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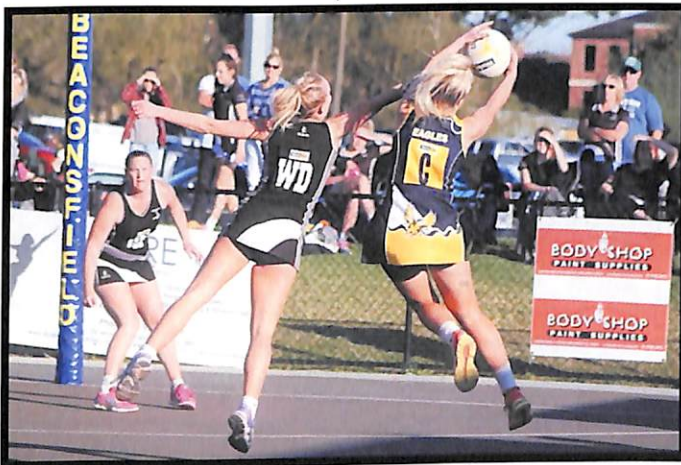
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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*by Graeme Taylor, President.*

In the past two months it has been extremely busy, but fulfilling, particularly due to events associated with the Anzac Centenary of the landing at Gallipoli.

There was a lot of interest and resultant publicity from the official opening of the Avenue of Honour Plaques and launch of the booklet and digital material on 13 March. This included local newspaper articles and Facebook on numerous sites.

Our Anzac Memorial Service held on 19 April was well attended even with the bad weather forecast for the day. The feedback was that the service was something we could all be proud of and truly reflected on all servicemen and women who served for our country. Thanks to the many people involved who make this day possible

I attended the Dawn Anzac Day Service at Pakenham and also the re-opening of the Officer Memorial Gates and their Anzac Day Service on behalf of the Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. Despite the wet weather, it was a great morning with fantastic hospitality. The project to relocate the gates will have lasting significance for the Officer community for future generations.

On behalf of the Association I attended the 2015 Cardinia Shire Volunteers Reception. This function was well attended

reflecting the depth of the work done by many volunteers in the Shire.

I also attended the Casey Cardinia History Day at Narre Warren Mechanics Institute Hall. It was very interesting and is held annually. Thanks to Margaret Boon and Ann Taylor for representing BPA with displays using our Toucan Display Boards.

In respect of Planning matters, the Application for a Bottle Shop at 1/55 Old Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield (Old Video Shop) was considered and refused at the Cardinia Shire Planning Meeting held on 4 May 2015. The development at 37 Woods Street may have breached permit conditions and clarification has been sought from Cardinia Shire Council.

After much discussion in the community, it was pleasing to hear that the State Government has announced that it will purchase land in Woods Street and will build a new fire station. This is a good result for our Beaconsfield community as the expansion of the population desperately requires larger premises.

Our Association is always keen to represent residents and businesses as a voice of the community to all levels of government. Our Association is seeking more people to attend meetings, contribute and assist us in our representation of views on behalf of Beaconsfield.



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Hello Beaconsfield,  
We are coming up to the end of the financial year and ward councillors want to say a big thank you to those of you who attended the Rates Information Night held on May 10th and have made submissions to the upcoming Cardinia Shire Council budget.

Every year at this time Council invite ratepayers to get involved in the budget process. If you missed out and are interested to find out more can I suggest that you go to the Cardinia Shire website to check out the podcast and power point presentation of the rates evening; as well as download the draft budget from the website ([www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/budget)) and if you are on social media, try 'Liking' council's FaceBook page. If you want even more details about what's happening in your local community Ranges Ward Councillors have their own individual FaceBook pages as well as a joint one called 'Friends Of Ranges Ward'.

Anyway, it was a very

  
CARDINIA

## News From Ranges Ward Councillors

by Cr. Tania Baxter

interesting night this year with the General Managers of the staff also giving a rundown on their responsibilities as well as the challenges for the shire in the future. So on this, we thought we might share some interesting facts with you.

### DID YOU KNOW.....?

- Cardinia's population in 2003 was 50,000 people; in 2013 was 80,000; and is forecast to be 175,000.

- That council provide many and varied services to the community including:

Emergency Management, Food Safety inspections, Maternal and Child Health care, public toilets, Planning controls, School Crossings/ Supervisors, Home Care, parks maintenance, Community Health programs, Local laws compliance, public lighting, local roads maintenance, Community Facilities (like tennis, basketball and netball courts, football and rugby ovals, cricket and soccer pitches, walking and bike trails as well as your local swimming, baseball and athletics facilities) and

their maintenance, Libraries, Youth Services, footpath installations and maintenance, local halls and community centres, bridges, Children's Services (like kindergartens and immunisations), Strategic planning, Waste and Recycling management, Community Resilience.... And the list goes on and on!

- Local councils collect only 3.5c of every tax dollar raised nationally.

- The main reason for fluctuation in your rates notice is not the %rates increase imposed by council each year but the change in property valuations (as mandated under state law) completed by an independent valuer and checked by the Valuer General every 2 years. In fact if Council, in a revaluation year, decided not to increase rate revenue at all there would still be changes to rates on individual properties!

- Even though Council has delivered on its promise of reducing rate rises (Ranging from 5.5% to 4.25%), Council's debt level is forecast to reduce from \$64m to \$56m over the next four year period of the plan whilst still keeping the books in surplus so we can stay ahead of asset renewals.

- In fact, council are proposing to put over \$20M into Capital Works this next financial year alone, by reinvesting the surplus back into the community we have added nearly \$3M than previously forecast.

- The average rates paid in Cardinia are within \$100 of Casey, South Gippsland, Yarra Ranges and Baw Baw Shire's averages. Some slightly dearer some cheaper.



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• New projects in the upcoming budget include Officer Secondary College stadium and Community Hub (\$2.2m total), Hill's Community Hub Redevelopment @ the Emerald Hall (\$1.5m), IYU Recreation Reserve (regional soccer facility) (\$1.4m), Lang Lang sporting facilities (\$1.3m), Arena kindergarten (\$1.2m), Emerald netball facility (\$1.1m) and Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve (\$1.0m).

• Council have received more New Lot applications (new developments) in the first ¾ of this current financial year than in the total of the previous year. Cardinia is experiencing more than FOUR families moving into the shire every calendar day (yes you did not read that wrong!) and has been for some time but this is now

on the increase.

• There are 14,592 dogs registered in the shire and 3764 cats

• Council maintains a total of 619 kms of sealed roads, 874 kms of unsealed roads and 548 kms of pathways in this shire. As well as 1177ha of reserves, 94 playgrounds and 277 buildings.

• Cardinia have set a target to be carbon neutral by 2024 by the reduction of energy consumption and carbon emissions at a number of strategic Council buildings including Cardinia Life, Beaconsfield Community Complex, Cardinia Cultural Centre; as well as the conversion of existing decorative street lighting to energy efficient alternatives

• Illegal activity has a massive impact on our budget. In fact, Graffiti Removal cost \$110K

approximately in the 2014/15 year and Dumped Rubbish \$150K.

• If you are a pensioner you can claim \$208 as a rebate off your rates.

So we hope you found this interesting and if you want

more information please do not hesitate to contact Leticia, Brett or myself (Tania) by phone, email of FaceBook.

Details available on the council website [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/councillors](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/councillors)

## Can You Help Identify The Culprit



On the morning of Saturday the 14th of February someone brazenly ripped up your path illegally! This path runs next to the Wood St Kinder down to the Bob Burgess Park where we celebrate our Carols By The Creek each year.

So, if you saw a truck, forklift, or other machinery and think you know the logo or company name, it may assist us to getting closer to claim your money back so we can use it for new path infrastructure (not repairing premeditated vandals activity).

What about the logo on a shirt of the concrete cutting contractor or a familiar machinery driver's face? Anything will help.

