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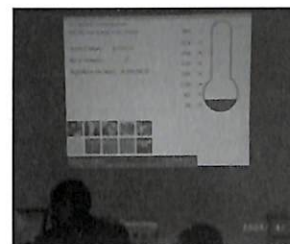
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by Les Reader

Well life is settling down to some sort of normality after the devastation of bush fires, and our community should not forget the tremendous efforts put into fire fighting by our local CFA. It was heavy on my heart and mind to recognise this in some small way and to that end I visited the annual meeting of the local branch of the CFA. To express on behalf of myself and the members of BPA our heartfelt thanks for their work and the security that they provide. Thank you ladies and gentlemen of the CFA.

I also was in attendance at a graffiti removing demonstration organised by Cardinia councillor Brett Owen. It was a very impressive demonstration. The main point brought out by council is, report graffiti as soon as you see it and if on council property it will be removed promptly. If it is on private property you owners can get one of the user friendly removal kits. Let's keep up the fight to keep our town and surrounds in a pristine condition.



News from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

by Paul Hayes

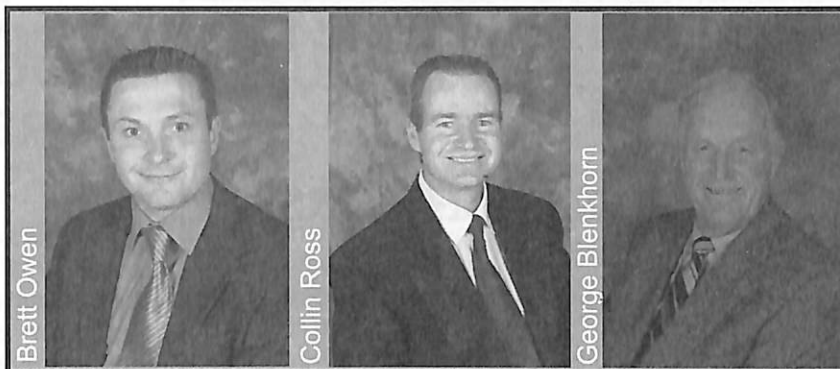
Thankfully the worst of the fire season has passed and we are now experiencing milder weather conditions and even some rain.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment have commenced their prescribed Autumn burns in our area, but local residents are reminded that fire restrictions in the Shire of Cardinia and City of Casey are still in force, and any fuel reduction burning requires a permit from the council. Check local newspapers and council websites for lifting of fire restrictions when they are gazetted.

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade held their biannual elections on the 7th April to elect its officers for the next 2 years. The results of the elections were as follows : Captain - Paul Hayes, 1st Lieutenant - Matteo Di Carlo, 2nd Lieutenant - Mark Graham, 3rd Lieutenant - James Cain, 4th Lieutenant, Phillip Walton, Secretary - Glenn Dorning, Comms Officer - Debbie McPherson, Fire Equipment Maintenance Officer - Danny Martin, Occupational Health & Safety Officer - Glynn Owen. The above officers take up their respective roles on July 1st.

CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Cr. Collin Ross, Central Ward



I feel excited and privileged to be one of your new central ward councillors. We as a team of councillors are working hard to bring your issues to a head and resolve them.

Budget time is upon us. We are looking to minimise rate increases this year, and pay off some of our past councils, \$44 million debt (\$3 million interest). We are going ahead with the local Holm Park Road Sports precinct, hopefully with the help of a State

Government \$500,000 grant.

We are looking actively at local speeding issues and an action plan with the police to reduce this problem. The Beaconsfield Township Plan will incorporate a traffic flow review to show us the best way to tackle the problem.

I attended the Carols by the Creek with my family. How wonderful it was to see a terrific Christmas event so well presented by the community.

Special thanks to host Belinda Waterhouse, Beaconsfield Baptist Church, the Cardinia Civic Concert Band, Combined Choirs, Beaconsfield Primary School Choir, Berwick Youth Choir, and the Beaconsfield Progress Association. Without these groups, generous contributions of their personal time and energy, the evening wouldn't have happened or have been of such an exceptional standard.

I am looking forward to this term on council, the challenge ahead is an opportunity to put your concerns first and make your home a better place to live in.

If you have any local concerns please contact me Collin Ross on 0428598491, Brett Owen on 0418993370 or George Blenkhorn on 0429139902.

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COMMUNITY BANK PROSPECTUS LAUNCH

Graeme J Taylor - Director



A Public Meeting was held on 1st April 2009 to officially launch the Prospectus to enable the raising of Share Capital necessary to set up the Beaconsfield District Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank.

The Meeting was well attended by Pledges and members of the community to hear from the Banks Chairman Michael Muaremov of the work done to date by Directors of Beaconsfield District Community Financial Services Ltd.



Special Guest Speakers were Michael Petering, Bendigo Bank Regional Manager for Mornington Peninsula area and also Jim Christie the Founding Chairman of the East Doncaster Community Bank who has provided great support and advice as Mentor to the Directors and he detailed the benefits of a Community Bank. In addition, Bendigo Bank personnel attended to answer questions and meet attendees.

The next step in the process is to receive Share Capital of at least \$720,000. All pledges should ensure that they complete a Share Application Form in the Prospectus and forward, together with a cheque for the Share Capital, to the address detailed in the Prospectus. Even if you did not complete a Pledge Form, you can still apply for shares by contacting

a Director to obtain a Prospectus. The Share Capital Offer will be closed when the minimum capital is received but no earlier than 23rd April 2009 so do not wait. The Share Capital raised on the night of the launch amounted to \$300,000.

After the required Share Capital has been received, the Beaconsfield District Community Bank will formalise a Lease and will proceed with the fit-out of the Bank premises. In addition, staff will be employed and they will undertake training of 4 – 6 weeks in preparation of opening the Bank hopefully in June.

If you have any queries, contact Michael Muaremov (9769 9134), Jim Byrne (9707 0400) or Graeme Taylor (9707 1996).

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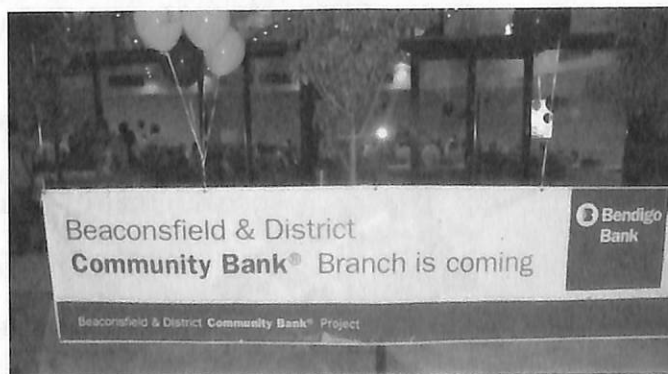
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The benefits of producing your own solar power include:

- generate power from the sun rather than relying mostly on coal powered electricity
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- protects against rising electricity costs.

