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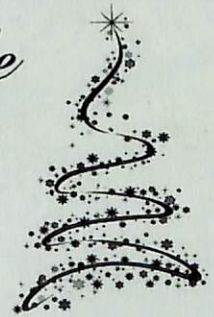
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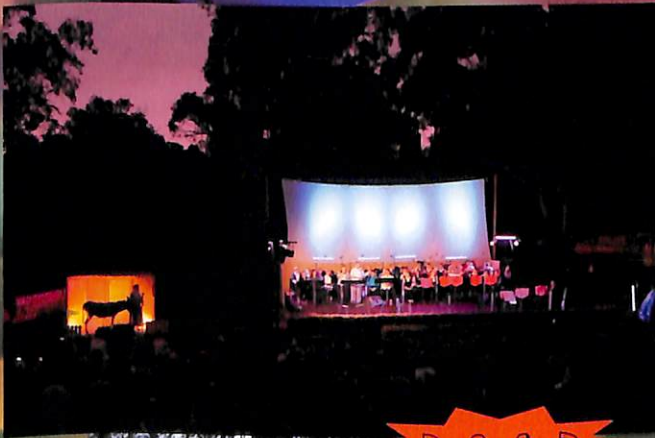
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Graeme J Taylor, President.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the Annual General Meeting was held on 21 October 2014. All office holders were re-elected for a further term. At the meeting a plaque to World War I servicemen held for many years in the local community was presented to the Association. Thanks to Gary and Ros Allison and John and Penny Jennings for their involvement at this important time commemorating the centenary of World War I.

The Guest speakers at the Annual General Meeting were Marcelle Bell and Steve Hines, Strategic Planners at Cardinia Shire Council, updating further responses to Amendment C198 Beaconsfield Structure Plan. The submissions were discussed and they may require changes to the Structure Plan before it is submitted to Government for adoption.

involved in organising this meeting and to Vice - President Angelo D'Amelio for chairing the meeting.

At a November Cardinia Shire Council Meeting, Leticia Wilmot, Ranges Ward Councillor was elected Mayor. Congratulations to Leticia who regularly attends our meetings and best wishes for the year ahead as Mayor.

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



Best wishes for a joyful Christmas and a wonderful 2015.



On 18 November the Association organised a "Meet the Candidates" public meeting. There was a good attendance at the meeting and three candidates for the Gembrook seat attended and addressed the meeting and answered questions. Thanks to all

NEW YEAR'S EVE

To all who party into the early hours on New Year's Eve please be respectful to neighbours and the wider Beaconsfield area.

Spare a thought for your family pets and those of your neighbours as loud noises can easily spook our four legged friends.



CARDINIA

News From Ranges Ward Councillors :

by Cr. Brett Owen

Newly elected Mayor, Cr Leticia Wilmot

Congratulations to Councillor Leticia Wilmot who was elected Mayor of Cardinia for 2014/2015 in November. We wish Leticia all the best and know that she will serve this community well.

New Civic Offices

Council moved into its new Civic Centre on Monday 17 November. The move represents an exciting new era for Council and will also deliver a range of benefits for the community. The civic centre, located at 20 Siding Avenue, Officer, will bring all indoor staff into one location improving efficiency, customer service and providing better community access to Council. Whilst our location will change, all other contact information, including phone numbers, email and post office box address, will remain unchanged. Cardinia Shire Council, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer Phone: 1300 787 624 Email: mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au Website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au Mail to: PO Box 7, Pakenham, 3810.

The new offices are only a short walk from Officer Railway Station making the civic centre easily accessible by rail, bus, car, and on foot. Access to Siding Avenue will be via the west-bound lanes of Princes Highway only until the new signalised intersection at Starling Road is operational.

Beaconsfield Structure Plan

A planning scheme amendment to incorporate the structure plan in the Cardinia Planning Scheme has been prepared and publicly exhibited. The amendment will ensure the structure plan is considered when planning applications are being decided.

Submissions received in relation to this amendment, Cardinia Planning Scheme Amendment C198, were considered by Council at its 20 October 2014 meeting. The submissions have now been referred to an independent panel appointed by the Minister for Planning. The panel will hear submissions and make recommendations and provide advice to Council about whether or not the amendment should proceed.



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

On behalf of Leticia, Tania and I and our families, we wish all residents a merry Christmas and an enjoyable and safe festive season. We look forward to a successful year ahead.



The panel hearing is expected to be held in December 2014.

Glismann Road Area Planning

Council has developed a Draft Development Plan to help start discussions on the future growth of the Glismann Road area. Information can be found on Council's website cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Please share your ideas. Council's Strategic Planning team can be contacted on 1300 787 624 or by email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Comments are being sought by Monday 2 February 2015

Mobile Councillor Office

Leticia, Tania and I held our Mobile Councillor Office at Beaconsfield Primary School's Market night. It was a great opportunity to meet with residents, listen to their requests/concerns and provide them with council information. In 2015, we will continue our Mobile Councillor Office to improve residents' access

to their ward councillors.

Youth Services

Council has a fantastic Youth Services team who provide many programs and activities for young people. Bookings for the Teenage School Holiday Program which is offered to all young people in the Shire will open 8 December. Our Mobile Youth Bus will also deliver activities across Cardinia during the Christmas school holidays. For more information on council youth services, please contact 1800 4YOUTH (96 884) or check out our website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth

Christmas Wishes

Council is pleased to support this year's Carols By The Creek through its events grants. Once again thanks to the Beaconsfield Progress Association and Beaconsfield Baptist Church and all volunteers who make this a fantastic family event.

Merry
Christmas



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THE BEACONSFIELD QUILTERS GUILD

by J. Worsley

Now that our 2nd Quilt Show is behind us, the guild has had some time to sit back & relax after the whirlwind of preparations. This of course means more stitching but, most importantly we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped make our show possible- most of all, The Neighbourhood Centre committee, members of parliament - Jason Wood & Brad Battin, the Cardinia Shire Council, The Beaconsfield Bendigo Bank plus the C.F.A. team for helping

to set up & dismantle. Thank you all for your generous donations & time.

As mentioned in our last article, the Quilt Show was a great success with many beautiful quilts to be admired. Plus the winning quilt of the 2012 viewer's choice award made by Kaye was on display again.

The winner this year was Elizabeth for her stunning quilt "Summer Lily". (pictured right) It certainly was worthy of the award - sadly it will not be on display at our next show as it will be



going to her son overseas. We will however have photos of this beautiful quilt.

On Tuesday evening 11th November, we were delighted to present a cheque to our C.F.A. for \$5772.40. This will be used to purchase a much needed defibrillator. Once again, it's been a great pleasure for




our small guild to be able to put on a quilt show to raise money for our local brigade.

We will now be working on more quilts to be on display for our next show which will be in 2016.

We are now making a quilt for the Neighbourhood Centre to raffle, so do look for that as all proceeds will be going to our wonderful centre.

The New Year will be a busy one again for our guild - we will be making more lap quilts for the Palliative Care Ward of Casey Hospital and we will be having more guest speakers and outings.

If you are interested in joining our guild you can contact our President, sharonzisos@iinet.net.au or call into the centre. We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month 10.00am - 2.00 during school term at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre on O'Neil Road.