Council do have some ideas but need your observations to assist police enquiries who have been working on this for three months now.

Please email [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) if you have any information.

Or if you wish to remain anonymous please contact me at [t.baxter@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:t.baxter@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

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Thank you for your help on this. I know we can get this one sorted out, together!

It will cost you, the ratepayer, up to \$10k if we don't find the culprit. Which means that something else will go unfunded now, as Council will need to replace it :( It's not right that they get away with it so please help.



Can you help identify the culprit please...

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## The Friends of Cardinia Creek

by J. Smith

The Friends of Cardinia Creek received a grant from Melbourne Water and they planted two thousand three hundred and forty plants along Cardinia Creek.

The Friends are now busy putting mulch around the plants to keep the weeds down.

The Friends work in the Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve in Emerald Rd and they meet on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 am on Emerald Rd and Holm Park Rd. Tools and morning tea supplied. Contact Judy Smith 0421305285. New members welcome.



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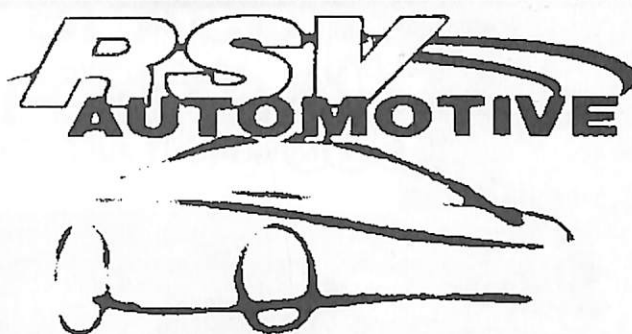
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What a wonderful gathering of active participants at Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre. This group of enthusiastic table tennis players have enjoyed socialising together for several years now. As well as making new friends in their community and brushing up on their skills, participants such as David McKay, have used the opportunity to continue being active which gives many health benefits. It is terrific that this group has always had strong support from local Ranges Ward Councillors, Cr Brett Owen, Cr Tania Baxter and the Mayor of Cardinia Shire Cr Leticia Wilmot.

With their assistance new tables were purchased several years ago. Now that the group has thoroughly worn out the nets used all this time, the Councillors recently and generously funded new nets. Cr Baxter was keen to have a bit of a hit on the day and all the Councillors are sincerely thanked for their ongoing support and enthusiasm. The group meet on Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre and new members are always welcomed with a smile. The Centre is fully heated and air conditioned for your comfort, so suits all of Melbourne's wonderful and varied weather conditions. If you're interested in coming along please call Reception for more details 8768 4400.



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*by Lynda Smith,  
Centre Coordinator*

### Knitting Circle News

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Many thanks to the BNC for allowing the group to continue to do their voluntary work and to the Cardinia Councillors

– Leticia Wilmot, Tania Baxter and Brett Owen for their continued encouragement and support to help these people within our shire.

The Knitting Circle is a friendly group of ladies who on a volunteer basis are knitting garments to help others in the shire who are in need. If you would like to join our group we meet on Monday afternoons from 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. You will be made very welcome and enjoy a cuppa, a chat and lots of laughs, or if you have other commitments on a Monday and would like to knit some squares so they can then be sewn together to make lovely colourful, cosy, warm blankets to help keep out the winter chills. Our group is always in need of wool and any donations may be left at the reception of Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre.



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by Graeme J Taylor, FCA

### FEDERAL BUDGET 2015

The Federal Budget for the 2015/16 year recently presented by the Treasurer did not have many benefits for personal income tax payers. There was no proposed change to personal income tax rates, two methods of claiming motor vehicle expenses were removed, zone tax offsets restricted and HELP debt repayment obligations now extended to taxpayers residing and working overseas.

For Small Business taxpayers with an annual turnover of less than \$2million there were a number of benefits including:

1. Company tax rate reduced by 1.5% to 28.5% from the 2015/2016 year.
2. Unincorporated Businesses e.g. Sole Traders are entitled to a 5% discount of income tax payable, capped at \$1,000 per individual from the 2015/16 year.
3. Immediate write off of depreciable assets costing less than \$20,000

each including Motor Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment. This applies to purchases from 12 May 2015 to 30 June 2017.

4. Assets costing more than \$20,000 are placed in the Small Business Depreciation Pool and depreciated at 15% (part year) or 30% (full year). The Pool can be immediately deducted if the balance is less than \$20,000.

5. There will be an immediate deduction for a range of professional expenses associated with the set-up of a new business e.g. Professional legal and accounting fees from the 2015/16 year.

6. CGT Roll over relief has been extended for changes of legal structure from the 2016/17 year.

You should check with your Accountant for additional deductions available for Small Businesses with annual turnover of less than \$2 million.

### Nomination for Young Chef of the Year Award

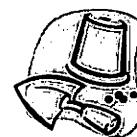
Blayne Bertoncello, from O.My, Beaconsfield Restaurant, has been shortlisted for one of Melbourne's most prestigious titles, The Age Good Food Guide Young

Chef of the Year Award. A great achievement for Blayne.

Winner will be announced in September.

## Tales From The Potting Bench... Australian Native Garden Mishaps And Marvels

by Cindy Tomamichel



### Australian Native Bees

We at Wilson Botanic Park APS were fortunate in having Dr. Ken Walker do a presentation on native bees. It was a great night, and inspired our members to go and really look at their gardens to see exactly what all the critters are doing.

In 1822 the first European honey bee arrived. While this may be seen as another ecological disaster, the bee was essential. Without the honeybee, most crops fail due to lack of pollination. It is estimated that the honeybee provides Australia with millions of dollars of free pollination services. In the USA, this is a more managed process, with hives being transported at pollination times.

Australia has the most unique bee fauna in the world. We also have the smallest bee at 2.1mm long, and most native bees are solitary, making the usual hive practices unworkable for honey production. Native bees actually eat the pollen and nectar, as well as packing pollen into hairs on their bodies. They use the pollen collected to produce a pollen 'pudding' which is placed in a nest as food for the next generation. Australian plants rely on native bees for pollination, and in turn, native bees rely on Australian plants for food.

So how can you encourage these stingless helpers into your backyard? The first thing is to provide food and water, so plant natives

and exotics that produce flowers throughout the spring and summer when the bees are active. I have had blue banded bees on fuchsias, rosemary and grevilleas. Provide some water, such as shallow bowls. Don't use chemical sprays. Lastly you may wish to provide shelter by building an insect hotel. There are plenty of ideas on the internet on design.

A bee hotel can be a few wooden blocks with holes 6 and 8mm drilled in them. Place in a sheltered area. Or a bundle of bamboo canes and spongy-centred branches. Another is to have a block of clay-sand mixture or bare soil for them to burrow into as well. Different bees prefer different nest materials,

so a mixture of types is probably worthwhile, as you may not be aware of all the bee visitors to your yard.

This column and others are also on the Wilson Park website. Some of the latest topics have included silver foliage plants and winter in the garden. 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.

Until next time -  
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# Beaconsfield CFA, New Station for the Future

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

Beaconsfield CFA Station is tired, outdated, unsafe and cannot provide the space for the required training our professional volunteers need to protect the community.

Last month the Beaconsfield community supported the local volunteers in successfully lobbying the State Government to fund a new station for Beaconsfield.

In 2014 the Coalition Government committed to building a new station with improved training areas, larger meeting rooms, safer preparation areas and carparks for volunteers to safely leave their vehicles.

However, the Andrews Government failed to match this commitment prior to the election, and in a letter to my office in March stated to the volunteers to work with the CFA management, not Government.

The Beaconsfield community rallied together to show their support for their local CFA volunteers with hundreds of residents signing the local petition and many turning up in a show of strength to tell Daniel Andrews Beaconsfield will not be quiet, build the station for the community.

The petition was tabled in Parliament; I raised the matter as one of urgency for the local community.

