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## Sam Receives Bob Burgess Award

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At the Beaconsfield CFA Annual Awards Evening, Sam Dorning received the Bob Burgess Award. Pictured left are Bev Burgess, Sam Dorning and Paul Hayes. Read more on page 7.



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This is the earliest Beaconsfield FC team photo from 1909. Some well known local names such as the Adamsons, Harbour & Harris feature. See Page 32.



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2015 MEETING DATES

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*by Graeme Taylor, President.*

Our Association continues to receive many favourable comments, emails and letters concerning the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Plaques and the Booklet that we produced on the 65 servicemen named on the plaques.

We continue to talk to descendants of the servicemen named on the plaques and we gladly provide them with a booklet.

If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the Booklet titled Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour Servicemen Remembered, the cost is \$5 and you can contact our Association. The Booklet is also available from the Beaconsfield Community Complex, Berwick Mechanics Institute Library and the National Trust Shop in Berwick.

We have received a Grant of \$10,000 from Federal Government Department of Veterans Affairs. The Grant is for a digital display, book and launch. It will record names, military history and life stories for the service people from Beaconsfield.

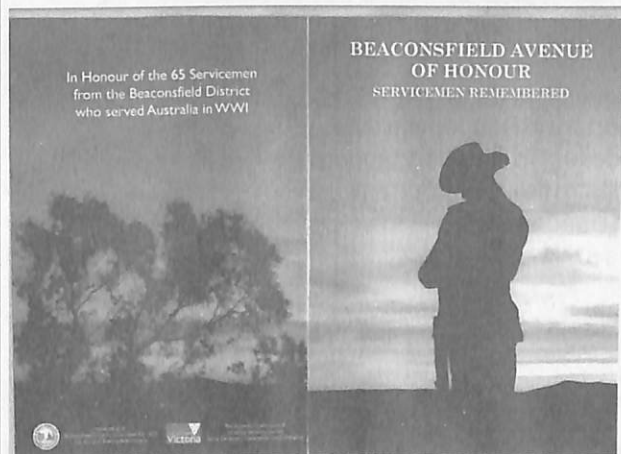
Cardinia Shire Council is currently calling for feedback on its Open Air Burning Policy. A number of changes are proposed including burning off on Sundays and how annual exemptions are issued. Submissions are due by 24 August.

A revised Development Plan for Glismann Road Beaconsfield has been issued. Council is seeking feedback and comments by 28 August. Information on the project including assessment reports are available online on

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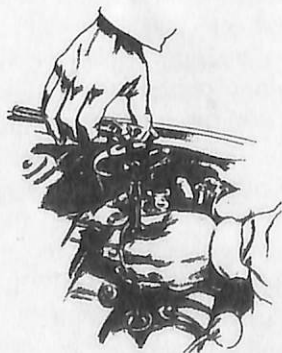
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## Beaconsfield Car Parking Master Plan

As a result of an action specified in the Beaconsfield Structure Plan (2013), the development of a car parking precinct plan for the Beaconsfield Town Centre has commenced. Car parking is an important component of the Beaconsfield town centre. The provision of a sufficient amount of well-located car parking is important to Beaconsfield's success. To support and facilitate the development of Beaconsfield's town centre it is important to have a clear plan for car parking provision and management. A car parking precinct plan identifies car parking demands, issues and opportunities and provides a strategic approach to guide future decisions in relation to parking in the town centre to manage existing and future parking demands, with either statutory (Parking Overlay) or non-statutory mechanisms (signage, time restrictions). Further

## News From Ranges Ward Councillors

by Cr. Brett Owen

updates on this project will be provided to the community in the future.

### Glismann Road Development Plan

Council has developed a revised Development Plan (master plan) in response to the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Draft Development Plan dated 3rd November 2014. The revised Development Plan is presently again on public exhibition. Council invites residents and owners of the affected land to review

the revised Development Plan and give us your feedback. More information can be found on Council's website [cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

### Holm Park Reserve Playground

A new playground has been built adjacent to the netball courts at Holm Park Reserve. The playground features swings, slides and a climbing net. The playground was funded by Council at a cost of \$60,000 and is identified in the Holm Park Reserve



The recently installed playground at Holm Park Reserve

Master Plan and in the recently adopted Cardinia Shire Play Space Strategy.

### Holm Park Reserve Netball Lighting

Council have worked with the Beaconsfield Netball Club to install lighting on the 2 new netball courts at Holm Park Reserve. The lighting will allow the club to utilise all 4 courts for training.

### Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Tennis Court

Council have been working with the Beaconsfield Tennis Club to convert the old asphalt netball court at the reserve into a new synthetic grass court with new fencing and floodlighting. The court was completed in June 2015 at total cost of approx. \$56,000, with the tennis club committing \$25,000 and the remaining \$31,000 provided by Council. See page 33.

### Community Capital Works And Major Equipment Grants Program

Beaconsfield groups recently shared in council's Community Capital Works and Major Equipment Grants program. These projects add much value to our community and would not be possible without volunteers who devote many hours to managing these projects from start to finish. Beaconsfield Kindergarten received a grant to extend their existing verandah. Also the Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve Committee of Management received a grant to purchase a mower to maintain the turf cricket pitch.

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

### Beaconsfield Community Complex – Lighting Upgrade

A lighting upgrade at the Beaconsfield Community Complex is achieving significant savings. The upgrade included an improvement in lighting controls at the centre and the installation of LED

lighting inside and outside the facility. The centre's lighting consumption has been reduced by approximately half. The facility is being considered for a solar electricity system in the future to continue to decrease its energy demand and costs.

## Order of Australia Medal

by Kathy Blood [sister and who accompanied her to the Investiture]

At the recent Investiture at Government House for the Australia Day Honours and Awards, Beaconsfield resident Vivienne Williams was presented with an Order of Australia Medal by the Governor of Victoria Alex Chernov. The citation read "For the welfare and protection of animals, and the community".

The OAM recognised a lifetime of voluntary animal welfare involvement. Over many years Viv has been actively involved in animal welfare groups including Australian Animal Protection Society, RSPCA, Guide Dogs Victoria, Donkey Shelter Inc, Cat Protection Society, Assistance Dogs, Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater, International Fund for Animal Welfare and recently the Dolphin Research Institute. In addition despite no formal scientific background, Viv likes to keep her mind challenged by being the Animal Welfare Representative on the Animal Ethics Committees of Monash Medical

Centre, Monash School of Biological Sciences, and the Australian Synchrotron. She believes that she is making a difference to the lives of research animals

As a community member regular involvement includes Emerald Ladies Probus, Caring Women's Group, Selby CFA, Dandenong Ranges Feeding Group of the CFA, and the Emerald Uniting Church Opportunity Shop. She also supports the Stroke Foundation, Fred Hollows Foundation, Alola [East Timor] and OXFAM.

