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## Penny's Passion Earns Her A Community Services Award

Australia Day Award Recipient Penny Harris Jennings was so thankful to all who helped to continue her passion with researching genealogy and family studies. Read her emotional and sincere thank you speech on page 5. Congratulations Penny.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*by Graeme Taylor, President.*

Welcome everyone to what looks to be another exciting year that will present various issues that our Association will address on behalf of the residents and businesses of Beaconsfield Community.

On the Sunday before Christmas, Carols by the Creek was presented by Beaconsfield Baptist Church and our Association. The weather was great with increased crowds enjoying the production. Many thanks to all the sponsors whose contributions greatly assist meeting production costs. There were many individuals involved as well as Cardinia Concert Band, Beaconsfield Primary School and Solo Artists. The production was greatly appreciated by all those attending.

Our Association was nominated as the Community Organization of the Year in the Australia Day Awards held by Cardinia Shire. Our nomination reflects on all the hard work done by committee and members of the Association in representing the Community. Whilst we did not win the award, it was a privilege to be one of the ten groups nominated for the Shire. We heartily congratulate Penny Harris Jennings who won the Community Service Award. This award recognizes a significant contribution by a non-Cardinia Shire Resident. Penny is a regular contributor of local history articles in the Beaconsfield Banner and has undertaken extensive research. In

particular her research on the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour 65 Servicemen as a result of which new Bronze Plaques have been made and a booklet is being published.

The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Plaques will be officially unveiled by the State Government Minister on Friday 13th March at 10am. The Booklet and related material will also be available at the unveiling of the new Plaques located at Beaconsfield Park on the corner of Old Princes Highway and Beaconsfield Emerald Road. Invitees include Parliamentarians, Victorian Veterans Council representatives, Mayor and Councillors of Cardinia Shire and City of Casey, RSL representatives, relatives of the servicemen on the plaques and others. As a community event, we welcome everyone who would like to attend.

It is great to see that the Community Noticeboards located on Woolworths exterior wall are being well utilised to inform on community matters. A recent addition has been information on Cardinia Shire and Ranges Ward Councillors.

Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and held at Beaconsfield Community Centre and are open to all. Why not attend and even join as a member as the bigger the membership, the greater our voice for the Community.



CARDINIA

## News From Ranges Ward Councillors :

by Cr. Brett Owen

Congratulations to the Beaconsfield Progress Association (BPA) who were recently nominated for the Cardinia Shire Community Group Award during the recent Australia Day celebrations. The BPA is a group of volunteers who work hard on many projects throughout Beaconsfield including the publication of the Banner, the organising of the Anzac service each year and other history related projects. All residents of Beaconsfield are welcome to join the association. Thank you to the current committee members for all the great work you do.

Well done to Penny Harris Jennings who was awarded Cardinia Shire's Australia Day Community Service Award. Penny has worked tirelessly to research the history of Beaconsfield and has contributed to a number of successful historical project grants.

Congratulations also to Beaconsfield's Vivienne Williams who was awarded a medal of the order of Australia (OAM) for service to the welfare and protection of animals and her community.

The Beaconsfield Structure Plan's planning amendment C198 went to an independent planning panel hearing on Thursday 29th January. The panel heard submissions raised concerns regarding the site layout, safety and economic viability of the commercial area, south of the highway. The proposed amendment will give greater certainty and confidence about future development in Beaconsfield and provide the framework, conditions and requirements for the consideration of future planning permits.

Council has received submissions for the Glismann Road Beaconsfield draft development plan. The plan is on council's website. Information sessions and one on one meetings with affected landowners have been held. Council will now consider submissions received.

Recently, some businesses in Beaconsfield have raised concerns regarding the Beaconsfield Structure Plan and other issues including a request for council funded Christmas decorations. Since the Beaconsfield Business Group would



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

up a few years ago, it has been harder for councillors and council to engage with business. We welcome the re-creation of a Business Group. Council's economic development team and councillors are happy to work with interested persons to reform the Beaconsfield Business Group.

Thank you very much to Ann Taylor for the historical walk of Beaconsfield that she trialled recently with some interested community members. Councillors wish her much success with her ongoing research and future opportunities in this project.

Council is continuing to progress the Holm Park Reserve Master plan. The works to be undertaken at the reserve this year include the construction

of two additional netball courts, two cricket practice nets, improvements to the third oval surface, including fencing and drainage, a new playground and various other minor works to improve car parking and landscaping.

The entrance from Beaconsfield-Emerald Road to the Beaconsfield Business Park has been widened by council and the landowner. These works will improve safety and vehicle manoeuvrability. As per council's adopted Beaconsfield Structure Plan, council intends to work with the owners to make further improvements to traffic circulation, pedestrian movements and car park layout in the Woolworths and Aldi car park area.



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## Passion In Genealogy

Australia Day Award recipient, Penny Harris Jennings was absolutely delighted to receive her Community Services Award at the Cardinia Shire Australia Day Ceremony. Read Penny's Thankyou speech below.

### Thank You

I am honoured and delighted to be the recipient of the Community Services Award. There are many people I would like to thank. Thank you to the Cardinia Shire and the Australia Day Committee.

Thank you also to the Ranges Ward Councillors Letitia Wilmot, Brett Owen and Tania Baxter who support the importance of local history.

A special thank you to Graeme and Ann Taylor and the Beaconsfield Progress Association. Thank you to my proofreader John Grbic and also a special thank you to Gary Elliott President of the Pakenham RSL.

A huge thank you to my husband John Jennings for your encouragement, support and photography skills and thank you to my own family and wonderful friends.

My passion in genealogy and family studies began for me as a very young person. I was drawn in particular to the friendship of my grandfather Claud Harris who lived at Beaconsfield Upper and his friend Cuthbert Urwin whom he worked with at William Angliss. They enlisted together for WW1, which took them to the battlefield in France and resulted



in the death of Cuthbert. While this is the 100 year commemoration of WW1 my interest began long ago.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association received a Victorian Government "Restoring War Memorials Grant" for the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour. New bronze plaques were made listing the individual soldiers. My task was to research the 65 soldiers for a booklet to accompany the unveiling of the new plaques located on the corner of Prince's Hwy and Beaconsfield Emerald Road. It is easy to copy someone's service record however in my opinion the true value of this project was to recognize that these 65 individuals were real men, with a real connection to the Beaconsfield Community as well as being soldiers.

I was subsequently contacted by Gary Elliott from the Pakenham RSL. This led to my researching many families for the return of lost medals. It is an honour and a privilege to have met so many local families who have shared their life stories with me.

My research has involved traveling in Australia and overseas, but regardless of where I am, I am always proud to be an Australian. Thank You.

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To the Editor,  
Everybody is entitled to a bit of fun on New Year's Eve, and most of us will tolerate the customary high jinks and associated lack of sleep. But the nuisance value of illegal fireworks is nothing compared to the risks they pose to people, property and pets.

Pretty close to the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, all hell broke loose at the south end of Woods Street - a series of explosions that sounded like a small cannon being fired at point blank range.

It's no secret that fireworks displays, especially when conducted by unlicensed amateurs, can result in nasty, even fatal, injuries. In this instance there was also the risk of fire from the barrage of sparks falling on nearby houses and gardens, and the hazard of someone being hit by the fallout. I don't know what was in those 'bombs', but at my place it sounded like it was hailing nails.