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Shire's Preschool Field Officer on 1300 787 624

On Monday 10 November, our Rainbow Deferment Group and their families enjoyed a very special kindergarten transition session. Our group attended kinder for four hours, rather than their usual two and a half, and the time was carefully planned and divided up into a range of activities and experiences.

We began our session with an excursion to our local park, 'Bob Burgess Reserve'. This was a good learning opportunity for the children to see how organised we need to be before going on an excursion – there are lots of instructions and safety directions to follow. Once the children had their hats and sunscreen on, we delegated adults to walk with each of the children. When we arrived, we discussed the 'safe areas' in which we were going to play.

The children were super excited about flying the kites they had made at kinder the previous week. There were many questions about how the kites stayed up in the air, why some flew higher than others and

why some stayed on the ground! There were several discussions regarding air and the way it fills and powers many different objects and machines, followed by a story about a very windy day. Finally we had our lovely picnic lunch, which was good practice for the children for when they come to kinder for much longer sessions next year. After a busy time at the park, we walked back to kinder with the help of our parents.

Thanks to all of our families for your cooperation and assistance on the day!

*Jenny Presutto, Teacher,
Beaconsfield Kindergarten*

And a note from our President

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Kinder community I would like to thank the entire Beaconsfield community for your continued support of our community kindergarten. Each year, local families, businesses and community groups support us in many ways.

Some children are even being taught by the teacher who taught their parent(s) when they were 5. What a great legacy! It's clear that great education in the early years provides a fantastic foundation for individual children and also for the whole community. And it's pretty good to know that in our town, we're doing an outstanding job of it! (Although it's more of a passion than a job :)

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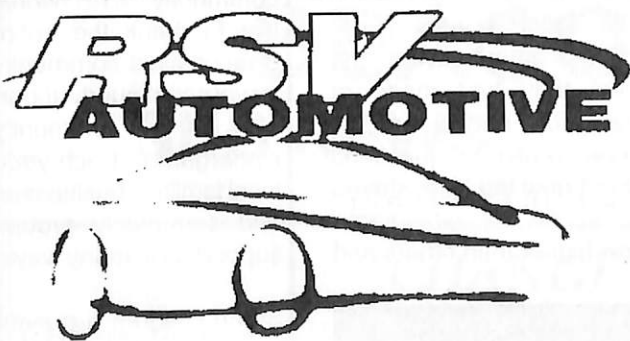
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The Christmas and Holiday Season

by Kathy Brennan

Counsellor, Supervisor and Child



For many individuals Christmas can be a stressful and challenging time. The lead up to the holiday season can be filled with additional commitments and scheduling and a mix of financial, emotional and behavioural stress. Many mothers frequently feel exhausted from the extra workload of Christmas Day which comes after they have often planned, shopped, purchased and wrapped the gifts, spring cleaned the house and done all the preparing and cooking for this one special day. Some individuals experience stress and tension from unresolved issues with family members which may impact their emotional lead up to Christmas and their enjoyment of the entire holiday season.

It can be helpful to emotionally and behaviourally prepare for the day to ensure the holidays deliver fun, enjoyment, relaxation and peace of mind. The secret to a stress free Christmas is to plan ahead with effective specific strategies based on your individual circumstances and needs.

Creating rituals and traditions within the dynamic of the family unit will ensure the children grow up feeling grounded, secure and safe and experience a strong sense of family. Parents can provide opportunities for the family members to become equally invested in the seasonal tasks leading up to the day and share in the workload and in the enjoyment of Christmas. Families who bond together and share the family workload are not

only invested in the spirit of Christmas but they bring that energy into their home and into their lives. Rituals such as selecting and decorating the Christmas tree and placing decorations around the house, planning the menu, and helping with the food preparation allow for everyone to engage interactively and to connect with the spirit of the season. Christmas is a special day for everyone to enjoy so delegate tasks to family members at an age appropriate level, crank up the Christmas music and embrace the festive season.

For the individuals who experience family tension from past difficulties, recognise the sensitive topics and triggers that create conflict, avoid meltdowns and plan strategies to reduce stress and increase positive outcomes. If necessary reduce time together or plan an exit strategy to enjoy the remainder of the day in another way or you may wish to plan your own vacation for the holiday season. Remember conflict and behavioural outbursts impact everyone in the room, so be mindful of others and diplomatic in your approach. Consider your needs and remain sensitive to others.

Finally, allow Christmas to be a time to relax and have fun and to appreciate this magical time of year. Take some time to consider what relaxation means to you and allow your spirit to be energised, your body to feel relaxed and unwound and your heart to connect with those you love.

Local Volunteers

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

Can you believe it is Christmas again? As I sit here and write my final piece for the Beaconsfield Banner this year, it is just 18 days before the State Election.

It is a difficult article to write as when you are reading this the result from the November 29 polls will be known, but at the time of writing, the polls are too close to call.

I have had the honour of representing the Gembrook Electorate in the last 4 years from 2010 and have been blessed to meet so many amazing local volunteers along the way. So I thought today I would write about some of my experiences with locals.

Paul Hayes, Beaconsfield CFA Captain, has for many years dedicated time and passion to the local brigade. Over 30 years he has seen many thousands of fires and other incidents. Paul has worked tirelessly with his management team, past captains and countless volunteers to protect the

Beaconsfield Community.

At the election I joined Paul and the volunteers to commit that we would build a new station on land to be confirmed. The Napthine Government delivered funding for land and I was just awaiting the final sign-off.

Margaret Boon, you will all know Margaret if you read the comments from the editor. Margaret wears many hats in the community, and each serves the area well. Her involvement with the Banner ensures we are all informed of what is going on about town.

Margaret is also with the Beaconsfield Progress Association, an integral part of the area to speak up on behalf of locals about planning, access to public transport and arranging events in the area that prevent social isolation.

David Van Lambert, you may not have heard of Dave, but he has been instrumental in the changes to the Beaconsfield

Football Club. He worked tirelessly with John Airdrie, Gary Valentine and many others on the committees to build not only a sports facility, but a whole of community facility.

The Beaconsfield Community Sports Club leads the way in ideas to get more involvement from the local community. You can now enjoy the footy in comfort, hire a super-box on game days or do the traditional thing and stand in the outer and not miss a minute as Beaconsfield FC attempt to go back to back.

Finally in this article, can I please thank everyone for the support in the last 4 years. I am proud of our local achievements. No matter the result on the last Saturday of November I will continue to be part of the community and a voice to prevent youth suicide.

I wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas, please stay safe on the roads and make sure you are here to celebrate the night away into 2015, the year of 80 days of Sport.



SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S DESK

by Graeme J Taylor
FCA.

PAYG INSTALMENTS

There were numerous changes made to Pay as you Go (PAYG) instalments from 1 July 2014. Formerly known as Provisional Tax, PAYG Instalments are charged on most net income other than Wages and Salaries, Capital Gains, ETP payments. More commonly, PAYG Instalments are charged on Business Income, Interest, Dividends, Rental income etc. The PAYG Instalments may be paid quarterly or annually depending on circumstances and are effectively income tax in advance then credited on income tax assessments after lodgement of an income tax return.

