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## TEAM OF SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Beaconsfield Primary 2012 School Captains badges were presented at the Monday assembly.

Left to Right are : Girls School Captain Tess J, Girls Vice School Captain Amy M, Boys School Captain Lachlan W, Boys Vice School Captain Jarryd W, Girls Sports Captain Kara D and Boys Sports Captain Harry C. Congratulations team, Beaconsfield Primary School is lucky to have such wonderful student leaders.



## Preliminary Report Released For Cardinia Shire Council Electoral Representation Review

How Will Beaconsfield Be BEST Represented?



A public hearing will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 8 March at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Henty Way, Pakenham. People can speak at the hearing if they have requested to do so in their formal submission.

See full story on page 16.



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Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Road



**MARCH 20th 2012**  
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Website contains local information and copies of minutes and agendas.

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# BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Graeme J. Taylor, President

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Christmas as we look forward to 2012. This year will no doubt have many issues which Beaconsfield Progress Association will be involved with as the voice of the community. The Association will continue to review planning applications and their effect on our community and I note that there was an application over the Christmas/ New Year break by a restaurant for reduced parking. The lack of parking is of concern to the Association.

It was exciting to see all the hard work and consultations were successful in implementing the Community Bulk Energy Scheme. The benefits of discounted electricity and gas and solar have been made available to all residents and small business customers within the Shire of Cardinia and City of Casey through AGL and subsidiary Power-Direct. The early response has been great in accepting the deal arranged by the Association. Many thanks to Angelo D'Amelio and the committee for their hard work to achieve this result.

The preliminary report has been released by the Victorian Electoral Commission on the electoral structure of Cardinia Shire council. The preferred option is

for seven Councillors elected from three wards. The Central Ward which includes Pakenham would have three councillors, with two councillors representing Port Ward, the largest area south and also Ranges Ward to the north. Our township of Beaconsfield would be included in Ranges Ward. Our Association submitted that Beaconsfield and Officer be in a separate ward with one councillor representing this developing area. Submissions on the report can be made by 29th February with a Public Meeting to be held on 8th March at 6.30pm. Community involvement is essential if you want changes to the preliminary report.

On a positive note, Beaconsfield was highly rated as a most liveable town and ahead of the neighbouring towns of Harkaway and Berwick. The Liveable Melbourne Study was commissioned and published by the Age. The towns were judged on elements such as hills, culture, schools and restaurants/cafes.

I encourage all residents and business people of Beaconsfield to attend our meetings and be involved with issues affecting our community.

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# CARDINIA SHIRE REPORT

by Councillor Brett Owen,  
Central Ward

Construction of the pavilion at the Holm Park Reserve will commence soon, with Council appointing the successful tenderer in January. Council's budget for the pavilion construction along with State Government grants and the Beaconsfield Football Club's contribution will fund the \$2,498,515 construction cost. The proposed works under the contract includes, a two level pavilion with ground floor consisting

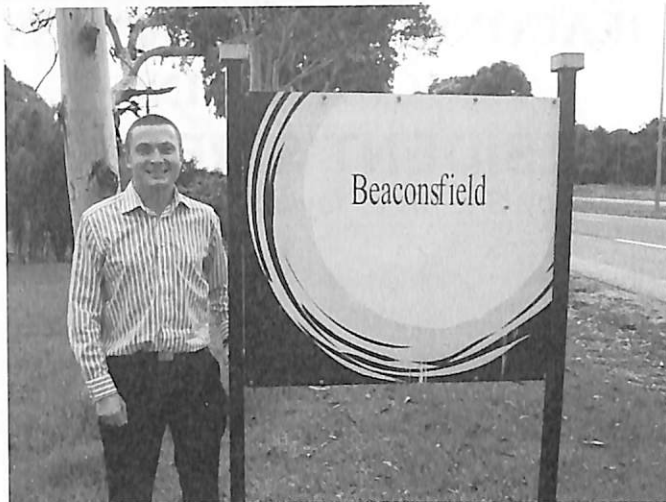
Council recently called for tenders for the construction of two netball courts and associated floodlighting at the reserve. A separate tender has also been called for the floodlighting of Oval 2. Council will soon award these tenders. Additional netball courts for Beaconsfield are long overdue. Holm Park Reserve is finally taking shape. Council has commenced the substantial improvements to the Village Green Park,



of four change rooms with amenities, additional public amenities, community meeting room, various storage rooms, two canteens, and first aid room. The upper level consists of a large social area, two smaller meeting rooms, amenities, commercial kitchen and external verandas. The pavilion is expected to be completed by early October. I congratulate all those representatives from the Beaconsfield Clubs who worked tirelessly with council to make this outcome possible.

in Stirling Circuit within Panorama. A new network of exposed aggregate concrete paths will be created. Future staged works will include the installation of new seats, new fencing around the playground area, new soft fall mulch in the playground area and tree planting along the path network and throughout the park.

Kath Roberts Reserve has also undergone recent improvements. These works involved the installation of new drainage lines surrounding the playground



area, the installation of the seat and picnic setting and increased lighting.

Council has made improvements to the pedestrian crossings within the car park of the Beaconsfield Community Complex in O'Neil Road. The increased signage and road markings will improve safety for all users of the complex.

At the November council meeting, I tabled a petition from residents regarding Scott Lee Drive. In December, council resolved to meet with petition representatives to discuss their concerns, to conduct new traffic counts and safety audits of the road/roundabout and to provide a more detailed assessment

of the impact of the future opening of Pink Hill Hotel on Scott Lee Drive. Council officers will report back to a future council meeting with the results of the further investigations and a decision of council will then be made regarding the future of the road.

Congratulations to Les Reader, past Beaconsfield Progress Association President and Michael Muaremov, Beaconsfield Business Group President and previous chairman of the Beaconsfield Community Bendigo Bank who were both nominated for the Cardinia Shire 2012 Australia Day Awards. Their nominations recognise both Les's and Michael's extensive volunteer work. Well done Les and Michael.



Picture (l to r): All smiles and thumbs up from Cr Collin Ross, Cr Brett Owen, Council's Open Space Coordinator Mark Reynolds and Cr George Blenkhorn about the Village Green Park in Beaconsfield's Panorama Estate.



# Cancer Council urges locals to use hearts and feet to Fight Cancer

by M. Barbarino, Marketing Manager

Cancer Council Victoria is urging Casey and Cardinia residents to take to the track on 16th and 17th March 2012 and join what local organisers hope will be the biggest fundraising event the Casey Cardinia region has ever seen – the Cancer Council Victoria's, 9th annual Casey Cardinia Relay For Life.

