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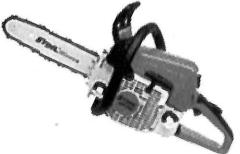
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by Graeme Taylor, President

At the recent Cardinia Shire Council elections. the new Councillors for the Ranges Ward are Brett Owen, Tania Baxter and Leticia Wilmot. Both Brett Owen and Tania Baxter are Beaconsfield residents and Brett Owen will be busy in the next year representing all the Shire as Mayor. congratulations Hearty to all Councillors elected the Beaconsfield and Association Progress will continue to work together with Councillors on our local issues for the benefit of our community.

The BPA Annual General Meeting was held on 16th October and elected Officers and Committee Members for the next financialyearareasfollows: President: Graeme Taylor Vice-President: Angelo D'Amelio Secretary: Margaret Boon Treasurer: Ann Taylor Committee: Nik Hock, Suzanne Brewer, Alan Miller, Len Gerdsen

We look forward to another challenging year dealing with local issues including preparation of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan.

In accordance with the September Members Meeting, it was resolved to amend our Rules and Regulations to delete the requirement to have our Financial Statements audited. This special resolution was approved by the Department of Justice.

New regulations governing Incorporated Bodies recently came into effect. All Incorporated Bodies will need to review their Model Rules and make any necessary changes before the 1st July 2013. This will be reviewed by the Committee early in 2013.

Since the election of

Councillors, I have had the pleasure of attending the following Councilmeetings: -Induction of new Councillors on 30 October -Election of Mayor on 12 November -General Council Meeting on 19 November The newly appointed Councillors have certainly hit the ground running!

In addition I attended a combined Ranges Ward meeting whereby the role of Council Strengthening Officers was discussed and benefits they provide as a point of contact on Council Business.

As a result the Council's Strengthening Officer Allison Howard will speak at our February Meeting. Onbehalfofthe Committee, I wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas and trust that 2013 brings you every happiness.





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## MEET YOUR NEW RANGES WARD COUNCILLORS:

by Cr. Leticia Wilmot, Cr. Tania Baxter and Cr. Brett Owen

In the recent Cardinia Shire elections, three fresh Councillors were elected to the newly restructured Ranges Ward. We look forward to listening to your issues and advocating your concerns for you. We feel very excited for the future of the ward. Thank you for entrusting us with your representation at council level.



#### Councillor Leticia Wilmot

My family and I moved to Cockatoo 21 years ago. My children attended the local kindergarten and primary school and then completed their Secondary education at Emerald Secondary College. retired from full time employment in 1999 and have spent the years since working as a volunteer for the community. I joined the township committee in 2001 and have been member of many community committees such as the Mayfair Committee, the Newsletter Committee and I was the convenor of the organising committee for the

Community Strengthening Forum that was held in 2002. I have also been part consultative of groups such as the Alma Treloar Master Plan and the McBride Street Renewal Committee. I am currently involved with the Ready 2 Go Committee looking at the issues of Bushfire Preparedness and have recently joined a new committee with representatives from across the shire which will be organising the 'Relay for Life' event to be held in the Shire in March of 2013.

I am extremely honoured to have been elected as councillor for the Ranges Ward and I'm looking forward to meeting residents and working with all the communities within the ward.

I can be contacted via email at I.wilmot@cardinia. vic.gov.au or by phone on 0427 135 879. If you are interested in hearing my latest ideas and feeding your thoughts back to me, you can 'Like' my page at www.facebook.com/LeticiaWilmot.Ranges



#### Councillor Tania Baxter

I am a wife of 15 years and mother of two primary school aged children who attend Beaconhills College in Pakenham. My family and I live in Beaconsfield and my husband and I run a small, but successful business that employs local tradesmen. I am originally from the other side of the Dandenong Ranges area and grew up in a family of lawyers. At University I achieved an Arts Degree, majoring in Educational Psychology (and minoring in Accountancy) as well as a Post-Graduate Diploma in Special Education. At work, I was the Principal Consultant at The Special Education Consultancy before I had

my children. Further to this, I have been on many committees including the kindergarten township committee and I have been Secretary of the Beaconsfield Progress Association for the last few vears. I am a keen reader and a member of a bookclub. I passively barrack for the Richmond Tigers but don't hold that against me

I am very excited about being elected to Cardinia Shire Council and we are already working on getting a mobile Councillor office underway so we come to you, to hear your priorities for Ranges Ward and feedback information, as well as focusing on being more accessible through the social media tools. Thank you for your support.

I can be contacted via email at t.baxter@cardinia. vic.gov.au or by phone on 0427 528 358. If you are interested in hearing my latest ideas and feeding your thoughts back to me, you can 'Like' my page at www. facebook.com/TaniaBaxter. CardiniaRanges

#### Mayor -Councillor Brett Owen

I would like to thank the people of Ranges Ward who have entrusted me to represent them over four years. next

I have lived in the shire all my life and have chosen to raise my family here. I live in Beaconsfield. I am married to Jackie and we have a 16 month old son, Max. Jackie and I are expecting our second child in May. I am a serving police officer with 16 years service. My current role with Victoria Police is a Youth Resource Officer in the Casey area, specialising in child and related issues. youth



As one of your councillors for Ranges Ward, I will work hard to represent and provide residents community for support groups, sporting clubs and individuals from all towns from across Ranges I will advocate Ward. strongly and to represent views of residents in all aspects of council.

I understand that there is resident dissatisfaction of council, from some parts of Ranges Ward. I want to work towards changing that. I want to improve resident opinion of council.

I am looking forward to working with my ward colleagues Leticia Wilmot and Tania Baxter. I am extremely confident that the three of us will work together positively as a team for the betterment of Ranges Ward. The three of us want to do differently by things more accessible being to the community.

I can be contacted via email at b.owen@cardinia. vic.gov.au or by phone on 0418 99 33 70. If you are interested in hearing my latest ideas and feeding your thoughts back to me, you can 'Like' my page www.facebook.com/ BrettOwen.CardiniaShire



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This marks a genuine achievement from these members who have made it through a hectic twelve months and succeeded in graduating to the rank of fire-fighter.