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BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Tony Lukas

The brigade has been busy with serious car accidents, house fires and early grass and scrub fires. Our training has intensified with an emphasis on the upcoming summer fire season and planning for all scenarios.

Now it is time for all of the community to plan to assist us in ensuring a safe summer. Ask yourself do I have a fire plan? Do I understand fire danger ratings and how does that impact on my daily life throughout the summer? Do all family members living in bushfire areas have a functioning fire plan and are familiar with its implementation?

How fire safe is my house and surrounding property?

Do I have the CFA fire app on my mobile device so that I can search for the latest fire activity? We live in a time of instant information and it is imperative that everyone does their part in being fully prepared. The CFA website has numerous resources to assist you plan for this summer fire season.

Please be aware that on the majority of days we can call on numerous resources to assist us in any fire situation BUT when the perfect weather storm occurs producing numerous large fires state wide, our

ability for support will be restricted and that's the day you need to ensure your fire plan is up to date and covers this type of event.

We are dedicated volunteers with your safety and well being as our number one priority. The protection of our community and our state is paramount in our training and planning and we ask that you support us by ensuring you are well prepared this summer.

We trust we all have a safe and happy summer. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2015.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

After many months of planning and assembling the owners of many houses in Brookvale Close, Beaconsfield, excitedly await the beginning of December.

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3 Year Old Kinder also commences on the 29th January. All other classes begin on the 2nd of February 2015.

All our staff and volunteers wish the entire community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. See you in 2015.



BNC Knitting Circle News

With Christmas approaching, the knitting group have been extremely busy these last few months.



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The first week of term 4, the ladies ran a raffle to raise money to purchase more wool to continue their art of both knitting and crochet. \$232.00 was raised and there were five prizes to be won, a knitted blanket, a fancy crochet rug, an embroidered baby quilt, knitted fairy doll and a colourful knitted elephant. Thank you to all those who supported the group in raising awareness to the 4C's organization.

The 4C's will be handing out around one thousand hampers again this year. Along with the hampers, the children will also be acknowledged by having their specially hand made knitted toys all lovingly donated by these wonderful ladies.

There have been some amazing toys made this year and it never ceases to amaze me of the skills and dedication this group

has shown. I am sure the children of the shire whose families receive something made especially for them. Well done every one!!

Thank you also to our Councillors, Cr Brett Owen, Cr Tania Baxter and Cr Leticia Wilmot. Thanks to the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre and every one who have supported the group throughout the year. Please continue this support in 2015.

Have a wonderful festive season every one.

By José Meyer



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Make and Mingle

by A. Taylor

Make and Mingle's Craft Fair held in November was a great day with lots of people coming along from the community as well as from further afield. There were beaut stalls, morning teas and a sausage sizzle. Everyone's garden will be looking good with a range of plants and garden ornaments. The many stalls had a wonderful array of greeting cards for every occasion, some fabulous quilts, lots of handmade gifts and craft supplies. Many people were able to sit and enjoy delicious morning tea and catch up with friends.

so many who have needs, both adults and children, in many different areas).

Our Craft Fair for 2015 will be Saturday 7th November, so mark it in your next year's diaries.

Make and Mingle is a friendship and craft group that meets at Beaconsfield Baptist Church Cnr. Old Princes Hwy and Desmond Court every Wednesday during school term from 10am-12 noon and returns next year on Wednesday 4th February with lots of crafts, morning tea and a friendly welcome.

Thank you to everyone involved, around \$3,000 was raised and the money will be donated to various groups that Make and Mingle support. These include indigenous outreach, breast cancer comfort cushion packs and hospital packs for children at our local hospitals (these are special children's activity packs).

The Make and Mingle Care Bear Ministry will also be supported (these bears come with their own survival kit and have shown love and comfort to

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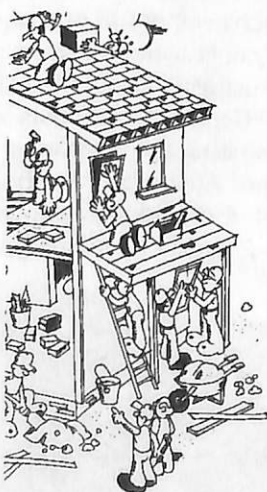
This Christmas season when you receive cards and letters, please remember to save the postage stamps. A group at Make and Mingle trim the stamps from the envelopes and the stamps are sent to stamp dealers and the money is used to support mission work. The stamps may be dropped off at the church Monday-Friday and Sunday mornings.

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Beaconsfield Scout Report

by Leanne Fraser

As another year draws to a close for our Scout Group, we take the time to look back on what we have achieved, as well as looking forward to the challenges that a new year brings.

Beaconsfield Scout Group continues to be an integral part of our community – welcoming families as far away as Narre Warren South through to Pakenham. When I ask families why they travel so far to be part of our Group, I am truly humbled by the positive feedback that we receive.

Some comments have included: "your reputation";

'you know the children as individuals'; 'children with different abilities are valued and respected'; 'they have fun and make new friends'; "we see the change in their behaviour"; 'they are more confident'; 'you welcome us'; and 'we feel like we belong'.

Scouting is an education for life – children, teenagers and young adults – achieve great things by learning by doing; and at all times, strive to achieve their personal best. In 2015, the increased partnership between the Education Department and Scouts Australia will provide a benefit for one

and all. Many universities recognise Scouting – being involved in the community, the Queen's Scout Award – and as such offer Venturers the opportunity to gain university entry with ATAR scores up to 20 points lower than the stated level – acknowledging that Scouting is providing youth with an EDUCATION FOR LIFE.

Joeys, suitable for children in Prep & Year 1, have explored their community, their environment, made new friends with other Mobs including Beavers in the UK. We have celebrated the outstanding achievements of some of our Joeys who received the Promise Challenge Award – Hayden, Luke, Tarrant, Nathan and Fintan. Most of our Joeys attended Kangaroo in April – the major event for this section – a challenge for any parent to let their 6 or 7 year old go on an overnight sleepover away from home.

Cubs, suitable for children in Year 2 – Year 4, have been seen in the Beaconsfield community – exploring and completing activities. They have camped, cooked, hiked, made masks, completed badge work, made lots

of friends, and had lots of fun. This section continues to grow – thanks to Akela (Cate-Linne) who is not only a volunteer Leader, but a qualified primary school teacher. We have celebrated the outstanding achievement of one of our Cubs who received the Grey Wolf Award – Joshua. Five of our Cubs attended Cuboree in September – the major event for this section – 5 days and 4 nights away from home – lots of dirt, lots of mud, lots of new friends, and lots of sleep when arriving home.

Scouts, suitable for children in Year 5 – Year 8, have been out and about and active. They have spent time organising hikes – sleeping outdoors, using maps and compasses, cooking outdoors, camping, completing Master Chef Challenges, learning new skills, and attending major activities such as Gilweroo with over 1000 other Scouts from across Victoria. We have celebrated the outstanding achievement of one of our Scouts who received the Australian Scout Medallion – Bonnie. Our Scouts and families are preparing for the Australian Jamboree at the end of next year – 2 weeks of camping and



Ashley, Jye, Sean, Lachlan, Fintan, Nathan, Brad, Cheyenne and Fabian together Dave, our Scout Leader – washing cars at the Meadowvale Retirement Village Fair.

activities with over 10,000 other Scouts from Australia and around the world.

