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PLANNING PERMIT FOR 'PINK HILL' POKIE VENUE

VCAT has now issued its decision in relation to both the hotel and subdivision appeals, and has ordered that Council issue a planning permit for both applications despite strong opposition from both residents and the local council.

The application was lodged in mid 2009 and Cardinia Shire councillors refused a proposal for the development and use of a hotel, installation and use of 60 electronic

gaming machines (EGM) and use of land for the sale and consumption of alcohol at 13 May Road, Beaconsfield, known as 'Pink Hill'.

Councillor Brett Owen commented about his disappointment of the VCAT decision, "Overall, it is not the outcome Council were seeking, however there were some positives in terms of the operating hours, car parking and access arrangements".

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BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

President: Les Reader

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm,

Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Road

***AGM - October 18th**

*** November 15th - Guest Speaker**

John Holland | Manager Strategic Planning | Cardinia Shire Council
He can provide an update on the Progress of the Officer Precinct Structure Plan and how it effects Beaconsfield.
He will also be able to provide an update on the Beaconsfield Structure Plan.

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by Les Reader

Well friends of the BPA this is my last report for the banner as I have moved to pakenham and am not able to be a member of BPA any longer.

I have been honoured to serve as president for a number of years and I have enjoyed the experience greatly. I am particularly pleased to have been involved in a number of issues that we as a committee have fought and worked, for the betterment of our community.

The friendships gained over the years I will

remember for years to come and I'm sure that we will cross paths frequently and continue those associations,

I hope that I have left, leaving the area a little better off because of the hard work put in by the committee and members thanks once again and

I wish the committee all the very best for the future, there is much to be done in a community like Beaconsfield and I'm sure that things will be handled capably and well by the members.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE Bulk - Buy Energy Purchasing Scheme

By A. D'Amelio

The meeting at the Community Centre, on Thursday 8th September, was a success. We had a great expression of interest from residents that are very keen and interested in saving costs on the escalating cost of energy prices and are ready to participate on getting the bulk purchase energy scheme up and going.

I can proudly say that we have generated over 400 expressions of interest in a space of approx 4 weeks and it continues to increase. WOW!!

As residents are reading this article it will be pleasing to know that we are currently in the tendering process. Once the all tenders are in from the retailers, as a committee we will go through them all thoroughly to see what is being offered by each individual company and

decide which is providing the best over-all deal. Once the winning retailer has been decided it will be published to everyone.

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Remember this is open to all residents in the Cardinia & Casey area.

HARD RUBBISH COLLECTION

Council is again conducting its hard and green waste service.

Beaconsfield residents are requested to have their hard and green rubbish ready for collection for the week commencing **Monday 21 November** from 6:00am.

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SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Brett Owen,
Central Ward

Local Government plays a key role in advocating to state and federal governments for improved infrastructure that benefits our residents. Council is currently advocating for the installation of a full diamond interchange onto the Princes/Monash Freeway at Beaconsfield. This would provide direct freeway access for Beaconsfield residents travelling to and from Pakenham and Gippsland. The connector road from the Princes Highway to Soldiers Road and O'Shea Road is also needed.

In August, Beaconsfield resident Angelo D'Amelio and I presented a petition to the member for Gembrook, Brad Battin. The petition contained over 1500 signatures advocating to the state parliament for urgent improvements to the Monash/Princes Freeway, to relieve traffic congestion. We currently await a response from the government on this issue.

Works on the reserve in Holm Park Road continue. The construction of the entrance road is now completed. Grass on the main oval is beginning to run and create coverage and the second oval is being prepared for sprigging of the warm season grass. Flood lighting for the reserve is expected to be completed in October. Council continues to liaise with the Beaconsfield Football Club to finalise the building design for the pavilion. Once the plans and specifications are agreed upon, the proposed



Picture: Cr. Brett Owen in front the area of the future diamond interchange in which council is advocating for.

Council has placed a permit condition on the abutting land holder's subdivision to install a footpath from the traffic lights to O'Neil Road. Council will also soon be completing the final pedestrian link from O'Neil Road to Glismann Road. Council is committed to seeing the completion of the footpath connection between the Panorama Estate to the Beaconsfield Town Centre.

Beaconsfield residents and visitors can now look forward to cleaner facilities with council now increasing the number of times the EXE loo is cleaned on a weekly basis. The public toilet on the

works will go out to tender.

Council is again conducting its hard and green waste service. Beaconsfield residents are requested to have their hard and green rubbish ready for collection for the week commencing Monday 21 November from 6:00am. Council requests that the rubbish be placed on the nature strip no earlier than a week prior to the scheduled collection.

The installation of the footpath extension from the traffic control signals at the intersection of Old Princes Highway and Princes Freeway/Highway to O'Neil Road is a priority.

south side of the highway will now be cleaned six days per week, including on Saturdays. Shoppers in particular should benefit from the change. The toilet was previously cleaned three times per week so the increase will make a significant difference.

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre and the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management who were recent recipients of council's 2011-12 Community Capital Works Grants. These grants will further enhance the reserve and the community centre.

Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank Les Reader who is retiring as President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association. Thank you Les for your hard work in advocating for issues for the benefit of Beaconsfield and its residents.