The community had spoken and the Brigade's Captain Paul Hayes received the fantastic news that they would be receiving a new station.

Land was located in Woods St and negotiations started early 2014, however due to matters out of control of the seller and Government of the day could not be signed until April this year. The land in Woods St, opposite the current site that was built in 1944, will be the new home for Beaconsfield CFA.

This new site will improve safety for volunteers, provide better training to protect the community and provide a long term solution for the local area.

Congratulations to the local community, your voice was heard loud and clear. Thanks to the Beaconsfield Banner, local business groups, local ward Councillors, community representatives and more important our local Volunteers.



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## THE BEACONSFIELD QUILTERS GUILD

*by J. Worsley*

Over the last few weeks, we have been able to view some amazing quilts.

On Friday 27th of March a group of us car pooled & drove to Wonga Park for 'The Quilts in the Barn Exhibition' to see the work of Margaret Sampson George & her students.

These quilts were bold & quirky, with no fear of colour & pattern--anything goes with this style which we found fun & refreshing. After admiring these exquisite quilts, we wandered about the stalls with beautiful fabrics for sale. Each of us came away with some treasures plus the challenge of making a quilt along a similar style of the exhibition. Perhaps these will be seen in our quilt show next year.

In April we went along to the Australian Quilt Convention held at the beautiful Royal Exhibition Building. And once again we were thrilled to view such wonderful

quilts - contemporary & traditional, there was just so much to see.

During our April meeting one of our members gave us a demonstration of her Fabi personal fabric cutter which can cut up to 6 layers of fabric at one time using different shaped dies - it was very much like a pasta machine-turn the handle & the shapes are perfect. It makes me consider how easy we have everything now, with so many time saving gadgets for our sewing & house work. I often think of the ladies over one hundred years ago making do with whatever fabric they had & making beautiful quilts that are still admired today. Some of these quilts were made in the evenings after all the household chores were finished - no washing machines, dish washers and no flick of a switch like we have it now.

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# Prime Minister Visits Beaconsfield

*Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe*

Recently I hosted the La Trobe Multicultural Morning Tea at the Beaconsfield Community Centre on O'Neil Road in Beaconsfield. Very excitingly, Mr Adrian Jackson, who has been a resident of Beaconsfield for over 20 years and is in his late 70's now, met his first politician - who just so happened to be the guest of honour at the event - Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon. Tony Abbott MP.

After a brief one on one discussion and photo shoot with Mr Jackson, Prime Minister Abbott went on to announce with me, \$1.5 million of funding to Cardinia Shire for the building of the Emerald Community Hub. I am very

proud to have secured this funding for a project which is vital to Emerald and the surrounding areas. It will provide new and existing training courses, including accredited training of Radio Operators and courses in a new commercial kitchen, art space to promote the local art community, an incubator hub for local home businesses, local tourism promotions, facilities for enhanced mental health and allied health services, and accessible community space for local residents and social/recreation groups.

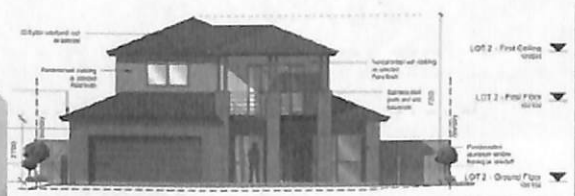
I was also recently lucky enough to attend an event to celebrate local resident, Viv Williams' receiving an Order of Australia

Medal. Congratulations to Viv, who is not only an active member of the Beaconsfield Progress Association, but is very actively involved in the catering group (both for fire-fighters and at fund-raising functions) for Selby fire brigade, and the Caring Women's Group which provides support for local people in need.

Whether it is in support of animal welfare, people's rights or trying to make life better for others, Viv has never been reluctant to stand up and be heard. She is willing to contact MPs, councillors, and other people in positions of power or authority to put forward her point of view, particularly if it concerns standing up for 'the under-dog'. Congratulations Viv on a well-earned award.



*Pictured - L to R : The Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Jason Wood MP and Mr Adrian Jackson.*



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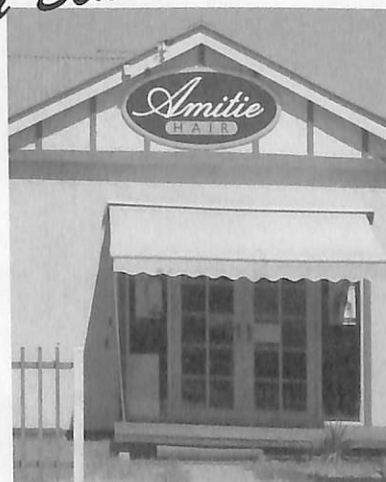
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by A. Taylor

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45 minutes and is free.

- \* It will be held on Wednesday 12th August at Make and Mingle, Beaconsfield Baptist Church, 7 Desmond Court (Cnr. Old Princes Highway) at 12.30pm
- \* You are welcome to come to Make and Mingle at any time during that morning from 10am.

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\* HEALTHY AGEING AND STAYING CONNECTED PRESENTATION at 12.30pm. (Please phone the church 9707 0777 to help with catering and reserve your place).

## MAKE AND MINGLE'S CRAFT FAIR is coming up soon.

\* Mark SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2015 9AM-2PM in your diaries and remember to SAVE THE DATE.

\* This year already promises to be a really special day with something for all the family and there is free entry to this event.

\* We have a variety of stall holders all under one roof.

\* Light refreshments, Devonshire tea, Sandwiches, Cakes and slices are available.

\* Look out for Flowers, plants and produce, craft supplies of beads, egg decorating, paper tole, card making, scrapbooking and wooden items. \* This is a great time to look out for gifts from the stalls, with cards, cushions, quilts, children's and baby wear, knitted toys, jewellery, handmade soap and many other items.

\* (All money taken by the church on the day will be donated to nominated charities).

MAKE AND MINGLE is a friendship and craft group that meets every Wednesday 10am-12 noon during school term.

\* We have a range of crafts each week including knitting and crocheting, embroidery and patchwork.

\* There are also Christmas crafts and card making, ceramics and a variety of card making using die cut embossing and stamping.

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## BEACONSFIELD ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE



With a well timed break in the inclement weather the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service was well attended on Sunday 19 April. The young leaders of the community played a significant role in the service as they took time to reflect on those who had served. We thank all those who took part in the service.

It is equally pleasing to see that many Beaconsfield residents visited the cenotaph on Anzac Day to pay their respects.



## Beaconsfield Primary School Celebrates 125 Years

Students welcomed our guests and opened with a musical performance. Principal Gary Methven welcomed Hon. Brad Battin MP - State Member for Gembrook, former Principals and Assistant Principals, School Council Presidents, School Councillors, Parents and Friends, teachers, ancillary staff and students both past and present. A special welcome was made to Pat Dean - nee Adamson who now in her ninties, started school in Beaconsfield in 1929 and to Alan Witham who started school here in 1936. Mr. Methven thanked Mrs. Margaret Boon who, in addition to being a staff member, is the keeper of our history and worked tirelessly with Leading Teacher Heidi Inglis and team to bring the day together.

Brad Battin, well known in school circles for his ability to connect the children

with his engaging stories, regaled the gathering with stories of our connection to Beaconsfield Primary School in Western Australia, which was founded in the same year and emphasised the interdependence of organisations within the Beaconsfield community.

Our School Council President Steve Purtil attempted the impossible; how do you portray daily life in 1890 to children who have never experienced a world without internet, smart phones and 24/7 connectivity. He took us on the journey from children using a soft rock, chalk, to write on a harder rock, slate to the modern age with ipads, interactive whiteboards and the like.

Alan Witham took us on a very personal journey through his schooling in the 1930's recalling not only the everyday hardships and corporal punishments, but the sheer joy of growing up in a close community with great mates. He was amazed at how different the physical set up of the school is now.

