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Les Reader, President.

Well we have had an interesting few weeks, the main item of interest has been the application for the Pink Hill Hotel and the gaming machines. We have just been in recent weeks to a practice hearing at VCAT to determine how and when the application will be heard. There was a ruling handed down that determined that the application for subdivision of the land that they are proposing to build the hotel etc. on and the application for the hotel will be heard at the same time.

The VCAT hearing for the Pink Hill Hotel and associated 5 lot subdivision in Beaconsfield has been set down for hearing for 5 days commencing on Monday 4 April 2011.

All in all we as an association have been very busy dealing with items of concern around

the town, including some very welcome updating of Beaconsfield Park which is progressing as I write and soon stage one will be complete and I'm sure will be a beautiful improvement to the approach of our town.

Don't forget "Carols By The Creek". An annual event for our whole community to get together and enjoy fun and fellowship in the spirit of Christmas. For those who don't know they are held in the Bob Burgess Reserve on Sunday 19th December. Don't miss it.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy, holy and safe Christmas and New Year.



A Wish To Everyone For A Safe And Joyful Christmas And Happy New Year

Thankyou to all the volunteers who each two months, write, proof read, collate and distribute the Beaconsfield Banner, your efforts are greatly valued.

To the advertisers, we thank you for assisting us to make this newsletter viable which allows us to distribute 2600 free copies to the residents of Beaconsfield.

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Margaret Boon,
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SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Collin Ross, Central Ward

It is an exciting time to be on council with so many projects underway and proposed for our future development.

In Beaconsfield we have works well underway at Holm Park Road with both political parties promising extra money to the \$10 million project. This will make this project a show piece.

The new traffic lights coming off the Princes Highway into the main street of Beaconsfield will soon be completed, this will lead to greater safety for residents. Both parties have promised more car parking at the Beaconsfield Railway station, which is urgently needed.

The road leading to the new Woolworths is complete after council purchased the land behind the hotel, this is giving safer access to residents.

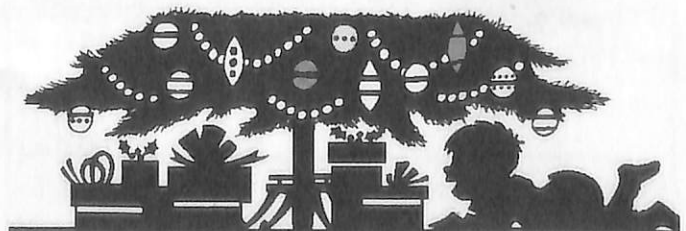
Council are starting works to refurbish Beaconsfield Park to give it a fresh look and a new feel.

Look out for the Local Carols by Candlelight presented by the Local community groups. My family and I attended last year and found them a wonderful event.

My fellow councillors, my family and I would like to wish all residents a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to representing you in the New Year.



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



JEANETTE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT KINDER

by Jane O'Sullivan, President Beaconsfield Kindergarten

Jeanette Bartlett is well known and loved within the Beaconsfield community. On Friday 26 November over 150 local families and friends joined to celebrate Jeanette's 25th year as teacher at Beaconsfield Kindergarten in Woods Street.

Commencing at Woods Street in February 1986, Jeanette has taught more than 1200 local children over those 25 years, providing each of those children with a vital first step in their long path of formal education. A highlight of the evening was seeing so many of those children – some now at primary school, others at secondary school and several young adults with young children of their own – return to Woods Street to thank Jeanette for the important part she has played in their lives.

During the evening Cr Brett Owen from Cardinia Shire Council presented Jeanette with a letter from the Mayor congratulating her on her outstanding achievement. Heartfelt speeches were also made by past Kinder presidents, committee members and colleagues, with all praising Jeanette's unwavering commitment to quality early childhood education.

Jeanette graduated from Melbourne Kindergarten Teachers College in 1973 and has worked as a Kindergarten teacher for 37 years, with the last 25 years at Beaconsfield Kindergarten.



Councillor Brett Owen and Jeanette



Amazingly, Beaconsfield Kindergarten is only her second teaching post and she has worked with only two co-teachers over the 25 years – Cath Mills for the first 15 years and Kathy McMaster for the last ten. Cath and Kathy coordinated the celebrations on Friday night with lots of help from D'Arne Fisher ... well done on a great night!

Jeanette is passionate about early childhood education and has mentored many pre-service teachers and work experience students over

the years. She also strongly believes in the importance of ongoing professional development and networking amongst early childhood professionals.

Jeanette was instrumental in the planning of the O'Neil Road Kindergarten and Community Complex and strongly advocated for its development. She has also been involved in numerous early childhood working parties and committees over the years and is a strong supporter of Beaconsfield community activities, with a particularly close relationship with the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade, who has hosted many Kindergarten visitors over the years!!

