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CFA LONG SERVICE AWARDS



District Commander David Sherry (left) presented **CFA** Long Service Awards to Matteo DiCarlo. Ron Woodfine Graeme Baldwin. They are all pictured here with Captain Paul Hayes at the recent Beaconsfield Fire Brigade Annual Presentation Evening.

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*September 20th *AGM - October 18th

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IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING

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SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Collin Ross, Central Ward

Well hasn't the rain been great to have in Beaconsfield, finally ending the drought. The only problem with the rain has been the impact on the Holm Park Road development, it almost seemed like every time work was to continue it rained. You will be pleased to know the project is now on track and the grass has been planted. so with spring coming on this will greatly assist the project. Over \$10 million has been spent on this hopefully so project, soon we can all enjoy.

How exciting it is to see new businesses in Beaconsfield, but with this comes the issue of parking, we on council have listened to your concerns and been watching shops requesting more parking. Please advise us councillors if you feel the parking is a problem near you.

The Pink Hill development with the pokies in it is about to come up in VCAT. Council has supported residents with all of our effort, we will be sending legal representation on behalf of opposing the Hotel and Gaming venue.

CarparkingatBeaconsfield Railway station is still an ongoing problem, we are advocating strongly for state government

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Les Reader

Well folks as I am writing the case for Pink Hill hotel including 60 gaming machines is being heard by VCAT. The first few days have been informative (but very long and tiring), the hearing is destined to take another 3 days or so. I have been able to have my say on behalf of BPA and of course the local community, who are opposed to this application. We can only wait for the outcome.

On another note this is probably the last report from myself as President as I will not be standing for re-election at our annual meeting later this year. I want to say thank you for

the opportunity to serve in this way, I have enjoyed the time I have been in office and look forward to seeing some fresh faces and ideas in the future. We have some important items on our programme (e.g. increase in freeway lanes and the offer of power purchasing group) and I'm suremanymorechallenges will be presented BPA in the future

Just today I have reported another bout of vandalism (removal of the support stakes from the street trees along the main street). It is disappointing to see this sort of behaviour going on in our community.



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

to deliver this project sooner than later as residents share their frustration with councillors.

Council delivered on our promise for new traffic lights onto Main Street connecting with the Princes Highway and a new footpath from the Panorama Estate, these

projects have been a great success, with road safety for drivers and pedestrians improving significantly. This area of road safety is a priority for council.



BEACONSFIELD & DISTRICT COMMUNITIES

Bulk-Buy Energy Purchasing Scheme For Electricity & Gas

by A. D'Amelio

There's power in numbers.

Beaconsfield The Association Progress (BPA) is helping residents band together to bargain for a bulk-buy discount on our energy bills. innovative move, Beaconsfield residents are being asked to be part of a collective bargaining scheme to get the best possible price from electricity retailers.

recently featured As on A Current Affair and Today Tonight, the bulk buy scheme has been described as delivering staggering results and is a guaranteed way to fight back against rising energy bill costs. A similar scheme has already been initiated community other groups such as Somers, Grantville and Portarlington said to save hundreds of dollars on electricity and gas bills each year.

What do you need to do?

To get the best deal possible, we need you, your neighbours, your friends and associates to register your interest to participate. The BPA has organised a community meeting for all to attend to hear in more detail and to raise questions about the energy purchasing scheme.

The association needs a minimum of 300 people to go ahead with the scheme. This would enable a broker to be engaged by the

COMMUNITY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday 8th September '11

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

WHERE: Beaconsfield Community Centre – O'Neil Road Beaconsfield

The BPA has organised a community meeting for all to attend to hear in more detail and to raise questions about the energy purchasing scheme.

association to negotiate with power retailers for the best possible price.

Power Group Purchasing Australia's first procurement management organisation to help communities manage their energy bill costs with their combined bargaining power. They provide an independent and reputable service that has achieved enormous savings other communities and are helping us do the same.

All energy retailers will be invited to bid with their most competitive offer

The bigger the bulk, the better the bargaining power. Please note, your registration of interest does not mean you are obligated to take the energy offer from the winning retailer. At this stage we are just seeking

an expression of interest, we are not asking people to sign up to any deals.

To ensure that there is no confusion about the winning retailer, every participant will receive notification of who the selected retailer is and details of the deal. Gov't concessions will also continue to apply for those that are eligible; you just need to let your new retailer know that you are eligible.

If the community support is sufficient we will expect to have the scheme in place within a few months.

Unable to attend the Meeting?

If you are unable to attend the community meeting but would like to express your interest for the Beaconsfield & District Communities Bulk Energy Purchasing Scheme you can do so by any of the options.

Option 1: Filling out your details on the form opposite (page5) and post to BPA P.O Box 217 Beaconsfield, VIC 3807.

Option 2: Print/Scan/ Email your completed registration form to secretary@beaconsfield. org.au

Option 3: Register on line quick & easy at www. PowerGroupPurchasing. com.au. Click on the PROJECTs tab up the top of the page and select Beaconsfield & Surrounds How to Register.

Form on page 5



All Expression of Interest forms are to be completed by Friday 23rd September 2011.

