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Meetings are held on the 3rd
Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm,
Beaconsfield Community
Complex, O'Neil Rd

MEETING DATES:
Consultation -
Beaconsfield Structure Plan
Tuesday August 20th

September 17th
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Council Asks For Feedback On Draft Beaconsfield Structure Plan

Cardinia Shire Council's draft Beaconsfield Structure Plan will be on public exhibition from Monday 22 July to Monday 2 September.

Council invites residents to have their say on the draft plan, which will guide Beaconsfield's growth and development over the next 10 to 15 years. Residents can view the draft plan on Council's website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au on the 'Have your say' webpage.

"Once finalised, this structure plan will give the local community, developers and investors greater certainty and confidence about Beaconsfield's future development," said Council's Strategic Planning Manager John Holland. "The strategy will also outline the conditions and requirements

for future Beaconsfield planning applications submitted to Council, as well as give direction for capital works projects, intersection designs and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure," Mr Holland said.

Cr Tania Baxter also urged Beaconsfield residents to take the time to give their feedback on the draft strategy. "Community feedback will really help Council to develop a document which reflects the priorities of those who call Beaconsfield home. "By having a say, residents can help us to shape a great future for the suburb," Cr Baxter said.

Residents can view the draft plan and discuss it with Council officers at the following events listed below. Residents can provide comment on the draft strategy at the listed locations and events.

They can also post a written response to Cardinia Shire Council, attention Strategic Planning team, PO Box 7, Pakenham 3810, or email to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au with 'submission to draft Beaconsfield Structure Plan' as the subject. Submissions close on 2 September.

To request a copy of the draft Beaconsfield Structure Plan by post, call Council's Strategic Planning department on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BEACONSFIELD STRATEGY PLAN

* Open house for all community members,

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Thursday 22 August, 2pm – 8pm.

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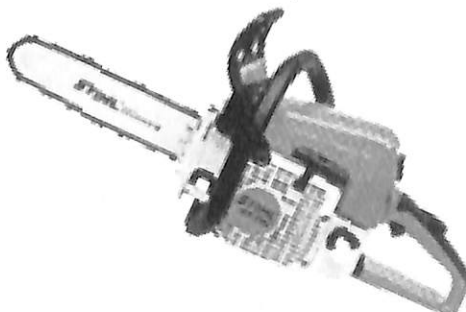
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Graeme Taylor, President

The preparation of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan now heads our priority list. The process will include Belinda Powell from Cardinia Shire attending our next BPA meeting. In addition the plan will be displayed on the Council Website. Everyone should spread the word to Beaconsfield residents, businesses and others affected to provide input and help shape the future for Beaconsfield over the next 10 or more years. The greater input by the community will assist in having the Structure Plan completed and hopefully a document we are all pleased with.

Our financial year finished on 30th June 2013 with a modest surplus for the year and members' funds of \$3810 at 30 June 2013 after allowing for all known liabilities. The full Financial Report will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting in October.

We are bidding farewell to David Morland who is leaving the area to take up another Pastor's position. During the 12 years he has lived in Beaconsfield, David has been an active member of the BPA and has served on the Committee and as Secretary. On behalf of the BPA thank you David for your excellent contribution and we wish you and Anne all the best in your new Pastor's position.

I recently paid a visit to the new Domino's Pizza and was most excited to see the large historic prints on the walls showing Upper Beaconsfield and also Beaconsfield Park with the sign when opened in 1939. It is worth a visit. The Beaconsfield Park sign photo was printed courtesy of BPA.

We need more members to be a better voice for the Community. If you have an interest in your local community and wish to contribute to discussions and actions to improve Beaconsfield then come to the public meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Community Centre.

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L To R: Cr. Leticia Wilmott, Mayor Brett Owen and Cr. Tania Baxter

The Beaconsfield Structure Plan (BSP) is finally available for public comment and your Ranges Ward Councillors want you to access a copy and check it out. The BSP has been prepared by Cardinia Shire Council officers with input and assistance from the Beaconsfield community, government agencies and specialist consultants.

The Key focus areas are:

- Residential growth
- Economic growth
- Movement network
- Open Space and Environment
- Heritage

Residents can view the draft plan on Council's website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au, on the 'Have your say' web page. To request a copy of the draft Beaconsfield Structure Plan by post, contact



News From Ranges Ward Councillors :

by Cr. Tania Baxter

Council's Strategic Planning department on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au. There will also be copies strategically placed around the community for you to access.

We encourage you to make submission to the document because we need to know what you agree AND disagree with, and why. That way we can advocate your wants and needs for Beacy's future. Please come to the community open

house at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Complex, O'Neil Road, Thursday 22 August, 2pm – 8pm. Residents can provide comment on the draft strategy here, as well as at the 4 "listening posts" around town.

You can also post written responses to Cardinia Shire Council, or email to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au. Please feel free to cc us in on any the correspondence you send. Submissions close on 2 September.

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Last year over 40,000 wheelie bins of items were saved from Landfill

with more than 600,000 items listed for sale/re-use. Households, schools, libraries, community groups and cultural organisations all got involved. On average each sale generated \$400 of income. This is a great opportunity for community groups to raise some much needed funds and have some fun as well. For more information please visit www.getinvolved.garagesaletrail.com.au

Referendum

This year a referendum will be held at the same time as the Federal election. The Referendum will ask Australians to cast a vote on the "financial" recognition of local government through amendment of Section 96 of the Constitution. If passed, the amendment would enable the Commonwealth to continue

to provide direct funding to local government for vital community services and infrastructure, something governments from both sides of politics have been doing for over a decade. The referendum will not change the status of local government. The States will still be able to amalgamate councils, change council boundaries and dismiss non-performing councils. Direct Federal funding is important because the Federal Government collects more than 80% of all tax revenue in Australia. The local services and infrastructure funded directly by the Federal Government cannot be funded by the State Governments because they don't have the revenue. The change being proposed is a simple change to address a problem which has arisen

over recent years and will protect the current funding that Council receives.