On an individual basis Viv is willing to assist people and animals in need such as minding pets while their owners are in hospital, rescuing and feeding wildlife and fostering injured and underage animals.

Viv has her own small flock of alpacas and shares her home with several rescue dogs including a retired Guide dog, and a very spoilt cat. As she frequently says "There is always room for one more".

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# BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

by Tony Lukas

## Awards Night

The Beaconsfield Fire Brigade held their Annual Awards Night on May 1st at the Cardinia Park Hotel. Over 80 brigade and family members were present on what was recognition of many significant awards for service to the CFA and in turn the community.

The most significant awards were as follows. Commonwealth National Medal to the following members:-  
Brian Unwin  
Deb Macpherson  
Murray Johnston  
Reece Owen  
Michael Ott  
Andrew Wenzel

Life members to the Beaconsfield Fire Brigade:-  
Bob Macpherson  
Michael Ott

Bob Burgess Award:-  
Sam Dorning  
(Pictured on the front cover)

These awards are the most prestigious to be recognised and the pinnacle is the Bob Burgess Award which is named after former Captain Bob Burgess, who served our brigade tirelessly till his passing in 1993. He was revered in the CFA as the complete fireman.



CFA board member congratulates Brian Unwin on receiving the Commonwealth National Medal.



The 1st of July saw the passing of the Captaincy from Paul Hayes to Marc Graham. Paul did not seek re-election and Marc was elected unopposed. Paul was an exceptional captain and will remain as an important member of our brigade.



Pictured above - Mick Ott after receiving Life Membership to Beaconsfield CFA.

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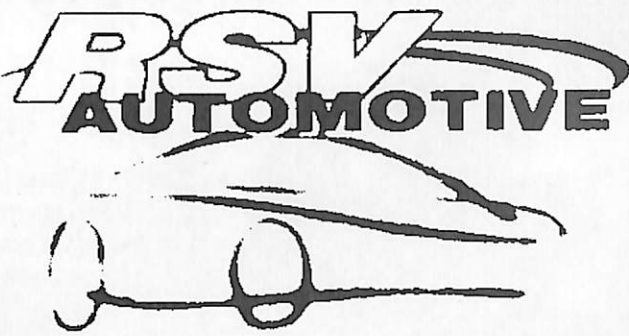
Pictured above(LtoR) - Maron Hayes, Paul Hayes and Mrs Hayes (Paul's Mum)

The brigade has been busy with the usual calls from car accidents to car fires and alarms at retirement villages.

Our training will be focused on preparing for another summer campaign, which is paramount in having

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After the tour guests will have an opportunity to sit and enjoy their snack pack & drink before returning on the bus to Liferview Emerald Glades – approximately 12:30pm.

Bookings required by 12/10/15 as numbers are limited.

**VENUE:** Meet at Liferview Emerald Glades  
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by Lynda Smith,  
Centre Coordinator

## STATE TRUSTEES SPEAKER

A speaker will be here from State Trustees on 19th October has been scheduled to speak about issues relevant to the senior members of the community.

Lots of opportunity to ask questions in both formal and informal setting.

Ring the office for more details.

## 2016

### 3 year old Kinder

- Enrolment forms are now available from the office. Our enrolment day is Monday 7th September from 10am.



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Monday 5th October

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Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Walks will cater for varying abilities with light refreshments on your return.

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### Best of British pops music show

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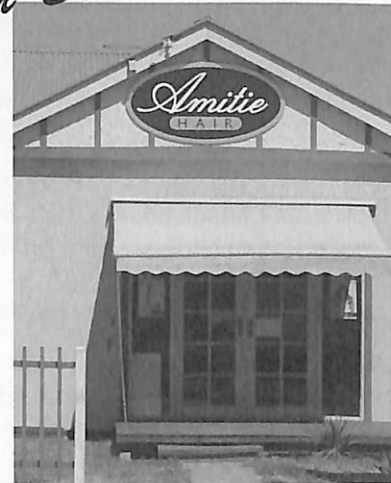
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## SNIPPETS FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S DESK

by Graeme J Taylor, FCA

### SINGLE TOUCH PAYROLL

The Government has announced its intention to introduce from 1 July 2016, electronic simplification of tax and superannuation reporting obligations through "Single Touch Payroll".

Under this system, employers will be required to electronically report payroll and superannuation information to the ATO at the time employees are paid using Standard Business Reporting enabled software. The system will also streamline tax file number declarations and super choice forms for new employees and cut red tape notifying superannuation funds and Government Agencies when an employee ceases employment.

The Single Touch Payroll will require appropriate payroll software to administer the system.

From an employer's view the system will require on time reporting and immediate payment of the PAYG withholding and Superannuation. This will bring forward the timing of these payments which may create cash flow issues. For employees, the risk of not remitting these payments is significantly reduced and contributions paid to Super Funds earlier.

Consultations are taking place for transitional arrangements, minimising implementation and compliance costs and the staggering start dates for different sized businesses. The Single Touch Payroll reporting obligations will significantly change the administration and payment of tax and superannuation reporting obligations.

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# BPS Corner

by Gary Methven,  
Principal

## 欢迎

### (Welcome)

We welcomed 10 new children and their families to Beaconsfield this term. On behalf of Beaconsfield I would like to welcome you to our community as well. We hope you find great happiness in this wonderful community. We also welcomed three Chinese students who are visiting Beaconsfield PS for the next four weeks. Pictured left to right is Austin,

Dominic (their Australian host), Vincent and Jessica. The children have settled well into our school; not an easy task with new and foreign teachers, new classrooms, new school in a strange new land.



However kids are kids; happy, carefree and resilient and Austin, Vincent and Jessica have been a happy addition to our school.

Diversity is a wonderful part of life and Beaconsfield is becoming a little more diverse every day. At school, children learn to value the contributions of everyone, different genders, races, nationalities and religions because people with different backgrounds

helpful to everyone, kind and caring to the teachers and students around you. At Beacy you are accepted for who you are and not what people want you to be. You can be excellent or terrible at something and the teachers won't judge you, they will kindly help you improve on your skills. Every face has a place at Beacy!" Darcy P.

