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A 'Beaconsfield Get Together' held in the Bob Burgess Park on May 22nd, was primarily organised by Sue Desailly, formerly Horton.

Former Beaconsfield Primary School friends (1976-1980), shared memories of their past with some travelling from as far as Swan Hill, Benalla, Alice Springs and Queensland.

Children giggled at the original photos shown in albums on display.

See story page 19.



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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Graeme J Taylor, Vice President

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. has been providing input on many matters as representative of the Community to promote and improve quality of life for Beaconsfield residents.

Some of the significant happenings over recent months include the following:

- The BPA held a successful Anzac Day Memorial Service on the Sunday prior to Anzac Day

- We are supportive of the announcement by State Government for the installation of traffic lights for Beaconsfield at Old Princes and Princes Highway intersection. Work is to commence during June at a cost of \$1.7million. The installation of traffic lights will improve safety at the intersection and will allow motorists to safely access Monash freeway (City Bound)

- It is pleasing to see that footpaths have not been forgotten with the commencement of the construction of the Holm Park Road footpath and the announcement that Cardinia Council will be allocating over \$100,000 in the 2010/11 budget for the installation of new footpaths

from Panorama Estate to Beaconsfield Township.

- Continued lobbying for the need for additional car parking spots at Beaconsfield Train Station

- Involvement with the Beaconsfield Park project whereby a Federal Government Stimulus Grant of \$100,000 has been approved to undertake major renovations to this park, which is the entrance to Cardinia Shire. In addition, separate Cardinia Shire Grants have been received to restore the Entrance Gate. Hopefully work will commence in July.

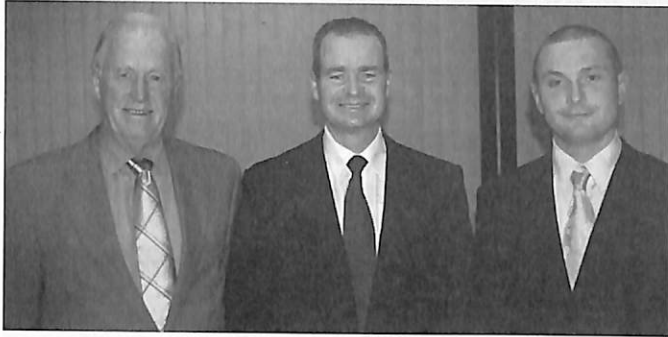
- The significant work being undertaken in Holm Park Road on the construction of new ovals and sporting facilities.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month at 7.30 pm at the Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Road and everyone is welcome to attend and join up as a Member if you can spare \$5. There are usually guest speakers and meetings are a forum to discuss local issues and hear from Ward Councillor, Brett Owen.



**DEADLINE FOR
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July 17th 2010



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

Council welcomes the recent announcement from the state government to signalise the intersection of Old Princes Hwy and the Princes Highway, Beaconsfield (just east of O'Neil Road).

The \$1.8 million project is expected to begin in June and should be completed by December.

The installation of the traffic lights will improve safety at the intersection

for motorists and pedestrians. Motorists will be able to turn right from the Old Princes Highway to travel city bound.

In addition to this good news, Council will be allocating over \$100,000 for the installation of new footpaths to and from the signalised intersection/pedestrian crossing. The new footpaths will link the Panorama Estate to the Beaconsfield Township.

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by Councillor Brett Owen, Central Ward

The urgent need for additional car parking at the Beaconsfield Railway Station is an issue that council takes very seriously.

Representatives from council met with Martin Pakula, State Minister for Public Transport in April. At this meeting, Council raised the issue with the Minister. Council will continue to advocate very strongly for additional car parking at the Beaconsfield Railway Station in the lead up to the upcoming state election.

Council continues to proceed with the development of the Holm Park Recreation Reserve. In the lead up to the upcoming state and federal elections, council will be advocating very strongly to all sides of politics to secure commitments from all parties to provide financial assistance to develop further stages of the Holm Park Road Reserve Master Plan.

If council is successful in securing funding commitments from the new state and federal governments, it will assist council to bring forward stages of the master plan. This will allow council to provide the recreational facilities that the Beaconsfield community deserves, sooner rather than later.

Works on the construction of a footpath along the south side of Holm Park Road (from Beaconsfield-Emerald Road to Fieldstone Boulevard) commenced in April.

The footpath will provide an important link to the township and provide connectivity in Beaconsfield, particularly to the future reserve. It will provide safety for many pedestrians that currently walk along the road or verge.



Pictured above : Tammy Lobato, MP Member for Gembrook and Cr Brett Owen discuss changes at the Princes Hwy., Beaconsfield intersection. See full report page 13.

