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The annual Carols by the Creek held on the Sunday before Christmas 2009 was well attended and truly reflected the Christmas season. See page 16 for report.



**NEXT MEETING
MARCH 16TH 2010
7.30PM**

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

President: Les Reader

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P.O. Box 217, Beaconsfield Vic 3807

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

Official Website: www.beaconsfield.org.au

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by Les Reader, President.

As you may be aware at this time the application for the hotel has gone to VCAT. Which means we still have a fight on our hands for the good of our community.

Our local council are going to defend their decision at VCAT and it behoves us to support them in any way we are able. I for one will be available for

the hearing and I hope many more will be able to be there to support and put forward our feelings towards this urgent matter, we cannot just sit back and hope that council will "weave the magic" without our backing.

For a better lifestyle and peace in our community let us "fly the flag" for us and our future.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

3rd Tuesday of the month
March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th

BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Planning is underway for our Annual
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Sunday April 18th 2010

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SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Brett Owen, Central Ward

At the December council meeting, council resolved to refuse to grant a permit for the proposed Pink Hill Hotel, May Road, Beaconsfield. The application had included a proposal for 60 electronic gaming machines. Reasons for refusing the permit included the lack of car parking, inappropriate access to the site, the impact on the amenity of nearby residents and that the installation of gaming machines in the premises would have had a detrimental social and economic impact on the community, particularly having regard to the proximity to the Beaconsfield Community Complex and the community attitude towards gaming. The applicant has since lodged an appeal against council's refusal at the Victorian and Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). A hearing date for the appeal has not yet been set.

Federal and State elections will both be held in 2010. In the lead up to these elections, council

will be communicating and meeting with candidates seeking support for election commitments. Some of these priorities in Beaconsfield will include the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Old Princes Hwy and Princes Freeway, additional car parking at the Beaconsfield Railway Station car park and additional financial assistance towards the development of the reserve in Holm Park Road.

Council will be reviewing the Beaconsfield Township Strategy in 2010. The review will see a Beaconsfield Structure Plan replace the Beaconsfield Township Strategy which was adopted in 2001. Council will be conducting extensive community consultations in the first half of this year to obtain the community's input. I encourage residents to become involved in the process by attending the community sessions conducted by council planners, making submissions and by attending meetings of the Beaconsfield Progress Association.



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



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THE OLD BAG

It's taken flight, it's white,
it's light
sailing down the street.
Wind abates and slowly
down,
it lands right at my feet.

I look at it and it waves
back,
where has it flown in from?
In perfect shape, no sign of
wear,
it must be very strong.

I'm distracted then look
back again,
it's left me now I see.
Looking up I hear a rustle
...it's landed in a tree!

And then I note, it again
flies off,
to another destination.
It might get tangled with
some errant bird
who might suffer
strangulation.

Yes, they are so strong,
don't get me wrong
when they fly out over the
ocean,
To bird life and all fishes too
they're a deadly toxic
potion.

They should be deleted
from your shopping list
because they never ever
break down.
The damage they're doing
to our world
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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield



← Environmental clean-up works will be carried out on railway land at Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield (yellow shaded area).

Starting in late January, VicTrack is carrying out an \$80,000 environmental clean-up of railway land at Beaconsfield Avenue Beaconsfield. In partnership with expert environmental consultants and a clean-up firm, VicTrack will remove soil at the site that is contaminated with asbestos and complete a general site clean-up.

Expert environmental tests and a plan for the clean-up

In 2009, environmental experts AECOM were asked to survey the site buildings and assess the soil for potential asbestos contaminated materials. Asbestos was identified in the two buildings and the soil, which led to a plan to clean-up the site, including the demolition of the two buildings, completed last year. VicTrack worked with Scouts Australia to deal with asbestos on site.

Experienced asbestos removalist company

The site was fenced off to ensure the community could not come into contact with the asbestos. Experienced asbestos removalist company, Zealmore (Aust) Pty Ltd will conduct the clean-up works over several weeks. Work areas will be defined with appropriate work practices and safety signage to ensure the safety of the community.

Works conducted under EPA standards

Works will be monitored by expert environmental staff and conducted under EPA standards. Should you want to speak to a VicTrack staff member about the works, please call VicTrack's Environment Manager, Lyndal Gibbs on (03) 9619 8668.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP INFO & CONTACTS

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP - Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield

Questions and Answers

Q. What's planned for the asbestos clean-up?

A. VicTrack is carrying out an \$80,000 environmental clean-up of railway land at Beaconsfield Avenue Beaconsfield starting in late January.

In partnership with expert environmental consultants and a clean-up firm, VicTrack will remove soil at the site that is contaminated with asbestos.

Works will include a general site and weed clean-up and the removal of the asbestos.

Q. What's the extent of asbestos at the site?

A. A number of expert environmental studies into land use at Beaconsfield identified asbestos in the two meeting halls previously on site.

Asbestos was also identified in the soil as a result of falling debris from these buildings.

Q. How has VicTrack protected community health?

A. There is no direct threat to community health. Once asbestos was identified in the buildings and soil on site, VicTrack, in liaison with the tenants, worked through a plan to remove all asbestos from the site.

Once the buildings were safely demolished the site was fenced off. VicTrack is now working with an expert asbestos removalist firm to ensure that the site can never be a risk to community health and that it can be used for future transport and community purposes.

Q. What are the benefits of the clean-up for the community?

A. VicTrack has invested over \$100,000 in the clean-up of site. The removal of the asbestos-ridden buildings and the asbestos in the soil will remove any risk to community health. The works will also improve the visual amenity of railway land and allow for future transport or community uses for the site.

Q. What are the working hours for the clean-up?

A. Starting in late January 2010, hours of work will be limited to 7.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Q. Who is VicTrack?

A. VicTrack is owner of Victorian railway land. VicTrack adds value to railway assets through supporting rail operations, undertaking station and car park upgrades and other activities.



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Alex's Sahara Stroll

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In April, starting on the 4th of April and finishing on the 10th, local "lad" Alex Williams will be flying the Aussie flag across the Sahara desert in Morocco. Alex is walking 250km across some of the harshest landscape on the planet in temperatures up to 50C, while carrying all of his gear, safety equipment and food on his back.