The personal information collected from the expression of interest forms will only be used for the purposes of being able to prove the interest of the community and will not be used or provided to a third party for any other purpose. Please enter your telephone contact number if you would like to be contacted by the winning energy retailer about the exclusive offer, even if you are registered on the do not call register.

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PETITION PRESENTED TO MR BATTIN

information supplied by B. Battin

Member for Gembrook Brad Battin will table a petitiondrawing attention to congestion on the Monash Freeway when Parliament resumes on 16th August.

Cardinia Shire
Councillor Brett Owen
and Beaconsfield
resident Angelo
D'Amelio presented the
petition to Mr Battin on

Thursday 11th August.

The petition draws the attention of the house to traffic congestion on the Monash Freeway Pakenham Bypass and asks that the Government 'undertake urgent road improvements and additional install lanes along the Berwick/ Hallam Bypass and the

Pakenham Bypass.'

Mr. 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.

Over several months Angelo spend many hours standing in the local shopping precincts both Casey and Cardinia gathering support from other equally frustrated motorists.

The petition is signed by more than 1000 residents of Casey and Cardinia.

"Traffic on the Monash Freeway is constantly reviewed by VicRoads, and I have relayed residents' concerns to VicRoads. I will continue to work with the Minister for Roads, Terry Mulder to improve our local road network and public transport system," Mr Battin said. The Coalition's 2011-12 State Budget included a \$601 million investment in roads.



Pictured L to R: Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook receives the petition from Angelo D'Amelio and Cr. Brett Owen.



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Donate to 4C's Relief Crisis Centre

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is hoping to help the 4C's Crisis Relief Centre this term by having wheelie bin in the foyer for the community to donate food items.

The food items preferred are non perishable such as long life milk, rice, canned soup, canned peas and corn, canned tomatoes, canned fish, 2 minute noodles, tinned fruit, vegemite, peanut butter, and pasta.



BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Mick Ott, member of Beaconsfield CFA

Annual Presentation Evening

The last few months has been a period of highs and lows for the members of the Beaconsfield Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The Brigade recently held its Annual Presentation Evening where members were recognised for their contribution and years of service to the CFA and the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade. Members, guests and their families gathered in the function room of the Fountain Gate Hotel where over dinner the brigade acknowledged the contribution and support of the brigade membership.

The crowd was entertained by the MC, long serving member Mr Tony Lucas with stories of various humorous and dramatic events from over the years. It was an enjoyable evening and some very significant awards were presented to some worthy recipients.

Special Guests included CFA board member David Gibbs, District Commander David Sherry, Berwick CFA Captain Alan Boyd, Upper Beaconsfield CFA Captain Graeme MacGowan and Officer CFA Lieutenant Michael Van Den Acker.



The following awards were presented for outstanding service to the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade-

Danni Martin 5 years 5 years Graeme Baldwin Mathew Baldwin 5 years 10 years Glynn Owen 10 years James Cain Glenn Dorning 20 years Matteo DiCarlo 25 years Ron Woodfine 35 years 35 years Murray Johnston

Medals were also presented for years of service to the Country Fire Authority which may include time spent with brigades other than Beaconsfield.

Mathew Baldwin 5 years
Graeme Baldwin 15 years
Matteo DiCarlo 25 years
Ron Woodfine 35 years

Tim Mosely Award



Fire-Fighter Sam Dorning (pictured centre above) received the Tim Mosely award which recognises exceptional service by a CFA member under the age of 18. Sam was selected to receive this award as the best candidate out of all 16 Brigades in the Cardinia Group.

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade has a proud history of recipients of the Tim Mosely Award and Sam is the 5th Beaconsfield member to achieve this honour.

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The Adamson Award

The Adamson Award is awarded to those who have shown a high level of dedication to the brigade. Lieutenant Phil Walton received this award for his role as the brigade's Training Officer and dedication to maintaining the brigade's high standard of expertise and knowledge.

Fire-Fighter Janita Smith was presented with the Adamson Award recognition of her commitment to the brigade which has seen her spend many additional hours in the station workshop repairing hoses and maintaining equipment.

The National Medal

Brigade members Ron Woodfine, Matteo DiCarlo and Glen Dorning were each given the honour



Above: Adamson Award recipients, Phil Walton (left) and Janita Smith (right) with brigade Captain Paul Hayes. Below L to R: Matteo DiCarlo, Glenn Dorning and Ron Woofine were honoured to receive the National Medal in recognition of over 15 years dedicated to the service of the community.



of receiving the National Medal. This award recognizes prolonged exposure to hazard in the service of the community. It is available to operational members in approved organizations that protect life and property at some risk to their members.

The National Medal was created by Royal Warrant and is awarded by the Governor General personnel in Australia's emergency services. In order to be eligible for National Medal the member being nominated must meet each of the following four criteria: *At least 15 years diligent service directly contributing to the primary function of CFA

- * Fully Trained for the entire period *Fit for duty for the entire period
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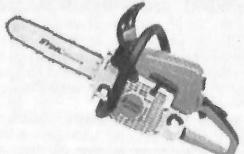
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VFBV Gold Star



Beaconsfield Fire Brigade Life Member Tony Lucas (above right), received the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria Gold Star Award. The VFBV gold star is awarded to CFA members who have completed 30 years of service to the CFA and who have provided service and support to the Volunteer Associations. This award recognises Tony's continued commitment to the welfare of CFA Volunteers.