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Once the plants were watered in the group enjoyed lunch together cooked superbly by Gerald Treasure.

Funding was received from Cardinia Shire and plants were purchased from Upper Beaconsfield Indigenous Nursery.

Picture below, L to R :- Alan, Nathan, Willem, Gerald, Ann and Graeme.



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"The Journey so far...." Evening for Senior Students 2010 St Francis Xavier College Beaconsfield Campus

by Maree Chapman

At St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield Campus a special event called "The Journey So Far" was held recently for current year 11 students.

Now in its fourth year, "The Journey So Far" was an evening of information as well as inspiration, where Year 11 students had the opportunity to hear the "journeys" of past students of the College in a wide range of career paths. Mrs Bernadette Barlow College Senior Mathematics teacher led a team to organise the evening and reflected, "...As one speaker explained, it is a way of passing on the wisdom of an older generation to a younger one, and in his family, the way to do this was through a story."

The students who returned to the College ranged in age from their mid thirties to early 20's and related their success to date in reaching their personal career goals while others described their progress in studying towards their long term goals.

The "journeys" of these thirty-seven past collegians were the highlight of the evening held on Wednesday 28 April. Year 11 students heard about challenges, disappointments, changes in direction and successes as our past students shared their stories. A common thread among the speakers was the importance of hard work, resilience, wisdom and guidance from mentors in achieving career goals.

One such speaker who returned on the evening to pass on some valuable advice to the students was past student Anthony Bourke.

Anthony completed Year 12 in 1987 and had the honour of being appointed St Francis Xavier's first College Captain with Sally Cunningham. After completing a Bachelor of Engineering and Diploma of Applied Science, Anthony

Bourke now works in the field of Engineering and Project Management and is currently General Manager, Risk and Technical Services (National Foods).

The enthusiasm and commitment of all the past students who returned on the evening was evident and reflected their ongoing support of the College community.



Photo: Mrs Bernadette Barlow with 2 former students, Ashley Brito & Abishant Pursawalkam

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MAKE AND MINGLE

by A. Taylor

June 9th, 2010 marks the 23rd Birthday for MAKE AND MINGLE.

We will be having our usual craft day along with birthday cake and lunch. Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group

and we have been blessed with making many friends through the years.

If you came to Make and Mingle in the early years and haven't been recently we would love to have you visit us again.



Pictured: Marianne and Jan sharing craft ideas



Pictured above: Margaret and her beautiful quilt

Newcomers are always welcome as well and we meet every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr. Desmond Crt. and Old Princes Highway.

In the coming weeks we will be working on a range of greeting cards using all sorts of techniques. We will be doing stamping & embossing, paper tole, pyramid and embroidered cards. Come and have a try of these ideas.

We also have ceramics and one-step decoupage and some small knitting projects to try.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WEEK

by J. Meyer



Neighbourhood House
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We began the week with a Volunteer/Members Luncheon on Monday, May 10th. During the luncheon, which was put together by our local caterers, Pam and Alan Watson and crew, members enjoyed not only the delicious meal, but we all had the joy of hearing Margaret Orr sing some beautiful melodies. What an amazing voice Margaret has!

(Pictured)

Our volunteers were thanked individually for all their hard work throughout the past year, with a Neighbourhood House Week calico bag (for the ladies), and a key ring (for the men). Also to entertain us, during dessert, were the Casey Choir, who gave everyone pleasure with their repertoire.

Well done to Midway, P&P sub-committee and Staff for putting this special thank you luncheon together.

For weekend bookings of the Hall in the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre contact Miryam.

The new number is
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The Public Access Computers were launched at the centre on May 13th. Call for more information. See picture on page 27.

BPS Corner



5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

On Monday the 17th of May 5/6H 5/6G and the 5's from 5/6S went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. We all had a great time for the three days we were there. We panned for gold, and walked around together. We got to watch Blood on the Southern

Cross, candle making, confectionery making, gold smelting and the Red Hill Mine. Most of us went to the shops and spent most of our money, maybe even all of it! There was a sweet shop called C. Spencer and it was the favourite shop for all of us. Yum!



The Red Hill Mine was really fun. We got to walk underground, up ladders, on the steps through water and at the end we watched a film of how they found a gold nugget. The Sound and Light Show (Blood On The Southern Cross) was amazing. The lighting looked so real and the audio sounded like it was right next to us! The

fire looked real on the wagons and buildings.

The Red Faces night was so funny! We had stand-up comedians, singers and news reporters! The star of the night was Lewis K with his very funny stand-up comedy news report. Thanks to all the teachers and parent helpers for making this camp possible.