A typical 1kwh system will consist of 6 solar panels that are usually fixed onto a roof preferably facing N, W, NE or NW without interference from trees.

An inverter converts to a mains voltage and a digital meter is connected.

An existing analogue electrical switchboard would need replacement by a digital meter to read the amount of excess power generated. Solar

power produced reduces daily usage and excess power is sold back to the grid.

After various rebates and credits including the Government Grant of \$8,000, a typical 1kwh system would cost in the vicinity of \$2,500. This cost would be recouped in 5 to 10 years. There are many suppliers and our local councils are supportive.

If you are interested it is best to act before 30th June 2009 to qualify for the \$8,000 Federal Government Rebate to reduce the net cost to homeowners and start producing solar power.

Assistance Is Available For 4c's Crisis Centre

The 4C's Crisis Centre is able to assist with payment of utility accounts, phone accounts, pharmacy and rent arrears.

If anyone needs help they can contact the centre for an appointment on a Tuesday or Thursday between 10.30am - 2.30pm. Also food assistance is available 5 days a week between the same hours.

These services are open to any resident within the shire who may be in crisis. That means people who are on Centrelink, or wages.

For more information about the services provided at the 4Cs, contact 5941 2268



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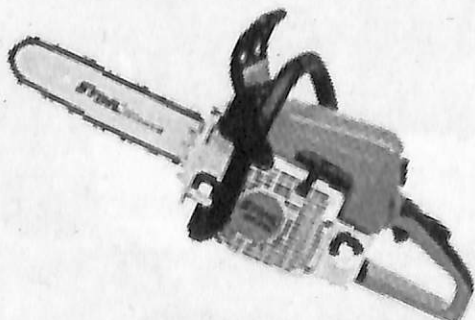
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Council Shows How To Wipe Out Graffiti

Community demonstrations of free graffiti removal kits, which are available as part of Cardinia Shire Council's commitment to crime prevention, were held on Saturday (28 March).

Chair of Cardinia Shire's Community Safety Committee Cr Brett Owen said the aim of the demonstrations was to show residents and businesses how to use the kits.

The demonstrations were held in Main St, Pakenham at 11am, near Bob Burgess Reserve in Beaconsfield at 1pm and in Murphys Lane in Emerald at 3pm.

"The aim of the demonstration was to show people how they can take

action against unsightly vandalism throughout the Shire by removing it from private or commercial property," Cr Owen said.

"The removal of 1000 incidences of graffiti during Council's Shirewide cleanup last year has gone a long way to improving the situation and the effort of residents and businesses to remove the new graffiti quickly will make a significant difference for the future," Cr Owen said.

To obtain a kit, Cardinia Shire residents or business can contact Council on 1300 787 624 then collect kits from Hardy's Mitre 10, Speight Hardware Koo Wee Rup or Mitre 10 Solutions in Emerald.

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by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.



SMALL BUSINESS TAX BREAK

The Federal Government announced an additional tax deduction for capital investment by businesses. The additional tax deduction applies to assets used in carrying on a business for which a deduction is available under Capital Allowance (Depreciation) provisions under Division 40 ITAA 1997. The deduction allowed is in addition to the usual Capital Allowance (Depreciation). Land, Intangible Assets, and Trading Stocks are ineligible.

The deduction is available when the asset is installed ready for use. The tax bonus applies to assets acquired from 13th December 2008 and by 31st December 2009.

In respect of small businesses with a turnover of less than \$2 million a year, a deduction is

available in the year of installing the assets, as follows:

- Minimum expenditure \$1,000
- Acquired between 13th December 2008 and 30th June 2009 and installed by 30th June 2010 - Deduction of 30%
- Acquired between 1st July 2009 and 31st December 2009 and installed by 31st December 2010 - Deduction of 10%

In respect of businesses other than small businesses, the tax bonus applies to minimum expenditure threshold of \$10,000.

To claim the highest bonus deduction of 30%, the depreciable assets must be acquired by 30th June 2009. Discuss with your Accountant to ensure that you claim any tax deduction you are entitled to.

Beaconsfield Progress Association

Meeting Dates:

May 18th

June 15th

July 20th

August 17th

September 21st

October 19 (AGM)

If you would like to advertise your community event please send us the date and we will insert it free of charge.

PLATYPUS BABY BOOM IN CARDINIA CREEK

Six new juvenile platypus were recorded in Cardinia Creek in the course of a survey conducted by Australian Platypus Conservancy biologists.

Platypus were reintroduced to Cardinia Creek in 2004 by the APC and Melbourne Water after the original population became extinct following the Ash Wednesday bushfires. Successful breeding commenced in 2006 and has continued every year since. The total of six babies encountered this year has set a new record, suggesting that the population is flourishing along this reliably flowing stream.

APC Director, Geoff Williams, said that the result was a great boost to the efforts to re-establish Cardinia Creek's population. However, he

warned that the success of the project was still at risk.

"The deaths of at least two platypus in folding "opera house" yabby traps last December was a clear reminder of the problems that platypus still face along Cardinia Creek and elsewhere," he said. "Soon these youngsters will set off to seek territories they

can occupy as adults. Because they are small and inexperienced, they are particularly vulnerable to entering opera house nets (which have been prohibited in Victorian inland public waters since 2001) and then drowning."

In addition, the high level of litter found at some spots along Cardinia Creek poses a major hazard for the animals. Surveys across the metropolitan region have shown that many platypus have litter caught around them, interfering with their ability to swim and feed properly

and often resulting in serious injury or death. Discarded nylon fishing line and a wide assortment of plastic rings – including such apparently innocuous items as children's bracelets and the sealing rings found around the mouths of food jars and plastic milk containers – are particularly dangerous.

"The future of the Cardinia Creek platypus reintroduction is ultimately in the hands of the community," said Geoff. "We urge everyone to watch out for illegal folding yabby and crayfish nets and report them immediately to Fisheries Officers on 13-FISH. We also hope everyone living around Melbourne will get behind efforts to keep litter out of the environment across the metropolitan area."



Pictured: a young female platypus found in Cardinia Creek survey

The Cardinia Creek platypus reintroduction project is the first of its kind in Australia. At a time when many populations are under extreme threat because of prolonged drought and possible climate change, the techniques being developed will potentially be valuable in the long-term conservation of this unique mammal.

