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Sept. 16th
AGM
- 21st Oct



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Healthy Bites Spreads Shirewide



Council's Healthy Bites program has doubled in size and has taken the healthy eating message shirewide. Two Beaconsfield cafes have made a commitment to serving healthy food and giving residents healthy options when eating out.

Cafe Moka (Beaconsfield) and Four Figs (Beaconsfield) have joined the program.

Food businesses which are part of the program must offer at least three menu items, which met the healthy criteria. These items are marked with the Healthy Bites apple sticker on the menu. These options are low in saturated fat and salt and high in fibre.

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IT'S ALL SMILES AT THE NETBALL CLUB

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Residents Urged To Lock Up As Car Thefts Rise

Police have witnessed a significant number of thefts from motor vehicles in Beaconsfield over recent months, and are urging drivers to lock their vehicles to prevent easy access for thieves.

Senior Constable Brett Owen said the number of cases being reported was much higher than usual.

"We've had eight cases of theft over the past two months – the majority of which have been from unlocked vehicles. In one instance, four incidents occurred in the space of 10 hours.

"Unlocked vehicles with valuables such as brief cases, computers, electronic items and wallets have been amongst those targeted."

Police believe that many of these thefts are opportunistic, and that residents can take

some simple measures to help deter thieves.

* Always lock your vehicle when you leave it and make sure the windows are completely closed

* Remove valuables from sight – leave them in your boot, or take them with you

* If you must leave valuables in your car, do not hide them upon arrival as thieves could be monitoring the area. Remove them from sight prior to parking.

* Consider having your vehicle fitted with one-way screws.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious behaviour is asked to call Triple Zero (000).

Police urge anyone who may have information about the thefts to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit www.crimestoppers.com.au.

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Graeme Taylor, President

The past two months have been busy with meetings and follow-up of planning applications and other council issues.

It is great that the Community Notice Board outside Woolworths is now being well used. The boards are updated at least weekly and have information regarding BPA and community events. We will shortly include information on the Ranges Ward Councillors and Cardinia Shire. Articles can be left at Woolworths or emailed to BPA and committee members collect and up-date the boards. Notices must relate to the local area and exclude advertising of businesses.

The Avenue of Honour project is at an important stage. The plaques have been made and we are

awaiting their affixing to the wall which is being organized by Cardinia Shire Council. We had on-site meetings with Council Staff including the Manager of Works and Cr Tania Baxter and agreed on work to affix the plaques to the wall. It is planned for this work to be completed by mid-September.

Another grant has been applied for from DVA to provide permanent information of this Project including a booklet and digital material on the 65 servicemen from the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour.

Another project that BPA is pursuing is Interpretation plaques and a history walk of Beaconsfield for which we have received a local history grant from Cardinia Shire Council. Meetings have been held recently to progress with this project.

Our statutory Annual General Meeting will be held mid-October and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2014 tabled. Office bearers need to be appointed and General Business items discussed. We welcome all residents to attend and join in discussion on your township followed by supper.

AGM
- 21st October
7.30pm

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News From Ranges Ward Councillors :

by Cr. Brett Owen

Council was proud to officially open the new netball pavilion at Holm Park Reserve in July. The long awaited upgrade includes change rooms for players and umpires, a canteen, public toilets, storage space and social and office space. The project cost of \$600,000, was fully funded by Council. The pavilion is adjacent to the two existing netball courts and a further two courts will be built by council this year.

Council recently awarded 40 grants to community groups, to the value of \$500,000, as part of the Community Capital Works and Major Equipment Grants program. These projects add much value to our community and would not be possible without

volunteers who devote many hours to managing these projects from start to finish. Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management received a grant for the final stage of the asphalt car park upgrade and to purchase ground keeping equipment.

In the lead up to the state election in November, Cardinia Shire has joined the other 9 interface councils to advocate to all political parties for fairer funding. Advocacy issues include better roads, improved public transport, improved community infrastructure, increased health and youth services as well as greater support for families and the aged population. We need community members



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

to help with the campaign. We encourage people to complete the survey by visiting the webpage and tell us what is important to you. www.yarrarangesviews.com.au/fairer-funding You can also follow the campaign on Twitter: @fairerfunding and Facebook: fairer funding.

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) recently approved a planning permit for a Telecommunications facility monopole within the Beaconsfield Hub Shopping Centre car park on the corner of Souter St. and Old Princes Highway. VCAT overturned council's decision to refuse a permit. Council refused the permit in September last year as the monopole was too obtrusive and dominant

along the Old Princes Highway. Whilst council would have preferred for it to not have been approved by the tribunal at all, the permit that has been issued restricts the height of the pole and also includes landscaping and screening conditions to reduce the presence of the equipment boxes.

Council has been made aware that some Beaconsfield residents did not receive the latest edition (August/September) of council's Connect magazine which was delivered to residents in early August. Council is currently pursuing this issue with Australia Post which is responsible for delivery of the magazine on Council's behalf. Residents are encouraged to report non-delivery of Connect to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au or to Customer Service on 1300 787 624. Please include your full address details when reporting non-delivery. If you wish to receive a copy of Connect via direct mail to avoid future non-delivery issues, please include a request to this effect when reporting non-delivery. A full version of the latest edition and previous editions of the magazine, as well as large print and MP3 versions, are available on Council's website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

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THE BEACONSFIELD QUILTING GUILD

by J. Worsley



Our guild was established in July 2010 & we have been kept busy making some lovely quilts, some of which have been for charity. We are a small group that meets on the 2nd Friday of the month 10.00 am - 2.00pm during school term at the Neighbourhood Centre, O'Neil Road, Beaconsfield.

New members will be most warmly welcomed.

At the moment, we are preparing for our 2nd Quilt

Show to be held at the Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 13th September 10.00 - 4.00. Entry fee is \$5.00. Money raised is for the Beaconsfield C.F.A.

