

The VILLAGE BELL



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BROADENING OUR VIEWS

When discussions first began at least a year ago concerning the publication of a newsletter to service this part of the world, it was generally agreed that it should confine itself to rather parochial issues for the greater district is well serviced by the media in general.

However, this sixth edition sees the necessity to avoid becoming too insular for residents are involved in many organisations that presently cannot be centred in the area of such limited population. Hence readers will find in the following pages some references to groups clinging to other provincial place-names. Sport in particular is highlighted in this regard together with several other community interests that may be head-quartered here some time in the future.

Similarly, the new classified advertising section contains references to "outsiders" who nevertheless commute frequently through the limited commercial area making regular purchases to support friendly commercial interests.

In line with the editorial trend to broaden viewpoints, it is hoped that the many residents who have chosen to escape from suburbia, only to become isolationist and escapist in relation to community activities, will expand their outlook to become involved with such organisations that voluntarily produce this bulletin.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSN.
JUNE 6 IN THE PUBLIC HALL

WEDNESDAY SURGERY DISCONTINUED

Weekly surgery conducted on Wednesday mornings in the U.B. R.S.L. Clubrooms has been discontinued due to lack of use by residents.

Instituted by Dr. Gedeon Herschberg of Cockatoo about 11 months ago, the experiment was designed to test the need for local consultations in this area.

Dr. Herschberg will be happy to continue making house calls to his Upper Beacons-field patients where required, and, of course, the facilities at Cockatoo are available to all.

SOIL TOILERS UNITE!

Do you hanker for knowledge of plant propagation, growing orchids, ferns, Australian natives? Bush gardens? Do you know the latest on Permaculture, organic gardening, mulch farming, solar greenhouses, hydroponics, etc. etc.? Are you keen to work towards self-sufficiency in food production in your home garden?

Come to the R.S.L. Hall, Halford Road, on Monday, June 30 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the formation of a community gardening skills group.



"Is this your idea of a solar greenhouse?"

Some thoughts about Private Tucker...

I have not previously thought much about the Anzac legend, possibly because I was raised in another country and another tradition. All the same, I find myself thinking now about Private J. Tucker.

Perhaps you do not know of Private Tucker. He was one of an earlier group of Upper Beaconsfield men who, long before most of us were born, went to fight for Australia upon foreign soil. Like numerous others, he did not return.

You can find his name if you look for it; it appears last upon the War Memorial list, chiselled in neat letters, one inch tall, upon the cold granite face. It is there to remind us, lest otherwise we forget, that he died whilst fighting for his country.

The same applies to the names of the other men, written small, who went with him and never came home. Ordinary men, we might imagine, who were remembered as good husbands, sons, and neighbours by those who remained behind.

Of course, it was all a long time ago. History dulls memory and conscience. But the list is there for us to read: a quiet and dignified understatement.

In an odd way, the dignity of those long dead Anzacs is made somehow greater by surrounding vulgarity. The broken bottles, ruptured cans, and trampled cigarette packets which litter the Memorial Green - the abandoned refuse from last night's cheap and noisy revelry - provide a valuable lesson upon the scale of human values, and a visible reminder of how some values are so much nobler than others.

Across the road from the War Memorial, beyond the fringe of torn trees and amid the shrapnel of jagged glass, there stands another memorial of sorts. The public lavatory. You have seen it for yourselves. Upon the walls, affronting the eye, we encounter other lists of names.

These are written larger, very much larger, than the names of the men, like Private Tucker, who fought and died for us. There are messages too; crude one-syllable slogans that reveal the narrow obsessions of the authors.

Surely, you have seen these for yourselves? It were as though the authors had been afraid that we would not notice. They are, I am told, basically decent kids. I wonder though, what would Private Tucker and his mates have thought?

Private Tucker, there are still some who occasionally grieve for you, and who feel both sad and proud about your sacrifice so long ago. Your name, and the names of those who died with you, will endure while others come and go.

Edward Vaughan

THE BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday June 6, B.U. Hall, 8.00 p.m.

MR. DOWNEY, STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION will talk on our new water supply, water quality, costing of future extensions etc.

WORK & INTEREST GROUPS: WHAT ARE THEY? ARE THEY WORTH THE BOTHER?

The Work and Interest Groups are simple activities with a serious purpose. Their introduction last year was motivated by two thoughts; (a) that everyone in the community has talents and strengths which are useful and necessary for a sense of community well being, and (b) that the strength and wisdom of a nation is a reflection of the strength and wisdom of its basic communities.

Some examples of last years activities amply demonstrate that useful and constructive short term objectives can be achieved:

(a) The Village Bell depended heavily on the guaranteed supply of well researched articles from the groups. The moral support derived from attendance and interest at group meetings was the difference between continuing or not.

(b) The Environment Group provided the catalyst and focus which may lead to the establishment of additional reserve areas along Cardinia Creek and the possible survival of the Helmeted Honeyeater. In the process our relationships with Pakenham and Berwick Councils have been considerably enhanced. The Woinarski survey, commissioned by the BUA, has already served as a useful example for environment assessment in other sensitive areas.

(c) The Planning and Development Group has sown the idea of an orderly and co-ordinated town centre development, and a co-operative to help achieve it. It was the basis of a calm and reasoned approach to the problem of a quarry on our doorstep. Monitoring proposed developments helped suppress irrational and unsettling rumours. It was also recognised as a responsible way of contributing to the long term planning of Upper Beaconsfield.

(d) A History Group is already sitting on a wealth of local information and has conceived the idea of a Village Bell supplement - a booklet on local landmarks.

This year the Village Bell, and the Environment, Planning and Development and History activities show every sign of continuing. Interest has been expressed in an information exchange for those interested in permaculture, horticulture etc., also in studying the impending transport problems of an isolated community of commuters.

