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## First Female Recipient Of Bob Burgess Fire Fighter Award

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade 'Bob Burgess Fire Fighter of the Year Award' was awarded to Linda Bryant at the recent Annual Dinner and Awards Night. Linda is the first female recipient of this award. Bob Burgess served the Beaconsfield Brigade for over 30 years. Bob's wife Bev and daughter Glenys are pictured with Linda below. See full CFA report on page 5.



Pictured above L to R : - Bev Burgess, Linda Bryant and Glenys Howard.

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# BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

Well, we are halfway through the year (I don't know where it has all gone). I can however account for some of it as I have spent the best part of April and May going in and out of hospital. I am going well now, thanks for the good wishes I received from folks. Enough of that. I had the opportunity to visit Emerald High School recently and hear our Prime Minister speak at what was called a Community Cabinet Meeting. Most of the Cabinet were there and people had the chance to ask questions. It was an interesting and informative evening.

support.

When you "read the banner" please take note of the various businesses etc. that advertise in it, they are the people who make this publication financially possible for our community. Our thanks go to all who contribute in this way, and for this reason they are worthy of our

**Beaconsfield  
Progress Association  
Meeting Dates:**  
July 20th  
August 17th  
September 21st  
October 19 (AGM)

## ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

This years Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service was held inside due to extreme weather conditions. Pictured below are Pastor David Morland, the Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Band, the local Scout group, The Great War Association all assembled around the original Honourboard in the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

The program included an address by Chaplain Rev Grant Ludlow and placing photographs of beaconsfield soldiers at the base of the honourboard. Piper Ian Arrel and Bugler Rodney Edwards played during the service. Following the service afternoon tea was held. A sincere thankyou to all those that were involved in this annual Beaconsfield event.



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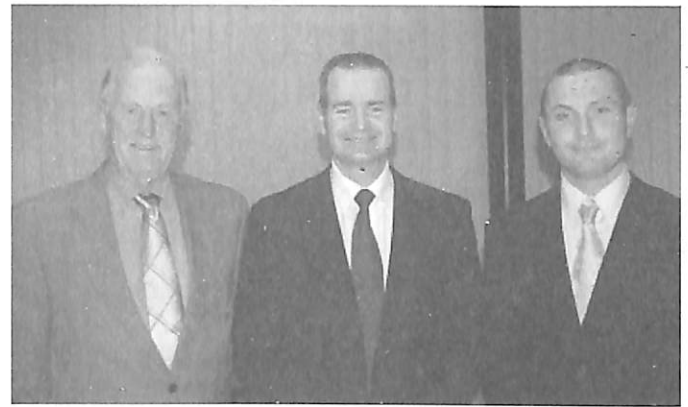
by Cr. Brett Owen, Central Ward

Holm Park Road Reserve is a step closer, with the allocation of \$2.42 million in the 2009-10 council budget to commence the construction of the reserve. The 12.6 hectare site at the corner of Holm Park Road and Beaconsfield-Emerald Road will be transformed into a major sports and recreation reserve over the next few years. Council is also grateful for the recently announced support from the State and Federal Governments who have assisted with grants of \$500,000 and \$264,000 respectively towards the \$5.8 million project. Construction is expected to commence shortly. The 2009/2010 council budget also includes \$120,000 for the construction of a footpath along Holm Park Road between Fieldstone Boulevard and

Beaconsfield Emerald Road. A lack of a footpath along Holm Park Road has been a concern of local residents and I am pleased that this upcoming budget will deliver this footpath.

Council has written to the State Minister for planning to request that the State Government introduce an interim heritage control over the Bunya Bunya tree on the railway land adjoining 20 Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield. This tree is identified as being of regional heritage significance and must be protected as it is associated with the former Beaconsfield station master's house.

Council has been attempting to acquire a 226 square metre section of land at the rear of the Beaconsfield Hotel. This



Central Ward Councillors L to R - George Blenkhorn, Collin Ross and Brett Owen.

land is required to create an access way from the soon to be opened Woolworths Supermarket to Beaconsfield-Emerald Road.

The preferred and most efficient means of securing the carriageway easement was to negotiate an agreement. However, the amount sought by the land owner (not licensee) is substantially in excess of valuation advice.

Council has commenced the statutory process to compulsorily acquire the carriageway easement over the hotel land under the Land Acquisition and

Compensation Act. The access way is a high priority for council. It is essential to improve safety and traffic flow within the Beaconsfield commercial area.

## Cardinia Shire Council's new Mobile Youth Bus hits the road

Cardinia Shire Council's new Mobile Youth Bus was officially launched in Emerald.

Cardinia Shire Council Central Ward Councillor Brett Owen and Victorian Minister for Community Development Peter Bachelor officially opened the bus, which is called MYBus, at a ceremony held at Emerald Secondary College.

"The bus has a fantastic range of fun resources young people can use," Cr Owen said.

To check out where MYBus will be this school holidays and next school term go to [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth) for detail or call Council's Youth Services team on 1300 787 624.

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Don Tye (right) being presented Life Member Award from Life Member Murray Johnston



Matteo Di Carlo (right) being presented Life Member Award from Life Member Ron Woodfine



Noel Seabrook (right) being presented Life Member Award from Life Member Tony Lukas

## News from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

by Paul Hayes

The 65th Anniversary of the Brigade was celebrated with the annual dinner and awards night which was held at Clover Cottage, Berwick recently. Many previous members and life members attended the night and all enjoyed a great evening. Guest speaker Mr. Tony Rafferty spoke about his running career, including his run through death valley in the USA which is one of the hottest places on earth.

Many awards were presented on the night including :

### Beaconsfield Service Awards

- 1 year David Bond, Gab Chapman  
Cameron Polan
- 5 Year Sally Ott
- 10 Year Rhys Owen
- 15 Year Anthony Hester, Jenny Tye
- 20 Year Michael Ott

### CFA Service Awards

- 5 Year Chris Chudleigh, Paul Hayes,  
James Cain, Marc Graham,  
Sally Ott, Glynn Owen,  
Mark Young.
- 10 Year Chris Clark, Kellie Collins,  
Jill Farley, Phil Walton.
- 15 Year Graeme Baldwin, Anthony  
Hester, Jenny Tye.
- 20 Year Michael Ott
- 25 Year Andrew Wenczel

Certificates of appreciation were presented to a number of past members, including the late John Meulencamp, Yobe Meulencamp, Stewart Johnson, Nic Vandenburg, Bill

Alards, Paul Smith, Harry Sullivan, Bill Serriff and Glenys Howard for their significant service to the brigade in past years.

A new award called the Adamson award was presented to Brian Unwin and Danny Martin for excellent service to the Brigade in the past 12 months. The Adamson award is named after the Adamson family, who played a significant part in the brigade over many years, and Arthur Adamson was present on the night to see the awards presented.

Three Life Memberships were also presented on the night to Noel Seabrook, Don Tye and Matteo DiCarlo.

The Bob Burgess fire fighter of the year was presented to Linda Bryant who is the first female recipient of the award. Congratulations Linda.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Tony Rafferty for his attendance and to Tony Lukas and Murray Johnson for organizing a magnificent evening.



