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Photo courtesy R. Vincent

  
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Website: [www.beaconsfield.org.au](http://www.beaconsfield.org.au)

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**2011 Beaconsfield  
ANZAC Day  
Memorial Service  
Sunday 17th April**  
Commencing at 2pm  
at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph  
Corner Woods St. and Princes Highway

More information on page 5

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The Beaconsfield Progress Association and volunteers, together with the financial support of the advertisers, distribute 2600 copies of the Beaconsfield Banner FREE to the residents of Beaconsfield every second month (February, April, June, August, October and December).

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## **BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*by L. Reader*

Well here we are four months into the new year, it is great to see things happening in the community that are pleasing to the eye and of benefit to our town and surrounds. Firstly, the new mowing contractors are making their presence felt and doing a very neat job of mowing our parks etc. A lot of repair work has taken place in the parks (paths etc. restored) making them a pleasant place to enjoy and used for recreation activities.

There has been a lot of damage caused by the flooding and this is going to be repaired very soon.

On a new note the question of the hotel development (and gaming machines) is due to commence hearing on April the 4th and by the time this Banner comes to you we are hoping for

a satisfactory result, I will be at the hearing on behalf of Beaconsfield Progress Association. This hearing will be over a period of five days. That's all for now.

Les Reader, President.

## **Volunteer Secretary Wanted**

The BPA is looking for someone to be involved in the affairs of this community and so we are seeking a person to take on the responsibilities of secretary. This is a very rewarding function and would be most helpful to the community as a whole. If you are interested please contact Les Reader on 9707 3849 for more details.

## **Panorama Gets Connected**

*by José Meyer*

Residents of the Panorama Estate are now able to access the Beaconsfield Community Centre, schools, churches and the Beaconsfield shopping precinct safely due to the new footpath along the Princes Highway. With the traffic lights now in place, this allows traffic from Beaconsfield straight on to the Monash Freeway.

This end of town will be used more and more, as safety is the key here.

Residents will now feel more connected to the town too, with both pedestrians and cyclists using the new footpath into town.

Thank you to Cardinia Shire for recognising the need for this footpath and a special thanks Cr. Brett Owen for all his efforts in getting this footpath on the road. It's been a long journey, but well worth it.



*Cr. Brett Owen (pictured centre) with John and José Meyer inspect the recently constructed path.  
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## SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Collin Ross, Central Ward

Dear Residents,

We had over 190mm of rain in Officer between 5:00pm and 9:00am on that Friday evening and Saturday morning. Pakenham was cut off from the surrounding areas on Saturday afternoon which were under water.

Beaconsfield had creeks turn into raging rivers. We are told this was a one in five hundred year event.

The damage cost appears to be as much as \$10 million to the shire. Many of our unsealed roads and roadsides were damaged or destroyed. I personally drove through water on roads and watched as creeks turned into raging rivers and wondered how I

would get home and how residents were coping.

Thanks to the brave emergency workers we saw amazing rescues, one in which a local was saved on national television. Many houses were flooded, we opened the Cardinia Cultural Centre as a safe place of last resort, council provided food, shelter and support there. Council committed our 120 depot staff into action, we also transferred over 15 of our council staff and managers onto the emergency team, dedicated to dealing with this event. We on council are committed to rebuilding our shire as soon as possible. My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to all those affected.

## VCAT HEARING POSTPONED AGAIN

The VCAT hearing regarding the Pink Hill Development scheduled for Monday 4th April was adjourned. This decision followed mediation between the Developer and the Growth Areas Authority in regard to the road alignment resulting in the VCAT hearing

being postponed again. The new hearing date is now August 1st 2011. Both the road alignment and the application for the proposed pokies venue are scheduled to be heard at the same time.



Cranbourne Salvation Army  
Recorder Group



#### Invitation for new members

##### Times

The recorder Group meets weekly on Friday Nights from 6pm

Recorder lessons for new students - 6pm to 6.30 pm (arrival at 5.50 pm for preparation and warm up)

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##### Location

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- Instrument (purchased through Cranbourne Music Centre)
- Teaching book for new students (\$15)

##### Instructional classes - Free

Further information - Colin Smith  
Recorder Instructor  
Cranbourne Salvation Army Recorder Group

Ph (H) 97992061  
(M) 0411705851  
Email csmith@satlink.com.au

## 2011 Beaconsfield ANZAC Day Memorial Service Sunday 17th April Commencing at 2pm at the Beaconsfield Cenotaph Corner Woods St. and Princes Highway



For further information,  
attendances and  
apologies contact  
Margaret Boon  
9707 5053

Join us to march to  
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This year the Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service will begin with a march from the Beaconsfield Fire Station to the cenotaph. All those wishing to march will need to assemble in the engine bay of the fire station, 22 Woods St., from 1.30.

The march will be followed with a service and wreath-laying at the cenotaph.

At the conclusion of the ceremony afternoon tea will be available at the Beaconsfield Community Centre, O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield.





## Free Family Fun Day

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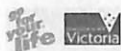
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## Residents Urged To Take Control Of Rampant Weeds

Cardinia Shire Council is calling on landowners to manage noxious weeds on their properties as soon as possible. Increased rain over the last few months has encouraged rampant growth of weed species and resulted in few opportunities for weed spraying. Council's Weed Management Officer Marianne Sawyer said weeds like ragwort, thistle and blackberry have been left to seed on many properties. "We will be facing a bad weed season next Spring because of this rain. "Residents need to manage weeds early and effectively," Ms Sawyer said. Weed control grants

of up to \$500 are available to landowners to help in eliminating weeds such as ragwort, blackberry, Paterson's Curse, spear thistle and sweet pittosporum.

Application forms are available online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) or by contacting Council on 1300 787 624.

Grant funding is allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis subject to selection criteria that is available on Council's website.

Council is issuing warning notices to landowners who fail to manage weeds on their property.



