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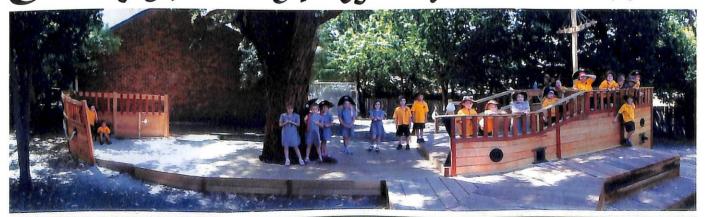
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Discovery, Adventure And Buried Treasure.....

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by Graeme J Taylor, President

Welcome to all residents and owners/employees of businesses and I trust that the Association can continue in 2013 to represent your interests and concerns, particularly at Local and State Government level.

One of the Association's priorities this year is to have input in the Beaconsfield Strategy Plan. This document is a blueprint for planning the future of Beaconsfield. Further consultation meetings will be held before the Strategy Plan is finalised.

The Association as a notfor-profit organisation has limited funds available. The principal source of revenue from the advertisers Beaconsfield the Banner which covers the production. printing distribution costs. Expenditure on projects can usually only proceed if we are able to secure Grants usually from Local Government. State As an example, we were recently successful in receiving a Grant from Cardinia Shire Council for Community Notice Boards. All Grants have to meet specific requirements usually time and are consuming to prepare for which I appreciate the work done by Committee members as it is the Community that benefits.

The construction work on the Holm Park Road ovals, clubroom, roads, parking areasandassociatedworks has been busy to enable facilities to be available the 2013 football season. The clubrooms are taking shape and the ovals are already used for cricket and for football training. The complex will be a magnificent recreational facility for Beaconsfield that residents can utilise and enjoy.

It is great to see the car park at the Beaconsfield train station completed and being used. The car park has extensive lighting security cameras and will alleviate parking in residential streets and will benefit residents close to the station.

Finally, the BPA was a partner in the Carols by the Creek held on 16th December arranged by the Baptist Church. The weather was fine and attended by around 800 people and was a very successful community event. Thanks to the Beaconsfield Baptist Church and also to BPA members, particularly Willem Boon, that assisted.

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Welcome to a new year of the Beaconsfield Banner newsletter; as your local Councillors we hope to use this regular spot to inform you of what's upcoming with Cardinia Shire that might affect our Ranges Ward residents, but please feel free to contact us if there is something further you wish to discuss.

# CARDINIA RANGES WARD COUNCILLORS:

by Cr. Tania Baxter

Mobile Councillor Office ("MCO")

We invite you to meet YOUR Ranges Ward Councillors to chat about your concerns and ideas. The first was at the Emerald U3A in February and the second will be at the Beaconsfield Community Centre on Saturday, March 16th, 3-5pm. We will be visiting the other Ranges Ward towns as well. The details of these MCO visits to further towns will be advertised via the Council website and your local newsletters. Further to this, we are looking at securing a regular spot on 3MDR radio (FM 97.1) to increase our availability to you. Please check their website for further details when available.

#### **New Council Policies**

The next couple of months will see the release of many important and detailed draft policy documents. Being "drafts" means that they are the root point for community consultation; forming a base for dynamic development.

These include
- The Beaconsfield
Structure Plan

- The Draft Open Air Burning Policy

CFA Neighbourhood
 Safer Places review
 r e c o m m e n d a t i o n s
 -EmeraldSpatialPlan

And -The Draft Tourism Strategy

The Draft Cardinia Shire Tourism Strategy is now open for public consultation. This is the opportunity for you to help shape tourism in Cardinia Shire.

A copy of the draft strategy and summary document as well as how to make a submission is available on council's website. Submissions close end of business 15 March 2013. There

will also be a forum to feedback on provide Tuesday 12th February at the Beaconsfield Community Complex on O'Neil Road in Beaconsfield (Melways map: 214 B1). There are two different timed sessions to choose from: Session One: 2pm-4pm or Session Two: 5pm-7pm. (It also needs to be noted. that each of the other above Plans/Policies have community consultation campaigns in place and everyone will get a chance to have their say. Please keep an eye on your local newspapers, notice boards. the Cardinia Shire website as well as your Councillor's pages FaceBook for information.) further

Further to this concept of community engagement, we just want to remind Cardinia Shire residents of our modern Merit System of reporting an issue to Council. Residents and ratepayers are encouraged to notify The Shire Officers of Council-related issues and problems affecting them, by using this system.

From our website page, or by downloading the latest app to your smart phone. you can submit an online form to advise Council of an issue. When you submit your form, the website will provide you with a reference number. If you don't like the online method you can also call Customer Service on 1300 787 624 during office hours to obtain your Merit Number.

