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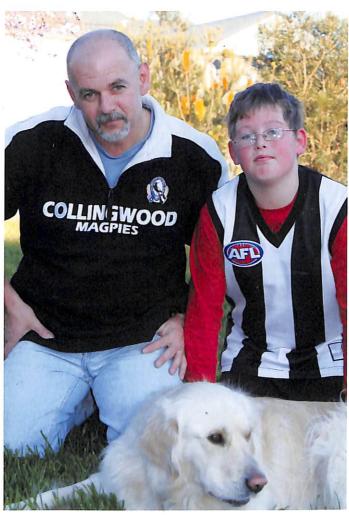
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COMMUNITY FATHER OF THE YEAR



This year's Cardinia's Community Father of the Year winner is Dennis Varga of Beaconsfield.

Children were asked to write or draw themselves with their father or father figure explaining what they meant to them. Dennis and his wife Vanessa have 2 children Cassie and Andrew. Andrew wrote about the way he spends time with his dad and what makes him so special.

Andrew wrote "My Dad is important he makes me feel safe... My Dad and I walk our dog, Buddy together. I like this because we get to talk".

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Dennis and Andrew are pictured with their dog, Buddy.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm, Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Road

Official Website: www.beaconsfield.org.au Website contains local information and includes copies of minutes and agendas.

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and Beaconsfield History Talk By Dr Charles Wilson

Tuesday 20th October 7.30PM

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The speaker will cover:

- Causes of house fires
- * Smoke alarms
- * Extinguishers and fire blankets
- Home fire escape plans

All welcome to attend the September Beaconsfield Progress Association monthly meeting. We encourage community involvement so we can work together to keep Beaconsfield safe especially during the fire season.

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

It is good to see the development going on around the town. The new supermarket is up and running, I'm sure it will be a boost to the shopping centre. Also our new community bank is about to commence operations.

In the Jim Parkes Reserve a new shelter and picnic table have been installed



for use by park visitors (it is great to see parents with their children enjoying these facilities).

The Hub shopping centre is starting to be occupied, another good sign for our town.

On a different note there is a concert being organized, namely The

Tony Rushton memorial variety benefit concert. It is to be held at Akoonah Park hall on the 12th of September. I would urge people to get behind this and support this worthy cause for Tony's family as he was a great influence in our community right up until his untimely death. I hope to see you at the concert.

A.G.M. and Beaconsfield History Talk By Dr Charles Wilson

Doctor Charles Wilson and his wife Yvonne moved Upper Beaconsfield 1977 for an early retirement. By 1980 he had returned to medicine and worked as the local GP for the next 15 years. He became very interested in local history and had done extensive research. He begins with land files of the area, selections and documental files, rather that anecdotal information. He has contributed to a history of the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School, entitled "Back to

Upper Beaconsfield" and is currently researching and writing history of Upper Beaconsfield.

Charles has also researched many of the people and area relating to Beaconsfield and we are privileged to have him sharing with us in his Beaconsfield History talk at the Beaconsfield Association Progress AGM on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. All Welcome. Supper Provided.

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SHIRE REPORT

by Cr Collin Ross, Central Ward

Many exciting activities are going on in Beaconsfield and Officer.

The Holm Park Road Recreational Reserve has begun, firstly with the demolishing of the old house, then the clearing of the scrubland to be followed with the building of the two main ovals. This project is at a cost of \$8 million approximately including purchasing the land.

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club extension which is due for completion in late September 09.

The new Woolworths has opened in Beaconsfield. Council is compulsorily acquiring the land at the rear of the hotel as an roadway, this access will make the traffic flow much safer, as at present there is only two access points onto the old Princes Highway.

The completion of the Oval #2 at the Officer Recreational Reserve at a cost of \$700,000 which included lights, access road and car parking, this is the first stage of the Master Plan approved by council and user groups in 2007.

TheVicUrbandevelopment in Officer was awarded the prestigious 'Clinton Award", only 1 of 8 in the world. This is recognition to the leading edge in design and response to the global conditions in the world today and how future developments can be designed to protect our planet.

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



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

Beaconsfield District Community Bank® Graeme J Taylor - Director

The Beaconsfield District Community Bank® branch of Bendigo Bank will open for business on Tuesday 15th September at 2pm, following the official opening at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend the opening and have an opportunity of meeting the Community Bank® staff, company directors, as well as Bendigo Bank personnel.

Sufficient Share Capital was received and other formalities including lease of the premises and employment of staff have been finalised.