The other risk is to domestic pets. Mine, although safe in the house, all went crazy.

## Bright Sparks Cause Havoc On New Year's Eve

by Ysabelle Dean

As I went outside to check that no fires had started in the eaves or on the dry overdue-for-a-mow lawn, yet another missile was launched. I saw where it came from - the Beaconsfield Railway car park, barely fifty metres away.

I left my panic-stricken pets locked inside and went out into the street - just in time to see a large brown dog blundering down the road. I tried to intercept him, but he was too traumatised to see me, let alone respond to my calls.

The station car park was empty apart from a Council Bylaws vehicle, although smoke and the stench of gunpowder still lingered (and it's worth noting here that fireworks pollute air and water with toxic gases and heavy metals). One of the Rangers was having a word with some lads on the opposite side of the road. The other was sitting in the

car. He, too, had spotted the terrified brown dog, but the car was already packed with canine refugees.

None of the people gathered in the street claimed to have seen who had caused all this pandemonium. I returned to my home, stopping en route to talk to a nice young couple parked on the side of the road. Their dog, they said, had jumped out of their car when the fireworks began. They had retrieved him - along with another frightened four-legged escapologist.

I have nothing against New Year's celebrations. But the bright spark/s (not nearly as bright as their fireworks, apparently) who chose to have their illicit fun in a suburban station car park were in clear breach of the law. As far as I know, their actions fortunately did not injure people or start any fires. But they did cause misery to countless

numbers of local pets - even those who remained safe in their homes may have been highly stressed - not to mention anxiety and perhaps even heartbreak for people whose animals went missing that night.

We pet owners need to take some responsibility here, too. Ideally, all our pets should be inside on NYE (and during thunderstorms), preferably under human supervision. Animal experts recommend that we calmly comfort them without making a fuss; making too big a deal of it will only reinforce anxiety. Punishing or reprimanding animals for responding to their survival instincts is illogical and counter-productive, and is likely to exacerbate stress-related behaviours such as whining, damaging furniture and urinating.



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## THE BEACONSFIELD QUILTERS GUILD

*by J. Worsley*

Our group finished the year on a high note.

Firstly, with our end of year lunch held at Sages restaurant at Parkhill. We all had a wonderful time. We would like to thank the staff at Sages for looking after us - no doubt we will be back.

Next, we attended a workshop - "Machine Quilting for L Plates" with Pauline Rodgers of Quilters World. Everyone brought along their domestic sewing machines and were very keen to learn how to machine quilt.

Often quilts need to be sent to professional quilters, which can be very costly. We were all deep in concentration as Pauline demonstrated, then it was - "Ladies start your engines"! Many of us found it rather challenging but as the day progressed we were delighted to see more & more improvement. No doubt everyone will

be practicing over the Christmas break ready for when Pauline returns to show us the next step - "P Plates" - we can't wait.

Lastly, we held our final guild meeting for the year - after the business of the guild was discussed, we were able to enjoy the sandwiches cakes & such, which members brought along, plus prizes & raffles. We all had a fabulous day.

We are looking forward to another year getting together makings some quilts, sharing ideas & lovely fabrics & patchwork patterns and of course great friendships.

Our raffle quilt will be on display soon to raise money for our centre - we hope many of you come along and buy tickets.

Our Guild meets on the 2nd Friday of the month 10.00am - 3.00pm during school term.

### Bright Sparks Cause Havoc On New Year's Eve *(Continued)*

If your pets are outside when the fun starts on New Year's Eve, never underestimate their intelligence and determination when it comes to (as they perceive it) saving their own skins, regardless of their age, fitness level or normally calm temperaments. I've seen a fat Labrador leap a two-metre-high railing in one bound. And panicked cats may run onto roads or into drains

- neither scenario is likely to have a happy ending.

I fervently hope that the brown dog last seen fleeing down Beaconsfield Parade towards Princes Highway managed to find his way home on the morning after the night his world turned upside down. I did (briefly) get close enough to that dog to see the look on his face, and I'll never forget it. Sheer, blind terror.



## mainly music BEACONSFIELD

by Kim Williams



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by Graeme Taylor, FCA

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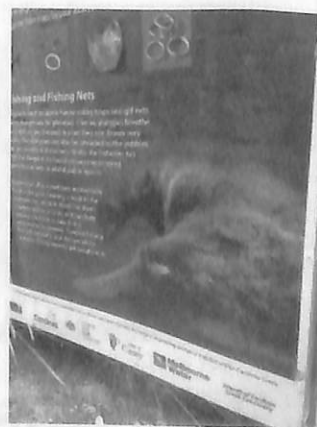


The sign, pictured above, is one of two poster boards that was installed by Cardinia Creek Landcare using federal and state funding. The signs have a dual purpose including to raise awareness that the platypus are found in the Cardinia Creek. The water quality and surrounding environment are of a high quality which has been conducive to successful breeding for the species.

The other driving force for the installation of the sign was that the local community have been traumatised to find dead Platypus in Cardinia creek as a result of rubbish which has been discarded around the neighbourhood and then washes into the stream. As the sign correctly states, certain types of rubbish can be particularly deadly to the Platypus. The 'opera house' type yabby nets are also lethal to Platypus which get caught and drown in these traps. Due to the nets ability to kill unintended by-catch such as turtles, native water rats and Platypus they have been made illegal to use in inland public waterways in Victoria. Dead Platypus have been found in these nets within Cardinia Creek.

The Platypus is a unique animal that is part of our natural heritage. If the public want to view a Platypus they can be most easily seen along calm sections of the creek in the morning or late evening. They normally remain underwater for less than a minute, so with a little patience they can be relatively easily found. Several websites including the 'Australian Platypus Conservancy' and 'My Platypus' offer detailed information about this unique and ancient animal. These sites also have Facebook pages.

Glenn Brooks-MacMillan from Cardinia Creek Landcare (mobile - 0428 427 004) can be contacted if you would like more information from the community.





## Build A New Station For The Beaconsfield CFA

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

As the Member for Gembrook and Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, I will lobby the Andrews Government to deliver a much-needed new CFA station for Beaconsfield.

I encourage the Andrews Government to continue the work of the Coalition and help secure a new station for Beaconsfield.

Prior to the last election, the Coalition promised \$2.2 million for a new CFA station in Beaconsfield.

Now the Andrews Government needs to take up this important local project and ensure the local community is better protected from the threat of fires and other emergencies.

A petition has been created to urge the Andrews Government to build a new station for the Beaconsfield CFA, and I call on the community to show their support for the brigade by signing the petition that is available at my office. The Beaconsfield CFA station was built in 1944, and has constantly operated with limited space, requiring firefighters to obtain agreements with neighbouring properties to gain additional space.

With the growth that has occurred in the area, the brigade is desperate for a new home.

Beaconsfield CFA covers a known extreme bushfire risk area, so it's vital that

local brigade members have a station that provides them access to the latest specialist equipment.

But it's just as important that a new station is built to boost the personal safety of the local firefighters who protect local property and lives.

The Coalition had worked with the brigade in efforts to secure land for the site of a new station and with the support of local volunteers a new site was located.

We also significantly bolstered frontline emergency services for our local area over the past four years. This included new fire trucks for Cockatoo, Yellingbo, Hoddle's Creek, Belgrave,

Officer, Warburton and Upper Beaconsfield, and station upgrades at Berwick, Hillcrest, Pakenham, Pakenham Upper and Yellingbo.