Once your submitted request or report has been entered into Council's customer tracking system, it will be allocated to the relevant business unit for attention.



You will be contacted by the customer service officer who enters your request to confirm the lodgment.

You can use these numbers to refer to your submission if you need to contact Council's Customer Service Centre again regarding the same issue.

And finally, Council is in the process of formulating the next four year council plan! So, if you have some time and want to have a say, please consider emailing your responses to the following ideas: like What do you about where you live? If you could change one thing what would it be? What would make Cardinia Shire a better place? AND

What do you think Council's priorities should be over the next four years?

Thank you to the Beaconsfield Progress Association for making this connection between the community and Council possible.



Cr. Leticia Wilmot



Mayor Brett Owen

For contact details of the Ranges Ward councillors see page 29.

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

The Friends of Cardinia Creek are organising Clean Up Australia in Beaconsfield on Sunday 3rd March.

from 9am south of the Beaconsfield Meet Rd. Tennis Courts. Emerald All welcome help Clean Up Australia. and

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### RAILWAY STATION CAR PARK COMPLETED

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

The Victorian Coalition Government has more than doubled the number of free commuter car parks at Beaconsfield Railway Station, with 157 additional spaces opened in December.

December I On 17 Parliamentary ioined Secretary for Transport, O'Donohue, Edward Member for Bass, Ken Cardinia Shire Smith. Mayor Cr Brett Owen and City of Casey Mayor Cr Amanda Stapledon to announce the completion of the car park extension.

The car park extension brought the total number of parks at Beaconsfield to 337 and continues the significant improvements the Coalition has made

to the busy rail services in the south-east.

The Coalition has made huge investments to rail services in the growth corridor, with in excess of 1500 free commuter car spaces being added across Beaconsfield, Narre Warren, Berwick, Cardinia Road, Merinda Park, Lynbrook and Pakenham stations.

These improvements will help the many commuters in the south-eastern suburbs access their local stations every day.

Parking has been an issue at Beaconsfield for years, with some commuters parking illegally to access the station.



Pictured: Brad Battin and Cr. Brett Owen

I'm pleased to see the car parks open and exceed the 2010 election commitment for 100 new spaces at Beaconsfield.

Beaconsfield Railway Station also received further upgrades as part of the project including improved lighting, CCTV and landscaping works.

I would like to thank the local community for their patience during the construction, and the contractor MTM and Public Transport Victoria for delivering the upgrade. For more information visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au

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by A. Taylor

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You can bring along your own craft to work on and there is always someone to lend a hand with craft techniques. A small group trim postage stamps for missions, we are always grateful to receive your used postage stamps and they can be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sunday mornings.

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#### "Does Chiropractic Really Work?"

Chiropractic has been around for over a hundred years, and has been used on everyone from tiny babies to the elderly. Even top sports people see chiropractors... including Tiger Woods, Pat Rafter, Lance Armstrong and Usain Bolt, just to name a few!

In addition to this, here's what some top medical researchers had to say about chiropractic...
"Manipulation, with or without exercise, improved symptoms more than best care (medical care) alone after three and 12 months." - British Medical Journal 2004; 329 (7479); 1377-1381.

A scientific study concluded that patients with chronic neck pain showed "clinically important improvements from a course of spinal manipulation..." - Journal of Manipulative Physiol Ther. 2007 July; 30(6): 473-8.

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Dr. Robbie with some of his patients

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Sincerely, Dr. Robbie Hunt

### **BPS** Corner



by Gary Methven, Principal

We enjoyed a remarkably smooth start to school this year thanks to the fantastic transition program our Prep teachers run in conjunction with our local Kinders and the thoughtful coaching of their parents. Nowadays, Preps get through their first day with big smiles and bursting with joy! It was great to see so many mums, dads and grandparents drop in to share this special Smooth transitions day. make for happier Preps and ensure that the learning straight away. starts

four On the first Wednesdays of Term One, our Prep children come in for one hour each to work individually with their teacher and as a result, the teacher starts the year with an excellent knowledge of the learning needs of each child and is able to discuss with the parents how their Over the summer. Tom Coupe of Blueleaf Creations in Berwick, built a magnificent pirate ship in the "butterfly garden". The pirate ship serves a wonderful outdoor

teaching area and given the generous shade of a large feature tree, a Southern Mahogany Gum (Eucalyptus botryoides). It is the perfect outdoor classroom.