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PLANNING PERMIT FOR 'PINK HILL' POKIE VENUE (Continued)

The 52 page document prepared by VCAT details their findings. They noted the installation and use of gaming machines was surrounded by contention, also noting that a significant number of objections were received by the council opposing this aspect of the proposal.

At the hearing held in August, Council argued for a reduction in the operating hours, which VCAT agreed with. As such, the operating hours have been reduced to 8am to midnight (Sunday to Thursday) and 8am to 1am (Friday and Saturday). The gaming hours have been restricted to 10am to 1am (Monday to Sunday).

VCAT determined that this

reduction in hours is likely to overcome any significant amenity issues occurring to nearby residential properties, subject to further noise assessment studies being undertaken at appropriate times once the venue is operating.

Council argued at the hearing that insufficient car parking was provided for the proposal, which VCAT has agreed with and has ordered the applicant to amend their plans to provide an extra 50 car parking spaces in the north-eastern corner of the site. In addition, a deceleration lane must be provided into the site, which Council argued for, and VCAT agreed with

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The Victoria Police Air Wing is sure to be a show stopper.

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SES and 4WD Victoria.

Farm animals, Koo Wee Rup Secondary College Band and children performances from local schools and clubs will no doubt create some enjoyable entertainment.

'Lottie' the crossing supervisor will be educating children and adults about road crossings and how important they are. Captain Koala will be there to help CFA with information and tips on fire safety. KAS the caterpillar will be telling stories and promoting the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service's 10 free key ages and stages visits. Constable T. Bear, dressed in uniform, will be helping out Victoria Police.

Get active with bike riding, hula hoops, jumping castles, skateboarding, totem tennis and quoits. Playdough fun, face painting, library bag decorating and plant your own garden are some of the other colourful and creative activities on offer.

Educational stalls from various organisations, including Cardinia Shire Council, Best Start, VicRoads and RoadSafe will feature regularly throughout the day.

Free bus transport to the event will be available to and from Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup, Gembrook and Cockatoo. If residents live near any of these towns, they are

encouraged to hitch a ride.

Parking will be available at Lakeside Lutheran College and Toomuc Recreation Reserve car park. The Cultural Centre car park will be reserved for disabled parking only.

Comprehensive information about the Road Safety Expo and Children's Day, parking and free bus services is available online www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/children or by contacting Council on 1300 787 624.

The Road Safety Expo and Children's Day is funded by Council, Best Start Partnership, Victoria Police, CFA, RoadSafe, Parks Victoria and SES along with generous sponsorships from local business operators and organisations.



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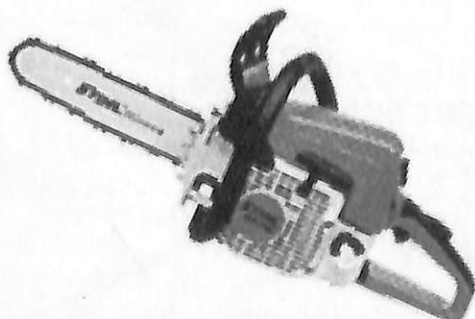
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LUCKY ESCAPE FOR YOUNG PLATYPUS

by Geoff Williams, Australian Platypus Conservancy

A platypus has been saved from a painful death after a plastic ring of only 6-centimetre diameter was removed from around its chest. The young female was found during a survey earlier last month by the Australian Platypus Conservancy along Cardinia Creek.

APC biologist Geoff Williams said that the animal was a juvenile from last summer's breeding season. The ring probably had slipped over her head and shoulders several weeks ago when she was still tiny. Now she was about 75% fully grown and the plastic was starting to cut into her, having already caused a lesion about 2 centimetres long on her right side. Fortunately, the ring was removed just in time, as the wound had not yet caused serious injury.

"It was pure luck that she turned up in our survey when she did," said Geoff. "Otherwise, as she grew

bigger over the next few weeks, the ring would have cut deeper and deeper into her, causing a slow and agonising death."

In addition to saving the life of this young platypus, the Cardinia Creek survey also produced other good news. The total of five platypus recorded—two young males and three juvenile females—was the highest for a spring-time survey since the project to re-introduce platypus to Cardinia Creek

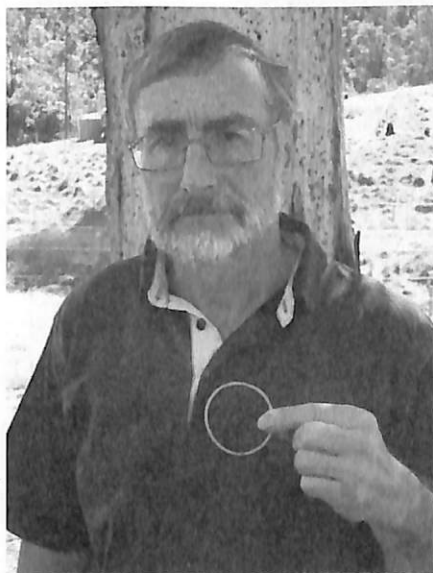
commenced in 2004 (the original population having gone extinct after the Ash Wednesday bushfires). The result suggests that the new population was becoming well-established, especially as the finding of more juveniles indicated that breeding was now occurring routinely.

The project received a set-back a few years ago when at least two platypus were killed in illegal opera house yabby traps.