Casey Cardinia Relay For Life is an overnight event where teams take turns to keep a baton moving around the Akoonah Park track for the duration of the 24-hour event.

Casey Cardinia Relay

For Life is a unique opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and fight back against cancer. With around 1,101 local residents being diagnosed with cancer each year, it's an important event to get behind.

Last year's event which took place at Akoonah Park in Berwick had an overwhelming community response with over 2,200 registered attendees and a total amount raised of \$266,866. This year the volunteer committee and teams hope to exceed the

2011 figures and make this another year to remember!

Funds raised at Relay For Life help the Cancer Council provide support services and resources for local cancer patients and their families. Funds also support critical cancer research and community education programs designed to teach people how to reduce their risk of developing cancer.

In 2010 around 1,302 Casey and Cardinia residents utilised the Cancer Council's Helpline service, which provides free information and support for anyone affected by cancer (13 11 20).

"Cancer Council's Relay for Life is more than just a fundraiser", said Casey Cardinia Relay For Life Volunteer Chair Manager, Karen Rycken. "At Relay For Life, people bring their tents and camp overnight as a community. There will be live entertainment, kids' activities and teams

dress up to add to the great atmosphere," Ms Rycken said. "Ceremonies will also be held throughout the event to honour locals who have been touched by cancer. With your continued support and generous donations, we hope that one day soon we can conquer this disease," she said.

If you would like to make a donation, or become a member of a Relay For Life team for 2012, visit the Relay For Life website on [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) or call 1300 65 65 85.

## Casey Cardinia Relay For Life

### Where:

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### When:

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# BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

*by Mick Ott, member of Beaconsfield CFA*

The current climatic conditions have made thing a little easier for the members of the Beaconsfield Volunteer Fire Brigade, the normal hot dry summer appears to have passed us by and been replaced by damp conditions and periods of high humidity. With that said we have still had plenty on our plate and have attended 29 fires and incidents since the last issue of the Banner. It would appear that we won't be experiencing a busy summer but are well aware that it could only take a few dry hot days to create conditions that will make a fire difficult for us to control. There are huge

expanses of dry fuel in the Wimmera and Mallee areas of Victoria, a fire starting in these areas on a windy day could see the volunteers of Beaconsfield being called on to supply crews and appliances to these areas. Victoria is only half way through our fire season and as yet has been fortunate not to have very many significant fires. Knowing this we have continued to maintain a high level of readiness, our members have been busy training for every conceivable scenario.

Last issue we welcomed six new recruits to the brigade, Robert Smith,

Hayden Powell, Ashley Sanders, James Brewer, Ryan O'Conner and Robert Charleston. These recruits have been very diligent with their training and have displayed a high level of competence during the recruit process. Each of these recruits has now made the first step as volunteer fire-fighters reaching basic fire-fighter level. This allows them to start attending fire calls and put their newly learned skills to use protecting their community and the membership looks forward to working with each of them long into the future.

## Bazaar Sale

The brigade is pleased to announce that we will be running our Bazaar Sale again this year. It will be held on Sunday the 29th of April, those that have attended this sale previously will be aware of just how big it has become and the bargains on offer.

In the lead up to the Bazaar Sale the brigade accepts donations of goods from the community, most good in good condition are accepted. Almost everyone has something tucked away in storage that is too good to throw away but doesn't get



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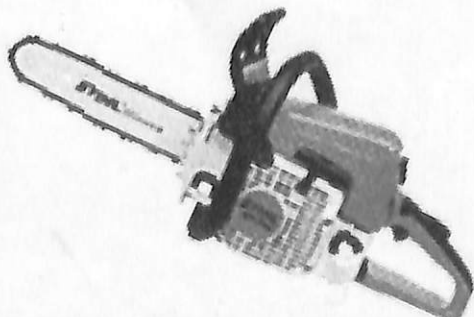
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the use it deserves. We accept items such as household goods, tools, sporting equipment, furniture, brik-a-brac, books, antiques, kitchen ware, camping equipment and more. These items can be donated to the brigade and are then sold on the day with the proceeds being used to purchase much needed equipment for the brigade. The sale is an everything-must-go event so the astute buyers plan to arrive early to snap

up some bargains and then return later in the day when the price cutting begins. Keep your eyes peeled for further information on the sale closer to the date, flyers will be available soon to outline how to donate goods and we look forward to receiving the community support that makes this day such a huge event.

### Energy Safe Victoria Evaporative Cooler Alert

If you own or operate a Brivis or Carrier ducted evaporative cooler it is possible it may be affected by a product recall. There is a safety issue requiring re-work of some ducted evaporative cooling units. To determine if your

unit is affected please follow the advice below. Step 1- Do you have a Brivis or Carrier brand ducted evaporative cooler? Step 2- If yes, please refer to your Owner's Manual to confirm Brand, Model and Serial Number. Step 3- Please visit [www.brivis.com.au](http://www.brivis.com.au) and click on the "brivis cooler re-work program" item on the left hand side menu for more information, or contact Brivis on 1300 274 847

Brivis has identified a potential defect in the supply fan motor starting device of some of its evaporative cooler units. The starting device in these units may fail and, in rare cases, property damage and/or personal injury could result.

## NEW LICENSEES OF POST OFFICE

Regular customers of Beaconsfield Post Office farewelled Licensees Peter and Sandra Darbyshire.

Since taking over Liang Ng and Wei Wang have been busy meeting the residents of Beaconsfield and introducing some new aspects to the business like key cutting. Trading hours will remain the same.



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## New Teen Drinking Laws

by Brad Battin,  
Member for Gembrook



February is here – meaning students have returned to school, and school speed zones are back in operation.

After several weeks of school holidays, it is easy to forget to slow down around the school drop-off and pick-off times.

To protect students, it is important that everyone follows the lower speed limits that apply near schools between 8am and 9.30pm and 2.30 and 4pm.

School zones are either 40km/h or 60km/h, depending on the road. Signs near schools advertise the times and speeds, so be on the lookout.

February also marks Parliament's first sitting for 2012. If your community group would like to arrange a tour of Parliament, please contact my office for assistance.

Parents and teenagers may also be interested in a newly released smartphone app called The Teen Drinking Law, which explains the new laws on teenage drinking.

The app has 'choose your own adventure' scenarios that cater for teenagers as well as parents and guardians. I encourage anyone planning on hosting a party with under-18s in attendance to download the app and ensure they are aware of the new laws.