Alex is taking this as an opportunity to highlight for the public the vital difference between type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Alex is himself a type 1 diabetic, having been diagnosed with this life threatening illness at the age of 17. As our "lad" is now 53, that means he has managed this awful illness for 36 years, having around 36,000 injections (so far) in order to stay alive.

The training for this year's Marathon des Sables started in May 2008. Since then Alex has covered

between 3000 and 5000km in training all over and around Beaconsfield, Officer, Pakenham and all parts in between. You may have seen him slugging along with his desert hat on. As with so many things associated with type 1 diabetes, he has had to do more training than other people to prepare for the event. Not only did he have to prepare himself physically, he had to relearn everything he knew about his food, his insulin and controlling his blood sugar levels. He will be facing a life or death challenge in the Sahara, so needed all the training and practice he could get to lessen the dangers.

Alex has been recording his experiences during his training in an online blog, which you can find at www.train2gain.biz/My_Sahara_Stroll_2010/nhome.html. You will be able to follow Alex's progress on the



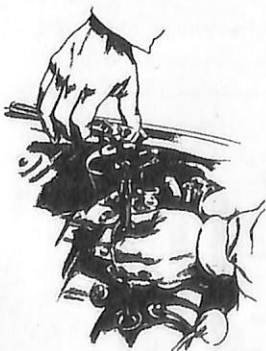
web as he crosses the Sahara, as he is carrying a satellite tracking device that automatically shows where he is on a web page. You will find the link in his training blog.

There are 98,000 people following Alex's progress on Facebook, where he has been able to show many other type 1 diabetics around the world that their illness needn't stop them from doing adventurous things.

If you would like to support Alex's efforts, and help the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation find a cure for this awful illness, donations can be made at www.everydayhero.com.au/Alex_Williams. With 46 million type 1 diabetics in the world, every dollar is a dollar closer to overcoming this debilitating illness.

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WELCOME TO TERM 1

by John Meyer (President)

With the hustle and bustle of the festive season now behind us and the children back at school, perhaps it is time to consider a little "me time". This term there is a fabulous variety of stimulating activities for the mind and body.

For instance, our yoga classes are gentle and nurturing...a wonderful way to increase body flexibility, body strength and ease stress. Our line dancing classes for beginners and inter-mediate are a sensational way to exercise the brain and body while having fun to music. No partner is needed and any age is welcome. Qigong for Health and Healing combines Tao Yin, Qigong and Meditation is suitable for all ages. These

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- Miriam Gillespie

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Karen - yoga instructor

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by A. Taylor

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to complete these things.

We always have new crafts
you can try and this term
we will be doing BEADING
and trying some different
projects with beads. You
can make up a small item
to learn the techniques or
bring along a bead project
of your own.

We also have a range
of different GREETING
CARD projects you can try
with stickers or paper tole,
teabag folding, stamping
and other ideas.

There is always lots of
different knitting patterns
happening with lots of
ideas to share as well
as embroidery and
patchwork.

Different crafts will be
added in term 2

Whether you are new to
Beaconsfield or have lived
here for a while you are
always welcome, this is a
good place to make new
friends.

First term dates for Make
and Mingle are Wed 3rd
February to Wed 24th
March and we meet at
Beaconsfield Baptist
Church, cnr. Old Princes
Hwy and Desmond Crt.
(Opposite O'Neil Road
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Enquiries
Ann Taylor 9707 1996



THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT

If you think you can do a thing
or think you can't do a thing,
you're right.

Henry Ford, (attributed)
US automobile industrialist (1863 - 1947)

BPS Corner



Our First Week at Beaconsfield P.S.

by Gary Methven (Principal)

Our vibrant classrooms were filled varied activities and happy children this week! At Beaconsfield PS we find that a positive attitude is the very best way to develop positive attitudes to learning in children.



It is a very special time for our new Prep children, who have so much to learn in their first year of school. After a kinder style, play based introduction to the school day, our preps have already begun work on activities in English that focus on learning how to write letters of the alphabet correctly. Students also concentrate on reading, writing, speaking and listening, and understanding the alphabet. Our teachers use the interactive whiteboards and big books to model and share writing and



reading skills and before too long these enthusiastic learners will be writing simple sentences!

Beyond the academic curriculum, basic literacy and numeracy, our children learn how to be a good friend, have a good friend and care for and work with others as part of their development.

They will participate in physical activities, building their skills and potential, explore and express ideas and feelings in their work in music and visual arts and develop skills in the use of technology.

Best wishes to all of our new students and families for 2010. Welcome to the Beaconsfield PS family!

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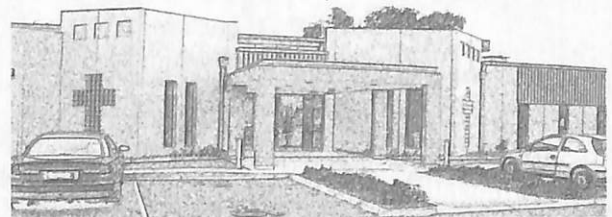
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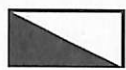
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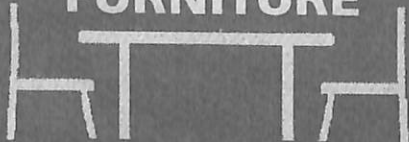
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by GRAEME J. TAYLOR FCA.

TAX/BAS AGENT REGISTRATIONS

The tax and accounting profession are about to undergo major changes with the introduction of the new Tax Agents Services Act 2009. It will affect existing Tax Agents and also Business Activity Statement (BAS) preparers. A new eleven member Tax Practitioners Board has been announced to replace existing State based Boards.

Tax Agents and BAS Agents will be required to register with the Tax Practitioners Board. Both Agents will be required to follow a National Code of Conduct. Tax Agents currently registered will only need to apply when their current registration comes up for renewal. However, BAS Agents who charge a fee for related advice including preparation of BAS Returns will now need registration with the Tax Practitioners Board. A person who

only enters data, prepares bank reconciliation etc. on instructions provided may not need registration. The new requirements for registration include a mixture of qualifications, experience and meeting the fit and proper person's test.

