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## "MONASH FREEWAY CARPARK" - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

by M. Boon

Many locals in both Beaconsfield and neighbouring townships became excited when they saw road works begin on the Monash Freeway between Beaconsfield and Narre Warren. This excitement was short lived as they realised that this was not going to be any works that would help relieve the everyday congestion on the freeway. Instead it was to install safety fences.

Beaconsfield resident Angelo D'Amelio frustrated with spending time and money sitting in bottle necks and traffic jams on the Monash Freeway decided to see how many others wanted an extra lane put in on the Monash Freeway to cut congestion that he faces on the way to work every morning.

He approached the Cardinia Council to voice his

concerns to Cr Brett Owen and together they both agreed a petition would be the best approach to take.

After standing in the shopping precinct in Beaconsfield Angelo commented "I was really pleased with the response that Beaconsfield residents have shown to sign the petition." The petition that is addressed to the state government urging them to begin improvements to the Monash Freeway/Princes Freeway to address traffic congestion. The petition is available for residents to sign at both the Shire of Cardinia and City of Casey Civic Offices until June 30.

Both Angelo D'Amelio and Cr. Brett Owen will be handing the completed petition to Brad Battin, State Member for Gembrook, for tabling before the state parliament.

## MYbus visits Beaconsfield Wednesday 29 June and 13 July

The Mobile Youth Bus is a converted passenger coach and has met with over 15,000 young people at secondary colleges, afterschool sites and festivals since its inception.

Run by Council's Youth Services team, the bus is decked out with a range of equipment and entertainment and also provides relevant and up to date information about drugs and alcohol, sexual health, health

and wellbeing and other youth-related topics. MYBus visits a number of sites Tuesday to Friday 3.30-5.30pm.

For more information about MYBus contact Council's Youth Services on 1300 787 624 or visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth).

Mybus will be located at Bridgestone Select carpark Cnr Old Princes Highway and Woods St, Beaconsfield (Mel ref: 111, J11)



# CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Brett Owen, Central Ward

Beaconsfield resident Angelo D'Amelio has recently begun a petition that is addressed to the state government urging them to begin improvements to the Monash Freeway/Princes Freeway to address traffic congestion. I fully support the petition and urge residents to also support Mr D'Amelio in this cause. The petition is available for residents to sign at both the Shire of Cardinia and City of Casey Civic Offices until June 30. In July, Angelo and I will be handing the completed petition to Brad Battin, State Member for Gembrook, for tabling

before the state parliament.

Council recently completed improvement works at Beaconsfield Community Complex to increase accessibility for people of all abilities. An automatic door was installed to the disabled toilet and improvements were made to car parking for people with a disability. Cardinia Shire is committed to ensuring facilities throughout the shire are accessible by the whole community.

Vic Roads has acted on the request to have Beaconsfield added to



the existing signage at the Officer Princes Freeway exit. Signage now reads "Beaconsfield this exit"

The Connect Cardinia newsletter is produced by council six times per year and distributed to every household in the Shire through Australia Post. Connect Cardinia aims to provide residents with up-to-date and useful information about Council's programs and activities. In recent times, I have become aware of people not receiving their copy. This is an issue that council is actively addressing with Australia Post. Council encourages those residents who do not receive a copy of Connect Cardinia to contact council on 1300 787 624 so it can be rectified.

There have been a number of Beaconsfield residents who have contacted me regarding mail delivery problems with Australia Post. I have forwarded these concerns to Australia Post. Complaints regarding mail delivery can be reported to Australia Post on 131318.

Council's mobile youth bus, MY Bus, will be visiting Beaconsfield during the second school term. MY Bus is a converted coach for young people aged 12-25 years. MY Bus is fitted out with a range of equipment and entertainment relevant to young people. Information regarding local services, programs and events for young people is also provided from MY Bus. MY Bus will be situated at the B Select car park, Corner of Old Princes Highway and Woods Street on June 29 and July 13.

After many years of campaigning, I am extremely pleased that council recently purchased a property in Main Street, Pakenham, for a dedicated Council Youth facility. The centre will provide support and information for young people, activity spaces for youth programs and access to outreach services. The facility is expected to open in mid 2012 and will benefit all young people across Cardinia Shire.

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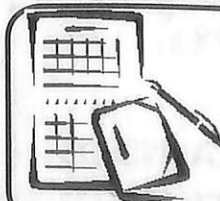
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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Council Committed To Access For All

Accessible car parking will be further upgraded to cater for people with a disability.

Upgrades have also happened at Bunyip Hall, Catani Public Hall, Cardinia Cultural Centre, Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens, Lang Lang Bowling Club, Lang Lang Foreshore, Lang Lang RSL, Pakenham South Hall, Services Central and now at Tonimbuk Hall.

The \$1 million upgrade to facilities at Emerald Lake Park has an emphasis on accessibility and inclusion and the new Pakenham Library, Hall and U3A complex will feature an extensive range of accessible

community facilities.

Chair of the Cardinia Disability Advisory Committee Elizabeth Steeper Sampson said she was extremely proud of these achievements. "They demonstrate Council's ongoing commitment to making the Shire welcoming, accessible and inclusive for all," Ms Steeper Sampson said.

Central Ward Councillor and also a member of the Advisory Committee, Brett Owen added to Ms Steeper Sampson's comments by saying it was an ongoing focus for Council to ensure facilities were accessible for everyone.

"People with a disability should not be set apart from the community to which they belong.

"It is important that Council provides the highest level of access possible for all users of its facilities," Cr Owen said.

In Cardinia Shire, one in five people is affected by disability,

and for various reasons, has trouble accessing buildings, services, playgrounds, learning, sport, leisure and cultural activities.

Council is committed to playing a lead role in improving the quality of life of all residents; fostering welcoming and inclusive communities, and supporting and advocating on behalf of people with special needs.

In 2007, Council approved Access Design Guidelines which outline responsibilities of builders, developers and Council staff involved in planning, construction and maintenance of premises used by the public within the municipality.

A Footpath Trading Code was adopted by Council last year to make pedestrian access easier along shopping strip footpaths, moving chairs and tables and other displays. Its aim is to ensure people, especially mums with prams or people using wheelchairs or motorised scooters, can more easily make their way around the shopping area.

For more information on Council's commitment to access and disability visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)



Cardinia Shire Council is committed to ensuring its facilities throughout the Shire are accessible by the whole community.

Recent improvements include works to car parks, ramps, footpaths and toilets.