Official group meetings are held on the last Monday of even months - next is Monday, 30th June - at 7.30 in the RSL Hall. Between 7.30 and 8.00 various topics for action are defined and "topic leaders" identified! From 8.00 to 9.00 people move to the group of current interest, where further action is defined. From 9.00 to 9.30 group leaders publicly summarize group conclusions, and proposed action.

General guidelines have been suggested to ensure that activities are enjoyable, constructive and beneficial to the whole community -

(a) groups are open and flexible. A continual change in composition distinguishes a group from a clique.

(b) a final judgement on any activity is the number of new friendships and/or of areas of respect, between neighbours,

(c) activities which involve money, or contact with an outside organisation, are conducted through, or with the approval of, the BUA Committee.

THE BUA COMMITTEE:

It is with regret that the Committee accepted the resignation of Ian Barnes, for personal reasons. The Committee has appointed John Lincoln to fill the vacancy.

PRE-SCHOOL AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE

It has been a very enjoyable opening term for the children attending the new Kindergarten, with the teachers Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Stevens providing many interesting activities in a warm and friendly atmosphere. In fact, it's been hard this week trying to explain to a four year old, what a "holiday" is, and why her new-found social life has suddenly stopped! The highlights of the term were a ride on a London double-decker bus, and a party prepared by the children in honour of Mother's Day, each Mum receiving a card and a decorated pot of home-grown parsley!

At the Pre-School the three year olds have been attending playgroup sessions two or three times a week. We said "goodbye" to the Play Leader, Mrs. Collins at the end of the term, as she is expecting a baby, and her place will be taken by Mrs. Spierings who has already spent a couple of days at the Pre-School getting to know the children.

The Committee has held two successful fund-raising events: a sweet stall at the Yakkaboo Fair, and a cake stall in the Village. Our next effort will be a "Bistro" night on June 9, where we will try to establish a French cafe atmosphere in the basements of Mr. & Mrs. Decelis' home! The money raised by these events will go towards providing carpet for the Pre-School.

For any enquiries regarding enrolment of children for Pre-School and Kindergarten please ring Mrs. Decelis (443 752).

Sheila Kidd

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GARAGE CHANGES HANDS

Built in 1958 by John Belfield, of (then) St. Georges Road, and conducted by him as a business, the Beacon Heights Autos garage has seen another change of ownership this month.

Alan Orr and Noel Harvey took on the business in 1965. Some eight years later Noel relinquished his interest to move into G. M. H. with Ian Clark joining the executive lead.

Now another major change has occurred with the business taken over by Hans and Ellen Nowak of Yackatoon Road, with their son Doug as manager. At the time of the changeover, the Nowaks returned to visit their former homeland, Germany. They have built quite a reputation while at Upper Beac for their Dog Obedience School and love for German Shepherd dogs.

Doug has been working at the garage for about three years. Alan Orr is changing his interests to contracting in lawn mowing while Ian Clark is going to concentrate on transport operating.

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TWO MEN LOST

Those who have lived in this district for some decades mourn the loss during the past month of two personalities, Perc Renfree and Norm Lawson.

A one-time manager of Beacon Hills Golf Club, a jeweller by former profession, and latterly employed around racing clubs, Norm was badly injured a short distance from his home on Stoney Creek Road in a motoring accident and died after some weeks hospitalisation at Dandenong.

Also in his late 70's, Perc Renfree was an orchardist at Dewhurst, moving to Stoney Creek Road when his property was acquired for the Cardinia Reservoir project. A Changi P.O.W., Perc was a stalwart until ill-health overtook him some months ago and he was hospitalised in Melbourne.

Condolences go to both widows and the relatives of these men who will long be remembered in these hills.

VILLAGE FAIR WAS A WINNER

This year's Village Fair was a most successful day when staged on March 24 despite the inclement weather early in the day. There was a total of 28 stalls from all types of Village community organisations and talented people throughout the area, The display by the Pony Club was an excellent example of what is being done by different organisations in this area.

"Life Be In It" games certainly had all the kids on the move and proved to be a very successful event during the afternoon. Reports from the Brownie Group reveal that they had a most successful outing with the Apex train rides and made about \$30 profit.

The display by youngsters with their decorated bikes was a very colourful event. Well done, kids; start thinking about next year.

A special mention must be made of the Tritt family for presenting the music throughout the day and thanks to the Pattersons Curse Bush Band for the use of their amplifying system for the occasion.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of the Citizen Of The Year Award to Mrs. Joan Harris, of Salisbury Road, for her outstanding work throughout the community over many years, by her daughter Princess Kaye and BU.A. President Roger Francey. Congratulations to Kaye Harris on her success at being chosen the Yakkerboo Queen this year.

An excellent job was done for the day by the compere Gregory Ross. I wish to take this opportunity to ask people if they have any ideas that could improve the Fair for 1980. With any suggestions, please phone 443 760.

More thanks go to the R.S.L. for doing such a capable job as marshals at the Reserve.

A very entertaining evening at the Bush Dance that night in the local Hall was greatly assisted by music provided by the Pattersons Curse Bush Band and the Tritt Family Singers. We are hoping to have another dance about mid-September when all will be welcome. The hamper raffle created by R.S L. Ladies Auxiliary was drawn at the Dance and won by Mr. Harry James, of Nar Nar Goon, the man who designed and constructed the Yakkerboo symbol as displayed at the fair.

Once again I ask you to remember the 1980 Fair - all ideas are welcome.

Glenn Rutherford

Editor's Note : A comparative newcomer to the area, Glenn has thrown tremendous zeal into the several community areas that he has taken up locally to date and a great deal of the Fair's arrangements lay creditably on his shoulders. He is more than ably supported by his good lay, Jan.