Principal Gary Methven recounted the history of our first four Head-Teachers, how Houses got their names, Lohan, Rankin, Cooper and Morgan and how important the home - school connection was to building our mighty school community.

Celebrations followed with cake, planting a celebration tree and reminiscing with friends and photographs.

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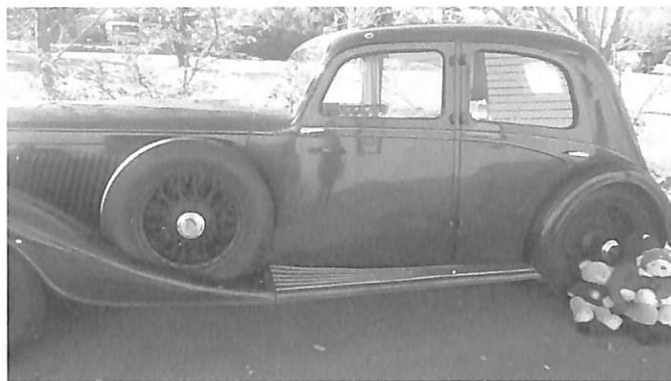
by A. Taylor

Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival's theme for 2015 was 'Delving into our past', compassion and conflict and links to World War I and appropriately held in the historic Narre Warren Mechanics Institute building in Webb Street in May.

Out the front was a beautiful 1935 Bentley which had been owned by Lord Casey when he was at Edrington in Berwick and is now lovingly restored. (Pictured right)

There were displays and information about Edrington and also early Berwick. Narre Warren Family History Group was there answering questions about family history and displaying local information.

Casey Cardinia Library had a wonderful power point display of local history photos and local and family history information available in the library. Dandenong High School, Kooweerup, Berwick-Pakenham History Society, Berwick



Mechanics Institute, Narre Warren Mechanics Institute and Casey Cardinia National Trust also had displays and information.

Beaconsfield Progress Association had displays




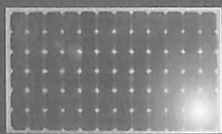
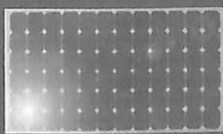
of local history especially with information about local servicemen who had served in World War I and a display of the knitted poppies made by the Beaconsfield community.

The Great War Association had a great display of information and memorabilia that was enjoyed by everyone. (Pictured below)

Thanks to Narre Warren Mechanics Institute and Casey Cardinia Library and Casey Cardinia Local History Reference group for organizing such an informative day.

Look out for this event next year on 15th May 2016, at Officer Hall.



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See you in November 2015 for the Remembrance Day appeal.

## The Officer Memorial Gates

The Officer Memorial Gates were re-opened on Anzac Day, Saturday 25 April 2015, and a large number of people gathered for this important event.

The Memorial Gates were built 64 years ago, thanks to the fundraising efforts of residents from Officer and its surrounding district.

\* The Gates were dedicated on Armistice Day 1951 to commemorate the servicemen from this district who did not return from the First and Second World Wars.

\* Bronze plaques on the two main gate posts feature their names from World War 1 on the north pillar. Those that made the supreme sacrifice are as follows :Percival Beadle, Allan Davies, William Johnstone, James Lecky, Mervyn Lecky, James Osborne, William Prior, Albert Skellet, Clive Were (Weir), L. Whitney

\* From World War II on the South Pillar : W A Clarke, JR Hasker, J S Robinson, A J Simmons, W.A Swift.

\* When these gates were built, Officer was a small rural community.

\* The enormous effort the community went to build the gates shows just how deeply affected they were by these lives lost at war.

\* Officer is a much bigger place now, but its community spirit has not waned.

\* With a new Officer town centre soon to be established, it became apparent in 2012 that the memorial gates would need to be relocated 30 metres from their original position to make way for this new traffic intersection.

\* This was a complicated process due to the age and condition of the gates.

\* The gates needed to be dismantled and reconstructed, stone-by-stone.

\* That's when the Officer & District Community Association mobilised to ensure this important piece of local history would be preserved and treated with the care



and respect it deserved.

\* A community working group was formed. Members included Rob & Carol Porter, Rob & Annette Aldersea and Gary Maker.

\* Together, all community members of the working group devoted hundreds of hours to the project.

\* The group worked with Council and a landscape architect on the design of the new forecourt, prepared the Federal grant funding application, organised some of the forecourt works, prepared the garden beds and carried out planting.

\* In short, the group embodies the community spirit that existed when these gates were built.

\* A Heritage consultant's report showed that the gates were rusting at their base, the stone piers were water-damaged and the plaques were tarnished.

\* The relocation has provided the opportunity for much-needed restoration works and for a forecourt to be built.

\* Jason Wood, the Federal Member of Parliament for La Trobe, officially re-opened the Officer Memorial Gates.

\* Daniel Mulino, Member of the Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria unveiled a new plaque for the gates.

\* Percival Thomas Beadle was an Officer resident and a Corporal in the D Company 24th Australian Infantry Battalion.

\* He went to war on the 8th of May, 1915 at the age of 19, and died in the 6th General Hospital in France on the 17th of January, 1917 from a gunshot wound.

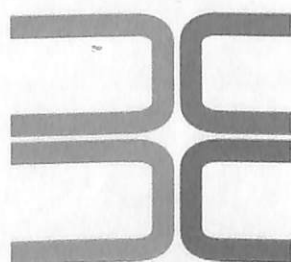
\* His name is listed on the plaque that commemorates the fallen on these gates.

\* A descendant of Percy Beadle's, Rosemary Miles, read the poem 'We shall keep the Faith'

\* Following the opening there was an Anzac Day commemoration Service. At this service Betty Whiteside was invited to lead in prayer.

\* Betty is the daughter of Thomas Clair Whiteside, a returned World War One soldier who initiated the idea to build the Officer Memorial Gates.

\* She is also the author of A Valley in France, a compilation of letters her father sent home to his family while fighting in the war.



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## The Officer Memorial Gates

(Continued)

\* Clive Wellington Were (Weir) is listed on the plaque that commemorates the fallen on the memorial gates.

\* He left for war on the 21st of October, 1914 at the age of 21. A Private in the 5th Infantry Battalion, he was killed in action at Gallipoli on the 25th April, 1915.

\* Robert Were the great nephew of Clive Were read the poem, 'In Flanders Fields'.

\* To conclude the National Anthem was performed by students from Officer Primary School.

\* The Officer Memorial Gates have been relocated and enhanced thanks to funding from: The Australian Government's

Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program, State Government Department of Planning, Transport & Local Infrastructure Community Infrastructure Fund, Cardinia Shire Council & Officer & District Community Association Inc.

(Thank you to Cr Brett Owen and Annette Aldersea for providing information for this article.)



## Wilson Park Berwick Native Plant Sale

The Wilson Park Berwick Branch of the Australian Plants Society is holding its 17th annual Australian Native Plant Sale on Saturday September 5th, 9.00am - 4.00pm.

This event will be held in Wilson Botanic Park, 668 Princes Highway, Berwick (Melways 111 B7). There will be a wide variety of native plant stalls, as well as bush foods, quilting and woodworking, food stalls, kids craft activities, a specialist book stall, native flower display, raffles and a guessing competition. Come along, check out the range of beautiful Australian plants and make them a part of your garden.

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# Rat Bait & Your Pet

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Veterinary Centre

Heading into winter we like to put rat bait pellets or blocks out around the house in common areas such as cupboards, the garage and under the house. However, we often forget that rat bait is very dangerous to our beloved cats and dogs. Despite many rat bait products available marketing themselves as "pet-friendly" it is important to remember that there is **no such thing as non-toxic or pet-safe rat bait.**

Both cats and dogs can be affected by ingesting rat bait directly or by ingesting rodents which have ingested rat bait. It is a condition to be taken seriously and early diagnosis and treatment may prove lifesaving.

