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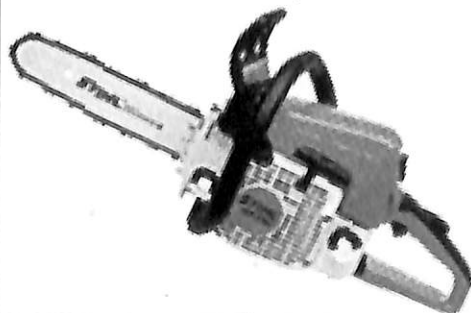
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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*by Graeme J Taylor, President*

At our October meeting which incorporated the Annual General Meeting, it was pleasing to see the number of people attending and support for the BPA. Thanks to those taking on Office Holder and Committee roles. A special thank you to Geoff Lockwood, Public Lands Manager, Cardinia Environment Coalition whose interesting talk on the Beaconsfield Reservoir enlightened us to this hidden treasure of Beaconsfield.

At the November Cardinia Shire Council Meeting, Graeme Moore was elected as Mayor and Brett Owen as Deputy Mayor. Congratulations to the new mayor and a special thank you to Brett Owen for his year as Mayor. His tireless work as Mayor and as Ranges Ward Councillor is greatly appreciated by us all at the BPA. Some of our members recently attended the Mayoral Charity Dinner which was a great success raising funds for 4CS Pakenham, desperately needed to provide assistance and welfare particularly as we near Christmas. A big thank you to Brett and Jackie Owen for organising this event.

With other BPA members, I recently attended another Cardinia Shire Council Meeting in support of Cr. Tania Baxter who presented our Community

petition objecting to the proposal of allowing up to 6 storey buildings as part of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan. Thanks to members involved particularly Angelo D'Amelio for organizing the Petition signed by over 400 Beaconsfield residents. We trust that our residents' concerns that a maximum 4 storey height be part of the completed Beaconsfield Structure Plan which is nearing completion.

Incidentally, the next Shire Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16 December at Holm Park Reserve at 7pm and the public are welcome to attend. Also at our November meeting the new Rules of Our Incorporated association were discussed and formally adopted.

As we near the end of the year, our Association will again be assisting with Carols by the Creek, so we hope for fine weather and ask all to spread the word and help make this an even bigger and better event.

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas and a wonderful 2014.





CARDINIA

## News From Ranges Ward Councillors :

by Cr. Tania Baxter

It's hard to believe that we are only weeks from the end of another year; And it has been a very busy year for Ranges Ward. Many very special projects have been undertaken over the last 12 months and it is great to see so many fantastic outcomes for the community.

The Beaconsfield Structure Plan is well underway, and assuming all goes to plan, it is planned to be coming to council for approval in

the December meeting. Speaking of which.... Something else very special is happening at the December General Council meeting. Not only is this the last public meeting of 2013, but as a promise that Councillors made to you when we were first elected, we are going to "bring the council to the people" this meeting will see the first of many council meeting being held out-of-Chambers! In fact, the final Council



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

Meeting for 2013 is to be held IN BEACONSFIELD on Monday the 16th of December at the Holm Park Reserve Pavilion @ 7pm. We really do hope to see you there as it is a public meeting, open to all; and also an interesting learning tool for adults and children alike on how (local) government works.

Further to the idea of being more open and transparent, over the last 12 months as your ward councillor's, we have attended many community meetings and celebrations and we have had the pleasure of meeting many of you. In March we held your first Mobile Councillor Office at the Community Centre where we invited residents to pop in for a chat or to have a talk about any concerns they had. It was great to discuss local issues and we will be back in 2014, so we will let you know when closer to that time.

This last year has seen one of your ward councillors (and local Beaconsfield resident), Cr Brett Owen, as Cardinia's Mayor and he has done an outstanding job at it. He and his wife have supported each other through the pregnancy, birth and early life of their

second son Will, as well as looking after his big brother Max, during this busy Mayoralship; In fact the mayoral office has had its first nappy changed in it! It was a very busy year for them both and Brett did an unprecedented effort in representing our shire. But alas, all good things must come to an end, and so too the mayoral term. But congratulations to the new Cardinia Shire Mayor, Cr Graeme Moore of Port Ward, who was elected to office on Remembrance Day. He will do a great job too, as he has full council support and the backup of the first Cardinia Shire Deputy Mayor ever (Cr Brett Owen)! This will ensure the wealth of knowledge and networks gained over the last mayoral year is passed on, and Mayor Moore can hit the ground running!

And finally, we would like to thank you all for your support over the last year.

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### Urban Fringe Grassfire

\* If you live on the edge of a city or town, you are at risk from grassfire this summer.  
\* If you live next to grassland, you need to clear weeds, sticks and leaves, and remove firewood, rubbish and other fuel from around your property.

\* If you live next to grassland and a grassfire starts, you need to quickly put two or three house blocks between you and the fire.  
\* Avoid driving in a grassfire because it may be smoky and hard to see, and traffic jams and accidents are likely.  
\* Act early – don't wait to receive a warning before moving two or three house blocks from a grassfire.  
\* If you don't live directly next to a grassland and a grassfire starts, it's safer to stay where you are as it's unlikely the fire will spread past fences and houses.  
\* Don't try to get a closer look at a grassfire – you will put yourself and others in danger.

### Key Messages

Victoria is one of the most fire-prone regions in the world – the best way to stay safe is to leave the night before or on the morning of a Code Red day, or early in the morning on an Extreme or Severe day.

Make sure you know what fire weather district you live in and check the Fire Danger Rating and Total Fire Ban for that district every day over summer. Talk to everyone you live with and your neighbours so you will all know what you will do on a hot, dry, windy day.

Pack an emergency kit with important documents, photos, medications, money and clothes so you are ready to leave early. Practice leaving.

Don't rely on getting a warning – it's your responsibility to know to

leave. So stay aware of your surroundings over summer. For example, check for smoke in air and listen for sirens.