DO YOU WANT TO BUY, SELL, SWAP, HIRE, etc.

Such has been the success of the Trades Directory in these pages over the past few editions that the Editorial committee has decided to launch a Classified Advertising section in future issued. To defray costs of this voluntarily-produced newsletter (paper, stencils, postage, etc.), a nominal charge of \$1 per line of 10 words will be made. This excludes the heading but includes name and telephone number. Here are the first :

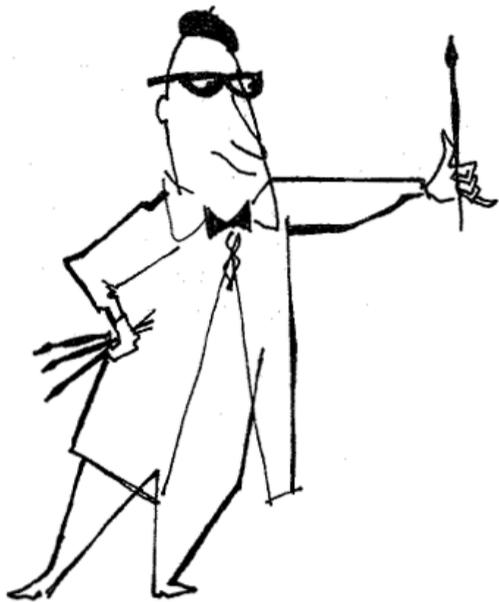
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Artists of renown :

Mary & Peter

Petrucelli

Peter, Mary, Natalie and Pierre Petrucelli moved to Stoney Creek Road four years ago to set up a pottery studio. During their first year of residence their time was spent in constructing and fitting out the studio.

They also renovated the existing colonial cottage on the property for it was to serve firstly as their temporary dwelling and later as a public gallery.

Both Peter and Mary thoroughly enjoy working in clay. They retain distinctive ceramic expressions in their individual works which comprise fifty per cent of their productions. Their functional ware, however, carries the ceramic name singularly known as Petrucelli Ceramics.

Peter has been working in clay for the last eight years. After many years' pre-occupation with canvas painting and sculpture at the National Gallery of Victoria, Peter slowly made a transition into ceramics. When ceramics became his major medium of expression, a total synthesis of several art forms was realised. Through ceramics and ceramic sculpture he could expound on the potentials of integrating dimensional form with color.

Mary, also trained in fine-arts at the American Academy of Art, Chicago, found clay most conducive for her self-expression. Her individual works bear her maiden name, Pancoast.

Aside from ceramics, the Petrucellis delight in maintaining a large vegetable garden as well as caring for the fruit and nut trees. Many years ago their property had been cultivated into an orchard and now much time is being spent in reviving the long-neglected apple, plum, pear and cherry trees. Excess fruit and vegetables are preserved.

The Petrucellis' design is to encourage clients and interested parties to visit their premises on Stoney Creek Road. Hopefully by Christmas their new home on the property will be completed enabling them to convert the original colonial cottage into an indoor gallery. The gallery will house the smaller studio productions of decorative and functional porcelain and stoneware. They have also set aside three acres of pine grove solely for the purpose of displaying large sculpturing stoneware and Raku forms.

MULTI - PURPOSE : MUMS ON THE MOVE

Ask Veronica Bennett about what the Primary School Mothers' Club has as a target and she'll say "an all-out effort to raise funds for a much overdue necessity - the building of a multi-purpose room. How the School Staff have operated without this commodity is a tribute to their patience. We ask the help and support in our efforts from all residents in the area as it is a commodity from which all will benefit."

Towards this end the ladies have organised a host of activities.

1st BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT AND CUB GROUP

Six scouts from our troop have had their nominations accepted for the Jamboree to be held in Perth between 29th December, 1979 and 8th January, 1980. We congratulate these boys and wish them success for every scout's "experience of a life time." They are Jason Cox, Justin Dickinson, Rodney Wilson, David Ewenson, David Whiteley, Peter Dack.

The scouts expenses will be shared on a dollar for dollar basis by the Scout and Cub Group with the boys themselves, therefore the Committee request all local residents to assist with their next BOTTLE DRIVE to be held on Saturday, 9th JUNE, 1979.

Bottles should be left out at the front gates for collection on this day or delivered to the Bottle Depot beside the Village Hall at any time. Special arrangements for the collection of large quantities (in strict confidence!) can be made by contacting Bill Stevens (44 3361), Martin van Diemen (44 3653) or John Lewis (44 3686).

The current memberships of the Scouts and Cubs are 23 and 25 respectively.

Parents of boys interested in enrolling their sons in either Scouts or Cubs should contact the Group Leader, Martin van Diemen (44 3653). As there is usually a waiting list for both groups it is suggested that you do not delay - boys are eligible to join cubs when they are 8 and scouts when they are 11.

Anyone interested in becoming a Scout or Cub Leader or helper would be most welcome and should also contact Martin van Diemen. They are assured of a most interesting and satisfying experience.

John Lewis
Secretary
GROUP COMMITTEE

Raise your glasses and drink hearty
But please remember, after the party
We've made a place to put your bottles
We make money from your empty Aristotles.
Bring every bottle be it short or tall
You can be sure we'll appreciate the call.
Have another sip, voice eloquent thoughts,
Then bring your empties to the spot near the Tennis Courts.

Anon (alias Bill Stevens)

SOFTBALL DOWN SOUTH

As most parents will know, travel is vital to keep the youngsters interested in sporting activities.

Take the Halliday family. The daughters, Robyn 14, Debbie 12, and Gillian 10, with friend Wendy Lewis 12, have been playing with the Berwick Softball Club for three years. Mum scores while Dad coaches and is Club Treasurer. Robyn was chosen in a representative team at the open championships at Leongatha last season.