The opening of the Community Bank® culminates in over two years of work done by the current directors and others to assess the benefits and viability of establishing a Community Bank® branch of Bendigo Bank in Beaconsfield. The bank will also service residents and businesses of neighbouring towns including Officer, Beaconsfield Upper and Guys Hill.

The bank is located in the new shopping centre at Shop 6, Beaconsfield Hub. 48 Old Princes Highway, Beaconsfield. The fit-out of the bank is proceeding in accordance with plan. All staff have been employed and are currently undertaking training at Bendigo Bank in preparation of the opening.

Branch Manager, Michael Lazari is settling in well and has attended local community meetings and he is keen to meet members of the community, business people and shareholders, to talk about banking services available.

The opening of the Community Bank® will complement retail shops and other businesses in Beaconsfield. The Community Bank® will distribute up to 80% of profits to non-for-profit community organizations including Schools, Kindergartens, Sporting Clubs, Fire Brigades, etc, etc so come and support your locally owned bank.





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News from the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade

by Glenn Dorning

Pump upgrade community funded Tanker. After the events that took place on 7th February and as a result of fire located between Holm Park Road and O'Neil Road on the 27th February, the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has experienced unprecedented thanks and generosity from the community.

We are now in a position to announce that the donations that have been received have been put towards upgrading the pump on the Community Funded Tanker. A new pump and engine combination will be installed in September

that will offer 4 times the pumping capability of the existing pump.

This will provide much more versatility for this appliance and it can now be used to boost water pressure from mains for structure fires or as a rapid fill pump from static water sources such as dams or creeks without waiting for specialised appliances to arrive from other brigades.

Without the generous donations from the local community and business this upgrade would not have been possible.

The existing pump and diesel engine on the tanker

will be available for sale in October and would make an ideal trailer mounted pump or fixed pump at a dam.

If you are interested please contact the Fire Brigade at the following email beacfire@bigpond.com

100 Days Countdown Until The Fire Season

The CFA has introduced the 100 days countdown to the fire season to assist every person in every environment to understand how to protect themselves from bushfire.

Information has been updated on the CFA

Website to assist you with what you are doing about your bushfire safety this summer.

Please take time to read this valuable information at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Remember that you need to make plans now in time for summer.





BEACONSFIELD'S FRESH NEW WOOLWORTHS

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Pictured above: Federal Member for La Trobe, Mr. Jason Wood MP and Beaconsfield Primary School Captains Maria and Thomas officially cut the opening ribbon. Below: Beaconsfield Primary School choir.



After two years of planning and \$5million of investment the brand new Woolworths, Beaconsfield supermarket opened its door on Thursday 6th August. The 2350m2 store was officially opened by Federal Member for La Trobe, Mr. Jason Wood MP.

Beaconsfield Primary School children played a special part in the opening of the new store. The school choir sang the national anthem and a special rock song accompanied by Carroll, Music teacher, and Mr. Gary Methven, Principal. The School Captains Thomas C. and Maria B. cut the opening ribbon with Mr. Jason Wood MP. The children really enjoyed this unique celebration.

The Woolworths name will be seen above the front door as part of the rebranding of all Safeway stores in Victoria to the nationally recognised Woolworths name.

Woolworths Store Manager John Natoli, said that in addition to providing 120 jobs to Beaconsfield community - 90 of them brand new positions - Woolworths will also be providing a fresh shopping approach. The new store will show off a contemporary style and design with added features including self serve checkouts, wider aisles and less clutter.

"Residentscanlookforward to a more pleasurable shopping experience at the new Woolworths. Our new layout has been a hit across Australia and we are excited about bringing it to Beaconsfield.

"We have a seafood express section with an enticing range of prepacked fresh seafood and a self-serve chicken warmer with delicious BBQ chickens that customers can grab-and-go on their way home. For those who like to entertain, our deli department covers every need imaginable with a wide selection of cold meats, cheeses, seafood great anti-pasto section," John said.

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by A. Taylor

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There will be DEMONSTRATIONS of card making and scrap booking and a 'make and take stall'.

Our popular plant stall will be there again with some special items.



As always there will be a display of hand made craft items to see. So come along for an enjoyable day and there will be something for everyone.

THE MAKE AND MINGLE CRAFT FAIR IS AT BEACONSFIELD **BAPTIST** CHURCH Cnr Old Princes Hwy Desmond Crt. Beaconsfield (Opposite O'Neil Road) Melway Reference 214A2

MAKE AND MINGLE is a friendship and craft group which meets every Wednesday during school term 10am-12noon. We always welcome new faces and you can come along for craft or just for a cuppa and a chat. If you are new to the area this is a good way to meet new friends.