For more information contact Geoff Williams:
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BEACONSFIELD BUSINESS GROUP (BBG)

by Michael Muaremov

I trust that you and your families are all well and enjoying the cooler weather that is upon us after a scorching summer that touched and effected so many lives. It was too close to home for us in Beaconsfield and district as it brought difficult memories from our experience back in 1983 – Ash Wednesday fires.

Since my last report, the momentum for the opening of our own Beaconsfield District Bendigo Community Bank has continued and going from strength to strength. At the time of writing my report, we had a very successful 'Prospectus Launch' on the 1st of April where 115 members of the public plus enthusiastic Bendigo Bank staff, came and shared this momentous occasion. On the night, we had 77 applications submitted that raised a staggering \$289,000 in one night. According to the Bendigo Bank, this is a great result and shows true and genuine support from our Community that will make our bank a very successful one – which will mean the community will ultimately benefit through sponsorships and grants. Prospectus will be opened until the end of April, therefore, those that have pledged but not applied for shares, only have less than three weeks to do so or they may run the risk of missing out.

On other community projects, the Street Scapes Sub Committee

is continuing to work closely with council representatives. We are aiming to have a 'conceptual' drawing for public comment in the coming months.

As many of you have seen, the Beaconsfield Hub, located on the old Baptist Church site/formerly the old Roadhouse, is now complete. We have been excited to have the first retail business open up, Graeme Booth Menswear that have relocated from Berwick Village and would like to welcome them to our town. The Bank will also be opening in the coming months in the Hub, and there are still various businesses in discussions with the Developer, towards securing one these modern, conveniently located premises.

In closing, we encourage anyone that is in business to come along to our BBG meetings that are held every month on the last Wednesday of each month at 6.00pm at the Beaconsfield Community Centre and our next meeting is scheduled for the 29th of April 2009. We encourage all business owners who wish to contribute in a positive, proactive manner to attend our meetings and together we can make Beaconsfield Village the preferred place to do your shopping.

If you wish to contact us, you can call our Secretary, Vicky O'Callaghan on 9769 8722 or myself on 9769 9134.

MAKE AND MINGLE

by A. Taylor

Like many Victorians the ladies at Make and Mingle have been distressed by the recent bushfires and our hearts have gone out to those people who suffered loss of loved ones and property and we extend our sympathies to them.

Not only did we want to donate to the bushfire appeal, but we wanted to help in practical ways. The ladies have made handmade carry bags and filled them with personal items such as toiletries and also made knitted toys, beanies and various items. We are making needle cases and craft kits as well. We are thankful to the CWA, particularly Joan and Barry Medwin who have distributed them on our behalf to people

in affected towns in the Gippsland area nearby. As this is an ongoing need we will be continuing to fill bags and make items for these people. The group has also made pouches for some of the animals who were injured in the fires.

In second term we will be continuing with knitting various items and a range of crafts will be available. These will include glass painting, greeting card making, stump work embroidery, needle cases, Tara ladies, scrapbook albums, fabric painting and embroidery and patchwork.

On Wednesday 27th May we will be hosting **Australia's Biggest**

Morning Tea 2009, with all funds raised on the day going to the Cancer council for the fight against Cancer. This will be a special day of fellowship and morning tea and special displays of teacosies and teacups and related items. Everyone would be made very welcome for this morning tea.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets from 10am-12noon each Wednesday during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Desmond Crt and Old Princes Hwy. You can come along at any time and learn a new craft or just come for a coffee and a chat. This is a lovely way to meet new friends.

For more details contact Ann 9707 1996

Primary Schools Encouraged To Join Active Wednesdays

Primary Schools in Cardinia Shire are being encouraged to sign up for a program which will see children encouraged on the first Wednesday of the month to actively get to school.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Bill Pearson said the program is designed to encourage young students and their family members to ride, scoot, skate or walk to school.

The first Active Wednesday will be held in term two on Wednesday 6 May.

"The program provides great benefits to the Shire including increasing physical activity and improving health and wellbeing amongst students and their families.

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Bushfires A Sobering Reminder For Us All

by Tammy Lobato, MP Member for Gembrook

The recent Victorian bushfires were an unwelcome reminder to many of the devastation which occurred twenty six years ago on Ash Wednesday when Upper Beaconsfield and Cockatoo were among the towns which were devastated by fire. It has been hard for us to come to terms with the massive loss of life and property with this year's tragedy. It has been harder still to envisage the scale of the tragedy when many of us believed that the loss of life on Ash Wednesday would never again be repeated.

Perhaps it is because so many people in this area experienced Ash Wednesday first hand that I have been overwhelmed by the outpourings of generosity from those who wish to assist the bushfire survivors, whether with goods or money or time. It has also made us all question our practices and ask ourselves whether we have slipped into bad

habits and neglected to take the time to draw up fire plans and reduce fire hazards on our properties. The local CFA brigade does a wonderful job in educating and informing local communities with many new residents moving here who have never experienced bushfires before. However, it is up to all of us to take their advice seriously and commit to developing fire plans and sticking to them.

With the Royal Commission into these bushfires now underway, everyone has the opportunity to make a submission and provide input. I have also decided to conduct my own community bushfire forums to gather information from residents and compile them into a submission. Since my electorate extends past Warburton, and includes large tracts of the Bunyip State Park as well as the O'Shannassy Dam and the Upper Yarra Dam, I had many residents

who evacuated—not once, or twice, but many times over the course of a few weeks.

Beaconsfield residents are invited to participate in these forums and share their experiences and suggestions. The first is scheduled for Monday 27 April, 7pm at the Warburton Mechanics Institute Hall in Warburton. There is another on Thursday 30 April, also commencing at 7pm, which will be held at the Gembrook Community Centre in Gembrook.

Alternatively, you can make your own submission to the Royal Commission by sending it to: Submissions, 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, GPO Box 4358, Melbourne VIC 3001. The Royal Commission has its own website at www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au and telephone enquiries can be directed to Tel: 1800 243 650.

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance



because of bushfire related issues, I would urge you to contact me as the State Government is providing many grants, including for businesses affected by the fires as well as for families needing financial and other assistance. The Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority also has a comprehensive website now operating at www.willrebuild.vic.gov.au with information on the types of support available.

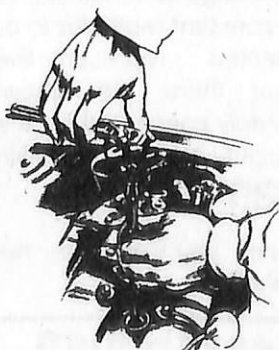
Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to all those involved in the bushfire effort, particularly the CFA volunteers. I know that the Beaconsfield brigade helped save the Labertouche Primary School from burning down on Black Saturday which meant that children in this devastated community were able to at least have some parts of their life regain a semblance of normality.