Last month Council completed works on Beaconsfield Community Centre. An automatic door was installed to its accessible toilet.

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Beaconsfield resident and council's Disability Advisory Committee member - Shaunagh Stevens and Cr. Brett Owen outside the improved disabled toilet at the BCC.



## Beaconsfield Structure Plan Update

Over the past few months, Cardinia Shire Council has been consulting with Beaconsfield community members about identifying some current issues, opportunities, and constraints within the area.

Residents were encouraged to complete an initial survey by 31 March. Council is pleased with the amount of responses received and, in particular, the large amount of constructive feedback.

Council is currently analysing the survey data which will form a draft 'Issues and opportunities paper.' Council anticipates more community consultation

will take place later in the year to discuss these issues and opportunities.

To support the Structure Plan, an economic consultant has been appointed to undertake a retail and commercial assessment based on information provided by the community and internal council meetings. Council has also appointed an urban design consultant to start preliminary work on the structure plan.

For more information, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) and search for 'Beaconsfield Structure Plan.' Alternatively, contact Council on 1300 787 624.

## THE FRIENDS OF CARDINIA CREEK

by Judy Smith

The Friends of Cardinia Creek had a very successful Clean up Australia Day in March. 32 people came to clean up a much larger area than we normally clean. We collected less rubbish, 36 bags altogether and some larger rubbish. Cardinia Land care Group also cleaned up Inglis Rd and Manuka Rd.

The Friends are busy pulling our Forget-me-nots, Solanum

Decapscium, Sycamore maples and Pittosporums in Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve. Environmental weeds cost the Australian Government billions of dollars each year.

The Friends would welcome any new helpers at their monthly working bees on the fourth Sunday each month. Meet 9am, corner Holm Park and Emerald Rd Car park.



### Casey Cardinia Mobile Library

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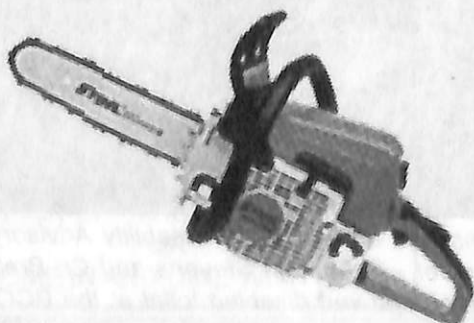
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# MEN... WHERE ARE YOU?

## Men's Discussion Groups Come To Beaconsfield

Hi there, my name is John Douth, and I am a volunteer Peer Educator with Council On The Ageing...COTA(Vic). I am one of a number of men who facilitate Men's Discussion Groups throughout Melbourne on a regular basis.

On June 20, it's Beaconsfield's opportunity, for 3 hours, to witness one of these mornings in action. Now, I can just hear those brains clicking, WHAT, WHO, and WHY.

**WHO:** These discussion mornings are designed for men aged 50 and over who may be contemplating retirement, or who are "partly" retired, or those of us who are "fully" retired.



Left to Right: Bernie Bond and John Douth

**WHAT:** These mornings are over a period of 3 hours and give participants a chance to:

- \* Meet, talk and enjoy time with other local men their age.
- \* Draw upon each other's knowledge and experience on many subjects.
- \* Have a break from

their normal environment and/or daily routine.

- \* "chew the fat" about challenges that face you and other men.

**WHY:** It is recognised that there are unique issues faced by many men, as they near, enter, or live in retirement. Retirement years appear to offer a

multitude of opportunities but like most things in life it is not always straightforward. These discussion groups are always interesting, informative and fun. This is a morning I feel sure you will enjoy. The morning is being conducted in partnership with COTA (Vic), The Shire of Cardinia and the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

**WHERE and WHEN** is this morning being held?

Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Rd, Beac.

\* 20 June 2011

9am – midday

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## Winter Fun These School Holidays

Cardinia Shire Council is providing a range of activities for teenagers these winter holidays.

Young people aged 11-16 years will be able to rug up for some fun from Monday 4 July to Friday 15 July.

Seven activities have been organised.

Monday 4 July – Casey Race and The Shed Swimming, space bowl and tandem raft waterslide in the morning followed by The Shed, Cranbourne's indoor skate, scooter and inline skate centre.

Tuesday 5 July – Chocorama day Make chocolate fuelled food and drinks in Pakenham.

Wednesday 6 July – Galactic Circus Two hours of unlimited laser force and arcade games in the city.

Friday 8 July – Arts and crafts day in Emerald Young people can create their own canvas art and work alongside professional artist Tara Kingston.

Monday 11 July – Ice House ice skating centre Experience Melbourne's world class ice sports venue.

Wednesday 13 July – Sidetracked Go-karting, laser force, ten pin bowling and mini golf.

Friday 15 July – Games day in Koo Wee Rup Wii competition, air hockey, table tennis and much more.

Excursions cost between \$5 and \$45. Places are limited and bookings close 5pm Monday 20 June.

The activities have a number of pick-up and drop-off points throughout Cardinia Shire, however times and locations are not the same for all activities.

For further details and consent and booking forms visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth) or contact Council's Youth Services on 1300 787 624.

*Footnote: There is a pick up scheduled from the Baptist Church see the website for all locations and times.*

## THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT

*"It's amazing what ordinary people can do if they set out without preconceived notions."*

**Charles F. Kettering**

(American engineer, inventor of the electric starter, 1876-1958)



# WELCOME BAILEYS

by Ele Flavel



Above: Baileys and Ele visit the Vet

Baileys is a 5 month old, Groodle with a special purpose. Fondly known by some as 'the sheep' she was selected and purchased from Adele Lindley 'PETS for Therapy' representative in partnership with Katie Hunter from 'Dogs for kids with Disabilities' to become a care dog for the charity CHIPS ( Christians Helping

in Primary Schools) and Hillcrest Christian College).

Baileys purpose is to be a calming, fun & positive influence on the children in Beaconsfield Primary School and the other schools that I work in within my capacity as a Chaplain, (Hampton Park Primary School &

Hillcrest Christian College).

The aim of having Baileys working in schools is to bridge barriers with children who find it hard to interact socially, be a calming effect on anxious children and to provide comfort and physical touch to grieving children coping with loss. I am also working with children with learning difficulties to learn to be good friends by teaching social skills. Baileys has helped children at crucial times of melt-down to become calmer and ready to go back into class and learn.