Download the Fire Ready app so you can check Fire Danger Ratings and warnings and alerts, any time and any place.

Checkout CFA's website – [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) – call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 for more information of how to stay safe this summer.

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## Local Lady wins GOLD Again...

'Angelo Estate Lady Chardonnay 2012 won gold again last week, this time at the prestigious Concours des Vins de Victoria

The Air Liquide 2013 Concours des Vins de Victoria showcased a fabulous line-up of more than 350 Victorian wines from 110 wineries submitted in eleven classes. An enthusiastic crowd of almost 1,000 guests converged at the Medallion Club at Etihad Stadium on Thursday 28 November for the much anticipated awards presentation and tasting event. The Concours

gives wineries the same opportunity to have their wines judged by a group of dedicated judging panel – everyone has an equal chance in the Concours des Vins. This event is therefore an ideal opportunity for all wine enthusiasts to taste wines from iconic and boutique labels.

As well as receiving the gold, Benny was also awarded a bronze in the White Aromatics class for his 2013 Pinot Grigio. Benny D'Angelo was wrapped in the results, "last year my 2011 Lady Chardonnay won a bronze in the same class and now this year

to bring home gold is just validation that we're on the right track. Our vineyard in Officer is producing a very high quality of Chardonnay; we are consistently winning awards for every vintage."

This award is the second accolade for both wines. The 2013 Pinot Grigio was

just awarded silver at the Royal Hobart Show and the 2012 Chardonnay won gold at the Melbourne Wine show earlier this year.

"We are just going from strength to strength in all aspects of the business, we couldn't do what we do without the support of the local community", said Benny.



Left - Bernard Burtshy, Professor & Wine Writer - Le Figaro / La Revue du Vin de France  
Right - Benny D'Angelo, Winemaker D'Angelo Estate Vineyard

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## No, Really, 10 Years?

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

On November 3rd we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre. What happened, did I blink?

Taking a look back over these years, so much has happened, not just at the clinic, in my life, in Beaconsfield, but world wide. Here's a snippet of some of the major events worldwidesinceweopened.

Countries bordering the Indian Ocean were hit by a Tsunami claiming almost 230,000 lives.

Twitter was launched #whateverthat is.

The final book of Harry Potter was released selling more than 11million copies in the first 24hrs (a world record).

The first African American President was elected. A 9.1 magnitude earthquake and subsequent Tsunami hit Japan. Hurricane Katrina. The Black

Saturday fires. Cyclone Yasi. Once in 500year floods in Beaconsfield and Officer. The Sydney Opera House is declared a world heritage site, making it the youngest cultural site to be included on the world heritage list. I could keep going....

During this time we have grown thanks to your ongoing support. There are some new faces at the clinic and others that are starting to look like part of the furniture. We look forward to helping you and your pets over the next 10 years and we will be starting with a bang! Early next year we start more extensions at the clinic – stay tuned!



## DMI/DEAF ACTION



At a recent sale at Beaconsfield Baptist Church products made by deaf people in China were some of the crafts available.

These products were just some of the products made by deaf people around the world associated with Deaf Action/ DMI. Deaf Action/DMI is an organisation based in our community but which services deaf people in some 20 countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Australia.

Through churches for the deaf, projects as diverse as a rubber plantation,

cheese cake and coffee shop, farming, jewellery production, micro enterprises and sewing, Deaf Action/DMI is seeking to empower deaf people to become self supporting and productive citizens in the countries where DMI is involved.

Schools are another aspect of the work. In Kenya, Myanmar, Philippines and Uganda DMI/Deaf Action is providing education for disadvantaged deaf people of all ages.

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## Government Community Funding

by Brad Battin,  
Member for Gembrook

Local students, netball and basketball clubs are set to benefit from \$650,000 in Victorian Coalition Government funding to build a new stadium at Officer Secondary College.

Recently I joined the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon Hugh Delahunty, and the Member for Bass Ken Smith at the site to announce funding from the Community Facility Funding Program for the new sports stadium.

Sport plays such an important part in the lives of so many Victorians, and that's why projects like these are so important; they not only help provide more sporting opportunities for local students, but also strengthen the whole community by bringing local clubs, associations and people together.

The new stadium will house three new courts for basketball and netball, giving the school and local clubs the chance to develop programs, host competitions and big events in this rapidly growing area.

The facility will also include change rooms, umpire rooms, office space, kitchen, foyer, storage spaces and a car park.

At the college site  
Mr Delahunty also

announced \$15,000 from the Community Facility Funding Program towards a new Cardinia Skate and BMX Strategy.

The Victorian Coalition Government is proud to support the development of sport and recreation infrastructure that will meet the future needs of the community.

Mr Delahunty commended the Cardinia Shire Council for its contribution of more than \$2.3 million to the projects.

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



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by Sue

We are pleased to have a new Committee on board to take us through 2014, with new President, Barbara Hunter.

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We would like to wish all our Members and the Beaconsfield community a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Thank you for all your support in 2013.