"We are still concerned about the evidence of illegal yabbing and fishing activities along the creek," said Geoff. "However, it is obvious that litter also poses a significant threat. In addition to the young female who nearly died because of the plastic ring, one of the males had large ragged scars on his bill, suggesting that it had encountered a sharp object in the water, such as broken glass or discarded wire."

Conservancy biologists were assisted in this week's survey by volunteers from Cardinia Catchment Landcare. President of the group Glenn Macmillan said he hoped the community would get behind Landcare's efforts to improve Cardinia Creek as a home for platypus.

"We are making great progress in planting more native vegetation throughout the Cardinia Creek catchment, which will eventually provide better conditions for these wonderful animals. However, it's no good having a great habitat if platypus are being killed by litter and fishing, so we hope people will start to recognise the need to take greater care."



L. Geoff Williams with plastic ring removed from platypus. Below: Close up of plastic ring with ruler



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Storm

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

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'Storm' started puppy preschool run through the Beaconsfield Vet Centre, by Alpha Dog Training when she was 8 weeks old and has since gone on to further puppy training. 'It was a great experience taking her to training where she could play with other puppies in a safe environment and learn the basics. It is also good to talk with other clients and trainers who know what you are going through,

such as toilet training, jumping up at visitors and mouthing'. Since training started Leesa has been able to address these concerns with 'Storm' and with consistent training and effort she is turning into a well behaved puppy.

Storm was recently in for her 12 week vaccination and worming tablet. After her consultation to ensure she was healthy she had her vaccination and her history was sent to a pet insurance company. This will ensure she will always be covered, and helps to reduce financial concerns

when considering the best option/procedure for her. 'One of the best times to get pet insurance is when they are a puppy, as any conditions they have been seen for before getting insured will not be covered. Generally when they are a pup they don't have many health concerns, so if you take out an insurance policy while they are young you know you will always be covered for any conditions that occur later on in life'. The next time she will be in is when she is 16 weeks for her 3rd puppy vaccination and to be desexed.



Pictured: Storm with Leesa (left) whilst being checked by staff at Beaconsfield Vet Centre.

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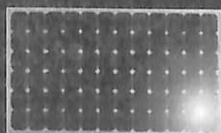
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**Beaconsfield
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Report by José Meyer

Playgroup 2012

Playgroup enrolments for 2012 will be taken on our Open Day, during 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. Enrolments can only be taken for your own family and a non-refundable deposit of \$20 will be required when booking.

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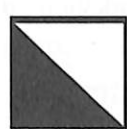
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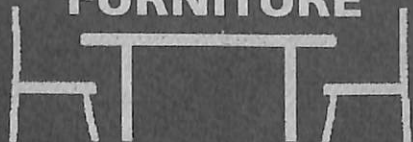
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by A. Taylor

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There will also be stalls of crafts supplies so you can make your own craft and Christmas project. Crafts supplies include beads, egg decorating, paper tole, scrapbooking and wooden items.

Make and Mingle's famous DEVONSHIRE TEAS and LIGHT LUNCHES will be available throughout the day with tables and chairs where you can sit and catch up with friends.

Don't miss our fantastic plant stall, with lovely gift items and plants ready for filling up your garden as well as flowers and produce. This year the books and magazine stall will be extended and there should be something for everyone. Mark this date in your diary now.

Fourth term will also have lots of crafts happening at Make and Mingle, with beading, greeting card making using a range of techniques including stamping, punching and stickers. We will be doing Christmas crafts and patchwork and embroidery and a range of knitting projects.

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



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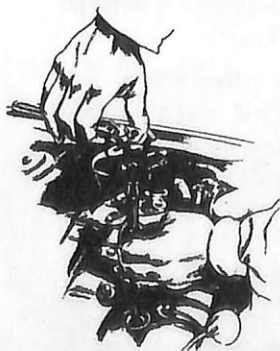
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by GRAEME J. TAYLOR, F.C.A.

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3. Expenditure on other capital expenditure eg replacement of kitchen cupboards, bathroom and laundry items are usually deemed to be improvements. No deduction for the total cost of the improvements is allowed however a claim for depreciation or capital works deduction is usually available.

4. Repairs to depreciable items are allowable deductions however a replacement cost eg

carpet damaged by flood would be depreciable but a write-off allowed for the written-down value of the asset destroyed.

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by M. Pendock, Beaconsfields College

Dear Beaconsfield Banner, I am 12 years old and I am part of a year 6 Future Problem Solving team at Beaconsfields College (Village Campus). Our team is called Healthy Kids Healthy Futures (H.K.H.F) and we are trying to raise awareness for obesity in adults and children. My group and I have been selected to go through to the nationals in Queensland to be held in October this year.

Every team had to write a report that was about their project; and what they want to achieve, this was then sent off to the judges. The judges chose teams from all over Australia from reading the reports, these teams qualified for Nationals in Gold Coast,

My group and I have run sports clinics at our school for junior students. Our sports clinic consisted of a variety of activities such as goal shooting, bean bag throwing, hula hoops, skipping and relays. This was a huge success! We hope to develop this in to an ongoing, sustainable program.

We have also initiated a meal deal with our, very cooperative, school canteen to encourage healthy eating habits.



