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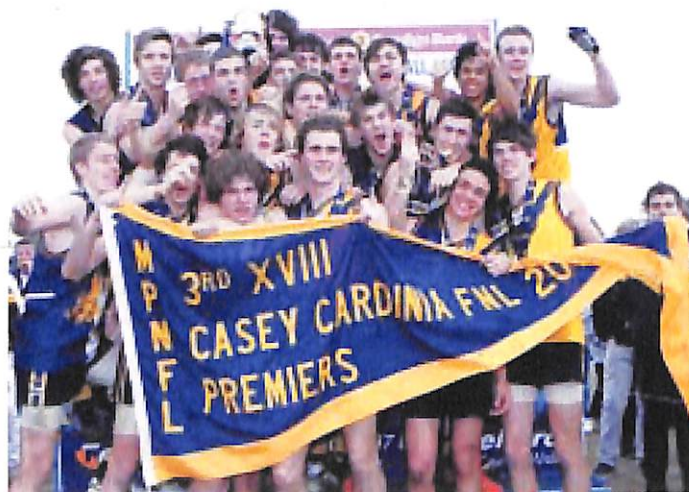
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Congratulations to all involved on a terrific season.



BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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October 19th - AGM

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Les Reader, President.

Our local progress assn. is continuing to work on a number of issues that affect our town and also our way of life.

It is of great concern to us that the speed limit through our busy centre is too high for the safety and well being of all of us as we attempt to go about our daily business, we have made approach's to Vicroads but they seem to think the limit is o.k. so we are working further to try and achieve a safer outcome for the town, so any contributions from the general public as to how we can further this quest would be most welcome,

There have been a number of applications for development in the town but it is worrying to

see those applications attempting to obtain reduced car parking, whilst we welcome suitable development in the area we don't want a lack of proper car parking arrangements to hamper the well being of our town's ambience. A strategy committee has been formed to follow up on the Pink Hill development application and how we can further oppose the introduction of the gaming machines to this area, the hearing at VCAT is listed for early November and plans are being prepared for representation at that hearing, so if anyone has something of value to offer please contact me, and let us fight for the rights of our community.

Shire-wide Fire Inspection Program To Begin

Cardinia Shire Council's property inspection program for the fire season starts Wednesday 3 November and land owners are reminded to keep their properties tidy.

Vacant lots and unimproved land from last fire season will be checked.

These properties and bushfire-prone areas are high on the inspection list for Council's Fire Prevention Officers.

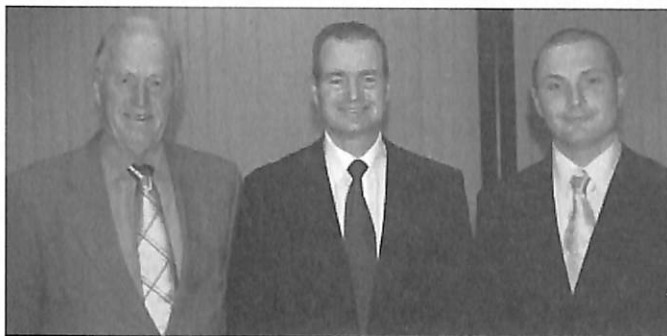
Council's Fire Prevention Officer Glynn Owen said if a property was seen to be a fire risk, a fire prevention notice would be issued to the owner.

"Property owners will be given up to 21 days to undertake works specified in the fire prevention notice.

"Those who do not comply will be fined and Council will arrange for contractors to complete the necessary works and invoice the owner," Mr Owen said.

For more information about Council's fire hazard inspection program contact Council on 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au.

Visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au or www.cfa.vic.gov.au for further details about bushfire preparation.



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

Local police have launched a "Cardinia Community Youth Award." The award recognises and rewards young people in the Cardinia Shire community who demonstrate positive behaviour, so that they continue to become more community minded citizens.

rewarding them with gift vouchers and a certificate.

I am pleased that council was able to contribute financially to this program. I am sure it will assist local police officers in fostering a positive connection with young people within our shire.

The award involves police identifying young people who are demonstrating positive behaviours and then

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield community groups who were successful in receiving funds through the 2010

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SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Brett Owen, Central Ward

Community Capital Works Grants. Beaconsfield groups that received funding were the Junior Football Club, Pistol Club, Recreation Reserve, O'Neil Road Kindergarten, Wood Street Kindergarten and the Neighbourhood Centre. \$30,000 worth of grants was awarded to Beaconsfield groups. Well done to all those who took the time to prepare and submit their applications.

Cardinia Shire's Road Safety Expo and Children's Day will be held on Saturday 23 October at the Cardinia Cultural Centre from 10am to 2pm. This free event will give families the opportunity to see the services that are available to them in the Shire and a chance to get involved in some fun and interactive road safety, developmental and physical activities that promote health and wellbeing for all. Activities include jumping castles, story telling, pony rides, the TAC simulator,

Police Mobile Command Centre, handball, face painting, CFA displays, children's performances, tree planting, train rides, the police helicopter visit, prizes, giveaways and a free BBQ.

Nominations are now open for the 2011 Cardinia Shire Australia Day Awards in the following categories; Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and the Community Service Award (for a significant contribution by a non Cardinia Shire resident). Nomination forms and eligibility criteria are available by calling CustomerService1300787 624 or can be downloaded from the Council website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Council will conduct a free hard and green waste collection in November and December.

Council has allocated collection dates to areas (new zones) within Cardinia Shire. A hard and green waste collection 2010 map (PDF, 1.5MB) is available on the shire website which outlines these dates for your zone. Some areas have changed in order to improve the service and group localities together for improved aesthetics during the collection period.

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Cardinia Safer Community Group

A Safer Communities Group - Cardinia Shire has recently been established to provide all townships and community groups access to initiatives from Victoria Police, Cardinia Council and other levels of governments to do with Community Safety and wellbeing.

This 'Forum' group is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in our Community and how we can continue to ensure that our community remains a safe place. We encourage all of the various Community, Business, Welfare, Education, Sporting, Township and any other groups to be represented at the meeting so that you can be heard and you can hear and contribute to keeping our Community Safe.

Likewise if there is a Community Safety issue you or your group believes needs addressing, this is the ideal forum for discussion.

The next meeting of the Safer Communities Group - Cardinia Shire will be held **THURSDAY, 28th OCTOBER 2010** commencing at 7.00 P.M. at the SES Conference Room at the Pakenham Emergency Services Precinct Building at 780 Princes Highway, Pakenham.

For further information Contact Chairperson- Michael Muaremov or Secretary, Graham Higginbotham, Pakenham Police Station.

MEDIA RELEASE

Promote your event online

Expos, festivals and celebrations are set to flourish this spring and community groups are encouraged to add their event to Cardinia Shire Council's free online events calendar.