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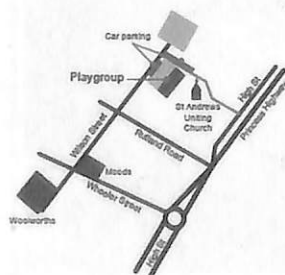
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For more information and bookings for the playgroup, please contact Rachelle Olsson on mobile 0425892040 or email [Rachellehallett@yahoo.com](mailto:Rachellehallett@yahoo.com)

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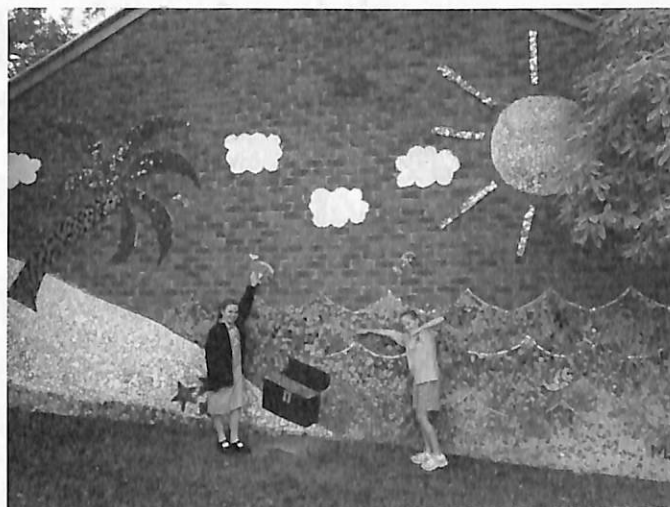
by Gary Methven, Principal

During Term 4, every Beacy student has the opportunity to contribute to our biggest piece of playground art ever!

The mosaic is located behind the pirate ship and features a "Treasure Island theme". The main panel features the tropical island, sun, surf a chest of gold. Several other panels feature seahorses, octopuses, and fish. Designed by art teacher, Meagan Van Royen and funded through the generosity of our Parents and Friends, the project has enabled the children of 2013 to leave a beautiful legacy for the future; and the captains of our pirate ship can set their sails toward a glittering destination.

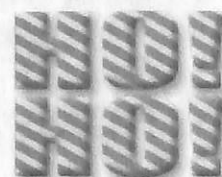


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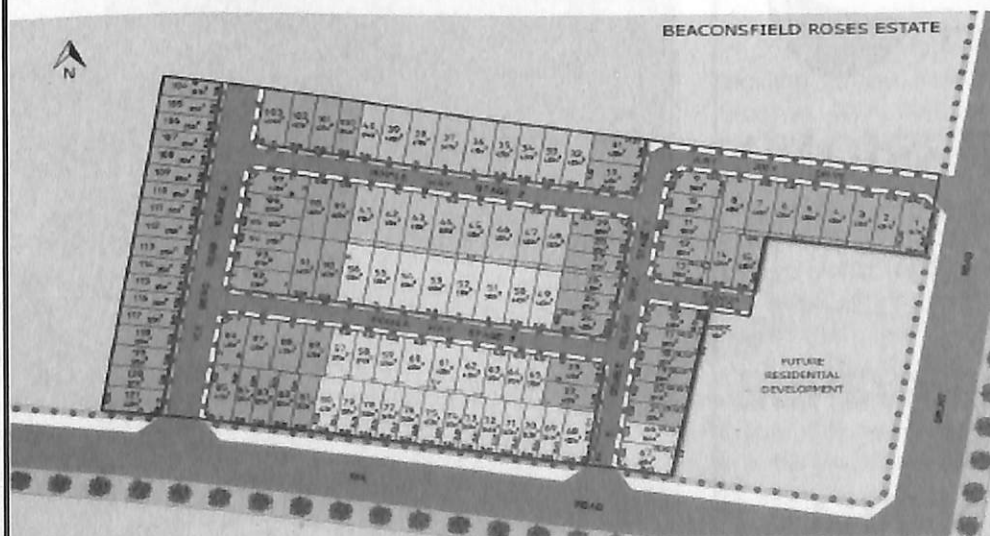
Our thanks to local artist, Helen Harmon for assisting our school community in this endeavour; our children have really enjoyed this project. A big thanks to the large number of parents who have volunteered to come in and assist in the creation of this wonderful piece of school community art, we simply could not do this without your support.

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by Jason Wood MP,  
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for La Trobe



La Trobe has always been my home, and I take much pride in returning as your representative to the Australian Parliament in 2013. Thank you to all those who had faith in me, and voted for me. For those that chose otherwise, I will work hard to represent you in the coming years.

Christmas is a wonderful time in La Trobe, and I encourage everyone to get involved in the holiday spirit in any way possible. There is plenty to see and do around the area over the break, like Twilight Christmas Market or the Vicdeaf Annual Christmas Rally among many others. These are just a few examples of how our community comes together in support of one another, and I am very proud to be a part of it.

In 2014 I look forward to tackling all the issues we face in the community, big and small. Something very close to my heart, and an issue that hits very close to home during this time of year is addressing the issue of youth mental health and tackling youth suicide. This time of year can be very difficult for those affected by youth suicide and I look forward to working together with local schools, community organisations, and

groups like Headspace to tackle the issue head on. Please know that my door is always open to you as your representative and I encourage you to contact me on (03) 9768 9164 or online at [www.JasonWood.com.au](http://www.JasonWood.com.au) should there be anything you would like to discuss.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support which has made 2013 such a successful year. I hope your holiday season and Christmas break is filled with much fun and laughter, and most importantly surrounded by family and friends. I hope you all take a moment to reflect on the wonderful year it has been, and remember what this time of year is all about.

My team and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I sincerely look forward to working with you in 2014!





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# Make and Mingle

by A. Taylor

Make and Mingle's Annual Craft Fair was held on 9th November and was very popular with visitors from the local area, other suburbs and country areas.

There was a huge array of crafts including lots of beautiful greeting cards, jewellery, bags, cushions, scarves, wooden items, soaps, international gifts as well as craft supplies of patchwork and sewing items, stickers and scrapbooking supplies.

There was face painting and a wonderful array of plants, flowers and beautiful fresh produce. Tea, coffee and slices were available for morning tea and many took the chance to sit and chat and catch up with friends.

This year we had craft demonstrations of paper tole, embroidered cards, jewellery making, patchwork and sock knitting and our famous knitted farm was on display once again, delighting both young and old. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in every way and thank you to the community for coming to support us.



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Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets each Wednesday 10am-12noon during school term and you are always welcome to come along and join in. You can learn a craft, work on something of your own or just pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

We return Wed 5th February 2014 10am-12 noon with plenty of craft ideas to share and you are welcome to come along.