Jeanette is a much loved and respected educator. The entire Beaconsfield Kindergarten community, past and present, is very proud of her achievement and honoured by her loyalty and seemingly unending energy and enthusiasm. Jeanette will be teaching Red and Blue groups at Woods Street in 2011 and will again work her magic on a whole new group of very special and very lucky young children.



L to R: Jeanette, Bernie, Cath, Laurelei, Kathy and Lyn join in the celebrations.

Local Infrastructure Funding

by Laura Smyth,

Federal Member for La Trobe



Dear readers,
I am very pleased to be able to let you know some of the things that have been happening in the La Trobe electorate since the last edition:

Health care funding:

- Three medical clinics in our area have been nominated to receive funding under the first round of Primary Care

Grants so that they can undertake work to be able to provide improved community healthcare. These are the Mandala Clinic at Emerald, the Belgrave Medical Clinic and Hills Medical.
- The Casey After Hours GP Clinic has also received funding from the Federal Government to increase its after hours care.

Local infrastructure funding:

- The Federal Government is funding 8 local infrastructure projects in La Trobe including installing AFL-standard lighting at Holm Park Recreation Reserve in Beaconsfield.
- The infrastructure

funding in La Trobe will go to projects supported by our local councils and the funding will be very important to supporting around 25 local jobs.

Paid Parental Leave

- Next month, on 1 January 2011, Australia will have its first Paid Parental Leave Scheme. It is important that expecting parents take an opportunity to complete the paperwork for the scheme and we know that many people in our community are already starting this and making plans with their employers. You can apply online at www.familyassist.gov.au.

Education Tax Refund

- For eligible parents with kids going to school in 2011, please remember to keep your receipts for school expenses so that you can claim the Education Tax Refund.

La Trobe Leadership and Community Service Award

- Over the last few weeks I have been visiting as many of the 64 schools in our electorate as possible to recognise a student at each campus who has shown his or her commitment to our community organisations and who has shown leadership at school. I hope that all of those excellent students who have received the award this year will get involved in community activities coming up in La Trobe in 2011.

I hope that you have a relaxing break over the Christmas and New Year period and that you and your families stay safe over the holiday season. I look forward to keeping you updated in 2011. All the best at Christmas,

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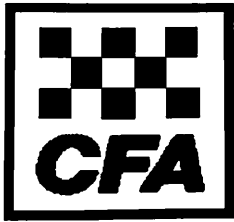
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Matteo Di Carlo, 1st Lieutenant

ARE YOU FIRE READY THIS FIRE SEASON?

Winter and spring has seen plenty of rain which is good for our water storage's. All this rain has promoted growth especially in grasslands and with a warm summer approaching all this growth could be a potential source of fuel for any fire that may start.

Everyone by now should be preparing their property for the coming fire season by cleaning up around the home removing any excess fuel. Residents in the built area of the town should be aware that this need for preparation relates to them as well. The grass and scrub lands north of the Beaconsfield township has the potential to threaten homes from ember attacked should a fire occur in that area. The CFA web site (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) has useful information to assist with your preparation and

planning. The link www.cfa.vic.gov.au/firesafety/bushfire/index.htm gives a guide as to what you can do around the home to be fire ready. You can also book a site assessment form this site if require some assistance.

Big news for the our brigade and the community on Friday 5th November the Minister for Emergency Services Bob Cameron announced that the Victorian Government will build Beaconsfield a new \$7.4 million integrated fire station. This new modern facility will enhance the service we provide to the community and surrounding areas. We will provide regular updates as we progress with this project.

The brigade attended numerous house fires in the last few months which

is a reminder to check that your smoke detector is operating and that the battery was changed at the start of day light savings?

Finally the members of the Beaconsfield CFA wishes everyone safe and merry festive season and thank the community for their ongoing support.



Christmas Cards

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SENDING LOCAL CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS YEAR?

The Friends of the Cardinian Embroidery have cards with photo reproduction of each of the Panels of the Cardinian Embroidery. There are 8 different cards in all depicting the features of the towns of Cardinia.

A reproduction of the Beaconsfield/ROC panel is on permanent display at the Beaconsfield Community Complex. The cards are blank inside and you can write whatever you like and as much as you like and they are always appreciated as they are so very different from the usual Christmas card. If you have a business in Beaconsfield you could have your business details printed inside by a local printer. They come packaged as sets of 8 cards, either one panel or .8 of the same panel for \$10 as well as single cards for \$1.50 each. You can choose to send only the Beaconsfield Panel or choose from the other 7 panels.

Every cent raised from the sale of the cards will go towards costs of fabrics, threads, framing and hanging of our latest project which is the Flora and Fauna of Cardinia.

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What is that worth?

