

### THE VILLAGE FAIR AND COUNTRY DANCE

This Saturday, 24th March is a time for family fun - a time to meet and mix with neighbours.

The atmosphere of the country fair is captured perfectly in Graeme Kidd's mastheads. The layout and program of activities appears as the last page of this issue, our first colour page, donated by Peter Deering. Many others have been working hard in the interests of a happy community activity - at the fair and at the colonial dance. It's yours to enjoy.

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### IF YOU OPPOSE THE QUARRY - YOU MUST ACT NOW!

This Bell signifies the start of "round one". It may be the most important round. It is certainly the round in which your individual action will have most impact. Pakenham Shire Council is currently considering an application from Hillview Quarries to rezone the conservation area off Leppitt Road to permit quarrying.

At its largest ever AGM in February, the newly elected BUA Committee recognised the opportunity to assess public feeling and so obtain guidance on what role it should adopt concerning the quarry issue. With little prior discussion 4 alternatives were put to the vote. Of almost 60 present, 45 voted for a role of total opposition, 6 for a role of accepting the concept of a quarry but fighting for strict environmental control. No support was received for a role of a continued unbiased information gathering or one of no action.

Consequently the BUA committee has adopted an initial strategy of attempting to stimulate a large number of protest LETTERS DIRECT FROM YOU TO COUNCIL - for the following reasons

1. The fact that the Village Ball is sent to all residents permits the responsibility in a matter like this to rest where it belongs, between Council and individual residents.
2. An individual letter represents a far stronger opinion than a signature on a petition or a vote at a meeting.
3. All residents are given equal opportunity to voice an opinion, without coercion.
4. For those unable to contain their missionary zeal the opportunity still exists to go forth with pencil, pad and cudgel and convert an apathetic neighbour or two.

THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH YOU -

- WRITE TO COUNCIL TODAY
- NO LETTER MEANS SUPPORT FOR A QUARRY!

(A BUA quarry subcommittee, of interested locals, is continuing to obtain facts and assess documentation relating to the proposed quarry. They present arguments against rezoning on page 16).

To assist those pressed for time or words, a draft letter is on page 16 - but remember individuality is important!

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## BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

Report on A.G.M. (7 Feb. 1979)

Sixty people attended and saw the election of a new committee.

Pres: Roger Francey  
V.Pres: Keith Ewenson, John Milligan  
Sec: Charles Wilson      Treas: Jeannette Ballinger  
Committee: Ian Barnes, Paul Chick, Paul Easton, Ray Ratcliff and Glen Rutherford.

General Business included Village Fair, Helmeted Honeyeater Study, a Village Co-operative, the Leppitt Road Quarry, the new Planning Scheme, Grant Court Water Scheme.

Next Public Meeting      Wednesday, 4th April B.U. Hall

SPECIAL FEATURE: DISPLAY OF NEW SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME (B.U. area) with Shire Town Planner TOM CONNOLLY

Quarry, Co-operative, Monterey Pines,  
1979 B.U.A. interest and work groups.

### "THE VILLAGE BELL"

This Issue:      Editor: Roger Francey with Paul Easton,  
Graeme Kidd, Charles Wilson, Jan Rutherford.

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General:

(1) The Village Bell will stand as an historical record of these times. Anything about the locality or its people -past, present or future - is of interest. Please ring or write.

(2) Except in exceptional circumstances articles should be limited to less than 600 words.

(3) In the past the Village Bell has relied heavily on the "unofficial generosity" of some large organisations with duplicating facilities. In order to obtain more independence through our own community duplicating facilities we are gently fund raising e.g. by "local initiative" grant applications, a raffle at the Fair and Dance, etc.

**ROAD WORKS - STONEY CREEK ROAD, ST. GEORGES ROAD.**

On March 23, tenders close for the sealing of the northern, unsealed section of Stoney Creek Road. The project is funded by Country Roads Board and Council and CRB approval of the tender is required before the work commences - this normally takes between 2 days and 2 weeks.

The contract will be completed over a period of about 3 months. During this time Stoney Creek Road will remain open to traffic (apart from temporary delays when sealing).

The new road will be constructed on top of the existing bed to minimize disturbance to vegetation. The main exception smooths the first two right hand bends (coming from the Village), where the new road moves several metres north of the existing road. The width of the new road is determined on the basis of local traffic use only. On average it will be necessary to clear some 2.5m each side of the existing road edge, which will mean the loss of some trees, Yellow pegs indicate the width of clearing.

The northern intersection will emphasize the status of Emerald Road as a main road, Stoney Creek Road as an unclassified road.

Note the Stoney Creek Road 60k/h speed limit zone has been extended from Albers Road to McArthur Road.

July is expected to see the commencement of the extension of sealing of St. Georges Road to at least Brennans Avenue and possibly to Knapton Avenue.

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**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** - Cr. Keith Ewenson.

NEW PLANNING SCHEME, THE QUARRY - THE BALL IS IN YOUR COURT!

Local government prides itself on being the closest level of administration to the people they represent. This fact gives a councillor a unique privilege and associated responsibility. On the privilege side we may improve a community service, or recommend to an appropriate government department, action be taken to alleviate a problem. All solutions are not achieved overnight - we work within many constraints, not the least, lack of sufficient finance. But when the problem is solved the satisfaction makes it worthwhile.

From Ideas to Reality - The original ideas in most cases come from you, the resident, to the councillor for council deliberation. Never hesitate to discuss your ideas on any relevant matters with your councillors. We are waiting for your ideas and thoughts. So often people say to me "I did not want to be seen lobbying the Councillor". I put it to you, all responsible councillors want to build up first hand information on what you consider is important.

We have many responsibilities, one of these is the planning of land use within the (874 sq.km.) Shire of Pakenham. The Proposed Shire of Pakenham Planning Scheme is now on public exhibition at the Shire Office. The Council has determined it will also use existing public forums across the Shire to explain the relevant details. The BUA meeting on April 4th at 8 p.m. has been chosen to present the contents to the public. This is another occasion where we desire your opinion. Shire Officers will be available to answer questions. A period of three months from the commencement of exhibition is allowed for public objections.

The 'Village Bell' has presented the aspects for and against an extractive industry in a conservation area. It is no secret the Council now has an application for rezoning of this land. We now have to determine whether this action is necessary. If so, what appropriate conditions would make rezoning acceptable. Now is the time to express your ideas on the subject. The Council's decision should reflect the public's opinion in the light of all available knowledge.

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**THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN, PRE-SCHOOL AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.**

When the new Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten was officially opened on March 2nd, by the Shire President, Councillor Bob Bysouth, the efforts of the group of people who initiated and pioneered this project received a great deal of well-deserved praise.