The next service award is for five years of service. Linda Bryant and mother and son team Denise and Mitch Watkins received plaques commemorating reaching this milestone. (Pictured below). Linda, Denise and Mitch have each gained substantial experience in those five years and become valued members of the brigade.

Glynn Owen received his ten year service award followed Phillip Walton and Kellie Collins receiving recognition of their 20 years of service to the Beaconsfield community. (Pictured left). Both Glynn and Phillip are part of the brigade management team and each work hard to keep the brigade operating as a first class fire service community. the



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Exbrigade Lieutenant Don Tye was presented with his 25 year service award, (Pictured above left). Don continues to perform his role as an active fire fighter and his 25 years of experience in the brigade holds him in high regard amongst the membership.

Familiar face around town and Exbrigade secretary Brian Unwin received acknowledgment of his 45 years of continuing service to the brigade and the CFA. (Pictured above right). Although Brian is no longer an operational fire-fighter he proves that volunteering in the CFA is not just about

fighting fires. Brian keeps the wheels oiled within the brigade, if something is broken, Brian can fix it, if we need something, Brian is always handy to arrange it, although Brian's great joy is working with the brigade's juniors team were he is very much "one of the kids".

District 8 Operations
Manager then presented
members with Certificates
and Service medals for
service to the CFA. Starting
at 5 years of service all the
previous members also
received acknowledgment
of service to the CFA.
Members who have held
long service to the CFA but
may not have been with
the Beaconsfield Brigade
the entire time includedMick Nolan-

20 year service clasp.

Tony Overdyk25 year service clasp.
Glenn Dorning30 year service clasp.
Beverly Burgess35 year service clasp.

Mitch Watkins and Rhys Owen were then presented with the "Adamson Award". Named after the Adamson family the Adamson award recognises those who go that little bit further in service to the brigade. Both Mitch and Rhys have put in the extra effort over the past year and are deserving recipients.

This year the Brigade lost our valued and respected young member Matt Baldwin in a tragic car accident at 26 years of age. With support from the Baldwin family the

brigade has established Matt Baldwin Memorial Award. This award recognises young members who demonstrate aptitude and tenacity to their work within the brigade. Matts Sister Jacinta attended and presented this award to Sam Dorning (Pictured left). The brigade feels Sam is an outstanding young man and a worthy recipient of this award.





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L to R - Rhys Owen, Paul Hayes and Mitch Watkins)

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## HEALTHY REPORT CARD FOR PLATYPUS REINTRODUCTION

By Australian Platypus Conservancy

Researchers have given the first-ever platypus reintroduction project a pass mark after five animals were recorded during last week's trapping survey along Cardinia Creek.

**Platypus** Australian biologist Conservancy Geoff Williams said that the total, comprising four females and one male, was the highest number of adult animals found during a single monitoring since efforts session commenced over eight years ago to bring back platypus to Cardinia Creek.

The original platypus population went extinct after the 1983 Ash Wednesday

bushfires. In early 2004, Conservancy (then working in partnership with Melbourne Water) began surplus translocating from nearby juveniles waterways in a trial to see whether it was feasible to re-establish a population in Cardinia Creek. the translocated animals settled in well to their new home. Successful breeding occurred in the minimum possible timeframe and has now become routine, several juveniles produced each summer.

But, establishing the new population has not been trouble free, primarily as a result of human impact on the creek. Some platypus



are known to have been killed in illegal opera house yabby traps, while others may have died as a result of injuries caused by litter.

"At one stage, we had concerns that serious the whole reintroduction attempt might fail because these sorts of problems were preventing sufficient juveniles from reaching Geoff. maturity," said "Finding four adult females last week was terrific news, especially as two of them had first been marked as juveniles in 2007."

The overall profile of the Cardinia Creek platypus group is now looking very similartonatural populations found in comparable streams elsewhere in the Melbourne region.

"The population in Cardinia Creek is still very small in absolute numbers and the community needs to support efforts to make the creek a suitable long-term home for this unique mammal," noted Geoff. "However, we think that the reintroduction process itself can now be viewed as a success. It potentially

provides a model that can be used if we need to reestablish populations in other isolated waterways where the species has become locally extinct."

Geoff Williams said he community hoped the would get behind efforts to improve Cardinia Creek. Cardinia Catchment Landcare Group and management various making agencies are great progress in planting vegetation more native throughout the Cardinia Creek catchment and this eventually provide better habitat for platypus. But, people need recognise that thoughtless actions, such as litter dumping and illegal fishing, pose a major risk to the survival of the new platypus population.

Pictured above is a female platypus examined in the Cardinia Creek survey

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Brigade was on hand to draw the winning ticket. The winner was ecstatic to have won as she mentioned. had never won anything in her life.

All monies raised will go to our Fire Brigade. James also spoke briefly about the role the CFA have in this area.



R Karen. and James .loan



#### **Summer Fire** Season Is Here.

We have already seen some bushfire activity in Victoria this summer. We at the brigade are often asked "will it be a bad year this year?" In reality year can produce days for bushfire and as such members of the community need to be prepared. In 1983 the Ash Wednesday fires threatened the township of Beaconsfield: houses were lost in the interface areas of town. Not much has changed with the growth in

Thank you to all who purchased tickets. The Quilters are already busy with another quilt to raffle for next year, which will be on view at the next Beaconsfield Quilt Show in 2013.

the town since then except maybe more homes are at risk. Residents living in urban areas as well as those within the town area could be at risk should a fire threaten the area. For further information about bushfire threat to your area, check the CFA websiteatwww.cfa.vic.gov. au, and then click on the "Plan & Prepare" tab to see how you might be at risk.

#### Season's Greetings.

The members of the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable festive season; we would like to thank the community for its continued support over the past year. Please take care when travelling: if driving long distances remember to plan to take a break at least every two hours to stretch your legs and avoid fatigue.

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#### by José Meyer - President

Our open Day was held on Saturday 24th November. It was a very warm day but still all who attended were well catered for. There were plenty of gift ideas for Christmas and our tutors were also available to discuss their own courses to come and try in the New Year.