She is busy with socialisation and has an incredibly gentle nature and loves people especially children. She has had a great reception everywhere I go. She has already calmed down a traumatised child, provided comfort to children whose parents are separating/ leaving and is a welcome joy to the staff who need a hug! She is most effective at the present time with children with severe anxiety; due to Baileys a student will come to school to meet her despite chronic problems with absenteeism. One staff member after dealing

with a traumatised child with Baileys said 'she's worth her weight in gold'.

A special thank you to Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre who have supported/sponsored us with her vaccinations, worming, de-sexing, and flea and tick treatment and lots of advice; they are a great team to work with.

Thanks to all the Head teachers, Captain Eric and Cathy Wieckmann and all the school and CHIPS staff for their support in this exciting endeavour.

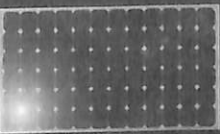
## Random Acts of Kindness

by Gary Methven

Beaconsfield is a very special town filled with special people who really care about our community, our school and our children. One of those people is Steve from the Beaconsfield Veterinary Clinic. He was reading our School newsletter and spotted an article about Baileys, our Super Chaplaincy Dog. Steve rang the school and offered his support in terms of free vaccinations and veterinary care.

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# THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

## Limitless

Earlier this year I saw a film called Limitless. To be honest it was not a particularly riveting film, but the key theme was. The story centres on a would-be writer down on his heels and finding it hard to get any inspiration. One afternoon he bumps into an old friend. They duck into a coffee shop for a chat. As they were parting the old friend passes him a pill with the words "this will fix your problem".

Gingerly the writer took the pill. Within 30 seconds his brain was working at 100% capacity. It is a known fact that we use only about 10% of our brain's capacity. This is why, for instance, children with epilepsy can have 50% of their brain removed without ill affect. The 50% remaining proves to be more than adequate.

With the extra 90% of his brain in gear this very ordinary chap became a total genius who started to write the most brilliant material. The pill had not brought anything to him; the pill had done nothing more than open the door for him to use what he already had.

When a baby is born it has legs and arms and a brain. These are not added later. They are there. But they need to grow and strengthen. A baby is undeveloped but a baby is nevertheless complete.

Have you ever thought that many of the gifts and skills and talents you have are undeveloped. In fact they may be so undeveloped that you do not even know you have them! It is only as you start to stretch

yourself that you will really find what you are capable of. Do not let anything hold you back. It is a great world out there and there is so much good waiting to be done. You have more to offer than you are aware of.



### POET'S CORNER

## BE TRUE TO ONE'S SELF

Lost your glasses can't  
see where they are  
Maybe the bathroom,  
perhaps in the car?

Growl at your wife for  
losing her purse  
in the bin or  
- somewhere worse.

Embarrassing things,  
you do them yourself,  
where's your false  
teeth...must be the elf!

Lost your keys under  
your shirt,  
why does he tease?  
You'll be late for work.

Blame him for this,  
blame him for that  
as you climb out the fryer  
and into the fat!

You never do anything  
silly yourself  
- can't be you.... must  
be your elf!

All of us have one in  
troublesome times,  
when you thought they  
were only in nursery  
rhymes!

The mischievous critters  
often play up  
hiding things and playing  
the pup.

To leave you alone, talk  
to them nice,  
never curse them - no  
not even twice

Look after them well and  
make them your friend  
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Report by José Meyer

On May 19th, the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre held its annual Biggest Morning Tea. It was great to see so many people come to this event and listen to our guest speaker, Claire, from Sun Patrol Skin Cancer Clinic in Berwick. Claire highlighted the importance in getting all types of skin cancers checked. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this morning, in either helping out, baking, donating prizes and being with us. The total raised was \$1,047.20. Great effort with our fight against cancer.

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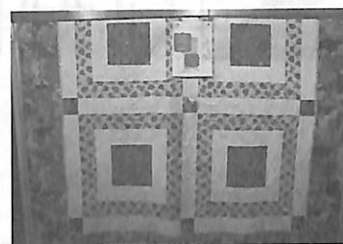
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## QUILT FOR FLOOD RELIEF

The Centre had a raffle on the go, this one being a beautiful quilt that was donated by the quilting group. This was won by Barbara who was delighted with her win. Total raised was \$172.00 going to the Flood Relief.



## WE ARE LISTENING

The community has expressed the need to run more evening workshops and programs aimed for men. If you have any ideas of courses or workshops you are interested in participating in please have a chat to our Centre Co-ordinator Meaghan.

- \* **MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** for Men over 50. Monday 20th June 9 - 12am Meet, talk and enjoy time with local men your own age. (See more details in article within this edition)
- \* **AN EVENING CAKE DECORATING** with Sue - Create cakes for all occasions. Sue will teach you many basic skills. Details available from the office.

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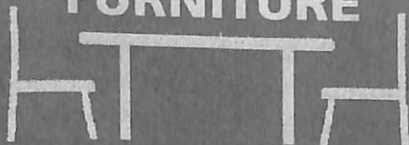
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by A. Taylor

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and yes we all managed to eat everything. We also had a delightful display of all teatime related things, with a knitted tea set and late rugs for mugs. There was a mad hatter's tea party tea set and some beautiful teapots and cups. (pictured below)

We had some great craft and gift items and plants for sale and a wonderful cake stall. Our guest speaker spoke of the challenges she faced in living with cancer and the strength she had for her day to day life from her faith in God.



Jeanette and Jan with cake stall at Make and Mingle biggest morning tea.



The morning was a good time for friends to catch up and also to do some crafts projects and we raised \$800 for Cancer Research.

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-Age under 50	\$25,000	\$25,000
Non-Concessional Contributions not claimed as a tax deduction	\$150,000	\$150,000
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## BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal



## Winter Sports Success



We are very proud of the 59 children who qualified for the recent District Cross-Country at the Sydney Pargeter Reserve in Endeavour Hills. It was a huge team and 14 of these children will go onto Region. Congratulations to them all!

Basketball is big at Beaconsfield Primary School. At the District competition held on the 27th of May at the Pakenham Stadium, we fielded 8 teams, the all-girls, all-boys and 6 mixed teams! Six teams made it through to the semi-finals, 4 went on to the Grand Finals. The all-boys team and all-girls team won their respective finals and will represent their district at the Regional play-offs in Term 4. It was a sensational and well-deserved result for all of the children who gave their best on the day.

Winning isn't everything

however; I was particularly pleased to receive feedback from parents that the sportsmanship and behaviour of our children was outstanding. A referee stated that he thought that the Beaconsfield Primary School team coached by parent, Tania Donnelly, demonstrated the best sportsmanship he had experienced as a coach. Parents and teachers can be justifiably proud of their children, because, more important than winning, is being part of something bigger and working together as part of a team to achieve your dream! That's what is valued at Beaconsfield Primary School.