"Being a student at Beaconsfield Primary School means that you are happy and safe. Everyone at school has a friendly nature and bullying is not a problem. The way the school works is amazing. The school gives you so many opportunities for a bright future. I really love this school." Jordan S.

"To be a Beacy Kid is like having the best day of your life over and over again. Learning and having fun with your amazing friends and excellent teachers is just brilliant. Beaconsfield Primary School is a massive part of my life. I have made so many memories here and coming to this school has prepared for the life I have ahead of me. The years I have had here are years I am never going to forget." Georgia K.

"To be a Beacy kid means a lot to me. There are a lot of wonderful, kind staff members and a lot of beautiful and caring students. Beaconsfield offers a lot of awesome subjects and I love the teachers, they are very nice, wonderful people. Every time I wake up in the mornings, I always look forward to coming to school." Cooper L.

I never worry about the younger generation – our future is in good hands!

bring new skills, attitudes, ideas and make our lives richer, broadening our perspectives and understanding of ourselves and our place in broader society.

The children of Beaconsfield are wonderfully prepared to meet the challenges and reap the benefits of a multicultural society; many of them demonstrated extraordinary morals/values, a level of acceptance and standards of ethical behaviour well beyond their years too!

I asked our wonderful Grade 6 kids to write about what it means to be a Beacy kid in 50 words or so. These contributions were illustrative of the values that make our community so proud of them.

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# Coalition Hit the Ground Running

by Brad Battin, Member for Gembrook

The Victorian Coalition is committed to playing an active role in the Casey/ Cardinia community. Recently the Shadow Cabinet visited the area to engage with a variety of local community groups, businesses and constituents.

Members of the Shadow Cabinet began their visit by joining local fitness class, TLC Health and Fitness, led by instructor Tiffany Clancy at Holm Park Recreation Reserve in Beaconsfield.

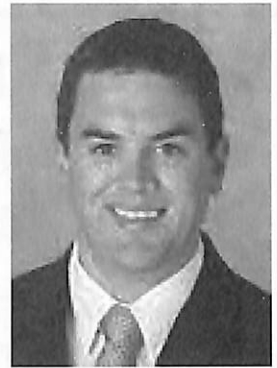
The enthusiastic start was followed by a community breakfast where Shadow Ministers met with a variety of community groups to discuss issues relevant to their respective portfolios.

Appearances included concerned residents regarding Pakenham V/ Line cancellations, Casey SES, St John of God Hospital and many more.

Coalition and State Opposition Leader, Matthew Guy, committed to reversing V/Line travel restrictions for Pakenham commuters, which will

reintroduce over 200 services a week for Pakenham.

I spent the afternoon with the Shadow Minister for Health, Mary Wooldridge, where we visited St John of God's state of the art oncology centre and welcomed the St John of God announcement to build a much needed



hospital connecting with the new oncology facility.

The Coalition thanked the Beaconsfield Football Club, TLC Health and Fitness and the constituents of Gembrook for their hospitality.

If you have an issue that you believe needs further attention please feel free to contact me on 9796 1987 or send me an email at [brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au).



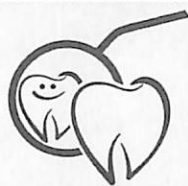
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## THE BEAconsFIELD QUILTERS GUILD

*by J. Worsley*

It's once again been a very inspiring few weeks for the guild. Some of our members travelled to Ballan for a work shop with Michelle Yeo who was teaching her style of foundation piecing. They had a fabulous day learning this technique & were happy to show off the results.

At our June meeting we were very fortunate to have Leesa Chandler come to our group. Leesa is a quilt maker and quilt designer. She designs her own range of quilting fabrics & runs her quilt shop—a busy lady indeed. She gave a most informative talk about what is involved in creating a fabric range before these beautiful materials arrive in store. We now, more than ever appreciate all our fabrics. We will be having more interesting guest speakers in the future coming to share their skills with us. Non members are welcome to come along to these special meetings & more information will be forthcoming.

This month some of us will start making our first mystery quilt —2 of our members have designed this for us & we will collect

part 1 at the July meeting. It will be interesting to see how each one turns out. I'm sure they will be quite different.

Last month some of us set off to investigate some quilt shops we had not been to before. First stop—Darn Cheap in Heidelberg, all patchwork fabrics only \$7.50 per metre, great for backings & of course we each came out with some bargains.

Next stop, the most stunning quilt shop I have ever seen—called "Cutting Cloth" in Fairfield. The interior was so stylish it had 4 chandeliers & the fabrics & quilts were stunning. We did a lot of drooling & spending. Then last stop - GJS Discount Fabrics with walls of materials, so more damage done to our finances, but what a great day!

Again, I think of our pioneer women that had to make do with whatever fabric they could find. Some quilts they made were for pure necessity & very basic design from scraps of whatever could be found. Yet some still from scraps but it's obvious a great deal of thought has gone into the designs.

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# Jason Wood Fights for Beaconsfield Interchange

*Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe*

Recently I've been getting a lot of feedback on how difficult it is to manage poor traffic flows in our area. What's not so affectionately referred to as the "Monash Carpark" is one of the most commonly cited problems - with record peak hour travel times growing regularly in and out of the CBD from the outer south-east on a daily basis. In response to this, I am now fighting for an additional two lanes on the Monash Freeway from the South Gippsland Freeway split outbound, and an additional two lanes inbound until the South Gippsland Freeway merge.

However I recognise that this is not the only necessary roads project we need in our community - we need to make travel

between our local hubs easier so that we can enable local employment and business growth.

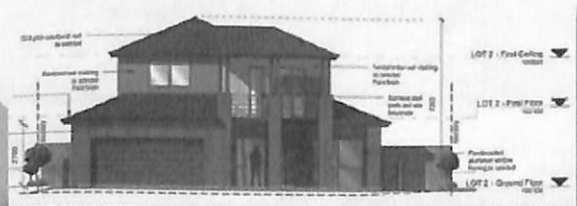
To develop this, I am also pushing for the Beaconsfield Interchange connection to Soldiers Road. The connection of O'Shea Road from Soldiers Road to the M1 Freeway Beaconsfield Interchange would open up a new connection between Casey and Cardinia, as well as providing a parallel east-west route to the Monash Freeway for travellers heading from Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham through Hampton Park to the employment areas of Dandenong South and Kingston.

These vital road projects

need to be completed if we are to grow as a community and to provide employment opportunities to the next generation of our communities.