We would encourage all voters to become as informed as possible about this issue prior to the referendum.

MEDIA RELEASE

Cardinia Shire Council is offering financial support to restore local heritage sites.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Brett Owen said Council is now taking applications for the 2013-14 heritage grants program to assist with necessary repair works.

"Council is committed to supporting property owners to repair and conserve places of local heritage significance, so that future generations can enjoy them," Cr Owen said. Visit Council's website.

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Media Release

Council Launches New Strategy To Keep The Shire 'Age-friendly'

Council launched its second positive ageing strategy at Pakenham Library's supper room. Developed in consultation with the community, the strategy outlines how Council will work in partnership with service providers and community organisations to positively influence the lives of Cardinia Shire's older residents.

Representatives from local service providers, local community groups and older residents from the Shire attended the launch event, which included a morning tea. The strategy looks at factors which influence an older person's health and wellbeing, including education, employment, housing, gender, income, transport and safety. It then sets out actions in these areas to help ensure Cardinia Shire is

an 'age-friendly' place for its older population. Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Brett Owen said Council had revised and refined its positive ageing strategy because it believes everyone deserves to get the most out of the later years of their life. "We want to see the Shire's older people living more active, happy and fulfilled lives," Mayor Cr Owen said.

Mayor Cr Owen explained that while Cardinia Shire Council does not deliver direct services to older residents, "we continue to build strong relationships with our partners who do. "Through these partnerships and by sharing expertise and resources, we can all help achieve an age-friendly environment and address the diversity of needs in our community," Mayor Cr Owen said.

Cr Jodie Owen, a member of the positive ageing steering committee and a strong advocate for the Shire's older residents said she was pleased and proud of the strategy and what it sets out to achieve. "The strategy reflects Council's commitment to working with our partners to help older residents maintain their health, stay independent, feel secure and be given opportunities to be connected and valued members of the community," Cr Owen said.

"Cardinia Shire's population is projected to be an ageing one, so it's important we plan for this. "We need to ensure there are services and facilities to allow people to age in our smaller, more rural townships, as well as in the faster growing areas of our Shire," Cr Owen said.

Cr Owen added that

Council would continue to advocate for suitable housing options for older residents as they downsize and move from the land, as well as for the many older people moving to Cardinia Shire to be closer to their families.

The launch was also a chance to celebrate the community service and volunteering achievements of the area's older residents. Cardinia Shire's 2013 senior citizen of the year Charles Huyskens spoke at the event to express his support for the strategy.

Cardinia Shire's community health services expo was also held at Pakenham Library. The expo promoted and raised awareness about the range of community health and wellbeing services available to residents, and gave them the chance to find out more about available support services and address any questions to service providers.

YMCA Cardinia Life, Connections, Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre, Mecwacare, Koo Wee Rup Regional Health and 4C's were among the local organisations to participate in the expo.

The positive ageing strategy can be viewed on the 'seniors' web page of Council's website.



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Anzac service each year until recently and regularly attended Beaconsfield Progress Association meetings where he served on the committee and as secretary for a number of years.

David and Anne have become well known to many in Beaconsfield. They both enjoy regular walks and meeting people in the town and have contributed much to the community.



David has been very much a part of the community of Beaconsfield. He played a key role in organising and participating in the Beaconsfield Carols by the Creek. He has led the Beaconsfield Memorial



Thanks from all at Beaconsfield Progress Association and best wishes to you both for the future.

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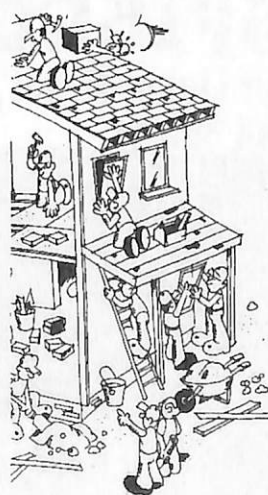
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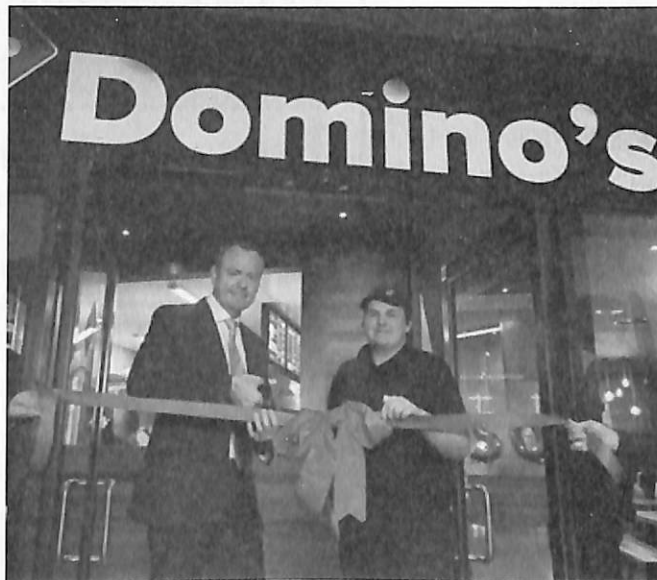