A new CFA station at Beaconsfield would be an important local service in the growing area and necessary to ensure the protection of the local community.

As Beaconsfield continues to grow, we need to ensure local residents have access to a range of vital services to allow this community to continue to thrive.

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by A. Taylor

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# Beaconsfield Scout Report

by Leanne Fraser

## SCOUTING 2015 - PUT YOURSELF IN OUR PICTURE



Welcome back to Scouting for 2015 – we look forward to another busy year for our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders.

During the holidays, some of the Scouts and Leaders attended a state camp called BAYJAM with hundreds of other Scouts for a week long camp at Mt Martha. Adventure highlights including a city wide game, water activities on the bay including sailing, cooking, camping outdoors, making friends and having lots of laughs.

Leaders continued to meet during the holidays to plan and program for 2015 to ensure that all youth have the opportunity to complete badge work, attend and participate in local and state wide activities, and work towards achieving their personal best. Having seen the programs planned, I know our youth members are going to have a great year.

Our oldest youth section, Rovers, attended a camp called Surf Moot over the Australia Day weekend – time spent making new friends, listening to great bands, sleeping in, remembering to put on sunscreen, hanging out at the beach, eating fish and chips and fighting off the seagulls.

During first term, apart from our younger sections all starting school again, our Scout Group will be attending BIG DAY SCOUT – a state wide activity in the city, working as teams to find clues finishing with a paddle across the Yarra River for the Joeys and Cubs. We will watch the new Chief

Scout, Shane Jacobson, be invested, as well as participate in adventurous activities such as rock climbing and abseiling.

Joeys, our 6 & 7 year olds, are celebrating 25 years of Joeys in Victoria this year. This term they will complete their Buddy Challenge badge with the Joeys from 1st Casey Scout Group. Two more Joey Leaders are needed to allow our Mob to expand. We will work with Monash University to secure student teachers to take on these roles – allowing these students to gain practical and relevant experience as part of their teaching degree.

Cubs, our 8 to 10 year olds, will attend a Pack Holiday camp at Mt Martha, a Leadership camp for our older Cubs and a 10 year old camp. Several of our Cubs will be working towards their Grey Wolf Award and linking to Scouts as their next progression through Scouting.

Scouts, our 11 to 14 year olds, apart from attending BAYJAM, have a beach camp, preparation for Stradbroke Camp – a four day competitive camp over Easter, and a visit from an Indigenous Elder. Four of the older Scouts are working on completing their Australian Scout Medallion and linking to Venturers. The Scouts work towards attending the Australian Jamboree in Sydney at the end of the year.

Venturers, our 14 to 17 year olds, have a planned beach camp, water fight night, a visit to Bounce, as well as preparation and planning for Hoadley Hide – a hiking competition over Easter.



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# SCOUTING 2015

They continue to work on the completion of their Den - having secured donations of goods and trade expertise to help out. The Venturers work towards attending the New Zealand Venture in Auckland at the end of the year. It is fantastic that Scouts Victoria works in partnership with four universities in Victoria to provide opportunities for Venturers who have completed their Queen's Scout Award, a reduction in the ATAR requirement in order to secure a place in their preferred course.

Rovers, our 18 to 25 year olds, continue to provide service for the community - participating in the Cardinia Relay for Life, helping out at the Pakenham Blue Light Disco, providing leadership support to our Joey and Cub sections, and having lots of fun making new friends, and having new adventures.

Beaconsfield Scout Group, offers the following sections for all children in our extended community of Beaconsfield & Officer where our hall is located in Starling Road, Officer.

## Joeys

**Tuesday**

**5.00 pm - 6.00 pm**

## Cubs

**Wednesday**

**6.30 pm - 8.00 pm**

## Scouts

**Thursday**

**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm**

## Venturers

**Mondays**

**7.30 pm - 9.30 pm**

## Rovers

**Friday**

**8.00 pm - 10.30 pm**

If you would like to be involved in Scouting in your local community, contact InDuna (this is my Scout name) via phone 0402 086 929 or email: [beaconsfielddscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:beaconsfielddscoutgroup@gmail.com).



As the new school year starts for 2015 I feel the need for student support may be greater than in the past as a Government subsidy to some families is to be cut.

I'm calling to any women in our area who need variety in their lives and like to be useful. Join us & start by coming along to our monthly dinner meetings on 3rd Monday of the month at Central Hotel, Beaconsfield at 7pm.

We're the Berwick Evening VIEW (Vision, Interest, Education for Women) Club who, under the umbrella of the Smith Family, help sponsor

educational needs of some local children. These students may otherwise not have all that they need to reach their full potential at school. While doing this we have fun together, and in turn learn as well. You'd be most welcome. Bookings can be made by phoning Kaye on 97697762.

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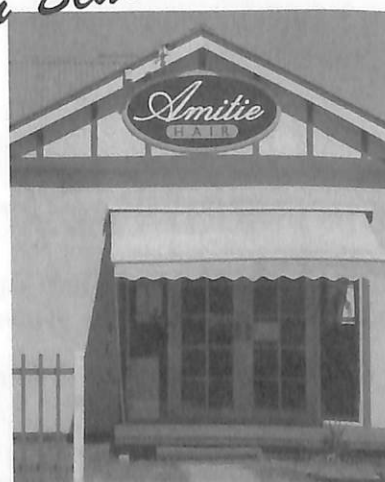
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## An Environmental Focus for La Trobe

by Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe

Welcome back to 2015 – I hope everyone had a great break over the holiday period and got to spend some time with their friends and family. While some are making a slow return to work and others have been hard at it for a while already, there has been some great news developing in La Trobe – particularly on the environmental front.

Up to \$5 million has been approved for 291 projects across Australia from the 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants 2014-2015, of which \$2.5 million is directed towards projects with an environmental focus and \$2.5 million to projects with an agricultural focus. Locally what this

translates to is the Cardinia Creek Neighbourhood Restoration Project being funded through Cardinia Catchment Landcare Inc. with \$20,000.00. This project will individually assist 20 landowners along Cardinia Creek to restore and rehabilitate their natural environment. Individual property management plans will be developed by Cardinia Catchment Landcare Inc. to guide weed removal and follow-up revegetation works.

We also have the great news of the 20 Million Trees Programme. Round one of the 20 Million Trees Programme small grants component were open towards the end of



2014, under which grants of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 were made available to individuals or organisations and community groups such as schools, landholders and conservation groups to establish native tree plantings in environments across Australia. These projects can occur on both public and private land where there will be a community and environmental benefit. Locally from round one, we have had the Habitat Restoration for Helmeted Honeyeater & Leadbeaters Possum Project approved, which has resulted in \$99,057 of funding to plant 30,387 trees over three years which has the dual effect of benefitting our local environment, and conserving our local fauna.

If you or a community organisation you know of would like to get involved in local environmental conservation and preservation efforts there is still an opportunity to do so besides further rounds of both the 25th Anniversary Landcare Grants and the 20 Million Trees Programme. The soonest opportunity is the Dandenong Ranges

Environmental and Bushfire Reduction Community Grants Programme which was an election commitment of mine. I'm proud to say that applications will be opening soon. The aim of these grants is to improve the environmental health and reduce bushfire risk in our local region, and the program is specifically seeking to support projects that can show that these two aims are complementary. This means that applications should demonstrate the improving of native vegetation and habitat for native species (through weed management) while reducing (or at least not increasing) bushfire risk. Please contact my office to learn more about the application process – I strongly encourage everyone to get involved if they can.





