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CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Two of the five recipients of the Shire of Pakenham's initial "Citizens of the Year" Awards are residents of Upper Beaconsfield.

Congratulations . . . JOAN HARRIS and JULIE JAMIESON.

Joan and Julie have each been involved for many years with a number of community organisations in the district. Summaries of these are given in the "Gazette" of the 20th June. A mere listing though cannot convey the essence of their contributions - the enthusiasm, dedication, and leadership which Joan and Julie have directed towards their various activities. Their awards are indeed a well-deserved recognition of these qualities by this community. Once again . . . Congratulations!

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DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

Following a spate of recent daylight robberies in nearby Pakenham and Upper Pakenham homes, Sgt. Hollier of Pakenham Police gave us this advice:

- \* Be suspicious of persons calling at homes on pretence of some seemingly valid purpose.
- \* Be very careful about allowing unidentified persons into your home for any reason whatever.
- \* Make a habit of noting and reporting Registration Numbers of vehicles which seem to be in unusual or suspicious circumstances.
- \* Look out for strangers around your absent neighbours' homes and report sightings after writing down descriptions.

Similar advice was given by Berwick Police who advised that six house burglaries had been reported during the past three months in the Upper Beaconsfield area - in Stoney Creek Road, Salisbury, Sugar Loaf and Split Rock Roads among others.

Keep these telephone numbers handy :

D.24	(03) 662 0911
Berwick Police	(03) 707 1656
Pakenham Police	41 1033

Ray Ratcliff

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SCHOOL DINNER DANCE

The Annual School Dinner Dance is on Saturday, 18th August in the Village Hall. Enjoy a three course meal and great entertainment provided by the Nash Road Band. Tickets \$20 a double, B.Y.O., are available from ANNETTE PHILLIPS, 443 675.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY. 1st AUGUST at the VILLAGE HALL

Among the topics to be discussed:  
. . . WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR CREEKS?  
. . . VILLAGE VANDALISM

- 7.30 - 8.00 Minutes, correspondence etc. on display.  
Please warn president of unscheduled business
- 8.00 - 8.15 Formal Meeting
- 8.15 - 9.00 DANDENONG VALLEY AUTHORITY  
- film and address
- 9.00 - 9.55 Informal discussion on vandalism,  
transport, D.V.A. and self-sufficiency.  
Other work groups will be represented.
- 9.55 - 10.00 Summary of Resolutions
- 10.00 sharp Supper - kindly provided by the D.V.A. and prepared  
by the Mothers' Club.

NEXT WORK GROUPS MEETING

.... MONDAY, 27th AUGUST  
R.S.L. HALL, Halford Road

**COLONIAL DANCE**

SATURDAY,            15th SEPTEMBER,            VILLAGE HALL

Not For Funds - For Fun !

No Alcohol - Bring a Plate.

P A T T E R S O N ' S            C U R S E            B U S H            B A N D

and

The Tritt Family Singers

will introduce you to your neighbour,  
young and old, in the pleasantest possible way

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY !

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**THE VILLAGE BELL**

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## LIVING WITH THE FUEL CRISIS

Remember the "good old days" (of a few months ago) when one did not have to think twice about taking the family out for a leisurely Sunday drive? It used to be an ordinary event, but a lot has happened since then.

We are entering the age of the permanent petrol shortage. Experts warn that oil production will fall well below world demand by 1985 unless we are able to reduce consumption significantly. Many countries are now introducing petrol rationing systems, and it will not be long before we have to follow. We are already feeling the first effects of the oil squeeze: the price of petrol has increased by more than fifty per cent, in less than twelve months. The Sunday drive is becoming a special event.

Even if we choose to stay home upon weekends, there remains the problem of getting to work. In isolated commuter communities such as Upper Beaconsfield, with little local employment and inadequate public transport, people have to rely upon the private motor car for transport. Many families require two cars. These people, especially if they have to drive long distances to work, will be the people worst affected by the shortage and increasing cost of petrol. Many people must already be counting the costs of living in Upper Beaconsfield, and the sums are hardly likely to be reassuring. Remember too that the purchasing power of wages is declining as a result of part-indexation; wages are not keeping up with prices. Very simply, this means that you are worse off financially than you were a year ago.

We must all learn to live with the fuel crisis. Several options seem to exist. Some people might decide to move closer to their employment (there is evidence of a "middle-class drift" back to the city and inner suburbs). Others might decide to get employment closer to home if they can. Some others again might simply hang on in the hope of a cheap petrol substitute being developed. In the meantime, or perhaps even as an alternative long-term solution, there is the possibility of shared private transport.

The average private motor car is used to transport one person, the driver, for the greater part of its travelling lifetime. This is a very inefficient use of vehicle capacity and motor fuel. Consider the economies of sharing private transport. If two people agree to drive each other to work and back in alternate weeks, each person's transport costs will be reduced by almost half (assuming they work in the same or close vicinity). If three people enter such an arrangement, each person's running costs are reduced by two-thirds. If four people do the same, each person will save three-quarters of his present running costs and will also be able to sell the second family car (since the first one will be left at home for three weeks in every four). Women could easily make similar arrangements with their shopping trips.

These arrangements should not be too difficult to make. Most residents would, it is presumed, drive in essentially the same direction (westwards to work, and might even be driving upon the same highways. Naturally, people would have to be punctual and reliable. Many drivers might not want to share, but it is certain that they will have to pay an increasingly stiff price for the privilege of solitude. This is the way things should be, for there appears to be little moral justification in complaining about the price of petrol if we choose deliberately to squander whatever amount the world has left.