Photo 1: The team at Dominos Beaconsfield

Photo 2: CEO, Don Meij and Store Manager, Andrew officially opening the store

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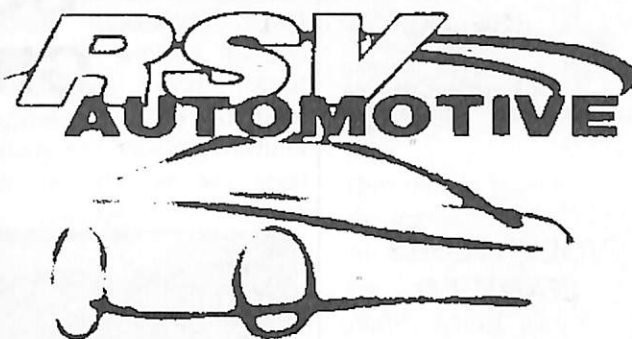
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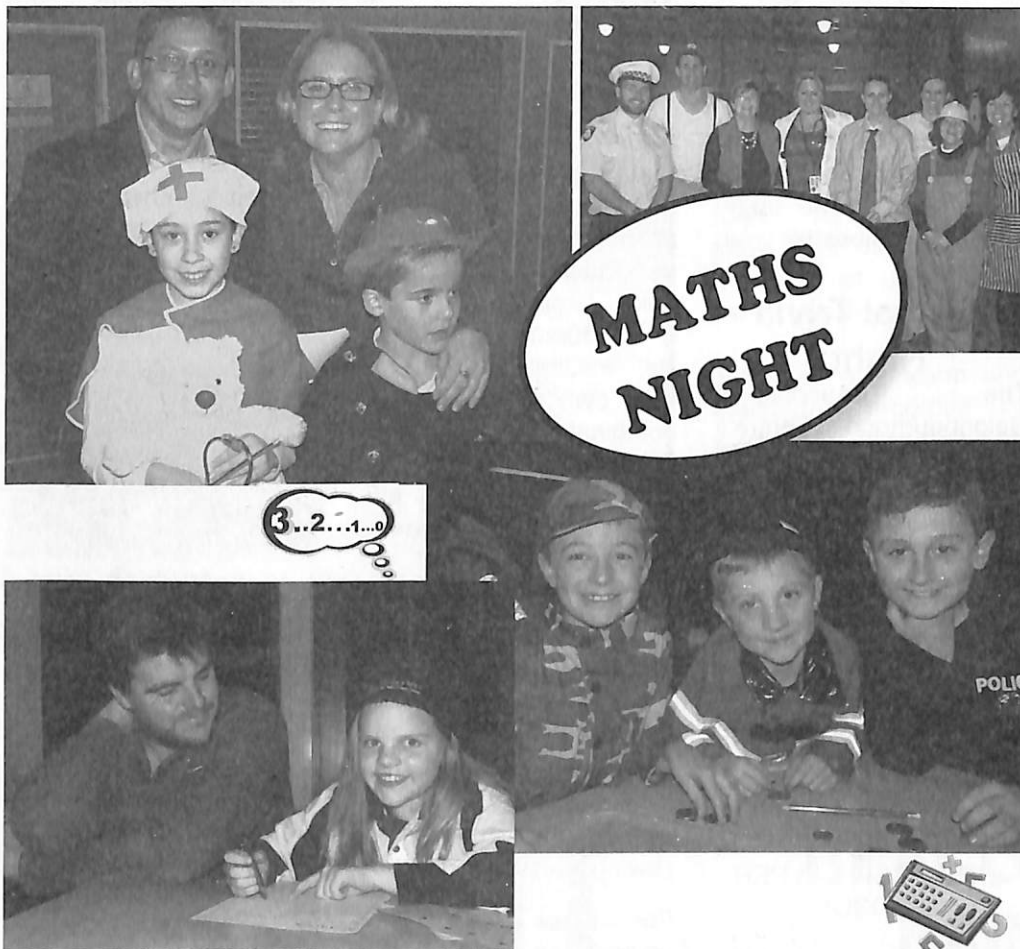


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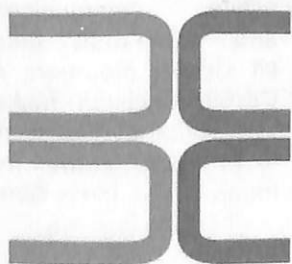
problem solve in our personal and work life. In primary school, our curriculum presents our students with an in depth study of the critical skills and engages the children with interesting and challenging tasks to help our children make connections between maths and real life!



Our theme for Term 2 was community. So, our end of term maths night was based around different occupations, how they use maths and testing out student skills with their parents, to solve real life situations. We had a "cotton ball throw" where we used our measuring and comparing skills. Weights and measures along with estimation skills were required with the "veggie weigh in". Mrs Inglis set up a mini supermarket to give families the practice in working with currency.

The red carpet challenge gave participants a chance to measure with trundle wheels, use calculators to work out area in square metres and cost per metre. There was a lot of fun had with children measuring out their speed over distance as they trundled along on skateboards – giving out speeding fines according to how fast individuals were recorded as going. Finally, everybody was able to play some big chance and data games such as Greedy pigs and spinning wheel games.

The maths night was a lot of fun and we appreciated all of the effort that children and teachers put into their costumes. In the long term, we hope that all of our children will be able and confident mathematicians.



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Located in the Community Complex , 8 O'Neil Road

by Mim Gillespie, Centre Co-ordinator

Knitting Circle:

Towards the end of June, our newly formed Knitting Circle group held our very first hand over of knitted and crocheted items for the 4C's in Pakenham. The Knitting Circle is a handful of us, all on a volunteer basis, helping others in the shire who are in need. Items included: knee rugs, scarves, beanies, baby booties and mittens, toys and more. We were excited to hear from 4C's Debbie Porter, that she already had put faces to some of the items we made.

This is a newly formed group and we would love anyone who likes to knit/crochet, but don't know for whom, then come and join us. We meet Mondays at around 1pm. We are more than happy to accept any wool for this cause too.

Playgroup

Bookings for our 2014 playgroups will be taken during November this year.

