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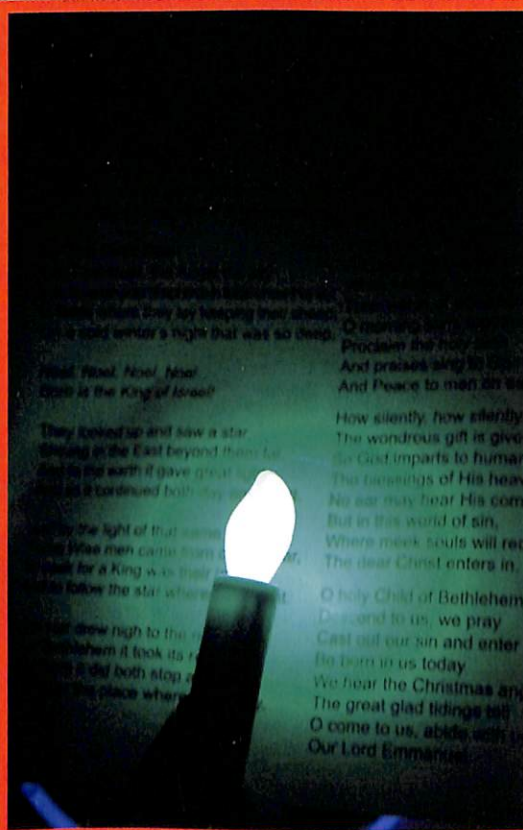
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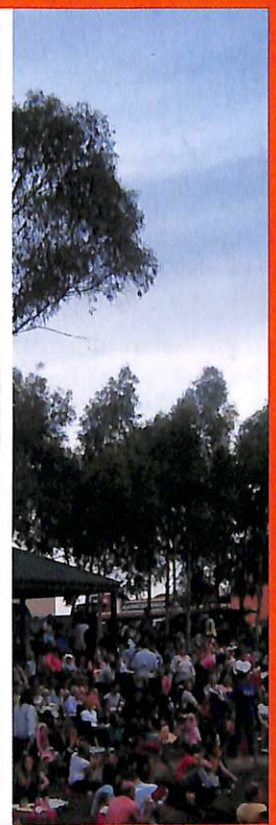


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Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Road

*** DECEMBER 20th - 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.

Website: www.beaconsfield.org.au

Website contains local information and copies of minutes and agendas.



Santa Visits See page 15

BEACONSFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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

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A sub-committee has been formed and final details are beginning to take shape.

Angelo D'Amelio who has been the driving force recently commented, "We know the community is keen to have these deals up and running. We hope they will be patient and understanding of the difficulty in trying to put a deal of this size together."

Watch www.beaconsfield.org.au for updates.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Graeme J. Taylor, President

The Annual General Meeting was held on 18th October and was well attended. Mr Les Reader retired as President after many years in that position which we thank him for a job well done.

The Guest Speaker Mr Ian Chisholm gave an informative talk on Landcare and Environmental issues in the area.

I look forward to serving as President with the assistance of other Office Bearers and Committee Members and would appreciate input from the Community and local businesses. I encourage all to attend the monthly meetings to discuss local matters and enable us to make representations to State and Local Governments. The meeting dates and guest speakers are advised in the Beaconsfield Banner.

The Association has been extremely busy recently including the following:

-Bulk Energy Purchasing Scheme

initiated by our Association has gained great support and discussions with Power Retailers are well advanced in order to achieve a deal of lower overall costs for Cardinia and Casey residents.

-The Victorian Electoral Commission is undertaking a review of the **Electoral Ward Boundaries** of Cardinia Shire. Our Association will be participating in the review and seeks comments from the Community as the Review will be finalised in early 2012.

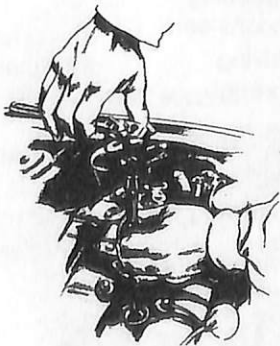
-The Association provided support for residents of **Panorama Estate** concerning housing density.

-At the last meeting of the Association a **Petition initiated by Scott Lee Drive Residents** was handed to Cr. Brett Owen for action by Cardinia Shire. The petition concerns possible closure to through traffic to improve safety of residents.

-Assist in the preparation for **Carols by the Creek** in conjunction with Beaconsfield Baptist Church at Bob Burgess Park, Sunday 18th December 8pm. This is a great event for all family members.

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by Councillor Collin Ross ,
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What a wonderful time of year Christmas can be. We can celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ over 2000 years ago. Families and friends can come together to share a meal and open gifts. For children, Santa will hand out presents.

Sadly though, some families and individual residents will struggle with loneliness and a lack of finances. Council financially supports a lunch on Christmas Day for those less fortunate, held at the Senior Citizens Centre. Council also supports our local food bank, 4C's, paying their nine year lease at their new location. 4C's has a wonderful program with special Christmas food parcels and presents for children. To find out if you qualify please contact 4C's in Pakenham. They cover the whole Cardinia Shire.

Beaconsfield has some exciting projects in progress. The Holm Park Road Recreation and Sports reserve is coming together. The pavilions design phase is finished and tenders are being sorted through before construction is to begin. The long awaited site will bring welcome relief to the Perc Allison Oval, the old playing fields. The Beaconsfield football club, with senior teams (20), superules teams (4), junior teams (12) and at least 6 senior netball teams and 8 junior teams, will find a new home welcome. The new facility

will have a senior size and a junior size ground and netballers will enjoy more than one court to play on.

The new footpaths at the start of Old Princes Highway may now be able to extend from the new traffic lights, all the way down past O'Neil Rd, with the developer of the new hotel site needing to build and pay for his portion of the footpath. Panorama Estate residents will enjoy this footpath and a renovation of existing playgrounds in their development.

Council has lobbied State Government to increase the lanes on the Monash Freeway. We as residents need the extra lane to reduce time spent going to and from work. Council has jumped in to support the bulk energy program, so please contact the Beaconsfield Progress Association to sign up and reduce your services bills.

Scott Lee Crescent is of concern, with many residents sharing their upsetting stories of inconsiderate motorists driving erratically through the area.

My family and I would like to wish all residents a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.





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Beaconsfield District Community Bank @Branch AGM

by G. Taylor

The Beaconsfield District Community Bank @Branch held their Annual General Meeting on 16 November 2011. In recognition of Bank support received from the local Community and Businesses, the Community Bank@ provides Donations, Sponsorship and Grants back to Community Members and Organisations.

In the two years since opening, the Beaconsfield Branch has gifted more than \$18,000.

At the Annual General Meeting a Donation of \$500 was made to Beaconsfield CFA for their Equipment Fund. Pictured below is CommunityBank@Director Maurice Potter handing the cheque to James Caine of Beaconsfield Fire Brigade.