The scheme is due to commence on 1st March 2010. Guidelines are not yet available but may require Professional Indemnity Insurance and Professional Development training.

Ensure that the Tax Agent or BAS Agent that you use is registered with the Tax Practitioners Board and meets the guidelines and Code of Conduct. The objective is to enhance consistent high standards and make Agents accountable for penalties if they fail to meet the ethical standards.

2010 Casey Cycling Festival

Saturday 27th February 2010

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7am till 4pm

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'Creating Cooks'

by Tammy Lobato, MP Member for Gembrook

I was saddened to learn of the closure of 'The Organic Source' in Beaconsfield as not only was it a unique shop selling fresh wholesome produce, its owners Darren and Denise Powell are passionate advocates for food free of genetic modification. I wish the Powell family all the best with their future endeavours.

Darren's passion translated into local advocacy for Beaconsfield residents when the news broke late last year that genetically modified crops were being secretly grown right here in the local area in a property along Soldiers Rd. He was one of many locals who stood alongside me to protest against this experimentation on our doorsteps. With so many children living in Beaconsfield, and a considerable number already suffering from allergy problems, it is distressing to think that children have now been

exposed to the potential risks from genetically modified crops.

The risks from the crop were exacerbated by extensive sewerage works at the property which meant that contaminated soil could have spread throughout the district. I immediately intervened with the City of Casey and South East Water and after raising my concerns, both authorities agreed to implement best practice measures. This meant that all vehicles and machinery were thoroughly cleaned, the construction site was fenced off and sediment control mechanisms were put in place. Both South East Water and the City of Casey correctly realised that genetically modified crops pose a genuine risk to both human and environmental health. However, it is a pity that concerns have to be raised in order to get some action, instead of comprehensive management plans being

put in place when these crops are grown. I will continue to advocate for stronger protection for residents, especially for those too young to advocate for themselves.

On a happier note, a new cookbook titled 'Creating Cooks' has been launched designed to encourage children to learn to cook and understand food and what it means for our health. I was fortunate to be asked to contribute to the book, both with a recipe and in the foreword. It is a terrific way to introduce children to the various skills required for food preparation. Anyone who would like a copy of the book for the very reasonable price of \$10 can contact my office. All proceeds go to the Children's Whole Health Foundation.

On the planning front, many residents would know that I lodged an objection to the 'Pink Hill' proposal for



a large hotel and gaming venue adjacent to the Beaconsfield Community Complex. The application was rejected by council but the decision is now being appealed at VCAT. I will continue to advocate for residents who are firmly opposed to such a development which is totally out of keeping with the local area. Please contact me for any assistance or advice on this or any other matters.

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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH *by David Morland*

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A few months ago my wife and I went to the Pompeii exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Pompeii is a ruined Roman town. It was destroyed, and completely buried, during an eruption of the volcano Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The volcano buried Pompeii under 60 feet of ash and it was lost for nearly 1,700 years before its discovery in 1748. The significance of Pompeii is that we have a Roman town frozen in time. Huge numbers of ordinary household utensils along with plaster casts of pets and people doing exactly what they were doing that fateful morning were put on show at the Museum.

It was very crowded as we shuffled around looking at the various artefacts that had been brought to Melbourne. When we came to a household altar a little boy stood looking

at it for a moment then asked his dad what people would want one of those for. His dad answered in a condescending and sneering way, "I would not know". The impression he was giving his son was that such matters were a load of old nonsense. In point of fact we know precious little about what that household altar was all about other than the fact it was one family's acknowledgment that spiritual things matter.

And why did that family from a time and place so different to ours think that way? Well just maybe because in fact spiritual things do matter. Just maybe those thousands of millions of folk who pray to God every day are more in touch with reality than we may dare to believe. Just maybe those untold millions who claim to know Jesus are on to something.



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Child Care Comes Naturally.....

by: Rebecca Fenn

Beaconsfield Children's Hub Panorama Estate opened its doors to families on 4 January 2010.

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If you are interested in enrolling your child/children at the service and would like to view the facilities and speak with an early childhood professional, you are more than welcome to view the facility Monday – Friday 6.30am – 6.30pm.

Additional Information is available by telephoning 9769 3333 or alternatively email: admin@beaconsfieldchildrenshub.com.au. We invite all family and friends to come along to view the facility that we have on offer. Beaconsfield Children's Hub Panorama Estate is located at 2-8 Windsor Drive, Beaconsfield (on Princes Hwy).



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The nativity procession is always a delight to see and the children from the local Baptist Church told the Christmas story

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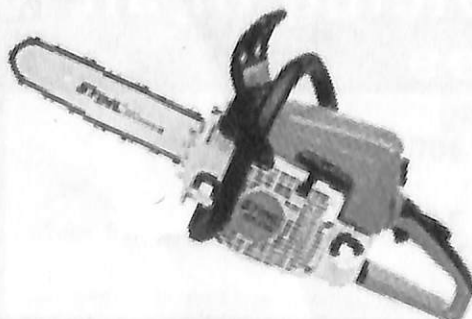
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BRUISES ON THE INSIDE

By Jennifer Hepburn

Jennifer Hepburn's story of psychological and emotional abuse certainly isn't unique, but her choice to share it with others is. Jennifer has bravely written her account of her experience of a type of abuse which is all too common but not easily talked about. Her debut book 'Bruises on the Inside' shows that while broken bones and bruises will eventually heal, these forms of abuse can sometimes take far longer, hence the title for the book. It was the drive to help other people in abusive relationships that motivated her to share her story. 'Many people don't know that what they are living in constitutes abuse' says Ms Hepburn. 'It is often not until they are out of the relationship, as I did, that they realise just how abusive it really was.'

Jennifer was married to her abusive partner for 10 years, sharing a son Marcus, adopted daughter Julitha and a daughter from her previous marriage Beccy. She said the abuse began very quickly, but she ignored it, as so many do, because she yearned for love and he seemingly 'swept her off her feet'. 'You want to protect the dream of the love you believe you have found. And you feel the shame that it has happened so when he apologizes, as he always does, you want to put it in the past. You desperately want to believe him.'