Visit Council's website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au to submit your not-for-profit event.

Events can be searched via a number of categories, including business events, Council meetings and briefings, festivals, markets, shows and fetes, special events and events for young people.

Key events from the online calendar are also chosen to appear in Council's bi-monthly magazine Connect Cardinia, which is delivered to every household in the Shire. Before adding an event, organisers are encouraged to read and agree to the terms and conditions. Council reserves the right to either reject or remove any event listing from its site for any reason and is not liable for any loss or damage incurred by an event organiser as a result of any failure or delay in listing an event.

Justices of the Peace in Cardinia

by Garry Runge, JP,

President of the Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices

Justices of the Peace are said to have their origin in an edict of King Richard 1 (Richard the Lionheart) in 1195. This edict provided for the appointment by the King of Custodes Pacis (custodians of the peace). Among their functions, they were to apprehend offenders and bring them before traditional courts presided over by the sheriff. This was apparently necessary because of widespread violence at the time.

By a series of statutes in the 14th century, they had their power extended, and the name "Justice of the Peace" bestowed upon them. They could attend at sessions, which came to

be held four times a year, called "quarter sessions" and hear and determine all offences, except treason, without a jury. Thus they had power to apprehend offenders, determine whether they were guilty or innocent, and inflict penalty.

The commission of Justice of the Peace had, indeed, wholly exceptional powers at this time. The ordinance of 1380 (Richard II) gave Justices of the Peace the jurisdiction of the Statutes of Winchester, Northampton and Westminster for conservation of the peace, power to bind any person to keep the peace, power to search out by inquest, hear and determine a list of offences typical of the

day; robbery, maiming, homicide, the bearing of livery for the purpose of maintenance of conspiracy, breaches of the statute of labourers, in short to exercise in their quarterly sessions far greater power than the sheriffs held within the last century and a half, and virtually to replace the criminal jurisdiction of the trial and gaol delivery. After the peasants' revolt, the Commons asked and obtained that the justices might hold sessions upon emergency when and where they thought fit, and in 1392 they were given the extraordinary power of raising the counties against those who invaded their neighbours with bands of men-at-arms and



archers, and the sheriffs were to place themselves under their orders.

Thus, justices controlled the Common Law in two ways by exercising constabulary duties and by hearing and determining cases. They were also responsible for keeping the peace, and putting down insurrections. They had considerable administrative power, which increased over the course of the next few centuries.

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Justices of the Peace in Cardinia

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In 1788 the system was imported to Australia and Governors were given powers to appoint Justices of the Peace and Police Magistrates. As in England, justices exercised considerable local power and, in a rapidly expanding community, made the task of the central government much easier. In the nineteenth century in Australia, Justices of the Peace, even when acting as Magistrates, were not expected to be legally qualified. But the growth of more detailed and technical legislation in the twentieth century made it ultimately essential for Stipendiary Magistrates to be so.

Justices of the Peace have been operating in Victoria since 1836, when there were 3 appointees who originally were appointed. With the growth of population accelerating after the discovery of gold, by 1851/2 there were over 10,000 Victorians inhabitants. As a consequence, there was an increase in the number of Justices of the Peace,

as it became necessary to man the courts, as Justices of the Peace were the Magistrates under the legal situation in force in those times.

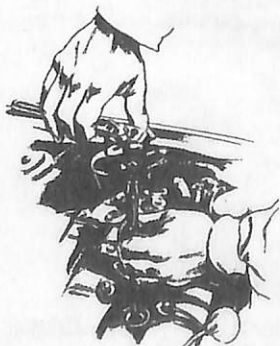
The Victorian Association of Justices was formed on 27 April 1910. For most of the first half of the Victorian association, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne held the office of President. Heads of all municipalities became Justices of the Peace upon their election. Most continued to hold the office after their term of office. In 1961, Royal ascent was given and the association became known as the "Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices". The Victorian Governor has for many years been the Chief Patron. This year marks the centenary celebration of the RVAHJ and civic receptions across the state have been held honouring the service of Justices of the Peace and Bail Justices to the Victorian Community.

The Shire of Cardinia has a number of Justices of the Peace who provide a voluntary service to the community by witnessing statutory declarations, affidavits and other documents. These JPs are all community minded people who are considered by their peers as honorable men and woman in society. A signing centre is provided by JPs at the Pakenham Police Station where members of the community can attend to have documents signed.

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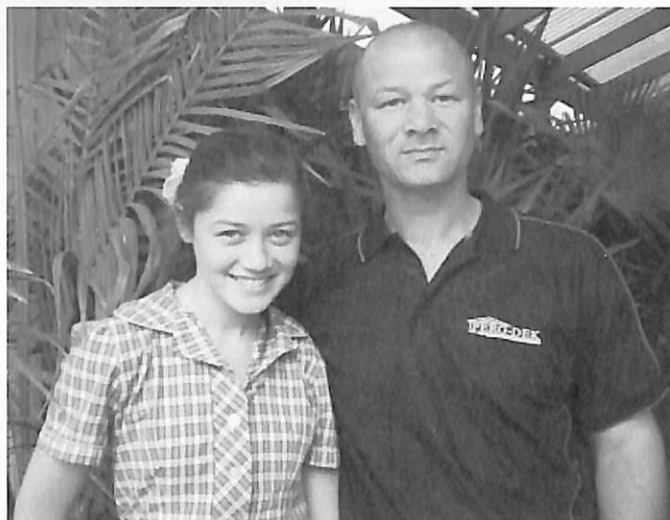
The YMCA Community Father of the Year Award recognises a community dad who is doing his best to be a great dad.

Each year the YMCA encourages children to write about their fathers and a Local YMCA Community Father of the Year is awarded in every region where there's a YMCA.

Courtney, a Grade 6 student from Beaconsfield Primary nominated her dad, Glenn Buttie, a Beaconsfield builder.

Glenn is actively involved in the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club as assistant coach for the Under 13s gold. Tyson, his son, plays for the team.

Courtney wrote: "I think my dad is the best dad ever because he's funny and he makes me laugh all the time, even when I'm angry or sad! When I am sad, he cares for me and he makes me happy! When I am sick, my dad is always there and he turns my sad face into a happy face! My dad is a great dad and to me is Father of the Year whether he



wins or loses! My dad is a great dad at all types of things like fishing, football and building stuff. My dad takes me out and lets me have a good time. I think my dad is one of a kind and I believe he is the best dad ever! He is friendly towards others and he is truly nice and I love

my dad for who he is." After receiving his award Glenn said he was "absolutely stoked."

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After a 'traditionally wet Melbourne winter, it is nice to smell spring in the air and everything that comes with it....