*Pictured: students participating in the sports clinic.
Photo courtesy of T. Bowman*

Our meal deal consists of whole meal pasta, water and a juice cup.

We have organized it to be a "Thursday Special". On the first Thursday we are going to survey the people who brought our meal deal to see if they noticed that

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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

Same Sex Marriage

There has been much campaigning for Same Sex Marriage and many of the arguments are cogent and compelling. Nevertheless my personal conviction is that marriage is an agreement that can only be established between a man and a woman.

I hold this view because heterosexual intercourse can produce a child. Heterosexual intercourse is the only way a new member of the human race can be brought into existence. And when a child is born both the father and the mother have a lifelong interest in the well being of that child.

The words "until death do us part" and "to the exclusion of all others" have significance for the children of the marriage. The child shares the biological as well as the social history of both father and mother.

The government has a stake in producing good citizens and to do so the State needs strong families. Hence the State intrudes into personal affairs when it legislates on marriage and insists on recording all marriages. That the government in various ways bolsters the unification of marriage partners is as it should be.

The law affirms the unique

lifelong bonding of a man and woman and equally does not affirm; polygamy relationships, polyamorous relationships, incestuous relationships and homosexual relationships. This also is as it should be.

Nevertheless I am sympathetic to the desire of homosexual couples to have the sanctions and the legal benefits of a marriage contract. But the relationship which two people of the same sex establish cannot be marriage. Homosexual couples do not have what heterosexual couples have; in that the homosexual couple cannot produce children.

Are we are dealing simply with labels and names? Perhaps we should let homosexual couples have the tag "marriage" and a new label be given to the relationship in which members of the opposite sex form a lifelong exclusive relationship in which the possibility of producing children exists.



National Disability Insurance Scheme

by Laura Smyth, Federal Member for La Trobe

Since I last wrote for the banner I have been busy both locally and in Canberra, representing the community's interests and ensuring a fair-go for local residents.

I am proud to report that the Federal Government has taken a lead in reforming of disability services by asking the Productivity Commission to examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of replacing the current system with a new approach and beginning the work needed to set up Australia's first National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Local resident Adam Cope recently explained what the NDIS would mean to him. He says he could be far more independent and secure. "What the name implies is insurance but the "I" means much more than that. For me the 'I' means independence, integration and involvement. The NDIS would give me a means to have hope and be supported to do what I want to do. It would also let mum and dad off the hook and they could then have a life. After 38 years I think they deserve it", Adam said. Adam's words are very powerful and from my conversations with people

with disabilities, carers and their families, I think that they reflect views that are shared by so many in our society. People with disability in our community need support, but they also need independence and a better opportunity to control their own lives. I believe that Government can help achieve that and that's why I believe we need the NDIS.

The Federal Government has undertaken this work because our disability support system is simply not equipped to provide the kind of care or support we want to see for some of our most vulnerable people, and reform is necessary.

The report suggested a major change to the way people with disability are supported and I look forward to hearing from

residents about how the Government can best support the needs of people with disabilities and their carers so that I can take those views to Canberra and to the Minister. To this end, I would welcome any thought or ideas you have in this area. Please feel free to contact my office or email me at laura.smyth.mp@aph.gov.au.

Federal Minister for Home Affairs and Justice launched the safer suburbs program here in La Trobe. The Federal Government awarded \$175,000 to the City of Casey, to be used in a project that brings together local police and trader groups to enhance social crime prevention and includes the employment of a community safety project officer.

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Recently, my office held an Energy Efficiency Expo to give residents an opportunity to speak to clean energy industry participants, tradespeople and community organisations about saving on energy costs and clean energy options. Exhibitors at the expo included local community groups

such as the Dandenong Ranges Renewable Energy Association and Cardinia Catchment Landcare Group, as well as businesses such as Siemens Australia and Clipsal. I was also pleased to have green electricians attend, who gave a presentation on practical ways to reduce energy costs in the home through newer, more energy efficient technologies.

Holmesglen and Swinburne TAFEs were also represented to talk to students about future training and employment opportunities in clean energy trades. It was great to see local families, businesses and community groups coming together to talk about practical ways to make a difference to our environment, at home and in the community

Last week the Federal Government introduced legislation to build a stronger economy and a better environment for all Australians. Local pensioners Winsome and Ken Thom are looking to make whatever changes they can to reduce their electricity bills and as their small contribution to the future of the planet. "We feel it's our responsibility to do what we can in whatever small way as a gift to the next generation" Mrs Thom said.

In partnership with the Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Network and Casey North Information and Support Service, my office has also been running a "Donate a Doona" appeal, and I am pleased to report there has been an excellent response from the community. I'd like



to thank the community for their support of the appeal and particularly recognise those schools that took this project on as a way to recognise that everyone deserves to be warm. The appeal was so successful that I'll be running it again next year!