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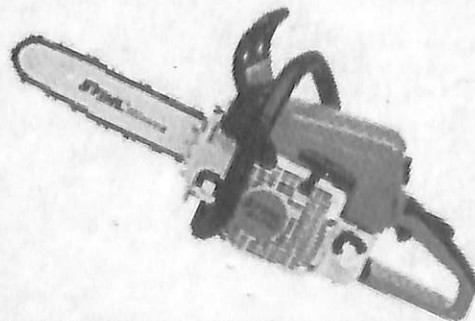
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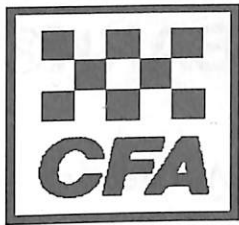


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## BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Mick Ott, member of  
Beaconsfield CFA

As we move out of summer it's important to consider the fire risks in the home associated with the cooler weather.

The instance of fires in the household multiplies during the winter period due to increased use of heating devices.

In the lead up to winter it is important to have your heating appliances checked. Fans in heating appliances can become clogged with dust causing them to overheat. Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre clear of your heaters. If using portable heaters, ensure they are modern and have built-in safety devices such as anti-tip protection and thermal cut-out. That old radiator you have had for years most

likely won't have these important safety devices.

If you are relying on a fire place or slow combustion heater to heat your home now is a good time to have the chimney or flue cleaned, a build up of soot in the chimney can catch fire which can cause a fire to start in the roof cavity. A screen around the fire will help prevent embers from coming out and stop items of clothing from coming into contact. It will also keep any children or pets at a safe distance.

Electric blankets have a long history of causing fires in homes, if using an electric blanket you need to check it thoroughly before you fit it. Don't use an electric blanket if any of the wires are damaged, check the blanket regularly

for burn spots, and don't allow the blanket to bunch up. Only turn on your blanket 30 minutes before bed and always turn it off before you get into bed. Don't leave items on the bed when the blanket is operating, something as small as a book can cause an electric blanket to overheat and start a fire.

Due to wetter weather clothes dryers are used more often. Clean the lint filter in your dryer every time you use it, if the filter becomes damaged and has holes in it have it replaced. Never use a clothes dryer that has had its filter removed. Allow your dryer to complete its cycle-cool down is essential.

Check your smoke alarms regularly, you should be changing your smoke alarm battery once a year and it is recommended this is done at the end of daylight savings. Did you change yours?

Smoke alarms are the most effective way of alerting occupants in the home to a fire. The Brigade is

often responded to homes where something has gone wrong and set off a smoke detector, most often the occupants were alerted to the problem and were able to make the situation safe before a fire was able to take hold and spread. This is the best case scenario, we have also attended fires where the sleeping residents were woken by the smoke alarms and were able to escape just in time before the house became fully involved. This is still a great result considering what could have happened if the smoke detectors were not operating.



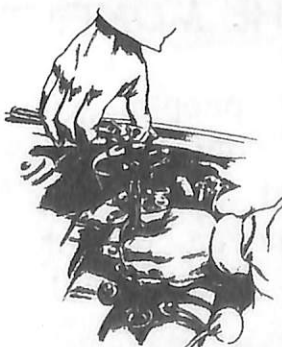
## New Members Wanted

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade is looking for motivated and active local people to join our team of volunteer firefighters. Potential new members can be women or men aged 16 and over that want to volunteer in a team environment, get involved in their community and can commit to regular training. While all enquiries are welcome the brigade is particularly keen to hear from people who may be available to assist with responding to emergency calls on weekdays.

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## **COMMUNITY BANK® NEWS**

*GRAEME J TAYLOR, FCA , Director*

The Board of Directors of Beaconsfield District Community Bank® Branch are pleased to announce new staff appointments.

has the necessary skills to effectively manage and promote our Community Bank® Branch.

Our Customer Relationship Officer, Elise Byrne is currently on maternity leave and an existing staff member Natalie Romero will undertake that role in Elise's absence.



Jennifer Nolan (pictured) has been appointed as Branch Manager and has many years experience with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd mostly regional Geelong and interstate but more recently at Berwick branch.

We welcome Reema Davis as a Customer Service Officer. Another Customer Service Officer will be appointed shortly to cover the maternity leave period mentioned above.

The staff of Beaconsfield District Community Bank® Branch, which is located at 48-62 Old Princes Highway, Beaconsfield will be pleased to meet existing and potential customers to discuss all their banking needs.

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## THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH *by David Morland*

### A Common Humanity

Cairo has been in turmoil. A couple of weeks ago I was sent an email directing me to a fascinating incident that, as far as I know, was not picked up by the mainstream media.

Egypt is by and large an Islamic country. Nevertheless the church in Egypt has a history that goes back almost to the dawn of Christianity. There were churches in Egypt for over 500 years before the first Muslims arrived. Today the Egyptian Orthodox Church has only 10 million members, this in an Egypt of 80 million. The Muslims have not been particularly accommodating of the Christians and during the current turmoil Islamic extremists were fermenting anti-christian sentiments.

The extremists were encouraging attacks on churches. And then a

number of Islamic leaders urged Muslims to go to churches and stand there as human shields to protect the Christians from Islamic extremists, suicide bombers and the like. And while this was happening an unrelated incident took place in the main square in Cairo.

Political protesters who happened to be Muslims would kneel to prayer at the appointed prayer times. As they did so they become very vulnerable to their political opponents. Christians started forming circles around the praying Muslims and so protecting them from those who would hurt them. Both stories speak of the remarkable ability to hold strongly divergent views and at the same time treasure another's humanity and place in the world. Oh for more examples like these.



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St Francis Xavier College is proud to announce that the construction of a new junior campus in Officer is due to start mid-year. The site is located on the northern side of the Princes Highway and Cardinia Road intersection and will be bordered by Majestic Drive and Grandview Boulevard. The new campus will answer the need for a Catholic Secondary College to cater for the growth in the Beaconsfield /Pakenham area and will be more easily accessible than the current Berwick campus for students living in the areas of Pakenham, Officer, Beaconsfield and Kooweerup.

The first intake of students in 2012 will cater for an

anticipated 150 students in year 7 and over the next three years enrolments will expand to include years 8 and 9. Students in years 10,11 and 12 will continue to attend the St Francis Xavier Senior campus in Beaconsfield. This will be the third new school to be born from the original Beaconsfield campus after St Peter's in Cranbourne and the junior campus in Berwick. A Catholic Primary school for St Patrick's Parish Pakenham is also included in the new site with a projected opening for 2014.