But when it came to protecting her children, in 2004 Jennifer decided she needed to finally leave. 'I realised that it was no longer just me who had to deal with this, but my children were being raised in this environment. We

had 'walked on eggshells' for so long. We lived to accommodate his needs and anticipate his moods.'

So finally in 2005 she worked up the courage to leave, "but it took a good six months to break free". Ms Hepburn said she was stalked and harassed by her abuser for months after leaving.

It can also be difficult for people leaving, as Ms Hepburn experienced, as this is the most dangerous time, when his violent behaviour can escalate because the abuser cannot cope with losing control. 'It is important to know what to do to protect yourself and where to go for support' says Ms Hepburn. "I have included practical advice in the book, not only on how the abuser targets their victim and how their mind works, but also where to find the support that is so critical. I also hope to have answered the most asked questions like 'Why does she keep going back? Why doesn't she just leave?'

Not all abuse is physical as Ms Hepburn's book shows. 'It was the mind games that broke me,' she says. After Ms Hepburn finally broke free, he turned his attention to their two children, manipulating them into agreeing to live with him. 'It took him some time but he

finally brainwashed them as well,' she said. 'When I lost custody of my children, it was the most devastating thing that had ever happened to me. I thought he would take them overseas to his birth country and I would never see them again. It was a nightmare. It really was a living nightmare.'

'Bruises on the Inside' is an intensely personal and harrowing story. 'Writing the book was a lot harder than I thought,' said Ms Hepburn. 'I initially started it as an account of what happened to me, I wanted a record. I wanted my children to know how much I love them and how hard I fought for them.' Ms Hepburn found that so many women share her story, and that whilst the details and specifics differ with each case, the fundamental behaviour and pattern is the same.

She hopes that by writing 'Bruises on the Inside' she can help people recognise this, and show them that they can break free and change their lives for the better. 'Hopefully people will realise they can get through it, they can regain their life back. My book includes a checklist that helps readers work out if they think the relationship they are in is abusive. There are also helpful websites to search. I want victims to realise that they don't have to take the monumental step to leave on their own. There is help out there. There is support. You are not alone.'

Remark upon the recent assault on pop singer Rihanna, for which her ex-boyfriend was convicted for domestic violence, Ms



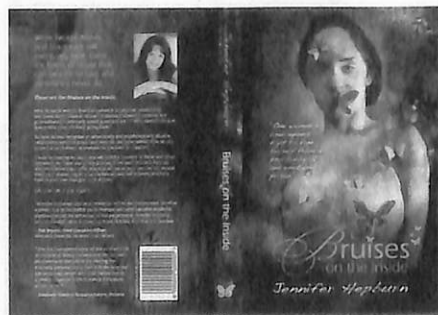
Hepburn says this proved that it could happen to anyone. "You can be young, rich and famous, and it can still happen to you. Abuse is not selective, and you don't have to be beaten to be abused."

Ms Hepburn's children have now returned to her, and have no contact with their father. 'They feel hurt and betrayed by him. They came back of their own accord and I am so proud of them, but the legacy he has left them with will take time to heal,' said Ms Hepburn.

Ms Hepburn is now 46 years old, and has remarried - to a friend she knew more than 20 years ago. She lives with her three children, and her husband's daughter, Sarah.

As Ms Hepburn says, 'If I can help just one person walk away, stand strong, and go on to live the life they were meant to, writing the book will have been worth it. It is only by speaking out we can stop this epidemic.'

'Bruises on the Inside' can be purchased from Ms Hepburn's website, www.bruisesontheinside.com.au or from Pakenham Bookshop, 132 Main Street Pakenham. The price is \$29.95 + \$4.95 postage. All orders come with a free bookmark. The website also includes a Forum, checklist and helpful websites.



A Pleasant AUTUMN Sunday Afternoon

The Pleasant Autumn Sunday Afternoon to be held at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, will bring together the OLD and the NEW. The March 21st programme will feature Peter and Stephen McLean playing The Grand Piano, Keyboard and Xylophone. The McLean Brothers have been presenting Gospel Music in a contemporary format for many years, and with them will be their friends, who will help lead the Community Hymn Singing.

These accomplished musicians will present an entertaining programme of Popular, Inspirational and Traditional music commencing at 2:30pm. Also be prepared for a few surprises. Afternoon tea wraps up around 4:30pm. The variety of music and styles will satisfy all age groups, so families are encouraged to come to enjoy a musical feast.

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by Sue Desailly (Horton)

I have been in touch with a few friends that I went to primary school at Beacy with. There seems to be great interest in catching up with our past friends and their families as it has been 30 Years!!

After some discussions we have decided that we will organise a picnic day on Saturday 22nd of May 2010 - perhaps at the Bob Burgess Reserve as he played a big part in the community around these times. We have not confirmed a time or anything as yet but will make a more definite

decision as the interest grows.

We still keep in touch with quite a few people but would like to try and encourage others to come and join in or make contact with us.

My email address is desailly@aapt.net.au or mum and dad's is jotedhorton@netspace.net.au.

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Footnote: Just as interest, there is a facebook page Beaconsfield Primary School (VIC) Past students.

Friends of Cardinia Creek

The Friends of Cardinia Creek need helpers for **Clean Up Australia on Sunday 7th March 9am-12md.**

Meet at the south of Beaconsfield Tennis Courts. BYO hat, sunscreen and

gloves. The friends will pick up rubbish in Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve, Emerald Rd., Old Princes Highway.

It is twelve years in March since the friends started removing weeds in the reserve and they have been doing Clean Up Australia every year. Last year they are sad to say they collected a huge amount of rubbish.

Some of the weeds the friends remove are gorse, holly ivy, cotoneaster, Japanese honeysuckle, solanum, spear thistle and sycamore maple.

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St Francis Xavier College congratulated their graduating class of 2009, in particular to the many students who reached their personal best, earning results which reflected their commitment and input.