We always have a knitting group as well as patchwork and embroidery. There is huge array of greeting card ideas for you to try including paper tole, embroidered cards, stickers, punching, mesh and serviette craft.

**Christmas  
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### On Selflessness

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Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa  
July 18, 1918, - December 5, 2013.

## SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S DESK

by GRAEME J TAYLOR,  
F.C.A.

The new Federal Government made various announcements during the Election Campaign relating to income tax that now needs to be legislated.

Some of the proposals include the following:  
-abolish the Carbon Tax

-remove the Minerals Resource Rent Tax

-remove the instant write-off for small business assets of up to \$6,500

-remove the immediate write-off for small businesses for motor vehicles of up to \$5,000 with the balance of the cost concessionally depreciated

-reduce company tax rate by 1.5% from 1 July 2015

-introduce a 1.5% levy on high net income companies to help pay for a paid parental scheme from 1 July 2015

-abandon the proposal to abolish the statutory formula method of valuing cars for FBT purposes with effect from 1 April 2014

-examine existing tax incentive regime for innovation and R and D investment.

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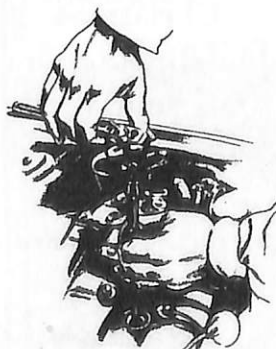
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Beaconsfield Football club, and indeed our town, lost another link with its past with the recent death of Ray Thomas on 15th November.

The Thomas family has been linked with the football club for the past 90 years commencing with Ray's father, Lonie Thomas. Lonie played with the club back in 1923 as the team photo shows.

Ray was a star player in the 1950's, with his son Anthony (Boofa) also having a long and illustrious playing career and also contributed off field as a past Junior Club President, and was awarded a life membership in 2009. Anthony's son, Jackson, has continued the family tradition graduating to the U/18's this year and also filling in on occasions for the Reserves.

## RAY THOMAS - RIP

### 15/11/2013



Beaconsfield FC appreciates the wonderful contribution and involvement of the Thomas

family over this long period and offers our sympathies to Ray's wife Marg, Anthony and all the family.

*Pictured:  
1923 Beaconsfield FC  
Lonie Thomas, second  
player in middle row.*



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# Glismann

by Penny Harris Jennings

Glismann Road, Beaconsfield is named after the first permanent settler of Beaconsfield Upper, Johann Glismann.

Johann was born on 24th July 1835 in Elmshorn, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, 32 km north of Hamburg. He was the 13th child of Hans and Abel Glismann, a farming family. It was a large loving family but Johann had a keen sense of adventure. After schooling and working on the orchard at 18 years old he enlisted for the Crimean War in 1854. With his knowledge of produce Johann became a cook during the campaign which ended in 1856.

Johann's next adventure was to join the shipping industry transporting cargo all over the world. Once again, Johann was employed as a cook. In March 1859 he left Hamburg on the ship "Malvina Vidal". It was described as "An A1 Hamburg ship, a fine vessel being very lofty and spacious between decks, well suited to both cargo and passengers".

Malvina Vidal arrived in Hobson's Bay, Melbourne, Australia in March 1859. On 9th April 1859 ship Captain Kessal reported numerous deserters including Johann Glismann. Johann was described as 25 years of age, 5ft 8 or 9 inch tall, light complexion, coarse red whiskers, reddish hair, full faced, a stout German sailor. Desertion was common in the 1800's the most famous Australian

deserter was John Simpson Kirkpatrick who was honoured for his heroics moving injured soldiers on a donkey in WW1.

Johann entrenched himself in the bustle of Melbourne during the Gold rush years. He lived and worked in Lonsdale Street, Melbourne as a cook. After his marriage in 1864 to Sarah Brady a young Irish girl, he knew farming was his future. Their first child Hans was born in 1865, followed by Elizabeth in 1869 and David in 1871. Originally Johann and Sarah were granted a small selection of land at the South-West corner of Heatherton Road and Dandenong Road, Dandenong, where they grew fruit trees and took the produce to market. Although the location was convenient for the market Johann knew the small parcel of land could not sustain them financially in the long term.

In early January 1873 after looking at a number of selections, a friend suggested a place situated among the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, good land, well watered with a supply of good splitting timber. Although right in the middle of the bush now and miles away from any other house, in the future it ought to be very good place. Johann loaded the buggy up with enough provisions to last a week and two horses. He and his friend set off to view the new country. On the fourth day they found a forest



*Pictured: Hans Glismann 1895*

which looked suitable and the process of gaining land selection permission began. Johann returned to the site with a group of men to clear away some of the timber for his new home. Two pit saws were carried there and the men sat one on top, the other at the bottom, sawing away from morning to night. The timber was then used to construct the house and on completion Johann moved his family there.

On the 1st January 1875 his application for a Crown Grant of his selection license was approved. The first 25 acres of the orchard consisted of apples, cherries and pears followed by chestnut and walnut trees. In later

years Elizabeth and David married and moved away from the district, neither have any descendants.