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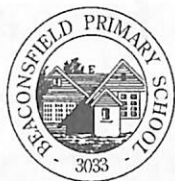
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# BPS Corner



by Gary Methven, Principal

## First Day Of School!



Above: Madelyn, Sarah, Georgia, Tamara Alexandra and Aanika have established a "Girls Club" in the cubby house.



Pictured: Emily D. our Education Support person, plays in the sandpit with her new Prep friends.

Our Preps got through their first day with big smiles and bursting with joy and it was our biggest "first day" ever! Enrolments at Beaconsfield Primary School are at an all-time high with some 120 new preps starting.

We have six grades of "Foundation" (the new

name for Prep level children) so they are in small grades with plenty of Education Support people to look after them. We have seven new staff this year who have un It was great to see so many mums, dads and grandparents drop in to share this special day.



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There were a few tears (new prep mums, not the children!) and the opportunity for our parents to catch up and go to town for coffee. Of course teachers and children had a wonderful time too; sharing their holiday stories and catching up with their friends!

We have around 620 children this year and will employ the intervention and teaching strategies we used with such success in 2014, where we tested and carefully grouped children according to what they needed to learn next from the curriculum and placed them in smaller groups to receive targeted teaching. That means the children will be taught at the level for which they are ready which increases their confidence and accelerates their learning.

It is great to see our preps so excited about their new school environment and to watch them grow, learn and develop more confidence each and every day; it is a tribute to the kinders and preschools of Cardinia Shire that our newest students are so ready and keen to learn.

## School Captains

Congratulations to our new student leadership team, who have assumed their new roles with enthusiasm, confidence and grace!

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Girls School Captain – Olivia I.  
Boys School Captain – Jack V.  
Boys Vice School Captain – Diesel M.

Front:  
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Girls Sports Captain  
- Tara O.  
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# The Ramsden Family

*Written, Researched and Compiled  
by Penny Harris Jennings.*

The Ramsden family are synonymous with the introduction of paper manufacturing in Melbourne. Samuel Ramsden was very much a self-made man.

He was born in Yorkshire, England and moved to Manchester to learn the trade of stonemason. In 1843 with his wife Eliza, Samuel arrived in Melbourne, Australia. His first employment was to kerb footpaths, he later travelled to Portland for work. Samuel went into partnership with his friends, Charles and Henty Brown, as builders. Their first contract was St Peters Church. They worked in partnership for over 10 years.

Samuel next took up a partnership with David Aitken, they built flour mills in Carlton and Castlemaine. Eventually the partnership split and Samuel retained the Carlton Flour Mill. He had now profited well, both from his building business and the flour mill. Thomas Kenny had the intention of building a paper mill in Melbourne, unfortunately he died before his business could commence. This Samuel knew was an opportunity too great to miss. He was able to secure a 7 year lease from the government to build his paper manufacturing business on 2 acres on the south side of the Yarra near Princes Bridge opposite the Flinders Street Railway Station. This position on the Yarra River was to

take advantage of the water supply for power. He purchased the equipment meant for Thomas Kenny and employed the experienced men who had travelled to Melbourne for paper manufacturing.

In 1875 Samuel's mill products were exhibited, "Mr Ramsden's papers are all of excellent quality, and he is awarded first prize. The paper shown by him as made from native grass or sedge is of special interest. The quality is good, and the supply of raw material for the manufacture is said to be "inexhaustible". Samuel had not only purchased land in and around Melbourne but also in the Western district.

Samuel and his first wife Eliza had several children, their eldest was George. After the death of Samuel in 1877, it was George who inherited both the Carlton Flour Mill and the Melbourne Paper Mill. George and his wife Elizabeth had a growing family, sons Samuel Henry, George Jnr, Edward Maxwell and daughter Eliza Mary. It was in 1877 that George purchased Lots 55A and 55B, Beaconsfield from Andrew Keating. His father Samuel had built and recently died at "Verona", 7 Fitzroy Terrace, Cnr. Gipps Street and Clarendon Street, East Melbourne.

The home Samuel had built in 1864 was a magnificent mansion with a tower constructed of brick and stone with 20 rooms. With the grandeur of his father's

home in mind, George commissioned an architect and built his own country house, Home / Holm Park.

The structure is made from locally produced bricks and slate, it is a 'large stuccoed hipped roof Italianate style house with a central parapeted tower and return cast iron verandah'. The house is situated on the hill to take advantage of the amazing view.

By 1878 George was now advertising his imported Clydesdale stallion 'Admiral', this fine horse had an excellent pedigree and had won many prizes in Glasgow, Scotland. Further enquiries regarding the horse were directed to George Ramsden, Carlton Flour Mills, Carlton or Andrew Keating at the farm, Home Park, Beaconsfield. This beautiful idyllic country house and lifestyle for the Ramsdens as a family came to an end the following year. After the summer of 1878/79 only daughter Eliza Mary contracted Typhoid fever and died at Home Park on the 7th of April.

For George the grief would have been devastating, his mother Eliza had died when he was 15 years old, the following year his sister, Eliza aged 10 had died of croup and now his only daughter, Eliza had died. It would seem after then the family rarely came to Beaconsfield. In 1882 he sold the Melbourne Paper Mill to William Brookes and Archibald Curry. George continued to operate Home Park property as a horse stud with William Brunt as stud manager. 'Admiral' had won first prize at the Mornington Farmers Society Show, the mares were offered 'Good grass paddocks with large frontage to Cardinia Creek'.

On the 10th October 1883 'Home Park' was offered for sale, Messrs W R Looker and Sons were the agents handling the property, they described 'Home Park as is one of the most complete country residences we know of, and commands most beautiful scenery.' The Armytage and Ramsden families had been friends and had business dealings in the Western district of Victoria. After the death of Charles Armytage his wife Caroline Armytage purchased Home Park in 1883.



Pictured: Holm Park



The Rates assessment of 1885 continued to call the property 'Home Park'.

George and Elizabeth now resided in Kew and had several more children and in 1882 they welcomed a baby girl Dora Isabel.

Numerous myths have been published regarding the Ramsden family. In 1980 when Holm Park was classified by the National Trust, the grandchildren of George Ramsden attended and requested that incorrect information regarding the family should be quashed. The house was built not as a gentleman's residence but as a family country home for the children to enjoy all that country living provides, fishing shooting and horse activities. There was never a death of a son on the property, only daughter Eliza Mary. George Ramsden was a businessman, owning many properties and businesses but not a financier. While he took interest in shipping and his father Samuel had the barque "Eliza Mary" which sank in 1875 on its third voyage in Port Phillip

Bay, George himself was not a ship's Captain. Mt Eliza was named in 1836, Samuel Ramsden arrived in Melbourne in 1844 therefore Mt Eliza was not named in honour of his two wives called Eliza or his daughter. The only connection found is that Robert Grice owner of Ayre Court, Berwick built a house designed by Frances Gillett in 1863. The tower of the house 'Manyung' at Mt Eliza looks very similar to 'Verona' in East Melbourne and Home Park, Beaconsfield.