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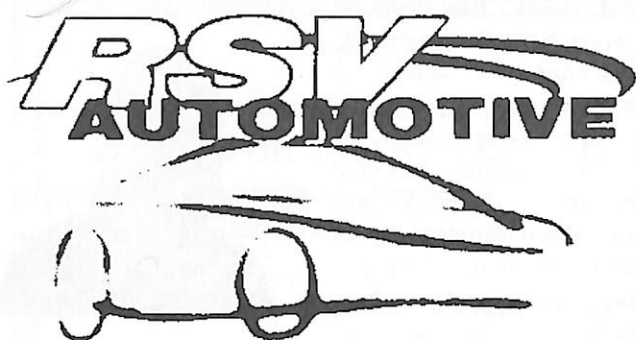
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From around 7:30 am, the children were up and about; they had lots of time and freedom to play on the rope swing, play golf, try out the unicycles and talk to the animals!



With so much to do from early morning to late at night, and such an interesting array of environments and challenges to explore; it is no wonder that the children participated so enthusiastically in everything! Thank you Grade 5 & 6 for inviting Assistant Principal, Mr. Legione and Mr. Methven on camp; we really enjoyed ourselves and your excellent behaviour and sheer joy in the adventure we shared made it lots of fun for us!

Our thanks to the 5/6 teachers and parent helpers, Rob Hutchinson, Mandy Stevens, Trish Mulvaney, John Batty, Mark O'Callaghan and Tanya Donnelly who not only made the camp possible, but added to the fun too!



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THE CARDINIAN FLORA AND FAUNA EMBROIDERY

by A. Taylor

The Cardinian Embroidery makers are at it again, working to produce a sequel or companion piece to the original eight panels which were finished and hung in the Cardinian Cultural Centre in November 2006.

The Flora and Fauna panels will include all those indigenous creatures and features that would not have been seen on the other panels, due to the set scale.

There will be four landscape panels representing the four general categories of environmental habitats as described in the Cardinia Environment Coalition's Booklet "Birds of Cardinia". These are Temperate Rainforest, Woodlands, Rural and Wetlands.

As in the earlier panels, all features will be embroidered separately, using a variety of hand and machine embroidery techniques. Small creatures and endangered species will be shown life-size in the foregrounds of the four landscapes, with more common shrubs, trees, birds and animals shown decreasing in size towards the background.

We are starting at ground level and experimenting with different techniques to embroider realistic leaf litter to serve as a background to the native orchids, crawling insects and birds pecking for food.

This set of five panels will eventually be completely portable and available for exhibition on request around the Shire first,

then elsewhere in Victoria and perhaps interstate.

'Friends of the Cardinian Embroidery Inc.' (FOTCE) are working independently on this project, so we are looking for sponsors-businesses, community groups, families and individuals who can donate a set amount to cover the cost of materials for a particular embroidered creature or feature. Cost of materials for small insects, wildflowers, etc. is \$15, while larger shrubs, trees, animals, birds, and so on cost \$25.

We are also looking for good photos of plants and animals, etc. which will provide us with clear details of colour, texture and size. This will help us avoid any breaches of copyright by not using previously published images. The photographer might even wish to sponsor that creature on the Embroidery especially if they have a particular interest in its preservation. All those who assist in any way will be credited in the booklet we hope to produce (finances permitting) where the names of providers of images, sponsors and stitchers will be recorded against each separate embroidery.

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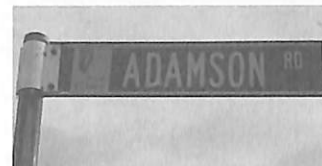
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ARTHUR Street and ADAMSON Road

by A. Taylor



Both ARTHUR STREET AND ADAMSON ROAD in Beaconsfield are named after the ADAMSON family who were pioneers in Beaconsfield. James and Agnes came to Australia from England in 1883 and then to Beaconsfield 4 years later. James and Agnes had 5 children Florence, James, John, Effe and Arthur. James and his sons were local builders and built many private and public buildings in the area.

The little wooden shop at No 26 Wood Street (Just down from Arthur Street) was Adamsons Hardware from 1906 and supplied hardware to Beaconsfield residents until 1983. Today the shop is Hairco. Arthur Adamson (1897-1983) ran the store for many years and lived on the premises. This store provided many of the needs of Beaconsfield residents from 1 screw (not sold in packets in those days) and the usual tools and hardware products.

Along with hardware, there was also tinned fruit and biscuits, again not sold in packets but stored in large biscuits tins and weighed out and sold in paper bags.

Adamson's hardware was also the agency for the Commonwealth bank which was quite busy and every Sunday Arthur would ring the fire siren.

Arthur was also generous in his sponsorship of beds for various hospitals in Melbourne.

Today we have Kenilworth Avenue, named after the

house which was built in 1887 and all the joinery work was reputedly carried out by James Adamson. The 'Villa' was built for Charles Nott, gentleman and included an extensive garden, some of which still remains today. There was also a coach house. This was made of handmade bricks on bluestone foundations and included room for coaches and a coachman's room and a loft on the first floor for storing feed.

Unfortunately Charles Nott lost his money in the 1890's crash and had to sell his property to a city lawyer Montage Cohen. The property was then purchased in 1916 by the Berry Street Foundling Home. This was home to many babies, children and nursing staff and has many interesting stories. The coach house was converted into a laundry until Berry Street finally closed the home in 1946. The property was then leased, but fell into disrepair. In 1963, the Tozer family purchased the property and demolished the old house and rebuilt a new house using some of the original handmade bricks and stained glass windows in their home. The property was purchased in 1971 by Doreen and Jim Sanders. The coach house had become a separate residence by this time.