Many years ago I read an article by Simon Longstaff. The point he made has stayed with me. But before I go there let me tell you about my neighbour. He decided to sell his house. But before the house could be sold it had to be valued. How do you measure the value of a house? Well my neighbour had a good feel for what his home was worth. Then an agent called and did all sorts of ascertaining; listing the value of other houses in the street, the age of the house, the size of the house, the size of the land the condition of the house. The agent then decided what the home was worth.

Lastly there were the prospective buyers. Each one would come to the open inspection and sum up for themselves what they thought the home was worth. Then there were the neighbours who too were rather interested in what it was worth and who sought to measure its worth by considering what their own homes were worth.

I tell you before that house was finally sold there were a whole bunch of folk who had worked out what it was worth. We are pretty good at doing this. We all know what our homes are worth, we know what our cars are worth, and we know what our TVs are worth. But Longstaff suggests, and I think he is right, we often do not know the real value of intangible things.

What is the value of a kind word or a decent friend or a loving family or a warm smile? In fact these things are priceless.

Lastly may I ask do we know the value of Christmas? It comes around every year. It's a time for gift giving and family get togethers. But is that all it is? In fact it is a celebration of birth of Jesus. Do we know the value of the birth of Jesus? Can we calculate all the good he has brought into this world? This Christmas might be a good time to do some evaluating.



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GRAEME J TAYLOR, FCA, Company Secretary

The second Annual General Meeting of Beaconsfield District Community Financial Services Ltd was held on Tuesday, 30 November 2010.

The 2010 Annual Report is available on the Beaconsfield District Community Bank® Branch website, and includes reports from the Chairman, Branch Manager, Treasurer, Directors and Auditor, as well as Financial Statements and Notes.

Some of the Annual Report's key highlights include;

1. Groups in the Beaconsfield and neighbouring districts receiving \$7,700 in sponsorship and \$3,500 in donations from our Community Bank® Branch.

2. The Net Loss for the financial period ended 30 June 2010 amounted to \$260,972 (before income tax). While income exceeded budget, expenses also exceeded budget due to lack of budget for non-cash expense of depreciation and amortisation, and additional

employment costs including superannuation.

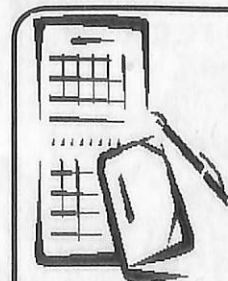
3. The Community Bank® is in a sound financial position with Total Equity of \$592,599, as at 30 June 2010

4. The Budget Loss for the 2010/11 financial year is forecast to be \$142,155 and it is expected that the Community Bank® Company will become profitable early in the 2011/12 financial year

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Christmas Message

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year has been a year of many challenges, but we learn from our experiences and make us all better for it. The year 2011 will be an exciting one and we may all settle down and enjoy what life has to offer and with that, meet new people and do new things.

Thankyou to all our members for supporting BNC this year. Next years, it will be even better!

NEW COURSES FOR 2011

We are pleased to announce some new courses beginning of Term 1. There will be Mosaics for beginners, Patchwork class for beginners and even the Pergamano class is starting up a beginners group. If you have always wanted to try one of these sessions, but thought you wouldn't be able to, here is your chance to give it a go. Beginner's classes are great to get to learn those newer experiences in life. New evening class for Yoga will begin on Monday nights with the lovely Karen. 8pm - 9:15pm.

MEET OUR NEW CO-ORDINATOR



My name is Meaghan Elkins and I am the new coordinator at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre. I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of this vibrant neighbourhood centre. It is such an exciting and a wonderful change to be in a positive environment.

I look forward to meeting each and everyone one of you please pop in and say hi!



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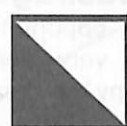
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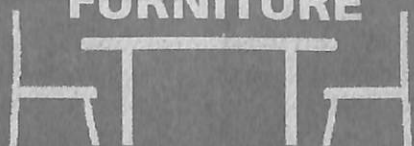
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Stand Out Efforts at Victorian Equestrian Centre Primary School Challenge

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Topsy, Emily, and Shaylin pictured left to right, competed at the Victorian Equestrian Centre Primary School Challenge. There were schools from all over Victoria and Beaconsfield Primary School came 5th in the overall result.

The competition had 6 different events each girl had to compete in 4 events and lucky for Beacy we had some real stand out efforts Emily on Harley in the Games Event, Shaylin on Cougar in the Handy Mount Event and Topsy on Jay Jay in the Pleasure Pony Event.