Venturers, suitable for teenagers in Year 9 – Year 12, have grown in numbers since starting this year. They have worked hard to secure donations of building material to construct their 'Den' - a space that is their own. Being a Venturer is about growing and developing their opinions, their ideals, their values, their own adventures – in an environment that is supported and safe. They have been learning by doing, but having lots of fun along the way – their pumpkin carving skills for the Halloween sleepover were outstanding. They head to Elmore in December for Victorian Gathering – 3000 plus Venturers from around

Victoria – together – having fun, making friends, and celebrating the end of their school year for 2014.

Rovers, suitable for young adults from 18 years to 25 years, continue to provide service to their community. They have been involved in the Blue Light Disco in Pakenham, helping provide security and first aid service for the Rotary White Elephant Sale, serve on the Relay for Life committee, and many of the Rovers are also Leaders in Joeys and Cubs. They are sharing their love of Scouting and the benefits they received to the next generation of children starting their journey through Scouting.

Beaconsfield Scout Group has been active in the community – we have supported Meadowvale

Retirement Village at their Fair and raised funds for them; we have attended and supported the Beaconsfield Primary School Market Night providing free activities for the children – making s'mores and jelly fish; we have attended and supported the St Brigid's Country and Western Fair providing abseiling as an adventurous activity and making jelly fish. These events have been successful to link new families to Scouting – especially former Scouts who now have children



old enough to join. It is great to hear stories from former Beaconsfield Scout members who remembered the old hall, Leaders from days gone past, and whose names appear on our Honour Boards; and exciting to have the next generation of a family continue their association with the Group.

Interested families are always welcome – we still offer three weeks for free – before registration.

Joeys	4.30 pm to 5.30 pm	Tuesdays
Cubs	6.30 pm to 8.00 pm	Wednesdays
Scouts	7.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Thursdays
Venturers	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Mondays
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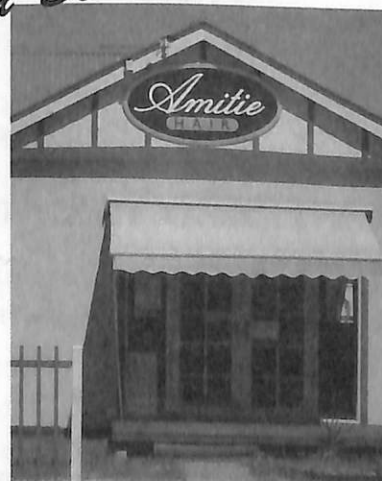
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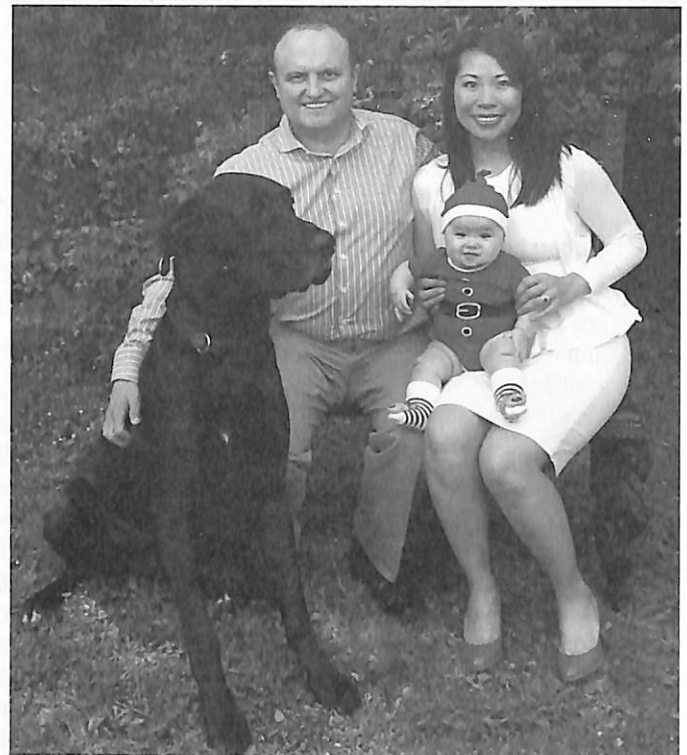
Far from the cold, dreary and snowy Christmases we're used to seeing on television, Christmas in La Trobe is a vibrant and happy time. A time to reflect on the past year, and a time to plan for the upcoming year.

This has been a year of growth and development for our community. We've celebrated our first inaugural La Trobe Community Awards to thank those who go above and beyond what is required of them in order to give back to our community.

We've discussed community concerns about internet, connectivity and reception issues at the La Trobe Community

Communications Forum. Education facilities in La Trobe got a boost, both in the mainstream field and specialised field. Insight Education Centre for the Blind and Vision Impaired, the only education facility of its kind, was officially opened earlier this year.

A new Design, Arts, Technology and Science Centre was opened at St Francis Xavier College in Officer, and stage one of works at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School have been completed – providing the school with state of the art general learning areas, administration areas and external works.



We also, among many other things, helped make our region safer from the threat of bushfire through opening applications for the \$2.4 Million Bushfire Fuel Reduction and Weed Management Program. It's all been happening in La Trobe!

On a personal note my wife Judy and I welcomed our first daughter Jasmine into the world and are looking forward to enjoying our first family Christmas together. Entering fatherhood has brought me a newfound empathy for parents – particularly when it comes to those surprise hospital trips and sleep interruptions, but I wouldn't have it any other way. Parenthood has also

reminded me of the strength we have in the collaboration and support of others.

Moving back to Christmas, I have found that it is a time to think of the values that bind us together - to remind ourselves that the things which unite us as a community are infinitely greater and more enduring than the things that divide us. I encourage you to explore that idea these holidays – talk to people, learn their stories, offer your support and advice to one another, and above all remember the spirit that Christmas brings.

I hope you have a truly merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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by Gary Methven, Principal

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Monday 10th November's Assembly was very special indeed with the presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 toward our Human Powered Vehicle project. Peter Morrison-Dowd from Aspect FP, presented this enormous cheque to School Council President Steve Putil, together with students Mason and Georgia on behalf of the HPV team.



(Pictured left to right, Sarah Kotsch, Matt Tsimos, Rachael Vandenburg, from Aspect FP, School Council President - Steve Putil, Peter Morrison-Dowd and Principal Gary Methven. Front row: Mason and Georgia representing the HPV team).

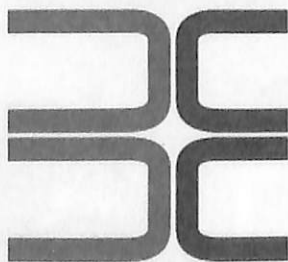


Human Powered Vehicles are small, light-weight vehicles powered only by the riders' legs, fitness and endurance. HPV is a fun and exciting sport that combines individual effort and team work.