Life Membership



Life Membership of any organisation is truly an members honour. The of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade paid tribute commitment of the Communications Officer Debbie Macpherson by awarding her with a Life Membership of the brigade. This honour is bestowed on those who have shown a lifetime of commitment to the brigade and are regarded in the highest esteem of their fellow fire fighters. Debbie was presented with

her Life Membership by Life Member Tony Lucas (Both pictured above).

Brigade Captain Paul Hayes capped off the evening thanking the families of all our members for their continued support, without the backing of our family members who are happy to allow their loved ones to respond to emergencies at all sorts of inconvenient times we would not be able to offer a first class fire and emergency service to the community.

FAREWELL MATHEW



Sadly, in the following weeks, the brigade has had to come to terms with the loss of one of our valued members in a car accident. 22 year old Mathew Baldwin was tragically lost when the vehicle he was travelling in hit a tree outside Perth in Western Australia.

Mathew joined the brigade with his father Graeme 6 years ago and quickly cemented his position as a respected member of the team. A fast learner it did not take him long to pick up the skills needed to respond to fires and other emergencies.

His eagerness and knowledge held him in good stead and it was not long before he was passing these skills on to newer members of the brigade. On the fire ground he was reliable and committed.

off the fire ground he was always quick with a joke and had a witty sense of humour that was matched with a cheeky grin which made him a popular member of the team.

He had begun working in the mines of Western Australia, keen to set himself up early in life. Between weeks of shifts he would return to Beaconsfield and would still find time to attend brigade training and respond to fire calls.

life Mathew's celebrated at a large service held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre and it was there that the number of people touched by this young man became apparent. The Brigade farewelled Mathew with a moving which tribute included the fire fighters prayer and a guard of honour.

Chloe's Bladder Stones

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Chloe was brought in to see us after the owner had noticed blood in her urine. She spent the morning with us so we could examine her and collect a urine sample from her to test. The urine sample was found to have some abnormalities, indicating a possible urinary tract infection. An exam was also conducted and when Chloe's bladder palpated we found another problem. The Vet could feel stones inside Chloe's bladder; this was then confirmed by an x-ray.

As a result Chloe would

need to stay for surgery to remove the bladder stones. Once the bladder was opened 7 large stones approximately 8-10mm and 6 smaller stones approximately 3-5mm were found. Once the stones were removed the bladder was flushed ensure no smaller stones were left behind. The bladder and abdomen were then sutured closed and she was woken up her anaesthetic.

The stones were then sent to the Hills Laboratory for identification. This tells us what the stones are

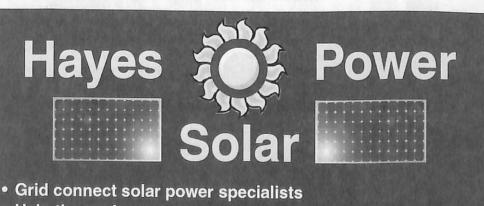


made up of and then how to minimise their chance of occurring again. In this case, it was found that she had stones made up of a mineral substance known as struvite. Struvite usually occurs when the urine becomes alkaline. which can be caused by an infection in the urinary tract. These changes may result in the rapid formation bladder stones

Chloe has now been put on Hills Prescription diet C/ d®. This diet ensures the pH of her urine will remain at a more appropriate acidic level to prevent the stones from re-forming. Chloe will need regular urinalysis to ensure there are no signs of re-infection, the pH is stable and there are no signs of crystals.

lt. is now 4 weeks after the surgery and Chloe is doing well.





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Report by José Meyer

Men's Group

An invitation to men over 50. On the third Monday of the month, the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre is where men can come and chat and have a coffee and just be yourself. This focus group is proving

to be very popular, after just two meetings.

No need to book, just come along and enjoy the company of others. Cost is just \$3 for the morning. Starts at 9:15am till noon. Coffee and tea is provided.

BNC - AGM

Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October beginning at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to see what it is like to be part of a great, easygoing Committee. chance Α to have a say in this wonderful Community Centre. We would welcome you to attend.

Rock and Roll

A course that is starting in Term 4 will be Rock and Roll. This will be something new to try and we hope to see a few happy feet on the floor.

Beginning on Wednesday October 26th, 8 - 9pm for eight weeks at \$80 per person.

Open Day 2011

An early reminder – Our Annual Open Day will be held on Saturday November 12th. There will be lots of activities and classes showing their talents on the day.

A great way to come and see what is on offer at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

Michael Grose TV and radio parenting expert

Thursday 17th November.

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by A. Taylor

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Mark this date in your diaries now! Entry is free and you enjoy delicious can Homemade Devonshire teas and Light Lunches. There will be handmade craft for sale including Greeting cards, cushions, iewellery and a range handmade gifts. of

There will also be a wonderful plant stall, cut flowers and produce. Lots of craft supplies will be available including beads, egg decorating,



Ngaree, Coral, Jan, Wilma and Jeanette preparing Devonshire tea for last years craft fair.

paper tole, scrapbooking, needlework supplies and wooden items. There will be something for everyone. We hope to see on Saturday 5th November

A group of ladies from Make and Mingle trim postage stamps from the envelopes and the stamps are sold to dealers to raise money for mission work.