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LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

by L. Amos

Beaconsfield Primary School Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) team members visited John Movement from Hair to thank him for his sponsorship. John is one of our local businesses that have offered to help Beaconsfield's HPV team to build a stronger team into the future.

Businesses such as Hardback Industries, Trans-Action (Vic) P/L and Beaconsfield Garden Supplies have also contributed sponsorship so that the students can participate in events in South Australia and Victoria.

The sponsorship funds will go towards buying a new vehicle for the students to race in. The HPV team have been racing in the same vehicles now for many years thanks to the hard work by many Dads, Mums and other community members.

HPV team sends a BIG thank you to:
Hair Movement
Hardback Industries
Trans-Action
Beaconsfield Garden
Supplies



Beaconsfield Primary School HPV team members visited John from Hair Movement to thank him for his sponsorship.

FIRE AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

As you may be aware CFA are in the process of organising Fire Guard Victoria (FRV) Street and Community meetings to engage and prepare the public for the coming summer season.

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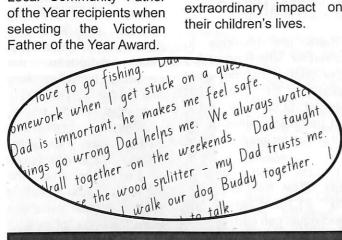
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Annually, a local YMCA Community Father of the Year is awarded in every region where there is a YMCA. This region's nearest YMCA is Pakenham.

The Father's Day Council of Victoria considers all Local Community Father of the Year recipients when



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The Guest Speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the Cardinia Catchment Landcare group was former local resident, Dr. Birgita Hansen.

Dr. Hansen is currently involved in a study of the migratory birds which travel annually between China and Western Port Bay.

At the AGM, we farewelled Margaret Cromb, who has provided outstanding leadership to this group inception. since its Margaret will shortly be moving to Castlemaine. Anita Meister will be taking over the management of our Indigenous Nursery

LANDCARE **NEWS**

by Ian Chisholm, Past President CCLG

at Upper Beaconsfield. Glenn MacMillan will be President of the group in 2009/10.

A new Green Corps team will be working on public reserves in the Beaconsfield area, starting Tuesday, Sept. 2nd 2009.

Further information about Landcare can be obtained from our website www.cclg.net.au, or by Bridgette contacting McCallum. Bridgette the Landcare Co-ordinator for the Central Western Port area and is based at the Cardinia Environment Pakenham Coalition's office (Ph.59418446)



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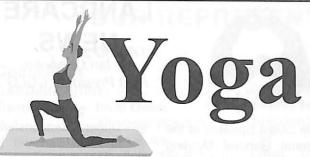
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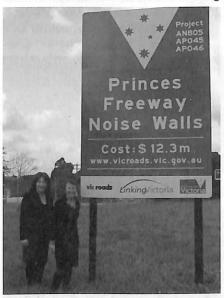
There are changes to consider when preparing personal income tax returns for the year ended 30th June 2009. In particular, some of the changes include:

- 1. Low income earners tax offset has increased to \$1,200 hence an individual can earn at least \$14,000 before any net tax is payable. The non-taxable level for Senior-Australians is \$28,867 for Singles and \$24,680 each for Couples.
- 2. Family Tax Benefit claims cannot be made in income tax returns from 1st July 2009. Claims must be made direct to the Family Assistance Office after lodgement of 2009 income tax returns of the parent(s). Families with a primary income earner receiving more than \$150,000 will not be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B for a Spouse irrespective of their income.
- 3. The Education Tax Offset is available for children attending Primary Secondary Unfortunately, Schools. expenses excluded including fees and uniforms. Deductible expenses include books, stationery. computers. internet and computer supplies to the extent used by the student child. The refundable tax offset is 50% of eligible expenses limited to tax offsets of \$375 for primary school students and \$750 for secondaryschoolstudents. Any excess expenses can be carried forward to the next year. However, the Education Tax Offset is only available to the parent receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A for the child but is refundable.
- 4. Personal income tax rates were reduced in accordance with the prior year's budget.
- If you are unsure of any changes discuss this with your Accountant to ensure that you obtain your correct entitlements.



Recent exciting transport news is that the increase to car parking spaces at Berwick train station will now number more than 300, up on the previously planned figure of around 200. These extra spaces will relieve pressure on existing car parks both at Berwick and nearby stations. The station upgrade also incorporates a 'parkiteer' bike cage so commuters who cycle to and from the train station can safely secure their bikes. CCTV cameras and better lighting are also part of the project. The upgrade will be complete by around November 2009. The bike cage is already operational and those wishing to sign up as members to use the cage can go to the website at www. parkiteer.com.au.