If you have any queries about the new teen drinking laws or any other State issue, please contact my office on 9796 1987, by emailing [brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au) or by visiting [www.bradbattin.com](http://www.bradbattin.com)







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*by José Meyer – President*

## BUSY START FOR 2012

We have had a busy start to 2012 with many of our regular classes up and running. It has been all with great excitement as friendships are renewed and many new ones formed. With our updated website not only is each Term program available to download but you can easily see upcoming courses, events and all the exciting things the centre has to offer.

Remember to check out the Term 1 program for details on how to receive your Children's Floral Design Workshop (23rd March ) for half price and the courses that will be run over the next school holidays.

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/beaconsfieldnc](http://www.facebook.com/beaconsfieldnc)

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### Men's Group

An invitation to men over 50 years of age.

Come along and meet guys in your age bracket for discussions of all that is important to you right now. Have a cuppa at these friendly meetings.

Meetings are held every third Monday morning.

Cost is just \$3.

### Line Dancing

This activity is always popular, no partner is required, come along and check it out for yourself. Not only do you get to enjoy the great range of music, but all in attendance will ease you into the steps needed to learn the basics of this great activity.

Beginner Class is on Tuesday mornings - Cost is \$6 per session.

Intermediate Class is on Thursday mornings - Cost is \$6 per session.

### TERM DATES

Term 1 - Feb 1 - March 31st

Term 2 - April 16th - June 29th.



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**Where:** Cardinia Cultural Centre  
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham  
**When:** Friday 16 March  
**Time:** 10am  
**Cost:** Free

- Morning tea will be provided.
- Open to all residents 55 and over.
- Bookings are essential as places are limited.

For more information or bookings, contact Council's Seniors Safety Officer by phone 1300 787 624 or email [j.hobbs@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:j.hobbs@cardinia.vic.gov.au)



## SECOND WORKSHOP TIME

**When:** Wednesday 7 March  
**Time:** 6.15pm registration, 6.30pm start  
**Cost:** Free

- Finger food will be provided.
- Open to all residents 55 and over.
- Bookings are essential as places are limited.

## COME 'WRITE AWAY' by T. Horton

### Enjoy writing poetry, short stories, fiction?

Come and enjoy more with a small stimulating group called WRITE AWAY. Just formed at Beaconsfield Community Centre, we intend to meet every second Friday between 10 am and 11.30am. No charge other than gold coin donation.

The object is to follow our passion for writing each time we meet choosing a subject to write about and present in two weeks time.

Our first meeting was interesting with four people from very different backgrounds. We all agreed that writing is a great 'form of escape' and in today's society that can be a very

therapeutic hobby. Writing on the same subject each time gives rise to different interpretations (like painting the same subject).

Each time we meet we will all critique each other's work for better or worse with varied opinions from each. On Friday 10th February we picked the names of eight different television programs. The challenge now within two weeks is to write a short story or poem incorporating each title - the results will be interesting!

**INTERESTED?** Then come WRITE AWAY on Friday 24th February. Grow your skills in writing! Contact Ted Horton 0405505858 or 9 707 1313.



# MAKE AND MINGLE

by A. Taylor

*Like to catch up with friends for a coffee and a chat and to share craft ideas?*

You are welcome to come to Make and Mingle every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Corner Desmond Court & Old Princes Highway. You will receive a warm welcome and have an opportunity to learn new craft ideas or to bring your sewing or craft to work on. Some people just come along to mingle for morning tea and a chat.

We have lots of lovely crafts happening:

\* **A patchwork and quilting corner** where you can work on your current project or learn patchwork techniques.

\* **Card making** - we have a huge range of techniques and ideas available from simple techniques like stamping, stickers, punch craft to more complex ones

like paper tole, pyramid cards and iris folding

\* **Knitting** - Lots of knitters at Make and Mingle just starting out and others trying all sorts of complex and different techniques. Help is always available for all levels of knitting, even beginners.

\* **Beadwork** - Come and try a simple necklace or make up some items from one of our kits

\* **Paper crafts and Needlecraft** are also available and more crafts will be added during the year.

\* **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** Wednesday May 23rd - we will be working on special projects for our fundraising stall



*Pictured: Annette with some of her knitted and crocheted teatime items at Make and Mingle.*



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## CAROLS BY THE CREEK

Preliminary discussions have taken place to set the date for 2012 Carols by the Creek.

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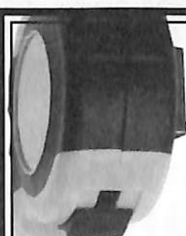
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by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

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Just like us, dogs and cats require a certain balance of protein, carbohydrates, fats and minerals to live a long & healthy life. This sort of balance is hard to get right without researching the required daily

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Once they are old enough, you should move them onto an adult maintenance diet. Hill's provides a great range to cater to your pet's specific needs and gives them the right balance of nutrients suited to an adult lifestyle. With dogs, you may like to supplement their diet with a bone (no chicken bones) once in a while to maintain dental health. Cats also benefit from a treat of chicken wings or

necks to help with their teeth. It is important not to feed them extra meat, like mince, on top of their normal pet food, as this can overload them with unneeded protein and fats, putting extra pressure on their digestive system and leading to unwanted weight gain. Table scraps are also a big no-no as they are often too fatty and can give your pet an upset stomach and lead to more serious illnesses such as pancreatitis.

Once your pet reaches it's geriatric years (over 7 years old), their diet needs to change with them. It is best to feed them a specially formulated "senior" diet, as these have less protein and minerals to ease the pressure on aging digestive systems.

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# THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

*by David Morland*

## Happiness

I read in a newspaper article some time ago that our ability to predict what will make us happy is very limited indeed. Apparently we grossly over estimate how much happiness will come from this new car or that new house or this new dress or this holiday or that outing.

Conversely we greatly magnify how much depression will come from loss. Our ability to cope with loss is much greater than we imagine so the anticipated emotional pain is not as bad as the actual emotional pain. As most of us know the happiness produced by a gain such as a lottery win does not last but I was fascinated to hear someone say the other day that the depression caused by a loss does not last either.

There is not one of us who is not interested in being happy. The bible is not without a thought on this matter although the word "joy" is used rather than "happy". The bible points us to a life of self-sacrifice; a life of caring for others. If you go searching for happiness you will never find it. However it tends to creep up on you while you are actively engaged in helping others.



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# Preliminary Report Released For Cardinia Shire Council Electoral Representation Review

*Media Release by Victorian Electoral Commission*

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) today releases a preliminary report outlining four options for the electoral structure of Cardinia Shire Council.

The VEC has considered a range of information, including public submissions, to form its recommendations for an electoral structure that will provide fair and equitable representation for the voters of Cardinia Shire Council.