Above: Brian Unwin being presented the Adamson Award from Mick Ott



Above: Danny Martin being presented Adamson Award from Mick Ott





## BPS Corner



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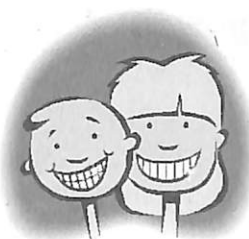
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*Graeme J Taylor - Director*

Following on from the successful launch of the Prospectus on 1st April 2009, Share Applications continue to be received. At the time of writing this article additional Share Capital of approximately \$50,000 was still required to achieve the minimum of \$720,000 before the setting up of the Bank can proceed. All Share Capital subscribed is held in a Trust Account until the minimum Share Capital is achieved.

The Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank covers Beaconsfield and surrounding areas

including Guys Hill, Beaconsfield Upper and Officer.

The Directors of the CommunityBankCompany have an agreement to lease new premises at the old Baptist Church Site and plans for the interior fit-out are well advanced. The Community Bank will create new jobs and job positions have already been advertised through Bendigo Bank.

Any person as well as entities can still subscribe for Shares' i.e. Companies, Superannuation Funds, Trusts, Partnerships' etc.

Do not miss the opportunity of subscribing for Shares so that Beaconsfield can have a "user friendly" Community Owned Bank whereby up to 80% of profits are returned to Community Not-For-Profit Organisations' e.g. Schools, Kinders, Sporting Clubs, Fire Brigades, etc.

Share Application Forms are included in the Prospectus. The sooner we achieve our minimum Share Capital, the sooner our Bank will open.

If you have any queries or require a Prospectus telephone Graeme Taylor on 9707 1996.



*The Directors L to R - Back row, Nick Hilder, Ted French, Jim Byrne, Michael Muaremov, Peter Barton. Front row - Carol Porter, Gerald Treasure and Graeme Taylor. Absent : Maurice Potter, Rohan Treasure and Ken Aldridge.*

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# MAKE AND MINGLE

by A. Taylor

MAKE AND MINGLE has really been blessed with celebrating the group's 22nd birthday. We are so thankful to everyone who comes along each week and shares friendship and craft and to all who lend a hand.

If you haven't been to our group yet you will always receive a warm welcome. You can bring your own craft to work on or come along and learn a new craft.

We are always knitting with new ideas and patterns and also making a range of greeting cards. There is glass painting and ceramics and embroidery as well as other crafts.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr. Old Princes Hwy and Desmond Crt. Enquiries Ann Phone 9707 1996

We have been saddened by the passing of two of our special friends from Make and Mingle, Anne Goodman and Louise Van den Dolder.



L to R - Val Hobson and Anne Goodman with the knitted farm at the craft fair.

## ANNE GOODMAN

in her early days at Make and Mingle was remembered for her lovely spinning and knitting. She often brought along her upright spinning wheel and made spinning look so easy with her beautiful coloured fleeces. Anne and her husband Keith raised their Suffolk blackfaced sheep at their home in Kenilworth Avenue.

In the years before Anne came to Make and Mingle she was well known as Assistant Manager at the Old Cheese Factory in Berwick where she organised the many craft classes and tutors, she also arranged the Gallery exhibitions. Anne ran her successful "Goodies Bread School" for five years.

Both Anne and Keith enjoyed cooking and we remember reading of their jaunts to restaurants and the food and wine they enjoyed in their restaurant

reviews in the Beaconsfield Banner some years ago.

Although Anne had some health problems she continued to pursue her craft interests and had knitted many squares for blankets. Over the last two years she met with four of her Make and Mingle friends, Val, Yvonne, Lyla and Ann for lunch and spinning and knitting.

They worked on an amazing project making a knitted farm. This was completed late last year and displayed at Make and Mingle's Craft Fair in November and earlier this year at the Berwick Show.

Anne had many friends and was always laughing and full of fun and had a very caring nature, she passed away suddenly in April and we will all miss her very much. We extend our sympathies to her husband Keith and her two daughters Megan and Melissa.

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Thank you from all the Beaconsfield residents.



## LOUISE VAN DEN DOLDER

was a foundation member of Make and Mingle and began attending Beaconsfield Baptist Church 22 years ago when she and her husband Albert moved to Beaconsfield from Dandenong.

Louise was born in Holland in 1926 where she grew up with her 6 sisters and 2 brothers. She was very good at needlework and trained as a seamstress. Louise and her family lived through World War II and she married her husband after the war.

The family migrated to Australia in the early 1950's and they had 4 children Tineke, Elizabeth, John and Tom. Louise missed her family in Holland, but in later years they were able to come and visit

her in Australia. Louise's family remembers her beautiful sewing for them and excellent cooking. She had 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and loved spending time with them and visited them regularly.

She had a strong faith and many friends at the church and came every week to the Sunday morning service.



*Louise enjoying cutting stamps at Make and Mingle*

She also loved coming to Make and Mingle and in the past few years she faithfully trimmed stamps for missions every week.

Around 8 years ago a group for retirees called 'Evergreens' was formed and Louise really enjoyed her time with them on outings and often had them at her house for afternoon tea.

Louise had been in good health since her hip replacement at Christmas time and had spent the day before her passing with her daughter, granddaughter and great-grandchildren. Her friends at Make and Mingle and Beaconsfield Baptist will miss Louise's friendship and we extend our sympathies to her family

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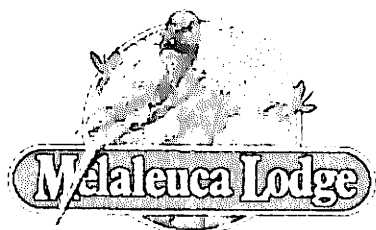
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*by Michael Muaremov*

I trust that you and your families are all well and enjoying the colder weather that is finally upon us after a dryer than normal Autumn.

Since my last report, the momentum for the opening of our own Beaconsfield District Bendigo Community Bank has continued and is going from strength to strength after a very successful 'Prospectus Launch'. Currently we have had over \$660,000 of the minimum \$720,000 capital that we require in order to go to the next stage of fitting out the Branch and then finally opening the doors to serve the community. WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT as WITHOUT IT we can not deliver the Bank to Beaconsfield & District!

On other community projects, the Street Scapes SubCommittee is continuing

to work closely with council representatives. We are aiming to have a 'conceptual' drawing for public comment soon.

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 office of Jim Byrne Real Estate and our next meeting is scheduled for the 24th of June 2009. We encourage all business owners whom wish to contribute in a positive, proactive manner to attend our meetings and together we can make Beaconsfield Village the preferred place to do your shopping.

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

## Mrs Maree Johnson - A Life of Distinction May She Rest In Peace

*Extract from St. Francis College Newsletter.*

It is with great sadness that I inform the St Francis Xavier College community of the death of former principal, Mrs Maree Johnson, early on Sunday 31 May. Mrs Johnson has been battling leukemia for a long time and in recent weeks her illness took a serious turn for the worse. Mrs Johnson passed away peacefully.

In terms of her legacy at St Francis Xavier College Maree Johnson will be long remembered and with a deep sense of gratitude. As principal of this College from 2000 until 2004 she

oversaw the rapid expansion in population at each Year Level, conducted significant refurbishments and improvements at the Beaconsfield Campus and planned and built the Berwick Campus. Mrs Johnson's commitment to excellence in Catholic education is well known. Whether with students, parents or colleagues, she encouraged a love of learning and a desire to bring about the best for others. She gave of her time, skills and energies; our young people are the beneficiaries of this.



