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by Graeme Taylor, President

The Annual General Meeting for the Association will be held on 16th October atBeaconsfieldCommunity The Annual Complex. Financial Statements will be presented and all members should come and hear reports on the past year's activities of your Association. All Officers and Committee Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. insufficient nominations are received, nominations can be received at the Annual General Meeting. We would like to have more participation by members of the Community as members and to fill roles of Officers and Committee.

Cardinia Voting for Shire Councillors now underway with Beaconsfield being in the expanded Ranges Ward with three Councillors to be elected. Residents should familiarise themselves with the Candidates and ensure that your postal vote is received Cardinia Shire Council by no later than 26th October. The Association assisted with the "Meet the Candidates" public meetings held recently.

The Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary

The Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary continue to work removing weed species including Winter Cheery, Hawthorn, Pittosporum, Blackberries, Honeysuckle and Spear Thistle. Weeds outcompete native plants for space and resources and this in turn depletes the quality of wildlife habitat.

The Friends of Cardinia Creek Sanctuary formed in March 1998 to assist in the conservation of Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve, an area approximately 38 hectares along the eastern boundary of Cardinia Creek just north of Beaconsfield township.

Weeds

currently

proliferating on the western bank of Cardinia Creek, effect weed control work already completed on the eastern side by spread of seed via water, wind and birds.

Infill planting of local indigenous plants and several tree planting days are being scheduled. If you interested in coming along to these days or would like to be involved on a more regular basis, the Friends hold working bees on the fourth Saturday of each month and meet on the corner of Holm Park Road and Beaconsfield/Emerald Road. Beaconsfield 9am. All most welcome.

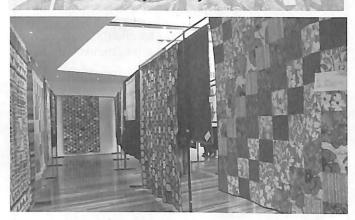
Enquiries to Judy Smith 9707 1402.





Beaconsfield Quilt Show

by J. Meyer



.The Beaconsfield Quilters held their very first quit show on 8th September the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre was a hive of activity for the day. People came from far and wide throughout Victoria well as as several interstate visitors.

The displays were outstanding indeed and those people attending could vote for the "People's Choice" award, which went to Kaye Gee, who painstakingly completed a crazyAustraliananimalquilt.

The "Bush Wedding" section was very popular, showcasing some very unique work (pictured below). The stall holders were on hand for the day, as well as author Margaret Rowe, who

signed her many books.

The CFA were delighted with the day too and they also manned the sausage sizzle, which was a huge hit.

Money raised on the day will be going to the CFA. With a quilt yet to be raffled to raise much needed funds for the CFA. Raffle tickets are still available from the quilters (who meet on Thursdays and Fridays at the BNC) or enquire at the office. The winning ticket will be drawn at the BNC on the Open Day/Christmas Fair, Saturday 24th November.

With such great response to our first quilt show, we hope to do it again in 2013, making it an even bigger event. Well done to all who contributed to make this a very special day.



The Beaconsfield District Community Bank Branch recently provided funding of \$2,500 to the Berwick Bowling Club to purchase a Defibrillator.

cost of this was The the funded fully by Community Bendigo Beaconsfield. Bank in

branch has also The provided funding to the Junior Football Officer Club for their Pizza nights.

The following organisations sponsored also are by the branch or have recently received some funding from the branch:

Beaconsfield Cricket Club Beaconsfield Netball Club Beaconsfield Junior and Senior Football Clubs Officer Junior Football Club

Upper Beaconsfield Scout Association

Upper Beaconsfield Primary School

Upper Beaconsfield Mens Club

Beaconsfield Upper Community Centre

Berwick Chase Primary School

Officer Primary School Beaconsfield Primary

School

Beaconsfield District Community Bank Celebrates Its 3rd Birthday



above: A donation of a defibrillator to Picture Berwick Bowling Club. Pictured are John Perry, Graeme Taylor, Gerald Treasure, Maurice Potter and Tony Wynen Berwick Bowling Club.

Picture below shows acknowledgement the branch received from the Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library. John Perry Branch Manager and Rosemary Hawke Library Secretary are pictured. The Beaconsfield District Community Bank Branch recently handed over a cheque for \$125 to the Upper Beaconsfield Toy Library as part of a yearly sponsorship. This year our sponsoring is for the John Deere tractor that is regularly loaned out to young children throughout the Upper Beaconsfield District.

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by Jeni Mathieson, Director 4C's. 03 59512268

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Also as from early November we will be taking registrations for Christmas hampers and toys for anyone living in the shire who may be in crisis (this applies to wage earners too). You will need to register at our centre in Pakenham (behind La Porchettas) and show identification that you are living in the shire. Hampers will be picked up one week prior to Christmas day.

We are still looking for volunteers to work at our centre in Pakenham during the hours of 9.30 to 3.00 Monday to Friday. If anyone has some time on their hands and would like to give back to their community we love to have you involved with our work. There are a variety of duties going from reception. to servicing clients, to stocking shelves, filing, work in our prep room etc. Please contact Deb Porter 59 on 412268.



Letter to the Editor

Beyond Tolerance

According to David Morland in his regular column, being emotionally and welcoming to those whose beliefs and opinions you "find repugnant" is a sign of maturity and tolerance. With that view of tolerance. no one would ever have stood up to Hitler's Nazism. Tolerance is not to be equated with turning a blind eye to discriminatory unjust practices and beliefs. In 2002. the Australian Human Right Commissioner Pru Goward, at a national conference on racism. entitled her speech "Beyond Tolerance.'

Rightly so. Refusing to tolerate some beliefs and behaviours and distancing ourselves from those who hold offensive views can be a sign of strength. It takes courage to make a stand for what is right.

This can include standing up to beliefs that lead to bullying in the workplace and schoolyard, to sexual harassment, to religious and racial vilification. Being tolerant of others cannot be used as an excuse to do nothing in the face of injustice.

Pauline Hopkins

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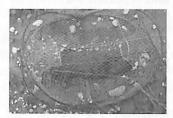
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AVOID YABBY TRAP THREAT TO PLATYPUS

By Australian Platypus Conservancy

As we approach summer. it is time for a reminder that incorrect use of yabby traps can kill platypuses and other aquatic species such as native water-rats and turtles. At least two animals from Cardinia Creek's reintroduced platypus population are known to have been killed in opera house traps in recent years. Unfortunately, illegally set nets are still being found along the creek, posing more threats to the success of the reintroduction project.