Also in relation to transport, residents who have been anticipating the construction of the noise walls along



Tammy Lobato MP & Judith Graley MP

NOISE WALL SCHEDULED

by Tammy Lobato, MP Member for Gembrook

the Princes Freeway at Beaconsfield and Berwick will be pleased to learn that the \$4.335 million contract for the first stage of the noise walls project has been awarded. Preliminary works are well underway and residents would have noticed the temporary fencing that has been erected along the site. The main works are scheduled to begin in October. Once fully complete, noise barriers will be located inbound and outbound on the Princes Freeway between Soldiers Rd and the O'Shea Rd overpass, as well as inbound between Clyde Rd and Soldiers Rd.

Another major issue that is relevant to all Victorian citizens is the response to the interim report of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, which has stipulated 51 recommendations and highlighted a number of key points that we all need to take on board in anticipation of another difficult fire season.

Given that timely warnings save lives, the Commission has found that warnings about fires need to be more specific, taking into account the location, severity and anticipated direction of fire fronts. The communication of those warnings also needs to be clearer, with a standard language for warnings and a simplified format. The recommendation has also been made to extend warning broadcasts to commercial TV and radio. The importance of defined lines of communication has been

emphasised, with a single website with same-time uploads to CFA and DSE websites. Guidelines for the use of sirens are also to be developed for local communities that want to utilise them.

The 'Prepare, Stay and Defend or Leave Early' policy is going to be revised to take into account the defendability of homes. The Commission found that there was insufficient emphasis on the risks of staying and defending. An online risk assessment tool is planned to be implemented so that residents can properly assess the risks they face in the event of a fire. This will include the grading of fire severity.

A new approach to fire refuges has also been recommended with more options to be provided for community use, shifting the emphasis away from purpose-built refuges and permitting the use of existing venues to act as 'neighbourhood safe places'.

How these and other recommendations will be implemented will be a particular focus of mine in the lead up to the next bushfire season. We will all need to work together along with emergency services volunteers to ensure our family, friends and neighbours stay safe. Beaconsfield is fortunate to have its own dedicated and committed crew of CFA volunteers. However, as the Royal Commission has made clear, we all need to take responsibility for fire protection and not leave it up to others.

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I would be happy to provide copies of the Commission's Executive Summary to any interested residents. I will also be communicating information about fire safety to residents throughout my electorate, once the implications of the Royal Commission's findings become clearer.

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Senior music and drama students performed this original work over three nights in August at the Beaconsfield Campus of the College.

The musical was an original production; the lyrics written by College senior English teacher Mr Ian Coffey and adapted to an original musical score by Mrs Trish Dulude (College Arts coordinator).



Photograph \above; Principals in the production: L-R year 12 students Karen Williams, Bradley Scammell, Jessica-Jade Bruce and Patrick Bolch



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by Gary Methven, (Principal)

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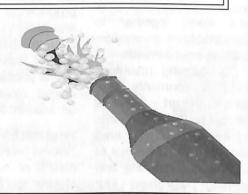
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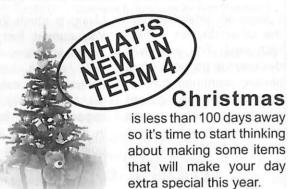
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Life Is Hard

I saw an advertisement the other day for a high tech vest. The vest was designed to be worn when playing computer games. You know, the games where you control a man with a gun who takes on all number of enemy men who are all trying to shoot your man. The vest has a lead hanging out the side and this you plug into your computer. Whenever your character gets shot the vest causes a sharp thud to hit you in the chest! They tell me it is not a nice experience. You have to ask, why on earth would anyone put on a vest like that? Why wear a vest that is going to hurt? But people buy these vests and willingly wear them because they enjoy computer games. They are determined to play the game and part of the cost of playing the game is getting hurt.

Living is much the same. You cannot live and be active, you cannot interact with others, and cannot be involved with life and society and not expect to get hurt once in a while. And if we are going to get out and live we should not be surprised if we cop a bit of mud once in a while. The only way to avoid getting a whack in the computer game is not to play and the only way to avoid pain in life is to stay home and do nothing. But that would be rather sad. The thrill of the game more than makes up for an occasional whack and the thrill of involvement in life more than makes up for the occasional hurt.