Hans Glismann became a carpenter and builder, a well-known resident. He married Harriet Audsley the local school teacher in 1895. Hans built many fine homes, including his own "Laluma" in St Georges Road, Beaconsfield Upper and the St John's Anglican Church. He was an active community member, Vestry man of St John's Church, Trustee of the Assembly Hall, and Secretary for many years, for the Beaconsfield sports club particularly cricket, Scoutmaster of the 1st Beaconsfield Upper Boy Scouts, the first School committee for



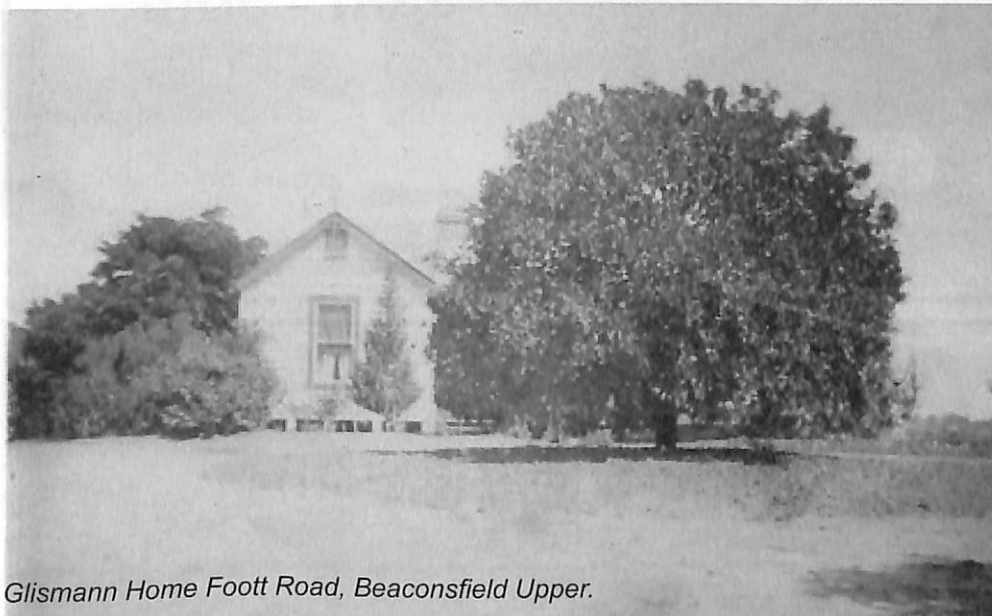
the District of the Shire of Berwick, Beaconsfield Riding and Secretary of the Beaconsfield and Gembrook Fruit Growers Association.

Many of the Glismann descendants live in the district and their commitment to the Beaconsfield community continues.

*All photos supplied by P. Jennings*



Medallion presented to Hans Glismann from the Beaconsfield and Gembrook Fruit Growers Association April 1896



*Glismann Home Foott Road, Beaconsfield Upper.*

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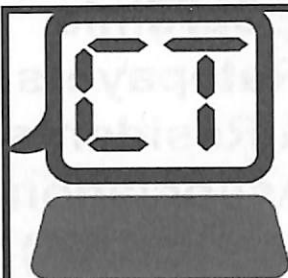
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# CHRISTMAS CARDS

by A. Taylor

CHRISTMAS is a time to remember family and friends with emails, SMS and Facebook messages. But some of us still send Christmas cards; it's a great way to catch up, especially if we haven't seen one another for a long time. We still enjoy finding a 'real' letter or card in the box. It's even more special if it is a handmade card.

## History

The first Christmas cards were commissioned by Sir Henry Cole and illustrated by John Callcott Horsley in London on 1st May 1843. The central picture showed three generations of a family raising a toast to the card's recipient; on either side were scenes of charity, with food and clothing being given to the poor. Early English cards rarely showed winter or religious themes, instead favouring flowers, fairies and other designs, reminding of spring. With the improvement

in printing techniques Christmas cards and greeting cards were very popular in the 20th Century and many based round themes or designs.

For Local Christmas Cards, Cardinian embroidery Cards are available. This is a set of 8 cards depicting features of the towns of Cardinia. There is a card for Beaconsfield showing many of our well known buildings and features, the townships of Officer, Cardinia and Rythdale are also pictured.



Beaconsfield Cardinian  
Embroidery card



Above: The 2013 Christmas stamps. Non-traditional Christmas stamps feature a Christmas tree, gift, candle and a bell. They are designed by Lisa Christensen of the Australia Post design studio

These cards are available for purchase from Beaconsfield Community Complex, O'Neil Road and The National Trust Shop, Casey Cardinia Branch at Pioneer Park, Peel Street Berwick (in the old school building) \$1.50 per card or \$10 for 8 cards (Mixed or all one town or combinations)

Remember with Christmas cards come postage stamps on the envelope. Take a look at the Christmas stamps for this year, Lisa Christensen has designed this year's non-traditional stamps and the two traditional stamps are based on a painting by Australian artist Paul Newton. Every year we have a new Christmas

stamp design. We can remember some of the designs over the years. Postage stamps are valuable.

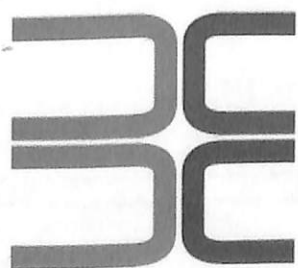
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This years Traditional Christmas stamps are based on a painting by Australian artist Paul Newton