Interested residents may also wish to read the condolence speeches about the bushfires which were made by many MPs and includes my contribution. Please go to www.parliament.vic.gov.au for full transcripts.

Best wishes
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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Speaking Out

On 25 February 1956 Nikita Khrushchev was addressing the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. In his address he denounced Josef Stalin. For the first time in public a member of the elite listed some of the worst of the atrocities committed under Stalin.

From the auditorium came a shout, "And what were you doing at the time?" It was a pointed question: Khrushchev had been a loyal Stalinist and had worked closely with Stalin himself. Khrushchev had been part of Stalin's inner circle. Khrushchev looked up from his speech at the lectern and asked in a voice that was deadly: "Who said that?" There was utter silence in the hall. A silence of fear. To be arrested by the KGB was not a fate to contemplate. Into the silence Khrushchev said: "That's what I was doing".

Speaking out is always an uncomfortable thing to do. To be a "whistle-blower" takes real

fortitude. But a healthy society requires active and enquiring citizens. The best governments be they Local, State or Federal are those that are constantly being called to account and who are constantly being subjected to scrutiny.

If we wish to live in a society that is free of corruption and abuse then we must be willing to do at least some of the work of finding out what is going on and ask some of the awkward questions.

Meetings like local Progress Association meetings may look "Mickey-mouse" but it is at meetings like these that ordinary citizens like you and I express what we are thinking and ask questions. Progress Association meetings and their like are a constant reminder to our elected representatives that there are citizens deeply concerned for their society and who are willing to ask questions.

See you at the next meeting?

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2009 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Tammy Lobato addressed the school assembly and presented badges and certificates to all the School Captains, House Captains and SRC Reps.

Pictured Right with Tammy Lobato are School Captains Jesse S, Thomas C, Maria B and Kysten L.



LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

School and House Captains went to Lysterfield Lake on a team building exercise. The children put together "Blow Carts", played rescue games, used the water scooter and of course- sailed. The weather, activities and company was glorious. Thanks to Captain Eric, Don and Sharon our friends in CHIPS, for making this day possible.



'Share What You Know Night'.

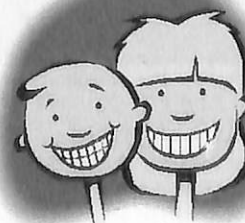
Each term different grade levels invite their parents and special friends to share what they have learnt during the term. Following the viewing classroom activity, the students from Prep/1P, PrepT, Prep H and PrepM performed a song and dance routine to the delight of their captive audience.

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OLIVER

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

'Oliver', the Miniature Schnauzer, was going about his normal morning ritual of 'watering' the garden plants when his owner noticed that his urine was a strange dark brown colour. Examination at the Beaconsfield Vet Centre found this brown colour to be the result of blood in the urine. Furthermore, Oliver's urine also contained a number of unusual looking crystals.

Crystals are commonly found in the urine of animals that have underlying urinary tract problems. Larger stones within the bladder or even the bladder wall itself can act as a source for crystals in the urine. The condition of crystals within the urine is known as crystalluria and can have a

number of consequences for the animal. This ranges from being a source of infection, causing frequent and painful urination and even obstructing the urinary tract which can prevent urination and can ultimately lead to death.

X rays of Oliver's bladder were taken to determine if he had any larger stones. An impressive number of stones were detected and the decision was made to remove them surgically. In total, a massive thirteen stones were removed from Oliver's bladder. The stones had an unusual sharp edged

appearance and were sent off to Minnesota State University to be examined by specialist pathologists where they were finally identified as calcium oxalate crystals. In some cases it is possible to dissolve urinary stones by altering the pH of the urine through dietary modification however this was not possible in Oliver's case.

Oliver made a rapid and successful recovery from his surgery. He has since been placed on a special diet to reduce the chances of reformation in the future.



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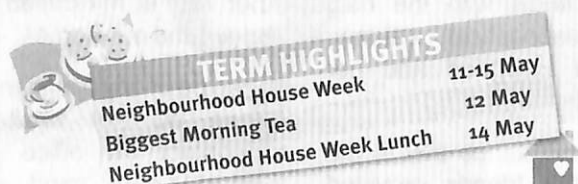


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Your support would be appreciated. Please call Heather in the office for bookings.

Cottage

Maternal & Child Health Service

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Committee of Management is pleased to let everyone know that the Beaconsfield Maternal & Child Health Service will shortly operate out of our Centre for 2½ days a week.

The 2-day a week trial has been considered a success, so we are pleased to welcome the service on a permanent basis. Thank you to everyone who took part in the surveys.

Rachel Byrne, the Maternal & Child Health nurse, will be at the Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday afternoons. We would like to welcome Rachel to BNC.

Neighbourhood House Week 11th - 15th May



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- **Show and Tell morning tea** - to be held on Friday 15th May. Don't wait until our Open Day. Come along and see the art and craft that our clever members create in their classes. Some classes will be active during the morning, and there will be lots of displays. Get inspired!

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by Edward O'Donohue,

MLC, Member for Eastern Victoria Region

With the Easter holidays already past I hope everyone was able to take the opportunity to enjoy this period with family and friends.

It has been a difficult start to the year for many Victorians with many families and communities affected by the devastating bushfires of Black Saturday.

While there was enormous loss and suffering there was also a tremendous community spirit that was able to penetrate through this sad period.

Shortly after the bushfires I was able to organise the donation of several truck loads of goods and food items with the help of Beaconsfield resident, Rosie Hopgood and her friends.

The assistance that Rosie and her friends provided in collecting and gathering items for donation was tremendous and I would



like to thank them for their kindness and assistance.

We were lucky that the Beaconsfield/Beaconsfield Upper areas were spared from the direct impact of the fires. However, we should all take the opportunity presented with the cooler weather to ensure undergrowth and other fuel is minimised in and around our homes.

If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office on 5941 1112 or send me an email at edward.o'donohue@parliament.vic.gov.au.



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1st BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

by Roger Gordon

What a great start to this year. Cubs are up and running with ten registered members and a couple of others in the pipeline. The photograph is of our cubs at the "Mad Scientist Night" at the end of first term. Next term Cubs will have a varied and exciting program including attending the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service on the 26th April, joint night with scouts having chariot races, group trip to the Shrine so they can earn their heritage badge, trip to Gilwell which could include overnight camp and many more interesting activities.

Scouts is running very well with new members, camps, trips to interesting places, and joint activities with other scout groups like the "mystery flight night" which had an aircraft emergency with smoke and foam (shaving foam), aircraft food, life jackets and face masks drills along with great activities connected to air travel. We still need another leader for scouts and would like to hear from anyone who is interested. Come to one

of our meetings during school term on a Thursday 7pm to 9pm to have a look see before you make up your mind. Anyone over 18 years of age is eligible.