People who are interested in the idea of "car pooling" could give the following information to The Village Bell: name and address, telephone number, vehicle capacity, and hours and location of work. These details would be published so that interested persons could contact each other and make their own arrangements.

Think about it. It could be the biggest tax-free increase you'll ever get.

Edward Vaughan

Roger Francey

**JULIE MANLEY**

Julie Manley's exhibition of ceramics at the Ishka Gallery in Glen Iris this month, is a culmination of a two year training programme at Broomhill Pottery. In July 1977, Julie left the Prahran College of Advanced Education to take up a position here as a trainee potter. Soon after beginning work, she, together with a friend, Jane, shifted into an old cottage in Sugar Loaf Road. The little cottage is now crammed full with Julie's delightfully eccentric taste in paraphernalia; including ancient knitted dolls, teddys, wooden and china toys and exciting "tip finds". The family at "Manley Drive" has steadily increased to include bantam hens, a malevolent duck and two cheeky cats.

This successful combination of exuberant eccentricity, together with very competent skill as a designer and craftsman became obvious as we watched Julie prepare for her exhibition : a final statement of individual accomplishment that has resulted from two years of learning and observation in a professional studio atmosphere, such as Broomhill.

At the conclusion of the training programme Julie intends to set herself up in a small workshop in the cottage, where she will produce and fire her own individual style of ceramics.

In the past two years Julie has contributed much to the production of well-designed functional ceramics at Broomhill and we all wish her every success in the future, both personally and as a professional craftsman.

Good luck Julie . . . .

Judy Greenaway

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**ST. JOHN'S YOUNG MEMBERS CLUB**

In 1978 our Church put a lot of effort into obtaining a satisfactory building to use for Fellowship gatherings, the main need being for Children and Youth work. 1979 saw the beginning of our Youth Group for ages 12-16 years on Friday evenings 7-9 p.m. An average of 13 - 16 young people who attend decided to call their group 'St. John's Young Members Club'.

The programme is mainly activities and excursions based on Christian Fellowship, encouraging and spiritually strengthening members in their association with each other and in society. Everyone in this age level is welcome, however we do stress that as the name signifies we are 'St. John's Young Members' and as such desire our members to participate in the life and worship of the Church. On August 19, 7.00 p.m., we will be holding a "Youth Service", followed by supper. We do invite you all to attend.

Other Activities :

Children's Fellowship - ages up to 12 years at the Fellowship Centre -  
- Wednesdays after school till 5 p.m. led by  
Julie McConchie (443 577)

Bible Discussion Fellowship - every second Tuesday night at the home of  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Fogarty (443 484)

Ladies' Fellowship meets first Wednesday in each month at the Centre at  
10.30 a.m. President Mrs. J. Harris (443 410).

Service every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Barry & Alison Medwin

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**DOT ON THE SPOT**

Many local residents recently participated in a fund-raising campaign conducted by the Beaconsfield Football Club which village people regard as their local footy outlet.

Tickets were available at \$50 each, payable as a lump sum or by weekly instalments with regular minor draws to refund the initial outlay. One successful supporter was Mrs. Dot Pockett. Not only did she have her outlay refunded twice, i.e. \$100, but at the banquet finale at Dandenong, drew a minor prize - trip for two to Tasmania's Casino with some spending money thrown in. Dot and husband Brian (Dave) with family are stalwarts of the Footy Club to say nothing of Fire Brigade and Pony Club activities.

Paul Easton

**"GREEN GOSSIP"**

**The Frontispiece**

Val Ewenson's frontispiece for this Village Bell features the marsupial pygmy possum (*Cercartetus nanus*). Early settlers also called this species a Dermouse after the European rodent.

It lives in low shrubbery in dry eucalypt forests over most of South-east Australia. It is a common nocturnal tree-dweller, feeding mainly on insects and nectar. The day is spent coiled up in bark nests in hollow branches, and it is torpid much of the time in winter living off stored body fat. Breeding occurs any time of the year, with four young produced. George Silberbauer has photographed some.

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**Pinus Radiata**

The Recreation Reserve Committee has given its approval for clearing small pines from areas of natural bush in the reserve. However a bureaucratic buck-passing game is still in progress, with the Shire referring the matter to the Ministry of Conservation, and the Ministry referring it in turn to the Dept. of Crown Lands and Survey.

Fortunately Vic Travers is a patient man.

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**Helmeted Honeyeater**

Nothing has been heard from the National Estate on the Berwick-Pakenham Council - BUA approval to create protected areas for the colony *Cardina* Creek. The BUA is enquiring about other possible sources of funding, should this fail.

On a recent Sunday morning Jan Rutherford, Paul Chick and Roger Francey investigated a possible new sighting on Stoney Creek in the Caulfield Scout Camp at the end of Harpfield Road. No birds, but plenty of scouts!

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**Intersection Planting**

The planting of indigenous shrubs in the Stoney Creek -Emerald Road intersection will occur this Spring. Paul Chick, Graeme and Judy Robertson and Jan Rutherford were among these seen recently wielding forks to loosen the clay a little. Jeanette Ballinger organised mulch through the SEC which we are very grateful. Joan Trumper has offered plants, and some cash donations have come to hand!

The Rec. Reserve has requested advice on planting around the new toilet block (to be), and other possible areas in the Village have been discussed.