So why would our pets even want to eat rat bait? Rat bait products come in a pellet or block form and can look very similar to their regular dry food. It is often formulated with other food products such as rice, oats and grains. While these ingredients are aimed at attracting rats, they unfortunately also attract other animals too.

There are two major types of rat bait; older products with the active ingredient Warfarin, which have a short duration of action and require ingestion over a long period of time to be fatal, and newer products with the active ingredient Brodifacoum, which have a long duration of action and a single dose may prove fatal. Regardless of what product is consumed, both are very dangerous to your pet. Rat bait acts as an anticoagulant (prevents the blood from clotting) by depleting the body's supply of vitamin K. Vitamin K is a fat soluble vitamin which is essential in the formation of clotting agents in the blood stream.

It can take anywhere from 1-5 days after ingestion for signs of toxicity to begin. A lot of the time, the first symptoms of rat bait poisoning are just unexplained fatigue, or the pet is just not acting normally. Indications of poisoning are associated with bleeding and can range from very subtle signs such as pin point bruising on the gums to frank bleeding from anywhere that doesn't stop, unexplained bruising, blood in the faeces, vomit or urine, coughing or other respiratory problems.

If you have witnessed or suspect your pet may have eaten rat bait the most important thing

to do is to get them to a vet straight away. If your pet has recently ingested it the vet will make them vomit to stop any further poison from being absorbed into their system. Further treatment can vary and largely depends on the severity of the toxicity and timing of ingestion. In all cases of rat bait ingestion blood samples will need to be taken for clotting tests and to assess for anemia. Treatment may be as simple as giving vitamin K tablets for 4-6 weeks or may require more intensive treatment such as blood transfusions and hospitalisation. In some cases even with the most intensive treatment some animals may die.



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

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# Beaconsfield Scout Report

by Leanne Fraser

## Why Scouts?

According to Michael Carr-Greg, Scouting is one of the best kept secrets for developing resilient youth. Our programs, the friendship, the skills learnt and the activities all combine to give children, young adults and adults the resources to develop a sense of personal self-worth and confidence.

Not only that!  
**Scouting Is Fun!**

Scouting is definitely fun, and it also prepares young people for life in the adult world by teaching

responsibility for their own actions and progress. These achievements lay a solid foundation for the success of our future Australian leaders. But don't tell the kids they're learning .... they think they're just having fun! No matter your age, Scouts provides fun and exciting programs that promote active learning. Whether the Scouts are canoeing, camping, visiting museums or helping their local community, they are sure to learn about themselves and the world around them.

## Scouting Is Adventurous!

Each year, all sections of Scouts learn to share responsibilities and to live with each other through adventures set in the outdoors. Camping, abseiling, caving, horseback riding, fishing, rock climbing and diving are just a few of the exciting experiences that a Scout may have achieved in his or her time as a youth member.

## Scouting Is Challenging!

Scouts challenge their minds as well as their bodies. Not everyone looks for the outdoor

buzz all the time, so Scouts have challenging activities linked with the internet and amateur radio, performance arts such as singing, dancing, and acting and awards linked to citizenship, community service and personal spiritual development.

## Scouting Is Commitment!

Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on the community by teaching positive values and leadership skills to youth. Every year, Scouts and their leaders contribute thousands of volunteer hours to their local communities. Sharing time with the aged in the local community, helping with Clean Up Australia Day, Harmony Day, and planting trees to help with protecting native fauna are just a few examples of the commitment Scouts make to their communities.



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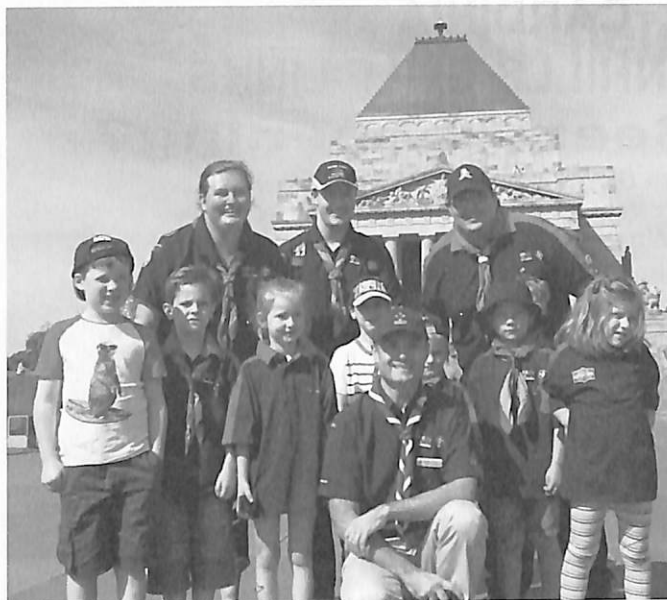
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## Scouting welcomes you!

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We have welcomed new families into our Group from Joeys through to Rovers. Families looking to find a connection to their community. Families looking for opportunities for their children to engage, be challenged, become confident,



Above: Beaconsfield Joeys on the HOP with our Chief Commissioner, Brendan Watson.

learn resilience and develop leadership skills.

Our Joeys have earned their Buddy Badge and met other Joeys at the HOP

held in the city – walking 6 km while exploring the city. Our Cubs have been learning about the meaning of ANZAC, as well as completing

planning and leading bush walks. Our Scouts have been camping, hiking, competing and winning Gold at Stradbroke Cup over Easter. Our Venturers have been completing first aid courses, renovating their meeting space and learning new carpentry skills. Our Rovers have been building their Mudbash car, helping at the Positive Mental Health Youth Forum, and volunteering at the Blue Light Disco.

Three Cubs have completed the Grey Wolf Award, as well as four Scouts have completed the Australian Scout Medallion – a remarkable achievement and celebration of hard work, effort, resilience



Beaconsfield Scout Group at the Officer ANZAC Service



Gold winning Scouts at Stradbroke Cup over Easter.

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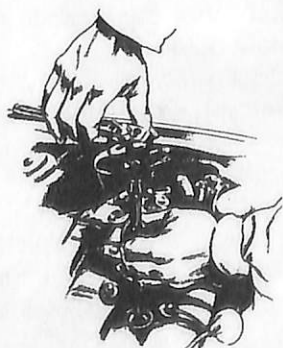
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Contact Gary

# CARDINIA BEACONHILLS GOLF LINKS Whats Been Happening?

by Fiza Errington

Our golf cart shed is finished and already in operation with over 11 members enjoying the convenience of storing their own golf carts. The golf cart shed was part of our capital improvements and service for our members.

The Solar Power has also been running for the club since February this year and the club is enjoying the electricity savings.

We have also invested in course capital improvements for the past months with improvements to our drainage refurbishment program, 11<sup>th</sup> tee men and facelift works on the 1<sup>st</sup> greenside bunker.

## LIST OF WINNERS

As the golf season winds up, there are plenty of winners and gridders at the club. Our men's and women's Club Championship were played in March and the winners are:-

Men's Club Champion:  
Brian Meneilly

Women's Club Champion:  
Marilyn Ford

B Grade Men Club  
Champion: Noel Pye

B Grade Women Club  
Champion: Lee James

C Grade Men Club  
Champion: Wes Dunkley  
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Veterans Men Champion:  
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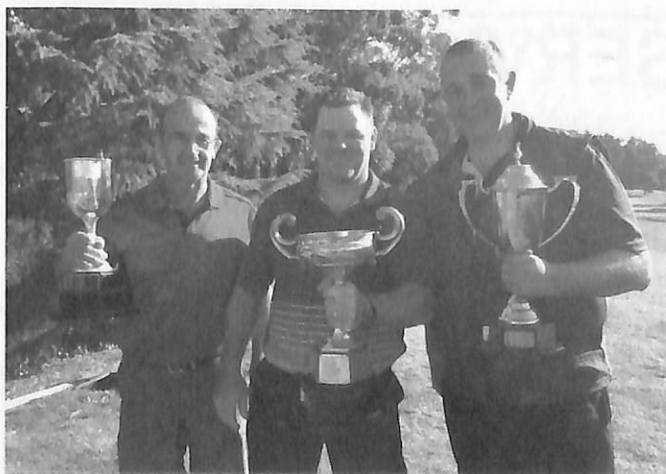
Junior Club Champion:  
Jordan Denereaz

Congrats to all winners  
above!