On another note, you would have recently received the #LATROBEVOTES polling slip in your mailbox recently if you live in La Trobe. I would like to thank everyone who has been so open to sharing their opinion on the matter of same-sex marriage with me. As this issue is such an important one that goes to the core of how people live their lives, I made the decision to go to the electorate and have them lead my decision on this matter, rather than me leading the electorate this time. The response has been one of great support.

My team and I continue to work hard to be genuinely representative of local residents as best we can, and we encourage you to provide your response on the matter if you haven't already done so via <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LATROBEVOTES>. Thank you to the more than 4,500 residents who have shared their views already - I look forward to hearing more from you.



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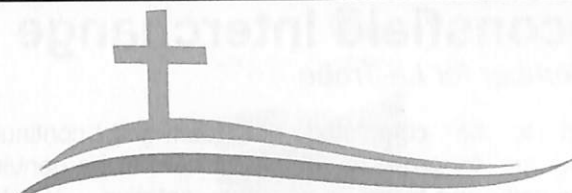
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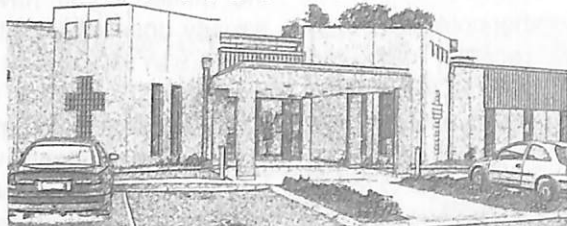
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by A. Taylor

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# Beaconsfield Football Club – 125 Years In The Making

*Supplied by L. Canning , Club Historian*

125 years ago on the 21st April 1890, at a public meeting held at Gissing's Gippsland Hotel, Beaconsfield (now the Central Hotel), it was agreed to form a football club. A team representing the town of Beaconsfield played a number of matches that year, the first against Cranbourne on the 14th June 1890. This was held at the Beaconsfield ground, which was located in the centre of the racetrack adjacent to the Gippsland Hotel on the Princes Hwy. Cranbourne won that initial match 3.9 to 1.6 and the Beaconsfield team for that game was captained by Mr W Keating. The initial club secretary was Mr Mangen and the president Mr L.L.Smith M.P. In this initial game the team is referred to as the Yellow and Black men and the newspaper reports on the female supporters wearing these colours to support their team. A well known district name in the original Beaconsfield

team was an Adamson and many of that family were represented in the football team during the first 70 years of the club's history.

A report from the Dandenong Advertiser of June 1890 as follows – *"Lower Beaconsfield Town notes - Dandenong Advertiser June 12th 1890 Next Saturday is going to be a gala day. The members of the local football club have challenged the Cranbourne boys to a friendly game to open the season of the Beaconsfield team. After the match the locals have invited the Cranbourneites to partake in a dinner at the Gippsland hotel. The affair is being looked forward to by all the people up here as the great event of the year, and the hon. Secretary, Mr Mangen, is leaving no stone unturned to make the affair a great success. This is the first football club that has been established up here, and most of the players are novices at the game, and there is no doubt that those*

*who have the good fortune to be present on Saturday will enjoy a pleasant day's fun at the instance of the yellow and black. There is one thing certain the field umpire will have a merry time of it. I hope, however, that the day will be fine, and that a friendly repast will send them home in good "spirits". What price free kicks? One of the residents says that it's 100 to nil Cranbourne wins."*

An article from the Dandenong Advertiser on July 10th 1890 under the heading Lower Beaconsfield Notes reflects growth of the town which now featured, a hotel, a school and a football team.

*"Lower Beaconsfield is now possessed of a general store, bootmaker's shop, hotel, milliner's shop, carpenter and builder, State School, and blacksmith's shop, but there are yet two more DESIDERATUMS – a bakery and butcher's shop. Now the former is a*

*want which we have been labouring under for some time, and it is a strange thing that some enterprising man has not started a business before now. It was your journal, Mr Editor, that advised a blacksmith and a bootmaker to start, and they have both done well, and the same opening remains for a baker and a butcher. There are really good premises for a butchering business, which could be obtained in easy terms from the proprietor, and I am quite sure that if these two trades came into our midst they would receive the hearty support of the residents, and would be encouraged in their undertaking. Now is the appointed time. The railway contract will soon be let, and look at the quantity of men that will need to be supplied with these two products. Let us express the hope that some enterprising tradesmen may read this paragraph and profit thereby."*

Beaconsfield then went onto play Berwick and Pakenham, and had return matches against these three clubs during 1890. The club did not win any of these "friendly" matches during this initial season. Details are very sketchy after this, but photos of Beaconsfield teams of 1909, 1911, 1923 & 1931 indicate that the club was competing during these early years. The 1909 team photo shows a number of the players wearing jumpers with a star in the centre and the team photo has the heading Beaconsfield Stars.

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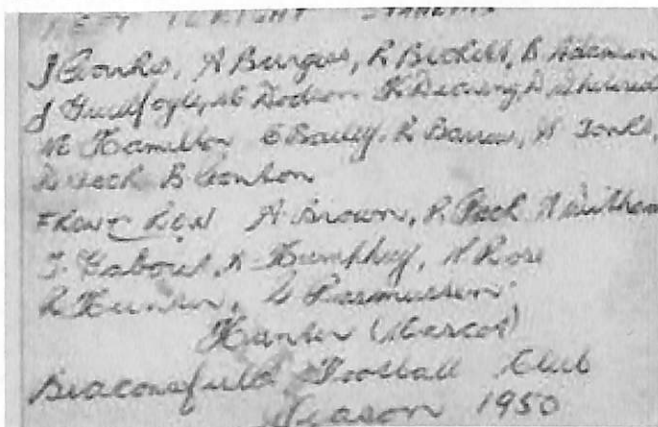
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*The 1950 team, with team names.*



A picture of young Beaconsfield footballers from the same era also shows them with jumpers with the star on them.

In the Thirties the club played in the District competition against clubs as far flung as Pakenham, Gembrook, Clayton, Ferntree Gully and Belgrave.

At this time the club's home ground was located just east of the Central Hotel with the racecourse bordering it. After a recess during the war years, the club reformed in 1947 as Officer-Beaconsfield, competing in the Dandenong & District Football Association. In 1948 it reverted to the Beaconsfield Football Club and a couple of years later moved grounds to its recent location at Perc Allison oval next to the Cardinia Creek.