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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Mick Ott, member of Beaconsfield CFA

AS SUMMER APPROACHES

The Volunteers at the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade would like to wish everyone in the Beaconsfield community a safe and joyous Christmas and new year. For those who plan to travel on the roads over the holiday period we would like to encourage you to take your time on the roads and make sure you take plenty of rest breaks if driving for long periods.

A holiday should start before you leave home and not when you arrive at your destination so there is no need to take risks on the roads just so you can arrive a few minutes earlier. When staying

away from home over the summer it is important that you assess the risk of fire in the area you are staying.



Beaconsfield Captain Paul Hayes (pictured right) and Cardinia Shire Council, Deputy Municipal Fire prevention Officer Glynn Owen monitor the high level of growth of grass in the area. "Due to favourable growing conditions across Victoria in 2011 there is an above-average risk for grassfires for the 2011/2012 fire season."

Many coastal towns or rural areas which are popular for holiday makers are in high risk areas for bushfires, it is

important to stay informed of the fire weather forecast in the area you are staying and plan your actions on days of high fire risk.

The CFA website has free "Aps" available for smart phones to help you to easily access your local fire weather forecast and keep you informed. Local ABC radio can also supply valuable up-to-date information on emergencies and fire weather forecasts.

Seasonal Outlook

Any summer in Australia brings with it the risk of fire and this season is no exception.



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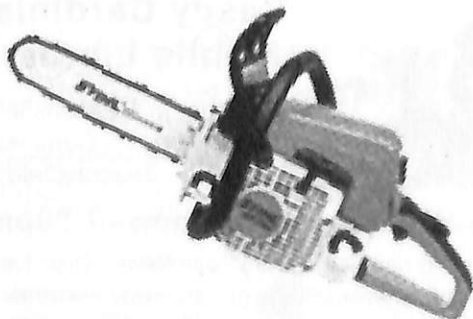
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The above average rainfall across Victoria should not be seen as a reason to relax our attitudes to the threat of bush fires. The CFA is preparing for a potential season of dangerous grass fires. Recent rains has promoted massive growth in the grasslands and hills, areas that in previous years had a fuel height of about 200-300mm now has grass growing to well above a metre. It does not take long for these fine fuels to dry out and become a high fire risk, a few weeks of dry weather will see lush green grass turn yellow and dry.

The following is an extract

from the CFA website and more information on grass fires and assessing the risks can be found at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Protecting Yourself From Grassfires

- * Grassfires can start quickly and spread rapidly, catching people off guard.
- * Grassfires are very hot and can produce huge amounts of radiant heat that can kill anyone caught out in the open.
- * The safest place to be during a grassfire is well away from the threat.

Shelter From Radiant Heat

Shelter yourself from radiant heat by:

- * going inside a building that is well prepared and actively defended
- * going inside a private or community fire shelter that meets current regulations
- * as a last resort, go to a Neighbourhood Safer Place

(Place of Last Resort). If there is no such place, then a ploughed paddock, dam, swimming pool or other large water body may offer some protection from radiant heat. This does not include a water tank. Dams may not be reliable as their water levels fluctuate and they may be empty in summer. Cars offer very little protection from radiant heat. A car is unlikely to protect you from the radiant heat of a grassfire. However, it offers more protection than being caught on foot in the open. If you are in a car and become caught in a grassfire, do not get out and run.

Protective Clothing

If you are threatened by a grassfire, always protect yourself by covering up all exposed skin with protective clothing. Protective clothing includes:

- * Long-sleeved shirt and pants made from a natural fibre such as cotton or wool
- * Sturdy boots and woollen socks
- * Tough leather gloves
- * A wide-brimmed hat
- * A face mask or towel to cover your mouth and nose
- * Eye protection such as smoke goggles.

You need to shield yourself from radiant heat behind a solid structure such as a building.

2011-2012 Fire Season.

The Brigade has been busy with our own preparations for the 2011-2012 fire season. The fire season could see crews from Beaconsfield being deployed to fires anywhere in Victoria or even interstate and it's important we are fully prepared to respond at any stage. At this time of the year our training

focuses on the bushfire risk and you may see us out in the area pumping from dams or creeks, practicing our hose drills and even fighting imaginary fires in bush land or grass areas. You should feel free to stop and observe our training or ask some questions should you ever come across us running our drills.

Six New Recruits

The Brigade would like to welcome six new recruit firefighters to the team, Robert Smith, Ashley Sanders, Robert Charlston, Hayden Powell, Ryan O'Connor and James Brewer have joined the brigade and are working through the initial minimum skills training that they are required to complete before they can start responding to fires and incidents. The recruits are keen to learn, there is a lot of information to take on and new skills to learn as a recruit firefighter and they are progressing well. Congratulations on your achievements so far, the brigade is looking forward to seeing you achieve operational firefighter status when you will be able to put your new skills to use helping to protect your community.

The Brigade has attended 26 fires and incidents in October and November, a significant motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Old Princess Highway and O'Neil Road saw a female driver airlifted to hospital after her car collided with another vehicle and then into the path of an oncoming truck. The truck was rolled onto its side as a result of the impact. All other occupants were treated at the scene by Ambulance officers.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE OPEN DAY

by José Meyer

On Saturday November 12th the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre was a hive of activity with our annual Art Exhibition, Open Day and Christmas Fair.

The day was perfect weather wise and it was fantastic to see so many people come into our Centre to see for themselves what happens here. Childcare and three year old kinder enrolments were made for 2012. The Bendigo Bank Marquee was the place for tasty sausages and a treat for most people. The farmyard

animals and pony rides were very popular with the younger children.

Within the Centre, there was plenty to see as well. Christmas gifts could be purchased, courses to learn in the coming year were explained by our tutors, the raffle was popular (as always) and the face painting and magic balloon making was again a big hit with the little ones. Even the Midway ladies were kept busy in the kitchen with selling sandwiches and Devonshire teas. The children had fun with



GO Kidz Go (sports and exercise) and the line dancers were strutting their stuff throughout the day. This day was a huge success, the buzz was electric. New people, new faces and new friends.

A massive thank you to everyone involved in organizing the day and for all who attended, congratulations to all concerned.

* Those who made donations for the raffle.

* To the staff, tutors and volunteers for all their work

* To all the people who contributed in any way before the day.

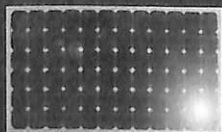
* To the Special Events Sub Committee for making this day bigger and better than before.

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by José Meyer – President

BNC WEBSITE

Jump online and check out the new Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre's website! We have spent the last few months overhauling our site, making it more user friendly and modern. We can now officially declare our beautiful new site up and running!