Wayne Davey played the most consistent golf throughout our Twilight season and averaged an impressive 31.50 nett over the season. Robert Darison was a close second with an average of 32.65.

The Virtual Masters winner this year is Russell Dixon. Russell partnered 'virtually' with PGA Pro Russell Henley during the U.S. Masters to take out the Virtual Masters competition.

Marilyn Ford and Jenny Chandler took out the



Pictured Top: - Hole in one – David French

Middle Photo: 2015 Club Champs women – L to R:  
Marilyn Ford, Lee James, Heather Hamilton

Bottom Photo: 2015 Club Champs men – L to R: Wes  
Dunkley, Brian Meneilly, Noel Pye

Women's Foursomes Championship and Michael and Matthew French partnered up to take out the Dennis Crowley Summer Cup with an impressive play on the final day.

The Course was playing nice and long these past few months and with some good scores, there were also a few holes in one:-

Matthew Cornthwaite – 11<sup>th</sup> hole, 31<sup>st</sup> January

Gary Jollands – 6<sup>th</sup> hole, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

David French – 13<sup>th</sup> hole, 4<sup>th</sup> April

Jordan Denereaz – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole, 18<sup>th</sup> April

Les Johns – 15<sup>th</sup> hole, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Other notable mentions include He Hits It, She Hits It Winners – Michael and Simone Jackson with 32 nett, M.F. Ahearn mixed champions – Heather Hamilton and Graham Kelly and a special mention of Alexandra Hilliard, represented Victoria in the recent Girls Interstate Series and came home as the winning team. Well done Alex!

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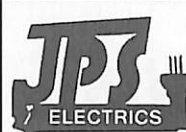
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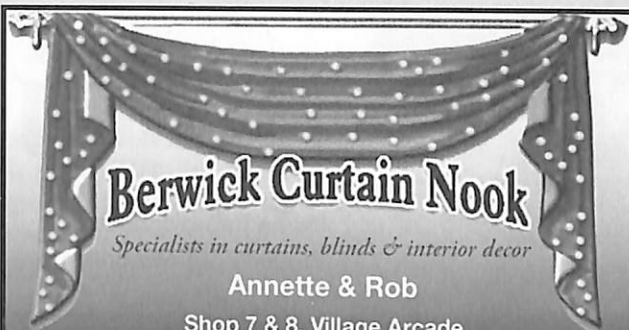
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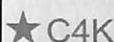
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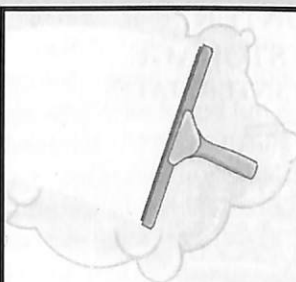
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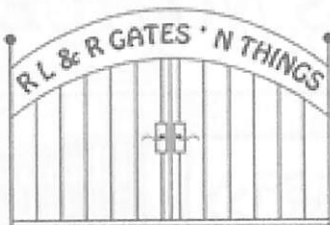
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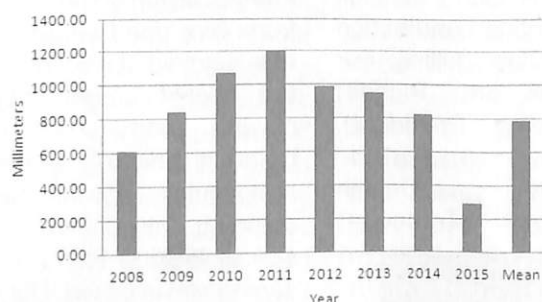
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## TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

We have seen only slightly more rain this year as we had to the same point at the end of May last year. To me, the summer we had, did not seem as hot as we have had in the past but as we move into winter we hopefully will see the rain start to fall.

In April we had 72mm of rain that fell over 12 days. The highest daily total we recorded was on Tuesday the 7th with 21mm of rain. This was above the monthly average that is 67mm.

In May there was 83mm for the month, this fell over a record of 17 days. The highest daily total was 16mm on the 12th. This has taken the yearly total up to 294mm which is above last year to the same time. This would put us on track to have

between 850mm and 900mm for the year.

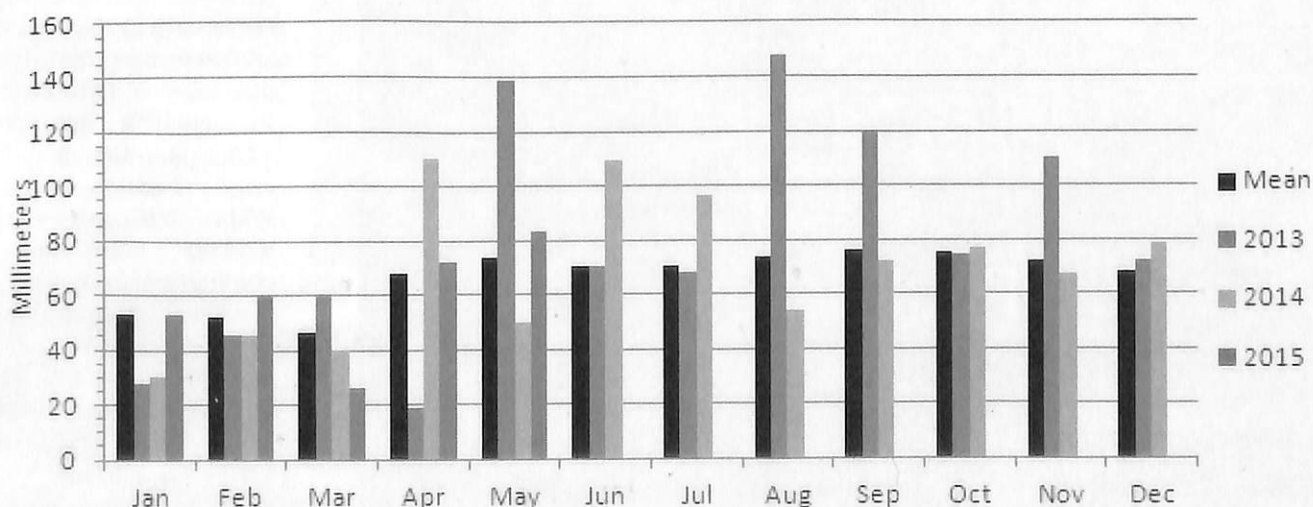
I was looking at the data and the wettest day this year is the 13th day of each month. There has been 62mm of rainfall on each of these days so far this year. The next highest is 33mm on the 7th day of each month.

Our water storage is still falling and as we head in to winter we should start to see a rise from July. It is at 69.4% and at the same time last year it was 71.9%. It should rise over the coming months so that by October we are again around the 80% capacity.



## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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



You would be forgiven for thinking Autumn – Winter would be a quiet time for the Beaconsfield Cricket Club but you would be mistaken.



# Beaconsfield Cricket Club

by A. Price

Beaconsfield has returned to the Mid Year Cricket Association for Season 2015, with not one side but two! The entry of a second side was necessary after the Club received many enquiries from both its existing members and cricket tragics from other clubs including Pakenham, Tooradin and Hallam.

It is early days in the "winter season" but I do look forward to giving you an update with some positive results in the next edition.

Our turf pitch is now in and the final preparations for our move from the West Gippsland Cricket Association to the Dandenong District Cricket Association are underway. We are getting our head around the many new activities and responsibilities which come with having a turf wicket to take care of and we will be justifiably excited to finally see the first ball bowled

in the season to come.