Firstly, the BBG had our Annual General meeting on August the 25th and I was re-elected as President/Chairman, with Jim Byrne Deputy President and Vicki O'Callaghan as Secretary. I wish to thank all our members and business supporters for their ongoing support of the group and our town working towards a better Beaconsfield for our community.

During the past 2 months, we have been working closely with the Traders in the Beaconsfield Hub with the issues of car parking, mainly from neighbouring employees parking all day, which then affects the traders and their customers accessing car parking. We respectfully request that all employers in town ask their staff not to park

in other neighbouring car parking out of respect for fellow traders who also are trying to run a business.

Furthermore, I am proud to announce that since my last report, I have been elected as Chair for the Cardinia Safer Community Group, who will be a committee having representatives throughout our Shire who will be able to access information and initiatives relating to Community Safety and wellbeing. This is a great accomplishment for our town and I will hope to ensure that through my involvement with this very import strategic group and being the Chair for the BBG, we can get the best outcome for Beaconsfield township. I invite any other interested persons relating who were involved with Neighbourhood Watch, to contact myself and work with me to further this matter within our community.

Another exciting occasion

during the past two months was the 1st Birthday for Beaconsfield District Community Bank / Bendigo Bank on the 15th of September. It was great day whereby the community was invited to join the Branch staff and Directors to celebrate this fantastic milestone for Beaconsfield. As a result of the establishment of our Community Bank, Beaconsfield has benefited not just in having an organisation that has been sponsoring local groups, but also as a result of its establishment, has gained the attention of the four major banks, who for years, were not interested in bringing in Banking to our town due to the proximity to Berwick, which disadvantaged us with even lack of ATM's. Today, as a direct consequence, as has happened in other communities, we have now a total six ATM's scattered within our town. These outcomes, make me proud to have committed endless amount to my personal time and with the assistance other community leaders, we have made this happen for our town. I would like to

thank my fellow Directors on the Board and the Staff at the Branch for their hard work and efforts. Without this, my dream of bringing the Bank to Beaconsfield, would not have been realised.

Just a brief message to business traders, whether home based or shop front, the BBG was established to be the voice of the traders in Beaconsfield Village and all business owners are encouraged to be part of it, even if informal or on a more formal manner. We meet each month on the last Wednesday at 6.00pm at the Corridor Cafe, located on the Princes Hwy next door to the Milk bar, and we have a Social Dinner each quarter where members meet and network with other business people and guests from Council, governments of both levels.

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

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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH *by David Morland*

Who is for real?

Niki Savva has spent the last 30 years as both a political journalist and a press secretary. She has just written a book describing her life as a political reporter (So Greek, Confessions Of A Conservative Leftie).

In February 1980 she was working for the Sun and with a bunch of other reporters was travelling with Andrew Peacock on a VIP aircraft as he made a visit to Pakistan. The press were granted an interview with the president of Pakistan, General Zia-ul-Haq. The general was seeking to paint the darkest picture of the danger to Pakistan if countries like Australia did not help support Pakistan in their endeavours to deal with the Soviet menace in Afghanistan. Such was his description of the threat that one of the Australian journalists said; 'in the face of such a dreadful situation perhaps Australia should reconsider its forthcoming cricket tour'.

The General hesitated a moment and then said; 'I think I have been exaggerating the situation'. Everybody burst out laughing (p86). The General was a politician, when he wanted one thing he painted the facts one way and when he wanted another thing he painted the facts another way.

That is what politicians do; it's their job. And our job is keep looking for the facts. We all want the best possible society both for ourselves and our children.

This is not a job we can leave to the politicians alone, they have their role to play and we have ours. In an open democracy like ours we can all play a part and have a say. The bottom of the political heap may be local Progress Associations and their like but I would not want to live in a community that did not have such. Your views are significant, express them.



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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

We have scheduled 3 Christmas Workshops to be held at the centre in Term 4.

* Christmas Cooking

* Christmas Scrapbooking

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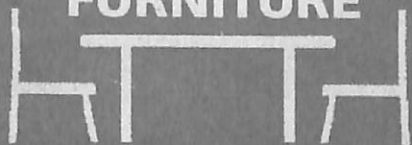
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SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S DESK

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

Whilst the Federal Election period deferred some decision making and legislation, there have been recent changes all taxpayers should be aware of including the following:

- The Tax Office has released three new work related expense publications for claims by employees working as Engineers, Mechanics and Teachers.
- The Government proposes to extend the Education Tax Refund so that the cost of School Uniforms will be eligible provided approved by the School. This will not apply unless the expenditure is incurred after 1st July 2011 and the recipient is eligible for Family Tax Part A.
- The Government has announced that the 50% reduction in minimum draw downs for account-based, allocated and market linked pensions will apply again in 2010/11 year.
- The Tax Office has extended for 12 months to 30/06/2011 general interest-free payment arrangements and deferral of activity statement payment due dates for certain eligible small businesses.
- The Tax Office administers a garnishee project in respect of outstanding social security, student assistance and family assistance debts of former Centrelink recipients if no repayment arrangements are in place. These debts can be recovered through the tax system.

There is a lot of information available from websites eg. Australian Taxation Office and Centrelink or alternatively talk to your Accountant to ensure that you are receiving your correct entitlements.

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PINK HILL UPDATE AND OTHER NEWS

by Tammy Lobato, MP Member for Gembrook

The update on the Pink Hill development proposal is that only around 20 objectors have applied to appear in person at the VCAT hearing in November, of which I am one. A recent email to me from local resident Natalie has shed light on the reason why:

"I originally objected to this development but after I received a letter with Ratio Consultants as the front page, attached to a VCAT form, I was rather alarmed and decided not to take the matter further because it had appeared to be suggesting that if I were to attend VCAT it was

going to cost me a huge amount of money. I have now found that this is not the case so I feel rather naïve and jibbed of being able to follow through with this. The letter in my opinion was intentionally misleading which I now believe is the fault of the developer. It is very upsetting and unfair that I am now no longer allowed to attend VCAT due to a misunderstanding. I wonder how many other Beaconsfield residents originally objected to the proposed Pink Hill hotel development but were deceptively scared off!!!"

I am genuinely concerned that others like her may have been deterred from appearing at VCAT thinking there may be a cost involved. Community representatives of the local action group have contacted the council to ask for the names of all objectors who were contacted by the developer, so we can assist them to appear at VCAT, but council has refused. However, there is still time for objectors to request permission to appear at VCAT. My office staff can provide assistance with the completion of forms.

People tell me that this Pink Hill proposal is not what the people of Beaconsfield want given that this site that is so close to residential homes, child care, kindergarten, junior sporting facilities and our neighbourhood centre, and that is the view I will be representing at the VCAT hearing.