We are so proud of the new features on offer in the site including a full course calendar that shows upcoming courses

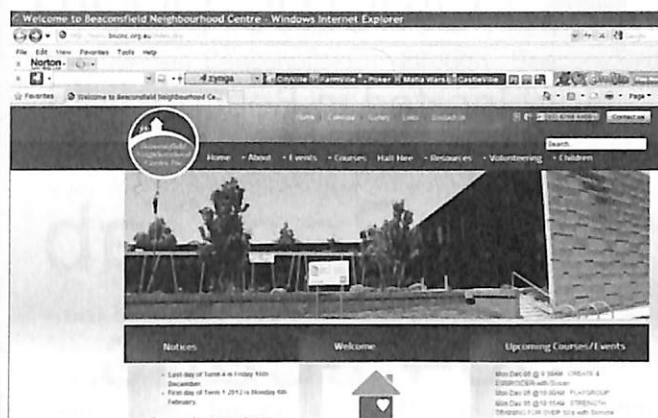
and workshops, upcoming special events calendar and photo gallery, an area to download forms and our newsletter and a children's area with details of programs and forms.

We have also just launched out new Facebook and Twitter pages, so make sure you "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and you will be able to stay up-to-date with all the current events, new courses, workshops and other exciting things that are happening in our Centre.

Website: www.bncinc.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/beaconsfieldnc

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We are very excited about our new online presence, and would like to thank everyone involved in making it happen.

Christmas Wishes

On behalf of the staff, tutors and Committee of Management, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

The Centre will open again in February with lots of new and exciting things to see and do. Updated information will now be on line, on facebook and twitter as well as the Term Program Booklet that will be out over the coming weeks.



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MAKE AND MINGLE

by A. Taylor

Make and Mingle Friendship and Craft group meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr. Desmond Court and Old Princes Highway. You are always welcome to join us for craft or just a cuppa and a chat.

MAKE AND MINGLE CRAFT FAIR in early November was a fabulous day with hundreds of people from the community and neighbouring towns coming through to enjoy our Devonshire teas & light lunches and catch up with friends. Everyone could enjoy a wonderful array of handmade crafts and craft supplies. The plants, fresh flowers and vegetables were really popular along with the books and magazines. All money raised on the day will be donated to 4Cs.

4Cs Cardinia Combined Churches Caring at Pakenham extends care and support to those experiencing crises within the Cardinia Shire through their food bank, emergency relief, counselling, crises accommodation and no interest loans. 4Cs is sponsored by local Christian churches within Cardinia and also receives some government funding. 4Cs relies on the help of volunteers. 4Cs is located at 5/114 Princes Highway Pakenham behind La Porchetta and open 10am-3pm Monday - Friday. Phone 59412268. They are always in need of donations of cash or food items.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our craft fair allowing us to donate to 4Cs.

Our Craft Fair for 2012 will be on Saturday 10th November, so mark the date in your diary.

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



Above: Sheryl with her beautiful hand sewn items at Craft fair



Above: Lyla with her knitted toys at Craft fair

Both Photographs by Jane Sheppard www.eternalhope.smugmug.com

MAKE AND MINGLE resumes for 2012 on Wednesday 8th February. We will be having a patchwork group, where you can bring your patchwork to work on and also get help with your projects and learn new techniques. We will also be doing a range of card making techniques using a variety of mediums, including stamping, stickers, pyramid cards, paper tole and other techniques. We have knitting and crochet, beading and many other crafts you can try.

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SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S DESK

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

Many of the changes previously announced by the Government are now being implemented. These changes include the following:

Small Business Benchmarks

-The Tax Office has undertaken significant research to calculate Benchmark ratios to identify businesses that may not be reporting all of their income. -New industries to have Benchmarks are Landscapers, Motor Vehicle Retailers-New and Used, Panel Beaters, Lawn Mowing and Gardening, Tattooists and Pharmacists.

-Benchmarks for other industries have been revised. -The Tax Office identifies taxpayers for audit where businesses are at variance with Benchmarks with emphasis on those operating in the cash economy.

Standard Tax Deductions

-An Exposure Draft has been released allowing taxpayers to accept a standard deduction for work expenses and tax agent fees. -The proposal is to allow a deduction of \$500 in 2012/3 and up to \$1,000 in 2013/4 and later years. -Taxpayers accepting

these deductions are not required to substantiate the expenses but the standard deductions may be less than amounts actually incurred.

Superannuation Guarantee

-The Government is acting on the Henry Tax Review including: -Affirmed its commitment to increase the minimum superannuation guarantee amounts from the current rate of 9% to 12% by 2019/20 year. -From 1st July 2012 effectively ensure that no tax is to be paid on the 9% Superannuation Contributions for most Australians earning less

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held in place by a stitch to prevent it recurring while the swelling was reducing. Sparkles recovered well from the anaesthetic and was able to return to her wildlife carer that evening with some pain relief and anti-biotics.

Over the next few days, Sparkles continued to improve and eat well. A few days after the surgery, Sparkles returned to have her stitch removed. Once removed, it was obvious everything had stayed in place and the swelling had reduced. She also had a visit to Healesville Sanctuary and was given a clean bill of health.

Sparkles has continued to grow well, without any recurrence of the prolapse. She is still with her wildlife carer, but has graduated to a larger, more open enclosure to graze and hop around. Once old enough, she will eventually be released back into the wild.

A decision was made to anaesthetise Sparkles to repair the prolapse. Under anaesthetic, Sparkles was closely monitored by one of our vet nurses Sian, while Tarni performed a surgical procedure to replace the rectal tissue back into position. This tissue was





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THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

by David Morland

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It is very late and rather dark. You have been held up and are now walking back to your car at a quick pace. The car park is big and empty and very badly lit. This is not a place or time to be on your own. Your car sits all alone and forlorn on the far side.

Suddenly you hear voices. You realise you are not the only person in the car park. You look around to see a gang of about 8 or 9 young men. They are in high spirits. You can hear their laughter and joking. The commotion they are making carries clearly to you in the night air. Fear fills your mind. There is no way you can get to your car without passing far too close to this rabble. A thousand stories flood your mind of the aggressive, abusive, vicious actions of young men full of alcohol and out of control. Your stomach turns over as your mind races to seek an escape route. There is none. Then you pick up a word or two from their conversation. You realise

to your surprise that they are talking about the bible.

As they come closer and you hear more it becomes obvious that this bunch of young chaps must have come from some sort of church service. And what happens to you? All of a sudden you feel safe and comfortable. Why? It is the same gang of young men. It is the same high spirits and joking around. But the fact that they have come from a church and are chatting about the bible takes away your feeling of vulnerability. So whatever else we may want to say about the bible and church we all know that by and large it produces good citizens.



National Disability Insurance Scheme

by Laura Smyth,
Federal Member for La Trobe

As we near the end of the year and head into the festive season, I will be visiting schools across our electorate to speak to local students and present the La Trobe Student Leadership and Community Service Award.

Each school selects an award recipient and I hope that the students who receive the award will be encouraged to continue to lead by example, engage with others compassionately and encourage others to contribute to their school and wider community.