A good turnout attended the Club's AGM on 5th May. Our members listened as reports for the previous season were tabled by the Executive.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the reports was that tabled by the Treasurer, Mick McMahon. It was with both relief and satisfaction the members learned season 2014-15 has been a financially successful one and this also took into account the significant costs incurred with the installation of our turf wicket and the purchase of the necessary equipment for its maintenance. It is reassuring to know our Club sits on a sound financial base for the year to come.

The AGM also brought about significant changes in our Executive and Committee.



Pictured L to R - Callan Tout, Dylan Freitag and Richard Gault  
(Photo courtesy of K. Harris)

I would like to thank the outgoing members of our Executive, Brendan Ewert, Samantha Ryan and Mick McMahon and hope they enjoy a well deserved break from what can sometimes be a difficult but rewarding contribution to our Club. Filling our Executive are Richard Ryan (Vice President), Damian Perrone (Secretary), Declan McDermott (Treasurer)

and Paul Brindle (Junior Co-Ordinator).

At the AGM we also welcomed our new Captain-Coach for the season to come, Dylan Freitag. Dylan comes to us from Gippsland where he has enjoyed a successful turf cricket career, both playing and coaching. Dylan is primarily a right arm quick bowler and standing at 200cm we are all looking forward to seeing him in action. Dylan will be well supported by Richard Gault who is continuing in the Assistant Coach's role and taking on the responsibility of coaching our Under 17's is Callan Tout.

With our pre-season training scheduled to commence from the end of July our preparations for the season to come are well underway. Keep an eye on our website [www.beaconsfield.vic.cricket.com.au](http://www.beaconsfield.vic.cricket.com.au) for the latest updates and important dates.

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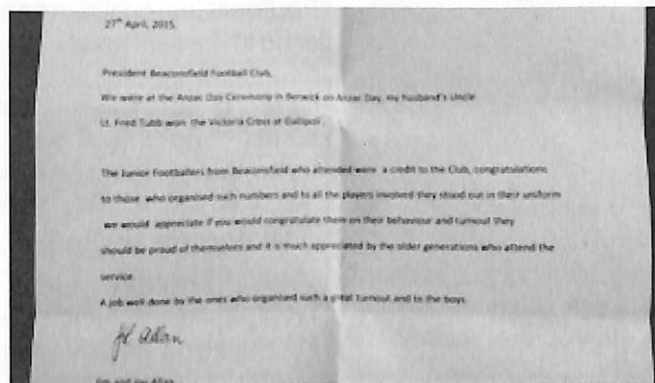


### ANZAC Day – Leadership Academy

As the season continues our Leadership Academy continues to work hard within the club and out in the community. As part of our ongoing commitment we were represented extremely well by the U15's Leadership Academy at the Berwick Anzac Day Commemorative service on High St., Berwick.

The boys all gathered in High St in full uniform and a wreath was laid by leadership groups of both U15 teams. It was great to see the enormous respect the boys gave during the service and did themselves and the club proud. Such a great representation was made that the boys had a personal message delivered to the club during the following

week, thanking them for their presence and congratulating them on the manner in which they held themselves on the day. I personally must say I am continually amazed at how good this group of boys has taken on this Leadership program and the way in which they undertake their football journey. They truly are a credit to themselves and our club. Well done boys we are all proud of you.



## Beaconsfield Junior Football Club

by Jarrett Drake and Bronwyn McCormick

We also had an exciting start to our 2015 season welcoming 4 new teams to the club – 3 x Under 8's plus the Under 12 Youth Girls. Also we would like to offer a big welcome to all our new players within all the other age levels. Little Demons day was held at Pakenham on Sunday 26th April for the Under 8's, 9's and 10's as well as the Under 12 Youth Girls. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm from all our players and their parents. Under 11's to Under 17's as well as Youth Girls have just completed a 3 week

grading process which has involved a lot of travel for some families and some early mornings/late afternoons for others. Now that things have settled down and the team fixtures have been completed, families can start planning their Sundays.

We would like to offer some special congratulations to the following boys from our club who have made it through to the next round of trials for the Southern Metro Vic School Boys: Corey Brown (U12 Gold), Jack Cameron (U12 Blue), Paddy Cross (U12 Blue), Declan Curran (U12 Gold), Patrick Gerdan (U12 White), Caydn Lane (U12 White) and Mitch Szybkowski (U11 Gold). They will play in a round robin on the 11th of May and if selected, will move onto the next stage of trials. Also congratulations to a large number of our team members for making the Under 13's, 14's and 15's representative squads. It is pleasing to see so many BJFC players make it to this level. Great effort.

Remember to keep your eye on the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club website for sponsor specials and updates on player achievements. Don't miss the social night on Friday 26th June at 7pm – Australia's Funniest Hypnotist – details on the website. Also keep an eye out for the car raffle coming soon.

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Our annual "Ladies Day" lunch was another huge success with all 130 tickets sold out well before the day.

With a red carpet welcome the day was off to a great start, the food was yummy and there were plenty of raffle prizes to take home. All the ladies were also treated to an extra special gift of a pot of beautiful tulips to take home with them. Our guest speaker was Liz Triffitt, Operations Manager for the South East Football Netball League (SEFNL).

She presented statistics on Prostate cancer and gave a heart wrenching talk about her own experience as a carer. We were all reminded that generally speaking, our menfolk aren't proactive enough with their health and that the more aware we all are of the symptoms the more we can help by getting our loved ones to seek health advice. As with lots of health problems – the earlier something is detected the better chance of a cure. In support of the Pink Football & Netball round \$5.00 from



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every ticket was donated to Breast Cancer Network Australia. Thank you to Liz for sharing her story, to all the wonderful ladies that attended and to all the helpers that made this day a great success.



### Hypnotist Comedy Stage Show - 4th July, 2015

Our next function is a hilarious stage show with famous hypnotist Shane Hill. This show is reported to be one of the best hypnosis shows in the country and features amazing demonstrations of the science of the mind. Don't worry about being dragged up from the audience as there are plenty of

# BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus

volunteers that always come forward on the night.

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### Welcome to Beau Dowler

We are pleased to announce the signing of Beau Dowler

for the 2015 Season. Beau was the number 6 draft pick for the Hawks in the 2005 national draft and played 16 games for the Hawks before eventually being delisted in 2010. He was originally from the Noble Park Football Club and then recruited from the TAC Cup side, Oakleigh Chargers. Dowler played for Vic Metro, in the U/18 Championships and was named All-Australian. Dowler was selected by Hawthorn with the 6th pick in the 2005 AFL Draft as a key forward prospect. In 2011 Beau played in a premiership for Noble Park in the EFL and then returned to VFL Football playing for the Sandringham Dragons for the past 3 seasons including a stint as club captain in 2012.

### Club Membership

We have Club memberships and sponsorship packages to suit all needs and budgets. With 4 senior teams, 22 junior teams and 10 Saturday & 20 Midweek Netball teams there is a sponsorship package to suit you with great exposure for your business.

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## Drug & Alcohol Education Initiative A Huge Success With 400 + In Attendance

Last year, we along with other sporting clubs in the area, were contacted by the local media to comment on the new announcements made by the government to help fight the insidious destruction being caused to people and families by the ICE epidemic sweeping Australia. From there, we decided that

we'd like to do something, as a club, to help educate our members and the local community on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. We wanted to hold this event on neutral ground where all clubs stood as one, in an environment that young people could relate to and with speakers that they'd actually listen to instead of tuning out.

With unsurpassed help from Empire Club our idea became a reality and our education night on Drugs



& Alcohol was locked in. We invited all football and netball clubs within our "South East Football Netball League (SEFNL)" which included all players, siblings, parents, committees, club officials/ helpers and supporters.

The event was also fully supported by SEFNL, AFL South East Development, Cardinia Shire and the City of Casey and took place in Narre Warren at Empire Club on Tuesday 31st March with 400 plus people in attendance.