Annual Trivia Night:

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre's Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, 16th November 2013. Last year's event was so popular and those who attended had a great night – full of fun and laughter. Raffles will be drawn throughout the night – tickets are available at 3 for \$2.

DATE: 16th NOVEMBER
TIME: 7PM – 11PM
ENTRY FEE: \$15 PER PERSON

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New Classes

New and exciting classes across areas of patchwork are now being offered, such as Patchwork "Allsorts", held on Tuesdays – 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Be inspired to create your own masterpiece. A combination of combined colours, embroidery, appliqué, finishing etc. All levels welcome. Patchwork "Block of the Month", held Thursdays, 12:15pm – 2:15pm.

This class guides you through how to sew a traditional patchwork block. The goal being a sampler quilt or even cushion covers. BYO sewing machine if possible.

For these and other courses on offer, please check out our Term 3 program, available from the office or our website.

Next School Holidays Workshops

After our last very successful school holiday program, we will offer more programs in the next school holidays. These include: Kids cartooning, beginners make-up, parent and child candle workshop and even children's gingerbread houses. You can be sure we have all the angles covered to ensure a fun and safe environment for your children during the holiday period.



Annual General Meeting:

Tuesday 8th October
1:30pm.

All welcome to attend. A voluntary not for profit Committee of Management runs the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre. In order for the Centre to remain a truly community based provider, we encourage active communication and comments among all Centre members and Centre decision makers. We would love to see new faces with some fresh ideas for the Centre.



Debbie Porter with Cr. Baxter and the Knitting group



Are You Interested In A Community Garden For Beaconsfield?

The Neighbourhood Centre Committee of Management is looking at the possibility of developing a community garden adjacent to the Community Complex in O'Neil Road, and would like to hear from anyone who is interested to participate. Please contact the office 8768 4400 to let us know, or complete the Expression of Interest on our website www.bncinc.org.au

It was great to be able to visit Beaconsfield Primary School recently to talk to Grade 6 students about what goes on in the Federal Parliament. It was a chance to speak with them about the kinds of ideas that might encourage more young people to think about getting involved in volunteering with community organisations and clubs and maybe even running for council or parliament. They were just starting a unit in civics, which I think is a great initiative by the school. I hope that some of the students might think a bit more about getting involved in their local community as a result.

Our education system is incredibly important in giving students the skills to succeed in work and in life. It is about having a

Schools in Victoria

by Laura Smyth, MP
Federal Member for La Trobe

pathway to good jobs and careers, but it's also about encouraging students to think about ways in which our society might be better.

If we want to have a good education system, of course, we need to fund it properly. That's why I support the Better Schools Plan, which will mean around \$4 billion in additional Federal Government funding for Victorian Schools. The Plan has been put together based on the advice of an expert review panel which looked at our national school funding system

and said that it needed a lot of improvement.

Schools in Victoria stand to gain a great deal from the proposal which Kevin Rudd is trying to reach agreement with the states about. It means that the Federal Government will contribute around \$2 for every \$1 from the state. I think that's a good deal and I think it's one that our local schools really need in order to keep doing a great job.

I hope that when I next write for Beacy Banner that I will be able to confirm that the Victorian Government

has signed on for Better Schools, just like New South Wales, Tasmania, the ACT and South Australia have signed on. I really hope that's the case.

Until then, if you have anything that you would like to raise with me or if there's anything that I or my office can help with, feel free to call on 9796 1788 or email me at laura.smyth.mp@aph.gov.au.
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by GRAEME J TAYLOR, F.C.A.

Federal 2013/14 Budget Changes

The Budget tabled for the 2013/14 year contained many changes affecting most individuals and businesses in future years. Some of the changes affecting the year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 include the following:

1. Medical Expenses Tax Offset is to be phased out and only those claiming the tax offset in 2012/13 year will be eligible for the following year.

2. A higher superannuation concessional deductible contributions cap of \$35,000 will be available for people aged 60 or more. From 2014/15 year, people aged 50 or more will be able to access the \$35,000 cap. The cap of \$25,000 for people less than 50 will be indexed until it reaches \$35,000.

3. From 1 January 2014, the higher education debt repayment discounts

of 10% upfront and 5% voluntary payments of \$500 or more will be abolished.

4. The Baby Bonus will be abolished from 1 March 2014 and replaced by extra payments of \$2,000 (first child) and \$1,000 (Subsequent children) provided that families are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A. Also and most importantly families who choose to defer claims until after the end of the financial year will only have a further 12 months to claim benefits instead of 2 years previously.

It is recommended that you keep abreast of the numerous changes and discuss with your Accountant if they impact on you.



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BEACONSFIELD SCOUT REPORT

by Leanne Fraser

Beaconsfield Scout Group is located at the Scout Hall, Starling Road, Officer – within the Officer Recreation Reserve – set in natural bush setting.

Term 3 has started and all sections, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers, are back and active. Scouting is about confidence, passion, a sense of adventure and having fun. Through active and challenging programs, our youth are able to achieve their personal best, learn by doing, and meet new friends.

This term, some activities that our youth members will participate in include: fishing, cooking on fires, hiking, snow play, leadership courses, first aid training, bounce, games, abseiling, service, football, learning new skills, performing arts, father's nights, camps, ten pin bowling, and many, many more.

As children progress through the sections from Joeys to Rovers, they are given opportunities to develop their leadership skills through roles such as Sixer, Patrol Leader, Unit Chair and Crew Leader, and are transferable to school roles such as School Captain and Student Council.

Joeys at Beaconsfield celebrated its first birthday and held a party in July.

The photo shows some of our Joeys together with their Leaders, Emu (Dani) and Wombat (Alex).