The Sanders family built a bridge to the island created by Nott and planted it with native species to attract native birds. The DVA acquired the island with

38 acres of the property.

Today the remaining property has been subdivided into 'Coach House Lane'. The 1960's Tozer house still remains and thankfully the Old Coach house has been retained and although almost lost when it fell into disrepair, it has been carefully restored into a home. Some of the original garden still stands with its Bunya Bunya pines and cypress.

James Adamson also built Kenilworth Cottage in 1888 for Charles Nott, possibly first used as a gatehouse and later as a ladies college and then became the Railway House and is still standing today near the railway station. It has been lovingly restored and is a tribute to James Adamson's fine workmanship. The Bunya Bunya Pine out the front is thought to be linked to the original garden at Kenilworth Villa.

James Adamson and his sons built the original Beaconsfield Hall, which was the centre of town activities for many years. The hall was built in 1905 for 100 pounds with two rooms added

for 31 pounds. The hall was opened by Premier Thomas Bent in 1906 and stood on Old Princes Hwy in the area between the Central Hotel and where the medical centre is now. The hall was demolished around 1974 when the highway was duplicated.

The Adamsons built a number of other houses, only a few are still in existence. They also built the lovely lattice shelter shed which was at Beaconsfield Primary school and can be seen in the early photos of the school.

James' daughter Florence was the first pupil to be enrolled at Beaconsfield Primary school (known then as Beaconsfield Station School) and his three older sons, John, James and Robert all served in World War I and they are on the Beaconsfield Honour Board which is in the Beaconsfield Community /Complex. Adamson Road is in the original soldier settlement land in Beaconsfield.

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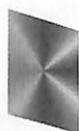
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and I still can't find the jam !

In reality my brother in law Bruce
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But what's all this - there's three pots ?
- All honey they are not !

Now I've found the jam and tweezers
I'm a happy little camper .
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by Nathan Boon

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August saw 7 days where it rained for a total of 34mm. The highest daily total of 12mm fell on the 10th. This was the lowest August total since 2002 when only

27mm fell in Beaconsfield.

September saw the rain return and 97mm fell in Beaconsfield over 8 days. The highest daily total was 35mm this fell on the 28th.

The yearly total has now climbed to 845mm as at the end of September. This is still higher than at the same time last year when we had recorded 673mm. This total for the year so far is the wettest I have on record. Of the 27 years of full year rainfall records that I have for Beaconsfield, it will only required a further 227 mm in the last 3 months of this year to be the highest yearly total on record for Beaconsfield.

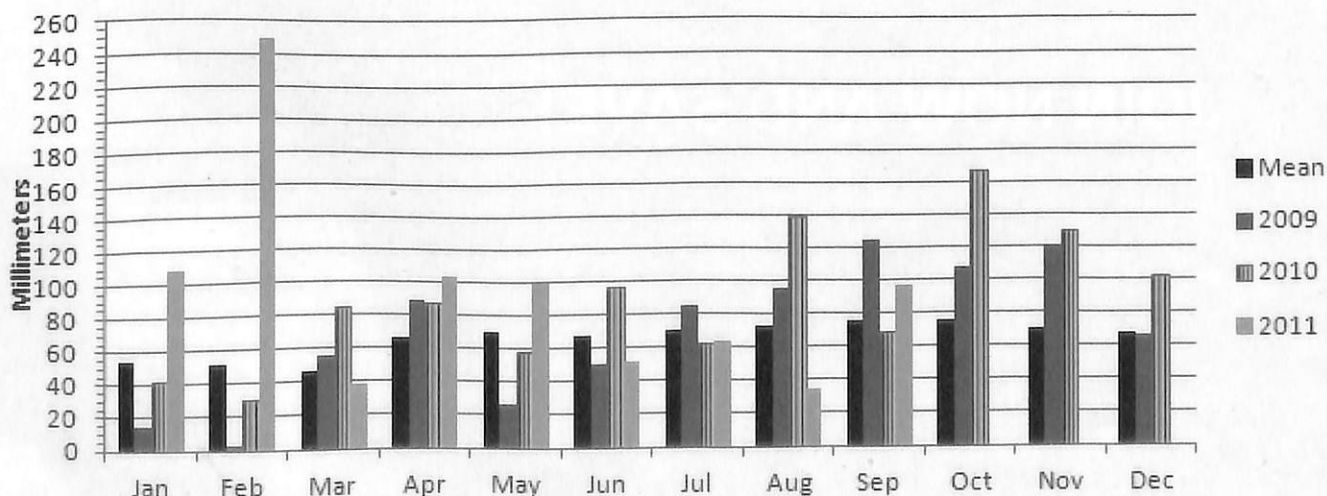
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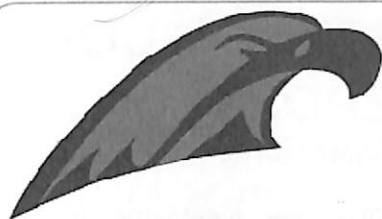
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by D. McManus

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This year we concentrated on developing our youth and in so doing fielded a young senior side in comparison to our competition. What our boys may have lacked in experience they certainly made up for in enthusiasm. Player development right throughout our ranks from our Colts to our Seniors has been outstanding and our players are committed

to the 2012 season. We'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome our 2011 under 16's players into the senior club environment for the 2012 season. Next year will see us fielding an Under 17's team to better accommodate the young players coming up. Anyone interested in playing next year should contact our Club Secretary now to register their interest.