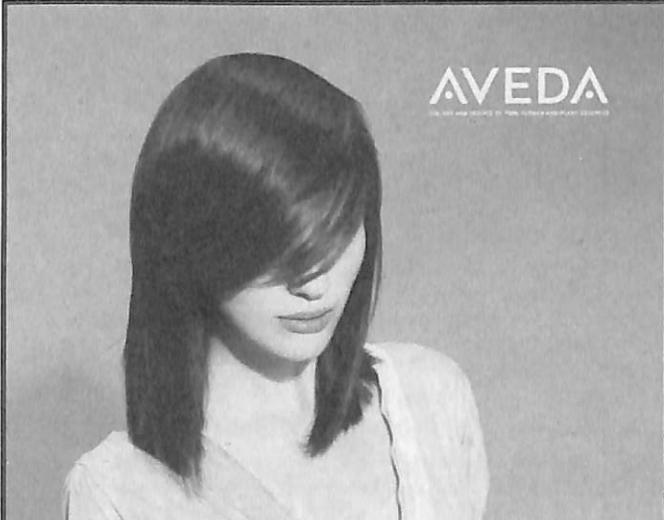
In other local community news, it was terrific to see around 200 people turn up for the Sue Dengate roadshow on food additives and food intolerance. I was thrilled to welcome her to Beaconsfield on behalf of the neighbourhood centre and everyone was fascinated and learnt so much from her insightful presentation. To those who were not able to attend, I recommend you visit her website at www.fedup.com.au for an overview of some of the relevant

information she presented.

On the road front, exciting news is that the \$5.23 million upgrade of Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd is nearing completion and drivers will notice, not only the new guide posts, safety barriers and line-marking, but the skid resistant surface which will make the road far safer.

Signalisation works on the intersection of the Old Princes Hwy and the Princes Hwy near the community complex are also underway and expected to be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting. This \$1.7 million project will also include the installation of double right turn lanes and a pedestrian crossing.

For any state government issues, or to meet with me at one of my upcoming mobile offices, please contact me as per the details below:
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Giving Residents Have An Opportunity To Raise Issues

by Laura Smyth,
Federal Member for La Trobe

It has been just over a week since I was formally declared the Federal Member for La Trobe and it's great to have been given an opportunity to write regularly for the Beaconsfield Banner in this new role.

This week, I have reopened the La Trobe electorate office, which is located at Unit 3, 16 Langmore Lane in Berwick. I am responding to the many letters, emails and calls that I have received from residents during recent weeks and following up on some of our key election commitments.

During the first week since being elected, I have visited Emerald Secondary College to speak to civics students about the way that laws are made and the role that MPs play. I hope to be able to visit other schools in our area to talk about ways in which young people can get involved in our community and in our democratic processes.

It was also a pleasure to have visited the Berwick Woodworkers Club this week to see the fantastic work that they do producing toys for disadvantaged kids and families in our area. There are a number of



excellent groups and clubs working in our community who quietly go about work which helps many others. I'm pleased that the Federal Government has been able to provide some financial and other assistance to those groups and I hope I will be able to help those organisations during my term.

Over the next few months, I will be conducting mobile offices at locations around the electorate to ensure

that residents have an opportunity to raise issues with me directly. Given the size of our electorate, I think that it's important to take the office on the road.

My priorities for our area are focused on better health services, better educational opportunities including trade training initiatives and improved local infrastructure. I will have more to say on these issues during the coming months.

These are just a few of the things that I hope to try to address as your local representative during this term of parliament. I expect that there will be much more that is raised with me by local residents and community groups and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Everyone had a fantastic time dancing to the new Deutsch environment and singing to the funky German beat! The foods there were absolutely fabulous and the desserts just blew us away! Sehr gut! (Very good) Although the bus trip was very windy and long, it was all worth it! It was truly a magical day!

Thank you to all the teachers that made our day truly special.

By Courtney Buttie and Chanel Pyke
5/6B

Beaconsfield Primary School.

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dad came to my
classroom I wear my
pyjamas to school
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was like when we got
back home

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came to school I wore
my pyjamas I got paid
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ENROLMENTS

If you know of any family or friends who have school aged children and they intend going to Beaconsfield PS, and they haven't enrolled yet, please ask them to do asap.

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Friday 22nd October
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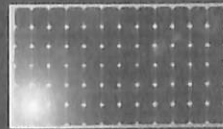
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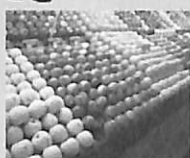
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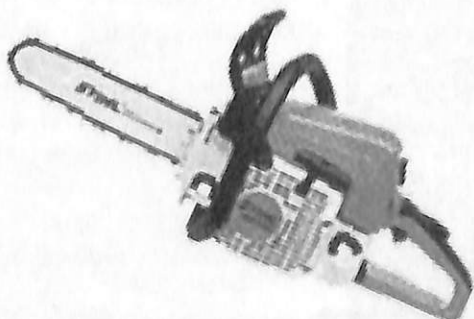
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Other areas of concern for local residents are an increase in property damage from 28 to 213 each year in the same period.

This is not a debate about just figures, but about community safety after 11 years of Labor. I have visited many shops in the Beaconsfield Shopping district, and many residents in our local community, and the increase in crime is the number one priority.

If elected on November 27 a Liberal/National Coalition Government has committed to 2640 extra Victoria Police and Protective Service Officers will be employed to patrol our streets and ensure we have two armed officers on every train station 7 days a week from 6pm to last train.

As a former police officer

I am proud to support Ted Baillieu's commitment to get tough on crime and make our streets safe again.

Another top of mind issue for the local community is education our local young people in both Berwick and Pakenham Secondary Colleges do a great job with limited facilities they have at their disposal.

However, we know that know that as the population increases I am pleased the Liberal National Coalition if elected have committed to build a new Secondary College in Officer. The \$20 million commitment will see land purchased, school designed and the first intake before the next State Election, to be held in 2014.

It has been a privilege to be the Liberal candidate for Gembrook and I hope to be your voice in State Parliament after the State Election on 27 November 2010. If you would like to discuss any issues for your community please give me a call on 9769 3399 or send me an email at brad.battin@vic.liberal.org.au.



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The program has ready been implemented at Officer and Narre Warren North primary schools and other local primary schools are encouraged to participate. Discussions have already been held with Upper Beaconsfield and Berwick Chase primary schools.

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by A. Taylor

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Mark Saturday 6th November in your diaries for an enjoyable day out.

At Make and Mingle, last term we had a very successful day raising money for Daffodil Day.

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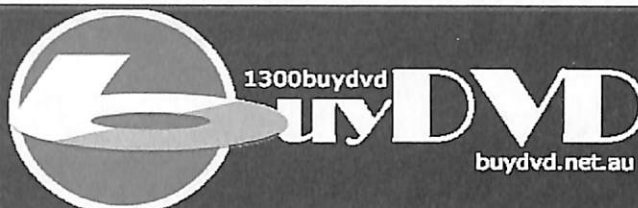
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Leongatha, South Gippsland where five happy years were spent getting to know and appreciate the Australian way of life and its people.