We look forward to the youth in our extended community – from Berwick to Pakenham – coming along and getting involved. Be a Scout – Be Active – Have Fun.

Vacancies exist in all sections and we offer youth three weeks free before joining.



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LOCAL PROJECTS

by Brad Battin,
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Officer Specialist School Is On Track To Open Its Doors In 2014

The site has been a hive of activity since a builder was appointed last year. The site changes daily and it is exciting to see work progress.

In April, we announced the appointment of Sue Campbell as the school's inaugural principal. Ms Campbell will begin appointing staff this term in preparation for the first student intake.

The \$15 million Officer Specialist School will be co-located with Officer Secondary College, allowing the school to utilise facilities across both sites.

With \$10.5 million in capital funding allocated in the Victorian Coalition Government's 2013-14 budget towards the construction of Officer Secondary College, parents will soon have even more options for the education of their children.

Transport zones for the Officer Specialist School will be finalised later this year.

Parents of prospective students interested in enrolling for the 2014 intake can contact the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's South Eastern office on (03) 8765 5600.

Coalition Delivers on Planning Reform

Communities across Casey and Cardinia now have the chance to be covered by Australia's strongest planning zone to protect neighbourhood character with the commencement of the Coalition Government's Reformed Residential Zones.

The new zone reform package offers three new planning zones which will govern the style of development that will be allowed in neighbourhoods through the new Neighbourhood Residential Zone, the General Residential Zone and the Residential Growth Zone. This will protect our neighbourhoods from inappropriate development as well as offering the development industry clear and identified areas in which growth and built form change can occur.

Councils will be offered a twelve month period from 1 July 2013 to change over from the current planning zone structure to the reformed zones.

Details of Victoria's reformed planning zones can be found at www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning

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punching, paper craft, metallic ribbon weaves and serviette pictures. Come along for ideas and a time of sharing and learning. We have knitting and crochet and embroidery and patchwork.

We are still collecting and trimming postage stamps which are sold to stamp dealers and raise money for missions. With less and less mail having postage stamps we are in need of more stamps, so please save yours from your mail and drop them in to the church.

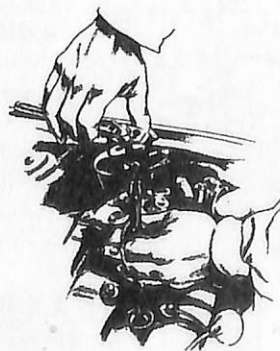
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Pizza With A History Topping

by A. Taylor

The latest pizza shop to open in Beaconsfield has two local historical photos displayed on their walls. The first photo shows the Post office and General store on McBride Road at the corner of Salisbury Road in Upper Beaconsfield. This photo has been reproduced courtesy of the State Library of Victoria from their collection. A similar photo is on the cover of the book "Upper Beaconsfield; an early history" by Charles Wilson and compiled and edited by Jennifer Coates. This book was published in 2013 by the Wilson family after the untimely death of their father Charles Wilson. He had researched the history of that township for a number of years and the Community can now benefit from his research.

A second print run of the book is now available from the Upper Beaconsfield General Store, Community Centre or Post Office or

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The second photo shows the Beaconsfield Park Sign in 1939 with some local lads and the park gates behind. This photo was taken in 1939 and is thought to be at the opening of the memorial gates.

The gates and sign were a gift to the town from the Craven sisters, Belinda, Mattie and Alice who ran the Post Office in Beaconsfield. The gates were a memorial to the soldiers from the Great War 1914-1918.

The men in the picture are Harold Harbour, 'Slim' Parkes and Jimmy (Bluey) Parkes. The Parkes family are known for their butcher shop which was in Woods Street. The Beaconsfield Park sign can still be seen in the park opposite the pizza shop and is an icon and marker for people coming into the town.

MEMORIAL GATES

BEACONSFIELD, Wednesday.

A pair of brick and iron gates has been erected at the entrance to the Beaconsfield Park in memory of the soldiers who took part in the Great War. The gates were the gift of the Misses Craven, who for many years were in charge of the Beaconsfield Post-office.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.) 1848-1954, Thursday 26 January 1939, page 6
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12090454>



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The plaque has the words "Site of the Shipwatchers lookout hut 1840 Erected by Historical Society of Berwick Shire" 30-6-72

A report from the Pakenham Gazette 22 November 1972 recounts the opening ceremony, held the previous week with 60 people attending including representatives from Local history groups and

SHIP WATCHER'S LOOKOUT

by A. Taylor

Council and Parliamentary representatives.

The history of the Ship watchers is sketchy however it appears that their role was extremely important in the early days of the colony.

The charts mapping the coastline of Australia were fairly simplistic and incomplete so ships bringing supplies to Melbourne often entered Western Port Bay by mistake thinking it was Port Phillip Bay.

This must have been a regular occurrence for the government of the day to pay for a hut to be built and the men had a telescope to watch for any ships coming into the bay. When the ships did enter Western Port, a smoke signal would be lit on the mountain and another stockman would ride off to raise the alarm. The last remnants of the hut remained until just a few years before the unveiling of the memorial in 1972. It is thought that the land was owned by Captain Robert Gardiner and was part of the Mount Misery Cattle run.



Notes from; Pakenham Gazette 22/11/1972 and Audrey Dodson, Beaconsfield P.S. 1890-1990. Thank you to Betty Whiteside for helping to locate the Gazette article.

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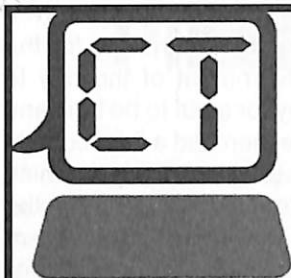
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How can we manage dogs with thunderstorm phobia?