The children enjoyed the farm animals and pony rides, as well as the ever-popular face painting and novelty balloons.

Santa even came to visit and gave parents perfect photo opportunity too.

As always, both the sausage sizzle and Devonshire Teas were very popular.

Children had fun in the Go Kidz Go sessions, Hev Dee Ho

and Cartooning too.

The Line Dancers strutted their stuff and you could even be involved in the Strength Training to warm

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For businesses operating Sole Traders or Partnerships, is necessary to take into account the value of stock taken from the business for private use of the **Proprietors** and their children. This requirement is detailed in Income Tax Ruling 2659. Similar provided benefits Companies are subject to Fringe Benefits Tax Rules. To value the goods taken from trading stock for own use, taxpayers can maintain their own records or accept amounts that the Commissioner of Taxation deems to be reasonable. These amounts publicised in TD 2012/20 for the 2011/12 financial year. Examples of the trading stock values exclusive of GST are listed below.

As an example the net income of a Licensed Restaurant /Café business supporting a husband, wife and two children under 16 will increase income by \$11970 if the taxpayers accept the Goods Use Own reasonable amounts (TD 2012/20) This is an important aspect that businesses need to address each financial year when preparing income tax returns and business activity statements.

Discuss your Accountant you not allowing for appropriate amounts for Goods Own Use as the Australian Taxation Office possibly may identify taxpayers from Income Tax Returns lodged using Benchmarking.

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Dear Readers.

Community organisations are essential to our area and I know that many residents volunteer their time for many local groups doing good work in our community. This can be work with sporting groups, welfare and advocacy organisations, parent and carer groups, faith groups and organisations that work to help promote health issues or which promote environmental awareness.

In our local communities around 40 organisations have received a combined total of over \$135,000 through the Federal Volunteer Government's Grants program, which is delivering much-needed support to local volunteers. Each will receive a grant of between \$1000 and \$5000 to help volunteers much-needed purchase

### **Volunteer Grants**

by Laura Smyth, MP Federal Member for La Trobe

supplies and equipment. I congratulate the Upper Beaconsfield Men's Shed, the Upper Beaconsfield Scout Group and Beaconsfield's 1st Scout Group on successfully applying for funding.

Volunteers give their time, energy and expertise to support our community, and they make a significant social and economic contribution to Australian society. That's why as a member of the Federal Government I strongly support the Volunteer Grants program, which will give some practical help to local groups as they undertake important work supporting local communities.

New Headspace

**program** to help local schools affected by suicide The sensitive issue of youth mental health has been much discussed in our local community. I am very

conscious of the sensitivity of these matters and I appreciate that schools often respond to the complex needs of students in the area of mental health.

In view of this, I thought that residents may like to know about the new Headspace School Support Program, announced recently by Minister Mark Butler, which will provide a nationwide network of teams to supply resources, practical assistance and outreach services to work collaboratively with schools in the event of a suicide. This Federal Government funded program will assist grieving school communities coming to terms with loss. It will also provide continuing training resources and for school staff to identify students at risk of suicide.

The Headspace School Support Program will connect schools with other mental health services available in the community including Headspace centres – which are being rolled out across the country. A Headspace centre is currently being established in the Casey-Dandenong region to respond to the local mental health needs of young people.

For more information about the program visit www.headspace.org.au

#### Seasons Greetings

And finally I just want to wish you all a wonderful festive season and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe on the roads and enjoy any holidays you have planned.

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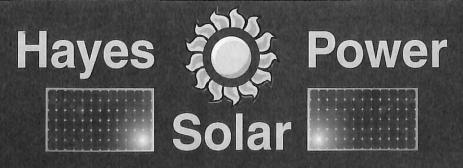
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### BPS Corner

by Gary Methven, Principal

Valuing Relationships

rooms Today's Prep bustle with Technology iPads, laptops, interactive whiteboards and wonderful teaching and learning aids. Schools like other organisations are constantly updating their approaches to their work. Technology changes, but deep down, children don't. They still need to "belong", relationships, develop feel secure and develop social competencies that enhance their confidence!

At Beaconsfield Primary School, we live be the principles of TRIBES: six little ideas packed with meaning. The children learn the basic concepts in Prep, but as they the grow, they develop a more sophisticated and worldy framework matching their development and experience. Our TRIBES values are a statement of who we are and what is expected of us:

RESPECT: We are compassionate and care for others and ourselves. We are sincere and honest with others. Our actions should match our words. We act in a moral and ethical way as we are accountable for our own actions. We resolve



differences in constructive, peaceful ways. We value diversity and are aware of, accept, include and welcome everyone with whom we meet.

ATTENTIVE LISTENING: We have the right to be heard. We have the right to express ourselves and an obligation to listen to others. We have a voice and a turn to speak. We may not agree with what someone is saying but we respect their right to hold their views and share them.

APPRECIATIONS/ DOWNS: PUT NO We elevate and build the self-esteem of others when we praise and value them. We build respect, friendship and goodwill through appreciation. We pursue and protect the common good. In a just society, all people are treated fairly. We speak up for the rights of others.

THE RIGHT TO PASS / PARTICIPATE: We have the right to pass when we are not ready to contribute; however, we aim to participate as often as we can as it builds and

strengthens our learning community and our society. We encourage others to participate. We have an obligation to contribute in a way that is peaceful, respecting our environment and each other.

SAFETY: We make wise decisions. We respect and look after ourselves, each other and school and personal property.

PERSONAL BEST: confident learners: are we try our best and pursue excellence. We are resilient and bounce back when we experience difficulties. We have a strong sense of justice, values and beliefs. We are ambitious, imaginative and academically competent. We have a sense of wonder. We are enthusiastic and optimistic about our futures.

At Beaconsfield Primary School, we encourage our students to be accepting of others; to respect their peers, teachers and parents and to build relationships to last their whole life long. When people promise to live up to a common set of ideals, we find a sense of what it is to be part of

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### Make and Mingle

by A. Taylor

Make and Mingle's 14th craft fair was held last month and we were blessed with great weather and hundreds of people coming along. There were around 60 stalls with lovely craft items and craft materials to purchase. The stalls had handmade items including greeting cards, bags, cushions, dolls, baskets, jewellery and many other items. Morning tea was a great place for friends to sit and chat and catch up.

