.e. 50% of total fares of \$171,000 -Taxi Driver based on an average of 225 shifts worked travelling 300km for the year at average of \$1.14 provides income of \$76,950 or \$342 per shift.

The Benchmark rates are to be used as a tool to check the reasonableness of amounts included in income tax returns but can be used by A.T.O. to identify taxpayers for audits or reviews. You should access information on the Benchmarks and discuss with your Accountant.



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by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Reading just like a script for a Hollywood movie, 'Tim's' tale is an epic one. It is a story that is filled with disaster, love, loss, unspeakable bravery and triumph over adversity.

'Tim' is a 16 year old male domestic short haired cat who disappeared from his family's home over three months ago. As weeks past with no sign of him, 'Tim's' family had all but given up hope of being reunited with their beloved friend. So when a kindly Berwick resident called nearly two months later to say she had found a cat bearing their name and number on its collar they immediately thought the worst.

However the family's fears were short lived when they soon discovered that, although battle weary and nearly starving, 'Tim' was well and truly alive. Without wasting any time, the family collected their dear friend and rushed him straight to our clinic to assess the toll that life on

the streets had taken on poor 'Tim'.

No one will ever know how long 'Tim' was walking around with a broken and infected hind leg before he was reunited with his owners. All we know is that somehow he managed to deal with unthinkable pain and keep his wounds clean enough to stave off serious infection. Upon presentation to the clinic 'Tim' was immediately admitted to hospital where it was determined that his leg was too badly broken and infected to repair. As a result we were forced amputate his injured leg.

In showing with his strength and bravery, 'Tim' was discharged the next day after surgery. And when the whole family (including 'Molly' the dog) came to pick him up 'Tim' greeted them as only he could, with a slight limp and a deafening purr.



Beaconsfield intersection needs improvement by EDWARD O'DONOHUE, MLC, Member for Eastern Victoria Region

Hundreds of Beaconsfield residents have signed a petition calling on the State Government to improve the intersection at the Old Princes Highway and Princes Highway, Beaconsfield.

Beaconsfield Currently residents are unable to easily access the Monash Freeway while being forced to drive through already congested

roads of Beaconsfield and Berwick.

Recently I visited the site with Beaconsfield residents. Duncan and Rosie Hopgood and their young daughter, and saw just how important it was for the intersection to be improved.

The lack of a right hand turn at the intersection makes it very difficult for

residents to get direct and easy access to the freeway and the State Government needs to improve the intersection.

through The roads Beaconsfield and Berwick are already congested and the option to make a righthand turn at the intersection should help ease the traffic flow through Berwick.

Currently motorists have to make a potentially difficult and dangerous U-Turn at the Brunt Road intersection in order to access the freeway, making the need to improve the intersection even more vital.

Beaconsfield resident Duncan Hopgood said improving the intersection and allowing a right-hand turn would safety both improve and traffic congestion in Beaconsfield.



At the moment residents have to return back Beaconsfield through and Berwick to get to the freeway and by improving the intersection residents will have better access to the freeway.

I have presented the petition to Parliament and with more than 300 signatures the petition will highlight to the State Government just how important it is to get this intersection improved.

for an While calling improved intersection I will be also advocating that footpaths are installed to give pedestrians access from the Panorama Estate to Beaconsfield.



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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Power is intoxicating. I was about 8 the first time I realised I had power.

I grew up in a house heated with an open fire on which we burnt coal. Each evening my dad would come in from his long day at work and his first job would be the coal. By the fire we kept an old tin bucket for the coal. This had to be filled with small pieces of coal for feeding the fire. Dad would take the bucket out to the coal house and with a hammer break up one of the huge lumps of coal into bite size pieces. These were then loaded into the bucket. brought back into the house and stood next to the fire ready to be burnt.

I have no idea why, but afternoon while one playing in the lounge room I noticed the coal bucket. I thought to my self what fun it would be to go and get the coal in. So off to work I went. Smashing up big lumps of coal into little lumps is pretty hard work. It took this eight year old a lot longer than I had ever seen my dad take. But it was so good to be in the coal house doing the hitting and smashing; what did time did matter. With the coal broken down I piled it into the bucket and

in a lift, move one inch, put down, lift move one inch, put down system, I slowly made my may from the coal house to the fire place.

The job done I went back to my playing not thinking any more of my adventures with coal carting. Later that evening my dad came home and went as usual to do the coal before flopping in his chair. As he went to pick up bucket he said who's done this, indicating the full bucket. I looked up casually from my playing and said, "I did". His face lit up. A small smile became a mammoth grin. His mode became euphoric. As we went to the dinner table he was still carrying on about it.