The HPV program provides students an opportunity to represent Beaconsfield Primary School in a friendly and supportive team environment. Teams consist of both girls and boys of different ages and abilities as well as parents and members of the wider Beaconsfield community. Students learn about the mechanics of HPV, fitness, good training habits, healthy eating and how humans impact the environment.

This generous sponsorship has reduced the entry costs of each event to zero, has given more children the opportunity to participate and enabled a tremendous expansion of HPV. Our children improve their fitness, build their confidence, learn to function in a team environment, learn how to operate a vehicle safely in a race environment, make friends; and have fun.

In addition to free entry, Aspect FP have covered team uniforms, vehicle parts and repairs and as a treat, hats for every child in the school. This enormous cheque is the first in a three year sponsorship of \$30,000 and we sincerely thank Peter and his team for their generosity and community mindedness.



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When Percival Allison's father Claude Harold Raine Allison made the move from Campbelltown, Tasmania to Benambra, Omeo, Victoria it was at the height of the gold rush in this region. The district was known as the toughest goldfield in Australia. He moved there, as did many young men, to make their fortune in mining for gold. It is a district of high plains so once the flash of gold mining had passed basically only the early cattlemen remained. Benambra to this day provides a spectacular 360 degree view of the stunning countryside. This is the place Claude met and married Ellen Mary Murphy at the Honnomunjie Methodist Church in 1906. The Murphy family were well established long term residents of the Honnomunjie Station, Benambra and Omeo. Claude was 25 years old and now a farmer working with his new wife's family on the land.

Eldest son Percival Harold Allison was born, followed by another four children. Perc attended the local Omeo State School and on finishing school he joined the family in droving cattle in the high country including Swifts Creek, Tongio, Mossiface and Benambra. In the early 1930's Perc decided to move to Melbourne, there he worked as a gardener for the Syme family (Proprietor of The Age newspaper). The combination of Perc's skill as a horseman and his slight stature gave him the opportunity to ride as a jockey for racing stables at the Richmond Racecourse which was located between Bridge Road, Stawell Road and Westbank Terrace.

Percival Allison

*Written, researched and compiled
by Penny Harris Jennings*



Perc Allison, Veronica, Kevin, John and Gary

In 1934 he met Veronica Berreen from Port Melbourne at a local dance hall. They courted for a number of years and then married in 1938. They had three sons John, Kevin and Gary.

After World War 2 they moved to Narre Warren North to sharefarm with the Rae family. They lived on the property 'The Grange' (now a quarry). John and Kevin attended Narre Warren North State School. Vera joined the Country Women's Association. Life on the farm was harsh so Perc moved on and obtained employment with the local council. He worked as a road worker, driver and other manual labourer positions for the council. The Allison family moved into a rental property on Boundary Road, Narre Warren North.

Prior to the 1900's the land we now know as Akoonah Park was Crown land and the Berwick Shire allocated the location for a pound to hold stray livestock, primarily cattle, horses and sheep. There were numerous holders of the position of Pound

used by the Shire Council to maintain the property and feed the impounded animals. The Pound Keeper was responsible for the monthly report to Berwick Shire Council stating the costs. In 1950 Perc Allison was employed as the new Pound Keeper on the Princes Highway pound site at Beaconsfield. The local ranger was Bob Cooper, who was now responsible for rounding up the stray stock and delivering them to the pound. The animals were then advertised in the local papers. A weatherboard house was provided for the Pound Keeper near the oak tree that is still standing at Akoonah Park today. The tree is located near the function rooms. There was also a semicircular driveway from the highway which was located where the sheds now stand.

The pound was relocated and Perc's term as Pound Keeper ended with his retirement after many years' dedicated service to the Shire.

Keeper prior to Perc Allison including John Dinney, A. Chalk, W. H. Foster, E. H. Sherriff and T. A. Dundas. The original dwelling was a wattle and daub hut on the banks of the Cardinia Creek. The creek provided plenty of water and the surrounding area of park area was leased for grazing by the Shire Council for a fee. Stray stock would be brought to the pound to be held in the purpose built yards until the owners claimed their wayward stock. If the owners failed to claim and pay the fee for impoundment, their animals were sold at the local stock market and the funds then



Perc Allison right, Kevin with horse, Akoonah Park, 11 Jan 1952

In the 1960's, after Perc's retirement, the family moved to 12 Railway Avenue, Beaconsfield.

From the time Perc and family moved into the district, Perc immersed himself in the numerous sporting activities held at the Berwick racecourse which was in Beaconsfield next to the hotel on the highway behind the old Public Hall. He held many positions including property steward, gate keeper and trainer for the local football club. Perc was the coach for the 1953 district final, at which Beaconsfield won its first grand final and he was awarded a life membership in 1972. He was especially proud that all three of his sons played football for Beaconsfield and took up committee positions themselves.

John and Kevin never married; Gary married Ros Vines at St Marys Church, Dandenong. In 1973 Perc was most proud when his first grandchild, Scott, was born. Sadly his only granddaughter Kristi was born after his passing.

In 1976 Perc suffered a stroke and was placed in the Berwick Bush Nursing Hospital, he passed away in September that year. As Perc had been a well known and loved member of his local community his funeral was attended by a large number of family, friends and sporting associates.

In 1984 the sports oval near the Beaconsfield Emerald Road was named in his honour as the 'Perc Allison Oval'. He is remembered as the Little Man with the Big Voice.

WWI MEMORIAL PLAQUE

by A. Taylor

When Penny Jennings was researching information about Perc Allison and talking to the Allison family, Gary showed her this plaque that he had recovered a number of years earlier.

The Plaque had suffered some damage and thanks to John Jennings it has been restored. The plaque was returned to the BPA for the community at the BPAAGM last month.



Left - Right, John and Penny Jennings, Ann Taylor, Gary Allison, Graeme Taylor, Margaret Boon and Ros Allison






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BEACONSFIELD AVENUE OF HONOUR PLAQUES

by A. Taylor

New bronze plaques listing the names of 65 servicemen from Beaconsfield and district who served in World War I have finally been displayed. The black poplar trees for the Avenue were planted in 1929 after the Roads Board completed the main road and the Beaconsfield Progress Association applied to have the trees planted in memory of these servicemen. Ada Armytage of Holm Park financed the Avenue of Honour Project.

Individual metal name plaques were made for each serviceman, but from all reports were never displayed near the trees for various reasons. After extensive research and as far as we know the plaques were stored for many years at Adamson's old hardware store in Woods Street. These original plaques are now in a fragile condition and stored at the City of Casey depot. The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour trees are located on the nature strip,

either side of Old Princes Highway from Beaconsfield at Cardinia Creek bridge to the Berwick hill crest.

When the trees were first planted the whole area was known as the Shire of Berwick (established in 1868) and extended from Dandenong Creek to Bunyip. The City of Berwick and the Shire of Pakenham were formed on October 1st 1973 when the Shire of Berwick was split with the boundary being the Cardinia Creek. This then meant that the trees of Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour were

in the City of Berwick which later became the City of Casey in 1994. The late Tony Rushton located the original metal plaques at the City of Casey depot and he initiated the project to display the names of these 65 servicemen on new plaques in Beaconsfield.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. decided to ensure that the new plaques were made and displayed. A Department of Veterans Affairs (Vic) grant was applied for in 2013 and research was undertaken by Penny Harris Jennings to be sure that the servicemen's names and service numbers were correct. The bronze plaques were made by Printpros

and installed by Cardinia Shire and City Wide. The new bronze plaques are installed at Beaconsfield Park on the corner of Beaconsfield Emerald Road and Old Princes Highway.