Our wonderful knitted farm was on display and enjoyed by adults and children alike. The gardeners found plants and flowers to take home. We thank all those who helped out and to those who came along on the day. We were raising money for 4CS and St John of God Berwick Hospital Oncology Unit.

Make and Mingle has been packing hospital activity packs for children in local hospitals as well as sewing and providing packs for breast cancer comfort cushions. We have also been making cards and sewing Christmas items.

Make and Mingle finishes 12th December and resumes Wed 6th Feb 2013

We meet every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12 noon and you can bring along your own craft items to work on or learn a new craft. We have card making, embroidery, patchwork, knitting and various other crafts. You can always get help with your project.

We wish each one of you blessings for this Christmas season and hope we may see you at the Beaconsfield Carols by the Creek on Sun 16th December, at 8pm.

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Pictured above: Val and Maddie with the knitted farm at Make and Mingle craft fair

#### **DESEXING AND YOUR PET**

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Deciding to have your much loved pet desexed can be a difficult decision for some pet owners. For most pets that live a healthy and event free life, desexing will be the most significant surgical procedure they will have.

What Happens The Day Of Surgery? A booking is necessary for the day of your pet's surgery. Your pet is dropped off in the morning and will go home that evening. Once admitted your pet will be made to feel as comfortable as possible. They will also receive sedation and pain relief via an injection. This injection

(a premed) will calm your pet, reduce the amount of anaesthetic required and aid with a smooth recovery. The surgery is performed under a general anaesthetic in sterile conditions. During your pet's surgery their vital signs (heart rate, temperatureandrespiratory are continuously rate) monitored by a nurse. Your pet will receive additional pain relief during surgery also aiding in their recovery from the desexing. After the surgery your pet is closely monitored until they have recovered fully from the anaesthetic. For your pet's procedure we also recommend they go on a drip, much like humans

do. Intravenous fluids help maintain your pet's blood pressure while under anaesthetic and assist the liver and kidneys to flush anaesthetic agents out of the body, which also assists in a smooth anaesthetic recovery.

What is involved in Desexing Your Pet? Desexing a male dog or cat involves clipping the area around the scrotum free of hair and cleaning the skin with an antibacterial solution. For dogs an incision is made just in front of the scrotum and both testicles are completely removed. For cats the incision is made over the scrotum. This procedure is known as a castration

When desexing a female dog or cat the abdomen is clipped free of hair cleaned with an antibacterial solution. An incision is made along the middle of the abdomen, and the ovaries and uterus are completely removed. She will no longer be able to reproduce. This procedure is also known as an ovariohysterectomy.

males both and females the left ear is tattooed to identify they desexed. been have

Care After Your Pet's **Procedure** After being desexed, your pet will need to be kept quiet for the next 5-7 days with restricted exercise until the stitches are removed. This will involve keeping them inside for the first night and then in a restricted area so they may recover safely and heal well. Some pets may require an Elizabethan Collar to prevent them from licking their stitches. Stitches in the surgery site are removed 10 days later. Whilst your pet has stitches in they are not allowed to have a bath orgo swimming.

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Advantages Desexing Your Pet We strongly recommend desexing your pet before adulthood as there are many benefits. - They are less likely to have behavioural issues such as urine spraying, leg mounting and aggression. Reduces the risk of roaming which can lead to injuries such as being hit by a car, cat fight abscess and accidental poisonings (eg snail bait and ratsac) Eliminates the risk of developing health problems for males such as testicular cancer and decreased likelihood of developing prostate problems. For females desexing eliminates the risk of pyometra (a potentially fatal infection of the uterus), unwanted pregnancies and reduces the risk of developing mammary tumours. Α reduced rate for registration with the local council

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#### PROJECTS TAKING SHAPE

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

Beaconsfield and the surrounding suburbs have been a hive of activity over the past few months, with many State Government projects taking shape. With the Baillieu Coalition Government celebrating two years of government last month. you may be interested to know progress the of some Baillieu local Coalition Government initiatives.

Holm Park Reserve:
The Baillieu Coalition
Governmenthas contributed
\$1.5 million to this project,
which will be a great asset
to Beaconsfield and its
sports clubs. Beaconsfield
Football Club expects to be
playing its first full season
on the ground in 2013.

Beaconsfield Railway Stationcarparkextension: The construction of 157 new car parking spaces in May. After a wet winter where work had to be temporarily halted, work is now back underway and it is expected the new car parking spaces will be completed and

ready for use in early 2013.

Beaconsfield Upper Intersection: Safety upgrades the to Beaconsfield-Emerald Road/Salisbury Road/St Georges Road intersection began in October. The \$450,000 project includes road widening, marking, the installation of a pedestrian refuge, new lighting and footpaths on Beaconsfield-Emerald Road to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists.

Clyde Road: The \$55.6 million duplication Clyde Road between High Street and Kangan Drive currently underway. The upgrade will improve safety and reduce travel time on Clyde Road. The upgrade of the service road to the new northbound lanes is reaching the final stages. The upgrade is expected to be finished end of 2013. the

Officer Secondary
College: I often hear from
parents disappointed with

their lack of choices when it comes to Secondary The education. Baillieu Coalition Government is addressing this with the construction of the \$20 million Officer Secondary College. Architects have been appointed and a committee of Education Department staff and local parents is currently planning the school.

Officer Specialist School:
The tender for the \$15
million Officer Specialist
School has been awarded
and construction has
commenced. The school
will cater for up to 272
special needs students
when it opens in 2014.

Berwick CFA: We have delivered \$600,000 towards the extension, which is now completed. Berwick CFA Station was too small to comfortably fit the larger tankers used today. The station has been extended and new storage rooms added.

Berwick Railway Station Car Park extension: In September I announced a \$1.1 million extension of Berwick Railway Station car park, with an additional 150



car parks to be constructed.