It would seem unlikely as reported that George would have offered Home Park to the Governor of Victoria as a country seat without payment. Lord and Lady Loch in 1884 were the first to spend time at 'Government Cottage', Mt Macedon, so the timing makes for a possible choice between the two properties as a country residence. It was during this time that George was liquidating properties to build his amazing home 'Byram' in Studley Park, Kew. In 1896 George died, leaving an extensive collection



We acknowledge the photos above of the grave and headstone were taken by Linda Amezdroz

of property and chattels.

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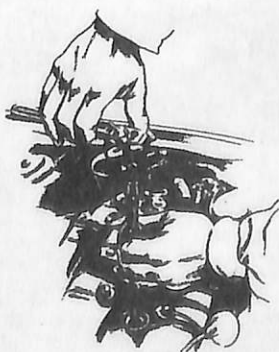
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Recently the Berwick Village Combined Probus Club walked the route with

some of the Beaconsfield team working on this project. Pictured below.

The walk started at Perc. Allison Reserve and included Beaconsfield Park, The Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour plaques, Bob Burgess Reserve, Beaconsfield War Memorial and a number of historical buildings in Woods Street, The Railway Station and Railway House with Bunya Bunya Pine, Jim Parkes Reserve, Beaconsfield Primary School and Beaconsfield Hotel.



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Thank you to José Meyer for the great display in the Beaconsfield Community Complex.

The display has now moved to the Berwick Mechanics Institute Library in High Street, Berwick and will be there till early March. The library has also included a display of books relevant to World War I. Then the poppy display will be at the National Trust Shop, Pioneer Park, Peel Street, Berwick till the end of March and Anzac centenary memorabilia is available from the National Trust Shop.

If you would still like to make poppies and also make a dedication to a serviceman in any conflict, forms and patterns are available from the Berwick Library, the National Trust Shop, Beaconsfield Community Complex and Make and Mingle, Beaconsfield Baptist Church.





# Tales From The Potting Bench...

## Australian Native Garden Mishaps And Marvels

by Cindy Tomamichel

### Ways To Make Your Garden More Relaxing

Is it time to make your garden work for you? Has the round of weeding, planting, pruning trapped you in a never ending spiral of garden tasks?

A garden should be what you want it to be, a place to relax, somewhere to watch wildlife or insects, enjoy flowers, a place to entertain or showcase rare or difficult plants, or propagate new ones. Whatever your preferences, sometimes we all need to step back and think about what we would like the garden to do.

Firstly have a look at the garden. What pleases you, what works, and what doesn't? Perhaps make a list, and compare it to what you would like to be doing in your garden.

#### 1. Entertaining

Do you have a BBQ area with seating and shade? Is it convenient to the house? Is it inviting? There are lots of ideas in magazines on

how to jazz up an outdoor eating area. Maybe combine it with an area of pots for your delicate plants or the ones that flower best.

#### 2. Special Interests

Do you propagate or grow from seeds or grow bonsai? Having a bench or shed space that has all your tools and pots to hand would make the job much easier. Setting aside a small area that you see every day so you can easily check on cuttings is also worth considering.

#### 3. Wildlife Watching

Like to watch birds or insects? Set up a bird feeder outside a window, provide water and some large shrubs or trees for them to escape cats, and you can watch birds from the comfort of inside all year round. A long flowering grevillea against a window will also provide nectar for insects, and attract butterflies. A small wild undisturbed patch is

ideal for insects such as native bees, hoverflies and praying mantis, with plenty of mulch, shrubs, grasses and a few weeds.

#### 4. Like To Read, Snooze, Listen To The Cricket?

Set up a small corner with a chair, footrest and table for a retreat to read or snooze a few hours away.

#### 5. Light The Way

Put in a few lights such as solar lights along pathways or near bins or woodpiles for convenience. A solar light near a pond looks good, and will attract insects for any frogs.

#### 6. Make It Sustainable

There are many ways to reduce our impact on the environment. Some include making a compost heap, a storm water reuse pond, and not using chemicals. A worm farm is also a fine addition to a backyard. Read up on permaculture for an in depth discussion on the relationship between a house and garden.

#### 7. Grow Some Edibles

Plant a few fruit trees, a small vegetable patch or a tub of strawberries or lettuce. Ponder what you enjoy eating, and plant that. Try a few herbs in pots. Cover a fence with a passionfruit vine, or a patch of raspberries. The front garden can also be used for edibles. Some native fruit trees include the macadamia, lilly pilly and the finger lime.

#### 8. Make It Easy

Have a look at what does grow well in the garden. Does it behave itself and not take over the place, not need too much watering or looking after? If you like it, plant some more. Many garden designers recommend the planting of only a few types of plants for dramatic effect.

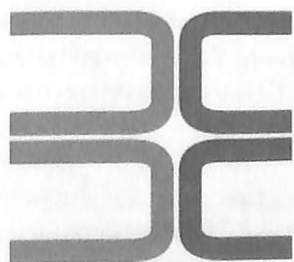
#### 9. Reduce The Work Load

Have a think about where you spend time, and not the good time. To reduce time spent weeding try a few dense ground covers and thick mulch, or thicker shrub planting. Endless pruning? Assess the trees and perhaps replace them with something easier to manage. Do you plant annuals for colour? Try a few that self-seed such as daisies or bulbinella.

#### 10. Engage The Senses

Does your garden sooth your senses? Do you like the sound of wind rushing through grasses, or the tinkle of a wind chime, or a gently splashing fountain in a pond? If you come home late, try a patch of silver leafed plants near the door, with a lit statue or a night scented plant. Or a patch of your favourite cut flowers so you can bring the garden inside.

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### 11. Recreate A Holiday

Where do you go on holiday? Perhaps plan an area and put in a few more densely leafed plants for a tropical effect, some coloured pots or a souvenir. Maybe in your reading spot or BBQ area. Another idea is a miniature garden in a wide pot with a theme, such as succulents for a desert theme, or conifers for an alpine look.

### 12. Colour

Hot colours such as reds and oranges uplift but are also stimulating. If you want a calmer effect, try some blues, violets or pinks and creams. For interest all year round, look for foliage plants with different leaves, variegated or with reddish new growth, or trees with interesting bark.

Your garden should work for you, and we all need

to consider how much we can manage in terms of energy, time and physical strength. A well thought out garden brings pleasure to everyone.

This column and others are also on the Wilson Park website. Some of the latest topics have included Natives as Christmas presents and bird attracting gardens. Pop along and subscribe and you will get each new Tales from the Potting Bench emailed to you. If you have any questions, queries or something you would like to see in a column, feel free to email me.

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# RABBIT CARE

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

Rabbits can make great pets and are becoming more popular. They are relatively low maintenance and bond happily with people to become part of the family!

Choosing a rabbit  
Baby rabbits can be brought home from 6 weeks of age. Make sure that your new rabbit has been well handled and is used to human contact. It is very hard to tell the sex of a rabbit under six weeks of age, so it is a good idea to come in to see the vet for a check if your new rabbit is very young.

## Housing

Rabbits can be indoor or outdoor pets. If they are housed outside, the hutch should be warm and sheltered, waterproof, well ventilated and away from potential predators. Ideally the hutch should be made of an easy to clean material, and should be chew-proof. Timber is not a great material to use. The hutch needs to be tall enough that the rabbit can stand completely upright on the hind legs, and three

hops wide. The flooring of the hutch is very important. As rabbits do not have pads on their paws like dogs and cats, inappropriate flooring can damage their paws. Wire meshing on the floor is not good for rabbits. A suitable cover for wire mesh is a thick layer of straw over the top that is changed regularly.