Guest speakers included:

- \* Jimmy Bartel  
AFL Geelong
- \* Heath Black  
Ex AFL Freo & St Kilda
- \* Andrew Holt  
YSAS
- \* Steve Wood  
Victoria Police

The atmosphere was incredible as the speakers brought many people to tears and you could have heard a pin drop as they told of their experiences and the realities of drug and alcohol abuse from all angles; police, personal use and rehab services.

They also gave strategies on ways for people to say "no" or how to simply remove themselves from the situation. We also

learnt of the importance of making sure friends look after each other when they're out and how crucial it is to cooperate with ambulance and police when they ask "what someone has taken" so they can respond quicker with the right medical treatment and potentially save their friend's life.

This was hard hitting, real life stuff. We believe that the night was a huge success and had a big impact on those that were there. This is probably best illustrated by the talk around town afterwards which was backed up by us receiving emails and phone calls from local schools and other football clubs from different leagues who had heard great feedback and now want to hold the same event themselves. We'll never be able to measure the actual impact or influence that this night had on people in attendance but looking around the room and hearing the feedback afterwards we're confident that it made a difference to some.

## Watch Beacy Senior Games on SEFNL TV

Every week the senior games are filmed and are available to watch from the following Monday. You can now go to: [www.southeastfnl.tv](http://www.southeastfnl.tv) and catch up on all the action of the game including a compilation of highlights.

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## Beaconsfield Netball Club

by Heather Studham



Photo taken  
at game vs  
Narre Warren.

Beaconsfield Netball Club have enjoyed an exciting 5 rounds of netball so far this season. The competition has been very competitive and results have been mixed. The one constant being super netball each and every week. Injury has reared its ugly head early in the season and there are a few quality players who have been sidelined for quite a few weeks. Hopefully, knees and ankles crossed, all on the injury list will be back in action before too long.

The Club will be holding their Annual Auction on THURSDAY 16th JULY and all are invited to attend. We continue the traditional Mini Tatts and Pineapples on a weekly basis and have added the Beacy Baffler to home game fun. Beaconsfield continue to support Kaela Hughes, Danni Cameron and Bianca Sanzaro with their VNL careers and are very proud of their achievements.

Contact – Melinda Stinear  
– Secretary – beaconsfieldnetballclub@live.com



Past champions watching on.

Back Row Left to Right – Meagan Gillespie, Regan Gunn, Bridget Pryor, Sarah Welch, Ali Neal, Shona Pallas, Sarah Hogan

Front – Kellie Penglase and Jasmine Jones.

## TENNIS NEWS

by M. Potter



### Thank You to Beaconsfield Sub News Agency & Milk Bar

Our courts are available for casual hire and this needs someone to be always available to provide court keys and collect fees from hirers. We thank our local Sub News Agency and Milk Bar who perform this task seven days a week for our club at no cost. Hire fees form a vital income stream for our club to enable us to improve facilities for users. So if you wish to hire our courts just see the "Milk Bar" in Beacy and they will help you and don't forget to pick up a snack and drinks while there.

### ITM Coaching - All Abilities and Ermha Programs

ITM Coaching (our club coach) and our club have worked together with Cardinia Shire Council to form the "All Abilities Tennis Program". This program is designed as an outreach program offered to local youths managing physical disability, mental health and people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

The All Abilities program is a fun introduction to tennis. Classes include an introduction to stroke technique, fun tennis games that put learned skills into practice, and have an emphasis on competition play and scoring. The program runs for one hour sessions on Wednesday evenings from 5:15pm to 6:15pm with family members or friends welcome to join the program as support for their loved one. The All Abilities program has been a huge success with a full group attending since inception.

A further outreach program in conjunction with Ermha Beaconsfield is offered to adults managing mental health. The program has been running successfully for two years with a number of personal success stories from the participants. The Ermha program runs every Thursday morning for a one hour session.

The goal of these programs is to make the game of tennis available to our diverse community, to welcome participants to their local sporting community and also enjoy the game of tennis itself.

If interested in joining these programs which are FREE,  
call Paul on 0412 682 569  
or email: [innovativetenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:innovativetenniscoaching@gmail.com)

Our club supports this program financially by raising funds at round robin competitions, the last held Friday evenings of March 13 and March 20, raising \$749. The next is planned for October with everyone welcome to participate. Call Cathy on 0425 735 080 if interested in joining future competitions.

### Club Championships

The finals of the Club Championships were recently held with 2015 Mens Open Singles Champion being Craig Sankey. This is Craig's third year in a row as the mens winner. We need some young guns to come through the ranks to give him a run for his money next year!! The runner-up was Andrew Peart. The mens A doubles winners were Craig Sankey and Mark Gelderbloem who defeated Dave van der Koogh and Colman Kenna.

Junior Club Champion A Grade singles winner was Cameron Kelly who narrowly defeated Michael Battye in a tough 3-set match. Cameron and Michael then went on to win the A Grade doubles event, with brothers Liam and Eli Tyrrell pairing up to come runners-up. B Grade singles winner, Lachlan Daniell defeated Matt Glover in another great match. B Doubles winners were another set of brothers, Tom and Josh McCormick, who played very well together to beat tough opposition in Nathan Sankey and Jack Edmonds. C Grade singles event was won by Josh Daniell with runners-up being Luke Sankey.

### Night Competitions Flourish

Wednesday night unisex doubles competition recently completed summer finals with Major Premiers being the Dobermans (Warren Pearson, Emily Kleverlaan, Diana Fletcher, Josh Robertson, Michael Kleverlaan & Dean Benge) defeated the Retrievers (Warren Hadley, Paul Thornewell, Kerrie Hogben, Mace Penrose & Allana Hadley). Minor Premiers the Collies (Michael Freis, Leanne Bowman, William, Amanda Sibley & Melissa Freis) defeated the Shepherds (Mark Barlow, Daniel Dimech, Thea Payne, Sue Holland & Amber Holland). Ninety plus players participated in this competition. Our winter season has just commenced with 14 teams (72+ players) taking part, with matches played at both Beaconsfield & Officer, using all available courts.



*Pictured above - Dobermans - Premiers*

*Pictured Right - Retrievers - Runners-up*

### Mid-Week Ladies Competition

This competition competes in the Dandenong & District Tennis Association and is for those ladies that can make the time to have a competitive hit on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. We currently have 4 or 5 teams looking like making finals and thank the teams who have had to play at other venues due to lack of courts. If you would like to join this competition, AND we do need more players, just give Kerry McKean a call on 0419 382 477.

### Junior Tennis

Congratulations to our summer junior sections 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 19 blue and 19 gold for making finals. Sections 5 and 12 made it through to the grand final; while the two section 19 teams played off against each other in the Sunday doubles grand final. Congratulations to section 19 Gold, the eventual winners in a very tight match which came down to the last set.

Our summer senior sections also did well, with three out of eight teams making it to finals. Congratulations to the A Grade 1 Mixed team, the Singles/Doubles A Reserve 6 team, and the Mens Rubbers A Reserve 2 team. The A Reserve 6 team made it to the Grand Final and were runners up.

### New Tennis Court Is In The Making

With development of new netball courts at the Holm Park Road complex, the old redundant netball court adjacent to our current courts will be redeveloped into a new tennis court. This is possible thanks to Cardinia Shire Council who will manage and fund the redevelopment by contributing in excess of 50% of costs with our club contributing \$25,000 to the project. Our funds are primarily raised through membership fees and in-house competitions held each Wednesday and Thursday night. The new court which will be fenced and includes lighting is planned for completion by end of June and gives us nine courts in all.

### beaconsfieldtc.com.au

This is the address of our new website which will be upgraded over time. Thanks to Andrew Newsome for his work in developing the site and for future updates.



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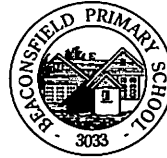
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