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Holm Park Road Reserve Moving Forward

Progress continues on the much awaited Holm Park sporting Reserve development. The DepartmentofSustainability and Environment recently approved tree removal from the site making way for construction to commence in coming months.

the Federal date, Government has provided \$264,000 funding though the Local Community Program Infrastructure and the State Government has provided \$500,000 through Sports and Recreation Victoria. The total construction cost of the project is estimated to be \$6 million. Council is funding the remainder.

Mike Ellis, Acting CEO of Cardinia Shire Council said design is now well advanced and tenders will be called for construction of the ovals, car park and pavilion once they are finalised.

"We understand people's

eagerness for the new sporting facilities Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield. Council is working hard to deliver magnificent sporting complex with three ovals, practice cricket netball and tennis courts, a skate park, barbeque facilities and a pavilion," said Mr Ellis.

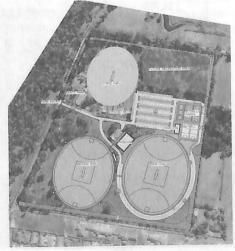
"It's a very large project and one that's dear to the hearts of Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield sporting interests.

"Given climate change concerns, Council is also investigating using water sensitive urban design water harvesting techniques to conserve water and improve the sustainability of the reserve complex," he added.

"Council already has initiated a program to relocate native frogs from the area, further Council's demonstrating deep commitment to the

environment," said Mr Ellis.

For more information about the Holm Park Road Masterplan, please visit www. cardinia.vic.gov. au or telephone 1300 787 624. Regular updates on the Reserve are provided to each Council meeting.



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THE HOUSE THAT JAMES BUILT.



Photo above: Kenilworth - built 1887. Photo taken 1920.



Photo above: Adamson's hardware shop in Wood Street which was built in 1905

BEACONSFIELD HISTORY

by Ann Taylor

ADAMSON FAMILY

Beaconsfield has recently had a visit from David Adamson from Western Australia who is a descendant of the Adamson family.

The Adamson family were pioneers in Beaconsfield and James and Agnes came to Australia from England in 1883 and then to Beaconsfield 4 years later. James and his sons were local builders and built many private and public buildings in the area.

These

included

the

Adamson's hardware shop in Wood Street which was built in 1905 and is still standing today and is now a hairdresser's. James ran the town's timber and hardware business and then his son Arthur took over the business until his death in 1983.



Above: Mr. James Adamson (senior)



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There was also a coach house. This was made of handmade bricks on bluestone foundations and included room for coaches and a coachman's room and a loft on the first floor for storing feed.

Unfortunately Charles
Nott lost his money in the
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sell his property to a city
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The property was then
purchased in 1916 by the
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interesting stories.

The coach house was converted into a laundry until Berry Street finally the home in closed 1946. The property was then leased, but fell into disrepair. In 1963 the Tozer family purchased the property and demolished the old house and built a new house using some of the original handmade bricks and stained glass windows in their home.

The property was purchased in 1971 by Doreen and Jim Sanders. The coach house had become a separate residence by this time.

The Sanders family built a bridge to the island created by Nott and planted it with

native species to attract native birds. The DVA acquired the island with 38 acres of the property.

Today the remaining property has been subdivided into 'Coach House Lane'

The 1960s' Tozer house still remains and thankfully the Old Coach House has been retained and although almost lost when it fell into disrepair, it has been carefully restored into a home. Some of the original garden still stands with its Bunya Bunya pines and cypress.

James Adamson also built Kenilworth Cottage in 1888 for Charles Nott, possibly first used as a gatehouse and later as a ladies college and then became the Railway House and is still standing today near the railway station. It has been lovingly restored and is a tribute to James Adamson's fine workmanship. The Bunya Bunya pine out the front is thought to be linked to the original garden at Kenilworth Villa.

The Adamson family built a number of other buildings in Beaconsfield which will be featured in the Banner at a later date. I have read that the Adamson family lived at no.1 Railway Avenue and built it and wonder if anyone has photos of that house now that it has been demolished.

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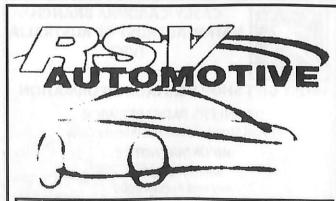


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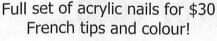
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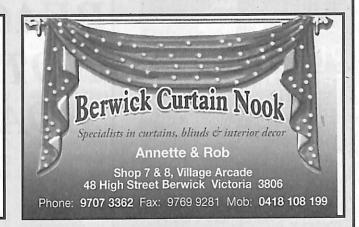
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BEACONSFIELD'S HANDYMAN

by Phil Collins

The entertainment unit is a feature in most of our homes. It evolved along with the acquisition of the TV, VCR, Sound Systems and other mysterious black boxes. Then came tapes and the discs which grew in number much like the library of bygone years.