It was a huge effort, the girls and their parents spent Sunday washing and plaiting up the ponies, cleaning tack and getting packed to be ready to be at the VEC by 7.30am. the

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

Our teachers have been delighted with the technology projects that our Year 5/6 children have been undertaking. Children have designed and made a product by their own efforts. The designs reflect their own interests for example, Brandon, a child who loves to skateboard, has designed and built a jump, others have created fashion items, clothing designs, each child with their own ideas, advertising, even their own brands! Whilst each child is taking part in the technology problem solving cycle of design, build and test; each child used their persuasive writing skills to market their product. The children have been given lots of freedom to express their individuality and passions and their teachers have been impressed with their creativity!

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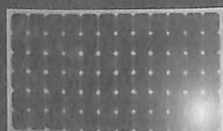
Congratulations to Jeanette Bartlett

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Primary School Community, I would like to congratulate Jeanette Bartlett on 25 years of outstanding service to the Beaconsfield Community at the Beaconsfield Kindergarten. Jeanette's contribution to our school in her preparation of children for their school life has been invaluable. She is an outstanding educator and has had a huge positive impact; touching the lives of the youngest students and awakening a love of learning to last their whole life long. Thank you Jeanette!

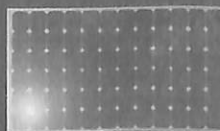
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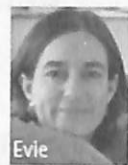
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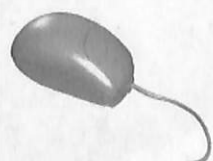
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MAKE AND MINGLE

by A. Taylor

Make and Mingle had a wonderful day for our craft fair early in November. Hundreds of people came from the community and neighbouring towns to enjoy the delicious Devonshire teas and light lunches and to catch up with friends. Everyone was able to purchase plants and flowers, cakes and jams, beautiful gifts, handmade crafts and craft supplies. Our 2011 craft fair will be on Saturday 5th November, mark the date in your new diary.



The money raised at the craft fair and throughout the year is used to support a range of missions and charities. We are currently sending funds to 4cs. Cardinia Combined Churches Caring. This is a not-for-profit organisation that provides support to families and individuals who are in crisis within Cardinia. 4cs is sponsored by local Christian Churches within Cardinia and also a very small amount of government funding. 4cs relies on the help of volunteers. 4cs provides support via Food bank, emergency relief, No Interest Loan scheme, crisis loan scheme and financial counselling. 4cs is located at 1 Main Street Pakenham Phone 59412268 and can be contacted if you have a crisis situation. They are always in need on donations of cash or food items.

Pictured above : Ellen with cut flowers at the Make and Mingle craft Fair.

Pictured Left: Julie and Carol with the plant stall.



Over Christmas we all receive lots of Christmas cards in the mail. A dedicated band of ladies from Make and Mingle trim postage stamps from envelopes. These stamps are then sold to stamp dealers and the money used to support missions. Please keep your used stamps and bring them to the church on Wednesday or Sunday mornings. Please leave them on the envelopes or tear off with a large margin. Please do not soak them off the paper.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets each Wednesday from 10am-12 noon during school term, at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr. Desmond Court and Old Princes Hwy.

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by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

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Animals can develop a disease known as pancreatitis. This can occur after your pet ingests a meal high in fat, such as leftovers from Christmas parties or BBQ's. During pancreatitis the enzymes that normally digest food leak out into the tissue of the pancreas, and start to digest it. This leads to the pancreas becoming

inflamed, which left untreated, can be fatal.

Symptoms of pancreatitis can include vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain and fever. Animals diagnosed with pancreatitis may need to spend several days in the hospital whilst being treated. Depending on the severity of the inflammation treatments can include intravenous fluids, antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. Food and water intake is also stopped for a period of time. Once there has been no vomiting for up to 48 hours small amounts of a low fat prescription food and water can be offered. Animals will also need to

be sent home with a low fat prescription food while the pancreas is healing. Some animals may need to be on this food for life.

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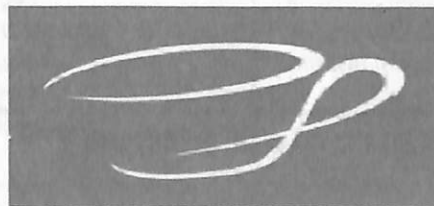
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BEACONSFIELD PARK

by A. Taylor

Cardinia Shire Council is currently undertaking works at Beaconsfield Park. The park is situated at the corner of Beaconsfield Emerald Road and Old Princes Highway Beaconsfield. This area is just over the Cardinia Creek Bridge and is the gateway to Cardinia Shire and Beaconsfield.

Cardinia Shire Council initially provided \$10,000 to have plans developed for this area and then were successful in gaining a Federal government grant of \$112,572 to have these works carried out.

This will include new drainage and footpath and extensive landscaping and planting of native and indigenous plants. Stage one of these works will cover

the front entrance of the park and then future works will include a boardwalk and post and rail fencing.