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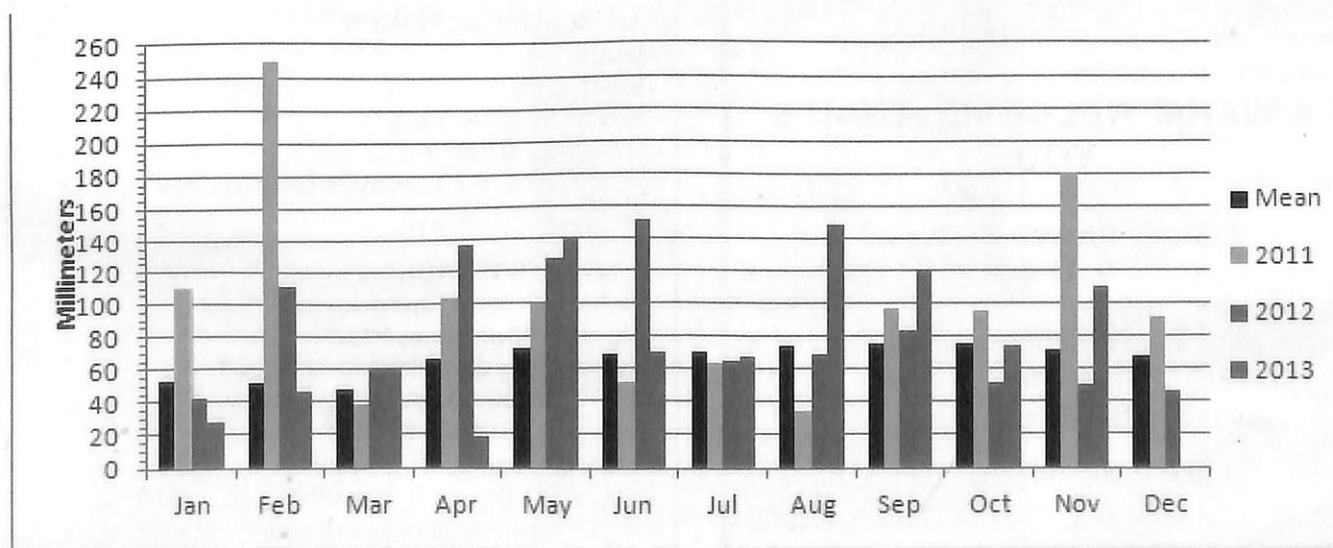
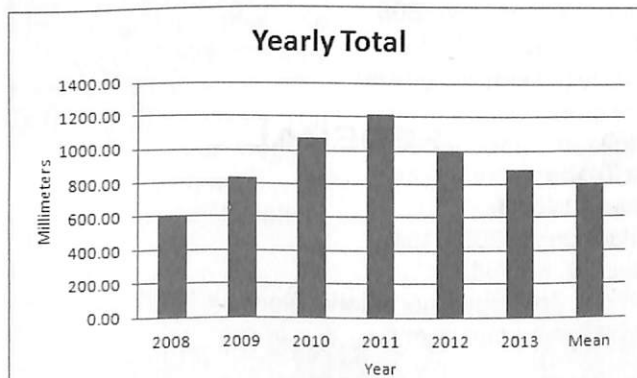
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## TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

A year has gone by and Melbourne continues to live up to the reputation of having 4 seasons in one day. Well sometimes that can be in one hour as well. I started to write this report and it was 36°C. I am finishing this report and it is 15°C and pouring with rain. As a whole, Melbourne and Beaconsfield has fantastic weather and again this year we have seen a lot of rainfall in the town.

October saw 74mm of rainfall over 11 days. The highest daily totals for October were recorded on the 2nd and 22nd when there was 17mm.

November saw the rainfall increase. While it fell on fewer days, we recorded a lot more rain for the month. We had 110mm of rain this is 40mm above average for the month. It fell over 10 days. The highest daily totals were recorded on the 12th and 13th. The 2 days saw 50mm fall in the town. 24mm on the 12th and 26mm on the 13th.

These totals also climb

above the yearly average and there is still a month to go. So far for the year we have had 882mm fall and we are on track for another year above 900mm this will be the 4th year in a row and the 5th year in a row where we will have above average rainfall for the year.

Melbourne's water storage has now climbed to 80.3% full. This is the same as last year and we have seen that this figure will drop over the coming months as we head into summer. It was interesting to see that on Melbourne Water's website they now have the water storage levels going back to 1940. In December 1940 the storage level was 86.7%. The highest ever December % was in 1964 when it was 98.8%. The lowlight was 5 years ago when it was 34.4% in 2008. Interesting to have a look at and see what happens to Melbourne's water during the whole year.

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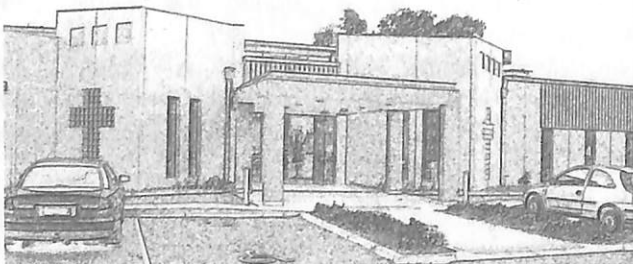


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# Beaconsfield Scout Report

by Leanne Fraser

What a busy year we have experienced at Beaconsfield Scout Group – welcoming new families into our Group, celebrating the success of our youth – achieving their personal best, and recognising the dedication of our leaders who volunteer their time to support our children.

Highlights this term have included a visit to Melbourne Zoo by the Joeys; mad scientist and spooky nights at Cubs, a great weekend away at Gilweroo – a major camp for Scouts with over 1000 Scouts in attendance; a weekend camp with hundreds of other Venturers – celebrating the end of school for the year; and our Rovers helping out at the District Cub Disco and White Elephant Sale in Pakenham.

Scouts held a night at the Beaconsfield Primary School and it was great to

see so many children and their families participate in the cooking and climbing activities. Whilst we are a little bit down the road from Beaconsfield, we are still the Scout Group for our community – catering for children, youth and young adults – 6 to 25 years of age.

With the end of the year drawing near, it is a time to connect to the community – and we are supporting 4Cs by collecting goods to assist with their Christmas hampers for 2013. Being involved allows youth to link service to their community to their badge work.

Our last night together will be December 5 where we will host a family sausage sizzle and invite family and friends to come along, bring a picnic, enjoy the fellowship of Scouting, sing Christmas Carols around a campfire, and maybe even get a visit from Santa Claus.