We are very pleased with the Beaconsfield Scout Group. Currently we have 23 youth members and 6 adult leaders. We expect to continue to grow and become a good permanent addition to Beaconsfield youth activities. That is why we will attend the Beaconsfield Anzac Service as a Group and be part of any other Beaconsfield events to recognise our town.

If you would like your sons or daughters to come to one of our Scout or Cub meetings please ring Roger Gordon on 97072414 or gordon@cyberspace.net.au to make sure where we meet and get an idea of our programme, costs etc. We have a special offer where they can attend three meetings without any cost to you to see if they would like to join.

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Pictured above: 1st Beaconsfield Mad Scientists

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Happy New Year!

As introduction, this newsheet is hopefully the first of many to record news and views, brickbats and bouquets for the Beaconsfield community. Hopefully it may also become an advertiser.

Since the Progress Association started up again last year two issues have become very evident. First of all the building of a new public hall and secondly the Berwick/Pakenham "growth corridor". These subjects are being seriously tackled by the Progress Association.

Not all activities however are so serious. On Saturday, 1st April, Beaconsfield will be holding a community fair at the Squash Court grounds in Wood Street. Live music, an art show, barbecues and craft display plus much more is planned for this day. We invite any local organisation wishing to raise funds for themselves to participate with a stall. The purpose of the fair is mainly to recognise Yakkerboo Week. It is hoped that Miss Beaconsfield may officiate and that also Beaconsfield may enter a float in the grand procession on the weekend following.

Other activities of the Progress Association will include keeping a scrap book of local photos, newspaper cuttings and historical memorabilia as a permanent record.

Our next public meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. at the Beaconsfield Primary School hall on Wednesday, 22nd February. The main topic will be the community's preparation for the April 1st Fair. There should also be time to listen to brickbats & bouquets. It is expected that Councillors may be present. It must also be noted that Councillors from Pakenham have attended each of our meetings and for that we must be most grateful. Any correspondence sent out to the Shire or the City of Berwick has been dealt with very promptly and replied to. It is evident that our cries of woe are always listened to.

Please make a note of our meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month. (Each bi-monthly meeting is a community meeting.) Come to the Beaconsfield Community Fair - and if you have any comment to make in writing or article for the new Beaconsfield Banner, correspond through P.O. Box 217, Beaconsfield, 3807.

JIM PARKES RESERVE

by A. Taylor



The Jim Parkes Reserve was officially opened in February 1990 by the Pakenham Shire President Cr Ted Owen in response to a request from Beaconsfield Kindergarten in 'recognition of the many years of service Jim had given to the community and as the original trustee of the Beaconsfield Kindergarten.'

Jim and his twin brother were born in 1923 and the family lived in Wood Street, Beaconsfield. At the age of 6 he attended the one-roomed Beaconsfield Primary school.

His family later moved to Railway Avenue and Jim earned pocket money by selling and delivering newspapers. In 1937 at the age of 14 he left school and worked for the late Dick Cole in the butcher shop on the highway. The shop was later shifted to Wood Street.

In 1942, Jim joined the army and served for 5 years. He returned to Cole's butchery until the late 50's when the business was sold to Mr. Pat Sweeney and Jim was appointed manager. Jim finally bought the business in 1968 and formed Beaconsfield Meat Supply.

He built up one of the best butcher shops in the district. Later his son Bryan took over the business. It

was a traditional butcher shop with sawdust on the floor and meat hanging in the cool room.

Jim is especially remembered for his support and involvement in the local community.

He was the first life member of the Beaconsfield Football Club and served as secretary and then President. He was also secretary of the public hall committee and enjoyed being MC at the local dances. (The Old Public Hall was built by the Adamson family and on the Old Princes Hwy near the Beaconsfield Hotel, but was demolished in the early 1970's when the highway was duplicated.)

Jim also served on committees of the Recreation Reserve Committee, Beaconsfield Primary School and the Scout Group. He was a trustee of the Beaconsfield War Memorial and the Beaconsfield Kindergarten.

Jim was able to be present at the opening of the Reserve and also at the Beaconsfield Primary School Centenary celebrations before his death later in the same year.

Today the play equipment in the reserve has been renewed and some new trees planted, but this park is as popular as ever as a playground for children and walking area for Beaconsfield residents. Jim's park is on the corner of Horner and Souter Street, Beaconsfield.
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Jim Parkes butcher shop can be seen on the Beaconsfield panel of the Cardinian Embroidery. It is worked in cross stitch by Jeniene Thiesz. The shop was at no. 23 Wood Street and built around 1920. It was first a mixed business run by the Bradford family, then became a butcher's shop run by the Coles family and then Jim Parkes.

The building has now become a steak and sushi restaurant.

The Beaconsfield Park Gateway, worked in free machine embroidery by Lorna Brown, was first constructed around 1938 with a donation by the Craven sisters who previously ran the Post Office. Jim and his twin brother can be seen in the photo taken on the day of the opening.



A photographic replica of the Beaconsfield Panel of the Cardinian Embroidery can be seen at the Beaconsfield Community Complex and the 8 original embroidered panels may be seen at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Pakenham.

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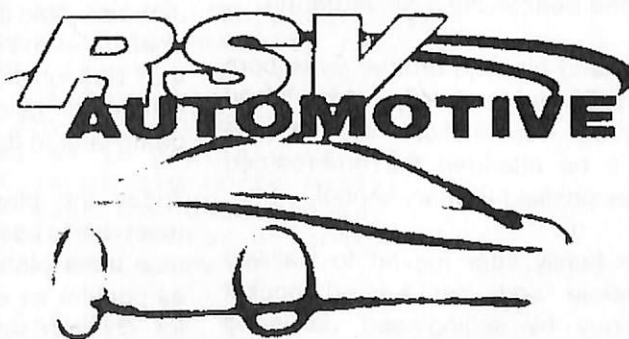
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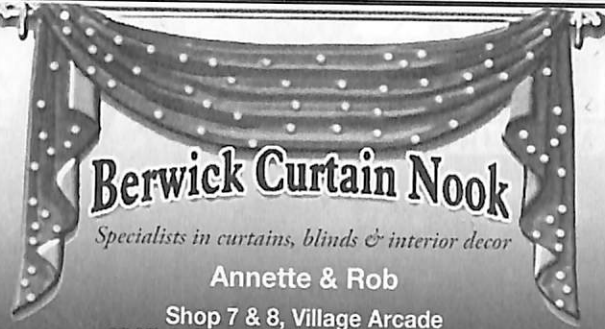
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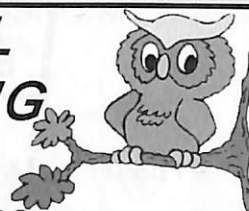