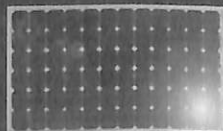


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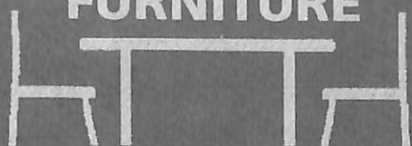
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by GRAEME J. TAYLOR, F.C.A.

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Transition to Retirement Pensions are now Account Based Pensions and yearly withdrawals are limited to 10% of the account balance. Lump Sums cannot be withdrawn however the pension is commutable when the individual has retired permanently or reached 65.

If you are over 55 with reasonable amounts in Superannuation Funds, then discuss with your Accountant or Financial Advisor the merits of a Transition to Retirement Pension.





The 2010/11 Victorian State Budget focuses on the provision of vital services, such as health, education and transport while cementing the state's strong economy and building jobs for the future.

School refurbishments and upgrades are continuing with \$271.3 million to exceed by 53 schools the pledge to fund the rebuild, renovation or extension of 500 government schools by 2011. There is also \$8 million allocated in this budget to fund the purchase of land in growth areas for new schools. There has also been a major boost for education for students

with disabilities and autism, with \$38.1 million over two years to deliver more programs addressing these specialised needs. As well as increasing Inclusion Support Programs for autistic children at mainstream schools, \$8 million has been set aside for the Eastern Autistic School, which will deliver the first stage of a new P to 12 school in Ferntree Gully.

Health and hospitals will receive a record \$4 billion boost including \$1.1 billion for world-class cancer treatment and research. There is \$68.9 million for the Olivia Newton-John

State Budget News

by Tammy Lobato, MP Member for Gembrook

Cancer and Wellness Centre plus extra funds to address surgery needs, mental health, emergency, and dialysis and outpatient services.

\$25.6 million has been allocated for the duplication of Clyde Rd between High St and Kangan Drive which coupled with \$30 million from the Federal Government will see traffic congestion eased and travel times reduced on this important road. In Beaconsfield, double right-turn lanes will be constructed at the intersection of the Princes Hwy and the Berwick-Beaconsfield Rd. This will allow cars from Beaconsfield to turn right to access the freeway, rather than having to turn left and perform a U-turn. This \$1.7 million project also includes a pedestrian crossing so residents in Panorama estate can access the township on foot.

Emergency services have also received a big boost

with additional money for the CFA, Incident Control Centres and bushfire warnings. Environment funding in the budget includes \$300,000 for Cardinia Reservoir Park and \$1 million for Yarra Ranges National Park. The State Budget also includes a \$9.5 billion infrastructure program that will create jobs and ensure Victoria's AAA-rated economic position is secured.

In other local news, Cr Brett Owen and I recently approached Woolworths management requesting the provision of toilets at their Beaconsfield supermarket. The response was that toilets had previously been provided but were closed due to vandalism. However, because of our requests, it has been agreed to open the toilets again for a 30-day trial period. I will provide information on the outcome of the trial at a later date.

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Greta the Guinea Pig

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Whilst we are familiar with many emergency procedures in dogs and cats, it's easy to forget that the same problems can occur in our smaller friends.

Poor Greta the guinea pig got into a pickle recently. Unfortunately, it turned out that Indy, her friend, was actually a boy and Greta's subsequent pregnancy was a problem for her. Guinea pigs have an unusual shaped pelvis that can become narrowed if they have not had babies by the age of 3 months therefore making the birthing process quite

difficult if they are past this age. With Greta being 3 years old there was a strong chance of complications occurring.

After X-rays were taken to confirm that she could not give birth naturally it was decided to undertake a caesarean in order to save both Greta's and her piglets. Whilst caesareans are reasonably routine they are complicated in this instance by the fragility of guinea pigs both under anaesthetic and in their recovery.



Nevertheless, we are happy to report everything went smoothly in the delivery room and with

a small army of willing helpers to resuscitate the piglets they were up and squeaking in double time! As for Greta she sailed through the surgery and was eating within 1hr of anaesthetic recovery which is commendable. She probably needed the sustenance however. Greta slimmed down from a whopping 1.3kg pre-surgery to a much more normal 800gm post surgery!! That's a 40% loss of body weight!



Four weeks on we are happy to report mum and family are all doing well



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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Death the end?

Johann Hari is a brilliant young Scottish journalist. Although only 31 he has won awards for his numerous reports from war zones. His well-crafted bulletins have appeared in many of the most prestigious newspapers in the world. He is a confessed atheist.