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# BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

## 2013 Wrap Up

This has been a year full of highlights for our club. After a successful move from Perc Alison to Holm Park Reserve it was all systems go as we went about settling in. Our transition to our new home was a massive undertaking as we also restructured to take our club to a level of excellence not possible at Perc Alison. The work done by our then President with assistance from his Executive and General committees was tremendous and at times difficult as there were many hurdles to get over to reach the level we had set for ourselves. Apart from the obvious

requirements of running a football club we also introduced the Beaconsfield Community Sporting Club into the limelight with great success. This was a massive shift from anything we'd done in the past and as with any major undertaking it had its fair share of teething problems that had to be worked through. However, there was nothing too major and as the year closes out we are very proud to say that the success of our venture has made everything worthwhile. We are also happy to say that the wider Beaconsfield community has also embraced us with many bookings for all sorts

of functions being held successfully and many more booked for future dates.

Another big achievement for us was being appointed by the Casey Cardinia Football and Netball League to host the Preliminary Finals. This was a massive day with an army of volunteers helping to make it a success from start to finish. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped on the day – we couldn't have done it without you. The huge crowd was also fantastic and very well behaved with everyone enjoying the day. We had our Seniors and Under 18's playing but unfortunately neither team could pull off a win. Our Development squad had also made it to preliminary finals, played 2 weeks earlier but also struck out. Never mind there's always the promise of next year.



## Season's Greetings

The President and committee of the Beaconsfield Football Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all our players, families, club members, supporters and sponsors, in fact everyone associated with our great club, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with good health and good times. Enjoy summer and the holidays and we'll see you back at the club for an exciting 2014.

## Incoming new President 2013/14

Congratulations to Gary Valentine – our new President for the 2013/14 year.

Gary grew up in the Officer/Beaconsfield area having settled here with his parents at 10 years of age. He played his junior football years at Beaconsfield as well as the majority of his senior playing career. He also spent time playing at ROC as well as playing and coaching at South Belgrave. He then moved onto the next stage by playing Super Rules at Noble Park and eventually coming back home to help establish a Super Rules team at Beaconsfield where he played until the boots finally had to be retired.

After finishing his playing career Gary continued his involvement with the club by volunteering his time and expertise in various roles. As well as his many achievements with the senior body he also coached football in the junior ranks taking his team to finals.

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Having finished 3rd on the ladder, we exceeded our expectations for 2013 and am confident that next year is looking very promising. A few changes to the competition will now see us fielding Under 17's, Under 19's, Reserves and Senior teams. Our football department has been working very hard sorting out our players for next year. Our retention rate for existing players is great and we've managed to recruit some new and promising players as well. Pre Season starts in December and the guys are raring to go after having a few weeks off since the end of the season. Clint "Boofa" Evans will be leading the charge again ably supported by his coaching team. At the time of writing our other coach appointments are yet to be announced.



Gary's son played his junior footy years with Beaconsfield and continues to play for the Beacy senior club.

Gary was awarded the honour of "Life Membership" with the Beaconsfield Football Club and continues to dedicate himself to the club. All of his experience, both on and off the field, gives him a great insight into how to get the best out of every situation.

Gary's love of the club is also held by his wife Lisa who is no stranger to volunteering her own time either. Lisa's parents were heavily involved with the club taking up volunteer roles themselves and Lisa grew up spending her winter weekends with Mum, Dad and the family at the Beaconsfield Football Club. Lisa has always helped out in various ways herself and is also a great supporter of the Beaconsfield Netball Club where her daughter continues to play. You will always find Lisa with her trusty camera getting great action shots at both Netball and football games. These photos are shared on our

social media and with our Club historian to create solid memories of our clubs history from week to week and year to year.

Gary has a long history with Beaconsfield and is looking forward to a bright and successful future for the club. In his first official duty after being elected President he wasted no time in thanking our outgoing President for all his diligence and hard work, acknowledging that this past year has probably been one of the toughest in our history when you take into account everything involved in shifting to our new home, establishing ourselves at Holm Park Reserve and launching the Beaconsfield Sporting Community Club. Gary also welcomed our new incoming Committee, thanking them for jumping on board and is looking forward to building a strong and committed team of volunteers who, thanks to the many efforts of those that have gone before, will now help take the club from strength to strength both on and off the field in 2014 and beyond.

## Thank You to our Sponsors

Sponsors are the financial life blood of our club and we can't thank you enough for helping us to see another year of football. Without your financial contribution we would struggle to survive. We hope you've enjoyed all our club has to offer and that you will join with us again for another successful year in 2014.

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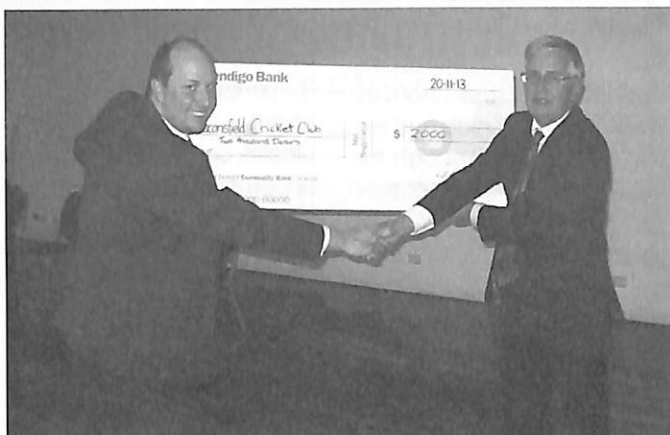
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## Beaconsfield Cricket Club

by N. Boon

We are now halfway through another cricket season and what a difference a year makes. Last season was a disappointing one and one that the club has moved on from. After being relegated from the Premier division back to District it has seen us not drop a game this year and sit on top of the ladder after 6 games undefeated. It is not only the District team that has enjoyed success and if we look at all the teams we have had a great start to the year. We have 29 wins across all the teams after 48 games played this season. Hopefully these good results will continue after Christmas and will bring some finals action come March next year.

This move will see the club playing in a better standard of competition and will also see us playing on turf wickets in the higher grades. At the moment the club does not have a turf pitch but all efforts this year are being done to make sure that we will have a turf pitch in our home ground sometime during the next season. Planning is well underway in what is going to be a fantastic opportunity for the club.