Rev. William and Sarah McCullagh were of Ulster-Scot descent. They met in Derryvalley, County Monaghan, Ireland where William had taken up his first charge as minister after graduating from Queen's University Belfast in 1880. William suffered indifferent health. He had a lung condition that was to plague him throughout life. After marrying the couple decided to leave their native land for the warm and drier climate of California, USA. Sarah's married brother and family had settled there. References from Ireland had secured work for William in the Presbyterian Church in the USA. They set out



Rev. William McCullagh, 1880-1911

in May 1893 and spent nine years in California in three different parishes and regions of the state. Firstly in Ione, a central town in the Jackson Valley, then Fort Bragg on the coast and finally the agricultural and oil producing town of Santa Maria. Their son Clair had been born in Ione, and two years later, Mary in Fort Bragg. The two children were to experience a good deal of stimulating travel

during their young lives.

In May 1902, the family left America, from New York, for Ireland, to stay with relatives before setting out for their final destination, Victoria Australia. Three months were spent in Stellenbosch, South Africa en route, and they arrived in Melbourne in July 1903. William's eldest sister Jane and her husband, an employee of Nobelius Nursery, Emerald, were living in the Dandenong Hills, and Sarah's youngest brother Thomas and his family were in Mentone, a South Eastern Suburb of Melbourne. Cousins met for the first time and brothers and sisters were overjoyed to reunite.

In January 1904, the Rev. William accepted a call from the congregation of the Leongatha Church. He was the second ordained minister to be appointed to the charge. *Continued page 22*

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WHITESIDE ROAD

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Set in the western foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, South Gippsland, Leongatha in the 1890's was selected by the government as a labour colony. Between the depression years 1893-1904 over 6,000 unemployed men passed through this colony. They helped clear the forests of blue gum and messmate, opening up the land and the dairying industry began to flourish.

Part of the pastoral duties William took on at this time was to go out to the people in the hills. His journeys were made on horseback and he sometimes returned home wet and cold. It was after one such day that he collapsed, seriously ill. The congregation generously allowed him a six months rest period, and change of climate, but it was found to be insufficient to restore his health. So he felt forced to resign from the active ministry.

A representative gathering of all denominations farewelled the family. As reported in the local paper, The Leongatha Star the Rev. A.E. Young (Church of England) said "If all clergymen were as closely associated as they had been, the union of the churches would not be a dream, but a reality!" And Rev E.J. Little (Methodist) spoke of the wide influence for good and how Mr Whiteside had helped raise the moral and spiritual tone of the whole community. One of the churchmen spoke of the great deal of work that had been done, under the surface, and of how the church debt had been reduced by two thirds under Mr Whiteside's leadership.

Many friends had been

made and children Clair and Mary felt at home in their new country. A decision was made to purchase a 33 acre mixed farm in Beaconsfield (Officer). It was hoped that revenue from what could be produced on the farm would supplement the small stipendiary allowance for a retired minister. Early in 1909 they took possession of their new home and as time went by it became known as 'Claremont'.

On the property was a clay pit with remnants of firing kilns on the banks where tiles and bricks had been manufactured. There were five such pits operating in Officer supplying Melbourne during the housing boom of the late 1880's. The four-roomed cottage on the property, built in 1887 by Solomon Reece, Brick and Tile Manufacturer, was obviously built of such bricks. Tiles paved the south-facing verandah and lined the garden beds. (Interesting to note- eleven year old Elizabeth Reece was one of the fifteen students to enrol at the new Officer Siding State School in 1886.) Until recent times visible evidence clearly showed that access to the clay pit from the road had been along the southern boundary of the property from a point directly opposite the present day No. 49. Adjoining the boundary line, to the south, was a small dairy farm. Its owners also lived in a brick cottage- very quaint. Unfortunately it was demolished after being condemned.

On coming to the property young Clair, of necessity, immediately set to work forgoing any thoughts of further schooling. He ploughed, sewed crops,

and reaped as they ripened. Farm animals were bought and reared and sent to market. Wattle bark was stripped and railed and sent to Melbourne. A snippet of news from a local newspaper "The Berwick County Times" described this saying- "There are not many in the district who have not a soft spot in their hearts for Clair. His bright spirit secures him a friend in each person with whom he comes in contact. And little glimpses that are occasionally obtained of his doings in his new home, more than justify the high opinion formed of him in our midst"

The following year five acres were planted under orchard using a variety of apples- mainly Jonathan, and gradually the acreage was increased until eventually orcharding became the main source of income.

Twelve months after coming to the district William's health had improved sufficiently for him to accept a request to take services at the nearby Berwick Presbyterian Church, at that point a mission station. For four years he ministered to the congregation, driving regularly by horse and jinker the three miles into Berwick and beyond to Harkaway and elsewhere.

Completed in 1885, the building of the fine gothic-style brick church, still standing today, now Uniting Church, left the congregation with a crippling burden of debt. There was a long period when the congregation was without a resident fulltime minister. That was to change in January 1915, with the induction of Rev. William Whiteside. The mission station became a full sustentation charge.

St Andrew's Centenary History, 1857-1957 (Pakenham Gazette)
"Two notable things happened during Mr Whiteside's ministry which together with the leadership and guidance of the minister seemed to mark the turning of the tide in the fortunes of the Berwick Congregation.

In 1914 the Hon. James Buchanan bequeathed his residence, "Burr Hill" with a glebe of seven acres to the church for a Manse.

In April 1915 elders were appointed for the first time... Ordained and Inducted by Rev W. S. Whiteside. This must have been a joyful occasion for Minister and people alike, and one is left wondering why nothing had been done in earlier years to establish sessional government in the congregation."

The 1915 Annual Report by Rev. Whiteside reflects some of the grief and anxiety of the congregation of the time: - "The past year will go down in history as the year of the great war, and of the patriotic and philanthropic gifts on behalf of the sufferers in the war. It has been a year of anxiety for all and sorrow for many. Our people have given loyally and have worked



Pictured: Clair Whiteside (1917)

energetically for the starving Belgians and for our soldiers... Many of our young men have gone to fight for King and country."

William was not to know that the war would go on for another three years. Two months before giving this report he had said farewell to his own son, who subsequently became one of the 3146 Australians wounded at Fromelles, in France, 19 July 1916.

Communications at the time were such that it took up to three months to receive a letter. Detailed news was long in coming. Sadly William's health suffered and he went into decline. He died on 6th December 1916, aged 56 years.