For all enrolment enquiries at St Francis Xavier : Contact Tricia Randle (College Registrar) on 9707 2114.



CARDINIA

## DOB IN A DUMPER

Cardinia Shire Council is blitzing illegal rubbish dumping with a 'zero tolerance' approach to the problem.

Council is calling for the community to help identify hotspots to 'clean up Cardinia Shire.'

The problem is a recurrent State-wide issue that costs ratepayers thousands of dollars every year.

Dumped rubbish frequently includes furniture and white goods and isolated parts of the Shire make ideal dumping grounds.

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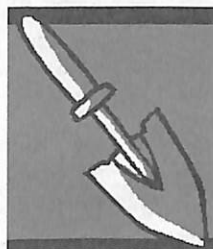
Report by José Meyer

## Organic Vegetable Gardening

We are offering 4 x 2 hour sessions aimed at people with little or no experience in vegetable gardening. Students may pick and choose any of the 2 hour sessions they are interested in at a cost of \$25 or enrol in all 4 sessions at a cost of \$90.

### Intro Into Organic Vegetable Gardening

This session will explain what organic vegetable gardening is and what it involves. Monday 9th May 7-9pm Cost \$25



### Designing & Constructing An Organic Vegetable Garden

Learn how to design and construct an organic vegetable garden of your own. Monday 16th May 7-9pm Cost \$25

See Term 2 program for more details of other sessions

## Biggest Morning Tea Thursday May 19th 10am - 12 noon

Let's make this year's Biggest Morning Tea the Biggest we have had yet!

To make it a huge success to help with the work of the Cancer Council, we are asking for donations of items for the raffle and also cake, slices etc for morning tea. Please see office staff if you would like to help with this request of goods. Raffle items

can be handed in on or before Friday May 13th.

Entry will be a gold coin donation and Cancer Council mugs will be on sale at the office.



## Neighbourhood House Week.

There will be activities throughout the week to see if these are of interest for future courses.

**Monday 9th May**  
11:15am - 12:15pm  
Crochet and Patchwork.

**Tuesday 10th May**  
11:45am - 12:45pm  
Children's activities.

**Wednesday 11th May**  
12 noon - 1:00pm  
Embroidery.

**Thursday 12th May**  
12noon - 1:00pm  
Word of Mouth free samples.

**Friday 13th May**  
11:45am 1:15pm  
Creative Drawing And Painted Denim Jeans.

There will be helium balloons to give away to the children throughout the week.

## Neighbourhood House Lunch. Monday June 20th at 12 noon.

We are inviting our members to attend this lunch and to catch up with others who also come into the centre. It should be a nice relaxing lunch to enjoy. Bookings are essential and the cost to members will be only \$5.00 per person.



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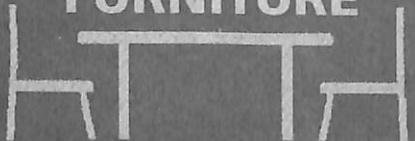
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### SELF EDUCATION DEDUCTIONS

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in gaining or producing assessable income from Youth Allowance. The decision would also relate to recipients of other taxable Commonwealth Education payments including Austudy, Abstudy, Veterans Scheme and a Military Act.


The taxpayer was a full-time student undertaking a teaching degree and in her 2006 income tax return included Youth Allowance of \$3,622, as assessable income and claimed a deduction for self education expenses of \$920. The basis was that the taxpayer had met an "activity test" for the course of study hence the expenses were necessarily incurred to be eligible to receive Youth Allowance. The Australian Taxation Office argued that the taxpayer would have incurred the expenditure by electing to undertake the university study to become a teacher irrespective whether a Youth Allowance was paid.

The Taxation Office will issue amended tax assessments of eligible taxpayers to include a tax deduction of \$550 for study expenses if applicable for the 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 years. These deductions recognise that many eligible taxpayers may not have kept records of their expenses. Taxpayers can request an amendment themselves, if they incurred annual expenses greater than \$800 and have supporting documentation.

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The High Court decided that the taxpayer was required to undertake full-time study to obtain Youth Allowance, so the expenses were incurred





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## 1st BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

by Roger Gordon

2011 has started well for us with three new youth members and changing our Cub starting time from 7pm to 6.30pm so we can finish earlier for the Cubs, so they can have an earlier bedtime. This new starting time has been successful.

Cubs this week are going on a two night camp at Nyora. Friday night there will be movies, Saturday a heap of different activities and Sunday a short hike then Billy Kart races. Our end of term activity is a visit to the wave pool at Casey Arc.

Scouts have paid visits to other Scout Groups in the District, a visit to Wilson Botanical Park, visited the Avalon Air Show and this week are hosting District Scouts for chariot races.

We also have a number of our Cubs linking with Scouts during Second Term which they are excited about as Scouts have a greater range of outdoor activities.

Our Venturer Alex Gordon had a marvellous eight weeks in Osaka being hosted by the local Scout Group and staying with

a Scout Family. I have included a couple of photos of his visit. One is a meeting of Osaka 96 Scout Group with Alex the main attraction. Note that the Cubs and Beavers wear shorts which they do all year round even though it snows in Osaka and the temperature can be below 0 degree C. The other photo is Alex with his host family on Christmas Day. Alex cooked their Australian Xmas dinner which included

He was asked to speak a number of times which he did in Japanese with a power point presentation giving information on himself, his home and school and Australia. Although his Japanese is basic his audiences appreciated his effort. He has continued to keep in touch with his hosts in Osaka who fortunately have not been affected by the earthquake and power problems yet.

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 email [gordon@cyberspace.net.au](mailto: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



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He attended the local school six days a week and sat in with his host brother at his classes. Scouts met on a Sunday because it was the only time free and the whole Group, - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers were together on a Sunday morning.

like to join. Cubs are from 7 to 10.5 years of age and meet on a Tuesday night 6.30pm to 8pm; Scouts are from 10.5 to 14.5 years of age and meet on a Thursday night from 7pm to 9pm and Venturers from 14.5 to 17 years of age and meet on a Monday night from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. We only meet during the School Terms. We look forward to seeing you.