Over the past 3-4 years the Cardinia Catchment Landcare Group with some of the local schools has carried out indigenous plantings along the Cardinia Creek in Beaconsfield Park. This planting has restored the riparian area and will enhance the park restoration works.

In 2008 Beaconsfield Progress Association was successful in gaining a Cardinia Shire Council Heritage grant to have the old 'Beaconsfield Park' sign restored and again in 2009 gained funding to have pillars built for the signage.

Now that the landscaping of the park is being carried out, the restored sign and pillars can be constructed. The new plans for the park also incorporate sandstone on the pillars and a low wall along the pathway. This will give a beautiful vista into Beaconsfield and the restoration of the historic park sign and pillars.

The Argus newspaper 26th January 1939 reported that 'Memorial gates' had been erected at the entrance to the Beaconsfield Park. A pair of iron gates and brick pillars erected in memory of the soldiers who took part in the Great War. The gates were the gift of the Craven sisters Belinda, Mattie and Alice who previously had the Beaconsfield Post Office.



The late Tony Rushton, who lived in Beaconsfield and had a passion for local history, had this photo in his collection. It is thought to be taken at the opening of the gates. In the group second from the left is Harold Harbour, third from left 'Slim' Parkes and on the right 'Bluey' Jim Parkes. Tony Rushton had expressed a desire to see the sign and pillars restored, and now this will finally be taking place.



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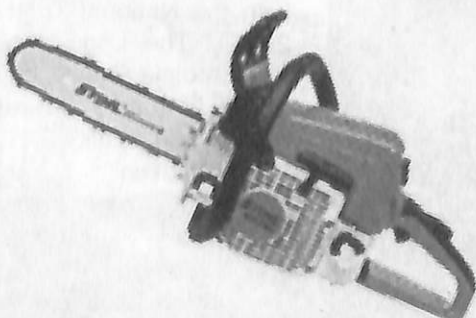
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BEACONSFIELD AVENUE OF HONOUR

by Ann Taylor

The beautiful Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour runs along Old Princes Hwy (High Street) Berwick from the Cardinia Creek Bridge to Peel Street. 123 Black Poplars trees were originally planted in 1919.

The trees have been listed on the Victorian register of significant trees. The trees were planted by Ada Armytage of Holm Park as a tribute to the Soldiers from Beaconsfield who served in the Great War. In 1973 the Berwick Shire became the City of Berwick and the Shire of Pakenham. The boundary was the Cardinia Creek and this meant that the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour was now in City of Berwick. In 1994 the City of Berwick was renamed City of Casey and the Shire of Pakenham was renamed Shire of Cardinia.

There are seven Avenues of Honour in the City of Casey these are;

1. Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour High Street (Old Princes Highway) Berwick. 123 trees originally planted

in 1919. Black Poplar
2. South Gippsland Highway Cranbourne. 59 trees planted in August 1919. English oak, Portuguese oak.

3. Memorial Drive, Narre Warren North 60 trees originally planted in 1919. English Oak.

4. Harkaway Road, Harkaway. 29 trees planted in 1919. Red flowering gum

5. Church Street Berwick 9 trees originally planted in 1919 Pin oak, English oak.

6. South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin 18 trees originally planted in 1918. Red flowering gums

7. Wilson and Scanlon Streets, Berwick. Approximately 35 trees originally planted in September 1918 English oak, Pin oak.

After the formation of the National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch on 2002, a separate Avenues of Honour Committee was established under the auspices of the local National Trust branch and chaired by Ian

Goode (Vice President)

This Avenues of Honour Committee included Representatives from Special Interest groups, Military Historians and Community Volunteers, passionate residents, including the late Tony Rushton from Beaconsfield; Casey Cardinia Local History Officer, representatives from the RSL; History and Progress Associations from Tooradin, Beaconsfield, Narre Warren North as well as several National Trust Branch Members.

A submission to Casey Council for review and staged upgrade gained the support of Cr Neil Lucas when he was Mayor. This resulted in subsequent resolutions confirming that council's commitment, restoration, ongoing maintenance and appropriate signage would be a priority. Casey council provided \$30,000 as its commitment to maintain the Casey Avenues of Honour and the Victorian Government

provided \$10,000 through the Heritage Grants Programme.

On Remembrance Day, Thursday 11th November 2010, a number of dedicated residents, community groups and heritage leaders gathered on Church Street Berwick to witness the launch of the City of Casey's new Avenues of Honour Signage. New signage will also be installed at the other 6 Avenues of Honour in the coming weeks. Beaconsfield's signage will be placed at the beginning of the Avenue of Honour just over Cardinia Creek in front of Hailebury College.

This new signage reflects an important and tangible link to our heritage and the necessity to ensure that all Avenues will be in first class condition for the Centenary of ANZAC in 2015.