Clair returned home from the war after three and a half years serving as an Infantryman with the 59th battalion 1st AIF. Twice wounded his physical wounds had healed and he was ready to get on with his life as a civilian, and to care for his mother, now widowed. His sister Mary had married and was settling down with her ex-fighter pilot, George Mitchell. There was much to be done. Sarah and Mary had coped as best they could to keep the farm functioning, but there was order to be restored in the now productive ten year old orchard.

The catchment dam in the gully, begun before the war, needed to be completed. There were plans to further extend the orchard. A telephone line was connected up to Claremont, from the highway, using bush poles to bring the two wires up the road. Strong winds would bring down branches causing the wires to cross circuit and it was necessary to go out with a long handled

implement to fix the problem. Beaconsfield '10' would then be online again.

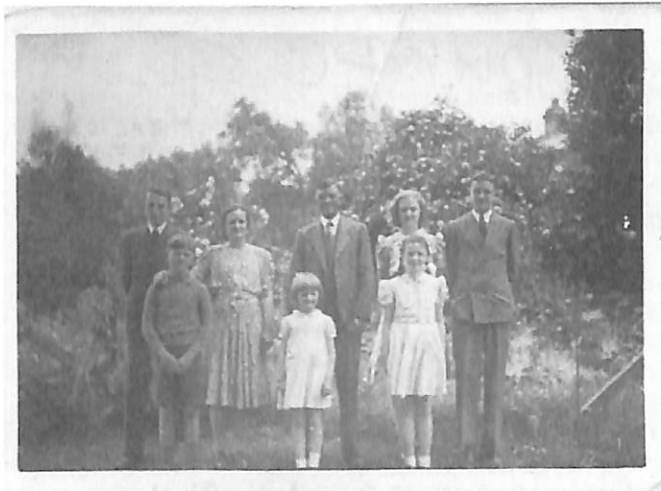
On the other side of the road, opposite Claremont, a neighbour, Harold Garth was growing flowers for the Melbourne Market. Daffodils and Iceland Poppies were a colourful sight and on his western boundary on the hill, brown and yellow Boronia flourished.

Below his property to the south, were a couple of small timber cottages, rented properties owned by James Legon. He owned further blocks between these and the highway, all of which at an executor's sale (early 1940) were purchased by Clair. A percentage of the land was put under orchard though most of the plantings had missed the better markets and did not survive.

Over the years many hundreds of packed cases of fruit were sent from 'Claremont' by horse-drawn lorry down the road to the Beaconsfield and Officer railheads destined for both local and overseas markets. In latter years motorized vehicles carted directly to Melbourne. Electricity was brought up the road in 1950 when a cool store was built, and a new era began at Claremont and for the neighbours alike.



Lower Beaconsfield 1910. Clair Whiteside centre row second from right.



Clair married in 1923- four years after returning from war. The wedding date, 19th July was the seventh anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles, a date never forgotten. His bride, Kathleen, was the fourth child and second daughter of Rev. W. R. Cunningham who was then the resident minister at the Berwick Presbyterian Church. Clair and Kath had six children- Bill, Betty, Ken, Kathleen, David and Mary.

Clair took an active and leading role in community life. He was Chairman and President of the Officer State School Committee for twenty years, a lifelong supporter and Trustee of the Officer Union Church and a Member of the Berwick Presbyterian Church. He played tennis, cricket and Football over the years and

later took a leading role in the development of their clubs. He was a President of the Sportsground Committee and of the Officer Scouts Group. He was a President and founding member of the Officer fire brigade, a senior Vice-President of the Berwick Bush Nursing Hospital, a President and Founding Member of the Berwick RSL. A Chairman and Vice President and Executive of the Gippsland Fruit Marketing Association and Victorian State Apple and Pear Board.

In 1940 he was elected a Beaconsfield Riding member of the former Berwick Shire Council. He served eleven years, being President in 1945-6 and he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. In 1959 after a long illness, Thomas Clair Whiteside died at the age of 66 years.

Thank you to the Whiteside family for researching and providing the information and photos for the article.

More information is available from the book *A Valley in France; First World War Letters* by E Whiteside

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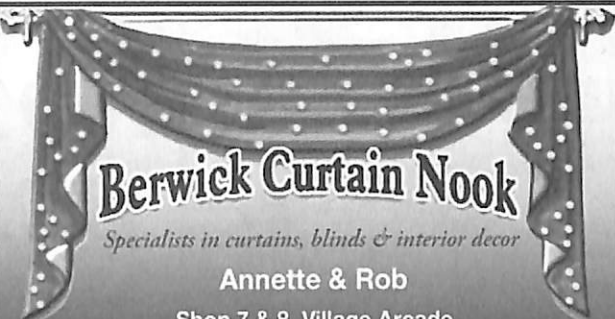
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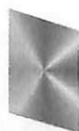
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Did you know that you can buy non smelling paint? Well, you can. I have not been troubled by smelly paint but some people are. Years ago the paint (enamels mostly) was very aromatic. Acrylic paints like "one coat kemcote" had an unpleasant odour. Modern paints are pretty mild. I have some jobs this week which call for "non smell" paint which reminded me.

It is good to read of the benefits of our wet winter. The paddle steamers on the Murray

River are experiencing much stronger patronage than they have had for years. When I last saw the Murray it was very lazy looking. Now it is showing a bit of spirit. Of course the good snow season will provide an even better flow of water.

There has been spate of fascia repairs of late. It looks ugly when the ends of the fascia (which carry the spouting) begin to rot away. Trouble is rot does not cease, it travels into rafters and that is serious. It beats me that in this age of technical sophistication we can't seal the ends of spouting's. In the old days, we used galvanised iron for spouting and the ends were soldered in. Nowadays we rely on silicon and a rivet or two – not good enough.

Has anyone found my Suzuki key?

THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT

Remember every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence

Author Unknown

BEACONSFIELD SPEED LIMIT

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

A number of constituents have recently raised with me the current speed limit along the Princes Highway at Beaconsfield.

As the commercial district has grown so too have the number of cars and pedestrians.

I note the frustration of many local residents, the BPA and others that Vic Roads and the State Government have refused to act on this issue; this despite the 50 km/h speed limit that applies in the retail hearts of Berwick and Pakenham.

Recently in Parliament I had the opportunity to ask the Minister for Roads to act on this issue and that: *together with VicRoads, he examine the current speed limit arrangements with a view to considering reducing the speed limit to reflect the increased traffic and pedestrian movements.*

Together with those who have contacted me, I urge the Government to move quickly on this issue.



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FROG WARNING



Fast asleep in the pouring rain
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when over his head a diesel screamed.
From the sleeper the young frog leapt
was scooped right up from where he slept.

"I am protected can't you see!"
but the driver couldn't hear his plea.
He'd read it, read it in a book somewhere
that frogs like him was very rare.

Hoppers Crossing was his home
to Waurin Ponds they sometimes roam.