Thank you so much to Nikki Cullen, Karen Dahlberg, Kiah Johnson, Wayne Viney, Narelle Campion and Tania Donnelly, who love our kids and school enough to take on the special role of coaching.

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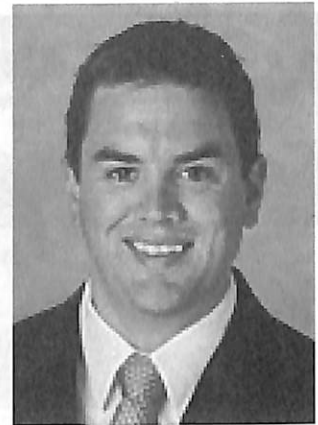
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## Election Promises

by Brad Battin,  
Member for  
Gembrook.



It has been a busy and exciting month in Parliament, with the Baillieu Coalition Government handing down its first State Budget.

This budget is a responsible one, with a focus on law and order, infrastructure, health, education and cost of living pressures.

It has also delivered on the election promises I made last year.

One of those commitments, to provide more car parking at Beaconsfield Railway Station, was well received locally.

The 2011-12 Budget outlines a \$1.3 million project to provide more than 100 new car parking bays at the station.

This is a great boost for Beaconsfield residents and will address the chronic shortage of car parking, which has left some commuters with no choice but to park illegally or in residential streets.

Holm Park Reserve has also received a boost, with a \$500,000 grant to complete facilities.

I am looking forward to the completion of Holm Park Reserve and I am sure the new facilities will meet the demands of the many sporting enthusiasts in Beaconsfield.

Another local commitment

was to install a roundabout at Emerald-Beaconsfield Road and Salisbury Road in Upper Beaconsfield. Safety is imperative on our roads and I am pleased that this has been delivered.

Traffic will also be improved at Clyde Road, Berwick, with the Coalition investing \$23.4 million to duplicate the road from High Street to Kangan Drive.

The Coalition has made a record investment in special education. Locally, \$15 million has been allocated to build the Casey-Cardinia Special School, in Officer. I am proud that we are making such a significant commitment to improve the future of some of our most vulnerable children.

State-wide, we have introduced a number of measures to ease cost of living pressures for Victorian families.

The Coalition is halving Ambulance Victoria membership fees. We are also introducing Stamp Duty savings for first home buyers, with a 20 per cent cut to be introduced this July. This will be increased to 50 per cent by September 2014.

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# Future Leaders Forum

by Laura Smyth,  
Federal Member for La Trobe

Dear readers, much has been happening in our area since the last edition. I'd like to give you an update as well as some details about the Federal budget. Since being elected, the Federal Government has seen 750,000 new jobs created. This budget focuses on creating even more job opportunities, particularly skilled jobs and options for young people and apprentices. It keeps up our focus on education, training and health. In particular, a massive commitment of funds in mental health services.

Locally, a few of the budget highlights are as follows:

\* **FAMILY TAX BENEFIT:** up to 5000 local families stand to benefit from an extra \$4,200 per child aged between 16 and 19 years

\* **APPRENTICESHIPS:** up to 2470 apprentices stand to benefit from investments in apprenticeships

\* **EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVES:** around 790 long term unemployed people who have been without work for two years or more will be given incentives to help them find work. Additional funds are being provided to support employers who give long

term unemployed people a job.

\* **WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:** an additional \$2.7 million is being dedicated to support local employment services in La Trobe to provide work experience and training

\* **DISABILITY SERVICES:** over \$280,000 is going to support the work of a local disability enterprise

\* **ROADS TO RECOVERY:** Funding from the Roads to Recovery program will provide local government authorities with assistance to maintain and upgrade their local roads:

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\* **BROADBAND FOR SENIORS:** The Federal Government is investing over \$70,000 in Broadband for Seniors kiosks to allow older Australians living in La Trobe to stay connected to family and friends through broadband internet.

In La Trobe, this means:  
\* \$8,000 for Berwick Bowling Club - Edwin Flack Reserve  
\* \$8,500 for Berwick Brae Retirement Village  
\* \$7,400 for Fiddlers Green Village  
\* \$7,500 for Woodlands Park Retirement Living.



For more detailed information on the budget and what it means for La Trobe, please visit my website [www.laurasmyth.net](http://www.laurasmyth.net)

It was great to visit Casey Hospital this week with Health Minister Nicola Roxon to announce 30 new sub acute hospital beds. This is the latest part of our health reforms which mean more services and facilities for hospitals like Casey

On a separate issue, I recently held the first La Trobe Future Leaders Forum on 7 May in Belgrave South. It was attended by residents from right across the electorate and was an opportunity for local residents to get facts on climate change and carbon pricing from visiting expert speakers. It was also a great chance to hear from local environmental groups, community organisations and school students on important local and national issues.

Students from Kambrya Secondary College, Lakeside Lutheran College, Maranatha Christian School in Officer, Upwey High School, St Joseph's in Ferntree Gully, Mater Christi in Belgrave and St Margaret's in Berwick participated in a special Young Leaders Forum during the day. I really valued the opinions which students shared with me at the community forum and I will be looking for more opportunities to

hear from young people in our area in the future

I organised this community forum to give residents a chance to hear from experts about climate change and the way that a carbon price will transform our economy. The forum was an opportunity for local people to have a calm, rational discussion about these important issues.

As well as the large forum, I recently held an information session at The Basin Community House with Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, David Bradbury, to launch the Federal Government's new MoneySmart website [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)

MoneySmart is a practical program which the Federal Government has launched to help individuals and families manage their budgets, manage debt and plan for the future. The practical tips and information provided by MoneySmart was really well received and I will be conducting more of these information sessions throughout the year in suburbs around the electorate.

Please keep an eye out for my newsletter, which will update you in more detail about what's been going on in La Trobe, and inform you about upcoming events in your local area. If you have any further enquiries, please contact my office on 9796 1788.



Laura Smyth with Treasurer Wayne Swan



# Community Bank® Branch News

by GRAEME J TAYLOR, FCA, Director

On Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 May 2011, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank held its Annual **Community Bank®** State Conference in Mornington.

Beaconsfield District **Community Bank®** Branch was represented by Branch Manager, Jennifer Nolan and five directors. Attending conferences, such as this, is crucial heading forward to strategically grow our branch.