## MY VIEW FROM OVER THE FENCE

Article supplied by Ian Cole.

In the Banner two issues ago was a photo of the Old Scout Hall awaiting demolition because of claimed excessive asbestos contamination. My photo shows the Scout Hall with the asbestos removed and awaiting final demolition. It is here that the lie is exposed.

No protective barriers, no plastic sheeting, etc so one can assume that the threat has been removed or the final demolition works to be illegal.

With me living next door OVER THE FENCE and having the asbestos removal independantly monitored this senario was highly unlikely.

So we can assume we had a building that could have been restored.

I estimate that wall cladding would have cost around \$3000, material cost. I would have personally supplied the cladding at no charge and with Scouts being Scouts ..... delivered today, attached to the walls tomorrow.

The situation with the now demolished Old Community Centre was even worse. The question must be asked ..... "What went wrong?"

Nowhere in the Asbestos Report on both buildings did it say they required demolition.

Both buildings lost to the community because of the false claim the council ordered their demolition when the council could not even enforce its own directive to have the Scout Hall fully fenced.

Draw your own conclusions as to where the monster lies.



## NOW OVER THE FRONT FENCE

To say the carpark at the Station is full is an understatement.

Yet it would be interesting to know how many cars are actually from Beaconsfield as the stations from Berwick up the line to and including Pakenham have problems without even considering the phantom car park at Lakeside.

Possibly the new roadworks at Berwick will ease the access problems with its station's car park and help Beaconsfield's.

On a brighter note rare native orchids and grasses have been located between our house and the billabong and the field officer indicated we may have growing grass frogs in the area.

I can only hope that this area and the mighty Bunya Bunya pine in front of our house are all safe from the circling monster.

Anyway back to the painting .....



Above Left -Scout Hall



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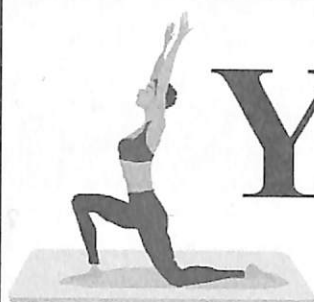
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## SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S DESK

*by Graeme J Taylor, C.A.*

The Budget recently introduced into Parliament contains many changes affecting all taxpayers. Some of the major items are:

- confirmed previously announced personal income tax cuts from 1st July 2009.
- the bonus deduction for capital expenditure on new depreciable assets acquired by a "Small Business Entity" between 13th December 2008 and 31st December 2009 has been increased to 50% instead of the 30% and 10%.
- reduced the concessional (deductible) contributions for Superannuation to \$25,000 for persons less than 50 (was \$50,000) and \$50,000 for persons over 50 (was \$100,000) effective from 1st July 2009.
- reduction in the minimum payment amounts applicable to account based, allocated and market linked pensions from the current 4% to 2% for the 2009/10 year. This reduction also applied to the 2008/09 year.
- the superannuation co-contribution has been "temporarily" reduced from a maximum \$1,500 to \$1,000 effective from 1st July 2009 but will be restored progressively to the higher amount by 2015.
- foreign employment income will be taxable in Australia from 1st July 2009 and taxpayers will be able to claim credit for any foreign tax paid. Employment income of specified government employees aid or charitable workers continue to be exempt.
- from 12th May 2009 discounts on employee shares and rights will be taxed in the income year the shares or rights are acquired and cannot be deferred for ten years, as previously. The \$1,000 exemption will be limited to employees with an income of less than \$60,000.
- it is proposed to amend Private Health Insurance Rebates from 1st July 2010 reducing the rebates for higher income earners up to nil and also increasing the Medicare Levy Surcharge to 1.5%.

If you are unsure of the Budget changes then you should discuss with your Accountant. Please note that Budget proposals may not necessarily be legislated as announced so await for legislation to be passed.



# Budget Delivered Local Initiatives

by Tammy Lobato, MP Member for Gembrook

The exposure of children to sexualised images has been a particular concern of mine, and one that I first raised in the Victorian Parliament in early 2007. The debate has recently been reignited, thanks to Cardinia resident Catherine Manning, who raised her opposition to children being exposed to pornographic images in the local milk bar.

Despite the existence of regulations that classify publications, DVDs, videos and computer games, and hefty penalties for breaching these regulations, it is obvious that children are still being exposed to material from which they should be protected. It is not simply a matter of taste: research is now showing that showing such material to children can be both physically and psychologically harmful.

Advertising is another problem area, as it is

basically a self-regulating industry. Items such as billboards can be erected without being scrutinised first and it is only complaints from the public that lead to their removal.

Parents and families have had enough. Many people in the community have contacted me wanting to take action to protect children and to help us as parents enjoy a childhood of fun, playfulness and innocence. You can support this campaign for change in the areas of censorship and advertising by contacting Kids Free 2B Kids, a group of Australians concerned about the increasing sexualisation of kids in the media, advertising, and clothing industries. ([www.kf2bk.com](http://www.kf2bk.com)) or Women's Forum Australia ([www.womensforaustralia.com](http://www.womensforaustralia.com)). Please let me know your thoughts on this important issue.

The Royal Commission on the Victorian bushfires is now well underway and I am sure many of you have been following the proceedings with interest as well as sadness. Although the hearings mean that many tragedies are re-visited, it is important for all of us to understand how we can improve safety and prevent further loss of life from occurring in the future. I have made a submission to the Royal Commission which can be accessed at [www.tammylobato.com.au](http://www.tammylobato.com.au) or from the Royal Commission website at [www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au](http://www.royalcommission.vic.gov.au). Alternatively, please contact my office on Tel: 9796 1987 and I can arrange for one to be posted to you.

On another note, the State Budget has delivered many important local initiatives. \$500,000 has been granted for the Beaconsfield sports precinct on Holm Park



Rd, which should be taking shape soon, and \$20,000 towards a motorsports feasibility study. Breast screening services at both Casey Hospital and St John of God Hospital in Berwick have been upgraded and a new heavy tanker has been funded for Toomuc CFA. \$4 million for Stage 2 of the Berwick Select Entry School as well as a substantial upgrade to Chisholm TAFE are other notable items. Please contact me for any further details.

The Parliament of Victoria has not renewed the lease on my office as it does not meet disability access requirements and I am not permitted to conduct meetings there. Until the Parliament establishes a new office, I will be making appointments to meet with constituents at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. Please telephone 9796 1987 to organise.

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*by David Morland*

### We Are All Involved

Just last month the Prime Minister and all his ministers came to town. Well not quite into Beaconsfield. But they did come to our seat of LaTrobe and the whole lot of them entertained us at the Emerald High School auditorium. It was an open meeting and anyone and everyone was welcome. Well over a 1,000 showed up. The local police were there in big numbers and the VIP protection squad were running around doing their stuff. The media gave it good coverage.