## Orthopaedic Surgeon Repairs Rosie's Hip

*by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre*

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Rosie presented to us with a history of a sudden onset lameness of her left hind limb after jumping off a table and having a chair fall onto her. In the consult she was found to be very sore when her left hip was moved and didn't want to walk on this leg. She was given a pain relief injection and X-rays arranged.

X-rays unfortunately revealed that Rosie had a fracture in her left hip that would require surgery to fix. Several options were discussed with Rosie's owners. They elected an advanced surgical repair technique to be performed with Dr Wing Tip's help. The two fractured pieces of bone were pinned together and stabilised

with metal implants. X-rays were taken following the surgery and showed it was a success. The leg was then placed in a sling. Rosie was required to wear this sling for 10 days after the surgery to stop her using the leg.

After a successful surgery Rosie was sent home. She was required to be kept confined with only gentle, short, lead walks allowed for the first 3 weeks. Regular checks showed that Rosie was very soon keen to use her leg again! Several weeks after the surgery, Rosie was checked and found to be using her leg very well. Follow-up X-rays showed good healing of the fracture with the metal



implants remaining in the correct position. Rosie is now back home and able to play and have fun with her caring owners.

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### Persuasive Writing

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In persuasive writing the author (child) is asked to discuss, express a point of view, analyse and evaluate

different arguments and positions. We expect the child to write with a sense of authority on the subject matter, drawing on their own personal knowledge and experience or on the research they have undertaken on a particular subject or issue. Two of our children have chosen to write about our school. I am sure you will be persuaded by their passion, conviction and argument!

Cheers, Gary Methven,  
Principal.

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Lastly, my teacher Mrs Beilby is the best teacher in the world, she's funny, smart, pretty and lots of other things! (good things of course). All of our teachers and Principals are nice, helpful and help us learn well.

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# Looking At Local Issues

by Brad Battin,  
Member for  
Gembrook.

I met with a number of Beaconsfield residents during my first Listening Post last month.

I would like to thank everyone that took the time to meet with me to raise issues concerning Beaconsfield and the wider community.

One of the most pressing local issues was the serious washaway that occurred in a small tributary to Cardinia Creek, where it crosses Lukedenn Drive.

The necessary works required to restore this road for local residents will require the expenditure of many thousands of dollars.

My office has been in contact with local owners and has taken up the issue with both Cardinia Shire Council and SP Ausnet.

The funding of the works is the biggest challenge, however my discussions have been positive and I do hope we will have a resolution shortly.

Residents also raised

the new multi-stream Special School in Officer, which will serve both Casey and Cardinia.

We are now waiting for the completion of the Officer Precinct Structure Plan before purchasing land for the school. This should be finished soon.

Meanwhile, I have had several meetings with the Support for a Specialist School for Casey-Cardinia (SS4CC) group to discuss their vision for the school.

I was also recently invited to attend Beaconsfield Primary School to discuss leadership with the school's new Captains.

We talked about the future of Beaconsfield and what the students would like to see in the years ahead. It was very informative and I will be taking some of their ideas back to Parliament.

I have invited the Captains to undertake a tour of Parliament House later in the year, and wish them all the best in their new roles as school leaders.



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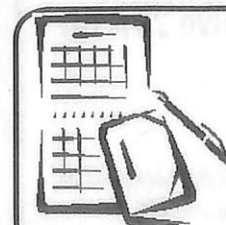
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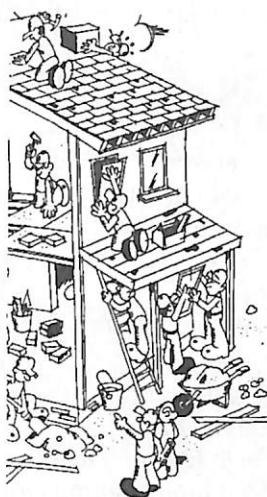
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Dear readers,

Since last writing, I have had a great opportunity to meet with students from schools in our electorate to talk to them about parliament, my role and the importance of leadership and community service. Schools such as Mater Christi, St Francis Xavier and the Berwick and Pakenham campuses of Beaconhills College.

## Visiting Our Community

by Laura Smyth,  
Federal Member for La Trobe

I was also very pleased to host students participating in the Casey Study tour at my office in Canberra and enable them to see 'back stage' at Parliament House. I hope that many of them

will consider a life in public office in the future.

During the last month, I have had an opportunity to say thanks to all of those emergency services workers and the many volunteers who helped out locally during the Victorian floods at a gathering on 5 March.

Clean Up Australia Day also took place in the electorate on 6 March with many local groups taking part. I was glad to be able to be a part of that.

In Parliament over the last month, I have had an opportunity to speak on important issues such as tobacco advertising,



matters relating to our local environment, special needs schools, electoral reform and a number of other issues. As a committee member on the Public Accounts and Audit Committee, the Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee and the Corporations and Financial Services Committee, I have also been involved in a number of inquiries looking into issues which affect our community.

There will be much more to report on in the coming months and I look forward to updating readers of The Banner then.



Laura with Minister Tony Burke, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

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# MAKE AND MINGLE

by A. Taylor

Make and Mingle friendship and craft group always welcomes newcomers. So, if you are new to our area or have

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Jan, Marianne, Betty and Jeanette during morning tea time. at Make and Mingle

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We have lots of ceramics which you can paint or use the one step decoupage technique. There is also a range of knitting pattern ideas including knitting for prem babies and blanket squares and a large stained glass rainbow blanket. There is a painting group and embroidered card boxes, fans and card holders. There is always patchwork and embroidery and lots of new ideas and help available to finish off your own projects.

Our friend Frances Bishop has been a regular at Make and Mingle until recently when she moved out of the area. Frances has just turned 99 years old. Frances grew up in our local area and lived just north of Upper Beaconsfield in the Old Dewhurst area. Thanks to Frances for the name to that area. As a girl of 8 years old she went with her family to a township

meeting and discussion of a name for the area rested with 2 names. Frances was asked to choose and she chose 'Dewhurst'

Old Dewhurst including the family home was flooded when the Cardinia Reservoir was built. A new town of Dewhurst has now been built and renamed Dewhurst.