Under Victorian recreational fishina regulations, opera house nets and similar enclosed yabby traps must not be used in any public waters such as rivers, creeks, streams. lakes reservoirs. Public waters include creeks and streams running through private land. A heavy fine and/or prison sentence can be imposed for illegal use of nets. The only place such equipment can be used is in private farm dams.



Anyone finding a net being illegally used should report it immediately to Fisheries Officers (Tel: 13FISH – i.e. 133474).

Alternatives to opera house traps should be used in public waters instead. Yabbies can be caught legally using hoopstyle lift nets or baited lines with no hooks, provided regulations regarding maximum number of nets and lines are complied with. However, it is important that bag-limits for yabbies are also observed, since over-harvesting can place crayfish populations at risk.

For more information about this article contact: Australian Platypus Conservancy:
Tel: (03) 5157
5568 Email: platypus.
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C Grade Premiers

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Ranges Ward

The Ranges Ward now encompasses the township of Beaconsfield.

Cardinia Shire Council will be conducting a postal election for its council general election this October. This means that everyone on the voters roll on Friday, 31 August 2012, will automatically have ballot packs mailed to them from 9-11 October.

There are 7 nominated candidates for 3 Ranges Ward seats. Ballot papers will need to be returned by Friday 26th October.



Listed are those running for the 3 seats.

Mr LEGGE, Graeme Colvin, Mrs BAXTER, Tania, Mrs FULLER, Lee, Mr RUNGE, Garry, Mr ALEXANDER-HALE, Dennis, Mr OWEN, Brett, Mrs WILMOT, Leticia

Through the VEC website we contacted those listed. We offered all candidates of the Ranges Ward the opportunity to submit 150 words and a photograph that we would place in a ¼ page size space. This was at no cost to candidates. The placement order of the candidates information was by random ballot

Graeme Legge

In the new Ranges Ward, (the 'Highway to the Hills'), Graeme Legge would provide quality service by way of strong representation of residents.

Graeme's service has already contributed to Beaconsfield via the Community Centre, Holm Park Reserve and the development of the Draft Beaconsfield Structure Plan.



Next door, in Officer, Graeme was with Council to enable the second oval and the new pavilion to proceed. The Officer Precinct Structure Plan has also seen Graeme's input.

Graeme's emphasis upon emergency management (fire and flood); environment, recreation reserves, youth work, weeds and litter is in addition to the continuing provision of roads and footpaths, rate management and accommodation for older residents who would choose to stay in the area.

It's now a long time since Beaconsfield played Emerald in a cricket match (1890s) but now is a good time to be represented by a candidate who unites both areas - Graeme Legge



Lee Fuller

I am a retired Army servicewoman with more than 20 years experience in leadership, logistics and people management.

Since retiring to Emerald with my family over a decade

ago, I have been an active community volunteer in education, sport, local community radio, sustainability, environment, renewable energy and climate change.

I will work to expand foot & bike path networks, support local farmers and food security, support sustainable job creation in Cardinia, improve waste management, enhance our natural environment, support groups tackling climate change, improve community consultation in planning decisions & improve council services to the community and will advocate for renewable energy.

I am a strong voice for my community, and am committed to creating a sustainable future.

These Council elections are your opportunity to prepare for and change the way we live and view our future. Please join me in taking up that challenge and build a better Cardinia.

Lee Fuller Endorsed Victorian Greens candidate

Tania Baxter

"Too young and a woman!" That's what I've been told, but it's these exact characteristics that are lacking in Council today.

I grew up at the base of the hills region and spent my adult life in growth areas. I've a good understanding of both lifestyles and an affection for each. I'm Secretary of the B.P.A. but I'd love to represent the whole of the NEW Ranges Ward.

As a Special Education Teacher I feel children, health and education are paramount; I want to make youth suicide prevention a top priority for Cardinia.

As a mother and wife, I value families and can represent a female perspective.

As a small business owner, I understand about the bottom line and the concept of

'a fair go'.

My strengths are my ability to advocate for individuals by seeking information from community members and representing these at Council level.

Remember, BAXTER is BETTER!



Dennis Alexander-hale

I am a community minded person who is well experienced to represent local communities and my career over the years has ranged from accounting and administration management to youth work, employment services recruitment, disability employment training and recently tutor in adult literacy and numeracy.

Presently I am a committee member of Emerald Village Township Committee, Treasurer of Emerald Community House, Treasurer of Emerald Museum & Nobelius Heritage Park and on Cardinia Shire Council's Disability Advisory Committee.

My community interests include retaining the history and heritage of the area, tourism, youth and disability advocacy, the needs of our senior citizens and encouraging outdoor activities be they sporting, recreation or enjoying the natural environment.



I am a practical and resourceful person who strives to achieve what is needed and appropriate for people and organisations of the townships of the Ranges Ward and wishes to see improvement in services and development of facilities.

Garry Runge

There is a need for change in the new Ranges Ward and my election as your representative will bring about that change.

I am a retired member of Victoria Police having served for 27 years and I am a local Justice of the Peace. As a former councillor for the Beacon Hills Ward I understand



local government and the needs of the community. I live in Ranges Ward and operate a small business in the Disability sector.

I am committed to representing you and making Ranges Ward a vibrant and wonderful place in which to live. Together we can make a change for the better by being sensitive to the environment, developing infrastructure and improving our life style. I believe in open and transparent local government and the involvement of the community in the decision making process.

Support me for election and I will deliver for you.

Brett Owen

The people of Ranges Ward deserve someone who will listen to them. I will represent you with energy, drive and enthusiasm.

During my 7 years on council, I have worked hard to ensure that Beaconsfield has received effective representation. I have contributed to improved footpath linkages, beautification



of parklands and the development of new facilities for football, netball and cricket at Holm Park Reserve.

With your vote, I can continue this work and ensure that the diverse communities within Ranges Ward are all given a voice on council.

My focus is on improved community safety, increased youth and mental health services, disability access and inclusion, support for our sporting clubs, business and community groups.

I also support increased funding for new footpaths to create vital linkages, a full diamond interchange onto the Monash Freeway, increased car parking, improved traffic management and streetscape beautification in central Beaconsfield.

I seek your support.