However, it is very interesting to look back upon old records, and to see that for the past 40 years the parents in Upper Beaconsfield have been continually striving to improve facilities for their pre-school children.

In 1938, a branch of the Truby King League was established here, the predecessor of today's Infant Welfare Centre. A weekly session was held in the local Hall, attended by Sister Rees. Although the sister's travelling expenses were paid by the Berwick Council, all other costs were met by the mothers, who by fund-raising efforts provided equipment for the Centre. Along with the usual services for mothers with young babies, the Truby King League held Mothercraft classes for girls over 12 (not a bad idea to adopt now?) and physical education classes for both girls and boys.

In July, 1943, a playgroup was formed, and Mrs. Oldmeadow of Dandenong was employed as teacher. For one session a week she was paid the handsome sum of 10/6 (\$1.05) and each mother paid 1/- for her child to attend.

The playgroup was also held in the Hall and again was funded mainly through the efforts of the mothers, apart from a small grant by the Council towards the cost of the teacher.

In 1945 a movement was started for a pre-school building. Initially, it was hoped it would be erected as a War Memorial, from donations raised locally, but this plan did not materialise, and it was 10 years before the Building Committee's objective was realised, for the new Pre-school was not completed and opened until February, 1956.

At this time no one foresaw the population of Upper Beaconsfield expanding greatly in the future, and the size of the Pre-school was considered adequate.

However, in the early '70's with large sections of land having been sub-divided, and many people moving away from the suburbs to live in the "country", the population increased considerably, and consequently many more children were being enrolled than the Pre-school could accommodate.

Representations were made to the Council as to the urgent need for a new Kindergarten in the area, and a special Steering Committee, consisting of Gwenda Steenholdt, Peter Meeking, Lenoar Gullquist and Rohan McClusky was elected to find a suitable site and to prepare plans for the building.

After much research, discussion and negotiation with the Pakenham Shire Council, the Lands Department and the Recreation Reserve Committee, the site where the new kindergarten now stands was obtained. The building started in 1978, and was completed and opened, fully-equipped in February this year.

Our last year's President, Mrs. Julie Jamieson, must be especially commended for the valuable contribution she has made, not only towards the establishing of the new kindergarten, but to the Pre-school in general over the last few years. Julie has been a truly dedicated worker, and a tremendous asset to many of the past committees. It is with regret we say good-bye to Julie, as now that her two sons are at school, she will no longer be gracing our monthly meetings, and will probably be directing her talents elsewhere. Ladies, let us hope we have some more Julies amongst us!!!

The present Committee would be interested to meet any of the former Truby King League members who are still in the district, and who may like to visit the new kindergarten. Please contact Mrs. Sheila Kidd, 443 400.

Sheila Kidd

**REQUIRED**

A reliable person is required for occasional gardening at the kindergarten. Applicants please phone Secretary for particulars, 443 864.

**FIRST AID COURSE**

A St. John Ambulance Association Public First Aid and Home Nursing Class will commence on Wednesday, 2nd May, 1979, at 7.30 p.m.

The Course will consist of 12 sessions each on a Wednesday night and of a 2 hourly duration.

For those interested in participating in the course, please contact the Mountain District Community Health Service on 688 146.

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**MEIMON - ON HEAD LICE**

Because of the recent increase in the diagnosis of this condition I have been asked to comment on it. Lice are a member of a group of (parasitic) insects which chew or suck, called PHTHIRAPTERA. The sucking variety are parasitic on mammals.

The lice of man are referred to as PEDICULUS HUMANUS and to the scalp variety is added the term CAPITIS.

**Description**



**Infection**

The lice are attracted by body heat and repelled by light. They feed on blood. They perish when removed from host for more than 2 days. The nits, which are firmly attached to hair, mature in 2-3 weeks. The adult is transmitted by close personal contact.

It is the body louse, not the head louse, which is associated with circumstances of poor hygiene and thus was, in the past, responsible for various legends and the spread of typhus.

**Identification**

The scalps of children, particularly girls, are affected. The lice have to be distinguished from dandruff, cotton lint and hair applications of various sorts, and this can be done using a low power microscope or good magnifying glass. The adults can be seen in motion. The nits are adherent, other matter including the "pseudo-nits" is not adherent. The latter are not infectious and may be due to scalp excretion material or possibly old nit debris.

Symptoms include pruritis (itching), dry lustreless hair and secondary infection.

**Treatment**

Consists of one of the insecticides such as Benzyl Benzoate, Gamma Benzene Hexachloride, DDT derivatives, Croton Oil derivatives.

The waxlike "pseudo-nits" can be dissolved by immersion in alkali for identification, but for removal on hair, they and the more adherent nits have to be carefully combed out with a fine toothed comb.

Clothes have to be boiled or dry cleaned and not just washed in a washing machine, at least they should be ironed which kills any living lice material.

The insecticides are put on the hair for various amounts of time depending on the age of the person and strength of lotion, 5 up to 12 hours and then the hair is shampooed. The treatment may be repeated in one week and even 3 weeks, but if multiple applications are necessary the condition of "pseudo-nits" should be suspected or re-infestation from clothes or persons. Other members of the family should be examined early in any case.

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Some complaints of OBSCENE PHONE CALLS have been reported to postmaster, Ray Ratcliff, over recent weeks. Such apparently emanate from outside the district and are impossible to trace. Ray suggests that a few cents spent on a whistle to have on standby near the phone is a good investment and a sure deterrent to the objectionable male creating the nuisance.

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THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD WATER SUPPLY

Action (and inaction) on a water supply for Upper Beaconsfield goes back a large number of years. Keith Ballantyne of "L'Aiglon", Salisbury Road, tells us that if Judge Bevan, an earlier owner, hadn't objected to the storage tank being sited on his property, the township may have had water before the war! More recently the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission prepared a proposal and submitted this at a public meeting in December, 1970. The estimated cost was \$340,000. At that meeting it was suggested that connection to the new Cardinia Reservoir might be less expensive, and the MMBW was therefore approached to cost a scheme for Upper Beaconsfield. Their estimate was \$410,000 to cover a smaller area than the SR & WSC proposal. Late 1971 the Berwick Shire asked the SR & WSC to proceed with their plan. It seems though, that the commission had gained the impression that the residents of U.B., were not particularly enthusiastic, and therefore diverted their attention and funds to other works mainly in the Mornington Peninsula area.