The new signage includes the Heritage Logo (illustrated) and this was developed and adopted by both councils in conjunction with the National Trust in 2006. The Logo shows the Cardinia Creek which is the boundary between the municipalities; a representative style homestead, symbolizing the built environment and a tree, symbolizing the natural environment.





Beaconsfield has also remembered their soldiers with the Beaconsfield WW1 Honor Board and the Beaconsfield War Memorial

The War Memorial on the corner of Wood Street and Old Princes Highway is of

polished granite and was unveiled in March 1920 by Brigadier General Brand. The inscription on the base reads: "Erected as a tribute to men who enlisted from Beaconsfield and District and in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War

1914-1919." The names of the nine fallen soldiers from WW I are listed, and after WW II the names of three fallen soldiers were added. The memorial was restored in 2006.

The Beaconsfield War Memorial is pictured on the Cardinian Embroidery. A reproduction of the Cardinian Embroidery Beaconsfield Officer Board can be seen at the Beaconsfield Community Complex and the original eight embroidered panels can be viewed at the Cardinia Cultural complex.

The Beaconsfield WWI Honour Board can be viewed at the Beaconsfield Community Complex 35 Serviceman with their photos are named on the Honour Board. A booklet 'Beaconsfield's WWI Honour Board

provides Military History and Family History of each of the serviceman.

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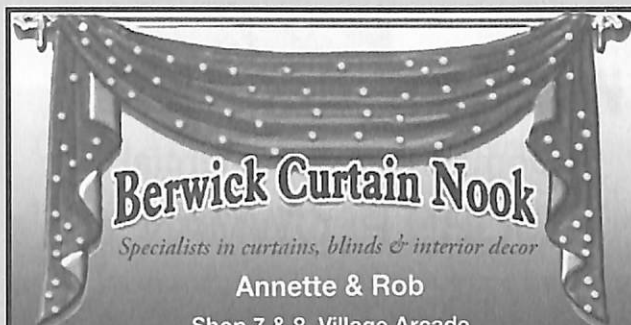
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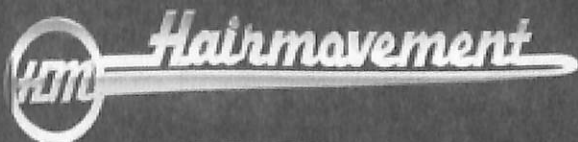
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Looking down across the floor was the particle remains of a meteor. Surely this alien didn't eat rocks that made him grow his curly green locks?

So I thought I'd teach him our human ways as he sat on his roof in a bit of a daze !

It was really quite hard to coax him down as all he displayed was a frightened frown!

First I tried to teach him

to speak, but he just played dumb like a silly geek.

As an alien he didn't know a word - our English language he'd never heard!

After repeating words a thousand times though ...he got the meaning of yes and no!

Next I wanted him to eat human food. After each failed attempt he thought me rude!

On his kitchen floor his rocks had run out, so down to the butchers I took him out.

Clearly vegetables he would not eat, so I thought I'd make him try some meat!

The butcher thought it rather novel that on his floor the alien grovelled. We threw him a sausage and gave him a chop, but noticed just how his jaw didn't drop!

Then passing a steak for him to bite, I enquired now "THAT'S MEATIER RIGHT ?"

At once I noticed his eyes dilate. I was overjoyed as the alien ate!

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by Phil Collins

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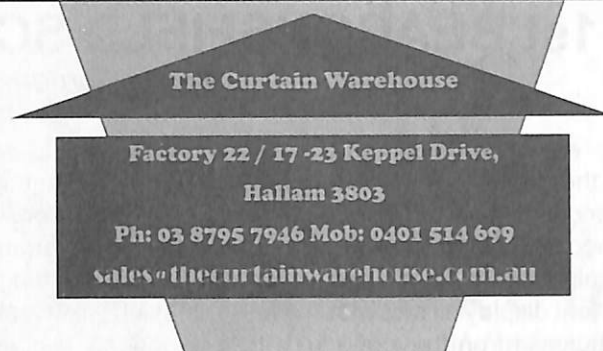
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1st BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

by Roger Gordon

We enjoyed being part of the market night at Beaconsfield Primary School. Cooking damper, learning basic knots and our tent display all met with enthusiasm from the young. Our Scouts organised and operated our stall and did a great job in making it interesting and worthwhile.

Our Scouts have attended Gilweroo, a weekend camp at Bell Park, Mt. Martha with many activities including waterslides, canoeing, archery, abseiling, disco, and rocket launchers to name a few of the activities. This is always an excellent camp and all thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

We are very pleased that one of our Scouts, Jordan Ball, has received his Scout Medallion and Green Cord at our special meeting in early December. This is the highest award that a scout can obtain and Jordan is to be congratulated for his great effort in obtaining these awards.