Leticia Wilmot

It is time for fresh thinking within Council. Ranges Ward has diverse needs which require Councillors who will represent all communities.

My priorities include: responsible financial management; maintenance of Council owned assets (including roads); effective community consultation; providing access to youth and family services in all areas; bushfire management/emergency preparedness. I am passionate about building strong, resilient communities with residents who are proud to be part of the ward and the shire in which they live.

As an Independent candidate I'm committed to representing you and your community on the issues that matter most. I will listen with respect, understand

with compassion and respond with honesty to the concerns of all residents.

I have lived in Cockatoo for 21 years. I've raised my family here and I've been a volunteer for 12 of those years.

Vote 1 Leticia Wilmot for fair and responsible local government. I will make a difference.



Edrington Ward

Part of Beaconsfield is in the City of Casey and the Edrington Ward. Listed are all the council election candidates as per the VEC website for the Edrington Ward - 2 vacancies, 18 candidates



Mr MORLAND, Mick, Mr HETHERTON, Brian, Mr HASTIE, John Robert, Mr HALL, Michael, Mrs POWELL, Carmen, ZARIF, Michael, Mr ANDREWS. Chris, Mrs OWEN, Judy Patricia, FRASER, Peter, Ms ACKERMAN, Kave, Mr STECKIS, Walter Vincent. Wayne, Mr A'VARD. Mr HALL, Matthew, Mr WILLIAMSON, Peter, Mr. CORNELIUS, Greg, Mrs WINGRAVE, Patricia. Miss SEREY, Susan. LUCAS. Neil

Through the VEC website contacted those with contact details. We offered all candidates of the Edrington Ward opportunity the submit 150 words and a photograph that we would place in a 1/4 page size space. This was at no cost to candidates. The placement order of the candidates information was by random ballot.

Matt Hall

As a young adult, I understand the importance having a balance between keeping rates low and providing vital services to the community. I hope to bring a fresh, young approach to Casey Council and give not just youth a voice, but a voice to each and every Edrington resident.



Currently, I am a law student studying at Victoria University and passionate resident of Casey. I believe in making sure vital services are met- providing better footpaths in the outskirts of Edrington and advocating for a better bus service that can meet the demand of an ever-growing population in Casey. I also believe in stamping out illegal graffiti that desecrates our community and local businesses.

Most importantly, I believe in doing the right thing by the residents of Edrington and Casey and not being consumed by politics or other interests.

Judy Owen



Since 1985 I have chosen to live, work and raise my children in the City of Casey because I love the place.

I have volunteered countless hours with many community groups, including as a Justice of the Peace, the Casey 2010 Citizen of the Year and as an Ageing Positively Ambassador.

I am committed to continuing to serve you as a full time Councillor.

My priorities will be improvements to sporting facilities, more footpaths for the safety of all residents, a differential rating system for Retirement Villages, equitable rates spread evenly across Casey, and maintaining the treed street scape and village atmosphere of Berwick. I will continue to make myself available to all residents, I will work to ensure your concerns are heard through community consultation.

When you vote take your time, it's your future you are voting for. I am your committed candidate in Edrington Ward, and I ask for your vote.

Susan Serey

As a resident of Berwick, involved in a Berwick family business, and our community, I know Berwick needs genuine, local representatives who live in and care about Berwick. Edrington Ward needs a fresh, positive approach and professionalism to work with all levels of government to achieve positive outcomes for our diverse community. Casey must be an open, accountable and respectful council. A lower rating policy combined with responsible financial management, investment in infrastructure, improving services for children and young people, families and older persons and support for business and community organisations are priorities for a growing city such as Casey.

I also stand for improving community health and wellbeing through sport and recreation, helping people doing it tough, standing against inappropriate developments, better public safety and protecting our

natural environment.

I would be honoured to represent and work with you to achieve positive results for Edrington.



Neil Lucas

Neil Lucas is a long-term resident and community worker in the Berwick area.

Neil's current and past service includes - (Present) Vestry - Berwick Anglican Church, Berwick Show Committee, Chairman Harkaway Cemetery, Friends of Wilson Park, National Trust, Justice of the Peace. (Past) - Berwick Primary Council, St Margaret's Board, South East Palliative Care Board, Berwick Mechanics Library Committee, President Institute Municipal Management (Vic), and local MP. Neil was Mayor of Casey 2005 prior to appointment as Administrator of Australia's Indian Ocean Territories.

Professionally, Neil served as a local government Chief Executive following studies in local government and senior management. Neil will pursue - prudent



consideration of proposed expenditure and containing of council rates, no politics in Council affairs, provision of facilities and services for families and senior residents, development performing arts facility/art gallery, improved roads/public transport, investigation into need for new library to serve south of Berwick and Clyde.

Peter Williamson

I have nominated as a candidate simply because I want to contribute to the community I care so much for. I have seen, over time, many injustices including the eradication of some services once employed by local government. Today's user pays philosophy means we as a community often recoil at the



challenges we are faced. I will do everything possible to reinvigorate the environment and champion any cause that supports this approach.

I have a vision that sees Casey as the gateway to Gippsland. I would embrace our country cousins and promote the development of a festival for the exhibition of food and beverages. Our restaurants in High St Berwick are fantastic and we should promote them as a destination for foodies from all over Melbourne and beyond.

I will not be a wallflower, I will listen and challenge, I will excite and motivate, I will make a difference.

Chris Andrews

George Bernard Shaw once stated "that the attraction of community work is that one derived a certain enjoyment in helping a good cause". This is how I feel about helping the community whether it be when I was a soldier with the Australian Army or when I was a local policeman in Berwick or in my current occupation as a solicitor.



I have lived and worked here for over 20 years and I have seen it go from a small town to the thriving city it is today. I still live and work in Erdington Ward and my partner works at Casey hospital and my children attend local schools. However the area has problems with rising rates and lack of services and bickering between councillors.

As a true independent I believe I have the necessary skills and local knowledge to be of service to you on Council - Vote 1 Chris Andrews.

Walter Steckis

You and I share common ground. We live in a vibrant community with many challenges and many opportunities.

It is my mission to build upon the great foundation we have in our community and to address the challenges that we face.

We need a council who is responsible with ratepayer's funds, a council who is mindful of our renters, our mortgage payers and our small business owners.

We need a council who is mindful of our youth, our families and our elderly citizens. A council who provides services and builds facilities for each of these community groups.