In January, 1973: Des McKenna and Peter Meeking, concerned at the long delays, formed a committee to agitate for a water supply at a reasonable cost and early date. This committee collected a petition of 254 landowners which was presented to Berwick Council in February, 1973. By September the SR & WSC advised that approval in principle had been given for the construction of a comprehensive scheme estimated to cost \$775,000 to supply 700 properties, of which 350 already contained houses. In the subsequent poll a majority of property owners were in favour. Work was carried out in stages over the next few years as funds became available, and completed in February, 1978. The final total cost was \$1.7m.

This is not the end of the story however. Many people were somewhat surprised when they received rate notices substantially higher than anticipated. The method of determining the rate is based on meeting operating costs (maintenance, administration and depreciation charges) and interest and redemption charges at a rate of 3½% on one half of the total capital cost. The near 3-fold jump between the estimated and final costs would therefore explain the apparent disparity. However, based on this method of assessment it would seem that the actual amount paid by each property owner should remain essentially constant and be independent of new valuations in the future. This remains to be seen.

Another aspect relates to those areas not included in the original plan and which now wish to be connected. These are Grant Court, McArthur and Fox Roads, and Brennan's Estate. The problem here is that the December, 1973, Local Government (Subdivision of Land) Act allows water authorities to recover the cost of providing extensions to existing reticulation schemes, as well as a "fair and reasonable" contribution to the cost of headworks and distribution system. In the case of Grant Court, who have received water this month, an initial contribution of \$624 has been quoted (\$309 for the extension, \$315 as the contribution, and available as a 10 year loan at 10½% interest if required.) Owners in Grant Court believe they have a special case in that their subdivision created in January, 1973, with titles granted in December, 1973, before the adoption of the above Act. A petition was presented to the Minister, Mr. Granter, who has responded by reaffirming the present policy of the Commission. However, Cr. Peter Meeking has successfully moved that Pakenham Council pursue the matter further with the Minister. Further detail has been given in a recent Pakenham Gazette.

Although the McArthur and Fox Roads subdivisions are relatively old, they apparently did not set the Commission's criterion for inclusion in the original scheme because of the small number of properties actually occupied. Nevertheless, during 1976 residents in that area were advised that extension would go ahead. In a subsequent poll of landowners the necessary majority was not reached, and that proposal is now apparently in abeyance. In Brennan's Estate we believe that the MKBW is now preparing a proposal for approval, subject to a titles search of all properties in that area.

Graeme Kidd with assistance from  
Rob Clutterbuck, Damien Bayard, Jan  
Rutherford, Peter Meeking and Des McKenna.

THE WATER CARRIERS

No story of water in Upper Beaconsfield would be complete without reference to the carriers of water, who during the parched days of many a summer have responded more promptly to our pleas than Pluvius. Most recently Bob Stephenson operated all day and into the small hours of the morning over quite long periods to keep a sizeable portion of the population from dying of thirst. Our thanks to Bob and his predecessors for carrying out an essential community service.

Graeme Kidd.

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KAYE HARRIS CONTINUES REIGN

Eighteen year old Kaye Harris represents B.U. at the Yakkerboo Queen contest for the second year in a row. Along with Lisa Harvey, Kerryn Foster and Joanne Fraser, she faced a new panel of judges at the Pine Grove Hotel on Thursday evening, 8th March. Mrs. Grevis-James of Harkaway, Mrs. Rosamund Smith of Berwick and Mr. Max Schumann of Berwick judged the girls on general knowledge and presentation, and were impressed by the high standard.

The evening was jointly organised by the CWA Woorinyan Branch and the Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary. Some 35 guests enjoyed an extremely pleasant evening at the Pine Grove and use this opportunity to express their appreciation to proprietor Tommy Griffin and caterer Mrs. Walsh. Proceeds from the evening were used for small gifts to each girl and judges were presented with flowers.

Kaye, an apprentice cook at Pakenham Hospital goes to the Yakkerboo Queen judging, Friday 23rd March, with our best wishes, and will perform her official presentation of B.U. "Citizen of the Year" award at the Village Fair, Saturday, 24th March.

Joyce Bumpstead.

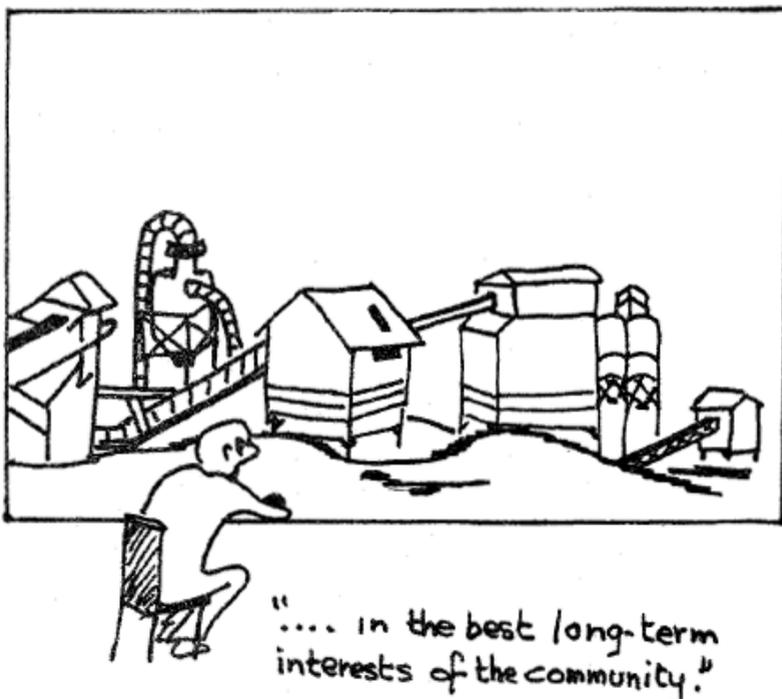
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WUBS

Wandering Upper Beaconsfieldites include JOHN & PEG BELLAIR, who at last report had purchased a 9 tonne sloop from Hillyards, Littlehampton, and are fitting out prior to heading for the high seas.

GRAHAM JACKSON states he is enjoying the facilities in Canberra so generously supplied by the Australian taxpayer.

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WEEKENDERS BY THE HUNDRED AND APPLES BY THE THOUSAND

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris, John Milligan

We are indebted to Lt.Col. H.A. Burton for a letter in which he adds to our information about the Shorthouse family, mentioned in our previous issue (No.4). He recalls that when he came to Upper Beaconsfield in 1919, that family was the hub of the area, economically and socially, because they provided the essential transport link to the railway.