An essay of his appeared in last weekend's Australian Newspaper (May 15, 2010). In it he argues that it is time we got over the myth of anything beyond this earthly life. I am not sure that he has actually caught just what the bible says about heaven but that is beside the point.

The principle point he makes is that we need to see beyond the childhood

myths of our species and get a hold of the reality that this life is all we are ever going to get. He would suggest it is only when we get over the fact there is no forever we will start to live life more intently. And yet I would argue that no one lived more intently than the men and women who gave themselves to commence organisations like the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, World Vision, TEAR Australia, Samaritan's Purse, the Leprosy Mission, Habitat for Humanity, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Alcoholics Anonymous, all of whom believed passionately in God and eternal life.

In fact I think it could be shown that those who believe in eternal life give much more for the well



being of others than those who do not. Whereas belief in God and eternal life tends to cause people to be less selfish, after all "I got a lot more coming", but belief that this life is all that I will ever have, tends to lead toward a less generous mind set. And, if you ask me, it is the self-giving ones who are really living life intently.

MEDIA RELEASE

Say no to nasties, get immunised!

Cardinia Shire Council's Environmental Health team are encouraging families to get immunised.

Council provides a free adult and infant immunisation service across the Shire for all residents to protect against serious illnesses and diseases.

Council's Environmental Health Team Leader Sean La Fontaine said immunisation is an important part of protecting the health of families, particularly children.

"Residents do not need to book an appointment and most vaccinations are free of charge.

"Day and evening sessions are held on a monthly basis at various locations throughout the Shire," Mr La Fontaine said.

The 2010 immunisation schedule covers Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield Upper, Cockatoo, Emerald, Garfield, Gembrook, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, Nar Nar Goon and Pakenham

Council's 2010 immunisation calendar is available online at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au with dates, times and locations.

For further information about immunisation contact Council's Environmental Health Unit on 5945 0444.

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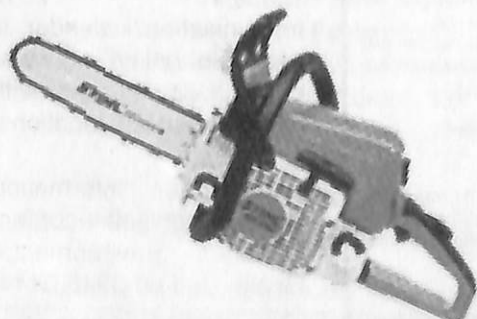
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Drop into council for free showerhead exchange

Cardinia Shire residents who are South East Water customers can upgrade their showerhead to a water efficient model for free.

Residents can bring their old showerhead and recent water bill to the Council offices and choose from a white, chrome or chrome flexi-hose showerhead.

"This is a great initiative helping residents to live more of sustainable lifestyle.

"It can also provide savings of water and energy which

is even more of a reason to change," Cr Legge said.

The showerhead exchange scheme began in August 2007 and since its implementation almost 2,500 showerheads have been swapped for water-efficient models.

The Council offices are located at Henty Way, Pakenham and open from 8.30am–5pm Monday to Friday.

For further information contact Council's Sustainable Environment Unit on 1300 787 624.



Brad BATTIN

Liberal for GEMBROOK

The population of Cardinia is set to grow from approximately 70,000 today to over 140,000 by 2031, with most growth taking place in Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham.

This growth places enormous strain on local services, including education. The private sector has seen the potential of this growth with many new private schools recently constructed and now operating, including Lakeside Lutheran School, Berwick Grammar School, Minaret College, Heritage College and others. By comparison, the public, or Government, sector has failed to invest in secondary education. The consequence is that Berwick and Pakenham Secondary Colleges will both face enrolment

pressures in the future.

The Liberal/Nationals Coalition recognise the need for a strong public education sector. I am pleased, as part of that commitment, Ted Baillieu recently announced that if elected a Baillieu Coalition Government would build a new Secondary College in Officer with the first Student enrolments in our first term of Government. As a former student of Harkaway Primary School and Berwick Secondary College, I am personally committed to ensuring the young people of our community have access to quality education, no matter what their background.

I have also had many questions from the community regarding the delivery of the Holm Park Road sporting precinct

to be on time and on budget. I will be working with the local community and the Shire to see this important project delivered. As a former player at Beaconsfield Football Club, I understand the importance of sport to a healthy and active community. With Beaconsfield F.C. celebrating its 120th anniversary, now is the time to secure its long term future and cater for the growing demand for all sports, including football and netball at Holm Park Road.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9769 3399 or visit my website www.bradbattin.com.