If you believe this is the council for you, then it is my mission and my commitment that I will provide value to our community by listening to your concerns and acting upon them.

Your support will enable me to make these changes for our future, for our Community, the City of Casey.



Michael Zarif

"Michael Zarif believes that open, transparent consultation is essential to the long-term sustainability and success of our council. As a new homeowner, he values our proximity to rural and urban life, and he's committed to the ongoing search for balance of competing interests that contribute to our vibrant community.

His four key priorities for running are to improve community services, advocate for infrastructure improvements, advocate for consistent by-law enforcement and support initiatives that promote Casey as a vibrant place to live and work.

He's highly aware of the problems faced by small businesses and believes that by addressing these issues, Casey will be seen as the ideal place for

businesses to start and grow. He believes in the importance of enhancing facilities for the younger generation and aged members of our community.

He has the time, energy and experience to be your strong voice in council."

Carmen Powell

"For almost 30 years I have lived in this area, working and raising a family. My 5 children have seen me active in the arts, sports and education, including advocacy for special needs, supports and services. I am passionate about expanding our existing programs for social disengagement - aged care, youth and family services.



As a local business owner, I appreciate the obligations of business and the need to be progressive and sustainable. At the same time preserve the very essence of our community and historical foundations, whilst being part of positive progress.

Together with uncompromising values for family and community spirit, my human relations and corporate management skills bring together qualities that support my ability to represent you, your family, and our local industry at council.

I have the energy, the drive and capability to work for everyone in Casey, I'm here for you."

INGE AT HAIRMOVEMENT

Previous owner of Reflections Hair Design, Inge, is delighted that she has starting working at Hairmovement. "It's been great to see a lot of my previous clients. John has been so kind and has taken care of many of my hairdressing clients when I had to close the business," Inge commented.

John and Sandy are thrilled that Inge has now joined their team at Hairmovement.

Inge will be at the salon at 59 Wallace Street, Beaconsfield, on Thursdays and Fridays. Ring 9707 4000 to make an appointment.



THE VOICE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH by David Morland



The other day I was at a meeting at which the former Treasurer, Peter Costello spoke. He pointed out that as the Treasurer he was constantly across the finances of the country and knew how much money the country had where it was coming from and where it was going. This he said was not hard because money is relatively easy to count and to measure. And we all know exactly how much money we have coming in each week. We all know what savings we have. We all know the value of our homes and cars. And we all like to think our wages will increase this year. And we all like to think the value of our savings and investments will increase this year.

And we all like to think the value of our homes will increase this year.

But how do we measure our ethical life and our moral life? Do we know if we are more moral and ethical than we were this time last year? Are we a kinder, more compassionate and more tolerant person than we were this time last year?

These things are harder to measure than money but those who live with us and work with us can certainly tell. In the next 12 months we may not all grow in riches but we can all strive to grow in character.

Good Reason To Smile

by Laura Smyth, MP Federal Member for La Trobe

Dear Readers
I thought that readers
might like an update on
just some of the many
things that have been
happening in Federal
Parliamentin recentweeks.

20,500 Local Kids And 11,000 Families Have A Good Reason To Smile

This week was delighted to speak in Parliament in support of Government's new dental health package. Over 20,500 kids and around 11,000 families in our electorate of La Trobe will now be eligible for government-subsidised dental care, just like they're eligible for Medicare funded visits to their GP.

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The dental health includes: package \$2.7 billion for around 3.4 million Australian children who will be eligible for subsidised dental care: and •\$1.3 billion for around 1.4 million additional services for adults on low incomes. including pensioners and concession card holders, and those with special needs who will have better access to dental care in the public system.

Under the new measures, children from aged 2 to 17 in Family Tax Benefit Part A-eligible families will be entitled to subsidised basic dental treatment, capped at \$1,000 per child over a two-year period.

Right now, millions of people don't visit the dentist because they just can't afford it and unfortunately the dental scheme we inherited from the Howard Government was poorly targeted and wasteful.

The \$4 billion dental health package is in addition to the \$515 million already announced by the Federal Government in the 2012-13 Budget, which included a blitz on public dental waiting lists.

Local Pensioners Receive Another Increase In Payments

More than 16,700 local pensioners will receive another increase in their payments to help them keep up with the cost of living.

From 20 September, single people on the maximum rate of age, disability and carer pensions, as well as veterans' income support recipients, will get an extra \$17.10 in their pockets each fortnight.

Pensioner couples on the maximum rate will receive an extra \$25.80 a fortnight combined.

Since 2009, the Federal Government has increased the maximum rate of the pension by \$172 a fortnight for singles and \$182 a fortnight couples combined. for Following the latest increases, total pension payments for people on the maximum rate (including the base rate and pension supplement) will \$772.60 fortnight a for singles, and \$1,164.80 a fortnight for couples combined.

This is another boost for local pensioners. Pensioners are often those who find it most difficult to make ends meet. That's why I believe it's important that when prices go up, the pension goes up to match it.

These are just a few of the things that have been happening in the last few weeks. I look forward to updating readers again in my next column.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about these issues or if you have any other queries, please feel free to call my office on 9796 1788.

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by A. Taylor

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DAFFODIL DAY

Our DAFFODIL DAY in August raised funds for cancer research and since then we have been raising funds for the new oncology suite to be opened later this year at St John of God Hospital Berwick. Our gifts to the hospital are in memory of our precious friend Carolyn Smith. who died from Breast Cancer earlier this year. Our group has also been making the Breast Cancer Comfort Cushion packs for the local hospitals. These packs are a wonderful source of comfort and support for those women who have recently had surgery for breast cancer. If you would like to help with making these packs you are welcome to join us.

POSTAGE STAMPS

For those of you still receiving mail with stamps on envelopes, remember they are valuable! Make and Mingle collect and trim the stamps and then they are sent to stamp dealers and the money raised goes to support mission work. The stamps must be left on the papers and have a wide margin of paper so they can be correctly trimmed. Please do not soak them

off the papers. You can leave your stamps at the church most weekdays and Sunday mornings or drop them off on a Wednesday morning and you can chat to the stamp trimmers.

VALE FRANCES BISHOP

Our dear friend Frances Bishop passed away 6th August 2012, aged 100 years and 5 months. Until recently she was a regular participant at both Make and Mingle and Beaconsfield Baptist Church. Frances is also noted for naming the old township of Dewhurst when she was 12 years old. Our sympathies to her family and friends. She will be missed by so many.