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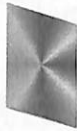
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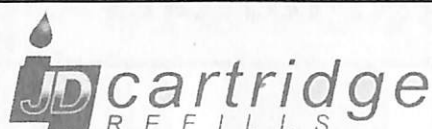
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by Nathan Boon

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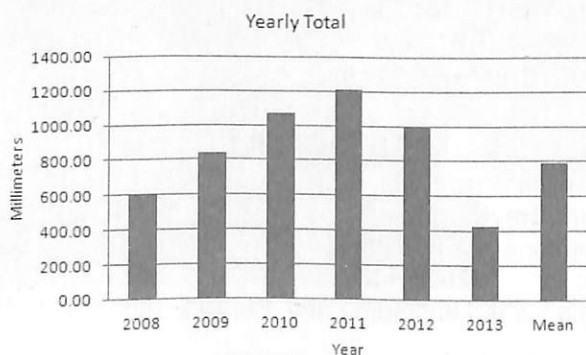
In June we received 70mm of rain over 7 days. The highest daily total was recorded on the 12th of June when we received 23mm.

July was very warm and Melbourne recorded its warmest July day on record when it reached 23.3 on the 18th.

The month of July again had average rainfall with 68mm falling. This fell over 8 days with the highest on the 19th again with 23mm recorded.

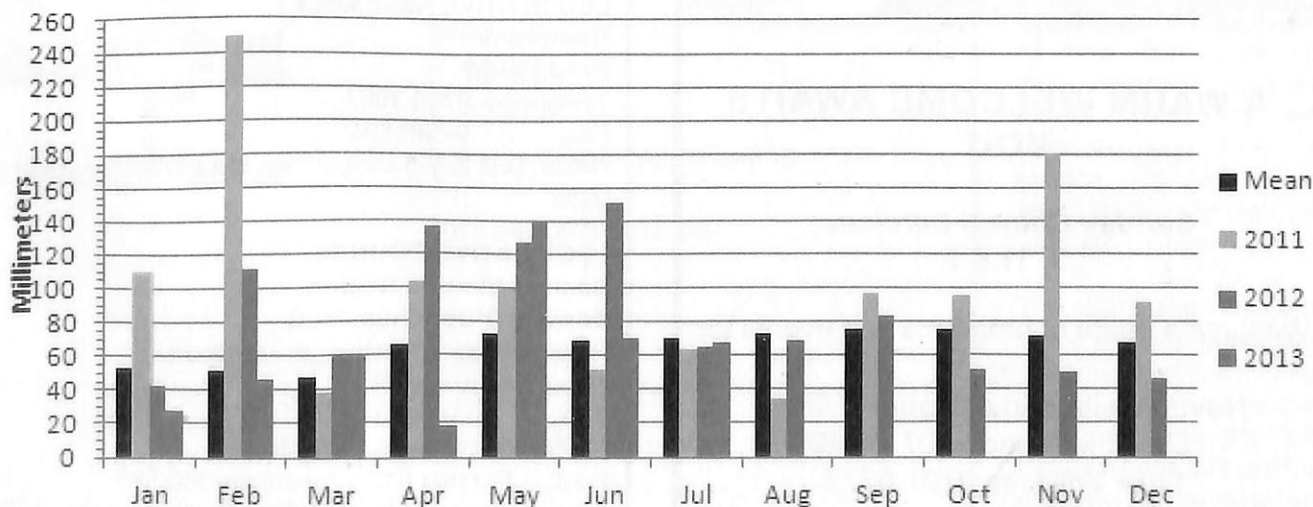
Our total for the year is now 430mm and we are again on track for a 800mm+ year. While it may seem at the moment that it is very wet we are 260mm behind last year at the end of July.

Melbourne's water storage is on the rise at the moment and is at 72.5%. This is a rise of 2.5% since the start of June. The closest water storage to Beaconsfield is the Cardinia Reservoir, it is currently at 70% capacity.



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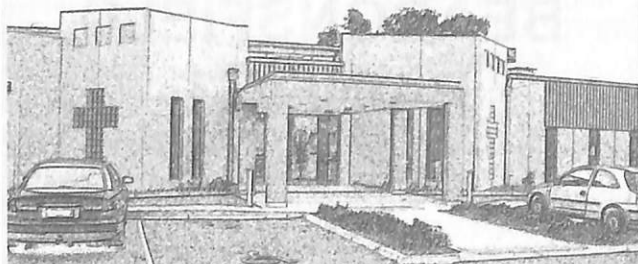


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by N. Boon

2013/14 Season

Beaconsfield Cricket Club would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2013/14 season. The club is working on a couple fantastic new plans and is excited about the future direction.



The new training nets that had been started at the end of last season have now been finished and will be in use for the first training this season.

The club will also be starting its campaign to introduce a turf pitch at the ground. This will enable us to play a better standard of cricket and offer our juniors a place to play their cricket on turf.

The season starts at the beginning of October but there is a lot that is already happening so that we can be underway on time. A couple of key dates for everyone who is interested in playing cricket this year are as follows:

Senior

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19th August 5.30-7pm

Junior

Registration Night

30th August
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First Senior Training

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We would love to see you at any of these times and players of all ages are welcome.

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BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

The Year So Far

Well it's August already and another season end is on the horizon with our last home & away game scheduled for Saturday 24th August at home against Keysborough followed by 3 weeks of finals, finishing with the Grand Final on 21st September. Please come along to our remaining home games and cheer us on.

It's been a big year - so far, both on and off the field. Our move across to Holm Park Reserve was the final stage of a very long process which took years and years in the planning, funding, building and execution. As with all projects of this magnitude with so many different stakeholders involved there were some hiccups along the way. But thanks to the diligent and tireless work of all involved these obstacles were overcome

and we are now enjoying everything that our club and the facilities have to offer.