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sunrise on ocean
in the Gulf Stream ?
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Crickets in swamplands
frogs as they stirred ?
Cockatoos screeching
in river gum tree
on ancient Murray
wandering free ?
Newborn child
-very first cry

flood of emotion
you cannot deny ?
Nostalgia, nostalgia what have you smelled?

Fresh baked bread
in hand you have held ?
Vintage red wine
to glass it does cling,

turkey at Christmas
big gathering ?
Garlic in France
-memories there :
The Eiffel Tower
Folies Bergere ?

Nostalgia, Nostalgia

where would we be
without relations
or the family tree?

Reunions plenty:
coming, going,
pattern of life:

memories sowing ?
Fun times trace
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Nostalgia, nostalgia, now what do you do?

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BEACONSFIELD GET TOGETHER

by T. Horton

30 Years on, a group of Beaconsfield former school friends and residents gathered at the Bob Burgess Reserve on Saturday afternoon 22nd May. They had an enjoyable time catching up and talking about old times and what has shaped their lives since. It was a great exercise.

Colin and Alison Lack (Bottom right) who were past owners of the Milk Bar were there plus Ted Horton who 25 years ago opened Beaconsfield's first fish and chip takeaway shop. Former school principal Jeff Wallace attended

with his wife Helen (pictured right). About thirty adults attended and approximately ten children. The day was sunny but cooler later.

Old Primary School friends shared memories of their past with some travelling from as far as Swan Hill, Benalla, Alice Springs and Queensland. Children giggled at the original photos shown in albums on display. With three generations attending many proud grandparents attended also.

At the end of a good day it was agreed by most that this reunion should be



organised again. A list of 80 names were raised and the search continues to contact each one for the future.

Sue Desailly, formerly Horton, organised most of the reunion with some help from others. For future happenings she can be contacted on 57 625428 or Ted and Joan Horton on 97071313. You can email desailly@aapt.net.au. She would love to hear from you.



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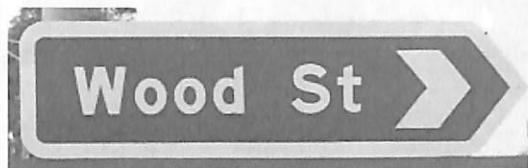
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WOOD OR WOODS STREET?

by Ann Taylor and Charles Wilson



A street sign along the Old Princes Highway has been changed! An 'S' has been added to the Wood Street to make it Woods Street. The controversy over this street name has now been resolved. The Beaconsfield Business group contacted the Council querying the sign "Wood Street" on the Highway and Woods Street on the street pole. The Council has confirmed it is "Woods Street" and requested that Vic Roads change their 2 green directional signs to conform.

The first record of Woods Street appears in the South Bourke and Mornington Journal of 5th October 1889 when the Berwick Shire Council approved the alignment of this new street. It was named after Mr. John Woods (1822-1892) a member of the Victorian Parliament from 1871 to 1893, and Commissioner for the Railways 1877-1880. When the railway line from Sale to Oakleigh was opened in April 1879, there were stations at Berwick and Officer but none at present day Beaconsfield.



In 1876, entrepreneur William Brisbane of Berwick, knowing the rail line was being built, and realising there was a great demand for sawn timber and firewood in rapidly expanding Melbourne, entered into partnership with John Day, and built a sawmill near the present day Central Hotel, then called the Gippsland Hotel. Brisbane needed a rail siding to get his timber to Melbourne, and knew a siding would also benefit the new selectors in the hills district - now Upper Beaconsfield, and "Little Berwick", the small settlement near Cardinia Creek, later named "Beaconsfield". Brisbane wrote to the Commissioner for Railways several times, requesting a siding at this site, but without success.

In a flamboyant gesture Brisbane invited 120 ladies and gentlemen from Melbourne to lunch at his guesthouse in Upper Beaconsfield on Saturday 30th November 1878. The guests included three M.L.A's - Dr. L.L. Smith, Bosisto, and John Woods, all of whom had selected 20 acre blocks in the Upper Beaconsfield area, so would have benefitted from the proposed station.

The visitors were picked up in horse drawn vehicles at the Berwick Station and on the way to

Upper Beaconsfield were shown the place where a station was required. At lunch, a toast to John Woods, Commissioner for the Railways, was proposed. In reply Woods said he accepted Brisbane's suggestion, and agreed to open a station. He then proposed a toast to Brisbane.