As its preferred option, the VEC recommends that Cardinia Shire Council be represented by seven councillors elected from three wards. The preferred option consists of one three-councillor ward and two two-councillor wards. Three alternative options are also being presented for public comment, including two unsubdivided models.

The VEC welcomes responses to the preliminary report. All submissions must be made in writing and be received by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 29 February.

A public hearing will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 8 March at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Henty Way, Pakenham. People can speak at the hearing if they have requested to do so in their formal submission.

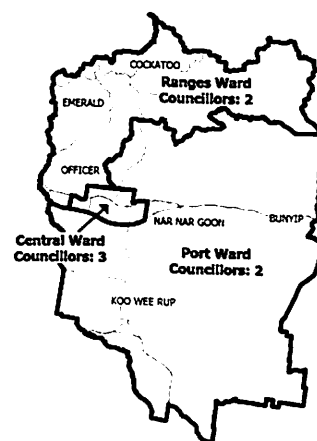
The preliminary report is available on the VEC website ([vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)) or by calling 131 VEC (131 832). Copies are also available at the Cardinia Shire Council Offices, Henty Way, Pakenham.

A final report containing the VEC's recommendation to the Minister for Local Government will be released on Wednesday, 28 March.

## Maps Of Recommended Options For Cardinia Shire Council

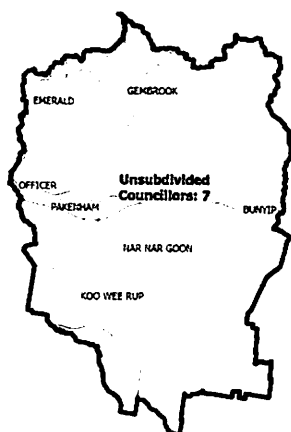
### Option A (Preferred Option)

Cardinia Shire Council consist of seven councillors to be elected from one three-councillor ward and two two-councillor wards, using new boundaries.



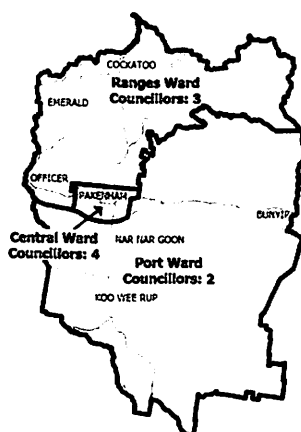
### Option B (Alternative Option)

Cardinia Shire Council consist of seven councillors to be elected from the municipality at-large (an unsubdivided municipality).



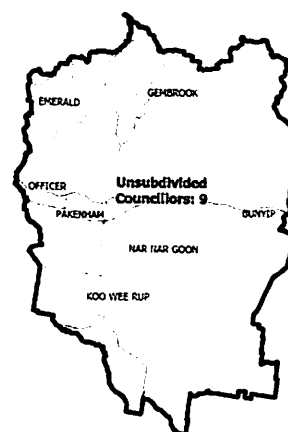
### Option C (Alternative Option)

Cardinia Shire Council consist of nine councillors to be elected from one four-councillor ward, one three-councillor ward and one two-councillor ward, using new boundaries.



### Option D (Alternative Option)

Cardinia Shire Council consist of nine councillors to be elected from the municipality at-large (an unsubdivided municipality).



# Local Education Top Priority

by Laura Smyth,  
Federal Member for La Trobe

Many of you will know that local education is one of my top priorities, so I was delighted to visit many of the primary and secondary schools in this area at the end of 2011 to recognise our young leaders and their critical role in schools through the La Trobe Leadership and Community Service Award. The Award has been running for two years and the feedback has been very positive. It is a great opportunity to promote the importance of civics and community mindedness in school communities and work together with parents and teachers to support our next generation of leaders.

School students in my electorate often talk to me about our environment and want to know how they and their schools can play a part in protecting the environment. The National Solar Schools program is a practical way through which eligible schools can

conserve resources and reduce their environmental impact. St Francis Xavier College in Beaconsfield is a local school which will receive \$30,000 under the latest round of the Federal Government's National Solar Schools program and I congratulate the school for taking part in the program.

In more great education news, students in La Trobe will benefit from a significant investment in two federally funded trade training centres. Hillcrest Christian College and Belgrave Heights College will both have trade training centres located at their schools, allowing local students from a range of schools to acquire the vocational skills they need to succeed in tomorrow's workforce.

This is one of the many education initiatives that our electorate is benefitting from. Here are a few of the

things that the Federal Government has delivered in education in this area and around the country:

- \* more than 780,000 new school computers – one for every student in Years 9 – 12 this year;

- \* delivered new or rebuilt facilities at around 9,500 schools – including 500 Language and Science Centres, 2900 covered outdoor learning areas and 3,100 libraries;

- \* nearly doubled the national schools budget, to a record high of more than \$65 billion over four years;

- \* boosted the Education Tax Refund to cover uniforms as well as other school needs;

- \* delivered record funding through national partnerships, including \$540m for literacy and numeracy programs, \$550m to attract and retain






quality teachers, and \$1.5 billion to address localised educational disadvantage.

- \* \$30 million in additional funding for schools working with high numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; and

- \* committed an extra \$200 million for students with disabilities

Like so many local residents in our area, I believe a great education system is crucial and I will continue to make it one of my key concerns. I look forward to updating readers of the Banner about anything that is happening in our community when I next write.

But in the meantime, if you have any issues you would like to raise with me, please don't hesitate to contact my office on (03) 9796 1788.

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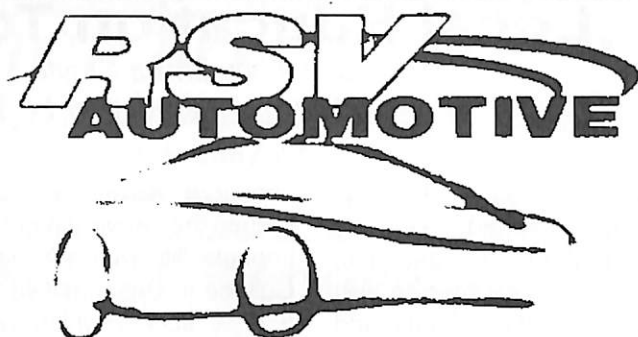
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## BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal



Above: Skye and Abby - Building - a friendship.



Above: Finn enjoying the alphabet puzzle!



Right: William is certainly ready for school!

# First day of School!

We enjoyed a remarkably smooth start to school this year. Our Preps got through their first day with big smiles and bursting with joy! It was great to see so many mums, dads and grandparents drop in to share this special day. Of course teachers and children had a wonderful time too; sharing their holiday stories and catching up with their friends!