You are welcome to come along to Make and Mingle any Wednesday during school term for a cuppa, craft and a chat. Crafts term will include greeting cards especially Christmas cards and other designs including paper tole, pyramid cards, embroidered cards, and There punched designs. will be lots of ideas for getting ready for Christmas with decorations and table centres, also knitting and crochet, Lyla's embroidered boxes, patchwork and embroidery, beading and also help with your own unfinished project. See you at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr. Desmond Court and Old Princes Highway from 10am-12noon, Wednesdays during school

Enquiries, 9707 0777 or makeandmingle@beac onsfieldbaptist.com.au

HEARTWORM PREVENTION

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

What Is Heartworm? Heartworm is a serious parasitic infestation that is transmitted by mosquitoes. This disease mainly affects and occasionally doas cats. When an infected mosquito bites a dog, that dog then becomes the main host of the heartworm. The immature worms travel via the bloodstream to the heart where they grow, until they gradually clog up the chambers the dog's heart. of

As the disease progresses and the worms continue to grow, the heart stops working efficiently, leading to organ failure, heart disease and eventually death. Heartworm infestation can be very difficult to cure. and even with modern veterinary treatments the outcome can be fatal.

Heartworm is very common in the more tropical areas of Australia, but there

are still enough reported cases in Victoria for this disease to be of real concern for dog owners.

How Can I Tell If My Dog Has Heartworm Disease?

In the early stages your dog may show no symptoms, outwardly appearing to be a healthy animal for several years. Eventually the dog will become lethargic, start coughing and may have difficulty breathing. By this stage the dog can deteriorate very quickly and can even be dead within 72 hours.

The only way to know for sure if your dog is a carrier of heartworm is for the vet to take a small amount of blood and have it specially tested. This is not an expensive procedure and is well worth while for peace of mind if your dog has not been on regular heartworm preventatives. If the test comes back negative, then

your dog can be placed onto long term heartworm prevention. If the test comes back positive then the disease can be treated in its earlier stages with more likelihood of success.

When Should I Start My Dog On Heartworm Prevention?

Ideally you should start your puppy on heartworm prevention before 6 months of age. If your dog is over 6 months of age and has not been taking regular heartworm preventatives, he or she will need to have a blood test taken to detect for an infestation prior to starting preventative treatment.

Which Heartworm Preventatives Should I Choose For My Dog? Many new products have been released in the past few years that are designed to make parasite prevention easier, and more convenient for you.



You can choose from daily tablets, monthly chews, a monthly spot on or a yearly injection. The yearly injection is certainlytheeasiestmethod of heartworm prevention. It takes all of the stress out of having to remember to give tablets every day or month, and as a result is becoming a popular choice for many clients.

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

NEW REPORTING FOR BUILDING INDUSTRY

From July 2012 businesses involved in the building and construction industry are required annually to report the Australian Taxation all Office payments made contractors. to requirement This will recordmean more keeping and reporting by business owners and revives memories of the Prescribed redundant Payments System of Tax obligations that ceased with the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax.

The reason for introducing the new reporting system is to check that payments made to contractors are included as income in income tax returns of Contractors. The system will also highlight payments made to contractors who have not lodged income tax returns.

Businesses need to report annually payments to Contractors that are

primarily in the building and construction industry who have an Australian Business No. Abusiness is included if more than 50% of its activity or income is from a wide range of services related to the Building and Construction Industry. The details to be reported, for each Contractor, include their name and address, ABN, total payments made for the year and GST included therein. Payments that do not need to be included are for materials only or for payment of wages subject PAYG withholding.

The first Annual Report for 2012/13 year is due late July 2013 using a Taxable Payments Annual Report. It is necessary for businesses to act now and have systems in place enable to compliance with the new reporting requirements. **Discuss** these and other changes your Accountant.

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True Colours - House Sports Day

by Gary Methven, Principal

The House Sports Day, held on the 20th of September was a celebration of our willingness to participate, support each other, cheer each other on, try our best and to be a good sport about it all; indeed, it was a celebration of our "true colours".

Each of the Houses,

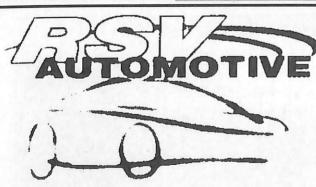
Cooper, Logan, Morgan and Rankin, marched into the gymnasium and began with a rousing exhibition of chants and cheerleading before the games were officially opened by Linda Amos, our Assistant Principal. Logan won the cheerleading by 50 points with their stirring team spirit.

The first events of the day were the "Line Races" with an Olympic torch pass relay and sprint finish as the very first event. Every child in every House participated in these fast paced events.

The next events saw the children grouped into smaller events. Our Yr 6 children explained, we have enjoyed, filled with colour, cheering and House spirit. Our Yr 6 children demonstrated amazing leadership, taking great responsibility for the activities for which they were in charge. Our Yr 5 children supported and cheered all children, not just the children from their houses, our Prep







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managed and scored a variety of tabloid activities including the old egg and spoon race, the sack race and target throws to interesting novelty events such as "speed stackers" relay, "islands" etc.

Our Yr 5 children accompanied each group of Prep to 4 children to cheer them on, encourage participation and help them with their events. After Lunch, our School Captains put on a show with the sumo suits, cheered on by their respective houses.

It was certainly the biggest all day sporting event

to 4 children participated with enthusiasm and joy. There was no booing, no arguing with umpires; just sheer unadulterated joy. As principal, I love the way that our children can be so competitive, yet be so sportsmanlike and playful; so full of fun and positively elated!

The red, yellow green and blue were everywhere to be seen, but it was our true colours that came shining through!



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by José Meyer - President

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teas/sandwiches will available from kitchen, with the Midway ladies in attendance. We hope to see you on the day; you will be made most welcome. Great day to be had for young and old.

Playgroup **Enrolment**

The Open Day is also the day that Playgroup Bookings for next year will be taken. So if you have a little one ready for Playgroup, you will need to book on this day, between 10:00am and 12 Noon. You will only be able to enrol your own family and a non - refundable deposit of \$20 will be required on the day.

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With the festive season upon us, why not try your skills on some of our Christmas workshops.

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Celebrating 150 Years

submitted by L. Wyatt

The Berwick Mechanics Institute & Free Library is 150 years old in 2012 so it is timely to look back at the history of this wonderful institution.