St Claire's Early Learning
Centre: Last month I
announced \$600,000
towards the construction
of a new early learning
centre in Officer. Part of
the St James parish, the
St Claire's Early Learning
Centre will be conveniently
located next to the new
Officer campus of St
Francis Xavier College.

I would also like to congratulate Beaconsfield Junior Football Club for receiving a grant to help with the cost of uniforms this season, and the Upper Beaconsfield RSL for their successful application for a \$9880 restoration of the Upper Beaconsfield war memorial earlier this year.

If you would like regular updates on local projects or grant opportunities, don't forget to sign-up for my e-newsletter at www.bradbattin.com

My office will close on 21 December and re-open on 10 January, although answering machine will be checked on a regular basis so please don't hesitate to call if you require assistance. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Beaconsfield Banner readers a safe and happy festive season, and I look forward to working towards new outcomes for Beaconsfield in 2013.

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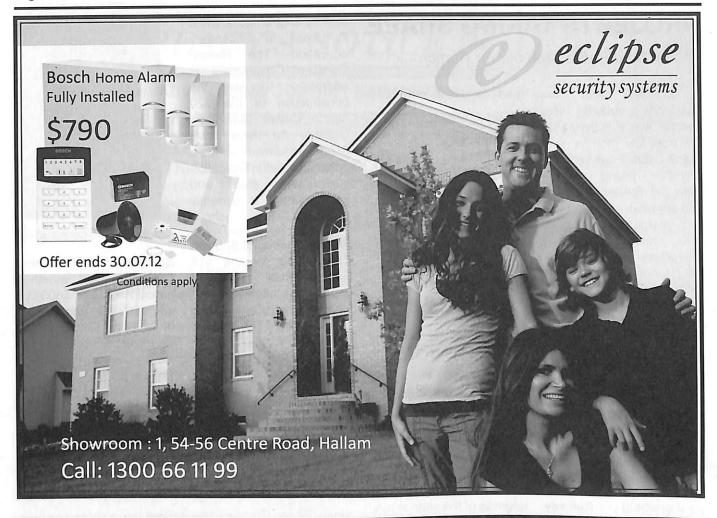
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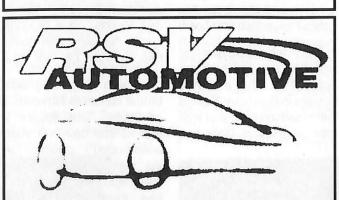
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#### **CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY**

by Michael C

Well the Christmas season once again is upon us and the shops are full of decorations, lights and trees with people deciding what to buy and where to hang them. But not for the CrowleyfamilyofBrookvale Close in Beaconsfield. Since January planning has been underway for yet another large Christmas light display all sequenced to music. Lights and controllers for the computerised display have been sourced from all over the world along with many hours put into constructing custom made elements liahtina and sequencing the lights to run in time with the music.

With over 40,000 lights (they gave up counting at

that point) including an 8 metre high mega light tree and over 2 kilometres of cabling the 11 months of planning is finally coming to life. Once again they will be raising money for the Casey Hospital Special Care Nursery.

This display will run nightly from Friday 7th December 8.30pm — midnight rain, hail or shine, be sure to stop by and spend a bit of time admiring this fantastic display, and make a donation to a local charity that provides for many of our local residents. There is a rumour that a white bearded fellow in a red suit many be seen in the days leading up to Christmas.

Pictured on

cover.



Compiled By Family And Friends

## In Loving Memory of Gabriele Charlotte Conkie

Born 22nd of December 1946 Passed to rest 31st of October 2012

Gabriele Charlotte Conkie (Helsinger), passed away peacefully at her home on Holm Park Road Beaconsfield, surrounded by family aged 65.

Gabi was born in Apolda East Germany on 22nd 1946 December immigrated to Australia with her parents in 1959. Growing up in St Kilda she attended local schools and later began work in the Lingerie industry. She met Leslie Conkie and they were married in 1966 and lived in the Dandenong area, where their first two Susan daughters Fiona were born. In 1976 the family moved to the property in Beaconsfield, living in a caravan while building their dream home. Gabi designed the house and positioned the kitchen window for the magnificent looking toward view Cranbourne and Arthur's Seat. Christmas 1977 they moved into the house and 10 months later Elke was born.

Gabi was always involved in her children's activities, at the local schools helping with fund raising, canteen duty and excursions. She took her daughters to their sports of tennis and netball and helped out at both of these clubs behind the scenes. She also enjoyed playing midweek ladies tennis herself. (Pictured 3rd from left)

In 1983 after the Ash Wednesday bush fires, which came perilously close to her home, the family accommodated, for a number of months, another large family who had lost everything. When Victoria celebrated 150 years in November 1984, they had one of the Beacon Bonfires on their property, that was lit in sequence by one of the relay runners. Gabi often hosted fundraising events at the property Berwick includina Pipe Band and Midway Group.

For a number of years they have hosted the annual Conkie Family Gatherings at their property, with an average of 95 people attending. Gabi attended the German Club in Hampton Park where she enjoyed dancing with Les and assisting in fundraising.

Gabi had a close friendship with her neighbours, going for regular walks and organising Holm Park Road

Christmas parties and visits from Santa. Her garden has always been her delight and she loved to share with others





shown them her favourite A u s t r a l i a n attractions of the penguins at Phillip Island and driving the Great Ocean Road.



taking fresh cut flowers when she visited. Her family pets were another of her joys and she loved her Labradors, which she bred.

In 2002 Gabi met for the first time her two half brothers Klaus and Lothar and their families in Germany. Both of them have come to visit with their wives and Gabi has When she turned 60 she had a lovely party at home in the garden, surrounded by family and friends, on a glorious sunny day. She was never happier than on that day.

Gabi was diagnosed with breast cancer in November She fought it of 2009. with all she had and even encouraged people the waiting rooms during treatment. She was cancer free for 5 months and then diagnosed with brain tumours in September 2011. The family appreciated the assistance from South East Palliative Care, family and the community throughout her illness. She will be sadly missed by her family grandchildren. and Her funeral service was held at Bunurong Memorial Park on 7th November 2012.