The Beaconsfield Cricket Club would like to welcome the Bendigo Bank on board as a major sponsor for this year. It is the very generous donations from our sponsors that keep the club going year to year. Without them many sporting clubs would not be able to survive. We again thank them for their contribution and look forward to having them on board for many years to come.

The Beaconsfield Cricket Club is going through an interesting time of change and over the next 18 months many changes will be happening on and off the field.

The club will be moving from the West Gippsland Cricket Association (WGCA) to the Dandenong District Cricket Association (DDCA).

We wish all families and players a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## ALL SET FOR RACING



Beaconsfield Primary School unveiled their 'newlook' HPV's at a recent school assembly. All four cars had a makeover with eye catching new signage in readiness for the RACV Energy Breakthrough event being held in Maryborough.

The Beaconsfield Netball Club held it's AGM on October 27th and the following Committee was elected for Season 2014.

**President**

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**General Committee**

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Incoming President, Ebony Matthews, thanked the outgoing Committee, in particular Ian Flannery, for all the hard work they had put in for Season 2013. Our congratulations to all who have been elected for Season 2014 and we look forward to your success in growing Beaconsfield Netball Club.

We are looking forward to our new Clubrooms

# Beaconsfield Netball Club

*by Heather Studham*



which should be up and running for 2014, thanks to an amazing input from Ian Flannery and Katrina O'Sullivan on behalf of our Club. Many thanks to you both for all those hours in the planning, we appreciate your efforts.

The Beaconsfield Netball Club continued with their sponsorship of Hompordee Vahnha in Lao and we have received some lovely interpreted letters in return to share with our girls of a similar age. This correspondence has been laminated and is available at the Canteen on game day if anyone is interested in reading some of the charming replies or checking on Hompordee's progress via her school report.

Junior Presentation Day was held on 6th October

at our new Holm Park Clubrooms. Organised by Robyn Meinecke and Mel Broadley, who were assisted by a wonderful band of willing helpers, it was a fantastic day, thoroughly enjoyed by all the girls who attended. Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Balloonology and lots to eat. Tony Jones was guest speaker and had the large crowd enthralled with stories related from his experiences as a reporter for Chanel 9.

One of the many highlights of the day was Mel Broadley being awarded Best Junior Clubperson for 2013. In presenting the award, Ian Flannery thanked Mel for her ongoing hard work for Beaconsfield Netball Club. Thankyou to all who helped out to make it a most memorable day for those in attendance.

At the time of writing, Kaela Hughes has been selected to try out for the State U/19's Squad and we all wish Kaela the very best of luck. Her determination and flair for the game should see her present well and we are extremely proud of her achievements.

We have entered the Netball Club in the "Relay for Life" event, to be held at Akoonah Park on March 14th and 15th 2014. We are currently building our team with a view to fundraising for this very worthwhile cause. Details are on the Relay for Life website and anyone who would like to walk/run the relay with us is more than welcome to join up. Our team is registered under Beacy Netball Club. All welcome.

To all our members and to the wider Beaconsfield Community and your families, we wish you all the best for the festive season. Pop in and visit us when the 2014 season starts. Share a cuppa, chat, and watch a bit of netball. You will be made very welcome.

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Mel Broadley accepting her Best Junior Clubperson award from Life Members. L-R Kerry Weickhardt, Deb MacPherson, Heather Studham, Mel, Sue Pryor and Gwen Neve.

Merry Christmas

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# TENNIS NEWS

## TRIVIA NIGHT RAISES \$19,000+ THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Beaconsfield Tennis Club held a Trivia Night fundraiser on 19th October, 2013 hosted by well-known television and radio presenter John Blackman assisted by his equally well known protagonist 'Dickie Knee'.

Over 200 people paid to attend the fun filled evening which was organised to raise funds for resurfacing of our deteriorating hard courts numbers 3 & 4, funding on a \$1 for \$ basis by Cardinia Shire Community Grants Scheme and our club.

Apart from amusing trivia questions from Mr Blackman, the evening included both a live auction, many silent auction items, draw of Hayman Island holiday raffle valued at \$2000 and draw of our major raffle of a KIA Rio S valued at \$17,000. A well catered two course meal rounded out a most successful event.

Our thanks goes to all our sponsors (listed below) who donated auction and prize items, The Peart Family who donated Hayman Island holiday raffle, Berwick KIA who provided our raffle car and Perry Fletcher, engraver of all Australian Open trophies among many others who donated major auction item of a beautifully engraved decanter involving over 50 hours of engraving time.

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Finally a big thank you to those that purchased tickets in our carraffle one being the lucky winner Sally Osborne of Berwick.

### Court Upgrade

As mentioned our number 3 & 4 hard courts located near Beaconsfield Emerald Road, will be upgraded early in the New Year. Look out for the bright blue courts towards end of January 2014.

### Open Day

Our regular open day will again be held at our courts, planned for Saturday 25th January between 4 and 7pm. Come along and have a hit, discuss coaching opportunities with our coach Paul Rowbottom and staff and take part in tennis based fun activities. Open to all ages, we look forward to seeing you at our club, Beaconsfield Emerald Road, Beaconsfield.

### New Committee of Management

Club AGM was held on 28th October with election of the following 2013/14 Committee of Management: Andrew McKenzie-Smith (Pres), Maurice Potter (V.Pres), Sue Lambert (Sec), Barry Fletcher (Treas), Jasmin Bishop, Cathy Briant, Kerry McKean, David Newsome, Anja Potter, Craig Sankey, Jane Shone, Dawn Snelson, Jenine Thomas, Dave van der Koogh.



*Pictured: Berwick Kia Rep - John Byrne, Sally Osborne car winner, John Blackman, Andrew McKenzie-Smith - Club President*

Club Contacts	Executive	Night Tennis	Other Competition
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