Then very soon, it wasn't long,
he dropped off into a smelly pong.

"Where I be?" he asked himself
- falling off from an under shelf.

"away from home - hey it's no joke"
he woefully cried in a piercing croak.

Looking round in thick dark slime
there appeared no obvious sign,

except for a board not far ahead
Vote for the Greens it said in red.

"SOMEONE HELP ME I'LL DIE ALONE
...TAKE ME TO THE LOST FROG'S HOME!"



Suddenly from a grassy clump
Fred's Uncle Joe he did jump.

He'd been a Tile Rep in the town
and greeted Fred with a frog like frown.

"What you doin 'ere so far from 'ome?"
I've been trying to raise you on the frog and bone"

Alas poor Freddo told his tearful tale,
and Joe replied with a warning wail.

"Ride on the train at your peril,
do it again and I'll tell Beryl"

Beryl was his Auntie, very nice
but she'd tell his Daddy in a trice.....

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1st BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

by Roger Gordon

This year our Beaconsfield Scout Group has gained a number of notable achievements. We have received the Chief Commissioner's Award for the second year in a row for having a growth of youth members over 10%. Our Cub Scouts have received the Quality Award 2010 which they also received last year and our Scout Leader Robert Shreeve received the Silver Arrowhead for excellent service from the Chief Commissioner of Scouting for Australia. We are now into our third year of restarting the Beaconsfield Scout Group and much has been achieved but there is still much to be done.

Our Venturer Alex Gordon has been successful in being accepted for International Venturer Exchange program. In November this year he will be flying to Japan to stay for eight weeks with a Japanese Venturer family. During his time there he will attend the local school, sightsee and be involved in scouting activities. Next

year during June/July his family will host the Japanese Venturer on a reciprocal arrangement. Alex has studied Japanese for four years and is looking forward to practicing his skills in a real life situation.

Our Cubs have had a varied and exciting programme last term. We started with an overnight sleepover at the Officer Scout Hall with videos, games and cooking. Our Tuesday night activities have focused on the Boomerang Challenge with all our Cubs nearly completing their new badges. The weekend activities have included the District Bike Day at the Leisure Centre at Pakenham, introduction to Little Athletics, a bonfire with entertainment at the Dickie Road Scout Camp and a night at Le Mans Indoor Laser Skirmish at Dandenong. We also have two members attending the Cuboree at Gilwell Park during the September holidays which are four days of fun and activities with 3000 Cubs from all over Victoria. Next term

should be just as good, so come and see whether it is for you to bring excitement into your life.

Scouts have also had a great time. This included on Thursday night an auction night, visit to the Post Distribution Centre, visit to Nar Nar Goon Scouts, cub invasion from our Cubs and Cubs from Berwick Anglican Scout Group, visit from Bunyip Scouts and Slot Cars at Dandenong. Our Camps at the weekend have included the Bonfire Camp at Dickie Road Scout Camp, Aqua Camp at Hazeldene Pondage, and District Fire on the Lake which has a cooking competition and bike, rafting and cooking activities. Our Scouts came second in the cooking competition earning a gold award. In all, a great time was had by all. Term 4 programme looks great and will take advantage of the better weather.

If you would like your sons or daughters to come to one of our Venturer, Scout or Cub Scout meetings

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

Cubs are from 7 to 10.5 years of age; Scouts are from 10.5 to 14.5 years of age and Venturers from 14.5 to 17 years of age. We look forward to seeing you.

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If you find your self in crisis at Christmas and live within the Cardinia Shire you can register for a Christmas hamper at 4C's Crisis Relief Centre in Pakenham on Monday - Friday, as from the beginning of November. Phone 0359412268.

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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

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August was very wet with rain falling on 21 days. The monthly total was 139mm. This was the highest August total I have on my records which date back to 1985.

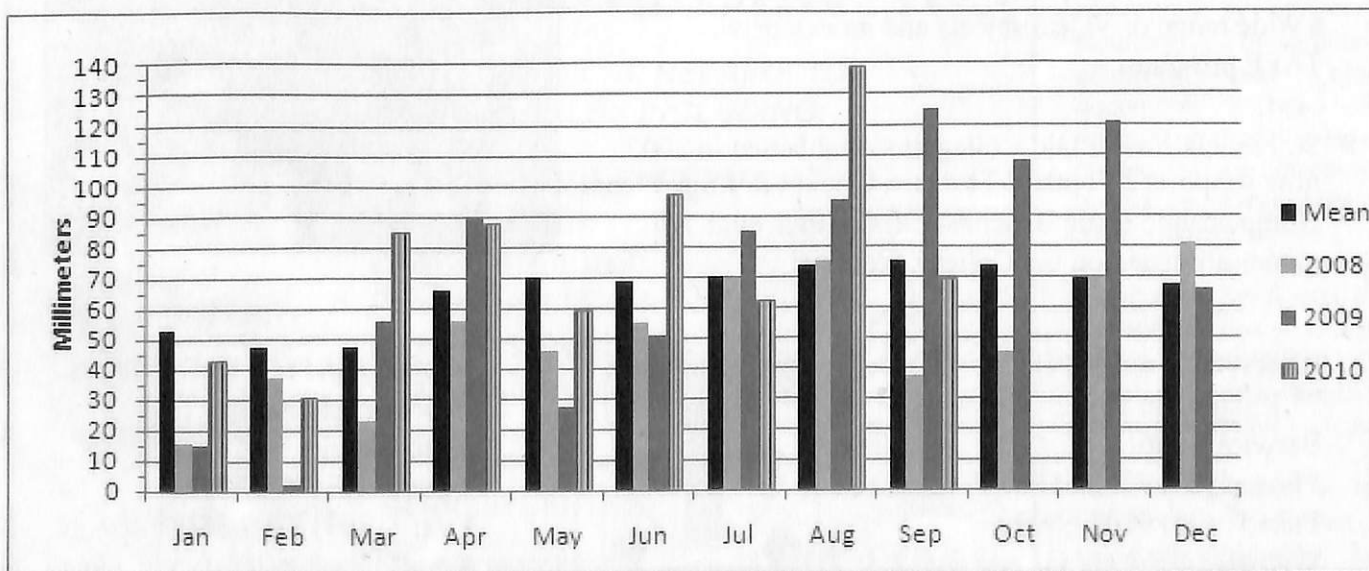
September was a little bit drier with only 69mm of rain. The rain fell over 17 days. This is below the September average which is 75mm.

With all this rainfall it has made the grounds extremely wet at the moment. This is also a very good thing as most of the runoff is going into our catchments. Melbourne's water storage is currently at 47.7% capacity which is the highest it has been since June 2006.