Goodness knows what it must have cost to bring the PM and the entire Cabinet out to Emerald. Goodness knows how so many very busy and important people could afford to spend an evening away from their offices in Canberra. And who did they come to see? You and me. They came out to be with ordinary folk. They came out to listen to our questions and even to seek our suggestions. Here is democracy

at work. We send our elected representatives to Canberra to make laws. Laws that you and I have to live under. It is no good our whinging about the sort of legislation being passed in Canberra if you and I do not spend the time and effort to express our views.

The PM and his Cabinet coming out here may have been a bit of good PR work for them but for us it was a chance to meet our law makers in the flesh. To be reminded again that these men and women have no more authority than the authority that you and I give them and to tell them face to face what is on our minds. In Australia the political process is open to all. Our democratic processes are precious and in this country we are fortunate that the political process is healthy. But that health is fragile and needs to be maintained by a willingness on the part of us all to be involved.



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# BROADBAND IN BEACONSFIELD

by Ann and Graeme Taylor

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This matter has been raised by us on a number of occasions with Telstra corporation and other telecommunication Companies with the response that ADSL cannot be connected as the local telephone exchange does not have any free ports. The options appear to be

as follows:

1. Wait for the National Broadband Network promised in the 2007 election to be established. However, it is expected to take up to 8 years to build and may not be delivered to smaller towns with a population of less than 1000.

2. Accept Telstra's push for Big Pond Wireless Broadband as an alternative to ADSL but with less capacity and lower speed of operation.

3. Have the opinion that every resident or business should be able to have access to ADSL Broadband and that Telstra should upgrade the network and extend the reach of ADSL Broadband.

This will only happen if there is sufficient demand from consumers.

If you want to obtain access to ADSL Broadband or an improved service then you should contact your local Member of Parliament with your concern (Tammy Lobato – State and Jason Wood – Federal). In addition, we are collecting names of persons who want ADSL Broadband and will make representations to the Government and/or Telstra provided there are sufficient number of people experiencing the problems that we are.

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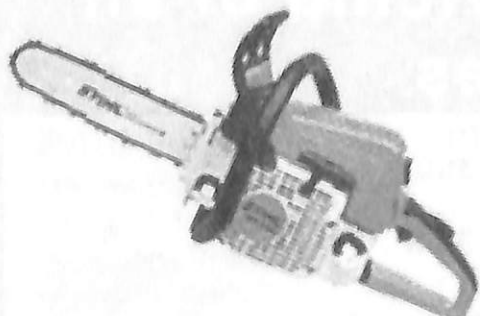
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by Centre Co-ordinator - *Miriam Gillespie*

## New Gym Equipment Funding

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre has been fortunate to receive \$2500 from the Go for your Life program for new equipment for its older adults strength training program and



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### Member and Volunteer Thankyou Lunch

Cr Brett Owen, pictured below with Doreen Sanders, presented volunteers who have helped the Centre during the past year with certificates and a brooch or pin at our Neighbourhood House Week member's lunch. This is the second year that the member lunch has been held during Neighbourhood House Week and it is becoming a popular event on the Centre's calendar.



has purchased a range of equipment that allows more adults to come to classes and increases the variety of activities in the programs.

The Centre's fitness instructor, Vicki Choyce, has chosen the equipment to make her classes a motivating and productive way to exercise. The Centre has purchased fitness balls, a deck, resistance tubes mats and weights with the funding.

Vicki is a successful local fitness instructor, personal trainer and exercise to music instructor, and has

a passion for keeping people moving. Whether your goals are weight loss, toning, strength, socialising or relaxation, Vicki's classes can provide for all aspects of fitness. Exercises are accompanied by music, and are suited to older adults of all fitness levels.

Centre coordinator, Mim Gillespie, says she is delighted with the increase in interest and participation since the new equipment has been purchased. "We knew we needed extra items in the class, but I have been surprised by the changes that have been possible with the new equipment. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves so much more in the classes. The new equipment has been a tremendous bonus."

Circuit of strength training for over 50's is available Mondays, with 2 sessions to choose from—9.15-10am or 10.15-11am. There is also a Wednesday session at 10.30am.

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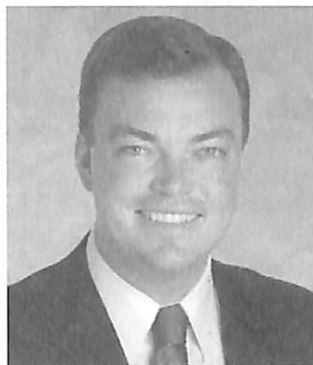
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## BEACONSFIELD CONTINUES TO GROW



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

Shadow Parliamentary  
Secretary for  
Infrastructure and  
Resources

With the Beaconsfield community continuing to grow and develop, the Beaconsfield Railway Station now needs improved rail services and additional timetable stops to match that growth.

Recently I conducted a survey of the Beaconsfield community and found that one of the issues regularly highlighted was the inadequate timetabling during morning and evening peak travel times.

On May 7 in Parliament I raised this issue with the Minister for Public Transport, Lynne Kosky and asked for a review of the current timetable at the Beaconsfield Railway Station.

Hopefully the State Government will listen to the people of Beaconsfield and act to improve services along the Pakenham Line and install additional services during the peak periods at Beaconsfield.

While Beaconsfield grows and requires additional public transport and services to be put in place, the growth also provides for an exciting opportunity for Beaconsfield to have its own community bank.

Recently Louise Asher, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Small Business, and I visited Beaconsfield where we had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Beaconsfield Community Bank Steering Committee.

The project will be a great development for Beaconsfield and is a genuine win-win for the township and community.



Both Louise and I express our best wishes to all those involved in seeing this project develop from a dream into a reality.

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## 1st BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

*by Roger Gordon*

Anzac Day at Beaconsfield proved to be a memorable and rewarding day for Beaconsfield Scouts. The service on Sunday at the Community Centre was not only very special but Beaconsfield Scout Group was proud and delighted to be part of the Beaconsfield Community on such a great occasion. On the 21st June our Group is visiting the Shrine of Remembrance with parents and friends. This will allow our Cub Scouts to receive their Heritage Badge and for our Scouts to also be eligible for their Heritage Badge after completing 1000 steps at Sherbrooke Forest next term. We look forward to being part of Beaconsfield Anzac Day Service in future years.

At the end of this year six of our Scouts along with our Scout Leader will be attending the Jamboree in Sydney. The Jamboree is ten days of activities taking in many exciting outdoor pursuits, top entertainment and great fellowship and friendship. The Jamboree site is developed from scratch to become a small town housing around 12,000 people.