The College Dux for 2009 was Angela Norman. Angela achieved the excellent result of an ENTER score of 98.15 which the College described as a wonderful and fitting reward for the talent and dedication of a very fine student. Angela who was also College Captain in 2009 will begin her studies this year in Physiotherapy at Latrobe University.

Of all the year 12 students, 92% received an offer of a Tertiary placement, 17 students received an ENTER of 90 or higher, 53 students an ENTER of 80% or higher. The College was particularly proud

of the 50 students who received individual subject study scores above 40 and recently these students were invited back to the first College assembly for the year to be honoured and congratulated in front of the students and staff at Beaconsfield.

St Francis Xavier College began the 2010 school year with an enrolment of over 1900 students across their two campuses at Berwick and Beaconsfield.



Pictured: Angela Norman

Cardinia Combined Churches Caring (4C's) *by Jeni Mathieson*

Cardinia Combined Churches Caring (4C's) is the main Crisis Relief Centre for the Cardinia Shire. We have faced a space issue at 1 Main Street as the call on the services provided by 4C's has increased dramatically in recent years.

Discussions with the Cardinia councillors and executives over several months have resulted in an agreement to fund the rental of a factory for 9 years. With this agreement a part of the dream has been realised.

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STREET NAMES - SOUTER STREET



Sophia Souter (With kind permission from Souter family)

Many of the streets in Beaconsfield are named after early settlers in this area.

SOUTER STREET off Old Princes Highway with Georgios on the corner and Beaconsfield Hub on the other corner runs through to Beaconsfield Avenue but is not a through road. Jim Parkes Reserve with the playground is in Souter Street on the corner of Horner Street.

Souter Street is named after the Souter family. Charles and Sophia Souter travelled from England on the S.S. Swiftsure in 1868 and settled in Hotham which is now known as Port Melbourne. In the Bailliere's Directory 1875, Charles Souter is

listed as Hotel Keeper, Pakenham and the hotel is the Gippsland Hotel in Beaconsfield. In the Shire of Berwick Rates Book he is listed in 1875 as owning an hotel and 200 acres in the Pakenham Riding of the Shire of Berwick. In the following years he owned 2 shops in Pakenham and 320 acres in Gembrook which his sister Mary had leased from the crown since 1875.

Sophia Souter played a large part in running the Hotel from 1877-1880, after the failure of the Provincial & Suburban Bank she was listed in the South Bourke and Mornington Journal as insolvent. For a short period Mr. A. Norman ran the Hotel and then Charles

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by Ann Taylor

sister Mary took over for around 12 months. Charles still owned the Hotel at this stage and leased it to Edward Key for some years. It was sold to the Gissing family in 1886 after leasing it from Charles for about 1 year.

Charles was elected to the Shire of Berwick Council in August 1879, representing the Pakenham Riding until 1886. During that time he served on many committees in the area and was made a Justice of the Peace in October 1881.

Around 1887 Charles and Sophia moved to the Frankston area and the rates book of the Shire of Mornington shows he

bought and sold property in that area. In August 1888 he was elected to the Mornington Shire Council and represented the North/East Riding of the Shire. He continued as a Councillor for 3 years becoming Shire President in his final year. After resigning from the Council he received an Illuminated Address from the people of Frankston. Charles and Sophia moved back to Beaconsfield around 1892. Charles had lost most of his fortune in the disastrous land boom in the early 1890s.

Charles died 3 years later on 9th July, 1895 at North Beaconsfield.

Sophia lived at North Beaconsfield for some time and then moved to Berwick where she lived until she died on 15th August, 1937 aged 96. Both are buried in Berwick Cemetery.

Note: The original town of North Beaconsfield became Dewhurst in 1923 and in 1968 became part of the Cardinia Reservoir Reserve. A new area of Upper Beaconsfield has recently been named Dewhurst.

The Gippsland Hotel was built by the Bowmans in 1855 and first called Bowman's Inn. Janet Bowman later changed the name to Gippsland Hotel. The present building

known as the Central Hotel was built around 1928 in the Spanish Mission style, similar to the Pakenham Hotel and replaced the Gippsland Hotel.

The Shire of Berwick later became Shire of Pakenham and the City of Berwick and more recently with new boundaries, renamed Shire of Cardinia and City of Casey.

Much of this article has been taken with permission from articles written by Darren Souter in previous issues of the Beaconsfield Banner and the Pakenham Gazette. Darren and his family still live in the Beaconsfield area and with their wider family regularly meet for family reunions.



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Council in partnership with Tapex and neighbouring Councils across the Gippsland region are rolling out a new collection system called Plasback.

Plasback transforms plastic silage wrap to a raw material for new products

Waste Education Officer Ella Boyen, said silage wrap is a disposal problem for many farmers in the municipality.

"Silage wrap is often buried on farms or burnt as there are normal

landfill disposal costs.

"The Plasback system is environmentally friendly and a low cost solution for farmers and Council," said Ms Boyen

Two drop off points will commence in Cardinia Shire: The Cardinia Waste and Recycle Centre, Exchange Drive, Pakenham and Larmax Trading, 1 - 7 Oxford Street, Lang Lang

Cardinia Shire Council will be assisted by the Westernport Catchment Landcare and Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group in promoting the program.

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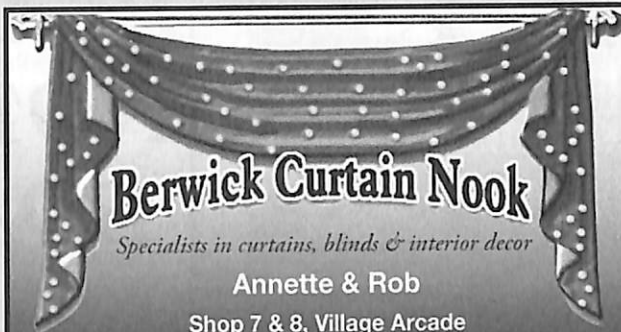
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by Phil Collins

It's that time of year when people meet, in committee, of course, to discuss important issues (I love that word 'issues'). Handymen are no different. We meet to decide on the awards we give to the deserving:-

Tennis Player of the Year:- Doesn't scream or grunt, wears comfortable clothing (no tugging or lifting), smiles when winning or losing, never wears black except at funerals and bounces the ball twice before serving.