The two day conference was a combination of information sessions presented by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank staff, information on community projects partially funded by

grants from **Community Bank®** branches, workshops and roundtable discussion groups.

Speakers, including Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Managing Director, Mike Hirst, provided participants with an in-depth knowledge of the **Community Bank®** model, the assistance and expertise available from Bendigo and Adelaide Bank for the success of all **Community Bank®** branches and their strategic importance in the bank's operations.

The conference was also an opportunity to discuss grants and sponsorships provided by **Community**

**Bank®** branches across the state, including a substantial grant that assisted the Bunyip community to secure a \$2 million multi-purpose stadium.

The workshops and roundtable discussion groups focused on a wide range of subjects and enabled all participants to exchange ideas and network.

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## "PAGES FROM THE PAST" Snapshot History Of People, Places And Public Life Casey And Cardinia

*by Ruth Crofts, President*

*National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch*

Approximately 30 people attended the Sponsors Reception at the National Trust Information Centre and Trust Gift Shop, Function Room on Monday 9th May.

Opening Address by Ruth Crofts, President - "The National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch was established in 2002 and it has been our aim to encourage a greater awareness and appreciation of the rich history and heritage that surround us in both Casey and Cardinia.

There are now many thousands of new residents in our community that know little or nothing of the history or the heritage of the place where they now live.

After operating the National Trust Gift Shop and Berwick Heritage Information Centre for the past five years, our Branch Volunteers have identified an increasing interest from within the general community, for a publication that gives some information about the local history. Our Branch is committed to producing a quality

publication with wide appeal, and the easy-to-read format, with many photos to complement the text. The National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch foundation Vice-President Ian Good has been compiling this booklet for some time.

"Pages from the Past" must be published this year. We have received a Local History Grant of \$1,100 which falls short of the estimated cost to produce the booklet. The National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch will also provide funds that they have raised in the National Trust Gift Shop, however, we urgently need donations / sponsors to complete the production this year."

The Edrington Ward Councillors Cr Judy Owen and Cr Simon Curtis attended the Sponsors Reception and donated \$1,000 towards the publication of "Pages from the Past." Both Councillors spoke about their support for this project that they said would benefit the whole community for years to come.



*Pictured L to R: Ian Good, Cr Judy Owen, Ruth Crofts and Cr. Simon Curtis.*



# World Heritage Day 2011 – Water

- by A. Taylor

Monday 18th April was World Heritage Day and the theme for this year was 'WATER'.

Casey-Cardinia Branch of the National Trust hosted the morning with members of the Casey Cardinia Library Corporation Local History Reference Group who each gave a short presentation of a water related theme, photograph or object from their collection.

Cr. Graeme Legge spoke about the history of Emerald Lake and the excitement of the park ranger involved in an armed robbery whilst trying to bank the takings.

Abbie Lane a City of Casey

Environment Education Officer, spoke about fresh water and covered international issues such as population growth and local issues such as the need to recognize that water is a finite resource and being careful with water.

Audrey Dodson from Berwick Pakenham Historical Society spoke about the February floods in Officer in Cardinia Creek Area with some amazing photos.

Wendy Goodman from Narre Warren family history group spoke of George & Annis Bills and their legacy which provided water troughs for horses throughout Australia.

Lyn Wealands spoke of the old Lang Lang pool, enjoyed by locals and showed some fascinating old photos.

Polly Freeman spoke about the Tooradin Marine Life Centre, and educational facility sadly destroyed by arson in 2003. Some of us had memories of fascinating visits to the centre.

Bob Flavell spoke of the Edrington water tower built around 1910 and recently refurbished.

Judith Dwyer continued on the Edrington theme by talking about the Casey collection and displayed some of Lord Casey's water related books.

Finally Ruth Crofts (President of the Casey Cardinia National Trust) displayed a mystery object, which none of us guessed. It was a belly warmer made of brass which could be filled with hot water and then kept the tummy of a coachman warm when it was put down his coat.

Margaret Boon and Ann Taylor represented the Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. and spoke of the significance of Cardinia Creek in Beaconsfield's History and showed some historical photos of the creek, bridge and swimming spots.



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quickly and a raging torrent engulfs parts of the township. Beaconsfield Park, Bob Burgess reserve and Akoonah Park are linked beneath the highway bridge covered by deep and rapid flowing waters. The double lane highway concrete bridge of today withstands the waters well but in the floods of 1934 the old wooden single lane bridge was washed away by the force of the water. Beneath the concrete bridge

when the water is low you can see the remnants of the old wooden pylons of the earlier wooden bridge.

The creek was especially important in the early 1900s.

The Victorian Tourist Bureau guide book 1912 describes Cardinia Creek as providing "a plentiful supply of water and fishing for those whose inclinations lie in this direction: blackfish and eels are plentiful: trout and perch are occasionally caught. Upon the creek is a fairly large sheet of water on which was held the A.N.A. aquatic carnival and it is also used for public baths, a smaller pool lower down the creek, being reserved for ladies." William Brisbane in partnership with John Day had a saw mill near to the creek and campaigned to have the Beaconsfield station opened so they could conveniently send sawn timber and firewood to Melbourne.

From the Soldiers Road bridge the creek winds around and is beside the viaduct that goes under the railway line at Beaconsfield station. When the rains come the viaduct very quickly fills with water from the swollen creek and the whole area is impassable.

Today the creek area is popular for walks as it

abuts parklands and is home to birds, wildlife, fish and frogs. It is the habitat for platypus and over the past few years new families have been released into the creek. A programme to track them has taken place but the survival rate has unfortunately been very low.

Land care has worked to restore much of the indigenous plants to the riverbanks with extensive planting and clearing of noxious weeds in both Guys Hill and Beaconsfield Park areas. Beaconsfield Park beside the Highway bridge has just had extensive stage one works done with a Federal government grant and Cardinia Shire History Grant to restore the original 1939 Beaconsfield Park sign which had been erected as a memorial to the soldiers in the Great War.

It was so interesting to take part in the World Heritage Day event and learn of the significance of water to all these places in the Casey/Cardinia region

Some of this article is based on notes from Heather Arnold and more details can be found on her local history blog at <http://caseycardinialinkstoourpast.blogspot.com> There are many other local history articles on this BlogSpot, so it's worth spending time there.