Moving Forward

Now that we are all settled in we can focus all our energy on why we are here. Local Football Clubs are people clubs and Beaconsfield Football Club is a fine example of how the community comes together to encourage, foster and enjoy all the benefits of belonging. By virtue of sheer numbers we are far reaching and proud to say "welcoming". As far as numbers go we have 4 Senior teams, 4 SuperRules Teams, 18 Junior teams including our Youth Girls team, and then we also have our Auskick kids. You can play footy at Beaconsfield from Prep level to senior citizen status! That's something that we are very proud of.

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We'd absolutely love to see hundreds & hundreds of people at all our home games cheering the players on. An encouraging home game crowd is truly valued by the players and adds a terrific atmosphere to the spectacle of the game.

So, if you're already involved in some way we'd like to thank you for your support - If you're not involved - What's stopping you? Come with your family, your friends or by yourself and once you get here, you're bound to come across people you already know.... Please come and cheer us on as we near the season end and of course we'd love for you to return for the

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Our Foundation Members Dinner Was A Huge Success

Saturday the 6th July saw the Beaconsfield Football Club hold the much anticipated "Foundation Members" dinner at the Beaconsfield Community Sporting Club Social Rooms. 135 people were entertained and enjoyed a 3 course meal, catered for by Chris and Kylie Wright, managers of the social club and owners of Slippery Jacks with music and entertainment during the night. They also had the privilege of the unveiling of the Football Club's new memorabilia and trophy display. Much thanks for this must go to Life Member and Club Historian, Lawrie Canning, Life Member Lynton Studham, Premiership Player and current Past Players President Michael Fisher and President Dave Van Lambaart for the detailing and presentation of the cabinets. Also on display was an aerial photo of the new ovals taken on the day of our opening game against Berwick.

Each guest had their photo taken with the framed photo in the background and received a copy as a memento of the evening.

The "Foundation Membership" drive, put in place by the Executive Committee of the time and managed by Mark Payne was to raise funds for the newly opened Holm Park Road Complex to fit the Social Facility out with a vast array of furniture, glassware, audio and electrical equipment to list a few items. Over \$45,000 was raised since the program commenced in mid-2012 in gaining members from within and outside of the Beaconsfield Football Club. The names of the 150 "Foundation Members" were displayed on the big screen during the evening.

Representing the Cardinia Shire was Mayor Brett Owen who spoke about the works that had gone into the project and the vast amount of people who had contributed over a decade to see this facility constructed. "It is a fantastic facility for

the Beaconsfield Football and Netball Club and for the wider Cardinia Community. The State of the Art building has 4 separate change rooms, 2 canteens, trainer's and umpire rooms and public toilets. Upstairs is the Beaconsfield Community Sporting Club Social Rooms, home of the Beaconsfield Football Club." Mayor Owen also commented that the rooms for the Netball Club would begin construction in the later part of the year and be ready to use for season 2014.

President Van Lambaart in his speech spoke about and thanked the many people who had been involved and contributed to this project over the past decade with their roles of the time in the football club. These included Steve Rooke, Debbie McManus, Brian McPhie, Tim Gerbes, Paddy McKenna, all Past Presidents of the Junior Football Club and Terry Lock, Past President of the Senior Club. Great acknowledgement went to both Life Members Garry Valentine and John Airdrie

for their dedication over the final stages covering the last 2 - 3 years. Garry in his role with overseeing the construction of the facility for the football club and John Airdrie in his role of President over the past 3 years to ensure that the funding from all parties, the Cardinia Shire and both the Federal and State Governments of the day were met.

The final accolade for the evening went to another Life Member and Past President, Peter Evans for his both professional and private support and backing of the facility. Peter was presented with an aerial photo shot of the oval and facilities, with one photo capturing the new Holm Park Road Complex and our past home Perc Allison Oval in the background. It was a great reminder of where we, The Beaconsfield Football Club has come from and to where we are going in providing wonderful facilities for our Senior, Junior, Super Rules, Netballers and our members.

Much thanks for this evening goes to several people in Lawrie Canning, Dave and Fran Van Lambaart, Lynton Studham and Geoff and Denise McGowan for their hard and tireless work in the final days to ensure everything was perfect for this evening. We welcome the residents and community of Beaconsfield to please come and have a look at this great facility in your own back yard.

Words by Terry Lock
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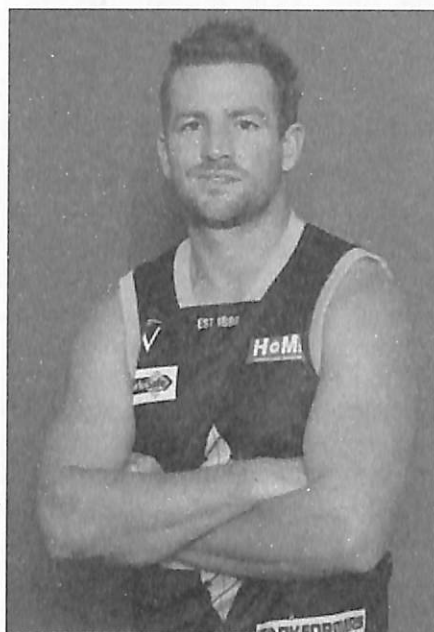
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These impressive achievements are

only part of Slicka's legacy at Beaconsfield where he has been an inspirational leader and the heart & soul of our team. He continues to show the way to his young teammates with his great attack on the ball and his ability to lift when his team needs it most. The Mislicki clan is a constant support to him at all Beacy games, with his boys Kadyne & Darcy always kicking the footy around & keeping wife Sarah on her

toes, along with his parents Carol and Peter. This past couple of weeks has seen the arrival of daughter Lila and we are sure she will be a force to be reckoned with, whether at footy or netball. Daniel is the 6th player to achieve the 200 senior games milestone at the club, joining Peter Smith, Troy Cashman, Christian Studham, Peter Walker & Craig Jackson. All of these notables are also premiership players and Daniel is a worthy addition to this esteemed group.