This year we have 70 Preps across 4 grades and our new parents have already let us know how pleased they were with our great transition program. Smooth transitions make for happier Preps (most of the tears were shed by the mums!) and ensure that the learning starts straight away.

Today, just one week into the school year, several of our preps demonstrated their newly acquired skills, happily reading their sentences from the board. It's great to see our preps demonstrating such confidence in their learning and a tribute to the partnership of our excellent Cardinia Kinders and our experienced Beaconsfield Primary School Prep team!

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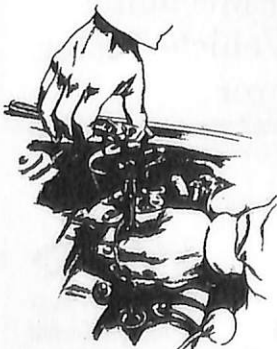
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I feel compelled to write in response to the column by David Morland entitled "Producing Good Citizens." In his article, he says that someone alone in a car park, when confronted by a group of 8 or 9 young men, can feel comforted about perceived safety concerns upon realising the group has come from a church function.

If only life were so simple and predictable. In fact, perpetrators of violence can come from any walk of life, including from religious

backgrounds and highly-esteemed professions. The longstanding evidence about priestly abuse of children and youth confirms this. Although those of us who were raised in a church-going family sought solace and refuge from the church, we have all learnt that religious affiliation is no definite marker about worth of character. Atheists, agnostics and people of any faith, or no faith at all, can have high moral standings.

Personal character is not dictated or determined by belonging to a faith-based organisation. Personal character and moral values are demonstrated by how we treat others every single day of our lives, including caring for those less fortunate than ourselves.

In terms of violence, VicHealth statistics show that it is the biggest contributor to ill-health and premature death in women aged 15 to 44 years old: more damaging than obesity, smoking or high blood pressure. The major perpetrators of violence against women are not strangers but men they know, such as husbands or boyfriends.

Mr Morland's article encourages people to have confidence about people's character solely by membership of a church. This is potentially a very harmful piece of advice. Simultaneously, he relinquishes the opportunity to alert people - especially women - that the greatest dangers they confront in terms of violence is not from strangers on the street

but men they know.

Producing good citizens does not come about from membership to any church or organisation. It is how those values are displayed in everyday life. It is inappropriate to make assumptions about people's character on how they look, what their cultural backgrounds are, or what church they belong to. Instead, let their actions speak for them.

*P. Hopkins*

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

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1. From 1 July 2012 the dependant spouse Tax Offset is restricted to spouses born before 1 July 1952. This will not affect some spouses e.g. an invalid or carer and also where zone or overseas forces tax offsets are claimed.
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- refunded to a taxpayer's Superannuation Account. If taxpayers are not required to lodge an income tax return then eligibility will be based on income data held by the Australian Taxation Office.
3. There is a 25% reduction in minimum payments from account-based, allocated and market linked pensions in the 2012/13 year.
4. The Government has deferred until 1 July 2013 other reforms including the start date of standard deductions for work related expenses, 50% reduction in interest assessable income, introduction of a new tax system for managed investment trusts
- and not to apply indexation to superannuation concessional contributions cap for one year.
5. The Clean Energy Act 2011 and other related Bills have now received Royal Assent imposing a carbon price of \$23 per tonne on the 500 largest polluters from 1 July 2012. For individuals the benefits include increasing the tax free threshold from \$6,000 to \$18,200 and increasing government payments including pensioner increases and household assistance payments. However consumer prices of goods and services will increase.
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# CARDINIA RESERVOIR AND THE BEACONSFIELD CONNECTION

*by A. Taylor*

Cardinia Reservoir is a lovely spot for walks, picnics & barbeques. You are able to take a return walk along the top of the dam wall and take in the amazing views. The reservoir park area has native bushland and a kangaroo viewing trail where you can watch Eastern Grey kangaroos feeding.

Work on the reservoir commenced in 1970 and was completed in 1973. It covers a total area of 3,000 acres and can hold up to 63,500 million gallons of water. The land required for the dam came from Emerald and Clematis and from the old township of Dewhurst.

The original township of Dewhurst was totally covered by the reservoir area and no longer exists, however in 1996 another small area north of Upper Beaconsfield was named Dewhurst, as a legacy to the past.

Beaconsfield had roots in Dewhurst with the Shanks - Bishop Family. Frances Bishop (nee Shanks) grew up in the North Beaconsfield area and it is thanks to Frances

that the town was named Dewhurst. She told me that it was originally called North Beaconsfield and when she was a child at a township meeting votes were taken on two names for the town and she was given the casting vote and chose Dewhurst.

Frances is now 99 years young and regularly visited by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who live in the Beaconsfield township and surrounding areas.

The second link to Beaconsfield with the Cardinia Reservoir was the old Beaconsfield School Hall. This wooden hall with offices was originally used by the workmen during the construction of the dam and then moved to the Beaconsfield Primary School site in the mid 1970's.

It was in constant use by the school and the community until sadly destroyed by fire in the mid 1990's. This hall was very important to Beaconsfield as it not only was used by the school children but by the whole community.



The town's first hall built in 1905 by James Adamson was originally situated on the old Princes Highway next to the Beaconsfield Hotel and was demolished in 1974 when the highway was duplicated. The school 'reservoir' hall was used by the community out of school hours; we all went there to vote and for numerous meetings and classes in the hall.

The school hall was used for assemblies, concerts, PMP, canteen, uniform shop and for fun jobs like painting scenery for school plays.