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Collected by Roger Francey  
(in the absence of Charles Wilson)

**SELF-SUFFICIENCY GROUP FORMED**

As foreshadowed last issue, this group was duly formed at the B.U.A. Work Group night in June, and the first meeting was held on Sunday, 8th July, at the home at Heinz and Gerda Moritz in Manestar Road. The group, numbering 13, inspected the vegetable and fruit garden and found lots to interest them. The garden is arranged informally, heavily mulched with seaweed and is sheltered by hedges of honeysuckle to provide windbreaks. The visitors were interested in the herb garden, in the productive Kiwi fruit vines and in the many ways in which organic gardening techniques had been used.

At a brief meeting, those present showed preference for a wider range of self-sufficiency subjects - perhaps including bread and cheese-making, solar energy and bee and poultry keeping, as well as the many aspects of the home garden. Next meeting date was agreed on for Sunday afternoon, 2nd September, at the home of Ken and Jeanette Ballinger in Manestar Road at 2 p.m. - the subject "Mulching".

Another meeting of interest was advised to members - the next meeting of the "Earth Culture Exchange" group an Tuesday, 31st July, also at the Ballinger's home. These meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month in various member's homes and a car will be available to take interested people. Contact Ray Ratcliff at the Post Office.

You are very welcome to join in these activities.

Ray Ratcliff  
Jeanette Ballinger  
Heinz Moritz.



**PATCHWORK**

**URSULE ESDAILE**

Mrs. Esdaile moved to Upper Beaconsfield from Melbourne in 1950, Shortly after she joined the local branch of the Country Women's Association. A keen sewer, having been taught by her mother, she immediately took an interest in patchwork taught at one of the meetings. However time was limited by the demands of a growing family. Not until 1960 was she able to fully explore her creative talents and devote more time to patchwork.

In 1961 Mrs. Esdaile became a member of the State Handicrafts committee of the C.W.A. She served on this committee for six years during which time she helped organise state exhibitions of handcraft. During the '60s Mrs. Esdaile became a member of the Embroiderers' Guild. She also began her career as a demonstrator and teacher of patchwork. Demonstrating for both the C.W.A. and the Embroiderers' Guild, she has taught many women. Amongst her pupils have been Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Stutley and Mrs. Helen Phillips, all of Upper Beaconsfield.

The Embroiderers' Guild is a world-wide organisation and is interested in all forms of needlework and embroidery. Members of this Guild have been responsible for many church vestments and embroidered kneelers. Their work can be seen in St. Paul's London and Westminster Abbey. Mrs. Esdaile helped to make and put together the patchwork quilt now used in Governor Latrobe's cottage. This was done by the Embroiderers' Guild for the National Trust of Victoria.

Mrs Esdaile's interest in patchwork was first awakened at the age of seven when she slept under a crazy patchwork quilt. Crazy patchwork uses irregular shaped pieces, which are tacked and sewn to a backing material. Traditionally the shapes are joined with feather stitching. Mrs. Esdaile helped feather stitch a double bed crazy quilt made by members of the C.W.A. to be presented to the State President in 1978 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the C.W.A. of Victoria. This quilt was a group activity made by 73 members of C.W.A. branches, each contributing a 12" square. This is an example of the relationship of patchwork to past history. In the nineteenth century quilting was an important part of American social life.

Mrs. Esdaile has made nine quilts in conjunction with other women. She has made eighteen alone, as well as numerous small items such as pincushions, tea cosies, needlecases and cushions. In the C.W.A. book of handicrafts the section on patchwork was written by Mrs. Esdaile and Mrs. Brent Clark. Much of her work has been used for display, for example at the World Conference of C.W.A. as well as many exhibitions in Melbourne. Her work has been displayed in Upper Beaconsfield by the C.W.A. and also at the Cool Store Gallery.

Mrs. Esdaile favours the hexagonal type of patchwork. This type was mainly popular in England and is done completely by hand. A feature of patchwork is that it is an economical hobby. Small scraps of material are used that would otherwise be discarded. A beautiful lined wooden sewing box has been Mrs. Esdaile. This was made from discarded items found around the house and scrap material. It was entered in Keep Australia Beautiful Competition. The sewing box will shortly be on display at the State Exhibition of C.W.A. handicrafts at Northland from August 14 - 17. This year the Exhibition is making a special feature of patchwork.

Although the Esdaile's themselves have been settled in Upper Beaconsfield for nearly thirty years, their children have been noticeably more nomadic. Claudia is now practicing architecture in Hong Kong after several years in the U.K., while Ursule has settled in Toowoomba, Queensland. Rod has only recently returned to Melbourne with his family after three years of study at the University of Glasgow towards a Ph.D.

Diana Rocke.

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**FOR SALE**

BLACK RAM, \$40, 1st Cross Mohair Does from \$75. Ph. 443 395

MALLARD DUCKS, \$2 each. Scott Chaplin, Ph. 443 312

CHESTNUT FILLY, 18 mths. \$350. Black Filly, 2 1/2 yrs. \$475. Very quiet, broken to lead. Eric Chaplin, Ph. 443 312.

## QUARRY IMPACT COMMITTEE

### Some Background Information

1. In the April Village Bell a BUA sub-committee presented arguments against the proposed Hornfel Quarry in the Leppitt Road conservation area. The BUA advised those questioning or opposing re-zoning to write directly to Council, resulting in some 88 letters.

2. In April the task of obtaining more information was assumed by a Quarry Impact Committee, with representatives from Officer, Toomuc and BU Associations.