When you read the Beacy Banner, our Venturer Alex Gordon will be in Japan on his overseas venturer scout exchange. He is staying in Osaka with a Japanese Venturer Shuhei Fujuki who was here in July/ August this year on exchange with a host family in Berwick. Alex will be attending a Japanese school for six weeks while away and the rest of the time will be sightseeing, attending Japanese Scouts and learning heaps of Japanese. He has really looked forward to this exchange as it is an experience of a lifetime.

Cubs have been very active and achieved advancement of their Boomerang Badges. These were awarded at our meeting in early December at GWS Anderson Scout Camp to celebrate our Cub Daniel Byrgiotis becoming a Scout. Next year should be an exciting year for our Cubs with the Cuboree being held during the September holidays at

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by Nathan Boon

Well it's time for another banner weather report and it's raining again as I write the article. It has not seemed to have stopped in the last 2 months. With record falls in Beaconsfield this year - it has a very wet year.

In October we saw 167mm of rain fall. This is the highest monthly total for October I have on record dating from 1985. The rain fell over 9 days with the highest daily totals being 33mm on the 6th and the 15th. The average for October is 75mm.

In November we had another total of over 100mm. We had 130mm, this fell over 14 days. The highest daily total was 35mm this was on the 27th.

With all this rain it has seen the yearly total soar up to 970mm at the end of November. This is now the highest yearly total I have and we still have a month to go. With the rain fall in the first few days of December the total has now gone over the 1000mm for the first time in a very long time.

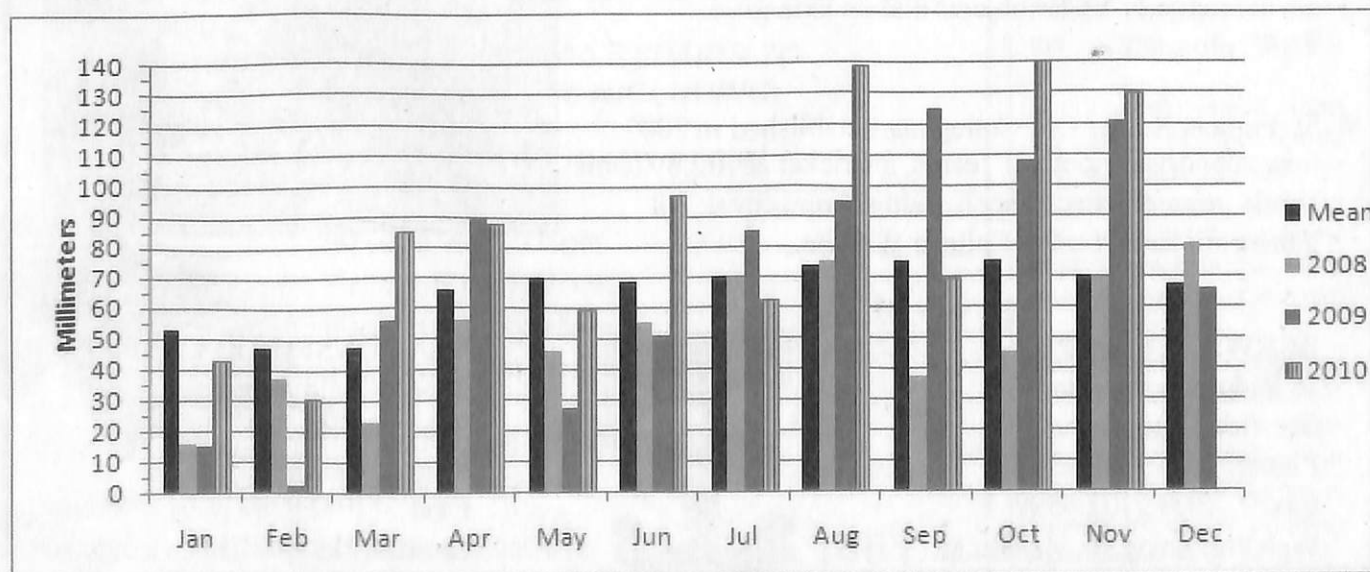
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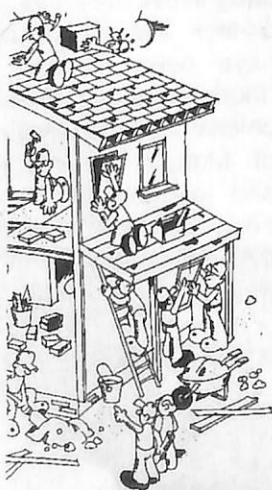
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by Malcolm McKenzie

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New committee elected for 2011.