Beaconsfield achieved its first premierships in 1953 when it defeated Keysborough in the B grade Grand Final under captain-coach Mick Mears. In 1954 Beaconsfield was a foundation member of the South West Gippsland Football League, along with Rythdale-Cardinia, Cranbourne, Berwick, Tooradin-Dalmore, Narre-Hallam and Officer. It is interesting to note that in the initial year, the season only lasted from May 1st to the Grand Final on September 4th and a membership ticket at Beaconsfield was 10s (ten shillings).

Beaconsfield struggled in the early years but became a powerhouse in the 70's under legendary coach Jim Read, with premierships in 1974, 1980 & 81. In 1993 the club moved to the country atmosphere of the West Gippsland Football League and incorporated their U/15 & U/17 teams along with the revived Netball club into a busy Family Saturday. The club enjoyed immediate success at Reserves and Junior team level but it had to wait until 1999 for their initial Senior premiership in West Gippsland under coach, Russell Rowe. It was followed up with another Senior premiership in 2001 when coached by Leigh Clifford. The club also won five Reserves, three U/17's & three U/15 premierships during this eight year period in the West Gippsland League.

A major VCFL restructure saw Beaconsfield join the Mornington Peninsula Nepean League in 2002 and senior premierships were achieved in 2003/2004.

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under Leigh Clifford, as part of the Peninsula division. The club then became part of the Casey Cardinia Division which resembles the area and clubs covered under the former South West Gippsland League, and won its first premiership in that division with the U/18's team in 2006.

A most memorable and emotional day in the club's history was the final match at Perc Allison oval on August 18th 2012 which saw the locals victorious over Doveton in the "famous" Beacy mud to seal a finals spot.

The new era of Beaconsfield came on the 13th April 2013 when Beaconsfield defeated Berwick in front of a packed crowd at the new state of the art facility just up the road at Holm Park Rd recreation reserve. This was the culmination of many years work and effort from so many determined Beaconsfield people along with local council and government assistance. This move has seen the facility open to & being utilised by the wider local community and the club

continues to grow and prosper. On field in 2013 the club hosted the preliminary final as well making that game against Cranbourne while in 2014 the team again hosted finals matches. In a wonderful finish to the season Beaconsfield met their inaugural opponent Cranbourne in a grand final for the very first time and came out victorious for their ninth senior premiership flag.

The local league is now the South East Football League with Beaconsfield part of one of the fastest growing areas in Australia. This is reflected in the growth

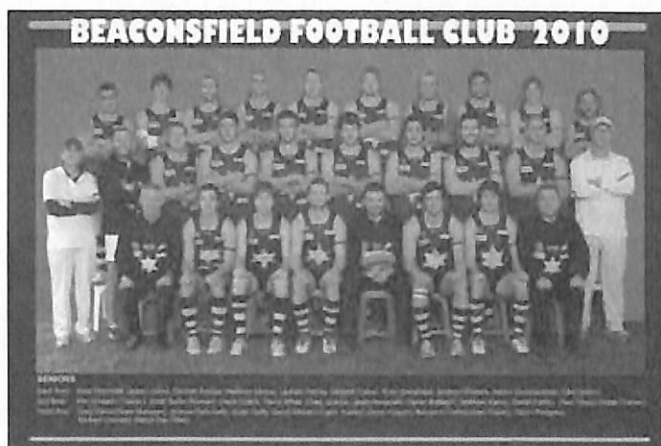
of the Beaconsfield club as we now have 4 teams in the Senior competition – Seniors, Reserves, U/19's & U/18's. There 23 teams in the South East Junior competition including our Youth girls teams, as well as 4 Super Rules teams, plus 13 netball teams all under the Beaconsfield name. In our proud 125th year Beaconsfield FC have grown from being part of a small country town with a new school, a hotel and a couple of shops to being one of the biggest sporting clubs across Australia.

## Club Colours

In the initial match the Beaconsfield team was referred to as the Yellow and Black men but there is no description or evidence of the jumper design. The 1909 team photo shows a number of the players wearing jumpers with a star in the centre and the team photo has the heading Beaconsfield Stars. A picture of young Beaconsfield footballers from the same era also shows them with jumpers with the star on them. The team photos from the 1920's shows the players wearing a dark jumper with a sash but the colours are unknown. In the 1931 team photo the players are in a tri coloured striped jumper. I

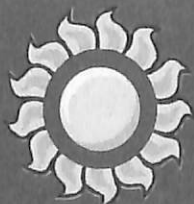
In the late 1940's the club jumper was a royal blue with a gold Vee, and by the premiership year of 1953 this had changed to royal blue jumper with a yellow BFC monogram. It then became royal blue and gold vertical stripes in the mid 1950's. The club changed to the Tiger's black with gold sash in 1965 when Richmond made two sets available as part of a player transfer deal. This stayed as the uniform for the rest of the club's time in the South West Gippsland FL.

The uniform had to change again when entering the West Gippsland League in 1993 and the club reverted to the royal blue and gold vertical stripes. The most recent change occurred in 2000 with the Navy, Gold & White West Coast Eagles jumper being adopted.

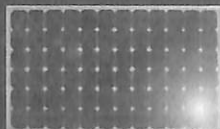


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by A. Price

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# "The Life and Times of a Vet"

by Beaconsfield Veterinary Centre

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Those of you who have been following the Beaconsfield Banner for over 10 years may recall this story, but it's one of my favourites.

A long time ago, when I was a new Vet to the large animal side (cows and horses etc) of things I was sent out to a cow with an abscess on the side of her face. These aren't uncommon occurrences as grass seeds often cause the issue, but as a newer graduate and a new member to the practice I was nervous. I had just

started work in a country town, having moved from a mixed practice (small and large ie dogs, cats, cows and horses) and I had to try and prove myself. I recall visiting a property in the first week or so owned by a long time generation of farmers. I had to help with a calving at about 10pm, and after half an hour or so in the beautifully cold mud and rain, out appeared a healthy calf. After unsticking myself from the mud and other stuff, I stood up and smiled at the farmer. His response was "Good job, in another 20 years you will be a local". In all honesty, I was already questioning why I was there, let alone in 20 years' time.

Things progressed well over the next few months and I was starting to be "requested" by some clients. I was feeling more comfortable knowing that it was only 19 years until I became a local and I had

a handle on some of the issues I would encounter.