At that time the village had changed little, and only slowly, in the previous 20 or 30 years. The road from Beaconsfield was steep, in poor condition, unsealed and badly rutted. Only three residents drove cars - Shorthouse's Ford T model, Mr. Reed's Dodge and Mr. McBride's French car. The Shorthouse cottage stood beside the Emerald Road, and behind it were the coach-house yard and stables, for about 40 horses, where Loveridge's store now stands.

Orchards, a major village industry, were almost entirely devoted to apples, though Mr. Albers and others had tried plums and cherries without much success. In the picking season, the orchardists could not spare the time to cart their fruit, nor could the Orchardist's Co-operative at Dewhurst. From the Gravenstein season in January to the Yates pickings in April, the Shorthouses -were busy carrying the crops to Beaconsfield Station. In all seasons they were the general carriers of fertilisers, fencing, building materials, etc.

Equally or more important were the holiday-makers, who represented a considerable source of income and employment. In the locality were several boarding-houses and a number of holiday homes and cottages. On Saturday afternoons the village came to life with the arrival of the weekenders from Melbourne with their guests, and the boarding-house visitors. The bustle and excitement was repeated on Sunday evenings when the crowds returned to town, and all and sundry congregated to see them off, in the village or at the railway station - a jolly, sociable occasion.

Mr. Arthur Adamson of Beaconsfield recalls the Shorthouses meeting all the trains and carrying hundreds of visitors and their luggage on a Saturday, in addition to those weekenders who were met by their own servants and vehicles. Picnic parties of 200 to 300 were popular, such as those of Mr. Payne of the Bon Marche shops who chartered a special train for a party at his house among the apple orchards (now the house with a blue roof in Paynes Road). We plan to write more about those times.

Shorthouses had a 5 and a 4 horse dray and various other 3 and 2 horse vehicles, and are said to have needed as many as 80 horses on occasion. They bought their own horses at Dandenong Saturday sales, and tried them out on Sunday mornings - only some were suitable. Most of the passengers loved the excitement of these occasions, and relished the mad gallops to catch a train, though knowing that it would wait for them anyway.

Around 1923, the Shorthouses supplemented their Ford T with a "prehistoric and excessively tempermental" pre-war Metallurgique, acquired from Dr. Griffiths of Bewick. Boss Shorthouse was a first-class horseman, but under youthful persuasion or a fit of exuberance he then decided to modernise, and bought two Nash Six cars, and his son Arthur bought a Chandler. Inevitably fares had to rise, and business dropped away sharply. People did not appreciate paying more, for riding on the running-boards outside the car, in bad weather, or waiting at the station for the second loading. And they sadly missed the fun and excitement and high-spirited parties of the horse-drawn journeys. So the happy crowds dwindled away, and the cars and boarding-houses were barely filled. At the end of the 1920's came the Depression.

The combination was too much for Boss Shorthouse and he was sold up about 1926. He attempted a come-back with an old Buick car, but about 1927 he left the district for Port Albert. The village was the poorer, not only for the loss of his personality and activity, but because of the loss of the holiday trader. It was a heavy price to pay for "progress", and the overall effects were felt for years to follow.

## BEACONSFIELD UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are pleased to report that the Swimming Program has got off to a fine start. Two hundred and twenty children are receiving instruction, in groups of five, from Miss Jan Skerry. We are fortunate to have the use of Mrs. McSwan's pool, and we are very grateful to her for this opportunity to give much needed instruction to the many non-swimmers we have in the school.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Bill Bliss who has undertaken to keep an eye on the health aspect of this program and check the purity of the water at regular intervals.

As usual, we have had a splendid response from parents in regard to transporting the children to the pool. Thanks parents.

The children are at present painting an 8' Mural which will be included in the Yakkerboo Festival along with Murals from other schools in the district.

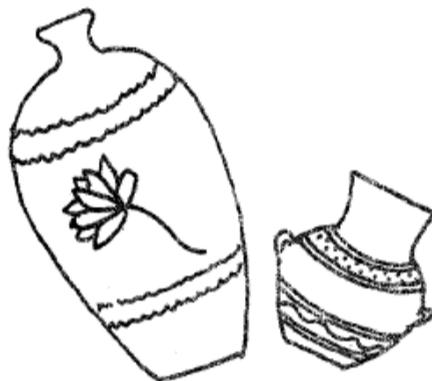
John Crosbie.

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## POTTERS OF RENOWN

Upper Beaconsfield has gained considerable fame through its professional potters. In this edition Ian Sprague gives a brief background to Mungeribar Pottery. The story of Victor Greenaway's Broomhill Pottery is told by his wife Judy.

In the next edition of the Village Bell, Peter Petruccelli and Mary Pancoast will feature.



## IAN SPRAGUE: MUNGERIBAR POTTERY

I first came to Upper Beaconsfield in 1962, having purchased 15 acres in St. George's Road from a Mr. A. Paino of Black Rock.

A rather derelict five-roomed cottage was on the property to which I made extensive renovations. The land - sloping to the north with fine views of the Dandenongs - was covered with low ti-tree scrub which was easily cleared in preparation for the planting of many native trees and shrubs. I must say that little could have been done without the help of Monty Howard who - despite some early reluctance to go along with some of my crazy ideas - was soon doing wonders with his one tiny tractor!

I had recently returned from completing a three-year course of pottery in England having decided, in 1957, that architecture was no longer to my liking after practicing for ten years in Australia and England. I first built the pottery and then my house on the property which I called "Mungeribar", an aboriginal word for 'red clay'.

The early promotion of the craft movement soon took up quite a lot of my time and, after establishing The Craft Centre in South Yarra, I became involved in executive capacities with the Craft Councils of Victoria and Australia as well as acting on various Art and Craft committees.

The pottery has continued to produce a high standard of domestic ware in stoneware and porcelain and I have specialised in fireclay panels for architectural use and given workshops in the textural treatment of clay in most states.

Assistants and trainees in the pottery have included Robin Welch from England, Vic Greenaway, Chris Sanders and, presently, Trevor Hanby who is being assisted by the Crafts Board of The Australia Council.

The cottage has been indispensable as a home for assistants and their families and the front section has now been designed as a showroom for the work of this pottery and Vic Greenaway's adjoining Broomhill Pottery.

Ian Sprague.

Potters of Renown cont.

**VICTOR GREENAWAY: BROOMHILL POTTERY**

Victor Greenaway of "Broomhill Pottery" St. Georges Road, Upper Beaconsfield, is a professional potter. After he successfully completed a Diploma of Art Studies at R.M.I.T. (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology) in 1967, we moved into Ian Sprague's small cottage at "Mungeribar", St. Georges Road, with our first daughter, Kylie. Victor began a training program in professional craftsmanship. We then had a second daughter, Lisa, both of whom attend the Upper Beaconsfield Primary School. The traineeship with Ian Sprague was over a period of four years and in 1971, Victor managed "Mungeribar Pottery" in Ian's absence.