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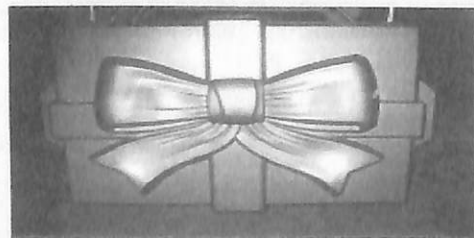
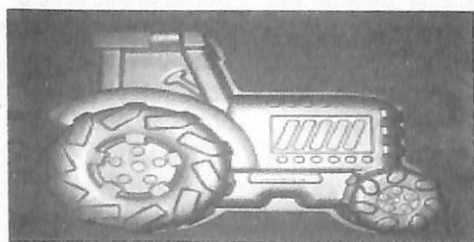
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*by Mick Ott, member of  
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- \* Vehicles are not to be parked on top of the hydrant.

Damaged marker posts, hydrant covers or missing reflectors can be reported to your local council. Leaking hydrants should be reported to South East Water. In an emergency you may be able to assist the brigade by identifying the location of your nearest hydrant.

The Beaconsfield Volunteer Fire Brigade recently held our Bi-annual elections where the brigade leadership team was elected. The strong leadership of the brigade was supported by the members with the existing brigade leaders being re-elected to their positions.

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- \* Captain - Paul Hayes
- \* 1st Lieutenant - Matteo Di Carlo
- \* 2nd Lieutenant- Marc Graham
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- \* 4th Lieutenant - Phillip Walton



# Teenagers Save Kittens From Certain Death

by Ysabelle Dean

Two tiny kittens still have eight of their nine lives left, thanks to the efforts of two teenagers who rescued them from a pile of builders' rubbish in a housing estate on Monday 14th March.

When Berwick locals Lindsey Leigh Hobson, 19, and Robert Walerczak, 18, heard that some stray kittens had been seen in Mandalay Court, Berwick, near Beacons Hills College, they immediately went to their rescue.

"We found two kittens, a black one and a tortoiseshell-coloured one," said Lindsey. "But they were so small we thought their mum, and maybe other kittens, might

be hiding somewhere close by. We looked everywhere but didn't see or hear any more cats."

Using a can of lemon-flavoured tuna donated by a kindly man from a house on the other side of the court, Lindsey and Robert were able to catch the frightened kittens. Robert said they could feel all their ribs. "They mewed a lot, but as soon as we wrapped them in a blanket and I held them against my chest they started to purr really loudly. By then it was dark and because it was a public holiday we could not take them to a vet or to the pound. So we took them to Lindsey's

mum in Beaconsfield. She said they were badly dehydrated, but they couldn't have cow's milk because it would make them sick. She thought they were only about five weeks old. She got them lapping water - they drank nearly a whole bowl once she got them going. She fed them every two hours with tiny amounts of tinned kitten food. But it was touch and go that first night, especially with the black one."

Lindsey's mother couldn't keep the kittens for long because of all her other animals. On her recommendation Lindsey and Robert took the feline waifs to the Beaconsfield Veterinary Clinic, which often takes in stray, injured or dumped animals, and cares for them until homes are found. "Rob and I are students and we don't have a lot of money," said Lindsey. "We decided to split the costs fifty-fifty. But the surgery wouldn't take any money. They wormed the kittens, gave them a check-up and put them in a big cage with food and toys. They grew heaps in just a few days, and look so happy, healthy and playful now. It is such a relief, and we think the staff at the surgery are just fantastic for helping them and so many other homeless animals."

Lindsey and Robert were told a few days after the rescue that another kitten with a broken leg had been found earlier in the same location. It had been taken to a vet, but its fate is unknown.

So where did the kittens come from and why had they been separated from their mother before they

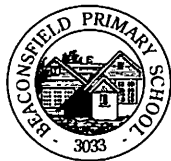
were too young to look after themselves? While it seems most likely that they were thoughtlessly dumped, the other possibility is that the mother was a stray who had been injured or killed.

Either way, according to Lindsey and Robert, irresponsible and uncaring pet owners are to blame. "There are too many unwanted pets and not enough good homes to go round. The kittens we found were just helpless, scared little babies. They would have died a sad and horrible death on that pile of rubbish, and the one with the broken leg must have been in a lot of pain. There should be a law that says people have to get their dogs and cats neutered before they are old enough to breed. It is illegal for people to dump animals, but there should be much tougher penalties."

Lindsey and Robert have this advice for people who know of dumped animals: "Don't just leave them - try to catch them, or phone the Council or your local vet to get advice. And if you can identify the people who dumped them, don't tell yourself it's not your problem. Cruelty to animals is everybody's responsibility."

The kittens are now a few months old and one has recently found a loving home. The second, a tortoiseshell female (now desexed) is still looking for a kind and caring owner. If you can help, please contact Beaconsfield Veterinary Clinic, 14 Woods Street, Beaconsfield; phone 9769 8777.

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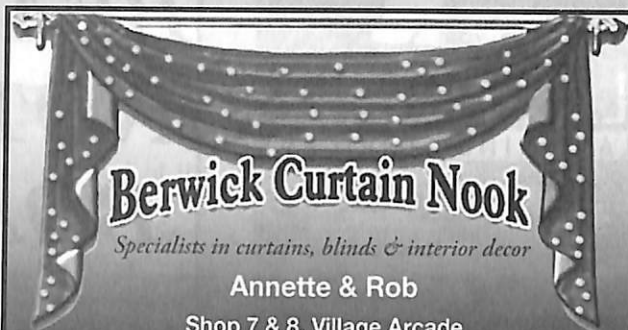
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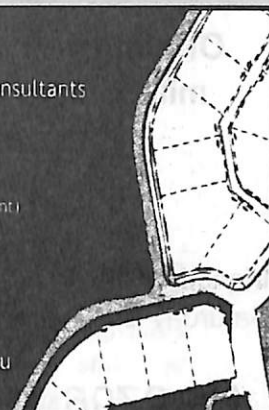
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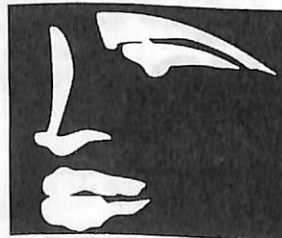
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Despite the wet and cold weather, Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Course is in good condition, with play being enjoyed by both members and public social players. The course is the location for various Peninsula District Golf Association Events and will host an Australian PGA Seniors pro-am event later this year.

Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Links renamed in 2010 is located in Stoney Creek Road Upper Beaconsfield and has a history dating back to 1928 when the first nine holes were cleared by bullock team to a layout designed by Dick Banks. A guest house built

in the early 1930's from local timber and stone is now the club house and has been subsequently extended and modernized. The first land owner was Mr Charles Ford who also managed the Dorchester Restaurant. Subsequent owners were Frederick Adcock and Colonial Mutual Assurance until 1947 when the Beaconhills Country Golf Club was formed.

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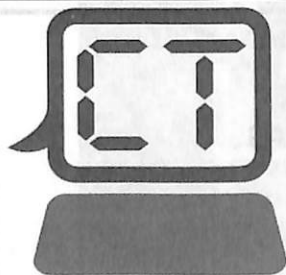
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by Roger Gordon

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Scouts also need more youth members – even though six Cubs have gone up to Scouts this year. Scouts are from 10.5 years to 15 years and meet on a Thursday night from 7pm to 8.30pm, normally at the Officer Scout Hall. The programme for Scouts is more adventurous than Cubs because they are older. There are camps, hikes, visits to other Scout Groups for District events and more advanced badge work that better reflects their ability.

With both Cubs and Scouts we have female and male leaders to better look after our youth members. I have enclosed a photo of our Scout Leaders Cate-Linne Fraser and Robert Shreeve gaining energy for the next bout of enquiries from interested people. Mind you, on camps it is just one big meal as they all enjoy the cooking and eating of healthy food such as sausages,



hamburgers, eggs and bacon, hotdogs, pot roasts, upside down puddings and damper, of course.

The cost for our weekly meetings during school terms for the year is \$255. The bulk of this cost is insurance for our Leaders and Youth members. Camps and special outings are extra but the cost is kept at reasonable levels. For instance an ordinary three day-two night camp which includes all food and the camping fees is \$35 to \$40. This is cheaper than being at home and being entertained during the weekend. There is an

entrance fee of \$25 to cover the cost of badges, scarf, and Cub or Scout personal member's achievement book. The other cost is a Cub or Scout shirt from Snowgum for approx. \$40. When added up the cost of Scouting is very competitive with other sporting and outdoor activities.

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 that we welcome you to our Group. Don't forget our special offer where you can attend three meetings without any cost to see what we do.

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.



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and installed the cubby, along with Mr. Hewat, much to the delight of the Preps. Over the holidays, Leanne and Tim Birchmore painted the cubby and made it ready for use. Our thanks to Bowen's Hardware Hallam for their generosity, and to Tim and Leanne for their work in making it perfect!

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## TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

With significant rainfall over the last 2 months we have again seen over 200mm for the period. With this being the wettest start to the year on my records. Beaconsfield should once again reach over 1000mm for the year. We have received 600mm to the start of June.

April saw 103mm fall in the area. This was the highest April monthly total since 2006. The average rainfall for April is 66mm. The highest daily total was 30mm which fell on the 11th of April. rain was recorded over 10 days.

May saw us fall just shy of the 100mm mark with 99mm falling in Beaconsfield. With rain falling on half the days in May the highest daily total was 14mm which fell on the 10th. It was the wettest May since 2000 when we received 142mm; this is also the highest total I have on records for May. The average during the last 10 years for May is only 59mm.

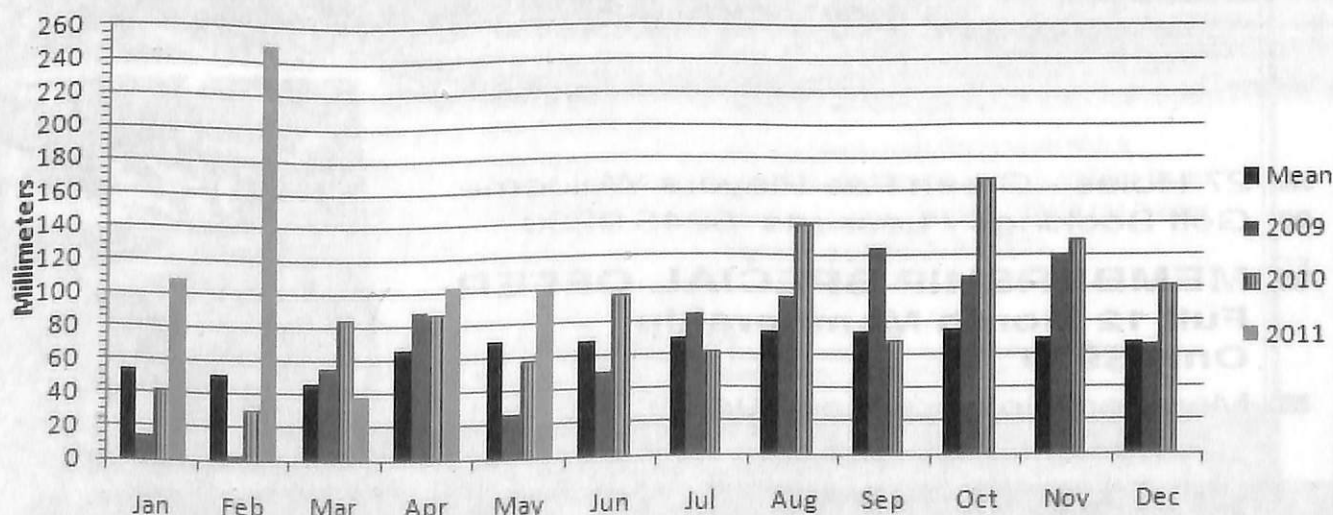
With all this rain falling, it has seen Melbourne's water storage rise to its highest point since March 2006. It is currently at 54.6. At the same time last year it was only 32.7.

## Joke Of The Month

Two weathermen each broke an arm and a leg in an accident, and called from the hospital about the four casts.

## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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# AND THE AWARD GOES TO ...

by R. Vincent, President

Beaconsfield Cricket Club look forward to another successful season and are planning already to follow up on last year's successes at both junior and senior level. A new committee has been elected and the new executive look forward to the challenge of meeting the high standards set by Rick Colling and his team. Justin Stanton is set to coach again following the success of the Premier grade team and a number of other senior teams also playing finals.

Juniors are also hoping to have another fun and successful year but the club

needs some people to step up and help organise junior teams and activities as the Dickens family who have done such a wonderful job over the last few seasons have moved on to take responsibilities with the senior section of the club. Getting involved at junior level is how most of us got involved and is a great way to meet people and make some long lasting friendships.



R to L: Rick Colling (President for last season) and Leanne Dickens after being presented with Best Club Person.