The bow of the ship incorporates a sandpit and treasure chest! There is a largetimber "dock" adjoining the pirate ship which forms amphitheatre imaginative play area for all of our children. It is a lovely new feature that fills the imagination with dreams of discovery, adventure buried and treasure.



### Preps and Pirates

child will be catered for. As well as catering for the academic needs of each child, we are very conscious of the need for imaginative play, development of social skills and of course, having some fun - that's where the pirate ship comes in!





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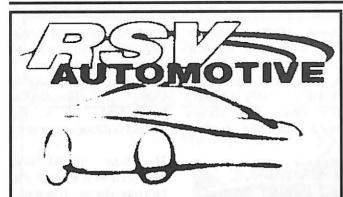
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by GRAEME J TAYLOR, F.C.A.

#### **Tax Treatment Of Solar Schemes**

In recent years, there has been a large number of solar panel systems installed by homeowners. Most owners purchase solar panels to reduce reliance on coal power and to reduce greenhouse emission and are credited by power retailers with solar rebates generally at the rates charged for usage. Recent solar installations do not attract the same amount of solar rebates. In addition some home owners with a large solar panel system may produce more electricity than they consume with the excess fed back into the grid. These owners receive payment for the excess. Effectively the solar rebates are sold creating an income and the question is whether this income is assessable for income tax purposes.

The Australian Taxation Office normally views that this income is not assessable as the

homeowner has produced the electricity from the solar panels mostly for home consumption and any excess fed back into the grid is of a private or domestic nature. In addition there would be deductions allowed no ' for the solar panels costs. depreciation or other related costs.

The situation would be different for a commercial activity or large scale solar panel units which have business characteristics

If you are in doubt you should discuss this with your Accountant. Whilst there is no Tax Ruling covering all scenarios, it is possible for taxpayers to apply for a private ruling from the ATO if warranted by their circumstances.

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Dear

Readers.

#### Schoolkids Bonus

Beaconsfield families started receiving the last Schoolkids Bonus month. I know that at the start of the school year, a bit of extra cash to help with text books, uniforms and excursions helps families to manage. That's why I voted for the Schoolkids Parliament. Bonus in

The January instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus was worth \$205 for each child in primary school and \$410 for each high school student. **Families** receive another payment in July - bringing the total Schoolkids Bonus to \$410 and \$820 a year.

Schoolkids Bonus is an upfront payment, so families don't have to

### Thankyou to Emergency Service Volunteers

by Laura Smyth. MP Federal Member for La Trobe

collect receipts or fill out extra paperwork at tax time.

If you need any more information on the Schoolkids Bonus and other family assistance measures, make sure you www.australia.gov. visit au/schoolkidsbonus or feel free to contact my office for a free families booklet which includes more information.

#### Great work by **Emergency Service** Volunteers

I had the great pleasure visiting La Trobe CFA Brigades in last few weeks with the Attorney-General Minister for Emergency Management to thank them and SES workers for all the hard work they do.

service Emergency volunteers. particularly Beaconsfield, have history proud

protecting themselves. their neighbours, their properties and their way of life against bushfires.

In January alone, local CFA volunteers battled and contained fires in Pakenham and Upwey.

Residents may be interested to know that, as part of our emergency management preparations, the Federal Government has invested nearly \$60 million to establish and

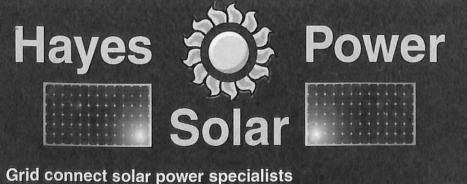
upgrade the Emergency

Alert warning system. It has been a tough time for people around Australia facing fires and floods, but many local volunteers have helped out communities far away with incredible generosity. That greatly appreciated.

#### **Further Information**

As usual, I will be holding mobile offices knocking on doors around the very large and diverse electorate of La Trobe. If you would like information assistance, please contact my office 9796 1788 or email laura. smyth.mp@aph.gov.au.





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by José Meyer - President

Our Neighbourhood Centre is up and running and ready for the year 2013. The children are really happy to be getting back into their activities and are raring to go.

We have lots to do this year and new courses and

workshops throughout. So, contact the office or website for more details.

Any questions or queries please contact the office Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm and Fri 9am-1pm on 8768 4400.

Thai Cooking will be on March 15th. This will be a hands on session and what is cooked can be eaten after class, if desired.



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### Free Pelvic Floor Workshop.

Wednesday 6th March at 1:00pm - 2:00pm. There is a free workshop for those wishing to learn how to improve bladder control and strengthen pelvic floor muscles.



### Floral Design Workshop.

Friday 15th March at 12:30pm - 2:30pm. A floral design workshop, learning how to do flower arrangement which can be taken home.

### Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Hall Hire.

Seating up to 150–200 guests, with a spacious dance floor, the hall is an ideal venue for those functions like: Weddings, Engagements, 21st Birthdays, Anniversaries, Christening, Presentations, Trivia nights, Exhibitions/Expos etc.

If you would like additional information regarding your special function, you may contact the office on 87684400 any week day and our staff will





#### **KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE**

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

We are now well in to 2013 and the Victorian Coalition Government has been hard at work implementing a number of new initiatives, both locally and across the state. You may be interested in the following projects and policies:

PSOS NOW AT BERWICK RAILWAY STATION

Protective Services Officers (PSOs) are now patrolling the Berwick Railway Station from 6pm until after the last train, seven days a week.

PSOs are there to protect commuters from any violence, crime, or antisocial behaviour that may occur at railway stations.

There are now 240 PSOs making a difference across our rail network. PSOs complete the same level of training as all Victoria Police members in dealing with anti-social issues and violent behaviour.

This includes weapons training, conflict resolution,

and how to deal with vulnerable people and people in a drunk or drug-affected state.

NEW LAWS FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING
New laws passed by Parliament last month

Parliament last month will give Victoria Police more power to address underage drinking.

The new laws will allow police members, Protective Services Officers and gambling and liquor inspectors to tip out alcohol seized from a minor.

Under the previous Labor Government, authorities could seize the liquor container from an underage person, but were not allowed to tip out the alcohol. Police then needed to retain the liquor – an impractical expectation that meant police were required to hold on to the liquid for the duration of their shift.

In 2011, the Victorian Coalition Government passed new laws making

it illegal to serve alcohol in private homes to anyone under the age of 18, unless their parent or guardian has given express permission.

Adults can now face fines of more than \$7000 if they break the law by supplying a minor with alcohol in their home without the consent of that minor's parent or guardian.

#### UPPER BEACONSFIELD INTERSECTION

Works at the Beaconsfield-Emerald Road/St Georges Road/Salisbury Road intersection were completed just prior to Christmas and well ahead of the projected completion date of mid-2013.

The project included minor road widening, line marking, and the introduction of a pedestrian refuge, new lighting, signage and footpaths.

We have had positive feedback, and I am pleased that the community had a large input in to the final design.

The finished intersection will improve pedestrian safety



andencouragelowerspeeds through the township.

### FINES DOUBLE FOR LITTERERS

The fine for throwing a lit cigarette from a car window has been doubled to \$564 under the Victorian Coalition Government's new anti-litter campaign.

A lit cigarette thrown from a window could easily start a bushfire – people who do this, especially while driving through high risk areas, should be held to account.

Every Victorian has a responsibility to care for our environment and I encourage locals to report litterers by visiting the EPA website or by phoning the hotline.

The Coalition Government cracking down litter through education, investment in infrastructure enforcement. and Each year about 14,560 tonnes of litter is generated across the state, leaving the community with an annual clean-up bill around \$78 million. To report litterers visit www.epa.vic.gov.au/ reportlitter or call 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).

If you have queries about the above or any other State Government matter, please don't hesitate to contact me on (03) 9796 1987 or via www.bradbattin.com

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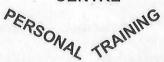
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## The Problem Of Grass Seeds And Your Pet

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Despite the small size of grass seeds, they are a foreign body and can cause severe problems depending on where they lodge. Some of the common places we find seeds in your pet may be: -Between their toes causing them to chew at their feet - In their ears causing them to shake their head or scratch their ear - In their nostrils causing them to sneeze or have discharge from their nose - And even occasionally in theireyescausingulcersand other damage to their eyes.

Grass seeds that are not removed can lead to severe problems including the loss of an eye; ear infections, ruptured ear drums, abscess formation or lameness.

#### Treatment And Prevention Of Grass Seed Problems

TREATMENT depends on where the seed is lodged and how deep the seed has burrowed. Treatment can be extremely tricky at times and may require an anaesthetic to explore, locate and remove the seed. Grass seeds often migrate away from the original entry point and so once seeds are embedded under the skin they can be very difficult to remove. If the grass seed is present for a long period

of time your pet may need ongoing antibiotics or other medicationtotreatinfections after the seed is removed

PREVENTION is the best protection against grass seed problems - this includes preventing them from running or playing in long dry grass. Check you pet's coat carefully for seeds, especially around their head and ears and between their toes. Clip your dogs coat or groom long haired pets regularly to remove grass seeds from their coat before they become embedded. If you find a grass seed you may try to carefully remove it, but if you suspect your pet is having a problem due to seeds, then you should contact us at the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre 9769 8777 as soon as possible before a very serious condition develops.