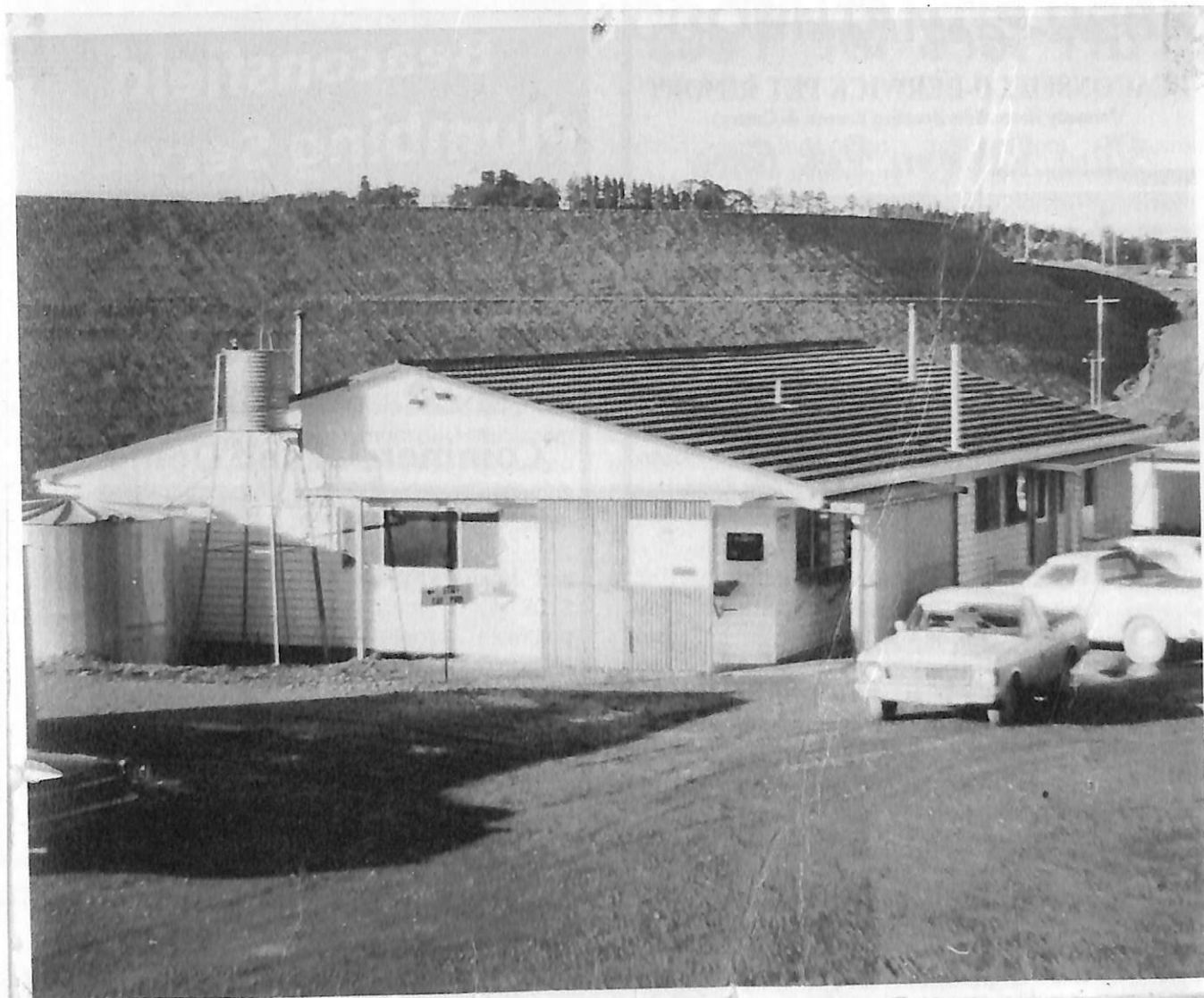
The photo (page 23) shows the hall beside the Cardinia wall before being removed to the school.

Next time you visit Cardinia Reservoir you will remember its links with Beaconsfield.

## SCANNING PHOTOS TO RECORD OUR HISTORY

Does anyone have photos of Beaconsfield or links with Beaconsfield just like the old hall at Beaconsfield Primary School?

It is so important to record the towns history and photos of town events, people and buildings are the ideal way to do this. If you have photos that you think we might like to record by scanning and storing timages on disk please contact Ann Taylor 9707 1996 or Margaret Boon 9707 5053.



*The hall beside the Cardinia wall before being removed to the Beaconsfield Primary School in mid 1970's.*

## Nobelius Heritage Park and Emerald Museum

*by Beryl Bartacek*

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In the museum are catalogues, order books and ledgers and many photos of cleared acres where the lines of trees grew. Following the nursery layout, in the park exotic trees are planted in groves, examples of the ornamental varieties cultivated here. While children play adventurous games, adults study the trees or sit and dream under the shady boughs in this serene environment.

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### "PAGES FROM THE PAST"

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**Book Launch at Edrington- former home of Lord & Lady Casey - 26/10/11**

There was approximately 60 people in attendance to celebrate the completion and launch of "Pages from the Past" for the National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch. We were pleased that Cr Judy Owen, Casey Council, Cr Graeme Legge, Cardinia Council, Berwick RSL President Les Lucas, and the Guest of Honour Neil Lucas who formally Launched "Pages from the Past."

All guests had played a part in making this book possible, as a Contributor, as a Donor or Volunteer in the Trust Shop, and by supporting

the Branch activities.

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

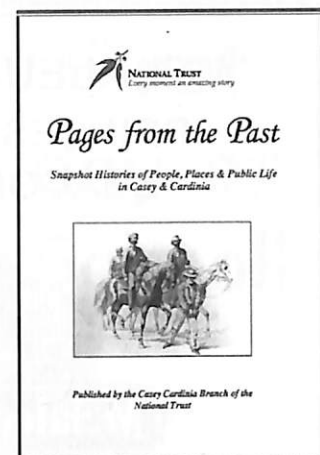
Since the Branch was formed both Casey and Cardinia have experienced extremely rapid development, with an unprecedented corresponding increase in population. There are now many thousands of new residents in our community that know little or nothing of the history or the heritage of the place where they now live.

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 the quality publication that it now is, and we are proud to recommend it as the best "snapshot history" of Casey and Cardinia.

We received a Grant of \$3,300 from the City of Casey, from their Community Grants Program, and Grant of \$1,100 from the Holdsworth Heritage Trust. The Casey Edrington Ward Councillors, Cr Judy Owen and Cr Simon Curtis started off our appeal with \$1,000 from their Ward funds. We were greatly encouraged to receive such a vote of confidence from all those generous donors that are listed in the book.

"Pages from the Past" subtitled "Snapshot Histories of People Places & Public Life" is a contemporary style history book. 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.

It will be an excellent educational resource for the local schools and we plan to make it available in most school libraries to be used as a reference book for local history projects.

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Entries are now open and Council is accepting articles, comics, poems, songs, stories and any other original pieces of written work.

In addition to the competition, a poetry slam will be held during National Youth Week for poets, comedians, performers and storytellers to read or recite their original works.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Ed Chatwin said both the writing competition and poetry slam were excellent opportunities for local young writers to

express themselves and showcase their talent.

'Who knows, we could have the next Jane Austen, Stan Lee or Bruno Mars right here in Cardinia Shire. Entries close 23 March so I encourage all you budding writers out there to get your creative juices flowing,' Cr Chatwin said.

Entries can be emailed to [youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au). The poetry slam will be on Thursday 19 April 6.30pm–8pm in the Pakenham Library. The winner of the writing competition will be announced on the same night. Further details about the writing competition and poetry slam can be found online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au) or by contacting Youth Services on 1300 787 624.