On the 1st December 1879 Beaconsfield station opened for traffic, passengers, and goods. The station sign stated "Beaconsfield Station", "Passengers for Beaconsfield Ranges alight here". The station was an immediate boost to the local economy. The first post office was opened at the station in 1883. When State School No 3033 opened on its present site on 5th June 1890, it was officially called "Beaconsfield Railway Station School". In 1951 the name was shortened to Beaconsfield School. Woods Street was so named to acknowledge John Woods, contribution to the early development of Beaconsfield.

Beaconsfield soon grew as well with both homes and shops in the Woods Street area. There are still some early 20th Century cottages along Woods Street which have been lovingly restored by their owners.



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War Memorial was built in 1920 and still stands at the end of the Street.

Mr. John Woods was born in Liverpool Eng, 5 November 1822. He was the son of a railway man and John trained as a locomotive engineer in Liverpool and then on the

Leipzig and Dresden railway. He won first prize for axles at the 1851 Great Exhibition. He was married to Sarah Gibbons and they arrived in Victoria in 1852 and went to the Goldfields where he led passive resistance to the licence fee. At Ararat he was elected to the local court and then to the Mining Board and from 1859-1864 he was a member of the Legislative Assembly, from 1871-1892 representing the seat of Crowlands and then the new electorate of Stawell. He sat on many Select committees, mainly about railways. He was a commissioner for the 1880 Melbourne International

exhibition and honorary commissioner to the 1883-84 Calcutta Exhibition; from 1890 he was a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways. He died on 2nd April 1892. The Rates Books for this area show that John Woods purchased land, 20 acres, Lot 130 Parish of Pakenham in 1878 and held it till his death in 1892. Lot 130 is off Hughenden Road just down from the intersection of Telegraph Road in Upper Beaconsfield. Woods was one of the first batch of selectors of 20 acre lots after the land was subdivided by the government in 1876-77.

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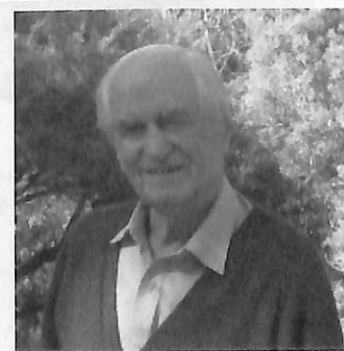
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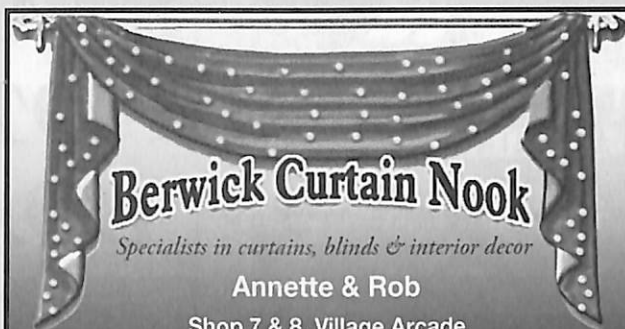
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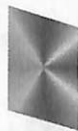


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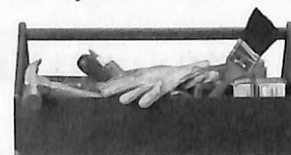
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

by Peter Hansen

The Shroud of Turin has been in the news for quite a few years off and on and is once again stirring the hearts and minds of the Christian world. The history of the shroud is a very long one and can only be touched on briefly here. What I find interesting is the underlying obsession to know what the physical Christ looked like. Through-out the long history of Christianity thousands of images of Christ have been drawn, printed, painted, carved in statues and so on and probably no two exactly the same. That is because no one knew what he looked like and this has strangely troubled Christians since his mission on earth.

Is not the message he came and delivered more important than his appearance? His words and actions were sorely needed in a time of barbarity and cruelty. Rome held sway and ruled with a fist of iron

tolerating no challenge to its imperial power. The shroud first appeared in 1356 in the hands of a French knight who wouldn't reveal its origins, and a local bishop at the time declared it to be false. Since then the shroud has been declared genuine and false. In the latest 3D test Jesus has been declared to be swarthy, 1.72 metres tall, compared to paintings of him as fair, slim and tall. Once again we must ask ourselves what does it matter what he looked like? Do the Buddhists concern themselves as to Buddha's appearance? Do the Muslims worry about the appearance of Mahomet? Why then do the Christians have such a relentless focus on Christ's appearance?

The good news then is that there is an engraved image of Christ, plus a full description of his appearance in existence. The reputed true likeness

of Christ is taken from an Emerald engraved by order of Pontius Pilate who presented it to Tiberius Caesar. In due course it came into the possession of the Sultan of Turkey, who parted with it as the redemption price to liberate his brother from captivity. Its present location is unknown, but has been photographed in black and white.