Frances has enjoyed gardening and craft for much of her life and she still has some of the tapestries she worked on at Make and Mingle on her walls. Congratulations to Frances 99 years young.

We were sad to farewell Evelyn Kiely aged 102 years, who passed away in February. Ev was active till the last few weeks and had enjoyed her time at Make and Mingle doing glass painting and beading.

Make and Mingle is not just for the over 90's!!! We have people of all ages and you are welcome any Wednesday during school term.

Make and Mingle meets every Wednesday 10am-12noon during school term at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr Desmond Court and Old Princes Highway.  
Enquiries Ann



Audrey and Maree working on craft projects at Make and Mingle

# BEACONSFIELD PARK

by M. Boon

On 24th March, Cr Brett Owen, Ann Taylor and Dulcie Rushton cut the ribbon to launch stage one of the new look Beaconsfield Park. The refurbished and re-instated Beaconsfield

Park sign is now in a more prominent position.

The brick and iron sign was first erected in 1939 in memory of soldiers who fought in the Great War.



Photos courtesy of J Vurlow



Cr Brett Owen, Ann Taylor and Dulcie Rushton cut the ribbon.

Cr Brett Owen addressed the crowd that gathered and gave a brief overview of the history of the gates and the vision that the late Tony Rushton had begun working on with the Beaconsfield Progress Association.

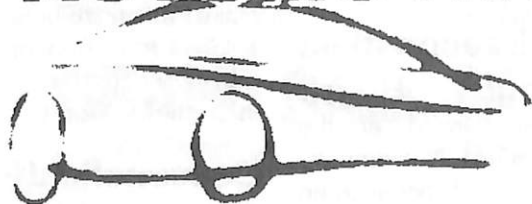
Stage one also has included a storm water drain that has been reshaped into a natural looking water way and the surrounds planted with indigenous vegetation. It has already

been colonised by frogs which is great news.

Works started in November last year and although there were a few challenges with the wet weather conditions work was completed in time for the opening.

Details of History and funding relating to the Beaconsfield Park have appeared in both December 2010 and February 2011 editions of the Beaconsfield Banner.

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## THANKYOU

by A. Taylor

The Beaconsfield Community and the Beaconsfield Progress Association wish to thank the Cardinia Shire Council and the Federal Government for their funding of the projects.

Our special thanks to Cr. Brett Owen for all his support of the project, he has been with us all the way through. Thanks to the Council staff especially Wendy Abbott and Janene Vurlow who worked with us.

work on the Cardinia Creek and park area. Thanks to Mc Mahons for their fantastic landscaping and to Livingston Flynn for their beautiful restoration of the original sign.

We also want to thank the many individuals who shared history and ideas and encouraged us along the way.

**Thank you, we are so pleased to see Tony Rushton's vision has finally been realized.**

Also to Ian Chisholm and his green corp and landcare team for

# Beaconsfield Honours Those Who Served

by A. Taylor

The Great War 1914-1918 saw many young men from Beaconsfield area sign up to serve their country. In fact for Beaconsfield, a very small town at that time, a large number of men enlisted and some families had 2 or more family members at war. It's hard to imagine the distress this must have been for the family at home, for the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters especially with the poor communication compared to today. Letters home took months to arrive. There would have been very few men available to help out on the farms.

Thomas Clair Whiteside from Beaconsfield enlisted in 1915 and was on active service in Egypt, France

and Great Britain. He wrote letters home to his parents and sister and these have been compiled into a book edited by his daughter Elizabeth Whiteside. 'A Valley in France' is a fascinating read and can be borrowed from Berwick Mechanics Institute library. Beaconsfield has a number of tributes and memorials to those who served.

## The Beaconsfield 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 the men who enlisted from Beaconsfield



and District and in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914-1919"

Listed are the names of the nine soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice from the Great War Bragg, A.R., Childs, B., Christie, L., Dingley, L., Harbour, H., Manning, G.H., McNaughton, H., Osborne, J., Tucker, J.F. A later inscription reads: "In memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in World War 1939-1945" W.A. Clark, A. Taylor, J.W. Dawson.

## The Beaconsfield Honour Board

can be viewed at the Beaconsfield Community 'complex. 35 servicemen with their photos are named on the honour board. A booklet' Beaconsfield's

WW1 Honour Board' provides military history and family history of each of the serviceman. Some of the families in the district with more than one serviceman were: Adamson, Armytage, Cameron, Grant, Harbour, McNaughton, Roberts and Williams.

## The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour

runs along old Princess Highway from Cardinia Creek Bridge to Peel Street. 123 Black Poplar trees were originally planted in 1919 by Ada Armytage of Holm Park as a tribute to the soldiers from Beaconsfield and District who served in the Great War.

## Beaconsfield Park

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# EASTER MONDAY SPORTS

by M Boon

Whist researching information for the events held at Beaconsfield Primary School during the year of the Bicentennial in 1988, former resident of Beaconsfield Bruce Adamson was interviewed. This is an extract from an article from the Pakenham Gazette on Wednesday 3rd February, 1988.

From about 1904 to mid 30's, the East Monday sports were an important event at Beaconsfield. They were held on the race track (just east of the hotel), and drew residents from Berwick, Officer and Upper Beaconsfield.

Bruce's father was joint secretary of the sports for some time. Events such as Throwing the Cricket Ball, Maiden Hack race, the Two Best Dressed, Shirts, Wood Chopping, Pole Vaulting, Putting the Heavy Weight and Tossing the Sheaf were contested.

One early poster of the sports days, owned by Bruce includes an advertisement to holiday in Beaconsfield, with its invigorating and health giving climate, lovely views, pleasant drives and magnificent fern gullies.

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To be held in the Racecourse Paddock, close to Railway Station, BEACONSFIELD, on

## EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 13, '14.

Horse and Pony Events by Permission.

### PROGRAMME:

FIRST EVENT AT 11 A.M.