Our 1st show in 2012 was a huge success with approx. 400 people coming from near & far & we were delighted to have raised \$4,000.00 for our local C.F.A. which went towards purchasing much needed equipment.

**Quilt Show
13th
September**

This year, we hope our show will be even bigger & better than our first, with many more people coming along to show support for our brigade.

There will be stall holders with some beautiful crafts, they will be only too happy to help with some inspiring ideas - author Margaret Rowe will be launching her new quilting novel. Local textile artist Elma Young will have her stunning creations for sale plus patterns, if you want to make up these fab items yourself.

Light refreshments & sausage sizzle will be available. Some great things will be raffled on the day and of course some truly beautiful quilts to admire.

We hope we see many locals coming through the doors to show your support.

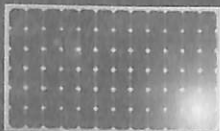
So, come along & enjoy a wonderful day--- Brigade members will be manning the sausage sizzle - so do come & show how much you appreciate the work they do for our community.



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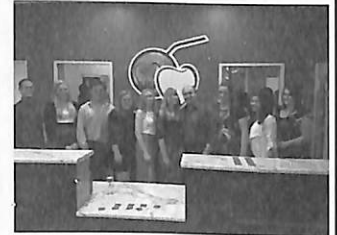


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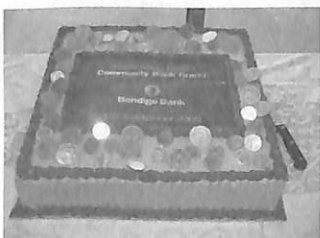
BENDIGO BANK TURNS FIVE

The Beaconsfield District Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank is nearing five years of operations. Since opening, the Bank has achieved good growth in the business and has been able to return \$100,000 back to the Community by way of sponsorship and marketing funds.

To mark this occasion, on Friday 19th September, at the branch there will be tea, coffee, cakes etc. during the day and a sausage sizzle from 11.30am-2pm.

There will be drinks and nibbles from 5 pm for approx. 2 hours. Shareholders and customers are welcome to attend and mix with staff, current and former Directors and Bendigo Bank personnel.

The branch provides a full range of banking services and staff always welcome existing and new customers to call in and discuss their banking needs.



Pictured : the Opening Day cake

WE ALL LOVE CHICKENS!

by K. Goodman

Chickens, we all love chickens. Balls of yellow fluff, small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. Big strutting roosters dressing in the colourful plumes, kings of their domain, sometimes we even excuse their early morning crows.

Sunday roast chicken, imprinted on our family memories. Then we have the Beaconsfield Combined PROBUS dancing chickens, a sight to behold.



Christmas in July was recently celebrated by 59 PROBUS members at Settlers Run, Cranbourne South. Overlooking the golf course and thoroughly enjoying our three course lunch, the last thing we expected was to be entertained by monster



chickens, some over six feet high. Chicken dances, the Macarena and more. Sides were splitting, tears running down cheeks, a good time was had by all, especially the chickens, and much bonding took place.

Times like this help me to realise why Beaconsfield PROBUS has had such an influence in my life; sharing, comfort, friendship and all up for a chat. I HAD RED MEAT!

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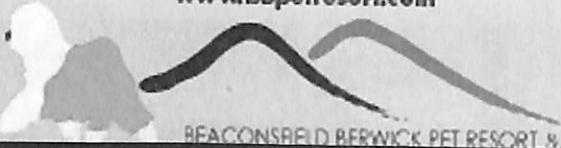
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Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Knitting Circle News

by José Meyer

On Monday August 18th 2014, the Knitting Circle once again had another handover to the 4C's, in Pakenham. The group has been exceptionally busy this winter as it has been so cold. So far this year, the group have made the following:-
Baby rugs – 5
Adult rugs – 23
Bootees – 35 pair
Scarves – 85
Mothers/gloves – 23 pair
Beanies – 262
Jumpers/cardigans – 38
Baby sleeping bags – 7
Socks – 1 pair

Many thanks to the BNC for allowing the group to continue to do their voluntary work, to the Cardinia Councillors – Brett Owen, Leticia Wilmot and Tania Baxter for their ongoing support and to the ladies themselves for all their enthusiasm to help these people within our shire.

The next handover will be in December, when all the knitted toys made will be delivered to Santa to be handed out at Christmas to the children.

As well as these items, baby packs are made up on demand. These packs include a baby rug, matinee jacket, bootees, bonnet and a toy. All the above items are either knitted or crocheted.

The group is in desperate need of wool and any donations may be left at the reception of Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

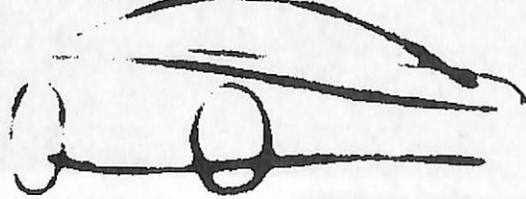


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- Dr Suess

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After many years at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, Mim Gillespie retired at the end of Term 2. She was overwhelmed by the messages and gifts she received in appreciation of all her hard work and commitment and wanted to say a big thank you to all the wonderful members she met. We wish you all the best Mim in your retirement and hope to see you in the Centre for a visit very soon.



by Lynda Smith

Hello everyone!! My name is Lynda Smith and it is with pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the new Co-ordinator of Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.

I have lived locally for over 17 years so it is wonderful to be given the opportunity to work within and for this community. Already I have had such a warm welcome from the Committee of Management, staff, volunteers and regular visitors. I am looking forward to getting to know the many participants at the Centre over time. I am excited about continuing the terrific work that Mim and the team have been undertaking for this community. It is now my job to ensure we keep on providing great opportunities for friendship, support and learning in a friendly, welcoming and respectful environment.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any brilliant ideas for bringing our community together or if you just want to have a 'natter'.