The Beaconsfield Park sign and gates entrance were originally built in 1939 as a memorial to soldiers in the Great War (WWI) and this memorial was donated by the Craven sisters who had the old post office prior to this time. The park and gateway were restored and refurbished in 2011 by Cardinia Shire with a Federal Government grant. This memorial site is a fitting place to display the new Avenue of Honour Plaques.

After 85 years the servicemen can finally be recognised with plaques in Beaconsfield.

Many people have worked to bring this project to fruition, the Department of Veteran Affairs (Vic) who provided the grant, the late Tony Rushton, Betty Whiteside, Graeme and Ann Taylor and the Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. who oversaw the project, Penny Harris Jennings who researched all the servicemen's records, John Jennings who took photos, John Grbic who proofread the plaques, Printpros who made the plaques, Cardinia Shire and Cr Brett Owen, Cr Tania Baxter and Cr Leticia Wilmot, Neil Baker of City Wide who installed the plaques and many members of the community who shared their stories and memories. Thank you all.

A great project with a wonderful outcome, make sure you take a walk to Beaconsfield Park to see this tribute to our Beaconsfield and district servicemen.



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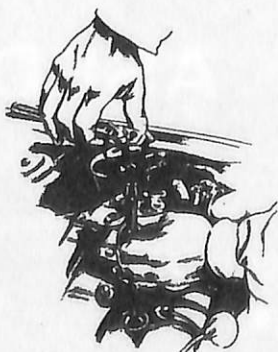
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by Graeme Taylor, Chairman

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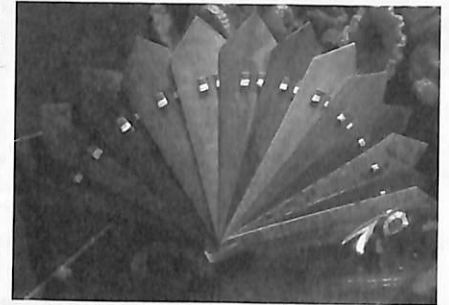
Are you able to help with identification or information on the following?

1. The photo of the man is thought to be a member of the Lecky or Maughan family.

2. The photo of the wooden fan is thought to be a souvenir of the First World War made by one of the soldiers. It is made from very lightweight timber. The clip holding it together at the bottom is thought to be a replacement from a later period.

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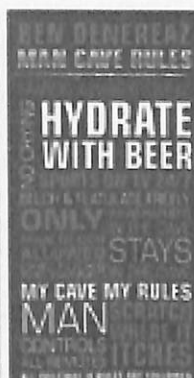
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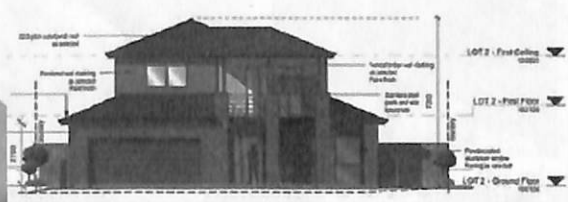
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Pancreatitis In Pets

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Christmas time is almost here again. Time for family, friends and lots of delicious food. Unfortunately, a lot of the food that we love to enjoy at Christmas can be harmful to our pets. These include fatty meats, chocolate, macadamias, raisins and grapes just to name a few.

A lot of pets are seen around Christmas time for a condition called pancreatitis, which is inflammation of the pancreas. Certain breeds of dogs like Miniature Schnauzers, Miniature Poodles, Cocker Spaniels, and Siamese cats are more likely to get this condition and it is most common in middle-aged and older dogs. Overweight animals

are also more likely to get the disease. Often the trigger for the onset of pancreatitis is eating a fatty meal or overeating.

Animals with pancreatitis can develop a range of signs. Vomiting is very common in dogs but less common in cats. Dogs may show abdominal pain. Both cats and dogs may appear depressed and not want to eat. In some cases they can develop icterus which is seen as yellow discolouration of the gums, the whites of the eyes and sometimes the skin. The signs can vary from mild to severe.

To diagnose pancreatitis your vet will likely need

to run a number of tests. A basic blood screen will usually be recommended initially. This may suggest pancreatitis but is not specific for it. However, this is required to determine any other conditions that may be affecting the pet and to assess for dehydration and other abnormalities that need to be corrected as part of treatment. If pancreatitis is suspected it is likely another blood test for dogs will also be run at the lab - this is called the cPLI test. In some cases abdominal X-rays or ultrasound may also be required, especially in cats where a diagnosis of pancreatitis can be more complex.

Usually an animal with pancreatitis will need to be placed on a drip to rehydrate them and provide nutrition. They will need to stay with us in hospital for this. They may also receive some medications to control vomiting and pain. Sometimes if they are vomiting continuously food will be withheld, otherwise they will be offered small meals of bland food (like rice and small amounts of lean chicken). Once they are well enough to go

home this diet will usually be continued. Long term a low fat, lower protein prescription diet may be required to prevent the recurrence of signs. Overweight animals should also lose weight.

With prompt treatment the prognosis for recovery from pancreatitis is usually good so if your pet shows any of these signs please do not hesitate to contact us on 9769 8777 or the Animal Emergency Centre on 8795 7020.

We hope you and your pets have a fun and safe festive season. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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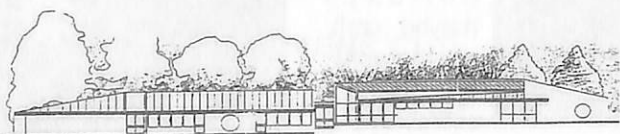
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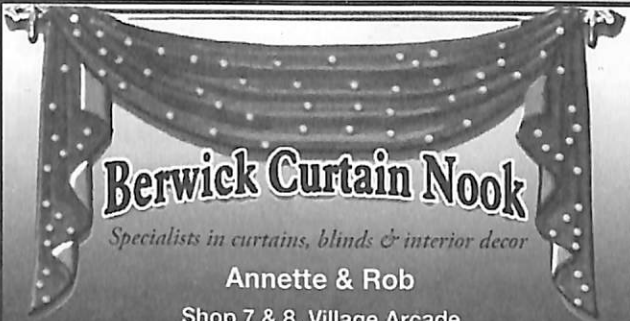
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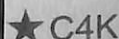
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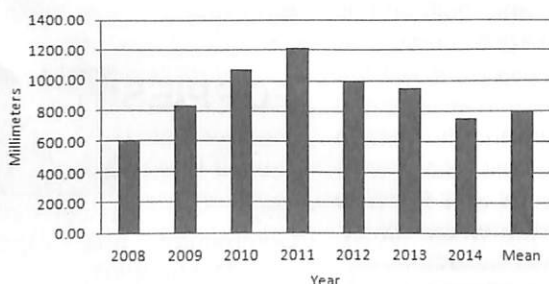
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by Nathan Boon

As the year draws to a close one thing has become clear, we are not going to achieve the record highs that we have over the last couple of years. We are on track to only have an average year. I don't think that we will even reach 900mm for the year, which if this is the case, it will be the first time since 2009 when we had 840mm. We have had 751mm this year so far and the average for Beaconsfield is 800mm. The other interesting fact is that we have only had a total of 85 days on which rain has fallen. This is also well down on the average which is 110.