Mechanics Institutes began in Scotland in the early 1800s as a means of providing adults who couldn't read and write the opportunity to learn these skills. This idea came to Australia with the early settlers. As needs changed these organisations became solely libraries as was the case with Berwick.

Mechanics Berwick Institute & Free Library was established in 1862 by Mr. Robert Bain, owner of the Berwick Inn. For the first 15 years the Library was located in Peel Street, then moved to its present High Street location in 1877. Mr. Bain gave the Trustees of Berwick Mechanics Institute a 500 year lease on the High Street land.

In the first years of the Library, borrowings were

recorded in a ledger against borrower's name. Some of these books are in the Library's archive today.

In 1893 the old building had become too small and an extension was added doubling the size. At this time the façade of the building as we see it today was built.

During the Library's 150 years only nine people have held the position of Librarian. The longest serving of these was Mrs. Pam Darling who retired in 2009 after 47 years in the post. Mrs. Darling recently passed away.

For 100 years Berwick Library quietly served the community of Berwick and beyond, then in the 1970s with the advent of a regional library service, the library's future was in doubt. Mrs. Darling and Noel Stephenson, Dr. who was President of the Committee, led the negotiations which saw Berwick Library maintain



independence. The Library is today supported by the City of Casey.

In the late 1970s Lady Maie Casey donated \$50,000 to the City of Berwick to enable a major rebuild of Berwick Library. The Library relinquished its 500 year lease to Council in order to amalgamate the land with a block adjacent. The new building, incorporating the old façade, opened in 1983. Berwick Library today operates under a 50 year lease with council, with a 50 year option.

Lady Maie Casey donated much of the library of her husband, Lord Casey, to Berwick Library where it is to be found on the mezzanine floor. Also given

by Lady Casey were three paintings on silk by Ellis Rowan and some watercolour paintings by herself. The care of these items are important responsibilities for the Library today.

Berwick Library provides a full free public library service. The Library is staffed by volunteers and is open 41/2 days each week. Membership continues to grow in line with the growth in the community.

Berwick Library will move in the future to computerising its operations, however the personal service which the library prides itself on will never change. We will continue to offer individual service to each and every one of our borrowers as we have always done.

October 2012 is Berwick Mechanics Institute & Free Library's 150th year. This is a long time in anyone's estimation and all those associated with the Library are justifiably proud of its long history.

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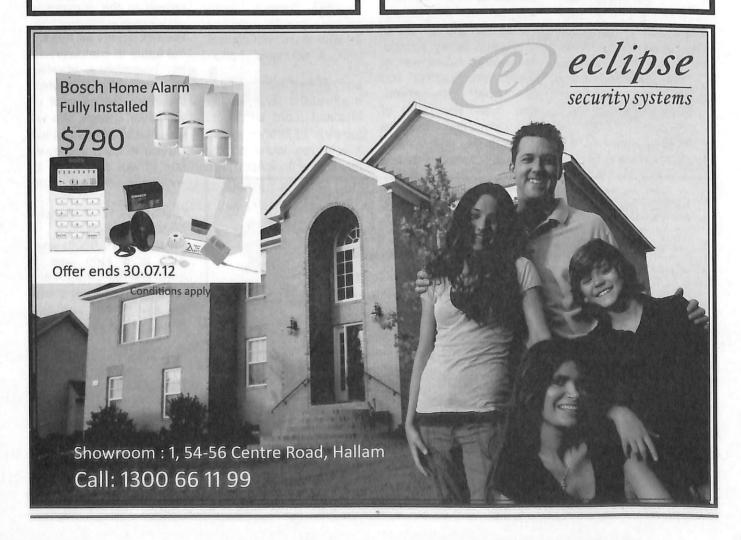
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BEACONSFIELD SCOUT REPORT

by Roger Gordon

It was a proud moment for our Scout Group last night at our Cardinia District Annual Meeting when we were presented with the Commissioner's Chief Award for achieving a 55.5% youth membership growth in 2011/2012. To put it in perspective the State growth was 1% for the year and Cardinia District growth was 1.7% for the year. We now have youth members in every section of Scouting - Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. A really good

effort achieved in our fourth year of restarting Beaconsfield Scouts.

The other news from the Annual Meeting was the presentation to Margaret known Turner, well Beaconsfield Resident, of a Certificate acknowledging her 55 years service to Scouting. A magnificent milestone for Margaret and we all applaud her for her significant contribution to helping our youth in our area and the Cardinia Congratulations District. Margaret, from us



The other big news was our Leanne Fraser being presented with the Silver Arrowhead for her exceptional service to Scouting. Congratulations Leanne, very well deserved.

We finished off this term's activities with a Group night based on the "Spring Carnival". 37 of our youth members attended and they made happy face biscuits, windmills and potato men plus played some excellent games. The photos are from this night. The night finished with our Annual Reports Night which was well attended by parents. Next year we will build our youth member numbers in

all Sections, increase our Adult Leadership Team and make our Scout Hall more useful for our needs.

Our Scouts during the first week of the September Holidays are attending the "Annual Fire on the Lake" at Gilwell Scout Camp for four days of competition, varied activities, camping and cooking under canvas and heaps of fun and interaction with other Scouts from our District.

All our Sections meet during School Term at the Officer Scout Hall at the Recreation Reserve on the corner of Starling Road and Princes Highway. Joeys meet on Tuesday 4.30pm to 5.30pm; Cubs meet on Tuesday 6.30pm to 8pm and Scouts on Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. If you are interested please come along and see us. Don't forget we have three nights for free for all young people looking at joining our Group.

If you have any queries or need further information on our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers; or are interested in becoming an Adult Leader please contact Roger Gordon on 97072414 gordon@cyberspace. net.au or Leanne Fraser on 97072417 leanne_fraser@live.com.au.