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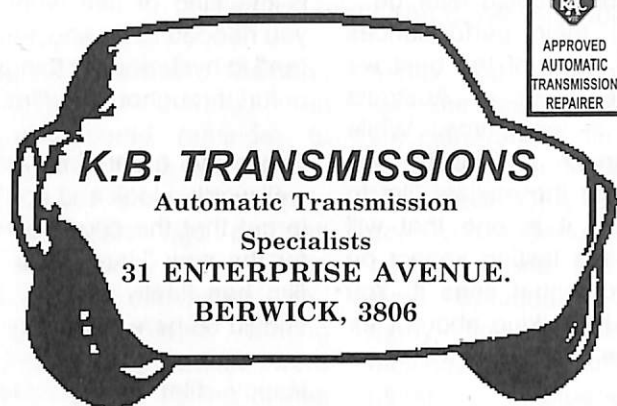
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**A selection of photos
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X- WIRED

by David Griffiths

While Baz Luhrmann may have tried hard to tell a true Aboriginal story, his efforts with 'Australia' pale in significance when compared to the story that writer/director Warwick Thornton tells in new film 'Samson & Delilah'.

This is one film that does not hold back its punches and shows a side of Australia that most Australians would prefer to pretend doesn't exist. Samson (Rowena McNamara) and Delilah (Marissa Gibson) live in an Aboriginal community in the middle of the Northern

Territory. Samson only gets through each day thanks to his petrol sniffing habit and his now-present crush on Delilah. When tragedy strikes Delilah and boredom finally gets the best of Samson the pair head for the bright lights of Alice Springs where they hope they can turn their lives around.

What makes this film so special is that Thornton manages to incorporate the Aboriginal way of communicating without using words. The silence and glances between McNamara and Gibson

say more than ten pages of dialogue could ever do... and their performances are some of the best we have seen in Australia for a long time. While 'Samson & Delilah' may not be the easiest film to watch it is one that will have a lasting impact on anyone that sees it. You will be talking about it for ages afterwards.

Another great film to check out is Irish film 'A Film With Me In It'. A film that shows once and for all just how great a comedic talent, Dylan Moran (from TV's 'Black Books') really is. This black comedy has the potential of making an audience laugh until they cry... it certainly did to all the reviewers in the media screening I attended.

I won't give away much about the storyline of 'A

Film With Me In It' as this is the kind of film where you needed to be shocked (and in hysterics) as things unfurl throughout the film.

These two great films are well worth a look and don't forget that the countdown for the new 'Harry Potter' film has finally started. It should be here June/July.

Happy film going! Get Wired!

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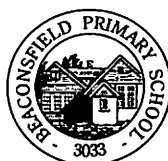
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

Our world is full of mysterious happenings and events which do not always lend themselves to rational explanations. These events often appear in daily papers, magazines, and various media reports. They make a brief appearance and within days are forgotten as other more pressing and contemporary matters hold sway. After all we live in an age with short attention spans, and "one liners" which seem to fill the needs of most people. To the serious enquirer a rewind to more fulsome reporting times must be undertaken in order to

get a deeper and more detailed picture of events which took place without the electronic hindrances of today's world.

The word, Levitation, probably conjures up images of Magicians and other tricksters causing people or objects rising of their own accord with no visible means of support. In reality true levitation has a long and carefully documented history, the records of which exist and can be found by anyone with enough interest in the subject. Levitation has been with us for thousands of years; the

most famous that of Jesus walking on the water. This was levitation and was witnessed by the disciples.

For the sceptics the well-authenticated case of Joseph of Copertino, the "flying monk", whose feats of levitation were witnessed by dozens of famous men of learning, including the philosopher Leibniz Joseph is worthy of note. He became a priest at the age of 25. He had been a sickly boy subject to fits of ecstasy, and one day he was saying mass in his own Church of St. Gregory of Armenia when he uttered a cry and remaining upright he flew with his hands outstretched to the cross above the altar. The Nuns who were present thought he would catch fire on the candles but moments later he flew back down the Church and began to dance and sing as he chanted the name of the Virgin.

Later when in the presence of the Pope, he was again filled with ecstasy and rose into the air. He continued to do so during the remainder of his life—he lived to be sixty—witnessed by hundreds of people. He rose into the air like a balloon every time he was overwhelmed by sudden joy. His case is the most witnessed and

documented example of levitation on record.

Another well known case was that of Daniel Dunglas Home, a remarkable Medium of 19th century England. He was a gifted Medium but his biggest event was in levitation. In August 1852 sitting in a circle he floated up to the ceiling, a feat that became virtually his trademark.

One day, surrounded by many of the leading lights of English Society of the time, he levitated and floated out of a first story window above the street, and floated back inside through another open window a little way along. Even Royalty of the day witnessed these amazing events and is well documented by people of good repute. His long life of inexplicable acts were never found to be false even though many tried to discredit him.

These are just a handful of mysteries, there are thousands more, and others just as strange. The world we live in is stranger than we know, and I believe this to be a good thing. Without mystery, life is empty.

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CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

There is a great new sound hailing from Traralgon and it is coming from alternative rock trio, The Thieving Gypsies who have been able to achieve what so many young bands wish they could do, and that is find a way to capture their energetic live sound and put it down on CD. While 'Blessed Are You Death' is a studio-EP all the energy of a live show has been bottled here for all to hear...and oh what a brilliant sound it is.

Opening track 'Bury Your Dead' is sensational, some of the best sounding alternative rock you are ever likely to hear. While some will liken the sound to Wolfmother you have to go back further than that... this sounds so Morrison-esque it sounds like The Doors could have recorded it.

'The Day Life Did Melt' shows off Dani Capron's amazing and unique vocals while also revealing a great instrumental sound that shows these guys are the real deal. That amazing sound is also there on 'Arahthia' which like 'Here's To Fate' captures the unique sound normally

only heard by bands such as The Tea Party. Both these tracks are made up of some smooth-experimental slow parts but then break out into full-force energetic rock that threatens to explode from your speakers. 'Blessed, Are You Death' then shows off the Gypsies' experimental side and leaves you wanting more.

One of the best short play releases of the year... lets hope these guys can record a LP really soon... start counting down the days...THEY ARE GOING TO BE BIG!!!

Also don't forget to grab yourself a copy of the 'Bushfire Appeal' album that is available at the moment. It has some great tracks on it and all the proceeds go towards the Bushfire Appeal.

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The local community can now search for volunteer opportunities using the volunteer database. Not-for-profit organisations across the shire can now recruit volunteers more easily by listing their volunteer vacancies on the database.