Your co-ordinator,
Lynda Smith

**BNC Seniors
Festival Activities:**
Thursday, 9th October

• 2pm Speaker -
Optometrist - eye health, glaucoma

**BNC Seniors
Festival Activities:**

**Monday 6th to
Friday 10th October**

Lots of free classes and events to attend

Timetable as follows;

Monday, 6th October

11am – 12noon

- **Free talk** from Monash Health – Medical Power of Attorney/ Advanced Care Planning. Please confirm your free spot with Reception to ascertain accurate numbers.

- **Midway ladies 60s plus.** Come along for a free afternoon of entertainment, songs and laughter. Guest - Kathy Dobson.

Tuesday, 7th October

- 9:30am to 12 noon
Line Dancing (beginners) come and try for free

Wednesday, 8th October

- 9:30am - 10:45am
Strength Training for over 50s. Come and try for free

Thursday, 9th October

- 1 – 3:00pm
Table Tennis Exhibition. Come and see for free


* 10 – 11:00am and 11 – 12noon
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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Tony Lukas

The Brigade has been busy with training and the ongoing planning and preparation for the next fire season. Training is a high priority as we continue to maintain and improve our skills in a rapidly changing world

Unattended cooking is a major cause of house fire.

Electric blankets left on indefinitely.

Do you have an escape plan in the event of a house fire?

The brigade asks all residents to visit and update their fire plans with an emphasis on the risk of a house fire. **Do you have a Home Fire Safety Checklist?**

What are the fire hazards in your home?

Are your power boards safe?

Do not smoke in bed.

Identify the exits in your home. Consider exit strategy from a two storey home. Are your children up to date with your fire plan?



Smoke Alarms

Change batteries and change them annually. Is there an operating alarm in the sleeping areas? Remember an operating alarm could save your life.

Details for all these topics are available at the CFA website under Plan and Prepare.

Please visit this site as it is a valuable and detailed tool to help to keep you and your family safe.

The brigade continues to be busy with calls ranging from smoke alarms operating to car accidents and house fires.

The most challenging call recently was the bus accident involving school children at Hillcrest on Soldiers Road, Clyde North. The scene on arrival was busy as injured children were assessed by ambulance officers and transported to hospital.

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Make and Mingle

by A. Taylor

Make and Mingle's craft fair will be on Saturday 8th November from 9am-2pm at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, Cnr. Desmond Court and Old Princes Highway. There is free entry, plenty of parking and something for everyone.

There will be lots of stalls with a range of crafts and craft supplies. A wonderful array of handmade cards suitable for all occasions will be available along with cushions and lots of bags as well as beautiful quilts in a variety of colour ways. Beads, jewellery, artwork, knitted toys, tea towels, coat hangers and lots of handmade items suitable for gifts.

Craft supplies of stickers, cards, scrapbooking materials, wooden wares, fabric and sewing notions for sale as well.

The fantastic plant and produce stall has a range of small to large plants in all varieties suitable for the home garden and also some beautiful gift items. Lovely cut flowers and flower arrangements will also be available. There is always home grown produce according to season. Light refreshments will be available all through the day and you can sit and enjoy a chat with friends.

**MARK THE DATE
SATURDAY 8TH
NOVEMBER
IN YOUR DIARIES.**



Congratulations to Beryl from Cr Brett Owen for her 93rd birthday

We are always making greeting cards using lots of techniques including the embossing and die cut machines which give some wonderful designs. We also make cards using stamps, punches, paper tole, and embroidery and serviette craft. Christmas is coming and we are making cards, decorations and gifts.

Still lots of new knitting and crochet ideas and you can always make a poppy for the poppy project for Anzac day.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Thank you to everyone who is collecting used postage stamps for Make and Mingle. They are trimmed and sent to stamp dealers and the money raised goes to mission work. Your stamps can be left at the church weekdays or Sundays.

Recently our Ranges Ward Councillors from Cardinia Shire, Cr Brett Owen, Cr Tania Baxter and Cr Leticia Wilmot, came to visit us. It was great for our group to be able to share with them and ask questions relating to our local community. We also gave them a 'Carebear pack' each as an encouragement, and they were very well received. They were made very welcome and were interested to hear how our group reaches out to the community with our knitted farm and Breast Cancer Comfort Cushion packs. Thank you Councillors for your visit.

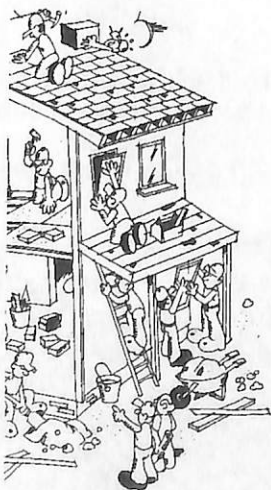
Make and Mingle friendship and craft group meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12 noon at Beaconsfield Baptist Church, cnr. Old Princes Hwy and Desmond Court. You are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat and you can bring your own craft to work on or try something new.



Cr Leticia, Cr Brett with Ann and Make and Mingle care bears.

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Beaconsfield Scout Report

by Leanne Fraser

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Joey Scouts are encouraged to express



themselves creatively, through games, stories and craft activities. Building monsters and spaceships from scrap items, growing plants from seedlings or singing songs together all develop a strong sense of belonging.

Joey Scouts are taught to jump in and help other people and to share with their friends. They enjoy visits to special places such as the local fire station or the zoo and visitors to their meetings create more excitement.

One of the major events for Joeys is attending a Kangaroo. This is an overnight sleepover/camp held at Warragul with nearly 1000 other Joeys. It is the first experience with camping and being away from home. Seven of our Joeys and our two Leaders went on this camp.

Joey Scouts meet Tuesday afternoons from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm during school term at our Scout Hall (Starling Road, Officer).