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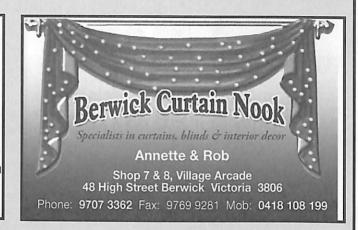
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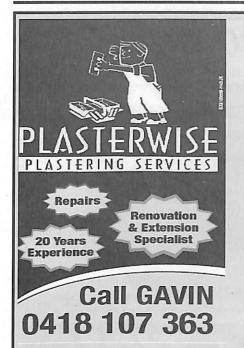
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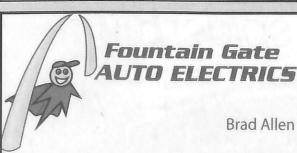
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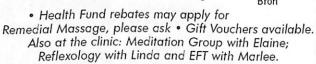
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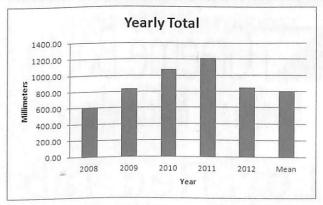
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TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

Weather is a very interesting thing to follow and keep records about. There is so much data and countless statistics about rainfall, temperature, wind speed, amount of day light per day and the list goes on.

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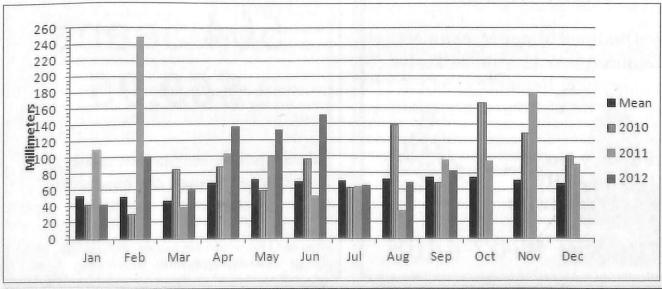
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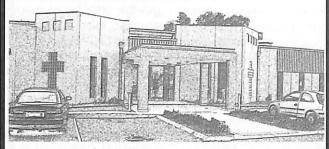
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Beaconsfield Cricket Club News

by N. Boon

The 2012/13 cricket season has now started.

The club will field 6 senior sides and 7 junior sides this season. Making it one of the largest cricket clubs in the West Gippsland Cricket Association.

The club is looking to build on the success that was achieved last year when we won 2 premierships.

The club has done a lot of work in the off season to make sure that we will have the best season possible. The club was lucky enough to receive a council grant that will go a long way to improving the facilities at the club. The club received \$35,000 that will go towards funding the

construction of new training nets to be built at the northern end of the ground.

If you are looking to start playing cricket or have children that maybe interested in playing, we always welcome new players to join the club.

Senior training is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30pm at Perc Allison Reserve. Junior training are as follows: Under 11 and 13 Monday from 4.30pm, Under 15 Wednesday night from 4.30pm and Under 17 on Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30pm.

For more information please go to our website www. beaconsfield.vic.cricket. com.au or contact Nathan Boon on 0419 859 018.



From the President

Well, we have come to the end of another season. One of our stated goals was to have our teams playing finals and I'm pleased to say we have accomplished that with all four sides getting into finals. This has been another challenging year for the coaching staff, having given six under 18's the opportunity to play senior football and this gives the club great hope in the future years to see these young players stepping up to play senior football on a regular basis in 2013. I'd like to commend the coaching staff of Austinn Jones, Clint Evans, Shaun Pollard, along with Craig Jolliffe and Ben Airdrie at senior level and Damien Sonderland (Alby) and Rod Allan at reserve level, Ray Crozier and John Sullivan who coached the under 18's and Colts. All have done an outstanding job in preparing these young players to step up in 2013. I'd also like to commend their support staff throughout the season; they have all done a fantastic job in managing respective teams.

I am indebted to the Beaconsfield Football Club Committee - a small hard working group who worked tirelessly have throughout the year to have us recognised as one of the most professional clubs in the competition, with the league judging our club for the fourth year in a row as the most disciplined club. This is a fantastic achievement and a real feather in the cap for the club and its committee. Congratulations to one and all on this award. We are very lucky and I am very proud to have our great executive and general committee members along with our many club helpers. Unfortunately, can't name everyone here, but to all of you, on behalf of myself and the club, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for all that vou do. It's the collective contributions of everyone together that makes our club what it is today and we can all be very proud of our efforts and our standing in both the our football communities. local

I would also like to thank the Beaconsfield faithful for their support throughout season 2012. I hope that people understand I do what I do for the love of the club and if I haven't spoken to you or I missed spending time with you throughout the season, it's only because of my efforts to spend as much time as possible to attain my professional expectation of making our club one that you and I love to be a part of. My time as president over the last three years has been both demanding and draining, mentally and physically. I will carry on in 2013 and be a part of the transition to Holm Park but not as President. It is time for me to move on and allow someone else to take the reins and lead us in 2013 in what will be a momentous occasion as well as an emotional change from what we have all been used to.

Congratulations to all coaches, players, trainers, runners, team managers and support staff for a wonderful year. I would also like to congratulate all trophy winners for presentation night in Seniors, Netballers and Juniors.

Thank you to everyone involved within the club and I look forward to catching up with you all in season 2013.

John Airdrie - President

BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

From the Coach

Sadly, I write this after a 3 year stint at the club that gave me the opportunity to pursue an AFL dream without returning the favour with a premiership. Not for one minute do I think it has been a wasted 3 years — there has been a huge number of players taste senior footy — as well as a key group of players that have bonded, developed and will now form the basis of our team for years to come.

LookingbackatourgreatwinsIthinkof3thatreallystandout-1. Our 18 point win over Cranbourne to reach the 2010 Grand Final 2. Our 10 goal defeat of Narrewarren in the last round of 2011. 3. The biggest of them all - our huge win at home to send off Perc Allison Reserve, which also ended Doveton's year.

Throughout my 3 years I have met some great people; people I hope will be friends for life. It is just a short 2 ½ hour drive up the Calder after all. I would like to congratulate all involved with the development of Holm Park Road – a state of the art facility that will meet our club's needs. I will be there enjoying a beer and wish the club all the best in this exciting new era.

Aussie Jones - 2012 Senior Coach

The Club congratulates Aussie on his appointment as Head Coach for the Bendigo Football Club. Aussie takes on this new venture with our blessing and we wish him every success for the future. We also look forward to seeing Aussie return from time to time to pay us a social visit.

We welcome Clint Williams to our Senior Coaching Staff for 2013

We previously announced the appointment of Clint "Boofa" Evans as our new Senior Coach for next year and Shaun "Polly" Pollard as our Assistant Coach. Following on from this we are delighted to announce that Clint Williams will also be joining us as an

Assistant Coach. Clint has coached ROC for the last 5 years and is a very valuable addition to our club. He will be an able assistant to our Senior Head Coach and with our other Assistant Coach - Shaun Pollard and Line Coaches, Craig Jolliffe and Ben Airdrie he will take up the role of mentoring and developing our younger players, guaranteeing Beaconsfield's strong position for years to come.