3. A first action from the QIC was to request, through Council, a more objective environment assessment than the very general document originally submitted by Hillview in support of their re-zoning application.

4. About this time Hillview commissioned an "unbiased" opinion survey which concluded "strong local public support" for the application.

5. On May 2, the QIC addressed the question of the need for the stone by inviting Mr. Keith Bowen, Department of Minerals and Energy, to a public meeting in the Officer Hall. Mr. Bowen gave a comprehensive account of the factors which led to his department recommending a re-zoning. They prefer a "Special Extractive Industry" zone to reserve the stone for possible future use, and warn prospective buyers of nearby land. Other important facts from his speech are mentioned below.

6. Following the QIC request in (3), Council requested a new environment report from Hillview, who placed the matter with Kinhill Planners, consultants.

7. Council also forwarded copies of all letters of objection to the Minister for Planning, and to the Hillview Managing Director, Mr. J.W. Ramsay. Mr. Ramsay replied to most letters, reiterating the company's stance.

8. Council also undertook to consider all objections and convene a meeting of interested persons prior to a final decision.

9. Recently Council has been hearing objections to the new Shire Planning Scheme, including the Department of Minerals and Energy. (The new scheme also designates the Leppitt Road area for conservation.) Hillview have withdrawn their objection pending Kinhill's environmental effects statement.

### Current Action

The QIC has written to Council and others, commending Council's request for a more detailed environment report. It then questions some of the key points of Mr. Ramsay's letter, points which presumably form a substantial part of Hillview arguments presented to Council.

(a) Mr. Ramsay deems a change of zoning is necessary now, though mining will occur "any time in the next 10-15 years", "when the demand for stone requires it".

\*\*\*Mr. Bowen said that it could not be stated with certainty that the stone will ever be needed. He also stated that re-zoning would almost certainly lessen control by local Council in favour of State Government. Immediate re-zoning would weaken local bargaining power and therefore appear to be premature.

(b) That the Leppitt Road stone is unusual for its quantity and quality is strongly implied in Mr. Ramsay's letter.

\*\*\*A major consideration influencing Department of Minerals and Energy support is the fact that the land is already owned and tested by a quarry company. Hornfel deposits are apparently quite common in the lower foothills!

(c) The claim for strong local support for the quarry is questioned.

\*\*\*Firstly, the survey was conducted at a time when the QIC had assessed that there was insufficient information to make a balanced judgement. Secondly, the survey specifically mentioned "job opportunities" and "regional employment" while ignoring important detail on traffic and pollution. Thirdly, the claim is very much at odds with our local experience; divided opinions perhaps, strong local support - no way!

The QIC have urged Council to release sufficient information, and permit sufficient time for a meaningful public input, prior to a final decision.

Ian Stuart  
(Chairman QIC)

PINE GROVE SMELLS OF LINIMENT

Two events within a few weeks of each other have again put Upper Beaconsfield on the map and perhaps the Pine Grove Hotel in particular. For it has been the starting point and central venue for the Veteran Cyclists' Association's road haul over 60 km and next month will send off a marathon rallycross event.

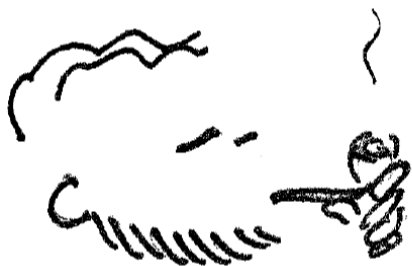
Of the latter first, Saturday, August 25, will mark the 10th anniversary of rallycross activities in Australasia, started initially from the pub and around the local scene. For this year's event, with Mine Host Tom Griffin again basically organising affairs, a medallion will be struck to issue to all competitors - some 500 of them including entrants from overseas. Walking, running, jogging, climbing and navigation are all involved, leading the starters back to the hotel finishing line for presentations and celebrations.

Back around 1949 at the age of 19, Tom was a keen road cyclist competing in many events including the renowned Melbourne-Warrnambool classic. So it was no coincidence that when nearby neighbour Ian Iles, an organiser for the Veteran Cyclists' Association of Victoria, planned a country course for competitors, the Pine Grove was chosen as the venue for central control.

One inclement Sunday recently, 65 bike riders (minimum age 35, some near to 60) set off on a circuit involving Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Gembrook and Emerald with the finishing line at Beacon Heights Autos. The atmosphere reeked of liniment as the marshals got the teams away with back markers starting 16 minutes behind scratch. With close co-operation from two Shires, police, local Fire Brigade and CB enthusiasts (for communication), the event was so successful that it will now be staged annually.

Though the weather marred the concluding barbecue, the Pine Grove's spacious verandas saved the evening.

Paul Easton



Talking of anniversaries....  
this is the Village Bell's first!

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club will be having its Annual General Meeting on the 7th August at the Kindergarten commencing at 8.00 o'clock. Election of the new committee will be taking place at this meeting. All those interested in what the club is up to, and wanting an opportunity to meet other budding tennis players are very welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be provided at the close of the meeting and it is hoped that people will make use of this opportunity to get to know each other.

New members are very welcome.

Vic Greenaway

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of every month, at 8 p.m., in their rooms at John Street, Pakenham (round the corner by the 'Justly Sew' shop). Membership is \$1 per family annually. Visitors are cordially welcome.