The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club 2010 Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 25th of October 2010, with many new faces in attendance. With the new re-structure of the committee for 2011 it was great to have such a positive interest shown

by our local football community with 18 of the 28 committee positions filled. Paddy McKenna remains President and Sharon Dooley is once again our club Secretary for season 2011. The committee has expanded to include a number of new roles and an additional Vice President for season 2011. If you have a desire to contribute to our growing club and wish to be a part of the new committee structure for 2011 please contact the club secretary Sharon Dooley on 5944 4565.

The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club committee would like to

thank our many sponsors throughout the year for their contribution to our great club and in particular our major sponsors Beaconsfield Home Timber and Hardware and Harris Freer Toyota in Berwick. To all of our players and their families, our fabulous sponsors and friends and all of the Beaconsfield Banner readers we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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L to R : Russell Vincent presenting trophy to Alan Sauvarin



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Beaconsfield Cricket Club honored club stalwart Alan Sauvarin who on 4th December became the club's first 300 game player.

A tribute dinner and player roast was held at the clubrooms on 13th November to mark the occasion and honor the contribution Alan has made to the club over many years.

Guests included guest of honor Alan Sauvarin and his wife Sue along with family members Dad (Fred), sister Lynne, brother Gary and youngest daughter Hayley.

A number of Life members attended including Alan Tomamichael, Greg Tomamichael, Kevin Rankin, Joe McMaster, Don Kerslake, Wayne Hocking, Peter Goodes, Anna Goodes and Russell Vincent. Apologies were received from Mark Betheras, Colin (Spike) Jones - Lang Lang CC and Beacy, life members Maureen Crook, Ray Crook, Steve Keam, Geoff Bliss and Rowan Treasure who unfortunately were unable to attend.

Representatives of other clubs and friends of the Beaconsfield club including Clive Fielder

PUTCC, Barry Freeman Tooradin CC, Rob Hansen Upper Beac CC and WGCA Life member, Bob Taylor and Peter Kelly from Lang Lang CC. also attended with Mike Rolfe past advisor to WGCA Umpires and WGCA Life member sending apologies due to an illness in the family but would love to have been there. Many past and current players and their families were also welcomed

A summary of Alan's time at the club was made and included his 300 games in 27 and a bit seasons, not including Masters comp or Barrooga Masters festival. Alan also served as club secretary for 14 years and was acting secretary another season when a work commitment took the secretary interstate for the season.

Junior Coaching. He has had a major influence here also. Many years and lots of kids including daughter Hayley and quite a few senior cricketers have been coached by "Mung". Our junior training philosophy is largely based on Mung's own methods and the contribution has been such that we named the Junior Club Champion trophy after him.



Pictured L to R : Gary, Alan, Sue and Fred Sauvarin

Typically unassuming he was stunned to be honored this way telling us at the time he thought you had to be dead to be honored like that.

He is also a man of many nicknames: Skull Mung or mongrel, Clark Griswald or Griz, Lead Sauvarin, Punters Pal. They are as many and varied as his circle of friends.

As a player, not a champion player, but definitely a great of this club for his overall contribution. For value or importance to team and club you're not likely to play with a better person. A fierce but very fair competitor, respected by opponents and team mates and a very loyal mate who is quick to put you back in your place if you step out of line or make a stupid mistake. Its all done with

a wicked sense of humor and he is very quick to sledge but in a humorous way and gives it to team mates and opponents alike. Not satisfied to only play Saturday cricket he has also played a large number of games in the Sunday masters comp and is a regular on the trip to Barooga each year for the Masters carnival of cricket.

As I said before it is all done with a wicked sense of humor: Some years ago (when he was a handy bowler) so we do know it was quite a few years ago Mung was unfortunate enough to get smashed for 34 off one over but never to be outdone he still was able to come back at the batsman with the comment that he must be a weak so and so if he wasn't able to hit em all over the fence

A presentation was made to Sue of flowers thanking her for allowing us to have Alan as a team mate and committee person, junior coach etc for all that time (a very understanding wife she has been a cricket widow for many years. No wonder she doesn't like the game)

Mung was then presented with a trophy recognizing 300 games and then presented with a specially made cricket hat in club colors with alternate colored panels and embroidered with Beaconsfield CC 300 on the front and a 300 on the rear as well.

People from the floor were then invited to tell a story or pay tribute and speakers included:

- Peter Sofra and Jordy Andrews previous

winners of Junior club champion trophy (The Alan Sauvarin shield)

- Greg Butler, a team mate for several seasons

- Tristan Kerr who was in the first team MUNG coached at the club and

- John Martin Ex junior club president and team mate

- Jack Benbow played under Mung as a junior and is now playing 1st eleven cricket at Frankston on turf

- Kathy McMaster now a family friend after their boy was coached by Alan some years ago

The formal part of the night concluded and very enjoyable social night followed with many of the quests commenting when they left what a wonderful night it had been.

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