The volunteer database is a free service to residents and not-for-profit organisations within or servicing Cardinia Shire residents.

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

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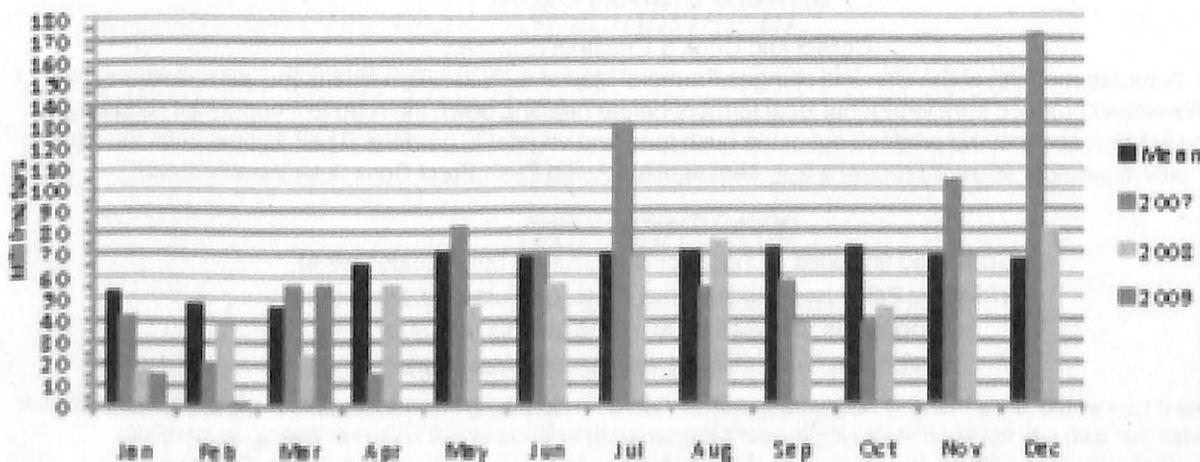
The rainfall in February was only 2mm which fell on the 3rd. The rest of the month was hot with the hottest day being Saturday 7th when it reached the hottest Melbourne day ever at 46.4c. The average temperature for February was 28c. The monthly total of 2mm is the lowest February total since 1991.

March there was 58mm of rain which fell over 7 days. The highest daily total for March was 20mm which fell on the 14th. This took the yearly total to 73mm. This is just less than at the same time last year. The average Melbourne daily temperature was 24.3c.

The total rainfall of 73mm is the lowest since 1997 when there was only 32mm recorded in the first three months.

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

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL



MURDER ON THE PUFFING BILLY EXPRESS

Yes, Beaconsfield resident Sally Avarod rode the rail to Emerald on Friday 3rd April and witnessed a murder on the train. At 10pm all the passengers were present at the inquest at Nobelius Packing shed.

Conducted by Detective, Chief Inspector Sherbrook Homes and the dependable Emerald Village Bobby PC Nod they all solved the crime of brutal attack in the darkened carriage that resulted in a deceased passenger on the dance floor.

The final verdict was that the gardener Doug Little murdered sweet, young and tender Rosemary Lamb by poison from a bottle of 'Round Up'. He wanted the blood and bone to fertilize his crop of marijuana which



The photo above: L to R Sandra from Endeavour Hills, Sally Avarod of Beaconsfield and Mary from Berwick

he was secretly cultivating in amongst the marigolds!

Leading up to sweet Rosemary's demise, Lord Selby lost his trousers at Menzies Creek railway station, Lady Selby had the priceless Kooweerup Diamond plucked and stolen from her tiara. Doug

had his secret marijuana crop revealed to all and Lord Selby was blackmailed. The Right Rev Larry Lamb got rotten drunk and ended up with Lady Selby. Billy Liar ended up with the diamond in his possession. Bobby Shanks proposed to Rosemary Lamb and Donna Wannabe could

have murdered either or both of them for that!

After presentation to the winning team of a meat tray (of Lamb) the cast bowed out singing "Always Look on the Bright Side Of Life". The train then took all passengers, except one, on an uneventful return journey to Belgrave.

A good time was had by all and Puffing Billy Rail has booked Gemco Players Theatre Company of Emerald to do a repeat performance on Friday 7th August.

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Cardinia Shire Council's Environmental Health team are encouraging families to immunise against Pertussis, which is commonly known as whooping cough.

State health authorities have reported a marked increase in cases of whooping cough in Victoria.

The number of notified cases increased sharply, with a 48 per cent increase occurring between December 2007 and December 2008, in Victoria.

There has been an increase in the number of cases in babies aged less than 12 months, with 55 cases in 2008 compared to 25 in 2007.

Pertussis is most serious in babies under 12 months of age often requiring admission to hospital.

Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer, Gareth Little-Hales said children are immunised at two, four, six months, at four years of age and in year ten as part of the National Immunisation Program to guard against the disease.

"A child which has received less than three doses of a pertussis containing vaccine is considered at risk of pertussis.

"Much of the concern is around parents contracting the disease and then passing it on to children who may have not had a full course of the vaccinations."

A pertussis booster vaccine is recommended for adults before planning pregnancy, for both parents as soon as possible after the birth of a child, for adults working or caring for very young babies, especially child-

care workers, and any adult wishing to protect themselves.

"Parent and grandparents can attend our routine immunisations session and receive a single dose of Boostrix to protect themselves and their families from the disease," Mr Little-Hales said.

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by day and by night
when I thought they went
there
to have a respite!

We walked there quite
often,
me and my dog
in wet times it was muddy
just like a bog!

I saw only yesterday
they began to bulldoze
I said to myself
that's a bit on the nose!

They've flattened it now
without our permission
that elegant green
structure
- was it natural attrition?

So now it's all gone
with bitter sweet sorrow,
for public relief
there'll be no tomorrow!