There are all the usual urban facilities such as medical including small hospital, post office, police, fire brigade, shops, contact with outside world and entertainment and recreational sites. Scouts live under canvas in troops of around 45 with five adult leaders. They are responsible for feeding themselves as a troop and looking after their own

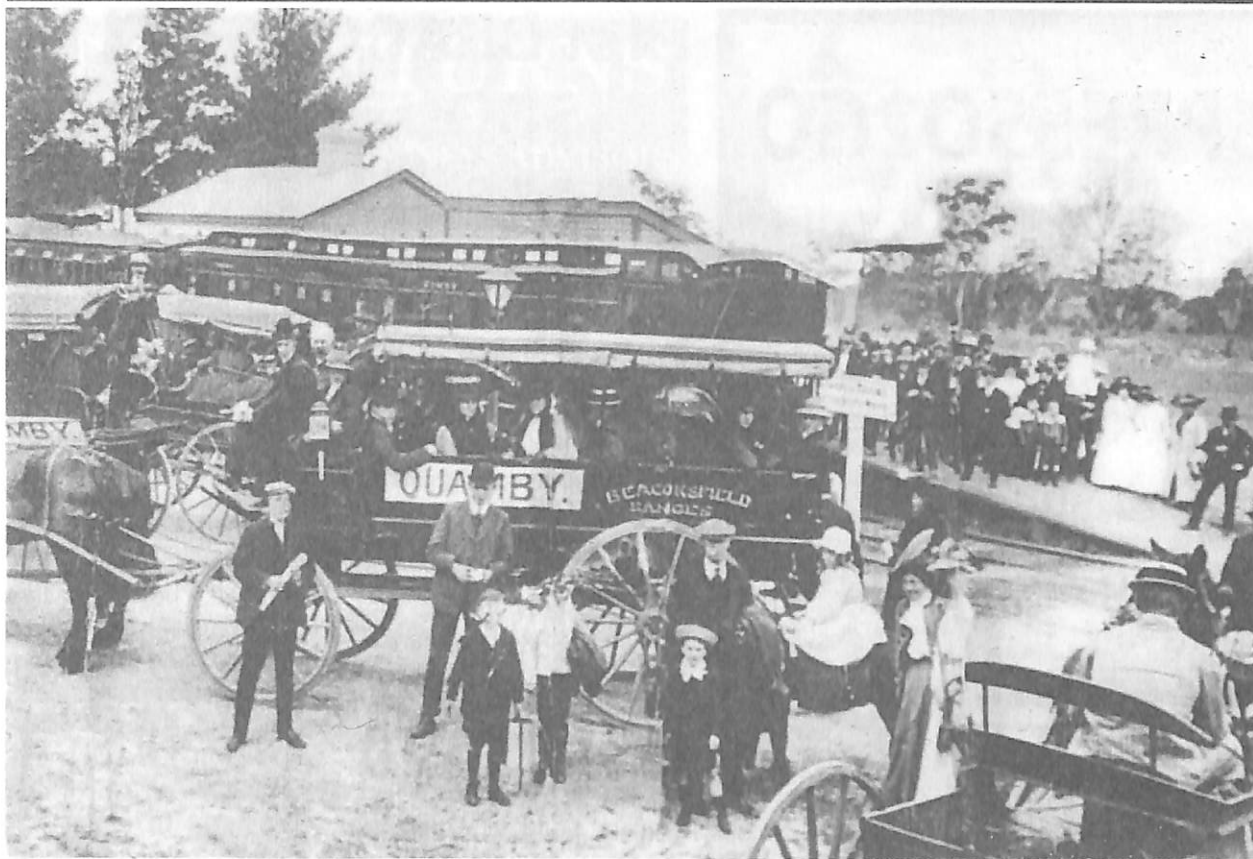
health and welfare. My son went to the last Jamboree and had a marvellous time and had experiences which will always be one of his highlights.

Our Scouts who are going to the Jamboree along with their families are fundraising to cover some of their cost of attending the Jamboree. They are on the roster for sausage sizzles at Beaconsfield Timber and Hardware, doing chocolate drives and running other activities. If you see them we would be pleased if you could help. Next year our Cub Scouts will be able to go to a Cuboree which is similar to a Jamboree but for a shorter period. It will be held later in 2010.

Our Cub Scouts and Scouts are having a joint night. They will be divided into four teams and each team will build their own chariot which they designed themselves then race them against the other teams. This activity combined with games at the start and finish will mean that all will have a happy and good sleep that night.

If you would like your sons or daughters to come to one of our Scout or Cub Scout meetings please ring Roger Gordon on 97072414 or [gordon@cyberspace.net.au](mailto: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.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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Local Historian Dr. Charles Wilson has sent us an extract from the VICTORIAN TOURIST BUREAU GUIDE BOOK -1912

*Picturesque Victoria p. 219  
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The district may be said to be divided into two portions named LOWER AND UPPER BEACONSFIELD respectively. Situated within half a mile from the railway station in Lower Beaconsfield is Cardinia Park, which has become a favourite picnicking resort being most admirably adapted for this form of amusement: a portion of the reserve still remains in its native state, the timber providing pleasant shelter; other parts have been cleared so that sports and games may be indulged in. The Cardinia Creek, running through the centre of the ground at once provides a plentiful supply of water and fishing

for those whose inclinations lie in this direction: blackfish and eels are plentiful: trout and perch are occasionally caught.

Upon the creek is a fairly large sheet of water on which was held the A.N.A. aquatic carnival and it is also used for public baths, a smaller pool lower down the creek, being reserved for the use of ladies.

A comfortable hotel is within 3 minutes walk of the railway station, and close to it is the local racecourse where races and sports meetings are held.

A second hotel lies a mile and a half from the station en route to Upper Beaconsfield, and there are three well-kept comfortable boarding houses in Lower Beaconsfield.

In Lower Beaconsfield is a large public hall, free library and reading room containing 400 volumes, newspapers, periodicals etc. The hall is used for all public entertainments. Telephones have been installed in the local public buildings and many private residences.

Within 3 miles of the Railway Station on the hills, a vacation or weekend camping ground has been laid out, and christened Quamby (the aboriginal name for camp) The main road to the farther heights beyond runs right past the allotments into which the reserve has been subdivided, and by means of passing coaches it is an easy matter to get quickly to and from the station.

The allotments are being rapidly disposed of to those anxious to obtain at small expense a spot in the bush among the hills, whereon to pitch a holiday tent and enjoy a restful and unconventional vacation.

Fresh water is available and facilities for preparing meals are provided in a centrally-erected building.'

# BEACONSFIELD TODAY

by Ann Taylor

Trains still stop at Beaconsfield, but we have a timetable with specific times and the train from Melbourne is not divided into first or second class. The cost is now more like \$11 for a day ticket from Melbourne. We can catch a bus from the station to Upper Beaconsfield or to other parts of the area. We have a different timetable for Saturday and Sunday.

Upper Beaconsfield is still where Upper Beaconsfield is today and Lower Beaconsfield is now the

township of Beaconsfield as we know it. The Beaconsfield station was first a railway platform in 1889 and the Station building opened in 1891. The Beaconsfield Primary School opened in 1890 and was called the Beaconsfield Railway Station School until 1951 when the name was changed to Beaconsfield Primary school

Cardinia Park is now called Akoonah Park where the Berwick show grounds are and Beaconsfield Park is on the town side of Cardinia

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Creek. Akoonah Park is still used for sporting events and also has bush areas and is popular for walking and lots of regular events as well as the Annual Berwick Show on the last weekend in February each year. The Berwick Show was first held on Clyde Road in the area known as Buchanan Park.

The area now known as Akoonah Park was first established by the Berwick Shire as a Pound in 1888 and when the Show needed new grounds and after many working bees by dedicated locals the Old Pound Park became the Berwick Show grounds and the first show was held there in 1963. In recent times the popular Akoonah Park Market is held every Sunday with many stalls and people come for miles around each week.