Our Leaders undertake basic and advanced training provided by Scouting Australia, as well as Level 2 first aid training.

As our older Joeys move up to Cubs, we now have vacancies for children to come along and try for three weeks for FREE. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our Scout Group – connecting you to our community.

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by Graeme J Taylor, FCA

Many people are attracted to residential property investment when interest rates are relatively low as there is a rental return as well as potential capital gains. Properties may be purchased as an investment or an existing property previously used as their residence or bequeathed under a will.

The gross rental income less expenses needs to be included in the income tax return(s) of the owner(s). Some matters that need to be considered include:

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2. If a large proportion of the purchase price of a property is borrowed and the interest paid on the loan exceeds rents then the property is 'negatively geared'. Instead of waiting for the income tax benefit of a net rental loss, each owner can lodge a PAYG withholding variation and pay less tax on their salary and wages thereby

increasing take-home pay. These variations are done annually.

3. Many items of plant, equipment and chattels in the property are eligible for depreciation claims with accelerated claims for items costing less than \$300 each item per owner and low value pooling of assets less than \$1,000. A deduction is available for Capital allowance of 2.5% p.a. on the actual cost of residential buildings built since mid-1980s. To maximise deductions, particularly in respect of properties built in recent years, it is recommended that a Quantity Surveyor is used to calculate these claims.

4. Interest paid on loans obtained and used in connection with the purchase of an investment property and related purchase costs e.g. Stamp duty, registration fees, legal fees etc. are deductible. Avoid principal repayments of investment loans if you have other loans not tax deductible.

5. Ensure proper records are kept particularly for capital costs which are needed when investment property is disposed of.

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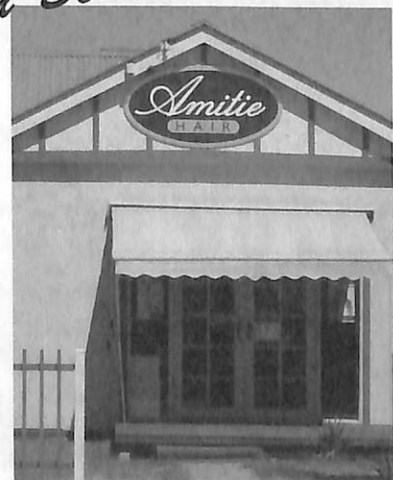
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Whether it be your neighbour who regularly volunteers at a local nursing home, or whether it be a friend who belongs to the Beaconsfield Quilters Guild and creates quilts to raise

funds for our local CFA (Pictured above) – there are so many ways to contribute to our community. I feel that those who do so, deserve to be recognised. So be sure to show your appreciation to those who better our community by picking up a form from my office at 3/16 Langmore Lane, or visiting www.jasonwood.com.au/latrobecomunityawards to download one there. Nominations close Friday 19th September.

La Trobe's Strength in Community

by Jason Wood MP,
Federal Member for La Trobe

On another note, although bushfire season seems very far away for most of us, we need to remember that Beaconsfield is one of the most commonly hit areas when the season does come. During the Ash Wednesday fires, Upper Beaconsfield suffered 21 fatalities and the loss of 238 homes, while our local CFA firefighters fought hard to defend our lives and homes, they tragically lost 11 of their own in the Upper Beaconsfield fires – the effect of which is still felt in our community.

awareness of the common causes of fires in the home, increase understanding of the ways of preventing and dealing with fire emergencies, encourage people to become better prepared to deal with a house fire, demonstrate how to use a fire blanket and extinguisher, and provide an opportunity to develop your own home fire escape plan. Whilst the Early Warning System that was introduced late last year is very useful when it comes time to leave – it's always best to be prepared, keeping your friends and families safe.

I urge you to start thinking about your plans for this fire season before it's too late. I highly recommend looking into the 'Reduce the Risk' program the CFA runs. The CFA can attend community groups and deliver sessions between 1 to 2 hours and you can book one by contacting CFA District 8 Headquarters on 9767 1800. The program is designed to increase







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NATIONAL TRUST CASEY-CARDINIA BRANCH

Members of the Beaconsfield Progress Association with Cr Brett Owen (pictured) attended the National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch Gala Dinner at Clover Cottage in June. Guest speaker was Martin Purslow CEO of the Victorian National Trust, who spoke about "Breathing New Life into Historic Buildings." He highlighted the "Love, Desire and Riches - the fashion of weddings" exhibition currently being held at Ripponlea.

Paul Roser spoke about the Gallipoli Oaks Project. The Gallipoli oak grandparent trees were grown at "Murndal", a

property near Hamilton, currently run by Marcus Winter Cooke, and planted in 1916 from an acorn brought back from Gallipoli by his grandfather Captain William Winter Cooke. Seedlings have been grown on and primary schools are being encouraged to register to receive a small Gallipoli oak to be planted at their school and to organise a short ceremony to recognise the Anzac centenary.

The Casey-Cardinia Branch has a Heritage Information and Trust Gift Shop in the Old Berwick Primary School, Pioneers Park, Cnr. Peel Street and Lyall Road, Berwick, which is open every day,

except Tuesdays, from 11am-3pm. There you will find a wonderful array of gifts, cards, toys and books not readily available elsewhere. Local history books and information are also available. The Branch has published a book called "Pages from the Past", snapshot histories of people, places and public life in Casey and Cardinia.

The Branch also has regular

meetings with a guest speaker and members and friends are invited to attend. The next meeting is a morning tea and talk on Monday 8th September at 10 am and an outing is planned to "Beleura" house and garden on the Mornington Peninsula on Sat 11th October.

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11 Railway Avenue, Beaconsfield

by A. Taylor

Casinia School of Dance at 11 Railway Avenue is in an older relocated building with stories from the past. It's a small timber building that has had some renovations.

In the early 1950's outlying schools in the Pakenham region were closed and the children and buildings were brought to Pakenham and Pakenham Consolidated School was established. Not all the buildings were needed at the school and some were located elsewhere within the Shire.