"Broomhill Pottery" was established on the adjoining land to "Mungeribar" in 1974 and since then the two potteries have maintained a close rapport, both in training future potters and producing a consistent range of well designed, hand-made pottery for the community. The small cottage, which was once the home of the Greenaway's, is now a showroom for the wares produced in both the workshops.

In 1974 Victor received a Winston Churchill Fellowship to travel through U.K. and Scandinavia and also to study pottery in Japan under a master potter Tatsuzo Shimaoka of Mashiko. This man visited Australia in 1972 and worked in Upper Beaconsfield at "Mungeribar Pottery" for several weeks, which provided an excellent opportunity for Victor to benefit through a reciprocal arrangement in Japan.

In the twelve years that Victor has been working in Upper Beaconsfield many famous potters from all over the world have either visited or stayed and worked in both Mungeribar and Broomhill. Such countries as England, America, New Zealand, Japan, China, Malaysia, Denmark and some European countries have all been represented by potters visiting Upper Beaconsfield.

The children and I are actively involved in the whole process of the pottery and benefit from the life-style of self-expression and relaxed surroundings. Victor's work has found its way into most National Gallery collections throughout Australia and has represented his country in major exhibitions in London, Faenza and Washington D.C.

Upper Beaconsfield residents are always welcome to visit the showrooms. "The Workshop's Gallery" in St. Georges Road, to view the work on display.

Hours are: 11 am. - 4.30 pm., Thursday to Sunday.

Judy Greenaway.

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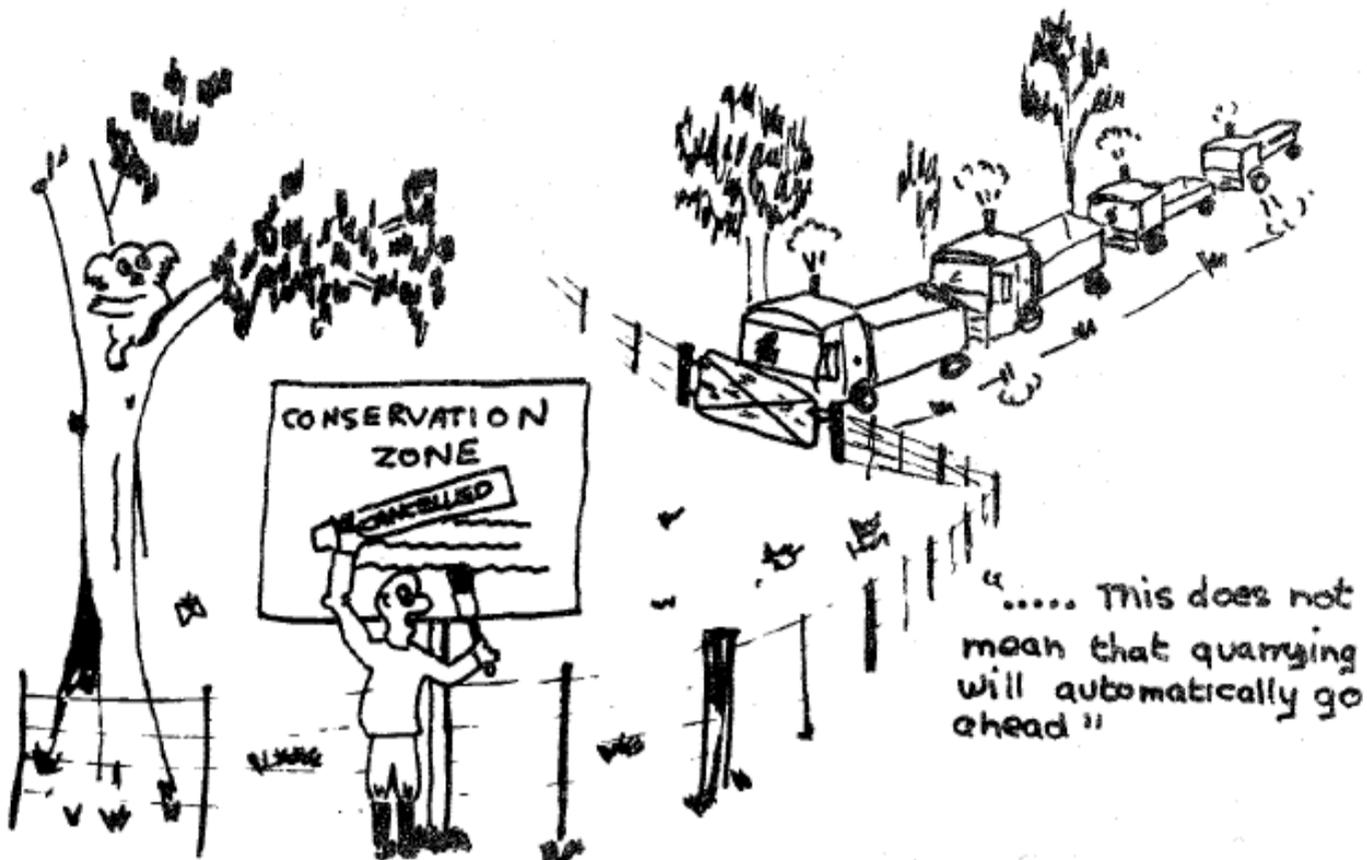
**DIMBOOLA**

Those who like a good night out with hilarious theatrical entertainment should not miss the rerun of "Dimboola", produced by local Paul Easton, for the Westernport Light Opera Society. The wedding breakfast farce (soon to be released in film form) creates plenty of audience participation for patrons are in fact guests at the wedding celebrations where just about everything that can go wrong, does in fact do so.

Details of play dates and ticket secretaries for vital reservations are: Friday, March 23, Narre Warren North Public Hall for the Mothers' Club (Marg. Sansom, 796 8549); Saturday, March 24, Emerald Public Hall for the Lifesaving Club (Jackie Sandbach, 68 8553); Friday, March 30, Princes Highway Hotel, Pakenham, for the Lions Club (Mr. G. Watts, 42 7207); Saturday, March 31, Prince Mark Hotel, Doveton for district YWCA (Mrs. Glenda Watkinson, 703 1405).

Late last year "Dimboola" played to packed audiences at Gembrook, Beaconsfield, Tooradin, Nar Nar Goon, Pakenham and Hallam. Tickets are \$12 per person (with BYO where applicable), which includes a full evening meal.