Daniel is one of the most popular and modest players within the Casey Cardinia League and I'm sure all supporters congratulate him on reaching this great milestone.

*Words by Lawrie Canning
- Life Member & Club Historian*



Beaconsfield Football Club's Captain Daniel Mislicki played his 200th senior game for Beaconsfield on Saturday 20th July against Hampton Park. Daniel, who is the club's longest serving Captain, is in his 6th season in that position.

He joined Beaconsfield FC U/17's in 1999, playing alongside Chris Newman,

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Time to start planning for next year. The new grounds and clubrooms have enabled us to revamp our sponsorship packages to present better value and opportunities to our valued sponsors.

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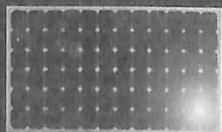
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Beaconsfield Netball Club

by Heather Studham

All teams are travelling along nicely at this stage of the season. Most are likely to contest finals, which is always a wonderful achievement. We are enjoying our new courts and anxiously awaiting the building of our new Clubrooms.

Whilst it is inevitable that we 'move with the times', some of the older brigade lament the loss of our old shed/clubrooms at Perc Allison. It became an integral part of our Thursday Nights and Saturdays for a lot of years and we look back on our times spent there with amusement, at some of the antics that went on there, and pride that we produced some of the finest 'tucker' in the league with such limited facilities in our little shed.

The "Hooters" were born there, we took home a record 5 x A Grade Premierships in a row and numerous B, C, 17's, 15's and 13's Premierships and Finals appearances from training there.

We celebrated births, marriages, birthdays and sustained injuries on that court over the years. We have seen many wonderful players, supporters and opposition pass through and have made many friends along the way.

We salute you Perc Allison Reserve and will never forget the contribution you made to Beaconsfield Netball Club. Our A Grade Goaler, Andi Dickson, was unfortunate enough to fracture both her arms in a recent Saturday Netball game. Many people arranged and contributed to fundraising for Andi, who is a masseuse in Berwick. Andi is recovering well and is extremely grateful for the support.



Recently the Life Members and Friends held their annual Auction at Georgio's Restaurant in Beaconsfield. A wonderful array of items were donated for Auction and MC, Steve Pallas, well assisted by Georgie Benbow and Danielle Roberts, did a super job of getting the very best price for each item. All the Club stalwarts were on hand to help out, including Life Members Gwen Neve, Sue Pryor, Deb MacPherson, Tina Harris, Heather Studham, Maree Jones and Shona Pallas, plus Eb Matthews (Penciller), Hayley Jones, and Sarah Murphy.

Guest Speakers were the much admired and very entertaining ROC duo in Fay McCoubrie and Tina Tivendale, who provided everyone with an insight into netball at grass roots level back into the West Gippsland/South West Gippsland Leagues and told stories of Country Week netball teams and how camaraderie was built with other clubs through involvement.

Fay and Tina also spoke on the early days of netball within the area and the rivalry between Beacy and ROC. Altogether a wonderful insight into local women's sport over the years. Thankyou so much ladies.



Our Annual Shopping Spree will be held on Saturday OCTOBER 19th. The bus will be leaving Perc Allison Reserve at around 8.30am. and returning around 6.30pm. All welcome to join in. Great shopping, great food and great company. Contact Heather on 0419 707 623 for further details.





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TENNIS NEWS

Beaconsfield Tennis Club Receives \$36,000 In Two Shire Grants

The Beaconsfield Tennis Club has been awarded \$35,000 towards resurfacing the old plexipave tennis courts (3 and 4) in the 2013/14 Cardinia Shire Community Grants scheme.

Courts 3 and 4 (together with courts 1 & 2 now resurfaced with synthetic grass) were constructed in 1978 and are now developing severe cracks and an uneven surface in places. The resurfacing works will include improving under court drainage and installing electrical cabling and footings for later work on new light towers, and then installing a new court surface.

The second grant gives the club \$1000 to improve drainage surrounding the two water tanks to reduce flooding at the base of the tanks, under the storage shed, and along the tennis club paths and the recreation reserve path outside the fence. The Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve will also contribute funds to this work.

Thanks must go to Jasmin Bishop our committee member for her hard work on preparing the court resurfacing grant and to Andrew Peart and Greg Tomichael (Recreation Reserve) for their work on the drainage grant.

Disability Access And Court Maintenance

The Shire is also funding an upgrade to our facilities to provide full disability access to all areas of our complex and so enhance our club as being one that welcomes and caters for all. To this end we are also pleased to shortly commence employing the services of Villa Maria Gateway personnel to assist with ongoing maintenance of our courts.

Beaconsfield Tennis Club "Trivia Night" With John Blackman

Beaconsfield Tennis Club will be hosting a night of fun for all with Master of Ceremonies being undertaken by well-known television and radio personality John Blackman. The night will be held on 19th October 2013 at the Akoonah Park Centre and will comprise Trivia competition, games, auction and a 3 course dinner at \$50 per head (or table of 10 @ \$450). 200 tickets are available so make up a table of friends and come along to support our club. Proceeds will go towards abovementioned court resurfacing project. All enquiries to below mentioned committee members.

Night Tennis Continues In Popularity

Our Wednesday night (mixed) and Thursday night (men) in-house competitions continue to provide a friendly and easy going tennis outlet for all. Open to members and nonmembers of our club, these are the ideal venues for those that always wanted to give tennis a go but have just not got to it. Come along to either night, with play starting at 7:30pm.



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