## Exercise

Your rabbit should not spend all of its life inside the hutch. This is not physically or mentally healthy. Rabbits need daily physical and mental stimulation. It is fine to bring the rabbit indoors to play, but if unsupervised they can chew on electric wires, eat poisonous household plants or damage furniture and carpets. Another option is to create a safe, predator-proof outdoor run area that is fully enclosed so that the rabbit cannot escape. It

should contain places for the rabbit to hide e.g. pipes and upturned boxes. It is also good for rabbits to receive a little sunlight daily.

## Toilet Training

Rabbits will naturally use one area for toileting so it is very easy to toilet train them. Indoor rabbits will happily use a cat litter tray that is filled with straw or shredded paper. Undesexed rabbits, particularly males are more likely to be difficult to train, as they use urine and faeces as a way of marking their territory. Rabbits do eat their own faeces, so if you notice this do not be alarmed! This is a normal part of bunny behaviour and necessary for the rabbit to gain maximum nutrition.

## Feeding

One of the biggest causes of problems in pet rabbits is

feeding a bad diet. Rabbits need a large amount of fibre to keep their digestive system working properly, and in the wild their staple diet is grass. So the majority of your pet rabbit's diet should preferably be fresh grass or grass hay. Most commercial foods are not complete, and are not well balanced for ensuring health and longevity. Your rabbit should also be fed 2 packed cups per kilogram of bodyweight per day of green leafy vegetables. Some examples include broccoli, cabbages, celery, carrot tops, brussel sprouts, spinach leaves and asian greens. Herbs such as parsley, dandelion, coriander, basil, dill and mint can also be included. Rabbits can have a maximum of 1 tablespoon per day of treat type foods. Treat foods include most fruits, root vegetables and capsicum. Commercial rabbit treats tend to be loaded with sugar and are not recommended. Foods that are not good for rabbits include cereals, grains, nuts, seeds, corn, beans, peas, breads, biscuits, sweets and sugar. Any sudden changes in diet can cause diarrhoea, so introduce new foods gradually. Mineral blocks and salt licks are not necessary if fed an appropriate diet. Water is best supplied in a drinking bottle that attaches to the cage. Bowls are not as good because the water is easily spilt.

## Common Health Problems

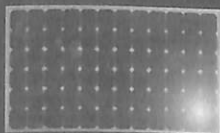
**Heat stress:** Rabbits are particularly vulnerable to heat stress as they cannot sweat or pant to cool themselves down. Therefore on any day that is over 25 degrees, you should ensure that your rabbit is in a cool, shady place, and keep an eye on it for any signs of discomfort.



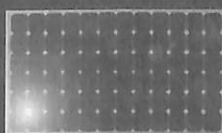
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**Dental problems:** As rabbits teeth grow fast and continuously throughout their life it is important to make sure that the front incisor teeth do not grown too long. Overgrown teeth result in problems eating, and eventually starvation. Teeth can be easily trimmed at the vet clinic.

**Myxomatosis:** This is a fatal disease that is widespread in the wild rabbit population. It is spread by insects – particularly mosquitos. Unfortunately there is no vaccine available in Australia, so the best way to protect your rabbit from this virus is to cover their cage with fly screen.

**Calici Virus:** This is another quite common and untreatable disease. Fortunately it is possible to protect your rabbit from calici virus by vaccination. Baby rabbits under 12 weeks of age will need an

initial course of 2 injections. Adult rabbits need an annual booster.

### Desexing

It is a good idea to get pet rabbits desexed. Although in the past this may not have been encouraged due to potential problems with anaesthetics, modern drugs have now become available that make the procedure much safer. Benefits of desexing can include: Prevents unwanted pregnancies, less territorial behaviour and aggressive problems and less risk of cancer in females later in life. We recommend desexing at 5 to 6 months of age. However, rabbits can start to become sexually mature from 3 months of age, so males and females should be separated from this time as a caution.

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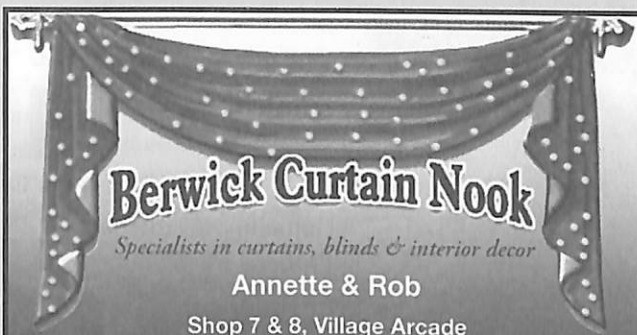
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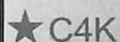
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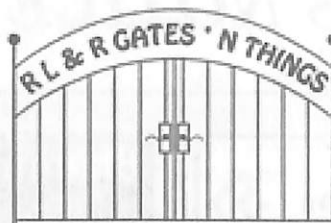


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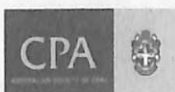
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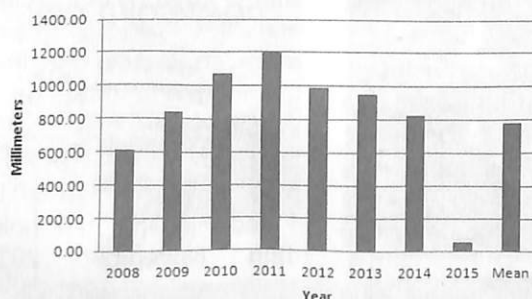


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## TALKING WEATHER

*by Nathan Boon*

In 2014 we recorded a slightly above average rainfall for the year. We ended up with 829mm for the year. This was however 75mm less than 2013. December saw 78mm of rain fall in the town. It fell over 11 days which is above average. The highest daily total was 21mm which fell on the 6th. This 78mm took the yearly total to 829mm which was the lowest yearly total Beaconsfield has recorded since 2008 when there was only 609mm.

for the month of January for both the totals and the number of days of rain.

Melbourne water storage has been on a slow downward trend and is currently at 75.1%. Unfortunately this will continue to drop over the coming months until we start to receive higher rainfall from April onwards.