Widow of the Year :- She makes an excellent cuppa, has homemade cakes and her garden has a shaded seat where a man can take a breather. If it is a close contest I would award it to the lady who has power points outside, front and back.

First Lesson of the Year:- Roger from Sunday Tennis gave me this clue. When removing dirt and moss from concrete paths, porches and steps where it can become slippery, he uses liquid pool chlorine. I tried it diluted 5 to 1, but it seems better neat. I then used my pressure washer and the job's done. I worry a bit about nearby plants but it is better to replace a plant than have a visitor with a lump on his or her head.

Watch Dog of the Year:- He or she or maybe modified – no worse than a foot high, stops barking at number ten, doesn't want to chew your equipment and sleeps most of the day.

Prime Minister of the Year:- Travels overseas twice a year, alone, uses his frequent flyer points plus a little out of his salary. Travels tourist class, stays at the "Y". He or she negotiates foreign aid so that we receive it and uses it to pipe water from Queensland down to the Darling River Basin.





The Pakenham Bush Walking Club

by Chris Bennie, Club Secretary

This January the Pakenham Bush Walking Club celebrates its 20th year of walking.

We are a friendly and active mixed club, with members ranging from mid 50s to our eldest in their 80s and, besides Pakenham and surrounds, are drawn from Cranbourne and even Warragul. We walk most Tuesdays, unless weather or other conditions cause cancellation. We walk anywhere east of Melbourne: in the Dandenongs and surrounding hills, along railtrails, on the Bass coast and Phillip Island, with variable terrain which is

noted in our program. Our emphasis is on enjoyment of the surroundings, not power walking from point A to B. There is always a leader at the front and a whip at the rear whose job is to gather up any strays! No one gets left behind!

Our motto which we go by is: Walk, Talk and Gawk.

We are keen to have new members join us. To learn more, please contact: The Secretary, Chris Bennie, on 5623 6235. Email: chrisb@dcsl.net.au (Please put "Pakenham Bush Walking Club inquiry" as the subject)



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Residents of Beaconsfield have had enough of the reckless and careless driving in local car parks, local railway stations and local streets.

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The driving I saw on the streets in Dandenong and Prahran is not behaviour we want to see increase in our local area. The amount of police resources used in operations to control illegal drag racing was detrimental to the quality of policing made available to the community.

The police have attempted to curb the behaviour of young drivers, however they are only able to work within the laws they have. The current punishment

resulting in 2 day's car impoundment is not adequate enough. And the continued rise in road trauma created by reckless and careless driving reflects this.

We have areas in Beaconsfield that are regularly affected by "Hoon" drivers affecting residents' day to day lives. The need for stronger laws and an increase in proactive patrols in these areas is the only way to deter this behaviour.

A Coalition Government would increase the penalty to impound their car for 30 days for a first offence, then increase the penalty to their car being stripped and parts sold prior to crushing, for the third offence. The requirement for all offenders would be to participate in a defensive driving course at their own expense which will educate them with the responsibility that comes when you have a drivers licence.

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by Peter Hansen

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In his book he refers to two ladies, Charlotte Moberly and Eleanor Jourdain, successive Principals of an Oxford College who published a book in 1911, called "An Adventure". On August the 10th, 1901, the two ladies visited the Trianon Park in Versailles and were surprised to encounter a number of people in 18th century dress. Two "gardeners" gave them directions and a man who hurries past them warned them not to take a certain path. They passed a woman in old fashioned dress who was drawing but only Miss Moberly saw her. Both ladies felt oddly depressed and experienced a dream-like sensation.

The following year Miss Jourdain returned alone to Versailles on a cold rainy afternoon and again experienced the same eerie feeling and felt that she had somehow "crossed a line and was suddenly in a circle of influence". She saw two labourers in bright tunics and hoods loading a cart and when she looked back

a second later they had vanished, even though she could see a long way in both directions. She heard the rustling of silk dresses around her and heard voices but she saw no one.

When the two ladies returned to the gardens 3 years later they found everything totally changed. The trees had vanished; so had a rustic bridge, a ravine, a cascade, and a "kiosk". Convinced by now that they had seen the gardens as it was in the reign of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI, they studied books on the period and concluded that they had seen historical personages of the period just before the Revolution, and that the woman seen by Charlotte Moberly could well have been Marie Antoinette. After publication of their book in 1911, three people who had lived in a house overlooking the park told them that they had experienced the same kind of thing so often that they had ceased to pay any attention to it.

This book created quite a lot of controversy but the story still stands and nobody to date has ever been able to explain what happened, or how it happened. The two ladies were women of standing in the community and professional educators of repute in England so were hardly the type to falsify such a story.

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by Nathan Boon

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In December we had 66mm of rain. This fell over 8 days. This is just below the average for the month.

January had 39mm and this fell over 5 days. This is well below the January average but it was the highest for January since 2007.