Then the day finally arrived when I was accepted into the fold. A cow had an abscess on the side of her face and it needed draining. In Veterinary terms this was an easy job, and despite the 50km drive to get to the property, I was first to volunteer. As a newbie, I went through all the possibilities as to the cause on the drive there, even though it all seemed straight forward from the phone call. A lump has appeared on the cheek of a cow and it had been there for 4-5 days. All it needed was a quick lance from a scalpel blade and it would be another successful outcome to improve my standing as a vet in the country.

When I arrived at the property, the farmer already had the cow in the crush and its head was in a halter, so the cheek

was turned facing me. As I walked towards it, there was a 5-10cm lump on the side of the cow's face, very typical in size and feel for an abscess. I was convinced it was an abscess. I retrieved the necessary equipment from my car and as I was about to cut down on it to lance it for some unknown reason to me one of my lecturer's voices came into my head, "Work it up thoroughly". I have no idea why this happened, still don't to this day, it was a small soft perfectly formed abscess, and it needed to be lanced.

Instead, I took a needle from the box and placed it into the abscess, expecting to see pus, yep pus. Every Vet's dream. But no, no pus and just a weird "swishing" sound. I was confused, the farmer was too so I decided to have a feel inside the cow's mouth. I reached in and found not an abscess but...

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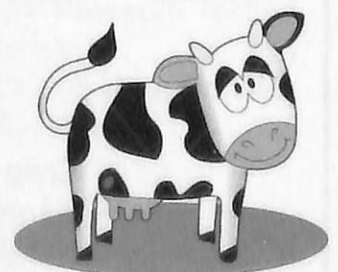
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# Beaconsfield Scout Report

by Leanne Fraser



Beaconsfield Scout Group have held their Annual Reports evening to look back and celebrate what we have achieved in the last 12 months. And, it has been an amazing year for our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers.

The Scout Group has grown by 47% in the last 12 months; with 20 new young people joining, as well as 4 new Leaders. We have earned the Chief Commissioner's Award for this growth. Our location in Officer is helping families in both Beaconsfield and Officer to have Scouting available for their children, and helping them connect to their community.

But, it is not just about growing a Group. It is the retention of the youth, who want to come back from one year to the next. We know that what we are doing at Beaconsfield Scout Group is working, because for the

first time EVER – our Group has received the Quality Scouting Award. Over 85% of children registered in 2014 were still registered in 2015. Considering that 5 years ago, we only had 18 youth, this is remarkable.

This result is in part to the dedication of our leaders to complete their basic and advanced training so that weekly programs challenge and engage the youth, but also the enthusiasm of the youth with the support of their families. The hard work over the last 2 years to recruit volunteer leaders, and empowering youth to drive their weekly programs means that they are having fun, making

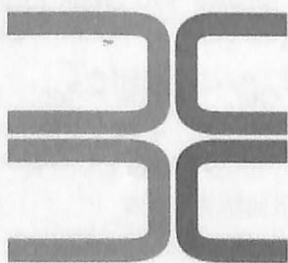
friends, learning new skills, and being adventurous.

We have celebrated the remarkable achievement of our youth as they have strived to complete the highest award for their section. During the last 12 months, 4 Cubs have obtained the Grey Wolf Award, and 5 Scouts have obtained the Australian Scout Medallion. We congratulate Josh, Christian, Aaron, Julia, Bonnie, Cheyenne, Sam, Heather and Alexandra. Looking forward, we will explore opportunities to

extend and upgrade our facilities to ensure that we can continue to grow, just as the community grows. You will see us cooking sausages, and raising funds to assist 7 Scouts and 3 Leaders get to the Australian Jamboree in Sydney in 2016, as well as 8 Venturers and 1 Leader get to New Zealand Venture in 2016.

Scouting will always be there – it will welcome you and your child along to try it out before you join. It will provide your child with a journey from Joeys as 5 year olds, through to finishing as they turn 26 years – a journey over 20 years that will provide them with the experience, skills and sense of wonder to challenge them to achieve and be their best in all that they do.

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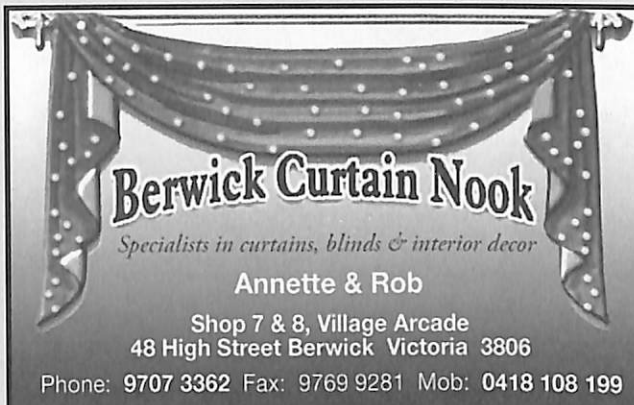
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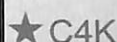
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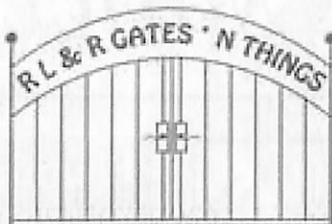
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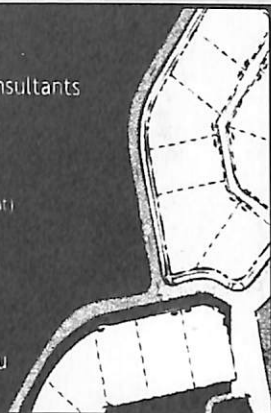
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# Beaconsfield Netball Club

by Heather Studham

All teams are travelling along nicely at this stage and most should present in the finals series. Our hardworking Committee have their 'foot on the pedal' to ensure that the remainder of Season 2015 runs smoothly and we thank them for all the hard work they have put in so far and for the work that still remains to be done until season end.

Wonderful Canteen staff, Louise, Jill, Gwen, Deb, Julie and Tracey and BBQ Boys Jim, Tim, Vin, Scott, Ian and their helpers keep us all well fed and happy each and every home game day. An enormous amount of work goes into presenting our Club on game day and we thank each and every one of the volunteers for their continued efforts on behalf of the Beaconsfield Netball Club.

The Life Members group recently held a Xmas in July event at the Beaconsfield Social Rooms which was a huge success and lots of fun. Santa made his arrival to lots of cheers and was sent on his way with a rowdy rendition of "Happy Birthday". I am sure one he will never forget. Thankyou Santa.

All teams took advantage of a photo session with the great man, some of which can be seen at right.