I was delighted to visit Harkaway Primary School to present their school leadership award to school leader Jamie Wills. While there I also officially opened their new classroom block funded by the Federal Government.

The investment in Harkaway Primary enabled the school to update the 135 year-old historic buildings with impressive new classrooms and a 21st century library whilst supporting the employment of 20 workers at the site.

In further education news,

it was great to formally open the new stadium at St Michael's Primary School in Berwick, which will be used by the school and wider community for sport and performing arts. As always, the principal, children and whole school community were delighted to have a new building for their school now and into the future.

The Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler and I recently met with local seniors at Akoonah Park as part of a national conversation on healthy and positive ageing. Our senior citizens play a very important role in our local community and deserve to age with dignity and security with more choice and control over the way they live. To capture the opportunities presented by an ageing population, we need to provide support and encouragement to older Australians to continue contributing to our community - whether in work, in retirement or in caring roles.

This year has seen some significant reforms, not least of which is the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Working towards the introduction of a NDIS is one of the most important things that I will do as a Member of Parliament. It will be a new support system for people with a disability, their families and carers. It will transform the way services are funded and delivered, ensuring people are better supported and enabling them to have greater choice and control. I recently held a local forum with Federal Minister for Community Services, Jenny Macklin, to discuss our work to lay the foundations for a NDIS.

Many local residents, carers, and service providers came along to share their experiences and offer ideas on how we can improve disability services to ensure that people receive the assistance they need to lead a life of dignity and independence.

Another major reform of interest to the community in and around Beaconsfield are the new low income superannuation reforms. There's no use working hard all your life only to retire poor. This reform will help hard working people, including mums and dads working part time, shop assistants, child care workers, hairdressers, aged care and disability workers, hospitality and bar staff and other Australians, who currently pay up to \$500 a year in tax on their superannuation, save more for their retirement.

And as a big supporter of small business, I welcome the Federal Government's plan to offer a big tax cut to every local small business. The tax cut will mean local small business owners would be able to instantly write off every asset they buy valued below \$6500 and the first \$5000 of any motor vehicle.

Those tax cuts will be funded from the products of the mining tax which is currently before the Federal Parliament. The mining tax will also enable us to fund more superannuation for all Australian workers, it will allow us to invest more in infrastructure and will ensure that the benefits of the mining boom are shared amongst all Australians

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and for future generations.

It has been just over a year since I was elected to represent you and I would like to thank the people of this community for welcoming me in this role.

Finally I would like to wish everyone in and around Beaconsfield a relaxing break over the Christmas and New Year period. I hope that you and your families stay safe over the holiday season and I look forward to providing more updates in the new year.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I write in response to the article "Same Sex Marriage" published in the Nov / Oct issue of the "Beaconsfield Banner". The article was included as a regular column entitled, "The Voice of the Baptist Church".

With no particular religious affiliation, I usually enjoy reading the article as I agree with the positive messages of support and love portrayed by the church. On reading the latest article I was however very disappointed and was reminded of the arrogant and stubborn stance that the church takes when it comes to same sex

relationships and marriage.

I am lucky enough to be happily married with a beautiful baby daughter. I can't imagine what it would be like to not be allowed to marry the person whom I love.

In the article the author argues that only a man and women should be allowed the right to choose marriage based on the fact that, "heterosexual intercourse is the only way a new member of the human race can be brought into existence" and "when a child is born the father and the mother have a lifelong interest in the well-being of that child."

I find the justification that marriage should only be made available to those where "the possibility of producing children exists" absurd! What about couples who are known to be infertile or are simply

too old to conceive? Does the church believe that these people should not have the right to be married based on these facts?

To suggest that only couples who are biologically linked to the child will have a "lifelong interest" in the child is equally as absurd. Is the church blind to the fact that many children with extremely devoted parents have actually been conceived through the miracle of modern science and may or may not share the same biological makeup as one or both of their parents.

I still find it difficult to believe that in this day and age in a world where it has become unacceptable to discriminate on the grounds of race, age or disability, the church continues to push this intolerant and blatantly discriminative view.

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BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal



The gentle strumming of guitars fills the air in our beautiful new "Music Garden". An \$8,000 grant from the Commonwealth Bank has allowed us to purchase a large number of new instruments, in particular guitars and ukuleles.

In music lessons, the children have had the opportunity to learn the basics of how to hold their instruments, strum and make basic chords and a photographic visit to the

music garden last week shows some of our Year 6 children making the most of the chance to make some noise before they go! Brittany and Taylah are pictured in our lovely garden amphitheatre and Liam and Oscar are playing in our large and beautifully equipped Music room. Children of all year levels can participate in lunchtime music sessions too with drum club operating on Wednesdays and organs, guitars and ukuleles available on

Thursday lunchtimes. The amphitheatre is available Monday, Tuesday and Friday for dance groups. The Music Garden is a lively place to visit; just like our own village square!

At this time of year, we prepare to farewell our Year 6 children and it is always a little bitter-sweet to see them grow and move on; after all we have shared their lives and nurtured them these last seven years and they have been an important part of our lives, like Georgia V and Georgia K (pictured).

There are many people who have supported our Year 6 children (indeed all

children!) on their journey and so, I would like to thank all of the people who contribute so much to the well-being of our children and our school.

- Thank you to all of the parents who love and support their children, hearing their reading, serving our school community on School Council and Parents and Friends and for coaching and supporting our sporting teams and our children when they go on camps and excursions.

- Thank you to all of our aides & office staff for your work with all of our children, our library and ICT tecs, our RE volunteers and our Crosslinks volunteers, who work with our children every week.

- The classmates who have shared and collaborated in the learning and helped and supported each other - thank you for the friendships and the joy you bring to your friends and teachers.

Finally, a big thank you to all of our teachers, who over many years, taught and cared for our children; planning their learning and their adventures.

We are looking forward to a bigger, brighter 2012 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of Beaconsfield Primary School.

Farewell to our Year 6's



Insert above : Georgia V and Georgia K on their first day of school - Beaconsfield Banner Feb 2005.

Right: Georgia V and Georgia K working together in class with today's iPad technology.



Youth Forum

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

Recently I hosted a youth forum at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre with the Minister for Youth Affairs, Ryan Smith.

A number of youth professionals from the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire and Yarra Ranges attended, along with police, councillors, youth workers and volunteers.

The growth corridor has a significant youth population and it was great to hear directly from the people that work in the field every day.

Key themes were the need for a unified approach between government, private and philanthropic youth services, as

well as a renewed focus on prevention, particularly truancy.

In November the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, Edward O'Donohue, and I also hosted a public meeting in Beaconsfield Upper to discuss future works at the St Georges Road/Beaconsfield-Emerald Road/Salisbury Road intersection.

Please contact me if you would like to receive regular updates on this.