The following is an authentic description of Christ from an ancient manuscript from Publius Lentulus, the President of the Senate of Rome. "There appeared in these our days a man of great virtue named Jesus Christ, who is yet living amongst us, and of the Gentiles is accepted for a prophet of truth: but his own disciples call him "The Son of God". He raiseth the dead and cureth all manner of diseases. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, with a very reverend countenance, such as the beholder may both love and fear. His hair is the colour of a chestnut full ripe, plain to his ears, whence downward it is

curling and waving about his shoulders. In the midst of his head is a seam or partition in his hair after the manner of the Nazarites. His forehead smooth and his face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a comely red. His nose and mouth so formed that nothing can be reprehended. His beard thickish, in colour like his hair but not very long. His look innocent and mature. His eyes grey, clear and quick. In reproving he is terrible in admonishing, courteous and fair-spoken; pleasant in conversation, mixed with gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen him laugh, but many have seen him weep. In proportion of body and arms, well shaped and perfect to behold. In speaking very temperate, modest and wise. A man for his singular beauty surpassing the children of men". A description fit for "The Son of God", is it not?

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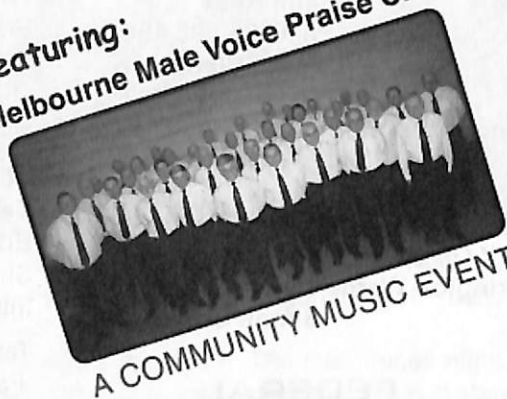
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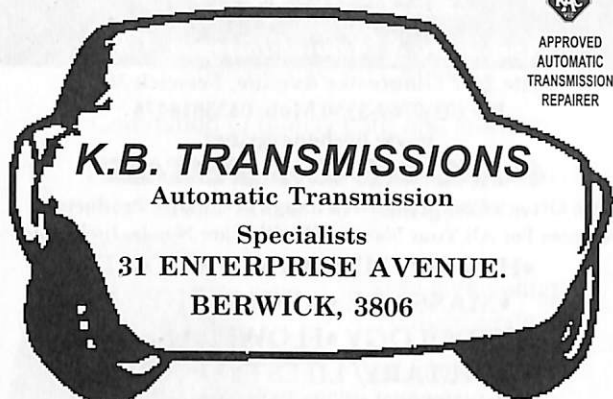
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by Nathan Boon

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May recorded a total of 59mm of rain. This is the highest May total since 2007. The rain fell over 9 days with the highest daily totals falling on the 7th and the 11th with 10mm on each of these days.

With the wet start to the year Melbourne's water storage levels have also increased. As of the 1st of June Melbourne's water storage was 32.7%. This is the highest total it has been at the start of winter since 1996.