October

In October there was 77mm of rain that fell in Beaconsfield. This fell on only 5 days. This is well below the average which is 11 days. The highest daily total was 30mm which fell on the 13th.

November

In November there again was average rainfall. There was only 67mm of rain and it fell over 6 days. The amazing thing was that 30mm of this total fell on the 15th. November over the past few years has been one of the wettest months so to only have 67mm was a bit of a surprise.

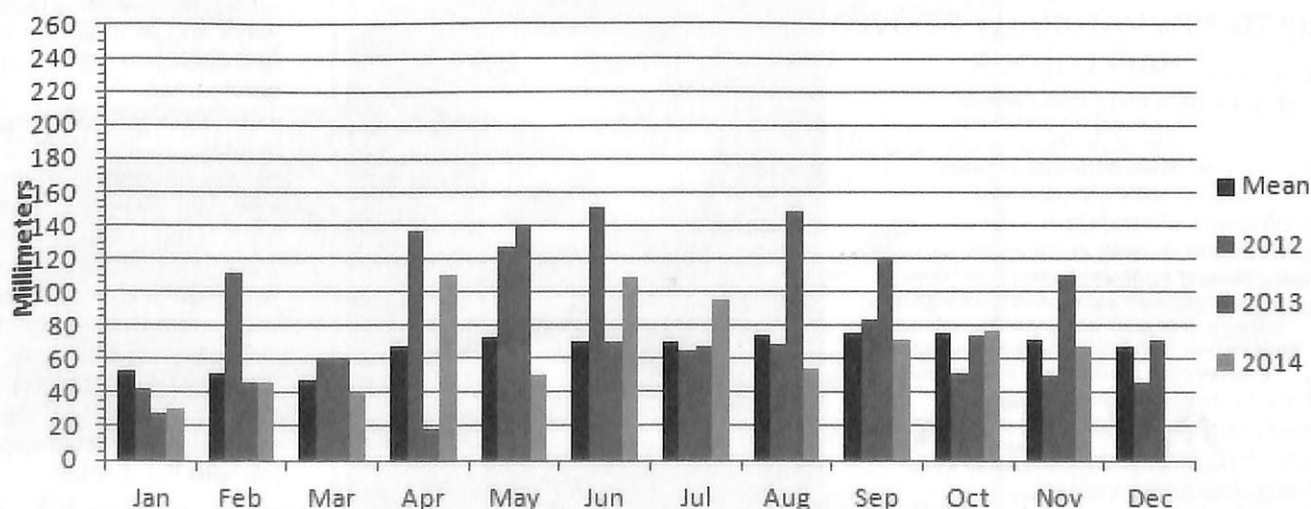
Melbourne water storage has started to drop slightly over the last 2 months. It is now at 78.4%.

The spring in Melbourne was the hottest in 160 years, which is since when temperatures were first recorded. The average daily temp was 2°C above normal.

Now is a timely reminder that going into summer and with predicted higher than average temperatures and lower than average rainfall, that it is a great time to save as much water as you can.

BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

These figures are taken in a home rain gauge and are not kept for the Bureau of Meteorology.



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT THE GOLF CLUB

by Fiza Errington

Our annual Phoenix Day, held on Saturday 4 October was a resounding success and huge thanks goes to our members, sponsors and auction donors for contributing to the success of our annual fundraising day. The funds raised are imperative to the club's operating expenses and we thank you for your support.

The club continues with works ongoing with the clubhouse and course. We are pleased to say that the majority of the major projects are now ongoing and we thank our members for their patience and co-operation. Some of the major works ongoing:

- * Conversion of couch grass on the 4th and 5th Lakes holes
- * New blinds in the clubhouse and new paint on the walls
- * Refurbishment of existing drainage in preparation for next winter
- * New tee signages on the Hills and Lakes course
- * Cart shed due to complete end of January 2015

The Women's Club Championship was held in October and the new club champion is Fiza Errington (236 total), Grade B Champion is Jean Wheatley, Grade C Champion is Sharon Lowden and Veteran and Overall Nett Champion is Marilyn Ford. Well done to all winners.

The Founders Trophy was held in September and the winner is Joe Marsiglio and runner up is Shane Wheat. The Nightingale Cup was held in October and the winner is Jeff Hall, narrowly beating Warren Sutton for the win. The Women's Winter Cup winners are Judy Butler and Mary Griffin, both fought hard to win on the 20th hole, defeating Tracey Brown and Ros Harding.

Janet Saunders was on a roll when she won the MPDWG B Grade District Championship. Gross, club's Spring Classic and represented the club to win the Portsea Bowl

all in a 2 week period.

Congratulations also go to the Beaconsfield team for defending the Hillsea Shield, defeating Portsea by 44 points.

We also had a few hole in ones for the past few months, perhaps a sign that the course is in great shape. Gary Jollands had his on the 6th hole on 9th August. Brian Czempinski on the 15th hole on 14th September and the biggest cheer went to Jenny Chandler, who had her hole in one on our Phoenix Day on the 6th hole.

In other news, we thank David Williams for his past 5 years as our teaching professional. David has taken on a new role at Rosedale Golf Club.

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BEAconsfield FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

As I write this article, the talk is about all 9 clubs in the CCFNL withdrawing from the MPNFL - PCN Sports Alliance and joining the newly created South East Football Netball League (SEFNL). This is certainly an exciting time for us and together with the rest of the clubs in our competition, we look forward to 2015. We will have our own league with fresh eyes and enthusiasm dedicated to the needs of the competition in the south east corridor.

Apart from the obvious weekly, monthly football operations they will also identify and plan our region's competition needs for the future, introduce structure and best practices that will ultimately bring huge benefits to the clubs involved. From our perspective, right from initial discussions through to our ultimate departure, all clubs together with the

PCN Sports Alliance Board took a mature, common sense approach to working through what was best for footy and netball in our region and the right decision was made by all parties.

Our AGM has come and gone and our new committee for the 2015 season is in place. We had two people retire from committee with both still actively involved in the club in other ways. All other members stayed on for another year with a return of 3 previous committee members and 2 new members joining us. All members bring with them a diverse range of skills and expertise which will hold us in good stead for another busy and exciting year. We are very fortunate to

have such a great bunch of people on our committee. Football season may be over but the work and planning behind the scenes for next year is still in play. We are proud to say that our player retention has been absolutely great plus we've signed up some new and exciting players. Our players have spent the last few weeks training and will return early next year after a well-deserved Christmas break.

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Beaconsfield Cricket Club

by A. Price

Prior to the commencement of the current season the club had some significant hurdles to overcome, namely the surprise retirement of our appointed coach four weeks out from Round 1 and the departure of a number of top grade senior players which weakened the playing stock available for our 1st and 2nd XI.