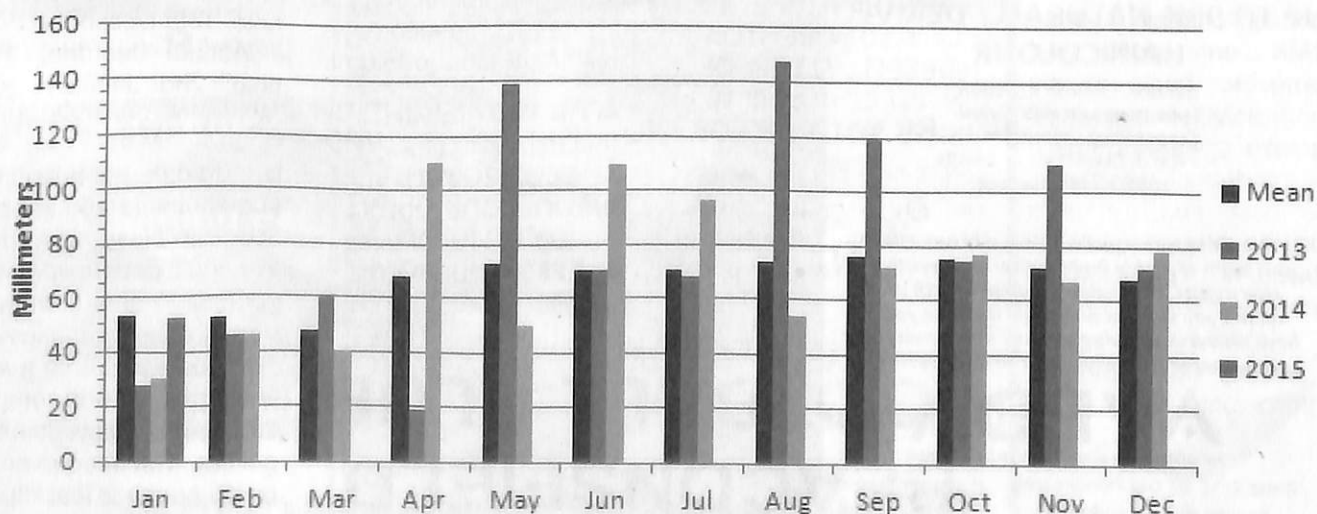
While we have not seen the hot weather we are used to, I am sure that it will come over the coming months.

The start of the year has seen little rain. We have only had 52mm for the year so far. The highest daily total was recorded on the 13th when 23mm fell in Beaconsfield. There were 6 days where rain fell. While this may not seem much it was average



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## CARDINIA BEACONHILLS GOLF LINKS Whats Been Happening? *by Fiza Errington*

The last few months of the year have always been busy months for the golf club and last year was the same. At the time of this article publication, the clubhouse has undergone major renovation with a new and fresh décor update in the main clubhouse area (functions and bar). We have carefully utilized capital improvement expenditure from Cardinia Council with changes to the clubhouse's ceilings, carpets, new paint on walls, new heating/cooling mechanism, new LED lighting and other minor works to freshen up the look of the main clubhouse area. I urge all local residents to come up to the clubhouse for a cold drink and snacks and enjoy the new bar/lounge seating.

Speaking of, the club will be holding Sunday Sessions starting from 14 February and it is open for everyone. There will be special deals on beers, ciders and

live music in the outdoor verandah area for everyone to enjoy. While you're there, take advantage of our 27 holes layout and come up for a game of 9 holes golf or 9 holes footgolf before/after the Sunday session.

Our new game of Footgolf is receiving well and if you are a fan of soccer, please do not hesitate to give this new sport a go, playing soccer on the golf course.

We welcome new Board Directors Ann Felgate and David Moseley, newly appointed directors from our AGM in November 2014. We also welcome new club captain, Les Richards and new women's captain Ros Harding and new women's president Heather Hamilton.

Thank you to those who supported our annual Grog Barrow Raffle. The winner in 2014 was Doug Taylor, taking home a barrow full of grog!



*Pictured: Midweek Cup Winner – winning CBGL team*

### LIST OF WINNERS

Cardinia Beacons Hills Golf Links team 2 was the winner of the PDGA Midweek Cup (district event) and as both finalists were teams from our club, we had no losers on the day and both teams had a great match.

Ivan Furyk was rewarded for his consistent play during Monthly Medals in 2014, taking home the coveted



2014 Captain's Trophy.

The 2014 Foursomes Champions are

- \* Ryan Hocking and Adrian Wheat (Gross men)
- \* George Kikas and Ivan Dames (Nett men)
- \* Jann Wilson and Bronwyn Hampson (Women) (Pictured left)
- \* Andy Conn and Laura Griffin (Mixed)

As usual, in our summer months, hole in ones are a high probability (it seems anyway) at the club and the following have achieved this great feat (some more than once in the same golf hole!):

- \* Brian Meneilly, 6th hole, 15 November 2014
- \* Ted Fleming, 6th hole, 18th November 2014
- \* Warren Sutton, 15th hole, 30th November 2014
- \* Trevor Baiocco, 15th hole, 18th December 2014
- \* Adrian Dearden, 13th hole, 2nd January 2015

Brian Meneilly and Bronwyn Meneilly won our popular He Hits It She Hits It held in November 2014. We encourage new golfers wanting to give this game a try to play in this event. We partner you up with a club golfer and this fun format is a hit with many golfers. The next event is on 15 March 2015. Please call our pro shop to book.

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## Beaconsfield Netball Club

by Heather Studham

On behalf of the Beaconsfield Netball Club we would like to wish all readers a very happy and prosperous New Year for 2015.

Coaching Staff for season 2015 are as follows :-

A Grade - Amy Heath  
B Grade - Hayley McLean  
C Grade - Mel White  
D Grade - Steve Tippet  
17's White - John Ioane  
17's Red - Bec Allen  
15's White - Katrina Foster  
15's Red - Danni Adrien  
13's White - Caitlyn Budge  
13's Red - Mel Petelink

We wish each and every one of you the very best for the Season ahead which promises to be a very exciting one in the newly formed South East Football Netball League.

**TRAINING** - non compulsory training is currently underway for those who want to gain extra fitness and formal training for Seniors & 17's starts Thursday February

5<sup>th</sup> and 15's & 13's Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The senior group welcome juniors who have moved up through the ranks from last year and we are looking forward to the youngsters taking us into the future in the absence of some of the stalwarts who have done the club so proud in past years. We also welcome back some past players, with a special mention to Sarah Hogan who has been nursing in Saudi Arabia for the past 4 years.

Louise, Jill, Gwenny and Deb will once again make up our wonderful and much valued canteen staff who, along with the Beacy BBQ Boys, keep us all 'fed' and 'watered' on game days. Great people, great company, great food.

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** in the form of packages/player sponsorship/donations are currently available for the forthcoming season.

Contact [beaconsfieldnetballclub@live.com.au](mailto:beaconsfieldnetballclub@live.com.au) for further information on how you can help out your local club and gain invaluable advertising within your own community.

The Netball Club, along with Beaconsfield Super Rules will once again participate in the Relay for Life to be held at Akoonah Park on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Fundraising has already begun with a Garden Party organised for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February (\$20 entry) and a Movie Night Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February (\$25) - private screening, includes choc top or popcorn and drink. Every cent raised goes directly to Relay for Life.

If you would like to attend the events please contact - Heather 0419-707-623 or Anne-Marie 0405-352-525. If you wish to join the Team or Donate please go directly to Relay for Life Web Site and follow prompts for Casey 2015.

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# BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

Christmas has come and gone, the holidays are over and it's back to business as usual. All 9 Casey Cardinia Football & Netball clubs are now part of the newly formed South East Football Netball League (SEFNL) bringing to an end our association with the MPNFL. Everyone is really excited to see what this year brings and having our governing league concentrating all their efforts on the South East region means great things for us and our neighbouring clubs.

Our new committee has been working hard with planning and setting up for the 2015 season. At this stage we are in negotiations and hope to play in practice matches on the weekends of 14th, 21st & 28th March. Once finalized, all details will be on our Website, Facebook and Team App so keep an eye out. Round 1 kicks off

on 11th April with a home game against Berwick with the "Battle of the Creek" trophy going to the winner.