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Knapton Avenue 44 3760

TREE WORK AND WEED CONTROL  
ST. GEORGE GARDENS PTY. LTD.  
  
44 3427

For salamander, garden rocks,  
mountain soil, screenings, sandy  
loam, pine bark  
  
D. & S. SHORT  
Paul Grove 44 3462

Front End Loader, Rear Grader  
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General Cleanup  
COLIN WILSON 44 3661

Grevilleas for sale, many  
varieties, well established.  
Also melaleucas, pelargoniums,  
allspice, ferns, fuschias.  
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THE WORKSHOP'S GALLERY  
St. George's Road (44 3573)  
Displaying Pottery from  
Ian Sprague's "Mungeribar" &  
Vic Greenaway's "Broomhill".  
open: Thurs.-Sun 11a.m - 4.30p.m.

COOLSTORE GALLERY, Emerald Road  
Featuring - Noelle Johnston  
Figurines, Handcrafted jewellery,  
APRIL 29 - TOR HOLTH exhibition  
Fri 11-3; Sat 1-5; Sun 11-5.

Miscellaneous

P D PRINTERS (Peter Deering)  
Commercial Printers  
Letterpress - Offset  
Free Quotes AH 44 3521  
BH 792 4118

Neil McDonald Dip. A.I.I.  
AMP REPRESENTATIVE  
Yackatoon Road 44 3782  
Life, Superannuation  
Fire and General Insurances

SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS  
for all quality products  
BEACON HEIGHTS AUTOS  
Village Centre, 44 3264

GRAHAM KELLY  
Professional Golfer, 44 3630  
Beacon Hills Country Golf Club  
for all your golfing needs and  
professional tuition

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TRAFFIC TOLL CONTINUES.

There are six accidents to report over the last 2 months. Two people were seriously injured, three vehicles a total loss, three more severely damaged. The three more serious accidents occurred along Stoney Creek Road.

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FEBRUARY'S HEROES were the two men and a dog at the school busy bee.

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NOT SUBURBIA YET! On Thursday night, 15th March, with strong SE gusts a tree fell across the road near the school. The second car on the scene carried a chain saw.

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**HELMETED HONEYEATERS**

John Woinarski has completed the study of Helmeted Honeyeaters along Cardinia Creek, as commissioned by the B.U.A. and financed by Pakenham Shire Council and Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

His report is extremely professional and detailed, amounting to 19 pages of type and 16 maps. It covers the history, distribution, feeding habits and interaction with other species. The habitat features which distinguish the colony area from neighbouring stretches of creek are identified, obviously based on hundreds of hours of careful observation. A large number of other bird species, plus amphibians, reptiles and mammals were recorded during these observations.

Several recommendations for the preservation of the Helmeted Honeyeater were made and copies of the report will be submitted to all relevant authorities and organisations, including State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, who are presently constructing a pipeline along the Berwick side of Cardinia Creek.

The BUA will retain a strong interest in the implementation of John's recommendations. Copies of the report will be available for inspection at the Village Fair and at the next Public Meeting, Wednesday April 4.

Editor.

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**CARDINIA CREEK RETARDING BASIN**

George Silberbauer reports that the Retarding Basin on Cardinia Creek will now not be built. The construction of the Basin was of major concern in relation to the Helmeted Honeyeater colony on the proposed site (see above). We believe the decision not to go ahead with the dam construction was based on engineering rather than environmental grounds!

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**MONTEREY PINES**

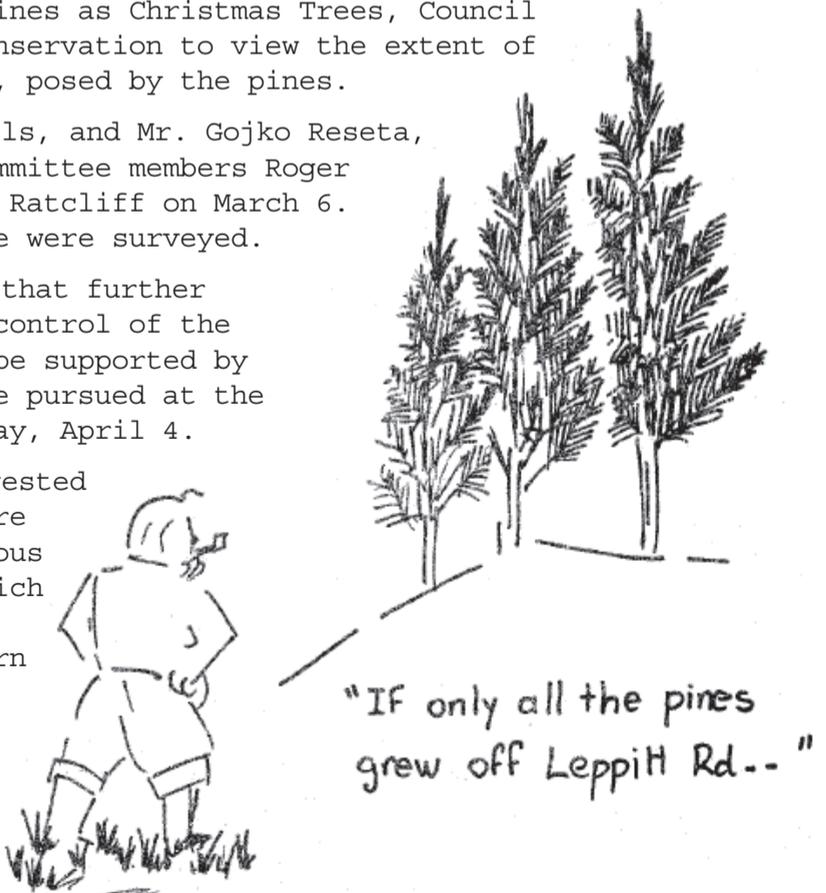
Following the BUA request to Council for the Youth Club to cull local Monterey (Radiata, Insignia.) Pines as Christmas Trees, Council arranged for the Ministry of Conservation to view the extent of the threat to native vegetation, posed by the pines.

Works Engineer Brian Wills, and Mr. Gojko Reseta, of the Ministry met with BUA committee members Roger Francey, Charles Wilson and Ray Ratcliff on March 6. Several areas around the village were surveyed.

It is our understanding that further recommendations to Council for control of the pines in sensitive areas would be supported by the Ministry. The matter will be pursued at the next BUA public meeting Wednesday, April 4.

Two areas have been suggested as good starting points. Both are primarily native, but with serious colonisation by young pines, which could be easily removed at this stage. The areas are the southern approach roadsides from the cutting to the village, and the recreation reserve.

Editor.