All 10 Saturday teams donated a service to be auctioned on the night and a Silent Auction had been ongoing from the previous Saturday. A super amount of money was raised and we thank each and every team for the effort they put into their respective team donations. We have lots of buyers eagerly anticipating the redeeming of their purchases.

A highlight of the evening was the auctioning of plates painted by each Life Member. Very individual works of art, which in the future could be considered 'heirlooms', such was the quality of each piece !!!!

Best/Worst Dressed – Tim Stinear and Molly Murnane  
Best Xmas Hat – Gwen Neve, as adjudicated by Jasmine Jones.  
Steve Pallas was once again the MC extraordinaire and got the evening rolling along with lots of help from guest auctioneers. A wonderful evening of fun and mayhem was had by all while raising funds for our Club.

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## SAINTS ON THE MARCH

by Paddy McKenna

The SFX Saints are on the march in Beaconsfield, as the new Football Integration Development Association (FIDA) team continues to grow and attract players and supporters. The Club held its first ever Family Day on Sunday, welcoming along family and friends and also acknowledging the many people that have helped this concept become a reality. With its focus on supporting local clubs and organisations, the Beaconsfield District Community Bank was seen as a perfect fit to be the Major Sponsor of the Club, with the Saints players welcoming representatives of the Bank to their Round 7 match on the weekend.

The idea to set up the



team first evolved during the 2014 football season, with the Saints' Secretary, Jen McKenna, contacting FIDA (an affiliate body of AFL Victoria) to discuss the viability of a new local FIDA team. FIDA conducts a football competition for people with an intellectual disability, providing an opportunity for male and female players aged from 14 – 40 years to participate in fortnightly matches across the football season. The aim of FIDA is to provide an opportunity for people with

an intellectual disability to be involved in a structured football competition that focuses on having fun, learning new skills and being a part of a team environment. Prior to the establishment of the SFX Saints, there was no local team in the Beaconsfield / Berwick region for players to be involved with.

After 12 months of planning, the SFX Saints launched their 2015 season in April at St. Francis Xavier College in Beaconsfield. They have

since played a number of home and away rounds, with the players and their families turning up each fortnight to get a taste of footy action. The inaugural SFX Saints season has been very special for a number of people – for most of the Saints players, it is the first time that they have played in a structured football competition, whilst for the parents and family members, watching the team play has brought great excitement as well as a wonderful sense of achievement and joy.

Jen has worked hard to put together a small team of volunteers to oversee the establishment of the SFX Saints and the Club has been successful in attracting a number of players and their families to become involved. Local St. Francis Xavier footy identity, Simon van

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Dam, has overseen the development of the team as the inaugural coach, inspiring the players with his positive approach to being involved and a focus on enjoyment and participation.

As part of the Family Day morning tea prior to Sunday's match against Lower Plenty, Committee member Paddy McKenna thanked a number of people for their wonderful support in helping the Club get off the ground. He acknowledged Logan Whitaker (FIDA General Manager) and Peter Fisher (FIDA Board member) for their help and assistance in setting up the Club. The Major Sponsor of the Saints, Beaconsfield District Community Bank, was recognised for its support, with Paddy thanking the representatives in attendance Andrew Gardner (Branch Manager), Maurie Potter and Greg Tomamichael (Directors). The assistance of St. Francis Xavier College and the SFX Old Collegians Football Club was also highlighted, with

the College generously providing training and match facilities for the Club. Paddy also acknowledged the wonderful support that has been provided by Cardinia Council and Sport & Recreation Victoria via their grants programs. The funds provided, along with the sponsorship generously provided by the Beaconsfield District Community Bank, has enabled the Club to purchase all of the necessary equipment and uniforms to get the team up and running.

Through the support of all of these organisations, the Saints are flourishing and the march ahead looks exciting. New players are always welcome at the Club - training is every Wednesday from 5:30pm - 6:30pm at St. Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield, with matches every second Sunday during the footy season. Further details regarding the FIDA competition can be found on their website: [www.fida.org.au](http://www.fida.org.au). Details about the SFX Saints can be found at [www.sfxsaints.org](http://www.sfxsaints.org).

## TALKING WEATHER

by Nathan Boon

The last 2 months have seen a stark contrast in weather in Beaconsfield. At the time of writing this, Winter has finally arrived and the wet and cold weather have set in.

Often I talk about new records for Beaconsfield and again in June there was one but this one is not one that I like to talk about. With only 20mm of rain for the month it was the driest June since 2006 when there was only 14mm. The rain fell over 10 days and half of the monthly total 10mm fell was on the 9th.

July was a different story and finally the cold weather set in and the rain, hail and well nearly snow fell in Beaconsfield. There was 93mm of rain and it fell over 17 days. The highest daily