The Berwick City Softball Association will be hosts to the Open Championships on January 26 - 28 next January at Betula Park, Doveton.

Jan Skerry, the Phys. Ed. teacher at the Beaconsfield Upper Primary School, coaches the Under 12's and is looking for additional players for practice at the School.

There are two Under 12, two Under 14, three Under 17, and three Open Teams in the Berwick Club; girls practice at the Berwick Primary School and play Saturdays at Doveton. Enquiries should be directed to Graeme Stacey, Payne Road, Beaconsfield.

The Halliday girls also play netball at Berwick, together with Wendy Lewis and Lorna Freeman.



"Can we argue later..
there's only three
minutes left to play".

Locals
Support
Berwick
Soccer o

Boys from Upper Beaconsfield and Guys Hill area have been associated with the Berwick Club for the last four years. Families who have been members of the Club include - Nowak, McClusky, Marinelli, Konecny, Schelling, Molony, Bliss, Huttley, Ferguson, Boura, Dickinson, Nyhuis, Verhagen, Brodie, Dance, Magee, Sligers, Johnston, Harrington, and Kneen.

Special mentions must include Mr. and Mrs. Nowak, foundation members (1975) and donators of the Lord Casey Challenge Cup. Pat Schelling is another local who has contributed a tremendous amount to the Club - Secretary 1977 & 1978 and Junior Secretary 1979.

Apart from club competition, at the beginning of each season the Club organises the Lord Casey Challenge Cup for Primary Schools. Upper Beac. has competed for the last three years. Considering that soccer is not, as yet part of the school sports curriculum, they have done extremely well, achieving runner-up position in their division for the last two years. The teacher supervising Upper Beac. in the Cup this year was enthused enough to organise a game with Emerald. Result: Upper Beac. 1; Emerald 0.

Parents and boys who have been caught up with the enthusiasm of the Club believe it to be a highly skilled game and a real alternative to Australian Rules.

Local parents have a good transport service organised between themselves, which covers all age groups.

Contacts : Seniors - Jerry Ooykaas 7046696; Juniors - Pat Schelling 7071839

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TRUMPERS PLAY THEIR ACE

After about two years of planning, and the many hassles that setting up a business entails, Bob and Joan Trumper, with son Nigel, are about to launch a nursery enterprise that is named after their 3 acre property on Burton Road, "Kwarna Lodge".

They'll be opening on Queen's Birthday weekend and invite residents to have an inspection of what they have set up plus (naturally) a cuppa.

Eventually the nursery will have a picnic setting with tables and chairs; initially they have bought stock and re-potted with propagation their ultimate aim. They feature a selection of hanging baskets, native plants, water lilies and aquatic plants from three ponds (effectively and unusually surrounded by mallee roots.)

They will also be selling fountains and ponds and are agents for cobblestones that are now on display.

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TO BEAC. OR NOT TO BEAC. ?

The short paragraph in the April issue seems to have provoked a surprising amount of discussion - should it be Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield Upper, or another name altogether?

The first mention of the name, "Beaconsfield" that we can find, to date, is in a letter from the P.M.G. Department stating that a Post Office, simply named "Beaconsfield" was opened in 1878 at Mr. Brisbane's "Big House". Then in 1881 the new railway station at the Cardinia Creek crossing was named "Beaconsfield", and within living memory it added "Alight here for Beaconsfield Ranges", meaning our Village. Later, the minute book of the Recreation Ground Committee, started in 1898, used the title, "Upper Beaconsfield" and continued to do so for many years.

Correct English usage places an adjective before a noun, so why "Beaconsfield Upper"? The explanation is obviously for administrative convenience - names generally come first in administrative lists, be they quartermaster's store, company payrolls, taxrecords, etc. A weapon is : PROJECTOR, infantry, anti-tank; a taxpayer is BLOW, Joseph Henry. But he is addressed in writing as Mr. Joseph H. Blow, and colloquially as Joe Blow. So despite the officially listed name of Beaconsfield Upper, one is obviously justified in using the grammatically correct "Upper Beaconsfield".

Is this misplaced position of the adjective inherited from the United Kingdom? The writer can only recollect one place, and that a very small one - Willoughby Waterless in the English Midlands. How about literature? The only example that occurs to one is "Paradise Lost". And if Milton had commenced his manuscript "Of Man's disobedience first, and the fruit of that tree forbidden whose taste mortal brought death into the world" -the epic would surely have gone straight into the BASKET, waste-paper, publisher, for the use of.

So one viewpoint proposes changing the name officially to Upper Beaconsfield. Another point of view advocates changing the name altogether, on the grounds that the present name is clumsy, and it implies that we are a lesser subject of Beaconsfield, whereas we are a separate community. "Beacon Hills" has been suggested, the name of our Shire Riding - or some other appropriate name. New or altered names occur regularly - Maryknoll, Fountain Gate, Endeavour Hills.

What do readers think? Beaconsfield Upper or Upper Beaconsfield, or a new name altogether? Tell the Editor, or discuss the subject at the next B.U.A. meeting.

J. R. Milligan

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DELVING INTO HISTORY

The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of every month at 8.00 p.m. in their rooms at John Street, Pakenham -(round the comer by the "Justly Sew" shop).

Membership is \$1 per family annually. Miss B. Thomas will be Guest Speaker at the next meeting on June 1, with *A Visit to Katmandu" as subject. Visitors are cordially welcomed.

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SOCIAL FUNCTION DISRUPTED

Last month a social function in the Hall was disrupted. Local youths, armed with beer cans, were refused entry to a private disco. In retaliation a stone was hurled through a window, smashing it and coming to rest on a woman's lap. Many of the visitors to our Village were sufficiently alarmed to leave immediately.

