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A.G.M. Report

At a well attended A.G.M. on 2nd. August last the following Committee was elected.

Chairman	Liam Gillespie	Corson Avenue
Vice-Chairman	Chris Jennings	Malcolm Avenue
Secretary	Peter Tuffley	Birdwood Avenue
Treasurer	Gwen Lomax	Colombo Street
Committee	Paul Arnold	Norwood Avenue
	Jack Dysart	Tennyson Street
	Bob Gardiner	Birdwood Avenue
	Leslie Kissell	Corson Avenue
	Graham Millar	Riverview Street
	Adam Yeapsley	Fisher Avenue

Mr P. Neary of the Clean Air Society addressed the meeting. The Association supports the aims and objectives of the Clean Air Society and is a subscription member. A pleasant Wine and Cheese Evening was held after the meeting, a charge being made to cover the costs. The annual subscription was held at \$3.00 a family or \$2.00 senior membership, the subscription year being July '82 to June '83. So please express your support for your neighbourhood by filling out the application on page 4.

It cost \$238.70 to run the Association and publish the Newsletter last year, so we need at least 80 families out of the 1,000 families in Beckenham to provide this positive support. Can we ask you to consider being one such supporter? We assure you that it will assist your neighbourhood.

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Beckenham Park Play Equipment

Work commenced on 18th August but has had a set back due to delays with materials. We have urged the City Council Parks and Recreation Department to complete the project prior to the Christmas Holidays. All materials are now on site and the contractor reports there will be no further break in the work. We look forward to the completion of this exciting project.

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Beckenham Bus Stops

We are sure that many shoppers and motorists who pass through the Beckenham Shopping Centre will join with us in congratulating the Transport Board for their thoughtful resiting of the Bus Stops on Colombo Street. Your Association had expressed concern to the Board and we are sure the new sites will not only increase safety in the Area but also improve traffic flow.

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Local B.M.X. Track

Following an approach from the Heathcote County Council provoked by interest from local children, the Christchurch City Council sought an opinion from this association on a proposal to provide a B.M.X. track on City Council land in Hunter Terrace. We met with Mr Crosbie, the City Waterworks and Services Engineer and Councillor Close, Chairman Works and Traffic Committee to discuss the proposal. After a full discussion of the two possible sites suggested we replied to the City Council in the following manner;

16 October 1982

Dear Mr Crosbie,

Re: PROPOSED BMX TRACK ADJOINING HUNTER TERRACE

Following our Committee's meeting with Cr Close and yourself to discuss the above project, I write to convey the Association's view as summarised in the following points:-

1. We note that the site which it is proposed to lease to the Heathcote County Council (site "B", next to the indoor rifle range) has advantages over the originally proposed site "A".
2. We note that the terms of the lease provide for an annual review.
3. We note that the envisaged bmx track is expected and intended to operate on a fairly modest scale.
4. We note further that the Heathcote County Council will erect a security fence to isolate the track from the adjoining City Council land, and will install appropriate structures to control entry to and egress from the track, effectively restricting its use to pedal cycles, and that these measures will be among the conditions to be attached to the lease by the City Council.
5. We consider that the above noted features of the proposals outlined to us by Cr Close and yourself broadly overcome the objections expressed in a recent petition against the creation of a BMX track on land adjoining Hunter Terrace and that the track envisaged in the proposals outlined at our meeting constitute, on balance, an acceptable amenity.
6. We consider that it would be appropriate, although we do not represent Heathcote residents, for Heathcote County Council to consult with us on matters relating to the proposed BMX track.

I trust you will find the above observations of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Peter Tuffley
Secretary.

Following a further petition, the Heathcote County Council and the City Council have called a Public Meeting to discuss the proposed BMX track and hear local opinion. This meeting will be held in the Heathcote County Council Chambers, Hunter Terrace, on Tuesday 23rd. November at 7.30pm. Please attend and express your views. A good attendance will allow an informed discussion to occur.

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Our advertisers subsidise this newsletter and we trust you will support them. We need another person to assist with artwork and layout on occasions. Please phone 325-331 if you can assist. We also need at least one committee member to replace Graham Millar who has left the district. (Thanks Graham for all your help whilst on the cttee. Anyone interested please phone 325-331. * * *

History of Beckenham

We are delighted to report that following our plea for local historical information we have unearthed the Minute Book of the early Beckenham/Fisherton Residents Assn. which was active from 20 Dec 1916 to 7 Mar 1932. The Minute Book has been entrusted to our care. Anyone with further information or photos etc could ring 325-331 (Liam Gillespi * * *

Those Power Bills

Did you know that the M.E.D. will bill you monthly if you wish to spread payments. They will send you an estimated account and then deduct this amount from your usual bill. This makes budgeting easier. Details from the M.E.D. * * *

League Of Mothers

The Cashmere Branch of the League of Mothers and Homemakers meets monthly in the Landsdowne Community Centre.

Programme:

8 Dec. 1.15pm. Xmas Party.

16 Feb 10.00am. Visit to Pottery works. Lunch.

16 Mar 1.15pm. Hobbies.

20 Apr 1.15pm. Self Defence.

A cordial welcome is extended to all. A creche is available free of charge and anyone interested in our group is invited to ring Jenny Barber ph: 324-344 for further information. * * *

Beckenham Tennis Club

The Beckenham Tennis Club is pleased to announce an increase in membership this season, with high attendences each week in the Senior, Mid-week and Junior sections.

A 2nd Grade Men's, 2nd Grade Womens and 8 Junior teams have been entered in the C.L.T.A. competitions. The Mid-week ladies also have Band C teams playing inter-club matches.

Wednesday night play is also very popular.

If you are interested in playing tennis please phone the Secretary, ph: 34-611 for further information.
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Recently the pupils have planted approximately 70 shrubs around the school. We hope these will grow and provide shelter and ground cover.

The Detention Centre have almost completed painting the Swimming Pool and we look forward to another good season of swimming.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/We wish to subscribe to the Beckenham Neighbourhood Association and enclose the sum of \$ _____ .

Name: _____

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Senior:	\$2.00	Over 18 yrs and residing in the area.
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Business:	\$5.00	Any Business.
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Post to: The Treasurer,
Beckenham Neighbourhood Assn. Inc.
c/- 80 Colombo St.
Christchurch 2.