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#### **BOB VISITS BEACONSFIELD**

by A. Taylor

ROBERT COOPER
has just recently visited
BEACONSFIELD. Bob
and his wife Christina
and children were active
residents of Beaconsfield
from 1996-2004 before
moving to Yellow
Springs, Ohio, USA.

Christina was President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association and Bob was Vice-President and also on the editorial committee of the Beaconsfield Banner. Bob set up the Beaconsfield Progress Association's Website and Facebook Page. He is still our webmaster and contributes to the pages.

Bob has noticed a few changes to the town since he last visited in particular, the increase in traffic and the shops in the area.

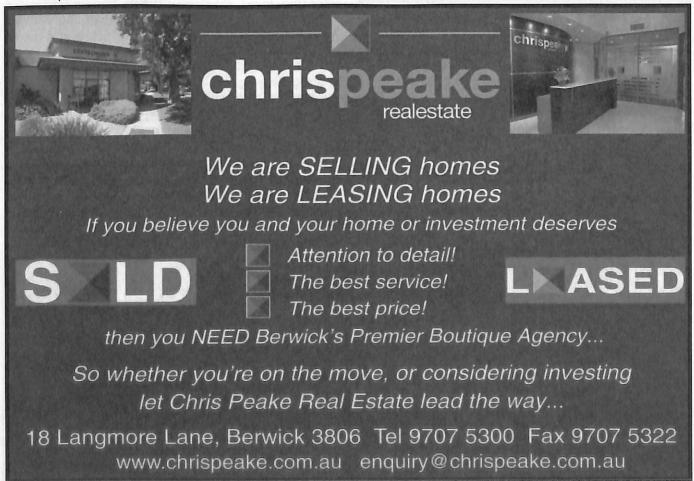
has visited Bob Beaconsfield CFA and the photo shows Bob visiting Maryknoll Fire Station and joining in a training exercise with the boys. Bob works as a fire fighter emergency and **EMT** medical technician (like a paramedic here) at Miami Township Fire Rescue. In the U.S. the station houses all the services together, CFA, ambulance and SES and all the staff are trained in all 3 aspects.

Christina Cooper works as a physiotherapist at a large hospital in their hometown in Ohio, specialising in assisting people neurovestibular rehabilitation and lectures students at the University of Dayton in their Doctor of Physical Therapy programme.





Bob and Christina send their best wishes to all their Beaconsfield friends.





## VALE IRIS EWERT 15/2/17 - 21/2/13

and provided by development by C. Fu

Eulogy provided by daughter by C. Ewert

Mother was born Iris Lillian Gilbert on 15th February 1917 at Burnlea. Her father was Thomas Joseph Dudley Gilbert and her mother Elizabeth Sarah Victoria Punch. One of eight surviving siblings, she shared and enjoyed a robust family life, where a strong sense of humour predominated.

enjoyed popular music, 2 of the boys and 2 of the girls sang – one really well. They also loved a little drama and a jolly good argument. Most of her values and enjoyments were gained in

these early formative years.

A modern woman, Iris Lillian never looked back it was always to the future – Art Deco was her medium not Victorian.

We'll fast forward to her late teens and early 20's where ball room dancing was her passion – and

she was good too. Living in Maffra and working at the Co-op she danced in most of the Mechanic halls within a 30 mile radius of home. Perhaps the lure of the dancing was where she met father who had a motor bike – so she added bikie pillion to her list of accomplishmentsandsome tales of spills on the gravel road were handed down.

Her late 20's and early 30's found Iris living in the city with two children and now it was parties, dances and Balls and the Notting Hill Social Club that filled her events calendar – the bikie days were gone and American motor cars were the travel medium.

Much occurred through her 30's – two small daughters and the Golf Club with the dancing, partying and balls – It was that catch up time after the dreary war years when swing music and TV had began to enliven the world - and she so enjoyed the pace of living. In the midst of her family and rather full social life she discovered the work force and never reminisced again.

Her first job was as an usherette at the Metro theatre in Malvern in the days glamour before colour TV when each new American film had an opening night. One night she came home after a show with an Elizabeth Taylor haircut and her eyebrows plucked out to thin lines, all done during interval by one of her 20 year old usherette colleagues – she looked great or in modern parlance a "hot chick". It was here that she had her 40th birthday and was very proud that she could hold her own with the 20 year olds.

Here we touch on age, beauty and youthfulness. My brother and I were learing addition at grade school before we realised that it was rather unusual for a mother to be 22 years old year after year each birthday. Her age was a secret! Sitting with her early this week I can testify she didn't have a line on her face and in her 40's liked to be known as the young woman with just two little girls!