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KNOW YOUR COUNCILLOR AND COUNSELLOR (Part I)

Keith Ewenson and Family

Keith Ewenson, his wife, Val, and family have lived in Upper Beaconsfield for fourteen years. Early in their married life Keith and Val lived on an orchard in the Doncaster area.

Then they moved to the central city area where their family increased with the birth of their children - a daughter and two sons. A yen for a country environment to bring up their family again led them to outer Melbourne, this time to Upper Beaconsfield where they built their house. They live close to the township but have a feeling of space with a view encompassing Pakenham and Westernport Bay.

At this time Upper Beaconsfield was part of the Shire of Berwick and remained so until in 1975, Berwick was officially declared a City. It was then that Upper Beaconsfield became part of the Shire of Pakenham.

Keith was approached by people interested in community affairs and asked to stand as a candidate in the forthcoming Pakenham Shire special elections. Keith is interested in people and this motivated him to say 'yes'. The part of his job as a Shire Councillor which gives him a great deal of satisfaction is being able to help people solve their problems. He is also able to meet and help people in his job with the Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service.

Keith has worked with the D.V.R.L.S. for the past four years. Prior to that he was a design draftsman with an engineering firm for 26 years. Keith's job with D.V.R.L.S. made him the target for a certain amount of criticism during his election campaign. The D.V.R.L.S. is administered by a regional committee and while serving local shires, it is not responsible to them with regard to staff.

When he was elected Keith actually resigned from his position with the D.V.R.L.S. while seeking a clearance from Queen's Counsel. Permission was granted for him to fulfil his position as a Shire Councillor. A man of personal integrity he felt it important to do this before he could again resume his position with the D.V.R.L.S. Val Ewenson also works with the D.V.L.R.S. and has done so for the past six years.

Daughter Leslie is studying Visual Arts at Gippsland Institute, and is hoping to teach Art and Craft. Her special interest is in spinning. Son Andrew is now at work, while David is a student at Berwick High School.

The Ewensons are a busy family committed to community and people. When time permits they like to relax as a family and spend time in their garden.

Diana Rocke

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JUST WHERE IS JUSTICE?

From time to time it is necessary to get legal documents signed and it can be a little awkward. The situation became more difficult with the departure of Mr. T. F. Rickards, J.P., from the district.

Mr. J. Byron, J.P., Mr. T. Dance and Mr. P. Gullquist, Commissioners for Taking Affidavits, have been acting in this capacity for some time.

Now to assist in these matters Mr. R. Ratcliff has been appointed a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits with Cr. K. Ewenson a Justice of the Peace.

All persons mentioned have been contacted and are prepared to assist the residents when required, but they are not always at home. It could be advantageous to telephone first.

J. K. BYRON	Quamby Road	443 308
K. EWENSON	McBride Road	443 372
J. T. DANCE	10 Fraser Avenue	443 637
P. GULLQUIST	Lot 6 Quamby Road	443 499
R. W. RATCLIFF	Post Office, B.U.	443 200)
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Diana Rocke,
Roy Harris,
John Milligan

A JOURNALIST ON HOLIDAY

In our last issue (April) we wrote of the time when Upper Beaconsfield's main activities were apple orchards and holiday-makers. Prosperous Melbourne families built holiday homes here, and several boarding houses were established. This was in the booming 1880's - in the next decade came the collapse of the boom, and the failure of banks and businesses, with repercussions in our little community. The Shire then had difficulty in collecting rates from the residents, and getting cash grants from the Government, and it had to patch the roads with earth instead of stone. Once-prosperous City men had to sell their country properties, like Mr. Nott who owned the 'Kenilworth' estate on the south side of Beaconsfield railway station.

Meanwhile, going back to the 1880's, we can see what attracted the holiday-makers, depicted in rather flowery language by "the Vagabond" (Mr. Julian Thomas) in the Melbourne 'Argus', November 28, 1885. He was apparently a guest of Professor Halford, who owned one of the first holiday homes, "Windarra" in Salisbury Road. It was burned down many years ago and a new house has only recently gone up on the site, happily retaining the historic old name.

The writer arrived at Beaconsfield Station : "quite a goodly company leaves the cars. This is not Beaconsfield itself, although there is a cottage beside the line, and a charming little country hotel." (The present "Central Hotel.") "The Beaconsfield Hotel wagonette is filled with visitors, and the Professor takes charge of me. Drawn by the good horse 'Punch', and with the black retriever 'Soudan' barking ahead, we drive due northward. As we ascend, the air gets lighter and purer. Five miles from the railway, we come on a small settlement; then turning eastward, I receive my first welcome at the house of Professor Halford. A little further on is Beaconsfield House, or as it is commonly called here. "The Big House"." (Now Mr. Keith Ballantyne's "L'Aiglon".) Here, 2½ hours after leaving Melbourne, we sit down 1,200 feet above sea level (actually 265 metres or 870 feet) to as good a square meal as the most exacting of holiday-makers need desire."

He chats to his fellow-guests, who "sit in the rose-embowered verandah; others lounge on the garden seats on the sloping lawn. The daughter of the house is playing dreamy music in the parlour ... We have left our cares in the City."

He was to see the sun rise, so Mr. Alfred Smith and Mr. Somner (the manager of the "Big House") "get me out of bed shortly after 4 a.m. The first grey dawn is stealing over the ranges. I place this, with my experiences of early morn in midwinter in the Alps, as the most charming I have known in Australia. To the south are the level plains of Mornington County. Woodland patches, and a dark fringe of scrub around the Great Koo-wee-rup Swamp, 78 miles in extent" (it had not been drained then.) "It is the most perfectly beautiful summer resort I know of in Australia . . . till the other day, I, like thousands of Melbourne people, was totally unaware that there was such a place."