We are always in need of

more stamps and you can drop these at the church on either Wednesday or Sunday mornings. Please do not soak off the stamps; either leave them on the full envelopes or with a very wide margin on all sides.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon.

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You can come along and bring your own craft or learn a new one or just come for a cuppa and a chat.

Crafts this term include a range of Christmas crafts, Christmas cards and Bead angels. We also have patchwork and embroidery and a range of knitting projects.

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

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The obligation on employers to make compulsory contributions to eligible Superannuation Funds for employees has been entrenched in Awards and Income Tax Legislation for many years. Initially, the contribution was 3% of employee earnings as part of wage negotiations at that time. Over the years the contribution rate has risen to the current level of 9%. Superannuation must be contributed to complying Superannuation Funds at the direction of employees on a Quarterly

basis within 28 days.

Unfortunately, many employers do meet their obligations and do not pay the required superannuation contributions. obligation of employers is not to contribute only for employees but in many cases working contractors. If a Company is insolvent, there are usually insufficient funds for unpaid Superannuation.

In the 2011/12 Federal Budget the Government

announced that from 1
July 2011 Directors will
be personally liable for
any unpaid employee
superannuation by making
Directors personally liable
for the Superannuation
Guarantee Charges
(SGC).

The SGC is 9% of total Wages and Salaries and Administration Fees (\$20) and General Interest Charges, which is much greater than if the Superannuation was paid on time based on 9% of ordinary time earnings.

important employers to review their Superannuation payments being made for employees and importantly working Contractors otherwise **Directors** may be personally liable for Superannuation the Guarantee Charge. Discuss with vour Accountant to ensure that your business complies with these new changes.

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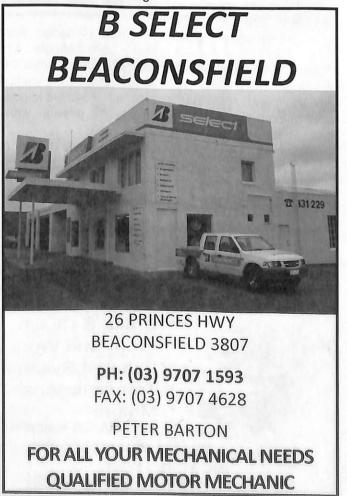
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BPS Corner

by H. Inglis

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At Beaconsfield Primary School, we have begun to add some of the students' artwork into our playground. The students have been working with our art teacher, Meagan Abdilla to create some colourful and creative pieces for our playground.

beginning of the At the year, the students worked with clay to make individual tiles that were placed onto totem poles. We are very fortunate to have a kiln located in our art room which makes the firing process more convenient. received our kiln through the wonderful fundraising



efforts of our Parents and Friends committee.

We have now begun to put new seating into the playground and the students have been involved in decorating these. They have come up looking fantastic. The students used vibrant colours to paint and splatter on. Not only did they make a wonderful job of the seats, but the art room was also looking very colourful once they had finished.

The students are creating a wonderful space in our amphitheatre not only for when they have a break during lessons but it is also a great learning space. You can often find a small group of students doing their work there, music sessions and with the addition of our large shade sails, it is a very pleasant place to be.

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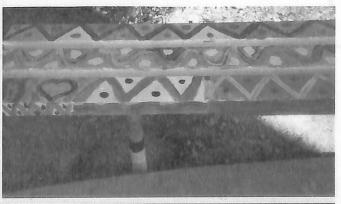
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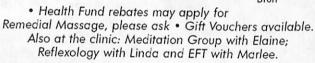
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MEDIA RELEASE

Numerous footpaths around the Shire will be upgraded as a result of budget allocations this financial year. These paths will provide 'missing links' and are additional to footpath projects in Cardinia Shire Council parks and those provided by developers in new estates.

Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Gembrook, Lang Lang and Emerald are scheduled to have new paths that will improve pedestrian access and connectivity around communities for residents and visitors.

Projects include the constructions of new paths in the Panorama Estate to replace and upgrade existing gravel paths and link the estate with Beaconsfield shopping centre.

In Pakenham, new paths will join Cameron Way, Kingston Road and Barrington Drive with the path running behind the development.

A second improvement will see the 'missing link' constructed on the corner of Windermere Boulevard to join with the footpath on Princes Highway. Four pram crossings will be installed along this pathway. Another 'missinglink' in Lang Lang will be constructed to join the existing paths between Western Port Road and Nellie Street.

Gembrook pathways will also be improved with a new footpath from the Gembrook township to the recreation reserve and completion of the walking track west to the service station and Main Street.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Cr George Blenkhorn, said Council was keen to support community life and pedestrian safety by improving footpaths throughout the Shire.

"Walking is good for people's health and when people can commute around their communities on foot they can enjoy daily life more easily as well," Cr Blenkhorn said.

The estimated total cost of the new paths will be \$864,000.



Pictured in the April Beaconsfield - Cr. Brett Owen (pictured centre) with John and José Meyer inspect the recently constructed path.