The July Speaker was Mr. Errol Robinson, on "A Flight over the South Pole". On 3rd August the Speaker will be Mr. J. Milligan on "Some Old Buildings in Britain".



DEVELOPMENT IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Planning and Development Discussion on the subject almost always produces sharply polarized views. On one hand there are accusation of lack of planning and questionable real estate dealings, on the other hand "greenies" and the "haves trying to keep out the have-nots".

A BUA Planning and Development Group aims to make an important contribution to responsible and ordered long-term development without representing sectional interests. It can achieve this by clearly distinguishing two aspects of the problem:

- (1) the seeking and dissemination of factual information on planning and development matters, and
- (2) the response to such information.

The Group only involves itself in (1), reporting at BUA Public Meetings and in the Village Bell. The response is normally left entirely as a matter between the individual ratepayers and Council. (Occasionally the BUA acts on re-zoning applications - usually in a questioning capacity - and often as a result of indirect requests from Council through the riding Councillors. Official BUA opposition to re-zoning can only occur as a result of a vote at a public meeting).

At recent Works Group meetings, Bill Stevens, Keith Ballantyne, Bruce Freeman and Roger Francey resolved to monitor and analyse the fate of all current and recent applications to re-zone. Over the course of a few years this should provide a very useful guide in assessing the future needs of the community and the magnitude of the threat to arguably our most valuable resource - the natural environment. At a time when local governments are seeking public participation in planning matters, we need this sort of information to make the participation constructive and meaningful. One conscientious hour a month from each of 5 or 6 people should ensure the success and value of this Group.

The Co-Operative. John Lincoln is convinced of the many benefits that could accrue from a Co-op. Certain aspects of his concept have support amongst many BUA members, however that support has not been of a sort to assist in accumulating the wide range of detailed information necessary. The scheme cannot proceed without this type of support.

Roger Francey

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VALE HERB THOMAS

Though not necessarily known to all local residents, Herb Thomas and the Pakenham Gazette are synonymous, and his death at 76 earlier this month will have far-reaching repercussions. At the helm of his business for years after taking over from his father, Herb conducted a newspaper/printing establishment that was rather unique in Victoria - one of the last of the true independents.

In his inimitable style, Herb has recorded and influenced the pattern of events in this district in such a commendable style that it is unlikely successors will ever match his dedication, sincerity and application to the meaning of the Fourth Estate. Involved in countless community affairs around the Pakenham Shire and beyond, he was a man that posterity should regard as being among the great.

The Uniting Church at Pakenham overflowed with mourners at his funeral - a fitting tribute to a wonderful man and his ideals. This district, which relies so much upon the Gazette as the Number One media, should join in the hope that its high standards never falter now that Herb has gone.

Paul Easton

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STOP PRESS

The four candidates for the forthcoming council election have been returned unopposed. They were Bob Bysouth, June Matthews, Mike Bishop and Keith Ewenson.

**COUNCIL NOTES**

Grant Court Playground will be receiving additional equipment in the near future.

Stoney Creek Road construction is proceeding. The sealing of the road is scheduled for October. This does not necessarily mean construction continues until October. I believe there is a period of consolidation after construction, prior to sealing.

Rec. Public Toilet tender has been let, work will commence shortly. (Rec. used as abbreviation in no way implying demolition.)

St. Georges Road (Brennan's Ave. end) sealing imminent. Your Councillors have conveyed to the Engineering Staff the desire to create a minimum environmental impact type access, in keeping with the nature of the area.

Lighting to be installed Emerald/Beaconsfield Road at Quamby Road South intersection.

Where to draw the line!

The Council has resolved to put double lines from Montuna Road to Salisbury Road. After determining that the complete section of road met the criteria as laid down by ROSTA for double lines, the Council deferred the matter, considered other aspects and conferred with the C.R.B. Finally the Council decided to proceed, mindful of the delays the Upper hill section in particular would create. We felt it would be negligent for an authority, knowing the road should be classified in a given manner, not to proceed. Appropriate breaks will occur for turning purposes.

The action may mean slower entry to Beaconsfield Upper, but we hope it would be safer, or at least, it will define onus of liability. Cost has prohibited construction of passing lanes at this stage.

Mobile Library visits Charing Cross fortnightly 9.50 - 10.50 a.m. Thursdays. The vehicle carries three thousand books ranging from Picture Books for the children to large print for people with vision difficulties. If you require a special book not on board, the staff can immediately tell you if it is in the Region's collection, and arrange to get it on board for you. All people living in the area are eligible to use the service. So why not make yourself known to Leila and Terry and see if the service can be of use to you? You don't have to TELL THEM KEITH SENT YOU!

Cr. Keith Ewenson

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**1st UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT AND CUB GROUP**

The Bottle Drive held early in June was very successful, raising more than \$200. It is hoped to have the next bottle drive early in November - everyone is asked to keep their bottles for this collection, or to deliver them at any time to the Bottle depot beside the Village Hall in Salisbury Road.

The Group Committee is also planning to hold a Trash/Treasure Auction early in October. More details will be advised in the near future, however if you are thinking of throwing out any junk or making a trip to the Tip -stop and think - you could keep it for our Auction.

John Lewis

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**PONY CLUB**

The Club's open Show Jumping Show held on the 15th July was a great success. We were well represented with our own members winning various ribbons.

Congratulations to Sarah Lord first in "C" grade pony club jumping, Megan Phillips first and Katie Lord third in "E" grade pony club jumping.