"The discoverer was a Mr. Snell, Draper, of Collingwood, who took up the very pick of the district, 320 acres on the height at the end of the spur, and built a 4-room cottage there, which has now blossomed into the "Big House". However Mr. Snell did not profit by his foresight he sold out to Mr. W. Brisbane in 1877, who claims to be the father of the district. The house was added to and a Sanatorium on temperance principles started here."

This is what a City journalist wrote of our locality. He will have more to tell in a later issue.

RATEPAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

(by Peter Meeking)

DOUBLE LINES OR NOT?

Council had before it recently a report from the Officers which indicated that the strip of Emerald Road between Guys Hill and Upper Beaconsfield met all the C.R.B. requirements for double lines, and the total length of road, without any break, should have double lines provided.

Councillors were a little doubtful of the value of double lines for such a long length of road, and have sought further information from the Officers, particularly in regard to obtaining at least one area where vehicles could pass.

GUYS HILL, INEBRIATES' HILL OR LUKES HILL?

The Council has been considering the formalising of the name 'Guy's Hill', but prior to doing so, has been seeking detail as from where the name was derived.

Whilst there is apparently sep. evidence about to suggest that around the turn of the century the area known as Guys Hill was in fact referred to as 'Inebriates' Hill, it is not surprising that no suggestion has been made to alter the name accordingly!

Only recently Mr. Ken Hudson advised that for many years the area was referred to as Luke's Hill, named after Monty and Una Luke, who were the storekeepers for many years. Monty and Una left the store to commence the Montuna Golf Club, and a man called Herb Guy took over the store, and from Guy's Store it became Guy's Hill. Perhaps now we should be looking at 'King's Hill', that is if we were to follow precedents. (To be continued.)

BEACON HILLS GOLF CLUB

Following the re-zoning which enabled residential blocks owned by the Club to be considered for residential development, Council recently granted planning approval which would enable the establishment of home on seven of the blocks which Stoney Creek Road.

At the same time, consideration was given to an application to establish a further 18-hole golf course on the land as owned by the Club, with the Council determining to seek further detail prior to the consideration of the application.

It is hoped that this proposal will be advertised, so that persons affected by this development are able to see plans, and to provide comments which could assist Council in making its decisions.

RE-ZONING

The Planning Scheme which has been on display for three months, closed on 21st May. Councillors and Officers visited many towns throughout the Shire including Officer, Beaconsfield, Upper Beaconsfield and Emerald, endeavouring to make certain that all persons were given an opportunity to comment. The response from the public was only reasonable.

Within this process, Council has been considering certain re-zoning requests, and the Council recently resolved in favour of a proposal which would re-zone the area of land contained within the boundaries of Emerald Road and Quamby Road, from 'Special Landscape Zone' to a 'Country Residential Zone'. This will be dealt with initially as an amendment to the Interim Development Order, and will be advertised.

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BIG WEEK FOR GEOFF

Known around the district (and further afield) for his musical ensemble, Geoff Lord of Kitchen Road created considerable cash register music midway this month with the opening of the HYPER MART at Endeavour Hills. An executive member of the Safeway Group, he was a key figure behind the scenes of the grand opening that truly proved to be a traffic stopper.

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A HILL BY ANY OTHER NAME

WHAT WOULD YOU CALL "GUY'S HILL"?

Situated on the lower section of the south-eastern foot hills of the Dandenong Ranges, midway between Beaconsfield and Beaconsfield Upper on the Emerald Road, it's a re-developing residential centre, serviced by a store with a comprehensive range of goods and Post Office facilities, attractive golf course (Montuna), and a Bookmobile stop for the Regional Library. Set in an agricultural area where people are attracted by the scenic nature of the terrain, the hill (rising to Store) started as Inebriate Hill on published map 1898.

Golf course was laid out by Erny and Bert Luke on E. T. Luke's property and named Montuna after the eldest children of the Luke family - Monty and Una. Una opened a wayside store on the present commercial site. The Store was sold in the early 30's to Mr. Herb and Mrs. Edith Guy.

When postal facilities were provided the P.M.G. asked Mrs. Kath Roberts of the Beaconsfield Post Office for suggestions as to what the new Post Office should be called, and she recommended 'Guy's Hill'. Subsequently post code 3807.

WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT? Inebriate's Hill, Luke's Hill, Montuna, Guy's Hill, Guy's Hill, Guys . . .

You may wonder why all the discussion at this time.

As a Councillor I agreed with the need for signs showing the place name in the area primarily to assist motorists. When it was investigated it was found that no official approval had been given to Guy's Hill (the place) as distinct from the postal area. The recommendation has to be referred to the Place Name Committee for approval prior to implementation. This is why the Council has been receiving letters on the subject.

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Researched by Keith Ewenson with sincere thanks to Kath Roberts, Lilly Cooper (nee Barnes), Mr. Ken Hudson, Mr. M. Dennis and Alan and Shirley King.

HELMETED HONEYBATER NEWS - GOOD & NOT SO GOOD!

As a result of John Woinarski's report and the B.U.A. representations to Berwick and Pakenham Councils for assistance in preserving the bird and its habitat an exciting event has occurred.

Both Councils have shown enthusiasm and have expressed willingness to help. Co-ordinated by Mr. P. J. Northeast, Berwick City Town Clerk, the Councils are jointly approaching the National Estate which has funds available. Some of these may be used to purchase natural areas. Suitable areas have been designated by the B.U.A. in order of priority and if the more important are purchased it will greatly increase our honeyeater's chance of survival.