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by Roger Gordon

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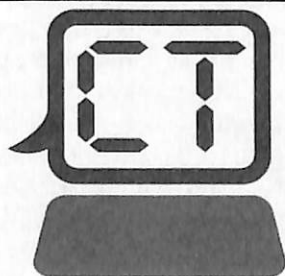
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by Malcolm McKenzie, Web/News Editor

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Beaconsfield Jfc Hosts The Club's 2011 Best And Fairest Presentations Over Two Days

Once again the presentation's this year were conducted over two days with the under 14, 15 and 16 age groups held in the evening of Friday the 9th of September and the under 9's through to the under 13's conducted during the day on Sunday the 11th of September. Both events were extremely well attended with many relatives coming along and joining the players celebrating the end of season and award presentations. Our winners for season 2011 are:

Under 9 Blue - Michael McKenna award for Best and Fairest - Ethan Hart, Most Consistent - Joshua Mounter, Most Improved - Harley Kitchen, Best Clubman - Jake Portman. **Under 9 Gold** Austinn Jones Best and Fairest - Luke Matson, Most Consistent - Declan Curran, Most Improved - Blake Glover, Best Clubman - Toby Wills. **Under 9 White** - Chris Newman award for Best and Fairest - Caydn Lane, Most Consistent - Nicholas Riordan, Most Improved - Luke Taylor, Best Clubman - Sam MacKinder. **Under 10 Blue** Best & Fairest - Ryan Steicke, Runners Up B & F - Jack Greely, Most Consistent - Alex MacKenzie, Most Improved

- Matthew Lawless, Best Clubman - Lachlan Nicholls. **Under 10 Gold** Best & Fairest - Jackson Stewart, Runners Up B & F equal winners - Cody Weightman & Jack Hayes, Most Consistent - Tyson Lynch, Most Improved - Ben Cousins, Best Clubman - Joel Fabien. **Under 10 White** Best & Fairest - Caydn Paterson, Runners Up B & F - Noah Young, Most Consistent - Sinclair Laird, Most Improved - Anthony Johnston, Best Clubman - Ethan Reeves. **Under 11 Blue** Best & Fairest - Mitchell Riordan, Runners Up B & F - Ryan Orridge, Most Consistent - Riley Boland, Most Improved - Aaron Mitchell, Best Clubman - Jaxon Dooley. **Under 11 Gold** Best & Fairest - Jarryd Wills, Runners Up B & F - Matthew Peart, Most Consistent equal winners - Ben Cooper & Jasper Milon, Most Improved - Riley Sumner, Best Clubman - Jack Phillipson. **Under 12 Blue** Best & Fairest - Callum Houghton, Runners Up B & F equal winners - Kyle McBride & Lachlan Harvey, Most Consistent - Jack Hotham, Most Improved - Will Ryan, Best Clubman - Tristan Scutt. **Under 12 Gold** Best & Fairest - Jack McHale, Runners Up B & F - Harry Dean, Most Consistent - Lachlan Old, Most Improved - Jackson Old, Best Clubman - Bailey Davis. **Under 13 Blue** Best & Fairest - Dan Coinu, Runners Up B & F - Nathan Hopwood, Most Consistent - Robert McMillan, Most Improved - Jack Garwood, Best Clubman - Rhys Nelson. **Under 13 Gold** Best & Fairest - Timmothy Gavenlock, Runners Up B & F - Declan Buchler, Most Consistent - Jared Atkinson, Most Improved - Zac Butler, Best Clubman - Liam Cove. **Under 14 Blue** Best & Fairest - Travis Dobson, Runners Up B & F - Connor Dunstan, Most Consistent - Daniel Callender, Most Improved - Matthew Bradfield, Best Clubman - Jake McKerrow. **Under 14 Gold** Best & Fairest -

Tom McKenna, Runners Up B & F - Thomas Glen, Most Consistent - Brandon White, Most Improved - Cole Kirby, Best Clubman - Harley Vogrig. **Under 15 Blue** Best & Fairest - Taylor Joyce, Runners Up B & F - Kyle Salerno, Most Consistent - James Archer, Most Improved - Jayce Valentine, Best Clubman - Jake Flynn. **Under 15 Gold** Best & Fairest - Lawrence Navarra, Runners Up B & F - Peter Hannan, Most Consistent - Joshua Dalman, Most Improved - Tom Bramich, Best Clubman - Luke Butler. **Under 16 Blue** - Best & Fairest - Luke Duffy, Runners Up B & F - William Haines, Most Consistent equal winners - Ben Monagle & Adam Butler, Most Improved - Ross Bradley, Best Clubman - Tim Phillips. **Under 16 Gold** Best & Fairest - Nicholas Rolph, Runners Up B & F - Joel Binzer, Most Consistent - James Mathieson, Most Improved - Joshua O'Brien, Best Clubman - Jordan Coutts

Beaconsfield Jfc Players Fair Well In The 2011 South East Junior Football League Best & Fairest.