I was over awed. I said nothing but I sat there mesmerised as the reality washed over me that I had the power to affect the emotions of another human being. This was heady stuff. I could do things that could actually change how another person was feeling. With small acts of kindness we can bring tangible happiness to another. It is not that hard.

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by Centre Coordinator - Miriam Gillespie & José

Open Day – Art Exhibition Saturday 22nd Nov 10 am – 3pm.

A gentle reminder that we will have our open day exhibition and sale of all the arts and crafts held within the centre. There will be plenty to see and do, and perhaps talk to some of the tutors. Come and experience the great feel of our community centre. There will be displays of most of the courses on offer and demonstrations of other classes in the hall.

On the day will be taking Play Group enrolments and 3-yearold orientation day. Free face painting, balloon making and colouring activities for the children. Christmas chocolates will be on sale, and some wonderful prizes are on offer in the raffle.

Tea, coffee, cake and sandwiches will be available '.' (|.': at very reasonable prices. Also, what's an open day without a sausage sizzle? The sausage sizzle will be maned by play group, and drinks and lollies will be available here. ENTRY IS FREE.

Maternal and Child Health Nurse comes to BNC

Welcome to Maternal and Child Health Nurse Sharon O'Sullivan, who is working at our Centre for a six month trial. The trial aims to see whether Beaconsfield's Maternal and Child Health service might work well operating out of BNC on a more permanent basis.

Committee and staff are pleased to have Sharon within the Centre, offering help and support to families in our community. Sharon is at the Centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, looking after children up to 2years, while she sees children over 2 years of age at Wood Street.

"Be a consfield Neighbourhood Centre is a great place-it's new, clean, bright and modern" said Sharon. "It creates loads of energy and people make it a happening and happy place to come to. There is plenty of safe car parking and easy access



for parents. The parents that have attended so far seem to be happy with their new surroundings. There is minimal waiting as bookings are by appointment by phoning 5945 4250.

Sharon said that Maternal and Child Health is not based on a medical model and works well in a community atmosphere.

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre encourages all children, no matter what age. First time parents groups are already available here for eight week sessions and are held in the meeting room on Wednesdays. We also have mums meeting at BNC for playgroup with their babies, and other playgroups for toddlers. Once families visit us they may soon be enquiring about occasional care, other playgroups, our three year old group or any of our other children's classes, and may even wish to enrol in a class themselves.

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by Ann Taylor

November is Craft Fair Month and this year is our 10th Craft Fair.

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A special feature is the work of the late MYTRLE WILSON who loved crochet and knitting.

A real tribute to her is the amount of work she produced looking after her family members. Rugs, shawls and bedspreads along with intricate patterns and detail in her fine lace crochet doilies and table linen. Even after a stroke she was determined to resume her crochet which she did.

Myrtle Wilson was the mother of Barbara Reader. (wife of BPA President Les Reader) and lived in Beaconsfield for sometime during the early 1990's and she and her husband Bill were regulars at Make and Mingle each week Bill would always bring the pikelets he made and they were the best around and he would make pots of tea. Myrtle would always be crocheting and sharing her ideas and patterns with anyone who asked.



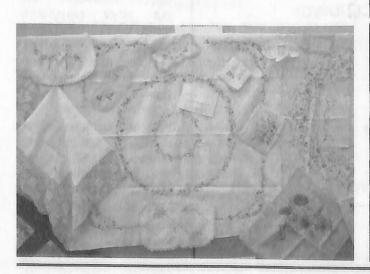
Myrtle was born Myrtle Lillias Smith 11th January 1909 and spent her early years in Bairnsdale and then Allambie and then married husband Bill.

Myrtle and Bill were known for their kindness and hospitality to both family and friends Myrtle was a good cook and they both loved their garden.



Above: Barbara Reader (right) with her sister with Myrtle's beautiful crochet







CHURCH HISTORY IN BEACONSFIELD

by Ann Taylor



Make and Mingle's Craft Fair has really grown since its small beginnings in the little wooden Baptist Church hall which has an interesting history.

This Church was originally the Beaconsfield Congregational Church in Railway Avenue built in the 1920's by the Adamson family and then purchased by the Beaconsfield Baptist church in 1978.