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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

To The Top

One of our daughters lives in Adelaide and while on holidays last year I helped her erect an above ground pool. Having erected it we needed to fill it but this we could not do without a permit. So to speed the process up we went straight to the headquarters of SA Water in Adelaide.

At the front desk we requested our permit and were given a form to fill in. The form asked the most ridiculous questions. And more than that demanded all sorts of pieces of information which would have been simple to convey in a two minute conversation but which would require multiple paragraphs to explain on paper. In fact the sort of information they wanted was not going to fit easily into the world of "tick the box". We asked to see the person who would be making the decision. No way! The person on

the front desk was there to keep the public away from the bureaucrat who made the decisions. And so although the person making the decision was right there in the building there was no way we could speak directly to them.

It was not a nice feeling to be isolated from the one person whose help we needed. We talk of God being almighty but no matter how mighty he may be he is available to anyone and everyone. There is nothing and no one blocking your access to God. There may be many reasons why you have not sought to get in touch with God but his unavailability is not one of them.





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Hosting An Energy Efficiency Expo

by Laura Smyth, Federal Member for La Trobe

Dear readers.

I'm pleased to give you an update on things that have been happening around the electorate, a local event that I will be hosting and a charity appeal that I'd be grateful for your help with. Here are a few of those details.

I recently visited the Learning Curve Psychology service in Berwick with Senator Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary for Carers and Disability to talk about two early intervention programs being delivered by the Federal Government. We all know that early intervention can make a significant

difference to the lives of children with disabilities so I was pleased to meet families with children who may be able to benefit from the Helping Children With Autism package. Senator McLucas also discussed the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative in which eligible children can receive up to \$12,000 for early intervention services.

I encourage families to registerforthenewprogram so that they are able to make the most of services available for those eligible children under six years.

I've also had some great opportunities to meet with students, staff and parents at schools within my electorate at some recent school events.

Year 4 students at Hillcrest Christian College in Clyde North recently wrote to me about their concerns for the environment. It was great to have an opportunity to follow up on those letters with a visit to the school to listen to the children and let them know about the work that a local member of parliament does on their behalf to protect our environment.

I recently attended Don Bosco Primary School in Berwick to open their new hall, library and classroom refurbishment. The school received \$1.65 million for the project which also supported many jobs. I was pleased to visit Catherine's St Primary School in Berwick open their new library and classrooms, also funded by the Federal Government.

The school of over 580 students received a \$3.2 million nation building investment. As always, the students, teachers, parents and broader communities at both Don Bosco and St Catherine's were delighted with their new facilities.

On Sunday 28th August I will be hosting an energy efficiency expo at the Berwick Leisure Centre, 79 Manuka Road, Berwick. I encourage residents to come along and speak to clean energy providers, tradespeople and industry representatives

about saving energy. I would like to particularly encourage students to attend as TAFE and other training providers will be there to talk about future training and employment opportunities in important emerging industries.

You may have seen flyer around the community about the Latrobe Donate a Doona program. In partnership with the Casey North Information and Support Service and Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief, I have written to over 200 local community organisations, including schools, churches, and seniors groups and am extending the invitation to every single resident to get behind the push to donate more blankets and doonas this winter.

It is important that as a community we turn our minds to those in our own community who deserve, as much as we do, a warm bed at night. Donations can be dropped off at my office during business hours 9am-5pm at 3/16 Langmore Lane, Berwick.

I look forward to updating readers of The Banner about the work being done around our area when I next write.

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Cardinia Shire Mayor, Cr George Blenkhorn says the introduction of Power Mates at the two libraries was innovative and would prove helpful for local families interested in conserving power and saving money. "The devices will allow residents to determine the actual running cost of appliances and the cost of leaving them on standby," said Cr Blenkhorn.

"Library membership is free and borrowing the Power Mates is free to members.

"Best of all, residents will have the added satisfaction of knowing they are contributing on a local level to a global problem by saving on emissions," said Cr Blenkhorn.

For more information, contact Council on 1300 787 624.

Emerald Library is located at 400 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald. Pakenham Library is located at John Street, Pakenham.



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by Jennifer Nolan, Branch Manager

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LL ROAD BEACONSFIELD/ OFFICER

by A. Taylor

LL ROAD is a most unusual name for a road. It runs from O'Neil Road to Brown Road and is unsealed. Melway 212 E10. This road was named after Dr. L.L. Smith.

Louis Lawrence Smith (1830-1910)medical practitioner and politician, was born on 15 May 1830 in London, son of Edward Tyrell Smith, theatrical entrepreneur. In 1852 Louis migrated Australia as ship's surgeon on the Oriental, arriving in Melbourne on 11 December. He spent a short while on the gold fields and then opened a surgery in Bourke Street and later expanded to include a museum of anatomy and

the Polytechnic Hall. He began consultations by post, at a fee of 1 pound per prescription.

He then entered politics as the People's candidate for South Bourke, from 1859-1865, Richmond at various times from 1871-1883 and then Mornington 1886-1894. Much of his time was spent on his model farms Dandenong, Narre Warren, Nunawading and Beaconsfield where he raised pigs and sheep. He also grew grapes on L.L. Vale at Nunawading.