The SEJ Best and Fairest awards were held recently in front of a large contingent of players, families, club and league officials and umpires. The evenings saw a number of Beaconsfield Junior Football Club players poll well throughout the season to finish in the top 10. Two players Jack McHale and Taylor Joyce made it back to back best and fairest wins in their applicable age groups.

Our awarded top three players are as follows: Under 11 Division 2 Mitchell Riordan 3rd Best & Fairest with 15 votes, Under 12 Division 1 Jack McHale SEJ Best & Fairest with a huge 25 votes, Under 13 Division 1 Dan Coinu Runner Up Best & Fairest with 19 votes and Under 15 Division 1 Taylor Joyce SEJ Best & Fairest with a magnificent 25 votes.

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BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB

By H. Studham

Beacy Netball Club has enjoyed a great season in 2011. We have hosted and enjoyed some great competition from neighbouring Clubs and have witnessed some spectacular netball, particularly from the Junior 13's, 15's and 17's players. Netball is thriving and becoming an increasingly appealing sport both for spectators and players

With 5 teams playing off in the Grand A, C and 15's won their games and B and 17's went down to ROC and Narre Warren respectively. It was a great effort to have 5 teams going into the Grand Final and even better to have 3 of them take out the Premierships in their division. We are very proud of all our girls and the way they conducted themselves on the weekend.

Tuesday, 20th September we welcomed Sharelle McMahon and Bianca Chatfield to speak to the girls at our Grand Final Dinner. Thankyou to Kellie Holland for organising this evening for the girls, and also to all who donated their 'prize' television set for raffle which provided the funding for this night. Jasmine Maddocks did a fine job of MC'ing the evening and all who attended enjoyed it immensely.

Beaconsfield Masters Matches have really taken off this season and it is our intention to have a family 'Round Robin' day of netball in the New Year. We intend to invite all players who are interested in a 'run' to come along and join the fun of one quarter of netball or an entire game, whichever takes your fancy. Life Members will provide their usual sumptuous



afternoon tea. It is our intention to have some sort of 'fixture' for matches to be played along with Superules footy during the 2012 season. More news of this venture later.

All Coaching and Committee positions will become open and applications for all positions are to be received by Tuesday 25th October.

AGM Tuesday 25th October, 2011 7PM. at Beaconsfield Clubrooms. All Welcome.

JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT is Friday 14th October.

SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT is at Fountain Gate Hotel Friday 21st October from 8pm. until 1am.

Saturday 22nd October the Life Members have their SHOPPING SPREE which leaves Beaconsfield at 7.30am and returns approx. 6.30pm. A great fun day out for all. Anyone interested in coming along should phone Heather on 0419 707 623.

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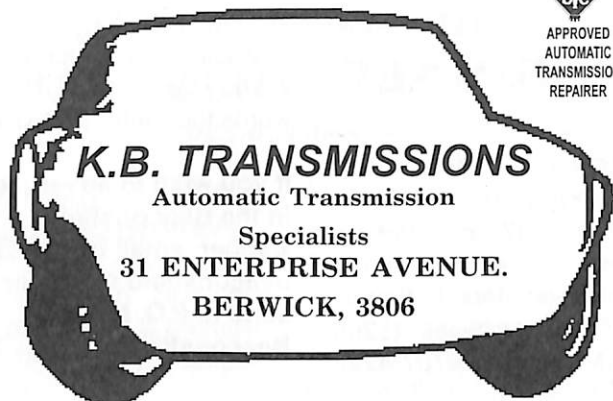
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Beaconsfield Cricket Club News

by Russell Vincent, President

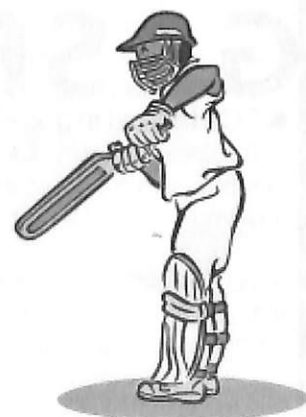
Beaconsfield cricket club training is back in full swing at Perc Allison Oval on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and with football finally over more players are able to turn their attention to cricket.

Beaconsfield Cricket Club is to field 7 senior teams and a Masters side (over 35s) this season for the first time so it is time to dust off the whites and make a start as all will be made welcome, new players and past players alike. There is a place for players of any ability so come along and enjoy yourself. We are also encouraging interested juniors to take a regular spot in a senior team as we want them to play alongside seniors to learn more about the game and take their own game to a new level.

Junior teams are also training at the same venue with a few places still available in all age groups u/11, u/13, u/15,

u/17 with the u/11 and u/13 training on Monday at 4:30 U/15 on Wednesday at 4:30 and the u/17 on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30. All welcome.

If you are new to the area or are just thinking about playing or perhaps making that comeback, come down and make yourself known. You will be made welcome. For any enquiries call the coach Justin Stanton 0422094452 or the President, Russell Vincent. 0409211688



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Fathers Day Raffle

We would like to say congratulations to the winner of the Fathers Day Raffle - Blair Brydon. Blair won a \$100 voucher to Home Hardware in Beaconsfield. Thank you to everyone who entered and we hope you all had a very enjoyable Fathers Day.

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