## DRAFT ROAD STRATEGY OUT FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT

Cardinia Shire Council's draft Road Safety Strategy 2011–14 is open for community comment until Friday 9 March.

Residents, visitors, business operators, schools and community groups are encouraged to view the document and acknowledge their road safety responsibilities.

The strategy identifies road safety issues within the municipality as well as actions Council, together with Vic Roads and community road safety groups, will take to reduce the number and severity of road crashes within the Shire.

The draft strategy is available online at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)

Hard copies are available by contacting Council on 1300 787 624.

Submissions can be sent via email [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) with the subject 'Draft Road Safety Strategy submission'.

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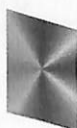
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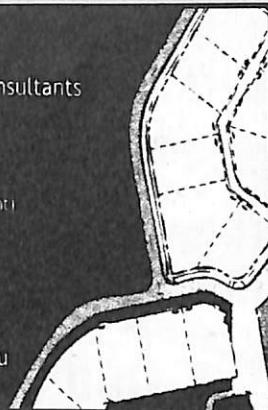
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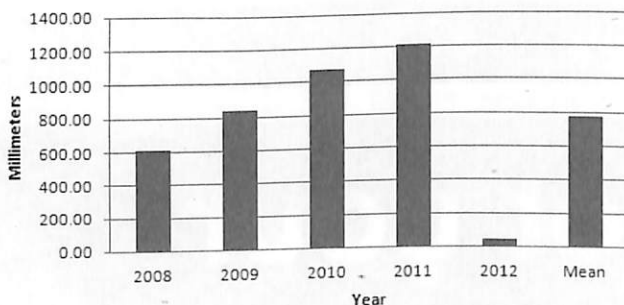


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December saw it rain on only 5 days but there was still 91mm of rainfall recorded. The highest daily total was 43mm, this was on the 9th. With this rain it saw the yearly total climb to 1211mm. This is the highest yearly total I have in my records. The previous highest was the year before with 1072mm. The total is 400mm above average.

2011 was the year where a lot of records were broken.

**Highest yearly total:**  
1211mm.

**Highest daily total:**  
155mm (Feb 4)

**Highest monthly total for any month:**  
249mm, February

**Wettest November on record:** 180mm

I am sure there was plenty more across the state and regions as

well but this is all I track.

With the wet weather of 2011 behind us, the rainfall has been considerably less in 2012. January had only 42 mm of rain and fell over 10 days. With us heading into the hottest part of the year Melbourne's water storage is now at 64.8%. This is 10.8% higher than the same time last year and 30% higher than the same time 2 years ago.

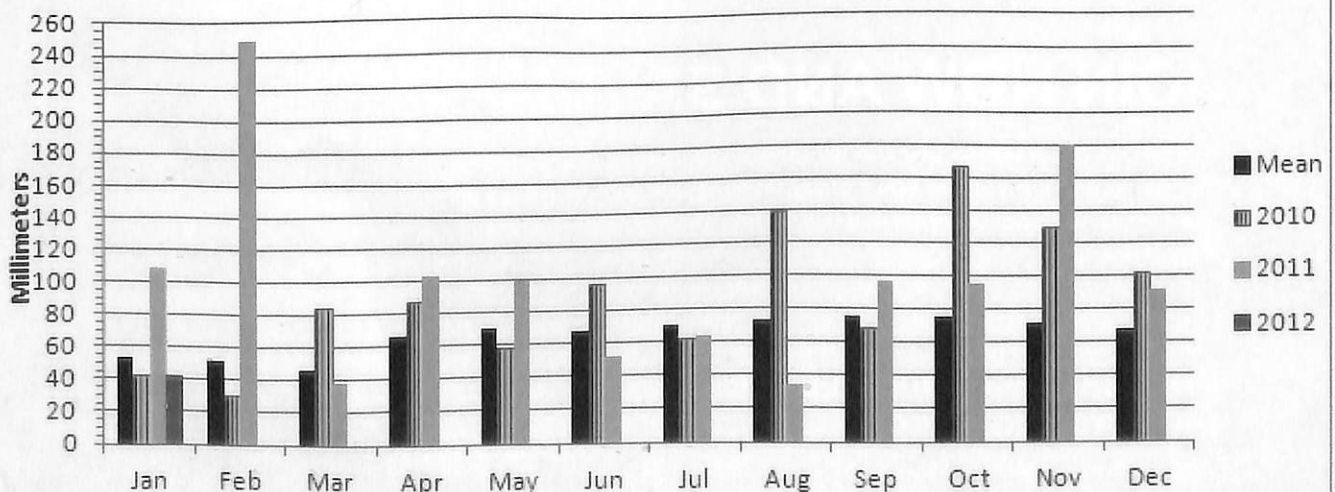
The storms and hail we received last year were very severe and like nothing we have seen before. I hope we don't get too many of those events again but we unfortunately can't control the weather.

What will the weather throw at us this year? Only time will tell.

In addition to the Monthly Rainfall chart I have added a Yearly Total graph so you can follow the millimetre tally for the year.

## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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





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# PAVE FESTIVAL

## Bigger and better every year !

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The Performing And Visual arts in Emerald Festival, better known as PAVE, just keeps growing. After sell-out events for the past few years, enthusiasts know to book early for events.

Each year, new events are added while tried and true events keep getting stronger. This year the Women in Song event features Rebecca Barnard, Lisa Miller, Kerri Simpson and Blin, four diverse women who will surprise and delight the audience on opening night, Wednesday 18th April.

Thursday night brings the ultra popular Burlesque spectacular, featuring Lilikoi Kaos, Miss Strawberry Siren, Foxtrot India and others, for an over 18s night of entertaining skill. On Friday night, the entertainment continues with Circus Trick Tease, a three person circus performance for the whole family. Trick Tease Circus is a raucous & entertaining collection of misfits including a maladjusted strongman, his neurotic female compatriot & their international star. Together,

they play out their chaotic roles in dazzling displays of acrobatics, precarious balances & gratuitous headstands.

Legends of Australian Music will ensure that no one sits still on Saturday night. See the MSO (Models Super Orchestra) in full swing, featuring an all star line up. Sean Kelly (Models), Andrew Duffield (Models), Mark Ferrie (Models), Billy Miller (Ferrets), Jack Howard (Hunters & Collectors), Eve von Bibra (Chantoozies), Calum McAlpine (Large no.12s)..... add to that other legends like Wendy Stapleton, Spectrum and the Madderlake/Black Feather combo, Neale Johns and the Moments, it will be night to remember.