Graeme Robertson  
443 458

**VILLAGE SOCIAL CALENDAR**

This calendar of forthcoming events is provided for information of residents as well as to allow organisations to plan their functions without too many date clashes. It will be regularly updated. We would therefore appreciate if organisations could advise any member of the editorial committee of the dates of their functions as they are decided.

Apology : Lack of space prevented the inclusion of a calendar in the last issue. We apologise to those people who supplied information with the expectation that it would be published.

**AUGUST**

- 1 U.B. Association Public Meeting - U.B. Hall
- 18 School Mothers' Club Dinner Dance - U.B. Hall
- 27 U.B. Association Work Group Meeting - R.S.L. Hall

**SEPTEMBER**

- 14 Arabian Spectacular Night - V.E.C.
- 15 Colonial Dance - U.B. Hall
- 22 Fire Brigade Auxiliary Cake Stall

**OCTOBER**

- 3 U.B. Association Public Meeting - U.B. Hall
- 6 Pre-School & Kindergarten Cake Stall
- 6 Fire Brigade Auxiliary Dance - U.B. Hall
- 20 School Mothers' Club Cake Stall

**NOVEMBER**

- 5 Fire Brigade Cup Ball - U.B. Hall
- 24 R.S.L. Auxiliary Fete

**DECEMBER**

- 8 Fire Brigade Auxiliary Cake Stall

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**RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE**

The big news is that the new toilets are coming! Tenders closed on July 6 and have already been let. The building will be very much like the one at Chambers Reserve and will have a roof-line to match the Kindergarten. One unusual feature will be the provision of a hitching rail, not a common feature at public toilets but necessary here. The hitching rail will be part of the landscaping and planting planned for the area around the toilets. We should manage to avoid the usual rather utilitarian and obtrusive appearance.

Passers-by, and through, will have noted the barbecues and rubbish bins. We hope to see locals as well as others using the area for family outings and activities as the weather improves. After all, summer must arrive eventually.

Hire fees are unchanged and are as follows :

- Private and Social Events \$20 per event
- Local Bodies \$10 per annum
- Fund-raising Activities \$50 per event

There is a standing booking for the Pony Club on the fourth Saturday of each month, and for the Riding Club on the second Sunday. Bookings may be made by ringing Peter Gullquist (443 499) or by calling at the School.

John Wells

**FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY**

The Annual General Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade and Auxiliary was held on 29th May, 1979, and the following Auxiliary Office Bearers for the 1979-1980 term were elected:

President : Veronica Bennett  
Secretary : Judith Upjohn  
Treasurer : Terry Milligan

All the members of the Brigade and Auxiliary would like to extend their special thanks to those residents of Upper Beaconsfield who gave their generous support during our recent 'rag drive'. These 'rag drives' are new regular and valuable sources of funds to assist the Brigade's operations. Our volunteers sorted and cut down cotton articles of rags for sale to an industrial buyer. Synthetic and other non-cotton articles of clothing were presented to the Berwick Op Shop who generously responded with a donation to our fund. Overall, the rag drive realised approx \$300 - which has been devoted primarily to the purchase of a security canopy to protect valuable fire-fighting equipment carried on the Brigade's utility.

In view of the value to the Brigade of the rag collection proceeds, we wish to collect all rags whenever available throughout the year. Please telephone:

Veronica Bennett 443 626

OR Judy Upjohn 443 652

whenever you have any clothing or rags to donate; all will be gratefully accepted.

The Auxiliary's long-term target from its fund-raising activities is to purchase a four-wheel drive vehicle for the Brigade, replacing the existing Holden utility which is now used as a "follow-up" vehicle to convey such equipment to the scene of a fire as: generator set, quick-fill pump, chain saws, reserve equipment, first aid equipment. The Holden is unable to carry all the above items in one trip because of lack of space and the Brigade feels that it would be advantageous to have a larger and heavier four-wheel drive vehicle to convey this equipment to areas inaccessible to other vehicles.

**COMING EVENTS :**

A Dance is to be held on 6th October. Further details will be in the next issue of the Village Bell and displayed on our notice board.

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, 31st July, to draw up a Constitution for the Fire Brigade Auxiliary.

Judy Upjohn.

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**THE UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL**

Over the past two or three years we have been improving the toilet facilities in the Hall, somewhat slowly perhaps but as rapidly as funds have allowed. Recently though, action has been more noticeable and the end is in sight! The annexe to the ladies' toilet, for so long an unprepossessing mess, has been renovated most effectively by Matt Andrewartha. The renovations include a new window, wall panelling and wash basins, as well as a new ceiling made possible because Jack Allen has stopped the water leaks through the roof which ruined all previous ones. The one outstanding item in this area is the tiling of the floors, and this will be in hand soon.

The dance on the 21st July, organised most capably by Joan Trumper and Joyce Bumpstead, raised in excess of \$300. Our thanks to Geoff Lord and his band for providing an excellent upbeat backing to an enjoyable sociable evening, as well as to Kwarna Nurseries and Loveridges for donating prizes for the raffle.

Des McKenna.

## THE VAGABOND'S HOLIDAY \*\*\*\* concluded

In our previous (May) issue we gave extracts from an article in the Melbourne 'Argus', of November 28, 1885, wherein "The Vagabond" recorded his impressions of a short holiday in Upper Beaconsfield. We continue with his account of sightseeing in the locality. The brackets are ours.