There were the solid timber E.U's, the veneer ones and the things made of glass, perplex, marble or in case of the recent Tatts jackpot winner, gold.

Upon the scene we have the wide screen 42 inch full HD 1080 Plasma TV or better still the 55 inch full HD 1080 LED 100 HZ TV. Please note the revival of the inch and only sly reference to 139cm. This is fine, expensive but fine, until we try to marry it all to the aforesaid entertainment unit.

I have hung one of these babies on the wall but this does not solve the problem of the once loved entertainment unit. You could call the handyman and maybe he can alter the unit to accept your pride and joy before the Ashes series ends. I have converted two recently, with pleasing results – and the cost was around \$150.

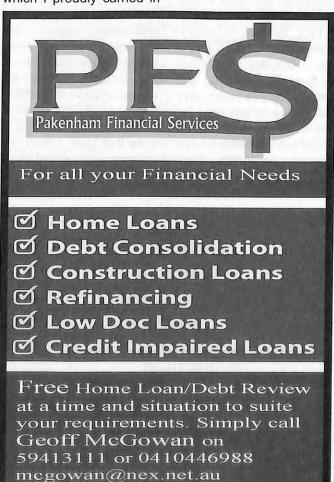
Seeing the mass of wires at the back of DVD, VCR and TV's reminds me that I have no aptitude for electrics. When I was a ship-keeping Engineer on the S.S. River Hunter I made myself a test light which I proudly carried in

my pocket - of course most of it stuck out to show my colleagues that I was right up with 'electrics'. Alone at night I would do my sounds checking the refrigerators, the steering flat, the boiler room and then with my test light I would prod about the switchboards - for no reason other than to see the light flash. All of a sudden there was a flash and my test light was reduced to rubbish - all melted and gooey. Over the side it went and it was never spoken of again - that was in 1954. I don't' do electrics! I do things I'm good at.

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XWIRED by David Griffiths

It is not an over-statement that 'Balibo' is a film 35 years in the making, and whats more Director. Robert Connolly ('Three Dollars', 'The Bank') does it with complete sensitivity to the families of the men who were so savagely murdered. It is no understatement to say that this is perhaps one of the most important films to be made in Australian history. It is a harrowing watch but also a

very important one.

Set in 1975, a young Jose Ramos-Horta (Oscar Isaac - 'Agora', 'Body Of Lies') heads to Darwin to seek the help of experienced Australian journalist Roger East (Anthony LaPaglia - TV's 'Without A Trace'). Jose tells East about atrocities occurring the in East Timor during the Indonesian invasion and asks East to not only tell the world the story of East Timor but to search for five missing Australian men;

Greg Shackleton (Damon Gameau - 'Thunderstruck', TV's 'Underbelly'), Gary Cunningham (Gyton Grantley - 'All My Friends Are Leaving Brisbane', TV's 'Underbelly), Malcolm Rennie (Nathan Phillips 'Surfer, Dude', 'Dying Breed). Briant Peters (Thomas Wright - "Van Diemen's Land') and Tony Stewart (Mark Leonard Winter - 'Van Diemen's Land). What follows is a harrowing journey for East as he journeys through a war zone to find his missing countrymen.

There simply isn't a weak link to 'Balibo'. The screenplay co-written by Robert Connolly and David Williamson captures the characters so well, the acting portrayals by all the actors involved are sensationalwhile Connolly's directing style gives the film a real 'documentary' feel, a style that only makes the more graphic scenes of the

film even more upsetting to watch. I don't think I've ever seen more reviewers and critics reduced to tears as I did at the screening of 'Balibo'.

Acting wise 'Balibo' is stand-out. Damon Gameau, Gyton Grantley, Nathan Phillips, Thomas Wright and Mark Leonard Winter capture the look and personalities of the Balibo Five eerily well, while LaPaglia Anthony and Oscar Isaac are amazing in their roles. Connolly must be congratulated on the casting of Isaac... it was a risky choice but one that works amazingly well. If the cast of 'Balibo' don't win some awards for their performances then there is something seriously wrong.

As a whole the cast and crew of 'Balibo' need to be congratulated. At no time do they ever sensationalize this important and sad story. 'Balibo' is gritty and graphic but still heartwarming; and it certainly deserves the title 'one of Australia's most important films'.

Happy film going! Get Wired! Check out more of David's review at www. subcultureentertainment.com



WHO IS IT?

Who picks the best fruit when they become ripe? If only I could catch them but they pick'em at night!