## COME JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF OUR 2014 SENIOR PREMIERSHIP FLAG

This year our R1 game will be extra special as we ceremoniously present our 2014 Senior Premiership Flag. We extend a special invitation to our Life Members, Past Players, Coterie Group, Club Members & Supporters together with our Sponsors and the local community to come along and be a part of what will be a very memorable day for our club.

We also have some great functions planned for this year and we'd love to have the local community join in on the fun. Full details will be available on our website, Facebook and Team App so stay tuned.

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and information throughout the day. You need to come and see the scoreboard to appreciate how great it is. Our aim is to create a win/win for everyone involved. Football clubs survive on the generosity and goodwill of its members and sponsors. All support is greatly appreciated.

We'd love the opportunity to talk with you and see how we can help each other so please give us a call.



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**Function Room Available** for Private Hire – We can cater for your next event. Many people in the local community have already attended various functions at the Beaconsfield Community Sporting Club which is the upstairs function room at our football club. Each function is carefully designed to cater for all your needs. The Function room is not

to be confused with what you'd normally envisage for a football club - This is a fantastic room, which is tastefully decorated and regularly transformed further to suit any number of occasions from football social functions to formal dinners and everything in between. Available to hire for private functions we've already hosted a number of formal dinners and events as well as birthdays from 21st's to 60th's all professionally catered for and managed by Chris and Kylie Wright, owners of Slippery Jacks. If you'd like to enquire about private functions please contact Kylie Wright on email: [admin@beaconsfieldsportingclub.com.au](mailto:admin@beaconsfieldsportingclub.com.au) or mobile 0400 661 990

If you'd like to know more about the Beaconsfield Football Club; we'd love to hear from you.

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## SINCERE THANKYOU

I would like to thank all my friends of Beaconsfield and outer areas, for supporting me in my difficult and sad time. Your thought and love was greatly appreciated.

Also I would like to say a special thankyou to John and Sandy for all their kindness and support.  
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# TENNIS NEWS

by M. Potter

## New Committee Sign On - Long Serving Member Retires

Our November AGM saw a new Committee of Management take on the reigns for the next twelve months and also saw long serving Committee member Dawn Snelson retire from the committee after 25 years continuous service and 36 years as a club member. Also retiring were Cathy Briant and Jasmin Bishop, both instrumental in junior competition co-ordination, fund raising and canteen management and David Newsome instrumental in all our water saving and management schemes and many other hands on projects.

### Dawn Snelson Retires

Dawn joined the club 1978 and after six years joined the club grading committee in which capacity she served for the next 30 years. Joining club Committee of Management in 1984 and serving her grading apprenticeship for five years with our club. She also joined the Dandenong and District Tennis Association grading committee, serving for the next 25 years. She also served as a member of the DDTA General Committee for 20 years and continues in this capacity. Midweek Ladies competition being Dawn's life passion. She has served as our Midweek Ladies Secretary for the last 15 years.



Not only a committee member, Dawn was one to get stuck in and make things happen. Over her 36 years with our club, she been closely involved with committee building and lighting of new courts 7 & 8, rebuild of courts 5&6, resurfacing of courts 1 to 4, clubhouse extension, footpath laying etc. To fund these she has regularly canvassed the local community for donations to our many and varied fund raising efforts, particularly our ever popular evenings at Clover Cottage which she regularly assisted in co-ordination. An avid gardener, Dawn assisted

with the planting of our gardens and has maintained these to date. She has also stepped into regularly remove leaf litter from our entous cas courts when our regular maintenance staff was unavailable and ensured clubhouse supplies were always in place. Bi-annual club house spring cleaning was also on Dawn's list. These activities were quietly done on her own unbeknown to most committee members. Dawn has been awarded life membership and won our club's prestigious Peart Trophy for services to the club. And amid all this Dawn

has also been a member and played for Noble Park Tennis club. Dawn continues as a member of our club playing her beloved mid-week ladies and has recently joined our Wednesday night social competition. Thanks for all you have done and keep hitting Dawn.

### New Committee of Management

Our new 2014/15 Committed of Management comprises Andrew McKenzie-Smith (President), Andrew Peart (Vice President) Maurice Potter (Secretary), Barry Fletcher (Treasurer) and General committee members Kerry McKean, Anja Potter, Jane Shone and Dave van der Koogh.

### Open Day

Our regular open day held on 1st February saw a good number of young and older people come along and enjoy a social hit, meeting the coach and competition coordinators and participate in coaching fun activities while downing free BBQ and drinks.

### Competitions

Our junior, midweek ladies, senior and Thursday night competitions are about to commence their new 2015 seasons and Wednesday night recommences their 2014/15 season. Our veterans continue with their Sunday morning hits. We are a welcoming club and everyone is welcome to join in our competitions. Just give a call to one of our coordinators listed below for more information.

Club Contacts	General	Enquiry	Mid-Week & Night Tennis	Other Competition
	President: 0417 096 628 VPresident: 042 2418 038 Secretary: 0437 074 287 Treasurer: 0407 990 482		Midweek Ladies: 0419 382 477 Wednesday Mixed: 0437 759 793 Thursday Men: 0418 107 363	Junior Comp: 0425 735 080 Senior Comp: 0416 147 771 Veterans: 0409 435 121 Coach: 0412 682 569





# Beaconsfield Cricket Club

by A. Price



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With only a few rounds of cricket left before the season wraps up I am very happy to report the Beaconsfield Cricket Club has experienced some notable highlights post the Christmas break:

One of our newest Tigers, 1st XI all rounder Shammeera Weerasinghe, has become our latest centurion after an aggressive 109 runs in the recent Premier Division one day clash against Tooradin.

We've also welcomed the return of Callan Tout from Casey-South Melbourne. "Touty" has quickly made himself at home in our 1st XI and has already added wickets to his record. Our Juniors have also

added highlights of their own such as our Under 13 Gold, Nick Jensen hat-trick (finishing with 4/19) Vs Koo Wee Rup! No mean feat and one many cricketers never realise. With a performance like that it is safe to say we hope Nick continues with his form when playing in our senior grades!

We have also had recent significant milestones by old (old, old) hands, Geoff Bliss and Don Kerslake who have both recently played their 300th game for Beaconsfield Cricket Club.

Significantly, "Blissy" and "Duck" played this game together in what was our last game of synthetic cricket on the existing



Pictured L to R : Mick McMahon, Geoff Bliss, Aaron Price

pitch at Perc Allison Oval.

Our "300 Club" now has a total of three members as Geoff and Don join Alan Sauvarin, who was the founding member of this exclusive club in 2013.

Finals are only a few weeks away and we expect to be well represented.

After Round 11, our 2nd XI in B Grade sits third in the table and will be watching other results closely to see where they finish in the mix. Both our 1 Day Competition teams are currently sitting in the top four and both are confident of playing finals cricket. Our junior teams have also progressed well -

both our Under 13's and Under 17's can expect to play in the finals.

Our move to turf cricket is now very real with excavation of the turf wicket table having commenced at Perc Allison Oval on 2nd February. The progress of the works has been well photographed by the Club's own, Nathan Boon, and these with regular updates can be viewed on our Facebook page.

The future of the Beaconsfield Cricket Club is very exciting and whilst there is still much work to be done we look forward to writing this newest chapter of our Club's grand history.

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