As this church was outgrown, the members purchased the nearby Mobil service station and Yellow Rose of Texas café and it was revamped and used for worship until October 2007, when the congregation moved

to their new purpose built building in Desmond Court. The original old wooden church building was used as a Sunday school and at the end of 2006 was moved to a new home on the way to Inverloch and has been lovingly renovated.

This old church can be seen on the Cardinian Embroidery which depicts the local history and features of our town. The replica panel of the Beaconsfield/ROC original is now on permanent display in the Beaconsfield Community Complex. The Beaconsfield Progress Association thanks the Cardinia Shire Council and the local sponsors who enabled us to make this purchase.





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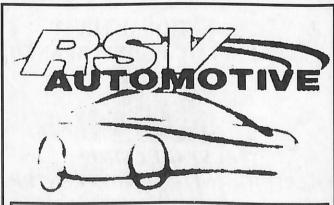


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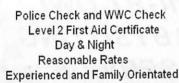
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by Phil Collins

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His motto was "Leave it to Lory" – now that is a good motto. How about "Can Phil fix it?" or "Phil will fix may faucets with fibre" (meaning fibre washers).

have been making shelves for a bedroom, and because the room was upstairs I had to prefab them and even apply 2 coats of varnish. Each piece was then carried up the stairs and the seven pieces assembled into a corner unit. There are shelves made for pot plants, shelves made for garage walls and shelves for professional rooms to store files as well as supplies. The degree of finish varies widely but they share one important feature. They must meet thecustomers expectations and hold the load. In spite of their increasing price of shelving materials they remain a great investment. You can't hang it up if you haven't got a hook.

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A DIFFERENT WORLD

Filtered dawning rays of sun glance off parked car roof tops

as long shadows are cast down off towering construction cranes,

down to the still deserted city streets below.

Beeping back hoes, trundling traction diggers, dogmans whistles and truck horns soon contribute to the mechanical dawn chorus of the many construction sites waking up in Docklands.

Scavenging seagulls from the bay are the only bird life here

as they swoop to scoop water from dirty work site puddles.

And they peck at workers cast off takeaway rubbish left from the day before.

Military lines of new balconied ivory tower apartments keep watch over wharf sides teeming with luxury yachts, seemingly overseeing the bustling start of day in Docklands.

So many still dormant cranes and their gantries stand to attention saluting the sky.

The grey cloud and haze above recedes and fades into the clear metropolitan distance.

Vehicles crawl ant like across the length of Bolte bridge stopping intermittently to eye the waking city

through the star like frame of the recently finished giant observation wheel .

Back down to earth , star like glamorous secretaries in black body hugging

low cut skimpy outfits squeeze their heavenly bodies out of their low slung sports coupes and hobble off to work on high rise heels.

They enjoy their internet romance with high rise luxury office life but they are trapped

in a falsely affluent environment of young chief executives looking up to

penthouse roof gardens and down on struggling every day workers.

Amongst this melee of millionaires yachts and luxury cars, the many sky reaching,

often vacant mirror clad apartment blocks reflect a different sort of life style here.

Yes you could be forgiven for forgetting there is a real world out there beyond the thick city haze.

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X-Wired

by David Griffiths

I have to admit I'm not a big documentary viewer as I prefer films that have a great script and good actors. After seeing 'Sharkwater' earlier this year I didn't think I could see a docco that would beat is as best docco for the year, but now I have.

the years Over Australia has produced sensational some documentaries. Now from directional newcomers, Garis and de Kirsty comes Jolley Timothy Dominick 'Celebrity Dunne', a documentary outclasses most others while not forgetting

how to keep the audience interested.

Dominick Dunne has a sensational story to tell. From the time when was bullied from his father, to when he became an American War Hero, to when he became powerful Hollywood Producer and close friend to the rich and famous, down to when he hit rockbottom and became an Hollywood outcast, and then up again to when he became the man that most people would know today; one of the world's leading journalists who follows sensationally the criminal trials that fill our front pages; from O.J. Simpson to the Menendaz murders, Dunne has be there for the lot.

Jolley and de Garis have put together a near perfect documentary. Instead of just tacking interview after interview together, the documentary is delightfully full of Dunne's never-before seen home video footage (which features some of Hollywood's elite), and follows Dunne as he covers the Phil Spector murder trial, which he describes 'as his last murder trial for Vanity Fair'.