His interests were very diverse with racehorse stables at Emerald Hill and he bred bloodhounds. He was a patron of the Richmond football club and involved with the Yarra Yarra Rowing club.

He married twice first to Sarah Ann Taylor (d.1882) by whom he had 10 children and second to Mary Jane Higgins, by whom he had four children. Louise (1884-1962) was a pianist and settled in Paris and founded the Lvrebird Press: Tom Roberts's portrait of her as a child is in the National Gallery of Victoria. Harold Gengoult Smith (b.1890) was Lord Mayor of Melbourne 1931-1934.

In 1888 Smith built a large house called Louisville in the North Beaconsfield Area later to be known as Dewhurst and then that area became the Cardinia Reservoir.

In 1884 the Berwick Shire Council named L.L. Road in Beaconsfield after him.

It is reported that he opened the Narre Warren North Mechanics institute in 1888 The Association of Eastern Historical societies reports that "Boronia Road Vermont was originally known as LL Vale Road in recognition of Dr L.L. Smith (1830-1910) who resided on the Vermont side of the creek. The bridge crossing at this point was similarly known as LL Crossing".

Today the Beaconsfield/ Officer area has the distinction of having the only Road known as LL Road.



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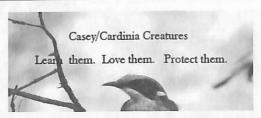
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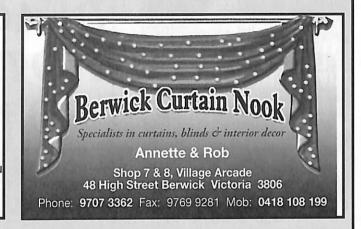
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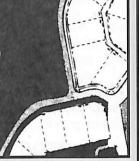
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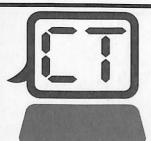
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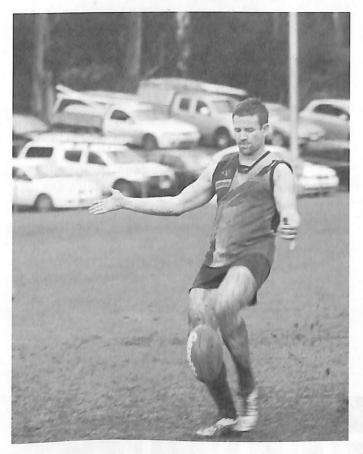
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by Nathan Boon

With winter now drawing to a close the rain has not stopped falling this year. We have seen the total climb to 734 at the end of July. This is the wettest start to the year I have on record. With continued rain in the second half of the year it should see us reach about 1100mm for the year.

With majority of the Winter rain now behind us we had 136mm for the 2 months, 72mm in June and 64mm in July. This was only 2mm less than the June/July average. The highest June/July total I have is back in 1991 when there was 255mm of rain for the month.

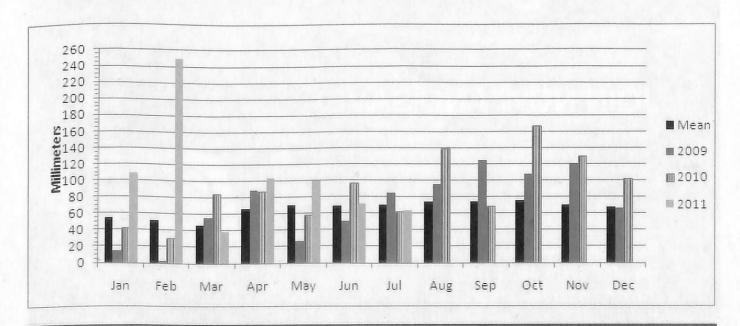
June saw 72mm of rain fall in Beaconsfield. This was slightly above average and the rain fell over 11 days. The highest monthly total for June I had was also in 1991 when there was 155mm recorded.

July saw the rain slightly ease off but still continue to fall, we had 64mm of rain. This was the highest July total since 2009 when we had 85 mm. The highest July total I have recorded is 131mm back in 2007.

With all this rain Melbourne water storage has also risen in this time. It is now at 60.3% full. This is the first time it has been above 60% since November 2005. At the same time last year it was 36% and the lowest it ever got to was 25.6% in mid 2006. With continued rain in the coming months we should see this rise further.

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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



Morris Gleitzman visits Officer

Renowned children's writer Morris Gleitzman visited Officer Primary School on Thursday 4 August to run a workshop with 150 students from schools in the Building Harmony program.

Mr Gleitzman shared stories of his writing experience and discussed his novel 'Boy Overboard', which tells the story of a young Afghani boy named Jamal and his family's dangerous quest to seek refuge in Australia.

Participants also heard from a student from Minaret Muslim School, who shared her journey to Australia and the reasons for her family leaving their home country, Afghanistan.

Cardinia Shire Council's Diversity Project Officer Carrolyn Agius said the students actively participated in a number of activities on the day, including a book swap.

"Each student received a copy of the novel and swapped it to learn about another student's background.

"Events like this are important steps forward in educating children as well as the community about understanding and respect," Ms Agius said.