I wish all Beaconsfield Banner readers a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. My office will be closed



for a short period from Christmas Eve to early January, after which it is business as usual. To receive regular community updates, please subscribe to my e-newsletter at

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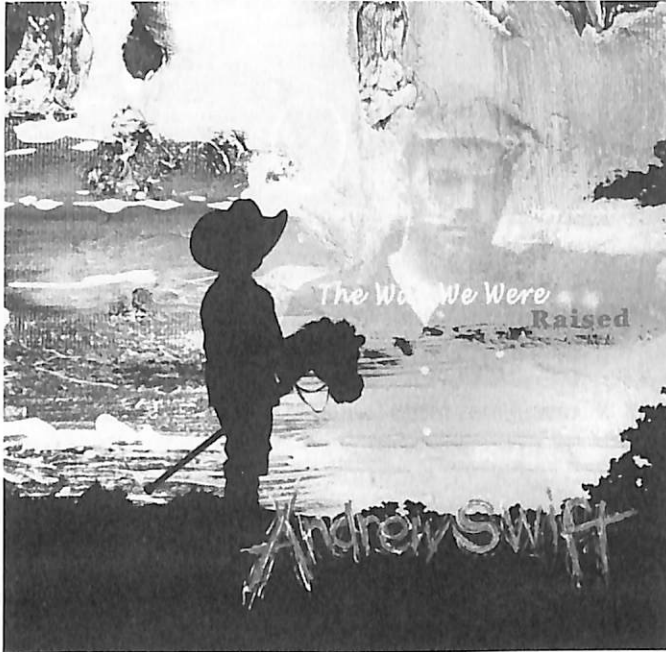
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ANDREW'S DEBUT ALBUM

Andrew Swift has just released his debut album "The Way We Were Raised". After spending time overseas in Texas making the album Andrew is excited to share the songs with everyone.



Andrew, a former Beaconsfield Primary School student, comments that as a kid he never imagined being a musician. In Primary school he wanted to be a magician. He used to do card trick shows at lunchtime. It wasn't until high school that Andrew's musical talents began.

One particular song from his debut album "Kathleen Close" lyrically describes Andrew's childhood in Beaconsfield.

For more information about Andrew and his debut album visit www.andrewswift.com.au.

Press Release

The debut album from local singer/songwriter Andrew Swift is more than just a simple ode to faded memories of being a child. 'The Way We Were Raised' is a turbulent voyage, a deeply personal one at that, covering particular events throughout his life that shaped the musician that he is today.

The album navigates an ocean of nostalgia, from particular places and faces to the exact sentiment he felt at those times. However, it's not all hearty reminiscence that resonates on the 12 tracks Swift laid down over the past year and a half. You don't

need to delve much deeper in to his songs to unearth a seemingly emotional tug-of-war between what he does and what he feels. A personal battle that not too many share is reflected in lyrics like "without my strings in hand I'm lost" and "my head and my heart won't collaborate, they were raised in different ways" which are evident to his perpetual inner conflict.

Swift laid down the bass, drums and piano at The Base Studio in South Melbourne before deciding, almost on a whim, to travel all the way to El Paso, Texas to collaborate and finish the record with fellow musicians, Gabriel Gonzalez and Jim Ward (At The Drive In, Sparta, Sleepycar) at Clap of Thunder Studios. With a solid structure of the existing tracks already in place, Gonzalez admits that they were easily able to imagine and add the sonic textures that are evident on the final record. 'The Way We Were Raised' is an album awash with symbolic implication of the way things were and the reason they are today.

"The Way We Were Raised is a stunning album that really has unearthed one of Australia's finest artists. This brilliant album is one of the best to be released this year!" - Buzz Australia

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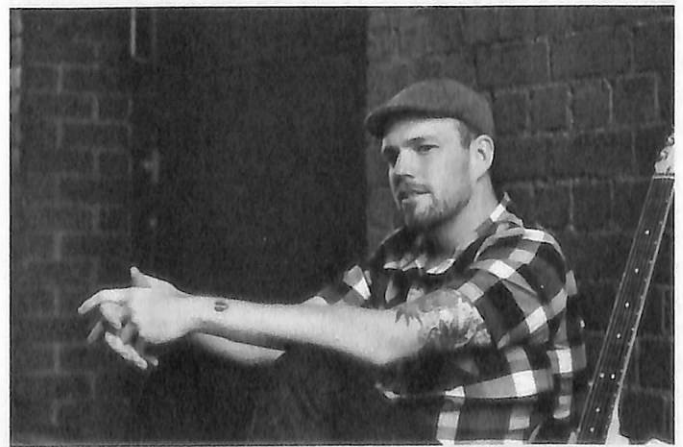
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REMEMBER WHEN ...

by M. Ott

In this edition of the Banner you will find a number of historic photographs of the Beaconsfield CFA from its early years.

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The original fire station was a corrugated iron hut acquired from the Sale RAAF base and relocated to Beaconsfield by the brigade members, the building can still be found today on the Wood Street station site as the meeting room at the rear of the larger two bay engine room which was built by the brigade members.

A collection of memorabilia and additional photographs can be seen in the foyer at the Beaconsfield Community Centre on O'Neil road and will be on display for the whole of the coming term.



1960: Beaconsfield competition & discipline team with Austin-Leyland Tanker. -



Above

1968: The original Engine room being moved back on the site prior to the building of the existing brick Engine Room. The building was jacked up onto the tray of the truck and reversed into position.



Left:

1970: Official opening of the extended engine room, back in 8th Nov 1970, this building was seen as the pride of the group boasting some of the best CFA facilities in the area.

NATIONAL TRUST CASEY CARDINIA BRANCH

Launch of "Pages from the Past"

A very successful launch of "Pages from the Past" was held on 26th October, at Edrington - former home of Lord & Lady Casey

National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch President, Ruth Crofts said, "It was a beautiful evening and a most appropriate setting to launch the book. There was 56 people in attendance and a good time was had by all! Both Ian Good and Neil Lucas spoke very well engaging the audience which was very special."

Following Ruth's welcoming address, she acknowledged the many contributors

and sponsors. She then outlined the process and paid tribute to Ian Good and his exceptional dedication to compiling the book.

Ruth kindly has given the Beaconsfield Banner her notes, of which we have printed part thereof.

"Pages from the Past" subtitle Snapshot histories of People Places and Public Life in Casey & Cardinia, is now available for sale at the Berwick Heritage Centre and Trust Gift Shop for only \$19.00 and will make in ideal Christmas Gift for almost everyone.

Ruth Croft's Notes From the Launch Of "Pages From The Past"

... Everyone here tonight has played a part in making this book possible, as a contributor, a Sponsor / Donor, by raising funds in the Trust Shop, and supporting the Branch activities. I hope you will be as pleased and proud of this Book as we are.

The National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch was established on 2002 and it has been our aim to encourage a greater awareness and appreciation of the rich history and heritage that surround us.