Dunne is a marvelous subject for a documentary and Jolley and de Garis him suburbly. capture Dunne doesn't hold back, talking about openly touching subjects such as the murder of his daughter, allowing a gangster to protect him from criminal his marriage charges, and breakdown even allowing the cameras to follow him into the intimate surrounds of his working area in New York City. The fact the documentary doesn't portray Dunne as an 'angel' makes it brilliant viewing. It paints two sides to the story with the defense lawyers talking about Dunne's 'lack of knowledge' and 'sensationalist style journalism', and we even see his own son talking about home life with Dunne 'wasn't always so great'.

The side story of the Spector murder case always makes this documentary s must-see as Dunne gives the viewer a wonderful overview of the case and the cameras catch Spector in some less-than-flattering poses during his court hearing.

Also a reminder for all Beaconsfield film buffs. The Lighthouse will be screening Pixar's Wall-E in a special outdoor screening at Akoonah Park on November 28th at 8pm. This is a community event so bring your family and friends and if it's raining the event will still be held...but as a Drive-In!

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Registraton for Christmas Hampers is happening now at the centre. This is open to anyone in the shire who thinks that they may be in crisis at Christmas.

They need to come into the centre and register. We are giving out a Christmas Dinner goodies consisting of chicken, peas, potatoes, onions, carrots, Christmas pudding or cake, drink, shortbreads, lollies etc plus a weeks food to carry people over the break. We are also distributing toys to children. Hampers will be picked up on the 18th and 19th

Dec from 1 Main Street, Pakenham but people need to register as we are probably doing approx 800 this year. Also in regard to this we are looking for any donations that we can put into the hampers.

We probably also need to let residents know that we are now assisting with the payment of utility accounts, pharmacy scripts, petrol vouchers for job interviews or doctors appointments, and other items. Appointments need to be made for this assistance.

The centre's phone number if 59 412268

OUR NATURAL

WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Once again we are well into what we call "the sneezing season". Hay fever is back to torment us all once more and people look for answers to either invoke a cure or at least ease the suffering. As for a cure the Chinese had a proverb about it, (yes, even they suffered from it) and it went like this. "The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it". Therein lavs the promise of cure for this wretched condition that affects millions of people around the world.

Most people get a propriety product from the Chemist and this usually gives relief for a time but doesn't address the underlying causes. What they do is to dry up the catarrh and mucous that holds the allergic causing material that brought it on in the first place but this is not a cure but relieves for a time and most people with their busy lives settle for this. These causes can be from a very long list indeed as there is seldom one factor

involved here.

The two most common causes of allergies are wheat and milk products and a big reduction here significantly reduce Fever response Spring pollens are another common source of allergic reaction too, and these can involve a bewildering array of irritants. Each individual has his/her own unique response to some and not others of this list so treatment must be on an individual basis, not one pill for all.

Diet is very important here and all mucous/ catarrh producing elements diet should be ruthlessly expunged from the diet as a matter of course. The more toxins your body has creates a very comfortable terrain for the Hay Fever to establish and operate. Suppression of catarrh can lead to Hay Fever and may evolve into Asthma later on, so it is best to eliminate the source of catarrh and mucous in turn reducing

the likelihood of Hay Fever attacks.

Lifestyle habits can have a huge part to play in this scenario. Liquor, smoking, bad diet, stress, drugs, insufficient rest can all play a part so addressing these areas are important too. All these factors reduce the ability of the immune system to be strong enough to repel the attack of these causative invaders of our bodies.

Often the geographic area is the deciding factor as well. People can move from one part of the country to another and find that their previous immunity has left them and now they suffer with Hay Fever for the first time in their lives. an unpleasant change in their health profile. Another fact of interest is that West Gippsland is well known in the Medical world as the worst Hav Fever area in Australia and this extends almost to Dandenong in the west and Warragul in the east, and is somewhat of a mystery as to why. Genetic disposition can affect this as well but live as healthily as possible and give yourself the best possible chance of beating this yearly scourge.

Hard And Green Waste Collection Week

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 commences Monday 15 December.

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

Monday 1 to Friday 5 December

Thursday

Monday 8 to Friday 12 December

Friday

Monday 15 to Friday 19 December

Waste is to be put out in the week preceding the collection and anything put out after the collection date will not be picked up.

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CROSS

by David Griffiths

Once again Geelong manages to produce a gem of a band with Missing Hours's self-titled debut album promising a big future for the talented duo, made up Emma and Anthony Hewitt.

This is an amazing album that thoroughly distances itself from a lot of the ordinary pop-rock that so many Australian bands try to pass off. So good is this album that you can easily see this album cracking the tough European and U.S. markets.