Senior Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st October 2012

reminder Just a everybody that our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 31st of October at 7.30pm at the football club rooms. The club has already voted via a special general meeting to move forward with a Board of Management. At the AGM we will be voting in people to fulfil the roles required for both Executive & General Committees. We will also be voting in Board Members who possess the necessary skills and expertise to fulfil the respective roles. There also be numerous constitutional changes to allow us to manage the future at Holm Park Road.

In brief summary: The Board of Management will manage the social rooms

and all relevant issues regarding compliance and governance in keeping with professional management of a community facility of this stature. The Executive and General Committees will continue to concentrate on management of the Beaconsfield Football Club and all football operations exactly as they have done in the past. If you would like to find out more about the Senior club AGM and the positions available please contact John Airdrie - President on 0419 569 862 or Secretary LeeAnne Muzzolini 0414 989 046 or email: secretary@beaconsfieldfc.

The Junior club, Netball Club and SuperRules will hold their own individual AGM's – please contact them direct for further details.

Foundation Members - Holm Park Sporting Complex

Thank you to everyone that has jumped on board and supported our appeal to the local community and our supporters to become Foundation Members of the new Beaconsfield Sports complex. The response to date has been encouraging and many local businesses & families have come on board.

We set ourselves a target of having 300 Foundation We'd like to make a plea to the local community together with the sporting communities of Senior & Junior Football, Netball and SuperRules to get behind this campaign and join up for the cause.

This is a community facility that will also be home to The Beaconsfield Football Club – both seniors and juniors, The Beaconsfield Netball Club and the Beaconsfield Super Rules. There is a connection there for everyone within the community to be a part of this.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express a special thank you to Mark Payne for dedicating his time and expertise to managing and co-ordinating our Foundation Memberships. Thanks for doing such a great job – your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Would you like to know more?

Beaconsfield's new community sports complex is under construction with a completion date late 2012 Situated on the Cnr of Emerald-Beaconsfield & Holm Park Rds, this new complex will be state of the art and as well as being the new home for the Beaconsfield Football

& Netball Clubs it will also serve as a community & recreational complex for all the local residents to enjoy. This is an exciting time for the community as we've waited many, many years for this to come to fruition. We are grateful for the help received from Local & State governments, however; we have to raise a significant amount of money to be able to fit out the building so it can be successfully put into service for the use of the various sporting clubs and the community as a whole.

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by H. Studham

Beaconsfield Netball Club have enjoyed a wonderful season in 2012. We had 5 of our 6 teams reach the finals and 4 teams playing in the Grand Final. We also won MPNFL Club Championship for the 4th vear in a row and MPNFL A Grade B & F – Jasmine Maddocks, B Grade B & F - Lana Horn, C Grade B & F - Rebecca Allen and Runner Up in 17/U B & F - Kaela Hughes. Jasmine was named MVP for 2012 and along with Jacinta Goldsack, was named in the MPNFL Team of the Year.

Our A Grade won the Premiership for the 5th consecutive year – which must be some sort of record – B Grade went down to Narre Warren, C won for the second year in a row and 17's also won the flag, by 1 goal, in a fantastic match against Berwick. A 'Super Season" and one which we are all very proud of.

Our motto for the Finals was "Have a Crack" in support of our much loved Life Member Shona Pallas and her family who lost their beloved Rick on 10th September, 2012. Annal family were present on Grand Final day to support Shona and the girls and even the latest addition to the family, little "Milla" Bug, was there in her Beacy Hoodie and Bib, flying the Beacy Thankyou for colours. your support. R.I.P. Rick.

The girls were once again treated to a Finals Dinner, provided by the Club, with guest speakers Bianca Chatfield and <Madison provided Browne who insight into netball at the elite level and also had some interesting personal stories to relate. A great motivational lead up to Grand Final game day. The "Hooters" were once again in attendance at the



last training session to lend their much valued and sought after support !!!!

A big thankyou to President lan Flannery and his Committee for a great season, Louise, Jilly and Gwen for their outstanding Canteen service during the year, Life Members for continuing to support our Club and to all Coaches, Team Managers, Scorers, Timekeepers and those who contribute on game day – it takes a great many people to run a club and

we thank each and every one of you for the season 2012.

Sadly we played our last home game on the old courts vs.

Doveton on Saturday 18th August. It was a very emotional experience for those who have been part of the Club for a long period of time. The weather was atrocious, but with the help of Matt Baker, who brought along a drum and an abundance of firewood, we celebrated the past with lots of eats and a few drinks. The Shardy Garden will 'rise again' at our new venue in Holm Park Road as part of the history of Beaconsfield Netball Club.



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@ h o t m a i l . c o m . Applications close Tuesday 31st October, 2012.



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TENNIS NEWS

GIVE IT A GO NIGHT TENNIS IS FOR EVERYONE

by M. Potter

Believe it or not, EVERYONE is capable of playing tennis. At Beaconsfield Tennis Club we have an intra-club night competition that is suited to those from the occasional hitter to the more experienced. Open to members and non-members at \$8 per evening for non-members and less for members, you can have around three hours of tennis for the fun of the game. Winning is a bonus only. Play involves doubles matches and commences at 7:30pm.

Of particular interest are our two mixed competitions held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings which are ideal for the whole family to get involved where juniors to very seniors are welcome. These have just commenced the Summer season running through to March 2013. Wednesday night is well patronized with over 50 players involved. Tuesday night would welcome new players to strengthen numbers.

A men only competition is also held < Thursday evenings where the "stronger' sex can hit it out.

Our Beaconsfield complex comprises two hard courts, two synthetic grass courts and four ent tous cas courts, all of which are lit.



An end of season presentation night was recently held to celebrate the following Major and Minor grand finalist teams:

Major Premiers

SKYHAWKS Josh Thomas Simon Shone Jenine Thomas Ricky Raz Jane Shone

Minor Premiers

HORNETS
Warren Pearson
Trevor McKean
Carly Pearson
Kerry McKean
Robert Pascucci

If interested please contact one of the following competition coordinators:

Tuesday nights:-Wednesday nights:-Thursday nights:- Leanne Bowman Maurice Potter Dave van der Koogh

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