I have spoken to a number of people and it is

thought that this was one of the school buildings.

The information I have is that Beaconsfield Buffalo Lodge no 243 was founded in 1954 and purchased the building for £90 from the Education Department. The local scouts used it around 1964-69 before they got their own hall. One day after a wild storm it had blown off its stumps and had to be repaired.

It was also used for meetings by a group of ladies who had a friendship club founded by Joan Armytage

and Peggy Dundas was one of these members.

After the Buffalo Lodge group folded in the 1990's it became Officer School of Dance run by Mrs Gillian Fox and was very popular. Gillian has since moved to the country and it is now the Casinia School of Dance and the old building has recently had some renovations. Beaconhills College in Pakenham has some of the old consolidated school buildings and they are writing a history of all the old school buildings that were part of the consolidation in the 1950's. Is this building one of the old school buildings and if so is it by process of elimination Tynong? Does anyone know for sure? Does anyone have a photo of the old Tynong school.

In the Cardinian Embroidery book at that time it was thought to have been the Tynong North school building, but that building is located elsewhere and pictures of that old school are quite different to our building at 11 Railway Avenue.

If you have any information about this building or any photos please contact secretary@beaconsfield.org.au.

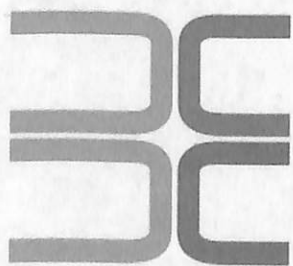
BEACONSFIELD HISTORY WALK

The BPA has received a local history grant from Cardinia Shire Council for a Beaconsfield History walk project with interpretation plaques. Historic features in our town will be identified and information about each with a map, id plaques and phone app.

We have a small group working on the project and if you would like to suggest historical features to be included or you enjoy working on design and layout please let us know. Beaconsfield Local History Interest group can be contacted at secretary@beaconsfield.org.au

Emerald township has just recently released their new history walk with a map and app. A brochure for the walk is available in the township along with a display board in the main street next to the post office.

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“Fairwood Park”, Beaconsfield, Victoria

by A. Taylor

Ireland after the potato famine was a harsh and torrid time for all those who had survived. In 1834 Andrew Keating was born in Fairwood, County Wicklow, Ireland, in the mid-east region of Ireland south of Dublin. A place of rolling hills, a typical farming community. Andrew Keating arrived in Melbourne in 1854. On the 28th November 1861 he married Fanny (Frances) Hickey at the Church of St Francis, Melbourne.

He was a farmer and Fanny a servant, he was 27 years old and lived in Collingwood.

After the birth of their first son James John in Collingwood, Andrew and Fanny moved to the Beaconsfield district as their following two children, sons Edward James and William Andrew Joseph, were registered as born in 1865 in the Pakenham District. In 1868 Doretta was born but unfortunately she died the same year and was buried at Berwick Cemetery.

According to district records Andrew owned acreage between Whiteside Road and Bayview Road, facing the main road (Princes Highway), prior to obtaining the land where Holm Park is now situated. The local land board for the metropolitan district under the land act of 1860 granted the application of 96 acres to Andrew Keating, Parish of Pakenham on the 4th April 1870.

“A Trip to Beaconsfield” in July 1887 tells the following. “Alighting from the train at Beaconsfield station, the visitor is saturated with a shower of rain and I looked around to see if could find any good Samaritan, and fortunately an old friend is exposed to view, in the person of Mr Glismann, who is always ready with his faithful “Tommy” to carry the pleasure seekers to the sylvan dales and alpine altitudes of the thriving township. After a few cursory remarks about the weather Mr Glismann invites me to take a seat in his wagonette which is gladly accepted as a shield against the storms which are raging fitfully all around. After about a quarter of an hour travelling we pass the palatial residence of Mrs Armytage, better known as “Holm Park” with its lofty abatements facing the Cardinia Park and standing as a paradigm of the future of Beaconsfield.

This place previously belonged to Andrew Keating, who 27 years ago migrated from Collingwood and set to work to reclaim this primeval waste which was then completely covered with water and tea-tree scrub.”

Andrew Keating later sold this parcel of land without a house to George Ramsden. At this time Andrew Keating owned the adjoining property and 60 acres on the Gippsland Road, a dairy farm. A small cottage was built on the Gippsland Road property which Andrew named after his homeland, “Fairwood Park”.

The bricks for the cottage were made from local clay and it is thought that they were made by the Beaconsfield Brick and Tile Factory operated by Mr. Solomon Reece in the 1880s and 90s in Beaconsfield.

On the 22nd August 1888 James John Keating the eldest son married Eliza Henley at St Marys Roman Catholic Church, Dandenong. James studied law and then journalism, and after accepting a position with an Adelaide newspaper, he left this district. Son Edward James became a Clergyman and remained at St Josephs in Collingwood until his death in 1926.

Andrew Keating died at “Fairwood Park” on the 29th March 1899 and was buried at Berwick Cemetery. Andrew Keating's second son, William Andrew Joseph Keating had inherited the farm but unfortunately only sixteen months later William died from pneumonia at “Fairwood Park” leaving his wife Ellen, and a 4 month old daughter, Leila. William was also buried at the Berwick Cemetery.



Front view of the house.

Leila attended Officer Primary School and on completion she studied at Melbourne University graduating in an Arts degree. Ellen and Leila then moved to Sydney where Leila studied medicine and accomplished her final degree examination in 1925. Dr Leila Keating went on to be a remarkable woman winning an international scholarship, travelling to England for further study, returning and advocating woman's role in the work place. She was at the peak of her career and a leading radiologist in charge of the radiotherapy department at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney when tragedy again struck the Keating family. Dr Leila Keating age 36 died from a routine appendix operation. Ellen never remarried, Leila had never married and so for the Keatings their association with Beaconsfield finished.