- 1-B.OYS RACE, under 12, 1st 5s, 2nd 2s 6d. Entry Free.
- 2-B.OYS RACE, over 12 and under 16, 1st 5s, 2nd 2s 6d. Entry Free.
- 3-GIRLS RACE, under 12, 1st 5s, 2nd 2s 6d. Entry Free.
- 4-GIRLS RACE, over 12 and under 16, 1st 5s, 2nd 2s 6d. Entry Free.
- NOTE: All boys and girls entering for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must have reached the above age on the day of the meeting.
- 5-DISTRICT HANDICAP FOOTRACE, 120 yds. 1st £1 10s, 2nd 10s. Entry 2s.
- NOTE: Competitors must finish for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 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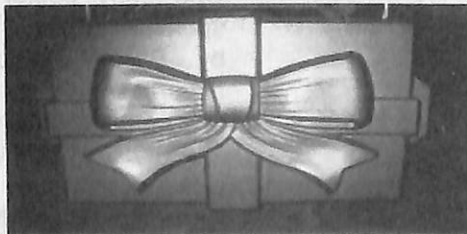
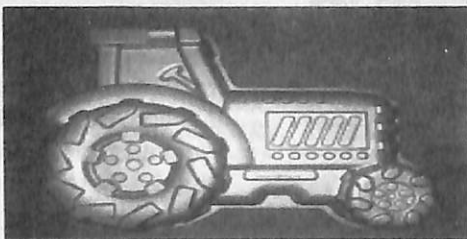
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Cardinia Shire Council would like to thank those residents who participated in the 2011 Connect Cardinia Reader Survey.

Residents' feedback has provided Council with a valuable point of reference to develop the magazine and improve communication between Council and the community. The April-May edition of Connect is out now and highlights reader feedback from the survey, as well as outlining Council's flood recovery efforts and more.

Mayor Cr George Blenkhorn said with up to five new families moving

to Cardinia Shire daily, it was necessary for Council to keep abreast of the changing needs of the community and ensure Council provides residents with relevant, timely information about its services and programs.

Cr Blenkhorn congratulated Tania Hansen of Pakenham, whose entry was randomly drawn out of almost 500 responses, winning a special luncheon to the value of \$100 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

"Wow, it's not a bad prize to win is it?" Ms Hansen said.

"I'll be popular with the kids."

"My daughter was helping me fill it out while I was cooking dinner so she will be very happy," Ms Hansen added.

The majority of responses, over a range of age groups, indicated that residents find Connect to be interesting, appealing and a good source of knowledge. Survey responses also showed that the post is still the best way to receive it and that six times a year is satisfactory.

For those residents who prefer the internet, Connect can be read online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au).

Council will continue to evaluate survey responses and will be using residents' feedback to improve the magazine. Readers should begin to see some changes in coming editions.

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In particular, I wish to thank Arlene from Berwick Brae, for her continual trust and loyalty throughout his handyman career.

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God Bless you all.

*Elaine Collins.*



**Phil Collins** started contributing regular articles for the Beaconsfield Banner in June 1997. As a tribute to the gentlemen that he was, we have printed his first article in which he introduced himself to the readers of the Beaconsfield Banner.