Who is it that also jumps on our roofs? Every night running with bloody big hoofs!

Who's up the gum tree that grunts after dark? Creeps along fence tops makes the dog bark!

Soft chocolate bullets on steps accumulate. Who could have left them in such filthy state?

All over my Ute there's dark yellow stain, smells pretty horrid, who is to blame?

Possibly of course that 'protected native species' who sullies suburbs with its foul smelling faeces.

Oh they're so cute and cuddly small children say.
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CROSS CULTURE

by David Griffiths

After just one listen to Victor Stranges's debut album 'Hello Me To You' and you feel a sense of warmth, like it is an album that will go straight onto your favorites list and be played for years to come. This is an amazing album that reminds you just how good music can sound. Victor Stranges and his unique style of music are certainly one of the finds of the year.

Stranges teams up with songwriter, Matt Swanton on 'Morning Star', a great pop-rock track that consists of an amazing melody. 'Hello Me To You' is a catchy track that makes you want to sing out loud, while 'When The Morning Comes' (as does 'Not That Bad At All') returns to the marvelous pop-rock sound that Stranges does so well.

'Memories' has a nice 60s feel to it that works really well while the beautiful lyrics of 'Restoration Blues' show that it is a song that has been written from the heart... a rarity in modern music. 'Nineteen Years Ago' is very Lou Reed-ish while 'Is There Someone To Thank For All Of Us' is once again sweet pop-rock.

'The Colour Of Your Street Is Gold' once again shows Stranges' ability to write from the heart while 'Tonight' is an upbeat foot tapper. The album finishes with 'You Can't Buy Happiness' a song so sweet that you know you are fully justified for falling in love with the album.

'Hello Me To You' is an amazing album that has unearthed one of the music finds of the year. Victor Stranges is a talented musician that can hopefully go all the way.

Another local band to check out is Melbourne band The Solomons who have just released a double A-Side for 'Some Kind Of Aid'/'Rise And Fall'. This is an amazing short play and these guys have a huge future ahead.

See you next time!

For more of David's reviews go to www. subcultureentertainment. com



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LILY PLANT TOXICITY IN CATS

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Did you know that Lily plants are toxic to cats?

Lily toxicity is a devastating toxicity which often affects cats causing acute kidney failure. The leaves and flowers fromplants of the lily (Liliaceae) family including Asian, Day, Easter, Glory, Japanese Show, Peace, Red, Rubrum, Stargaszer, Tiger and Wood lilies are highly toxic to cats.

For some reason cats, especially young cats are prone to chewing on them. All parts of the plant are toxic including flowers, leaves, pollen and the stems. Only small amounts of the plant are required to cause toxicity. Even a kitten mouthing a plant

should be considered a serious and potentially fatal ingestion.

What are the signs of lily poisoning?

The first signs of lily poisoning occur 30 minutes to 2 hours after ingestion and include vomiting, depression & loss of appetite.

Vomiting usually subsides a few hours after exposure but this doesn't mean your cat is making a recovery. As the toxin starts to affect the kidneys depression, excessive thirst abdominal (polydipsia), (kidney) pain and lethargy may occur. Acute renal failure usually occurs between 1 - 3 days after

ingestion and death may follow within 5 days.

How is Lily poisoning diagnosed?

Your veterinarian will require information on your cat's history, including any possible exposure to poisons it may have ingested. The vet will perform a complete physical examination of your cat and will run several tests to determine the condition of the kidneys, which may include;

- * Blood profile. Elevated blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and creatinine are both indicative of renal failure.
- * Urinalysis for USG will be able to provide additional information on the extent of kidney damage & urine-

concentrating ability.

How is Lily poisoning treated?

This is a life threatening condition and even with the most aggressive treatment cats may die from this. Treatment includes intravenous fluids. If you suspect that your cat has, or even may have, ingested any lilies you should take them to your veterinarian immediately as early detection and treatment is vital.



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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

With winter now behind us it is time to look forward to some warmer weather and nicer days.

In June we had 51mm of rain. This fell over 13 days. This was our lowest June total since 2006 when there was only 14mm. It took the yearly total to 240mm.

July saw the rain start to fall. We recorded 85mm which fell over 8 days. The highest daily total was recorded on the 2nd when there was 23mm. The monthly total of 85mm was also15mm above our monthly average for July.

The highest total I have for July is 131mm this was recorded in July 2007. The highest total I have for any month is 172mm this fell in December 2007.

August saw the rain continue to fall with just under 100mm for the month. The total of 95mm is the highest since August 2005 when there was 119mm. The total is 20mm above average for the month.