Since the Branch was formed both municipalities have experienced extremely rapid development, with an unprecedented corresponding increase in population. There are now many thousands of new residents in our community that know little or nothing of the history or the heritage of the place where they now live—or for example that Lord & Lady Casey lived here.

The Branch Committee decided to produce a book to fill this established need and then it was Ian Good that commenced compiling this book. He obtained contributions from many different sources. Ian's research and writing expertise ensured that Pages from the Past would be a quality publication.

"Pages from the Past" subtitled "Snapshot Histories of People Places & Public Life" is a contemporary style history book. We believe it will appeal to a broad section to the community, and we hope it will stimulate interest

and appreciation of our local heritage, and encourage further research and it will be a complementary resource to other more in depth history books.

We believe this will also be an excellent educational resource for the local schools projects. Indeed we hope that this book will be available in their school libraries to be used as a reference book for local history projects.

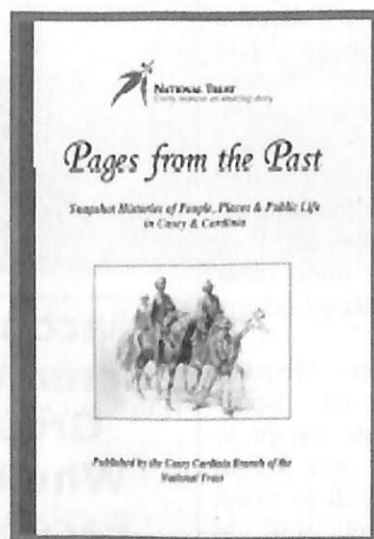
It will also make the ideal Christmas Gift. I am sure that it is something that everyone would be pleased to receive. So I hope everyone here tonight will help us get this book out into the community.

Ian Good will speak next about how he compiled this book and all those who have contributed to make this book possible. Then our Guest of Honour will formally launch "Pages from the Past"

But first I would like to acknowledge the magnificent contribution that Ian Good has made to make this book possible. He has spent several thousands of hours compiling, editing, researching, and writing this book. He has traveled many miles to source information, reading and checking every item. This is a quality book made possible by Ian's professional expertise and his commitment to the task over a long period.

The National Trust and the Casey Cardinia Branch are most grateful to Ian Good for this excellent publication and pay tribute to his exceptional dedication.

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And the Cat Came Back

by Ysabelle Dean

One of the dumped kittens rescued by local teenagers Lindsey Hobson and Robert Walerczak has finally found a home for life – back where he started!

The tiny black kitten, now eight months old, was named Cougar by the staff at Beaconsfield Veterinary Clinic who very kindly took over the care of the kittens when Lindsey and Robert couldn't keep them. Cougar and his sister Jamie were adopted out, but unfortunately Cougar was returned. The Clinic staff took him in once more, hoping that a new owner would soon be found. His affectionate nature and obvious intelligence made him a favourite. But he was also growing up to be a very active young cat and, as the weeks passed, the staff became concerned about his surgery lifestyle being too restrictive.

Meanwhile, Kim, a much-loved cat in Lindsey's home, had been diagnosed with cancer, and the time came when the kindest thing to do was have him put to sleep. The staff at

Beaconsfield Vet Clinic asked if the family would consider taking Cougar. Lindsey's mother did not feel ready for another cat, but Kim's passing meant there was room for one more furry friend, and the family policy has always been to adopt neglected or unwanted animals. At this stage they had no idea that this handsome young black cat was the scrawny, dehydrated, half-dead kitten that Lindsey and Robert had pulled off a rubbish dump five months previously.

Cougar quickly purred his way into the hearts of Lindsey, her mother and all their visitors, including Robert. He was soon trained not to jump up on benches to steal food or to raid the kitchen tidy for chop bones, although he still enjoys pinching sink plugs and leaving them up and down the hallway. Like all cats, Cougar's natural tendency is to be active at night but he has settled into a routine of supervised playtime in the backyard during daylight hours, and cuddling up with a human at night. His new



family does not allow cats outside after dark because this is when they are most likely to kill wildlife, get attacked by other cats, or injured by a car.

Several weeks after Cougar had come to live with them, Lindsey, her mother and Robert came across a photo of the kittens they had rescued, and noticed that the black one had an expression remarkably similar to Cougar's. The kitten also had a distinctive patch of white hairs on one side of his chest – exactly matching the same marking on Cougar. Could it be ... ? Lindsey's mother checked with the surgery – and sure enough, their new cat was none other than the rescued kitten.

Everybody is delighted with this outcome. Some things are just meant to be. Lindsey and Robert once again wish to thank the wonderful staff at Beaconsfield Veterinary Clinic for the way they go over and above the call of duty to care for animals.



Christmas Hampers/ Toys At 4c's

by Jeni Mathieson

Registrations are now being taken for Christmas Hampers/toys at 4C's Crisis Relief Centre in Pakenham. Recipients must live in the Cardinia Shire and be in some form of crisis. To register people must come to the centre with current identification and ages of children in their care. Office hours are 10.00 - 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Hampers will be collected from 4C's on 15th and 16th December.

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OVER THE FENCE AND INTO A NEW CAREER

by Ian Cole

At the October meeting of the B.P.A. we saw a changing of the guard with Les Reader our excellent President moving on after many years of service to the community. Well done Les and all the best for the future.

I wish the new committee every success and if by chance things do go wrong there will be fireworks in the Taylor household so let's all get behind the new executive to stop that happening.

At the meeting a presentation was given by Ian Chisholm and it was an eye opener to me as I had

no idea of the magnitude of the input of members of our community in relation to environmental issues.

Now back to the lovely Anne Taylor's article in the October Banner. Along with all of Anne's other commitments I don't know where Anne found the time to write the well researched article on the Adamson family. The restoration of Kenilworth Cottage / Railway House is virtually finished however I must point out that Yvonne says.. "It will never be finished" and this view is no doubt supported by Beaky Timber / Home Hardware



for obvious reasons.

We have left the grassed area at the front of our house until such time as we know Vic Tracks exact intentions with the car park extension of about 130 spaces. So far it looks positive for us and the community.

The last project on our house was to make and fit (yes I made them) the decorative window hoods to protect the windows from the elements as it had taken many many hours to restore the windows in the first place.

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by Roger Gordon

To give you some idea of what we do I will explain what Cub Scouts, aged 7 to 11 years of age, have been up to this term.

Our first night after the holidays was a fun night with games and a Council of our Cub Scouts so they could tell us about their holidays and have input into our activities during this term. The following week we had a pet parade where Cubs brought their pets and told us all the important information about their pets. We had dogs big and small, guinea pigs including very young ones, lizards, stick insects and a pet rock. One of our Cubs wanted to bring their bull but fortunately the

logistics was too difficult. It was a great night and well worth the effort with all earning their Level 1 Pets Activity Badge.