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**PONY CLUB**

(Graeme Robertson 443 458)

Julie Wilson and Cameron Haliwell provided keen competition in the "Chase the Charlie" practise jumping event, both clearing 3'6" at the February Rally.

Pony Club events for the Village Fair are Cushion Polo exhibition games and a "Chase the Charlie" jumping competition with sashes for 1st in each group. March Rally (Village Fair Day) Saturday 24th, meet at rear of Recreation Oval 1 p.m.

Welcome to our new senior instructor Mrs. Wendy Myers and members, Kathy Bryne, Michelle Hayes, Megan Phillips, Anthony Birch, Jan Wilson, Cameron Haliwell, B. Bright. A pony must have been a popular Christmas present.

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**BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BEACONSFIELD UPPER RECREATION RESERVE**

**Charges**

- Private and social events: \$20.00 per event.
- Local Organisations: \$10.00 per annum.
- Fund raising activities: \$50.00 per event.

Note that the reserve is booked on the third Saturday of each month by the Pony Club and on the second Sunday each month by the Riding Club.

A toilet block is to be erected in the near future and the scale of fees will then be reviewed. Picnic tables will also be built at each barbeque area.

Bookings may be made by telephoning Peter Gullquist on 443-499 or by contacting John Crosbie, either at the school or by telephoning 443-591.

John Wells

**UPPER BEACONSFIELD PUBLIC HALL** (Des McKenna)

The Hall Committee is organising the COUNTRY DANCE after the Village Fair this Saturday (see back page). Turn up at 8.00 p.m. for a great nights fun.

Action is in hand to repair the roof leak in the rear part of the Hall so that renovation of the ladies toilet can be completed. Installation of cupboards in the Supper Room has also been arranged.

The Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Terry Dance. Bruce Freeman has taken over the position of secretary.

Some current charges for use of the Hall are:

(Details or bookings - Joyce Bumpstead (443 298) Joan Trumper (443 593)

**Main Hall:**

Evening Use	(1) Weddings etc. or Outside Organisations	\$35.00
	(2) Local Organisations, Dances - use all conv.	30.00
	(3) Additional Charges to 2 a.m.	10.00
	(4) Rehearsals for local functions (evening)	2.00
Day Use	(5) For electoral purposes	25.00
	(6) Local Organisations, includes kitchen use	10.00
	(7) Outside Organisations, includes kitchen use	20.00
	(8) Rehearsals of local functions	0.60
	(9) Outside organisations for public functions, excludes use of kitchen.	10.00

**Supper Room:**

Evening Use	(10) Meetings	3.75
	(11) Socials, day or evening, includes kitchen	15.00
	(12) Meetings until midnight, includes kitchen	5.00
Day Use	(13) Meetings, etc.	3.00

Trestles, chairs, crockery, cutlery, teapots, urn etc. are available for hire.

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LOCAL IN AUSTRALIAN MASTERS.

Congratulations go to 19 year old Mark Griffin, son of local publicans Tom and Adrienne, for making the finals of the Australian Masters Golf Tournament at Huntingdale early this month.

Mark brought in a "one over the card" score of 74 on the first day of the qualifying rounds to ensure a place among finalists. Though he couldn't repeat this form during the two day playoff, it augurs well for his golfing future to have been among the big timers.

Early this year Mark completed his cadetship as a professional at Beacon Hills Country Golf Club following a three year course and now has his targets set high.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND CRICKET.

The Junior Committees of Beaconsfield Football and Cricket Clubs are jointly conducting a 'Family Day' on the Beaconsfield Oval, Sunday March 25th, 3.00 to 7.00 p.m.

This is a special function to thank two retiring coaches, Kevin Allison and John Hodgson.

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VEC PARKING.

When people combine to initiate actions, results invariably follow. In contrast to the acute traffic problems on the Emerald Road when the Victorian Equestrian Centre staged a huge rally last year, pressure was exercised by many residents, both directly to Council and through the BUA, with the result that a recent drawcard at the Centre saw all parking on the roadway prohibited by council directions. Enforced off-street parking gave motorists, both local and touring, an unhindered right of way.

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RIDDLE-ME RIDDLE-ME RE.

Driving in from the south you read Beaconsfield Upper - from the north it is Upper Beaconsfield. The Shire, in correspondence, use Beaconsfield Upper. The constitution is of the Beaconsfield Upper Association - however its first aim is to "influence development in Upper Beaconsfield". This editor has tended towards Beaconsfield Upper, however other one is quite consistent with Upper Beaconsfield. Charles Wilson insists that Beaconsfield Upper is grammatically incorrect!

Are we the only town in Victoria with two names?

TUB says he will definitely not answer to TBU!



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"It is...a sensible measure to ensure that a valuable resource is not locked away forever."



ARGUMENTS AGAINST A QUARRY

A report prepared by a BUA subcommittee including Lee Borman, Graham Appleby, Terry Bennett, Ian Stuart, Edward Tregonning, Brenda Hopkins

1. Conservation Area.

The site is in an area classified "Conservation" by MMBW and "Special Conservation A" by Pakenham Shire Council. Maintenance of this conservation zone is surely an expectancy of those people who were attracted to the area specifically to enjoy the benefits of such zoning.

2. Flora and Fauna.

Quarrying would destroy most native flowers, ferns and trees within the site area by removal of the overburden, and by disturbance drive wildlife from the vicinity. Because of the many years of operation of a quarry it is not conceivable that animals would return to the area even when the site was reconstituted. They would be permanently alienated.

3. Traffic Hazards.

Quarrying means heavy transports travelling at speed. Think of the increased danger to our road users - be they pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists, school buses etc. - not to mention the deterioration of road surfaces.

4. Pollution.

Pollution from quarrying operations is multitudinous. It includes atmospheric pollution by dust - noise pollution from blasting, plant machinery, transport systems - water pollution from drainage and discharge. While their effect may be mitigated by stringent control and restrictions imposed by the authorities - nevertheless, collectively they impose a pollution hazard and annoyance we could well do without.

Further, we would like to refute two common arguments used by quarry operators in their favour - increased employment and the need for stone.

1. Increased employment in the area.

The quarry itself employs very few people. Most people connected with the industry are self-employed transport operators whose domicile bears little relation to the quarry site.

2. The need for stone.

There will always be a need for stone, but this particular area appears to be well serviced as to future requirements. Pakenham Blue Metal say they have enough stone for the next 100 years. There are smaller quarries at Harkaway and Narre Warren North, while large deposits are being developed in the Lysterfield area by Boral and Pioneer. Hillview's lease at Dromana has 11 years to run but we understand is re-negotiable and, with the inclusion of a supplementary area, stone could be quarried there for another 25 years. It also seems obvious that projected population growth for the Pakenham corridor will not be realised.