She will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother and mother-in-law, sister and sister-in-law, grandmother, daughter and friend to many.

### **Kaine Harris**

24.11.1929 - 29.9.2012

Kaine, officially Cuthbert Claud Harris was born at the Berwick & District Bush Nursing Hospital on 24 November 1929. He was the eldest child of Claud and Ellen (nee Glismann) Harris. The Glismann families were the first permanent settlers at Upper Beaconsfield. Kaine had one brother Roy, who died some years ago and two sisters Lorraine Eaton who lives in Paynesville and Valerie Hein, who lives in Pakenham. Kaine's father was Cr Claud Harris a long serving Councillor and President of the Shire of Berwick.

As a child Kaine would ride his Shetland pony Billie to school each day and was a member of the local cricket and football teams and Cub Scouts. Kaine left Upper Beaconsfield to study at Dookie Agricultural College then returned home to work with his father, who owned 3 farms and a transport business. He took over the transport company in 1951.

On Grand Final day 1948, Kaine met Lucy Elizabeth Pidgeon – later known as Betty or Betsy, whom he married in 1949. They were married for 53 years until Mrs. Harris' passing in 2003 and had five children - Christine, Rosalie, Julie, Penny and Warwick (dec.). Kaine had 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

In 1977 having sold the family transport business, he took a job working at the City of Berwick as Manager of the Regional Waste Disposal & Recovery Site at Narre Warren North and retired from full-time employment in 1986.

Kaine was a member of the Pakenham Masonic Lodge for 16 years He was a Rotarian for more than 40 years and joined Berwick, Narre Warren and Pakenham rotary clubs. Both Betty and Kaine were honoured as Paul Harris Fellows.

From 1987 until a couple



of years ago, Kaine was the bus driver for Pakenham Aged Care and Cardinia Care.

Importantly, Kaine was a Christian; he regularly worshipped at the Salvation Army in Pakenham. He was

always delivering furniture to those in need and trestle tables for functions.

His daughter Penny spent many years researching Kaine's family tree and the final book was published in September this year which he read. Mr. Harris' friend Neil Lucas gave the eulogy and said Kaine lived a most worthwhile life. He gave so much to the communities where he lived. We shall remember Kaine Harris and thank God for having known him.

The information for this article was provided by Penny Harris Jennings and used with her permission. Compiled by A. Taylor



Cuthbert Claud (Kaine) Harris, James Glismann Jewell, Lorraine Harris Eaton, Valda Jewell and Valerie Harris Hein



Kaine Harris will be especially remembered by Beaconsfield for providing his truck to assist in moving the Beaconsfield Fire Station building to the back of the block so that a new building could be built.

Pictured: The group of volunteers on the morning the old fire station was repositioned in readiness to build the current station. L to R: Barry Chester. Alan Burgess, Arthur Adamson, Bob Burgess, Kaine Harris, George Boulds. David Hoare. Bruce Adamson, Peter Aurisch, Graham Aurisch Bruce and Stranger.



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## BEACONSFIELD SCOUT REPORT

by Roger Gordon

The last twelve months has seen us being able to grow significantly on the sound base established in our first three years. Our Joeys have 18 youth members, 2 prospective members and 3 Leaders. Cubs have 8 members with 6 looking to join and 4 Leaders. Scouts have 15 Scouts and 3 Leaders and we have 4 Rovers.

We are now the 3rd largest group in Cardinia District. Congratulations to our leaders for the wonderful effort in ensuring quality programs that enrich our youth and provide them with a sense of connection to our rapidly changing community.

In less than 6 months we have established a Joey Mob that is now at maximum numbers, and have had to establish a waiting list to join in the second term of 2013 when a number of present Joeys

link with our Cub Pack. This is fantastic that we are providing an opportunity for interested boys and girls to start their Scouting journey when they turn 6, but disappointing that we have to ask interested children (and their families) to wait.

We now have sufficient youth members provide good entertaining educational activities in each section and growth from within to keep numbers in our Cubs and Scouts at acceptable levels. None of this would have happened without the support of our parents. Our personal thanks are extendedforyoursignificant contribution and support.

Our final meeting this year will be our Combined Group Night on the 11th December at the Scout Hall with a Christmas Theme. There will be activities for young and old including a visit from Father Christmas.



Parents and siblings are also very welcome. It will be a great way to celebrate a wonderful year - and to say thanks - to our youth, families and Leaders - without their support, passion, enthusiasm and experience, we would not be where we are today.

As part of a discussion with the community and interested families, there has been an overwhelming request to look at different times for Cubs to help make it easier for children to attend. At this stage, we are looking to changing Cubs to Thursday afternoon from 4.45 pm to 6.15 pm from Term 1 in 2013.

Our meeting times for Joeys is Tuesday 4.30pm to 5.30pm; Cubs in 2013 on Thursday 4.45pm to 6.15pm and Scouts on Thursday 7pm to 9pm. If you have any interest in our activities please feel free to contact Roger Gordon 97072414 (email: gordon@cyberspace. net.au) or Leanne Fraser 97072417 (email: leanne fraser@live.com. au) if you have a query or a matter you wish to discuss.





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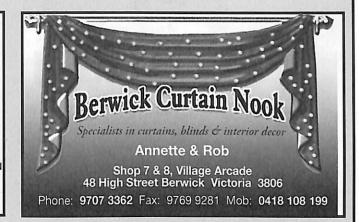
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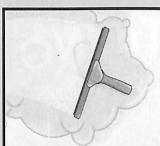
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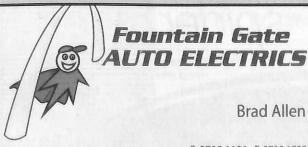
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#### TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

It's funny how some things just come to an end. In the last 2 months the rain has stopped. We have only seen 102mm of rain. However, we are still on track to get to the annual total of 1000mm.