The Cardinia Creek still runs through Akoonah Park and Beaconsfield Park and Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna reserve, but these days due to the drought, is very shallow and no longer suitable as a fishing ground. In fact fishing with opera nets is banned due to the damage that can occur to the local wildlife especially the platypus which are regenerating in the creek and are protected. Areas of local indigenous plants are currently being planted along the riverbank thanks to work done by Landcare and Greencorp with grants from Melbourne Water. However there is no longer baths for swimming as was in 1912 as it would be dangerous to attempt to swim in such shallow water.

There are still 2 hotels in Beaconsfield, the Central Hotel was built in 1928 in

the Spanish Mission style, and before that on the same site was the Bowman's Hotel built in 1850. In 1861-61, it was known as the Gippsland and owned by Mrs. Janet Bowman who paid for the cutting of 'Bowman's Track' from the hotel to the goldfields further north. A few years later the hotel was taken over by the Souter family, who extended the building especially for a visit from Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh and second son of Queen Victoria who enjoyed the hunting and fishing in the area on his second visit to Victoria in 1869.

The racecourse referred to was along the highway and bordering Lyle Ave, but has long gone with the establishment of the racecourse at Pakenham.

The Beaconsfield Public Hall was built in 1906 by Mr. James Adamson and was used for town gatherings as well as a free library. Sadly the building was demolished in the early 1970's for the widening of the Princes Highway. The Beaconsfield Community Complex in O'Neil Road opened in 2004. The original World War I honour board from the old hall is now displayed in the foyer of the community complex along with a replica print of the Beaconsfield panel of the Cardinian Embroidery. We now have a Mobile library that calls at the Complex every Wednesday

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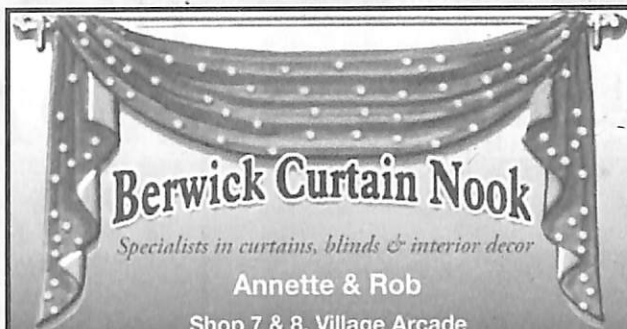
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## BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

When you read the sad news of rising unemployment you are cheered by the list of job vacancies in particular in the trades and professions in which demand exceeds supply. Prominent among vacancies are bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters, motor mechanics, engineers and electricians so if tomorrow you went to Centrelink and requested 6 tradesmen to

build your house or factory – they would probably fall over laughing. Do they laugh at Centrelink?

Parents steer their children through VCE into tertiary education thinking that they will obtain a secure future in a profession. Reality is that many jobs in science, education and commerce offer remuneration way

below tradesmen. The reason is of course that trade training has slipped behind. The loss of the technical schools and the mediocre apprenticeship system has created a shortfall – quite the opposite situation in the number of university graduates.

The worse side effect however is that a youth who spends his time chasing a degree spends hours in front of a computer screen and cramming a precious hour or two at the gym – restarting his blood circulation. Once he establishes himself in employment he finds somewhere to live with room for a double bed and a desk for his computer. If the bed collapses, his mortgaged car breaks down he uses his cell phone to call a tradesman.

On the graduate's meagre income, less his uni fees, car payments, rent, computer updates, cell phone bill, oh

and yes food, he must call a tradesman.

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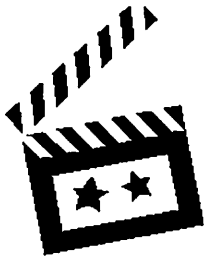
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# X- WIRED

by David Griffiths

It is a pity that the launch of 'Two Lovers' has been overshadowed by the 'breakdown' of Joaquin Phoenix because as far as 'alternative romances' go this is the first one that has worked in quite a while. This fine film shows that romance films don't have to be cheesy fodder full of Hollywood starlets and hunks who don't have an 'acting' bone in their body.

'Two Lovers' tells the story of Leonard Kraditor, a thirty-something man who battles mental illness and suicidal tendencies every day of his life. He also has to endure living with his parents, Reuben (Moni Moshonov) and Ruth (Isabella Rossellini) who don't let him even as much as breathe without checking up on him. They set him up with Sandra Cohen (Vinessa Shaw)

and while he likes her he is actually in love with his neighbour, the troubled, Michelle (Gwyneth Paltrow). Torn between the two women Leonard finds himself more comfortable with Sandra but still has an unnatural obsession with helping Michelle.

Director/writer James Gray continues to impress with his unique filmmaking style, this time he manages to produce a Woody Allenesque film that truly draws its audience in and forces you on the emotional rollercoaster that Leonard is on. Gray also manages to write such natural dialogue that you do occasionally feel that you are watching something real, rather than something scripted.

'Two Lovers' also shows why it is so important for

Joaquin Phoenix to turn his back on his rap career (or whatever it is he is supposed to be doing) and return to acting. His performance here is his best since 'Walk The Line' and shows that he is up there among some of the best actors in the world... to see his talent being wasted at the moment is a true crime.

This is a film that will take you on an emotional rollercoaster ride but it's certainly a ride that you will enjoy every second of. The sensational characters and wonderful acting make this a sheer joy to watch and reminds you that there are the occasional good romance-dramas out there. This is one for fans of serious films.

Happy film going! Get Wired!

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by Peter Hansen

Life is a real roller coaster, no doubt about that. As Forrest Gump said, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you don't know what's inside until you open it up." Few people would disagree with this piece of basic philosophy and everyone has a patch of rocky road to traverse from time to time.

There are no guarantees at birth for any of us but would we really want them anyway? Before you all howl "Yes" think about it. Where would the adventure be? Take away all risk and what's left? Does our free will have no place in life? Boring might be O.K. for a short time but would you really want it for your lifetime? When we are in trouble boring sounds good, but we solve problems better when the Adrenaline is running a banker and the mind is scanning the brain cells looking for answers. A stream is in a healthier state when it is running at speed and is inclined to take some risks as to its course. A sluggish stream (read boring) will do nothing and go nowhere.

Study the lives of people who have made giant steps in life and ask yourself what sort of stream is represented here? Scale this down and know that many ordinary people can make their own giant steps too, and cause their stream to flow the way they want it.

Goethe famously said, "Whatever you can do or dream you can, BEGIN IT. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. BEGIN IT NOW." When you

think about it nothing gets done without this attitude anyway.

It is in our very natures to strive to better our lives or to solve problems that are holding our lives back from achieving our dreams. To try is to at least open up the roadway to success, whereas to do nothing is to remain where you are or to slide backwards. The key phrase is that familiar Aussie saying about, "having a go".

I'm also reminded of the old Biblical saying that I often quote, sometimes to myself and at appropriate moments to others, who may have need of some comfort. "This too shall pass." Four words that are very powerful and also very true. Looking back over my own life is to see very clearly indeed how very true this is. Even the worst of days will be but a distant memory or maybe forgotten altogether. Time is our friend more times than not.

Press on and look for the best in every situation. Even the blackest clouds can only hide the sun for a short time. It's still There.