One of mother's abiding passions was politics. A strong labor voter all her life it all began with her father, who had been a British Navy man for the greater part of his life literally "before the mast".

Today we're familiar with publicity and anger about men who used to take their wives into a polling booth and direct their voting - reverse that, mother took father in and told him exactly where he was to put his cross. Too easy she then took on her father-in-law, a traditional dairy farmer with strong Country Party affiliation - it just took a little whisper into his ear about parliamentary pensions of the conservative party and he never voted anything but labor afterwards.

But into deeper territory - Father had an uncle, a wicked rascally-wag of an uncle, a veteran from the first world war who had returned a committed communist.

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Didn't take mother long to get her head together with Great Uncle Claude and his tales of the bad English running opium up the Pearl river and the battle fields of France where it was "murder – bloody murder". These tales all strengthened mother's resolve for more converts to the Labor cause.

By this time in her 50's she next decided to convert the mother–in-law of the local publican at Beaconsfield with great success – the lady in question became a rabid Labor supporter.

Mother had joined the Berwick Seniors so her next conquest was the president of the club — a push over had her turned in no time although I don't think she joined mother in heckling the conservative politicians in the streets of Berwick. Into her 60's and it was

all clubs - outings, travel and interstate holidays - another halcyon period that continued for the next 20 years. Her walls were proudly lined with certificates acknowledging her years as Treasurer at Berwick Seniors (think that was about 20 years), Certificates of Appreciation for voluntary service to the community, Excellent Service and Dedication Executive Officer. She felt the invitations to Garden parties at government house were her just reward. She became who woman lunched. In her 80's it was time to admit the truth - she bit the bullet, admitted to her age and celebrated. It was as the previous decade - much of the same but this time with a Beaconsfield Club who procured a ride on the back of a Harley Davidson motor bike for 86th birthday!

She asked for, and got, a ride through the winding roads of Upper Beaconsfield and loved every minute of it.

Then came her 90th birthday – she felt a little doubtful about that but then the letters of congratulation started coming in – the first from the Labor member for her area Johan Scheffer, an old family friend, then shamelessly she was delighted to receive the congratulatory

letter from her declared enemy the then Prime Minister – John Howard.

Here today dressed smartly with your make-up, high heel shoes and favourite red lip stick, all ready for another big day out we say VALE party girl – Iris Ewert.



Extra: Mother had a cake shop in the arcade at Berwick for a short time and also worked at St Margarets for several years - she was a member of Berwick Seniors for at least 35 years and in her later years a member of Midway Beaconsfield.

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## BEACONSFIELD SCOUT REPORT

by Roger Gordon

During the School holidavs we have been busy giving our Hall a facelift inside and making our storage areas more productive. A big thanks to Leanne and Kelly and their great band of helpers for the great job well done. The inside of the Hall is now painted in shades of blue. We have a meeting in the near future with the Shire of Cardinia Officers to discuss upgrade of the Hall to fit in with our needs and being able to meet current standards for public buildings. The Shire of Cardinia is our Landlord and we look forward to their input.

Late last year we were successful in obtaining a Commonwealth Grant for equipment for our Joey, Cub and Scout Sections. This included storage cupboards for our Joey and Cub craft activities. We have purchased these cupboards from Bunnings Pakenham and they in

turn have given us a substantial gift voucher to offset the cost. We would like to thank Bunnings very much for their generosity.

All our sections have started this year with our current youth membership being 48 with 18 Joeys, 10 Cubs, 16 Scouts and 4 Rovers. To run our activities we have 12 Adult Leaders and a number of parents being involved in support roles. We are very lucky to have a great bunch of youngsters and adults to give our youth a meaningful experience in Scouting.

At the end of the last year we joined the Officer Recreational Reserve Committee and have already attended a couple of excellent meetings. What a great Committee whose actions speak for their words. We are very pleased to offer Scouting at Officer Recreational Reserve along side the very

well run cricket, all levels of football, netball and tennis.

Our mission in providing Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. Our vision is "All Victorians enjoying Scouting". We look forward to seeing you and showing what we have to offer.

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 Thursday 4.45pm to 6.15pm and Scouts on Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. If you are interested please come along and see us. Don't forget we have first three visits 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 Rovers or are interested in becoming an Adult Leader please contact Roger Gordon on 97072414 gordon@cyberspace. net.au or Leanne Fraser 97072417 leanne fraser@live.com.au.