Not so good - the large pipeline from Cardinia Dam to Frankston will pass less than two hundred yards from the nesting site of the helmeted honeyeater. On learning this, the B.U.A. informed the Water Commission. The response from Mr. Frank O'Connor, Acting Secretary, was immediate and effective. He, together with the Commission's Environmental Study Officer, their Public Relations Officer, two site engineers and an administrative officer met with the B.U.A. President and two members on site on March 23.

The bird behaved magnificently and despite bulldozers 200 yards away carried on with their feeding to the delight of all. The engineers explained that there would be considerably more noise and disturbance when the trenches are dug and the pipes are welded and laid next summer. But with the co-operation of the Commission, that has agreed to let us know when the work in this region commences, and also to permit us to have observers present, it is hoped it will be "breeding as usual."

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TENNIS CLUB NEWS

The Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club has just completed a very successful summer season. Three out of four sides entered in the Dandenong District Tennis Summer Competition were successful in winning their grand finals. They were : Section 5 - Glenda Fenton (Capt.), Lynda Owen, Carol Westrip, Judy Morris, Peter Gullquist, Peter Meeking, Lee Oldmeadow and Peter Durkin; Section 12 - Peter Gray (Capt.), Ben Easton, David McKay, Paul McKenna, Annette Phillips, Joan Evans and Lindy Chilvers; Section 18 - Mike Chambers (Capt.), Rod. Stephenson, Harry Kennan, Richard Brown, Allison Kennan, Bernadette McKenna, Joanne Frazer.

Following the Grand Final a successful progressive dinner was held to celebrate the three wins.

During the summer season the Club ran their Club Championships and the results were : Ladies' singles - Lynda Owen; Men's singles - Peter Meeking; Ladies' Doubles - Lynda Owen and Glenda Fenton; Men's Doubles - Peter Meeking and Peter Gullquist; Mixed Doubles - Peter Meeking and Glenda Fenton. Congratulations to all winners and especially to the most successful entrant, Peter Meeking, who won everything he entered.

The Shire of Pakenham has allocated \$900 on a dollar for dollar basis to re-fence the top single court. At the same time the court will be top-dressed, bringing the standard of the court up to that necessary for competitive play. When the court is finally fenced it will then be necessary for all members to have a key for entry to the courts.

Any person who is not a member but wishes to play tennis may arrange for a key from either Vic Greenaway (44 3573), Peter Gray (44 3842), Carol Edwards (44 3248). The Club charges \$1 per person for use of the courts and it would be appreciated if the money is paid when collecting the key.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY

St. John's Childrens' Fellowship

At the beginning of the year it was decided to change the Christian Education of children here at St. John's from the traditional Sunday School to a meeting during the week after school. One of the main reasons was to allow the children to worship with their families on Sunday and still have the fellowship of meeting together at another time.

The response to the "Wednesday School" has been remarkable, averaging 40 to 50 each Wednesday, and really enjoying it, judging by the enthusiasm.

The programme is based on the message of Good News as presented in the Gospels, helping the children to be aware of God and learning how to worship Him. The strengthening of spiritual values is a way of helping children, as they grow up, to cope with the pressures of life that our society places on them, and take their place in the world.

All children are welcome and if parents wish to come at any time to see just what we are doing we will be happy to explain in more detail.

Other Activities

Young Members' Group meet each Friday night at the Fellowship Centre from 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. - ages 12 - 16. Led by Barry Medwin (443551)

Bible Study Discussion every second Tuesday night at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Fogarty (443484).

Ladies' Fellowship meet the first Wednesday in each month at the Centre at 10.30 a.m. President Mrs. Joan Harris (443410).

Service each Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Julie McConchie

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WE'RE HALF A FOOTBALL CLUB

Of the 98 boys registered with the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club, 49 come from the Upper Beaconsfield area and from the ability already displayed by them we are sure you will hear more of them in the future (writes Des McKenna, of St. Georges Road.)

Beacy Juniors have four teams playing in the South West Gippsland Junior League. They are Midgets (younger Under 11's; at 10.45 a.m., Under 11's 12.05 p.m., Under 13's 1.30 p.m., Under 15's 3.00 p.m. All games are played on Sundays.

The remaining home games at Beaconsfield Reserve are : June 3 -(v. Chelsea Heights), June 24 - (v. Doveton), July 1 - (v. Dingley , July 22 - (v. Hallam), and August 5 (v. Rythdale-Officer-Cardinia). Parents take an active part in the Club and on a roster basis carry out such functions as goal umpiring, gate-Keeping, time-keeping, staffing of the very popular canteen.

The Club's policy is one of making football enjoyable for the boys and not to subject them to the too-often found pressure of "winning at all costs".

Coaches are instructed that their prime object is to tender the boys the skills of the game - and while everybody likes to win, the result of matches is secondary.

Every boy is given an equal chance to participate irrespective of his present level of skill as it is only through actual participation in games that boys will develop the confidence and skills the Club is endeavouring to instil in them.

It would be great for the boys to get some more support from the locals. If your boys are interested in a game bring them to the ground on Friday evenings when we have our training. We'll make them welcome. If you don't have kids come down on Sundays and see them in action. We guarantee you won't come away disappointed.

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A HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

For quite some years, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the local R. S. L. Sub-branch have been, among many activities, annually entertaining patients of the Larundel and Bundoora clinics in the Halford Road Clubrooms. Now re-zoned into a Gippsland area, the strong team this month feted a busload from the Hobson Park Psychiatric Centre, Morwell. In so doing, they embodied the League's motto of "Serving Still". The "girls" (no longer youngsters) are always on the lookout for more members - ladies that don't necessarily have to be espoused to ex-servicemen.

On the male side, president Frank Conn and secretary Lee Welch were recently re-elected to office. Lee and family move next month to Ripplebrook, near Drouin, but will keep their association with the Sub-branch neatly intact.