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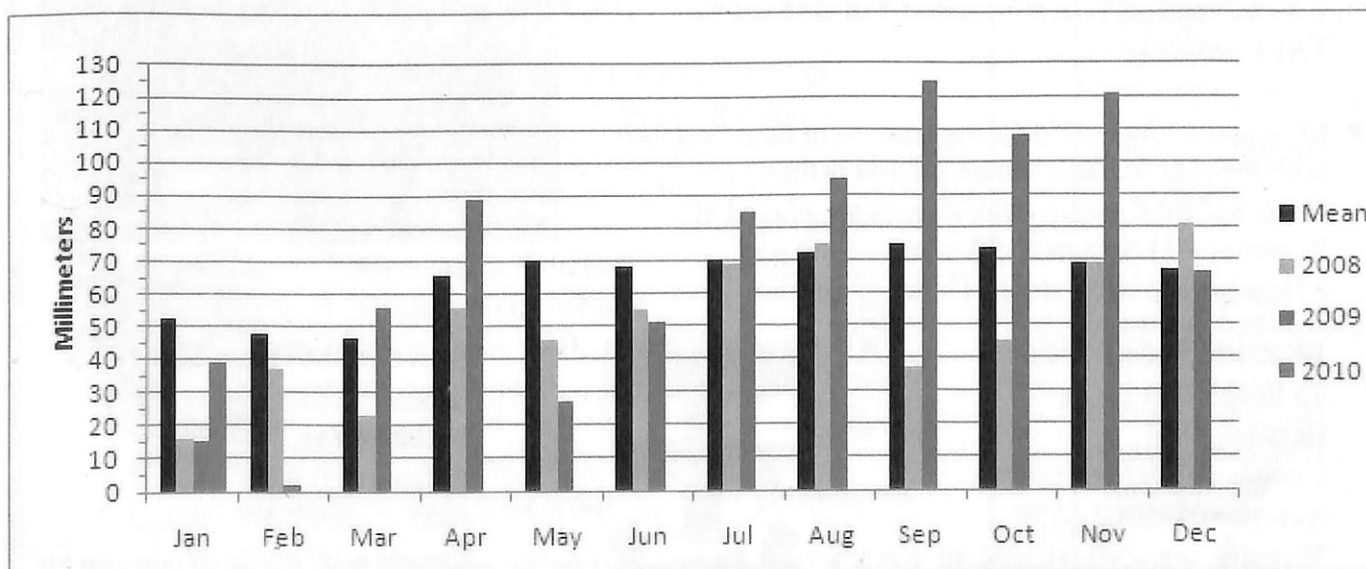
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Our junior sides have all performed admirably, with all the teams competitive

and representing the club well. We have also had a large number of juniors selected to represent West Gippsland. Our congratulations to all our juniors who have had the opportunity to play at a higher level and gain valuable experience on the way.

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BAROOGA TRIP

by John Scales

Another epic journey took place during the third week of January (18th to 22nd) 2010 when eleven brave cricketers made the trip to Barooga for the annual Masters tournament.

Game One: 9.00 am Tatura at Cobram showgrounds oval.

This was no ordinary game of over 35's cricket. Our opponents comprised of ex state cricketers and eight out of eleven celebrating an 18 year reunion of the Shepparton District premiership.

After the Tigers lost the toss, opponents Tatura went on the rampage with three batsmen reaching the retirement score of 40 and another two (39 and 34) all contributing at better than a run a ball. Bagga was the best with the ball taking 2/24, while three others took one each. Tatura finished a sizeable 5/235 after their 40 overs.

The chase started like a hurricane and ended just as quick. Outside of Spotty Jennings' 14 (4,0,4,6) in the first four balls of the innings and Bagga Mercier's 14, it was only Choc Hocking

who chipped in with a contribution of 25 at the end. The sad total was all out for 102 with ten overs remaining. Enough said.

Game Two: 9.00 am "Swing from the Ring" on the Barooga main oval.

Captain McMaster did the right thing by the newcomers to the competition and lost the toss only to be told to have a bowl. Early blood was drawn with the score on seven, however most other batsmen formed partnerships to take the total to 9 for 188 after their allocated 40 overs. Best with the ball were Greg Butler who took 2/26, while both Joe McMaster and Russell Vincent chipped in with two each at the end. At three for 21 in the eighth over requiring 4.7 runs an over, the chase had started

bad, until Bagga Mercier (54) was joined by Choc Hocking (30) to take the score to 84 before the fall of the next wicket. Tempered batting along the way gave hope. Even though Sammy Holden (42) made retirement score and some spirited late

hitting attempts, the target was just too big. All out for 164 was a little short of our opponents in the end.

Game Three: 1.00 pm Shell Harbour on the Barooga main oval.

It was a case of de javu when at the same venue, the same time, the same opponent, the same result of the toss and once again being asked to bat first as in game three last year.

The 30 over game brought three retirees (after 30 runs) to return, being Sammy Holden (38), Choc Hocking (32 no) and Greg Butler (30 no) along with solid contributions from the rest bringing the total up to 183 at close. Just over a run a ball was a good total to bowl to.

Bowling second the Tigers had the opponents in trouble right from the start and were never really threatened to have them all out for 120 in the 29th over. While opening bowlers Greg Butler (1/12 -5 overs) and Choc Hocking (2/17 -5 overs) bowled tight it was left to Joe McMaster (3/14 -4 overs), Pup Bruneau (2/12 -3 overs) and Russ Vincent (2/4 -1.4 overs) to clean up the spoils.

The de javu of the game continued to the end with the same result as last

year.

The trip wash up: The hotly contested trophy for the best player on the trip "The Don" went to a previous winner in Choc "Pull out boy" Hocking with 64 votes. Second was another previous winner in Andrew "Bagga" Mercier on 50 votes. Two game only player Wayne "Sammy" Holden on 34 votes was third, while trip newcomer Greg "Buttman" Butler with 20 votes finished fourth. Players (and their scores) to go on the trip were Craig "the gatekeeper" Jennings (14,0,18), Greg "Buttman" Butler (7,4,30no), Greg "Gell" Tomamichel (6,dnp,dnp), John "The drip" Scales (0,2,3), Russell "Rusty" Vincent (7,5,0), Andrew "Bagga" Mercier (14,54,15), Brendan "Bucka" Ewert (13,11,1), Russ "Quiet one" Dickins (0,3,0), Wayne "Choc" Hocking (25,30,32no), Alan "Mankini" Sauvarin (9,6,dnb), Joe "Bouffant" McMaster (1,1,8), Wayne "Sammy" Holden (dnp,42,38) and Dave "Pup" Bruneau (dnp,dnp,13).

Another successful trip by the Tigers with recruits already interested in next year's adventure.



Barooga Masters tour 2010

L - R: Dave "Pup" Bruneau, Trevor "The siphon" Perrin, Craig "The gatekeeper" Jennings, Wayne "Pull out boy" Hocking, Brendan "Bucka" Ewert, Russell "Rusty" Vincent, Alan "Mankini" Sauvarin, Joe "Bouffant" McMaster, Andrew "Bagga" Mercier, Russ "The quiet one" Dickins, Greg "Buttman" Butler, John "The drip" Scales. Absent for photo: Greg "Gell" Tomamichel, Wayne "Sammy" Holden

TENNIS NEWS

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC

by C. Briant

Tennis Open Day Draws A Crowd

About 90 people, including children visited the Beaconsfield Tennis Club's open day on January 30.