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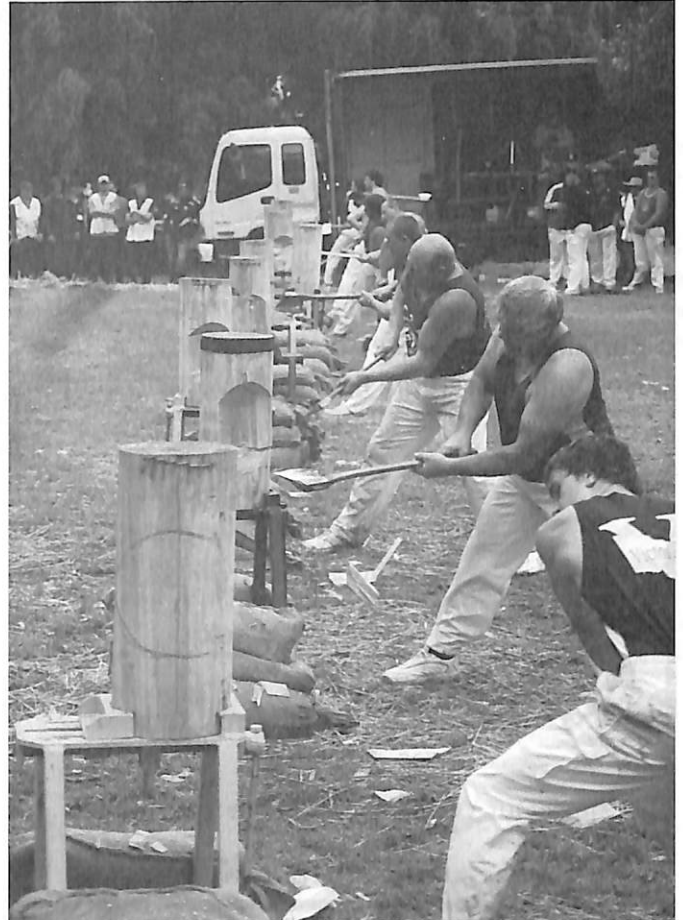
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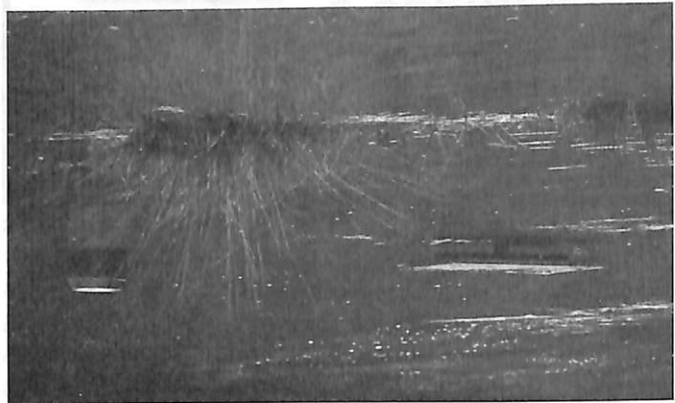
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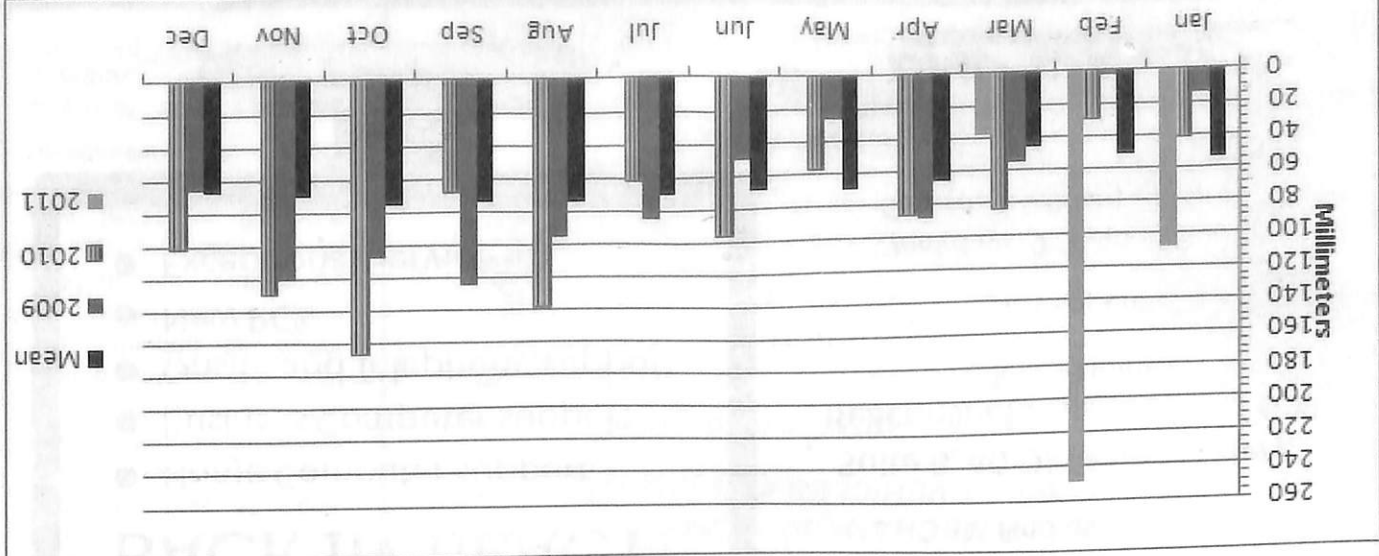
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After the very wet and cool summer when new rainfall records were set, the rain did not continue to fall in March. Beaconsfield received record rain falls for February with 249mm recorded. It was the highest monthly total ever recorded. This was well above the previously highest which was 171mm in February 2005. The rain fell over 12 days. The lowest February total I have is 2mm which fell in 2009 and 1991. March saw only 38mm for the summer was 24°C. average daily temperature on the 1st of Feb. The highest was on the 38.9° where the temperature reached over 30°C. The There was only 9 days coolest summers on record. It has also been one of the with 396mm of rain falling. to the year ever recorded has been the wettest start total of 29 days this year. It Rain so far has fallen on a total of 29 days this year. It has also been one of the coolest summers on record. There was only 9 days where the temperature reached over 30°C. The highest was on the 38.9° on the 1st of Feb. The average daily temperature for the summer was 24°C.



## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

These figures are taken in a home rain gauge and are not kept for the Bureau of Meteorology.



## Joke Of The Month

The Indians asked their Chief in Autumn, if the winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the winter was going to be cold and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared. Being a good leader, he then went to the next phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this Winter to be cold?" The man on the phone responded, "This winter was going to be quite cold indeed." So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a VERY cold winter?" "Yes," the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find. Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again: "Are you absolutely sure, that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replies, "the Indians are collecting wood like crazy!"



# Yellow and Black Season

by Rick Colling



Well what a year it's been. Who would have predicted the unprecedented weather we experienced throughout the season which certainly hindered several of our junior and senior sides chances of

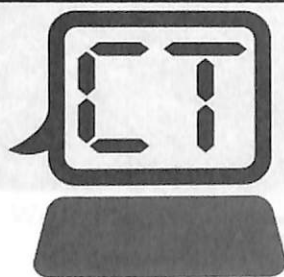
winning games during the season.

Once again, the Beaconsfield Cricket Club were the powerhouse of the WGCA fielding 8 Junior sides, 6 senior sides

along with fielding sides in the DDCA over 35's competition, the WGCA T-20 competition and the Barooga Cricket Carnival.

Special mention must go to all Senior & Junior

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Committee members who worked tirelessly throughout the season ensuring that the Beaconsfield CC is the benchmark of clubs within the WGCA and the envy of others.



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lucky enough to have 4 of our junior sides play finals. The Beacy Tigers (under 15's) unfortunately lost their Semi-Final and the Beacy Tigers (under 17's) unfortunately went down in their Grand Final but we also had two Junior Premiership sides namely Beacy Eagles (under 13's) and Beacy Eagles (under 15's). Congratulations to all the boys, coaches and parents that helped on a super year.

Our Premier Grade, B, D & F grades all participated in finals this season but unfortunately only our Premier side were able to reach the Grand Final. Well done to all the players from all the grades that represented the club this season whether you were lucky enough to play finals or not. It's certainly a team effort and any team success can only be achieved by the 100% support of the entire playing group. To the Premier grade boys, congratulations on an outstanding season. To be undefeated, Premiers & Champions for season 2010-11 is a fantastic effort and one that you all should be extremely proud of. Well done to Justin Stanton (Captain-Coach), Luke Sibley (Assistant Coach) & Steve Glen (Chairman of Selectors) on an outstanding year.

Whether it was facilitating our junior registration day, our season launch at 81 Bar & Fine Food, our Christmas Party, sponsors day or the ladies day/Jane McGrath fundraiser, all members of the committee performed exceptionally. Special thanks to the members who entered the match results each week on the WGCA database, our bar staff and afternoon tea helpers and to Kevin Rankin who did an amazing job throughout the season

maintaining our ground and the surrounds, which ensured that we were able to play and train in the best possible conditions. Thanks again Kev, the entire junior and senior playing group certainly appreciate your efforts.