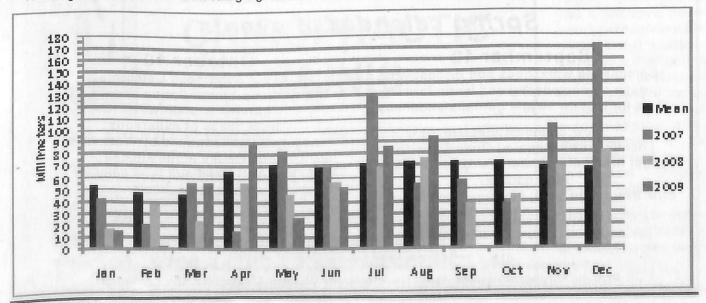
There has been 420mm of rain for the year. This is the wettest start to the year since 2006 when there was 468mm.

The current water storage level for Melbourne is 28.4%. This is about 6% less than last year.

An excellent website to look at is the Bureau of Meteorology web site www.bom.gov.au There is loads of information there including the latest and most up-to-date forecasts. The radar pages on the site also have lots of information including up-to-date information on rain and wind.

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

"The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, the young know everything." So said Oscar Wilde!

These days the older members of our community seem to be getting a fair share of the headlines and not always in the positive youth-and-Our way. beauty-obsessed society prefer not to consider the reality that one day they too, provided they live long enough, will actually age and face the journey that all of mankind has faced since time began.

In a light-hearted way

the following charts this journey. It's called,

"THINGS ARE CHANGING."

"Everything is further away now than it used to be, it is further, twice as far to the corner and they have added a hill I notice.

I have given up running for the bus, it moves faster than it used to.

It seems to me they're making steps steeper than in the old days.

Have you noticed how much smaller the print

is they are using in the newspapers?

There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud, everyone speaks in such a low voice, I can hardly hear them.

The material in clothing is getting very skimpy, especially around the waist and hips.

Even people are changing, they are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age; on the other hand people my age are so much older than I am.

I ran into a friend the other day and she had changed so much she didn't even recognize me.

I got thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, glanced in the mirror at my reflection, and confound it, they don't even make good mirrors like they used to!"

A gambler's lament, "I know I'm getting old. I pulled a handle on a poker machine the other night, and it came up three prunes."

Humor aside the actual mechanics of aging are unknown. Many theories abound but without doubt all living things are hardwired to age and eventually die. Many things can hasten the aging process such as stress and worry, overwork. chemical poisoning and a host of other triggers. Anything that weakens the immune system will, if unrelenting, hasten the process and the body will show the effects quite clearly. Genetic factors come into play too and the family tree can be a window into what is possible as regards health and longevity.

I believe that each stage of life has its positives and negatives, a sort of trade-off system. When we are young we have greater body strength and energy. When we're older we have greater knowledge, wisdom and judgment (at least we should). One thing is for sure, we can't have it all at the one time.

All any of us can do is to do the best we can with our lives and live as rightly as possible. I've always believed that if we look after the body and mind, we will enjoy a better journey than if we don't. Simple stuff I know but it makes sense if you think about it. Happy aging!



Cardinia Shire's Australia Day Awards

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RETURN OF THE YO-YO



Pictured: Charlotte and Hannah enjoy playing with their NED yo-yos.

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by Matthew Brown
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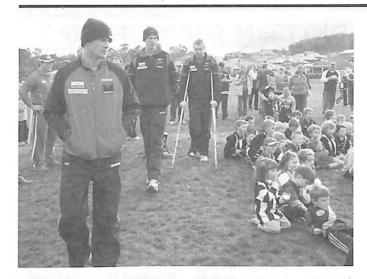
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BEACONSFIELD AUSKICK

by Tania Baxter

Beaconsfield Auskick is run by a fantastic group of volunteers. It is co-ordinated by David Schinner and his wife, Samantha. It takes place at the O'Neil RD.oval every Saturday morning. In just two years it has grown from 22 kids at the first enrolment day in 2008 to up to 130 as we near the completion of the 2009 season.

We have done some great things throughout the season besides learning new ball skills. The Melbourne football team were represented a few weeks ago by their captain, McDonald, and some of their rookies, Meeson and Spencer (who were unfortunately injured) – see photo. The players helped out our volunteer coaches and the children got to ask them questions about playing in the AFL after the clinic

The clinic was held on the MCG the week after. It was magical having such a huge icon to ourselves. The grass was like carpet and the stands were like giants watching these juniors play. It made for a great group photo opportunity for the club and a great Sunday morning all round.

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