The Building Harmony
Program is a joint
partnership between
Council, Windermere
Child and Family Services
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Participating schools
include Berwick Grammar

School, Maranatha Christian School, Minaret College, Officer Primary School and St Brigid's Catholic Primary School.

The program has been funded by Sunshine and Crocodile Pty Ltd through the Melbourne Community Foundation to support the participating schools to embrace cultural diversity, with an expected change of demographics to occur within the Cardinia Shire

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over the next 10 years.

Earlier in the year the program was recognised by Rotary's Community Services Awards and received the major prize of \$15, 000.

For more information about the 'Building Harmony in the Cardinia Growth Corridor Project' contact Council's Diversity Project Officer on 1300 787 624



Picture caption (left to right): Officer Primary School student Dylan Jones with Morris Gleitzman.





BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB

By H. Studham

Beaconsfield Netball Club is enjoying a successful season in 2011. All teams are travelling well and at this stage, all are a possibility to play in finals.

We recently announced our "Team of the Decade" alongside the Football Club, and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended the event. The team was chosen by the Life Members who set up a criteria with a points system which will be used in future as we delve back into our history celebrated more for Ten past "Teams". present players and were presented with a framed memento to mark the occasion. Shona Osborne was named as Coach of the Decade.

Masters Netball has emerged this season and we have had matches two Sunday so far. The 3rd match is due to be played on August 14th at the courts and all and sundry are welcomed to watch the girls show off their silky skills in what we have come to expect as high quality netball. Afternoon tea is provided by Life Member's group.

Our recent Auction at Georgio's Restaurant was a huge success and raised much needed funds for the Club. As we contemplate our move to Holm Park Road in the near future, we will see the 'fruits of our fundraising' put to good use in the building of our new courts and clubrooms.

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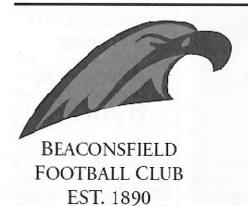
Council's Community Safety Officer Allison Howard said that in the event of fires, hydrants are vital because CFA volunteers depend on them for the water to fight fires.

"Council is responsible for the maintenance of hydrants but we need community vigilance to help us meet this responsibility.

"We ask residents to check on the condition of their nearest hydrant and advise Council if there is any damage, if they are missing caps, posts or blue cats eye markers from the road and that they are weed and grass free.

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by D. McManus

Beaconsfield Football Club has enjoyed couple of very successful social events in June. Our annual Race Day at Cranbourne Racecourse was a huge success. It was a perfect sunny day and a great day out was had by all.

The bus trip home was very entertaining - our footy players showed that they aren't shy in belting out the odd song or two.

A major club event for us this year was to name our "Team of the Decade" for both Football & Netball. Many, many hours went into this task until the final list was agreed upon. A supreme effort went into producing an audio/visual presentation of footage taken of the players during the last 10 years from 2001 to 2010, including

player interviews and game footage. Talk about a walk down memory lane.

Everyone that attended had an absolutely fantastic day reliving memories and catching up with team mates and friends.

Congratulations & Special Recognition goes **FOOTBALL** TEAM OF THE **DECADE**

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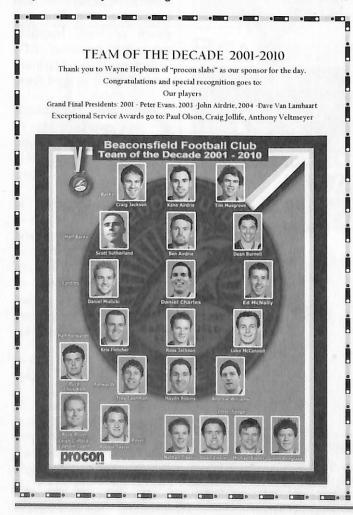
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Beaconsfield Junior Football Club



Well, season 2011 seemed to just come and go and as you read this some of our teams will be competing in the final series. In all we managed to have four teams make the finals this year, those being our Under 11 Blue, Under 13 Blue, Under 14 Blue and Under 15 Blue teams.

Our Under 14 Blue team is rather unique in that they are a merged team consisting of some players Beaconsfield the from Junior Football Club and some players from the Berwick Springs Junior Football Club. This was neccesary as both clubs struggled to field a full side in this age group. Merging teams at the start of the season gave those players a chance to still play for their chosen team

as uniforms and home grounds alternated for both clubs. Both parents and players grasped the concept with open arms and have enjoyed the season immensely whilst the team gained a well earned spot in the finals.

Beaconsfield's Call to Arms

The Beaconsfield JFC was again proud to be a part of the "Call to Arms" campaign. Since 2009 the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club have supported a very important and worthwhile cause. the Cancer Council 'Call to Arms', and continued with this tradition in season 2011.

June was the official month for this year's 'Call

B.Y.O.

To Arms' campaign, and as such, all of our players wore yellow armbands at all home and away games played during Round 9 on Sunday the 26th of June, in a show of support and to raise awareness for cancer in men.

successfully We again raised much needed funds to assist in the tackling of cancer with all proceeds from our awards night BBQ food sales and collection being donated to tins worthwhile verv this cause. In total we raised in excess of \$400 for Council. Cancer

Oh What A Feeling

Earlier in the season our club was very fortunate to have been donated football jumpers by one of our long term major sponsors, Berwick Toyota.