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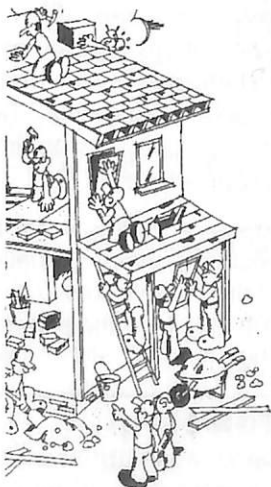
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by Kirsty Pitman, Media and Communications  
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St Michael's Parish Priest Fr Peter Slater this week announced that Mr Ken Gale, who is currently Principal of St Ita's in Drouin, will head the new school.

In his thirty years in Catholic education, Mr Gale has held positions such as Principal, Deputy Principal, Religious Education Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator and Physical Education Coordinator in four schools within the Archdiocese of Melbourne and two within the Diocese of Sale.

"I'm very excited about my new role at St Brigid's," said Mr Gale. "My goal is to help develop a really strong community."

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Further comment from Vincent Carr, Education Consultant, Catholic Education Office (Diocese of Sale), on 5622 6631 or email: [vcarr@ceosale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcarr@ceosale.catholic.edu.au)



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# Do Animals fall in love??

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

It isn't only humans who have feelings that lead to love but so do our furry, fluffy and feathered friends. Animals are sensitive creatures. They comfort us, miss us, grieve for us so it seems feasible that they can also feel deep love for both humans and other animals.

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# TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

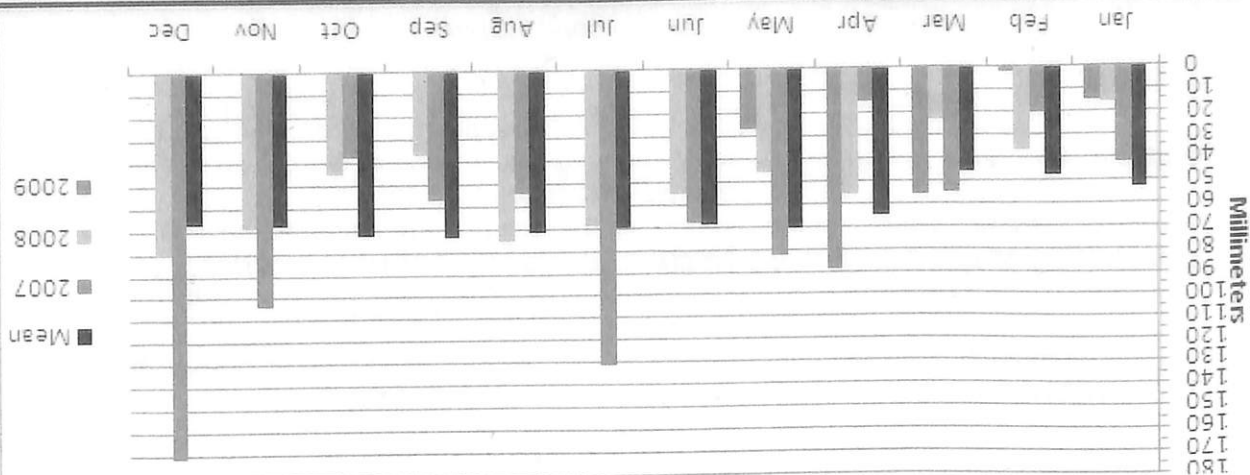
With winter approaching it was time for the rain to start falling and in April it did just that. We had 89mm of rain fall in Beaconsfield for the month. This rain fell over 8 days with the largest totals falling on the 26th and 27th with 20mm and 27mm respectively.

The total of 89mm was the highest for the month of April since 2006 when we had 115mm. The total was also the highest monthly total we have had since December 2007.

The rainfall in May was only a fraction of what we had in April with only 27mm. It also fell over 8 days but it was not the rainfall we require to break the drought we are currently in.

The total of 27mm increased the yearly total to 189mm. This is above the same time last when there had only been 178mm. This still unfortunately is still well below the 5 monthly mean of 282mm.

It is critical that we save every drop and to remember target 155. For more information please head to [www.ourwater.vic.gov.au/target155](http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au/target155).



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

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## The Cardinian Flora And Fauna Embroidery

will be a sequel and companion to The Cardinian Embroidery.

It will consist of four embroidered landscape panels containing separately embroidered examples of plants, animals, birds, insects etc as seen in the Shire in 2009-2010, with an emphasis on endangered species.

On a fifth canvas work panel will be a label explaining the project and acknowledging stitchers and sponsors. This panel will be taken to various groups for people to 'add their stitch' and have their names recorded as participants.

The five panels will be small enough to be framed individually or hung on a free-standing framework, covered by Perspex panels for protection. These panels will be portable and can travel around the Shire first, then around

the rest of the State to promote the attractions of Cardinia. Eventually it will return to a base such as the CCC or the Pakenham library but it will always be available outside the Shire on request.

As with The Cardinian Embroidery, FOTCE (Friends of the Cardinian Embroidery) aims to produce an accompanying booklet which will list all species included on the panels, together with the names of the stitchers and sponsors of each.

Funding for this work will be achieved through seeking sponsors-businesses, families and individuals will be asked to donate a set amount, for purchase of materials to complete one embroidery. The sponsor's name will be recorded in the booklet next to the name of the stitcher of each creature. This will allow greater community involvement from those unable to wield needle and thread.

### Aims of the Project:

To unite diverse elements of the community, bringing people together

in a spirit of sharing a common goal. To generate a sense of community pride in producing a unique textile artwork of heritage value.

To provide the opportunity for large numbers of people of all ages and abilities to take part in a free, non-competitive long-term Arts event. To promote the sharing of textile skills which are in danger of dying out.

To create awareness of the native flora and fauna of Cardinia Shire, particularly the endangered species. To produce a second tourist feature which will attract visitors to Cardinia Shire.

Membership, we are funding these panels ourselves, so we will be asking everyone who participates to join FOTCE and pay the annual subscription of \$10 to start us off.

If you would like to participate in the project and /or become a sponsor, please contact Eleanor Taylor (59 443 645) after the end of July, President of Fotce or Ann Taylor (9707 1996) (Beaconsfield Rep).

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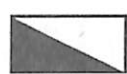
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## Our Toilet With All The Numbers

*by Nathan Boon*

Most towns have something unique. It is what makes a town its own, it distinguishes it from another. Beaconsfield has something that is completely unique to any other town in the Cardinia Shire.

We have an Exeloo. An electronic toilet. Yes that's right a toilet that thinks for itself. Well it is not called a toilet it is actually called a Comfort Station.

At a recent Beaconsfield Progress Association meeting it was mentioned that the public toilet in Beaconsfield appeared not to be clean. At the following Progress Meeting Councillor Brett Owen tabled a document that revealed some interesting yet unusual information.

The public toilet which is located in the centre of Beaconsfield has been there for around 6 years now and is used by many people. Well in fact it is used about 40 times every day. This is a total of 1146

times for the month. The information also tells us that the average user is in there for less than 2 minutes.

For the month that I had the figures for the toilet was occupied for a total of 37 hours for the month. This means that it was occupied for just over 1 hour every day.