The first single off this album, 'Machine' shows exactly what Missing Hours are all about, with its loud electronic fused rock that calls upon an Evanescence sound, while Emma's voice conjures up a mix of Shirley Manson and Tiffany Arbuckle from Plumb.

Even when Missing Hours slow down on songs like 'Not For You' and 'Everything Will Be Alright' they keep it interesting and don't ever become boring. 'Don't Be Late' is heavily jazz-influenced while 'Run' gives Emma another chance to show off her amazing vocal styling.

The electronic fusion comes to the forefront with 'Could Not Believe It' which like 'Make You Better' and second-single, 'Falling Down' rates among the best tracks on the album. A great debut... expect to

see a lot more great things from Missing Hours.

Another really good album out at the moment comes from The Zebras. The Zebras may have angered a few people by relocating from Brisbane to Melbourne, but if their 'New Ways Of Risking Our Lives EP' is anything to go by than this is a really big gain for the Melbourne music scene.

This EP is five tracks of pure bliss. 'A Day On Black Mountain Road' has a terrific folk/indie-rock feel and is enhanced by a beautiful melody. 'Push Our Way To The Front' and 'The Ground Falls Away' have some amazing instrumental sections, and that delightful melody returns on 'Make It Stop'.

The EP ends with 'Crickets', a nice mellow summer track that leaves you wishing this was a full album and not an EP

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

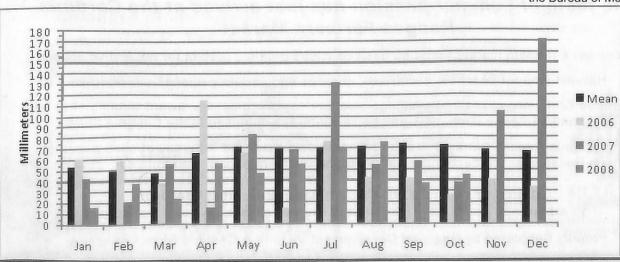
In this very dry year nothing has changed in the last 2 months. In September there was only 37mm of rain and in October there was 45mm. The September total was the lowest September monthly total since 1985.

These monthly totals took the yearly total to 459mm. The lowest total I have till the end of October was 418mm which was 1997. That year we ended with 520mm.

A very useful website for all of the latest weather forecasts and up to date radar images is the Bureau of Meteorology website. www.bom.gov.au It is a great website for lots of useful information. Have a look at the radar images page as it gives you up to date radar images as to where rain is falling.

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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



CARDINIA CATCHMENT LANDCARE NEWS

by Ian Chisholm, President

Our attention lately has been on public Reserves at Guy's Hill and Beaconsfield Park. In co-operation with the CVA (Conservation Volunteers Australia) organization, we sponsoring a Green Corps team of 17 to 20 year olds, who will work in our area for the next 6 months. There are currently 8 in the team, with 2 vacancies yet to be filled.

At Beaconsfield Park, the team will be weeding, mulching, planting and maintaining pathways in the riparian zone (in this case, the area within about 20 metres of the creek). We understand that the Shire

of Cardinia will provide funding to upgrade other parts of Beaconsfield Park and especially the original southern entrance.

One problem spot is the roadside verge, on the north side of the highway and east of the Cardinia Creek bridge. Weeds of all shapes and sizes are growing in this area but the Green Corps cannot touch them because this is Vic Roads territory!

Plantings on private propertieswere undertaken much earlier this year, as property owners tried to get plants established before the anticipated dry spring. We expect there will be a huge demand for plantings in autumn, 2009, and have therefore significantly increased capacity at our Upper Beaconsfield nursery.

Anyone requiring large quantities of indigenous plants in 2009 should urgently contact Margaret Cromb, our Nursery Manager. (Ph. 9707 2415).

lan Chisholm, President Cardinia Catchment Landcare Inc Ph. 97071435

Cooking with Memories

A cookbook written by members from several Neighbourhood Houses was launched on October 8th at the Centre.

Congratulations to all those involved with the "Cooking with Memories" cookbook. It makes for great reading of days of old and as an added bonus, get a recipe to try as well.

The cookbooks are for sale at the Neighbourhood Centre office for just \$10 each, and will make a fabulous Christmas gift.