"Professor Halford (his host) was one of the first to recognise the salubrity of the situation, and early erected a house here. (Windarra, in Salisbury Road). Many Melbourne residents followed, and took up 320 acres or 20 acre blocks, and now Beaconsfield has a summer society of professors, lawyers, doctors, and business-men, some of whom leave their families here all the year round. There are 100 good private houses within a circle of 2 miles, two stores, State School, an excellent public hall built by subscription, used for religious services, balls and entertainments. A Ladies' College is being built (Mr. Nott had this built, down at Beaconsfield, but it was a victim of the depression following the land boom, and the builder, Mr. Adamson senior, did not receive payment). Local industries are represented by timber-getters, carpenters, and a brickfield."

"A committee of citizens takes me in hand, and in two days, drives me around the country to the show places and picturesque points. Very lovely drives are these. The bush is far more luxuriant than on the flats. The locusts chirp as we drive between sloping hills, past fern-tree gullies, by the depths of the stream, to Hughenden, where Mr. J. A. Kitchen has built himself a fine brick house, and cleared land at the expense of about 30 pounds an acre. He has 80 acres planted with apple trees, 20 with stone fruit, 10 with gooseberries." (The house is now the Towers, in Berglund Road. The business enterprises of the Kitchen brothers form a study in themselves).

Next to the view from the Big House hotel, the writer favoured Professor Halford's Windarra, and after that, The Hut, belonging to Messrs. Smith and Johnson. (Can any reader identify this place?).

"The next best view is perhaps that of Mr. Elms ('Casely' in Salisbury Road.) Mr. Walford possesses a capital spring of fresh water (his house and gardens, The Fernery, stood near the corner of Split Rock and Berglund Roads). I shall remember Miss Moon's poultry farm, The Steyne (now Konecny's in A'Beckett Road). Up and down hill you drive, past Mr. Bullen's (an old house, new gone, behind mud-and-stone gateposts in O'Neil Road, near Bowman's Road; now Starr's) towards Mr. A'Beckett's (Tekaba, at the end of A'Beckett Road). Miss Moon's new cottage is on the left of the road; there is an elder residence opposite. (This was Adams', now gone, opposite Mrs. Fullerton's Newstead Forest). At the Steyne, White Hamburgs, Polands, game and other pure-breed domestic fowl, have a good time, with everything a fowl could desire." (Some of the tracks that he followed, and places he visited, may now be under the Beaconsfield Reservoir.)

"The champion show place around Beaconsfield is Holm Park, the property of Mrs. Armytage. Another show place, which interests me even more, is the State School. This is far inland from the cross-roads near the Assembly Hall, where the new store (this would be Nathan's on the corner of McBride Road and Salisbury Road) and Mr. Goff's (Harpfields in St. Georges Road) are situated. Past the Pine Grove Hotel we pass into a hollow. Here we find Miss Russell presiding over 18 children, 6 of whom are girls." He applauded the playground rules, set by the scholars, that at all games "truth, gentleness and good temper must prevail: defaulters to be expelled from all games for the day." He also considered that the School should be nearer to the centre of the population, and this in fact took place in 1915 when the original room was moved from between Albers Road and the Stoney Creek, to its present position on the Recreation Reserve, where it can be seen incorporated with newer buildings.

The Vagabond's visit ended with a drink at the Hotel with a party of wood-splitters, migrants from the English Black Country, who offered him 7 shillings a day to join them!

Diana Rocke,  
Roy Harris,  
John Milligan.



TO BEAC. OR NOT TO BEAC.? A REPLY

An article in the last issue of The Village Bell (No. 6/79) posed the question: "Should it (the name of our town) be Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield Upper, or another name altogether?" The present writer favours "Beaconsfield Upper" for the reason that it is a pleasantly eccentric name for what remains, in some part, a pleasantly eccentric town.

The same article invited readers to think up some new name for the town, and "Beacon Hills" was mentioned as a possibility. Examples were given of where old names had been altered or entirely new names invented, and these included Maryknoll, Fountain Gate, and Endeavour Hills. Good examples, the cynic might think, of the smooth and pretentious names that people give to otherwise characterless stretches of cement-tile rooftops and Mission Brown fences.

The author of the article suggested that our town's present name (he did not indicate which of the two existing names he had in mind, but this really does not matter) could be misleading, since it implies that we are a "lesser subject" of Beaconsfield. This could be true, but we do not usually complain about the misleading images conveyed by other towns' names. We are not offended to find few meadows of any description in Broadmeadows, no discernible extra sunshine in Sunshine, no commanding views from Chelsea Heights (what a wonderful piece of self-mockery in that name!), and nothing looking even remotely like a saint in St. Kilda. So, what's in a name?

Edward Vaughan

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Roadside Mowing

Much of the destruction of natural habitat happens slowly and relatively innocently, not by conscious decision.

Local requests have resulted in regular Council mowing of broad road margins along large sections of Stoney Creek Road. While this produces a certain neatness, regular mowing eliminates tree and shrub regeneration.

It is hoped that those responsible for the mowing also accept the responsibility of ensuring an attractive road margin for future inhabitants.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES

Many people will have noticed the new adventure playground equipment, vaguely reminiscent of the Jungle Training Centre at Canungra, and the new sandpit slowly filling with sand and being emptied at about the same rate by the enthusiastic users. This is only one of the projects on which the School Council is working but it is a good example of the need for help at working bees!

Other projects are being planned and we are working through the labyrinthine processes of planning, obtaining approval and financing a multi-purpose room designed in part to make up for the absence of the long-promised library and art room. This is a major project and you'll be hearing much more about it in the near future.