An argument for rezoning at this time is that it will effectively warn prospective land buyers of the possibility of future quarry activities in the area. Rezoning will, in fact, be interpreted by all as a green light for Hillview Quarries. Surely the problem of informing the small number of people likely to be involved does not require a solution as drastic as removing the most effective barrier against the quarry.

Don't be passive whilst this application for rezoning threatens the future of the area and your quality of life. The time to protest is NOW. We recommend an original letter - but for those who find that impracticable sign, tear off and send the following:

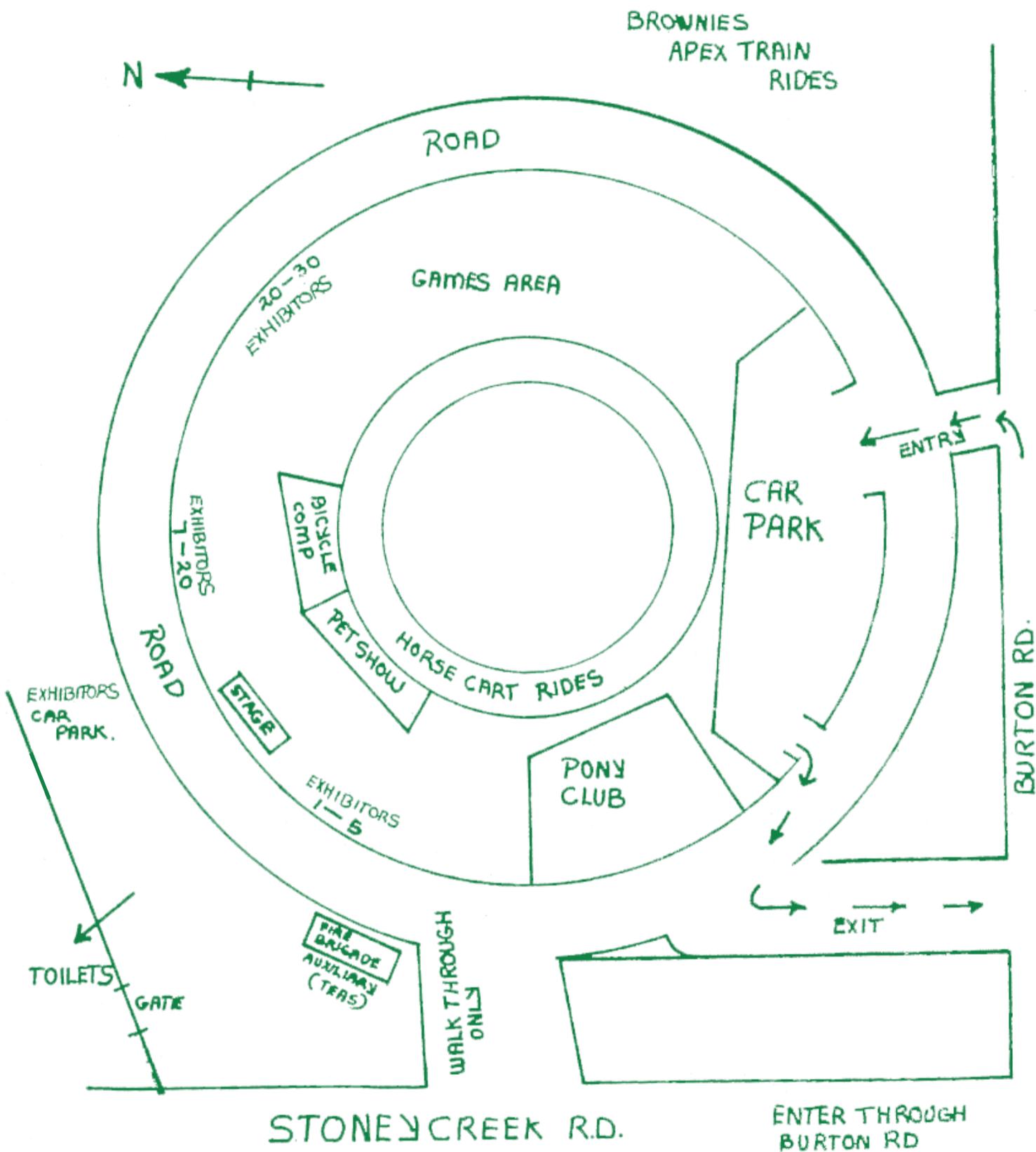
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B.J. Wallis,  
Shire Secretary,  
Shire of Pakenham,  
P.O. Box 7, PAKENHAM.  
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Dear Mr, Wallis,

I am writing to Council to express my opposition to rezoning land off Leppitt Road (presently "Special Conservation A") to permit extractive industry.

Yours sincerely,

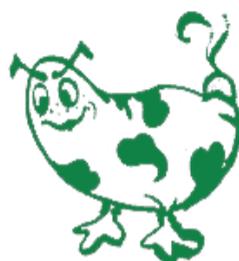
# BEACONSFIELD UPPER VILLAGE FAIR



# Upper Beaconsfield Village Fair

## PROGRAMME

M.C. GREG ROSS



9-11 AM PARTICIPANTS PREPARE STALLS & EXHIBITS

11 AM VILLAGE FAIR OPEN TO PUBLIC

### 1 PM CHILDRENS EVENTS

- (A) DECORATED BICYCLES - JUDGED BY RED CROSS
- (B) SLOW BICYCLE RACE - " KEITH EWENSON
- (C) MOST UNUSUAL PET - " ROGER FRANCEY

### 1-4.5 PM PONY CLUB EVENTS

- (A) CHASE ME CHARLIE  
SASH AWARD FOR HIGHEST JUMP BY SENIOR, JUNIOR  
AND LOWER JUNIOR
- (B) CUSHION POLO  
MATCH BOTH SENIOR & JUNIOR

### 2-30 PM. LIFE BE IN IT GAMES

3-20 PM SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"  
BY B.U. PRINCESS KAY HARRIS & B.U.A PRES R. FRANCEY

3-35 PM FOLK MUSIC "TRITT FAMILY SINGERS"

### CONTINUOUS - DURING DAY

- HORSE DRAWN HAY RIDES
- TRAIN RIDES
- FOLK SINGING

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE  
DAY & EVENING.

**COUNTRY DANCE**

AT  
**VILLAGE HALL**

WITH  
"PATTERSONS CURSE"  
**BUSH BAND**

ADULTS \$2      8 P.M.      LADIES PLEASE  
CHILDREN 50¢      BRING A PLATE