This kind donation became invaluable for rounds 12 and 13 played in late July. Both our Under 10 and Under 11 teams who play in the same division had clash games fixtured to play. As Beaconsfield does not have a clash jumper out came the red and white Toyota jumpers which the boys wore with pride.

There was a sense of excitement in the air as our chosen away sides pulled on the red and white Toyota football jumpers and played in front of an appreciative crowd at O'Neil Road oval, Beaconsfield for both matches.

Looking Ahead

September sees out our year for players with our best and fairest awards being held in the second week of the month with the presentations split into two groups. Under 14's, 15's and 16's will be held on Friday 9th of September and all remaining age groups will be held on Sunday the 11th of September further details on www. beaconsfieldjfc.com.au

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Beaconsfield Cricket Club News

by Russell Vincent, President

Welcome back for the 2011/12 cricket season. Senior Training is now well under way at the Cannon Indoor Sports Centre in Narre Warren (Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.00) and while numbers have been good we would like you to contact us and register an interest in playing if you have other commitments at stage. Many of our players are still involved with football and those that are in finals we wish you well and hope to see you back as soon as you are able.

Juniors wishing to play senior cricket this season are also invited to attend senior training as we are aiming to play as many juniors as we can in senior cricket to help with their development.

Junior Registration Day
- Friday the 26th August
at the club rooms 5.30 –
7.00pm. (Perc Alison Oval)
Please attend and register
to secure your place and
avoid disappointment.

Training – Junior training is to be scheduled for the following starting nights

U11's Monday 5th Sept. '11 at 4.30pm. U13's Monday 5th Sept. '11 at 4.30pm. U15's Wednesday 7th Sept. '11 at 4.30pm U17's Tues and Thurs. 6th Sept. '11 at 4.30pm - later after daylight savings.

Parent Help -

We are a large cricket club and cannot operate on a few families helping. This season we are looking for some more willing helpers.

Committee members -

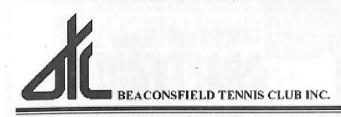
We are seeking new parents to come on board so we can continue to provide a large number of children with a game of cricket. You don't have to take up a formal position, just a general member will help with fresh ideas. If you want to be a part of the junior committee you will be made most welcome and make some new friends.

Sponsors -

Any parent or business that wants to sponsor the club would be most appreciated. If you can help with any of the above please let someone know on registration day. are also seeking expressions of interest from people for junior coaching / team manager roles.

Any questions may be directed to myself the Club President 0407620357 or the Senior Vice President Russell Dickens 0412842192

We are looking forward to another great season and hope you are able to share in it.



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Get fit with Cardio Tennis

by C. Briant

Beaconsfield Tennis Club will be moving to the beat of a new drum from October when the latest tennis craze - 'Cardio Tennis' - rocks onto the court.

Coach Paul Rowbottom will be bringing this high energy fitness routine to the club, complete with loud music, an electric atmosphere and plenty of fun.

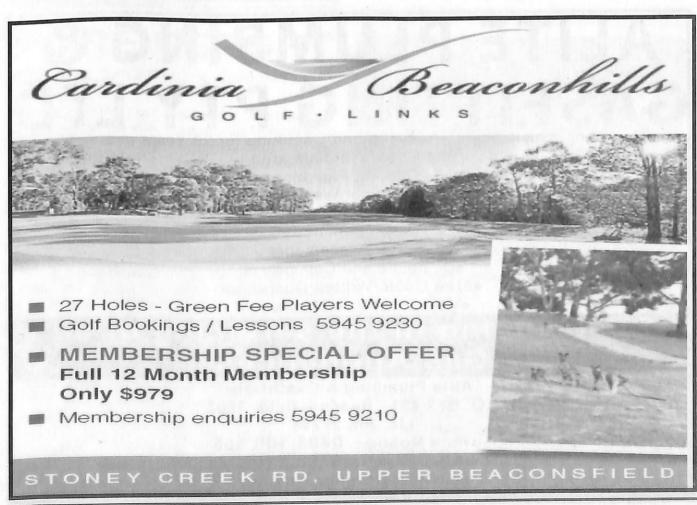
"Cardio Tennis is about moov'n and groov'n," he said. "It is about getting heart rates up and burning calories while at the same time improving your tennis game. "The best bit is that you don't need tennis experience to enjoy and benefit from Cardio Tennis," Paul said.

"It is a great workout that helps people get fit and lose weight while hitting tennis balls around the court."

Sessions run for 60 minutes and include warm up and cool down times. The program is run in groups because working out within a team is part of the experience. It is only for adults and costs \$15 per session.

Anyone interested in joining the fun should contact Paul Rowbottom on 0412 682 569 or email: rowiepaul@hotmail.com





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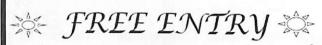
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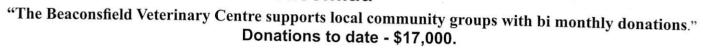
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