On the 29th July 1920 Ellen Keating sold "Fairwood Park" to James Hicks and in the September of that year the property was resold to the Burgess family. Albert and son Maurice Burgess had sold their property in Brighton and purchased "Fairwood Park" to continue their business of flower growing. They worked hard, long days ploughing, planting and watering.

They supplied the Melbourne and South Melbourne Markets with many varieties of flowers, depending on the season they would include dahlias, poppies, carnations, violets, watsonia, chrysanthemums, gypsophila, jonquils, daffodils, gladioli and snapdragons.



Betty Henderson and Helen Burgess in the Jonquil patch

The display of the flowers and the fragrance would have been stunning to the travellers driving along the Princes Highway from Beaconsfield to Officer. Transportation to the market originally was by horse and wagon then later on the railway to Flinders Street Station and collected by a carrier to complete the journey to the Victoria Market.

Albert passed the property to his son Maurice in 1938. He continued to work the land with his wife and children. Later Maurice subdivided 6 blocks from the property for his children which left "Fairwood Park" comprising 37 acres. Maurice passed away in 1977, at the time "Fairwood Park" was described as a "Five roomed brick and timber dwelling, with slate and



L to R: Don Gardiner, Maurice Burgess, Alex Burgess, Ulva Cobbledick, Emily Burgess, Barbara Burgess, Nell Burgess, Helen Burgess, Betty Henderson

galvanized iron roof, three old fibro-cement bungalows, three old sheds. All paddocks fenced in reasonable condition." The family sold "Fairwood Park" in 1997 and it is currently being subdivided.

The original brick dwelling is still standing and has been noted in Cardinia Shire's significant building listing. Members of the Burgess family are still living in the Beaconsfield and surrounding districts today.

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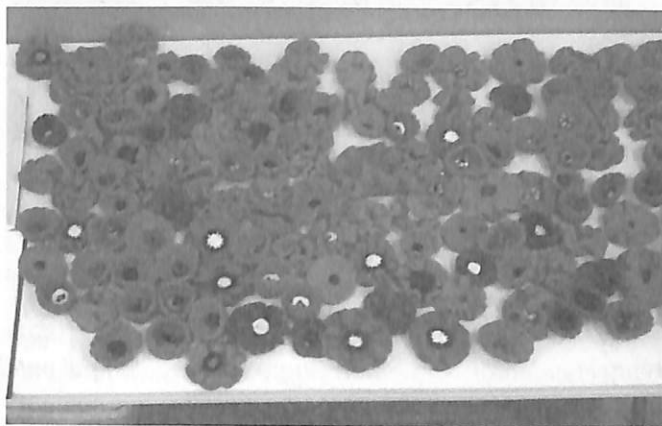
5000 POPPIES PROJECT

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since Australia's involvement in the First World War.

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As part of the 2015 Anzac Commemoration, the 5000 Poppies project will be planting a field of more than 25,000 poppies in Fed Square Melbourne as a stunning visual tribute to Australian servicemen and women for more than a century of service in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.


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You can still make poppies to be part of the Beaconsfield Display. Patterns are available from the neighbourhood centre knitting group, from Make and Mingle or on the 5000 poppies website.

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Bring along old photos or newspaper cuttings and we can reminisce about Beaconsfield in years gone by. We are always looking out for old photos, maps and memorabilia. If you would like any further information contact the Beaconsfield Local History Interest group at secretary@beaconsfield.org.au

Healthy Bites Spreads Shirewide (Continued from page 1)

"There are limited choices available to Cardinia Shire residents who want healthy options when eating at cafes and restaurants. Healthy Bites aims to give residents a healthy alternative, so they know they can get nutritious food when eating out," said Council's Health Promotion Officer Steph Ashby.

"The program also helps food businesses be more socially responsible and offer new ways to reach health conscious customers. With obesity and related illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease on the rise, Council is committed to delivering

initiatives to help residents live healthier lifestyles."

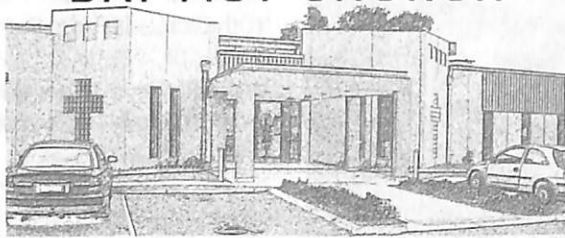
Healthy Bites is delivered in partnership with Healthy Together Cardinia Shire and Monash Health Community. Healthy Together Cardinia Shire is improving the health of Victorians, funded by the Victorian Government.

To find out more about the program, or how your business can participate, visit the 'Healthy Bites' page on Council's website, the Healthy Bites video on Council's YouTube channel, or contact Council's Health Promotion team on 1300 787 624.



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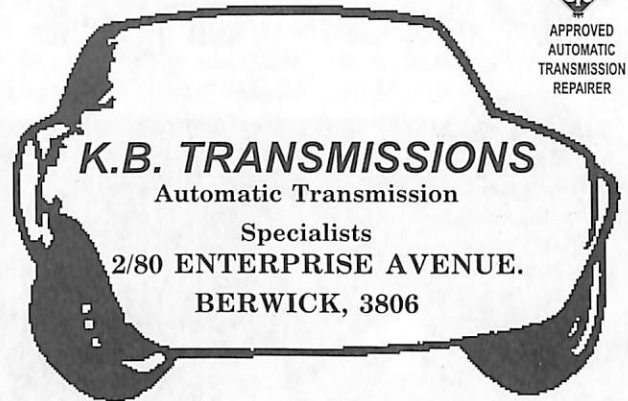
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The Dangers of Snail Bait

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Heading into spring, we like to put snail bait pellets out in our gardens. However, we often forget that snail bait is very dangerous to our beloved cats and dogs. Despite many Snail Bait products available marketing themselves as "pet-friendly" it is important to remember that there is no such thing as non-toxic, pet-safe snail bait.