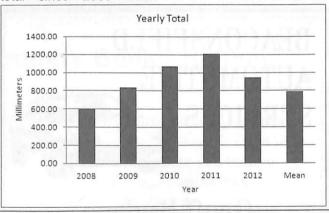
In October there was 52mm that fell over 8 days. It was the lowest October total since 2008 when there was only 45mm and is 25mm below average. The highest daily total for October was on the 6th when there was 11mm.

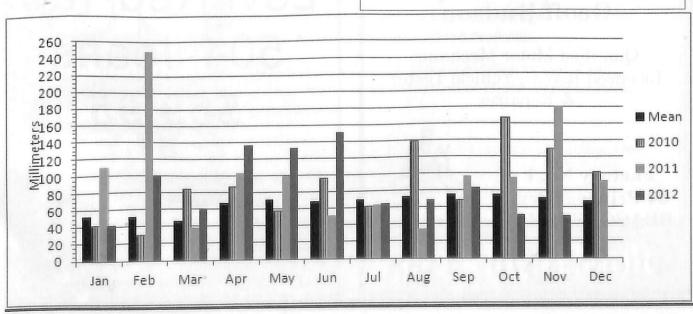
November was no better when there was 50mm but half of this fell on one day. 24mm fell on the 27th. This left the other 26mm to be recorded over 5 other days. This was the lowest total since 2006 when

there was only 40mm. The average for November is 71mm but the last 5 years it has been 120mm.

The yearly total is now at 943mm and is well above average. If we have 57mm for the rest of the year we will again reach 1000mm for the year and this will be the 3rd year in a row.

The water storage is now at 81.2%, this is the highest it has been since June 1997. We have seen it increase over the last 2 years when it was at 52%. So as summer now approaches and the sun comes out it will be a timely reminder that water is one of our most precious resources and we need to save every drop we can.

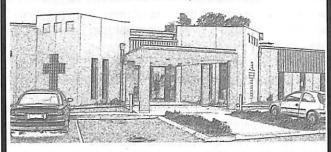




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Next I did detect a smoky red effect And a crackling noise that had woke me from my snooze.

Up on the Northern hill which is normally very still, Red embers blew around all confused.

I pondered - do I stop to fight my foe or pack up leave and go?

What would I take and should I check the news? I felt it now too late to escape a red-hot fate - Options were too few that I could choose.

And what is more there was a knock upon my door From my next door neighbour Jimmy Skewes. "Are you coming now old mate before it is too late? Come with me for God's sake, don't refuse."

It didn't take me long to figure right from wrong
The house could burn but my life I would not lose.
So I jumped in the Ute with him, my neighbour 'Gentle Jim'.

We took off and my pride was barely bruised.

The fire we soon outpaced but yet another hurdle faced, - The brittle bridge ahead was burning like a fuse. There was no way around that either of us had found, We had to get out and hike it in our shoes.

And that was what we did, into the creek we both slid Jim fell and disappeared from my view. When next I came awake, took a look and 'second take' On the TV screen I was there on the news.

A doctor then did say that now I was here to stay And how I was saved by the local fire crews. Asking after Jim the reply was very grim. Resuscitation on site was of no use.

Asking about my place....was it burnt or was it safe? Their response was unknowing and confused. But sometime later on when I met fire captain Ron..... "You're the luckiest man alive " he effused!

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#### OVER THE FENCE

By I. Cole

weeks last few The have proved to be very Beaky. interesting in The car park extension underway and well Yvonne is finally coming with the terms to dust it generates. She just hates it now !!!

We have been attempting to have our colorbond roof recoated as it currently has two distinct shades of Manor Red and looks old and tired at the moment. Yvonnethinksitisabitlikeme. The cause was the time delay in obtaining planning extend. to approval At this stage the dust has beaten me twice but the car park will not take forever.

Moving on I was amazed at the brilliance of Mr advertising Nabb's Mc campaign on behalf of Mr Ross and Mr Owen. No doubt he is over the moon with the fact that not only were both candidates returned with Brett but also subsequently Owen elected Mayor being

Congratulationstobothfrom Yvonne and myself also.

You may not know it but at the October meeting of the B.P.A. Tania Baxter bribed us with coffee and cakes so Tania's election came as no surprise and all jokes aside Tania is switched on and will make an excellent councillor.

I must confess that I am saddened by the continual attacks David Morland's articles. David was, YES WAS writing for the Banner, continual basis on a and his submissions were based around the premise of a fireside chat with family and friends. Much like my own i.e. Over The Fence. They were not for the national stage to be mulled over, dissected, torn apart and every word or meaning extrapolated (thank God for spell check). As David Morland is one of the pillars of Beaconsfield and does not wish to offend anyone he has ceased submitting but thankfully will continue

fine unheralded work for the community. It takes more than this for David to pick up his bat and ball and head off home! However this now offers opportunity to those who unfortunately were upset by David,s because musings gives them free time, so my humble suggestion Pell. George And as luck would have it he is also a member of the cloth though I hasten to add George is from different branch. And for seconds all Federal Government Politicians. includina the women. voted in support of Peter Slipper. Now that showed tolerance!! remarkable For what it is worth it is also my humble opinion that an unmuzzled free press is worth more than 100 Pru Gowards.

up we wrap this proudly displayed two Owen election Brett boards on our property, David is our friend and if Tania Baxter starts bringing vanilla slices to the BPAthen Ted had better watch out. CAROLS Finally the

are coming with Mr Luke Williams acting as Chairman of the Carols Committee and as luck would have it David is also member of this committee. Lets attend ,sing some carols. some fun and support David at the same time. Please be warned I cannot sing for love nor money so maybe don't sit near us.

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### Welcome to our

Our new committee for next year was voted in at our AGM in October. We'd like to take this opportunity evervone thank various taking up roles around the club;

is greatly your help appreciated and we look forward to another exciting vear ahead.

#### Introducing our new President - David Van Lambaart

David and his family have a long history with our club and have been long time contributors to our success. The Van family have Lambaart been with the club since 1999 and since that time have had two sons play in the junior club progressing on through the years to play Reserve grade with the senior club. daughter played Their netball for Beaconsfield until relocating to Ballarat attend University Dave's wife. there. Fran, is a Principal at Bayles Regional Primary School (just outside of

### **BEACONSFIELD** FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

Pakenham) and has been a huge support to Dave and the club over the years.