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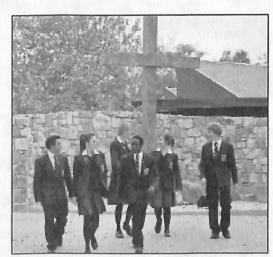
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Pictured Top: U17 Beacy Eagles player Tyler Sidwell starred with the bat and retired on 50 in a game on 29th October against Pakenham Upper Toomuc CC Gold team

Pictured: Big Nick Bruneau playing for the U Beaconsfield Bandits took 2 - 8 off 5 overs on Saturday 22nd October. Also pictured are Tim Lenders and Barry Freeman the retired principal of Berwick High School who coaches the U 15 Tooradin side.



BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

NEWS

by Greg Tomamichel

Beaconsfield Cricket Club's A Grade XI has made a promising start to the 2008/9 season, with a promising start to the 2008/9 season, with two good wins and second position on the ladder after round 2. Many of last years players are not part of this years line-up, which has given many opportunities for younger players to make the step to A Grade.

Through the rest of the senior grades, there have been mixed results, but mostimportantlytherehave been good competitive games of cricket for all our members.

Once again Beaconsfield huge junior а contingent, with 13 teams fixtured for this season. This saw the Tigers and Bandits play each other in round 1 "derby" at O'Neill Road, with only 5 runs

separating the side at the end of play. We hope that all the junior sides can play such competitive and enjoyable cricket all season, and come back for more next year.

The Holm Park Road development continues to push forward, with the Draft Master Plan put out by Cardina Shire. Beaconsfield Cricket Club has responded to the Draft Master Plan with our strong support. We look forward to this project continuing through 2009, to provide more grounds for senior and junior members to enjoy their cricket each weekend.

There will be several social events coming up this season, with dates to be confirmed.

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BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC.

TENNIS NEWS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Open Club Champions

After a recess of a number of years, open club championships were played on 26th October. Resident coach Paul Rowbottom together a band of volunteers orchestrated a very enjoyable day for participants and spectators alike.

Our open club champions and runners up for 2008 are:

Mens Singles: Daniel Nelson (runner up Nathan Van Der Koogh) Womens Singles: Emily Potter (runner up Mathie Chandrananth)

Mens Doubles: Andrew Bailey and Cameron Bisset (runners up Adam Lawrence and Dean Levi)

Veteran Doubles: Les Donaldson and Peter Oliver victorious after playing round robin competition for over 45's.

Junior Club Champions

Junior co-ordinator Adrian Walsh and his band of volunteers also orchestrated our annual junior club championships a week earlier on 19th October. As usual, all participants played great tennis.

Our junior club champions and runners up for 2008 are:

A Boys Singles: Daniel Nelson (runner up Jayden Wright)

B Boys Singles: Julian Kirpichnikov (runner up Brandon White)

C Singles: Anthony Kingma (runner up Samantha Steffensen)

A Doubles: Nathan Van Der Koogh and Chris McKay (runners up Jayden Wright and Chris Howard-Guerin)

B Doubles: Matthew Steffensen and Brandon White (runners up Lucan Macreadie and James Kneebone)

Girls Singles have yet to be played.

Congratulations to all open and junior players who participated as championship play could not have taken place without each one of you.



WATER SAVINGS

Our club has made the decision to chemically treat our en tous cas courts with magnesium chloride. This will reduce the need for water application to these court surfaces before play. We are currently limited to watering 50% of our courts under 3a water restrictions but with chemical application we will be permitted to apply water to all our courts. This is on the proviso our overall water consumption is reduced from current usage and will be monitored by SE Water.

NIGHT TENNIS AUTUMN SEASON

Our night tennis competition is currently entering finals for 2008 Spring season. Our Autumn season will commence early February. If interested in joining this social competition please contact co-ordinators Jeff Green for Tuesday nights A grade (9707 2909), Anja Potter for Wednesday night B grade (9707 4287) or lan Craig for Thursday night A&B men. These competitions are open to all, as club membership is not a prerequisite and are suitable for players of all standards, beginner upward.

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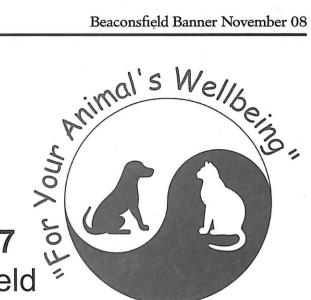




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SENIORS PROMOTION - Spring is here, allergy season so get 10% off all Medicated shampoos.

CONGRATULATIONS WINNER OF OUR GRAND FINAL FOOTY COMPETION WAS MICHELLE LOUGHRIDE OF BEACONSFIELD

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