So why would our pets want to even eat snail bait? Often snail bait products come in a pellet form which may look very similar to their regular dry food, and is often formulated with other food products such as rice, oats, molasses and soybeans. While these ingredients are aimed at attracting snails, they unfortunately also attract dogs too. Most snail bait products come in pellet form, but can also be in liquid or paste form.

The most common active ingredient in Snail Bait is Metaldehyde, and once

eaten, signs can develop rapidly. At the start, your pet may show signs of twitching and being a little unsteady on their feet. Others may drool or vomit. While these signs may seem mild at first they can progress quite rapidly. Brands claiming to be "pet-friendly" may not contain Metaldehyde but may contain iron phosphate which can cause inability to clot blood. Regardless, it is important that if you suspect your pet has consumed snail bait to call the veterinary clinic immediately to seek medical attention, regardless of whether they have shown these signs or not.

If left untreated affected pets may show signs of severe tremors which can progress to "fits" or seizures. If this happens, the pet's body will convulse and tremor, raising their body temperature to a fever, lead to brain and vital organ damage and possibly death.

Diagnosis of snail bait toxicity can be challenging for the veterinarian, especially if ingestion of snail bait was not witnessed by the pet owner as many other conditions show similar signs. Luckily, most owners often catch their pet in the act of eating it. If this is the case, it is important to call the veterinary clinic immediately.

Unfortunately there is no antidote for snail bait toxicity. The best thing that can be done for your pet is to minimise further absorption of metaldehyde and to reduce the clinical signs of toxicity. If your pet is seen by a veterinarian within an hour of ingesting snail bait, it is possible for the veterinarian to induce vomit to remove as much of the snail bait from your pet's stomach. In cases where clinical signs (tremors, seizures, fever) are already present, your veterinarian may recommend performing a general anaesthetic to

have the stomach pumped and cleansed of snail bait, and also to stop the tremors. Following either of these procedures, your veterinarian may recommend activated charcoal to help reduce the absorption of metaldehyde through the small intestinal wall.

Many factors influence the outcome of a pet that has eaten snail bait, including the amount consumed, the health status of your pet, but most importantly how soon your pet is attended to and treatment implemented. If you suspect that your pet has eaten snail bait, don't hesitate and contact your veterinarian as soon as possible!



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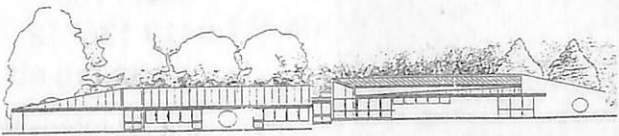


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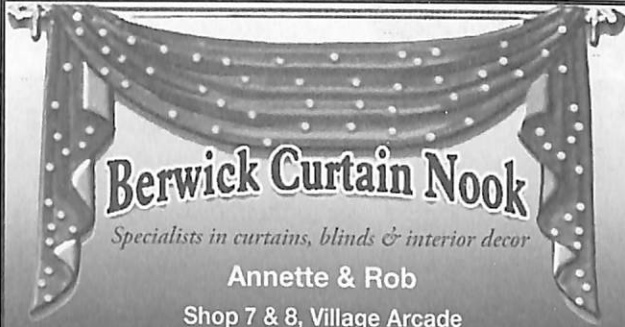
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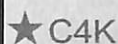
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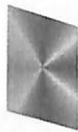
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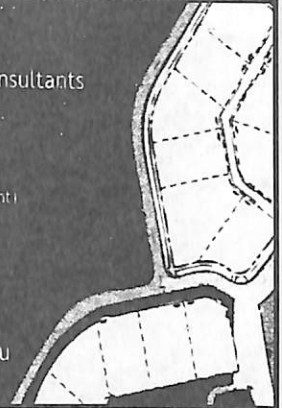
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by Nathan Boon

Weather is something that we all talk about nearly every day. It is funny how much weather governs what we do and how our mood can change because of it.

It was interesting to note after a week of fine and sunny days, now the rains have returned it appears dark and gloomy here in Beaconsfield.

The last couple of months have seen plenty of rain, a total of 259mm has fallen in winter in Beaconsfield. While it might seem a lot this is about average and was less than last year. We are on track for an above average rainfall again this year. We have had 535mm of rain so far this year and with more falling as I write this report, I am sure that we will again be above average.

June

There was 109mm of rain recorded in June. This fell over 12 days with the highest daily total falling on the 28th with 21mm. Interesting to note, although this was the first month of winter and was the highest monthly total this winter, it was only the 5th time in my records that there has been over 100mm in June.

July

In July there was 96mm. As I was away for a lot of the month, I can only give you a total figure.

However, 24mm fell on the 31st, which I am guessing was the highest daily total.