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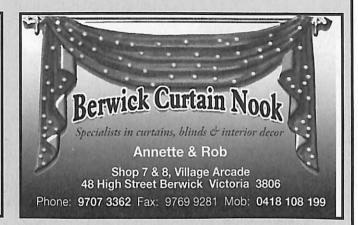
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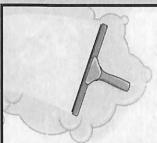
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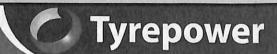
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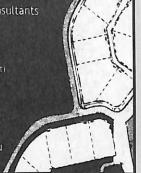
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### TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

After a very wet year in 2011 it continued in 2012 when we had 995mm The rainfall dried up in December when there was only 47mm. This was the lowest total since 2006 when there was only 34mm. This was well below the December average, which is 67mm.

#### 2012 Facts

Yearly total: 995mm Daily average: 8.4mm Days of rain: 118 Wettest day: April 24th - 49mm

Wettest Month: June

151mm

**Driest Month: January** 

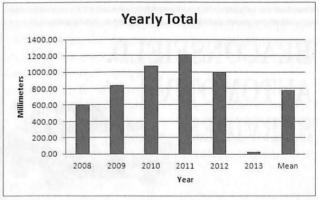
Hottest Day: Monday 2nd

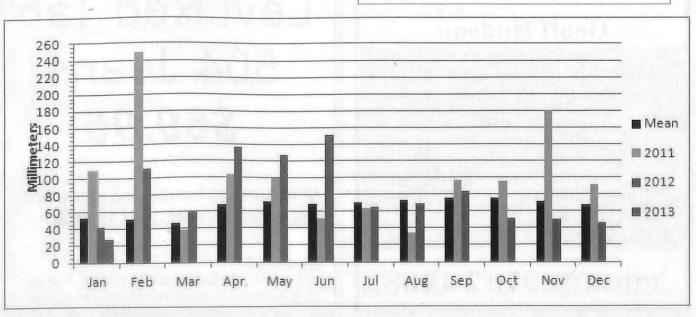
Jan 40.0c

Coolest Day: Thursday 21st June and Sunday 1st July 10.5c Average Daily Temp for the year 19.9c

#### 2013

It has been a very dry start to the year, there was only 3 days when rain fell in January. The total was 28mm but 26mm fell on 1 day. This was the last day of the month as well. This was the lowest total since 2009 when there was only 15mm. January is one of the 3 driest months of the year followed by February and March. The average for these 3 months is only 50.5mm per month.

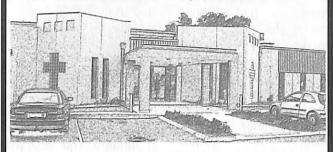




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### The Casey Cardinia HPV And Cycling Club

The looking forward to what is a jammed packed year of racing for the club. For the first time the club will be holding Crit races and a Cyclocross event. This is on top of our normal HPV events. We are looking forward to holding these events and bringing riders to Casey Fields to test their skill in what is a fantastic course.

The Clubwill hold 3 Critraces 15th June 20th July Saturday 17th August These races will be across all age groups and will be for Racing and Novice riders.

We will also be holding a Cyclocross event on Saturday 11th of May. If you have never heard of Cyclocross it is a mixture of road and mountain biking. The riders may have to dismount and will ride over a range of surfaces.

On top of this there will also be the 2 HPV events the club will be holding. This year we have teamed up with 2 other races and will be known as the Victorian HPV series. Rounds 1 and 4 will be held at Casey Fields. Round 1 - Saturday 23rd Feb and Round 4 - Sunday 13th October.

We welcome all new riders to our weekly training

> sessions, which are held at Casey Fields Saturday mornings from 7.30am to 9am. For further information please contact Nathan Boon 0419 859 018.

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## BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

### It's Nearly Footy Season!

Wow. Christmas is now a distant memory. School holidays have finished. Pre-season is well & truly underwayandfootyseason is nearly with us. Time is just flying. It's all systems go for the Beaconsfield Club. Football finishing touches are in progress at the new Holm Park Sporting Complex. The building now actually looks like a place to call home and the landscaping and civil works are coming along nicely. Cricket and footy are already enjoying the use of the ovals and in a few short weeks we'll be making the big move to shift all our footy possessions into our new home. It will be all hands on deck for a smooth shift and we are very fortunate to have such a great bunch people volunteering their time to help out.

#### Pre-Season

We have had a fantastic turn out of players to pre-season training with everyone from colts to seniors training hard and fast. The coaches are doing a fantastic job and the players are responding well. Everyone involved is feeling the buzz around the club and looking forward to a rewarding year in 2013.