Senior Presentation night was held at the Beaconsfield Community Complex and was a great success attended by over 100 people who enjoyed the brief formalities which were followed by a social evening chatting with friends and dancing or just enjoying the music supplied by the band on the night. It was great to see so many of the younger players respecting the club tradition and dressing formally for the occasion.

Mick McMahon was named as Club Champion and Leanne Dickens was awarded the Best Club Person award. This is the second time Leanne has won the award and underlines the great contribution she continues to make to the success of the club.

Trophies were awarded to each of the grade champions:

- Premier grade
- Ryan O'Connor
- Sub District
- Matt O'Connor
- B Grade
- Andy Nicolosi
- D Grade
- Mick McMahon
- F Grade
- Dave Green

G Grade  
- Laurent Campbell

Andrew Jones and Mick McMahon both received awards for making centuries and Cam Henry for taking 7 - 54 in a Premier grade game. John Scales and Wayne (Sammy) Holden were given awards for hatricks taken during the season.

We hope next season can build on this season's success and welcome new players of any standard to the club. We cater for all levels of ability with grades from Premier to G grade and even have a veterans side so if you would like to find out more contact myself on 0409211688 and make some new friends as part of the West Gippsland Cricket Association's biggest club.

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# BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB

By H. Studham

Beaconsfield have a long and proud netball history over many years, which now sees them in a position of strength within local competition. The Club boasts 3 Senior and 3 Junior teams which play in the Casey Cardinia League of the MPNFL, 4 Mid Week Junior Teams which play in the Cranbourne domestic competition and up to 90 Junior Development Squad members which play in numerous teams at Pakenham Stadium, including NetSetGo players.

The Club receives great leadership from a strong Committee and Life Member's Group and also enjoys 'handson' assistance from many helpers who band together to carry out the myriad tasks required to run a Netball Club.

Beaconsfield currently sponsor a child from Laos,

through World Vision, and our members, Junior girls in particular, have enjoyed sending and receiving correspondence from Hompordee who is 11 years old. We are currently in the process of organising a trip to Laos in 2012, to take "Netball" to Hompordee and her friends.

Jasmin Valentine (Pictured Right) was recently awarded a "Spirit of Sport Award".

Presentation of the award was made at the Courts after the U/17's game on Saturday 21st May. The Club is extremely proud of all Junior players who are coming up through the ranks to claim their places in Senior teams of the future.

Our social Calendar began with a "Trivia Night", sponsored by Taylor's Wines and hosted by

Terry Lock, which was a resounding success.

Women in Sport "PINK" Day 7/5/11 was celebrated in style with pink netballs and decorations surrounding our court. Our friends from Tooradin joined us for afternoon tea and scorers, timekeepers, and umpires were all spoilt with cakes and chocolates.



The 'BEACY COOKBOOK' was also unveiled for Mothers' Day and proved to be well worth the wait. Copies sold like hotcakes and are printed 'on the cards'.

Sunday May 29th will see us host our inaugural Master's Match, together with Super Rules partners/wives, Past Players, Junior Mum's and Friends of the Club, which we hope will become a permanent part of our fixture.

Our Auction evening at Georgio's Restaurant will be held on Thursday, July 14th and if last year's evening was anything to go by, you better book early.

Annual Shopping Spree – with Jackie's Shopping Tours – leaves Beacy early on Saturday October 22nd. Run by Life Member's group, this is always a fun day out.

Beaconsfield Netball Club take this opportunity to welcome all interested parties in the Community to come along and join in on game days or any of the social activities we have lined up for the season. We would love to have you 'on board'.

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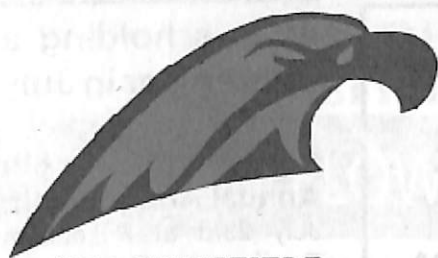
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## BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1890

by D. McManus

The Beaconsfield Football Club has achieved a successful start to the year with all teams performing well. The following words are from our Senior Coach – Austinn Jones: 2011 has seen many challenges arise and met. The pre season saw a number of new faces arrive including Kris Fletcher (returning from ROC), Troy McDermott (Northern Bull Ants), Adam Mitchell (Hill End) and James Johnson (ROC). We also welcomed to the senior group a number of quality players from an undefeated premier Under 18 side.

After 5 rounds and 4 games (R1 was a bye) the club has seen 11 players play their first senior game, with all players showing positive signs at senior level.

Predictions are just that, but not many had this side sitting 3 wins and 1 loss at this stage, the great positive is we don't listen to outsiders.

Our experienced group of Daniel Mislicki, Robbie Taylor, Damian Szwaja, Glenn Penglase and Kris Fletcher have been outstanding in the early part of the season, well supported by a quality group of young players.

Our third and fourth year players have shown real signs of the future of the club. Players such as Daniel Calteri, Jesse Linkins, Daniel Battaglin and Cley Bertoncello are all taking the next step in their footy and the results are showing in the depth of the squad.

The next month will show where we are at, what we need to work on and what our strengths are as we play the four sides predicted to play finals. Our group has confidence and belief and we will take it up to all of them.

*Aussie Jones.*

**Congratulations** to our Under 18's football player – Jake Cameron on being awarded the "Spirit of Sport - Football" award for his game against Hampton Park. The award was presented to Jake the following week by two Police Officers representing the Victorian Police. Also, congratulations to our netball player - Jaz Valentine who was also a winner of the "Spirit of Sport – Netball" Award.

We also congratulate Daniel Johnson, Tom Hanney & Jake Cameron who have been selected to represent us at the VCFL Country Championships. We wish you all the best for a great game.

Our "Annual Ladies Day Luncheon" was a great success again. Thank you to all the ladies who attended. A great day was had by all and we look forward to next year.

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R13 Saturday 23rd July  
Beaconsfield Vs Hampton Park  
R15 Saturday 6th August  
Beaconsfield Vs ROC  
R17 Saturday 20th August  
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## Goodbye Josh

June sees us saying a sad farewell to Senior Nurse Josh. Josh will have his final day at the clinic on the 10th of June, and then he will go on to his new job working in the Veterinary Sales Industry.

We are all sad to see him leave, but wish him the best of luck on his new journey.

## Mother's Day Raffle

We would like to say congratulations to the winner of our Mothers Day Competition Yvonne O'Connor. She has won a gift voucher for 'Get Massaged' in Beaconsfield.

Another way to keep in touch with what is happening at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre is visit our facebook page.

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