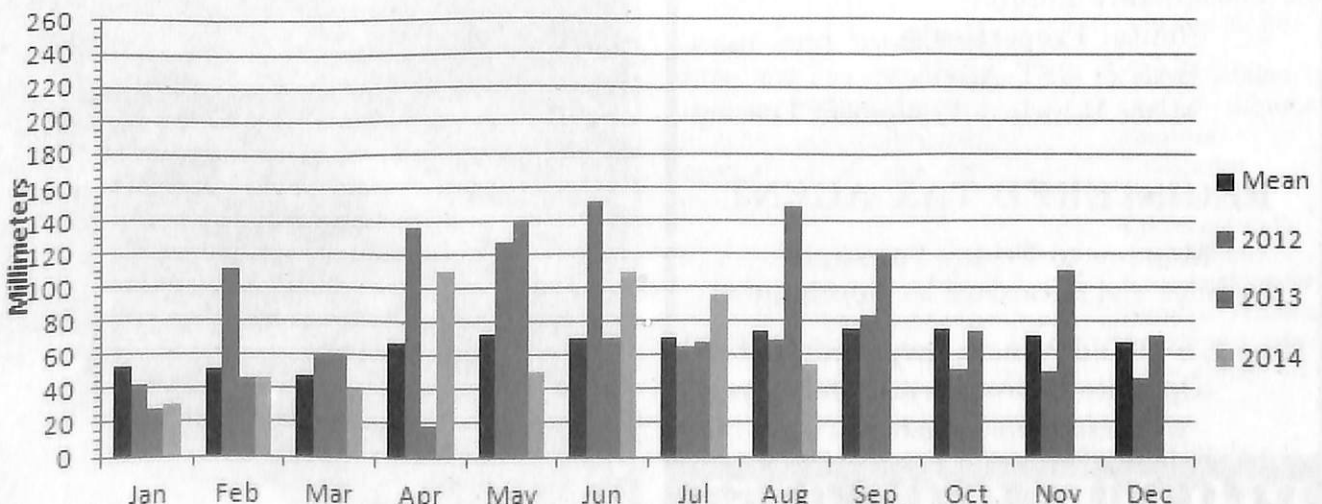
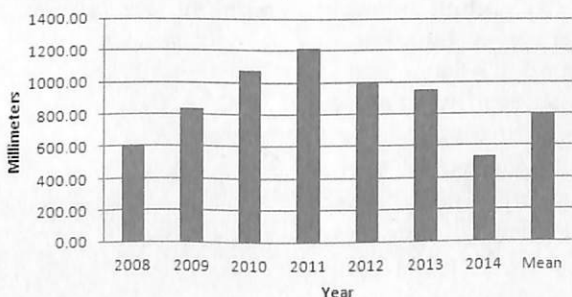
August

There was only 6 days of rain and it produced a total of 54mm. The highest daily total was recorded on the 10th when 13mm of rain fell.

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Loompa or as (Where's) Wally?

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the other children in their classroom. They know the characters so well; their habits, sayings, even the way they think becomes familiar to the child. This is the power of the book.

A movie can be great at conveying the action, the images and the story; however a book forms a bridge, a deep insight into the thinking of the author. A film can show the joy, fear, loss or elation of a situation and even have the viewer empathising with the character; however, with a book, you can feel those emotions more vividly. At some time during middle to upper Primary School the penny drops and the child realises that the author has connected with them; a melding of minds at a very personal and private level.



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Beaconsfield Cricket Club

by Aaron Price, President



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To all the members and supporters of the Beaconsfield Cricket Club I want you to know it is difficult to find the words to adequately express my gratitude for your support as I take on the role as President.

Firstly I wish to thank Steve Keam and Steve Glenn for their commitment and dedication to the progress of our Club - they have left Brendan and I big shoes to fill. Thankfully Brendan and I have the continued support and participation of our Treasurer, Mick McMahon and Secretary, Sam Ryan to aid us in

a smooth transition and our "Steve's" continue with their contribution to our Turf committee.

Brendan and I wish to thank the outgoing members of our former Committee and to congratulate the new members of our 2014/15 Committee for stepping up - a clear demonstration of the strength of our club in the year to come.

I want you to know that as we commence our 2014/15 journey, I will strive to be worthy of the support and trust which you have gifted me.

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commitment our success and development will be assured but only our members can make this happen.

To accomplish this we all need to be involved in our Club - anyone who feels they can assist with our progress is welcome to contact Brendan or me directly.

The Executive and Committee will continue to encourage our progress and prosperity - we are on the cusp of our move to DDCA and our survivability and success will be rooted in the Club's ability to maintain and expand our sponsors with the aim of providing the Club the means to genuinely reward and support our volunteers and playing sides at all levels - the moral of our story is to "get involved".

This is our Club and together we will make our great Club greater.

Aaron Price
President
Beaconsfield Cricket Club

JUNIORS

I would like to extend a huge welcome back to all our junior players and their families.

It was fantastic to see all our junior faces and parents on Friday night and I hope to try and catch up with everybody in the coming weeks.

Please bring along family and friends to get amongst the culture and atmosphere of the Beaconsfield Cricket Club. This year we are going to be a much improved junior group, with a whole new committee and a new solid plan set in place to make this year a real memorable one.

I look forward to working with all our junior teams over the coming season.

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Beaconsfield Netball Club

by Heather Studham



It seems only a short time ago that we were starting the season and now it's almost finals.

The recent opening of our new Clubrooms has proven to be well worth the wait, with well equipped Kitchen/Canteen, Umpires' Room, Equipment Room, Toilets and a wonderful Function Room which we are utilising on game days and for meetings etc. The entire Club would like to thank Katrina O'Sullivan and Ian Flannery, especially,

for the long hours, meetings, inspections etc., which preceded our occupancy. Thank you also to the Cardinia Council who provided much needed helpers on the day of the opening to ensure all ran smoothly.

Our annual Auction, held at Georgio's Restaurant in Beaconsfield, was once again a great success. Thankyou to all who donated and came along on the night to bid for the wonderful array of donated goods on offer.

Alex, Bessie, Melzy and Tippo assisted MC Steve Pallas to make this a most enjoyable evening. (Pictured below)

Paris Houeix was awarded the "Spirit of Sport Award" on Saturday 26th July vs Doveton match. Well deserved Paris. The Club is extremely proud of the three girls who have won the award so far this season. Keep up the good work girls and play your netball in the spirit it was meant to be played so that it can be enjoyed by players and spectators alike.



Life Members Annual Shopping Spree will take place on Saturday October 25th and the bus will leave Holm Park Road Reserve at 8.30am. sharp -returning around 6.30pm. A super day is ensured, cost \$46, ALL WELCOME. Contact Heather on 0419 707 623 to book.



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