Highlights of Dave's past and present involvement club include with our past roles as Junior Club President. Senior Club Vice President and Club President. Senior Dave has also plaved a vital role and been instrumental in the planning and facilitating of the Holm Park Sporting Complex.

#### A huge thank you to our retiring

Committee Members We'd like to pay a special tribute to our retiring committee members: especially the likes of John Airdrie, LeeAnne Muzzolini and Jenny Hughes. Between them they held the respective roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer for many years. They worked tirelessly the club and we are forever grateful for their effort and contribution. We look forward to seeing

#### **Pre-Season**

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Our pre-season commenced midway through November and everyone was keen to get started. We've had a great turn out of players and the future is brighter than ever. A warm welcome is extended to our new Colts & Under 18's players as they transition from U16's in the Junior Club over to the Senior

Club - the same warm welcome is extended to our new seniors players we welcome them as to the fold. **Parents** please make yourselves known around the senior club and be a part of the mix and great atmosphere that Beacy is known for.

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We take our community role seriously and like to give back where we can. As an example, we hold an annual Ladies and Luncheon money raised from this event is donated to the Pink Ladies Day for Cancer Research. We also recently raised money for a young man named Beau Vernon who was tragically left a quadriplegic after a football accident last year.

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### **BEACONSFIELD NETBALL CLUB**

by H. Studham

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President: Ian Flannery Vice President: Jillian Jeffs Secretary: Judy Ruse Treasurer: Colin Utting General Committee: Kerryn Weickhardt, Kylie Baker, Jill Llinares, Maree Adrien, Sue Wynn, Naomi Reynolds

Coaches for 2013 A Grade: Kelli Penglase B Grade: Steve Tippett C Grade: Kylie Baker 17's: Jasmine Maddocks 15's: Katrina Foster 13's: Melinda Stinear

We congratulate all of the above on their appointments and wish them well for Season 2013.

Junior tryouts have taken place, with good numbers, and teams chosen.
Senior tryouts will take place in the New Year.

Congratulations to Rinny and Dave on the safe arrival of Olivia Kate and also to Kelli and Glenn Penglase and Sarah and Trav Welsh who are expecting new arrivals in the not-too-distant future. The two little Beacy Babes in the photo below are Lucia Pryor and Milla Pallas enjoying the netball with their mums Bridget and Shona.

To all our members and to the wider Beaconsfield Community and their families, we would like to wish you all the very best for a bonzer Xmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Also to the wonderful volunteers who publish and distribute the Beaconsfield Banner, which is much anticipated by residents; thankyou for your interest and dedication and all the very best of wishes to you all for the Festive Season.

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## Beaconsfield Cricket Club News

by N. Boon

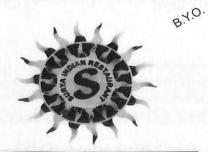
The 2012/13 cricket season is now well underway and there have been mixed results for the club so far. While the junior teams are all doing really well the senior teams are needing to pick up their game so that they can feature in the finals come March.

The club is excited that over the coming months we will be building our new training nets at the northern end of Perc Allison Reserve. This has been made possible from generous support from the Cardinia Shire Council and hard work from previous committees. We hope these new training nets will mean that Beaconsfield has the best nets in the WGCA.

Our Premier side recently played Cardinia in the Brian Vandenberghe Memorial game held at Perc Allison oval. The game is played every year to commemorate the life a Beaconsfield and Cardinia legend that was taken from us 11 years ago to cancer. The game was played in fantastic spirit and with all these games it always is very close at the end. Cardinia all out 163, Beaconsfield 7/165. It was fantastic to have the trophy back in Beaconsfield and for the boys to finally get the first win for the season at the same time as well.

As we head towards the second half of the year and build towards finals, the club would like to wish all the families a very safe and Merry Christmas.

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### **TENNIS NEWS**

#### lan Craig

It was with great sadness that our club recently received news of the passing of long standing club member lan Craig. Taking over the co-ordination of our Thursday night men's in-house social competition from late Tom Shanks, lan ran with the competition for over 15 years, making it a great social gathering for men players. A fierce but fair competitor and great administrator of the game, lan supported the competition right to the end despite his difficult battle with cancer. The Craig family have been outstanding supporters of the club over many years and our deepest sympathies go to lan's wife Cheryl, his children Andrew and Tania and to his greater family. Ian is a mate that will be missed by many.

#### **Night Tennis**

Should you wish to become involved in our friendly in-house night competitions, these are held Tuesday and Wednesday nights (ladies, men, juniors) and Thursday nights (men only) all commencing at 7:30pm and completing around 9:30 – 10:00pm. Open to members and non-members of our club, contacts are listed below.

#### Club Open Day

Our free club open day will be held on Sunday 27th January, 2013 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Come along and "have a go" at tennis, discuss coaching opportunities with our coach Paul Rowbottom and staff and take part in tennis based fun activities. Open to all ages, we look forward to seeing you at our club, Beaconsfield Emerald Road, Beaconsfield.

#### Club Championships

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#### **New Committee of Management**

Club AGM held on 14th November saw the election of the following 2012/13 Committee of Management:
Andrew McKenzie-Smith (Pres), Maurice Potter (V.Pres), Anja Potter (Sec), Barry Fletcher (Treas), Jasmin Bishop, Cathy Briant, Dawn Snelson, Les Donaldson, Sonny Farrugia, David Newsome, David van der koogh.



#### **Club Contacts**

#### **General Enquiry**

President: 0417 096 628 Secretary: 0437 074 287 Treasurer: 0407 990 482

#### **Night Tennis**

Tuesday Mixed:
0431 887 907
Wednesday Mixed:
0437 759 793
Thursday Men:
0416 147 771

#### Other Competitions

Mid Week Ladies: 9704 6852 Junior Comp: 0425 735 080 Senior Comp: 0416 147 771 Coach: 0412 682 569

#### THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT

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