The coach's role has been well filled by club workhorse Mick McMahon. We have also been very lucky to have Richard Gault join the club, who not only brings many years of top grade cricket and coaching experience with him, but as our Assistant Coach is bringing fresh ideas and

techniques to the club – training nights leave many (if not most) with sore quads and red faces – but everyone does the drills and we've all gotten used to expecting a degree of pain mixed in with a few laughs from our "punisher".

On the field we have taken the step of giving many of our Under 17's the opportunity to permanently fill positions in our 1st and 2nd XI and we have seen improvement in both performance and confidence since Round 1. With our young talent we know we have a bright future and they will enjoy success.

Our 2nd XI in B Grade is having a competitive

season and our 3rd XI, in E Grade, is not far off the pace. Something new for the club is that we have two representative sides playing in the 1 Day Competition – both of these sides currently sit in the top four and both are confident of finals cricket.

Our five junior teams are ticking over nicely with both our Under 13's teams and our Under 17's expected to play in the finals.



We've had many highlights already this season with Brian Monaghan - above - (E Grade), making 140 runs against Lang Lang and we can also add another "hat trick" bowler to our honour roll in Sean Young from our Beaconsfield Gold, 1 Day Competition side.

As we approach the halfway mark of the season I believe we are faring better than we thought we would be, but more importantly, soon the club will finalise the arrangements necessary for the installation of a turf pitch and we are very excited by this – we have a bright future and success is on the horizon.



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Where have the months gone? 2014 is almost over. Boohoo!!! By the time Beaconsfield Banner is published effectively our club year is over. Support of such publications has been invaluable. Thank you.

Then we'll gather again next February 2015 (16th) as our sponsored students begin a new school year & we're needed to contribute to their study. We'd be delighted if, some local ladies who currently are on the roll of "strangers", come along, take a break from everyday demands, and become "friends". It's enjoyable.

Ideal opportunity to get to meet new people while helping others.

Remember it's always 3rd Monday of the month and will, as usual, be at 7pm at Central Hotel, Beaconsfield. Contact Kaye on 97697762 as bookings are essential.



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TENNIS NEWS

by M. Potter



Night Tennis Takes Hold in Beaconsfield & Officer

The popularity of Wednesday night mixed tennis continues to grow at our club to the extent that the number of interested players vastly outstrips our available eight courts. Our recently completed winter season saw our neighbouring Officer club join with us to enable use of their underutilised six courts. The winter competition involved some 67 players competing in 12 teams. Our summer competition currently under way, involves some 88 players competing in 16 teams. The competition, with teams comprising five/six players with three doubles sets played each match, is open to both members and non-members of our clubs. A wide range of abilities and age ranges are involved, from those in their early teens to those in their seventies, family units of mum, dad and kids, groups of friends and of course individuals. Emphasis is on having fun, meeting people, getting a bit of exercise and having a few tennis rallies if possible. Our winter competition Premiers were the "Petty Officers" represented by Murray Robinson, Steve & Kerry Pursell, Laura Brennan, Beth Andrews, Lori & Ben

Delarue. Some 40 players attended the subsequent presentation dinner held at our club house. Competition cost is \$10 per night (\$5 for members) with play commencing at 7:30pm through to approximately 9 - 9:30. Should you be interested in joining with us in this competition, contact Maurie Potter on 0437 759 793 or Kate Watt on 0414 354 877.

Thursday Night Men

An alternative for the guys only is our Thursday night mens competition. Just come and join for a socially competitive hit on a Thursday night. Great way to unwind at the end of the week. Most standards are catered for. Enquiries to Dave van der Koogh on 0416147771 or just come down at around 7:45 on the night.

Juniors

Our junior teams had a great winter season with 9 out of 11 weekend teams making it to finals. Of those 6 made it through to grand finals with 4 premierships.



Congratulations to sections 8, 9, 10 and 12 on winning the premierships and well done to sections 4 and 13 on making it to the grand finals. The premiership players were: Section 8:-

Will Fries, Matt Glover, Nikhil Surapenini, Josh McCormick and Thomas McCormick.

Section 9:-

Cooper MacInnes, Mitchell Roadnight, Lachlan Daniell, Dan McGuire and Dale Coffey.

Section 10:-

Nathan Sankey, Jack Edmonds, Alisdair Moloney and Regan Dolling.

Section 12:-

Baiden Morrison, Lachlan Slattery, Oliver Ray, James Sibley, Tara Kenny and Kate Brough.

Seniors

Over winter we had two singles/doubles teams make the grand final, in sections A1 and A Reserve 1, unfortunately they both fell just short. In summer we have a record 9 senior teams competing in both singles and doubles formats.

Mid-week Ladies

We currently have 3 teams playing finals. For the coming season we need players for either Tuesday or Wednesday competition.

Fund Raising

Our club has had some great success with fundraising during the past few weeks with proceeds to new kitchen appliances. A "Money Tree Raffle" raised \$1475 for the club. Thank you also to all those people who bought tickets. The first prize: A Gardenia Pot Plant with \$500 worth of scratchy tickets won by Jodi McLaren. Second prize - a children's wheelbarrow full of toys and other children's items won by Rob Gardiner. Third prize - a basket full of gardening and handyman tools won by Jane Van Es.

We have also been running a family round robin over early November. Beautiful weather during both nights with a BBQ saw \$806 raised. Thanks to all who participated.



Club Contacts	Executive	Night Tennis	Other Competition
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	Secretary: 0437 074 287	Thursday Men: 0416 147 771	Senior Comp: 9796 1953
	Treasurer: 0407 990 482	Mid-Week Ladies: 0419 382 477	Coach: 0412 682 569



Beaconsfield Netball Club

by Heather Studham

At the time of writing Beaconsfield Netball Club has completed Junior Tryouts and notifications will be sent out in the near future. Congratulations to all the girls who participated, each and every one of you did yourselves proud with the way you played and conducted yourselves. The very best of luck to you all. Seniors have 2 more Tryout dates – Thursday and Saturday of this week and we wish you all well in your endeavours.

The Club is currently collecting non perishable items to be donated to our Shire for distribution in time for Christmas. Those less fortunate and in need of help will benefit from hampers made up by 4c's charity based in Pakenham. May our donation make life a little 'merrier' for disadvantaged families in our area.

Beaconsfield Netball Club have once again entered a team in the Relay for Life to be held at Akoonah Park, 13th-14th March 2015. All welcome to join with us and walk around the clock to raise funds for Cancer. Go to the Relay for Life website, Casey Relay, Beaconsfield Netball Club and enter your name. A memorable experience last year and one which the Netball Club would like to continue to support in the future. A fundraising High Tea will once again be held in the New Year to raise funds for the team. Date to be advised.

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Katrina Foster, Krissy Morgan, Greg Dickson, Mel Broadley, Sue-Ann Stibbard, Maree Adrien, Rosemary Allen, Bianca Sanzaro, Mel White. Congratulations to you all and welcome on board. We are looking forward to season 2015 under your direction.

The Beaconsfield Netball Club would like to thank the Beaconsfield Banner team for allowing us to contribute to this super community publication.

Merry Christmas

**A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
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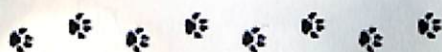




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