Congratulations to our junior boys who were lucky enough to be selected for WGCA representative teams and the Sharks teams. You all should be proud of your

achievements this season and you represented the Beaconsfield CC with distinction. Our senior cricketers also had the honour of representing the WGCA this season with our club captain/coach Justin Stanton, Jason Dodd and Luke Sibley participating in the Country Week cricket carnival. Well done guys.

The clubs on field success each season is ultimately judged on finals participants and this season we were

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Congratulations to all our Junior and Senior players who were lucky enough to receive individual club awards this season and to those who were recognised with WGCA awards. Well done guys, a fantastic effort.



# Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

by Malcolm McKenzie

## Volunteers Are Crucial To Our Club Success

The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club is strengthened by enabling and encouraging the widespread participation of its player's families. People's sense of belonging and worth grow when they are given plenty of choices and chances to make a difference to the health and vitality of our club in the wider Beaconsfield community.

Volunteering within our club is a widespread

term for these acts of participating, contributing and giving out of one's own free will and for no reward or remuneration. Our club committee, coaches, team managers, trainers, ground managers and many other game day volunteers come from all age groups, educational backgrounds and genders. Almost everyone can be looked upon as a potential volunteer to our football club. You only have to look

around the club to realise that all sorts of people volunteer – mums, dads, young people, retirees, and grandparents etc.

However game day is the day most people think of football but behind the scenes for almost twelve months of the year the committee are working hard to plan ahead for the benefit of all. With over four hundred players and eighteen teams running our club can be likened to running a medium size primary school, so volunteers are crucial to our success. Without the numerous volunteers who do a magnificent job helping out behind the scenes and on game day, our club would not exist and our teams would simply not be playing football.

Our football club is lucky to have such a great group

of talented people, despite this we always need more volunteers to assist and share the work load. There is no doubt that there is a role for you in our club that can match your abilities. If you're new to the area or the club or have been with us for awhile this is a great way of meeting people from the Beaconsfield community, many long term friendships have started as a result of being involved. If you would like more information about assisting at the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club please go to [www.beaconsfieldjfc.com.au/feedback.php](http://www.beaconsfieldjfc.com.au/feedback.php)



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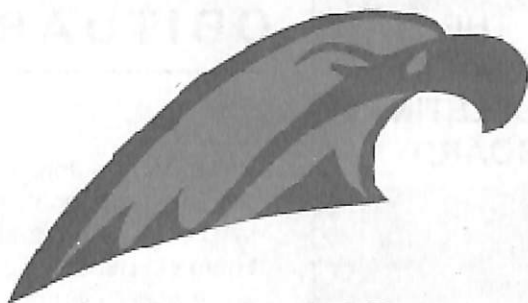
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## BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

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by D. McManus

Last year we celebrated our 120th year with lots of events paying tribute to our history and past players. It was a resounding success and very enjoyable to learn about our history and also get together with our past players to hear all about their past glories with the club.

Season 2010 was very successful for our great club with our U18's, Reserves and Seniors all

making it to Grand Final games. The under U18's came away with a win on the day making them Premiers and Champions having completed the season undefeated.

In the blink of an eye, the 2011 Season is now upon us and this year we celebrate our future and look forward to some very exciting times. The departure of some of our mature players

has given us a golden opportunity to concentrate more on our youth. We are blessed with many talented young players – many of which are home grown. Coach - Austinn (Aussie) Jones has implemented an intensive development program that has already started to pay dividends with great success evidenced in our preseason. These young men are focused on their footy and can't wait to get out there and meet the challenging 2011 season head on.

We ask and encourage all our supporters and the wider community to get behind these players and show them your 100% support. These young guys are our future and will be trying their hardest to do us all proud.

The development of our future new home is well underway. Works were held up because of the wet weather over recent months but progress is now being seen on the preparation of the two ovals. Construction of the buildings will commence in the not to distant future. On completion, this new sports facility will be state of the art and a centre piece of our local community. We can't wait to get there! The new grounds are in a prime position at the Cnr of Emerald-Beaconsfield & Holm Park Roads – have a look next time you drive by.

Sponsorship dollars are crucial to the continuing success of our club and we are mindful of creating a Win/Win for both our sponsors and the club combined. We have plenty of great opportunities for Sponsors to take advantage of for the 2011

Season. Getting on board this year will also place you on our "first priority" list for sponsorship opportunities in 2012 at our new state of the art grounds and facilities.

2011 will also see us name our "Team of the Decade". No easy task when you consider all the great players we've had over this time. We've had our experts working tirelessly to come up with the list.....so stay tuned for the big announcement!

If you'd like to know more about the Beaconsfield Football Club then we'd love to hear from you.

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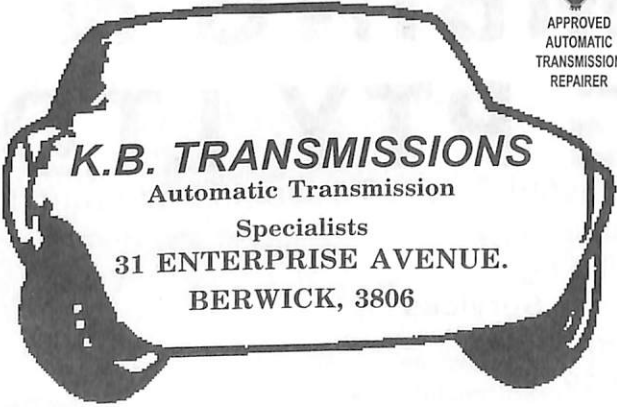
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Alina grew up locally and studied Bachelor of Veterinary Science at Melbourne University. Once she graduated she moved to Albury Wodonga where she worked for 2 years. Alina is happy to be back home and shares her house with her 21 year old cat Betty.

Tarni also grew up locally and studied Zoology at Melbourne University before pursuing her dream of becoming a Vet. She then moved to Queensland where she studied Bachelor of Veterinary Science and graduated as Valedictorian. Tarni is glad to be back home and is looking forward to getting some chickens and setting up a veggie garden at her new house.

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