The data also indicated that the door opened a total of 88 times every day. This means it was opened a total of 2652 times for the month.

The toilet is self cleaning and it has its own detergent sprayer. During that particlar month there were 74 recorded sprays for the month. This means that on average it cleans twice per day.

So to conclude, it is comforting to know that when our public toilet comes under scrutiny the numbers really tell the story.

# CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

One of the most creative bands currently breaking through has to be Tasmania's own The Native Cats. Julian Teakle and Peter Escott showed their musical skills in one of my favorite bands, The Bad Luck Charms, now they enhance those skills in the new and very different sounding, The Native Cats. Their first album 'Always On' has managed to blow me away after just one listen.

There is just so much to love about this album whether it be the deep, intense sound of 'Water Down' or the addictive back beat that gets stuck in your head after you hear '1000ad'. There is no easy way to describe the sound that The Native Cats produce. Some would say electro music mixed with great lyrics, but I choose to say that tracks like 'Be Your Healer' use the electro sounds of VAST and mixes them with great Nick Cave-esque vocals

on tracks like 'No Demons' and 'Survival House'.

'Always On' also has to be one of the most schizophrenic albums I've heard so far this year. Its mood drifts from the mellow 'Shovel On Shovel' to the happy feelgood 'Once And Never Again' and then onto the confronting 'The Image Of Annie 7 Ivan'. But the one thing you can't deny is the talent of these musicians. That is there for all to hear on the beautifully written 'Game Of Numbers'.

'Always On' has to be one of the surprise packets of the year, I just know that this is going to be an album that I will listen to for years to come.

See you next time!  
For more of David's reviews go to [www.subcultureentertainment.com](http://www.subcultureentertainment.com)



## NEW COACH FOR 09/10 SEASON

by Greg Tomamichel

With a new coach and new committee, Beaconsfield Cricket Club is looking forward to a successful and enjoyable 2009/10 season.

Justin Stanton has been appointed as the new senior coach for the coming season. Justin brings new ideas and enthusiasm to the role, along with a wealth of local cricket experience. Justin has spent most of his cricket career in the DDCA, including coaching roles. Pre-season training will start 5th August, and we look forward to seeing any new members interested in a game of cricket.

In the junior ranks, Russell Dickens is the new Junior President.

Russell has a great team to help give many local boys

and girls a game of cricket each week. Once again we will be running Under 11, 13, 15 and 17 teams, as well as Milo Cricket for the younger kids.

On the committee there is a new Treasurer with Ray Cook, and Tristan Kerr put his hand up for the Secretary role. Along with Andrew Mercier as the Vice-President, there is a new look to the committee this year.

Matthew Brown will continue as President, to build on the success of last season.

We welcome any locals interested in a good game of cricket and a great social atmosphere. Please contact Matthew Brown on 0438 046 249 with any queries.

## Carpal Tunnel Syndrome?

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If you suffer from any of the above, you may have a painful progressive condition called carpal tunnel syndrome. My name is Dr. Robbie Hunt, Principal at Pakenham Chiropractic. I've seen hundreds of carpal tunnel sufferers in the past 5 years. Many patients tell me they wished they'd found me sooner. Suffering for years was agonizing for them.

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Club "Legends of the Past" will be the special focus of Beaconsfield Tennis Club's annual fundraising dinner at Clover Cottage on Wednesday evening, August 26.

Since the club began about 40 years ago, many wonderful people have given their time and energy to build the Beaconsfield Tennis Club. Many of these people will have a chance to 'catch up' again over a delicious three course meal at Clover Cottage.

The ever-popular 'Club Auction' will be conducted again by local real estate identity, Les Donaldson.

Les will be putting some fantastic items under the hammer including an Essendon football jumper signed by David Hille, a Kinchrome toolbox, 12 bottles of wine from D'Angelo Estate, products from Cell to Cell Mobiles in Berwick, and a rug from Russell James Carpets at Narre Warren.

For food lovers, there are vouchers from Berwick Family Butchers, Lenards Poultry Berwick, Shanikas Berwick, Nush Restaurant at Guys Hill, the Central Hotel Beaconsfield, and wine from Beaconsfield Foodwise.

Other great donations to be raffled or auctioned include a tennis racquet from The Tennis Shop in Beaconsfield, a tennis lesson from Beaconsfield coach, Paul Rowbottom, a golf lesson from Bob Spencer at Berwick Driving Range and a 'style, cut and blow wave' from Stylemakers in Berwick/Pakenham.

There will also be lots of prizes and 'Legends of the Past' quizzes. So for a great night call Jenny Shinnors on 9707 2575 or Jenny Ayre on 8795 7712 (BH) or 5940 1186 (AH). Tickets are \$45 per head and are limited. The evening starts at 6.30 and is expected to finish around 10.30.



## TENNIS NEWS

BEAconsfield TENNIS CLUB INC

### Clubhouse extension

Plans for the tennis clubhouse extension are well underway with building expected to start in July/August. It will take about eight weeks to complete. Tennis will continue during this time, although there will obviously be some disruption. Please be patient as the end result will be well worth the temporary inconvenience.

### Mid Week Ladies

Now's the time to get your name in if you have been thinking about a mid week hit of tennis. The Dandenong and District mid week ladies doubles competition starts up again in mid July for its 'spring season'. The season runs through to early December with competition available on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Beaconsfield is currently collecting names to submit teams. So if you have a group of friends who would like to start their own team, or you are interested in joining an existing team, call Dawn Snelson on 9704 6852 or Anja Potter on 9707 4287.

### Night Tennis

Night tennis competitions are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from about 7.45. Tuesday and Wednesday nights are mixed competitions while Thursday night is mens. Tuesday and Thursdays cater to the higher standards of play while Wednesday is less competitive and caters more to those beginning in the game or looking for a good social hit of tennis.

To play Tuesdays call Jeff Green on 9769 8503, for Wednesdays call Maurice or Anja Potter on 9707 4287, and for Thursdays call Dave van der Koogh on 8790 2181.

### Coaching

Term 3 junior tennis coaching begins the first week of school term. If you are interested give Paul Rowbottom a call on 0412 682 569. Private and group lessons for adults are also available.

### Club Contacts

#### General Enquiry

President: 5940 1186 Secretary: 9707 4287  
Treasurer: 9707 2575

#### Night Tennis

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Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852

#### Other Competition

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Coach / Snr. Comp: 0412 682 569

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## ANOTHER PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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.

## DEADLINE FOR BANNER ARTICLES

**AUGUST 4th  
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## Pakenham's 6th Annual Antique Fair July 25th,

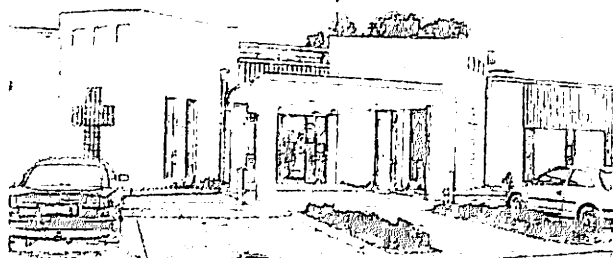
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Pakenham. 9am to 4pm.  
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Valuations by David Freeman at 1.00pm cost \$5. Please ring 59 411327 for all information.

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