The next time we met we had a sleepover at the Officer Scout Hall. Games outside while it was light then two excellent movies chosen by the Cubs with a shared supper, just like going to the cinema. Morning came with pancakes and toast washed down by fruit juice for breakfast then time to go home. The Cubs have asked for another sleepover next term because it was amazing! We had a Melbourne Cup Night where the Cubs made and decorated

their jockey helmets from ice cream containers and we had races. A good fun night for all.

Last week we had a craft night with our Scout Leader Cate- linne teaching our Cubs to weave with reeds to make useful craft. I have included a photo of all engrossed in the craft work.

This week is health and first aid with bronze and silver boomerang requirements for basic first aid and personal hygiene together with Cubs passing their Level 1 First Aider activity badge. Next week is also badge work with emphasis on boomerang work on the fitness side with ball skills, athletic skills, and strength and stamina being the core requirements. We will finish the night with handing out awards earned by the Cubs.

Our second last meeting is a visit to Wilson

Botanic Park for a night of exploring and fun.

Our last meeting is a Beaconsfield Scout Group event at Trees Adventure in Emerald where parents, scouts and siblings can get together for fun using their facilities and enjoying a BBQ lunch.

You can see we have a varied programme with opportunities for enjoyment, character building, outdoor pursuits and team development. Our Cub Scouts are a great bunch of kids who get a lot from Scouts. The Scout programme for 10 to 15 year olds is just as exciting and varied with activities aimed at the older age group and more weekend camps. If you have a family member interested in joining please contact me on 97072414 or gordon@cyberspace.net.au

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Could it be Mandy in the kitchen
licking at her rump?

Why surely not
at this time of day.
She's in the carport
where sleeping dogs lay!

I roll over to tap
my wife upon her back.
She ain't there ... where is she?
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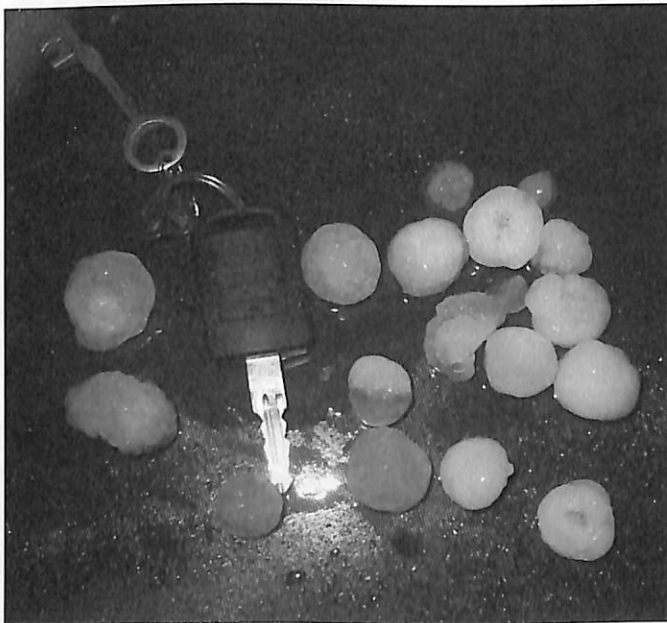
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by Nathan Boon

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October saw 95mm of rain fall in Beaconsfield. This is 20mm above average for October. The rain fell over 11 days, with the highest daily total falling on the 28th when 35mm of rain fell. On of the biggest storms

that I have ever seen came through Beaconsfield on Wednesday 9th November. At about 6.30pm the storm rolled in and while not alot of rain fell during the storm it was the hail that caused the damage this time. Hail stones the size of golf ball pelted the town causing damage in the area.

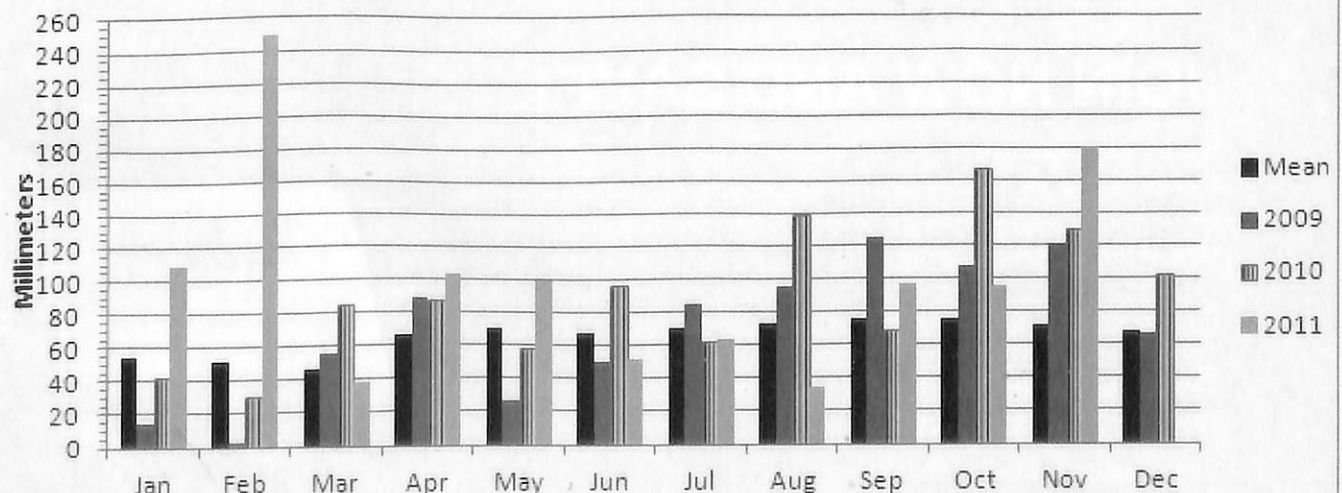
November saw the rain get heavier and there was 180mm of rain for the month. This was the highest November total I had in my records. The previous highest was in November 2004 when there was 160mm. There was rain on 12 days and 8 of those days were over 10mm. The highest daily total was recorded on the 26th when 49mm fell.

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Beaconsfield Cricket Club News

by Russell Vincent, President

The season is now well under way and we are fielding for the first time 7 senior sides. Disappointingly some other clubs have forfeited games and denied some of the teams a game every week. The club is actively promoting younger cricketers who want to play higher grade cricket as we strive to be strong into the future after the present generation of first grade cricketers have retired. Several young cricketers have already been promoted into the second and third elevens after good performances in lower grades. If these boys continue to impress the selectors I am sure before the season is over some of them will experience

playing in the first eleven.

Milo have a go cricket is also now up running at the Beaconsfield oval on Monday afternoons and is an introduction to the game for the 5 - 8 year olds. Coach Amy Hollick is doing a great job and all the kids are having fun as they learn the basic skills. It's not too late to join in the fun. Just come down to the ground with Mum or Dad and register and you can also enjoy several weeks of fun. Sessions run from 4.30 till 5.30 every Monday.