Our toilet's now in heaven
looking down upon us,
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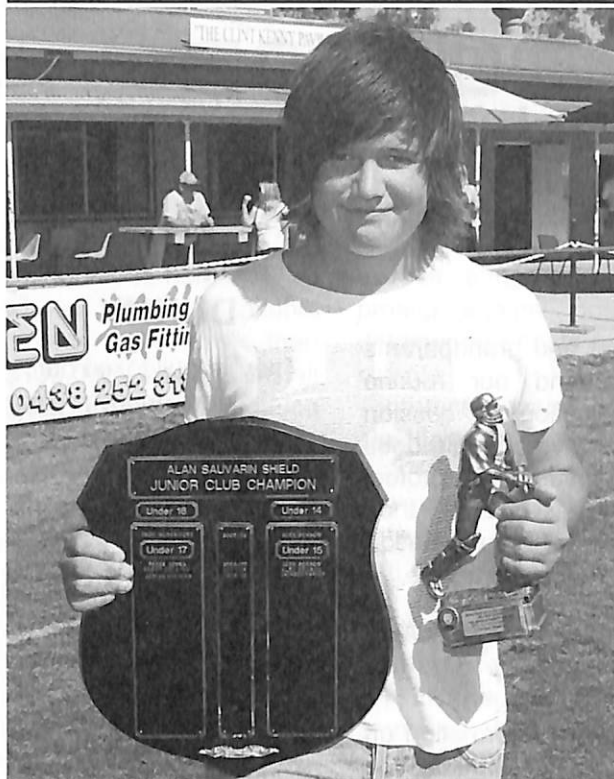
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*Pictured above: Under 17 Junior Club Champion
The Alan Sauvarin Shield*

The winner of the Alan Sauvarin award for the "Under 17 Club champion" is Jordan Andrews. All of the winners so far have gone on to play in the club firsts a feat that Jordy had already achieved prior to this win



CLUBS WIND UP AND PRESENTATION DAY

by Russell Vincent



Photo Courtesy of Russell Vincent

*Pictured above: D grade awards and Club Champion
L - R: James Johnston, Jamie Ingham and
Josh Bruneau*

Jamie Ingham had a sensational season and needed the assistance of young guns Johnston and Bruneau to help display all his trophies. Jamie won the D grade batting and bowling aggregate and averages with 490 runs @ 44.55 and 38 wickets @ 7.74. He also won D grade champion player as well as Club Champion and also received a trophy for 143 runs made against Emerald 31 Jan 09

*Pictured below: Under 15 Junior Club Champion
The Alan Sauvarin Shield*

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BEAONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC

TENNIS NEWS

Annual Club Championships and Open Day

by Cathy Briant

Tennis fans enjoyed a great day at the Beaconsfield Tennis Club's Annual Club Championships and Open Day on March 22.

All eight courts were busy throughout the day, as players took part in their graded club semi and grand final events. Everyone joined in with the Open Day's free coaching clinics and fastest serve competition.

Daniel Nelson defeated Nathan van der Koogh (8-5) in a hard fought match to claim the 2009 Men's Open Singles title.

In the Men's Open Doubles, the singles finalists, Daniel and Nathan, teamed up to defeat their more experienced opponents, Dean Levey and Adam Lawrence (8-4).

The Boy's Junior Club Champion title was won by Matt Corney over Daniel Nelson (6-4), while the Girl's Junior Club Championship title was won by Meera Chandrananth over Ashlee Whitworth (6-0).

The coaches were kept busy during the afternoon, giving free adult and junior clinics, and running various activities and games for the children. Thanks to Chris and Josh from Intergrated Tennis Management (ITM) for their time and coaching skills.

The Tennis Shop in Beaconsfield donated a \$200 Dunlop tennis racquet to be raffled on the day. The lucky winner was Judy Kneebone. Thanks to Warwick MacGowan and John Randabel at The Tennis Shop for their generosity.

The fastest serve competition was won by Jay Anile with an impressive 171km per hour serve.

With all the energy being burned up on court, the BBQ was kept busy feeding the players. Thanks to Berwick Family Butchers and Glendalough Beef for supplying the hamburgers and sausages.

Other results: Singles:

B Grade Boy's singles: Brandon White def Aaran Kenna (7-5); B Grade Girl's singles: Megan Godham def Olivia Mann (7-5); C Grade singles: Anthony Kingma def Matthew Peart (6-3)

Doubles:

A Grade doubles: Nathan Van der Koogh and Chris McKay def Daniel Nelson and Matt Corney (6-1)

B Grade doubles: Brandon White and Julian Kirpichnikov def James Kneebone and Lucan Macreadie (6-0)

The D Grade doubles round robin was won by Tina Saros and James Morando with runners up going to Jasmine Mowbray and Nicole Turner.

Ian Ayres, Beaconsfield Tennis Club President, congratulates:



- Meera Chandrananth on her Girl's Junior Club Champion title



- Daniel Nelson on winning the Men's Open Singles



- Matt Corney for winning the Boy's Junior Club Champion title



- Anthony Kingma, who won the C Grade Singles title

| Club Contacts | General Enquiry | Night Tennis | Other Competition |
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| | President: 5940 1186 Secretary: 9707 4287 Treasurer: 9707 2575 | Tuesday Mixed A Grade: 9707 2909 Wednesday Mixed B Grade: 9707 4287 Thursday Men A & B: 9707 4507 | Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852 Junior Comp: 9702 5251 Coach / Snr. Comp: 0412 682 569 |

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ANOTHER PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

March 22 saw another Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church. The happy folk who attended enjoyed singing familiar songs at the top of their lungs and tapping their feet and humming to the wonderful harmonies of the mens quartet "The Couriers". Boys and girls, could they sing?!

The afternoon tea was consumed in record time - mainly home cooked.

Thanks to everyone concerned.

The next Pleasant Sunday Afternoon is planned for October 25 at 2.30pm.

The special guests will be Andrew and Liz Freemantle. Between them, they play saxophone, violin and keyboard. And there is more - Everyone has the opportunity to sing and join in the afternoon tea. Enquiries to 0428 178 413.

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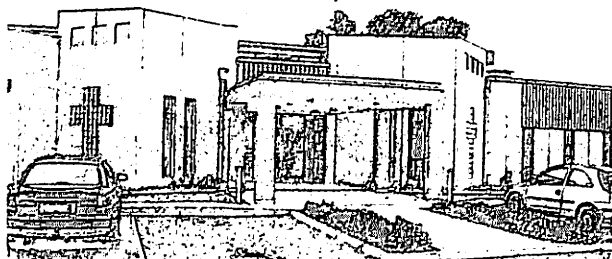
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David Morland 9707 4160.

Friends Of Cardinia Creek

The Friends of Cardinia creek took part in clean up Australia day on the 1st March.

A huge amount of rubbish was again picked up from the Beaconsfield area. The Friends picked up rubbish in Bob Burgess reserve, outside the shops, Wood st, the Railway station, Emerald rd, Inglis rd and Cardinia Creek.

The Friends are busy removing weeds in Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve. they are pleased to have the help conservation volunteers in March. The friends meet on the fourth Sunday of each Month 9am - 12md.

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MONDAY - FRIDAY 8.00AM - 7.00PM

SATURDAY 8.30AM - 4.30PM

Yet another Engagement at the clinic, everyone at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre would like to congratulate one of our nurses Shanya, who just recently got engaged to her partner Patric.



EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners in our Easter colouring competition
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