On Sunday 22nd the Emerald FunFest takes over the streets for the festival to end all festivals. Street performers, rides, displays, Hot rods, competitions, Jazz, Dance, food and wine, Harley rides, bands, laser challenge, abseiling, pony rides, face painting,

jumping castles, candle making, stunts, Future Sparks, craft activities and welcoming back Tubby the Robot..... Heaps of free stuff and FUN for everyone. The FunFest is a great day out for all ages.

Add to this new or returning PAVE events like the Photography Exhibition, Art Exhibition, free music in cafés, Unity in Community Voice Concert, Poets' Breakfast, Yarn Event, Monkey Business, Dance Workshops, book readings and signings, Cartooning Workshop, Spanish guitar and Flamenco Dancers, Grimm Tales and Murder Ballads, Golden Cow Literary Dinner and so much more. The PAVE Festival and Emerald FunFest are a week of events you won't want to miss. More info 5968 3881, 0419 345 750, [info@pave.org.au](mailto:info@pave.org.au) [www.pave.org.au](http://www.pave.org.au)

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If you are interested in learning about cycling and getting fit at the same time come on down and have a look.

If you have any questions please contact John Mills: [johnm@cchpvcc.org.au](mailto:johnm@cchpvcc.org.au), Nathan Boon: [info@cchpvcc.org.au](mailto:info@cchpvcc.org.au) or head to the website [www.cchpvcc.org.au](http://www.cchpvcc.org.au)

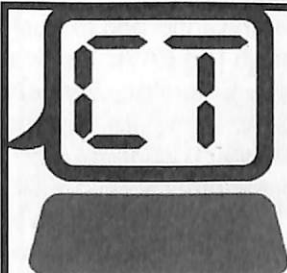
Round 1 of the 2012 Casey Bass Coast HPV Series was held on Saturday February 25th at Casey Fields. The 6 hour race showcased some of the very best and fastest vehicles a human can pedal.

Round 1 was won by Tru Blu by 8 laps over last years winner Aurora.

Round 2 will be held on the 24th and 25th of March in Wonthaggi with Round 3 and the conclusion of the series back at Casey Fields on Saturday 12th of May.

If you have never seen HPV racing come down to Casey Fields between 10am and 4pm to see what a fantastic sport it is.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact John Mills [johnm@cchpvcc.org.au](mailto:johnm@cchpvcc.org.au)



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# Beaconsfield Cricket Club News

by A. Sauvarin

## Annual Over35's Cricket Trip To Cobram/Barooga

The 7th annual over 35s cricket trip to Cobram/Barooga by the Beaconsfield Cricket Club was in January and saw 11 players venture up north for golf, lawn bowls and 3 games of cricket. The first game was against traditional rivals Shell Harbour played at the picturesque Cobram show grounds and saw a very good win with all players getting a bat and a bowl with some outstanding catching and fielding for all to see. Stand outs for the game were Andrew Mercier and Dave Bruneau who both got to the retirement score of 40 and came back in to both score over 50 each. Wickets were shared by most bowlers.

The 2nd game was at the main Barooga sports oval against Oak Flats in a rain and ambulance interrupted game that lasted almost



*Pictured:  
Over 35's  
practise  
session  
before  
going to  
Barooga.*

7 hours. The result after every player batted and bowled was a narrow loss with good results to Ross Mitchell, Steve Glen, Andrew Mercier and Dave Bruneau with the bat and wickets again were shared. The 3rd and final game again at the main Barooga sports oval was against new team Albion Park and again every player bowled and batted and a narrow loss ensued as Albion Park secured victory in the last over of the game.

Steve Glen batted well as did Dave Bruneau and yet again wickets were shared.

The much coveted "DON" for player of the series was won by Andrew Mercier by 4 votes from Dave Bruneau with all players polling votes.

The tradition of tall tales, some even true, were told in the recovery pool after every game and is a much looked forward to event after a hard day of cricket.

Next January the journey will continue with the ageless warriors venturing again up north of the Murray to take on all comers in all sorts of sports.



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## BEACONSFIELD ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Beaconsfield Anzac Day Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 22nd April.

This year the ceremony will begin with a march from the Beaconsfield Fire Station to the cenotaph. All those wishing to march will need to assemble in the engine bay of the fire station from 1.30 onwards and commence marching just prior to 2pm. The march will be followed with a service and wreath-laying at the cenotaph.

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by H. Studham

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Junior Tryouts have  
taken place and Junior  
training begins on  
Thursday, 9th February.  
Senior Tryouts will be held  
Thursday 16th, Saturday  
18th and Thursday  
23rd of February.

Midweek Netball resumed  
at Cardinia Life Pakenham  
and will run until late March  
then roll straight into the  
winter domestic competition  
at Life Be In It, Cranbourne.  
Teams are now being  
sought for entry into the  
Cranbourne competition  
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available via emailing the  
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Junior Development  
Squad have begun training  
and as per the mid week  
resumed at Pakenham  
for the remainder of the  
summer competition.  
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Jasmine Maddocks and  
Sarah Mislicki have been  
taking training sessions  
(non compulsory), at  
Wilson Park for the past  
few weeks for all Juniors

and Seniors who are  
interested in attaining a  
high fitness level to start  
the season.

We have scheduled  
a Round Robin for all  
interested in playing  
"Masters" (Over 30)  
netball. The date for this  
fun day will be Sunday  
18th March, 1.30pm. start,  
and we invite all who are  
interested in playing to  
come along and join in  
the fun. Depending on  
numbers, we will divide  
into teams for the day, and  
hopefully catch up with old  
friends, make new friends  
and play some entertaining  
netball into the bargain.  
We have quite a listing of  
interested parties and they  
will be notified by email. If  
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interest.

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Our facilities are very much  
outdated and in need of  
renovation in order to cater  
for the growing demand for  
netball in our community.  
We are looking forward  
to the completion of our  
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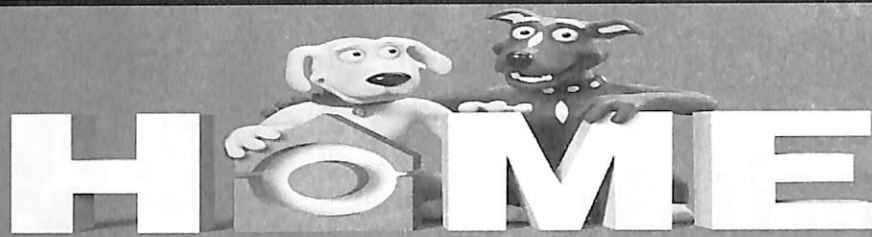


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