Locals who haven't attended an Anzac Day Service should take a mental note to keep a few hours free in April next year, for not only is the commemoration a noteworthy event but the hospitality in the commodious Clubrooms can be unforgettable.

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THE QUARRY ISSUE IN DETAIL

Nearly 90 letters expressing concern over, or objecting to, re-zoning of the Leppitt Road Conservation area have reached Council to date. In view of ample evidence of that widespread and chronic disease apathy, this is by any standards a strong community reaction.

That Council are seriously considering these arguments and objections is shown by their action in forwarding copies of all letters to the Minister for Planning - greatly amplifying their effect. In a spirit of openness and constructiveness, copies were also forwarded to Hillview Quarries.

Quarry Impact Committee

Future initiatives on the quarry are being directed through a Quarry Impact Committee, comprising representatives of the Office, Toomuc, Upper Beaconsfield and Beaconsfield Associations. Glenn Rutherford, Paul Chick, Charles Wilson, Keith Ewenson and Roger Francey have attended meetings on behalf of the B.U.A.; Ian Stewart (Bathe Road) and Brenda Hopkins are acting chairman and secretary of the QIC.

The QIC is firmly committed to responsible action, and is pursuing answers to several important questions.

TWO JOBS

At the Working Group meeting on April 30 the Environment section formed three sub groups each with its own convenor and objective.

Paul Chick (44 3373) was nominated to prepare and plant the Stoney Creek-Emerald Road junction, a difficult task as plants must be low, less than two-three feet to avoid visual obstruction for the traffic, and tough to survive the summer with probably little help.

Paul intends to use indigenous plants to this area such as bauera, black-eyed Susan, trailing Goodenia, heath and perhaps local libertias, pultenhaes, Austral pincushions, etc. Help is required to clear out some of the weeds and prepare the site and also to help with summer maintenance. If you wish to make a donation of plants or money to the project Paul will be delighted to hear from you.

Vic Travers (44 3562) is convenor and co-ordinator of our attack on the pines when Council has given the "go-ahead".

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SHOW JUMPERS IN TRAINING

The Upper Beac. Pony Club and the Melbourne Show Jumping Club will conduct an open show jumping training day on July 15 at the Recreation Ground starting at 9.30 a.m.

Rings - E (1'6"); D (2'); C (2'6") built and judged to Pony Club heights and another (2'6" upwards) built and judged by the Melbourne Club will be in operation. There will be training rounds and competitions in all rings.

The local Club, which has Rallies on the fourth Saturday of each month between 1 - 4 p.m. at the Recreation Reserve, recently welcomed a new member, Susan Jackson.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Pre-School Centre (Recreation Reserve) at 8 p.m. on June 12, when support from all parents will be appreciated.

Graeme Robertson (443 458)

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88 OBJECTIONS TO THE QUARRY

At a recent Pakenham Council meeting advice was given that in discussion between Council's Senior Executive Officers and Hillview representatives the Company was advised, inter alia, that a complete Environmental Effects Statement, as set out in the guidelines proposed by the Ministry for Conservation, would be a necessary prerequisite to any re-zoning consideration.

Council endorsed this action, agreed to Hillview's request to defer its application so as such a study could be completed, and sought further detail from Hillview in regard to proposed road usage, including the possibility of the Company establishing a private road.

Councillor Keith Ewenson pointed out that this course of action was in keeping with the aims and objectives of the recently formed Quarry Impact Committee, which had stated its role to be one of identifying, questioning, and clarifying the aspects of the quarrying proposal which had created public concern. He commended the Committee upon its approach to the matter, and was pleased that all parties had agreed to a studied approach.

It was further determined by Council to allow the consultants employed by Hillview to carry out the Environmental Effect Study, to view the 88 objections that had been lodged with the Shire, so that the consultants were fully aware of the grounds of public concern.

TENNIS CLUB RIGHT ON THE BALL

As this edition went to press, work was well underway on the re-fencing and re-surfacing of the No. 1 tennis court in Salisbury Road. The club's energetic committee, through working bees, is overcoming drainage problems apparently caused by run-off hall water. Toward the overall strategic plan, the club will take 3 phase power to the first-phase pavilion; ultimately there'll be supply to facilitate night games initially on one court.

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ON THE MAIL RUN

A new face in and around the Village these days is that of Mr Theo Giesen. Theo has recently been appointed Mail Contractor by Australia Post, following the position being relinquished by Mr Kevin Plunkett. Good luck to Theo on his new job as he daily travels the 72 kilometre run delivering the mail.

Kevin has left a hard act to follow, with his excellent memory for names and great attention to detail. He and Clare will be missed on the job by the people of Upper Beaconsfield for their many kindnesses to residents of this area and an often difficult job done well.

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BUSH TELEGRAPH ARRANGED BY BIRD WATCHERS

Free grub for birds and animals at No. 26 Brennan Avenue one recent Sunday morning. The message must have gone out at "special rates". Twenty-two crimson rosellas, 4 doves, 22 magpies, numerous white-eared honeyeaters, 3 mudlarks, wood swallows and other birds come to visit and delight us with their antics and songs. Four bush kangaroos call in the late afternoon for cabbage, lettuce leaves, etc., provided by the management, but after dark sample numerous cultivated plants - tasted, tried and pruned to ground level!

These cheery comments from Yvonne Bullock show that if you provide the goods, birds will come. Bird baths and grevilleas will bring many birds but equally productive is the "Dresden" fuchsia, the flowers of which provide nectar for our beautiful Eastern Spinebill and the fruits are enjoyed by the mistletoe bird with his lovely red throat. The Dresden fuchsia, seen from the dining-room table will add much joy to most meals. Also, the currawongs are back for winter; first calls were reported Easter weekend.

By the way, have you seen the Parson's beards and Acianthus orchids in flower this month.

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