Weather Joke Of The Month

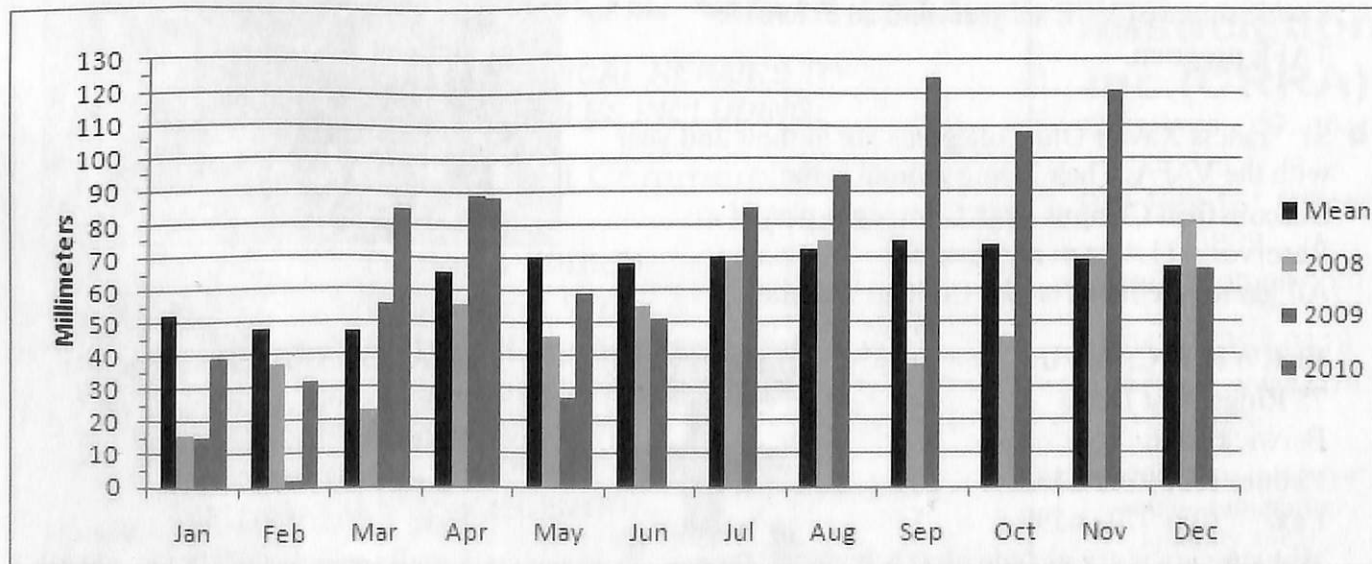


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by Malcolm McKenzie

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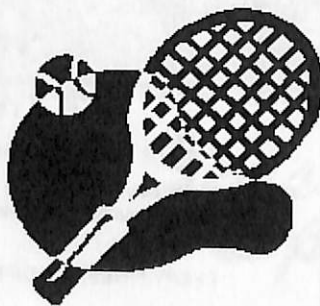


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TENNIS NEWS

BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB INC

Beacy Tennis Winners

by C. Briant

Two Beaconsfield teams won their grand final tennis matches to be Premiers for the summer season. The Mens B Grade in the Waverley District competition finished fourth on the ladder and then beat allcomers to come out with the premiership.

Meanwhile, the junior section 22 in the Berwick & Districts competition led all season and battled through a pressure filled match to win the grand final by one game.

Well done teams.



Above: Berwick and District section 22 winners are: Back row Amy Edmunds and Rhiannon Schelling. Front row: Bonnie Hesse and Victor Benko.



Above: Waverley District Mens B Grade winners are: Back row Ryan O'Loughlen, Mitchell Dale Walsh, and Frank Haas. Front row: Aaron Haas, Adrian Walsh and Jared Haas.

TENNIS NEWS

BEAconsfield TENNIS CLUB INC

Round Robin Fun

by C. Briant

As part of its annual club championships program, Beaconsfield Tennis Club runs a D-Grade round robin doubles event to give the younger children a chance to participate in club championships while having fun with their tennis.

This year's players were: back row from left Liam Cullin, Rhiannon Schelling, Bonnie Hesse and Victor Benko. Front row: Regan Dolling, Daniel Peart, Jonah Rosario and Ella Shone.



AGAINST THE ODDS

by Frank Haas

After barely making the final four, the Beaconsfield Waverley District B1 grade mens team had to face a sudden death finals series to win the flag.

In the semi finals, Beaconsfield was up against the top team Glenvale who were unbeaten all season and overwhelming favourites. The boys held their nerve and won on sets despite being down two games.

In the Grand Final, Beaconsfield was again not expected to win having lost to the second placed Glen Waverley twice during the 'home and away' season.

The boys however thought they were a chance on the day with an even mix of youth, Ryan and Mitchell; the steadiness of the two old stagers, Adrian and Frank; and backed up by two able substitutes on the bench, Aaron and Jared.

High drama unfolded as fate tried to intervene when Frank ruptured his ACL during the reverse rubbers. Aaron was called on to play one set and began by aceing their number one player. The supporters of both sides were getting louder with each point played.

The result hung in the balance and the result wasn't decided until the final set when an enthusiastic Ryan and the dogged determination of Mitchell (who had already played a Junior Grand final in the morning) managed to shrug off the opposition to win the final and deciding set to win the match.

Throughout a very competitive and tense match, the game was played with great sportsmanship by both sides and everyone in the team are to be congratulated on their effort.

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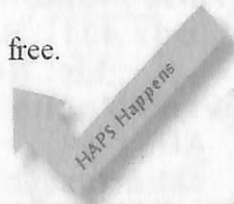
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We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Nurse Sarah Jones. Sarah joined our team in March and has been settling in well. She will be studying Certificate 4 in Veterinary Nursing at Box Hill TAFE over the next two years. Before joining the clinic Sarah completed her Bachelor of Science, majoring in Zoology and Animal Reproduction, whilst working at a Boarding Kennel for 5 years. Sarah said it has been a long term ambition of hers to work as a Veterinary Nurse and is very excited to have joined our team.



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