The space between the original classroom (Grade 5) and the newer rooms is about to be built in as a small classroom to accommodate a grade which now shares part of the Prep Grade's room. This is something we managed to have the Minister for Education approve during his pre-election visit.

We are also seeking a site expansion, looking at ways of combining the school's existing oval with the Recreation Reserve, considering covering the brick courtyard and (still) trying to arrange better and more permanent toilet facilities. These are complex tasks and the wheels turn slowly but we are making headway and the school is steadily improving.

John Wells.

## BALLOON-MAIL DAY AT THE SCHOOL

On July 5 the children of the Primary School released helium-filled balloons with a message attached asking the finder to let them know where and when the balloons were found. A large bonfire was lit on the oval to provide a thermal and the balloons rose very quickly into a good strong south-wester. The results were spectacular.

Some balloons made it as far as Burton Road. Some only made it to the Recreation Reserve and one failed to leave the schoolground! Some of the littlies who came up to watch refused to part with theirs and took them home. That seemed fair enough too.

Replies are now coming in every day, from such places as Koo Wee Rup (Jenni McDonald's), Jindivick (Chantal O'Brien's), Hill End (Tim and Ben Anderson's balloons tied together), Whorouly, near Wangaratta (David Shead's). Neerim East (Simea Anderson's), Omeo (Cameron McCormick's) and Glengarry (Natalie Petrucelli's), but the current leader is Jenny Drakeford's, which was found at Tallangatta only 28 hours after the 1.30 p.m. launch.

Prizes of books from the Macmillan company are being arranged. Teachers are not eligible!

The purpose of the exercise are manifold. The children are expected to locate the sources of the replies in their atlases and will be writing to the finders. There is the social experience of the launching, something the whole school did together, and the science curriculum concepts represent another value. The children are asked to consider just why the balloons went where they did, for instance. Why, when they headed south-east, were some found to the north-east?

Thanks are due to all the mothers who brought smaller children up to the school and who helped to tie the messages to the balloons, and to trim off the excess paper when the balloons would not rise, and particularly to Ian Harris and Nick Griffin for carrying out the tedious task of inflating and tying about 300 balloons.

John Wells.

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### MILK BAR UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Relief is on the way for those cooks who reach the end of a trying day and can't face a hot stove, and for those cook's assistants who mount a rescue operation to TAKE-AWAY-FOOD houses in Berwick or further afield!

Fish and Chips, hot chicken, Dim Sims, Chiko-rolls will all be among the gastronomic delights soon available at the U.B. Milk Bar. Tom Van der Dolder has a two year lease on the business, and intends to build up general stock as well as introducing the new lines.

A noticeable innovation is the conversion of the southern store room into an amusement parlour. Born and raised in Dandenong, Tom is very conscious of and sympathetic to the problems of youth in the area. The present venture arose out of conversations with local kids, who assisted in the cleaning and painting of the room.

We wish Tom a happy and profitable stay in the Village. The provision of any facility which offers an alternative to the Rotunda is welcomed, especially in a Village which offers such limited avenues of expression for its teenagers.

### AND WHAT OF THE OLD MANAGERS?

It is as well that Bob and Freda Allen will return to U.B. as soon as their house in Yackatoon Road is built; during their years in the Milk Bar they made themselves far too valuable to the community for us to let them go permanently.

Freda gave unstintingly of her time and energy to the Youth Club and Bob was always on hand to turn out in the small hours, answer the siren and attend fires.

The Allens made many donations of equipment and refreshments to the Brigade and always willingly and cheerfully gave whatever help was asked of them.

George Silberbauer

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### DOGS - A PROBLEM WITH AN ANSWER!

In edition 3 of the Village Bell, we mentioned some of the problems created by dogs, and Council regulations covering dog ownership. A steady loss of stock to marauding dogs has continued since last December.

Hans Nowak is convincing when he talks of the ANSWER to dog problems. The answer is training of dog with owner, and it is effective enough to warrant reduced Shire registration fees for trained dogs, according to Hans! The training (\$3 per hour) is aimed at producing a well-behaved dog, controllable in any circumstances. As little as one session is useful, 8 sessions should produce lasting control. Wife Ellen and daughter Sandra assist with training on the Nowak property, Yackatoon Road (Saturday after 2 p.m., Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m.).

Some general hints - dogs should never be loose uncontrolled, and should never be left alone with very small children. Dogs should be contained in a safe area with room to run, when owners are absent. At night the best place is inside. Your dog needs at least 10 minutes of your attention each day. Training involves taking one problem at a time, and control can be achieved by use of voice and lead alone.

Roger Francey

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### SUDDEN DEATH

Friends of Jeanette (Jenny) Upham, aged 25 years, of Grant Court will be shocked to hear of her death on Tuesday, 24th July after a very brief illness.

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**KINDERGARTEN, PRE-SCHOOL and INFANT WELFARE CENTRE**

Early in the term, in response to an invitation in a previous edition of the "Village Bell", a party of twelve ladies who had been associated with the Pre-School in its earlier years, came to look over the new Kindergarten, and were entertained to tea by some of the present committee, who thoroughly enjoyed their company and hearing about how things were managed in the "old days". It was a happy and interesting occasion for all concerned.

The Pre-School building in McBride Road has recently been carpeted and an extension to the "wet play" area will be laid soon.

The "Bistro" night, held in June, was a great success and an amount of \$313 was raised.

Sheila Kidd

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