Veterans cricket is also being contested and have good numbers as the players jostle for selection to stake their claim for a playing berth on

the trip to Barooga for the Masters cricket Carnival in January. Places are limited and keenly sought on this trip. Several players are keen to make their first trip and I am sure we will hear more about that in the next edition. Congratulations also to John Scales who plays in the over 60s competition and has been selected to represent Victoria 1 (One) in a cricket carnival with teams playing from all around Australia. We wish John every success.

Anyone wanting a pleasant Saturday afternoon is welcome to come to the ground and enjoy a quiet social day enjoying the cricket and supporting your local sides. Who knows you may even decide to play. With seven senior grades we can cater for any standard. It doesn't matter if you are a seasoned, experienced player or a complete novice beginner, we will make you most welcome. Any enquiries should be directed to the president Mr. Russell Vincent on 0407 620 357

Ian Chisholm, Past President, C.C.L.G., gave an informative overview of Cardinia Catchment Landcare group and associated groups at the Beaconsfield Progress Association A.G.M. Listed are some of his main points.

Landcare

now in its 25th year – has traditionally focussed on private land. However, there are fewer requests for assistance from private landholders in our area (urbanization; assumption that any native vegetation creates potential fire hazards; new Landcare policies which appear to favour owners of larger properties).

The Cardinia Catchment Landcare group is one of many organizations helping to maintain public land in the local area:

- * Parks Victoria has responsibility for several areas south of Beaconsfield and the Cardinia Parklands west of Cardinia Creek (but has a very small maintenance budget!)

- * The Cardinia Environment Coalition has management responsibility for the Beaconsfield Nature Conservation Reserve (former Beaconsfield Reservoir) and public land at Guy's Hill.

- * A Friends' group does excellent work at the Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and organizes Clean-up Australia Day activities.

- * The Landcare group received a grant for early work at Beaconsfield Park and supports the Shire in its attempts to obtain funding for the final stage of this project.

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Junior Kids Soccer In Beaconsfield

by A. D'Amelio

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The classes are mixed combining both boys and girls with ages ranging from four to nine years of age, and the general principles which will be taught and developed in the programmes are:
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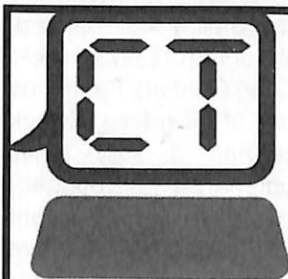
equipment and game play
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Beaconsfield Junior Football Club News

by Paddy McKenna

President – Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

2012 COMMITTEE

The Beaconsfield Junior Football Club held its 2011 Annual General Meeting on Monday October 24th, and it was well attended by a number of club people. The outgoing Committee members were thanked for their great work and dedication over the 2011 season, and the incoming members for 2012 were warmly welcomed. The majority of positions on the Committee were filled at the AGM, which is a really positive start. Much of the work within the Club goes on behind the scenes, with a wonderful group of committee members all contributing to the successful management of the Club. For a full list of the 2012 Committee members, please visit the Club website: www.beaconsfieldjfc.com.au.

COACHING STAFF

Over the next few weeks, we will appoint coaches for all of our teams for 2012. We have been very fortunate to have outstanding people work in this crucial role in our Club over many years. We anticipate once again being able to appoint some fantastic people to

help guide the teams forward, and to develop each individual over the course of the season. Coaching appointments will be announced on our website in early December.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The emergence of girls' football has seen strong interest develop in the region and we have some outstanding female footballers within our Club. It is important that we explore the opportunity of fielding a team within the SEJ competition next season. We already have a significant number of girls interested in forming a Youth Girls (13 – 18 year old) team in 2012, along with volunteers willing to be involved in coaching that team. There is also the possibility that we could form a Junior Girls (9 – 12 year old) team for an SEJ modified competition sometime in 2012. If you would like to register your interest in being involved in either of these girls' teams, please contact the Coaching Co-ordinator, Rod Hamilton, via email at coachcoordinator@beaconsfieldjfc.com.au. The girls' competitions are held at Casey Fields on Saturday mornings during the football season.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2012 SEASON

The registration process for CURRENT PLAYERS is now open. Information has been emailed to all families, with instructions on how to register for next season. The deadline for current players to register is FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH 2011. Please ensure that your friends and teammates are aware of this deadline. Details are also available on the Club website. NEW PLAYERS are most welcome to contact the Club Registrar, Penny Coutts, at any stage with an expression of interest. She can be contacted at registrar@beaconsfieldjfc.com.au.

HOLIDAYS

Best wishes to all involved with the Club, and to the wider Beaconsfield community, for a safe and happy festive season.



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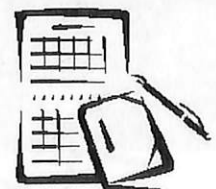
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BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB

By H. Studham

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 President: Ian Flannery
 Vice President: Julie Johns
 Secretary: Jenny Benbow
 Treasurer: Colin Utting

General Committee:
 Jacinta Goldsack, Karen Sheers, Marie Adrien, Jill Llinares, Debby Stacey, Lynne Damon, Maree Jones.

Coaches for Season 2012 are as follows :-
 A GRADE
 Rebecca Pryor
 B GRADE
 Hayley Jones
 C GRADE
 Kylie Clark
 U17's
 Jasmine Maddocks
 U15's
 Erin Hastie
 U13's
 Melinda Stinear

We wish to congratulate all of the above for their ongoing commitment and make note that we are very proud of the quality of past and present champions who continue to be involved with Beaconsfield Netball Club.

Junior tryout dates are -
 - Saturday 20th November
 - Thursday 24th November
 - Sunday 27th November
 All players from U13's to U17's welcome.

Holm Park Road complex is due to have two asphalt netball courts completed in time for season 2012, however we will be making the transition aligned with Beaconsfield Football Club and it is our understanding, at this point, that we will not be making the move until season 2013.

Masters match dates will be announced when we



have a League Fixture, as they will run alongside the Super Rules matches. We will be having a social Round Robin day shortly after Xmas and we will endeavour to contact everyone who has expressed interest in this concept with an invitation to participate.

To all of our members, and to the entire Beaconsfield Community, we wish you all the very best of Xmas

Cheer. Enjoy the festive season with your family and friends and we hope to see you all back at Beacy for season 2012. Contact :-

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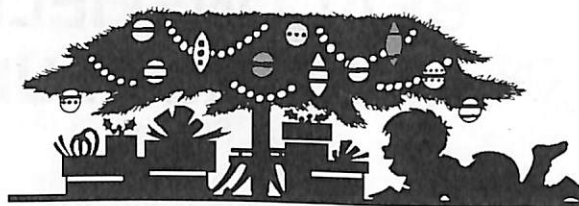
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