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by Rick Colling, President

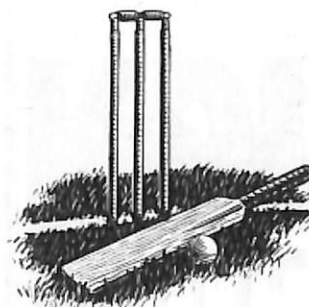
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We are working towards the following projects:

- Relocation of practice nets.
- Children's playground
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Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

by Malcolm McKenzie

Beaconsfield JFC hosts the club's 2010 Best and Fairest presentations over two days.

Once again at the end of the football season the Beaconsfield Junior Football club held its Best and Fairest awards for season 2010. A first for the club, the presentation's this year were conducted over two different times with the under 14, 15 and 16 age groups held in the evening of Friday the 10th September with the under 9's through to the under 13's conducted during the day on Sunday 12th September. Both events were extremely well

attended with many relatives coming along and joining the players celebrating the end of season and award presentations.

Our winners for season 2010 are:

Under 9 Blue - Michael McKenna award for Best and Fairest - Jack Greely, Runner Up B & F - Ryan Steicke, Most Consistent - Joshua Pettenuzzo, Most Improved - Jarra Davis, Best Clubman - Jonathon Houghton

Under 9 Gold Austinn Jones Best and Fairest - Cody Weightman, Runner Up B & F - Ben Giliberto, Most Consistent - Tyson Lynch, Most Improved

- Max Butler, Best Clubman - Jarrod Hocking

Under 9 White - Chris Newman award for Best and Fairest - Joel Clausen, Runner Up B & F - Joshua Mounter, Most Consistent - Alex Bulte, Most Improved - Trent Easton, Most Improved - Michael Cameron, Best Clubman - Bryce Sheard

Under 10 Blue Best & Fairest - Joshua McKenna, Runners Up B & F - Riley Boland, Most Consistent - Ryan Orridge, Most Improved - Jye Anderson, Best Clubman - Thomas McCormick

Under 10 Gold Best & Fairest - Jarryd Wills, Runners Up B & F - Matthew Peart, Most Consistent - Harry Tait, Most Improved - Lukus Clue, Best Clubman - Bryson Janka

Under 11 Blue Best & Fairest - Luke Bettio, Runners Up B & F - Lachlan Harvey, Most Consistent - Callum Houghton, Most Improved - Kyle McBride, Best Clubman - Allan Roberts

Under 11 Gold Best & Fairest - Jack McHale, Runners Up B & F - Harry Dean, Most Consistent - Austin Rule, Most Improved - Chad McDonald, Best Clubman - Ryan Lazzara

Under 12 Blue Best & Fairest - Dan Coinu, Runners Up B & F - Nathan Hopwood, Most Consistent - Billy Mitchem, Most Improved - Jake Nicholson, Best Clubman - David Bonacci

Under 12 Gold Best & Fairest equal winners Robert McMillan & Jordan Stewart, Runners Up B & F - Daniel Hellyer, Most Consistent - Noah Christensen, Most Improved - Jordan Clue, Best Clubman - Mitchell Hayes,

Under 13 Blue Best & Fairest - Jayden Janka, Runners Up B & F equal winners - Matthew Van Hostauyen, Jonty Savage,

Most Consistent - Jordan Whalley, Most Consistent - Brad La Roche, Most Improved - Julian Nortcliffe, Best Clubman - Matthew Bradfield

Under 13 Gold Best & Fairest - Thomas Glen, Runners Up B & F

- Edward Wilson, Most Consistent - Tyson Buttie, Most Improved - Jesse Bartlett, Best Clubman - Brandon White

Under 14 Blue Best & Fairest - Taylor Joyce, Runners Up B & F - Matthew Charlesworth, Most Consistent - Jake Flynn, Most Improved - Adrian Sinclair, Best Clubman - Michael Misso

Under 14 Gold Best & Fairest - Peter Hannan, Runners Up B & F - Lachlan Harrison, Most Consistent - Joshua Dalman, Most Improved - Luke Jarvis, Best Clubman - Brett Monagle

Under 15 Blue Best & Fairest - Adam Butler, Runners Up B & F - Luke Duffy, Most Consistent - Zane Hunter, Most Improved - Dylan Triffitt, Best Clubman - Nicholas McPherson

Under 15 Gold Best & Fairest - Jason Trewin, Runners Up B & F - Scott McQuilten, Most Consistent - Blake Egerton, Most Improved - Corey Van Hostauyen, Best Clubman - Hayden Allen

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Beaconsfield Jfc Player Takes Out The DDJFL Lindsay Patching Medal For The Highest Vote Holder In The League.

The DDJFL Best and Fairest awards were held recently over two evenings in front of a large contingent of players, families, club and DDJFL officials and umpires.

The evenings saw a number of Beaconsfield Junior Football Club players poll well throughout the season to finish in the top 10 with one of our fine young players taking out the Lindsay Patching medal for the leagues highest vote holder. Jack McHale obtained an incredible 37 votes out of a possible 42 to receive this honor as well as winning the leagues Best and Fairest in the Under 11 Division 2 section.

Further Taylor Joyce also picked up the Leagues Best and Fairest in the Under 14 Division 1 polling 26 votes.

The following Beaconsfield players also were rewarded for their outstanding individual efforts and fair play during the many games played throughout the season finishing in the Top 10 DDJFL Best and Fairest in their respective divisions Matthew Peart Under 10 Gold Division 2, James Cairns Under 10 Blue Division 1, Jordan Stewart, Zac Stewart & Robert McMillian Under 12 Gold Division 2, Eddie Wilson Under 13 Gold Division 1, Matthew Van Hostauyen Under 13 Blue Division 3, Lachlan Harrison Under 14 Gold Division 3, Adam Butler Under 15 Blue Division 1, Brandon Moore Under 16 Blue Division 1.

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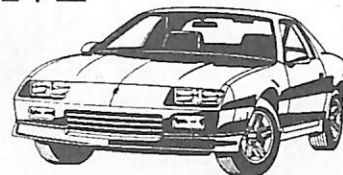
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"The Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre supports local community groups with bi monthly donations."
Donations to date - \$16,500.

* Consultations / Vaccinations	* X ray Facilities
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-Centre Hours-

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 7PM

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****Christmas Pet Portraits****

Christmas is fast approaching, so we have organised to have professional pet photographer Paul Bianco to take your pets Christmas portraits. Paul is able to photograph a wide range of animals at the clinic; we even had a miniature pony here last year.

The sittings are booked and held at the clinic and the dates will be:

Friday 26th and Saturday 27th of November

Please contact our friendly staff on 9769 8777 to make a booking.



****Congratulations****

We would like to congratulate all of the winners from our footy tipping competition and the winner of our father's day raffle. Thank you to everyone that entered, we hope you all join us for the footy tipping competition again next year.

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