#### **Practice Games**

In preparation for the 2013 season we will be playing some practice games at home and the cheering of our supporters is always

warmly welcomed and very much appreciated. If you can't wait for footy season to start - why not come along and show your support at the practice games. At the time of writing. games are scheduled for: 23rd March - Beaconsfield Traralgon and 6th April -Beaconsfield Vs Leongatha. Love see vou there.

### Round 1 - Season 2013

Our first game of the season is a block buster. Beaconsfield Vs Berwick on Saturday 13th April. The rivalry enjoyed between our two clubs is legendary and as always these will be passionate. hard fought games for all the teams in both clubs right to the final siren. We invite our footy supporters and the local community at large to come along and support the players. After the game please join us in our new social club rooms for after match drinks and food. This is a great opportunity to take a look at the new facilities and see what all the fuss and hard work has been about. A complete footy fixture is available on our website: www.beaconsfieldfc.com

#### Beaconsfield Footy Club and the Community

We will be hosting some great functions throughout the year and encourage everyone to come along and join in. You don't

have to be a diehard footy supporter to enjoy what the Beaconsfield Football Club has to offer the community. Please keep an eye on our website for all the latest up to date news. Our always popular annual Ladies Luncheon will be celebrating Pink Ladies Day on Saturday 11th May and a donation will be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. We've had some truly inspiring women guest speakers in the past and this year will be just as great. Calling on all women to bring your sisters, nieces, girlfriends and of course bring your Mum and treat her for Mother's Day. Let's make this a great community Full details will be on our website soon.

#### Sponsorship Opportunities

The new grounds and clubrooms have enabled us to revamp our sponsorship to present packages better opportunities to our valued sponsors. As well as the normal signage you would expect around the ground we will also have a state of the art scoreboard displaying sponsors advertisements and details throughout the day. Our aim is to create a win/win for everyone involved. If you'd like to register your interest and find out more, please

contact Vice President -Geoff McGowan Mobile: 0410 446 988 or Email: mcgowan@mcgowanptyltd. com.au

### Holm Park Sporting Complex Update

Completion of the building is due in March 2013 so it's going to be a tight squeeze moving in before the start of the season. With that said, we are all looking forward to the excitement of the "big move". complex is there to serve the community and has community meeting room on the ground floor complete with audio visual equipment available. Community groups are encouraged to use the facilities by contacting the shire offices and making appropriate arrangements with them.

#### Foundation Membership opportunity closes on 30th April

The purpose of the "Foundation Membership" is to raise funds to fit out the new building so it can be successfully put into service for the use of the various sporting clubs and the community as a whole. The Holm Park Sporting Complex will be state of the art and home to the Beaconsfield Football Club (seniors & juniors) together



Artists impression of the new club rooms

with the Beaconsfield Netball Club. The grounds will also be enjoyed by the Beaconsfield Cricket Club and 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. Of course, as we all know, money doesn't grow on trees and it takes lots of money to get a facility such as this one up and running.

For this reason we are appealing to all our sports club members & supporters together with local businesses and residents to join our specially created "Foundation Members" Group. This group has been formed to help fund the costs of completing all works associated with

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If you'd like to know more about the Beaconsfield Football Club, we'd love to hear from you. Club or Player Enquiries: President – David Van Lambaart: 0430 188 523 or Email: secretary@beaconsfieldfc. com



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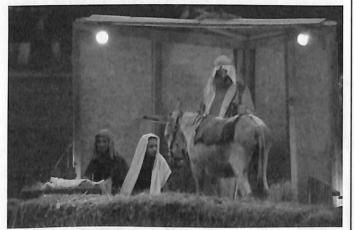


### Successful Carols by the Creek

The weather was perfect, the setting ideal and the crowd sang enthusiastically.

On December 17th the community of Beaconsfield joined together in the Bob Burgess Park and celebrated the story of Christmas in song. Some say it was the largest crowd ever.

The committee would like to thanks all the sponsors, volunteers, performers and all those that ensured a fantastic annual event.





### Beaconsfield Cricket Club News

by N. Boon

With the business end of the cricket season fast approaching Beaconsfield Cricket Club is working to make sure they can get the best results out of what has been a difficult season for all.

With the club Premier team facing relegation to the district division it has been a long season but a couple of wins after Christmas has helped to try to avoid this.

In the other grades results have been mixed

and we have a couple of grades that look like they will feature in finals action again this year.

The juniors have faired a lot better than the seniors and we will have several sides that will feature in finals in March.

We wish all the players the best of luck for the finals and hope they can represent the club and bring home some flags to the Tigers den.



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We wish all the players the best for the last few games of the year and for the finals ahead.

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