Organisers were kept busy during the four hours from 4pm to 8pm as families took advantage of the warm weather and ventured out for a hit of tennis, a bit of fun and a free sausage.

The coaching courts were very popular, with Chris and Tom doing a marvelous job keeping the children busy hitting balls.

There were lessons and games for children just beginning to play, those

who have played a bit before and also lessons for adults. There were lots of prizes handed out - T-shirts, vibration dampeners, balls, drink bottles and sweat bands.

The children's fastest serve competition was won by Fraser Walsh with a magnificent 103km/hour serve. The competition was very close with all children giving it their best shot. A rowdy group of adults lined up to show off their best serves. Apart from being fast, the adults' serves also had to land in the service box. A strengthening head



Pictured : Andrew Peart, Les Donaldson and Cherine Kenna are served up a few sausages by Dave Newsome.

wind added to the degree of difficulty. But after two hotly contested rounds of serving, the competition was won by Colman Kenna.

Thanks go to Beaconsfield's Home Timber & Hardware who supplied the BBQ, Nush Bar and Restaurant at Guys Hill for supplying the hamburgers and

sausages and Beaconsfield Woolworths for supplying the bread, onions and cordial.

Thank you also to those families in the community who took the time to come down to the courts and take part in Beaconsfield Tennis Club's annual open day.

Championships reminder

Beaconsfield Tennis Club members are reminded that the Club Championships, entries will close soon.

Matches will be played throughout late February and March with all semi-finals and finals held on Sunday March 21.

Junior events include A, B and C grade singles and doubles. There is also a D grade junior round robin doubles event.

Senior events include A grade and B grade singles and doubles for men and women, and veteran's doubles.

For the first time there will also be singles and doubles events held just

for the club's Tuesday and Wednesday night social players.

The March 21 finals day will include a free BBQ lunch and trophy presentations. For more information juniors can contact club president, Adrian Walsh on 9702 5251 after 6pm or seniors can contact Dave Van der Koogh on 0416 147 771.

Is your child ready for tennis competition?

Beaconsfield Tennis Club and the ITM tennis coaching team are thinking about offering a special short course for children who may be interested in starting competitive tennis.

The course would focus

on teaching children about the basic rules of tennis, where to stand when serving and receiving, how to score, changing ends, tennis etiquette and playing in a team.

The course would probably be best suited to children who can already hit the ball over the net but require specialist assistance with how the game is played.

If there is enough interest, this course would probably be run over about five weeks, after school for 30 minutes each week.

If you are interested in starting your child in this course, give Paul Rowbottom a call on 0412 682 569.

Club Contacts

General Enquiry

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

Night Tennis

Tuesday Mixed A Grade: 9707 2909
Wednesday Mixed B Grade: 9707 4287
Thursday Men A & B: 9707 4507
Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852

Other Competition

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Junior Comp: 9702 5251
Coach / Snr. Comp: 0412 682 569

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MEDIA RELEASE Fresh New Start To Farmers' Market

Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market will be relaunched this month on Saturday 13 February with Cardinia Shire Council handing coordination over to Pakenham Rotary.

The market's new name will be Pakenham Rotary Farmers' Market.

Mayor Cr Graeme Legge said Council is ready to pass the market onto the community after it helped establish the initiative.

"The market has been a great success as an event, even winning a national award but Council has taken it as far as it can.

"It was agreed by stallholders and Council, that for the

market to move forward the community would need to get on board," Cr Legge said.

The time and day will remain the same – the second Saturday of the month from 8am to 12pm.

The current Pakenham Racecourse site has been identified for development and as a result a new location for 2010 has been established.

Many favourite stall holders have committed to continue supporting the market, in its new location, and new stalls, including fresh barramundi, farm fresh meat, goat's cheese and freshly ground coffee beans will be on sale.

Funds raised from gate entry will still go toward local community groups.

For more information about the Pakenham Rotary Farmers' Market contact Tim Ahern, 0427 057 908.

Pakenham Rotary Farmers' Market

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Farm fresh produce, direct from the local farmer to the consumer is the concept, behind the Cardinia Ranges Farmers' Market.

On the second Saturday of each month the community of Cardinia Shire hosts their farmers' market at Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham

The market is open from 8am to 12 noon.

It offers direct from the farm gate to the plate, just picked or farm origin, handmade, delicious food to hungry shoppers who want to taste food that brings back great childhood memories of eating sun- ripened warm peaches and cherry earrings!

The Pakenham Rotary Farmers' Market operates on the second Saturday of each month at Cardinia Cultural Centre Pakenham.

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We Say Goodbye To Khaled

One of our vets, Dr Khaled Ayoubi finished up at the Beaconsfield Vet Centre on 29th January. He will be undertaking an internship at the Pet Emergency and Specialist Centre in Malvern, to further his knowledge.

Khaled started at the clinic in December 2007 after he graduated from Veterinary Science at the University of Melbourne. Khaled's bright and enthusiastic personality entertained all of us here at the clinic, including the clients.

His passion for veterinary medicine was a great asset to our clinic, and we wish him all the best at the Pet Emergency and Specialist Centre.

Easter Is Coming!

Just a little early reminder for everyone that Easter is coming. For all those who are getting in early and stocking up on Easter Eggs, be sure to store them out of reach from your furry family members as chocolate has a toxic effect on them!



FOOTY TIPPING

Beaconsfield Vet Centre is starting a footy tipping competition that all our clients are welcome to join. It's as easy as logging on to www.footytips.com.au and registering your details with the Beaconsfield Vet competition. The Password for the competition is vet. You will receive weekly reminders via e-mail so you don't forget to put your tips in. Log on to the website to see what great prizes you could win. Staff members are not eligible to win, but see if you can beat them anyway! Good luck!

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