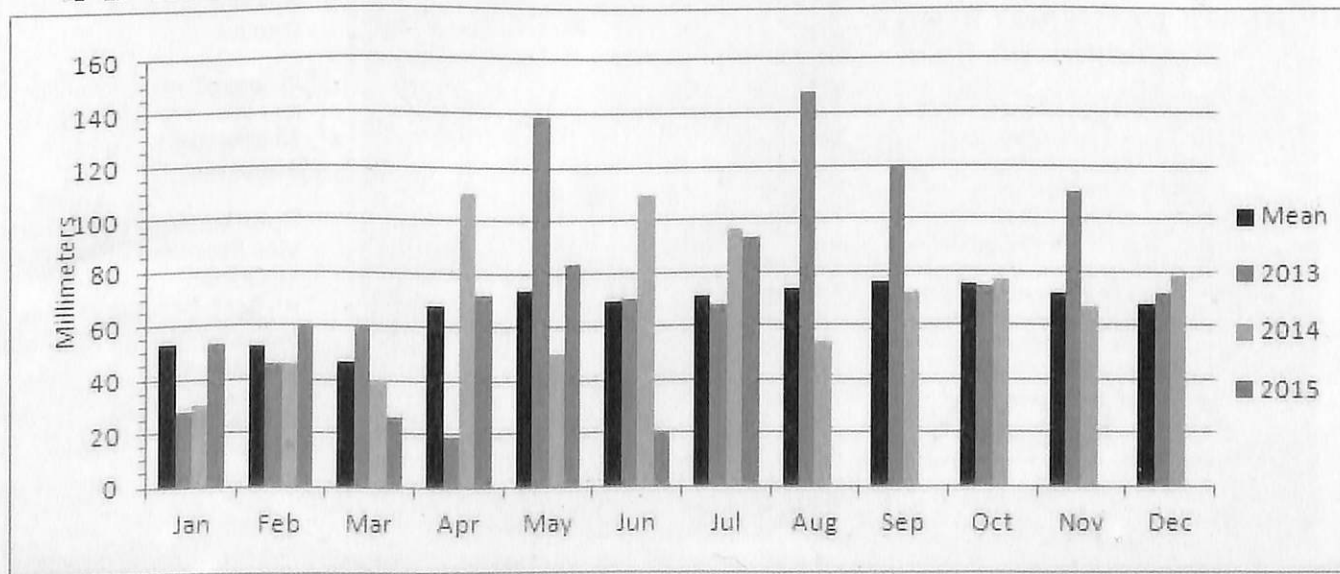
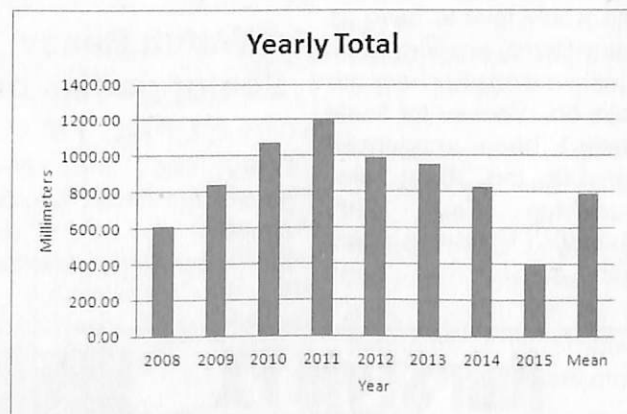
total was recorded on the 12th when there was 21mm of rain. In July, the coldest temperature was recorded in the town for a very long time. When for 2 nights in a row it dropped below 0°. I have never seen it like this before when it caused open puddles to freeze. A truly magical sight to see. July was 20mm above average and this resulted in the yearly total to climb to 407mm. We are still on track for an average year of around 800mm.

The water storage has climbed to 70.6%. This is below what it was to the same time as last year when it was at 78.9%.

*So for now stay dry and warm as winter rolls on and the warmer weather of Spring is just around the corner.*

## BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL

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



## Billy Brownless Came To Beacy

Our annual Club 30 Fundraising Dinner event was a fantastic night at the club with Billy Brownless, Stephen Milne & Aussie Jones as our guests. Billy stole the show with his story telling and jokes, always entertaining; he had the crowd in stitches. Never shy with having his photo taken he obliged everyone and shared a few frothies at the bar. Thank you to everyone that supported the night and the club, it was a fantastic effort by all.

## Footy Finals

At the time of writing we have all 4 teams sitting in the top 4 and by the time you read this it will be close to the SEFNL's finals series. If everything goes as planned we'll have 4 teams heading into finals and would love to have as many Beacy supporters as possible there to cheer the boys on. Venues for finals haven't been announced yet but the dates are: Qualifying Final 29th August, Elimination Final 30th August, 1st Semi

# BEACONSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

by Debbie McManus



Final 5th September, 2nd Semi Final 6th September, Preliminary Final 13th September and the Grand Final on 19th September.

## Our Annual Family Day at Beacy

Save the date for our annual "Family Day at Beacy FC" on Sunday 29th November. This event has been going for many, many years and we look forward to seeing our regular crowd and a few new faces as well. Come along and join in the fun. For tickets and all enquiries, please contact Debbie email [secretary@beaconsfieldfc.com](mailto:secretary@beaconsfieldfc.com) or call 0418 316 942

## 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.

## Great Sponsorship Opportunities And Club Memberships

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## Download Our Smart Phone App Today!

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## If You'd Like To Know More About The Beaconsfield Football Club; We'd Love To Hear From You.

### Club Enquiries:

SENIOR'S Secretary  
- Debbie McManus:  
Ph 0418 316 942 or Email:  
[secretary@beaconsfieldfc.com](mailto:secretary@beaconsfieldfc.com)

JUNIOR'S Secretary  
- David McKenzie  
Ph 0401 595 334 or email:  
[secretary@beaconsfieldjfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@beaconsfieldjfc.com.au)

In case you're wondering: "j" for junior is the only difference between the two email addresses!

### Sponsorship Enquiries:

Vice President - Geoff McGowan  
Ph 0410 446 988 or Email:  
[mcgowan@mcgowanptyltd.com.au](mailto:mcgowan@mcgowanptyltd.com.au)

### Websites:

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TENNIS CLUB

## TENNIS NEWS

by M. Potter

### New Tennis Court Has Arrived

Well within budget and timeframe, Cardinia Shire and contractor A1 Tennis Courts redeveloped the old redundant netball court into a sparkling new tennis court. At a cost in excess of \$50,000 shared with our club contributing \$25,000, delivery was taken on 23rd June, 2015.

The court will be available

for hire in a similar way to courts one to four accessible from the car park. Hire availability will be from September.

Our club would like to thank Cardinia Shire Council for their generous funding and in particular councillors Owen, Wilmot & Baxter for their support and to Council Recreation Projects Officer Greg Polson for his management

of the project. Thank you also to construction contractor Greg Anderson of A1 Tennis Courts.

### Club Membership

We welcome all to our club and with membership renewals now due, it is an ideal time to join our club if you have been considering an active friendly club. Our club participates in interclub competitions including Junior, Senior,

Mid-week Ladies and Pennant within Dandenong and District, Berwick & District and Waverley Tennis Associations. In-house social competitions on Wednesday and Thursday nights and Sunday mornings are also conducted for both members and non-members. Membership details can be found on our web site or enquire with one of our below listed contacts.

## New Synthetic Grass Court



(Recently installed new synthetic tennis court at Perc Allison Reserve)



Photo: Hand over of court. LR Greg Anderson (contractor), Andrew McKenzie-Smith (club president), Greg Polson (Cardinia Council)

### Club Contacts

### General Enquiry

President: 0417 096 628  
Secretary: 0437 074 287  
Treasurer: 0407 990 482  
Web: [beaconsfieldtc.com.au](http://beaconsfieldtc.com.au)

### Night Tennis

Wednesday Mixed: 0437 759 793  
Thursday Men: 0416 147 771  
Mid-Week Ladies: 0419 382 477

### Other Competition

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Coach: 0412 682 569

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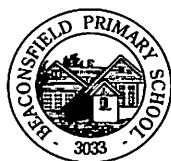
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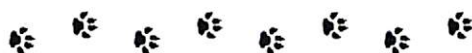
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